

WILL WILLIAMS

Bowler (Seam)



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| Name | Will Williams |
| DOB | 06/10/1992 |
| Nationality | New Zealander |
| Player Status | Placed |
| Playing Role | Bowler (Seam) |
| Batting Style | RH Lower Order Bat |
| Bowling Style | RA Medium Fast |
| Entry Route | British Passport |
| Coaching Qualifications | NZC Level 1 |

Will Williams, a right-arm seamer holding dual UK/New Zealand citizenship, has recently signed a three-year deal with Gloucestershire to play across all formats.

Born in New Zealand, with dual UK-NZ citizenship, Williams spent ten years with Canterbury, before joining Lancashire as a local player in 2022. A decorated campaigner, Williams was consistently a standout performer in New Zealand domestic cricket with Canterbury. During the 2020/21 season, he finished as the leading wicket-taker in both the Plunket Shield (31 wickets at 17.03) and the Ford Trophy (20 wickets at 18.05), helping Canterbury secure both titles. He also made history in T20 cricket, claiming the first-ever hat-trick for Canterbury and taking 5-12 from just 2 overs—the fewest balls for a T20 five-wicket haul in New Zealand.

Over his Canterbury career, Williams took 167 wickets across three formats, earning multiple accolades including Men's Player of the Year, Player's Player, and Bowler of the Year.

Williams' form in England has been equally impressive. Signed by Lancashire in 2022, he topped their County Championship bowling averages with 36 wickets at 17.05 and an economy rate of 2.5 runs per over in Division One in 2023. Through his 3 1/2 years with the Red Rose he took 99 first-class wickets at 24.29, as well as nine in List A competition.

His consistency, experience, and character have made him a highly respected figure in both New Zealand and English

domestic cricket.

Speaking about signing with Gloucestershire, Will stated:

"I'm really excited for this new chapter. Gloucestershire has always looked like a tight-knit, hardworking group, and I'm keen to bring my experience, learn from the environment, and make a positive impact on and off the field."

Mark Alleyne, Gloucestershire Director of Cricket, stated:

"It is rare to find a player at the peak of his career with a record like Will's. Beyond his performances, he has the character we value, and I'm confident he will be popular with players and supporters alike."

Check out the following links for more details about Will Williams below.

<https://www.espncriinfo.com/story/gloucestershire-sign-will-williams-lancashire-1498337>

<https://cricket.lancashirecricket.co.uk/news/2022-news/watch-mark-chilton-on-will-williams-addition/>

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/sport/cricket/meet-canterbury-seamer-nicknamed-cricket-mccaw-whose-bowling-career-taking-off>

Overseas Statistics

| Team(Season) | Mts | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Ave | Ovs | Runs | Wkts | BB | Avg |
|-------------------|-----|------|----|------|-----|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Highfield (2025) | 6 | 4 | 0 | 52 | 32 | 26 | 40 | 102 | 4 | 2/9 | 25.5 |
| Lancashire (2022) | 8 | 11 | 6 | 86 | 29* | 17.20 | 292.4 | 614 | 36 | 5/41 | 17.05 |
| Bridgwater (2017) | 31 | 25 | 8 | 378 | 59* | 22.24 | 193.1 | 790 | 43 | 3/14 | 18.37 |

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