



Name	Sumit Ghadigaonkar
DOB	11/04/1992
Nationality	Indian
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Batter
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Medium Fast
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Sumit Ghadigaonkar is a run-scoring machine from Mumbai, who dominated Sri Lankan domestic cricket during the 2019/20 season.

Playing for Chilaw Marions in the top tier of Sri Lankan cricket, Ghadigaonkar was a stand-out performer in both first-class and List A formats.

In search of professional cricket, Ghadigaonkar headed over to Sri Lanka and immediately made an impression, hitting a century (100) on debut against Panadura. He followed up with scores of 99 (v Sinhalese), and 79 (v Nondescripts), to help guide Chilaw to the SLC Limited Overs Tournament title.

Ghadigaonkar's run-spree continued into the New Year, hitting fifty-plus scores in 3 of his next 4 first-class outings, namely 55* (v Tamil Union), 56 (v Badureliya), and 60 (v Saracens). He ended his Premier League (Tier A) campaign with his maiden first-class century, a quite brilliant 149 against Lankan Cricket Club in March 2020.

The Indian ended the Major League tournament with 330 runs at 55, which compared favourably with his Sri Lankan international team-mates, namely Kamindu Mendis (370 runs at 52.85), Oshada Fernando (546 runs at 36.40), and Thikshila de Silva (412 runs at 34.33). When you factor in his 278 runs at 92.66 from his 3 List A innings, it's fair to say, Ghadigaonkar enjoyed a remarkable summer.

However, his exploits came as no surprise to those in and around Mumbai Cricket. He had churned runs-a-plenty, over a number of years, in various Mumbai tournaments. However, due to the depth and strength of cricket, Ghadigaonkar has been unable to break into the senior squad.

An Assistant Manager at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ghadigaonkar decided to take the plunge with his move to Sri Lanka, which paid dividends. He is now looking to embark on his maiden UK stint now he meets International Sportsperson Visa criteria having played the required 5 first-class games.

Whilst known predominantly for his run-making, Ghadigaonkar is a more than useful medium-pacer, who took the wickets of Pathum Madusanka and Siliya Saman during his figures of 2-15 (7) against Saracens Sports Club. He was perhaps under-used, but he is hoping to fill the role as a genuine all-rounder in UK league cricket next summer.

A player who is likely to be in very high demand given his recent exploits. Ghadigaonkar is certainly a player we strongly recommend.

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