

SACHIN BABY

Batsman



Name	Sachin Baby
DOB	18/12/1988
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Sachin Baby is a proven run-getter, useful off-spinner, and leader-of-men who currently skippers Kerala in Indian domestic cricket. He has captained Kerala for several seasons and guided his side to their first-ever Ranji Trophy quarter-final during their record-breaking 2017/18 campaign.

A winter of turmoil in the Kerala camp had the potential to derail their prior season's exploits, however, head coach Dave Whatmore and the skipper have resurrected the divided changing room and taken them to a semi-final berth against defending champions Vidarbha.

Whilst Baby failed to replicate his run-scoring spree of the previous 2016/17 season, where he struck 624 runs at 62.40 to include his career-best 250*, it was his captaincy that came to the fore. Nevertheless, he returned to his run-scoring ways during the 2018/19 Ranji campaign, hitting 2 centuries amongst 501 runs at 31.31 (alongside 278 runs at 39.71 in the Vijay Hazare Trophy – India's premier domestic 50-over tournament).

In 2019/20, Baby was at it again, hitting a Ranji best of 155 – his fourth 150+ score in first-class. He also thumped a century (127) amongst 332 runs at 41.50 in List A cricket. Following the absence of Ranji Trophy cricket in 2020/21 due to COVID, Baby returned to domestic cricket with a bang in 2021/22 hitting 285 runs at 71.25, including yet another ton (114), alongside 224 runs at 56.00 and 165 runs at 41.25 in List A and T20, respectively. Then dominated Ranji Trophy cricket, yet again, in 2022/23 scoring 3 centuries en-route to 830 runs at 83.

Baby's journey began on December 11, 1988, when a 15-year-old Sachin Tendulkar scored a century on his first-class debut at the Wankhede Stadium. A week later, a baby boy was born in Thodupuzha, Kerala, and his cricket-mad father PC Baby, quite naturally, named him Sachin.

Unlike the legend he is named after, Sachin Baby bats left-handed. He has been a regular member of Kerala's middle order since his debut in 2009, but it took him till his 25th first-class match, in December 2014, to score his first hundred, an unbeaten 200 against Hyderabad.

He was part of the Rajasthan Royals squad in the 2013 season, though he only got to play one match, and three years later, Royal Challengers Bangalore signed him at the 2016 auction for his base price of INR 10 lakh. In January 2018, he was bought by the Sunrisers Hyderabad in the 2018 IPL auction, but then returned to RCB playing in just the one match, alongside the likes of AB de Villiers, Virat Kohli, and Glenn Maxwell, in September 2021.

The Kerala skipper is now open to opportunities abroad and has targeted UK club cricket in 2024. He would clearly be a high-profile signing for any UK club. He not only brings with him plenty of runs and wickets but extensive leadership experience that will benefit any club he plays for next summer. He also benefits from accommodation in Guildford (Surrey) but is happy to consider options all over the UK.

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