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Issue 24 of Beyond the Boundaries sees the Association shaping the game.



In the last issue of your membership magazine, I provided an update on the unprecedented negotiations the Professional Cricketers' Association is involved in and since October, there has been substantial progress in wide-ranging discussions on behalf of our players.

Although sign-off for the County Partnership Agreement was due in late November, it was delayed due to a number of pushbacks from the PCA but we now feel we are much closer to a deal which will see all 470 current playing members substantially rewarded over the five-year agreement.

It has been a challenging negotiation, as you would expect when it involves all 18 first-class counties and the ECB. We are aiming, in early summer, to be in a position to explain the detail of a raft of new agreements including the CPA, Team England Partnerships, PCA-ECB MOU and the Professional Cricketers' Trust.

This is the first time the PCA has influenced the counties on ring-fencing money to be distributed to players through the CPA. You can find out more information on the process on page 14.

Throughout issue 24 you will find updates on how the Association is progressing, which includes the news of Daryl Mitchell's re-election as Chairman at the AGM earlier this year. Daryl has played a huge role in guaranteeing all players will be better off, thanks to the new broadcast agreement and everybody at the PCA is delighted he will be serving for two more years.

The annual meeting also saw the PCA Committee rubber stamp Julian Metherell's position as Non-

Executive Chairman. After joining the PCA Board in 2018, Julian has now taken over from Matthew Wheeler who left his position after a successful 10-year association.

While a vast amount of work is being undertaken behind the scenes, it is incredibly exciting to look ahead to the summer we have in 2019. The opportunity to host a World Cup and Ashes (men and women) is something cricket needs to grasp with both hands to capture the nation as the main talking point of our summer.

Eoin Morgan takes England into the tournament as favourites and he has been a phenomenal leader over the past four years. Eoin is a pleasure to deal with and it is clear the respect he has within the England changing room. He offers insight into his approach on page 36.

Then we have the Ashes, Joe Root and Heather Knight will lead our country full of confidence and in this issue, we look ahead to the biggest summer for a generation.

Everybody at the PCA wants to wish Eoin, Joe, Heather and all our members the best for the 2019, in a season that domestically will be the last in the current format.

We look forward to catching up throughout the summer and I hope you enjoy the latest edition of Beyond the Boundaries.

DAVID LEATHERDALE
PCA Chief Executive



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We take care of our own.



Keith Newell and his family are currently receiving support from the Professional Cricketers' Trust

As our sport's leading charity, The Professional Cricketers' Trust was created to support the lifelong health and wellbeing of PCA members and their immediate families. We look out for players throughout their active careers and long afterwards, funding lifechanging medical assistance, crisis helplines and educational programmes in England and Wales.

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Sitting At The Top Table

PCA Chairman Daryl Mitchell on the impact of positive change to the game for its players.



Now is the best ever time to be a professional cricketer in this country. It's a big statement, but one I believe is absolutely true.

As PCA Chairman over the past two years, it has been an honour to represent the collective views of the players. And although met with initial scepticism, the new domestic competition (to be known as The Hundred) is here stay and is going to offer all players huge opportunities.

Through the new ECB-secured 2020-2024 broadcast deal there is £1.1 billion coming into English cricket. Within this, the PCA has worked tirelessly to ensure players are remunerated for their centre-stage role. Meaning an extra £8 million per year to the players who feature in The Hundred.

Still an active player myself, the new tournament is not just about money. To perform in front of packed houses with huge terrestrial TV audiences (the first time since 2005) creates the potential for massive exposure and uplift in profile. However, with only 96 domestic male players actively competing, ensuring that all playing members benefitted was vital to myself, David Leatherdale and the wider negotiation team.

It is the first time the PCA has influenced the County Partnership Agreement and at the time

of writing, we are coming towards the conclusion of what has been, we believe, a hugely successful negotiation.

One of the biggest wins for players is a new 'retirement pot', meaning every single player will receive funds upon leaving the game, supporting their transition into a second career.

18-months of consultation with county squads delivered further consensus and resolution on other key 'wins'. They include a guaranteed minimum salary (policed by the PCA and ECB), a rise in the salary cap, and despite facing objections, a huge uplift in the salary collar. With the collar doubled by 2024, it will instantly help to eradicate members being paid inadequate salaries to live on, a key principle upon entering the process.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude to the members for my re-election, confirmed by the PCA Committee earlier this year. I look forward to completing my final term where my priority will be ensuring the CPA is adhered to by all parties and implementing areas of organisational improvement, emanating from the governance review in 2018.

This summer is an incredibly important one on the field and I'd like to wish our captains Eoin, Joe and Heather all the best for what will



be a momentous few months. With the World Cup and Ashes followed by the new domestic structure in 2020, we need to make sure we speak positively about our game. Players, coaches, journalists and stakeholders – we all care passionately about the game of cricket - so let's talk it up and create the vibrant future it deserves.

DARYL MITCHELL
PCA Chairman

For more on how the County Partnership Agreement was influenced by the PCA, turn to page 14.

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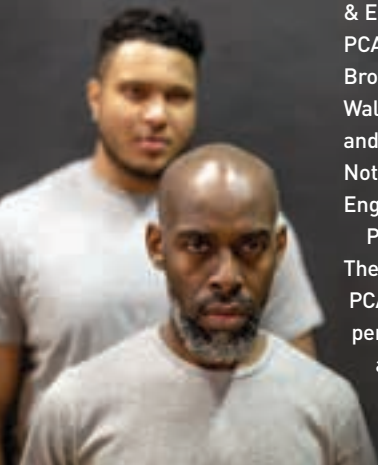


LEWIS PLAY ON TOUR

Following the success of 'When The Eye Has Gone', a play based on the life of Northamptonshire & England great, Colin Milburn, PCA member James Graham-Brown has written 'The Long Walk Back', capturing the rise and fall of former Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey & England all-rounder Chris Lewis.

Produced by Roughhouse Theatre and supported by the PCA, Lewis will attend the performances and take part in an after-show Q&A.

roughhousetheatre.com



Fit For Purpose

Former Middlesex wicketkeeper Ben Scott has been busy developing a new strand to his personal training business with the creation of Kinetic Cricket, a bespoke online training app that allows users to improve their fitness using advanced training methods usually the preserve of professional cricketers.

The aim of the mobile app is to not only help amateur cricketers improve their performance but also help former players maintain their general fitness to enhance their sporty lifestyle. Subscribers to the app will receive a one-to-one consultation with Ben himself as well as personalised training packages that cover fitness, nutrition and lifestyle.

Download the app on Apple and Android stores



84 Not Out

The County Cricketers Golfing Society was established in 1935 in order to offer first-class cricketers the chance to preserve old friendships and develop new ones through the medium of golf.

In 2019 the same sentiment remains with the CCGS visiting 35 different golf clubs, playing 38 matches and enjoying two Society meetings.

It amounts to 44 days of golf in all, visiting 15 of the 18 first-class counties. Everywhere from Royal St Georges in Kent to Royal Porthcawl in Glamorgan; from Formby in Lancashire to Stoneham in Southampton. The year even includes a three-day trip to Holland in July.

Superb golf and outstanding hospitality aside, the Society brings professional cricket's family together, irrespective of age or background.

Tony Pigott is the Society's Chairman and is keen to see the Society continue to grow, "I am determined to help recruit new members of all ages, in

particular those who have recently retired or are still playing professionally.

"As we expand, it is important that we do not lose sight of our fundamental ethos as cricket's golf society. We are not now, nor will ever be, driven by celebrity."

To qualify, members need only to have played a single first-class match. Nor is there a need to be a single-figure handicapper, although many are.

In 2019, the Society has also launched a new range of golf clothing and intends to donate £5 from every item sold to the Professional Cricketers' Trust – a simple way for the membership to give back to those members of the cricketing family who find themselves in difficult times.

With an annual subscription of just £25, for more information and for a full fixture list visit countycricketersgolf.com. The Society is also on Twitter and Instagram @cricketersgolf.

MOVING IN DIFFERENT CIRCLES

Northamptonshire's Alex Wakely and Rob Keogh made valuable use of their off-season with a two-month placement at CSM, one of the industry's leading sport and entertainment businesses. During their time with the organisation, the pair worked across a number of key areas including the F1 Rights Team, Vitality projects and Talent Team. Both players found the experience of being out of their comfort zone and exploring a world that was alien to them invaluable.



Northamptonshire's
Alex Wakely

AN OVER AT...

Tim Tremlett

62, former Hampshire
all-rounder and cricket 'lifer'

1

Where did it all start for you?

My dad, Maurice, played for Somerset between 1947-1960, captaining the side between 1956-1959. He moved to Southampton for his job, and worked for Guinness. He encouraged all of us - my brother, sister and I - to play as much sport as possible. I was a good schoolboy cricketer, playing club cricket for Deanery CC.

2

How influential was your father in your career?

He always said that he didn't feel that I had the 'arm speed' to end up a fast bowler like my hero John Snow. He said I needed to ensure that my batting improved. He also said that despite this, that I would always derive more satisfaction from bowling than batting, which was true.

3

What got you on your way?

I started playing regular one-day cricket as early as 1978, but didn't really start bowling in the Championship until the summers of 1981 and 1982. I'd had two summers before that as a makeshift opener. During that time we finished second in the championship, powered by the bowling of Malcolm Marshall and Kevin Emery. Kevin lost it a bit after, which meant more opportunity for me to bowl. It also saw me dropping down the order to no.9.

4

When were you at your best?

The 1984 and 1985 seasons were my best, with 1984 seeing me take over 100 first-team wickets. It was during that time that I was selected for an English Counties tour to Zimbabwe and for an England B trip to Sri Lanka. It was on that tour where my father's observations about my pace hit home. I ended up bowling off-breaks when my seamers proved ineffective.

5

Moving on

I'd always been very lucky with injuries, but suffered a double stress fracture in 1987, which hampered my effectiveness. My final first-class game was at Swansea against Glamorgan in 1991. My last wicket was that of opener, Steve James.

6

A life in the game

My father played three times for England in the '40s. My son, Chris, (12 Tests between 2007-2013) also played, which technically makes me my family's weakest cricketing link! But I have been fortunate enough to stay in the game, and am currently Cricket Secretary/Operations Manager with Hampshire.





FICA's top man Tony Irish receives an award from cricket legend Jonty Rhodes.

Support On A Worldwide Scale

Working closely with its member players' associations, FICA is in the process of developing a global welfare & education platform. The platform will help to ensure that existing world class programs run by players' associations continue to cater for the shifting global player landscape. It will also help to support players where there is limited support for them around the world.

The online platform, which is set to be rolled out during 2019, will give players access to gold standard content in areas that include:

- Player welfare
- Personal development
- Education on critical issues

The Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) is the global players' representative body in cricket, and represents collective player views and interests at the top of the game / ICC level. FICA aims to work constructively with the ICC and other key stakeholders to take the game forward in a positive way.

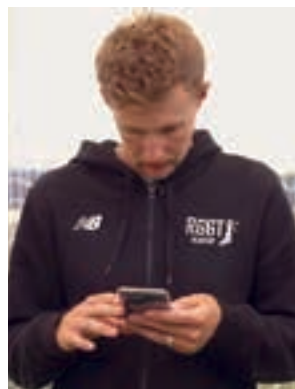
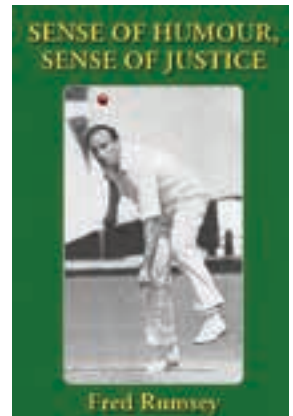
The PCA is a founding member of FICA, and is one of the nine cricket players' associations globally affiliated to FICA. David Leatherdale is an Executive Board Member of FICA, and Heather Knight and Vikram Solanki (also FICA's President) are members of FICA's Player Advisory Committees.

thefica.com

BOOK RELEASE FROM RUMSEY

PCA Founder Fred Rumsey has written his autobiography, 'Sense of Humour, Sense of Justice'. Published in April. The book sees the former Somerset & England bowler take an entertaining look back at what has been an eventful and entertaining life. One that includes an in-depth look at how he helped establish the PCA in 1967.

You can buy the 2017 PCA Lifetime Achievement Award winner's autobiography, published by Fairfield Books, via fairfieldbooks.org.uk. Expect to see a review in *Beyond the Boundaries* in our winter issue.



Root Academy Online

The R66T Academy is set to launch its maiden mobile app in early summer 2019 to develop what is already an extensive coaching resource.

Founded by England Test captain Joe Root and his brother Billy (who moved from Nottinghamshire to Glamorgan in the winter), the R66T Academy has been established in order to give cricketers of any age, gender, ability and location access to high-quality cricket coaching.

The Academy is a not-for-profit organisation and the coaching app has been designed to:

- Provide a degree free cricket coaching to students
- Enable coaches and students to interact via a feed section in our own online 'community'

- Deliver online courses for students
- Enable coaches to deliver online courses to students
- Allow coaches to deliver online tuition to students anywhere in the world

Joe said, "I find the online analysis component of the app really useful. It's great for me to see how I'm playing certain shots, how I'm setting myself up and how I transfer my weight.

"I think it's an ideal tool for coaches at any level. It's really important not to be too prescriptive with young cricketers. We want them to express their own individual talents, but at the same time the app allows them to compare their techniques to some of the best players in world cricket."

What I Did This Winter...

SOME OF THE PLAYERS TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.



Will Smith

DURHAM

A love of horse racing has seen me working in the media for the last six winters. This year I was a pundit every other weekend for Racing TV Channel 426 or William Hill TV & Radio, based in the studio in Leeds.

My role sees me as the link between commentary, reviewing the previous race, previewing the next.



Ross Whiteley

WORCESTERSHIRE

I've been working for my brother's company, Aquafun Sheffield Pools and Spas, on numerous builds previously subcontracted. We plan to grow the company further over the coming years with a longer term view of me making the transition from cricket to construction in the future.



Mason Crane

HAMPSHIRE

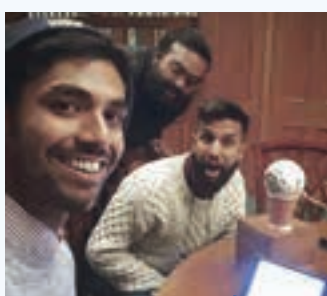
This winter I decided to learn sign language, motivated by witnessing a conversation between two deaf people. A useful 'real world' skill, the thought is it could open up opportunities to work with hearing-impaired teams and individuals as a coach.



Graeme White

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Encouraged by Nathan Buck, I decided Macildowie would be a great opportunity to explore over the 2018/19 off-season. I managed to secure a two-month placement with the Midlands recruiters. The two-day-a-week programme saw me enjoy everything from database mining, CV reviewing, client meetings and new business generation. It proved an extremely valuable placement and not just because I received a really nice hamper when I finished.



Arun Harinath

SURREY

I dedicated time to recording a series of cricket-related podcasts. I made The 12th Men with two of my close friends, along with guests that included Ben Foakes and Rory Burns. With 12 episodes produced between September and March, each episode is a mix of debate, opinion and humour that has attracted over 8,000 listeners to date.



Alex Thomson

WARWICKSHIRE

I've continued working for UK Anti-Doping as a chaperone. I've been part of UKAD for the last two years, seeing me involved in testing across a variety of sports. I've clocked up more than 40 hours this term in the hope that with some more experience under my belt I can move up to the role of Doping Control Officer, leading a team of chaperones on designated missions.



A BRIGHT SPARK

Essex wicketkeeper Adam Wheeler spent five weeks during October and November building his trade skills when he enrolled on an intensive electricians course. The programme involved a blend of theoretical and practical work, with the 29-year-old graduating after a series of practical and written assessments.

Wheeler has already put his new skills to good practice working alongside an experienced electrician during his days off. This commitment is just one part of his Personal Development Plan that he is looking to develop over the next few years.



GREEN SEAMER

Sussex PCA rep Abi Sakande has taken his interest in environmental causes into a work context after expanding his personal development plan.

The 24-year-old medium-fast bowler secured a two-month placement at Carbon Limiting Technologies, a London-based consultancy working with start-up companies in the low-carbon, 'green' sector.

"It was a useful insight into the corporate work environment and something which might be useful for me after I finish playing cricket."

Living For The City

Encouraged by Head Coach, Dave Houghton, Derbyshire's Harvey Hosein spent time during the off-season in London, developing his understanding of the world of finance.

Enjoying time with Tim Lambert of Lambert Wealth, the wicketkeeper gained insight into Enterprise Investment Schemes and Venture Capital Trusts. As well as attending a number of AJ Bell sponsored seminars, learning from leading investment trust managers and professionals.

Harvey Hosein was the winner of a PCA Personal Development Scholarship Award earlier this year. You can find out more about the scheme on page 48.



A Nice Ride Out

Notts Outlaws seam bowler Harry Gurney had a winter to remember when playing a pivotal role in winning the Big Bash competition with Melbourne Renegades. His on-field success coming just months after the left-armer opened up his second pub with teammate Stuart Broad and business partner Dan Cramp.

August 2016 saw the opening of The Three Crowns in Wymeswold, Leicestershire, with the trio acquiring a second location in Upper Broughton, just six miles away, in 2018. The 32-year-old played a hands-on role in renovations of the pub renamed The Tap and Run.

"It was a bit of a mess when we took it on," offered the opening bowler. "We spent well over £300,000 renovating it to create a high-end country gastro pub.

"Until November 2018 I was running the company. It was taking up a huge amount of time,



particularly through August and September. When I wasn't at a cricket ground I was at one of the pubs. It saw me regularly leaving home at six o'clock in the morning and getting back at ten o'clock at night. With a one-year-old at home too, this became unsustainable. We have since brought in an operations manager, Greg Macleod, and have passed on all the day-to-day running of the company to allow me and Stuart to focus fully on cricket."

For more on the venture go to catandwickets.com or go to [@threecrownscw](https://twitter.com/threecrownscw) and [@tapandruncw](https://twitter.com/tapandruncw) on Twitter and Instagram respectively



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The Players' Game

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How the PCA executive has shaped the future of the modern game through their part in the negotiation of the new County Partnership Agreement.





A packed Kia Oval,
mid-summer, 2018

The PCA has for the first time ever influenced all areas of the County Partnership Agreement, as cricket transitions into one of the games most financially rewarding phases in its history.

With the injection of £1.1 billion into the ECB through the new broadcast deal, set to run between 2020-2024, the PCA went on the front foot to ensure the players were championed through the new agreement between all first-class counties and the ECB.

While the PCA has been involved in elements of previous agreements, this is the first time the Association has been a 'decision maker' from the start of the process, to ensure every single playing member is better off.

With the CPA due to be signed off in early summer 2019, Luke Reynolds sat down with Chief Executive David Leatherdale and Chairman Daryl Mitchell to discuss:

What exactly is in the CPA?

DAVID LEATHERDALE – The previous deal was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was an agreement between the counties and the ECB, with the PCA input around the legal element of contracts. But for the first time we have now been able to influence more of the financial aspect and more accountability for counties.

In the past, the MOU was done at the centre by the ECB with them splitting money to the counties, with the players having little input. This is now a partnership that will hold all parties to account and we have already seen the benefits of this with the PCA being involved. We have been engaged with and sat on all the working groups and over the next few years I am very confident professional cricketers will be looked after better than ever before.

DARYL MITCHELL – The way English cricket is run at present, there is no

collective bargaining agreement as such. We have a power base across 18 very separate businesses and the ECB. This is in contrast to models in Australia, South Africa and New Zealand for example. Those countries have collective bargaining agreements, with centrally-funded player payment pools, which enable consistency in pay levels across states/provinces, depending on player gradings.

The CPA is just one element of a wider negotiation, can you explain other linked elements to this?

DL – We made it clear, from a PCA perspective, that we could not negotiate the CPA in isolation. There are also five-year agreements for the same period between the ECB and the PCA regarding the Team England Player Partnership, England Women's Player Partnership, our own MOU with the ECB and funding for the Professional Cricketers' Trust.

Ultimately, this is about having a series of agreements throughout the professional game which sees the sport flourish both on and off the field.

How does such a complex negotiation begin?

DL – The first meeting was actually in Australia in late 2017 when Matthew Wheeler and I went out to Adelaide and sat down with Andrew Strauss, Tom Harrison and Colin Graves. They expressed their views on what they were aiming to do with the new broadcast deal and we explained our aim to ensure that the players received their fair share of money and benefits.

We know players have not been treated as well as they should have been. A lot of that has been through counties where money has been tight and spent in different ways without rewarding the cricketers out on the field.

We have had over 70 meetings with the ECB through working groups and specifically on the CPA.

Opening Up

Who has been on the PCA negotiation team?

DL – Having Daryl involved in these meetings has been very powerful. It's all well and good having myself and PCA staff arguing our point but when it directly comes from the PCA Chairman and a current player it has a lot more gravitas and clout. He has worked hard to ensure that the players' views have been put across.

DM – There has been a fantastic amount of work that has gone into the CPA and I would have to give a lot of credit to David Leatherdale, Matthew Wheeler, Emma Reid and Rich Hudson who have sat in a lot more meetings than I have. As a playing group, we have to be grateful for the efforts these people have put in to secure an excellent deal for the players.

Explain the PCA's stance going into these negotiations?

DL – As a headline statement, we needed to ensure all of the current playing members were better off as a result of the new agreement. We are only talking about the elite 470 cricketers out of millions of people in this country. That needs reflecting.

DM – We set out with four non-negotiable principles. To ensure a fixed, aspirational minimum wage, to guarantee a steep rise to the salary collar, which is the minimum amount counties have to spend on their playing squad and an improvement of the salary cap.

How have player views been collated throughout the process?

DL – We are in constant contact with our members to ensure we are representing



ABOVE: Worcestershire's Daryl Mitchell and PCA CEO, David Leatherdale.

their views. Over the past two years structured meetings with players at pre-season meetings, player summits and AGMs have provided debate and opinion. We can't sign things off alone. We have a very good group of reps who continue to be crucial to airing and shaping our voice. When we act upon anything it's not my views or the PCA's view, it's the views of the wider playing group and that's a key thing everyone needs to remember.

DM – Any Association will say you are stronger when you stick together and I think it has been fantastic to put the views of the whole playing group across to get to where we are. This agreement is not just about the current crop of professional players, but about future generations who will benefit thanks to this CPA setting a precedent.

Biggest challenges throughout the process?

DL – From the information we have, there will be five counties who will have to make an uplift in salaries to get to the new minimum collar from 2020 which has been a challenging process. There are currently 80-100 players who will be guaranteed an uplift to get to the new minimum salary of £27,500.

DM – Being in meetings with key decision makers of English cricket. It is something I have really enjoyed and my working relationship with the ECB hierarchy and county CEOs is more sporadic than more constant presences, so it is easier for me

to go in and say exactly what I think because I don't speak to them on a daily basis. I have been strong where I felt I needed to be and I don't have any problems in doing that.

It has been a hell of a learning curve and something I have really enjoyed and I know we are all going to be really pleased with the outcome.

What are set to be some of the biggest positives for players?

DL – From the start of a professional career, we have ensured young players coming into the game will be treated with respect and be paid fairly. The PCA will receive a copy of every single contract, meaning that we can monitor and police counties who will be signing up to the agreed CPA. Players in The Hundred will receive huge exposure and will all be rewarded for it and players will now have additional financial support when they leave the game so we have improved players benefits at all stages of their professional career.

DM – I think the retirement pot is going to be a headline, which will ensure all players are rewarded significantly. Transitioning out of the game is a huge challenge for the vast majority of our members so knowing there are some finances to help them through that process is a big win in support of their general welfare. We will share a further update when we are in a position to do so, because there is so much detail that goes into an extensive negotiation such as this one.



Professional cricketers will be looked after better than ever before.
David Leatherdale

PUTTING PEN TO PAPER

Durham batsman Cameron Steel has made his first steps into the world of creative writing after completing a course run by Penguin Writers Academy. The ten-week online programme is aimed at beginners and is not a formal qualification. But was able to be completed by the Durham man whilst in Perth over the winter. "It provided me with an excellent gateway into creative writing," said Steel. "I'd recommend it to anyone wanting to start or develop their own creative writing skills alongside their sport."



DOING THINGS BY THE BOOK

Former Derbyshire and Somerset all-rounder, Wes Durston, has co-written a book with colleague Patrick Latham. 'Cricket, a Leading Edge for Captains' is aimed at school and Academy aged players with the inspiration being the witnessing of a young bowler's inability to set their own field, "Initially, I thought it was going to be an article," said the 38-year-old. "But after Patrick and I started chatting further it evolved into something more."



The first in a proposed series, from conception to finished product took eight months and is available on Amazon and from iBooks.



Getting The Most From The Game

The PCA has teamed up with Manchester Metropolitan University to offer members a 15 per cent fee reduction and one 50 per cent scholarship on the Sport Business, Management & Policy Master's degree programme.

With studies undertaken 100 per cent online, potential students can work from anywhere in the world. Making it the ideal way to find an in-education solution that converts years of playing experience as a sports person into a commercially viable business skillset. With the added benefit of a formal qualification that opens up career opportunities in a range of sectors. Everything from sports event management to government advisory bodies and private-sector organisations.

To find out more please speak to your PDM or visit globalonline.mmu.ac.uk/pca-scholarship/



Supporting From The Back

As part of the Personal Development and Welfare Programme, the PCA has joined forces with Sporting Chance Clinic to educate members on protecting the welfare of themselves and their teammates.

Sporting Chance founder and former England football captain Tony Adams is delivering many of the workshops focusing on the subject of recreational drug use. All 18 first-class squads, as well as the England Women, will receive the educational sessions.

The campaign was funded by the Professional Cricketers' Trust as part of

their role in providing support for PCA members and their families when they need it most.

"The PCA has been very enthusiastic and supportive of the process and we're going round to all squads to share the work that we do at Sporting Chance," said Adams.

"The education that we're putting forward to professional athletes is there to allow them to talk openly about their feelings and we're here to educate the players and sow seeds with the players, it's as simple as that really."

Putting Smiles On Faces

Former Warwickshire players Navdeep Poonia and Nagaash Tahir have launched The Cricket Clinic, a coaching company based at Old Hill CC in Birmingham.

The pair set-up the business in February 2019 with the aim of encouraging cricketers of all age, gender, ethnicity or background in developing their cricketing skills.

Passionate about grassroots coaching, with the philosophy of encouraging individuals to play with a sense of freedom and without fear, it sees Poonia and Tahir drawing on their experience when moving through the ranks. "We both know first-hand what it's like to stand out there, with eyes watching you," said Poonia. "The pressure is such, that all you want to do is perform. We want to provide a platform where we challenge cricketers mentally and physically, to make sure that players are in the right space to do their very best. A place where they are relaxed, confident and as we always believe, playing cricket with that real sense of enjoyment."

The Cricket Clinic launched in February, with winter bases around Birmingham, the summer months will see the pair decamp to famous club Old Hill.

Having operated near the top of the game the pair understand and appreciate the importance of high-quality coaching in a player reaching their potential. The pair also felt the associated stresses and strains that goes with that territory. "We both had experiences where pressure and expectation got the better of us at times," vouched Poonia. "We both undeniably enjoyed highs in our careers, but also lows. But what it made us realise was that we both played our best when we did it with a smile on our face."

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Navdeep Poonia

ANOTHER DIMENSION

Former Sussex seamer Lewis Hatchett - branded The Sport Yogi - is providing free access to his unique yoga programme for PCA members, combining his sporting experience with the principles of yoga, simplifying exercises and removing what he describes as the 'fluffier' side of the art.

Forced into retirement in 2016, having taken 102 wickets in 53 professional games, Hatchett has since trained as a yoga teacher, personal trainer before setting up The Sport Yogi, an online platform designed to offer practical tools to improve performance in sport and general wellbeing. "I'm making available a free annual subscription to all PCA members," stated Hatchett. "As yoga had a huge impact on my body when I began five years ago."



Listing a reduction in soft tissue injuries, improved recovery times, and feeling an uplift in consistency of performance as the physical benefits, it was the improvement in his general wellbeing that saw the biggest turnaround. "I didn't realise how much I needed it until I finished my career," said the 29-year-old. "I was then dealing with a period of depression after leaving the game and it gave me tools to manage myself on a daily basis, both physically and mentally."

Sign in to thepca.co.uk and visit the member offers section to gain access to the free subscription.

YOUR PCA MVP EXPLAINED

The PCA Most Valuable Player is decided each year using a bespoke formula created in 2006, with a methodology since tweaked to reflect the modern game.

The MVP algorithm was designed by the players to identify the match-winners and key influencers across every single fixture.

Kent's Joe Denly was the Overall County MVP in 2018, seeing him scoop the £10,000 prize, with Adil Rashid and Amy Jones (left) awarded England's MVPs for the winter tours.

This innovation is seen as providing

a more exacting analysis of player performances than relying solely on traditional batting and bowling averages. The MVP algorithm reflecting the value of players whose performances improve their team's chances of winning games.

The PCA MVP is a cumulative points system that rewards players for every run scored, every wicket taken and every catch held, adjusted according to the match situation.

Currently, the MVP formula creates winners at international and domestic level and covers both the men's and women's game across every professional tournament in English cricket.

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There's Only One United

Sussex Sharks' Phil Salt writes about his winter playing in the global white-ball leagues



I went into the Pakistan Super League (PSL) after a successful tilt in Abu Dhabi, playing 10-over cricket for the Punjabi Legends and then for Lahore Qalandars in the Abu Dhabi T20. I kept wicket and batted pretty well, to the point where the expectation was that I'd be drafted by them again. But Islamabad picked me up a round earlier than was expected, which meant I was a United player for the 20-over competition to be played in Pakistan.

Playing the ten-over version of the game always looked right up my street. As you'd expect it was pretty crash, bang, wallop, with the scores averaging out at around the 130 mark. Apart from one time when an Andre Russell innings propelled his side past 170.

As for the PSL, I really loved it. It was very different cricket than I'm used to, in lots of ways. For Sussex I bat at the top of the order, but found myself all over the list in Pakistan. It was a chance to face a lot of spin, which isn't the case in the UK, and I felt that I ended up contributing pretty well and learning a whole lot.

It was definitely the chance to go and see and experience a part of the world that I wouldn't

ordinarily have had the chance to. I found it all so interesting. Pakistan is a fascinating place.

Spending time around experienced players from all over the world also really makes you look at different ways of approaching the game and think about how you do things.

Mohammad Sami and Shadab Khan were my captain and vice-captain at Islamabad with Ian Bell and Samit Patel also on the team. The standard was high and the difference in pitches and conditions really made it an excellent opportunity to develop.

As someone who is only 22, these franchise leagues seem perfect opportunities to grow as a cricketer. With my performance at Sussex now a priority, winter work is again on the back burner. And these overseas opportunities are only that if performances in county cricket hold up. But yes, it goes without saying that subject to form and fitness, I'd love to do it again.



ABOVE: Loving life in the PSL. Photographed at the National Stadium, Karachi. March 2019.

If I Knew Then...

Durham bowling ace, **Chris Rushworth**, tells his younger self a few home truths.

“**Grab every opportunity with both hands.** I was released by the club, first time around. And as the phrase goes, ‘you never know love until you’ve lost it.’

“**Pace isn’t the be all and end all of being a good seamer.** Slow things down when you can. Relax when you can. Enjoy the time and opportunity to improve your game when people aren’t watching.

“**Ego gets you nowhere.**

“**The hard work never stops.** The effort you put in on your game away from purely bowling is important.



“**There’s a bigger picture at play than yourself.** Always with something to play for. Something to gain.

“**Step up if you see an opportunity to take a lead.** But lead from the front by your actions. First and foremost, if you get the chance, do the business on the field. That helps your team.

“**Stay calm.** Spot nerves in others and help them. Anyone can execute their skills well in the nets. Know what you need to do to do the same in the middle.

“**Be an easy bloke to captain.** Work with them. We’re all after the same result. Doesn’t matter how you get there.



A GLIMPSE OF THE ACTION

Current and former cricketers took part in BBC and Sky Sports taster days, to experience potential career options in the media industry.

Two separate days allowed ten members the opportunity to explore both studio locations, and an extensive range of roles within each organisation that also included in-depth behind the scenes tours and discussions.



Easy Rider

Former Middlesex and Sussex bowler Chad Keegan has teamed up with bike business, Early Rider and with purchases by Prince George and the Beckhams, the company's stock is on the rise.

Born in a garden shed in Henley on Thames in 2005, Early Rider sets out to design products that make the thrill of adventure accessible for young children. Middlesex and Sussex man Keegan is keen to see cricketers get their children on bikes and active, "Adventure sports are part of my background before being a professional cricketer," he said. "Now retired, I am happy to be getting back into things, especially with my 10-year-old daughter Coco Summer enjoying the bikes. As a company, if we're promoting that lifestyle, we think it's vital to see a business that is actually living it too."

Early Rider is offering an exclusive discount for PCA members of 15 per cent off the RRP of bikes bought direct thorough their website earlyrider.com. Log-in to thepca.co.uk and view their member offer, or contact Chad Keegan for details at wick@earlyrider.com



METHERELL APPOINTED

Julian Metherell has been appointed the new PCA Non-Executive Chairman after appointment to the Board as a Non-Exec Director in December 2018.

It was a decision ratified at this year's AGM, seeing Metherell follow outgoing Chair, Matthew Wheeler, who stood aside after ten years at the Association, with the last five as Non-Exec Chairman.

Away from PCA duties, Metherell is currently a Partner at Blenheim Capital, a family office managing investment funds of around US\$3bn. With principal activities in shipping, the business also invests in private equity and publicly listed securities.

A passionate cricket follower, Metherell played at school, university, with the army and club level and has been involved in youth cricket where his son played age group cricket for Middlesex. "To be elected Non-Executive Chairman of the PCA is a very privileged position and something I am honoured to accept," said Metherell. "I look forward to maintaining the excellent regard in which the PCA is held and to continue Matthew's work in a hugely exciting time for professional cricketers in this country."



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Sunshine On Leigh



June 29, 2018: Leigh Academies Trust v PCA England Masters match at Bexley Cricket Club

The PCA England Masters brings together former international players to play in showcase events at clubs and schools each summer. The team draws from a pool of former England stars crisscrossing the country to raise funds. Leigh Academies Trust is one of the many organisations to have taken on and benefitted from engaging with the Masters in recent times. The man responsible for making the connection, Kevin Brewer, tells us just why it works so well.

What made you decide to host the PCA England Masters?

I've got a cricket background myself and wanted to host a charity match to raise funds for Leigh Academies Trust. I knew Ed Giddins and he put me in contact with Stephen Newell from the PCA England Masters. We discussed how the day would work and how we could raise funds as well as creating a special occasion for our pupils. We then spoke with Bexley Cricket Club who proved excellent in hosting the day for us and it progressed from there.

What exactly is The Leigh Academies Trust?

Simply, it's a group of educational establishments. I specifically work for The Leigh Academy, which is one of the 23 schools.

How did the day work for you?

The day involved different individuals from the Trust and other surrounding schools and looks to support education. The cricketers and table service staff were all drawn from the student body of the Trust and surrounding schools, making it a special day. It's great to be able to bring all these parties together.

What were the main benefits of the day?

We raised an incredible £15,000 from the day. Being in education, these events

can help fund more teachers, more support staff and more resources within the academies.

We have been able to contribute money towards educational visits for the pupils that they otherwise wouldn't have been able to go on. All monies raised will go back into education and for us it's all about improving young people's life opportunities.

Away from the fundraising, we've been able to give 11 young cricketers a day they will never forget, sharing a cricket field with England legends.

How did you structure what happened?

In the morning we hold a primary school quick cricket festival at the ground.

The Masters umpired and coached – they were superb in that. We then have 400 guests in a marquee, experiencing amazing food and service before the game.

What would you say to a club thinking about competing against the Masters?

Do it. Everything I've ever done with the PCA has been excellent and they're always looking to help and make the day as special as possible. We've booked July 5 as our date this summer and we've already sold 20 tables against the event, such was the success last time. We can't wait to host the Masters again.



To find out more how your club can host the PCA England Masters contact Stephen Newell on pcamasters@thepca.co.uk





Where Are They Now?

The year was 1992. The World Cup final took place in Melbourne, played out in front of a capacity crowd. England lost to Imran Khan's 'cornered tigers' from Pakistan.

After spending what seemed like months as 'the team to beat', Graham Gooch's men fell an agonising 22 runs short of winning a final they seemed pre-destined to win. It was a spell of reverse-swing bowling from Pakistan's legendary Wasim Akram (3-49) that turned the tie his side's way, taking the middle-order wickets of the influential Allan Lamb and Chris Lewis. After a 72-run fifth-wicket stand between Lamb (31) and one-day wizard Neil Fairbrother (62) had lifted their team

from 69-4 in pursuit of the 250 runs they needed for World Cup glory.

The final came to pass after England had previously bowled out Pakistan for just 74 in an earlier round of the competition in Adelaide. In that game, and in reply, they were 24-1 from eight overs before the heavens opened. A real and genuine case of what might have been...

From there, Pakistan regrouped and went on to beat a supercharged New Zealand at Eden Park, whilst England

trounced the hosts at Sydney by eight wickets. To create a final of epic twists and turns.

NEIL FAIRBROTHER Lancashire legend and renowned one-day tyro, Neil 'Harvey' Fairbrother was one of England's very-best middle-order men. He currently works as a successful sports agent, managing some of the world's best players.

RICHARD ILLINGWORTH The sturdy left-arm spin bowler was an integral part of Worcestershire's successes in the '80s and '90s. He remains a well-respected and unfussy international umpire.

PHIL TUFNELL Reality TV star and anointed King of the Jungle, when not munching through kangaroo privates and witchetty grubs, left-arm spinner 'Tuffers' brings a generous helping of even-handed good humour to BBC



radio's Test Match Special broadcasts.

GLADSTONE SMALL Ashes winner and Warwickshire colossus, 'Glad' continues to be a presence in the game as a PCA ambassador.

DEREK PRINGLE Wardrobe-sized Essex all-rounder and Cambridge graduate Pringle went from playing to writing, as a well-respected cricket correspondent at The Independent. He released his rollicking memoir, Pushing the Boundaries: Cricket in the Eighties, at the back end of 2018.

GRAEME HICK Zimbabwean-born and enigmatic, the Worcestershire righthander made 136 first-class centuries in a career that saw him go on to play 65 Tests for England. Hick now lives in Australia and works as a highly respected batting coach.

CHRIS LEWIS An all-rounder that elevated fielding to an art form. Spells with Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Surrey saw Lewis final leave the game in 2008. He was infamously sentenced to 13 years imprisonment in May 2009 when caught smuggling cocaine into the UK from the Caribbean. Released in 2015, Lewis released the book Crazy: My Road to Redemption in 2018. His experiences continue to add real-life insight to the PCA's player education programme.

DERMOT REEVE The former Sussex & Warwickshire all-rounder, Reeve led his Bears to six trophies in three seasons between 1993-1995. A successful spell in the media was cut short after the revelation of a drugs problem. Reeve continues to coach cricket living in Perth, Western Australia.

LAURIE BROWN (PHYSIO) The former Lancashire and Manchester United physio, Brown retired in 2007.

BOB BENNETT (TOUR MANAGER) Former Lancashire batsman, Bennett undertook several tours of duties between 1990 and 1998. A Lancashire chairman 1987-1997, Bennett is now retired and living in Douglas, Isle of Man.

ALLAN LAMB Northamptonshire

ball-swatter, Lamb was regarded as a great player of fast bowling, standing firm when many an England middle-order lost its way. South African-born and a genial host, Lamb works in the sports travel business.

ALEC STEWART Surrey through and through, England wicketkeeper-batsman Stewart went on to play 133 Tests and 170 ODIs in an international career spanning 1990-2003. Son of World Cup coach, Mickey, Stewart Jnr is the current 'Brown Hatters' Director of Cricket.

GRAHAM GOOCH Captain and driving force, Gooch's mastery of batting made him for a period the world's very best. In his 'Imperial period' it saw the posting of a mammoth 333 against India at Lord's in 1990, the run of run-getting ending upon international retirement in 1994. At the time he was England's highest-ever run-gatherer. Gooch is the current PCA President.

SIR IAN BOTHAM An England great and doer of deeds, Botham's presence was hugely felt during what was his World Cup tour de force. Opening the innings - a shift from his usual place in the middle-order - he thumped, cut and

pulled England to numerous decisive starts. His spell of 'wobblers' and swashbuckling runs in the semi-final v Australia saw him named man of the match. Knighted in 2007 as a fundraiser in the cause of Leukaemia research, Sir Ian remains an ever-present on our screens as a Sky Sports commentator.

PHIL DEFREITAS An influential all-rounder with Leicestershire, Lancashire and Derbyshire, Defreitas remains active as a coach and player for the PCA Masters. He released an autobiography Daffy in 2011.

ROBIN SMITH Regarded as an England batting great from an era of only modest team success marks South African-born Smith as made of the right stuff. Hugely popular and respected by opposition and team-mates alike, 'Judge' lives and works in Perth, Western Australia.

MICKEY STEWART (COACH) A former Surrey & England batsman, Stewart became the national team's first appointed coach. His influence was evident in a new emphasis on preparation and improved fitness levels. Aged 86, Stewart enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

L-R, BACK ROW:
Neil Fairbrother
Richard Illingworth
Phil Tufnell
Gladstone Small
Derek Pringle
Graeme Hick
Chris Lewis
Dermot Reeve
Laurie Brown (Physio)
FRONT ROW:
Bob Bennett (Tour Manager)
Allan Lamb
Alec Stewart
Graham Gooch
Sir Ian Botham
Phil Defreitas
Robin Smith
Mickey Stewart (Coach)



Supporting Where Help Is Needed

**Professional
Cricketers'
Trust**



Formerly known as the PCA Benevolent Fund, the Professional Cricketers' Trust is a registered charity created to support the life-long health and wellbeing of PCA members and their immediate family.

Today's game is faster, more competitive, more public and more pressurised than ever before. Even the happiest professional career in cricket means long stretches away from home and financial uncertainty driven by short-term contracts.

The average cricket career comes to an end at the age of just 26.

Our sport might be individualistic, but as a community, we look after our own. Whether you play for a men's team or women's team, for a week or a decade, every professional cricketer in England and Wales is a life-long member of the PCA; and that means you can count on the Professional Cricketers' Trust for support.

Our 24-hour confidential helpline means we're your first port of call, day or night. You're never a number with the Professional

Cricketers' Trust. We're big enough to make a difference, but small enough to offer personal guidance through turbulence and upheaval.

As professional cricket's leading charity, we offer welfare, education and a helping hand during difficult times. We fund life-changing assistance for you and your closest family, whether your situation is related to your cricket career, or not.

The winter saw the Trust fund crucial education campaigns through the Sporting Chance Clinic, founded by Tony Adams, which was delivered to all First-Class senior squads. The players' charity is focusing on future PCA members too and Patrick Foster has educated all county academy squads on the risks of gambling thanks to his joint initiative with the Trust.

From medical care and mental health

counselling to preventative educational programmes and help with addiction, we're proud to say we're here for you when you need us most.

We provide support for PCA members and their immediate families when they need it most.

PCA Confidential Help & Support Network

Call the Confidential Helpline
any time on **0844 800 6873**
(UK calls) or **+44 (0)1373**
858080 (international)

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Three Peaks Challenge

The PCA is asking you to challenge yourself to complete the famous Three Peaks Challenge this October, in support of the Professional Cricketers' Trust and Tom Maynard Trust.

The two charities are collaborating once again for what is described as the fundraising endurance event of the year, building on the success of three previous Big Bike Ride fundraisers.

PCA President Graham Gooch is one of many names already signed up for the trial, with current and former cricketers joining PCA partners, stakeholders and cricket supporters, all committed to taking on the famous three-day trek.

As we aim to complete the Three Peaks over the course of three days you will have plenty of time to meet the other walkers, hear their reasons for taking part, and build some real team camaraderie over the challenge.

Not only will you be supporting the players' charity but The Tom Maynard Trust which was introduced in 2012 to aid the development of aspiring sports

people who require support in their career development.

Considered one of Britain's toughest outdoor pursuits, the 26-mile trek takes in Ben Nevis (1,344m), Scafell Pike (978m) and Snowdon (1,085m), the highest points of Scotland, England and Wales.

To find out more about the challenge and assistance with fundraising please contact Sam Relf at sam.relf@thepca.co.uk

You can support the brave souls who are set to take on the trek by searching 'Three Peaks Challenge Cricketers' Trust'.



Marathon Runners

Five former players have spent their winter putting in the hard yards in a gruelling pre-season fitness programme of their own to raise funds for the Professional Cricketers' Trust.

The PCA members have switched their knitted jumpers for running vests to take on charity challenges for their charity. Former PCA rep, Sussex and Leicestershire batsman Mike Thornley completed the "hilly" Croydon Half Marathon in 1:38:49 and raised substantial funds.

Meanwhile the quartet of Paul Dixey, Lewis Hatchett, James Kettleborough and Chris Peplow are set to take on the London Marathon for the Trust.



THE PUBLIC HAVE SPOKEN

Derbyshire batsman Luis Reece is currently undertaking a 12-month personal challenge to raise funds for three charities, including the Professional Cricketers' Trust.

Reece started in December 2018 with an initial fundraising target of £5,000 to be shared between the Trust, Mind and Cardiac Risk in the Young.

Taking inspiration in the form of suggestions and votes from the public through social media, Reece's monthly challenges have so far included a 10 km fun-run, a public transport racing challenge and a Man Vs Food style eating challenge.

To keep up-to-date and to find out how to donate, visit the Derbyshire man's Twitter account - @lreece17



HOW TO SUPPORT THE TRUST

- [justgiving.com/professionalcricketerstrust](https://www.justgiving.com/professionalcricketerstrust)
- To donate £10 text CRICKET to 70085
- Take part in the Three Peaks Challenge
- Fundraise for a challenge or event
- Purchase a team at the Professional Cricketers' Trust Golf Day
- Donate to the Trust as a legacy in your will
- Follow @cricketerstrust on social media

For all donations and fundraising queries please contact sam.relf@thepca.co.uk



House Rules

Is investing in the property market something of interest to you? Then let expert Jonnie Irwin and a host of PCA members offer insight into the dos and don'ts of doing well.



Investing in property, alongside cash, bonds and shares, is still one of the four most common types of investment. There are two main ways for making money from property, them being accruing rent from tenants or selling the bought property for higher than was originally acquired.

But buying a property is a big commitment and can be a very stressful experience. There are also costs associated with buying and selling that need to be considered, these being estate agent and surveyor fees, stamp duty, land tax and solicitors & conveyancing fees.

Since April 2016, an extra three per cent has been added to each stamp duty band, applicable when buying an additional home or if purchasing a residential buy-to-let property. Which makes poses the question of whether investing in bricks and mortar still a sensible option reasonable to ask.

Some people make a great success of it. Jonnie Irwin, property expert and presenter of Channel 4 shows 'Escape to the Country' and 'A Place in the Sun' is someone who has 'been to the circus' and seen all of the strings, "Buying, selling, building or developing – that to most people is the world of property. However, it's just the tip of the iceberg," stated the TV star. "Property affects most of the things we do. Businesses own or rent. Buildings we visit - whether it's a school, hospital, office or shop - is in a building or on land that has been bought or sold.

"With that in mind, it's good to get a feel for what's happening in our economy, as house prices can react rapidly. It doesn't matter how good a developer or investor you are, timing is a huge factor with any investment."

According to Irwin, it is sensible to consider setting aside two distinct pots of money. One being a household and wholly personal pool, in line with projected income and expenditure. The second, a property fund. These should not meet or merge. Nor should they

borrow from one another.

Irwin again asks simple and direct questions, “What are you trying to achieve,” broaches the Leicester-born graduate of the University of Central England (now Birmingham City University). “Are you after income or do you want to benefit from an elevated house price? Essentially, are you looking to buy and rent out or do you plan to develop and sell? This answer will determine what type of properties you need to consider. Whether they are desirable first- and second-time purchaser homes to work on, or high-yielding rental machines.

“It’s important to know that both of these have different tax implications. The government are currently actively discouraging buy-to-lets, making it less tax efficient. Likewise, if you don’t use the property as your main residence there will be capital gains tax implications. Get advice on these from your accountant or visit the HMRC website.”

With his hands-on knowledge, underpinned by a BSc (Hons) in Estate Management, Irwin also thinks it important to work practically and pragmatically. “How handy are you? If the answer is ‘not very’, then consider asking a builder if you can work alongside them to pick up tips and skills. At the very least save yourself around £130 per day by working on your own project for your builder as a labourer. It will also mean that you are on site to check things and make any decisions in need of a quick response, promptly.”

Experts say that there is a right price and true value for every house, in every location. And with an initial budget calculated, assessing what that buys in a cross-section of areas, is first and foremost about research. Good advice is to look at places nearby. Again, according to our expert, long commutes to areas you don’t know well are an absolute red flag.

Irwin’s journey into the media started



Buying, selling, building or developing – it’s just the tip of the iceberg.
Jonnie Irwin

after graduation with business transfer specialists, Christie & Co, advising on everything from the purchasing of corner shops to the buying of pubs and hotels. From there he enjoyed three years with Colliers International, one of the world’s leading realtors. “Watch the market,” he advises. “Once you have a few areas under observation, don’t then jump up and down in excitement at the prospect of buying something. And don’t be scared that the market is moving on without you. Simply, don’t buy a property if you are unsure the type of person who is going to buy it and at what price. Remember it is an investment and all about the exit. Also, access to property portals means that if something looks cheap there’s usually a reason. So buying a property should be straightforward and only need the advice of an estate agent to confirm a potential purchase’s end value. Nothing more.”

Irwin also says that it is only in a sellers’ market where owners are able to dictate the price of their property. That isn’t the case at the moment and an ‘asking price’ is only that. With research behind an investor, it’s only relevant to what a purchaser is willing and able to pay.

Work your calculations backwards, is the advice of Irwin. “Estimate how much the property might be worth once developed and refurbished, (gross development value), then subtract all of the costs of purchase, building costs, tax etc. Then further subtract whatever profit margin you hope to work to. If that is, say 20 per cent, then the figure you are left with is what you can afford to pay for it and is your maximum bid. Go much over this and you’ll be working

for peanuts or worse.”

Having done the calculations and looking to buy, chances are you will have no idea of the financial circumstances of other bidders. When developing properties, builders may have access to trade labour or materials that someone



A STRONG FOUNDATION

The PCA recently organised a property taster session with experts, CrowdProperty. Pamela Tilt, the organisation’s People Director. Here she outlines what was offer on the day.

Speakers shared information on the property education courses we offer for all levels of property experience, and details of how to raise development finance through CrowdProperty.

Since the discovery day, several cricketers have attended property investors networking meetings and enjoyed the energy and knowledge gained from these events. We are all about helping people to invest with knowledge and then invest with skill.



outside the industry will not. This means they might be able to increase their offer above yours and maintain profit. With this uncertainty around the competition, it's imperative to stick to a budget. Whether it's going to be your home, a 'doer-upper', or a rental, the smart investor always knows when to walk away.

"Not always, but I urge everyone to attend an auction, states Irwin, adding a hint of caution. "But for the first visit at least, keep your hands well inside your pockets! It's a pretty exciting place, especially if you're bidding, but also one where you must exercise total self control. You'll be amazed by the amount of people that get 'auction fever'. They visit the property, do their due diligence, get quotes for refurb costs, make estimates for end value, and then hopefully, if they are sensible, have had a survey done on the place.

"By the time they arrive at the day of the auction they are financially invested and emotionally committed. They bid up to their maximum price, but then someone else comes in and they can't help sticking their hand back up, again and again – each time reducing their margin. Which contradicts why they are at the auction in the first place. There are deals to be done at auction, most definitely, but they are no longer a place that is an exclusive closed shop. But whatever happens, however exciting it gets, know that maximum bid and **STICK TO IT!** Always be prepared to walk away."

It is also important to know that the process starts and not ends when an offer is accepted. In the time between an accepted offer and purchase your surveyor and solicitor will be looking for any potential issues that could affect the value of the property. If there are any, re-evaluate. Whilst agents will try to get you through the process in six weeks it's more likely to take two months and in this time it's important to keep your eye on the market, checking on any changes in end values and other developments that could effect your project. "I'd rather



**Know that maximum bid and
STICK TO IT!**
Jonnie Irwin

spend £1500 on abortive costs and walk away rather than go through with a deal where there are issues, states Irwin.

"Again - and I repeat - never be afraid to walk away."

And some final advice, post purchase, "It's an absolute crime having builders waiting for kit, materials or surveys," Irwin adds. "Or if you plan to let the property out, than get the agents around before completion of works, as they can warm up potential clients whilst you finish the job. But don't let buyers see an unfinished product. It will either scare them off or they'll break your balls through the buying process, or demand changes.

"Also, run through your order with the people that are doing the fit-out, especially bathrooms and kitchens. Try and buy all your kit from one supplier, then should anything go wrong with it, you only have to go to war with one company."

With 23 years of working in the industry behind him, is there a single piece of advice that has stood him in good stead. "as you'd expect, I've had a lot of advice, but the best piece came from my dad, who's was also a property developer. He said to buy the worst house on the best street. It has come in handy a good few times. Oh, and this might seem obvious but unless you are going to register as a building company paying that extra 20 per cent as VAT on materials is an absolute wounder!"

Jonnie Irwin will also be putting together an educational workshop for current and former pros, so contact your regional PDM if you are interested in attending.

Matt Machan **FORMER SUSSEX & SCOTLAND** **BATSMAN**

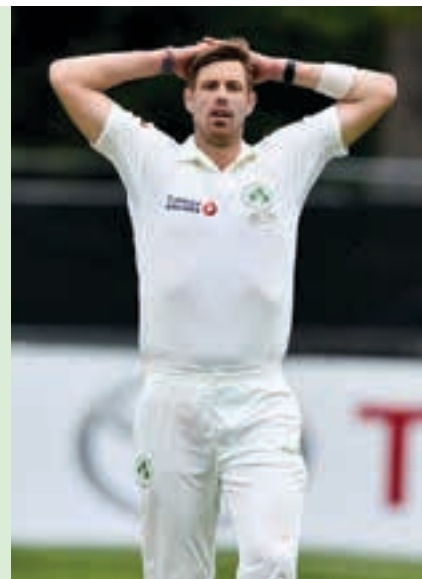
"My interest in the property sector started during my playing career when I undertook a couple of refurbishments. I always knew property was something I wanted to pursue once I finished playing cricket. Since retiring in 2017, I have set up my own property development and investment company with my brother, George. There have been challenges but with the right team around us - from solicitors, mortgage brokers and builders - it's made life easier. I absolutely love what I'm doing now and it is brilliant that I have managed to find something I am just as passionate about as cricket."

Playing The Market

**Some cricketers that already have
'skin in the game'.**

Boyd Rankin **IRELAND**

"I've had an interest in property ever since I bought my first buy-to-let in 2014. I've now built up a varied portfolio of single tenancies and HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation). I've just recently completed two refurbs, converting two houses to HMO standard, all while still training and playing full-time."





Alex Mellor
WARWICKSHIRE

"I own one property, which I've been renting out for a few years now. I am keen to grow my rental portfolio, but only when the right opportunity presents. This was my motivation behind attending the CrowdProperty session."

Adam Hose
WARWICKSHIRE

"My interest in property stems from my parents. They started an estate agents 35 years ago and have grown the business across the Isle of Wight. I did a few months of work experience there before I signed my first professional contract and really enjoyed it. I've found podcasts and forums the most helpful. I'm currently in the process of purchasing my first buy-to-let investment through a limited company."



TACKLING THE MARKET

How footballers are showing cricketers the way up the property ladder

ROBBIE FOWLER

A Liverpool legend as a goal scorer, Fowler is also a property multi-millionaire. Reportedly 'falling into investment by accident', he was 18 when he started looking at housing. It has been the considered and cautious investing in smaller properties around Liverpool that now sees Fowler and wife Kerrie sitting on a portfolio worth well over £30 million.

Fowler also fronts a property academy, teaching others how to benefit from the buy-to-let market.

FRANK LAMPARD

Current Derby County boss and former Chelsea & England great, Lampard's intelligence and business acumen has seen him curate a portfolio of mansions and apartments in Chelsea, Surrey and London's Docklands reportedly worth around £23 million.

MARCUS RASHFORD

Manchester United's 21-year-old flying striker already has a property investment company underway, titled Mcus Properties Ltd. It is described as being in place to 'futureproof his family's fate'.

DELE ALLI

Tottenham and England midfielder and World Cup star Alli has had Future Homes Investments Ltd in his corner since 2016. With a head office in Milton Keynes, the company lets and operates owned and leased real estate.



Alex Lees
DURHAM

"Cricket has allowed me to save enough money for a couple of deposits for buy-to-lets near where I lived. My longer-term plan is to build a small portfolio that will support me when I have retired from the game. Owning property requires a certain mindset. It is not all plain sailing and there are frustrations with tenants and repairs so you need to embrace the whole idea."

Tom Jewell
MD OF SOURCE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS AND FORMER SUSSEX CRICKETER

"Chris Tremlett and I share a passion for property, which saw us working together since we were colleagues at Surrey. We both enjoy building strong relationships with clients from various different fields, helping them make smart, informed and long-term investments. Educating individuals and seeing their portfolios perform and grow is something that is particularly rewarding. Success in the corporate world is no different to within professional sport; it take a whole load of persistence, hard work and a little luck at times."





WORLD CUP 2019

A 'makers dozen' of PCA members working on, in or around the summer's global showpiece in England and Wales.





BELOW: Holders Australia celebrate in 2015

JONATHAN AGNEW (58)

ROLE: BBC cricket correspondent and TMS anchor

RESPONSIBILITY: The Leicestershire & England seamer will draw on umpteen World Cups to give radio listeners as enriching an experience as possible. With no doubt a good dose of bonhomie thrown in.

RICHARD BLAKEY (52)

ROLE: Hospitality business owner

RESPONSIBILITY: Former Yorkshire & England gloveman will be making sure clients enjoy the very best World Cup experience. In ground. In seat. In hospitality.

DAN CHERRY (39)

ROLE: Host venue Head of Operations

RESPONSIBILITY: Cardiff-based cricket operations man, the former batsman will be moving hell and earth to make sure the players get the very best facilities to prepare.

STEVE ELWORTHY (54)

ROLE: Tournament Managing Director

RESPONSIBILITY: The former South Africa all-rounder is the Managing

Director for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 and in role to ensure the smooth running of the summer's most far-reaching global competition. From every angle.

BRUCE FRENCH (59)

ROLE: England off-field support staff

RESPONSIBILITY: Nottinghamshire & England gloveman is employed to see that the home side's slew of wicketkeepers are at the top of their game.

ISA GUHA (33)

ROLE: Media pundit

RESPONSIBILITY: The England former seamer will be 'calling the game' for the viewers. Enabling them the benefit from the multiple Ashes and World Cup winner's how-to knowledge and know-how.

MICHAEL LUMB (39)

ROLE: Player representative

RESPONSIBILITY: Working for Phoenix Management, alongside long-established Neil Fairbrother, Lumb helps support the likes of Jos Buttler, Ben Stokes and Joe Root.



EOIN MORGAN (32)

ROLE: England captain and middle-order batsman

RESPONSIBILITY: The man tasked with seeing the hosts bring home their first ever 50-over world title. With form and home advantage on their side, England enter the event as pre-tournament favourites for the first time.

JAMES PYEMONT (41)

ROLE: ECB Head of Integrity

RESPONSIBILITY: The former Sussex and Derbyshire man is an ex detective inspector. He'll be in the background, there to oversee what's happening. Observing that the game people are watching is being played as the public perceive it to be.

STEVE RHODES (54)

ROLE: Bangladesh coach

RESPONSIBILITY: The former Worcestershire man is at 'the big show' in support of the Tigers and their efforts to go deep in a competition where they've created upsets - beating England in Australia in 2015 - but are yet to enjoy an extended run.

GRAEME SWANN (40)

ROLE: ICC World Cup tournament ambassador

RESPONSIBILITY: England's talismanic bowler will be adding his unique 'spin', promoting everything good about the white-ball World Cup. On behalf of the governing body.

ALEX WHARF (43)

ROLE: Umpire

RESPONSIBILITY: Controlling the action from out in the middle. The former Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Glamorgan all-rounder will be ensuring standards of behaviour match the setting. Whilst making all the right decisions.



The first global tournament was held in England. Australia and West Indies made the final with Clive Lloyd's men holding out as 17-run winners in a thrilling finish at Lord's.



England has made the tournament final on three separate occasions. Losing. Every. Single. Time. Legendary opener Graham Gooch played for England on each occasion.

WORLD CUPS: THE BIG PICTURE

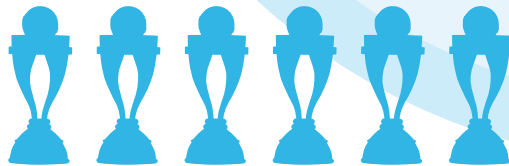
Stuff to know...



Australia's Glenn McGrath has taken the most wickets in a single World Cup tournament, relieving batsmen from their duties systematically over what was an illustrious red- and white-ball career. He also holds the record for the most World Cup wickets taken, snaring 71 victims in total between 1996 and 2007. Inevitably, the too-tall seamer also registered the competition's best-ever analysis of 7-15 against Namibia in 2003.

12-3-39-5

Best bowling figures for England, courtesy of off-spinner Vic Marks, against Sri Lanka at Taunton during the 1983 World Cup.



1973

The women's version of the event pre-dates the men by two years.

2,200,000,000

2011's final in Mumbai drew a reported global TV audience of 2.2bn viewers, no doubt delighted to see the hosts breeze past Sri Lanka by six wickets.



The weight in kilograms of the tournament trophy.

673

India's superstar of all superstars, Sachin Tendulkar compiled this tournament high aggregate during his country's 2003 campaign, before losing in the final to Australia.

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SRI LANKA • UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
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A total of 20 teams have made it to the 11 previous World Cup final events.

60

The competition's matches were originally played with a minimum of five bowlers allowed a

maximum of 12 overs. Using a red ball. This changed in 1987.



5 Australia is the tournament's 'most winning' side with five titles, including a run of three on the bounce between 1999 and 2007.

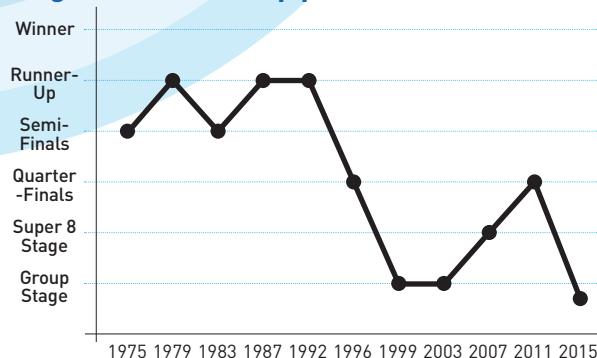
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Netherlands' Nolan Clarke is the event's oldest protagonist, when wheeled out during the 1996 tournament. Canada's Nitish Kumar (16) is the youngest when playing in 2011.

27

The 30-yard (27m) fielding circle came in for the 1983 competition. Until that point a captain could stand a team wherever they bloomin' well liked.

England's World Cup performance worm...



372

The highest any-wicket partnership, forged between Chris Gayle (215) and Marlon Samuels (133*) and was made against Zimbabwe at Canberra during the World Cup of 2015.



This Is Your Captain Calling





I think we are definitely contenders. **Eoin Morgan**

What's so special about a World Cup?

The major thing is it doesn't come around often. We have just two major 50-over events, them being the ICC Champions Trophy and the Cricket World Cup. Obviously the World Cup is the most prestigious.

Was this tournament always the focus, right from when you took over ahead of the previous one in Australia?

That World Cup, as badly as it went, actually played a huge part in our turnaround. It led to a new managing director of cricket, in the appointment of Andrew Strauss. A new coach came in. And thankfully I managed to stay on as captain. But the fallout and poor performance led to what has been a wide-reaching shift. I am not sure we would have turned it around as quickly or as well as we have without it.

How did Andrew Strauss shape things?

He was at the 2015 World Cup as a journalist and commentator and said he watched with a bit of embarrassment. He saw a need for drastic change. He made decisions pretty quickly and made things very transparent to selectors, the coach and myself as to how we were going to play and we acted accordingly.

Without his clarity of vision, it wouldn't have changed as dramatically as it has.

Trusting you as captain must have been pleasing?

I guess so, but if there was ever a motivation for change, it was to experience what it was like to have been so far off the mark, as we were.

Eoin Morgan is the man tasked with delivering England's first-ever global 50-over title. With the team playing some of the best one-day cricket in the national side's history, surely it's a case of now or never? The PCA's Luke Reynolds crossed his fingers and asked the questions

RIGHT: Morgan goes into the World Cup as current ODI record holder



The first one-dayer after the World Cup was against Ireland. I think there were five debutants. James Taylor captained. Jason Roy, David Willey and Mark Wood all made debuts. They are now mainstays and important players for us.

What is the difference between captaining during a World Cup and a regular series?

The length of it. Coping with the different challenges that different teams pose for one-off games. This year is the first time everyone plays each other once. No sidestepping or scraping through a group stage to get the best semi-final, which has to be a really good thing. Come the end of it all, we will have either been good enough or we won't. Which is quite a nice thought.

Off the field, what differentiates it as a competition?

I don't think it's as simple as media pressure, which most people think. With the success of the side in recent time we have actually commanded more attention that we normally would, so we are pretty used to it. And the fact that we are the top ranked side in the world has contributed to expectation. Curiously, the World Cup represents more downtime than we would normally have in a one-day series. World Cup games are well spread out and you get more time to prepare. Sides come in fresh to the competition, which makes it a good test.

What do you see as the secret to preparing well for tournament cricket?

We have been together as a group since the West Indies. We have the Ireland One Day International, then the Pakistan series and a T20I. It's all quite condensed. But as important as the cricket may be, it's equally important for players to get back to their families and have time off where appropriate.

Pick us one to watch for the competition?

In celebration mode: leading England in the Caribbean, February 2019



Jos Buttler is an outstanding leader within the group. He's the vice-captain and he is one of the very best in the world at what he does.

How good do you think he is?

He has already proven he can compete with the best in the world. At times over the last three or four years he's been in a league of his own.

And select someone to watch from an opposing team?

Rashid Khan of Afghanistan. I have played against him a few times. He is still young, but what he has achieved in the IPL, Big Bash and wearing an Afghanistan shirt has taken leg-spin to a new level, particularly in T20 cricket.

How important is your role and the role of England's acknowledged powerhouse middle order?

What myself, Ben (Stokes) and Jos bring is flexibility in the way we go about things. This can be of huge value to us, given the different conditions and variety of opposition.



**I'd like to think I could sustain the form I've found into the World Cup.
Eoin Morgan**

How is your own form, going into a World Cup?

I am really looking forward to it. Feeling good. One thing that has helped me is playing with these players. It suits my mentality and also my way of playing. I'd like to think I could sustain the form I've found into the World Cup.

What do you think it would mean to the country to win the World Cup?

A huge amount. What we have achieved as a team over the past four years has been brilliant, and that's not just in 50-over cricket. The attitude we have and the aggressive nature in which we have played has certainly brought a different energy to the fore. I think we are definitely contenders. To do well would be something special.



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SHE'S THE ONE





A legend of the game, Charlotte Edwards chooses between winning the Ashes or winning a World Cup. It remains the preserve of only the very few.

As someone who has won everything in the game, which is the biggest prize? That is really difficult. But if you're pushing me to choose I'd have to go with beating Australia.

And what marks this above a World Cup?

I think it's because of the format now. That the series is won on a points basis means there is always opportunity for sides to fight back. It takes into account Test, One Day Internationals and T20Is, giving an overall points winner, with those points weighted against format. Every game, as they come along, feels the biggest game you've ever played.

In the women's game there are far fewer Tests than the men's game (Edwards played only 23 Tests in a 309-game international career), does this add or detract from their significance or value? Tests are such a big deal. As you say, we don't get to play them very often. The atmosphere on a Test match morning is like no other. With the significance of an Ashes series comes even more importance. Test matches were what I dreamt of playing as a child.

As someone who has won a lot of cricket matches for England, can you pick out what you consider to be a definitive success?

The Ashes win in 2005 was huge. That summer was the first time we felt we really dovetailed with the men's game.

We won at Worcester, meaning it was the first time in 42 years we'd beaten Australia. It genuinely did feel like the start of something. We hadn't had anywhere near that level of recognition in the past. To be on the outfield, walking around the Oval, taking in the atmosphere and the applause as the men won was incredible. And to then be on that bus the next day in Trafalgar Square - I still find it hard to think that it was me up there and we did what we did.

Did that series change things for you?

It had the effect of lifting our profile, definitely. But in terms of making any fundamental differences, that didn't really change until the opportunity to sign Chance To Shine coaching contracts came in during 2008. With fully professional terms coming to fruition in 2014. Overall, we got there, but it just took time.

Did you find a difference captaining during Ashes and World Cup campaigns?

It was all pretty similar really. With both of them there is definitely a feeling that it might be your last chance to play in one. But 2009 in Australia was my first World Cup as a captain. We'd played some good cricket going into the competition and the expectation was pretty high and the thinking was that we could do well. Oddly, when Australia went out in the semis, it left us to play New Zealand in the final, I think the pressure to win went up rather than down.



On the run - the captain celebrates a wicket



With the Ashes comes even more importance. Test matches were what I dreamt of playing as a child.
Charlotte Edwards

How did you cope with that level of expectation?

I'd say that I was someone who got more nervous rather than less nervous as I got older. I was nervous that whole competition. By the time we got to the final, I didn't sleep all night. To go on and win - and we did rather fall over the line than break the tape - I felt relieved more than anything.

And how will you be spending your summer?

I'm always busy and always look forward to summer. I'll be doing some commentary. I'll be with the Southern Vipers. And I'll also be trying to watch as much of the cricket live, as I can.



10 WAYS TO BEAT THE AUSSIES

Projecting forward to mid summer's main event, five-times Ashes winner Ian Bell sets out how England go about beating the oldest of enemies.

PORTRAIT: ALEX MIGDA

BALLS OUT

It's no secret that Australia struggle to adapt well to batting conditions in England, to the point where for the second half of their home summer they will be playing first-class cricket using a Dukes ball.

FULL AND HARD

England need to bowl a length that sees the tourists' batsmen nick the ball into the slip cordon.

All of the batsmen 'go hard' at the ball, a full length sees that count against them when the ball moves.

X FACTOR ANDERSON

James Anderson, in English conditions is always a handful. And he's such a competitor.

STREAKY BROAD

Stuart Broad always raises his game against Australia. His ability to bowl influential spells is unquestionable. Maybe it will be his ability to bowl around the wicket to the Australian left-handers that proves decisive.

WORKING FIVE TO NINE

England's lower middle-order is a key factor. With Ben Stokes fully fit and in the engine room - and the likes of Chris Woakes and Moeen Ali in support - the team bats deep.

FINDING THE RIGHT COMBO

England will need to find a successful combination in their opening batsmen in order not to expose the likes of Joe Root to Australia's world-class new-ball attack of Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood.

START FAST

I see starting the series at Edgbaston as perfect for England. The players like it. The crowd get into it and the noise generated by the crowd in the Eric Hollis Stand can unsettle opposition.

GUN SMITH

If he's back in the team, Steve Smith will obviously be the key wicket. And he's already made a double-hundred over here previously.

DOWN PAT

Pat Cummins looks to be close to the complete package as a bowler. England will need to keep him quiet across the series.

FEARLESS CRICKET

To win, England will need to know that it's a chance to create moments that live with people and stay long in the memory. And you can't do that if you're worried about making mistakes.

In action during 'Bell's Ashes', 2013





IF WINNING WAS EASY...

Why does claiming the County Championship still mean so much to the domestic game's protagonists? Andy Afford sets out the evidence of why four-day cricket is still regarded as the ultimate test.





Sussex-By-The-Sea: September 2018

According to the PCA's player survey, cricketers still regard the winning of the County Championship as the pinnacle of the domestic game and the epitome of a career spent trying to win it.

It's a staggering statistic when taken in the context of overall attendance figures, media coverage and commercial value to the game. It's a more staggering still statistic in the context of the commercial value, contract-wise, to a professional sportsman doing well in the short-form of the sport.

But winning the 'champo' remains definitive. As vividly illustrated in 2018 when Surrey ended the season on top. Winning ended a 16-year 'dry spell' for one of the country's most successful clubs. Implicit in that success is knowing that several generations of hugely successful and talented players from that county hadn't as much as had a sniff. Emphasising implicitly that winning is difficult. Full stop. Winning it all, in the context of the County Championship, is more difficult still.

The win came during a second spell at the club for former England all-rounder Rikki Clarke. After a move to Derbyshire, followed by Championship success at Warwickshire, Clarke returned to the Kia Oval in 2017 after starting his career there in 2001. This, his third four-day title, felt special to the 37-year-old. "Test cricket, by its definition, is exactly that. Of technique, mentality and physical endurance. The same stresses are at play in four-day cricket.

"I'd say that in 2018 we really wanted it. To win the championship. That was even before the season started. We'd spoken about it a lot. It was at crucial points in games where I think that really showed. It would be a spell from Morne Morkel when nothing was happening. Or a catch taken - that famous one from Will Jacks in the five-run win over Lancashire - that catch saw us come away with 16 points when we were looking like it would be five. And also, when you are winning games, you just know how the script writes. You expect someone or something to step up or go your way."

Physically, it is unilaterally regarding as an exhausting and exacting contest. Lasting a whole summer. Meaning an extended period of competition, with breaks to accommodate different formats. It amounts to almost twice as many days on the field as winning football's Premier League. As long a timespan as a Major League Baseball season. And something like five times the commitment of F1.



The most like-for-like comparison has to be a season of Major League Baseball and its 160-game run. 'You don't just accidentally show up in the World Series,' is a quote attributed to all-star performer, Derek Jeter. The same sentiment of going longer and harder is echoed by Clarke, "For me, the teams that have played what I would define as 'the right way', have tended to come out on top in recent times. The Warwickshire side in 2012, Middlesex when they won the title (2016), Essex (2017), all played a similar brand of cricket. They all put runs on the board and took 20 wickets to win games. All had good seam attacks supported by good spin options."

"It also takes a squad of players to win a title. There has to be strength in that depth. Either with players stepping up as injury cover or as cover for people going on to international honours. On a personal level, at Surrey we managed to find cover for Sam Curran and Ollie Pope when losing them to Test duty. With Rory Burns and Ben Foakes also playing Test cricket this winter, it does show that playing well in four-day cricket does show that these players also have what it takes to step up a level."

There is a history around the County Championship that isn't at play elsewhere. Dating back formally to 1864, decades have been defined by counties that have exerted prolonged influence, over protracted periods. Yorkshire has won the title the most, registering 32 wins (plus one shared), contributing several era-defining sides.



**The best side I played in was the 2005 championship-winning team.
Chris Read**

Surrey (19 wins, plus one shared) held sway in the '50s. Warwickshire in the '80s. All of these sides finding their place in cricket history and their faces and achievements immortalised at the grounds they graced.

With one-day cricket only starting professionally in the 1970s, the DNA runs less deep. With the subsequent comparisons harder to make. The achievements tougher to measure. And the place in history harder to plot.

LEFT: Nottinghamshire & England's Chris Read on the drive.



ABOVE: Serial title winner Rikki Clarke celebrates a wicket.

But the Championship, in essence, has remained the same, tweaked from three days to four, from one competition to two divisions, but little else by format and as such a constant. And an absolute measure. To the point where across its history, such is the competitive nature of it, Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire or Somerset have never flown the champion's pennant over their grounds.

"Instilled values exist at clubs," concurs PCA PDM, Matt Wood, the former Yorkshire batsman himself contributing to a title win in 2001. "There is an identity that is formed by winning and chasing titles and it also unifies player achievements across generations. And for however many players there are flying around the world playing franchise cricket, it is still a



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Rikki Clarke

relatively small number. There are still a lot more good county pros playing the game than any other."

With Yorkshire, Surrey, Middlesex (11, plus two shared) and Lancashire (8, plus one) are the 'most winning' counties, showing no undue regional dominance. "My patch as a PDM is the north of the country," adds Wood. "Lancashire, Yorkshire, Notts and Durham have all won titles in recent times. Clubs and club members put a huge value on it. And I don't think that's just a northern thing. And you don't need to walk far inside a county club's pavilion before you see the honours board. The championship is still clearly the barometer of success."

Arguably, the modern era makes winning the title easier. But only a possibility when a side is in that top flight. There are fewer teams competing in Division 1 than the 18 sides when the competition was without tiers. Fewer matches constitute a season. With fewer outright wins necessary to gain sufficient points to win. But despite all this, it still remains the benchmark for members that watch it and the players that get out there and fight. "I was at Yorkshire when we won the title and then were relegated," states Wood. "The same has gone for Notts, Middlesex and Lancashire when it happened to them. There was an overwhelming sense of the players feeling the need to get back, challenging for the Division 1 championship."

Former Nottinghamshire captain Chris Read led his Green & Golds to the

title in 2015. "The best side I played in was the 2005 championship-winning team," stated the veteran of 349 first-class matches and 50 appearances in all formats for England. "Under New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, that side could have played any side, anywhere and fancied its chances of winning."

"We had the balance of a batting line-up where the names just kept coming. A spinner in Graeme Swann. And a seam attack that could bowl sides out. We felt we could compete on any surface. That is essentially what being in contention to win the championship means you need."

According to Wood again, there is also the draw of home at play. "Parent clubs are also important to players. It sets their achievements in the context of what has gone before. You may not know the history elsewhere, but you know the names of your club's past."

"It also means something when you say something is of first-class status. And the opportunity to present a player's skills over an extended period means there is the opportunity for more players to make meaningful contributions to games and across seasons. Where in the shorter forms of the sport it tends to be dominated by the top of the order, bowlers can only bowl 24 deliveries, and not everyone gets to make their mark. But in the championship there is time to get in the game. It's what makes it a format for everyone."



Making Waves Of Their Own

BtB spoke to two of 2019's PCA Personal Development Scholarship Awards winners. It was a year of firsts.

Split into three categories, Derbyshire cricketers Anuj Dal and Harvey Hosein claimed Newcomer Awards, Leicestershire's Paul Horton and Durham's Michael Richardson won the Current Player accolade, while ex-Sussex batsman Matt Machan and former Kent & England Women's star Lydia Greenway proving successful in the Past Player category.

Greenway becomes the first female recipient of a Scholarship Award, the 33-year-old winning support for the further development of an online teaching resource designed to underpin coaching vehicle, Cricket For Girls.

"Throughout my playing career I was always keen to make sure I was gaining other qualifications," said the veteran of 14 Tests and 126 ODIs, expanding on her own career journey. "While keeping a focus on the performance side of things, I completed a degree and then topped it up through the Open University, added some personal training, and then did some media stuff. I was never totally sure what I wanted to do but I made sure I had some options."

Anuj Dal is another cricketer committed to the idea of exploring a second career in coaching. After starting his playing career up the A52 at Trent Bridge, the Derbyshire man reached a career crossroads, "Setting up a coaching company was an easy decision to make," offers the 22-year-old. "To have a Plan B kept me going financially for that period where I was transitioning from one county to, as it turned out, another. It was good to know that I had money coming in. Coaching isn't a nine-to-five job or with the pressures associated with that. So fitting in trying to progress my



cricketing ambitions worked well. It was the perfect thing for me while I was in that in-between phase."

Greenway's story goes back to her exit from the game in 2016. "Cricket for Girls was founded just after I retired," states the player of 85 T20Is. "I was a Chance to Shine ambassador and had done a lot of coaching. One thing I noticed was a lack of female role models for young girls taking up the game. Our mandate at Cricket For Girls is to create programmes with all sessions delivered by female coaches. It's hugely powerful for a young girl to walk into a space and see a female coach in charge. It's accepted that there's a need for role models at the top of the game but you also need them at grass roots level as well."

Dal was keen to reflect on the process that saw him step up to the plate ahead of securing his bursary. "When you are told you are going to present for 15 minutes to a group of four or five people you start thinking 'oh my god, this is going to be horrible'," stated Dal,

thinking about the presentation element of his award-winning pitch.

"It's something as a cricketer you don't do very often, so it was great to challenge myself.

"The prize money is also a fantastic element. With it, I plan to put together a small academy of players, take them abroad, offering them the chance to play in different conditions."

Across any given year, PCA members take part in a wide range of personal development initiatives, leading to over 87% of current players having their own Personal Development Plan in place. The prestigious and hard-fought awards are dedicated to highlighting some of the best, progressive, and most aspirational examples from across the membership.

Described as only part of the PCA remit, knowing that the association's wider impact is well regarded is always gratifying. "The PCA has proven a constant throughout my career," vouches Greenway. "In terms of the services provided, it is easy to take the support for granted. I'm someone who has tried to make the most of that support. It genuinely helped me in completing my personal training course and completing my degree. If anyone is unsure as to what they want to do, just do something positive and ask for help. Accessing pots of money is only part of what's available."

FACING PAGE: Lydia Greenway in action for England.
TOP: Anuj Dal in early season training mode with Derbyshire.



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Lydia Greenway

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The creation of unforgettable and empowering cricket experiences for females has seen Lydia Greenway's Cricket For Girls coaching business build a growing reputation. 2019 sees the addition of an online coaching resource, supporting the development of the women's game in schools, clubs and associated organisations via the access to coaching resources for teachers and coaches of all levels. Visit cricketforgirls.com for more.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Know Your Worth

Three steps to potentially raise your commercial value as a current or former cricketer.



BY FRANCES CARTER

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Our at-a-glance guide to member services, courses and support.



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DIGITAL

There have always been sponsorship and commercial opportunities associated with players' roles in the game, and social media only increases these opportunities. If you are planning on using your online presence to promote your self, brands and the causes you are passionate about, then here are some thoughts on what might constitute best practice.

FIRSTLY, KEEP IT REAL.

Social media is awash with fake followers and bots. Commercial partners are very much alive to this. They are only interested in working with personalities who have significant organic and real social media followers. Buying followers is a self-defeating practice. Get yourself a good and loyal following by using social media well. Try to make sure that influential accounts follow you and mention you. Tweets and Instagram posts from your club or country board, including your username, will help. Once you start to build a following, then regular posts and videos and photos should keep people interested and increase your following. The more that people interact with your account by replying to you or Retweeting your messages, the more your followers will grow.

SECONDLY, KNOW YOUR FACTS.

Twitter offers a very useful analytics tool for all accounts. When it comes to negotiating sponsorship deals or showing business partners how you are performing, this becomes a useful tool. Instagram offers Insights, but only for business profiles. As does Facebook (which owns Instagram) for Pages. If you have a business running alongside, or even

after your playing career, then these are useful tools to get to grips with.

THIRDLY, LOOK PROFESSIONAL.

Brands are incredibly risk-averse. A Twitter account full of bad language, Retweets of 'lads' accounts and immature content will put any potential commercial partner off. What brands want to see is high-quality images, content and insightful commentary that gets noticed. Keeping up to date with and engaging in topical debate, while engaging in a positive way with other accounts, will increase interest in you. On top of that, professional network LinkedIn is a sensible space to enter if you want to expand your reach in business. You will find that your career as a player gives you an extra advantage, as businessmen and women are more likely to want to connect and engage with you. Equally, entering into groups that are relevant to areas of industry that interest you, engaging in conversations and exploring private discussions with people who you may be able to work with and do business with, is a great way to expand your commercial network. Use your cricket career as an advantage, don't be embarrassed by that, and you may find that social media is a pathway to something equally exciting.

To discuss how social media could help your business expand its online reach, contact digital marketing consultant, Frances Carter, via frances.carter@himsworthscott.com



EDUCATION

Breaking The Chains

Gloucestershire's Chris Liddle writes about an experience he characterises as his 'light bulb moment'.



BY CHRIS LIDDLE

I know I haven't a long time left in the game and I am conscious that I want to be able to leave cricket without having to spend time looking around, wondering what I am going to do next once cricket has finished for me. Ultimately, I want to make my transition as smooth as possible.

This brought me to attending the PCA Transition Conference at St. George's Park last November. And what an event and venue it proved.

It was during the conference when I had the realisation that I wasn't doing enough to develop myself, giving me cause to think that the conference was something that every player should be involved with, not just people like me who are coming to the end of their careers.

When at Sussex I remember saying to Chris Nash that we, as cricketers, won't do anything unless it is done for us. I use as examples things like pensions, sponsors and development opportunities. How many players source their own pension? I know as players we are lucky to have a very good group pension, but do we know how to set up our own version when we are in the big wide world? And why do we never engage with sponsors until we are told to go to an event? And why still, if left to our own devices, do we do less rather than more?



Why do we never engage with sponsors until we are told to go to an event?
Chris Liddle

So, with that as the backdrop and as the oldest player in the squad, I decided to take a lead on this at Gloucestershire and make a difference to the players other than in a cricketing context. I see lads caught up in the belief that they have to train every hour god gives, hitting thousands of balls in the hope it will make them better. When the reality is that if they spent more time away from cricket and developed a confidence in themselves away from the game they would play better because they are more relaxed.

It meant setting up specific time slots during the winter where we would

Liddle, pictured top left, attended the 2018 PCA Transition Conference.



invite in local sponsors or speakers to talk about their companies and give the lads a chance to see what the real world is like and how we can begin to interact with people from outside the cricketing bubble. For example, we invited Ian Saxelby in to talk about his transition. He spoke about the ups and downs and what life is like now that he is established in the working world.

Another initiative saw us ask two players to do a short presentation each week. The remit was broad, but the topics were chosen by the player to be something they were comfortable to present. For example, George Drissell presented on Bristol City FC and Chris Dent spoke about being a father of two kids. We invited sponsors and other staff members to sit in on the presentations even the club's CEO came along. It was really good practice to learn to stand up and speak in front of a room of about 20 people.

As for myself, I have taken a pay cut to focus solely on white-ball cricket now. It allows me to spend time developing myself as a coach. I feel I have reached my peak as a player, but want to see how far I can take myself in a support role.

I am working a lot with the Netherlands and spent time with them in Spain, Oman and India this winter. It is also no secret that I made it to the latter stages of interviews for the MCC Young Cricketers' Head Coach role.

I have seen people like Mark Wallace retire from cricket to take up roles they are interested in and feel this is a healthy place to be in. Indeed, it is probably the ideal transition for any cricketer regardless of whether they stay in the game or move into a totally new industry.

For now though, it is about preparing myself for the summer ahead and continuing to represent Gloucestershire as best I can while keeping an eye on how to continue to develop myself when time allows.



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“The Conference was a great help to me coming out of the game. Finishing playing was a bit of a shock to me but the conference really helped me get my thoughts going in the right direction and drive my motivation for the next steps in my life.”

Michael Lumb, former England batsman

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EDUCATION

Rookie Camp 2019

The ninth PCA Rookie Camp, supported by the Tom Maynard Trust, saw more attendees than ever before, with 37 young cricketers inducted into the professional ranks.



BY TOM LAMMONBY

Edgbaston hosted a day that brought together representatives from 15 counties, all benefitting from eight different workshops from the PCA's Personal Development and Welfare Programme. With content detailing the support and guidance the PCA offers cricketers throughout and after their professional career.

Somerset's England Young Lions captain, Tom Lammonby, signed his first professional contract in June 2018. He documents the day from a 'fresh shavers' perspective.

EARLY IMPRESSIONS...

I was interested to hear the talk on social media to start the day. It opened my eyes about the risks out there and how to deal with them. Being 18, it's not something I really thought about before and have probably been a bit careless in the past when using the likes of snapchat and Instagram. So learning how to keep



Learning how to keep myself safe and who and who not to interact with was particularly useful.
Tom Lammonby



myself safe and who and who not to interact with was particularly useful.

I was lucky to have avoided the 'rogues gallery' of screenshots shown up on the big screen, depicting some of the lads in attendance who had slipped up when they were younger. But it highlighted how easy it was to dig up things from a person's past, as it remains so public.

PICK A COUPLE OF SESSIONS THAT SURPRISED YOU...

A lawyer addressed the group on what to do and more importantly what not to do from a legal perspective. He made it a fun session, which really helped in getting his point across.

We also had a session addressing anti-corruption, which is something we do have experience of lots of education. It's a serious topic, obviously. So further exposure served to drill it into the group that seriousness and how to handle an approach, if it were to happen.



ABOVE: Rookie Camp alumni 2019.

LEFT: Somerset's England U19 batsman Tom Lammonby



TOP: Edgbaston provided excellent facilities for attendees.
MIDDLE: Bowlers union. Jack Brooks and Olly Stone.



THOUGHTS ON THE VALUE OF TALKS WITH SENIOR CRICKETERS...

Jack Brooks and Olly Stone spoke. I have got to know Jack since his move from Yorkshire to Somerset. And Olly was an inspiration, telling us how he went about coming back from injuries. He set out that they are part of sport and you rarely go through a career without an injury of some description, so to hear his experiences put minds in a good place for the future.

The goal is to be playing alongside these guys, playing for England, playing for trophies. It was inspiring to hear how their journeys evolved, seeing them to where they are in the game.

HONESTY FROM PATRICK FOSTER AND GRAHAM WAGG...

They were both heart-warming stories, hearing how two players have learned from mistakes made when



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Tom Lammonby

younger. I'm obviously hoping I never get into any similar situations, but if I do then I know a support network is around me and is there to help.

One of the PDMs put it very well, saying that you don't often get the level of honesty from people that we did. And this means that professionally we are now better placed to deal with things for the experience.

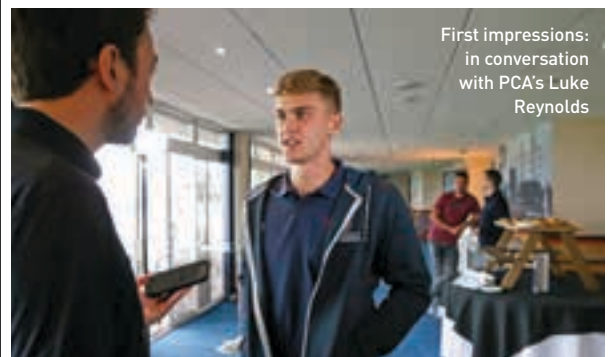
HEARING ABOUT AGENTS...

As a young pro, it's a big talking point. Having an expert talk to us - someone who has been an agent - I

learnt a lot and am now a lot clearer on the pros and cons.

THOUGHTS ON THE DAY GENERALLY...

I will definitely build a relationship with my PDM, and not just for whenever I need help. I now know that information is there to use as stepping stones on the way to a career playing first-team cricket and then the ultimate goal of playing for England. Hopefully today is a first step.



First impressions: in conversation with PCA's Luke Reynolds



Jade Dernbach **SURREY**

A club debut in 2003 when aged 17, wholehearted, committed and good enough to play for England in T20 and ODIs, Dernbach has taken over 850 wickets for club and country. A graduate of the county's academy system, the bowler famed for his mastery of a seemingly infinite array of deliveries, was the club's first standalone T20 captain and an important factor in its 2018 Championship-winning drive.

*The Professional Cricketers' Trust
SimPal*



Ian Cockbain **GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

A former MCC YC, the Liverpool-born son of former Lancashire cricketer of the same name, Cockbain has made himself a reliable performer with the West Country club, particularly in the short-form of the game. His 61-ball 123 v Middlesex at Bristol propelling his side to its competition-best total of 242-4.

*The Grand Appeal – The
Bristol Children's Hospital
Charity*



Stuart Broad **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

England's spearhead for the thick end of a decade, Broad's time at Trent Bridge has also been productive, seeing the club win Championship, one-day cup and T20 titles. A member of an elite group of England bowlers taking 400 Test wickets, Broad also played in the national side's World T20 triumph over Australia in 2010.

*The Motor Neurone
Disease Association
Trent Bridge Community
Trust*



Chris Rushworth **DURHAM**

Tireless performer and former PCA Player of the Year, Durham's bowling mainstay has now played in excess 100 first-class games in two spells at the club. Released as a sophomore, the PCA rep returned better for the experience, making him a vital cog in the attack, affording him first-name-on-the-team-sheet status.

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County Testimonials 2019

*This year's roster of cricketing
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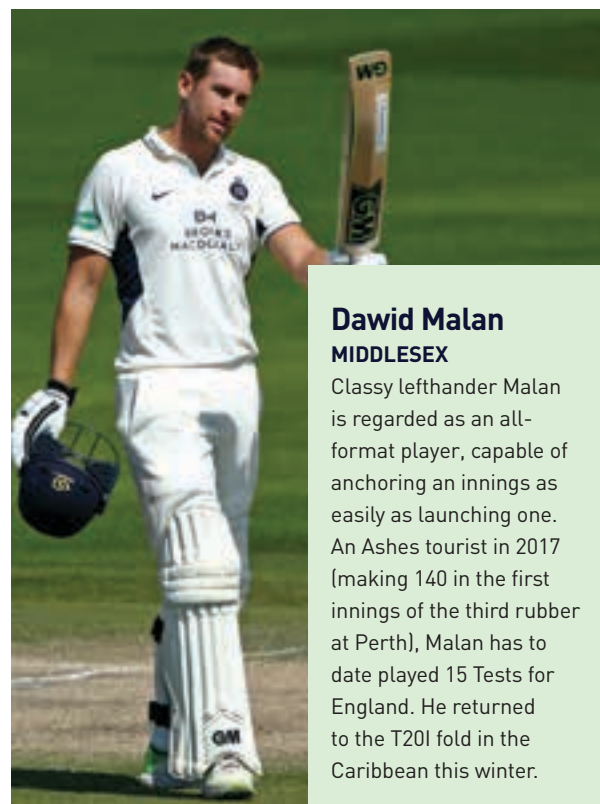




Joe Denly
KENT

The NatWest PCA Player of the Year 2018 has made a home, name and reputation for himself during two spells at Canterbury. His latest incarnation coming after a stint with Middlesex that saw him emerge reinvented as an all-rounder, in this instance adding leg-breaks to his fluent and wholly entertaining top-order batting. An England Test debut this winter against West Indies saw the right-hander make a polished half-century from what has proven a revolving door no.3 position.

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Dawid Malan
MIDDLESEX

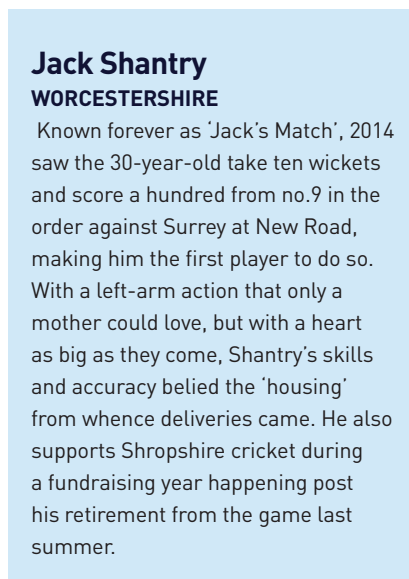
Classy lefthander Malan is regarded as an all-format player, capable of anchoring an innings as easily as launching one. An Ashes tourist in 2017 (making 140 in the first innings of the third rubber at Perth), Malan has to date played 15 Tests for England. He returned to the T20I fold in the Caribbean this winter.



Graham Wagg
GLAMORGAN

Capped by Glamorgan in 2013, all-rounder Wagg's obvious commitment to the cause makes him a man for the trenches. After spells with Warwickshire and Derbyshire, the left-arm seamer has gone on to make over 200 first-team appearances for the Welsh club. A career-best 200, made against Surrey in 2015, is the highest score made from no.8 in the order for the county. He adds this landmark to his 5-14, a club-best analysis in T20 cricket, from 2013.

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Jack Shantry
WORCESTERSHIRE

Known forever as 'Jack's Match', 2014 saw the 30-year-old take ten wickets and score a hundred from no.9 in the order against Surrey at New Road, making him the first player to do so. With a left-arm action that only a mother could love, but with a heart as big as they come, Shantry's skills and accuracy belied the 'housing' from whence deliveries came. He also supports Shropshire cricket during a fundraising year happening post his retirement from the game last summer.



EDUCATION

When Luck Doesn't Come Into It

Former Northamptonshire cricketer Patrick Foster writes about delivering a positive message on problem gambling during winter workshops.



BY PATRICK FOSTER

The 2018 Cheltenham Gold Cup changed my life forever, after I lost £50,000 across 19 different betting accounts. I say this all as one of the lucky ones. And as someone who had so much support from friends, family and importantly, the Professional Cricketers' Trust.

Betting became my life. It was all I wanted to do and somehow I kept this a secret. This is why as part of my recovery I want to educate cricketers on the dangers of gambling and through the PCA and the Trust I have been doing an awareness and protection session for all 18 first-class academies over the winter.

I base it on my own experience, talking through my life as I lived it. Before adding an element of education around gambling as an issue, how people can look out for signs in themselves and others to hopefully prevent it from happening.

Telling a story that academy players can relate to is vital. It seems to resonate because I was in their position a number of years ago. It is not a lecture. It is ensuring young professional



Telling a story that academy players can relate to is vital. Patrick Foster

cricketers make the most informed choices around gambling.

There is a soft spot with me for cricketers. As a 'type', we want to help our own. And people are more susceptible in professional sport. As someone who understands that, the more I believe I can help.

73%
of UK adults are thought to gamble regularly



What the PCA is doing in all different areas is incredible. There's more support and information available than when I played. Having that understanding and that knowledge available, knowing that people are there to support you helps enormously.

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EDUCATION

PCA FAQs

Answers to the question your Association gets asked the most



When does my Travel Insurance run out?

March 31. The policy is for current players and their families. See PCA website for full policy information.

Can I access Travel Insurance as an Academy player?

Yes. Academy players can pay £40 and be added to the travel policy. Your Academy Director needs to contact Ali Prosser for details.

When does my Health insurance run out?

March 31.

Am I covered for Life and Critical Illness through ECB Healthcare?

No. Only Life Cover at four times salary.

Does my Health insurance cover dentist work?

The policy only covers dental treatment as a result of an injury received whilst playing.

Am I covered for medical treatment overseas?

The PCA travel policy is in place for players with emergency medical issues whilst away. Scans, X-rays, basic health issues requiring antibiotics are covered, but if an operation or hospitalisation is required you should, in the first instance, contact Ali Prosser. Players should pay for the emergency treatment and then make a claim via Ali upon their return. If an operation is required, it is recommended that the player

returns to the UK where they are covered under the ECB Healthcare plan. But clearly there are cases when players need urgent hospitalisation and this is covered. Full details and a copy of the policy can be found on our website: thepca.co.uk/insurances/#travel

Can I take a holiday during my contract term?

All requests in October must be granted by your county unless there is a tournament. Requests made during the off season will not be unreasonably withheld. During the season holiday absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

When can I put in for 28 days notice status?

You can write to the Club to provide them with 28 days' notice of your intention to speak to other counties from April 10. This will change in 2020 under the new CPA.

In my last year of contract, when should I have my mid-season appraisal?

This must be completed no later than July 31 when in the last year of a contract.

When does my county have to make an offer of a new contract?

If your club hasn't made an offer by September 1 you are a free agent.

What is the Final Month payment?

This is applicable to all players who are not

offered a contract. It does not apply to players who retire without county consent or who refuse an extension on the same terms or better, or who negotiate a compromise agreement. Effectively it is a redundancy payment mitigating against unfair dismissal. The amount is calculated via the following formula 'Annual salary divided by 233 x 30' and is taxable'. It is usually paid within three to six months of your release date. This will change in 2020 under the new CPA, where three months' salary will be granted.

Can I bet on cricket when I have been released?

No. The code covers a participant for two years after they cease to be involved in cricket. Another thing to bear in mind is whether this player holds another position in cricket outside of playing or coaching. For example, working at a first-class county in another capacity. He or she may still fall under the jurisdiction of the code.

For PCA staff contact details, turn to page 63.

What ECB Coaching Qualifications does the PCA fund?

The PCA will fund ECB coach education courses in the following manner:

- Level 1** Fully-funded c£150
- Level 2** Fully-funded c£250
- Level 3** Fully-funded c£750
- Level 4** Part-funded c£1500



Olly Hannon-Dalby
in action against
Kent, June 2018

MEET THE REP

Olly Hannon-Dalby, Warwickshire

Warwickshire's giant seamer is in his third year as a PCA rep and is also a member of the PCA Committee. Turning 30 this summer, he stepped up to the role when batsman Laurie Evans departed for Sussex at the end of the 2016 season.

As the voice of the dressing room, reps play a vital role as a conduit between the dressing room and the game's administrators. Be that attending meetings and summits, shaping the vision of the PCA or actively promoting the Association's wider aims and objectives.

Undeniably an influential role, the Halifax-born right-armers explains what the responsibility means to him, "It means headaches," he jokes, before setting out the seriousness with which he approaches duties. "I give feedback to the PCA on any given subject. Whether that is a playing condition, the new 100-ball competition, or anything that could affect players generally. In the Warwickshire changing room we have people aged close to 40 and some lads who are closer to 14, meaning room for a range of opinions. It's a period in the game where big decisions are being made and sometimes the younger lads are not as forthcoming with what they think. It then becomes about finding a way to receive their thoughts and pass them

on to the PCA. I'm careful that I relay not just my opinion, the opinion of the captain, or even our senior group of players, but the Warwickshire changing room, top to bottom."

A key member of the Birmingham Bears set-up and a vocal member of the PCA Committee, Hannon-Dalby is also across the delivery of his county's vote on the upcoming proposed County Partnership Agreement. The former Yorkshire bowler also feels he's supporting on other levels, by helping players more widely. Be that, putting them in touch with PCA Personal Development Manager, Lynsey Williams, or introducing a teammate to the PCA Contracts Advisor Rich Hudson. "I do feel like I'm helping the game and making a difference," he states. "Being named a rep comes with a respected voice when decisions are being made. And there is also the odd perk! A golf day! Which is never bad and something I really enjoy."

"There's also a personal development angle," signs off Hannon-Dalby. "Attending meetings with the hierarchy of the PCA and representatives from the ECB - and speaking in those situations - takes you into a different environment. It's not unlike the business world and a more formal way of communicating. Which we will all need experience of later in life."

YOUR PCA REPS ROSTER

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CAREER

Meet Your New PDM...

Martin Cropper will be a familiar face in South West cricketing circles after his recent appointment as the new PCA Personal Development Manager for Gloucestershire, Glamorgan and Somerset.



With former PCA Chairman and PDM Mark Wallace taking on the role of Director of Cricket at his home county, Glamorgan, in February, Cropper has filled the position, supporting the development and welfare of all players from the three counties.

Arriving from Manchester Metropolitan University, he answered our questions about his new position.

Congratulations on securing your new role, in brief, tell us a bit about yourself?

I come from a sport development background, but since completing an MSc in Sport, Physical Activity and Mental Health I have pursued roles within wellbeing and welfare, most recently supporting dual-career elite athletes within higher education, seeing them maximise their academic and sporting performance.

Where will you be based and what are you looking forward to?

As a West Country native, I am looking forward to returning south. Once I have fully relocated from Manchester I will look to be based in the Bristol area, which will provide great access to all three counties in my patch. I am excited about getting an understanding of the different ways the clubs work and establishing strong relationships with the playing staff, coaches and multi-disciplinary staff.

Was working in cricket a big part of the job's

attraction for you?

Cricket has been a fundamental part of my life from a young age and has always been the long-term career goal, so this is a fantastic opportunity that will combine my professional and personal interests. Despite representing Gloucestershire youth teams I realised that a playing career wasn't going to be an option, so I dedicated my time to the game in others ways through coaching and volunteering with Opening Up Cricket, a cricket-based mental health charity. I've also had the fortune to work with some fantastic professionals whilst playing in the Lancashire League so I will be using their insight to assist me in this role.

Working at the PCA, what are you most looking forward to?

I am really looking forward to continuing my own personal development whilst working at the PCA. There is so much knowledge and experience that I can learn from which will hopefully be transferred to the players I will work with. Also, with the World Cup, Ashes and introduction of the 100-ball tournament, there is no better time to start.

What is your philosophy in starting the role as a Personal Development Manager?

Being person-centred is essential, really focusing on the needs and capabilities of the individual so that they can thrive both on the field and off it. I really want to help players create a rounded sense of self and have a positive level of wellbeing, which I believe is



crucial in maximising performance.

How important is it for players at all ages to have a Personal Development Plan?

Whilst we want all players to have a fulfilling playing career, the reality is that isn't always possible. Life has a habit of throwing up challenges and questions, so preparing for all eventualities is a must and having an effective Personal Development Plan, no matter what age or career stage, can provide players with that vital sense of control over their own future and career.

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MIKE BARNARD (1933-2018)

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Mike Barnard was a throwback to a time when football and cricket still knew their place in the sporting calendar. A talented inside forward for Portsmouth in the old First Division (1953-1959), three years later and having moved to Chelmsford City, he was also a regular member of the Hampshire side that won the County Championship. He also found himself regarded as the leading Jewish sportsman of his generation.

Born in Portsea and educated at Portsmouth Grammar, Henry Michael

Barnard was a right-handed middle-order batsman and medium-pace bowler. Joining the Hampshire staff in 1949 after National Service in the Army, a first-class debut came against Glamorgan at Swansea in 1952.

In 1954 he had the distinction of becoming the first English batsman to take a century off the Pakistan attack, during what was their inaugural visit. He was capped twelve months whilst still playing football.

His best season was undoubtedly the team's championship-winning one, 1961, when contributing 1,533 runs. In total he



Mike Barnard

made 276 appearances for Hampshire, contributing 9,314 runs with six centuries. He also held a remarkable 312 catches.

Retiring in 1966, but remaining in cricket coaching, he was severely injured in a coach crash in 1969 when on a cricket tour of British army bases in Germany. Though struggling for mobility, he later taught and organised sporting activities at the Warsash School of Navigation. At the same time, working as a sports commentator for both BBC Radio Solent and local Hospital Radio. Barnard also found himself a prime mover behind the annual reunions of former Hampshire players.



KEN PRESTON (1925-2019) ESSEX

The term 'county stalwart' might have been invented for Essex's Ken Preston, who has died aged 93. Upon his passing he was the county's oldest former player (from 1948 onwards) and described as carrying the club's pace attack for 17 seasons.

Superbly built with a natural action, he was a right-arm opening bowler of sharp, but not express pace, and a more than useful lower order batsman.

A native of Goodmayes, first playing for the Second XI in 1947, Kenneth Charles Preston, universally known as Casey, made his first-class debut the following year.

Breaking his left leg when playing football, Preston missed the whole of the 1949 season. As a consequence he shorted his run, cut his pace, seeing performances improve year on year to be capped in 1951, that same year he represented the Players in their match against the Gentlemen.

In 1957, as Essex came fifth in the

championship (their best season since the war), Preston contributed a remarkable 140 wickets. Two years later, though missing part of the season with a torn muscle in his right arm, he enjoyed a highly successful benefit. That year also brought him his highest score with the bat, described as 'an enterprising 70', made against Derbyshire at Chesterfield. Against the Australians in 1961, when Trevor Bailey caught Brian Booth, it gave him his 1,000 first-class wicket.

Amid 397 first-class appearances, he took 1160 wickets at an average of 26.32. His best ever bowling return was the 7-55 he took at Peterborough against Northamptonshire in 1956. Never less than a committed team player, he also had a remarkable 350 catches to his name. Retiring in 1964, he subsequently served for many years as cricket coach at Brentwood School.

PETER EELE (1935-2019) SOMERSET

Born within a mile of the County Ground, Peter James Eele was a wicketkeeper and left-handed batsman for Somerset from 1955-1965.

Son of a schoolmaster and educated at Taunton School, Eele made an impact in 1956 when home on leave during National Service, taking part in a friendly against Gloucestershire, scoring 139 and sharing a double-century opening partnership with Graham Atkinson.

However, with Harold Stephenson seemingly immovable behind the stumps, opportunities remained infrequent. Highly efficient, neat and unfussy, when appearing against Northamptonshire at Glastonbury in 1958, he took seven catches. Against the Pakistani Eaglets five years later, he scored the only century of his career, 103 not out. Capped the following year, with Stephenson now out injured, Eele enjoyed a fine season with 48 victims. However, the arrival of Geoff Clayton saw him again relegated to the Second XI.

Throughout a Somerset career encompassing some 54 matches, while



scoring 612 runs, his final tally of victims was 87 caught and 19 stumped. His final game for Somerset was captaining the Second XI as they overcame Nottinghamshire to claim the Minor Counties title in 1965. Remaining at that level, he went on to play for Devon. Making 37 appearances between 1966 and 1972, he scored 740 runs and claimed 57 victims.

He returned to the game as an umpire, rising quickly through the ranks of club and Minor Counties cricket, joining the First Class Reserve list in 1979. During the 1980s he twice served on the Full List before stepping down in 1990. Six years later, in partnership with former colleague, Sam Cook, the pair compiled a delightful anthology, *West Country Umpires*, outlining the careers of many of their friends and colleagues.

Above: Umpire Peter Eele watches on as Middlesex's overseas star Jeff Thomson lets rip



Back left: Chris Wilkins

CHRIS WILKINS (1944-2018) DERBYSHIRE

With his long reach and powerful physique, Chris Wilkins was an attractive right-handed batsman who set out to dominate bowling from the get-go.

During his three seasons with Derbyshire (1970-72) he produced any number of fine displays of almost scientific hitting. He was also considered a useful medium pace bowler, a fine fielder - whether in the covers or close to the wicket - and a more than capable emergency wicketkeeper.

Born in King William's Town in South Africa and educated at Selborne College, alongside elder brother Andrew, Christopher Peter Wilkins first played for Border in 1962. Eight years later and seeking to improve his game, he made his debut for Derbyshire against Yorkshire at Bradford Park Avenue. That same summer, playing for the Rest of the World against Tom Pearce's XI at Scarborough, he scored the season's fastest century of 102 in 73 minutes.

The following year, batting in partnership with Ian Buxton against Lancashire at Old Trafford, the pair added 203 for the fifth wicket, a new county record, with Wilkins contributing 105, his

highest first-class score.

While generally regarded as moderating his attacking instincts, he comfortably topped 1,000 runs in each of his three seasons with the county. Nine centuries came before he returned to South Africa.

As a farmer in the Kwa Zulu-Natal region, Wilkins captained Eastern Province, before moving on to play for Natal prior to his retirement in 1982. For Derbyshire he scored 4,060 runs, took 47 wickets with 65 catches in 71 appearances.



HOWARD MORGAN (1931-2019) GLAMORGAN

Immersed in cricket at every level for more than half a century, Howard Morgan was one of Glamorgan's oldest former players. A somewhat unassuming right-arm off-spin bowler who, while never a vicious turner of the ball, could on his day, prove particularly potent. A right-handed middle-

order batsman, seizing on anything dropped short of a length, after an all-too-brief time at the county, he went on to enjoy success at both league and representative level.

Spending his formative years in Maesteg, Howard William Morgan's was first noticed as a pupil at the local grammar school. From 1955 onwards he became a regular member of the Glamorgan Second XI. Having made his first-class debut for Glamorgan against Leicestershire at Rodney Parade, Newport in June, 1958, he was subsequently retained for the following encounter with Warwickshire at Swansea.

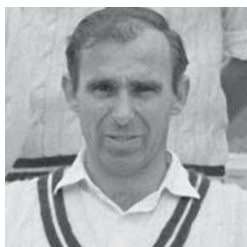
However, such was the make-up of the Glamorgan team at that time - with such as Jim McConnon and Don Shepherd in the ascendancy - Morgan found it impossible to establish himself. Released at the end of 1958, he then played for a number of clubs in the South Wales Association, including Maesteg Celtic, Neath and Briton Ferry Town. In 1966, he captained the Association's Representative XI. He later played and coached at St Fagans before ending his career at Cowbridge.

A schoolmaster, he taught Geography and Physical Education at Cathays High School in Cardiff, as his playing career wound down he began making an even deeper impression on the game as an administrator. A selector for Welsh Schools Under 19s for more than a quarter of a century, he also took charge of the Cardiff Schools Cricket League.

TERRY STRETTON (1953-2018) LEICESTERSHIRE

On the Leicestershire staff 1972-1975, he played six first-class matches, including fixtures against touring sides from Pakistan and Australia. He was said to have bowled economically to Yorkshire's Geoffrey Boycott on championship debut.

From Cosby, of placid nature and dry sense of humour, he became a staunch member of the local golf club finishing as an eight handicapper. Predeceased by wife, Bella, he is survived by daughter Tammy, son Paul, and two grandchildren.


RON HOOKER (1935-2019) MIDDLESEX

A sporting prodigy - football and cricket - Ron Hooker matured into one of the finest all-rounders of his generation.

Born in the Lower Clapton area of East London, having starred for Hendon Schools, Ronald William Hooker went on to captain the Middlesex Grammar Schools XI. Having impressed when making 96 against Surrey Young Amateurs at the Oval, he subsequently joined the Middlesex staff, going on to offer the club 14 seasons of outstanding service.

A first-class debut against Derbyshire in 1956 saw him hit an impressive 77, before spending the next two years on National Service in the Royal Air Force.

Capped in 1959 he compiled 1,449 runs included a maiden century (137) made against Kent at Gravesend. Four years later, again against Kent, but now at Tunbridge Wells, having scored 13 not out at the end of the first day (a Saturday), finding himself trapped in a traffic jam on the Monday morning, he was unable to resume his innings. However, as none of the six batsmen due to come in after him had arrived either, the Middlesex innings was declared closed on 121-3.

Man of the Match in the 1968 Gillette Cup semi-final against Warwickshire, the following year, against Surrey in the John Player Sunday League, he claimed 6-6 from his eight overs.

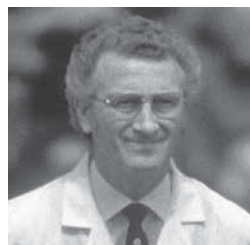
Between 1956 and 1969, he made 300 appearances for Middlesex, scoring 8,222 runs and taking 490 wickets. He also held 302 catches. He returned to club cricket with South Hampstead from 1970 until 1976 and played for Buckinghamshire in the Minor Counties Championship.

ALAN MOSS (1931-2019) MIDDLESEX

'Middlesex legend' Alan Moss has died at the age of 88. Moss played for the county between 1950 and 1968, making 310 appearances for the club. The seam bowler served as Committee member, Treasurer and Chairman of the Club, being elected President in 2003. He also served as Chairman of the Middlesex Cricket Board.

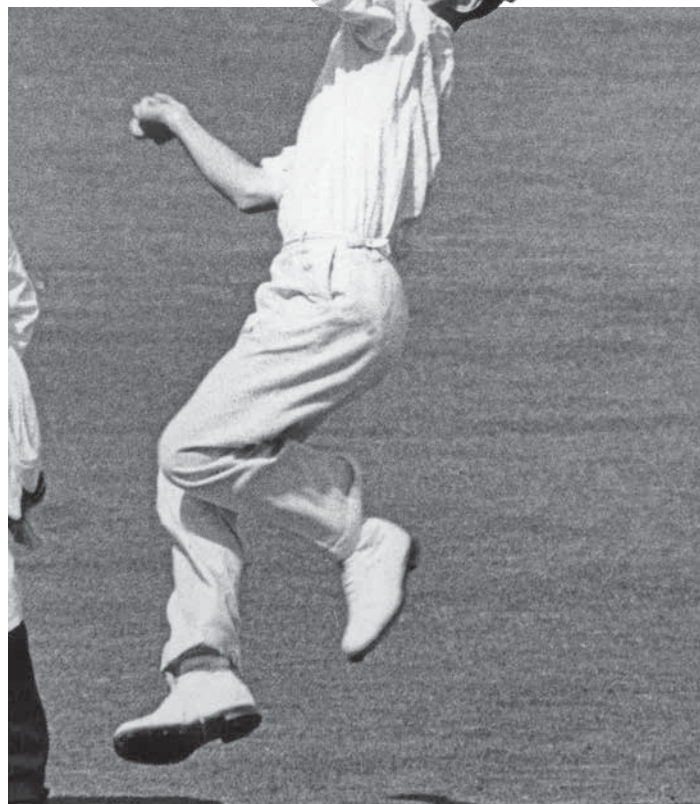
Tottenham-born, the right armer played nine Test for England over a six year period that started in the Caribbean against West Indies in 1954. He took a Test-best 4-35 against South Africa at his home ground of Lord's in 1960.

In an illustrious career, Moss took 1,088 wickets for the county club, aggregating 100 first-class wickets in a season on no less than five separate occasions.


JOHN HARRIS (1936-2019) SOMERSET

Born in Taunton on February 13 1936, and the grandson of the county club's head groundsman, Harris was to make his mark when playing cricket in south-east London. An invitation of a two-week trial with Somerset saw a conversion from off-spin to seam and a place on the staff aged just 15, with a late call-up the following season seeing a debut against Glamorgan at Swansea, making him the youngest ever player to appear for the county, aged 16.

A spell in York on National Service in 1954, eventually saw 1959 deliver career-best figures of 3-29 against Worcestershire at the Imperial Ground in Bristol. Unable to fully establish himself with the Cidemen (15 first-class appearances), April 1960 saw the first of several appointments as a groundsman



and cricket coach. These included stints at Framlingham College, St Edmunds School Canterbury and as cricket coach at Kent College.

Above: Alan Moss in action for Middlesex

He returned to Devon in 1966 as club pro and groundsman with Sidmouth, registering 2356 runs and claiming over 100 wickets in 1972, the first time 'the double' had been achieved in the club's long history.

A good footballer, the winters saw regular appearances in goal for Sidmouth AFC, before a Head Groundsman role at the County Ground, Exeter sparked a career as an umpire, with Harris joining the first-class list in 1983.

Well-respected on the circuit (for a period in the 1990s he was Chairman of the First Class Umpires Association), at retirement in 2000 Harris had officiated in nearly 600 First Class and List A matches.

Since retirement, he and wife Morag ran Drum Kennels in Sidbury, still finding time to run the Somerset Former Players Association.

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My Passion

Nottinghamshire's
Chris Nash on his
love of the water
as a board rider

I love being outdoors. I first started getting out amongst the waves in Australia years ago and have ended up surfing and paddleboarding. I go to South Africa, to Cape Town, regularly. I surf at Muizenberg Beach, which is actually a bit of a cricketers hangout. I've been out there and ended up surfing next to Dale Steyn. He said that surfing was the best thing he's ever done in terms of helping him relax. Focusing only on the next wave is similar to the perfect state of mind of focusing only on the next ball when batting or bowling.

Paddleboarding is particularly good for allowing you to switch off as it tends to be less physical than surfing. It offers more a sense of exploring. To paddle out on a river or somewhere the water is calmer, it really gets you away from it all. Surfing is all about catching that wave.

Kit-wise, I tend to hire boards. But I have bought a pretty good wetsuit as the water is really cold in Cape Town. The most hi-tech I get is putting a plastic bag over my foot so I can pull on the rubber wetsuit more easily.

Out on the water there are no phones or anything even remotely like that. You get to meet some really interesting people too, some looking to find some headspace. I met a really cool guy. He's a 65-year-old banker from Switzerland and enjoys the break from technology. No-one is distracted.

I think about my cricket all of the time, but not when I'm on the water. When in South Africa I'm out there training, working on my cricket at Gary Kirsten's academy, but I still try to get out on a board for two to three hours a day. It's good for fitness and good for the mind.



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