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Name	Zak Gibson
DOB	19/03/1997
Nationality	New Zealander
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Bowler (Seam)
Batting Style	RH Lower Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Fast Medium
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa

Zak Gibson is a towering quick playing domestic cricket for the Northern Knights in New Zealand. He made his first-class debut in March 2016, then followed up with his white ball debuts early the following season (T20 – Dec 2016; List A – Jan 2017). He has since played 51 matches across the three formats heading into the 2021/22 season, in a State squad that can boast no less than 14 current or former Blackcaps, to include the likes of Kane Williamson, Neil Wagner, Trent Boult, Tim Southee, and BJ Watling, to name but a few.

A talented rugby player, Gibson could have been lost to New Zealand's national game if it weren't for a broken collarbone whilst playing for the Chief's Under-18 side in July 2014. After a winter recuperating, Gibson decided to take a break from rugby to pursue cricket. Purely focussing on cricket helped him progress in leaps and bounds.

In November 2015, Gibson was the inaugural recipient of the New Zealand Cricket Maori Scholarship, an award that provided him with resources and support to continue his development, which included mentoring with former Blackcaps legend, Shane Bond.

He was then picked to play for New Zealand at the ICC Under-19 World Cup in January 2016 and a few months later, made his Knights first-class debut, where he picked up the wicket of serial run-churner, Greg Hay. He has since gone on to play 15 Plunket Shield, 25 Ford Trophy and 11 Super Smash matches.

Given the quality of the Knights seam attack, Gibson is often left on the sidelines when Southee, Boult, Wagner, and de

Grandhomme return from Blackcaps duty. That said, he has made a great impression for the Knights, hence has been awarded another State contract for the 2021/22 season.

The talented quick has impressed in recent seasons and was picked to play for the New Zealand XI against the touring Indians in January 2020. Gibson tormented the Indian batters, taking figures of 4-51 and 2-72 in his two List A outings at Lincoln.

Gibson is quite the prospect who was set to return to HBS in the Dutch Topklasse competition for a second season in 2020, before COVID struck.

The towering seamer is now open to a return abroad, whether that be back to the Netherlands, or perhaps a UK stint in 2022.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Seas	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
HBS (2019)	18	15	3	257	44	21.42	140	644	21		30.67

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