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Champions At Every Turn

Despite a difficult summer for the sport, new PCA CEO Rob Lynch sees lots of positives now benefitting the game



Welcome to issue 27 of your membership magazine, Beyond the Boundaries. Since you received the 26th edition of this publication, the world, our sport and the PCA have changed considerably due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The thought of a virus completely decimating our summer of cricket seemed inconceivable at the start of this year, but it did, and cricket collectively fought back and delivered a season to be proud of, led by groundbreaking work from the ECB.

The challenges we have faced at the PCA have been unique and constant. We have been ensuring our members' health and job security are our priorities and that will continue as we move forward.

I am writing this column having recently been appointed the permanent Chief Executive of the PCA, a position I was honoured to accept.

It was with great sadness that things did not work out for Tony Irish and his young family in settling in the UK. However, his short spell in leading your players' association was very influential in setting a blueprint to work through this crisis. Many of Tony's initial ideas and concepts are being implemented now and I thank him on behalf of the PCA and its members.

On the field, cricket has brought joy to the nation at a time when everyone needed a lift. Our international and domestic players should be very proud in playing their part, not just to entertain the public but to secure vital funding from our broadcasters.

The England players led the way in the bio-secure

bubble, and you can hear some of their views on living at their workplace, as well as a Team England Player Partnership update on page 14.

As you will see on page 27, the PCA's work on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) has been a priority throughout the summer and will continue to be so. A working group led by members is making great progress to make sure we are doing all we can to make professional cricket a game free from discrimination.

A big step forward with making cricket accessible to all is the professionalisation of women's domestic cricket. To have new female members below the centrally contracted England players joining the Association this autumn is an historic moment for the PCA as we welcome them into our organisation. Heather Knight discusses the importance of this on page 23.

With the NatWest PCA Awards unable to go ahead in its usual guise, we joined forces with the ECB, NatWest and Sky Sports to deliver a successful NatWest Cricket Awards and I must congratulate all the worthy winners.

As we progress, a collaborative approach will be vital in delivering commercial rights and creating new revenue streams to support the work of the PCA, as well as assisting in the recovery of the sport that binds us together.

Enjoy your magazine.

Best wishes,

ROB LYNCH

PCA Chief Executive



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Doing Our Bit

In his final column for BtB, read the departing Chairman's takeaways from his time at the helm



With just four months remaining of my four-year tenure as PCA Chairman and in what is my last column for Beyond the Boundaries, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the membership for the faith shown in myself, and the magnificent support I have received during this time. It has been an enjoyable period with many big challenges, none greater than the last six months in navigating our way through the Covid-19 pandemic.

What the game has achieved over the period is nothing short of incredible. Cricket as a whole has come together to deliver a full men's international programme, a successful series for England Women against the West Indies and three fantastic domestic competitions. This has effectively kept the lights on in regards to the finances of our game. I believe this united front reflects well on cricket and the collaboration of all stakeholders, in which the PCA has and will continue to play a major role, will see cricket come out the other side of Covid-19 in a position to flourish.

The players have demonstrated the power of sticking together and supporting each other through a crisis. The importance of knowledgeable, strong player reps cannot be understated and I would like to thank them all for their efforts and mature, considered actions throughout the unprecedented recent events.

Protecting the most vulnerable PCA members was always front and centre of the decision-making process of the Players' Committee. As shown in the securing of the finance for the Futures Fund through the player prize money and the swift

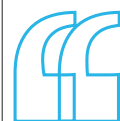
process in moving all players across to the new version of the standard contract, securing the contract expiry payments until the end of December in the process. The measures players have put in place, including but not limited to salary cuts, reduction in minimum wages and the endorsing of short-term contracts has gone a long way to reducing the amount of job losses for our members.

As players returned for 'pre-season' in July, 134 players were due to be out of contract in October, our decisive action means currently at the time of writing only 56 players remain without a contract for 2021. We are hopeful this number will reduce further over the next month. Based on the previous five years, 45 players leave the game every year. With the current financial crisis in cricket as well as the wider economy, to have the number as low as 56 in 2020 is a good achievement and, as a player group, we can be proud of our efforts in this area.

Looking forward, cricket is certainly not out of the woods yet and I expect a difficult winter ahead, but hopefully a brighter spring with crowds allowed to return to sporting events. I am delighted that we have secured the services of Rob Lynch as our new permanent CEO. What the organisation needs more than anything is stability and strong leadership, Rob certainly gives us both.

Winter well,

DARYL MITCHELL
PCA Chairman



Protecting the most vulnerable members was always front and centre of the decision-making process.
Daryl Mitchell



New CEO Announced

Rob Lynch has been appointed Chief Executive of the PCA as of October 2020, having previously been promoted to Interim CEO upon Tony Irish's departure in June.

Lynch originally joined the PCA as Commercial Director in January 2020, and has been focussing on creating new revenue streams for the Association, following his arrival from Middlesex where he held the position of Chief Operating Officer.

The former New Zealand under-19 international has also been a coach, administrator and registered agent and will continue in leading the PCA's commercial operation in his new role of representing professional players in England and Wales.

Everyone at the PCA sends their best wishes to Tony, who returned to his native South Africa after six months in the job due to family reasons. Irish was appointed in September 2019 and started his role in January 2020 after 17 years with the South African Cricketers' Association. He remains Executive Chairman of the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations, a position he has held since 2014.

VICE CHAIRS NAMED

England skipper Heather Knight and Middlesex's James Harris have been appointed to two new Vice Chair positions on the PCA Players' Committee, supporting Chairman Daryl Mitchell in ensuring the voices of dressing rooms across the country are heard at an executive level.

The duo have already been supporting Mitchell through what has been an incredibly busy period, attending their first board meeting in July 2020 and helping to shape the game's response to current challenges.

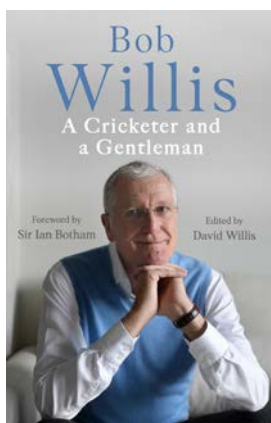


Two On The Spin

For the second year in succession, Essex talisman Simon Harmer was identified by the PCA MVP Rankings as the outstanding performer in men's domestic cricket. Harmer earned a huge 268.2 MVP points at an average of 16.76 points-per-game throughout the shortened 2020 season, picking up the £5,000 winner's cheque upon the conclusion of Vitality Blast Finals Day on 4 October.

FULL LIST OF MVP WINNERS

- **Overall MVP:** Simon Harmer (Essex)
- **Bob Willis Trophy MVP:** Craig Overton (Somerset)
- **Vitality Blast MVP:** Will Jacks (Surrey)
- **Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy MVP:** Georgia Adams (Southern Vipers)
- **England Overall MVP:** Chris Woakes
- **Test MVP:** Stuart Broad
- **ODI MVP:** David Willey
- **IT20 MVP:** Dawid Malan
- **England Women IT20 MVP:** Sarah Glenn



WILLIS REMEMBERED

Bob Willis: A Cricketer and a Gentleman launched this summer, the biography celebrates the life and times of one of the giants of English cricket.

Written by Mike Dickson and edited by Bob's brother David, with a foreword from Sir Ian Botham, the 304-page hardback book is filled with both on-field and off-field anecdotes from a unique lifetime in cricket.

Purchase 'Bob Willis: A Cricketer and a Gentleman' from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) or your local bookshop.

AN OVER AT...

Alan Jones

Glamorgan great and
one-Test England opener

1

Where did cricket begin for you?

I lived in a little village outside Swansea where we had no cricket facilities at all. I used to play with my brothers outside the family home on the meadow. We never had a proper cricket bat, so I used my father's homemade one until I was 14.

2

You had a spell doing National Service...

Glamorgan offered me a summer contract in 1954 at the age of 15, which my father wasn't too keen on because it meant I had to go and do National Service. But my brothers talked him round and so I took two years out of my professional career to do my bit, before starting in 1957.

3

If you could pick one highlight from over 20 years in South Wales?

Winning the County Championship in 1969 was definitely the highlight. We hadn't won it since 1948 and it was very special for the Welsh public. I was also captain in 1977 when we went to the final of the Gillette Cup at Lord's, which was a wonderful occasion for me personally.

4

Memories of that famous England appearance?

It was different in those days. There was no squad training the day before, we just went straight out there and played. Of course, it remained a huge occasion for me, it's just a shame that I couldn't perform because I knew I was a much better player than that.

5

Having your cap taken away in 1972...

Before the series, the selectors said that anyone chosen to play would receive their full England cap. I was presented with my cap and blazer before the game so to have it taken away two years later was a huge disappointment. It's tough to describe the feeling of that happening.

6

...and finally receiving it in 2020 from Tony Lewis and Joe Root.

It was very satisfying to receive cap number 696 at home, because it's been a long 50-year wait since that Test at Lord's. I very much appreciate being recognised as a full England player, even if it took 50 years. It's what you dream of as a youngster.



Added Flexibility

With a Master's degree in Sports Therapy already in the bag, Western Storm's Fi Morris, who finished eighth in this year's Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy MVP, has enjoyed working as a Sports Massage Therapist alongside playing cricket. Turning pro in autumn 2020, she plans to continue her second career for the foreseeable future.

"I've been able to strike a really good balance," Morris said, "and feel glad and lucky that I am able to have a focus outside of cricket."



WHAT A CATCH!

Essex bowler Aaron Beard has reignited his passion for course fishing, something that he says was great for the mind during what has been a stressful year for everyone.

"I find fishing really relaxing and it's a great way to spend a period of time being mindful and enjoying your surroundings. I managed to recently break my personal best with this 30lb Mirror Carp!"



RIKKI CLARKE



PAUL COLLINGWOOD



DAVID WILLEY

Coaching From The Stars

Three of the most dependable all-rounders in modern English cricket have branched out to open their own coaching businesses with Rikki Clarke, Paul Collingwood and David Willey looking to produce the next England star.

Clarke is offering one-to-one sessions and school camps, as well as masterclasses with the man himself while Collingwood and Willey aim to make world-class coaching accessible to all by providing a virtual service.

Visit rikkiclarkecricketacademy.co.uk, [@collyscricketcoaching](https://www.instagram.com/collyscricketcoaching) on Instagram and davidwilleycoaching.com to find out more.



CHARITY CALL-UP

England opener Dom Sibley has become a Patron of Challengers - a charity which provides inclusive play and leisure opportunities to disabled children across the South East.

Upon announcement of the news, Sibley, who has a personal connection to the charity, expressed his excitement at "being involved with an organisation that has such a crucial mission."

Visit disability-challengers.org to find out more.

What I'm Doing This Winter

AFTER A DIFFICULT SUMMER, OUR MEMBERS AIM TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE OFF-SEASON



Luke Wright

SUSSEX

"I am moving into the second year of a Masters Degree in Sport Directorship at Manchester Metropolitan University, which so far has been a great experience. I am also scheduled to play the T10 tournament in the UAE this winter and have been asked to take on the head batting coach role for the Melbourne Stars in the BBL."

"I am still enjoying playing but, with one eye on the future, the opportunity to develop myself as a coach and learning to understand the business of sport will hopefully enable me to take up any number of roles once my career is over."



Heather Knight

**ENGLAND WOMEN
+ WESTERN STORM**

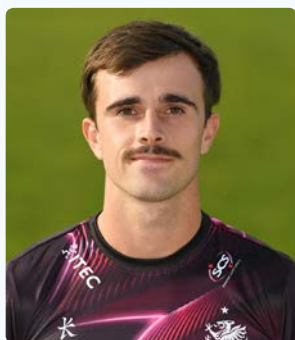
"During lockdown, I had a think about life post-cricket and decided to enrol for a Masters Degree in Leadership in Sport at Buckingham University. It's an area I'm really interested in and I'm excited to learn a bit more about the sports industry behind the scenes."



Simon Harmer

ESSEX

"My Law degree at the Open University will take six years in total, but I think it will set me up nicely for when my cricketing days are behind me. The workload will be tough, but I feel this will give me balance in what can be a relentless cricket schedule."



Ben Green

SOMERSET

"The property market is something that really interests me and I've decided that I want to learn how properties are renovated. I'm going to learn some trade skills so that I can do work myself, and am keen to look into the areas of carpentry, landscape gardening and building work in particular."



Luke Procter

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

"I'm currently focusing on developing my online estate agency franchise through easyProperty, which is part of the EasyGroup. I've a real interest in property and this is a great opportunity to develop a business alongside my cricket career."



Keaton Jennings

LANCASHIRE

"I am doing a flexible Master of Business Administration (MBA) course at the Alliance Manchester Business School, which I hope to complete in June 2022. I look forward to blending the academic learning with some real work experience at Lancashire alongside our CEO Daniel Gidney this winter."



Luke Fletcher

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

"This winter I'm excited to be joining Nottinghamshire's club sponsor John Pye Auctions for work experience within their company. It's a bit outside of my comfort zone but I have developed great relationships with owners Sheldon Miller and Adam Pye so I can't wait to get stuck in."



COOKING WITH HOGGY

Ashes hero Matthew Hoggard has reignited his passion for BBQ cuisine in setting up Hoggy's Grill, situated in the scenic Rutland countryside.

Hoggard and his team offer bespoke cooking courses based on his lifetime hobby, which all started during a stint living in South Africa in 1995. Also on offer are 'Virtual Grill-Along' sessions, giving you the opportunity to learn 'Hoggy's' trade from the comfort of your own home!

Visit hoggysgrill.com to find out more.



Fun & Games

In *Tales from the Front Line*, Nottinghamshire's PCA rep Luke Fletcher has provided a candid account of his playing career at Trent Bridge to date.

The giant seamer's self-deprecating humour belies what has been a hugely successful professional career in Nottingham - Fletcher's vast experience in the domestic game providing anecdotes aplenty to keep you entertained throughout his book.

Purchase *'Tales from the Front Line'* via amazon.co.uk.



More PCA Masters In 2021

From 2021, local cricket clubs will be able to choose between three different options when it comes to hosting a PCA England Masters event, meaning there will now be something to suit all requirements.

On top of the traditional format, which involves a coaching session and fundraising lunch followed by a T20 or Hundred match, there will also be the new options of a tournament or player visits available.

The former will involve eight Masters players split across four teams competing in a short tournament throughout the day, enabling hosts to get more of their membership involved, or to invite other local clubs to participate. The latter will see two players head to the ground for four hours to get involved with a whole host of activities upon the hosts' request.

The PCA England Masters is aiming for a successful return in 2021 after all of the 2020 schedule was wiped out due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please do encourage your club or school to consider hosting the Masters and for more information email pcamasters@thepca.co.uk





A SPINNER'S ART

Max Waller joins a growing list of cricketers who use their time away from the pitch to dabble in some art. Somerset's PCA rep has been doing commissioned drawings with a growing portfolio. Max has realised that doing something that he genuinely enjoys provides balance from playing, as well as a potential future revenue stream.

Head to Max's Instagram (@m10tcw) and Twitter (@MaxTCWaller) pages to keep up-to-date with his artistic exploits.



KEEP THE CAR RUNNING

Worcestershire's Mitchell Stanley had envisaged doing a welding course until Covid-19 put his plans on hold. Instead, he has been working with his father to restore a kit car that had been off the road since 2007.

"It was hard work, frustrating at times and took over 120 hours to do but we eventually managed to get it running which was brilliant!"



Testimonials

Michael Hogan, Adam Lyth, Eoin Morgan, Stephen Parry and Alex Wakely will all now celebrate their Testimonial Years in 2021, rather than in 2020 as originally planned due to the coronavirus.

Surrey have also awarded long-serving all-rounder Rikki Clarke a Testimonial, meaning six PCA members will be recognised for their achievements in domestic cricket during the coming year.

MIXING THINGS UP

This summer Glamorgan rookie Prem Sisodiya turned his focus to learning how to DJ, mixing some of his favourite R&B classics with a Grangetown influence.

"Towards the beginning of lockdown I bought the Roland DJ-202 controller. I can't see myself headlining a beach party in Marbella any time soon, but it's very satisfying when you nail a transition!"



THE FEMALE CRICKET STORE

Former England international Lydia Greenway, who was a 2019 PCA Futures Awards winner after setting up coaching business Cricket for Girls, has now launched The Female Cricket Store, an online retailer which provides tailored equipment for female cricketers.

"When I was a young girl playing cricket I never really questioned if the equipment I was using or the clothing I was wearing was right. This is why I developed The Female Cricket Store - to be a place where female cricketers know that they will get the best hand-picked equipment just for them."

Visit thefemalecricketstore.com to find out more.



A summer successfully navigated, but not without significant challenges. England men Woakes and Broad offer up what it meant to the players.

STUART BROAD

“Having gone through the bubble for 10 weeks, I have a huge amount of respect for what the West Indies and the other teams did for English cricket and the sport in general. I have no doubt that we as a team would do similar as we are cricket lovers, so long as our safety was at an acceptable level.

“It was strange, there was no way of getting away from it being bizarre. Eating on a single table away from your mates who you are sharing a field with, but it had to be done. The players embraced that and it was made so secure and safe that we never felt in any danger of catching Covid-19. Once you got your mind around that, we were doing it for the best in that it enabled us to play, and enabled fans to watch at home.

“We knew that there would be more interest in cricket. It was nerve-racking as players as we were undercooked, we hadn’t had many first-class games to get going and here we were trying to go and win for our country.”

CHRIS WOAKES

“It was tough being in the bubble. I worry about saying how hard it was because there are so many more people that struggled more than we did as players. Being away from friends and family was tough. We are used to touring and being away from family but the fact we were in our own country made it difficult to get used to.

“The bubble life of keeping socially distanced in hotels - eventually it gets to you. Everyone got stuck in, got on with it and the main thing is that when we got to play cricket, we were focussed to get our job done on the field. Credit to everyone at the ECB and PCA for making sure we got cricket on but also the lads for putting in a shift and performing so well.

“We had a duty to help get cricket back playing. There were large numbers of potential losses within the game, the only way we could limit that was by getting out there and playing so a huge thanks has to go to all the touring teams during what was a very difficult time.”

England Central Contracts 2020-2021

TEST & WHITE BALL CENTRAL CONTRACTS

Jofra Archer (Sussex)

Jos Buttler (Lancashire)

Joe Root (Yorkshire)

Ben Stokes (Durham)

Chris Woakes (Warwickshire)

TEST CONTRACTS

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Stuart Broad (Nottinghamshire)

Rory Burns (Surrey)

Zak Crawley (Kent)

Sam Curran (Surrey)

Ollie Pope (Surrey)

Dom Sibley (Warwickshire)

WHITE BALL CENTRAL CONTRACTS

Moeen Ali (Worcestershire)

Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire)

Tom Curran (Surrey)

Eoin Morgan (Middlesex)

Adil Rashid (Yorkshire)

Jason Roy (Surrey)

Mark Wood (Durham)

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Jack Leach (Somerset)

PACE BOWLING DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS

Saqib Mahmood (Lancashire)

Craig Overton (Somerset)

Olly Stone (Warwickshire)



England's Joe Root and West Indies' Jason Holder bump elbows.



Career-Defining Moments

Five years on, Adam Lyth reflects on his journey in and out of the England set-up



It was a summer that I will never forget. To win my first Championship for Yorkshire in 2014 was incredible and that was the year I needed to push my case forward for international honours.

The cricket that the whole squad played was the best I have ever seen. Personally, I scored six hundreds, including two doubles in just short of 1,500 Championship runs and went onto win the NatWest PCA Men's Player of the Year.

That was a springboard to my lifetime ambition of opening the batting for England. I made my debut against New Zealand at Lord's in the opening Test of the summer in 2015 and followed that up with my maiden Test century at Headingley one week later.

I brought three figures up with a slog sweep for four and the roar from the Western Terrace made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It still does, even now.

What followed in the Ashes was a little bit of a blur, I wish I would have taken it in a bit more than I probably did. What an unbelievable summer.

Stuart Broad's spell of 8-15 at Trent Bridge has to be the standout moment. To be walking out before Lunch on day one with the bat in my hand was just surreal.

That set the platform for us to regain the Ashes. Mark Wood took the last wicket at Trent Bridge and it was just party time.

Looking back now, I just wish I'd have made a couple of scores. It was frustrating but Australia bowled outstandingly well at me and I played three or four shots which, when you

look back, I wish I didn't play. Things are magnified in international cricket but I was disappointed personally with the way I went. If I had a couple of scores I would potentially have gone on the UAE tour where the wickets were a little friendlier to bat on and then you never know, I may never have looked back.

Alastair Cook called me to say I had been left out but I didn't receive any calls from the selectors. I knew if I didn't score runs at the Oval I'd be struggling. I just had a vibe that I wouldn't be going.

At the highest level you generally don't get that phone call or arm around the shoulder that often. Maybe it would have been nice to have a call to say where I needed to improve but I knew what I needed to do. I needed to go back to Yorkshire and score big runs.

I would love to wear the Three Lions on my chest again, but if not I can always say I scored a hundred facing two of the best opening bowlers in the world at the time which proved to myself I was good enough, and I went on to win the Ashes. Nobody can ever take that away from me. ●

England batsman Adam Lyth celebrates after reaching his century during day two of the 2nd Investec Test Match between England and New Zealand at Headingley on May 30, 2015 in Leeds, England.





Hampshire faced Kent in the 1992 Benson and Hedges Cup final, with the county's team of superstars proving too much over what turned out to be a two-day stand at Lord's.

Hampshire's second (and final) Benson and Hedges Cup victory owed much to its star-studded line-up that included the likes of Malcolm Marshall, Robin Smith and David Gower - the latter enjoying county success in what was the ex-England captain's penultimate professional season.

The Lord's showpiece was a two-day affair, owing to a torrential downpour that arrived just 1.2 overs into Kent's reply to Hampshire's 253-5. A higher total had never previously been surpassed in the final, and so it eventuated when Kent returned on the reserve day.

It was Player of the Match Robin Smith's swashbuckling 90 on day one, and the skill of a 34-year-old Malcolm Marshall on day two that proved decisive. The West Indies all-time great finishing with figures of 3-33, seeing Kent dismissed for 212 from 52.3 overs. Here's a look at what the XI are doing these days...

PAUL TERRY

Almost eight years to the day after his England Test debut, Vivian Paul Terry made 41 opening up for Hampshire in that 1992 cup final. In retirement, the German-born right-hander helped his

former side to another major honour as Club Manager with the C&G Trophy in 2005, and he now lives in Perth, WA, where he runs his own cricket academy.

TONY MIDDLETON

Middleton was named the Hampshire Cricket Society's Player of the Year shortly after his side's Lord's victory. He has stayed with the club since retiring in 1995, first as a Cricket Development Officer, then Second XI Coach, then Academy Director and finally Batting Coach - a position he holds to this day.

ABOVE Pictured are (back row): Rajesh Maru and Adrian Aymes; (middle): Tony Middleton and Kevan James; (standing, from 2nd left): Shaun Udall, Cardigan Connor, Bobby Parks, Jon Ayling, Paul Terry, Malcolm Marshall and Robin Smith; (front, sitting): David Gower and Tim Tremlett.

ROBIN SMITH

Player of the Match Smith has joined Terry in relocating to Western Australia in retirement. Smith sells MASURI cricket helmets and RS Cricket Clothing in the region, where he also coaches young players. Finishing his career with 133 England appearances, the 57-year-old has also been a beacon for mental health awareness in recent years.

DAVID GOWER

Already an established England great by 1992, ex-Test captain Gower has become equally well known for his broadcasting skill. The Tanzania-born batsman was the main presenter of Sky Sports' international cricket coverage until 2019 and is the recently elected President of the Lord's Taverners.

MARK NICHOLAS (CAPTAIN)

Like Gower, Hampshire's 1992 skipper Nicholas has remained on our screens following the conclusion of his playing career. The Bruce Springsteen-loving former middle-order batsman has become an instantly recognisable face, having fronted international cricket coverage for Channel 4 and Channel 5 in the UK, Australia's Nine Network

and recently working for SuperSport in South Africa.

MALCOLM MARSHALL

Fearsome fast bowler Marshall immediately became coach of both Hampshire and the West Indies upon retirement in 1996. The cricketing legend tragically contracted colon cancer three years later, passing away in his native Barbados at the age of just 41. The entrance road to Hampshire's Ageas Bowl is named Marshall Drive in memory of the West Indian and fellow ex-Hampshire man Roy Marshall.

KEVAN JAMES

James is perhaps best remembered for removing Vikram Rathour, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sanjay Manjrekar in consecutive deliveries before hitting a century during a match against the touring Indians in 1996. He now enjoys his cricket from behind the microphone, delivering coverage of Hampshire games on behalf of BBC Radio Solent.

JON AYLING

Portsmouth-born Ayling is a Hampshire man through and through. Since an injury-enforced retirement in 1993, the all-rounder became cricket professional at Winchester College before returning to his former county as Assistant Coach. He is now the Head of Cricket at Dauntsey's School, Wiltshire, a role he has held since 2012.

BOBBY PARKS (WICKETKEEPER)

Hampshire legend Parks claimed 700 dismissals for the county between 1980-92. He became a finance



ABOVE: 'Judge' Robin Smith on his way to 90, watched by Kent wicketkeeper Steve Marsh and slow left-arter, Richard Davies

BELOW LEFT: An imperious turn to leg from 'Lord Gower'

manager shortly after the 1992 B&H Cup victory. Sixteen years later he returned to the county, working as Academy Director, Southern Vipers GM and Hampshire Women and Girls Head of Performance before a second retirement in 2018.

SHAUN UDAL

Shaun 'Shaggy' Udal retired from the professional game in 2010 following a career which saw him claim over 1,300 wickets in all formats, playing four Tests and 11 ODIs for England. Udal has remained in Hampshire as Managing Director of the Cotton Graphics embroidery company, based in Basingstoke. He announced he was battling Parkinson's, a progressive neurological disease, in 2019.

CARDIGAN CONNOR

Having returned to his home country in 1998 to work as a personal trainer for numerous Hollywood stars, the skiddy seam bowler became Anguilla's chef de mission at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester, carrying the country's flag at the opening ceremony. In 2015 he was elected to the Anguillan government, representing the Anguilla United Front in the West End district of the tiny island nation. ●





NATWEST PCA MEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Often considered England's unsung hero, all-rounder Chris Woakes stepped into the limelight to succeed teammate Ben Stokes in picking up the Reg Hayer Cup.

Woakes held off fellow nominees Zak Crawley, Simon Harmer and Craig Overton to win the coveted prize. Admitting the news came "as a bit of a shock," Woakes was keen to praise those who pulled together to make cricket happen this summer.

NATWEST PCA WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ For the first time, the main PCA women's award reflected performances over a period of 12 months, rather than the course of the preceding summer. Leg-spinner Sarah Glenn was voted her side's outstanding performer, having only made her debut in December 2019.

"I loved every moment of it", Glenn said, "I'm just trying not to look too far ahead at the moment."

NatWest Cricket Awards

In what was an unusual year, there was still some great cricket played. Here are the men and women that stood out.

With the annual NatWest PCA Awards unable to take place in 2020, the virtual NatWest Cricket Awards instead rounded off a year which saw all aspects of the cricket community co-operating to navigate the game through Covid-19.

The event, which took place during Vitality Blast Finals Day on the weekend of 3-4 October, saw the NatWest PCA Awards combine with the ECB's NatWest Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards (OSCAs) to honour all of those who made the summer of 2020 one to remember.

As usual, the players themselves voted for the three main prizes, with the NatWest PCA Men's Player of the Year, NatWest PCA Women's Player of the Year and Vitality PCA Young Player of the Year being decided by the current playing membership based on performances over the truncated 2020 season.

There were also three awards each for international and domestic men's cricket, including the Greene King Team of the Year, as well as a domestic women's award for the very first time.

VITALITY PCA YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ 22-year-old Zak Crawley beat Will Jacks and Tom Lammonby to the Vitality PCA Young Player of the Year award, stating that he "didn't think he was capable" of scoring a Test double hundred, and that it was "very special" to join a list of previous winners including the likes of Michael Atherton, Ian Bell and Joe Root.





INTERNATIONAL MEN'S AWARDS

■ In the season when he joined the prestigious '500 club' after removing Kraigg Brathwaite in the third Test at Emirates Old Trafford, Stuart Broad was identified as the Test Player of the Summer by the PCA MVP Rankings for the second time in succession.

■ The MVP also rewarded David Willey in naming him the Royal London ODI Player of the Summer - the all-rounder earned 92 MVP points against Ireland after scoring 98 runs while only being dismissed once and claiming eight series wickets at 18.5.

■ Ending the summer as the ICC's number one ranked IT20 batsman, Dawid Malan was a worthy winner of the Vitality IT20 Player of the Summer, earning 51 MVP points across three-match series against Pakistan and Australia.



DOMESTIC AWARDS

■ Somerset's Craig Overton and Surrey's Will Jacks were named the Bob Willis Trophy and Vitality Blast Players of the Year respectively after guiding their sides all the way to the final of this year's two domestic men's tournaments.

■ Southern Vipers skipper Georgia Adams was the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy Player of the Year, having inspired her team to a perfect six wins from six whilst scoring 500 runs.



Greene King Team Of The Year



ALASTAIR COOK
Essex



JAKE LIBBY
Worcestershire



TOM LAMMONBY
Somerset



BEN DUCKETT
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WILL JACKS
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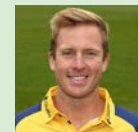
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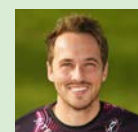
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Somerset



SIMON HARMER
Essex [c]



DARREN STEVENS
Kent



JOSH DAVEY
Somerset



Head to thepca.co.uk where you can find more information about the NatWest Cricket Awards as well as full-length interviews with the main award winners.



Professional Cricketers' Trust

You never know when you might need to call upon the Professional Cricketers' Trust. In 2020, three PCA members with an average age of 29 revealed their very personal stories of receiving support from the players' charity...



DOM BESS

In May 2020, at only 22 years of age, Dom Bess bravely spoke out about his ongoing mental health battles in conversation with long-time friend and mentor Marcus Trescothick.

Bess spoke candidly with Trescothick, whose mental health issues have been well documented, over the course of 40 minutes to reveal the origins of his own anxiety, the preventative steps he has taken to date and how he hopes others will follow his lead to open up with more confidence.

"I think it's really important to open up about mental health," said Bess. "A big step for me was understanding that it's OK not to be OK. When I understood that I finally felt able to open up."



CHRIS WOOD

During lockdown, Chris Wood made it public knowledge that he had been receiving treatment for an 11-year gambling addiction. The former England U19s man spoke to Tony Adams, founder of the Sporting Chance Clinic, in a podcast to reveal how he had developed a dependence on betting as a mechanism to sedate his anxious thoughts.

"I was overwhelmed with the support I received," reflected Wood, "and as an important step in my recovery it could not have gone better. As part of my continued rehabilitation I have since been asked by EPIC Risk Management, the PCA's gambling awareness partner, to provide some awareness delivery for schools."



DAVID GRIFFITHS

On the eve of Vitality Blast Finals Day in support of the Professional Cricketers' Trust, former Hampshire and Kent man David Griffiths provided a timely reminder of why the charity's work is so important for PCA members and their immediate families.

Griffiths, who is now a coach at a school in South Africa, flew across the world to Australia with support from the Trust to donate one of his kidneys to save the life of sister Emma.

"The fact that the Professional Cricketers' Trust could get me through that situation and to where I am today was such an amazing thing. Without the Trust, I don't think we'd be here today."



FUNDRAISERS ON FOOT

■ Former Surrey man James Knott joined the 33 first-class umpires in putting on his walking boots in aid of the Trust in 2020. Knott walked during every minute of play in the first England vs West Indies Test in July, whilst the umpires covered the equivalent distance of Manchester to Karachi and back ahead of the beginning of the domestic season.

■ Former Northants bowler Patrick Foster ran 100 miles during the first 100 days of lockdown, whilst ex-Gloucestershire man Jack Davey made a generous donation of £500 after completing his own #Charity10for10 challenge.

VITALITY BLAST FINALS DAY IN SUPPORT OF THE TRUST

Vitality Blast Finals Day 2020 was held in support of the Trust, with a text to donate service, raffle, auction and online merchandise store all in place over the weekend of 3-4 October at Edgbaston.

Despite the rain, over £16,000 was raised for the players' charity, with Trust Director Ian Thomas thanking Vitality, the ECB and Sky Cricket for collaborating to raise both funds and awareness for the charity.



ANDY MOLES

Joining in with the #Charity10for10, Warwickshire legend Andy Moles managed to complete 10km on his new prosthetic leg in the space of one month, finishing on the waterfront in Cape Town surrounded by friends and family.

Inspiring the cricket community as he went, the former Bear raised an incredible £13,000 for the Trust, and everyone at the charity would like to thank Andy for his incredible efforts!

Fundraising For The Future

It's been a busy 2020 for the Professional Cricketers' Trust in a year when professional cricket's leading charity has faced a fundraising shortfall of over £200,000.

Spearheaded by the #Charity10for10 campaign, the cricket family has rallied to support the Trust through these turbulent times.

#CHARITY10FOR10

Complete 10km. Donate £10. Nominate three more to do the same. The message to PCA members could not have been simpler as the Trust launched its #Charity10for10 campaign at the beginning of June.

Kick-started by Marcus Trescothick, Eoin Morgan and Kate Cross, the campaign saw professional cricketers past and present run, walk, cycle and swim their way to 10km, before collectively donating over £24,000 to the Trust.



GET INVOLVED

Even with the recent efforts of our incredible fundraisers, there's still plenty of work to be done to get the Professional Cricketers' Trust back on its feet.

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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 has 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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Heather Knight, during the 5th Vitality IT20 match between England and West Indies.

Adding Value

England star Heather Knight has had quite a year. On and off the field.



Few - if any - individuals have made a greater impact on English women's cricket in recent times than Heather Knight.

Not content with her playing achievements, having famously led England to ICC Cricket World Cup glory in front of a roaring crowd of 24,000 at Lord's in 2017, the all-rounder has also been blazing a trail when it comes to progressing the game off the pitch.

In her new role as Vice Chair of the PCA Players' Committee, working alongside fellow Vice Chair James Harris and Chairman Daryl Mitchell, Knight has been an influential voice at the table when it has come to negotiating key issues such as Hundred contracts, the formation of the eight new regional centres and the induction of a new cohort of female members into the PCA in 2020.

On a global level, Knight is England's representative on the

Women's Player Advisory Group within the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA), meaning she helps to ensure that collective players' views are heard from a worldwide point of view.

The PCA's Communications Executive Peter Clark sat down with Heather to discuss her vision for the future of international women's cricket, a unique summer with England in the bio-secure bubble, the success of the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy and more... ➤➤➤



“There are some boards that are really pushing the women’s game forward. But you want to see that all over the world.”

Q: Fair to say it’s been a busy year for you for a number of reasons?

A: It certainly has! In terms of Covid-19, I’ve been involved in many conversations with the ECB and the England team, and as cricketers we’ve had to be very adaptable and think quite positively when things have been cancelled or are constantly changing. I’ve really enjoyed being a part of those discussions in my role as Vice Chair of the PCA. Especially when

we wanted to implement pay cuts at the peak of the pandemic, those discussions were unique and challenging in a positive way.

Q: Have you enjoyed taking on the extra responsibility?

A: It’s been really nice to be involved. I think it’s great that there are now women’s voices in that space, which will hopefully keep on pushing the game forward. It’s been an unusual start, having board meetings on Zoom with big issues to discuss and decisions to be made, but I feel I’ve really learned a lot from it and I’m just looking forward to continuing to be involved.

Q: How is the Vice Chair role setting you up for life after cricket?

A: It’s just a different experience. When you’re playing cricket, you’re in such a bubble, sometimes literally! Being involved in a different side of

things has definitely given me some skills to take on in general life, and hopefully when I’ve finished cricket the experience of being on a board will stand me in good stead for what I choose to do next.

Q: Your thoughts on the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy, from its inception to being involved on the pitch?

A: Even just being able to start the summer was incredible. With the pandemic and everything else that’s been going on, things have obviously been slightly thrown together at the last minute, so it’s a credit to the ECB and everyone else involved. Originally, the England squad weren’t even going to play the first two games, so it was really nice to have been involved in that and be a part of the tournament. It’s put domestic cricket in a great place in this country to continue to keep on growing.



ABOVE: In bowling action during the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy match between Western Storm and Southern Vipers. RIGHT: Heather Knight bats during the 1st Vitality IT20 between England v West Indies at the Incora County Ground on September 21, 2020 in Derby.

Q: Did it feel particularly important given the postponement of the Hundred?

A: I think it was really important that the same treatment was given to both the men's and the women's game. The clubs were in a tough situation because everything was put on hold and a lot of people were put on furlough. The competition was brand new so to turn it around at the very last minute with eight new teams was seriously impressive.

Q: Did any names in particular jump out at you during the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy?

A: There were a lot of very good performances. Sophie Luff was an absolute run machine down in Bristol for Western Storm, and the MVP Georgia Adams did very well to captain the winning side with the Vipers. There were some good performances from youngsters as well - Charlie Dean and Hannah Baker stand out in particular. These young girls are getting great opportunities to push on to the next level.

Q: And how much of a boost was it to see the winner of the MVP receiving a £1,000 cash prize?

A: I love the MVP! I know the domestic girls enjoyed competing with each other to win the cash prize, and a few of them were gunning to win it, so congratulations to Georgia Adams who was the obvious player of the tournament, all things considered.

Q: How will the new female members joining the PCA take women's cricket to the next level?

A: It's a landmark moment, isn't it? To be honest, it's something I didn't think I'd see for a long time, so it's exciting

to see where the game's come from and ultimately where it could end up. Professionalism throughout the game, not just at the top, is going to be massively important moving forward.

Q: How important is it to develop that talent pool below international level?

A: It really helps. It won't happen straight away, but over the next few years it's going to really aid the international team and help more people to continue developing as cricketers. Putting in strong performances is really going to get you noticed, which is a great thing. People who are on the fringes of the England squad will have a chance to push their case for selection, which will ultimately make English cricket that bit stronger.

Q: What are your thoughts on the future of international women's cricket?

A: It's still quite uncertain, to be honest. Obviously, the World Cup we had planned in March 2021 has been cancelled. There are some boards that are really pushing the women's game

forward, putting in the extra money and effort that's required at the moment, but you want to see that all over the world. The series against the West Indies in September 2020 was the first opportunity to get back playing, and you hope that that happens all over the world and the game continues to keep recovering with the momentum that it's built up during the past few World Cups.

Q: How do you push the women's game forward in parts of the world that seem reluctant to do so?

A: There's definitely a discrepancy between different women's teams. FICA are a good part of that in supporting the women's game and player rights all over the world. We need to keep pushing that hard, especially now when it's in a much tougher environment to get cricket on. We need to keep hearing voices that are supporting the women's game on boards and in players' committees. There aren't a huge amount of voices there at the moment and you want to keep it on the table and have people fighting for the game as a whole. ●



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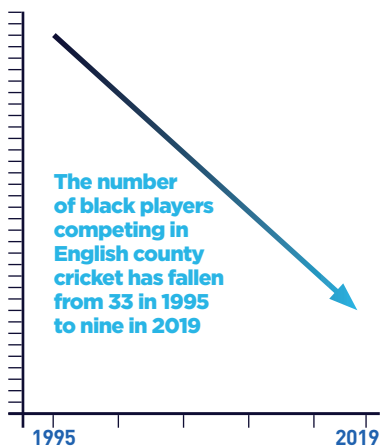
Peter Clark looks at the developing work of the PCA in its role of supporting players in the area of equality, diversity and inclusion.

In the wake of the tragic killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis on 25 May 2020, the issue of societal racism was once again brought into focus at a global level, but this time it felt different.

With large-scale demonstrations taking place in support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement in London and other UK cities throughout May and June, sports people in England and Wales displayed their solidarity with Black communities by taking the knee ahead of fixtures. Professional cricketers were no different, with both the England men's and women's sides also sporting the BLM emblem on the shirts during the summer.

Diversity has been key to the success of English cricket in recent times – World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan reflected on having “Allah with us” on the field at Lord's in July 2019 after his side's historic victory. However, this does not tell the full story as the statistics show that Morgan's England are not representative of English cricket in 2020. ➔

A GAME FIT FOR ALL



Research carried out by Leeds Beckett University and published by Telegraph Sport in 2019 shows that over the last 25 years, the number of Black players competing in English county cricket has fallen by 75 per cent, from 33 in 1995 to just nine in 2019. In addition, out of the 118 support staff employed by the 18 support staff employed by the 18 first-class counties, only two are Black.

These numbers, as well as impassioned accounts of racism in English cricket from the likes of Michael Holding and Ebony Rainford-Brent during the first Test of the summer against the West Indies, have led to players asking what more both the Association and the ECB can do to increase racial equality within the professional game.

A POSITIVE REACTION

Derbyshire all-rounder and PCA Players' Committee representative Anuj Dal says it has never been more vital to hold the cricketing authorities to account when it comes to an issue as important as racism in sport.

"Events in the USA were powerful. You can understand why the BLM movement is so strong and why people feel the way that they do.

"With the way racism is often disguised, there are grey areas around it not just in cricket, but also in sport more generally. I wanted to put myself in a position where I could help people

understand and feel better educated around the issue of racism.

"Therefore, current and former players took it upon ourselves to ask the PCA for their stance on that matter, and undoubtedly the PCA was fully supportive of it."

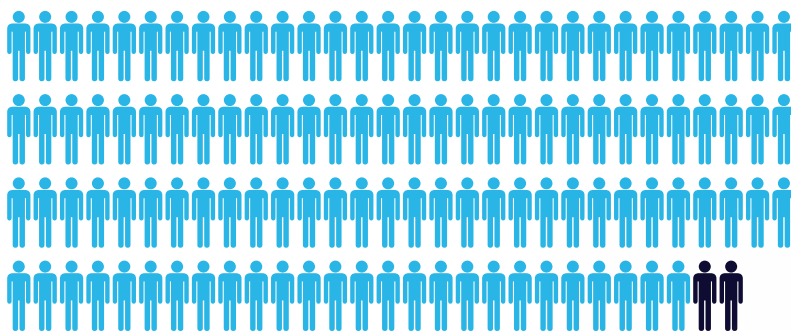
On the back of concerns raised by the likes of Dal, with former Sussex bowler Abidine Sakande also a leading voice, the PCA made a statement in support of the BLM movement in mid-June, before announcing its intention to effect change alongside the ECB on 7 July.

The PCA's first port of call was to contact all current Black players for their thoughts and views on the issue, before expanding research to the current playing Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) PCA membership.

Ongoing conversations then led to the formation of the PCA's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Working Group, made up of key stakeholders covering the PCA, ECB, current and former players and the PFA, and chaired by PCA Chief Executive Rob Lynch.

The group first met on 17 July to discuss key issues such as awareness and acknowledgement of the issue of racism in the sport, as well as broadening the conversation to include academy and recreational cricket.

"When I was approached about joining the EDI group, it was a no-brainer for me," says Dal.



Out of the 118 support staff employed by the 18 first-class counties, only two are black.



"It's been very, very positive so far. I'm pretty strong in my feelings of how the game can go about eradicating these type of situations, and the group has been moving forward since day one. I believe it's capable of doing really good things."



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MEMBERS OF THE EDI WORKING GROUP

- **ROB LYNCH** (Chief Executive, PCA)
- **IAN THOMAS** (Director of Development and Welfare, PCA)
- **ISA GUHA** (Non-Executive Director, PCA)
- **CHARLIE MULRAINE** (Lead Personal Development Manager, PCA)
- **KATHERINE BRUNT** (Professional cricketer, England Women and Northern Diamonds)
- **MARK BUTCHER** (Former professional cricketer)
- **ANUJ DAL** (Professional cricketer, Derbyshire CCC)
- **ABIDINE SAKANDE** (Former professional cricketer)
- **JAMES PYEMONT** (Head of Integrity, ECB)
- **KATE ALDRIDGE** (Strategy and Insights Manager, ECB)
- **SIMONE POUND** (Head of Equality and Diversity, PFA)

PCA Lead Personal Development Manager Charlie Mulraine has been a key figure in taking on board the concerns of PCA members, and has overseen the progress of the EDI Working Group from its formation to date.

“For me, it was just a case of listening. I

just wanted to understand what the PCA members who reached out to us were saying, why they were saying it and how they felt,” says Mulraine.

“We want to ensure that every single member feels that their voice is heard and that we’re accountable to our membership. We don’t want there to be any players in any dressing room who feel like they’re excluded.

“It’s also essential that the EDI Working Group adds value and adds understanding, so we ensured that we invited people with the relevant expertise into a virtual room together, whilst also gaining representation from the main stakeholders.

“This is something that is a key responsibility of the PCA, so it has to be long-lasting, not just a tick-box exercise.”

WORKING WITH ECB

Following initial research led by the PCA’s team of regional Personal Development Managers, one of the group’s key early decisions was to produce a survey, sent to all current male and female professional cricketers, academy players and former players from the last two years, made up of 20 questions surrounding their experiences of racism in the professional game.

The survey’s findings will enable the PCA to collaborate with the ECB to produce a Diversity and Inclusion strategy, and the rollout of an education programme in early 2021 will be one of the key steps taken to ensure that the PCA is not standing still on the issue of racism in cricket.

The PCA is also working closely with former Derbyshire and Sussex all-rounder James Pyemont, who is ➡



Mission Statement of PCA EDI Working Group

“This group aims to ensure that professional cricketers work in an inclusive environment protected from discrimination, where every player is actively supported and included, and has the knowledge and support necessary to challenge any form of discrimination.”

On The Cover

now the ECB's Head of Integrity. Pyemont sits on the EDI Working Group, and will help to draft a code of conduct which makes clear what is expected of players, as well as what the sanctions are for players who don't follow the guidelines in terms of diversity and inclusion on and off the field.

The long-term aim of the group is to build on such work to cover all areas of equality, diversity and inclusion, including race, gender, sexuality and age. It will officially be an advisory group to the PCA Board, meaning there will be a constant and direct link between the findings of the EDI group and the decision-makers at the PCA.

LEARNING FROM OTHER CODES

Collaborating with – and learning from – external bodies has been a key focus for the PCA throughout this process. Through relationships developed with the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) via the Professional Players' Federation (PPF), the PCA has been able to utilise the expertise of individuals such as the PFA's Head of Equality and Diversity, Simone Pound.

With 20 years of relevant experience giving her industry-leading knowledge of equality and diversity in sport, Pound's expertise has been invaluable when progressing the PCA's work in this area.

"I think what the PCA has done really well in this area is listen to its members and take on board their concerns. Getting that information back from members means that the PCA as an organisation is best placed to shape a programme that would be most fitting and appropriate for cricket.

"It's really important that the PCA works as closely as possible with the ECB and the 18 first-class counties to align and work together on a strategic plan which it can then implement.

A leading voice: Abidine Sakande of Sussex bowls during the Sussex v Australia A tour match at Arundel Castle cricket club on July 8, 2019.



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Head of Equality and Diversity,
Professional Footballers' Association

"Cricket as a sport is being very demonstrative that it is keen to address issues that are presenting across society, but especially in cricket which is currently not as diverse as it could - or perhaps should - be."

Whilst Pound admits that the PFA has significant resources at its disposal, she also feels that there are many steps that other players' associations like the PCA can take to replicate the work of the PFA in this area and ensure that all of its members feel more comfortable both on and off the playing field.

"The PFA has always had a really significant equalities strand running through it. We have a code of conduct and within the FA rules it's all focussed on ensuring that discrimination isn't tolerated within the game.

"The equalities department started with me and I've helped to grow it, but we've always been tackling the issue. It's always been crucial for us as a

union, but I'd still say we've got so much to do. If we're leaders in that field, then it's a long field because we still have a way to go in terms of BAME representation."

Within professional cricket, the establishment of the EDI working group has been a crucial step in building a platform to tackle the issue of racial inequality head on. Starting with the rollout of education programmes in 2021, the PCA will continue to use the group's findings to put mechanisms in place which aim to level the playing field in the long term.

The PCA is also committed to challenging the ECB on its processes in this area, including the introduction of a code of conduct, as well as ensuring the laws of the game are discrimination compliant.

Working together will be paramount when it comes to tackling an issue that has been generations in the making. ●



MEET THE REP

Jamie Porter

Just being stood at the top of my mark at the first game of the season back on 1 August - that made it all worth it."

It's certainly been a challenging and unique 12 months for everyone on the PCA Players' Committee, including Essex's representative, pace bowler Jamie Porter.

The group of 25 has been faced with one of the biggest challenges the modern game has ever seen, as the wider cricket family pulled together to balance English cricket's books and navigate through the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The Players' Committee played a central role in proceedings, providing a vital communication link between the dressing rooms, the PCA executive, the ECB and the 18 first-class counties, as Porter explains.

"It has been eye-opening," the man with over 350 first-class wickets reflects, "but it was a new experience and more responsibility than I'd ever had before as a PCA rep, that's for sure."

"We all accepted that the majority of the clubs were going to have to implement pay cuts to keep the businesses running, so it was just about working out what a fair amount was - we didn't want anyone to exploit the situation.

"A lot of the guys concerned have given a lot to those clubs so it was quite a delicate situation. It was about finding the right balance and what was fair for both parties."

Communication, as Porter explains, is key when it comes to excelling in the role of PCA rep. The spearhead of Essex's bowling attack has also enjoyed working as part of a team in a setting other than the cricket pitch.

"To be honest, at Essex we were very fortunate with the way things were playing out - I had to put aside that situation and look at the bigger picture to collectively work out what the best option was for all 18 counties, and that was a real challenge that I enjoyed.

"It's always been something I've been interested in, because I've always appreciated what the PCA do and had a good relationship with the people who work there - that's why I made the decision to take over as rep from Jaik Mickleburgh in the first place.

"It's nice to get an understanding of what the PCA does and the business side of cricket. It's something that's intrigued me more and more, and that I've enjoyed on many occasions, despite the obvious challenges that we've faced this year!"

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



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Duckett redemption

PHOTOGRAPHER, JORDAN MANSFIELD:

"The Outlaws star performers come together to celebrate with bats and pads forming a nice symmetry of sorts!"

BEN DUCKETT:

"My emotions couldn't be summed up better than this photo. The semi-final in 2019 was a setback. But to get the boys over the line in 2020 put all that to bed."



Bess' street cricket

PHOTOGRAPHER, STU FOSTER:

"My first cricket job after lockdown and what better than to draw some chalk stumps on a

neighbour's wall. One of the most enjoyable days of the summer, thanks Bessy."

DOM BESS: "This is what cricket in May looked like! Lockdown cricket 2.0."



A Summer Like No Other

Getty Images photographers and the players discuss eight of the best cricket photos of 2020...



Broad sunlight

PHOTOGRAPHER,

GARETH COPLEY: "Photography can be a lot about luck. The clouds only broke a tiny amount but I was very lucky as Stuart Broad running in to the bowl at the same time. Definitely no filter!"

STUART BROAD: "This fills me with happiness and sadness. Happiness that we managed to play the game we love but sadness as a picture like this highlights the lack of crowd, which we love so much."

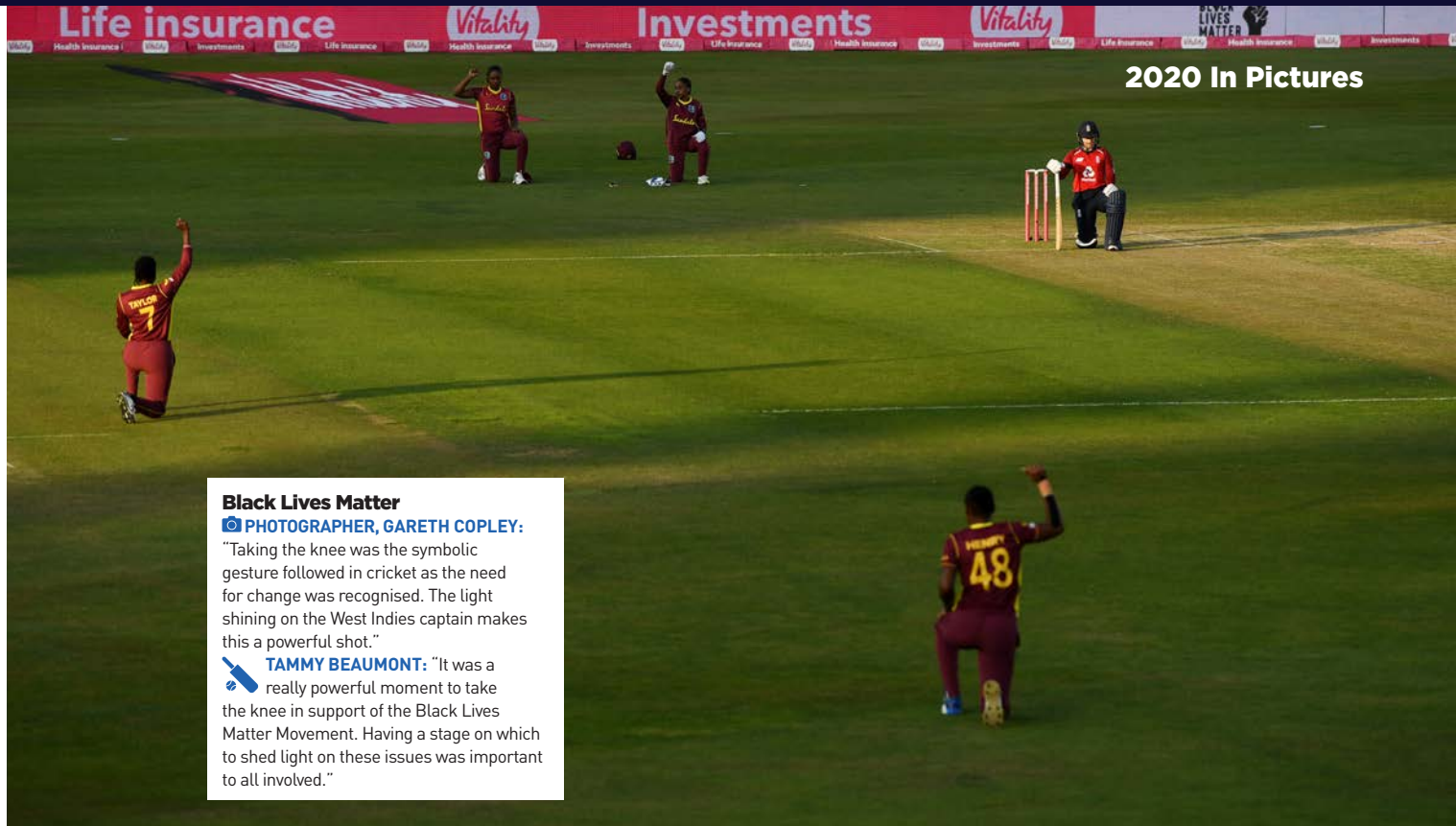


Bob Willis Trophy final

PHOTOGRAPHER, HARRY

TRUMP: "The autumnal light of late September lent itself to these hazy silhouettes. Sir Alastair Cook continuing to score runs in the twilight, pictured from a remote camera in the Lord's stands."

ALASTAIR COOK: "I reckon this was the ball before I got out! Amazing light! Great for photos but not easy to bat in although Jamie Porter and Adam Wheeler made it look easy."

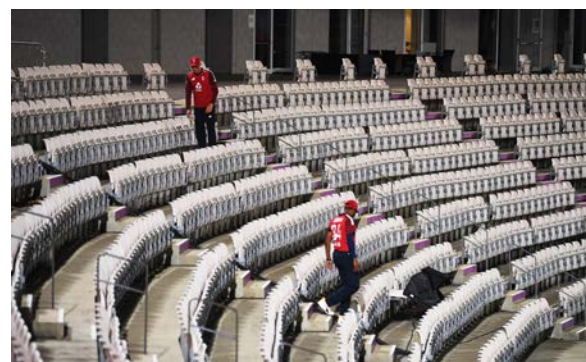


Black Lives Matter

📷 **PHOTOGRAPHER, GARETH COPLEY:**

"Taking the knee was the symbolic gesture followed in cricket as the need for change was recognised. The light shining on the West Indies captain makes this a powerful shot."

🔧 **TAMMY BEAUMONT:** "It was a really powerful moment to take the knee in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement. Having a stage on which to shed light on these issues was important to all involved."



Can we have our ball back?

📷 **PHOTOGRAPHER, GARETH COPLEY:**

"Tom Banton and Chris Jordan must have spent nearly five minutes looking for this ball at Southampton. The

harder they looked the better pictures got."

🔧 **CHRIS JORDAN:** "This was a pretty funny moment, I think we walked past the ball a couple times. A shame the crowd wasn't there to help us out!"

Direct hit

📷 **PHOTOGRAPHER, NATHAN STIRK:**

"The direct hit, the dive from the batter, the backing up and the umpire's position all coming together."

🔧 **NAT SCIVER:** "I was mainly relieved that it had finally hit the stumps - something we had been working a lot on in training!"

Jimmy's 600th

📷 **PHOTOGRAPHER, STUART FOSTER:**

"I was only probably one of a handful present at the Ageas Bowl who was at Lord's for his first, so chuffed to be there. This is the remote camera version with the empty stands. Sad, but a cracking moment. Well done James."

🔧 **JAMES ANDERSON:**

"Such a special moment. No crowd but still special to share with my teammates in a summer where we thought we might not get to play any cricket. A memory I will certainly treasure."



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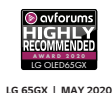
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PLAYERS IN LOCKDOWN

What did the pros do, you ask? Before cricket came back? Well, they went above and beyond given the opportunity...

When Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced stricter lockdown measures on Monday 23 March, the possibility of PCA members not being involved in any domestic or international cricket at all in 2020 felt very real.

Although play eventually began in the second half of the summer, many of the current playing PCA membership saw the first half of the year as a unique opportunity to advance their

personal development amidst the unique and acute pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In total, over 100 players took on new courses during the first 50 days of lockdown, funded by the PCA. Topics covered ranged from property development to fish frying and everything in between.

We contacted seven PCA members to find out how they made the most of their time away from the game during the most unique of summers.

REECE TOPLEY (SURREY)

"Whilst I don't know exactly what I want to do after cricket, I want to build a CV that gives me options to go in a variety of directions."

"At the beginning of lockdown I started studying a short course in micro-economics from a top US university, before moving on to another short course in sustainable construction and development. It really helped to pass the time during lockdown rather than being frustrated about not playing cricket."





ANDREW SALTER (GLAMORGAN)

"During lockdown, I established my new business AGS Visual to offer graphic design, photography, branding and content creation in the creative sphere. It's something I've really enjoyed getting stuck into along with my other venture Baffle Culture, for which I won a 2020 PCA Futures Award in February, over the last couple of years.

"I've watched a lot of YouTube videos and various online tutorials, but with a couple of sleepless nights I managed to find my way around things and it's been an exciting chapter ever since."



BEN SANDERSON (NORTHANTS)

"After reviewing some of the online courses via the Professional Players' Federation (PPF) link sent to me by my PDM Charlie Mulraine, I decided to do a short course through the Open University called 'Communication and Working Relationships in Sport and Fitness'.

"It was an introductory course and had some really useful videos with, for example, Sir Chris Hoy talking about how to communicate with different types of people. I used this course as evidence of wider learning in my recent interview for the ECB Level 3 coaching badge."



The webinars put on by the PCA were really useful to broaden my knowledge and I was also able to pick the brains of experienced people Danni Wyatt (England Women)

DANNI WYATT (ENGLAND WOMEN)

"Having already made a move into property investment, the delay to the women's cricket season gave me the opportunity to learn a bit more in this area.

"I have owned a property in Stoke for a few years now that I rent out, but I've never been quite sure what scope I had to develop my portfolio or of the best way to go about it. The webinars put on by the PCA were really useful to broaden my knowledge and I was also able to pick the brains of experienced people in the world of property."





NED ECKERSLEY (DURHAM)

"During lockdown I volunteered at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead. The hospital charity set up a temporary supermarket on site which allowed all NHS staff to come and pick up food and essentials for free after working their shifts. My job was to help stock up the store room, deliver goods around the hospital and generally help out where needed.

"The best part of volunteering was meeting the NHS staff who sacrificed so much but still remained incredibly positive and polite. I just hope I was able to show the staff that the work they were doing was greatly appreciated!"

ALEX WAKELY (NORTHANTS)

"Having played in 15 continuous seasons, I had never had a single summer with my family without constant travelling and playing. For the first time, I was able to enjoy the simple things like having breakfast and dinner as a family, as well as spending quality time with my daughters.

"My wife's family runs a portable Fish and Chip business, so I also became a fully qualified fish fryer. I then completed an online woodworking course, building my daughter a play area using recycled materials, and completed an Introduction to Public Leadership Course through the Open University. I just wanted to get as much on my CV as possible and try to find something that really interests me."



Players In Lockdown



Warwickshire Young Pros

"Working through the PCA Future Careers manual with Lynsey, our PDM, and the young pros during lockdown has allowed me to reflect on who I am and where I am in my career. From our 11 Zoom sessions, I now understand more of the habits, choices and behaviours that I have towards certain things." **ETHAN BROOKES**

"I enjoyed the honest self-reflection between a group of guys who I felt comfortable sharing my thoughts with." **GEORGE GARRATT**

"I found going through the Future Careers manual very eye-opening and refreshing, giving my opinions on my fellow players and them doing the same for me for the benefit of us all." **DAN MOUSLEY**



FUTURE CAREERS MANUAL

The PCA's Future Careers manual is the definitive guide for professional cricketers seeking new career direction or development of a dual career.

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Getting Amongst It

BtB spoke to two commercial partners about their developing relationship with the PCA. Both were keen to express there is more on offer than ever before

The PCA's commercial programme is renowned for offering different types of business the opportunity to connect with professional cricketers past and present, often via the Association's bespoke events programme.

As we move forward, one of the key aims of the programme will be to put more focus on the mutual benefits that the PCA's commercial partnerships can

offer, including the opportunity for members to continue their off-field development via the Association's Personal Development and Welfare Programme (PDWP). To further explore how this can be achieved, we spoke to former Gloucestershire man Mike Smith, now of London-based law firm Bevan Brittan, as well as Liam Burns from sportswear giants, New Balance, to gain their perspective on what they might be able to do for PCA members.



LEFT: Bevan Brittan's Mike Smith in action during his playing days, photographed during Gloucestershire's NatWest Trophy match against Middlesex at Uxbridge, July 1997

BEVAN BRITTAN

Bevan Brittan is a UK Top 100 law firm, providing a comprehensive range of legal and advisory services to over 800 businesses. Smith enjoyed a 14-year career in the professional game, hanging up his boots in 2004 after playing a single Test for England against Australia in 1997, taking 533 career

wickets. The former left-arm swing bowler now works as an employment lawyer, dealing with all areas of the employment relationship. As you'd expect, one of the ex-fast bowler's favourite aspects of the job is being able to work with current and former professional cricketers through his employer's relationship with the PCA.

"It's particularly exciting for me to be able to help players, because I know the county cricket system well, having played for a number of years. I know the people that are involved and I've played against quite a lot of the people I've helped. I like that it gives you that opportunity to reminisce.

"It also enables me to keep in touch with the game, keep my finger on the pulse and better understand the issues that they're going through. We've helped over 150 players over the past few years with various issues and we've had some really good outcomes.

"And from our perspective, we also have access to the events that the PCA put on, and we receive tickets to various things that we can invite clients to. It provides really good networking opportunities, especially with the type of people and businesses that attend these events.

"The team at the PCA is very conscientious, responsive, reliable and kind – I'd say that it has been a really good relationship. I only wish we'd partnered with the PCA sooner."

Bevan Brittan 



NEW BALANCE

New Balance has been the PCA's official footwear partner since 2013. In that time, the relationship has given members preferential access to both on and off-field cricket and performance products, as well as lifestyle footwear and apparel. Moving forward, however, as Burns explains, the sportswear giant is keen to further explore what they can do for PCA members in terms of off the pitch personal development.

"We are keen to further support the PCA's Personal Development and Welfare Programme to help players prepare for their careers beyond professional cricket.

"We want to try and provide opportunities to come and see life within a global sports brand, and to try and help encourage others, particularly cricket brands, to do the same - as well as the wider UK sports and play industry.

"It's always a pleasure working with kindred spirits. We all have the same goal: to help as much as we can to support players past and present who play the game we all love.

"Working with the PCA is a thoroughly rewarding experience.

It's a great team of people and we are proud to be a partner and to be able to help." ●



We all have the same goal: to help as much as we can to support players past and present who play the game we all love.
Liam Burns,
New Balance



Joe Root, Eoin Morgan and Jos Buttler talk to the media during the England Cricket World Cup Kit Launch on May 21, 2019 in London, England.

Obits

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BRIAN BOLUS (1934-2020)

YORKSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE

Enjoying 19 seasons in the first-class game, Brian Bolus was an aggressive right-handed opening batsman and occasional left-arm medium-paced bowler. The first player to captain two different counties in successive seasons, he was only the third player, after Bob Berry and Roy Swetman, to be capped by three different counties. He also appeared in seven Tests, two at home to the West Indies in 1963, and five in India the following winter.

Born in Leeds, after initially graduating from Whitkirk Cricket Club, John Brian Bolus made his first-class debut for Yorkshire against MCC in 1956. The following year, while notching up 825 runs including a maiden first-class century, he topped the Yorkshire batting averages. Capped in 1960, 12 months later he accumulated 1,970 runs. However, such was the strength of the Yorkshire squad at that time that Bolus felt forced to further his career elsewhere.

Moving to Trent Bridge in 1963, he played for Nottinghamshire until 1972, captaining them in his final season. From 1973 until 1975, he then took charge of Derbyshire. Passing a thousand runs a season 14 times, his career total of 25,598 runs included 39 centuries. Twice passing 2,000 runs, his best was 2,190 in 1963. That year he also hit his highest ever score, 202 not out against Glamorgan at Trent Bridge. He also held 201 catches.

While subsequently undertaking employment within local government, his club

career embraced spells at Bradford, Cleckheaton, Brighouse and Farsley, leading them to victory in the 1983 Priestley Cup. From 1998 until 2002, Chairman of the England Management Advisory Committee, he also served as an England selector. In addition, a member of the Nottinghamshire Committee, in 2004 he was elected President of the club.

ROY SMITH (1930-2020)

SOMERSET

Born in Taunton, February 14 1930, Roy Smith went to Huish's Grammar School before moving to Woolacombe in 1944. A talented all-round sportsman, he played cricket for North Devon and football for Ilfracombe.

A hugely successful first full season in club cricket (117 wickets at less than eight runs apiece) saw the offer of a job as assistant secretary to Nigel Daneill at Somerset.

National Service was undertaken at Norton Fitzwarren, where in a trial match against the Army he took 8-56. A Somerset debut came in June 1949 against Cambridge University at

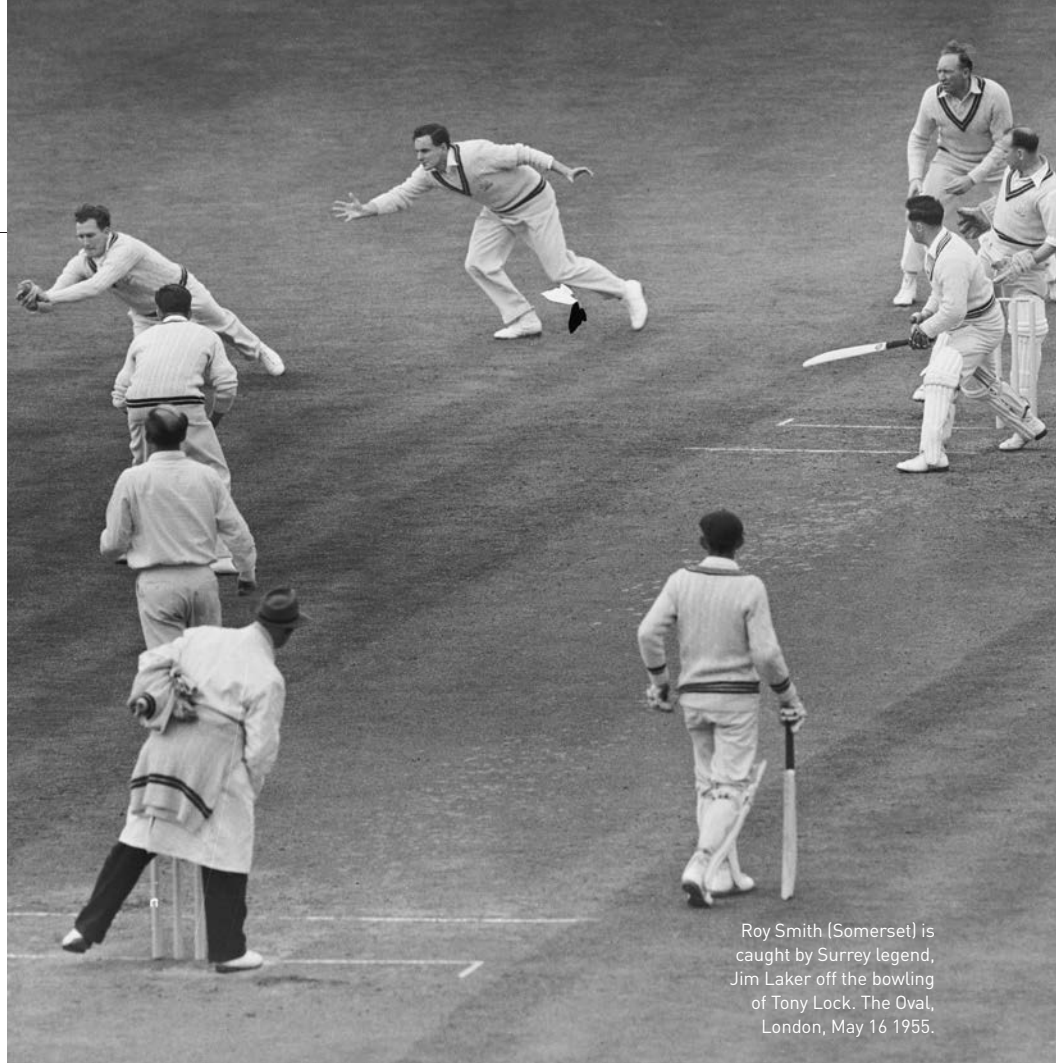
Bath, seeing him make 40 in the game's second innings. On the strength of this performance, Roy signed a professional contract with the county in 1950.

The summer of 1952 saw him play roughly half of the county's first-class matches, making 58 against Essex at Taunton and then taking 4-91 against Leicestershire, these proving the best figures of his career.

A regular in 1953, he made 1,176 runs at an average of 26.17, a career-best 100 against Worcestershire at Frome earning him his county cap.

He left Somerset at the end of 1956, having played in 96 matches, registering a single century and nine half centuries. He also took 19 wickets for the club. Minor County cricket for Devon saw him appear in 47 matches with a best score of 150. He also took 46 wickets.

Post-cricket, he went on to train as a teacher at St Luke's in Exeter, before teaching at Richard Huish College in Taunton, staying there until 1978. In addition to teaching maths he coached cricket and football. He was 90 years old.



Roy Smith (Somerset) is caught by Surrey legend, Jim Laker off the bowling of Tony Lock. The Oval, London, May 16 1955.

BERT RICHARDSON

(1932-2020) DERBYSHIRE

The Mansfield resident was Derbyshire's oldest former player. A slow left-arm spin bowler and a more than useful attacking middle-order and occasional opening batsman, he spent three years on the county staff, between 1950 and 1953. It was the arrival of another young spin bowler, Edwin Smith, that severely curtailed first team opportunities.

A Lancastrian, born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Bertram Harold Richardson joined the staff at the Racecourse Ground in 1950. In 27 first-class matches he amassed 33 wickets with 8-118 being his best match return, taken against Hampshire in that first season. He went on to make eleven appearances in the Minor Counties Championship.



DAVID HUMPHRIES

(1953-2020) LEICESTERSHIRE, WORCESTERSHIRE

David Humphries, who has died aged 66, was the eldest of three cricketing brothers, all enjoying success in Minor Counties cricket.

A neat and tidy wicketkeeper, regarded as a pugnacious and entertaining left-handed middle-order or opening batsman, Humphries went on to enjoy 12 seasons in the first-class game (initially with Leicestershire) after winning a Minor Counties title with Shropshire in 1973.

Born in the village of Alveley, David John Humphries was educated at Bridgnorth Secondary School and Wulfrun College, Wolverhampton. Humphries won early representative honours with the English Schools Cricket Association and despite scoring a century in a trial match he was initially rejected by Worcestershire. He went on to make five first-class appearances for Leicestershire before moving to New Road in 1977.

Capped by Worcestershire the following

season, 1979 was statistically his best year behind the stumps with 57 dismissals. His eight victims, seven caught and one stumped, against Derbyshire at Derby that year, equalled the then county record.

Making 175 first-class appearances, his 5,116 runs included a top score of 133 not out, again made against Derbyshire at Derby, this time in 1984. His 354 career victims included 294 catches and 60 stumpings.

Humphries went on to work for Severn Trent Water Authority before entering a career in artificial cricket pitches in the Birmingham League. In club cricket, he appeared for West Bromwich, Dartmouth and Worcester City.

DEREK SEMMENCE

(1938-2020) SUSSEX AND ESSEX

Spending a lifetime serving the game, Worthing born right-handed middle order batsman, Derek John Semmence, made his Sussex debut as an 19-year-old in 1956. Having made thirty six against Warwickshire at Edgbaston, he then went on to compile a maiden century, taking 108 off the Nottinghamshire attack at Trent Bridge a few weeks later, the youngest ever Sussex player to score a first-class century. He later represented Combined Services while serving in the Royal Air Force.

Semmence had first played for Sussex Second XI aged 16 and over the course of some 14 seasons, between then and 1968, he made 39 first-class appearances for the county, totalling 890 runs. He also took one wicket with his medium-paced bowling and held 24 catches. In 1962, he also appeared for Essex in their encounter with Oxford University at The Parks.

Becoming Cricket Professional at Hurstpierpoint College, winters were invariably spent coaching in India at Rajasthan. Between 1964 and 1966, he played for Devon in the Minor Counties Championship. Seven years later, while serving as the Professional at South Northumberland in the Northumberland Senior League, he represented the county on 25 occasions. In 1976, he went on to make two appearances for Cambridgeshire.

Playing club cricket for Worthing, he served as their President from 1998 until 2016. He

also represented Sussex Martlets and Club Cricket Conference. A stalwart of Sussex Senior Cricket, in total he made 121 appearances for Sussex Over 50s, Over 60s and Over 70s, accruing 2230 runs and taking 105 wickets. While Captain of the Sussex Over 70s, between 2009 and 2012, he led the team to four consecutive county championship titles. In 2012, they won eleven of their twelve games.



IAN KING

(1931-2020) WARWICKSHIRE

"I didn't play for Warwickshire for that long, just three seasons, because back then cricketers were so poorly paid it was hard to make a living. So I went and did other things. But I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

Ian King, who has died aged 88, was speaking at the Players Reunion Dinner held at Edgbaston in August, 2019, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1994 treble and 125 years of Warwickshire's first-class status. He went on to add, that as a player he earned £6 per week, plus £2 for a win, together with a further £1 for first innings lead. In the winter he would work in the offices doing odd jobs.

Born in Leeds but schooled in Worcestershire, Ian Metcalfe King was educated at Hanley Castle Grammar School. A slow left-arm bowler and lower-order batsman, after playing for Kidderminster, he moved to Edgbaston in 1949. Following National Service, he made his first-class debut v Kent at Maidstone in 1952. Making 53 appearances, his best season was 1954, when he claimed 54 wickets.

Having returned to play in the Birmingham League with Aston Unity, the 1957 season saw him join Essex by special registration. While as economical as always, once again relying more on flight and guile, his bowling tended to lack penetration at this level. Making 28 appearances for Essex, he claimed





David Capel bowling for England during the 1st Test match against New Zealand at Christchurch, on the 17th February 1988. The match ended in a draw.

34 wickets and had a best batting score of 33.

Moving back to the Midlands to run the family business, he returned to the Birmingham League but now with Moseley. Throughout his first-class career, making 81 appearances, he totalled 476 runs. As a bowler he claimed 129 wickets with a best analysis of 5-59 versus Essex at Westcliff-on-Sea in 1954. His cousin, Anthony King, made one appearance for Yorkshire in 1955.

DAVID CAPEL (1963-2020)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Spending 32 years on the Northamptonshire staff, David Capel, became the first 'local' to represent England since George Thompson 72 years earlier. As an aggressive right-handed middle-order batsman and a bustling swing bowler of sharp if not express pace, he was also a fine close-to-the-wicket catcher.

Educated in the village of Roade, David John Capel progressed through the county's age group teams, making a Second XI debut aged 16. Two years later he made his first-class debut for the county against Sri Lanka. During 1982 he impressed when making 117 for England Young Cricketers against the West Indies. Soon assimilated into the Northants middle-order, two championship centuries and a bevy of one-day fifties in 1986, earned him his county cap.

Twelve months later he made the first of his 15 Test appearances, scoring 53 at Headingley against Pakistan. His finest Test innings came in Karachi 18 months later when he occupied the crease for six hours to defy Abdul Qadir and be the last man out, having scored 98. Part of England's new look team that took on the West Indies in the Caribbean in 1980, he also appeared in 21 one-day internationals.

For Northants between 1981 and 1998, Capel made 313 first-class appearances, scoring 12,202 runs and taking 546 wickets. In List A cricket, breaking numerous county batting records, he made 345 appearances totalling 7,011 runs and claiming 281 wickets. Never less than a wholehearted and committed team player, he also had 256 catches to his name. Initially joining the backroom staff at Wantage Road, from 2006 until 2012, he served as head coach, before stints in the women's game with England and Bangladesh. He is survived by wife, Debbie - the couple married in 1985 - their daughter Jennifer, son Jordan, and three grandchildren. He was 57.

JOHN SPRINGALL (1932-2020)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Aged 87, John Springall was one of Nottinghamshire's oldest former players. Described as a cultured right-handed opening or middle-order batsman and right-arm medium-paced bowler, when the occasion demanded he could also help out as a neat and efficient wicketkeeper.

Born in Southwark, South London, John Dennis Springall represented South London Schools before serving an apprenticeship as a member of MCC Young Cricketers at Lord's. Subsequently moving to Trent Bridge, he made his first-class debut as a wicketkeeper in Nottinghamshire's drawn home encounter with Northamptonshire in 1955.

At a time when the team was constantly propping up the county championship, Springall's best season was undoubtedly 1959 when, averaging 35.42, his total of 1,488 runs, included a career-best 107 not out, made against Leicestershire at Coalville. He also chipped in with 43 wickets that season, including a further career-best return of 6-43 against Surrey at the Oval. Capped the

following year, he again topped 1,000 runs. Between 1955 and 1963 he made 121 first-class appearances, scoring 5,176 runs and claiming 80 wickets.

Stepping down to lead the Notts Second XI, he also made appearances for MCC, before going on to represent Walsden in the Central Lancashire League and Accrington in the Lancashire League. Spending time in Spain, he later returned to live near his son in Norfolk.



PETER WALKER MBE (1936-2020)

GLAMORGAN

The loss of Peter Michael Walker is a huge blow to cricket in Wales and the game as a whole. While by profession a fine all-round cricketer for both Glamorgan and England, in addition, he enjoyed success as a broadcaster, business consultant, Pitch Inspector for the England and Wales Cricket Board, Director of the Cricket Board of Wales and one of the founding fathers of the Professional Cricketers' Association. His contribution to the welfare of his fellow players has been immeasurable as a longstanding Director of the Professional Cricketers' Trust. From 1973-1975 he was Chairman of the PCA, and later an honorary Vice President.

Born in Bristol and schooled in South Africa, Peter Walker was a tall, right-handed middle-order batsman, a slow left-arm spin bowler, and an outstanding close to the wicket catcher. Making his Glamorgan debut in 1956, he was capped two years later. Acknowledged as a fine one-day player, he also helped his side win the County Championship title in 1969, where he was also in the team that twice defeated Australia during successive tours in 1964 and 1968.

Having scored 1,564 runs, taken 80 wickets and claimed 73 catches during the 1959 season, and then impressing the selectors when appearing for MCC against the South

African tourists the following year, he was subsequently selected for the opening Test at Edgbaston. Retained for the second encounter at Lord's and the third at Trent Bridge, he was perhaps sent in too low and bowled too little. His Test record remains 128 runs, no wickets and five catches.

Scoring 1,347 runs and taking 101 wickets in 1961, between 1956 and 1972, Walker made 437 appearances for Glamorgan. Totalling 17,650 runs and claiming 834 wickets, he also had a remarkable 697 catches to his name. Passing 1,000 runs in a season 11 times, his top score remained the 132 not out he made against Middlesex at Lord's in 1962. He also represented both Transvaal and Western Province.

"His wisdom and calmness together with his business acumen has been vital as the PCA has grown," reflected lifelong friend David Graveney. "I look back now and the only image I can see is a slow, rhythmical and elegant golf swing, not dissimilar to his attitude to life. Peter was a class act and will be sorely missed by all that knew him."

PAUL OWEN (1969-2020)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, Paul Andrew Owen was a talented slow left-arm bowler and right-handed lower-order batsman. Enjoying early schoolboy sporting success with both bat and ball when a member of the 1st XI at Bedford Modern School, between 1989 and 1996, he went on to make 29 appearances for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Championship with a best bowling analysis of 6-68 against Cambridgeshire at Fenners in August 1989.

The following year he would make three appearances for Gloucestershire at that year's Cheltenham Cricket Festival. Wicketless against Yorkshire, accounting for Rob Bailey when playing Northamptonshire before taking the wickets of Monte Lynch and Ian Greig for 37 runs, in what would prove his best first-class bowling analysis.

Throughout his early cricketing career he played for Luton, later when moving north to Cheshire, he became a stalwart member of Woodford Cricket Club. He was 51.



LESLIE BRADBURY (1938-2020)

DERBYSHIRE

A native of Matlock in Derbyshire, Leslie Bradbury was a right-handed lower-order batsman and a tall upright right-arm fast-medium bowler, who first made his mark appearing for Darley Dale.

Having taken all ten wickets when playing for Matlock against Spondon at the beginning of May 1971, three weeks later, at the age of 33, he found himself pressed into service as Derbyshire took on the might of Yorkshire at Queen's Park, Chesterfield. In his only first-class appearance and opening the home attack in partnership with Mike Hendrick, his 15 overs cost him 53 runs as he claimed the wicket of John Woodford. He also caught Doug Padgett off the bowling of Edwin Smith.

That very same season he replaced legendary Derbyshire pace bowler Les Jackson as the professional at Undercliffe, who were then the reigning Bradford League champions. Claiming 35 wickets at 14.46 apiece, his efforts saw the club retain the league title, beating Bradford into second place. He would later return to play club cricket for Matlock. He was 82.

ROY BARKER (1947-2020)

WORCESTERSHIRE

Widely respected and greatly liked, Anthony Royston Paul Barker, universally known as Roy, enjoyed a varied career at many levels of the game. Born in Newcastle-under-Lyme and educated at Watlands School, Barker was a right-handed middle-order batsman and occasional opener who could also operate as an off-spinner. At his best an exciting stroke maker, he was also a more than useful close to the wicket catcher.

Having first come to prominence playing for Burslem Cricket Club, he made his Worcestershire debut against Kent at

Tunbridge Wells in 1967. Over the course of the next two seasons, he appeared in 27 first-class and four List A games for the New Road side. Scoring 544 runs, he had a top score of 67 made against Lancashire at Southport in 1969. Throughout the 1970s he went on to make a further 87 appearances for the Second XI, frequently captaining the side.

Returning to his roots throughout the 1970 season, he became a stalwart of the Staffordshire side competing in the Minor Counties Championship. A model of consistency, his 445 runs helped propel the county to third place. His finest hour undoubtedly came at the Brumby Hall Ground in Scunthorpe when, overcoming the wiles of West Indian Test bowler, Sonny Ramadhin, he made a dazzling 117, putting on 132 for the third wicket with Nasim-ul-Ghani.

Barker's club career centred around the Birmingham League. While developing a career as a groundsman, he first made his mark with Walsall. Moving on to Kidderminster, in 1975 he proudly led the side to the championship title. First representing the Birmingham League in 1974, the following year they overcame the North Yorkshire and South Durham League to claim the Inter League title. He ended his career at Duport.



TONY BROWN (1936-2020)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Spending a lifetime serving the game, Tony Brown, who has died aged 83, was a right-handed middle-order batsman and medium-paced bowler who became the mainstay of the Gloucestershire side, playing from 1953 until retirement in 1976. Also a fine close to the wicket catcher, against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in 1966, he held seven catches in an innings to equal Micky Stewart's world record. He subsequently proved no less adept as an administrator.



Born in Bristol and educated at Fairfield Grammar School, Anthony Stephen Brown made his Gloucestershire debut in 1953. Capped four years later, he remains one of only four cricketers to have scored more than 10,000 runs and to have taken 1,000 wickets for the county. Captain from 1969 until 1976, in 1973 he led his side to victory over Sussex in that year's Gillette Cup Final, his undefeated innings of 77 winning him the Man of the Match Award.

Making 496 appearances for the county, he scored 12,851 runs with a top score of 116, made against Somerset in 1971. Twice claiming 100 wickets a season, his final tally of 1,230 victims includes his best bowling return of 8-80 against Essex at Leyton in 1962. Highly effective in List A competitions, here he scored 2017 runs and claimed 230 wickets. Never less than wholehearted and committed, he also held 564 catches.

Appointed as Secretary/Manager at Nevil Road in 1976, five years later he moved to Somerset. Manager on two England tours - first to India and Australia and then subsequently to the West Indies - from 1988 until 1997 he also served as Assistant Secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board. Chairman of Cricket at Gloucestershire from 1999 until 2007, he was then elected Club President.

NIGEL MURCH (1944-2020)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & VICTORIA

Proud Victoria and legend of the region's club game, Stewart Nigel Clifford Murch has died at the aged of 76. A fast bowler of intimidating pace when in his pomp, the right-arm paceman played ten first-class games for Northamptonshire and Victoria between 1966 and 1970. He was also the father-in-law of iconic athlete Cathy Freeman, the Olympic gold medallist was moved to describe him within social media as, 'Nigel Murch. One in a billion. A loving husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. But above all, a man you could talk to, learn from and laugh with.' He took 17 career wickets with a best of 3-49.



Durham, Victoria and Australia batsman Dean Jones pictured looking out of the Pavilion window at the Racecourse ground circa 1991 in Durham, United Kingdom.

DEAN JONES (1961-2020)

DURHAM, DERBYSHIRE & AUSTRALIA

Dean Jones was a combative and charismatic cricketer and an attacking right-handed middle-order batsman. Contributing to two Ashes triumphs, his decisive input into his country's World Cup success helped revitalize Australian cricket at a time when the sport in the country was under pressure from the emergence of rugby league.

While a devastating hitter against pace, his nimble footwork also meant that he was an equally fine player of spin. However, it was his running between the wickets that helped make him such an outstanding one-day player.

A proud Victorian, born in Melbourne, Dean Mervyn Jones played Sheffield Shield cricket from 1982 to 1998. He made a Test debut two years later against the West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad. Winning a further 54 caps, with his 3,631 runs including nine centuries, as well as the small matter of two otherwise outstanding double hundreds. A 210 against India in 1986 was made when suffering ill-health throughout, and a top-score of 216 against the West Indies coming two years later. He also appeared in a remarkable total of 164 one-day internationals, his 6,068 runs included seven centuries.

He signed for Durham in 1992, the county's inaugural season in first-class cricket. Despite taking time to acclimatise, he topped both the

Sunday League (40-over competition) and first-class batting averages. Four years later, when taking over the captaincy of Derbyshire, he stewarded a remarkable transformation, seeing the team rising from fourteenth to come within a whisker of capturing the County Championship title.

After his playing career ended, Jones stayed in the game working as a coach and commentator. Particularly revered throughout the Indian sub-continent, as a coach, in 2016 and 2018, he led Islamabad United to two Pakistan Super League titles. Becoming a forthright and occasionally controversial member of the commentary team for the Indian Premier League, he also worked for the Afghanistan Cricket Board. He suffered a heart attack whilst on commentary duty, covering the 2020 IPL tournament in the UAE. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and the couple's two daughters, Isabella and Phoebe.

OUR APOLOGIES

In a previous issue of Beyond the Boundaries, a photo captioned as being Edwin Legard was in fact of fellow Warwickshire man, Neal Abberley. Our apologies for this oversight and for any hurt caused.

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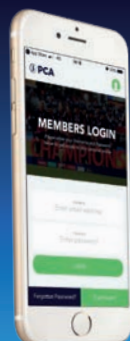


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My Passion

Lancashire's Rob Jones on his love of pin badges

I've probably been collecting pin badges for about four or five years now. I can go a few months without buying one, but then I'll always go back.

I mainly focus on badges featuring Britain's 250 native bird species. I've always loved being in the countryside, looking at nature. I often take my binoculars and bird book out with me.

I'm a member of the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and go birdwatching quite a bit. I really love visiting Wales, especially north Wales. I have some pins with Welsh place names on.

In total I have 80 badges, 60 of which feature birds. They are currently stored in a bag in my bedroom. But the plan is to buy a nice walking hat to display them on.

In 2019 the collection became something of a lucky charm for Lancashire, especially during the latter stages of that season's Royal London One-Day Cup competition. I would pin a different badge to my hat every game. The lads would always ask what bird I had on and would take the mick out of me a bit. It's just a little bit of fun, isn't it?

I've got about another 200 bird badges to go, but I reckon I'm committed now. I've just got to keep collecting. Until I've got them all. ●

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