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THREAD - HANUMA VIHARI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY.

Joined the St.Johns Cricket Academy at the age of 11. And after few days his father passed away. But the next day, Vihari scored 80 in the final and won a school tournament.

VVS was the first of five cricketers who came from St. John’s academy and went on to represent their country followed by Mithali Raj, MSK, Tarun Sai and Hanuma Vihari.

2012 - Picked as a last-minute replacement for the injured Manan Vohra for the 2012 U19 WC. India won the World Cup but he could only score 73 runs in 6 matches.



"That moment I told myself, I would be the first one to play for the national team from this U19 WC squad 2012."
- Hanuma Vihari in Spicy Pitch episode (cricbuzz)

2013 - SRH brought him in the IPL. Vihari opened the bowling as an off-spinner and removed Chris Gayle for just 1, also scored 46* in the same match while chasing and was awarded Man of the match in his 2nd IPL game.
Scored 241 runs in 17 games in IPL 2013, with two MOM.



2014 - Vihari was snubbed by the IPL franchise. He went to England, and played for Hutton County Club in the Essex First Division League, scored six centuries.



2015-16 : Scored bucket loads of runs in First-Class cricket.

2014-15 - Scored 856 runs at an average of 77.81

2015-16 - Scored 626 runs at an average of 48.15



FC Record (2015-18) :

I - 47

R - 2500

A - 60.92

HS - 302*

100/50 - 13/7

VIHARI'S FIRST-CLASS RECORD IN INDIA

SINCE 2013-14

SEASON	RUNS	HS	AVE	100S	50S
2013-14	841	201*	93.44	3	4
2014-15	856	263	77.81	3	3
2015-16	626	219	48.15	2	2
2016-17	688	233*	57.33	1	7
2017-18	1,056	302*	96.00	4	3
2018	202	148	67.33	1	1
2018-19	313	180*	156.50	2	0

2017 - Leading run-scorer for Andhra in the 2017-18 Ranji Trophy, with 752 runs in just six matches.



He also top scored for Rest of India in the Irani Cup in March against Ranji Trophy champions Vidarbha. Vihari scored 183 against the bowling attack comprising of Umesh Yadav and 2017-18 RT leading wicket-taker Rajneesh Gurbani.

After scoring tons of runs in the domestic seasons, he was named in India A's tour of England, Southafrica, Windies. He made the most of opportunity and played many valuable knocks for India A and was leading run-scorer in 2/3 of the above series.



2018 - Received an India call. And became the first cricketer from Andhra Pradesh to represent India after 19 years.

(He had a conversation with Rahul Dravid a day before his debut. - 2nd pic)

Scored a gritty 56 (124) in the first innings on a tough wicket + took a wicket of Alaister Cook.



And then came IND vs AUS tour 2018-19. Didn't played the 1st test.

2nd test - Replaced Rohit. Scored 20(46), 28(75) + took 2 wickets of set batsmen - Shaun Marsh and Marcus Harris.



3rd test - Played as an Opener at MCG, scored 8(66) [batted for 90 minutes] against fearsome attack of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood and scored 13(45) in the second innings.

4th test - 42(96).

2019 - Brought by Delhi Capitals. But played only 2 matches.



Windies tour - Missed a ton (93 off 128 balls) in the first match vs Windies. Scored a top notched 100 vs Westindies at Kingston and followed by 56 in the second innings. And became the first batsman since Sachin Tendulkar to score a century and a fifty in the same test.

Video courtesy - @BCCI



2020 - IND vs NZ tour

7(20), 15(79) at Basin Reserve

55(70), 9(18) at Hagley Oval against a quality bowling attack with the likes of Boult, Southee, Wagner and Jamieson on the tough wicket.



2020 - At a time when his teammates were gearing up for the IPL more than 2500 miles away from Hyderabad, Hanuma Vihari was training and getting himself ready for the challenging Australia tour.

Started the tour well with a century in the warm-up game, but then scored 16, 8 and 21 in the first two Tests. Series level 1-1. An important match at SCG. People were raising doubts and his place was under pressure.

Dropped two catches in the field. India needed 306 to win the test match with 8 wickets in hand on the final day. Rahane falls cheaply. Pant came out to bat ahead of Vihari and it turned out to be a masterstroke. When Pant got out on 97, India still needed 156 runs to win.

Vihari came out to bat no.6. And after few overs he pulled his hamstring and was on his haunches on the SCG wicket. And now the question arises, Does he continue batting here,if he does so then he could be in more pain and miss the next Test Or he would walk back, and come later



But, he carried on. And from that point, he barely ran between the wickets. With Ashwin for company at the other end to offer constant encouragement, he scored a gritty 23*(161) and help India to draw the test match.



India were in trouble. Australia was on the verge of a winning a test match at one stage. Vihari was bit out of form, was under pressure and in some serious pain. But, he stood up for his team and delivered.

https://t.co/ambznbmYdd

> Hanuma Vihari 23*(161) with a hamstring.Take a bow. An innings full of Grit and determination. Runs may not show you the value of this knock but this one will go down in history books. Respect. And no better day to play such knock on Rahul Dravid's birthday.\u2764\ufe0f pic.twitter.com/psyq2goYWF
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> — Jayesh (@jayeshvk16) January 11, 2021

A wounded lion walking to the dressing room after winning the battle. ❤■■



https://t.co/j56J80WDkf

> \u201cHis scan reports are in and he has a Grade 2 tear which means the boy batted for around 3 hours with searing pain. He deserves praise for standing there and holding fort like a true champion,\u201d #AUSvIND https://t.co/MEnfGLFR7z
>
> — Circle of Cricket (@circleofcricket) January 12, 2021

Behind the successful journey of Hanuma Vihari.❤■


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