

SUMINDA FERNANDO

Spin Bowling All Rounder



Name	Suminda Fernando
DOB	07/04/1997
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Available
Playing Role	Bowling All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Middle Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Leg Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Suminda Fernando is one of Sri Lanka's brightest spin bowling all-rounder prospects who, over the past few years, has featured in Sri Lankan international squads.

Whilst he has yet to get game time for Sri Lanka, his selection bears evidence of his promise, which has seen him dominate domestic cricket for Sri Lankan Air Force, Sri Lankan Army, and Sri Lanka A, in recent years.

Fernando started to hit his straps initially for SL Air Force (2018/19-19/20), then over the past few years for SL Army (2020/21-present).

In 2018/19, he finished fifth on the Tier B first-class run charts with 537 runs at 53.70 with two centuries, namely 120 v Kurunegala Youth and 153 against KTC. He also bagged 19 wickets at 34.21 with his leg-spin to finish second on SL Air Force's wicket charts to UK club legend, Umega Chathuranga.

In white-ball cricket, Fernando also finished inside the top 10 wicket-takers in the Premier Limited Overs Tournament (13 wickets at 16.07), sitting narrowly behind the likes of international bowlers Wanindu de Silva (18), Sachithra Senanayake (17), Asitha Madusanka Fernando (15), and Malinda Pushpakumara (15).

Fernando then backed-up his barnstorming 2018/19 season with another the following season. In his 8 first-class matches, he scored 546 runs at 42 with two centuries against Sebastianites Cricket and Athletic Club (104), and his

brilliant double against Police Sports Club (221). With the ball, he also took 14 wickets at 42 with best figures of 4-33. In List A cricket, he racked up 188 runs at 94, then took a further 5 wickets at 24.40.

Post COVID, Fernando has continued to shine. A handy 2021/22 red ball campaign with bat (310 runs at 34.44) and ball (14 wickets at 44) preceded a dominant 2022/23 season across all formats. In first-class, he struck 261 runs at 32.62 alongside 12 wickets at 25.75. He was a stand-out in white ball cricket, particularly List A with 30 wickets at 11.43.

Courtesy of his recent exploits, the Army all-rounder has become a regular feature for the Sri Lanka A side, and has played in the Lankan Premier League for both Galle Gladiators, and Jaffna Kings. His success across all formats has culminated with national selection and it seems only a matter of time before Fernando takes the field donning SL colours.

The all-rounder is a serious performer who is now eager to secure a UK opportunity in 2024 having missed out on his initial stint with Stokesley (NYSD) in 2020 owing to COVID, before deferring and withdrawing through national inclusion in 2021.

However, Fernando has been assured of full season availability in 2024 and is desperate to head to Northern shores and make his mark. A profile performer and someone we highly recommend.

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