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Welcome...

We were delighted to recently host our principal event for Past Player Members - the Masters Weekend in Queenstown. Once again this event was a fantastic occasion and brought together past players from several eras to enjoy each others company at the cocktail function and the event dinner and also to engage in some competitive cricket through the T20 tournament. This event seems to grow bigger each year and is a key focus for the NZCPA as we look to provide better activities and service for our past player members and to provide them with opportunities to connect with colleagues from their cricket playing days. There were over 90 past player members in attendance and it was a real pleasure to see members Jumbo Anderson, Artie Dick, Norm Woods and John Sparling join in the event for the first time. Congratulations to the Canterbury team for taking out the T20 competition for the second year in a row.

Our next event is the annual NZCPA Golf Day on the Friday 10th June. This event is the principal vehicle to raise funds for the Past Player Hardship Fund. The ongoing support from our BLACKCAP members around this event each year is essential to the success of this event. It has put us in a position where we have been able to grow the Hardship Fund to a point where we have been able to assist two or three past player members each year in times of genuine hardship. However, we must look to grow this Fund further so we can do more to assist those in need. Once again, we thank the BLACKCAP players for their support of this year's event. If any other members can assist in any way to help with the event itself or grow the Hardship Fund, please let us know.

We were very pleased to recently host our first ever Team Representative Conference with

14 players in attendance along with all NZCPA staff. This two day conference provided a great opportunity to review the services provided by our organization and the effectiveness of our current programmes and various activities – we now have a much clearer picture of what we are doing well and areas for improvement. We were also able to review the results of the annual player survey and ensure we are well prepared as we head into NZC's various end of season review meetings involving grounds, umpiring and high performance. It was also very good to have NZC Chief Executive Justin Vaughan in attendance for the final two hour session on the first day as this enabled him to explain the future direction of the NZC High Performance programme and gain valuable feedback and suggestions from the player group. Following the success of this year's conference it will now become an annual event for the NZCPA.

It was great to see the BLACKCAPS fight their way to a semi final appearance at the World Cup. The players showed the talent that exists in the team and that when they get it together they can foot it with the best teams in the world. The last two ICC One Day events have seen the team make the final of the Champions Trophy in South Africa in late 2009 and the semi final of this year's World Cup, which is not a bad effort. However we must keep working hard in all areas of the professional environment to ensure we have the structures, systems and programmes that can take us to the next level – the professional cricket environment is now a significant business in its own right and we need key people in leadership positions within the programme that have the skills to manage high performance to the level required. Obviously this includes those with cricket expertise but also those with the necessary proven professional skills. To that end we are delighted that NZC has continued with

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Welcome...

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the Director of Cricket role and look forward to working with John Buchanan to help him develop a world class high performance programme.

Congratulations to Peter Fulton and the Canterbury team on taking out the historic Plunket Shield – this is the title in New Zealand domestic cricket that the players treasure the most with its long history and traditions, and we know it has meant a lot to the Canterbury team to win this competition following the tragic events in Christchurch on the 22nd February this year.

Quite obviously the Christchurch earthquake has had a significant impact on the entire country and tragically for many people life will never be the same. Cricket has also suffered greatly with both NZC and Canterbury Cricket having to move their operations to Lincoln after the devastation caused to their respective offices. Whilst we have also had to deal with lost fixtures at domestic level and club level in Christchurch, we are all hugely thankful that all staff and players at NZC and Canterbury survived the earthquake and we must all now work hard to help them rebuild their cricket programmes and facilities and also assist Christchurch as a whole to get back on its feet and build an even better city than what we have had previously. To that end we were delighted to help and support Stephen Fleming and Cricket Wellington to put on the 'Fill the Basin' event that raised over \$500,000 for the government earthquake fund – this included our Samsung Masters team playing the curtain-raiser against a Wellington Development team. "Fill the Basin" was a truly fantastic event that demonstrated what cricket can do to help others in times of need. However, over the coming months and years we must do more where we can and look to help to raise more money for the people of Christchurch by leveraging off the huge profile of our game and its players.

Finally we wish all members the best for the winter months ahead and particularly those who are plying their trade overseas or as part of NZC winter programmes.

Best Wishes

Heath Mills - Chief Executive

NZCPA Scholarship Success

After having a winter season in Darwin, I returned for an Auckland 2011 season with confidence and enthusiasm. Given my long-term cricket plans I thought it would be useful to contact Aidan Hobson to see how some of his work might complement my cricket. We decided that coming into the new season it was a good time to get involved in his program.

I was surprised at the vast array of contacts and support and I think it is a must for cricketers looking for a different kind of guidance. I was taken "under his wing" and shown the way to find my passions outside of cricket. Access to Lee Brodie (Career Dynamic) gave me the start to find my interests in every field available.

Moving on I had meetings and field visits for my interests which involved Alister Murray (FITEC Furniture Sector Manager), Allan Winter (Danske Mobler Managing Director), Vincent Molloy (Director at Molloy Furniture), Hannah Brodie (IMO Furniture Designs), Paul Southan (Landscape Designer), Mike Mead (Cricket

Express, Bat Making) and Penny Clifflin (Unitec Landscape Design).

I learnt a great deal about my two fields of interest; furniture design and landscape design. And after talking with the group I have chosen to commit for the next wee while to exploring landscape and as part of this I took up a CPA scholarship to do the Diploma in Landscape Design. This so far has been amazing. Gaining an academic feel for this field has given me a new passion. Access to practical landscape gardening has also given me a part-time work option around study and cricket. All this means I am excited to go to work every morning. If Aidan can help more cricketers like me I feel our players around the country will excel. I now know better the work which I enjoy and that fits with who I am. This gives me more drive and enjoyment in life, a career path might also give me a better balance around my cricketing goals.

Greg Morgan - Auckland Cricket

Legal Corner

Anti-Doping

At this time of year, many players are heading in various directions around the world to play or are undertaking activities outside of their normal routine. For those of you in the National Testing Pool, remember that you are required to keep your whereabouts information up-to-date with Drug Free Sport NZ (DFS NZ). Make sure you file your information via the website, text or over the phone prior to heading away.

For all players, remember that as sportspeople you are constantly required to abide by the WADA Code (as adopted by DFS NZ and NZC). You should check any medications or supplements that you may be taking to ensure they do not contain substances that are on the prohibited list. If you are in any doubt, you can check on the website (www.drugfreesport.org.nz) or by phoning 0800 DRUGFREE.

Contracting considerations

Many players will be heading off overseas to play as professionals in the United Kingdom or Holland. It is important that you have a written agreement with your club which contains clear responsibilities and obligations for both parties, not just in terms of payments but also in regards to any other non-playing duties the club may require of you. Be clear about payments for flights and accommodation as well as what your living and transport arrangements will be.

For those of you in consideration for winter squads, you may want to consider including a release clause in your contract to enable you to attend winter camps and tours.

Your agent or the NZCPA can provide assistance with obtaining visas. This process can be lengthy and complex, so make sure you get on to it early.

Employment/ Contracting Arrangements

Those of you who are remaining in New Zealand over the winter months may be entering into employment or contracting arrangements. The CPA can review your contractual terms and conditions and provide advice.

Contracting Dates for the 2011 / 2012 Season

Although the 2010 / 2011 season has just concluded, the contracting window will be upon us before we know it. The contracting dates for 2011 / 2012 are:

- 1 July - NZC Contracted Players announced;
- 22 July – Major Associations announce First Round of Major Association contracts.
- 9 August – Major Associations announce Second Round of Major Association contracts.

Players need to transfer Major Associations by 16 July for the purposes of ranking in the First Round of contracting and between 23 July and 6 August in relation to the Second Round of contracting.

Players can seek an indication of ranking from any Major Association at any time up until 22 July.



QUEENSTOWN REINFORCED WHY IT IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST MAGNIFICENT TOURIST DESTINATIONS WITH CLEAR BLUE SKIES PUNCTUATING THE VIEWS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND AT THIS YEAR'S NZCPA MASTERS TOURNAMENT. THIS IS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THE MASTERS WEEKEND HAS BEEN HELD IN QUEENSTOWN AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE A RECORD NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

Once again the local attractions were the draw card as teams arrived on Thursday and Friday in the lead up to the weekend tournament. Participants were eager to head off to Golf at Jacks Point and The Hills for a round in ideal conditions, although the spectacular scenery did not necessarily flow through to spectacular scoring. The remainder of players enjoyed the relaxing wine trails of the acclaimed Central Otago wine district in what was a perfect lead in to the official Masters Weekend Cocktail function held at the hotel.

Saturday morning dawned with equally splendid weather and the teams headed off to the Queenstown Events Centre for the first round

of T20 matches. Winners from the morning round were ND, Canterbury and Auckland. Ricky Bartlett from CD top scored with 42, with Shane Thomson (ND) 35 and Brett Hood (ND) 38 also getting to the compulsory retirement score of 35. Darren Goodwin (ND) and Lance Dry (Wgtn) each took 3 wickets in the first round of play.

The afternoon session is pivotal in determining the ability for teams to make the Sunday final. Canterbury made a statement of their aspiration to defend their NZCPA Masters Title when they nonchalantly chased down ND's more than competitive total of 164 in the 18th over. Gary Stead (35) and Warren Wisneski (46) were in dominant form and Shane Thomson again featured for ND with 42.

Otago's small total of 113 proved too many for CD, ensuring Otago were back in with a chance to make the final. Shane Robinson top scored for Otago with 35 and Craig Auckram took 3 wickets for Central. In the remaining match Auckland won their second match by posting 163 to beat Wellington. Scott Golder posted the only half century of the tournament by hitting 25 off his final over to finish with 53.

Sunday morning was more of the same weather from Queenstown, as if to prove a point that there is only one location to stage this event. Admiration of the Remarkables range and surrounding mountains was a fitting warm up to the final round of competition. Central were sent in to bat by Canterbury and were no match as the Red and Black's catapulted into the final

as firm favorites. David Blake was impressive with 41 well hit runs for CD, a score that Paul McEwan surpassed for Canterbury, ending on 45.

Northern beat Auckland in a dramatic finish to end tied with Auckland on points and Otago's 13 over blitz of Wellington's total ensured the net run rate rule would be required to determine which of these three teams would play Canterbury in the final. Otago can thank the speed in which they chased Wellington's total of 128 for getting them through.

In the final Otago batted first and were off to a swift beginning with Andrew Hore racing to 29. Unfortunately for Otago Hore fell on the first ball of the fourth over and they never recovered to be all out for 90. Paul Rugg set the Canterbury team on the path to victory with a well constructed 44. The win was Canterbury's second title in a row and they extend the streak of unbeaten matches to 8 at the NZCPA Masters tournament.

Shane Thomson was named as the Player of the Tournament. Shane made it through to the compulsory retirement score in each of the matches he played with scores of 35, 42, and 35.

NZCPA Masters Tournament Team

This year was the first time a tournament team was selected by the selectors Artie Dick, Robert Anderson and Kerry Walmsley. The inaugural NZCPA Masters Tournament team is:

Andrew Hore - Otago (capt)

Scott Golder - Wellington

Paul McEwan - Canterbury

Shane Thomson - ND

Gary Stead - Canterbury

Adrian Dale - Auckland

Craig Pryor - Auckland

Brett Hood - ND

Andrew Nuttall - Canterbury

Michael Sharpe - Canterbury

John Cushen - Otago

Lance Dry - Wellington

Thanks to the record number of partners and wives that added to the weekend and provided support to the players and teams. The weekend would not be close to the success it is without the generous support of the North and South Trust, Grassroots Trust and Kookaburra.

We also acknowledge the support of the six Major Associations, Mercure Queenstown Resort and the Queenstown Events Centre, in particular the ground staff, for their contribution to the success of the weekend.

We look forward to next year's event which will again be held in Queenstown during the month of April. I am sure our team organizers, who have been magnificent again this year, and the NZCPA will be in touch again as soon as details are confirmed.

Previous Winners of the NZCPA Masters

2010 - Canterbury

2009 - Otago

2008 - Auckland

2007 - ND

SAMSUNG MASTERS SERIES 2011

AFTER SECURING THREE VICTORIES FROM THREE MATCHES, THE SAMSUNG MASTERS TEAM ENDED THEIR 2011 SEASON FALLING AT THE LAST HURDLE IN THEIR QUEST TO GO THROUGH THE SEASON UNBEATEN.

The Samsung Masters Series offers a potential revenue stream for the NZCPA to reinvest back into the organisation and its members while servicing the cricketing community around New Zealand in various ways. It also serves as another vehicle for our past playing members to stay connected the game through our events. Be it playing a match in an area or areas that would benefit from having a quality match with former first class and international players to profile the game, playing matches to assist in raising funds for various charities or offering the cricketing public at large a chance to see their own and other country's former greats do battle once again through broadcasting international matches on television.

The Masters Series generally runs with the team coming together the night before the event and mixing with the areas local administrators or key sponsors. The next morning a junior coaching clinic is run leading onto a T20 match in the afternoon. The goal has always been to offer a quality match for the public watching and the record of the team over the last four years shows this in winning 80% of it's matches to date.

The Samsung Masters Series got off to a fantastic start at the newly developed Papatoetoe Sports Centre in South Auckland. The day begun with a group of Samsung Masters players running a coaching clinic for the young local talent out in South Auckland. The enthusiastic kids were taken through a fast paced warm up and then they hit the nets to work on some key goals that were set at the start of the session. By the end, the kids had worked hard and achieved a lot out of the session with both bat and ball.

Attention then switched to the Samsung Masters Series T20 match between the Samsung

Masters and the Brown Caps, a team made up of developing Pacific Island talent with some experienced players, including ex BLACKCAP Murphy Su'a and rugby legend Ofisa Tonu'u.

The Samsung Masters were led by former BLACKCAP and founding NZCPA Board Member, Dion Nash. The rest of the team was made up of former BLACKCAPS and first class cricketers. The Masters were put into bat first with Martin Pringle and John Vujnovich opening the innings. Upon Vujnovich's early departure, former first class cricketer and Canadian international, Ian Bilcliff came to the crease striking up a 50 run partnership with Pringle on his way to hitting 54 runs. Once Pringle departed for 21, Dion Nash joined Bilcliff on their way to a devastating 104 run partnership. Nash finished with an impressive 73 runs off 44 balls and the team completing it's innings at 200 for 6 when Tim Lythe was run out on the last ball of the innings.

The Brown Caps were up against a very strong bowling attack of Dion Nash, Kerry Walmsley, Craig Pryor, Blair Hendren and the spin and guile of Glen Sulzberger and Tim Lythe. The attack was relentless and despite a brave effort by the Pacific Island XI, they could only reach 95 for 9 off their 20 overs. Best figures coming from Nash and Walmsley with 3 for 8 and 2 for 10 respectively.

An emphatic victory to the Samsung Masters but a wonderful day and an excellent opportunity for the young Pacific Island players to learn from former first class players.

The next outing saw a rematch versus the Australian Cricketers Association Masters at Seddon Park. Runs flowed throughout the evening with some of the biggest stars demonstrating that class truly is forever. With



the devastation in Christchurch affecting the nation just days prior, the focus of the match was certainly altered as along with all cricketers around the country, all connected with the Titans International T20 immediately turned attentions to what could be done to assist.

Stephen Fleming won the toss for the Samsung Masters and invited the Australians to bat first on a very placid Seddon Park pitch. The ACA Masters opening pair of Chris Simpson and Ryan Campbell set the tone for the match early and in particular it was Western Australia's lesser known wicketkeeper batsman Campbell who led the Australian assault on the New Zealand attack with a quick fire 89 from 52 balls (17 boundaries and one six).

The ACA Masters captain Jimmy Maher ensured there was no respite for the Samsung Masters bowlers compiling 34 runs from 23 deliveries. Murphy Su'a was the best of the bowlers capturing 3 wickets for 24 runs from his 4 overs and in the process stopped Campbell's march toward a century when he comprehensively bowled the opener in the 15th over. Brad Hogg helped the ACA Masters to post an imposing total of 182 with a swift 19 runs at the end of the Australian innings.

The Samsung Masters always looked in control of the run chase with Mark Greatbatch demonstrating more than a glimpse of the

destructive batting for which he became renowned. Greatbatch set a cracking pace for the innings and mercilessly dealt to the Australian attack on his way to 76 (from 47 deliveries), dominating the opening stand of 105 posted with Bryan Young.

In the end it was an historic battle between two icons of the game that cut Greatbatch short of his century. Australian spinner Greg Matthews was always competitive on the field and although the years have snuck by, it was clear that 'Mo' Matthews enjoyed renewing, and ultimately ending the battle with Greatbatch.

Bryan Young carried on from the platform laid by Greatbatch to finish not out on 82 (from 47 deliveries) as the Samsung Masters edged past the total at the end of the 18th over. Young was in scintillating form smacking 10 boundaries and 4 sixes.

The official MVP for the match, as determined by the Mitre10 MVP ranking system was Australian Ryan Campbell with 21.79 points. Bryan Young was a very close second with 21.68 points and Mark Greatbatch third with 20.75.

Although the match was entertaining the players and officials thoughts were certainly with those affected by the earthquake in Christchurch. There were a number of fund raising activities held throughout the match with all proceeds from these going directly to the official

Christchurch earthquake relief fund.

The third event saw the Series return to Rotorua with the goal of offering another opportunity for the area to profile the sport against a Rotorua Under 19 side. The majority of the team arrived at Wai Ora Resort the day before the match to enjoy some of the local hospitality. From there the team caught up with some of the local cricket administrators and sponsors over a drink and a meal. After some heavy overnight rain the day dawned fine but Smallbone Park was a wash out and we transferred over the road to an artificial wicket. Trevor Franklin and Mark Bailey got the team off to a very solid with Franklin making an excellent 55 and Bailey 24 before Mark Orchard and Matt Hart completed the innings with some bludgeoning of the attack which took the team total to 169 off it's 20 overs. The young opponents struggled with an all former first class attack in Richard Morgan, Craig Pryor, Mark Orchard, Dipak Patel and Matt Hart and despite some valiant efforts in the middle order the team fell short and was dismissed for 117 runs. Some great experience for the area's up and coming players to play against the quality of players in the Samsung Masters team to assist in getting a feel for the standard they need to attain to make their way in the sport.

The final Series of the summer took place in the country's capital. A team of former first class



players from the Wellington area along with Ewen Thompson, Kerry Walmsley and Stephen Lynch went head to head with a Wellington XI compiled of current first class players and local club players that had stand out seasons. There was no doubt entering into the match that this was to be the biggest test of the season to date. The match was made more special as it was the curtain raiser to the "Fill the Basin" fundraising event put together by Stephen Fleming and Cricket Wellington. The Masters team fielded first and after limiting the openers early on and keeping the middle order in reasonable check a total of 140 was set for the Samsung Masters Team. Former Wellington fast bowler, Michael Sears, claimed the best figures with 3 for 30 off his 4 overs. Unfortunately, with bat the Masters team never really got out of the blocks and despite a great effort from Grant Donaldson with 48 off 42 balls the rest of the team couldn't support him and fell well short at 107 for 7 off their 20 overs.

We would like to thank all the past player members for taking the time to support the Samsung Masters Series over the summer and of course our key partners in the Series, Samsung, Canterbury of New Zealand and Choice Hotels Australasia.



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CANTERBURY VICTORIOUS

WORLD CUP 2011

THE 2010/11 PLUNKET SHIELD BUILT TO A SWEET CRESCENDO AS CANTERBURY DESERVEDLY ETCHED ITS NAME ON THE SILVERWARE AND A POTENTIAL BLACKCAPS STAR WROTE HIS NAME INTO THE RECORD BOOKS.

It was sweet success for a province hit with the horrors of the Christchurch earthquake and forced to relocate from QEII Park to the outer reaches of the region in Rangiora.

It was there that the red-and-blacks clinically dispatched Northern Districts by eight wickets in the final round, notching their fourth outright victory of the season in contrast to only a solitary defeat.

Otago managed to stay undefeated and win the same amount of matches but were left to count the cost of a failure to force more results.

Just as rueful was Central Districts, a runaway leader at the halfway stage with a perfect three-from-three record but got the post-Christmas blues and failed to record a single victory from thereon in.

To complete an action-packed final round, Northern Districts were also within touch but their loss to Canterbury resulted in a fourth-place finish.

Wellington, who have farewelled Anthony Stuart as their coach, finished fifth in another trophy-less season while Auckland, so dominant in HRV Cup and One-Day triumphs, went off the boil in whites and finished last.

When Canterbury's achievement is long forgotten, the exploits of Otago's Neil Wagner will live on due to an incredible feat that made waves around the world.

South African-born Wagner, who qualifies for BLACKCAPS selection next year, went on a blitzkrieg that may never be bettered.

The picturesque Queenstown Events Centre was the scene of brutality as the 25-year-old left-arm quick took five wickets in an over – including a double hat-trick to decimate Wellington's middle and lower order with an incredible display of reverse swing.

Starting with the wicket of Stuart Rhodes, Wagner then disturbed the woodwork of Joe Austin-Smellie, Jeetan Patel and Ili Tugaga, bowled a dot ball to Mark Gillespie before

also sending his stumps flying to complete a world record-breaking over.

The affable Wagner followed it up with No.11 Andy McKay's wicket soon after for figures of 6-36, followed by 3-30 in the second innings.

It completed a haul of 51 Plunket Shield scalps at 18.15, 14 ahead of promising Canterbury leg-spinner Todd Astle. Wagner already had BLACKCAPS fans licking their lips at the prospect of his national qualification and that turned to salivation after his latest exploits.

Unsurprisingly, given the added value of 295 runs at 42.14, he also ran away with the Mitre 10 Plunket Shield MVP spoils but was narrowly pipped by Rob Nicol for the overall award.

Central's Peter Ingram sent a reminder to the New Zealand selectors that he is still around in topping the four-day run charts with 858 at 50.47. He was the only player to record four centuries during the season.

Close behind was ND's Brad Wilson with 733, Otago veteran Craig Cumming with 714 – becoming his province's highest century maker in the process by overtaking the legendary Bert Sutcliffe – and brothers Derek and Andy de Boorder rounding out the top five.

IT WAS AGAIN A CASE OF SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR FOR THE BLACKCAPS AS THEY RETURNED FROM THE 2011 ICC WORLD CUP WITH PRIDE WELL INTACT BUT AGAIN RUEING A STUMBLE AT THE SEMI-FINAL HURDLE.

A predicted local dominance in the sub-continent hosted tournament came to pass as India notched its second World Cup triumph by defeating Sri Lanka in the big dance while Pakistan also made the final four.

New Zealand defied many pre-tournament predictions to join them, building steadily through the group stage and blowing away the highly-fancied South Africans before bowing out gracefully against Sri Lanka.

It earned the BLACKCAPS universal respect after a tough 12 months of results in the ODI arena but the feeling in the camp was one of pain rather than pleasure of again finishing in the top four at world cricket's pre-eminent event.

Progress through Group A was achieved easily through thumpings of Kenya, Zimbabwe and Canada, along with a similar dispatching of Pakistan which was most memorable for a scintillating 131 not out from Ross Taylor.

Interspersed were comprehensive defeats to Australia and Sri Lanka but the feeling was still

there that with bowlers in form and a top six capable of destroying any attack, they were only three highly achievable wins from glory.

Few outside the land of the long white cloud gave the BLACKCAPS any price of advancing past the quarters as they lined up against the might of South Africa.

Call it another Greg Norman-esque choke if you will, but there is no doubt the Proteas' opponent played a major part in their demise as New Zealand marched on with a 49-run win.

Defending 221-8 thanks to a class-laden 83 by Jesse Ryder, the BLACKCAPS opened with spin twins Nathan McCullum and Daniel Vettori – and it worked a treat.

Taking a combined 3-63 off 20 overs, of which 3-24 was McCullum's, they were also backed by Jacob Oram's fine spell of 4-39 to set up a semis showdown in Sri Lanka's backyard.

All of the BLACKCAPS' top six reached double figures but none could go on further than Scott Styris' 57 as they posted 217.

Sri Lanka looked home and hosed at 160-1 in the 33rd over but there was to be a twist in the tale.

In the space of four overs, Tillakaratne Dilshan (73), Mahela Jayawardene (1) and Kumar Sangakkara (54) were all sent packing and when Chamara Silva followed at 185-5, it was all on.

The luck ran out there as Angelo Mathews went on the offensive and rode his luck along

with Thilan Samaraweera to get home with five wickets and 13 balls to spare.

The dejection was etched all over the BLACKCAPS faces, especially given 20 more runs could have seen them qualify for the final against the might of India.

That might was to be too much for Sri Lanka. Their 274-6, highlighted by Jayawardene's 103 not out, was trumped by 97 to Gautam Gambhir and a nerveless 91 not out from captain MS Dhoni.

Dhoni's leadership will live on for a few years yet but the tournament spelled the end of Vettori's reign as BLACKCAPS captain.

It wasn't the swansong the outgoing skipper wanted but he could be well pleased with his side's efforts both as a unit and as individuals.

A coming of age for 22-year-old Tim Southee saw him finish as the World Cup's third-top wicket-taker with 18 at 17.33, while Taylor's 324 runs at 64.80 saw him just outside the top ten.

That was backed by encouraging outputs by young batsmen Ryder, Martin Guptill, Kane Williamson and McCullum's continued rapid rise as an off-spinning all-rounder in a nucleus that provides hope that New Zealand's hosting in 2015 may produce an even better result.

Dilshan was the World Cup's highest run-scorer with 500 at 62.50, with bowling honours going to Pakistan's Shahid Afridi who took 21 wickets at 12.85.



Mitre10 MVP Winners 2010/2011

Domestic Men's Overall Mitre10 MVP
Rob Nicol

Domestic Men's Mitre10 MVP for Plunket Shield
Neil Wagner

Domestic Men's Mitre10 MVP for HRV Cup
Ryan ten Doeschate

Domestic Men's Mitre10 MVP for Plunket Shield
Rob Nicol

International Men's Overall Mitre10 MVP
Dan Vettori

International Men's Mitre10 MVP for Test
Dan Vettori

International Men's Mitre10 MVP for ODI
Scott Styris

International Men's Mitre10 MVP for T20
Tim Southee

Domestic Women's Overall Mitre10 MVP
Sophie Devine

Domestic Women's Mitre10 MVP for Action Cricket T20
Suzie Bates

Domestic Women's Mitre10 MVP for Action Cricket Cup
Sophie Devine

International Women's Overall Mitre10 MVP
Sara McGlashan

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NICOL AND WAGNER TAKE OUT MVP HONOURS

ROB NICOL IS THE DOMESTIC MEN'S 2010/11 MITRE10 MVP

It has been a stellar summer for Nicol across all competitions, but performances in the One Day competition and HRV Cup propelled him to a position in the Mitre10 MVP standing that ultimately proved too much for the chasing pack during the Plunket Shield.

Along the way to the overall Mitre10 MVP title Nicol also won the MVP honour in the One Day competition and was 4th on the HRV Cup MVP standing. He was the leading One Day run scorer with 648 and an average of 72, as well as contributing 15 wickets at an impressive runs per over of only 4.22. To emphasize his consistency Nicol also top scored in the HRV Cup with 285 runs at 31.66. While the Plunket Shield was not as productive for Nicol his 449 runs at 32.07 rounded off what has been an outstanding season of performances on the park.

"It is a great honour to be recognised as the overall MVP this season. The best thing is to know that my performances have been part of the team's success this summer, which was highlighted by our winning of the Plunket Shield," said Nicol.

"There has been tremendous support for the Canterbury team this summer, and a special thanks goes to Mitre10 for their support of the MVP rankings and in donating this wonderful prize," he said.

Nicol won a \$2,500 Mitre10 voucher for being the most valuable player this summer.

Mitre10's GM of Marketing Dave Elliott said

"Congratulations to Rob for his wonderful performances this summer and in winning the MVP award. We understand the effort it takes to stay at the top in sport and are proud to be associated with the recognition of those players through the Mitre 10 MVP rankings".

Nicol's Canterbury Wizards team mate Andrew Ellis enjoyed an excellent second half to the season to finish third in the overall Mitre10 MVP standings. Plunket Shield MVP Neil Wagner was second and another solid season from Graeme Aldridge saw him round out the top four in the overall MVP standings.

Rob Nicol was also the overall batting MVP with Peter Ingram completing another strong season with the Central Stags in second place. Brad Wilson was consistent throughout the year for the Northern Knights to finish in third place.

The bowling Mitre10 MVP table was closely fought until the final match, when Neil Wagner's match haul of nine wickets (including that record five wickets in an over) ensured he would head off last seasons Plunket Shield MVP, Graeme Aldridge. Derek de Boorder was the overall fielding MVP for the season ahead. of Kruger van Wyk.

NEIL WAGNER IS THE MITRE10 MVP FOR THE PLUNKET SHIELD

The Otago Volts opening bowler was in impressive form throughout the Plunket Shield this summer, finishing with 261.72 MVP points in the Plunket Shield. Wagner captured 51 wickets at 18.15, including securing 5 wickets in an

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innings four times and was one of only two players to get 10 wickets in the match.

With all the attention following the 5 wicket over in Queenstown Wagner stated "it is great to get recognition for my performances throughout the Plunket Shield and be recognised through the MVP rankings. The MVP is a great way to encourage players to perform at their best".

"Special thanks go to Mitre10 for their valuable support of MVP and I am grateful to receive such an excellent prize which will certainly come in handy around the home" said Wagner.

Wagner received a \$1,500 voucher to spend at any Mitre10 store.

Todd Astle finished second as the Plunket Shield Mitre10 MVP with 194.64 points, just ahead of Andrew Ellis with 188.10 and Trent Boult who finished with 185.53 points.

The leading batter in the Plunket Shield MVP points table is Peter Ingram with 168.89. Ingram was the leading run scorer with 858 runs (four centuries), ahead of Brad Wilson who finished with 135.57 MVP points (733 runs) and Craig Cumming 129.04 MVP points.

Wagner was well ahead in the bowling MVP rankings (214.42 points), with Northern Knights' Trent Boult finishing with 150.83 points (32 wickets at 25.34) and Todd Astle on 145.41 (37 wickets at 29.08).

The Mitre10 MVP is the ultimate recognition of players who have performed consistently for their team and been influential in their team's pursuit of winning matches.

Members Benefits

Membership

As the season draws to an end most players will consider their winter programmes and plan for the following summer. For a select few the time may be to bring to a close their professional playing days, but this by no means should end the connection to the game through the NZCPA.

The NZCPA encourages all past first class players to join what is 'your' association as annual or life members. We are always looking for better ways to support and assist our past playing members through our events, activities and services. The best way we can do that is to keep you involved and encourage you to contribute toward and engage with the NZCPA.

The NZCPA has created an easy method for eligible players to register for membership with the NZCPA. Simply fill out the Members Registration form on the NZCPA website (www.procricket.co.nz).

Already a member? Why not introduce one of your playing mates to the NZCPA? Simply contact us through the website or email Kerry Walmsley directly on kerry.walmsley@nzcpa.co.nz

NZCPA Members Area

Inside the secure member's area is information that is important to you as a member of the NZCPA, as well as a full list of products and services with exclusive preferential rates that are available through the NZCPA Business Club.

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NZCPA Players Golf Day

This summer has been extremely busy for our cricketers culminating in a semi-final performance at the ICC Cricket World Cup. With many of our leading players involved with IPL and cricket in the UK over the winter break scheduling the annual NZCPA 'Players Golf Day' has had more to consider this year.

The players are always tremendous in their support of this important NZCPA event which raises money for the "Player Hardship Fund". The hardship fund was established by the NZCPA at the request of the players in 2005 and the Players Golf Day is the principle activity to grow the fund that focuses on helping others in times of need.

The Players Golf Day will this year be held at former New Zealand Open host course The Grange Golf Club on Friday 10th of June.

The day is full of activity and ensures a great experience for corporate groups to reward and entertain their key people and customers in an exclusive experience alongside our leading cricketers.

For more information and to register, please contact Glen Sulzberger, glen.sulzberger@nzcpa.co.nz 021 762787

MITRE10 MVP TOP PERFORMERS

DOMESTIC MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Rob Nicol	262.68	84.29	18	0	15	26	379.98	14.61
2 Neil Wagner	54.17	270.64	10	0	6	22	340.82	15.49
3 Andrew Ellis	118.43	188.46	14	0	15	27	335.89	12.44
4 Graeme Aldridge	60.20	235.64	3	0	10	26	308.84	11.88
5 Grant Elliott	189.84	61.36	4	5	5	19	265.20	13.96

DOMESTIC MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP - BATTING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Rob Nicol	262.68	84.29	18	0	15	26	379.98	14.61
2 Peter Ingram	231.05	0.00	17	0	11	26	259.05	9.96
3 Brad Wilson	209.94	0.00	24	0	10	27	243.94	9.03
4 Craig Cumming	201.76	13.77	9	6	6	26	236.53	9.10
5 Aaron Redmond	194.54	17.90	14	1	5	24	232.44	9.69

DOMESTIC MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP - BOWLING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Neil Wagner	54.17	270.64	10	0	6	22	340.82	15.49
2 Graeme Aldridge	60.20	235.64	3	0	10	26	308.84	11.88
3 Andre Adams	21.45	201.78	13	0	13	23	249.23	10.84
4 Trent Boulton	32.69	199.95	8	0	10	23	250.64	10.90
5 Andrew Ellis	118.43	188.46	14	0	15	27	335.89	12.44

DOMESTIC MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP - FIELDING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Derek de Boorder	167.66	0.00	76	0	7	27	250.66	9.28
2 Kruger van Wyk	107.63	0.00	74	4	11	26	196.63	7.56
3 Gareth Hopkins	129.46	0.00	63	11	11	22	214.46	9.75
4 Peter McGlashan	90.99	0.00	53	0	9	22	152.99	6.95
5 Joe Austin-Smellie	59.07	0.00	51	0	5	18	115.07	6.39

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - PLUNKET SHIELD

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Neil Wagner	39.30	214.42	4	0	4	9	261.72	29.08
2 Todd Astle	37.23	145.41	8	0	4	9	194.64	21.63
3 Andrew Ellis	56.79	124.32	3	0	4	9	188.10	20.90
4 Trent Boulton	28.69	150.83	3	0	3	9	185.53	20.61
5 Peter Ingram	168.89	0.00	5	0	3	10	176.89	17.69

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - PLUNKET SHIELD BATTING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Peter Ingram	168.89	0.00	5	0	3	10	176.89	17.69
2 Brad Wilson	135.57	0.00	9	0	3	10	147.57	14.76
3 Craig Cumming	129.04	3.52	6	4	4	10	146.56	14.66
4 Daniel Flynn	121.56	-0.55	6	0	2	8	129.01	16.13
5 Andrew de Boorder	107.89	5.70	9	0	1	10	123.59	12.36

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - PLUNKET SHIELD BOWLING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Neil Wagner	39.30	214.42	4	0	4	9	261.72	29.08
2 Trent Boulton	28.69	150.83	3	0	3	9	185.53	20.61
3 Todd Astle	37.23	145.41	8	0	4	9	194.64	21.63
4 Graeme Aldridge	35.08	136.47	1	0	3	9	175.54	19.50
5 Chris Martin	4.80	131.30	0	0	1	7	137.10	19.59

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - PLUNKET SHIELD FIELDING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Gareth Hopkins	45.11	0.00	39	1	1	6	86.11	14.35
2 Derek de Boorder	106.03	0.00	36	0	4	10	146.03	14.60
3 Joe Austin-Smellie	54.37	0.00	36	0	2	9	92.37	10.26
4 Peter McGlashan	36.34	0.00	32	0	2	7	70.34	10.05
5 Reece Young	82.02	0.00	28	0	3	8	113.02	14.13

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - HRV CUP

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Ryan ten Doeschate	55.71	40.91	4	0	5	9	105.62	11.74
2 Michael Yardy	27.18	50.12	4	0	6	10	87.30	8.73
3 Ian Blackwell	37.73	43.38	1	0	5	9	87.11	9.68
4 Rob Nicol	62.52	8.35	4	0	5	9	79.87	8.87
5 Colin Munro	57.63	6.07	7	0	7	10	77.70	7.77

DOMESTIC MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - ONE DAY COMPETITION

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Rob Nicol	120.87	65.63	3	0	6	9	195.50	21.72
2 Lou Vincent	123.76	6.30	13	0	7	11	150.06	13.64
3 Gareth Hopkins	77.14	0.00	20	7	7	11	111.14	10.10
4 Peter Fulton	80.59	0.00	15	6	6	9	107.59	11.95
5 Andrew Ellis	48.11	42.08	7	0	6	9	103.20	11.47

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Daniel Vettori	52.06	216.14	10	1	1	12	280.20	23.35
2 Tim Southee	32.33	190.22	6	0	4	15	232.55	15.50
3 Chris Martin	3.23	147.72	1	0	0	5	151.95	30.39
4 Brendon McCullum	111.18	-0.20	26	0	2	14	138.98	9.93
5 Martin Guptill	121.75	0.77	10	0	4	18	136.53	7.58

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP - BATTING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Martin Guptill	121.75	0.77	10	0	4	18	136.53	7.58
2 Brendon McCullum	111.18	-0.20	26	0	2	14	138.98	9.93
3 Jesse Ryder	99.74	4.47	5	0	4	12	113.21	9.43
4 Ross Taylor	89.62	2.48	20	3	4	19	119.10	6.27
5 Scott Styris	68.05	26.17	4	0	4	14	102.21	7.30

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S OVERALL MITRE10 MVP - BOWLING

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Daniel Vettori	52.06	216.14	10	1	1	12	280.20	23.35
2 Tim Southee	32.33	190.22	6	0	4	15	232.55	15.50
3 Chris Martin	3.23	147.72	1	0	0	5	151.95	30.39
4 Brent Arnel	3.45	70.21	2	0	0	3	75.66	25.22
5 Kyle Mills	16.98	54.22	5	0	3	11	79.20	7.20

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - TEST MATCHES

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Daniel Vettori	41.52	195.85	6	0	0	5	243.37	48.67
2 Chris Martin	3.23	147.72	1	0	0	5	151.95	30.39
3 Tim Southee	30.23	105.65	3	0	0	4	138.88	34.72
4 Brendon McCullum	90.21	-0.20	5	0	0	5	95.01	19.00
5 Brent Arnel	3.45	70.21	2	0	0	3	75.66	25.22

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - ODI MATCHES

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Scott Styris	43.50	23.02	3	0	2	11	71.52	6.50
2 James Franklin	51.60	14.22	2	0	2	8	69.82	8.73
3 Martin Guptill	58.41	0.00	4	0	2	11	64.41	5.86
4 Kyle Mills	15.41	42.18	4	0	1	8	62.58	7.82
5 Nathan McCullum	35.71	19.50	5	0	2	9	62.21	6.91

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S MITRE10 MVP - T20I

	BATTING	BOWLING	FIELDING	CAPTAIN	WINS	PLD	POINTS	AVERAGE
1 Tim Southee	0.00	38.58	1	0	2	3	41.58	13.86
2 Martin Guptill	26.88	0.00	3	0	2	3	31.88	10.63
3 Scott Styris	24.54	3.15	1	0	2	3	30.69	10.23
4 Nathan McCullum	1.95	17.33	4	0	2	3	25.28	8.43
5 James Franklin	10.04	8.00	1	0	2	3	21.04	7.01

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Smart phones and other portable electronic devices are integral to modern life. CricHQ now combines the technology its customers are already using with a simple and effective way to enhance their cricket experience.

CricScore already offers a scoring solution that is changing the way cricket is scored at the grassroots level and, with some major relationships forged in the UK market for their upcoming season, CricScores development will continue at a rapid rate.

By the 2011/2012 New Zealand cricket season CricScore will allow every team in New Zealand to utilise CricHQ's online capabilities which include match information management and live ball by ball scoring! Imagine watching little johnny blaze his way to fifty live on CricHQ.com!

You can find more information about CricHQ and view product demonstrations at the CricHQ website.

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Vettori Voted Best by Peers

Daniel Vettori has been voted New Zealand Player of the Year by his peers in the annual NZCPA Player Survey. Central Districts allrounder Doug Bracewell has also been identified by his fellow players as the Most Promising Player in Domestic Cricket yet to play for the BLACKCAPS.

The annual NZCPA Player Survey canvasses the opinions of the country's first class and international cricketers across a range of cricketing issues within the professional cricketing environment including programming, formats, grounds and facilities, playing conditions and umpiring. The survey was

completed by 84 of the country's best players.

NZCPA Chief Executive Heath Mills said the players' views and experiences played an important part in helping further develop and improve the New Zealand professional cricketing environment.

"The players are the principle stakeholder in the professional game. Their experiences out on the field and in the high performance environment are critical in helping administrators and other cricketing stakeholders understand what is going well and in helping to identify areas of improvement" said Mills.

International Cricket

The players once again demonstrated their support for the longer version of the game with 79% stating that the ultimate achievement in the game is to play Test cricket for your country. This support from the players for the traditional form of the game reinforces the desire of many stakeholders to see the ICC establish a meaningful annual Test Championship in the near future.

When asked whether the ICC should introduce day/night Test cricket (provided a suitable ball can be developed), only 32.1% of players supported such a development.

Domestic Cricket

Overwhelmingly, 98.8% of players considered it important to retain all three formats of the game (First Class, One Day and T20) in a balanced domestic playing programme. Nearly 84% of players felt there was appropriate spacing between fixtures in this year's domestic schedule providing good travelling, recovery and training windows.

A similar percentage (84%) thought the competition structure for the HRV Cup - including a home and away round robin and final - was good.

Over 90% of the players felt the current format of the Plunket Shield including a full home and away round robin was good, while 77.7% felt the current format for the One Day National Championship of eight rounds followed by an extended finals series of elimination matches was good.

Grounds and Facilities

The Basin Reserve was voted by the players as having the best wicket in the country. The survey indicated that University Oval in Dunedin had the most inconsistent wickets.

The Basin Reserve was also voted as having the best practice facilities and 80.8% of players considered that the overall quality of practice facilities at the main First Class grounds was good.

Cobham Oval in Whangarei was voted as having the best off field facilities and QEII Park in Christchurch was voted as having the least impressive.

Mark Perham from Eden Park and Colin Maiden Oval was once again voted the best groundsman in New Zealand.

NZCPA Activities

Pleasingly, 97.4% of players felt the NZCPA provides good assistance to professional players.

Almost 99% of players rated the Hooked on Cricket community programme highly and considered it important as it gives players the opportunity to directly give back to the community and contribute to the development of the game.

Eighty seven percent of players believe the Mitre10 MVP programme is a good tool in assisting to promote the domestic game and its players and 70.1% felt it was a good measure of a players contribution to team performance.

The Best

THE BEST PLAYERS AS VOTED BY THEIR PEERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

New Zealand Player of the Year

Daniel Vettori

Best Test Batsman

Jesse Ryder

Best Test Bowler

Chris Martin

Best One Day Batsman

Ross Taylor

Best One Day Bowler

Daniel Vettori

Best T20 Batsman

Brendon McCullum

Best T20 Bowler

Daniel Vettori

Best All Round Fielder

Martin Guptill

Best Allrounder

Daniel Vettori

Best Wicketkeeper

Brendon McCullum

Most Promising Player in Domestic Cricket not to play for NZ

Doug Bracewell

Best Domestic Batsman not to play for NZ this season

Rob Nicol

Best Domestic Bowler not to play for NZ this season

Graeme Aldridge

Best International Batsman

Sachin Tendulkar

Best International Fast Bowler

Dale Steyn

Best International Spin Bowler

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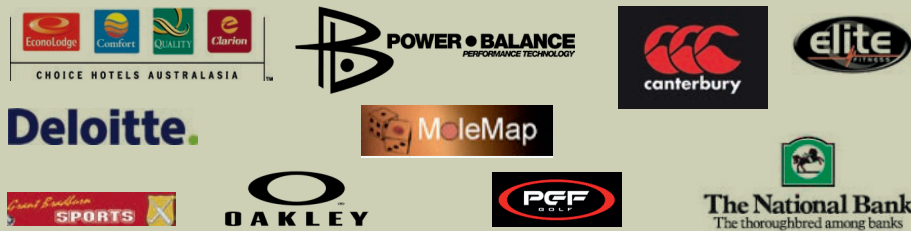
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