

Sandeep Lamichhane (**Nepali**: Nepali pronunciation: [Sandeep Lamichhane] [ⓘ]; born 2 August 2000) is a Nepalese cricketer, former captain of the Nepal national cricket team.^{[1][2][3][4][5]}

A right-arm leg spin bowler, Lamichhane has played for Twenty20 franchise sides around the world,^[6] including the Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL),^[7] the Hobart Hurricanes in the Big Bash League (BBL),^[8] and the Lahore Qalandars in the Pakistan Super League (PSL).^[9] He is Nepal's highest wicket taker in ODIs and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).^{[10][11]}

Lamichhane made his T20I debut against the West Indies, where he represented a World XI side. He became the first cricketer to make a T20I debut representing a combined team.^[12] Lamichhane was one of the eleven cricketers to play in Nepal's first One Day International (ODI) match, against the Netherlands, in August 2018. In December 2021, Lamichhane was named the captain of Nepal national cricket team by Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN), replacing Gyanendra Malla.^[13]

Early and personal life^[edit]

Lamichhane was born on 2 August 2000 in Aruchaur, Syangja, Gandaki Province. During his childhood, he considered Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar and Australian bowler Shane Warne as his cricketing idols.^[14] He moved to Chitwan district and started training at Chitwan Cricket Academy, which is run by former captain Raju Khadka.^[15] During a visit by the captain, Paras Khadka, and coach of Nepal Pubudu Dasanayake, Lamichhane was asked to bowl in the nets and was selected for the national under-19 training camp. It was Dasanayake who first spotted Lamichhane's talent when he was a 14 year old.^[16]

Lamichhane is also a singer and uploads his songs and music videos on his YouTube channel.^[17] In July 2018, Lamichhane released his first song *Udash thiyo* from the album *Pratikshya - The waiting*.^{[18][19][20]}

Early career^[edit]

Lamichhane made his List A cricket debut in the 2015–17 ICC World Cricket League Championship on 16 April 2016 against Namibia.^[21] Prior to his List A debut, he was named in Nepal's under-19 squad for the 2016 Under-19 Cricket World Cup.^{[22][23]} In their second match against the Ireland under-19 team, he took a hat-trick with his leg-break bowling,^[24] becoming the fifth bowler to take a hat-trick in the under-19 world cup history.^[14] He was adjudged man of the match for his figures of 5/27.^[24]

He finished the tournament as second highest wicket taker with 14 wickets at an average of 17.07 and a strike rate of 21.9.^[25]

He was recruited by former English-born Hong Kong cricketer Scott McKechnie to play for the Kowloon Cantons franchise in the inaugural edition of the Hong Kong T20 Blitz on 2016.^[26] Scott was impressed with the youngster's performance during the MCC tour of Nepal in November 2016 where Scott himself was undone by his spin twice in the same

match and it prompted Scott McKechnie to scout for Lamichhane for the 2016 Hong Kong Blitz competition.^{[27][28]} Lamichhane ended up picking seven wickets in the three matches against the touring [Marylebone Cricket Club](#).^[29]

The [Hong Kong T20 Blitz](#) in fact, went onto become a breakout tournament for Lamichhane himself and it ultimately turned out to be meteoric rise for him in his young days as he was discovered for his bowling display and even went onto share dressing room with World Cup winning captain [Michael Clarke](#) during the course of the tournament.^{[30][31]}

In September 2016, Lamichhane received a letter from former Australian captain [Michael Clarke](#), inviting him to play at the Sydney-based [Western Suburbs District Cricket Club](#).^[32] In the [2017 ACC Under-19 Asia Cup](#), he took bowling figures of 5/8 which restricted Malaysia under-19s to a total of 45 and was named the [man of the match](#).^[33] he play for Bagmati province

T20 franchise cricket^[edit]

In January 2018, Lamichhane was included in the list of players for auction in the [2018 Indian Premier League](#) (IPL).^[34] He was bought by [Delhi Daredevils](#) and became the first Nepalese cricketer to get a contract in the IPL.^[35] Indian Prime minister [Narendra Modi](#) commented that the [relationship between India and Nepal](#) had been strengthened because of the signing.^{[36][37]}