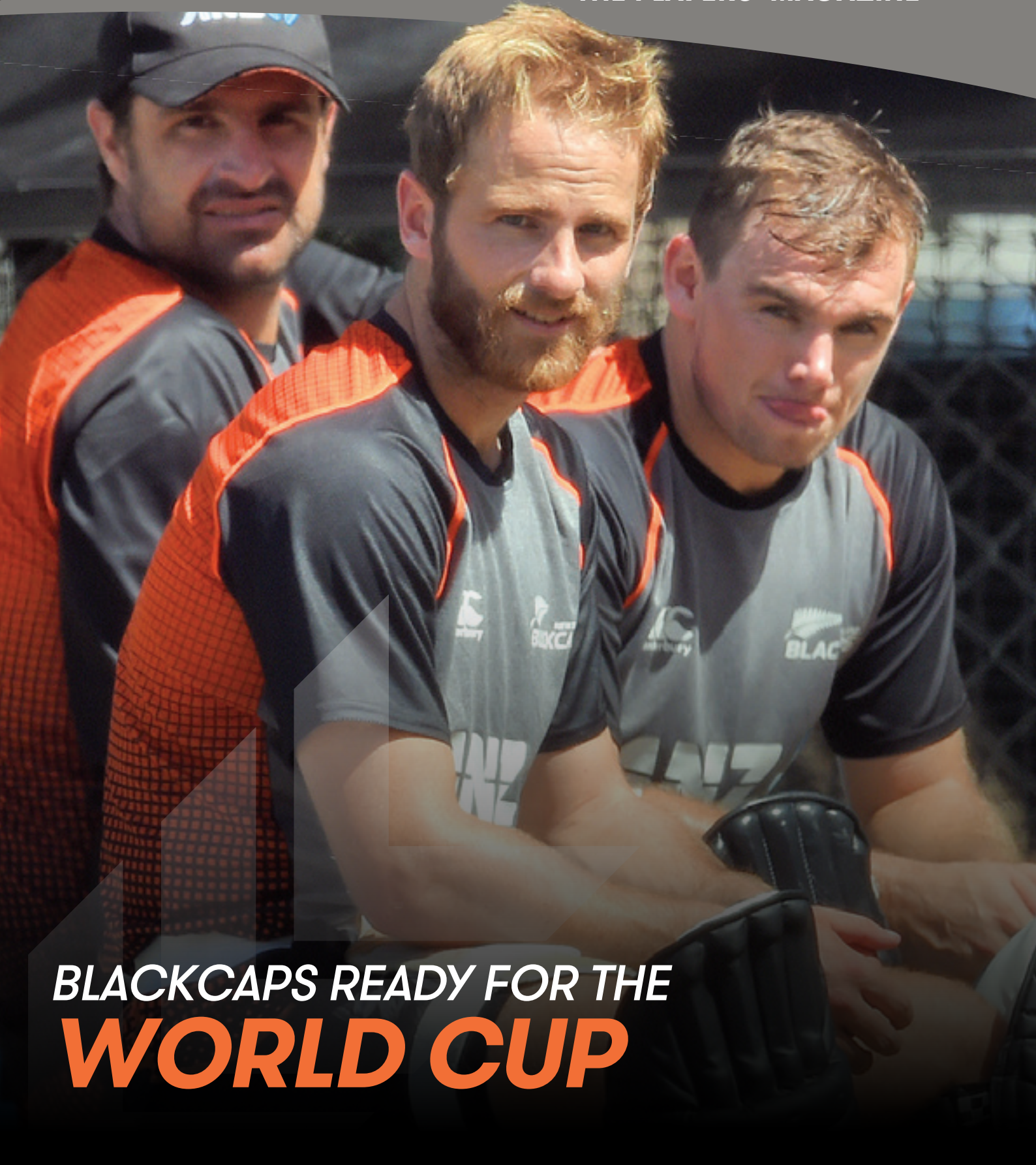


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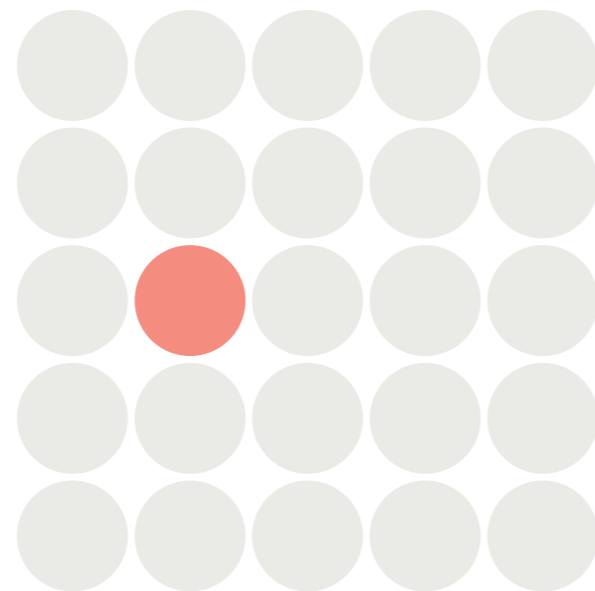
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OPENING THOUGHTS



Tēnā Koutou

In this edition of Outright we connect with NZCPA Life Member, Mark Haslam, who has volunteered to run the New York City Marathon to support Kristin School student, Bella Powell, in her efforts to raise awareness and funds for Cure Kids. Mark has forged an impressive career in education and now runs marathons for fun – those who knew Mark as a cricketer will enjoy this insight!

We are delighted to outline our recently launched wellbeing initiative for our members - an offer to get a free skin check via MoleMap. We are all aware that cricketers are at increased risk of Melanoma due to the number of hours spent outside in the harsh New Zealand sun so we are delighted to provide this new initiative that will educate and

increase awareness of this condition which affect too many New Zealanders.

Further afield, we delve into the world of calf-rearing with Northern Knights player Peter Bocock, who is heavily involved in the family business and spends much of his down time in a pair of Redbands refilling the Calfateria at their rearing farm in Te Awamutu.

We also reflect upon the career of some of our longest serving players with Brad Wilson and Luke Woodcock both deciding to call an end to their playing careers.

Lea Tahuu shares her insight from India while participating in the T20 Challenge. We must spare a thought for her now though as her celebration in winning the T20 Challenge with her *Supernovas* team saw her damage her right shoulder and now faces a long period of rest and

rehabilitation. Will Young will also share that rehabilitation experience as he undergoes shoulder surgery following his stand-out performances for the New Zealand selection XI against Australia in the build up to the Cricket World Cup – which kicked off on 30 May.

Closing this edition is Paul Ford's regular *The Insider* column, where he reviews the book 'The Test' by Nathan Leamon. Sounds like a fantastic read.

All the best over winter and we hope everyone can get through the sleep deprivation as we support the Blackcaps in the ICC Cricket World Cup over the coming weeks.

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TAYLOR

THE PLAYERS' BEST

Recognising a season marked by consistent performances in all formats, saw Ross Taylor recognised by his peers as the recipient of The 8th Players' Cap.

NZCPA Life Member and NZC Board member Martin Snedden presented Taylor with The Players' Cap in front of delighted teammates, partners and team management at Sky City ahead of the NZC Cricket Awards in March.

A surprised Taylor was reflective of what The Players' Cap means to the group saying,

"Mostly I am thankful to the other guys. This group of players have a genuine collective approach and getting this type of thing is really rewarding".

"The Players' Cap is something to be really proud of, it's special, and I just want to thank everyone."

Taylor became the second player to be acknowledged more than once as the players' Player of the Year, the other being Kane Williamson who secured three consecutive Players' Cap's between 2015 – 2017.

Taylor was in spectacular form over the past season and particularly in ODI matches where he scored 759 runs, averaging 84.33 and a high score of 137 against Sri Lanka at Nelson. Taylor surpassed the half century mark in 7 of his 13 innings which included a record stretch of six consecutive innings.

Later that evening Taylor was also named as the ODI Player of the Year at the ANZ New Zealand Cricket Awards, capping off a remarkable season where he became New Zealand's leading all time run scorer, the leading ODI run scorer, and the first player to score 20 ODI centuries for New Zealand. ●

THE PLAYERS' CAP RECIPIENTS

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| 2019 | Ross Taylor |
| 2018 | Trent Boult |
| 2017 | Kane Williamson |
| 2016 | Kane Williamson |
| 2015 | Kane Williamson |
| 2014 | Ross Taylor |
| 2013 | Tim Southee |
| 2012 | Brendon McCullum |

THE LEADING PLAYERS' CAP VOTE RECIPIENTS FROM EACH SERIES DURING 2018-19 WERE

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|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Pakistan Tour | Kane Williamson |
| Sri Lanka in NZ | Tim Southee and Tom Latham (tied) |
| India in NZ | Trent Boult |
| Bangladesh in NZ | Ross Taylor and Neil Wagner (tied) |

THE LEADING PLAYERS' CAP VOTE RECIPIENTS PER FORMAT WERE

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|------|------------------------------------|
| Test | Kane Williamson |
| ODI | Ross Taylor and Trent Boult (tied) |
| T20i | Colin Munro |



DEVINE

REPEATS CPA PLAYERS' AWARD

Sophie Devine ended an amazing year with the White Ferns on a high when she was acknowledged as the recipient of the 4th CPA Players' Award.

Devine became the first player to be recognised by her peers for a second time - doing so in back to back fashion - and continuing what has been a dominant couple of years for one of the world's most destructive players.

With a further two ODI centuries (now with five in total) the dynamic opener has been consistently brilliant with the

bat through the year, amassing 432 runs at an average of 54.00.

In addition to her ODI performances, Devine was even more influential in the 20 over format. Five half centuries in 15 innings produced 537 runs at an average of 38.38, including a career high 73 against Ireland. Fifteen wickets through this period adds substance to a resumé that would rival many of the leading all-rounders in world cricket.

The CPA Players' Award is coveted by the players and although it was obvious

that Devine was a leading contender there was a genuine air of anticipation as NZCPA CEO Heath Mills presented the 4th cap in an intimate presentation with the team in Melbourne following the Australian series in March.

Devine was moved by the occasion stating "To be recognised by the team is simply amazing"

"It really means a lot to be part of a great group of people and to be recognised in this way is something I really cherish" ●

NZCPA PLAYERS' AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| 2019 | Sophie Devine |
| 2018 | Sophie Devine |
| 2017 | Amy Satterthwaite |
| 2016 | Suzie Bates |

THE LEADING CPA PLAYERS' AWARD VOTE RECIPIENTS FROM EACH SERIES DURING 2018-19 WERE RECIPIENTS

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tour to Ireland/England | Sophie Devine |
| Tour to Australia (T20) | Katey Martin |
| India in NZ | Suzie Bates and Lea Tahuu (tied) |
| Tour to Australia (ODI) | Amy Satterthwaite |

THE INDIAN CHALLENGE.

MET!



A RESOUNDING SUCCESS! YOU ONLY NEEDED TO PAY SCANT ATTENTION TO THE COVERAGE ACROSS CRICINFO AT THE RECENTLY STAGED MULTI-TEAM WOMEN'S T20 CHALLENGE IN INDIA TO COME TO THAT CONCLUSION.

Building on last year's exhibition match, the T20 Challenge series, which featured three invitational teams, appears to have etched another important step in the path toward a potential launch of a Women's IPL style tournament.

A mix of local and international players gathered in Jaipur from May 6 to 11, producing some amazing cricket that captured the imagination and attention

of local fans, with an impressive 13,000 attending the final.

New Zealanders Lea Tahuu, Sophie Devine (Supernovas), Amelia Kerr (Velocity), and Suzie Bates (Trailblazers) were involved in the T20 Challenge series, with Tahuu and Devine part of the victorious Supernovas side which beat Kerr's Velocity in a final ball thriller.

Lea Tahuu kindly gave us some insight into her time in India ahead of the final.

YOU HAVE PLAYED IN INDIA WITH THE WHITE FERNS BEFORE, BUT WHAT IS IT LIKE PLAYING IN A TEAM MIXED WITH LOCALS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL STARS

It is always challenging when you have players from all over the world come together for a few games. But at the same time, it is a lot of fun. You get to learn a lot about the other cultures and how top players from around the world go about preparing for games.

THE T20 CHALLENGE BEING PLAYED IN JAIPUR, NORTHERN INDIA, HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND WHILE YOU ARE THERE

We have been fortunate to have a couple of opportunities to look around the city. It is a beautiful place and Amber Fort has been the highlight so far.

THE PASSION FOR CRICKET IN INDIA IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO US KIWIS, WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESPONSE FROM FANS TO THE T20 CHALLENGE

The fans here in Jaipur have really got behind the games. The crowds have been growing each game and I think it

helps with the games being played at night when it isn't as hot.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU UP TO OVER THE WINTER MONTHS

Over the winter we have a number of White Ferns camps being held at Lincoln. With no winter tour it's a great opportunity to get in the nets and work on parts of my game that I have not been able to work on as much, due to playing all the time. I have also just got a golden lab named Freddy that I'm looking forward to spending time with.

Far Left Photo: Lea Tahuu and Jahanara Alam (Bangladesh captain) during the T20 Challenge series.

Above Photo - Editor's note: Lea will not only be celebrating her team's victory in the T20 Challenge, but she will also carry the memory with her in the form of rehabilitation throughout the winter - in her excitement in the moment of victory Lea managed to displace her shoulder.

All the best with the rehab, Lea! 🍀

QSCC CHARITY GOLF DAY



The trek out to Muriwai from Auckland is deceptively long. However, upon arrival, it is easy, if not impossible, to forget about life back in the big smoke. That is true for anyone who enjoys the fresh air, catching up with mates and the thought of whacking a golf ball round 18 holes in as few attempts as possible.

Blessed with fantastic autumnal weather, the Charity Golf Day - supporting Queen Street Cricket Club and our Hooked on Cricket programme - had the perfect setting at the challenging Muriwai Golf Links layout.

We were grateful for the support from twenty-one corporate teams who made for a competitive outing in the 'best two-ball' stableford teams format. Nikko Asset Management took the team honours with a remarkably good score of 98 points, and heading off Canopy Group whose score was also a very respectable 93 points. NIB's Ian Sargeant was the leading individual with 45 points.

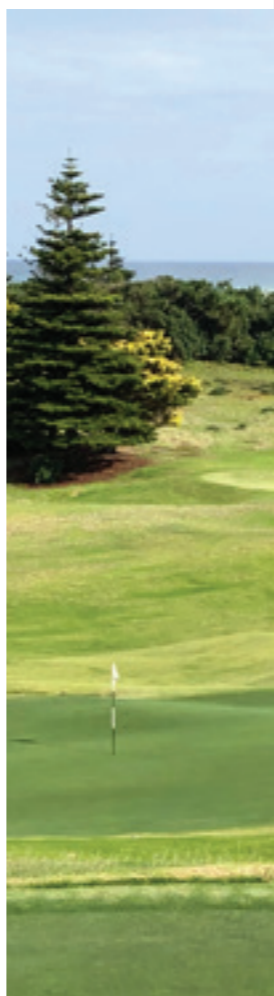
Fundraising days are only successful when they are well supported and for that we are grateful to every team and individual that entered. The support we had from Invivo Wines, Coca Cola

Amatil, Little Creatures, Michael Page and Muriwai Golf Club was truly appreciated.

We raised close to our target amount of \$10,000 and are delighted to be able to share that with QSCC whose contributions to cricket are extraordinary for a small organisation of cricket enthusiasts.

For more on QSCC or to join, please visit www.qscc.org.nz

Middle Photo Below:
CPA Members - Matt McEwan, Jett Raval, Robbie O'Donnell, Glenn Phillips



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PLAYERS' CONFERENCE

The annual Players' Conference is a vital juncture in the calendar when players can review, discuss and debate matters within the professional cricketing environment, as well as providing players' with a chance to formulate their collective view on matters important to them.

The workshop style of this year's Players Conference enabled players to interact and discuss topics in much more detail, before presenting back to the group for further discussion. NZCPA staff were acting as facilitators to this process which ensured that players could contribute fully during the two days.

Sixteen current players were able to attend the annual players' conference which was held on the 10th and 11th April.

The major focus of the conference this year was to:

- >>> Confirm areas of importance within the Personal Development
- >>> Discuss promotional activity and how the Cricketers Property Trust went in its first year of operation
- >>> Discuss NZC's high performance programme

- >>> Provide feedback on the BK Super Smash and domestic competitions
- >>> Look forward to the 2019/20 domestic season structure
- >>> Discuss key results from the annual CPA Player Survey
- >>> Overview of grounds and facilities

Players have day to day experiences within the global and domestic cricket environment and their contribution to the future of the game is vitally important. The level of engagement has been excellent throughout the summer and the Players' Conference was a continuation of this fact.



RUNNING FOR

GOOD

WE ARE PROUD TO PROFILE FORMER INTERNATIONAL CRICKETER, AND NOW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT KRISTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, **MARK HASLAM.**

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

Not a huge amount, I coach the Yr. 7 / 8 Cricket Team at Kristin School as well as offer a little support with the other teams. I am looking to get more involved now that I am several years removed from the game, (which is something I needed to do after finishing playing). The Auckland Cricket Board have kindly invited me along to their meetings this

year. This 'Governance' side of the game is certainly something that interests me, particularly from a pastoral and player welfare perspective.

YOU RETIRED FROM CRICKET TO PURSUE YOUR CAREER IN EDUCATION. WHAT HAS THAT BEEN LIKE?

While I would like to say that finishing playing first class cricket at 30 was a difficult decision, the reality was that I was somewhat disillusioned with the game at the time. Hoping to draw back the

curtains in the morning to see it raining is not a healthy space to be in! While I loved the team aspect to cricket and made life-long friends, I was acutely aware I would never be one of the gifted few to make a genuine living out of the game. Education and having the absolute privilege to work alongside young people and their families is something I care deeply about and have never once regretted.

YOU DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR RUNNING, HOW AND WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?

Those that played with me will know that fitness sessions and running in general, were things that I enjoyed about as much as a root canal. I had one of those classic moments a few years after finishing playing in 2008, where I saw a picture of myself and wondered who it was in the photo. I could not recognise the person! I immediately went out and bought a pair of running shoes and forced myself to get out three times a week. It started off jogging to a lamp post, walking to the next, for 20 minutes. I knew if I kept this up for 6 weeks, due to my addictive personality, it would become a routine which, thankfully, it did! That was the hardest part for me, those first six weeks. Since then I have run four to five times a week and along the way completed 23 Marathons. I am certainly not breaking any records, my best time is 3.22, so I am very much a 'weekend warrior', but for me it is all about the sense of accomplishment you get finishing a marathon, as well as the t-shirt!

TELL US ABOUT ENTERING THIS YEAR'S NEW YORK CITY MARATHON.

We have an incredible student in Year 11, Bella Powell, who happens to be a Cure Kids Ambassador. Bella has Cystic Fibrosis but has never, ever once used that as an excuse for not attempting anything. Bella despite her tender years would genuinely be one of the most selfless, caring and empathetic people I know. She is the epitome of an altruistic leader, forever putting the needs of others before her own. Bella in her role as a Cure Kids Ambassador, asked me to run the New York City Marathon to raise money for her charity. If you know Bella, when she asks, you don't say no! In addition to Bella, the Kristin Community, which is an incredibly big hearted and generous community, has had a few current and past students supported by Cure Kids. So, this, along with the amazing work Cure Kids do in supporting children throughout the country, how could anyone say no!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN AMAZING THING TO BE DOING. IS THERE ANYTHING THE CRICKET COMMUNITY CAN DO TO HELP?

It would be great if the NZCPA could help promote Bella and her charity, Cure Kids, who do amazing work supporting so many children and families throughout the country. Here is a link to the page I'm supporting as part of the marathon: nycmarathonforcurekids.everydayhero.com/nz/mark

YOU ALSO GET KRISTIN STUDENTS INVOLVED WITH OTHER CAUSES

At Kristin in Year 10, we have an extensive Student Leadership Programme which is very much focussed on Altruistic Leadership, that is the students giving selflessly without expecting anything in return. We have a total of 19 leadership teams, so any student who wishes to be a part of a team in Year 10, is given the opportunity. The teams have established firm relationships through the work of students in previous years, with 14 different community organisations such as; Auckland City Mission, Salvation Army, Mercy Hospice, Starship Hospital and Ronald McDonald House Charities to name just a few. The relationship with RMHC would be our longest standing relationship dating back to 2005.

The leadership team that work with RMHC have in that time gone out to the house once a term to prepare and cook a meal for the families staying at the house, so in total that is well over 50 dinner sittings that Kristin Student Leaders and staff have cumulatively

prepared for the families at the Auckland houses over the years. In addition to this, the team will also organise and run various fundraising activities for RMHC through the year. Several of the students who were in the earlier teams, now get their own workplaces and organisations out to the house to do the same thing which is amazing to see.

YOU OBVIOUSLY LEAD A BUSY LIFE, WHAT ELSE DO YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR YOURSELF OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

To stay active and enjoy watching my own children, Grace who is 13 and James 12, develop their own pathways and interests both within sport, as well as outside. I am a firm believer in the life lessons young people can learn, if we allow them the opportunity, by participating in sport; humility, cooperation, the ability to laugh at yourself, respect for self, your team, as well as the opposition, perseverance and resilience.

These are qualities that will serve our young people well, long after they finish playing. I really admire the coaches and mentors that can nurture our young people and reflect on and understand the valuable lessons sport can provide us. ●

Far Left Photo: At the 36 km mark, 2018 Great Wall of China Marathon

Below Photo: Mark Haslam, assistant principal at Kristin Middle School, and Bella Powell, Cure Kids Ambassador.



MEMBERS' MOLEMAP OFFER

The current players have decided to allocate a generous sum of money that will provide NZCPA members with an opportunity to access a FREE skin check with Molemap.

The offer is available to all current and past playing members and is made possible after players donated a lump sum for this purpose from the washup of the player payment pool in the previous Master Agreement (that expired in July 2018).

This is a great example of the NZCPA membership looking out for each other, as those most likely to benefit from this are the past players who are more likely to be at risk now as they had less information about the harm caused by being in the sun while they batted and bowled their way through past summers.

We are delighted to be able to offer this service through Molemap.

Think it's easy to spot melanoma? Try the 'Spot the Melanoma Challenge':

www.molemap.co.nz/melanoma-challenge

TO ACCESS THE **FREE** MOLEMAP OFFER

1. Complete the Molemap online Melanoma Risk Quiz www.molemap.co.nz/survey
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3. Once approved, you will be sent a Molemap voucher to be used at any of Molemap's nationwide clinics (valid for 12 months)

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SOME QUICK SKIN CANCER STATS FOR NEW ZEALANDERS.

- NZ has the highest rates of melanoma in the world.
- Two out of three Kiwis will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.
- Repeated sunburns greatly increase the risk of melanoma developing.
- The lifetime risk of developing melanoma for males is 1 in 13, and 1 in 18 in females.
- More than 400 Kiwis die of melanoma each year.
- While Maori and Pasifika cultures have a lower chance of getting melanoma, they often have more serious cases of melanoma.

Get on the front foot with a free MoleMap check.

Sign up for your voucher today.

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- vouchers redeemable in 40 clinics nationwide

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PREPARE
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT &
WELLBEING CONFERENCE
TACKLES CAREER TRANSITIONS

National Personal Development Manager, Sanj Silva, travelled to the Netherlands in April to attend the **2019 World Player Development Conference**. While there, Sanj also met with Personal Development managers from within FICA who were also in attendance.

Sharing information, resources and learnings with our international colleagues is key to the evolution of our Personal Development Programme. Also useful is the ability to research and discuss emerging trends that are affecting athletes within cricket, and other sports globally, which is of vital importance to our own PD programme.

The conference, co-hosted by the World Players Association and FIFPro, brought together more than 100 participants from 47 countries and 13 different sports. The guiding theme for the conference was "Prepare, Empower, Support: Navigating transitions in professional sport".

"The professional sporting career is one of continuous transition. The path from rookie to past player encounters injuries, relocations, incredible performance peaks but also major disappointments. On this

precarious journey the player association remains an important constant providing stability and support. It is therefore essential that we offer tailored services for each stage of the career lifecycle," said Brendan Schwab, Executive Director of the World Players Association.

Over the course of the three-day event, the different transitions were explored from various perspectives and drawing on insight from cognitive-neuroscience, psychology, personal coaching, performance art and the real-life experiences of players and player development professionals.

With the aim of better understanding the realities faced by former players, the conference builds on a literature review of past player surveys that was published in 2018. Attendees were asked to consider and improve a set of guidelines outlining key research areas, concepts and best practice to promote greater consistency and comparability of past player research across the player association movement.

The 2019 World Player Development Conference follows similar events in Melbourne 2015 and Paris 2017. ●

The World Players Association is the leading voice of organised players in the governance of world sport. It brings together 85,000 players across professional sport through more than 100 player associations in over 60 countries.

Major player associations belonging to World Players include:

FIFPro, the world football players' union

the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA)

the International Rugby Players' Association (IRPA)

the European Elite Athletes' Association (EU Athletes)

the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA)

the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA)

the National Basketball Players Association (NBPA)

the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA)

the Women's National Basketball Players Association (WNBPA)

the Japanese Professional Baseball Players Association (JPBPA)

the Australian Athletes' Alliance (AAA)

the New Zealand Athletes' Federation (NZAF).



PREMIUM PARTNERS



WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

By Margot Butcher

TO BE FAIR, PETER BOCOCK'S FIRST SEASON AS A CONTRACTED CRICKETER OVERDELIVERED. THE FREEDOM TO TRAIN AND DEVELOP HIS GAME WAS ALL HE HAD HOPED FOR.

He scored his first three Ford Trophy fifties and first Burger King Super Smash fifty. Despite ND's wicketkeeping riches, he even got a solid run with the gloves — and a Plunket Shield win over the Stags which hadn't happened in a few blue moons. He also locked away the Hawke

Cup with Hamilton and bagged an innings victory with the Blackcaps in a Test at the Basin (when he substituted for an injured BJ Watling).

If anyone missed the story of how an emerging domestic keeper-batsman ended up keeping wicket in a terrific Test win — the short version is regular Basin standby fielder Peter Younghusband was out injured, so Bocock was flown in from ND. BJ Watling did his hammy and then there he was in BJ's shirt and Tom Latham's gloves, keeping wicket to Tim Southee and Trent Boult at the business end as the ring-in Test wicketkeeper.

Cricket — you just never know what's going to happen. It was a similar story in the last day of the Plunket Shield season. Not even in the twelve, his phone rang just as he was hooking up a trailer on the family farm, ready to go pick up some

calves. Tim Seifert had busted a finger and Joe Carter was keeping wicket, how soon could he get to Seddon Park? Instead of looking after calves, he spent the rest of the day en route to a rare victory with the boys over their archrivals to close out 2018/19.

The Bocock farmlet is halfway between Cambridge and Te Awamutu, 14 hectares on which his parents, Mark and Michelle, run a successful calf-raising business in the beef industry (one of the largest in the Country). It's a reasonably niche operation that takes expert care of calves as they're weaned and grown to 100 kilograms, before being moved them on for finishing on pasture.

"Mum and Dad have been doing it for 25 years," says Peter, who grew up helping with the calves. "They did 50 or so the first year, and grew from there to 5,500 a year. By now I think we would have done more than 50,000 animals for the New Zealand beef market. It's a lot of animals to come out of one small property."

That's partly because Mark's a systems whizz who built and customised everything from the sheds to the trailers to suit the business, and partly because the Bocock's have trained their eyes to spot the calves that need

assistance to flourish. Calves can be tricky, especially in their first couple of days in the sheds as they get used to a new feeding system and routine. If you don't spot subtle early warning signs, they can go downhill fast.

The trickiest are the Wagyu — the Japanese breed famous for its premium, richly marbled steaks. In between cricket, for the last couple of years Peter has been rearing these calves on contract for First Light (the Zespri of New Zealand's Wagyu industry) which sees him feeding a thousand of his own calves a day — 800 Wagyu calves, plus a mix of 200 young Friesian bulls, Hereford and Angus.

It's the autumn calving season, which starts just before the end of the cricket season. While it's not as busy as the spring season when they have 4500 calves coming in, it's surprisingly fast-paced work.

"You work your arse off while they're all still on milk, and you've got a few more late ones coming in as well."

With the Wagyu, he mixes up milk powder fresh in the morning — they're picky. "I'll walk down the farm and feed all the calves, look out for any

sick or younger ones not doing so well and make sure they're all fed. Then do the feeding out — the meal, hay and everything else we add to the recipe. But I can still be finished by late morning just because we've got such a good operational system that allows us to feed 1000 calves in 90 minutes."

Weigh days are longer, for the calves that have been through all the process of de-horning and castration and recovery time. "If they have a very high growth rate, they're ready to be weaned. Then I'll weigh them again when they're ready to go off the property, obviously. It's a 20-week turnaround from on-farm calving, so for me that's a few months that fits in well with cricket."

Spring calving starts late July. Until he became a contracted player last year, Peter used to work through the spring season too, farm workers or his parents doing the feeding on the days he was off somewhere with an A game or the Knights. Now, squad training is back on the horizon just as the spring calves start coming in.

"It's full on cricket for seven months, and full on calves for five months" — and it really works for him mentally. "I've found

it quite helpful to be able to concentrate on something else other than cricket," says Peter. "We all know what it's like trying to make it as a cricketer if things aren't going right — if you get nicked out five times in a row and you're sitting in a hotel room thinking, 'Oh my god. What if I don't get picked. What if I lose my contract, where am I going to get my money next year'.

"It can be consuming and makes you feel stressed out. Cricket is still my number one right now, but having something to fall back on has made a big difference to me."

Peter did the overseas thing for a couple of off seasons when he was 19, 20, but at 28 it's all about the green grass of home — and he'd like to keep growing it.

"It's the perfect thing for me to transition into post-cricket. I enjoy it, and I'd be silly not to be learning more about it. And, it's actually a lot like cricket! You've got to have a great game plan to produce a product with the highest growth rate, in the shortest amount of time for you to be able to make good margins. If something goes wrong with that, then you need to adapt quickly — just like in the game." ●



PULLING STUMPS

I'M NOT GETTING EMOTIONAL ABOUT IT OR ANYTHING. SURE, IT HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF MY LIFE FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, BUT IT IS TIME TO CALL IT QUITS

BRAD WILSON



with roles within the team and as a long serving CPA team representative with for both ND and Otago.

Wilson stated he had no regrets in his career and was typically pragmatic and humble about announcing his retirement.

"I've just had enough really".

"I'm not getting emotional about it or anything. Sure, it has been a big part of my life for the past 15 years, but it is time to call it quits."

The domestic scene will certainly feel different as the teams take to the field at the start of the 2019/20 season without these two stalwarts among their midst.

Auckland's former Plunket Shield captain Martin Guptill-Bunce has recently decided to conclude his playing days and pursue a career in Commercial Property utilising his Bachelor of Property.

Guptill-Bunce has primarily been used as a long format player by Auckland with 38 appearances, which saw him produce 3 centuries, with a high score of 189.

Ryan McCone also announced an end to his 10-year career that saw him represent Canterbury and Central Districts. McCone also helped the CPA membership by acting as a team representative during his time in Canterbury.

The youngest retiree at 27 years, South African born Warren Barnes has decided to pursue other opportunities after a short career that saw him represent Auckland and Otago. ●

Above:
Brad Wilson, Otago Volts

Far Left:
Luke Woodcock, Wellington Firebirds

"It just feels right at this stage to move on," Woodcock reflected on announcing his retirement.

"Over the last six to nine months things have started to kick in around that final stage of my career and the decision not to play in the Ford Trophy this year was probably a sign it was time to call it a day."

Woodcock's longevity has allowed him to scale the top of many of the stats charts for Wellington. He is the only player to have played 100 matches for Wellington in each of the three formats, has scored the most 1st class half centuries (52), most 1st class runs (7719), leads the number of 1st class appearances with 143.

Brad Wilson is another long serving domestic player who has decided the time is right for him to call a day on his cricket career.

Continuing a long history of Northland players representing Northern Districts, Wilson spent 10 seasons with ND before moving south to Otago for another 5 seasons. In playing 110 first-class games, he scored 6212 runs at an average of just over 32. His highest score was 165 and all up he made 14 centuries and 36 half centuries.

Wilson's leadership qualities will be missed, which was demonstrated both

team representative for many years, and had a stint coordinating the CPA's Hooked on Cricket development programme.

Years of compiling runs, wickets and catches for the Firebirds was ultimately rewarded when Woodcock earned selection to the Blackcaps, including being picked for the 2011 Cricket World Cup squad. The cricketing chameleon has forever adapted his game and as well as taking 339 wickets for Wellington across all formats, Woodcock also retires holding the 1st wicket (432 with Michael Papps in 2017/18) and 9th wicket (225 with Ili Tugaga in 2009/10) record partnerships for Wellington.

particularly at his beloved Johnsonville CC. Affectionately known for his passion for cricket Woodcock is bound to be part of the cricket scene in Wellington in some form over the coming years.

Woodcock has been a keen contributor to the CPA as well, serving as Wellington

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LUKE WOODCOCK

Luke Woodcock has called time on a career that started in the 2001/02 season and saw him finish as the most capped and highest run scorer for the province he grew up in. Woodcock's contribution to the game within Wellington representative and club cricket has been considerable,

NZCPA members adopted an updated Constitution at the 2018 AGM which put in motion the process for implementing a new Board nomination and appointment process.

Brannigans were appointed to oversee and manage the application process and along with the NZCPA's Board Nominations Committee reviewed and considered all Board Member applications in accordance with the Nominations Committee Charter and the Board's skill set matrix.

As a result, the Board nominees were put forward for appointment a Special General Meeting on 10th April. We are subsequently delighted to welcome our new Board.

Ross Verry (Chair) and Scott Weenink remain as existing Board members from the Nominations Committee, and welcome Maddy Green (current player), Ollie Newton (current player), Rebecca Rolls (past player), and Daniel Vettori (past player) as independent Board Members.

Ross Taylor and Amy Satterthwaite were nominated as the Blackcaps and White Ferns representatives.

We are also extremely grateful to outgoing Board members - Peter Fulton, Richard Jones, Grant McKenzie, Jason Wells, Sam Wells - who have chosen to step down at this time to allow new members to join the Board. Their contribution has been significant over many years and their passion for both the organisation and sport has been the foundation of the NZCPA.



Maddy Green



Ollie Newton



Scott Weenink



Rebecca Rolls



Heath Mills



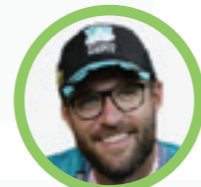
Amy Satterthwaite



Ross Verry



Ross Taylor



Dan Vettori

UPCOMING EVENTS

14TH JUNE Past Player function, Auckland
28TH JUNE Past Player function, Dunedin

SEPTEMBER Player Induction Forum
3RD OCTOBER The Players' Golf Day

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BOOK REVIEW

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NATHAN LEAMON'S 'THE TEST'

THERE'S NO PRESSURE SITTING IN THE PAVILION WATCHING IT RAIN. YOU CAN'T FAIL THERE. YOU GO HOME WITH THE SAME AVERAGE YOU TURNED UP WITH.
 - JAMES McCALL, *THE TEST*

There aren't many good cricket novels - *Chinaman* by Shehan Karunatilaka is one exception - at least not until Cambridge graduate, former Eton maths teacher and England's inaugural cricket analyst penned the 300+ pages of *The Test*. It's well worth hunting out, although I had to search wider than Trade Me for my copy.

It was nominated for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year and among the Sunday Times best sports books of the year too - and even Michael Atherton liked it (but don't let that put you off). "Leamon weaves the strands together expertly, finding moments to teach and inform readers about the endless fascination of the five-day game."

The novel's combination of professional sport and fictional

autobiography is reminiscent of David Peace's football masterpiece *The Damned United* so it was no surprise to see the author cite that classic as one of the sources of his inspiration.

It is a tale told in the first person by England and Wales cricket captain James McCall. His knee is stuffed, he's recently broken up with his wife, been separated from his kids as a result, and now he's been lumped with the captaincy for a must-win Ashes test at Lord's. And the team he has the reins of are absolutely knackered.

For cricket nerds like me, Leamon's book provides a rare glimpse into the cauldron of a Test cricket team under pressure, complete with all the banter and bravado and bullying that comes with that. This rings true and sets Leamon's book apart as he captures the raw tension of this environment, drawing on his own experiences inside the sheds as an analyst.

As he puts it: "My overriding aim is to try and put the reader inside the helmet as a batsman walks out to bat. To create a dressing room which is as realistic and true to life as I could make it, and put the reader in the middle of that dressing room - show him what it looks like and what it feels like, and also what it's like

when you're on the other side of the world and you're stuck in a hotel room missing everyone that you love."

He includes composite characters that taunt the reader into trying to unpick who is who - but it's not a book of tittle-tattle or revelations about specific people. Leamon instead prefers to zero in on the trials and tribulations, fickle and occasionally grim reality of being a professional international cricketer.

But importantly, and despite its odour of pessimism in parts, you can tell the author loves the game.

I don't know Leamon, but he sounds like an interesting chap. One with an enormous brain and a grip of both numbers and words. He was the England team's first analyst back in 2009 and has a reputation for being a sort of cricketing version of Peter Brand from baseball's *Moneyball*. Just with a way posher accent and a deep knowledge originally mined from craploads of Hawk-Eye data.

But despite the obvious temptations for a man in his vocation, it is a surprise that Leamon almost completely avoids hardcore data in the book. Instead *The Test* brilliantly draws on his human observations rather than his mathematical ones and for that every reader will be thankful.

Paul Ford is the co-founder of the *Beige Brigade* and one-seventh of the *Alternative Commentary* collective.



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