

SALEEM SAFI

Seam Bowler



Name	Saleem Safi
DOB	09/09/2002
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	

Saleem Safi (listed as Mohammad Saleem Safi on cricinfo / cricket archive) is a genuine quick making waves in Afghanistan cricket.

The right-arm speedster bowls absolute rockets and this pace saw him fast-tracked to the Afghanistan Test squad early in 2021. Whilst he didn't feature, he was also picked as a reserve player for the Pakistan series later that year to evidence a debut is not far away. The youngster was finally rewarded with international honours playing 2 ODI's against Bangladesh in July 2023.

His selection came as no surprise. His rise in the game has been swift. Safi broke into domestic cricket making his first-class debut as a 17-year-old in 2019. He bagged 13 wickets at 41.23 that season but went on a wicket-taking spree in the Ghazi Amanullah Khan Regional One Day Tournament taking 15 wickets at 12.93 to win the "Bowler of the Tournament" award.

Roll on the 2019/20 season, and Safi continued to impress, this time racking up 13 wickets at 21.76 including his maiden first-class 5-wicket haul (5-52) in the Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament. He would then bag a further 15 poles at 20.60 when cricket resumed post COVID in 2021/22. However, it was his white ball exploits, particularly in the T20 competition (11 wickets at 21.72) that resulted with national selection the following year.

Safi is a serious prospect for Afghanistan and is someone keen to secure Franchise cricket globally moving forward.

* Requires 1 further FC match to qualify for an ISP Visa.

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