

RAJINDA PUNCHIHEWA

Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)



Name	Rajinda Punchihewa
DOB	24/08/1992
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Fast
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Rajinda Punchihewa is a seasoned right-arm quick who leads the attack for Chilaw Marians Cricket Club in Sri Lanka's domestic circuit. A genuine strike bowler with the ability to generate steep bounce and movement, he produced a career-best performance in November 2023, ripping through Tamil Union with figures of 7-50 from 20.5 overs.

A late arrival to the professional scene, Punchihewa debuted in December 2019 with Kalutara Town while in his late twenties, quickly establishing himself across all formats before COVID interrupted his momentum. Returning in 2022/23 with Chilaw Marians, he made an immediate impact, taking 10 wickets at 20.80 and reaffirming the potential once recognised when he was part of Sri Lanka's National Fast-Bowling Squad in 2012/13.

While his pace bowling is his calling card, Punchihewa is also a capable lower-order hitter, with valuable knocks in both first-class (37) and List A (27*) cricket. His overseas stints have been equally impressive—two standout seasons with Slinfold in the Sussex League saw him claim 70 wickets at 14.31 and contribute 351 runs, while in 2025 he added a further 23 wickets at 20.52 for Heaton in the Greater Manchester Cricket League.

Reliable, aggressive, and experienced, Punchihewa remains a quality performer and is hungry for another UK campaign in 2026.

* NB - Rajendra currently requires x3 FC games to qualify for the ISP Visa *

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Heaton (2025)	20	16	0	141	37	10.07	150.7	594	27	4/43	22
Slinfold (2023)	17	16	1	236	51	15.73	133.3	460	36	4/17	12.78
Slinfold (2022)	17	10	2	115	42	14.38	137.1	542	34	5/29	15.94

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