

NIJAT MASOOD

Bowler (Seam)



Name	Nijat Masood
DOB	30/09/1998
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	

Nijat Masood is a rising fast-bowling star in Afghan cricket—an exciting young seamer whose raw pace and consistent performances have quickly propelled him into the national spotlight.

Masood’s journey to the top has been fuelled by his relentless dominance in domestic cricket. Since making his List A debut for Mis Ainak Region in the 2017 Ghazi Amanullah Khan Regional One Day Tournament, he has repeatedly stood out, regularly finishing among the top wicket-takers across formats. A former Afghanistan U19 standout, he made a memorable first-class debut later that year in October, announcing himself with figures of 6 for 55 in the first innings.

By July 2018, he had led the wicket charts in the One-Day Tournament (13 wickets), which earned him a spot with Kabul Zwanan for the inaugural Afghanistan Premier League. In 2019, he went one better, topping the wicket standings in the Afghanistan Provincial Challenge Cup with 17 wickets—form that secured selection for the Emerging Asia Cup in Bangladesh. His performances were strong enough to earn a call-up to Afghanistan’s Test squad to face the West Indies, a clear signal he was knocking on the international door.

Following the COVID hiatus, Masood continued to dominate domestically, particularly in the Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament, where he took 15 wickets at 22.60 (2021/22) and 14 wickets at 20.64 (2022/23). His white-ball form was equally impressive, leading to his T20 International debut against Zimbabwe in June 2022.

In June 2024, his breakthrough moment arrived. Making his Test debut against Bangladesh, Masood claimed 5 for 79 in

the first innings, becoming just the second Afghanistan bowler to take a five-wicket haul on debut. It was a performance that underlined his readiness for the international stage and confirmed his place as one of Afghanistan's most exciting pace prospects.

Masood is now keen to broaden his horizons. With impressive List A and T20 averages in the low 20s, and a first-class batting best of 71, he offers genuine all-round value. Whether it's franchise cricket across T10/T20 formats or a stint in UK club cricket for 2026, he is eager to seize opportunities abroad to further hone his craft.

Blessed with pace, bounce, and a hunger to improve, Nijat Masood is a name to watch—and a player any team would be lucky to have in their ranks.

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