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Tēnā Koutou

In this edition of Outright we connect with NZCPA life member Russell Mawhinney who is looking to scale Mt Kilimanjaro, while also trying to ascent a metaphoric mountain of rejuvenating cricket in tourist centric Queenstown.

Margot Butcher connects with Central Hinds and newly contracted White Ferns player Rosemary Mair who has accumulated myriad life experiences as she trekked, via Contiki, through the USA in the winter months.

We also provide an insight into Blair Tickner's off field passion for coffee. He has spent the winter months establishing his first café - the 13th Stag - in Hastings. A great achievement and really exciting time for Blair and his partner.

Off field, we catch up with Brad Wilson as he establishes and expands his fencing contracting business.

We were delighted that the offer to access a free Molemap was taken up by so many members. There single biggest message within this offer is for all our members to remain aware and vigilant to the potential for skin damage caused by hours in the sun. Despite the expiry of the free Molemap offer, there is still a discounted rate available for all members via our Members Offers.

This month we are also pleased to announce a new commercial partner. Money Empire have been a service provider within our PD programme for a number of years and we are delighted to deepen the relationship with Kayne Wahlstrom and his team. You may also note the change in colours and name of our long standing partner FNZC, who are now Jarden - but still with the same great people in Brian Moss and Chris White.

We have also been able to strengthen our Member Offers in recent months, with Asics cricket footwear for current players, and one for the golfers with Ping, Mizuno and Ecco each offering our members with preferential rates. Members can access these and more great offers via the Member Offers section on our website.

Closing this edition is Paul Ford's regular The Insider column, where he reviews Jack Leach's meritorious Test innings during the Ashes and draws a parallel to New Zealand's own late order heroic innings'.

We wish all our members the best over the coming summer and sure all our members will enjoy the chance to sit back in take in some cricket over the summer.

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CONTIKI

BY MARGOT BUTCHER



As the only Central Hinds player in all of Hawke's Bay, gaining a maiden WHITE FERNS contract meant more to Rosemary Mair than most.

The 21-year-old right-arterm debuted for New Zealand in both formats last summer after five seasons with the Hinds, her accurate seamers helping lift the one-day Hallyburton Johnstone Shield last season.

But when you're the only player in your team for 180 kilometres, training can be hard, lonely yakka flying solo with a coach — or even just sending endless balls down by herself — in the Nelson Park nets.

"It was a very different winter for me to be included in the WHITE FERNS winter programme this year," Mair reflects.

"I went to Lincoln for a few development camps the previous year, but this year I had six or seven training camps in Lincoln and that made a big difference.

"They were busy, five-day camps each time so it added up to a whole month's worth of squad training with Bob Carter that I wouldn't have had otherwise. When I'm in the Bay I usually train on my own, apart from driving to Palmy once a week to train with Jacob Oram and Hannah Rowe."

But it wasn't all work and no play — there was time to fit in a post-season Contiki tour to the States which seems like a perfect way to celebrate the end

of a top summer and fill up the 'Gram' with some quality content.

L.A., Las Vegas, Miami, New York, the Grand Canyon in Arizona — all the big destinations in an American summer.

"I'd always been interested in going to America and I figured it wasn't somewhere I was ever likely to see through cricket," says Mair, "so I decided to go have a look myself.

"I didn't know anyone but did the Contiki thing and it was great fun. I'm glad I did it."

Besides her own achievements — including captaining CD U21 last summer, taking her first brace of ODI wickets against Australia (sweeping her off to Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne to boot) and three T20i wickets in the home series against India — it's been exciting times as women's cricket finally starts to take flight on a global scale.

"It's amazing how fast things are changing now," says Mair — whose brothers were the major influence on her taking up the sport herself.

From the first Development and Domestic contracts for New Zealand women players to big jumps in prizemoney and the creation (31 years after the male version) of an ICC Under-19 World Cup at ICC level, she's landed in the right place at just the right time.

"It's good, it's exciting. I would have loved to have gone to an Under-19 World Cup — it would have been scary, but exciting. I reckon it will be so good for a relatively small country like us, to have those experiences at that level. Just to play on some of those grounds in other countries would be a phenomenal experience for our young players."

Mair's own international call-up for the WHITE FERNS in February came as a complete surprise to her.

"I was just at home in Napier with Mum when I got the call, so she was the first person I told, then my brothers [older brother Stan represented CD at

age-group level and played for South Canterbury] and Dad.

"I really wasn't expecting it at all. Across the domestic game there are a lot of good bowlers who have been consistent for a number of seasons whereas I thought I was a bit fresh to the scene, so in my own mind I didn't think I was ahead of them."

Still, when the big day arrived — her maiden match against India at Westpac Stadium — she didn't feel overly nervous.

"I'm quite fortunate, I've never had problems sleeping before games or anything like that and I don't get overly nervous before games. I just don't really get nervous about cricket at all — I enjoy playing. I was more just so nervous to play in front of people, getting used to just the atmosphere of a match like that is quite different from the domestic circuit where we are often just by ourselves, with maybe some friends and family to watch.

"I remember walking out there into the stadium on debut and it was so much bigger than I had ever imagined it to be. I think we were shouting to each other across the field just to get our voices to go that far! I guess that was a little bit overawing, but I loved every minute of it."

Mair's now looking forward to backing up with the Hinds this home season after the impressive one-day campaign of 2018/19, breaking a long title drought.

"We're a pretty young team so it was exciting, but we don't want it to be another one-off.

"For the WHITE FERNS, there's also a big calendar next year with the 2020 T20 World Cup in Australia and it's going on to be a big calendar year, a big international winter. So there are lots of opportunities coming up. I've got plenty to keep playing for which is really exciting." 





BLAIR TICKNER BLACKCAPS TO LONG BLACKS

By Margot Butcher

YOU'D THINK MAKING THE BLACKCAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME WOULD BE HARD TO TOP AS A 2019 CAREER HIGHLIGHT, BUT BLAIR TICKNER'S GOT ANOTHER CONTENDER: THE FEELING AT 7AM ON A CRISP JULY MORNING WHEN THE DOORS TO HIS 63-SEATER CAFÉ OPENED FOR BUSINESS. THE CULMINATION OF EIGHT MONTHS OF PLANNING, THE BUSINESS — THE 13TH STAG (13THSTAG.COM) — IS THE REALISATION OF A SECOND LONG-HELD DREAM.

What kind of man takes on a start-up in the notoriously fickle hospitality industry, literally from the ground up as the premises were being constructed, while spending half his year doing the hard yards around the domestic circuit as a contracted first-class cricketer?

Answer: one with passion — and a good support team.

"I love making coffee," pledges the big right-armer, a trained barista who was already the co-owner and operator of a Napier coffee cart when he first became

a professional cricketer for the Stags. The love was evidenced by the glossy coffee encyclopaedia he'd pack for downtime reading on tour — it looked like it weighed more than his kit.

But his own café was a fairly amorphous dream until CD's team physio Nathan Manu happened to mention there could be a business opportunity for him in the EIT Institute of Sport & Health complex — a recent \$15 million development at the Hawke's Bay Regional Sports Park, at the Hastings end of the Napier-Hastings Expressway.

"Nathan put my name forward and made some introductions, and after that it was straight into the deep end, planning the café from scratch. To have the chance to combine two of my passions in life, sport and coffee, is pretty exciting."

The coffee cart had given the 26-year-old a basic grounding in running a small business day to day, "but there were a lot of new things I had to learn for the café. It's a big change when you're serving food, with a lease, balancing power bills, gas bills — every bill that you can think of. But I was lucky enough through the NZCPA's Personal Development Programme to have a business mentor assigned to me."

What had seemed like a daunting project — up there with remodelling a bowling action — was broken down into a step by step process.

"With my mentor, we'd go through what I needed to do each week whether it was organising licenses or getting onto builders as to what we needed, or sourcing equipment — and making sure it was going to arrive on time.

"He was really strict on making sure I knew what I needed to do, and it was a great help to me because I would have missed a lot of things otherwise, going through this process for the first time. I wouldn't have even known where to start with some things. Yet there we were with a chart set up and list of things to tick off, and it made it less stressful. I'm very thankful to the CPA for connecting us."

With partner Sarah Reid's marketing expertise — crossing over from the local winery industry, the café is an impressive operation, nourishing a health-conscious clientele in style. And Tickner was hands-on, knowing the product he wanted. For the first three months of operation in the off-season, he would be up at 5am to train or gym while it was still dark, pull his first espresso at 7am and work through until after closing time at 5pm, and then train again in the dark of a winter evening, before heading home to unwind and recharge.

"It was quite a tough balancing act doing that for six or seven days each week and working 60-odd hours — a pretty long week. But now it's all set up with good staff and Sarah taking the reins while I am away, it's running really well, and getting busier which is good! You never know how well it's going to run at the start — it's a big leap, but with the support of my friends and family and my business mentor, we did it."

The confidence it took to take that leap isn't something that falls into your lap

overnight and echoes the step-by-step approach he's taken to his cricket career.

"I came into the Stags fold in 2015 when we played a four-dayer in Queenstown. It feels like a long time ago now — I was a bit raw at the time.

"[Former Stags coach] Heinrich Malan looked at me, broke my action down and I changed quite a lot, technically.

"Seasons went by until I got better for it. I think every cricketer gets more confident the more they play, and I'm more confident now in all three formats — initially I was more confident in T20. Now I want to lead as a senior player in the Stags team, and I'm in a good position to keep enjoying my cricket and learning about myself."

Tickner stood up and impressed during his maiden series for New Zealand A against India A last summer, and in his first BLACKCAPS T20i — an exciting win against India at Seddon Park. A very good 12 months, for sure.

"I've worked hard and I've been fortunate at times as well, but I also feel like it's been a big challenge but I've come out the other side and I'm really excited to see where things go. I'll just have to make sure I take my laptop with me on the circuit this season to keep my invoices up to date or I'll have a list of people chasing me!" 🏏





2019 PLAYER INDUCTION FORUM

The 7th annual Player Induction Forum was held on the 10th and 11th September at Eden Park. Seven newly contracted men from across the six Major Associations, as well as two White Ferns players, were involved with a range of discussions on the professional cricket environment they are now part of.

Entering the professional cricket environment is an exciting time for players but we also know that it comes with a much greater range of expectations, obligations and commitments. Our primary objective with the induction forum is to ensure that players understand the services offered by, and the role of the NZCPA, that will support them through and beyond their playing career.

Professional sport creates an environment which can be challenging for many players. Providing them with skills to cope, manage and plan their

life in and around their cricket career is more important than ever and the Player Induction Forum is the first step on this path.

The induction forum has transformed the engagement we have with players early in their career and has proven to be tremendously successful in assisting players to transition into the professional cricket environment. For many, this is the first opportunity for them to meet and interact with NZCPA staff.

The major focus of the conference this year was to:

- » Introduction to the NZCPA
- » Player Contracts and the new Master Agreement
- » Personal Development Programme
Insight from Robbie O'Donnell and Will Somerville

- » Insurance and ACC
- » Importance of good Financial Management
- » The Cricketers Retirement Fund
- » NZC High Performance Programme
- » Prioritising your well-being
- » Managing your Digital Footprint
- » The importance of team culture and professionalism
Insight from Jeet Raval

Developing a relationship with newly contracted players is important to their successful development as people and as a cricketer. Those in attendance left secure in the knowledge that the NZCPA is their organisation for the rest of their lives. 🌱

THE PLAYERS' GOLF DAY



📍 Sri Lankan cricket legend Mahela Jayawardene was among the guests on the day.

Coastal links golf is designed to be a test in the wind. The 3rd of October at Muriwai was certainly that, but thankfully it was dry, although cold at times. The previous two years at Muriwai have been fantastic warm and calm conditions, so it is only right that this year the course had its defence in place, demanding only the best golf be rewarded.

And it was. Ross Taylor plotted, swatted and stroked his way around the links of Muriwai with precision, capitalising on a 16 handicap to record 37 stableford points and the coveted Cricketers division.

This marquee event is for the benefit of cricket's leading charity, The

Cricketers Trust. The Trust is playing an increasingly important role in assisting former cricketers in times of need, providing support to people and families when they are most vulnerable, and it is great to once again have the Blackcaps players turning out in full support of this day.

Neil Wagner converted his individual title from last year to play the perfect host as he ushered the Craigs Investment Partners team toward this year's team's title.

The prize that carries the most bragging rights among the changing room of the Blackcaps is the longest drive. Neil Wagner managed a line

drive, penetrating through the wind, to settle in the midst of the first fairway. Other notables Tim Southee, Martin Guptill and Ross Taylor were unable to find the short grass this year.

The day was a positive experience for all and it was great to have such strong support from the corporate community that enabled us to generate in excess of \$10,000 much needed funds.

We are grateful to our golf day event partners, along with New Zealand Cricket and Muriwai Golf Course who provide such great support for the day.

We look forward to having everyone back again next year. 🌱



Players better together

NO ORDINARY WALK IN THE PARK

RUSSELL MAWHINNEY WAS A FIXTURE IN THE OTAGO SIDE OF THE LATE 80'S. WE RECENTLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE QUEENSTOWN LOCAL, AND IT SEEMS HE HAS PLENTY GOING ON, INCLUDING PLANS TO WALK MOUNT KILIMANJARO!

FORMER CRICKETERS OFTEN GET ASKED ABOUT CRICKET, SO LET'S START WITH THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE GAME THESE DAYS?

My youngest son is pretty keen so these days I like helping him and his mates. Basically it means throwing my arm out of its socket giving him millions of throwdowns. I haven't been pinned by any straight drives yet but watch this space.

I've also put in a lot of time organising a couple of tours for Wakatipu High School over to Australia for them, plus a tournament here called the Queenstown Schools Cricket Carnival. The Carnival has gone really well. We're getting a fair bit of interest from Australia now, and also India. It would be good to have some schools from up north come down too. Just having these things going on has been a big motivator for young cricketers around here and so we're getting more of them sticking with cricket. They're getting better too. I'd like nothing more than to see the Aussie tour and the Carnival still going strong in 20 years.

I've got a couple of new projects as well. The first one is the Queenstown International Cricket Sixes which we're planning for Waitangi Weekend. The "International" bit might be a bit ambitious this first year but we'll see how we go. We're going to get it started anyway and hopefully we'll have a few old buggers - maybe some NZCPA members - turn up. It could maybe take over where the NZCPA Masters left off a couple of years ago. I think its got a lot of potential and there is already some interest from around here and overseas.

The second one is the charity we've just formed called the Heartland Cricket Trust. What we're aiming to do with the Trust is keep young cricketers in the game and create educational opportunities for them, particularly kids from country areas like here. Too many of them drift away from the game. We've got a long way to go, but I'm pretty excited about it. Any money we have left over after from Carnival and the Sixes will go to the Trust, plus we've got a few other ideas to get some money in the pot.

So that's it really for me. I'm not that interested in playing these days, plus I've got a wonky knee. I'd rather spend time trying to help out with what I'm doing. The more players we keep in the game the more decent players we'll find.

QUEENSTOWN IS SUCH AN AMAZING AND BUSY TOURIST HOTSPOT, HOW DOES CRICKET REMAIN RELEVANT TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE REGION?

That's a good question. That's probably the question everywhere too, not just Queenstown. But it is hard here at times.

There are plenty of things they could be doing - lots of "baggy pant" sports and things that aren't really sports at all if you ask me, but they're sucking young people away.

I think it's about creating an environment they want to be part of. If they enjoy it and get a bit of a go they keep coming back. In a smaller centre you can't afford to burn the bad ones because sooner or later you'll start struggling for numbers, then people get half-arsed about turning up for nets and it all just goes downhill.

The NZ Cricket initiatives to play 8 a side and shorter games are the way to go for kids new to the game. Everyone is involved more. The game is over sooner so no time for them to get bored. Just as importantly, no time for parents to whinge about how long it takes. And it still leaves time for other things. It works well around here and the game has never been stronger in these parts, right across the board.

The other thing - in a place like this you never know who might just turn up either. There have been some pretty handy players found at various bars in Queenstown on a Thursday night who end up getting right into it because they're new here and it's a good way to meet a few people.

YOU ARE DESCRIBED ONLINE AS BEING PLACED ON A 'SPORTS BLACKLIST' FOR PLAYING FOR GRIQUALAND WEST IN SOUTH AFRICA IN THE LATE 80'S. WHAT IS THE BACK STORY BEHIND THAT?

I was too. South Africa was in sporting isolation when I went there because of apartheid. So there was this massive sports blacklist of pretty much anyone who'd set foot in South Africa and played any sport around that time. There were quite a few English county players on it because a lot of them would go out there and play in their off season.

I ended up in South Africa because I'd played in Omar Henry's Benefit match up in Scotland and had a pretty good game, so Omar said why don't you come out to South Africa for a season. I thought why the hell not. I didn't know about the blacklist then but it didn't worry me

anyway, I just wanted to see the place through my own eyes. The people were good and the cricket was good. I played for Griqualand West and we had a pretty decent side, in fact we only had one loss and that was to Eastern Province who won the Currie Cup that year. My old mate David Trist was coaching them.

Back in Kimberley there were five of us who were full time cricketers and coaches. We'd go into Galashewe (the local township) once a week to coach all these young black kids who were as keen as mustard. So all that work started away back and you see it in the composition of the South African team these days. It was an interesting five as well - Mickey Arthur and Andy Moles (both international coaches), me (believe it or not I was too - I coached Hong Kong for two years), Johnny Morris (Johnny played for England and it was him who flew a tiger moth over Carrara Oval with David Gower when they were meant to be playing) and Karl Krikken who played a lot for Derbyshire and was an outstanding keeper.

SO YOU HAVE A FAMILIARITY WITH AFRICA, IS THAT WHAT LED TO YOUR QUEST TO CLIMB MT KILIMANJARO NEXT YEAR?

No, what got me wanting to go up Kilimanjaro was that myself and my wife hiked to Everest Base Camp last year. It was tough going at that altitude - sucking for oxygen and hard to sleep at night. Kilimanjaro is 300 metres higher than Base Camp so it will be a real challenge. Having said that, they are basically just high altitude hikes. The people that go on from Base Camp and climb Everest, they actually do need to have climbing skills. And guts. I have enormous respect for anyone that has done that because that is the real deal. If something goes wrong you might not make it back down.

The other thing is now that we've got the Heartland Cricket Trust up and running I just thought that somehow I could use Kilimanjaro to raise money for the Trust. So that's what we're going to do. I need a few old broken down cricketers to come with me because its going to be hard work, but it'll be fun. And we're doing it for cricket so there's a great excuse!





TRAVEL AND WALKS SEEM TO BE PART OF YOUR LIFE?

Yes it is really. When you live in Queenstown its all around you and you've got to do something to try and keep fit. So I do a lot of biking and hiking. There's nothing better than getting off the beaten track and getting a bit of a sweat up at the same time. The Great Walks are good too.

Travel has always been a hot button for me and there are plenty of places I'd like to get to yet. I like just seeing how people live. I'm not really a flash hotel sort of guy. I mean, I wouldn't say no, but I just prefer to get a feel for the people and the way of life.

LIVING IN QUEENSTOWN MUST CONSTANTLY TRIGGER YOUR APPETITE FOR TRAVEL, HOW DO YOU BALANCE THAT WITH YOUR CAREER?

You see a lot of people from all over the world just cruising around town relaxing on holiday. So yes, it does make you want to travel. Usually I'm flat out working.

I've been a lawyer for a while now. What works for me is to get into a routine and just be fairly disciplined about it to get things done, but to have other interests outside of that. I get that from things like the cricket stuff I do, and it's always good to have a trip to look forward to as well. I think it makes me more productive knowing that I've got a break coming up, and then you come back fresh and can get into it again.

YOU CERTAINLY ARE BUSY IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REFLECT UPON IN ANOTHER 5 YEARS?

I'm keen to press on with things like the Heartland Cricket Trust and see if we can get that really cranking.

But I don't think I'll be reflecting on anything much in 5 years because I see myself still hard at it then, although at some point I might start phasing myself out gradually. In five years who knows what our 3 sons will be doing – where they end up will dictate things a bit I think.

I do have other things I want to do though – a few more hikes around the world like the Torres de Paine in Patagonia, Tour du Mont Blanc, Larapinta trail in Northern Territories. Plus I'm going to be doing some part time study towards a Masters initially, starting next year. I'm studying sports sociology and law which covers all sorts of interesting stuff like matchfixing, drugs/race/religion/gender issues in sport, and how the law deals with that sort of thing. I said to the Professors that I'm not their ideal student because I'm doing it out of sheer interest and nothing else. They seem happy with that so off we go. 🏏

FICA ANNUAL MEETING



THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL CRICKETERS' ASSOCIATIONS (FICA) HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON ON THE 7TH AND 8TH OCTOBER. THE MEETING COVERED A RANGE OF GLOBAL ISSUES COMMON TO ALL PROFESSIONAL CRICKETERS AROUND THE WORLD.

This year's meeting was attended by several invited contributors, including from the World Players' Association and International Rugby Players.

Former England International's Vikram Solanki and Lisa Sthalekar were reappointed to their FICA roles, Solanki as President, and Sthalekar as an independent Board Member.

FICA Executive Chairman, Tony Irish, said: "both Lisa and Vikram have contributed significantly to FICA and the global player cause, and will continue to play an important role moving forward".

The Board discussed the contribution by players', through their performances, to the success of the recent ICC Men's 50 Over World Cup and ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

"It is clear that the players are playing an increasingly important role, not only on the field, but in the fan engagement strategies utilised by the ICC and Boards, to make [ICC] events a growing success both for fans and commercially.

It is critical that players' commercial rights are respected, and that players' globally,

both male and female, share in the success that they are central to driving, including in relation to prize money arrangements for ICC events. We will continue to work to ensure that players are educated on this now and in the lead-up to the next ICC events cycle" said Irish.

The Board noted the slowing of progress on work at ICC level on a global strategy for cricket and fit for purpose global regulations for sanctioned cricket.

"FICA remains of the view that the game should have a global strategy and common vision that all key stakeholders, including the players collectively, and their representatives, are part of developing, and can therefore support and buy into. We will continue to highlight key issues, and advocate for a balanced global structure for the game, that protects its history and international cricket, as well as promoting and supporting the development of the new domestic leagues landscape."

"A properly designed global schedule and global regulations are key aspects of this. This is not only important to protect the future of the game, but also the fundamental human and employment

rights of players and others who work in the game" said Irish.

Amendments to FICA's Membership and Minimum Standards framework were approved by the Board, with a focus on ensuring players' associations are representative of current players, and independence from relevant governing bodies.

The Board also discussed FICA's strategy framework for the next four-year period, including the need to ensure that FICA and its member players' associations continue to cater for the direction in which the game is moving, and continue to be a strong voice for players globally.

"Players are at the heart of all of FICA's activities, but we also care about the health of the global game. FICA will continue to seek to first collaborate and work with key stakeholders in the game in a proactive way, but where appropriate we will also challenge, and shine a light on, key issues in order to effectively represent players and ensure that the game moves forward" said Irish. 🏏



FEILDING ON THE FENCE TO FENCING A FIELD



LAST EDITION WE ACKNOWLEDGED BRAD WILSON'S 15 SEASON CRICKET CAREER. THIS EDITION PAST PLAYER PDM TIM WESTON CAUGHT UP WITH BRAD ON SITE IN GREENHITHE.

THIS IS YOUR FIRST YEAR WITHOUT CRICKET ON THE HORIZON. HOW IS THAT GOING?

To be honest I can't say I'm missing cricket at this point. We have been busy with home life and work. I have been keeping in touch with some of the Otago lads who are in the middle of spring training and it's nice to be doing a normal day job instead.

WORKING IN YOUR BUSINESS WHILE PLAYING MUST HAVE PUT CRICKET IN CONTEXT FOR YOU OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS?

We loved Dunedin. The best thing about it was the community and its people. We had a great lifestyle living minutes from the beach.

I was fortunate to be able to pick up pretty much full-time work fencing and other little building projects throughout the year. I basically generated work through 5 or 6 signs and word of mouth. I did put out some flyers at one point but had no luck from that.

YOU STARTED IN BUSINESS WHILE PLAYING, THAT MUST HAVE PUT CRICKET IN CONTEXT OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS?

I sort of started my business while playing. The thing I found hard was that I didn't really want to set up fully with

a website etc as during the summer months as I had very little time. It could have gotten a bit out of control. I think you're better not to have the work than to let people down. So, I didn't go chasing it till I knew I could deliver.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR MOTIVATION TO MOVE BACK UP TO NORTH?

I guess the biggest motivation was family. My parents live close by in Matakana and Ash's sister lives in Auckland. Having that support network with a young kid has been great. We already owned a house in Matakana so it was the natural transition.

YOUR TRANSITION FROM THE GAME SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WELL PLANNED AND COORDINATED, WHAT DO YOU PUT THIS DOWN TO?

I guess it was. I would put it down to the fact that I had a clear idea of what

I was going to do when I was finished. That made it easy to plan and prepare accordingly while I was playing – a lot like cricket, I guess. It's been a good process to go through and it's taken a bit of time to figure out exactly which direction I want to head, but the support I have had through the CPA and others has been amazing.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO NOW YOU DON'T HAVE CRICKET TO PLAN AROUND?

It's nice to be able to RSVP to weddings straight away and not consult the schedule and hope there might be a bit of a gap that weekend. I'm looking forward to having Christmas and not having to leave on boxing day. Getting out on the boat doing some fishing and diving and just spending time with family really. 🏡



HOOKED ON CRICKET 2019



NEW PARTNERS >>>



We are delighted to announce that Money Empire have expanded their existing connection with the NZCPA and our members and are now an official partner of the NZCPA.

Money Empire is a financial advisory firm with over 20 years of combined

experience that specialise property and provide strategic advice tailored to individual's needs, goals and objectives. Kayne Wahlstrom and his team are familiar to many of our members as they have been associated with the Personal Development programme in recent years, and we look forward to growing the connection, support and guidance for all of our members in the coming years.



We are also really pleased to announce that Canterbury Clothing have extended their long-standing partnership of the NZCPA.

BUSINESS CLUB >>>

There have been a number of recent additions to the NZCPA Business Club including

- >>> Asics Cricket Shoes – current players only
- >>> Ping, Mizuno, Ecco golf equipment – current and past players

To check out these and more member offers, please visit the members area of the NZCPA website.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PAST PLAYER EVENTS

Due to the success of last year's Past Player events, we have committed to host a range of similar functions through the summer and into 2020.

The purpose of our past player events is to facilitate connection among past players and to build a wider network across our entire membership. These events are an open invitation to all 'eligible' men and women members, irrespective of whether you played in the region or not.

- 8TH NOVEMBER** Past Player function, Napier. 3-6pm at Mexi Mama, Ahuriri
- 29TH JANUARY** Past Player function, Hamilton
- 31ST JANUARY** Past Player function, Wellington

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Hooked-on-Cricket is made possible by the very generous support of the Queen Street Cricket Club – a charitable organisation that shares our ambition to create opportunity for all New Zealanders to get involved and play cricket. qsc.org.nz

Below are the Hooked-on-Cricket tournament dates, with coach:

- 4TH NOVEMBER** Papatoetoe with Robbie O'Donnell
Christchurch with Ed Nuttall
- 12TH NOVEMBER** Porirua with Ewen Thompson
and Michael Mason
- 13TH NOVEMBER** Dunedin with Matt Bacon
- 14TH NOVEMBER** Levin with Brad Schmulian
- 15TH NOVEMBER** Hamilton with Henry Cooper

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THE INSIDER

LOWER ORDER LEGENDS

by Paul Ford



When **Jack Leach** became an English and Welsh hero for plundering one run from 17 balls in the incredible Ashes test at Headingley, it called to mind three extraordinary lower order vigils from New Zealand batsmen for me.

The first was in March 1999 when **Geoff Allott** pitched his tent of obstinacy in the middle of Eden Park, with Chris Harris at the other end. In what is now on record as the slowest Test match innings of all time, Allott ended on 0 from 77 balls, having batted for 101 minutes in a partnership generating 27 overs of frustration for Hansie Cronje's Protea team.

As one scribe described it: "Allott contributed a memorable zero to a partnership of 32 with Harris...no mean feat for a man who had never faced 20 balls in a Test innings - before eventually fending Jacques Kallis to slip, raising his bat to all corners of the ground on his way off."

Allott said it was "probably the best duck I'll ever score" and it remains the unbeaten, undefeated all-time record for slow batting in Test matches.

The second was that glorious day in January 1997 when I watched **Danny Morrison** defy Michael Atherton's England, with New Zealand nine down on the fifth day and a mere 10 runs ahead - with a gazillion overs still to be bowled.

It was an absolutely hopeless case, a lost cause for all money. Morrison was the world record holder for ducks at the time. (Note he has slipped to 13th now - with his 24 well behind our very own Chris Martin with 36 and the king of the ducks, Courtney Walsh with 43.)

Morrison strode to the crease to join Nathan Astle: "Out there with my sunglasses on and my helmet I must have looked like a blind man walking to the wicket with a cane," he told the BBC. "I just enjoyed trying to be there with Nath, playing out each over and trying to hang in there and get to the next target of five runs."

166 minutes later, Morrison was still there. He blocked away as Astle farmed the strike and thrashed boundaries in between the singles. Deliveries from the English pace attack of Gough, Cork and Mullally crashed into his helmet repeatedly as he leaned forward. "I headbutted a few, but I just tried to get into line and hang in there," he said.

When the overs ran out, Morrison was 14 not out from 133 deliveries, Astle 102 not - and the foregone defeat had been avoided in astonishing circumstances.

And the third was a mere 18 months ago, again versus England, but this time in Christchurch with **Neil Wagner** and

Ish Sodhi at the crease. The mission this time was to survive 100+ minutes against Anderson, Broad, Stokes, Wood and none other than the Watford Wall himself, Jack Leach, to save the Test.

On *Cricinfo*, Andrew Miller described the finish as providing "scenes of umbrella-gnawing tension..." as New Zealand held on to secure a draw and an epic series win - the first against England for two decades.

Again the cause was an almost hopeless one, New Zealand was seven wickets down in fading light (and a batsman short) when Wagner joined Sodhi with a session of play to go. Of course, unlike Allott and Morrison, both are sufficiently accomplished with the willow to bat well above number eleven.

But the odds were against anything other than an England win. And yet somehow 31 overs later the two were still there, defying deliveries with a glorious stoicism in the Canterbury gloom. Sodhi was 56 not out from 168 balls, while Wagner ground his way to 7 from 103, etching up 37 runs off more than 31 overs together.

The upshot: two more names added to the legion of lower order players who have successfully driven opposition teams crazy with their defensive intransigence. Glorious!

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