

Name	Sonal Dinusha
DOB	04/12/2000
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	LH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	SLA Orthodox Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Sonal Dinusha is an outstanding prospect playing professional cricket for the star-studded Colombo Cricket Club in Sri Lankan domestic cricket.

In a side featuring a raft of international players, including a bowling line up including Vishwa Fernando, Asitha Fernando, Lakshan Sandakan, Ashan Priyanjan, and Wanindu Hasaranga), Dinusha has managed to cement his spot courtesy of his exploits with both bat and ball.

A genuine all-rounder, Dinusha can bat anywhere in the order. Last summer alone, he has opened the batting, and filled middle-order spots. With the ball, he is a left-arm spinner who has dominated at every level to date.

A veteran of 36 matches for the Sri Lankan Under-19s (July 2018-Feb 2020), to include the ICC Under-19 World Cup in South Africa (Jan-Feb 2020), Dinusha has long been regarded as a player set for the big stage.

A schoolboy prodigy, Dinusha skippered the prestigious Mahanama College (Colombo) and was one of the stand-out performers. He played 3 years of the College 1st XI and dominated the Under-19 Division 1 run and wicket charts.

In his 29 Two-Day matches, he churned out 1,137 runs at 43.73 (4x100s, 5x50s) alongside 64 wickets at 13.41 (2x5w). In 2018/19, he averaged 54.30 and 12.93 with bat and ball, respectively, which preceded his 2019/20 efforts averaging 63.25 and 28.

Alongside his schoolboy cricket, Dinusha was making a name for himself in Sri Lankan domestic cricket. He made his CCC debut in November 2018, hitting 59 against Sinhalese, but had to wait 18 months before his next half-century - a brilliant 75* against Negombo (Feb 2020).

Bowling opportunities during the initial stages of his first-class career were limited, however, this all changed in March 2020 he was rewarded with 36.2 overs against Colts Cricket Club. Dinusha, who had only bowled 2 overs in his previous two first-class outings, enjoyed a breath-taking match taking figures of 11-155 (6-55, 5-100) - alongside scores of 26 and 30*, to prove his all-round talent.

Dinusha has announced himself in domestic cricket and, at the point of writing (27/07/23) has scored 611 runs at 19.70 and taken 58 wickets at 19.39 in 22 first-class matches.

Keen to explore UK cricket, in 2022 the Sri Lankan prospect winged his way to the North West of England to play for Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Club. Playing in the strong Northern ECB Premier League, the all-rounder starred topping both run (1,369 runs at 57.04) and wicket (73 wickets at 11.64) charts in what was a quite remarkable season.

The Sri Lankan enjoyed such a stellar 2022 summer that he was in high demand for last season. Dinusha decided, though, to sign for Lancashire League's Church Cricket Club for the 2023 season. Unfortunately, the Sri Lankan Cricket Board declined an NOC, thus wasn't able to travel over.

He has indicated that he's keen to explore UK 2024, but will need an NOC in advance to be considered.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Fulwood & Broughton (2022)	30	29	5	1369	135*	57.04	279.5	850	73	5/47	11.64

