



Name	Sanjika Ridma
DOB	15/02/1995
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Sanjika Ridma is a left-arm spin bowling all-rounder playing for Lankan Cricket Club in Sri Lankan domestic cricket.

He moved to Lankan last summer, given the absence of red-ball cricket owing to COVID. He had previously played for Panadura, following his outstanding domestic season (2018/19) for Sri Lanka Army.

That season, playing in Sri Lanka's top flight (Tier A) first-class competition, Ridma scored 657 runs at 41.06 with a century (119) and 6 fifties. He then switched to Panadura in 2019/20, where he notched up his second first-class century (136\*) amongst 365 runs at 30.41.

Whilst bowling opportunities have been limited in red-ball cricket, he has been a key performer in the white-ball formats for his recent clubs.

Ridma starred for St. Servatius College (Matara) and was a nominee for the "Top All-Rounder" award at the Singer – SLSCA Cricket Awards in 2013/14. He scored 706 runs at 37.16 and took 51 wickets at 12.98 that summer, following his breakthrough 2012/13 season in Division 1 of the Under-19 Two-Day competition (472 runs at 24.84 and 53 wickets at 13.64). His success culminated with Sri Lankan Under-19 selection, where he played 6 Youth ODI's in 2013, alongside current International players Sadeera Samarawickrama, Sandun Weerakkody, and Kusal Mendis.

In 2014/15, Ridma broke into first-class cricket for SL Army (Tier A - Premier Tournament). Whilst he didn't set the

competition alight with the ball, he impressed with the bat hitting 3 half-centuries amongst 511 runs at 36.50. Ridma backed up with a solid 2015/16 season (239 runs at 29.87), before his barnstorming 2016/17 List A campaign with Badulla District. The left-arm tweaker topped the Inter-District Limited Overs tournament wicket charts, taking an incredible 15 poles at 6, with best bowling figures of 5-11. His efforts were rewarded with the award for the "Best Bowler" at the Dialog Sri Lanka Cricket Awards in November 2017.

Whilst excelling in top-tier cricket in Sri Lanka, he continued to dominate the Premier and Provincial Under-23 tournaments, scoring runs and taking wickets for fun, including best performances of 152 and several 4-wicket hauls (playing for various U23 sides including Bloomfield, SLPA, Army, and Eastern Province).

Ridma headed abroad in 2019 to play in the strong Lancashire League for Nelson Cricket Club. Whilst he struggled with the bat, hitting a best of 81\* with an average of 21.46, he excelled with the ball taking 41 wickets at 13.02. The all-rounder returned to the UK last season, whereby his own admission, under-performed, averaging 35.58 and 35.54 with bat and ball, respectively for Surrey Championship side Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians.

The all-rounder remains a quality performer who is eager to make amends for his under-performance in 2022.

## **Overseas Statistics**

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Chipstead (2021)	17	16	4	427	105*	35.58	116.3	462	13	3/37	35.54
Nelson (2019)	20	17	2	322	81*	21.46	203.1	534	41	6/22	13.02

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