

ZIA-UL-HAQ PARWANI

Batting All Rounder



Name	Zia-ul-Haq Parwani
DOB	05/08/1998
Nationality	Afghan
Player Status	Placed
Playing Role	Batting All-Rounder (Spin)
Batting Style	RH Top Order Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	Refugee Leave to Remain
Coaching Qualifications	ECB Core Coach

Zia-ul-Haq Parwani is an Afghan refugee currently living in the UK (Smethwick) and looking to make a name for himself in English domestic cricket.

Parwani initially entered the UK in April 2022 and spent the summer plying his trade in the Bradford League for Bankfoot Cricket Club. He was a resounding success in what was his maiden UK stint and his exploits ultimately helped the club earn promotion to the Premier League. The batting all-rounder produced some outstanding performances with both bat (857 runs at 31.74), and ball (62 wickets at 20.11), most notably match-winning figures of 9-54 against Townville.

Prior to immigrating to the UK, Parwani skippered his provincial side Band-e-Amir Region and was a stand-out Afghani professional. During his 4 years (2017-21) on the domestic circuit, Parwani played 55 matches in both first-class (29), and List A (26). In red-ball cricket, he scored 11 centuries, 7 fifties, amongst 2,570 runs at 55.86. He was equally prolific in white ball with 703 runs at 41.35 with a century and 5 fifties.

In his most recent competition (Nov/Dec 2021), prior to heading to Northern shores, he finished top of his sides' run charts and fifth overall with 203 runs at 50.75. Parwani backed up the form that has seen him finish amongst the leading run-scorers in Afghanistan's first-class competition in each of the previous 3 seasons.

During his maiden Ahmad Shah Abdali 4-Day Tournament campaign, he finished as the second leading run-scorer,

hitting an incredible 5 centuries in 15 innings amongst his 902 runs at 75.16. The following season, he produced a further 3 centuries and 714 runs at 47.60 to finish fifth on the charts. Roll on the next campaign (2019) and Parwani would churn out another 616 runs at 41.06 to finish sixth on the tournament run charts.

It's fair to say Parwani is an absolute run machine, but he's no one-trick pony. As evidenced by his Bradford exploits (62 wickets including a 9for) and 24 domestic wickets in Afghanistan, he can lay claim to holding genuine all-rounder status.

Now based permanently in Smethwick, Parwani has enjoyed two barnstorming stints in recent years, initially with Wolverhampton (2023) in the Birmingham and District Premier League (614 runs at 34.11 and 24 wickets at 18) before last season with Rode Park & Lawton (2024) in the North Staffs and South Cheshire League (848 runs at 42.4 and 37 wickets at 14.68).

Next season, the Afghan all-rounder, who is now a Cat 1 registered player, will be looking to excel yet again with his return to Rode Park and Lawton in 2025.

Overseas Statistics

Team(Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Rode Park & Lawton(2025)	7	7	0	421	161	70.17	58	175	13	3/16	13.46
Rode Park & Lawton(2024)	21	21	0	848	105	42.4	159.2	543	37	5/8	14.68
Wolverhampton(2023)	27	21	3	614	90*	34.11	84.1	432	24	4/35	18.00
Bankfoot (2022)	29	29	2	857	92	31.74	275.5	1247	62	9/34	20.11

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