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## Looking After Cricket's Extended Family

At a time of great uncertainty, working together has never been more important, writes Tony Irish



It is a privilege to be appointed Chief Executive of the PCA, a players' association, which is recognised amongst other players associations for the welfare and support services provided to its members.

These provisions for our players have never been more important, with the game facing unprecedented challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

I could not have envisaged that my tenure in leading the PCA would begin with a crisis of this magnitude and one that could have significant repercussions for the world game. The PCA has an important role to play in navigating our players through this. It has never been more important than now for the players to stand together to meet this challenge.

It is also a time for us to work with the game, and in particular with the ECB and the counties, to find solutions. At the forefront of this work must be the need to ensure health and wellbeing, not only of the players but also that of others in the cricket community, and in our society.

At the time of writing, the ECB has just announced that the season will not start until 28 May 2020 and that no cricket will be played before then. The PCA was involved in the decision-making process and we support the decision as being in the best interests of everyone.

The PCA will represent and support players through this period of uncertainty guided by health, wellbeing and safe working place advice and considerations and

seeking agreed solutions for the players relating to their employment and to playing matters.

The welfare of our current and former players is critical at an unprecedented time like this and we will continue to support them through our dedicated member services team. We also continue to remind all of our members to be guided by medical and government advice relating to their health and that of others.

Throughout this issue of your membership magazine there is a running theme of the changing landscape for players and player contracts. A feature on Liam Plunkett, reveals how he played in the inaugural Twenty20 competition in 2003, and that he is one of three players from The Hundred draft who trail-blazed back then.

Page 24 takes a behind the scenes look at the PCA's Confidential Helpline, another vital resource provided for all past and present players.

Whilst we are in unusual and uncertain times it is important that we remind ourselves of the important role that cricket, and other sports, play in the culture of the nation. I firmly believe that cricket will bounce back when the current situation in which we all find ourselves passes. Let's remain resolute and stand together.

Enjoy the latest issue of Beyond the Boundaries.  
Best wishes,

**TONY IRISH**  
PCA Chief Executive





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## New Beginnings

**Your Chairman reacts to current world events and the impact on our sport**



In my notes for the last issue of Beyond the Boundaries, I reflected on the incredible summer of cricket we had just witnessed. Now, the picture is looking very different as cricket, and society in general, attempts to come to terms with – and overcome – the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

It is crucial that we come together at a time like this. We will be helped through strong leadership, led by our new CEO, Tony Irish and supported by recently appointed Commercial Director, Rob Lynch as well as Ian Thomas and Paul Garrett.

Tony brings a wealth of experience from his 18 years working within player associations. Previously the Chief Executive of the South African Cricketers' Association, he has been the Executive Chairman of FICA since 2014, a position he currently holds alongside being Vice President of the World Players Association.

I firmly believe he is the perfect appointment to drive forward our organisation into an exciting new era of cricket in this country.

The PCA's member services are reliant on funding from a thriving commercial programme, and we therefore welcome Rob's expertise which he has built up during his time as Commercial Director and then Chief Operating Officer of Middlesex CCC.

Both Tony and Rob oversaw our latest AGM, which brought together over 30 player representatives at the end of February.

Amongst the key developments were the confirmation of the arrival of 40 new female PCA members, as well as the increase

in the price of subscriptions to reflect the value of current player membership, which is valued at over £5,000.

The Players' Committee also agreed to the creation of two new vice-chair positions – one male and one female – to support myself in my role as Chairman, and I look forward to welcoming both once we have completed the recruitment process.

The implementation of the new collective player agreements also headlined discussions and, having spent four months this winter gaining work experience in the PCA's London office, I've seen first-hand the hard work that the Association's staff are putting in to ensure players are supported better than ever before.

As a full-time professional cricketer, it was a privilege to be able to spend three days per week working alongside the PCA's commercial, communications and member services teams. The knowledge I picked up there was invaluable and once again proved why personal development outside of the game is such an important thing.

It has certainly allowed me to refocus ahead of the new season. Although, at the time of writing, there is uncertainty about when that may be, I am still hopeful that we will be able to enjoy a summer of international and domestic cricket.

Stay safe, look after yourself and those close to you, and best of luck for the year ahead.

**DARYL MITCHELL**  
PCA Chairman



**Personal development outside of the game is such an important thing.**  
**Daryl Mitchell**



# FICA Update

There are more than 4,000 men's and women's professional cricketers in the world. A significant number of these, along with past players, are represented by the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations, and FICA's member players' associations (including the PCA), and the more than 80 staff that work within them around the world. FICA represents some of the most inspirational people on the planet.

The cricket playing and player employment landscapes are changing rapidly as the game continues to shift further towards the domestic leagues landscape, and a more club-based model. Players are moving more around the world than they ever have before, and are engaged in numerous different ways, in a complex multi-employer system.

There are a number of new and evolving challenges in ensuring that players' rights are protected and respected around the world, ensuring that players everywhere are afforded the protection of a fair and agreed global regulations, fair and secure contracts, and that their welfare and education needs are met.

One of the big issues that we continue to see around the world, and that affects players including those from England, is non-payment or late payment of players who play in various domestic leagues. Our global survey data suggests that around 34% of players have experienced these issues.

We are continuing to advocate for the ICC to introduce proactive solutions to these issues including:

- **Global payment guarantee mechanisms;**
- **Global contract minimum standards; and**
- **A global contract enforcement mechanism.**

We will continue to work for players on these and other global issues.

**TOM MOFFAT**  
CEO, FICA

—  
**Chris Woakes and Heather Knight are England's representatives on FICA's Player Advisory Groups**



## PCA Social Isolation Guide

The PCA has created a 'Social Isolation Guide' to educate members on ways to maintain physical and mental wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The guide includes a number of recommendations for mindfulness apps, online short courses and podcasts to help pass the time in social isolation.

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The full list and more helpful information can be found at [thepca.co.uk](http://thepca.co.uk)

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The tips of the fingers

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# AN OVER AT... David Gower

63, former England captain  
and broadcasting giant

## 1 Your first memory of cricket?

It was in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, at the age of about three or four. My father was at the other end in full tropical kit and dark glasses, with me in red shorts holding a bat. That was the Gymkhana Club where he played sport and I was brought up for the first six years of my life.

## 2 How did you feel when you signed your first professional contract?

I spent summer holidays while I was still at school playing Second XI cricket for Leicestershire. They offered me a contract, so I started on April 1 1975 on £25 per week. At that stage, the whole thing was an adventure and we were basically playing for fun.

## 3 When did it become clear you were destined for England?

To be honest, nothing's ever clear. I had a very good ally in my captain at Leicestershire Ray Illingworth. So I guess within a couple of years of making my domestic debut and starting to establish myself, that's when people started to talk about me as a prospect.

## 4 How would you sum up your time as captain?

A real mixed bag. The 1985 Ashes was a fantastic high - being able to stand on the Oval balcony with the urn in hand and a lot of runs to my name. Then the antithesis came four years later, being re-appointed and suffering a crushing defeat at the hands of Allan Border.

## 5 Why broadcasting, and how do you reflect on your time in the industry?

I've loved it. Your performance in the commentary box is not monitored in the same way as it might be on the field, but I have always taken huge pride in trying to get it right. It has given me immense satisfaction to extend my relationship with cricket as a result of it.

## 6

### What does the future hold?

I would love to remain fully involved with the game that has been such a major part of my life for the best part of 60 years. Right now, it remains unclear as to how I'll do that, but I feel that broadcasting would still be my preferred option.



## Opening Up



## From Field To Plate

Young Middlesex duo Martin Andersson and Ethan Bamber spent part of their winter in a different kind of whites, taking in work experience in the Lord's kitchen.

With both players having a passion of food, their time working for the MCC was spent learning about menus, ordering food as well as preparing and cooking meals.

"Our biggest challenge was to serve up 400 plates of food for an event in the Nursery Pavilion using 1,600 edible flowers as the garnish," said Andersson. "To say it was painstaking is an understatement, but seeing the plates go out as a finished product was very satisfying."



## FROM FALCONS TO FLAMENCO

Derbyshire's Leus du Plooy has a new-found passion for playing the guitar, after taking up the hobby alongside undertaking Spanish lessons.

The 25-year-old batsman enjoyed a promising first season in English cricket, with his diverse range of interests, he said, helping him remain grounded off the pitch. "I like to play most music genres," said du Plooy. "I'll be honest and say my guitar skills are very basic at the moment, but I hope to sharpen up as my studies are finally finished."



## Topping The Table

Ben Stokes followed up a sensational 2019 by claiming the PCA Overall MVP for winter 2019/20 after a string of outstanding individual performances on England's tours of New Zealand and South Africa. The all-rounder also claimed the format-specific Test MVP, whilst limited overs skipper Eoin Morgan was named T20I MVP and Joe Denly ODI MVP.

It was a winter for the all-rounders as Stokes' female counterpart Nat Sciver won both the England Women Overall MVP and T20I MVP following her side's heartbreaking semi-final exit from the T20 World Cup. Newcomer Sarah Glenn marked an impressive introduction to international cricket by winning the ODI MVP after England's December tour of Malaysia.

## GETTING INTO GEAR

This winter saw Josh Tongue, Adam Finch and Dillon Pennington pass on their knowledge and experience to young aspiring male and female bowlers from the Worcestershire area. The trio delivered two masterclasses to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16 years old.

All three players enjoyed applying their new coaching skills with Finch who qualified as a Level 2 coach this winter. "It was great fun," said Finch. "All the kids were really enthusiastic and had a great love of cricket."





# What I Did This Winter

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES, WE HEARD FROM SIX MEMBERS WHO HAD A WINTER PACKED FULL OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AHEAD OF THEM, SO HOW DID THEY ALL GET ON...



**Olly Stone**  
**WARWICKSHIRE**  
 I've built on my media experience by shadowing on Radio Norfolk during live commentary of Wroxham FC in the FA Vase. I was also invited onto the Norwich City Football Channel #NR1 Live to be part of the pre-match and post-match commentary team, which was fantastic. Alongside this, I've started exploring a business start-up opportunity and attended the recent 'Mind Your Business' seminar the PCA ran to add to my knowledge base.




## Logan van Beek

### EX-DERBYSHIRE

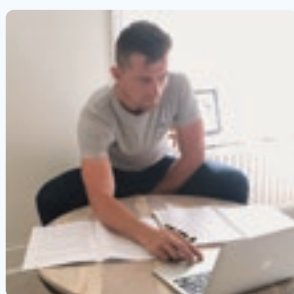
I've had a successful winter for the Wellington Firebirds and my life outside of cricket has begun to become a lot clearer. Using a tool which I call 'My CAKE', I have started to help people create their own recipe to achieve their goals. Also, I'm close to launching The LVB podcast - stories of the ups and downs of people's journeys.



## Keith Barker

### HAMPSHIRE

Scouting for Aston Villa has been a great experience so far, covering the north west for the 16-18 age groups. You have so many considerations like if the club needs a player in that position and the cost of bringing them to the club. Patience is important, with many wet weekends where you may not see a player that ticks the boxes.



## Dane Vilas

### LANCASHIRE

I am really enjoying the challenges and content of the Sports Directorship course. I have had to be flexible around my Pakistan Super League commitments which is all fine as the tutors make it easy for me to catch up and rearrange support meetings. I am looking forward to the summer and finding time to complete more assignments.



## Brad Taylor

### HAMPSHIRE

I spent time in the Ageas Bowl office to understand how a cricket club operates which resulted in a particular interest in marketing and sponsorship. As well as some coaching, I worked with my dad who is a carpenter. Through these experiences I feel I can cross jobs off my 'things I think I want to do when I've finished playing' list.

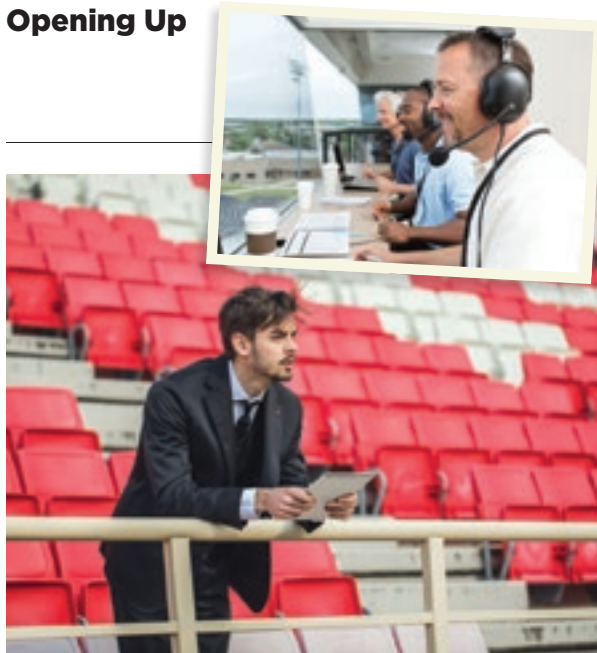


## Ben Brown

### SUSSEX

Taking part in the Masters in Sports Directorship has been a really rewarding experience. It has brought my own practices into focus and challenged me to look at how I go about my own coaching practices. I feel that my leadership skills have improved, which is really exciting ahead of the new season where I can put my new knowledge into practice.

## Opening Up



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## TAKING THINGS UP A NOTCH

Following completion of his Level 2 coaching qualification in October, Matt Dunn built his experience over the winter period by supporting the Surrey Academy and Performance Programme. Dunn was able to brush up on his coaching skills whilst working alongside the experienced coaches involved in the programme such as Matt Spriegel and Richard Johnson.



## Smit Takes Stock

Former Derbyshire PCA representative, Daryn Smit called time on his playing career at the beginning of this year moving into the coaching set-up at the same county as Head of Talent Pathway in a full-time capacity.

With an option to continue his playing career, Smit decided to retire on his own terms transitioning into an exciting role still within the game. "I'm really excited and really fortunate to transition out of the game into such an important coaching role," said Smit. "It was a big decision to end my career, but I felt like it was a no-brainer with this position available, I had to look at the bigger picture and think long-term."



## Comic Book Hero

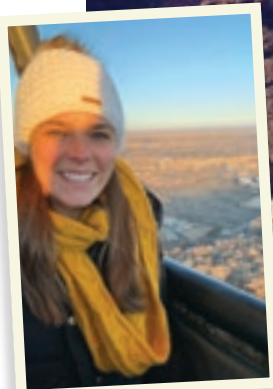
Antonio Palladino has revealed his passion for comics with the Derbyshire seamer finding a love for sci-fi and superhero novels.

The long-time Batman enthusiast has always had an interest in the character since watching the film in 1989 before recently stepping up his hobby.

"Two years ago my wife bought me a Batman graphic novel for Christmas and I got the bug for reading about the Caped Crusader! I've been collecting them ever since and currently have eight graphic novels with three special edition versions. I've been dropping plenty of hints for a couple more for my next birthday."







## REBORN IN THE USA

The 2019 season was one of disappointment for spinner Alex Hartley as she was told she would be released from her England contract upon its conclusion. The World Cup winner decided the time was then right to take a break from cricket and do some traveling around the USA. "After losing my contract in September I decided to go travelling for a month. It completely changed my outlook on life and has made me realise that there is a lot more to life than just playing cricket. Ultimately, what is most important is being happy."

Hartley didn't manage to stay away from the game too long though. She was a regular contributing voice on the BBC's radio commentary team during the T20 World Cup.

## Marking Time

No less than four of the 18 first-class counties in England and Wales are celebrating milestone birthdays throughout 2020. Derbyshire, Gloucestershire and Kent are all turning 150 whilst Surrey, one of the oldest county cricket clubs in the country, is in its 175th year of existence.

Each of the counties are set to mark the occasion in a number of different ways. Derbyshire produced a time capsule using pieces of the club's heritage, Kent held a Thanksgiving service at Canterbury Cathedral, Gloucestershire hosted an event at the New Year's Day races at Cheltenham and Surrey has produced a commemorative book.

RIGHT: Canterbury Cathedral hosted a service of thanks for all things Kent cricket



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## Getting Things Down Pat

The BBC's Pat Murphy paid a visit to Edgbaston in March to give Warwickshire players media training with help from the county's communications team and funding from the PCA.

Captain Will Rhodes and England international Olly Stone were amongst those in attendance as the group worked through a number of mock scenarios ranging from post-match interviews after good and bad performances right through to press conferences and more.

The PCA wants all players to feel confident when speaking to the media, and this session equipped Warwickshire players with the tools they need to get their messages across in a coherent way.



## Ravi Goes Big

In March, Ravi Bopara made his 900th professional appearance when he featured for the Multan Sultans in the Pakistan Super League.

The former Essex all-rounder hit the appearance milestone, recording 29,746 runs and 739 wickets across 221 first-class, 323 List A and 356 T20 games.

Recruited by Sussex, after departing the Eagles with a domestic double in 2019, the 171-cap England international is only the fourth current player worldwide to reach the 900-game landmark and the 45th in the history of the sport.

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## The Small Matter Of Choice

Moeen Ali offers a global view on the modern game



Cricket has changed drastically since I made my professional debut in 2005, largely due to the white ball game and there being so many opportunities to earn contracts and play across the globe. I'm fortunate enough to have played in the IPL, and I think it's fair to say that particular tournament kicked things off, creating the landscape we know today as players.

Upon signing my first contract, I could not have envisaged the opportunities I now have. My first Warwickshire deal amounted to £6,500, rising to £12,000 the following year. I thought it was an amazing amount, viewing it as 'free money', simply because I loved playing the game so much. For me, it is important to never forget how it felt signing that first contract.

Nowadays, I think a lot more players see cricket as a game where you can earn a good living, which when I first started playing probably wasn't the case. It was decent – don't get me wrong – but not as it is today. And that has to be said for both the men's and women's game.

One thing that has contributed to the change is the freedom that players now enjoy when making decisions on where they play. Across these global

franchise leagues the standard is good, with some guys going as far as choosing to not play red ball cricket at all, whilst still being able to make a good living from white ball cricket. I am not promoting this, but it's a reality that cricketers can now play less cricket for more money.

In winter it used to be a case of going to Australia to play in local leagues. Now it's possible to make some proper money around the world in competitive competitions.

And it's not just for financial gain. Playing in different countries - with and against the best in the world - helps a player's game develop. And if they aren't playing international cricket, it's a chance to still play at a high standard.

Testing yourself in different conditions has to help a player improve, especially ahead of overseas trips with England. I've just finished a season in the Pakistan Super League and if England do go to play there in the next few years, I have now benefitted from that experience, exposure and learning. It remains my aim to play all formats for England and with the team being scheduled to visit India soon, this can only help me and other players, having recently played in Pakistan. ●



It's a reality that cricketers can now play less cricket for more money.  
**Moeen Ali**



Back strong: hitting the winning runs during the 3rd ODI v South Africa, 9 February 2020 in Johannesburg



# If I Knew Then...

Newly-appointed Nottinghamshire President **Basher Hassan** explains to his younger self that hard work is key

“**Anything you do in sports, make sure you give 100 per cent.** So my PE teacher told me when I was a young cricketer growing up in Nairobi.

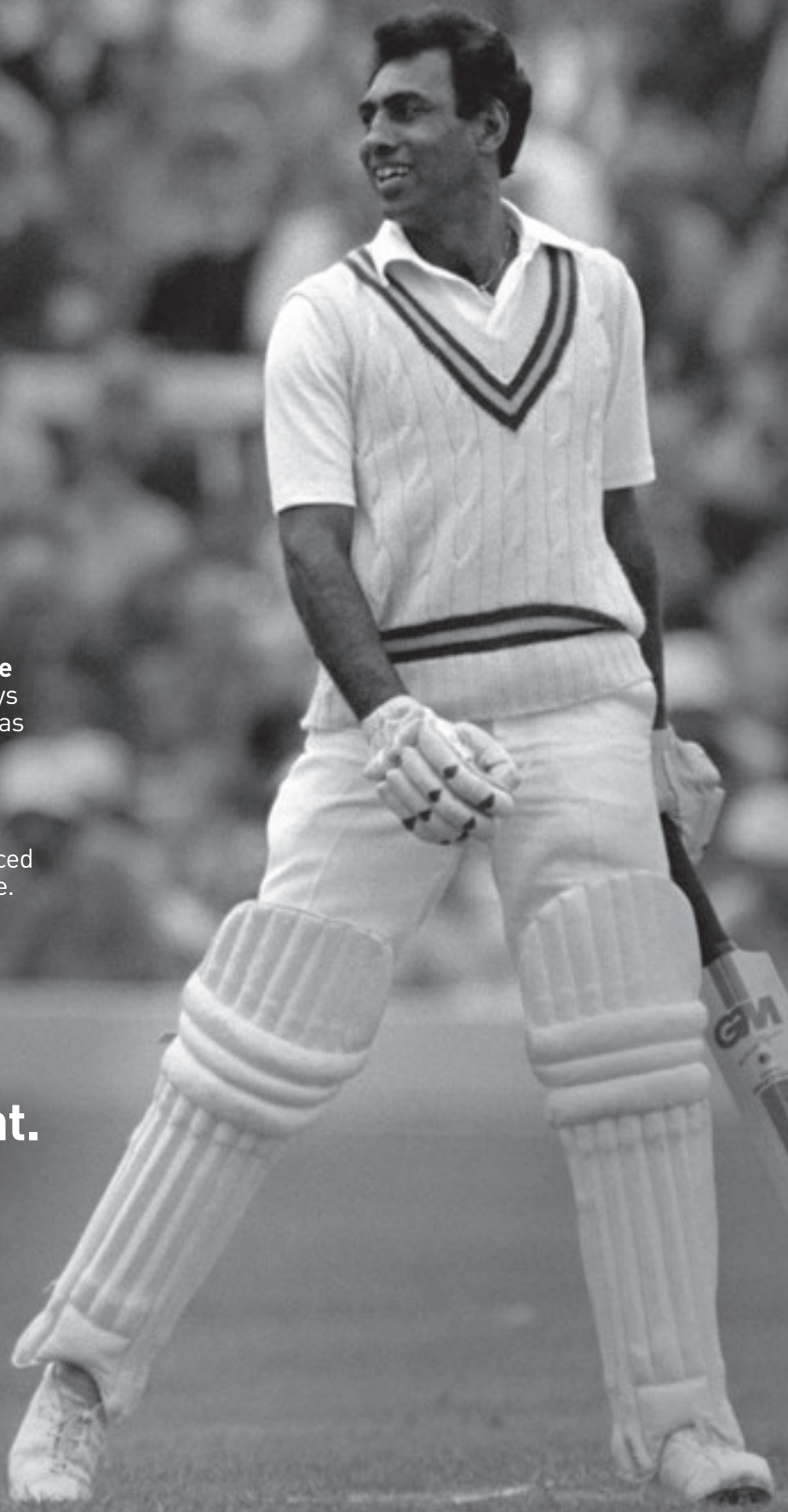
“**Give your best and make sure you set the example for those around you.** I've always done this since I was young, whether it was cricket, football or any other sport.

“**Trust your natural ability.** We didn't have full-time coaches back then, so I was forced to build great confidence in my own game.

“**However, teamwork is key.** You can learn so much from your teammates in the absence of coaches.

“**Fitness is paramount.** Maintaining routines will help you to stay motivated.

“**Know where you want to go so you can plan how to get there.** Setting myself targets when I was a youngster helped me to get to where I am today.





**If you can, get started at a young age.**

Representing Kenya at 15 gave me a fantastic headstart in the game.



**Take the opportunities when they arise.**

When I played against the MCC during their visit to Nairobi in 1963, I knew I was playing for myself as well as my club.



**And ensure you make the most of them.**

Speaking to the captain after the game led to my first opportunity to come over to England with Nottinghamshire.



**Patience is the name of the game.**

Even when you feel like you've done the hard work, you may have to wait a couple of years for your big break.



**Never stop working hard.**

There is always competition for places, so you have to be at your best to earn your place and stay in the side.



**Have the ability to adapt.**

You may need to develop new skills to retain your spot in the team.



## A DATE FOR THE DIARY

# Past Players' Day

Whether you have recently hung up your boots or retired 40 years ago, the PCA is asking you to join us at Cheltenham College in our private marquee for lunch on Tuesday 7 July for day three of Gloucestershire

against Yorkshire. This day is open to all past players and is free of charge.

Numbers are limited so please book early by contacting Ali Prosser via [alison.prosser@thepca.co.uk](mailto:alison.prosser@thepca.co.uk) or on 0808 168 4655.



## Reflecting on a Life in Cricket

Warwickshire legend Dennis Amiss' autobiography, **Not Out At Close of Play – A Life in Cricket**, is landing on bookshelves nationwide this summer.

Written in partnership with former Kent and Derbyshire all-rounder James Graham-

Brown, the book reflects on a distinguished cricketing career spanning seven decades as a player and administrator, taking the reader from Amiss' humble origins in Birmingham to his controversial involvement in Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket and beyond.





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## Repin' The Brand

There are a number of new faces on the PCA Players' Committee as members have stepped up to take on the responsibility of representing their side through the PCA.

Retirees Daryn Smit and Adam Riley have been replaced by Anuj Dal and Ivan Thomas at Derbyshire and Kent respectively, whilst Rob Jones, Mark Stoneman and Luke Wells have taken on the role at Lancashire, Surrey and Sussex. Jake Ball and Luke Fletcher share duties at Notts after batsman Jake Libby's move to Worcestershire, with Kate Cross replacing Tammy Beaumont as the representative of England Women.

The PCA Players' Committee, which is headed by Chairman Daryl Mitchell, continues to be a crucial intermediary between the Association, the 18 first-class counties and England dressing rooms.

## All Coming Together

Amongst the key topics of discussion at February's PCA AGM were the implementation of collective player agreements, changes to the structure of the PCA Players' Committee and the expansion of the women's game in England and Wales, which sees the players' association welcome 40 new female members this year.

Thirty player representatives convened at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel and Country Club on 27 February, where they were also formally introduced to new PCA CEO Tony Irish and Commercial Director Rob Lynch.

PCA Chairman Daryl Mitchell noted: "This AGM has been an important reminder of what is needed to be done by both the players and their association in terms of implementing the new collective player agreements."





# When The Timing Is Right



**The rise of women's cricket has been rightfully celebrated. Emma Lamb helps fill in some detail on the UK's new regional centres**



As recently as 2014 there were no full-time female professional cricketers in the country.

Six years down the line, with the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup in the bag and the England Women's Player Partnership in operation, the story looks set to develop, with the introduction of eight regional centres for the domestic game - and 40 new female professionals - across England and Wales.

Each of the regional centres will work collaboratively with their respective counties to deliver a coordinated approach to women's cricket, with a focus on developing future professionals. It is the top end of a wider

plan to join up women's and girl's cricket in the UK - something the country has never seen before.

One of the key aims of the regional centres is to bridge the gap between county and international women's cricket. In theory, an increase in the number of professional female cricketers drives competition for places in the England set-up, raising the standard and producing better outcomes for the national side.

Far from pushing back against the plans, though, the current members of the England Women squad are looking forward to welcoming the influx of new female professionals. "I'm forever an optimist," said batter Tammy Beaumont,

With the new structure, as rookie contracted England Women's player Emma Lamb explains, there will be more opportunities for women and girls to pursue professional cricket as a genuine career. "I wouldn't say that a lot of people give up on cricket when they don't manage to get a contract, but it's definitely hard to commit to it fully. You need to make a living at the end of the day. A lot of my teammates have been put in that situation and they felt a bit lost because they really wanted to play, but you obviously need to work and make money as well.

"I also don't think you can underestimate how difficult it can be to balance university studies with training. It's quite hard to focus on just cricket, so it's a bit more of a side sport for a lot of people.

"After completing my Sports and Exercise Science degree at Edgehill University, I've earned my contract so it's now my main focus where it wasn't before. Hopefully the new structure will give more girls the opportunity to do the same thing. Things are looking up and everything seems positive."

Her rookie contract means Lamb is looking forward to providing additional competition for places. "This move will definitely put positive pressure on players to work hard and keep improving. That's the main goal, really, to try and close that gap for county cricketers."

Alongside the new regional structure, it is hoped that the introduction of The Hundred will do much to raise the profile of the game in this country. Lamb, who is set to appear for Manchester Originals over the summer, is relishing the opportunity to play with and against some of the world's best. "I'm really excited. It's a fresh start and we're in for a good season. I'm really happy that we've got Lizelle Lee on our side because she's an absolute nightmare to bowl at, and I've also heard very good things about Mignon du Preez. I'm really



**I don't think you can underestimate how difficult it can be to balance university studies with training. Emma Lamb**

looking forward to learning from players like them. Hopefully it will be in packed stadiums and on the TV as well so we can really raise the profile of our game."

The combination of The Hundred and the eight new regional centres will give women's cricketers in England and Wales an opportunity that even Lamb never thought she would see. The young all-rounder, who looks set to benefit from such structural changes and be one of the stars of the game in the future, is rightly feeling bullish about the upwards trajectory of English women's cricket. "It means a lot to me that so many more women are going to be given the chance to forge a career in professional cricket. When I was playing as a youngster, it was an opportunity I certainly didn't ever expect." ●

ABOVE: Emma Lamb on England duty  
FACING PAGE, TOP: Lancashire v Loughborough in the 2019 Kia Super League  
FACING PAGE, BOTTOM: Attending the PCA Rookie Camp at Edgbaston, February 2020

speaking in Issue 23 of Beyond the Boundaries. "I would rather get paid less as a player but have an infrastructure where improvement in the game can happen more generally."

To date, the structure of women's cricket has not given women and girls the best opportunity to train, reach their full potential and provide a viable career option. Individuals often play county cricket alongside their studies at university - it is, in effect, a 'summer job'. If a player does not go all the way and earn a fully professional contract with England upon graduation, cricket can often take a backseat as the search for full-time employment begins.





# Where Are They Now?

## Surrey make history with maiden Twenty20 Cup victory, July 2003

Derided by many as a marketing gimmick when it was first unveiled, the 2003 Twenty20 Cup spawned a global phenomenon that has changed the face of cricket as we know it.

Cricket's first 20-over tournament took place at a time when Surrey were the pre-eminent limited overs side in England and Wales, and Adam Hollioake's 'Lions' duly claimed the trophy on 19 July with a nine-wicket drubbing of Warwickshire Bears at Trent Bridge.

Criticism aimed at the T20 format often centres around a perceived bias towards powerful batting line-ups, but it was medium pacer Jimmy Ormond's figures of 4-0-11-4 that set the tone for Surrey's win, whilst also showing that there is more than enough room for bowlers to shine in amongst the slogfest.

On the day, Ormond was ably supported by captain Hollioake and Saqlain Mushtaq (two wickets each) along with Azhar Mahmood (1-22) as Surrey restricted Warwickshire to 115 all out in the first innings.

The Oval-based side then enjoyed something of a stroll in response, losing only Ian Ward (50) as they coasted home with nine wickets and 9.1 overs to spare.

To this day it remains Surrey's sole victory in the Twenty20 Cup, since rebranded as the Vitality Blast, although they did reach the final the following year and again in 2013.

To coincide with the inaugural Hundred taking place this year, we've tracked down every member of Surrey's history-making side to see where they are now.

### ADAM HOLLIOAKE (Captain)

Surrey's finest modern skipper, as recently voted by the club's membership, has been involved with a number of ventures since retiring from the game in 2007.

The 48-year-old has been an ambassador for renewable energy company Lotus Energy, was recently Assistant Coach for the Queensland Bulls and even created his own hit reality TV show in the country of his birth – 'Australia's Greatest Athlete'. All the while he has been appearing for the PCA England Masters during the UK summer.

### IAN WARD

Ward followed an unusual path into professional cricket, being given a second chance by Surrey in 1997 five years after his first. Nevertheless, he became an integral part of the squad's batting line-up, recording a career first-class average of 40. He now fronts Sky Sports' all-encompassing coverage of international cricket, succeeding legendary broadcaster David Gower in the role.

ABOVE: One of cricket's game-changing nights. Trent Bridge, July 19, 2003



## ALI BROWN

Brown famously recorded the highest List A individual total in history - 268 - in front of a stunned crowd at the Oval in 2002. Since retirement in 2011, 'The Lord' has become Director of Cricket at Trinity School, Croydon, whilst joining Hollioake in appearing for the PCA England Masters. He also has a regular spot doing punditry for televised greyhound racing.

## MARK RAMPRAKASH

An astonishing 35,659 career first-class runs, including 2,278 in 2006 alone, demonstrate Ramprakash's once-in-a-generation talent. The silky batsman added to his long list of honours by winning the fourth series of BBC's Strictly Come Dancing in 2006, and has recently taken up the role of Director of Cricket at Harrow School.

## RIKKI CLARKE

The only member of the 2003 line-up to still be playing professionally, Rikki Clarke has achieved the holy grail of averaging more with the bat than the ball in first-class cricket as of April 2020. He remains Surrey's most reliable contributor in red-ball fixtures, despite not appearing as frequently in limited overs cricket in recent times.

## AZHAR MAHMOOD

In a side full of talented all-rounders, Mahmood's ability to singlehandedly take a game away from the opposition always stood out. He passed on his wisdom as Pakistan's Bowling Coach from November 2016 to August 2019, and has since been a freelance coach in T20 franchise leagues around the world including the PSL in his homeland.

## GRAHAM THORPE

A famously tough competitor, Thorpe was unfortunate not to have more honours to his name when his international career came to an abrupt

end just before the 2005 Ashes. The 50-year-old is back in the England set-up these days, however, as Assistant Coach to Chris Silverwood.

## JONATHAN BATTY (Wicketkeeper)

A journeyman cricketer during the early stages of his career, Batty finally found success after breaking through at Surrey in 1997. A distinguished domestic career followed, and Batty has since gone on to become Assistant Director of Sport at two prestigious schools in the south London area.

## IAN SALISBURY

Leg-spinner Salisbury added to County Championship successes in 1999 and 2000 with the Twenty20 Cup three years later. The now 50-year-old turned to coaching upon retirement where he moved through the ranks at Surrey before departing the Kia Oval in 2013. After three years as Head Coach of the England Physical Disability Squad, he joined Sussex as full time Spin Bowling Coach in March 2020.

## SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ

Famously the first off-spinner to master the doosra, Mushtaq supplemented a respectable international career with a successful 11-year stint at the Oval. His reputation on these shores led to his appointment as England's spin bowling consultant from May 2016 to September 2019, and he has since assumed a similar freelance coaching role to former teammate Mahmood.

## JIMMY ORMOND

Man of the match in the 2003 final, Ormond's four wickets at Trent Bridge might just have been the highlight of his 13-year career, although the seamer did manage two Test appearances for England in 2001. He is presently Head of Cricket at Stockport Grammar School in Lancashire.

BELOW: All-rounders Azhar Mahmood and Rikki Clarke celebrate  
BOTTOM LEFT: The bowlers union - Spinners Saqlain Mushtaq and Ian Salisbury congratulate wicket-taker James Ormond  
BOTTOM RIGHT: Capping things off - Skipper Adam Hollioake to the fore





## PCA Confidential Helpline

THIS PICTURE:  
Sporting Chance  
founder Tony Adams  
with Professional  
Cricketers' Trust  
Director Ian Thomas  
FACING PAGE:  
The meeting of  
minds at Sporting  
Chance HQ, Liphook

A full-page photograph of two men shaking hands outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a green blazer over an orange shirt and glasses. The man on the right is wearing a blue blazer over a white shirt. They are both smiling. The background shows green trees and a grassy area.

# It's Good To Talk

Peter Clark takes a look behind the scenes at the work done by the PCA's Confidential Helpline





**P**rofessional cricket has had a lengthy, well-publicised and often uneasy relationship with the sensitive issue of mental health in top-level sport.

Even a highly successful career in the game can lead to long amounts of time away from home and family, the potential for sudden loss of form and financial uncertainty driven by short-term contracts. The average career in professional cricket comes to an end at the age of just 26.

As society continues to talk more and more about mental health, it is therefore no surprise that the Professional Cricketers' Trust has seen a consistent rise in the number of PCA members reaching out for support on related issues. In 2019 alone, 85 PCA members - including 40 current players - turned to the charity for advice, up from 72 individuals the year before and 59 in 2017.

The figures are startling, but it's perhaps no surprise that professional cricketers have been inspired by the bravery of stars of the game like Andrew Flintoff, Jonathan Trott and Marcus Trescothick, who is now a Director of the Trust. All three have publicly spoken out about their own personal battles, proving instrumental in helping cricket to become something

of a trailblazer when it comes to the issue of mental health in sport.

With the demand for services such as emotional support and counselling reaching unprecedented levels, the Trust and the PCA recently commissioned an independent review into the education and treatment of mental health problems suffered by professional cricketers in England and Wales. On the back of the review, the charity was delighted to officially announce Sporting Chance as its provider of mental health services in March 2020, the latest step forward in what is an ongoing process.

Founded in September 2000 by ex-international footballer and Arsenal FC legend Tony Adams, Sporting Chance provides a safe, dedicated ➡➡➡



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**Ian Thomas,**  
Director, Professional Cricketers' Trust





Sporting Chance is the only treatment centre in the world that offers sports therapy for sportspeople.

**Tony Adams,**  
Founder, Sporting Chance

environment where current and former sportsmen can receive high-quality counselling for the kinds of destructive behaviour patterns that can exist in the world of professional sport.

The charity has previously worked with the Trust on a number of cases, but from 2020 that will extend to covering all professional cricketers in England and Wales. Many of the current playing cohort of PCA members will already be familiar with the work of Sporting Chance and Adams, after the latter delivered educational workshops on recreational drug use to the 18 first-class counties and England Women squads during the winter of 2018/19.

As a former professional sportsman with a wealth of experience, Adams uses his perspective to help Sporting Chance understand the unique set of issues that many modern sportsmen and women face, as he explains.

“Sporting Chance is the only treatment centre in the world that offers sports therapy for sportspeople, because that’s where we come from and it just makes sense.

“And we’re not doing what we do for Sporting Chance or for the Professional Cricketers’ Trust, we’re doing it for the cricketer that picks up the phone and needs that help. We have to remember that helping the individual is our primary purpose.

“Our aim is to get the world of

professional cricket to know what we do and how players can access our services. The primary goal is to make sure we can get the right help to the right people.”

The new partnership has been welcomed by Trust Director Ian Thomas, who has been instrumental in forging the relationship between the two charities in recent years.

“Sporting Chance has been supporting professional athletes for 20 years and that speaks for itself, and they’ve become stronger the more they’ve grown. The charity is always very quick to respond when we have a PCA member – whether a current or past player – in trouble.

“It’s evident that mental health is becoming more of an issue in society, and professional cricketers are no different. The Trust is extremely proud of the support it has put in place over the last ten years or so in terms of mental health, and what Sporting Chance is going to help us do in this space, and in particular with the Confidential Helpline, is essential.”

Sporting Chance’s services are split into four main areas, with the charity being most renowned for its residential clinic for addictive disorders in Hampshire, where its head office is also based. Hidden away at Champneys Forest Mere resort near Liphook, the cottages and log cabins set amongst the leafy, remote retreat provide a safe space for sportspeople to rehabilitate away from the pressures of the outside world.

Alongside the clinic, Sporting Chance offers education and training for players, coaches and officials, a national network of therapists and a dedicated 24/7 Confidential Helpline which sportsmen and women can



reach out to when they feel the need.

Moving forward,

PCA members will be

able to make use of all

aspects of Sporting Chance’s integrated approach, with the first port of call for many being the aforementioned Confidential Helpline.

The service is available 365 days a year and offers a safe space to talk directly to a qualified individual. Although it is now operated by Sporting Chance, it is nothing new to the Trust as the players’ charity has funded a similar service since 2005.

Shellie Heather, Deputy CEO of Sporting Chance, has been with the charity since 2011, and is therefore able to outline exactly where your call goes and how the helpline operates.

“Our first aim is to publicise the

ABOVE: The lake and cottages at Champneys Forest Mere

LEFT: The significance of the onset of the work committed to a blue plaque



## How Do I Know When To Ask For Help?

The answer here lies in your definition of help. Many of us assume that to need help we must be broken, but for some it can be that we just don't feel right, for others it may be that life or work circumstances are bringing us down.

Sporting Chance can arrange a confidential conversation to discuss your situation and if its services might help you.

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07780 008877**

**or email: [support@sportingchanceclinic.com](mailto:support@sportingchanceclinic.com)**



phone number that the Professional Cricketers' Trust uses via all of the appropriate channels, whether it's on social media, the charity's website or in the magazine. We need to make sure that the players are able to have access to that information.

"If the player chooses to call the Confidential Helpline for support, the initial call will go through to one of our qualified triage team here in Hampshire. That will probably be Emily Pendleton or Rosie Squire, although there are a number of other people who work the helpline as well to make sure it is truly a 24/7 service, because we're aware that a crisis could happen at any time.

"Initially, it will be a calm and collected chat. Our job is to make the caller feel safe and ensure that they know they've called the right place.

The call is our opportunity to take some basic information at the front door, so to speak, about why the call, what's going on with the athlete, and how they'd like us to support in that."

Once a Confidential Helpline operator has taken the call, the staff at Sporting Chance will then get to work to find out what specific course of action would be best for an individual. "For the vast majority of callers we would terminate the call at that point," offers Heather. "We would then go to our database and find the best placed person geographically to work with the caller on a one-to-one basis.

"Our offer and our aim is to have that caller sitting in front of one of our therapists within a 30-45 minute drive of their home address or place of work - whichever works best.

"We pride ourselves on keeping the

time between that first call and arranging your first appointment to under 48 hours, or even under 24 where we can.

"If they are calling about a specific problem such as a gambling or alcohol addiction, we can also give further direction to other resources to find out more information, whether it's online or at a different charity. We will never leave a person high and dry.

"Everyone is entitled to what we call an 'episode of therapy' which equates to six separate sessions, and we will monitor progress as it goes. Some people will need longer and with ➡➡➡

BELOW: Making contact as comfortable as possible







## Should I Call?

- Are your emotions affecting how you live your life in a negative way?
- Do you keep repeating behaviours that you don't want to?
- Has something in your life changed that you are struggling to deal with?
- Does fear rule your life?
- Has your get up and go, gone?
- Do you simply want to talk about your thinking?

If you answer yes to any of these, a call to us really could help.

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the agreement of the Trust we can extend that if needs be.”

Despite the impressively quick turnaround, Sporting Chance leaves no stone unturned when it comes to ensuring that a caller's information remains completely confidential and is only shared where absolutely necessary.

“The only people within the organisation that would know whether a player needs to see a therapist is the counselling and triage team. We



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**Shellie Heather, Deputy CEO, Sporting Chance**

wouldn't share names outside of that team unless we would absolutely need to do so. That's our internal confidentiality policy.

“The only other person that we will ever share details with is the therapist that a person is being asked to see, and that therapist will have been asked to sign an ethics and confidentiality policy. By law, they're not allowed to share information about who they're working with, in a similar way to your local GP.

“However, for treatment to be funded by the Trust, we do have a checking mechanism, meaning we would have to get in contact with someone at the charity just to double check that an individual is eligible for that funding.

“We can guarantee that those are the only touchpoints where details will be shared, we won't go anywhere near the press, the county cricket clubs or anything like that.”



Sporting Chance can count on its 20 years of experience in the industry to assure players of the effectiveness of the systems it has in place. The charity has already worked extensively with organisations such as the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), the Rugby Football League (RFL) and more.

“Our Confidential Helpline was created in 2012, so we have been able to hone it for a number of years now,” Heather explains. “We were also built for sport, by sport. When Tony Adams had the idea 20 years ago it was borne out of the fact that he was struggling with his own mental health and addiction issues, as were a number of other footballers he knew at the time.

“We feel confident that we were built by someone who understands elite sport and the unique pressures that it brings. That sits at the heart of everything we do.” ●

TOP: Former sportsmen in conversation  
ABOVE: From the founder's illustrious playing days with Arsenal

# Fundraising For The Future

The Professional Cricketers' Trust is a registered charity created to support the life-long health and wellbeing of PCA members and their immediate family.



## Evenings With Aggers

The total figure raised for the Trust by Simon Fielder Productions' 'Evenings with Aggers' has now surpassed £60,000.

The BBC Test Match Special commentator's stage show once again travelled the length and breadth of the country throughout 2019, raising a total of £8,926 during the year.

A typical 'Evening with Aggers' usually involves anecdotes, audience interaction and the support of famous names such as Geoffrey Boycott and Phil Tufnell.

Find out more and see the latest tour dates at [simonfielder.com/evenings-with-aggers](http://simonfielder.com/evenings-with-aggers)

## GOOCH DONATION

PCA President Graham Gooch generously donated £30,000 to the Trust at the PCA's annual Christmas in the Long Room event on 4 December 2019.

The donation was officially made by the Graham Gooch Scholarship fund, set-up by the former England captain in 2002, the money ring-fenced in support of gambling and recreational drug awareness programmes for PCA members.

"I'm a big believer in what the Trust does," said Gooch, "so I'm happy to contribute my little bit towards what is a very worthy cause."



## 2019 Testimonials

The Trust would like to thank PCA members who supported the players' charity throughout 2019. Stuart Broad, Jade Dernbach, Joe Denly, Chris Rushworth and Graham Wagg raised both funds and awareness for the Trust with a number of events and other initiatives during their Testimonial Years.

Nottinghamshire and England bowler, Broad, reflected on what the charity means to the players: "We know they'll always be there for any cricketers or friends if needed. It was a no-brainer for me to support the Trust because I see how much good work they do."

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED...

There are a number of ways you can fundraise to support PCA members and their immediate families when they need it most:

- **Complete a physical challenge**, such as the London Marathon or National Three Peaks Challenge
- **Appear at an event**, to help drive donations towards the players' charity
- **Make a one-off donation**, as every penny counts when it comes to offering life-changing support

Email the PCA's Fundraising Executive Sam Relf at [sam.relf@thepca.co.uk](mailto:sam.relf@thepca.co.uk) to find out more about supporting the Professional Cricketers' Trust



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





“The game is  
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more so than  
ever before. That  
change has been  
driven by players”



## **New PCA CEO Tony Irish has a truly global CV. Luke Reynolds asked him what the future holds**

**O**ne of the leading player representative figures in the world game, through his role at the Federation of International Cricketers Associations, Tony Irish was appointed the PCA Chief Executive in January 2020, taking over from David Leatherdale.

Irish began his working life as a labour lawyer before establishing his own business, focusing on entertainment and sports law, but with a burning passion for player unions, the next step was to set-up a players' association in his native South Africa, which he established in 2002.

The South African Cricketers' Association quickly turned into an influential force in their role of player representation – helped by the collective global body, FICA, an organisation that sits as the players' equivalent of the ICC. Currently the Executive Chairman of FICA, Irish has held that position for six years, leading the strategic organisation which works closely with players' associations to understand player trends and represent players as a global collective.

Alongside FICA, Irish will continue in his role on the board of the World Players' Association, which represents athletes on a multi-sport basis, underlining his knowledge within collective player representation. ➤➤➤





ABOVE: Tony Irish addresses the room during Surrey's pre-season meeting

### How are you settling in to the PCA?

I only started in January and I have spent a lot of time trying to assess the association and familiarise myself with English cricket. I think it is too early to say exactly what we need to change and how we need to look at improvements. I have been very impressed with the services that the PCA offers. Its player services division offers a lot of widespread services and benefits to members, both current and former players.

It's going to be a challenge, a bigger environment and I think it was a big part of my reason to relocate.

### Early impressions of English cricket?

There are a lot of moving parts – it is a lot more complex as a system than in other countries and there is a lot to learn but this is a great environment. I am very impressed by how deeply people care for the game here, that's a great positive and it's a good environment to organise players. It's a sophisticated environment and one that is on the rise and that is not the case across all countries.

**“I am very impressed by how deeply people care for the game here.”**

### Is working with trade unions a passion?

It always has been, I was fortunate enough to form the South African' Cricketers' Association in the early 2000s when player associations really started to develop at a rapid rate across the globe. The people who work in unions for an extended period of time are passionate about the cause and you would very seldom find they would cross to the other side of working for the employers. One tends to stay in these jobs if you can because there is a passion for it.

### As a cricket players' association, how does the PCA compare to others?

The big difference is the size of our membership, we represent over 500 current players, that is both a challenge

to engage with that number of members but it is also an opportunity. We are the biggest cricket players association in the world by number and that provides opportunities for us to do more and really put a stake in the ground as to where we want to be as a players association in the future.

### How do you view the Professional Cricketers' Trust and the commercial programme?

Both are vitally important to the future progress of the PCA. The charity provides essential care to members and their families when they need it most and the wide-ranging support has particularly impressed me, it is something we should take great pride in. We need to keep raising funds for the players' charity and that is where

the commercial programme comes in. Money raised through events is crucial, not just for the charity but to provide funds for member services. Our entire commercial offering is in place to generate money, which is totally reinvested in member services.

### How important is it to build relationships with players?

We look at the players we have and they are at different levels, you have the England players and being able to meet and engage with them is vitally important and you have the county players which form the largest percentage of our membership.

A very important and growing focus for us is our women members, they are a big part of the PCA, especially with the direction of travel within the women's game.

### How important is global landscape within English cricket?

The game is changing rapidly, more so than ever before and a lot of that change has been driven by players. It is our duty as a players' associations to not only look at the here and now and make sure we are providing the best services to our players in the present but also to get ahead of where we think the game is going for the future and making sure the players are positioned at the heart of that too

### How do your FICA & WPA roles fit into PCA?

We are affiliated to those organisations so we need to be part of the work FICA is doing and putting player views into the mix so the English players are part of that collective is fundamentally important. As I have said to the county players during our visits, it is important we keep an eye on the changing landscape for players across the world, there are developments in which they

progress their careers – not just the vertical line of domestic cricket into international cricket but the opportunity space with T20 leagues and those environments need to be well balanced so players can have opportunities in both.

The World Players' Association looks at macro level issues affecting players across sports, it looks at how we can change some of the landscape across the global sport and the jurisprudence of legal systems around players at the world level. Human rights issues relating to players are a very important issue for us at that particular level so to bring this wealth of knowledge into the PCA must be a positive.

### Compliance of collective agreements a priority?

2019 was quite a big year for collective agreements. At the Team England level where players are represented by the Team England Player Partnership – the partnership is about to sign off on two big collective agreements for the next five years. The County Partnership Agreement which applies in the county space with the player arrangements that are formed part of that agreement – those are being finalised too. The next 12 months will be a big year for managing and implementing those types of agreements and I think there is a lot of work to be done in the women's space. We would like to see an overarching collective agreement in the women's space which is longer term.

### An exciting time for the female game?

An additional 40 female members this summer means we will provide them with the same services that we do for the male players and the women players certainly deserve that. Where the women's game struggles in a number of countries is there are not a sufficient number of domestic

**“An additional 40 female members this summer means we will provide them with the same services that we do for the male players.”**

professional cricketers. We now have an opportunity in England where we have an extra 40 players so we need to make sure that is a good environment for our members.

### What is your long-term goal for the PCA?

Constant improvement I think is what I would say, I have been impressed by the amount of work that has been done by the PCA and the level at which the organisation has developed to currently. This is not a change everything type of approach but constant and incremental improvements along the way is really the goal. ●

BELOW:  
The world game:  
on duty as a global  
sports executive





# We take care of our own.



Gloucestershire's left-arm spinner Tom Smith and his two daughters received support from the Professional Cricketers' Trust after the tragic passing of his wife, Laura.

"The Trust have given us so much, both financially and mentally. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to play cricket as much as I have done, and I'm also so grateful for the precious moments and family time in the last year of Laura's life."

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The PCA is well known for assisting professional cricketers with their transition out of the game and into their second careers, but the players' association has also been working hard in recent years to make sure that there has never been a better time to get into the sport as a young player.

The new County Partnership Agreement (CPA), which was negotiated between the PCA, the ECB and the first-class counties offers unprecedented benefits and protections to young players including a new minimum salary, freedom to play overseas in winter,

increased accountability when it comes to contracts and more.

Add those benefits to the influx of new T20 franchise leagues around the globe, including The Hundred, and the rapid growth of the women's game in this country and beyond, and the opportunities available for young players at this moment in time are clear for all to see. 2020 is well and truly the 'year of the rookie'.

Of the protections now afforded to young players in England and Wales, the new regulations on salaries are perhaps the most significant. ➡





What the PCA has done for young players and the protections they have put in place is absolutely brilliant.  
**Jack Haynes, Worcestershire**

ABOVE:  
Worcestershire's  
Jack Haynes

To counter the exploitation of some young players looking to make their way in the game, the PCA successfully lobbied for staged 'rookie contracts' for young players, with 18-21-year-olds set to be paid between £18,000 - £21,000 depending on their age. Once those same players have appeared in the requisite number of First-Class or T20 fixtures, they will automatically be moved onto a £27,500 salary - the new minimum wage for full-time professionals.

There are increased protections for trialists too, whilst the county salary collar - the minimum amount counties can pay their players - will double from its current figure of £750,000 per year to £1,500,000 per year by 2024. In line with that, the salary cap will also increase to £2,500,000.

The importance of all of these developments is not lost on two of England's brightest young prospects.

Dan Mousley and Jack Haynes, who both appeared for England in the U19 World Cup at the beginning of this year, signed their first professional contracts with Warwickshire and Worcestershire respectively in 2019.

"With this new minimum wage that's being brought in, you're going to be able to make some really big steps forward as a young player, like getting onto the property ladder," says Mousley.

"It's really crucial for young players to not have to worry about the money side of things too much. You just want to get that kind of stuff out of your head and be able to focus solely on your game."

Haynes adds: "What the PCA has done for young players and the protections they have put in place is absolutely brilliant."

"With domestic competitions coming in like The Hundred, it's great to be able to look forward to that without

worrying about the contract side of things. You never really know how far you can go in the game, so to be given the tools you need to make the most of your potential is fantastic."

Whilst playing international cricket remains the ultimate ambition for young English players like Haynes, appearing in T20 franchise leagues around the world is becoming an increasingly attractive prospect to him and his colleagues.

On top of the lucrative pay packages that players take home from the likes of the Indian Premier League, Big Bash League and Caribbean Premier League, individuals also experience performance development through playing with and against some of the world's very best, as well as personal development by way of experiencing new cultures and getting to know teammates from around the globe.

The PCA has therefore ensured that, as part of the new CPA, players who have signed professional contracts with any of the 18 first-class counties will have the freedom to go and play in overseas leagues during the winter should they wish to do so.

“It just gives you that opportunity to develop as a player if you’re putting yourself up against the very best in the world,” explains Mousley.

“On top of that, there are massive crowds and it’s great to be able to explore different countries. Tom Banton, who attended Rookie Camp just two years ago, is just one example of a player who’s benefited massively from playing franchise cricket, and there are loads of players out there who would love to follow in his footsteps.”

Whilst doing so allows players like Mousley to develop themselves further on the pitch, the PCA remains committed to helping players take steps forward off it. The Association has secured an increased allowance for personal development time away from cricket as part of the CPA.

Having achieved his desired grades upon completion of his A-level studies in 2019, Haynes is keenly aware of the importance of developing and maintaining that second option alongside playing professional cricket.

“It’s absolutely crucial to achieve that balance. I have always thought that even if cricket was to go well, and I have been lucky enough to get a long-term contract for the next few years, I’ve still got to have a second option.

“It’s really important for young players to take on board stuff like this because it’s so easy to get caught up in the cricketing bubble.”

With 2020 providing opportunities like never before for players as they enter the game, this is a landmark year for rookies, and the wider game in general.

It was a point that the speakers at this year’s record-breaking 10th Rookie Camp were keen to make clear to the group of 52 present.

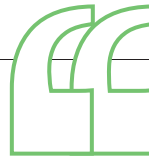
The annual event saw more players in attendance this year than ever before, surpassing the previous record of 37 set last year. The PCA has now helped over 300 players with their entry into professional cricket via the initiative, with 17 going on to represent England at international level.

This year’s contingent was made aware of what the CPA will mean to them, as well as being educated of the potential pitfalls that a career in professional sport brings with it.

Workshops included an introduction from Warwickshire Sport Director Paul Farbrace, Q&As with England stars Rory Burns and Saqib Mahmood and a gambling awareness seminar with EPIC Risk Management’s Patrick Foster.

Such education will allow players like Mousley and Haynes, who were both present on the day at Edgbaston in February, to focus on improving their performances on the pitch without the hindrance of distractions off it.

It is a luxury that was not afforded to Haynes’ father, ex-Worcestershire all-rounder Gavin, who revealed to the PCA in the last issue of Beyond the



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**Dan Mousley, Warwickshire**

Boundaries that he took side jobs as a builder, coach and business owner to supplement his cricketing income.

Whilst there is more work to be done, the CPA will go some way to ensuring that youngsters in 2020 will not have to worry about similar problems, allowing players like Haynes to focus on what’s really important to them.

“I’ve grown up around Worcestershire CCC and have played through all the county age groups, so to actually reach that goal and become a professional is a very proud moment. I can’t wait to get going and start contributing over the next few years.” ●

BELOW: Dan Mousley in England U19 action v Japan at the recent U19 World Cup in South Africa







# Hypersonic Missile

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A player for all seasons, England's World Cup winner Liam Plunkett talks about the game's ever-changing landscape and how he's managed to maintain his relevance within it ➤➤➤

WORDS: ANDY AFFORD  
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id I see myself as a three-club man? Never in a million years is the answer to that. Never. In a million. Years.” So speaks the aforementioned three-club man and recent World Cup winner. Of Durham, Yorkshire, and in most recent times, Surrey county cricket clubs. He’s sat in the Committee Room of his London team, overlooking a Kia Oval already teeming with early season life. A brew is being consumed. Enjoyed after a net session and then attendance at one of the PCA’s pre-season roadshows. He clearly hasn’t - to his mind - quite finished with the point he’s making. “But, as they say,” adds the 34-year-old somewhat philosophically, “Sometimes things don’t turn out the way you think they might, right?”

With truer words rarely spoken, especially in this instance delivered in what is now the Middlesbrough-born all-rounder’s mix of north-east meets Mid-Atlantic accent (the Stateside infusion courtesy of a move-by-marriage to America’s city of brotherly love), things are rendered even more curious. “I’ve become pretty used to the idea of travelling for work. Living in Philadelphia now seems as normal to us as it did when we were in our place in Harrogate. Or now, in an Airbnb round the corner from here. The reality is that it’s only a seven-hour flight from Manchester (to Philly). And it’s all part of the job, right?”

It certainly appears so. And for reference ‘the job’ Plunkett speaks of, started way back in 2003. Then, as a teenage fast bowler, his elevation to the professional ranks timing with the first incarnation of the domestic 20-over game. He is a player to have played from the short-form’s outset, to the upcoming The Hundred, as a member of the Welsh Fire playing roster. Something that will result in a fourth set of sweaters.



**Bowling in four-day cricket remains an exciting prospect and another challenge.**  
**Liam Plunkett**

On those early days, Plunkett’s rise looked unstoppable as a youngster. A five-fer on debut for Durham proving the precursor for a Test debut in 2005, when picked to play against Pakistan in Lahore. “I bowled away-swingers then,” says the veteran of 13 Test appearances, “But I’ve always felt like a player that has had to adapt.

“I also had a period where I was seen as a bit of an enforcer with the ball. Then a white-ball cricketer that could hit sixes and bowl cross-seam deliveries in the middle overs. This season I’m back bowling with a red ball, as someone who wants to play four-day cricket and believes he can contribute.”

On debut tour with England to Pakistan



After signing a deal with Surrey in the middle of the 2018 season, Plunkett now feels in the process of further reinvention, “I’ve only played a handful of Championship matches in the past two seasons,” says the man with 89 ODIs and 22 T20Is on his CV. “And as a bowler the game has seen me evolve from outswing, to someone smashing in bumpers, to bowling short-of-a-length and running the ball back in to the righthander. To now be someone looking to go back to how it all started. Bowling in four-day cricket remains an exciting prospect and another challenge.”

Reflecting on his early career, Plunkett mentions that his first professional contract amounted to £18,000. Which was, back then, not an insignificant amount of investment in a rookie, he also concurs. With seemingly every permutation of deal negotiated in his past, he is someone who has picked up playing gigs with England as well as franchises all around the world. He may, at this stage of his career, be able to call three UK clubs his home at one stage or another, but with stints with Chattogram Challengers, Delhi Daredevils, Dolphins, Karachi Kings, Melbourne Stars and Sylhet Sixers, Plunkett’s cricketing passport has its fair share of international stamps too. “It only seems unusual now I think about it,” he states, smiling broadly. “More than anything it has just been about finding a way to keep playing, improving and proving effective.”

And those golden periods of effectiveness have been punctuated by ups and downs; professionally and personally. Testament to his wholehearted approach, Plunkett has found himself variously out of favour and then a go-to selection, in pretty-much equal measure. When ‘in fashion’ seeing him a staple in ODIs, as someone able to clear the ropes from the lower middle-order with few sighters. As



well taking mid-overs wickets. But more than anything his trick being an ability to very often account for the opposition's best player. A case in point being that although Ben Stokes rightly drew most of the plaudits in England's 50-over World Cup win over New Zealand last summer, Plunkett almost unnoticed, collected figures of 3-42, including the wicket of Blackcaps talisman and skipper, Kane Williamson.

With his England contract recently allowed to run its course, bowling out when on the game's biggest stage - a World Cup final at the Home of Cricket - seems to be most fitting. If not a final chapter in a career.

"Dad worked for ICI in Middlesbrough. We lived in Marton, which is a nice part of the town. I enjoy getting back there," he says reflecting on his time playing for the two northern-most counties. "Playing for Yorkshire was huge for me after my time with Durham. I wanted to stay, but as a professional cricketer contract negotiations is all part and parcel of

what goes on. They saw me in a reduced roll and in this instance, I didn't see things the same way. I have to say that the PCA - to me - has always been class. On a personal level, I feel I've had a lot of support and also believe that the role they've played in every stage of contract negotiations generally - from agreeing the value of England contracts to the new CPA - they've remained focused on seeing the players get paid the money they should. As things should be."

And as an undisputed expert in white-ball cricket, what does he feel the public should expect from the upcoming newest form? "I think the new competition will be even more tactical than what's gone before. The skills are undoubtedly there, it will be how the players apply the skills when faced with the potential of extended blocks of deliveries to make the most of - batting and bowling." With 'finding a way' being very much the Plunkett mode of operation, he should once again fit right in. ●



## Alchemists & Originators: Cricket's One-day Tyros

Those magnificent mean who became flying machines

### HARRY GURNEY (top)

Left-arm over, round and round again. Gurney's conviction with the ball has made him a champion all over the world. His ability to create angles that batsmen hate, makes him harder to hit than Tyson Fury.

### ADAM HOLLIOAKE

Credited with the realization that 20-over cricket wasn't about turning ones into two and just running a bit harder. A famous team meeting was said to conclude that the plan had changed. From this day forward his Surrey team would just look to hit the ball out of the ground. And so it began...

### MAL LOYE

Sweep the fast bowlers, you say? Sweep? The fast bowlers? Off the front foot? Loye turned what was perceived as madness into magic in 2008. The moment he swept Australia's million-mile-an-hour-man Brett Lee into a different zip code, the game changed.

### JOS BUTTLER

The combination of touch and power makes Lancashire & England's ball-abusing finisher nigh on impossible to contain when flowing. His wrists of steel have consistently seen yorkers levered into the stands, leaving bowlers everywhere dumbfounded.

### DARREN MADDY

The crafty Midlands-based all-rounder was seen as almost a counter-culture revolutionary when his perchance for improvisation. He bowled. He batted. He fielded everywhere. His flicks and clips seeing him highlighted as one of the first 360-degree men.





# The Analysis Route

Taking the road less trod, former Glamorgan seamer, David Harrison, talks about his on-screen role within the game



On England duty:  
pictured on the back row



"I think I'm right in saying that I'm currently the only ex-player who has gone on to become an analyst at one of the 18 first-class counties," explains David Harrison, current Glamorgan CCC Assistant Coach & Bowling Coach and England Lions Analyst & Assistant Coach.

It's certainly not a well-trodden route for former professional cricketers to follow, and even Harrison himself admits he became involved with statistical analysis more by accident than design.

Following a playing career that saw him claim 257 first-class wickets in 102 matches and earn an England 'A' tour in 2005, the seam bowler was forced to retire in January 2011 with a sudden - and seemingly innocuous - groin injury picked up in training. When the then 29-year-old was told just weeks later that his career was over, he found himself at something of a crossroads.

"I got a bit of a panic on about what I was going to do and I think a lot of players automatically see themselves as going into coaching. But when it all actually happens that quickly, it really does come as a big shock."

Thankfully for Harrison, an opportunity presented itself with the arrival of Australian head coach Matthew Mott at Glamorgan just days

after his career-ending injury. With relatively little knowledge of the county game to call upon, Mott was keen to get Harrison on board with the coaching staff to give him a better insight of what to expect in England and Wales.

"Matthew took me everywhere with him whilst I learned how to code games using the technical software and pass on all the relevant information to the coaches - I was essentially learning on the job.

"I am indebted to Pete Williams at the ECB for supporting me through that whole process of retraining as an analyst. Two years down the line, I was offered a full-time role as Glamorgan Analyst and Assistant Coach."

On a day-to-day basis, Harrison gathered data and information that he and the coaching team in Cardiff deemed necessary to help players improve their performance. He admits it was often a time-consuming process that would involve watching hours of footage in order to prepare for First-Class, List A and T20 fixtures.

The statistical & video analysis he produced, however, was crucial in both player performance and the process of recruitment, with specific data helping the coaching staff to decide which players

they might be interested in signing.

Harrison acknowledges, however, that every player has their own way of preparing for matches, and some express a greater interest in looking at footage and information than others.

"Every player is different. Some will watch footage and engage with information and some players are happy to rely on their natural instincts.

"As a coach, you can't force players to engage, but I aimed to make sure that all the information was available for players and coaches to utilise, in order to enable that performance difference.

"At the end of the day, the players are in charge of their own games and if they feel that coming to have a look at the information on opposing teams will benefit them, then that's great.

"I do think, however, that with the rise of T20s, T10s and The Hundred, there's definitely more of a role for analysts because of the amount of games, information and data you can get from across the world in different franchises and competitions. I think there is more of a need now to have an analyst on board, especially in terms of counties utilising data to structure the make-up of their squads."



I also did my ECB Level 3 and Level 4 coaching qualifications over a period of three years straight after I finished playing, so I would recommend using funding from the PCA to go and get that done too.

The rising profile of statistical analysis brought about by T20 franchise leagues around the world is just one of the reasons that Harrison believes current players should at least consider a second career in the field.

For him, going into a role as an analyst provided an alternative route into the ultra-competitive world of coaching at the top level.

“Whilst I was studying for a master’s degree in Sports Coaching around a decade ago, the research suggested that only 3% of players stay in the same sport as a coach. It’s a really hard industry to get into, but I think going down the analyst route can be a really good avenue into professional coaching.

“I would encourage players who want to go into coaching to at least explore that and find out how it works in terms of the game setup and all the technical requirements that go with it.

“That involves getting in contact with the ECB, sending that email or making that phone call to go and find out a bit more about how it works. There are specialist courses that go on in spring time which allow county analysts to get trained on the new software and how it works.

“I also did my ECB Level 3 and Level 4 coaching qualifications over a period of three years straight after I finished playing, so I would recommend using funding from the PCA to go and get that done too. The PCA provides a fantastic service for all players to explore further employment opportunities during their playing career, and from my personal experience I would highly recommend using that opportunity.”

Harrison’s venture into the unknown has allowed him to bounce back from a career in professional cricket that ended all too soon. He is now reaping the rewards of years of



Then and now: batting and bowling for Glamorgan, now working with the national team



behind-the-scenes work, and hopes to see more ex-players dip their toe into the world of performance analysis.

“Becoming an analyst after a 12-year playing career provided me with a really good insight into what it takes to be a professional coach. I feel like I now understand the game a lot more than I ever did as a player.

“It also gave me the opportunity to complete my third tour with the England Lions in Australia earlier this year, having previously

toured the UAE and India in the same role.

“If players have ambitions of becoming a county coach then I would really encourage them to explore the performance analyst route as a great way of gaining access into the increasingly competitive world of professional coaching.” ●

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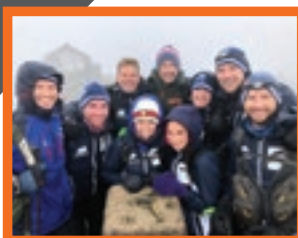
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# MEET THE REP(S)

## Jake Ball & Luke Fletcher, Nottinghamshire

Along with Glamorgan and Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire are one of the three first-class counties to have a joint representative on the PCA Players' Committee.

The responsibility of representing the Trent Bridge-based side at PCA meetings and events is shared between the long-serving duo of Jake Ball and Luke Fletcher. The pair recently succeeded Jake Libby in the role after the batsman departed for Worcestershire in November 2019.

"We're the connection between the club and the players' association, so it's about taking in information from events such as February's AGM and feeding it back to the lads at Nottinghamshire," Ball explains.

"Hopefully we can help them to understand it more easily and if they have any questions then they can come to us and we can pass them straight on to the PCA."

Fletcher, who has played for Nottinghamshire for over a decade alongside Ball, has thus far relished sharing the position with his longtime teammate and friend.

"I've been around for a while, so I thought it was my turn to step up and take some responsibility. Bally and I were excited to do it together so it fits really well."

In recent times, the most pressing issues concerning Ball, Fletcher and the rest of the PCA Players' Committee have included the implementation of the County Partnership Agreement (CPA), the structure of The Hundred and the influx of money into the game that the new

competition brings with it.

"Obviously the Players' Committee is really important because we're the ones out there playing. We understand what we want as players and to be able to have a voice to put forward is massive," says Ball.

"Everyone has a voice and an opinion so it's been great to see what all the other players around the country have to think about issues such as The Hundred, how that's going to fit in, and other agendas as well," adds Fletcher.

Both Ball and Fletcher are excited to learn some new skills from their shared experience, with the former acknowledging that good communication is absolutely essential to being an effective rep.

"It's about connecting to people, communicating and talking, which are all definitely skills you will need when you finish playing.

"I'm always looking towards the end of my career, so to be able to do something like this is another little experience I can have that's within the cricketing community, but is also something a little bit different."



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For more information on the PCA Players' Committee and to find out who represents each county, visit [thepca.co.uk/pca-committee](http://thepca.co.uk/pca-committee)





### EDUCATION

# Getting Ahead

Over the winter, the PCA has run a number of educational workshops open to all PCA members. From property advice to gambling addiction awareness, the workshops have aimed to help players improve themselves off the field.



## PROPERTY INVESTORS NETWORK

Fifteen PCA members expanded their knowledge of the property industry at a seminar led by Simon Zutshi, founder of Property Investors Network (PIN).

The session saw discussion around golden rules for getting into the industry, as well as advice for those players looking to buy their first property. It is a popular route for professional cricketers to go down, due to the nature of the job often requiring players to move around the country on a regular basis.

[propertyinvestorsnetwork.co.uk](http://propertyinvestorsnetwork.co.uk)



## OPENING UP CRICKET

Mark Boyns from Opening Up Cricket delivered mental health awareness workshops to five counties this winter, looking at how players can promote positive mental wellbeing whilst increasing awareness of behaviours associated with declining mental health.

OUC offers a range of workshops for all levels of the game, as well as a series of online resources, including a podcast joined by several PCA members.

[openingupcricket.com](http://openingupcricket.com)



## MIND YOUR BUSINESS SEMINAR

Top UK accountancy firm MHA MacIntyre Hudson visited Edgbaston to give PCA members insight into what it takes to launch your own start-up or consultancy.

The presenters looked at three practical case studies; starting a company, going into coaching and getting onto the conference circuit. Players learned how to maximise business opportunities, whether they arrive during or after their professional careers.

[macintyrehudson.co.uk](http://macintyrehudson.co.uk)



## PATRICK FOSTER'S EPIC SESSIONS

Former Northants bowler Patrick Foster visited each of the 18 first-class counties' first team squads over the winter to educate them on the dangers of gambling addiction.

Foster, now of EPIC Risk Management, had previously presented to all 18 county academies during the winter of 2018/19. The 33-year-old came close to suicide after his own gambling addiction got the better of him, and his highly personal story resonated with the senior players as it did with the youngsters.

[epicriskmanagement.com](http://epicriskmanagement.com)

## RICH HUDSON ACADEMY WORKSHOPS

Over the winter, the PCA has given academy players an introduction to new routes into the game, as well as a better idea of where agents can benefit their careers.

The sessions have outlined the new trialist, rookie and full contract structures, whilst also providing guidance to young players on how to put together a cricket CV and approach counties. The PCA hopes to help players understand the options in front of them moving forward in both a cricketing and non-cricketing context.

GET IN TOUCH with Rich Hudson via [thepca.co.uk/contracts/](http://thepca.co.uk/contracts/)





# The Personal Development Continuum

Matt Wood writes about the value in committing to lifelong learning

**P**ersonal development is a lifelong process. It is a way for people to build on their skills and qualities, consider their aims in life, and set goals in order to realise and maximise their potential. Plan to make relevant, positive and effective life choices for your future to enable personal empowerment. A player deciding, 'I'm going to have a year where I just focus on cricket and give it everything.' That's brilliant, and what else?

As professional sportspeople, cricketers fully embrace this concept as a means to improve skill acquisition, mental skills and physical condition to continuously improve to maximise their chances of success on the field. The amount of time that this demands is considerable and quite rightly classed as a priority. But what underpins performance and

wellbeing is also important and that is why the PCA's Personal Development and Welfare Programme (PDWP) is becoming more agile. The idea being that we now invest in ourselves off the field, in a more continuous way.

With this in mind, and the direction in which the game is going, professional cricketers are experiencing a considerable landscape shift due to the emergence of global leagues and demands placed on playing schedules being more sporadic and less linear. While the off-season still remains a great opportunity to engage in some alternative dual-career development, it is becoming ever more so that opportunities are presenting all year round.

Injuries and long travel journeys present windows of opportunity, that makes the idea of year-round learning more the norm in the

modern game. Add to that the fact that too much downtime can actually eat into esteem and productivity. By being engaged in something away from the game it can actually enhance performance and wellbeing.

Managing opportunities and cashing in while recovering from injury can aid the healing process, as England's Ollie Pope testifies. A whirlwind introduction into the professional game saw the Surrey batsman win the County Championship and receive his Test cap in 2018 – a time rounded off with the PCA Young Player of the Year accolade. With expectations that Pope would catapult himself into being a mainstay in England's middle-order the following summer, a dislocated shoulder put paid to his on field development for the majority of the campaign, providing multiple challenges for the now 22-year-old. ➤➤➤



LEFT TO RIGHT: Matt Wood, Ollie Pope, Ryan Pringle and Antonio Palladino  
BELOW: Jon Sadler



**When I was first injured, the recovery period was daunting to me and I quickly realised that I would need to stay healthy both physically and mentally.**  
**Ollie Pope**

“When I was first injured, the recovery period was daunting to me and I quickly realised that I would need to stay healthy both physically and mentally,” said Pope. “I was pretty successful in keeping a positive mind-set throughout my rehab and this really helped me hit the ground when I was able to start full training again.

“Walking my dogs allowed me to stay mindful and gave me time away from any distractions. It would be really easy during recovery to just sit around on my phone or watching tv boxsets, but I wanted to make the most of the time that I had, so I started looking at how I could develop my photography skills. This really kept my mind active and gave me some impetus as the weeks went by. I also started to explore a number of podcasts. I had not really been into them previously, but there is some amazing content out there and it was a useful tool to stay in the here and now and pass the time when I was itching to get back on the pitch.”

Easy wins like reading or researching topics such as mindfulness, business or psychology all



add to the idea of a development continuum and the positive by-product of learning. Podcasts, Audible and Blinkist are just some of the platforms that allow us to gain insight and knowledge in almost any area of interest.

A 2020 Futures Awards Bursary Winner, Ryan Pringle, left the game at the end of the 2019 season after being released by Durham and used his time to prepare for his future. “Last season, I got on the coach one day and we had an eight-hour journey down to London, and I just signed up for an online recruitment course, because I knew I had time on the bus and I thought ‘I’ve got six hours for working here.’ As it turned out, I didn’t go down the recruitment route, but doing that online reading and course meant I could draw a line under it, rather than ticking a box of something I might want to try after cricket. I think doing that kind of stuff mid-season really helped. If I’d been cracking on with exploration once I’d been released, I would have found out a lot later on that it wasn’t for me, rather than early doors.”

Derbyshire’s Antonio Palladino echoes



Pringle’s sentiments of continuous learning, setting himself up for progress off the pitch.

“I’ve started my own podcast called The Inside Edge, working with Blake Fallows from BBC Radio Derby, who produces and co-hosts. It is cricket-based and will be running throughout the season with various guests. I’ll be visiting the Radio Derby studios during the summer for their ‘Sportscene’ show to hopefully get an idea of what it takes to produce a successful radio show. Media, especially with a sports focus, is something I’m very interested in and I’m looking forward to seeing where this might lead in the future.

“I’ll also be embarking on some onsite work experience with Aston Lark who are one of the largest insurance brokers in the UK. This will consist of meeting some clients and generally seeing how the business works. It’s massively out of my comfort zone but I’m excited to try something new.”

Northamptonshire coach John Sadler, who also has a young family, recently graduated from the MSc Sport Directorship from the



## Personal Development Funding

The sort of things funded by the PCA. Everything from coaching qualifications to higher education

### Accessing Coaching

The PCA funds 50 per cent of individual personal development courses up to a maximum of £1,500 per calendar year, this includes the Level 2, 3 and 4 ECB coaching courses.

### Flexible Learning

Education and training options are increasingly flexible to suit the needs of any individual that is looking to continue with their education and professional development alongside or after their cricket career.

### A Variety Of Options

From short one-day professional courses to six-year part-time higher education degree courses, the options are wide and varied.

Members are encouraged to login to [thepca.co.uk](http://thepca.co.uk) to find out more or speak to their Personal Development Manager.



Breaking it down bit by bit, assignment by assignment I managed to pass and found out a lot about myself.  
**John Sadler**



Manchester Metropolitan University, proving that with a growth mind-set opportunities will always present themselves. "It was initially daunting, due to the financial commitment and the sheer amount of time that I would need to invest over the two years to pass. Making a full commitment was crucial. I saw it as an investment in my future, which also kept me going. Coaching can be particularly time consuming, with a long daily commute and family time to consider, time management became important. There was occasions on away days where I would stay in my room and work until I fell asleep. I actually found I was most productive in the night, everybody else was sleeping and there was no distractions. Breaking it down bit by bit, assignment by assignment I managed to pass and found out a lot about myself."

Time is one of our most precious commodities, we all have the same hours in the day, so making the most of it is a choice. By investing in yourself, it will provide some welcome options in the future. ●



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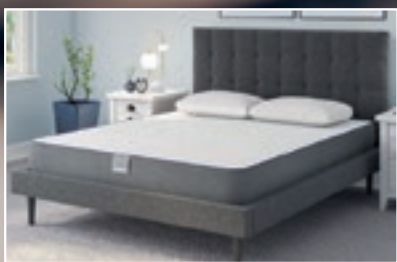
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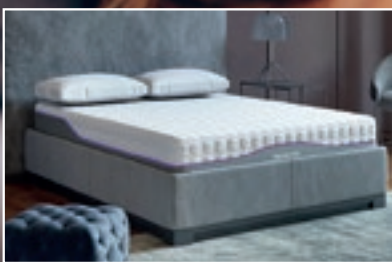
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## EDUCATION

# Futures Bright



The PCA's Futures initiatives highlight and support the work of the Association's members away from the cricket pitch. Helping players through career development and transition is one of the cornerstones of the PCA's Personal Development and Welfare Programme (PDWP).

Glamorgan's  
Andrew Salter



Geraint  
Jones

## 2020 FUTURES AWARDS

Glamorgan's Andrew Salter was the big winner at this year's PCA Futures Awards, the Association's annual event, which aims to reward members for their off-field personal development.

The Welshman's passion for motorcycling led him to create Baffle Culture, a social media platform for like-minded enthusiasts, and the associated Baffle Haus, a converted garage space which acts as a centre for riding culture in Wales. Having presented his work to a panel of PCA Personal Development Managers (PDMs) at Edgbaston in February, Salter was subsequently declared the Overall Winner for 2020.

Lyndon James of Nottinghamshire was named Best Newcomer, with the category only open to those who have made their first substantial investment in personal development in the 12 months prior to the awards. The 21-year-old plans to use his monetary prize to purchase gym equipment and build his personal training business.

Alongside the main winners, bursaries were awarded to former players Geraint Jones, Chris Liddle, Michael Bates, Michael Reed and Ryan Pringle.



## 2020 FUTURES CONFERENCE

Save the date from 3-4 November 2020 for the PCA's annual Futures Conference.

The annual two-day event is the centrepiece of the PCA's Futures Week, a campaign which is dedicated to raising awareness of professional cricketers transitioning into their second careers.

The 2019 edition saw 19 current or recently retired players present, with the group attending 14 different workshops featuring 23 unique speakers. Sessions included a 'career carousel' with former Ashes winners Lydia Greenway and Chris Tremlett hosting two of the eight stations.

The location for this year's event is yet to be confirmed, so make sure you keep an eye on the PCA's social media feeds or speak to your regional PDM for more details.



THIS PICTURE:  
Lydia Greenway  
RIGHT:  
Chris Tremlett

**Find out more information about the Futures Awards that are due to return in early 2021 and the 2020 Futures Conference at [thepca.co.uk](https://thepca.co.uk).**





## FINANCE

# Your Money. Your Future. Your Life.

Financial experts Smith and Williamson offer an overview on why it's right to think about tomorrow now



The finances of a professional cricketer can be complex, whilst careers are relatively


short. With sound financial judgement and advice, individuals can build enough wealth to support the next chapter of their life whereas the consequences of neglect can be devastating. The right decisions around savings, investing and tax are critical and there are simple actions worth considering to help put you on the right track. Beyond this, the use of a qualified Financial Planner, Investment Manager and Tax Adviser can prove invaluable in simplifying the complexities of your finances.



## SAVING

### SENSIBLE PRINCIPLES TO HELP BUDGET:

- The career of a sportsperson is relatively short, increasing the importance of building up savings earlier
- A useful rule is to save 20 per cent of your income every month, although this should flex around your circumstances
- Do this at the start of every month, as soon as you get paid
- Keep savings in a separate account out of sight and mind, to avoid dipping back in
- Hold enough cash to cover any emergencies, but beyond this you can do better with your savings (see Investing below)


 **A Financial Planner can assist with your savings goals.**



## INVESTING

### IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Inflation (price rises) erodes the 'real' value of cash over time
- Do not leave savings in cash, but invest to grow in value
- Investments can include property, stock and shares, bonds
- Balance these investments – a spread of different assets should reduce volatility
- Nothing is locked down – you can sell these investments at any point
- An ISA wrapper is free to set up around the portfolio and will reduce unnecessary tax charges


 **An Investment Manager can advise on appropriate investment strategies.**



## TAX

### WHEN WOULD YOU NEED SPECIALIST ADVICE:

- When you receive earnings from outside your primary employment (sponsorship, rental income)
- When you receive overseas earnings (tournaments abroad)
- When you earn over £100,000 in a year
- When you claim back relevant employment expenses to reduce your tax bill
- When buying or selling considerable assets (house, investments)
- When making extra pension contributions or charitable donations

 **A Tax Adviser can help complete annual returns and advise on potential savings.**

As the world of cricket evolves, it is important to look after yourself and take advice from the right sources. Furthermore your personal circumstances may change over time, affecting your financial goals. It can feel daunting to tackle such an important issue, but it is never too late to save, invest or learn more about your finances. A conversation with a qualified adviser can help and does not obligate you into anything.

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# Our Man From Aotearoa

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## February saw Middlesex Chief Operating Officer Rob Lynch move south of the River Thames, as Commercial Director of the PCA. Luke Reynolds sat down with the latest addition to the PCA Board at the player association's Kia Oval office...

### Tell me about your background?

I would regard myself as a failed cricketer. I grew up in New Zealand, which is where I played my very limited professional cricket for Auckland and New Zealand U19s before getting injured and turning to the business side of the sport. I was fortunate to get a scholarship during my playing days to play for the MCCYCs as the Kiwi player who came over and that started a love affair with London, Lord's and cricket in this country.

I permanently moved to the UK in 2008 and have been working in various cricketing organisations since then, most recently at Middlesex where I started as the Commercial Director, then moved to COO of the business, before seeing a great opportunity to join the PCA.

### Has combining cricket and business always been a passion?

I always say I am very thankful for working in a profession that I am very passionate about. Working in an industry that provokes passion is really satisfying. Cricket is an exciting and evolving business space, especially at this moment in time with the direction the game is going and the inception of a new format in The Hundred and the development of the Women's game.

### Why did you move to the PCA?

One of the main reasons was to work with Julian Metherell, Tony Irish and a

very committed team at the PCA. While they are both relatively new to the PCA, they are extremely knowledgeable and impressive individuals. I also felt that working for the organisation that represents the game's greatest assets, the players was a very attractive and interesting opportunity. I have a vision to take the PCA to the next stage and that motivates me.

### Early impressions?

There is a lot to do! Whilst respecting what has happened before me, the market has changed and therefore we need to inject some creative thought across the commercial department. I see a lot of scope to refresh the events programme and add some new initiatives within that. I see huge opportunity within the digital space to

create new products in a very fast moving area of digital development. There is a real intent from everyone within the PCA to accept we can look at things in a new way.

### How important is the commercial programme to the PCA?

It's vital to have a thriving commercial operation to help fund the great work that the PCA does for its members. Being involved in the industry for a long time I knew some of the PCA's activities but now understanding just how much is done has blown my mind. The Personal Development and Welfare Programme that Ian Thomas runs is huge credit to the organisation. I see my role to increase revenue which will improve member services, ultimately that is why we are here. ➡➡➡







I want the commercial department to be the best of any cricket player association in the world. I want the PCA to be a world leader in this area.  
**Rob Lynch**



### Any direct benefits members can gain through commercial partners?

One thing we all know with cricket is the career has a limited lifespan with the average age a player in England and Wales ends their career is just 26.

We know many of our commercial partners have an appetite to interact with our members for mutual benefit and hopefully lead to opportunities for both parties. The PDMs and the commercial team are working together on a number of initiatives but there is a lot more to be done in this space. I would also like to add more worthwhile member offers that can be accessed through the website.

### Can members support the PCA's commercial programme?

It is our intention to connect with our members who are leading successful careers in business who want to support the PCA. That does not just mean London businesses either, I think it is a potential observation to look at the PCA's commercial proposition as being London centric – we are a national organisation so we need to do things more nationally. Commercial success comes down to relationships, what I want to do is get around the country and develop relationships with members, counties and other relevant organisations for mutual benefit. The PCA is open for business all around the country.

### How do you want the PCA's commercial offering to be positioned?

I want it to be a much more diverse portfolio of products and I want it to have a closer relationship with its assets which are the players. This starts from the top with the England men and women and then throughout the professional game. Ultimately, I want the PCA to be known for being accommodating and creative.

### Any long-term goals?

I want the commercial department to be the best commercial department of any cricket player association in the world. We are in the best geography with the best resources in the best environment. I want the PCA to be a world leader in this area and Tony has made that intent quite clear as well. ●

### CAREER

# Insuring A Brighter Future with Kerry London

Simon Jones on his new challenge, and making the most of good connections



Kerry London is part of the successful Kelliher Insurance Group, an Insurance Age Top 100 Independent Broker. As a loyal commercial partner of the PCA, the company offers the Association's members professional experience in the form of work placements. Ashes hero of 2005 Simon Jones has taken things one step further by taking on a full-time position, and we quizzed him on his experience so far.

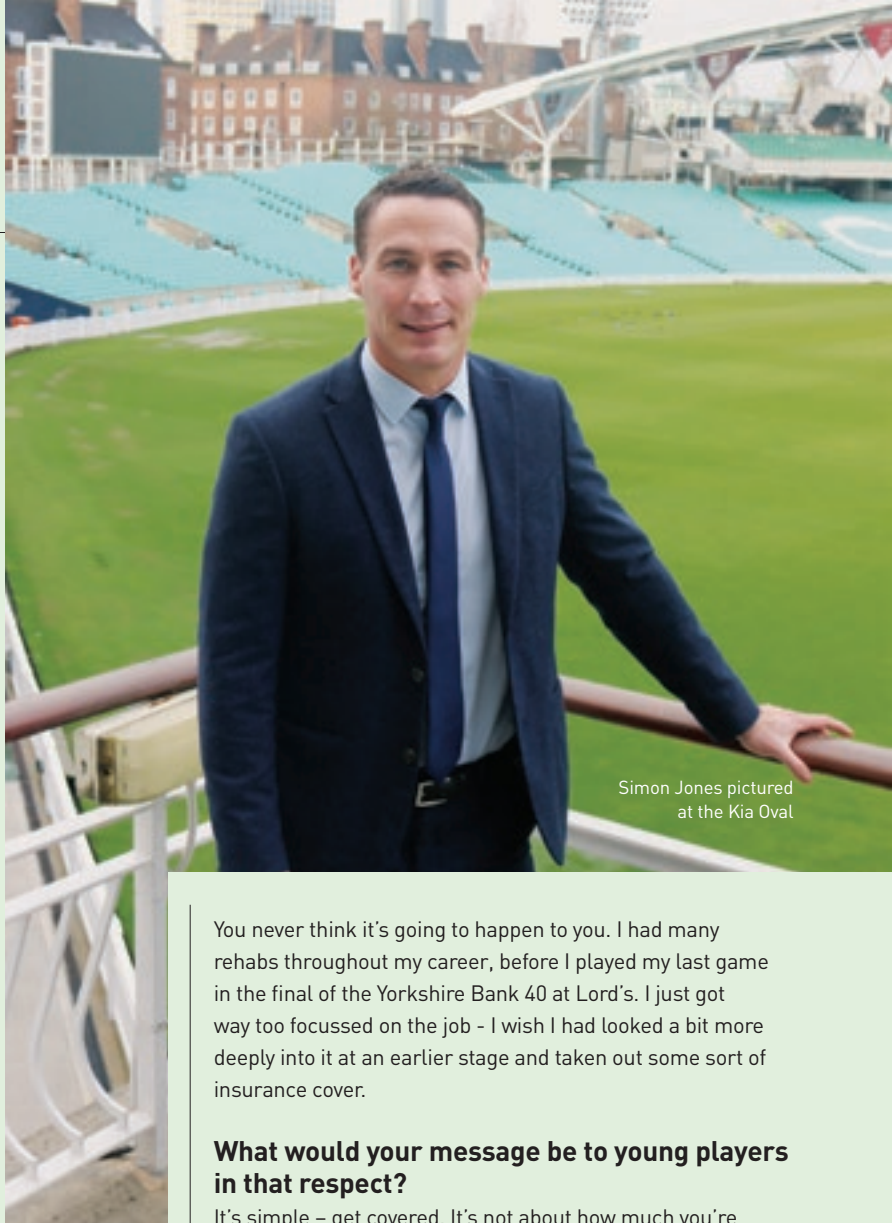
### Explain what you've been up to recently.

I met Kerry London's Regional Managing Director Dean Calaz last year, and we discussed how I could work for one of the PCA's commercial partners in Kerry London. Following a successful interview with Dean and CEO Imogen Coggan, I began formal training in December 2019. It's been a great experience – the guys there are so professional but they're really friendly as well.

### How important is it to make use of connections like the one you mentioned?

It's one of those things that I think some of the younger players need to start doing, because it could suddenly be all over tomorrow – you just don't know. So any opportunity they get to mix with club sponsors or PCA partners – get in there and get it done.

### Did the possibility of a career-ending injury ever cross your mind?



Simon Jones pictured at the Kia Oval



**The biggest thing I've learned is to back yourself. Simon Jones**



You never think it's going to happen to you. I had many rehabs throughout my career, before I played my last game in the final of the Yorkshire Bank 40 at Lord's. I just got way too focussed on the job – I wish I had looked a bit more deeply into it at an earlier stage and taken out some sort of insurance cover.

### What would your message be to young players in that respect?

It's simple – get covered. It's not about how much you're spending per month covering yourself, it's about what might happen next year when you suddenly can't pay your bills. It just makes sense for players to explore the level of cover they have to ensure it meets their needs.

### What skills from your playing days have you taken into the new role?

The biggest thing is backing yourself. As a sports person, if you don't back yourself then you're not going to go very far. You need to train hard and work on your skills – all the stuff that comes with being a professional sports person. That's what I'm transferring into working at Kerry London now.

### Moving forwards?

There's been absolutely no pressure from anyone at Kerry London. It's one of those things that's just going to take time. Moving forward, I'm working hard alongside Dean and the other guys so hopefully this summer I'll be helping players and developing my career with Kerry London at the same time. ●



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**PLAYER PROFILE:** English International Player  
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The player also holds a USD account and has some US Dollars held there from a previous tournament. He wants to achieve a better rate when moving his funds back into his GBP account than his current bank would offer him.

## The Strategy

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## The Conclusion

International contracts or funds held in currency accounts need to be managed in order to protect their value. It is essential to understand the importance of looking after your currency, so the money earned is not lost on poor exchange rates and an overall lack of management. This can be done with a simple, effective approach – handled by people who understand the importance of competitive pricing, personal service and hassle-free processes.

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In repose: the great Bob Willis

## **BOB WILLIS M.B.E.** (1939-2019)

SURREY, WARWICKSHIRE & ENGLAND

One of the heroes of England's legendary Headingley triumph over Australia in 1981, when he took 8-43, captain of both country and county, Bob Willis was a fearsome strike bowler whose pace could trouble the world's leading batsmen. For a time, England's leading wicket taker, having 325 victims in his 90 Test Matches, 80 in ODIs, in all first-class cricket, his final tally was a remarkable 899.

Born in Sunderland and schooled in Surrey, he first appeared for the county in 1969, making his debut against Scotland at the Oval. Two years later, he was a surprise call-up to replace an injured Alan Ward on England's 1970-71 tour of Australia. Appearing in four Tests he took 12 wickets, while also impressing as a close catcher. Frustrated at not being able to command a regular place in the Surrey side, in 1972 he controversially moved to Warwickshire.

Capped in that first season, having helped them to the Championship title, between 1980 and

1984, he served as Warwickshire captain. Sadly, appearing infrequently because of international commitments, injuries also increasingly proved troublesome. Having won the John Player League title in his first season in charge, from then on, success proved elusive. In 1982 and 1984, the side easily lost two one-day Lord's finals.

Amid all the outstanding bowling achievements, it is often forgotten that at Headingley as England followed on, Willis also helped Ian Botham add 37 runs for the last wicket. As a lower-order batsman he recorded 52 not outs, a record in Tests. At Lord's against India in 1982, he shared a record tenth wicket stand of 70 with Paul Allott. Between 1982 and 1984, he captained England on eighteen occasions, winning seven, losing five and drawing six.

An intensity on the field went some way to masking a bright sense of humour off it. His role as a longstanding and increasingly cartoon-curmudgeonly Sky Sports pundit proving the perfect outlet, enabling him to be critical of players' performances – something not easily

done as a former star – but never without a glint in the eye and a wry smile. His generosity around his friends made 'Goose' (a nickname referencing his curious 'arm-flapping' run to the wicket) hugely popular within the media.



## **JOHN MANNERS DSC RN** (1914-2020)

HAMPSHIRE

Passing away aged 105 and enjoying both a distinguished naval and sporting career, John Errol Manners, was the world's oldest former first-class cricketer.

Having made his debut for Hampshire as a 21-year-old early in 1936, in addition to being the county's most senior former player, he was also

the last cricketer to have appeared in the first-class game prior to the outbreak of the Second World War. He was also the oldest member of MCC.

Born in Exeter and educated at Britannia Royal Naval College, while serving on the Royal Yacht, HMY Victoria and Albert, and playing for both the Royal Navy and Combined Services, this pugnacious right-handed batsman, scored 81 on his debut for Hampshire against Gloucestershire in August, 1936. Over the next fortnight he proceeded to add another 212 runs to head the county's batting averages before naval duties took priority.

Commanding destroyers on escort duties to Malta and then Russia throughout the Second World War, it was while in command of HMS Viceroy, in April 1945, that Manners, having determinedly tracked German U-boat 1247, north of Newcastle, successfully sank the submarine. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He subsequently took part in the liberation of Norway, receiving the German surrender at Trondheim.

After the war, when Naval Liaison Officer at Sandhurst, he was able to resume his cricketing career. Back in the Hampshire side in 1948, he scored 121 in 160 minutes against Kent at Maidstone. Amassing 1162 runs in a first-class career that stretched from 1936 until 1953, his highest score remained the 147 he made for the Combined Services against Gloucestershire in August 1948. Retiring from the Navy in 1958, he later served as Bursar at Dauntsey's School in Wiltshire.



**LAURIE JOHNSON** (1927-2020)

DERBYSHIRE

Aged 92, Laurie Johnson was upon his death Derbyshire's oldest former player. A fine player of fast bowling, quick on his feet, this pugnacious right-handed middle order batsman scored the vast majority of his runs in front of the wicket. An outstanding cover

point and a more than useful spin bowler, he also occasionally kept wicket for the county.

Born in Barbados, Hubert Laurence Johnson first came to this country at the end of the Second World War to train as an engineer in the sugar industry. Appearances in local league cricket gave him a residential qualification and on his debut for Derbyshire Second XI against Warwickshire at Edgbaston in 1947, he took six wickets. Initially playing as an amateur, he made his first team debut two years later. From 1951 until 1954, he worked on a sugar plantation in British Guiana.

Returning as a professional for the 1955 season, he was capped in 1958. The following season he topped 1,000 runs for the first time. In 1960, again heading the averages with 1,872 runs, having scored his maiden century at the end of June, this was followed by three more three-figure scores. Topping the averages again in 1961, that year, when set 269 to win in 220 minutes by Middlesex at Lord's, his unbeaten 73 guided Derbyshire home with minutes to spare.

Making 351 appearances between 1949 and 1966, Johnson's 14,286 runs included a top score of 154 made against Leicestershire at Grace Road in 1963. In the field he claimed 217 catches, not forgetting his two stumpings when deputising for Bob Taylor during 1964.

## **TERRY SPENCER** (1931-2020)

LEICESTERSHIRE

One of the founding fathers of the Cricketers' Association, Terry Spencer was a member of the Leicestershire side that, in 1972, beat Yorkshire to claim the inaugural Benson and Hedges Cup and bring the county its first major trophy. A tall right-arm fast-medium bowler, able to move the ball both ways off the seam, he was also an outstanding close to the wicket fielder. Likewise, a hard-hitting late-order batsman, his exploits enlivened many a dull encounter.

Born in Braunstone, Charles Terence Spencer made an immediate impact when in 1952, his first season, he took 80 wickets to earn his county cap. Winning further honours during his National Service, in 1953 he was called up for the Test Trial at Edgbaston. Though impressive, he unfortunately missed out on a



Bowling for Leicestershire: Terry Spencer

coveted tour of Australia. Later, during 1961, his best season, having claimed 123 wickets, renewed talk of possible representative honours once again ended in disappointment.

Seven years earlier, playing against Yorkshire at Huddersfield, Spencer had helped make history by being intimately involved in Leicestershire's only tied County Championship encounter. Bowling unchanged during Yorkshire's second innings, his best return of 9-63 helped reduce the home side to 113 all out. Having then hit a six from the penultimate ball of the last over to tie the scores, sadly he was dramatically run out when attempting the winning run.

Ten years later, during his benefit season, batting alongside Maurice Hallam against Essex at Grace Road, Spencer made his top score of 90, the duo putting on 164 to create a new eighth wicket record stand for the county. Making 506 appearances between 1952 and 1977, he scored 5,871 runs and took 1,367 wickets. Subsequently captaining the Second XI and serving as the over-age captain of the county's Under-25s, he brought on then England hopefuls that included the likes of David Gower and Nick Cook. He later went on to serve as a first-class umpire, between 1979 and 1983. ➡➡➡





126 wickets for  
Hampshire in 1957:  
Malcolm Heath

## **MALCOLM HEATH** (1934-2019)

HAMPSHIRE

Malcolm Brewster Heath was a member of Hampshire's championship-winning side of 1961, the first in the club's history.

A 6ft 5in rosy-cheeked right-arm fast-medium bowler and hailing from Ferndown in Dorset, when living on the fringes of London he won a newspaper competition that saw his attendance at Alf Gover's famous cricket school.

A second XI debut aged 15, with a first-class debut coming in 1954 against Leicestershire at Grace Road, he went on to capture 17 wickets in six appearances that summer, topping the county's bowling averages.

Capped in 1957, but finding more pace and control a year later, his total of 126 wickets propelled Hampshire to second in the County Championship. Most unusually for a bowler with a match analysis of 13-89, recorded against Derbyshire at Burton-on-Trent, he found himself on the losing side.

Claiming 71 wickets in 1959, 74 in 1960 and 63 in 1961, that year his 4-72 against Yorkshire proved vital in Hampshire breaking the then champion's winning sequence.

Forced to retire early with a hip injury, between 1954 and 1962, he made 143 appearances for Hampshire capturing 527 wickets, his best return being 8-43 against Sussex in 1958. Never less than a wholehearted team player, he later played club cricket for Scarborough, served briefly as a first-class umpire, before coaching for both MCC at Lord's and then St Paul's School. He was 85.



## **BILLY SLADE** (1941-2019)

GLAMORGAN

Born in Briton Ferry, William Douglas Slade was a right-handed middle-order batsman and a more than useful medium-paced bowler who played for Glamorgan for seven seasons from 1961 until 1967. Never less than a committed and wholehearted team player, he

particularly excelled as a close to the wicket fielder. In 1964, he was a member of the side that famously defeated the Australian tourists.

First playing for Glamorgan Second XI in 1959, two years later he made his championship debut against Hampshire at Swansea. He went on to record his maiden half-century in the encounter with Leicestershire. Against Hampshire at Bournemouth later that season, he snapped up four catches, Gray, Livingstone, Sainsbury and Shackleton, all off the bowling of Shepherd. While struggling to hold down a regular place, he did take part in the inaugural 1963 Gillette Cup Competition.

Twelve months later, in front of 25,000 spectators, Slade was one of three youngsters drafted in to face the Australian tourists at St Helen's Swansea. Undeclared on 14 in the first innings, his stand of 26 with Don Shepherd helped Glamorgan reach 197. As Shepherd and Presdee wove their magic, both Lawry and Jarman fell to catches by Slade. Set 268 to win, when Slade brilliantly caught Sellers, Australia fell 36 runs short, Glamorgan recording a memorable victory.

Making 67 first-class appearances, Slade scored 1,482 runs with a top score of 73 not out versus Derbyshire at Swansea in 1963. Taking 32 wickets, his best return was 4-144 against Middlesex at Lord's in 1962. He also held 100 catches. In 1979 he led Wales in the ICC Trophy Competition. Later, appearing for Old Glamorgan, his club career embraced Swansea, Dafen, Pontyberem, Pontardulais and Briton Ferry Town.

## LORD WILLIAMS OF ELVEL (1933-2019)

ESSEX

Born in Oxford, the son of a Divinity Professor, and educated at Westminster School, Charles Cuthbert Powell Williams was an attacking right-handed middle-order batsman, very strong on the leg side. A debut for Oxfordshire whilst still a schoolboy, he went on to study at Christ Church.

While there, (1952-1955) he represented Oxford University. In Coronation Year he saved his side from defeat by making a determined 53 against a Yorkshire attack comprising Close, Trueman, Illingworth, Wardle and Yardley. In the next game, batting

with Colin Cowdrey (who made 94), he took 115 off Lancashire. Succeeding Cowdrey as captain in 1955, having started the season with a century against Gloucestershire, an undefeated 47 helped save his side in the Varsity Match.

National Service saw him score 125 for the Combined Services against Warwickshire. In the meantime, between 1954 and 1959, he appeared intermittently for Essex. During 1958, set 169 to win in 150 minutes, Williams scored 60 in their memorable victory over Yorkshire at Southend.

Totalling 87 first-class appearances, Williams accrued 4,090 runs with a top score of 139 not out made for Oxford University v Hampshire at Oxford in 1954. Work saw him hold positions with British Petroleum, then the Bank of London and Montreal, before becoming a director of Barings Brothers. In 1977, he chaired the Government Prices Commission, being made a CBE in 1980 and, five years later, was elevated to the peerage. He later wrote an acclaimed biography of Bradman, published in 1996 to celebrate Sir Donald's 88th birthday. His stepson is the present Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.



## RAY HITCHCOCK (1929-2019)

WARWICKSHIRE

Ray Hitchcock was the last surviving member of Warwickshire's 1951 County Championship winning side. As an attacking left-handed bespectacled middle-order batsman, who usually batted at seven, and a fine fielder, he was also a more than useful leg break and googly bowler, highly adept at shifting stubborn partnerships. When not coaching in South Africa, winters invariably found him playing at scrum half for Nuneaton Rugby Club.

Educated at West Christchurch High School, Raymond Edward Hitchcock, initially

represented Canterbury in his native New Zealand. Coming to England in 1949, following a two-week trial at Edgbaston, he made his first-class debut for Warwickshire against the Combined Services later that summer. Capped in 1951, he passed 1,000 runs in a season five times. His best return being 1,695 in 1955, when four centuries propelled him to the top of the county's batting averages.

Making 323 appearances for Warwickshire between 1949 and 1964, he totalled 12,473 runs with a top score of 153 not out made against Derbyshire at Chesterfield in 1962. Alongside 116 catches, he also took 196 wickets, his best bowling being 7-76 against Scotland at Edgbaston in 1959. He bowed out after the 1964 Gillette Cup Final at Lord's, when Warwickshire lost to Sussex. Subsequently captaining the Warwickshire Second XI, he also played club cricket for Knowle & Dorridge.

For three years, from 1953 until 1956, Hitchcock proved a highly successful fund raiser for the Warwickshire Supporters' Association, generating much needed income for ground improvements that heralded the return of Test Cricket to Edgbaston. He later owned a series of sports goods shops in Solihull before turning his passion for horse racing into a successful business. As such, running the Messenger Stud, he bred numerous winners before retiring in 2017.

## EDMUND PHILLIPS (1932-2020)

LEICESTERSHIRE

Described as a workmanlike right-handed middle-order batsman and occasional opener, while never spectacular, Phillips remained a solid striker of the ball, particularly when hitting straight down the ground. A fine fielder, particularly when patrolling the covers, he spent nine seasons at Grace Road.

Shropshire born, the only son of a Bridgnorth architect, Eddie Phillips was educated at both Ellesmere College and Bridgnorth Grammar School. After spending his National Service in the Army, his hopes of a promising football career with West Bromwich Albion were cruelly dashed following a serious ankle injury. However, impressing when playing club cricket for Bridgnorth, in 1954 he appeared for Leicestershire Club & Ground. ➡





Yorkshire and  
Warwickshire's  
Edwin Legard

## EDWIN LEGARD (1935-2020)

WARWICKSHIRE

Singularly unfortunate not to have played more during 15 seasons of first-class cricket, Edwin Legard, universally known as Eddie, who has died aged 84, was a talented wicketkeeper. A neat and tidy performer, particularly when standing-up to the wicket, he remained a keen student of the game. He was also a more than useful lower-order batsman.

A Yorkshireman, born in Barnsley, he first made his name playing for his local team. Colleagues who later became lifelong friends included Harold Dickie Bird, Geoffrey Boycott and Michael Parkinson. Graduating to the Yorkshire Second XI, in both 1957 and 1958, he was a member of the side that twice captured the Minor Counties title. However, such was the strength of the Yorkshire squad, particularly the consistency of Jimmy Binks, that Legard remained firmly trapped in the Second XI.

Moving to Warwickshire in 1962, having spent two years qualifying, Legard made his first-class debut for his new county that year at Fenners against Cambridge University. That same season he was an integral member of the Warwickshire Second XI that brought him a further Minor Counties Championship title. Capped the following year, while he toured East Africa with the county in 1967, sadly the return of Alan Smith from university duties here again relegated him to the Second XI.

Leaving Edgbaston at the end of the 1968 season, for both Yorkshire and Warwickshire, Legard recorded 103 appearances in Minor Counties cricket and 133 in the Second XI Competition. For Warwickshire he made 20 first-class appearances, scoring 144 runs with a top score of 21, made against Scotland at Edgbaston in 1967. As a wicketkeeper, he claimed 42 victims. He was a keen supporter of the Warwickshire Old County Cricketers' Association.

## MARTIN DYSON (1935-2019)

YORKSHIRE

Yet another in that distinguished line of scholarly sportsmen, Martin Dyson has died aged 84. He was an outstanding and versatile all-round sportsman, excelling at golf, athletics and cricket and flourishing in the heyday of

university sport during the late 1950s. A fine attacking and belligerent batsman, whether opening or in the middle-order, he was also a useful occasional bowler and a fine fielder.

Born in Sandal, he was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield from 1947 until 1954, attracting the interest of Yorkshire Juniors. Following National Service he moved to Keble College, Oxford, where he read Geography. Initially playing for The Authentics, he also made a number of appearances for Yorkshire Second XI.

Winning a coveted Blue in the 1958 Varsity Match and having shared a first-innings opening stand of 74 with Alan Smith, Dyson subsequently became one of Ted Dexter's four second innings victims as Cambridge claimed victory. In total he made 27 first-class appearances, his 819 runs included a top score of 68 not out, made when playing for Oxford University against the Free Foresters in 1960.

After Oxford, Dyson became a school master, his career taking him from St Paul's School in London, to Eton College, and then to Ludgrove. While running school cricket, he also regularly turned out for MCC, The Free Foresters, Harlequins, Incognito and I Zingari. Following the death of his wife, in recent years he had become a brother, living in the historic Winchester alms houses, known as the Hospital of St Cross.

## PETER WALES (1928-2018)

SUSSEX

A native of Brighton and educated at Hove Grammar School, Peter John Wales has died three weeks before his ninetieth birthday and was one of Sussex's oldest former players. A right-handed middle-order batsman and a right-arm medium-paced bowler, he first joined the Sussex staff in 1948. He was also a noted table tennis player, later elected a life member of the Sussex County Table Tennis Association.

He made just one first-class appearance, playing for Sussex against Hampshire in June 1951 at the Manor Ground Worthing. Taking the first innings wickets of Jimmy Gray, Leo Harrison and Derek Shackleton, these he followed by accounting for Alan Rayment and Richard Carty in the second innings. In addition, scoring 29 when opening the Sussex innings, despite making such a fine all-round impression on his debut, sadly he never played for the county again. ●

Joining the playing staff the following season, consistent performances for the Second XI in the Minor Counties Championship saw him make his first-class debut against Essex at Grace Road in 1957. Given an extended run in the first team over the course of the following two seasons, sadly he struggled to do himself justice, never quite able to consolidate the rich promise of those early years.

Between 1957 and 1959, Phillips made 32 first-class appearances for Leicestershire, scoring 629 runs with a top score of 55, made against Kent at Mote Park Maidstone. He later played for Mitchell and Butlers in the Birmingham League. Having been employed in the drinks industry throughout the winter months of his cricketing career, he later worked for Harveys of Bristol and Halewood Vintners.

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Last Man



# My Passion

Somerset speed twins Craig and Jamie Overton on horsepower...

**Craig:** It all started when we were both quite young. Growing up we used to go down to our Grandad's house during the summer and he would have the racing on and the Grand National was a big event so it has always been with us since then. As we got older our interest grew and we started to look at everything that goes into racing such as the trainers, the yards, the jockeys and the horses themselves.

**Jamie:** For me it started to get a more serious interest after attending an All Sport Insurance event at Wincanton. I met Harry Derham who works at Paul Nicholls' yard and that gave me an opportunity to go and see it all first hand. From there my passion has grown which led to me spending some time at the yard this off-season where I got to see how the trainers work and even got stuck in with mucking out the yard.

**Craig:** You soon realise it's a really professional business. The set-ups are

first class and it's unbelievable how the horses are treated. There are actually so many similarities to professional cricket.

**Jamie:** The training for the horses involves huge amounts of interval training, the jockeys are under so much pressure to meet their weight and then to win the races. Just like cricket, whilst it's a team sport there are individual pressures and I find it fascinating.

I am looking to go into this environment after cricket. In what role I am not sure yet but I think I might be a bit too tall and heavy to be a jockey! I also own a show jumper whose stable name is Ferdi which I got last year who is now being trained by Harriet Nuttall.

**Craig:** We might look at further ownership in the future, potentially with a syndicate with some of our friends.

**Jamie:** We are both ambassadors at Wincanton races now which involves doing some promotional work for the courses and there are plans to do some

cricket related activities at some family days during the summer which is a great opportunity for some personal development away from cricket.

**Craig:** It's been a really good distraction from cricket. I think it's really important to have a hobby, whatever it is, to take your mind off the game and give you something to get into away from the ground and this is it for us. There are always great networking opportunities at the races which opens up different doors than those found within cricket.

**Jamie:** The competition element gives me a bit of the feeling I get from playing. It's about the whole thing for me, how the horses go about things at the yard and then at the track. They are all different characters and I love having something that excites me, I'm passionate about and something that will be there through and after my cricket career. ●

LEFT: Somerset's horse-mad Jamie Overton

RIGHT: Twin alliance, with Craig on the right



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