



Name	Sohail Mahmood
DOB	12/04/1996
Nationality	South African
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	CSA Level 1

Sohail Mahmood is quite the prospect playing for KwaZulu-Natal in South African domestic cricket.

The leg-spin bowling all-rounder enjoyed a barnstorming 2018/19 summer and has subsequently cemented his spot in the KZNI side since.

The all-rounder struck his maiden List A century – an outstanding 120-ball 122 not out against a very strong Eastern Province seam attack featuring the likes of Glenton Stuurman, Tian Koekemoer, and Kelly Smuts. His innings, which led his side to victory (on 28 Oct 2018), included 11 fours and 7 sixes. He subsequently went on to score 299 runs at 33.22 and take 11 wickets at 26.63 in his 10 List A matches. In 2019/20, whilst he didn't produce the batting returns he'd hoped for, he starred with the ball, particularly in the one-day format averaging 18.16.

Mahmoud is a player that comes highly recommended by former Warriors batter Mike Smith, who coached Mahmoud as a talented schoolboy at the prestigious Maritzburg College. Smith rated him as a promising white ball-type player – someone with a future. Former KZN Inland (now Scottish) head coach, Shane Burger, recently stated that Mahmoud has “taken time to adapt to a professional environment but has matured this season”. Burger suggests Mahmoud would be a “handy overseas”.

Whilst he's yet to find his feet at first-class level, his white-ball form over the past few seasons has suggested he has higher representative potential. Whilst he made his debut in all formats in 2015, following a glittering junior career

which saw him play 3 Coke Weeks and represent the Dolphins Cubs and nudge South Africa Under-19 selection, the 2017/18 summer was a breakthrough season for Mahmoud. In List A cricket, the leg-spinner took 11 wickets at 25.18 and was awarded the KZN Inland's "Most Improved Player". A strong winter followed, and Mahmoud has continued to impress since the 2018/19 season.

Much is now expected of this promising all-rounder and, having never played abroad, Mahmoud is eager to secure a UK club for the 2022 season. He represents an outstanding professional – an explosive top/opening batter and gifted leg-spinner – an ideal overseas recruit for the 2022 summer.

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