



Name	Pavan Rathnayake
DOB	24/08/2002
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batter
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Unknown to many cricket followers, but not for long. Pavan Rathnayake is a superstar in the making.

In February 2020, he created history by becoming the youngest player to score a century in Sri Lankan first-class cricket.

A week later, he struck unbeaten scores of 100 and 200 for Mahanama College (v Prince of Wales College) during his record-breaking schoolboy campaign.

His exploits have drawn plenty of media interest during his quite sensational 2019/20 season.

In April 2019, he made his first-class debut for Police Sports Club in Tier B of Sri Lanka's Premier Tournament. A few months on, he kicked off his Under-19 Division 1 season with the first of 6 centuries for Mahanama College. He ended the summer breaking the magical 1,000 run mark – topping the schoolboy run charts with 1,227 runs at 87.64 (backing up his 591 runs at 49.25 the previous summer).

Alongside his schoolboy cricket, he was making a name for himself in professional cricket. Playing for the star-studded Colombo side in Sri Lanka's top tier (A) tournament, Rathnayake scored 71* on debut against Sinhalese in February 2020. However, it was his innings a month later that shot him to prominence.

Coming in at number 8, Rathnayake broke all sorts of records when scoring his maiden first-class century (164* v Moors Sports Club). At 17 years and 189 days, he became the youngest player to score a first-class century in Sri Lankan domestic cricket.

He broke Mahela Jayawardene's record to become the youngest player to score 150+, and it was the highest individual score from the number 8 position. The gifted youngster etched his way into the record books on his way to a season tally of 351 runs at 58.50 – all before his 18th birthday.

Rathnayake is a naturally gifted cricketer – yes, he bats incredibly well, but he's also a handy leg-spinner who can don the gloves when required.

The talented youngster looks set for an incredibly bright future. To aid his ongoing development, he was set to head to the UK in 2021, before he was blocked by SLC to travel. With this in mind, Rathnayake is absolutely determined to secure another opportunity for the UK 2024 season.

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