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# OUTRIGHT

## NZ CRICKET PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**The Players' Cap 2013**

Tim Southee completed a remarkable year for the Blackcaps to be voted as the deserved winner of The Players' Cap for 2012/13.

Southee was stunned with the award and to the amusement of his fellow players was for once a little lost for words.

"This is a great honour and something that I am really proud of", said Southee.

The Players' Cap has quickly become one of the most significant and respected awards in cricket and there was a great deal of excitement and anticipation ahead of the presentation function at the conclusion of the ANZ Test series against England.

The players were delighted that surprise guest Bruce Edgar accepted the invitation to present the second edition of The Players' Cap. Bruce is a NZCPA Life Member and also acts as a Trustee to The Cricketers Hardship Trust and his words on the night were a great reflection of the mutual respect past and current players can aspire to.

The Blackcap players were thrilled by the presence of the many CPA Life Members who were able to attend this year's presentation and it was especially to have John Sparling and Barry Sinclair in attendance.

*"The Players' Cap shall be awarded to the most outstanding Cricketer of the Year for performances in official Test, One Day International and T20 cricket over the preceding 12 month period and shall be judged by the players, coaching staff, media and match officials."*

**The leading Players' Cap vote recipients from each series during 2012/13 were:**

Tour to West Indies <b>Martin Guptill</b>	Tour to Sri Lanka <b>Tim Southee</b>
Tour to India <b>Jeetan Patel</b>	Tour to South Africa <b>Dean Brownlie</b>
ICC T20 World Cup <b>Daniel Vettori/Tim Southee</b>	ANZ Series v England <b>Brendon McCullum</b>

Southee is the second Players' Cap recipient after Brendon McCullum won the inaugural cap in 2012.

The Players' Cap voting will resume at the beginning of the England tour in May and will include all International matches through to the conclusion of the 2013/14 home series against India.

**The Players' Cap Background**

New Zealand's leading players wanted to establish an award that recognizes the player they believe to have performed the best for the Blackcaps over a 12 month period. They wish to do that by determining the three best performers from each match played by the team through a regulated voting system. Points from each match are weighted to each format, and then aggregated, and the player with the most votes at the end of each year is awarded The Players' Cap.

The Players' Cap was named to commemorate the special significance of the New Zealand cap to the players. The cap is the ultimate symbol of achievement for each player and The Players' Cap signifies respect and honour toward all players who have represented New Zealand.



Courtesy of NZCPA

# Welcome

It was great to see the home cricket season finish on a high with solid performances against the touring England team by the Blackcaps.

The short form series were competitive and the drawn Test series captivated the public after a fantastic final match at Eden Park in Auckland with the Blackcaps having victory in sight right up to the final delivery of the match. After a turbulent season off the field it was great to see the country get in behind the performances of the team at the end of the summer.

In Domestic cricket congratulations must go to Kieran Noema-Barnett and the Central Stags on taking out the historic Plunket Shield and Gareth Hopkins and the Auckland Aces on beating the Canterbury Wizards in the final of the Ford Trophy. The Domestic competitions were once again keenly fought with a different team winning each of the three competitions following the Otago Volts taking out the HRV Cup. Domestic cricket is the heart and soul of the development of players in New Zealand and it was great to see good competitive cricket played this year and the competitions continue to produce players that can perform on the International stage.

The past month has been a busy one for the NZCPA with the completion of the annual Player Survey and a vibrant and informative Players' Conference which was held in Auckland in the second week of April. These two important events enable the NZCPA to accurately represent player views and thoughts on the various aspects of the professional game as we head into post season reviews with New Zealand Cricket and the six Major Associations.

The events team was also busy staging the Masters Tournament in Queenstown and the annual Players' Golf Day, hosted by the Blackcaps. Glen Sulzberger completed an outstanding job putting these two events together with the Masters Tournament once again providing a fantastic opportunity for our members to get together and play some cricket whilst reminiscing about old times. It was particularly pleasing to see one of our more experienced members Norm Wilson from Northern Districts head down to Queenstown and enjoy the event.

We were delighted to raise \$10,000 at the Players' Golf Day for the Cricketers Hardship Trust. The event itself was great fun and we have had good feedback from our various business partners and the corporates who attended. We thank the players for giving their time and donating various items of memorabilia to the event and cause – it's much appreciated. The

Cricketers Hardship Trust supports past players in times of need and hardship and we must continue to grow its work and service where we can.

We were particularly pleased to see four White Ferns players offered development contracts to work in the NZC development programme last month. This initiative was agreed between the NZCPA and NZC when we negotiated the MOU governing the White Ferns environment late last year. Hopefully the number of players involved in the programme will grow over the coming years and enable more White Ferns to give a full time commitment to cricket which would be in line with what is now happening in England and Australia and is a key reason behind those Countries' success in recent years.

*"It is critical to involve past players at all levels of the sport and to take advantage of their vast knowledge and experience"*

We have noted with interest recent comment in the public domain about the NZC Governance model and we understand there are likely going to be some minor changes to the process of electing Directors to the NZC Board. We understand these changes will see a committee of some of MA Chairmen joined by a couple of independent people effectively interviewing and selecting Directors for the vacant positions on the NZC Board each year. This contrasts to the recent system where this selection role has been undertaken independently by the Institute of Directors and nominees from the NZC Board. We understand these minor changes will be adopted at a Special General Meeting of NZC later this year and that all current Directors will likely stand down with some then standing for reselection through the new process – which is important to ensure continuity on the Board.

Whilst these proposed minor changes are a positive step for NZC it's very important to put them in context. The NZC governance model and fully independent board, has been held up by the International Cricket Council for many years as the best governance model in world Cricket and has also been championed by Sport New Zealand as one of the best in New Zealand Sport. It is free of regional or stakeholder bias and unlike a large number of international cricket Boards has no government interference. There is no doubt that the NZC governance model has been first rate, and world leading, since the time of the Hood report.

Importantly, NZC and its governance system has consistently been able to elect past players to its Board, albeit the current term produced a rare occasion where there were no past players elected. However, we must remember that the President and Chief Executive attend all meetings and are both past international players – so in that regard we recognise that there has been good cricket knowledge involved in Board discussions during the past year. However, we believe it is important to have appropriately skilled past players on the Board in a governance role to go alongside the many past players we have involved in administration or coaching and we hope this will be achieved at the next NZC AGM. It is critical to involve past players at all levels of the sport and to take advantage of their vast knowledge and experience – the NZCPA has been a champion of that since its inception. However the people involved in the NZC Board appointments process must ensure we have past players with excellent business, governance and cricket acumen who also understand the professional business of cricket today. We have a number of past players who fit this bill and would be excellent in this role – let's hope they are the ones willing to put their hands up and get involved in the sport at this level.

Finally, we wish all the best to our members who are playing their trade overseas during the winter period and look forward to positive Blackcap performances across the various competitions in the UK this year.

All the best

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Chief Executive

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# SUZIE BATS TO TOP

By Margot Butcher



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In November last year Suzie Bates sat down with NZC CEO David White for a coffee and a frank chat that was to change the deal for women's cricket in New Zealand.

"David had got in touch, wanting to know about the state of women's cricket," recounts Bates, White Ferns skipper. "I said I felt we'd fallen significantly behind Australia and England, that it was being taken for granted that we would be one of the top two or three nations every year, while they were pulling away with resources for their players and growing the game."

Bates is telling the story over the phone on her lunch break, sandwiched between coaching sessions indoors on a wet and chilly Otago autumn day. She's leading a girls' school holiday programme – just basic cricket skills, just two days, "but when the girls are lumped into a big group with boys, you notice they tend to stand back. It's better with their own programme."

It's a rare thing in Otago. In fact, the more we talk, the more I start to think it's a wonder that the Otago Sparks come up with any rep players at all – let alone the brilliant Bates, Player of the Tournament at the

recent ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in India and the new world number one batter in the official women's ODI rankings, displacing India's Mihtali Raj for the first time in April.

On fire this season, the 25-year-old averaged over 75 in international cricket, scoring an unbeaten World Cup hundred against Australia and four consecutive ODI 50s as well as performing in the field.

No personal laurels, however, assuaged the horror for her well-performed side when, after their blistering start, they were locked out of the World Cup final. The Ferns' critical 48-run loss to the West Indies at the business end of the Super Sixes had been controlled, astoundingly, by an Indonesian umpire who had not stood in an international match for four years. He was broadly criticised by media for four eyebrow-raising lbw decisions that crippled the New Zealand innings, in a tournament with no DRS. The devastated Ferns were bundled off to play one of those aching third-place playoffs. Top two or three in the world? Never mind that: now they were stuck with fourth.

At least back home better news was on the way. After the nutting-out of a groundbreaking Memorandum of Understanding between the NZCPA and NZC for women's cricket, Bates and team-mates Sian Ruck, Sara McGlashan and

Sophie Devine were in April awarded NZC contracts – the first in the New Zealand women's game since Debbie Hockley some 15 years earlier.

"David White had listened, and has been true to his word in earmarking some resource for us," says Bates, whose one-year contract means she will spend three days a week working in development for Otago Cricket with two days off to train.

Likewise, Ruck and Devine are working for Cricket Wellington, and McGlashan for Auckland Cricket. Bates: "I think of myself now as someone for whom cricket is my full-time job – and that's a very different mindset to the past, where I've seen it almost as a hobby. I've always enjoyed it, but from a professional-equality point of view, women's cricket is obviously miles behind, and with England and Australia already having brought in initiatives to fund players, we were behind them, as well. I finished studying last year and had been part-time and living at home so I could afford to train. Sian Ruck was holding down a full-time job as a courier and trying to train around that, going for runs in the dark. If you want the White Ferns to perform, it just makes sense to invest in them and this is the start, giving us some flexibility and financial security."

So why was I impressed that the likes of Bates had come through at all? "One of the biggest issues here in Dunedin is that we don't really even have a girls' club competition. Girls play in the boys' comp to Year Nine, but after that, unless you attend St Hilda's, where there's a cricket programme, there's been almost no pathway into playing rep cricket. If you don't go to the right school, you're screwed."

Last winter Bates and Sarah Tsukigawa proactively led a 10-week invitational academy, inviting girls they thought were capable of playing for the Sparks. Five players turned up. So Bates doesn't underestimate the scale of her challenge in her part-time development role, trying to grow basic structure around girls' and women's cricket.

"I cover a huge area from Southland to Oamaru, travelling to schools trying to find that person who's going to have the will to introduce skills sessions and drive a team – so often it's just one passionate person making it happen. And in Dunedin I'd like to get a girls' junior and senior team playing in boys' competitions. The four-team women's comps we've had in the past didn't work. Skill levels were all mixed in, sometimes it would be reduced to eight-a-sides because not enough players were turning up, and we've had good players in the past dreading Saturday cricket because it was such a debacle. Even at Sparks level, some of our girls don't get any cricket leading into our national competitions and it makes it very difficult to perform.

"The development side of the contract means I have an opportunity to get more structure in place, and I want to prove these contracts make a difference to us as players, too. It's over to us now to get a very good review at the end of 12 months so we see more resource going forward."

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# NZCPA MASTERS WEEKEND

By Margot Butcher

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It is a pretty simple equation, ex-first class cricketers plus Queenstown equals a weekend of renewed rivalry, a spot of cricket and plenty of fun... just another edition of the NZCPA Masters Weekend.

The pilgrimage to Queenstown peaked on Friday morning before everyone was reminded that although beautiful, the mountain regions weather can turn in a minute as a cold front came through to leave a fresh coat of snow on the surrounding hills. The weather cleared just as quickly but the golfers were left needing every layer of clothing at their disposal as they took on the challenge of Jacks Point.

The weekend was officially launched with the cocktail function at the hotel on Friday evening, with tales from the day being shared and mates reuniting over a cold beverage. The stage was officially set for the tournament that lay ahead.

Saturday morning dawned clear and the teams headed off to the Queenstown events centre for the first round of T20 matches.

Central Districts started the defence of their title with a win over last year's finalist Canterbury and Auckland secured victory of Northern Districts with an over to spare in the opening round.

Auckland followed up the win in the morning with an amazing performance in the afternoon match against Otago who were headed to victory, needing 10 runs of 3 overs with 6 wickets in hand. A couple of quick wickets and Auckland sniffed their chance and in the end won by 4 runs to end day one unbeaten. Central Districts also went through unbeaten but not without their troubles. Seemingly cruising to victory ND threw the ball to Derek Beard who, with the performance of the tournament, ripped through the CD line up with 6 for 11 from his 4 overs. Campbell Furlong crept the score closer before he finished the innings off with an emphatic six over long off.

Sunday built up nicely toward the final match between Auckland and Central Districts. Auckland batted first on an excellent wicket on the main oval with Craig Pryor in commanding form before he fell for 30. The Auckland side struggled for momentum thereafter to end with a total of 94 that appeared to be light against the well performed CD batting line up. So it proved with Mark Douglas and Craig Findlay capping off a great weekend with 38 each as CD cruised to victory for the loss on only two wickets.

Key performances over the weekend,

Batting (retired after 30): Matt Bell 35, Barry Cooper 33, Wade Cornelius 35, Mark Douglas 35 and 48 and 38, Craig Findlay 37 and 41 and 38, Brent Hood 35, Richard Jones 39, Tim McConnell 45, Simon Richards 40, Kingsley Smith 37, Ewen Thompson 37.

Bowling: Ali Alcock 3-18, Grant Bradburn 2-27 and 3-6, Chris Brown 2-18, Ewen Chatfield 2-21, John Cushen 2-15, Aaron Gale 2-20, Brent Hefford

3-23, Andrew Hintz 2-20, Dave Hunter 2-28, Neil Ronaldson 2-19, Kingsley Smith 2-12, Michael Stephens 2-33 and 2-22,

Northern's Derek Beard was named as the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP for the tournament with an average of 15.91 MVP points per game. Beard was selected for the Masters Tournament team by selectors Graeme Burnett, Glen Sulzberger and Sanj Silva.

#### NZCPA Masters tournament team 2013:

- Mark Douglas Central Districts
- Craig Ingram Central Districts
- Matt Bell Northern Districts
- Craig Findlay Central Districts
- Ewen Thompson Central Districts
- Brett Hood Northern Districts
- Craig Pryor Auckland
- Grant Bradburn Northern Districts
- Kerry Walmsley Auckland
- Aaron Gale Otago
- Derek Beard Northern Districts
- Martyn Sigley Central Districts

The weekend would not be anywhere near the success it is, or in fact possible, without the generous support of the North and South Trust and Grassroots Trust. The CPA would also like to acknowledge the support of the Major Association Cricket Associations for supporting their Masters team and in particular to Otago, Northern Districts and Central Districts who funding their teams' meals over the weekend.

# PULLING STUMPS

By Margot Butcher



Lou Vincent (Auckland Aces), James Marshall (SKYCITY Northern Knights) and Warren McSkimming (SBS Bank Otago Volts) all retired from professional cricket in the 2012/13 season.

What else do they have in common? Each represented just one domestic team throughout their lengthy career: loyal bonds that were doubly tough to sever. So how did they judge the right time to hang up the kit - and is the decision ever straightforward?

Seemingly immune to injury and still one of the fastest sprinters in the ND squad, Marshall's announcement took many by surprise - including himself. At 33, still scoring hundreds and stopping bullets, the Knights' Ford Trophy captain had a lot of cricket left in him.

"I set out to enjoy the season as I always do and wasn't thinking at all that it would be my last year," says Marshall. "But when Margot and I got married last April and our son Sam came along, I had started to assess where I wanted to be in five years' time - and the more I really thought about that this season, the more I realised that I had to make a decision for the next five years now, not in three years' time. That was what decided it for me."

A planner by nature, Marshall already had qualifications outside the game and knew the path he wanted to take. "When I was 28, 29, I'd spent a couple of winters working for a commercial property firm in Wellington. Real estate exams fitted in well with cricket and I got my practising license. My brother Hamish and I have got a few real estate investments and our father Drew sells rural and lifestyle property up in Warkworth, so it's an area in which I've had a personal interest for a long time."

Barfoot & Thompson Commercial in Auckland offered him a position and, a month into his new life, he feels confident he made the right call.

"I've got less time on my hands, but I'm thoroughly enjoying getting stuck in. Closer to next season, when the weather is warming up and the rest of the boys are preparing, I'm sure it will feel a bit strange. That's when it's going to hit

home that, after 16 amazing years, it's over. But right now I'm enjoying every day - and I'll just have to make sure the next few months go really well so that hopefully I don't miss cricket too much!"

While most of his team-mates were initially surprised at his decision, they soon understood where Marshall was coming from. "It is a long time away from home and you do miss your family, once you're a father. And I felt comfortable looking around seeing that ND had a lot of good young players coming through. It was a good time for the team as much as for me."

Less surprising is Marshall's advice to any cricketer looking ahead and wondering what his or her future holds. "Don't think it goes on forever", he says. "We're not in a job that is secure, so have to a back-up career plan. It will make things a lot easier when you do make the transition - and you don't want to waste the time that you do have as a cricketer to explore the career paths that will eventually help you to make those decisions. It's living six months to six months, otherwise."

Marshall joins the likes of Chris Pringle and Doug Cowie in the wider real estate industry and is happy to help anyone looking for advice throughout the Auckland region - get in touch anytime at [j.marshall@barfoot.co.nz](mailto:j.marshall@barfoot.co.nz)

As a bowler Warren McSkimming always relied on his body to do the talking, but when he was struggling to lever himself out of bed every morning without pain - and had to stand with his back under a hot shower for 15 minutes just to get moving - he knew the three bulging discs in his spine, one of which was torn, had taken enough punishment.

"Wazza" retired from the Volts in December at 33, the same age as Marshall, but considers himself "bloody lucky to have played as long as I did, because my back first started playing up when I was 22."

No longer enjoying his cricket because of daily aches, he was worried that he would start bringing other people down with his own gripes, "so for me it was cut and dried. I just knew it was time. People always say, 'You'll know when it's the right time' and when I was younger I used to think, 'What do you mean?' But they were right. I enjoy my hunting and I still want to be able to walk up hills when I'm older. It just felt like a huge release. I started waking up and my back wasn't aching."

Ironically the Volts' phenomenal season without him - storming through the HRV Cup and winning a second trip to the Champions League - made it easier for McSkimming to step away. "With the young guys doing so well, I didn't feel as bad about not being there contributing. I always got genuine enjoyment out of watching other players do well, rather than worrying about other guys taking my place. I think that helped me with the transition, as did the fact I was stepping into another job that really interested me, travelling around as a rep with Tru-Test, a company that sells farming equipment. I've always been interested in farming, so I really enjoy getting out of the scratcher in the morning

and going to work!"

McSkimming's also kept busy with his own guided hunting and fishing business ([www.southernsafari.co.nz](http://www.southernsafari.co.nz)), as well as being dad to Ava (two and a half) and Mila (six months). "I'm not saying it's easy to retire - it never is, because playing a sport you love for a living is a dream job, after all. But you'll know."

Lou Vincent, taking his first "non-cricketing OE" in Spain this winter before hopefully moving into working with youth and mental health back home in Aotearoa, agrees. As the 34-year-old said succinctly in his retirement tweet, "1134 games, 718.5 hotels, 834 planes, 57 teams, 3 punch-ups, 1 proud career: 5pm 18th Feb, 2013, I'm pulling stumps. Thank you all."

#### James Marshall

Debuted for ND in 1997. 127 first-class games for ND, 6418 runs at 32.41 including 11 centuries and 100 catches. ND all-time match appearances and run aggregate records. 123 one-day games, 3799 runs at 35.50, 5 centuries, 48 catches. 45 T20s, 660 runs at 22.75, 20 catches. Blackcaps 2005-2008.

#### Lou Vincent

Debuted for Auckland 1997. 45 first-class games for Aces, 2345 runs at 36.64 including 4 centuries and 65 catches; 77 one-day games, 2529 runs at 36.12 including 6 centuries and 68 catches, 3 stumpings; 46 T20s, 1140 runs at 26.51, one century, 16 catches. Blackcaps 2001-2007.

#### Warren McSkimming

Debuted for Otago in 1999. 69 first-class games, 240 wickets at 24.37, 11 five-wicket bags, two 10 wickets in a match, 1705 runs at 20.05 including one century; 117 wickets in 96 one-day games, all-time leading Volts one-day wicket-taker; 25 T20s, 19 wickets.



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# Domestic Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Domestic Overall Top 10**

Domestic - Overall	MVP Points
1. Jesse Ryder (right)	395.13
2. Gareth Hopkins	371.30
3. Michael Papps	353.96
4. Colin de Grandhomme	330.50
5. Luke Ronchi	322.85
6. Ian Butler	314.51
7. Mark Gillespie	313.74
8. Jimmy Neesham	302.10
9. Aaron Redmond	283.79
10. Scott Kuggeleijn	281.39

## Ryder secures 2013 Domestic Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP award

Jesse Ryder is the Fujitsu Heat Pumps Most Valuable Player in domestic cricket for 2012/13.

Ryder was in the form of his life early in the summer and quickly moved well clear at the top of the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP table during the HRV Cup. Even the greatest players in the world find it hard to stay in form throughout a whole summer and although Ryder's form was not as dominant in the second half of the season he was still maintained a comfortable distance ahead of teammate Michael Papps and a resurgent Gareth Hopkins, who made a good fist of becoming the first player to win successive MVP titles.

Ryder finished the season with 395.13 MVP points. Hopkins was second with 371.30 and Papps third with 353.96.

The summer started with a bang for Ryder with scores of 117 and 174 against the Central Stags in the opening round of the Plunket Shield. Ryder continued his appetite for runs against the Stags when he followed this up with a third successive



century (162) against his former team just prior to Christmas.

Ryder was at his most scintillating during the HRV Cup, smashing his way to a competition high 584 runs at an average of 58.40. His highest score came in the opening round with 90\*, which he promptly followed up with scores of 75 and 37 to set the Firebirds campaign alight.

Ryder dominated the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP table in the T20 competition with a total of 186.95 MVP points, with a game average of 15.58. Ryder was over 60 points ahead of second placed Volts import Ryan ten Doeschate with 126.26 MVP points. Ryder was too hot to handle and easily took out the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP batting honour for the HRV Cup as well.

Modern cricketers are increasingly required to perform multiple roles effect and it is testament to Ryder's all-round skills that enabled him to head all other contenders for the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP title. Ryder's win reinforces the strength of the MVP formula in measuring the total contribution a player makes to their team, whether it be batting, bowling, fielding or as captain and importantly includes winning as an important measure of performance.

"I don't normally worry about this type of thing too much, but I am stoked to win the MVP award and glad that I was able to help the Firebirds perform better this year, especially during the HRV Cup," said Ryder.

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Ford Trophy Top 10**

Domestic - Overall	MVP Points
1. Michael Papps (right)	138.86
2. Matt Henry	127.25
3. Gareth Hopkins	124.57
4. Andrew Ellis	116.55
5. Kyle Mills	110.57
6. Anaru Kitchen	108.60
7. Colin Munro	107.37
8. James Franklin	103.49
9. Colin de Grandhomme	102.52
10. Rob Nicol	96.23

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Ford Trophy Top 10**  
Michael Papps produced three magnificent centuries in the Ford Trophy on his way to accumulating 138.86 Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP points. Papps led the scoring in the competition with 609 runs (average of 76.12) which enabled him to fend off the challenges of Matt Henry and Gareth Hopkins and take out the honour of being this seasons 50 over Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP.

Papps started the Ford Trophy with two excellent innings of 162 and 154. Papps followed these up with further scores of 82, 129 and 47, making it is easy to see why he has been recognised the 2013 Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP for the Ford Trophy. Limited overs competitions are usually influenced most by players with all-round skills, but specialist batsman Papps was in such commanding form that no player really challenged his position at the top of the table.

Although closest challengers Hopkins and Henry could have stolen the MVP spoils from Papps as their teams met in the Ford Trophy Final, but they each failed to fire in a low scoring match which left Papps as the fitting Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP in 2013's Ford Trophy.

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Plunket Shield Top 10**

Domestic - Overall	MVP Points
1. Mark Gillespie (right)	248.83
2. Luke Ronchi	242.82
3. Aaron Redmond	196.02
4. Bruce Martin	193.52
5. Ian Butler	188.99
6. Craig Cachopa	184.88
7. Brent Arnel	181.94
8. Peter Fulton	179.25
9. Scott Kuggeleijn	168.47
10. Jesse Ryder	166.44

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Plunket Shield Top 10**  
Wellington Firebird speedster Mark Gillespie was the leading wicket taker in the Plunket Shield with 45 wickets at an average of 31.37. Brent Arnel also snared 45 wickets but Gillespie pipped Arnel for the MVP honour as he racked up more bonus points by regularly capturing the more valuable top order wickets.

To be judged as the Most Valuable Player, players need to have a strong influence on the match and this seems to be the hallmark of Gillespie's season. This summer Gillespie proved to be more than useful with the bat and narrowly missed surpassing his highest First Class score of 81\*, with a season best of 77.

Aaron Redmond led an experienced group of players on the batsman MVP list with an impressive season that amassed 941 runs (3 centuries and 6 half centuries) on his way to winning the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP (batsman) honour in the Plunket Shield. New on the list this summer are the Cachopa brother's, with Craig claiming bragging rights over elder brother Carl after both players had outstanding seasons, matching each other with three centuries.

# International Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP



## McCullum wins International MVP honour

Brendon McCullum was rewarded for his consistency for the Blackcaps to ultimately win the International Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP rankings for the second consecutive year.

No player has previously defended their MVP title before in the Domestic or International categories, and the fact that McCullum was able to do so reinforces the value he provides to the team across all formats of the game. McCullum's value to the Blackcaps was such that he is the only player who finished in the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP Top 5 in all three formats (Test, ODI and T20).

McCullum had a magnificent series against England to ensure Tim Southee and Kane Williamson were unable to overtake McCullum and to steal the Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP limelight from McCullum.

Contributing to the team in all formats is a difficult challenge but one that McCullum was able to execute with great effect. McCullum finished the international season with 223.96 MVP points, a mere five points ahead of Tim Southee who was second with 218.91.

Southee suffered an injury which meant he missed the Blackcaps tour to South Africa, but was still able to earn the honour as the most valuable Bowler ahead of Knights team mate Trent Boult.

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – International Overall Top 10**

International - Overall	MVP Points
1. Brendon McCullum	223.96
2. Tim Southee	218.91
3. Kane Williamson	202.03
4. Ross Taylor	184.77
5. Trent Boult	178.42
6. Martin Guptill	171.90
7. BJ Watling	129.64
8. Doug Bracewell	117.97
9. Nathan McCullum	90.04
10. Neil Wagner	85.90

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – International Overall Category Top 5**

Batting	Points	Bowling	Points
1. Brendon McCullum	194.96	1. Tim Southee (left)	167.83
2. Ross Taylor	164.77	2. Trent Boult	157.83
3. Martin Guptill	139.03	3. Doug Bracewell	81.60
4. Kane Williamson	129.66	4. Mitchel McClenaghan	78.35
5. BJ Watling	106.64	5. Neil Wagner	74.11

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – Test Match (top 5)**

Overall	Points	Batting	Points	Bowling	Points
1. Trent Boult	145.05	1. Brendon McCullum	83.75	1. Trent Boult	132.23
2. Tim Southee	98.46	2. Ross Taylor	81.60	2. Tim Southee	75.99
3. Ross Taylor	90.60	3. Peter Fulton	66.35	3. Neil Wagner	74.11
4. Brendon McCullum	88.75	4. Martin Guptill	52.13	4. Doug Bracewell	50.10
5. Neil Wagner	85.90	5. Kane Williamson	49.66	5. Bruce Martin	43.41

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – ODI (top 5)**

Overall	Points	Batting	Points	Bowling	Points
1. Kane Williamson	113.31	1. BJ Watling	77.96	1. Tim Southee	89.79
2. Tim Southee	105.10	2. Ross Taylor	72.89	2. Kyle Mills	52.15
3. BJ Watling	92.96	3. Kane Williamson	72.75	3. Mitchell McClenaghan	36.01
4. Ross Taylor	77.89	4. Brendon McCullum	54.91	4. Kane Williamson	30.56
5. Brendon McCullum	66.91	5. James Franklin	35.17	5. Andrew Ellis	27.92

**Fujitsu Heat Pumps MVP – T20 (top 5)**

Overall	Points	Batting	Points	Bowling	Points
1. Martin Guptill	78.67	1. Martin Guptill	72.67	1. Mitchell McClenaghan	42.34
2. Brendon McCullum	68.30	2. Brendon McCullum	56.30	2. Ronnie Hira	28.99
3. Mitchell McClenaghan	47.45	3. Jacob Oram	12.69	3. Doug Bracewell	26.08
4. Doug Bracewell	40.69	4. Doug Bracewell	12.61	4. Nathan McCullum	14.90
5. Ronnie Hira	39.24	5. Colin Munro	12.39	5. Kyle Mills	14.38

# Men's Contracting Process 2013

Below are the key dates of the contracting process for New Zealand Cricket and Major Associations in 2013. It is anticipated that there will be 20 New Zealand Cricket Contracts and 14 Contracts within each Major Association offered for this season.

**The key dates of the Contracting process this year are as follows:**

<b>1st July</b>	NZC Contracts [Offered / Announced]
<b>8th July</b>	Last day to [Accept / Decline] NZC Contract (NZC contracted players must also declare their MA for 2013/14 season by this date)
<b>16th July</b>	First player Transfer Window closes (for players to transfer MA for ranking purposes - for 1st round ranking only)
<b>22nd July</b>	1st round of MA Contracts [Offered / Announced] (between 9 and 13 contracts at MA discretion)
<b>30th July</b>	Last day to [Accept / Decline] MA contract (1st round contract offers)
<b>23rd July - 6th August</b>	Second player Transfer Window (for players who missed contract offers in 1st round and wish to transfer to another MA for 2nd round contract ranking).
<b>9th August</b>	2nd round of MA Contracts [Offered / Announced] (to bring all MAs up to 14 contracted players)
<b>14th August</b>	Last day to [Accept / Decline] MA contract (2nd round contract offers)

As agreed within the Master Agreement, players may request an indication of their ranking from an MA at any time up until 16th July. This indication will only be applicable for the first round of contracting. We encourage all players to request an indication as to where you might be ranked so to avoid any ambiguity and communication concerns at a later date.

If a player is not offered a contract by an MA in the first round (or if he declines a contract offer), the player may transfer to another MA for consideration in the second round of ranking within that MA. Players must declare their MA for the purpose of contract ranking for the second round by 6th August.

#### Player Ranking Process:

The Master Agreement outlines the process that NZC and MA's must follow when ranking its players. The overriding criteria in establishing a player's ranking is that player's likely playing value to NZC/MA for the coming season. An important factor in making an assessment on likely playing value is consideration of a player's performances during the preceding twelve months.

#### In using the above criteria:

NZC shall rank 25 players, in order, in each of the three forms of the game (Test Match rankings receiving a weighting of 2, ODI and Twenty20 each receive a weighting of 1). Each player's ranking score for each format will then be

combined to provide a ranking point Total. All players' total points are then placed in order, which will then determine the players' NZC Contract rank.

Each MA shall rank 17 players (excluding those who have accepted NZC Contracts), in order, in each of the three forms of the game (Plunket Shield rankings receiving a weighting of 2, Ford Trophy and HRV Cup each receive a weighting of 1). Each player's ranking score for each format will then be combined to provide a ranking point Total. All players' total points are then placed in order, which will then determine the players' MZ Contract rank.

If you have any questions about the contracting or ranking process for 2013 please do not hesitate to contact Heath (for NZC) or Henry (for MA).



Peter McGlashan (L) and Martyn Sigley (R) after the toss in the Choice Hotels Masters Series at Bruce Pullman Park

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