



Name	Nuwanidu Fernando
DOB	13/10/1999
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batter
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Nuwanidu Fernando is an exciting prospect, who has played 17 matches (1 Test, 16 ODIs) for the Sri Lankan Under-19s, to include the ICC Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.

A strong, top-order batter, Fernando broke into the Sri Lankan Under-19 side for the Asian Cricket Council Under-19 Asia Cup in November 2017, playing matches against Afghanistan, UAE and Pakistan. He was then a key member of the side that travelled to New Zealand in January 2018 for the World Cup (he averaged 33) before 5 matches (1 Test, 4 ODIs) against the touring Indian's in July/August 2018 – his highlight – a fighting 78 from 134 balls in the first Youth Test).

Fernando earned his national selection courtesy of a strong showing in the Super U19 Provincial Tournament in April 2016, where he averaged 58.50. In December 2016, he made his first-class debut, hitting 25 for Panadura in Sri Lanka's Premier Tournament (Tier B).

On the 1st January 2019, he was picked to play against the touring Ireland A side for the Sri Lanka President's XI, hitting a fine 35. Thereafter, he joined Premier (Tier A) side Badureliya and played 2 first-class matches over the next few weeks. However, in search of regular outings, Fernando moved to current club, Sinhalese for the 2019/20 season. He impressed, striking 352 runs at 32, including his maiden first-class century (109) against Burgher Recreation Club (Feb 2020). Last summer, in the absence of first-class cricket due to COVID, Fernando continued to shine in both white-ball formats, averaging 27.33 (List A), and 32.57 (T20).

Whilst known for his batting, Fernando is a skillful off-spinner, who was a genuine all-rounder at College and under-age level.

The talented batting all-rounder is a potential star of the future and was set to embark on his maiden UK stint in 2020 before COVID struck, so is now seeking an opportunity for the UK 2022 season.

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