

NIMNAKA JAYATHILAKE

Bowler (Spin)



Name	Nimnaka Jayathilake
DOB	23-06-2002
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Nimnaka Jayathilake is a gifted slow left-arm orthodox spinner and useful lower-order batter who has been turning heads since making his first-class debut for Sinhalese Sports Club in 2022. In just 11 first-class matches, he’s already claimed 41 wickets at an average of 26.04, with best figures of 5 for 52—a testament to his control, consistency, and ability to strike in crucial moments.

In 2024, Nimnaka ventured to the UK for his maiden season abroad and made an immediate impact with Cookham Dean CC in the Thames Valley League Division One. He quickly established himself as a key performer, finishing the campaign with 47 wickets at just 19.43. His influence extended far beyond the scorecard—his presence, professionalism, and commitment to the club were widely appreciated by teammates and members alike.

While in the UK, he also took the opportunity to complete his ECB Core Coaching qualification, demonstrating his eagerness to contribute beyond just playing. Passionate about developing young cricketers, Nimnaka is particularly keen to take on junior coaching responsibilities, bringing energy, experience, and genuine care to the role.

Looking ahead to the 2026 season, Nimnaka is set on returning to the UK for another full campaign. With his ever-reliable left-arm spin, ability to contribute with the bat, and his growing coaching credentials, he brings tremendous all-round value to any club—on the field and within the wider cricketing community.

A true professional and a pleasure to host, Nimnaka is exactly the kind of overseas player clubs hope for: skilled,

hard-working, and wholeheartedly invested in making a positive impact.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Cookham Dean CC (2024)	27	16	5	123	33	11.18	229	913	47	4/24	19.43

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