



Name	Mbekezeli Mabuza
DOB	06/01/1985
Nationality	Zimbabwean
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Coach Only
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa (Coach) / European
Coaching Qualifications	CSA Level 2

Mbekezeli Mabuza is an experienced player/coach currently heading up the Matabeleland Tuskers Franchise in Zimbabwean domestic cricket. Over a career spanning 14 seasons, dating back to his first-class debut in 2003/04, Mabuza scored 1,549 runs at 17.60 and took 42 wickets at 31.34 with his off-spin.

The all-rounder returned to play for Malabeleand in 2015/16 following a 5-year absence from domestic cricket. He impressed in the Logan Cup, particularly with the ball, to include his maiden first-class 5-wicket haul (5-36). He then played his final season the following summer (2016/17) before taking on the Tuskers head coaching role for the 2017/18 season - a position he continues to hold.

During his prime, Mabuza represented Zimbabwe A and was the sides leading run-scorer on tour, to include matches against national sides Namibia, Canada and Ireland.

During his 5-year absence from first-class cricket, Mabuza plied his trade in South Africa, skippering Medal Paints Marks Park (2010-14), a team that included the likes of Imran Tahir and Gulam Bodi. He was one of the stand-out performers, guiding his side to promotion to the Gauteng Premier League in Johannesburg.

Alongside his playing exploits, Mabuza is a highly qualified and experienced coach, who is the current Tuskers Head Coach, following coaching roles as "Director of Cricket" at Petra High School in Bulawayo and St Stithians in Johannesburg (was voted "junior coach of the year").

Mabuza has spent two seasons in England, plying his trade in the Hertfordshire League for St Albans. He was a resounding success in his opening stint, scoring 608 runs at 46.77 alongside 35 wickets at 14.06. However, due to injury, his return season was hampered, yet he still contributed very well, in both a playing (358 runs at 39.78 and 18 wickets at 15.83) and coaching capacity.

The Tuskers coach is eager to develop his coaching with opportunities around the globe moving forward. He is highly qualified / experienced and someone we strongly recommend.

## Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
St Albans (2017)	10	10	1	358	100*	39.78	85	285	18	4/32	15.83
St Albans (2016)	16	15	1	705	101	50.36	143.2	492	35	6/26	14.06

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