

ESSAN J WARNER

Essan was born 17 April 2002 on the West Indian island of Antigua and made two visits to Keyworth on the Cultural Exchange programme, in 2019 and 2021, the latter during the difficulties of the global Covid pandemic and he proved to be a magnificent ambassador for Antigua & Barbuda with the full support of Sir Vivien Richards (pictured below with Essan in Antigua) & Sir Ritchie Richardson, two of Antigua's greatest ever players - Sir Viv coming to Keyworth in support of Essan during 2019 to help raise funds for further cultural exchanges.



A left hand batter with a sound defence, his aggressive shots were played in a classical, technically correct style and his bowling was right arm spin delivered at a sharp pace and when needed he was a more than proficient wicket-keeper.

Essan virtually lived at the Platt Lane ground in and around the nets and was on hand to help coaching sessions every evening on the week, working with Juniors, Colts, Women & Girl players and assisted in delivering coaching sessions in local community schools and endeared himself to many members of the club.

A Leeward Islands Under 19 international he has played in Antigua & Barbuda with St Pauls CC, Rising Sun Spartans CC and Bethesda CC and voted Most Valuable Player in the ACB State Insurance Super 40 tournament 2021.

For Keyworth he became recognised as one of the best players in the South Notts League especially when on 5 June 2021 he equalled the KCC record with 14x6s in an innings of 124 not out v Hoveringham CC and he went on to amass 1003 runs in the season, 783 in the League and the remainder in the T20 cup team and he became the only player in KCC history to achieve the 'double' three times in a season...v Hucknall CC II away on 17 July scoring 69 runs and taking 5 wickets for 40 runs, then v Ellerslie CC II at home on 31 July with 53 runs and 5 for 14 runs and then again v Bingham CC at home on 28 August with 83 runs and 6 for 24.



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His haul of trophies (photo right) for the 2021 season included. 1st Player & Batsman. Sixes Trophy & Best Batting & Bowling Performance Trophies plus U19 Colts Player. His bowling yielded 33 wickets for 308 runs of 92.3 overs at an average of 9.33 for the League season.

Whilst in the UK Essan took the opportunity to play some friendly matches with Colston Bassett CC.

Essan Warner's Keyworth career statistics...

	Mat	Inns	NO	HS	Runs	Ave	6's	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	Ct	St
1 st XI	23	22	4	124*	986	54.78	36	168.2	23	589	56	10.52	7	
T20	4	2	1	36	71	71.00	3	6	0	30	3	10.00	1	
Colts U19	6	6	1	50*	149	29.80	8	21	2	122	6	20.33	1	
CAREER	33	30	6	124*	1206	50.25	47	195.2	25	741	65	11.40	9	