

MATTHEW KUHNEMANN

Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)



Name	Matthew Kuhnemann
DOB	20/09/1996
Nationality	Australian
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	CA Level 1

Matthew Kuhnemann is a highly skilled left-arm spinner whose rise through Australian cricket has been both inspiring and eventful. A proven performer at domestic and international level, he is now eager to return to the UK in 2026 for another club stint—bringing with him not only world-class credentials but also valuable international experience.

Kuhnemann first broke into the Australian side during the 2022 ODI tour of Sri Lanka, making an immediate impact with 6 wickets in four matches. However, it was the following year—during the 2023 Test series in India—when Kuhnemann truly announced himself on the world stage. Drafted hastily into the squad, he made his debut in Delhi before producing a sensational performance in Indore, taking 5-16 to lead Australia to a famous 9-wicket victory.

Viewed as a specialist in subcontinent conditions, Kuhnemann had to bide his time before another opportunity presented itself. That moment came during the 2025 series in Sri Lanka, where he claimed an outstanding 16 wickets across two Tests in Galle—remarkably doing so with a recently broken thumb sustained during the Big Bash League, where he starred for the Brisbane Heat alongside Mitchell Swepson.

Despite his heroics, Kuhnemann faced a career-defining hurdle when he was reported for a suspect bowling action. However, he passed biomechanical testing with flying colours and silenced any doubts, earning his maiden Cricket Australia central contract soon after. "I've never doubted my bowling action throughout my career," he confidently stated.

On the domestic front, he has been a consistent performer for both Queensland and the Brisbane Heat, with highlights including a 10-wicket match haul (5-60 & 5-107) for Queensland in the Sheffield Shield against Tasmania in October 2021. Ahead of the 2024-25 season, he moved to Tasmania seeking more regular red-ball opportunities, given Queensland’s preference for Swepson as lead spinner.

Beyond his primary role as a bowler, Kuhnemann is a capable lower-order batter. He has shown promise with the bat, often batting in the middle-order for his beloved Gold Coast Dolphins in Grade cricket. Notably, he even opened both the batting and bowling for Australia during the 4th Test of the 2023 Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Ahmedabad—highlighting his versatility and team-first mentality.

Kuhnemann also has prior UK experience, having played for Bishop’s Stortford in the Hertfordshire Premier League in 2016, where he finished second on the wicket charts with 36 wickets at 15.56. In 2023, he was set to return to UK club cricket but was snapped up by Durham for a short County stint before injury forced him to return home.

With international pedigree, a hunger to compete, and all-round capabilities, Kuhnemann now seeks a UK return and is set to be a high-impact signing for any club seeking a proven match-winner with a professional, team-oriented mindset.

Overseas Statistics

Team(Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Bishops' Stortford (2016)	15	12	4	168	31	21.00	174.2	630	42	6/67	15.00

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