
ICC ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

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**MANU IS A STRATEGIC THINKER
AND UNDERSTANDS THE CRICKET
LANDSCAPE AND ITS COMPLEXITIES**

Shashank Manohar, ICC Chairman

CONTEXT & CLARITY

ICC Chairman, **Shashank Manohar**, pays tribute to David Richardson and welcomes his successor as CEO, Manu Sawhney

We are entering an exciting new phase for the game, building on some of the key decisions taken over the past 12 months.

In August, the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) begins with one of international cricket's most celebrated rivalries, the Ashes. The WTC is a significant element in our drive to bring greater context to international cricket as is the expansion of the MRF Tyres Men's T20I Team Rankings which launched in January with a table of 80 teams including the likes of Australia, Botswana, Luxembourg and Mozambique. This follows the introduction of women's global rankings last year.

Delivering greater context and helping to grow the game are both important strands of the legacy of David Richardson, who left ICC after seven years as CEO and 17 in total with the organisation.

On behalf of the ICC Board, I would like to thank David for his service and commitment to cricket over that time. Among his achievements are the increased commercial success of the sport, his leadership of the ICC team and establishing greater context for international cricket.

David will be missed by everyone in the game, but this is an opportunity for the ICC to drive forward into a new period of transformative global growth under new leadership.

Manu Sawhney brings 22 years of outstanding commercial experience to the ICC. Our search produced a host of excellent candidates from around the world, but Manu was the unanimous choice of the Nominations Committee as the person to work with our Members and take cricket forward. He has proven success in a number of leadership roles in both sport and broadcasting. He is a strategic thinker and understands the cricket landscape and its complexities.

Manu took up his role in April although David remained in post until July to ensure a smooth transition and to oversee the delivery of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in England and Wales, which proved to be even more exciting and vibrant than we had hoped. The diversity of the UK population ensured that every team had magnificent support wherever they played. My thanks go to Steve Elworthy and his team for delivering such an outstanding event.

The qualification pathway for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup has been simplified, bringing greater clarity to the process as well as better defined playing windows for Members.

The men's 50-over tournament followed on from an excellent ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the Caribbean in November, which produced unprecedented attendances across three venues and reached more than 200 territories thanks to the broadcast coverage of Star.

I am delighted that women's cricket will be part of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham 2022 following a successful bid by the ICC, in partnership with the England and Wales Cricket Board. We believe this partnership is a perfect way to inspire more young girls to take up the sport regardless of their background or culture.

Over the past 12 months, we have made significant progress in anti-corruption and player behaviour.

At our 75th Annual Conference in Dublin, we agreed on a number of changes to the ICC Code of Conduct including the introduction of new offences and the change in level of some existing ones. There are now increased sanctions for ball-tampering and personal abuse.

Alex Marshall and the Anti-Corruption Unit have done excellent work over the past 12 months, particularly in Sri Lanka where a number of charges have been brought and where the innovative amnesty brought further vital information.

With regard to governance, we have mapped out a way forward to enable Zimbabwe Cricket to get back on track. It will require significant change to their financial, managerial and cricketing operations, along with support from the ICC, but we saw the latent potential of cricket at the recent ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe and this gives us the opportunity to build on that.

Finally, it is hugely exciting to welcome USA as the ICC's 105th Member, which was announced in January. I hope USA Cricket can not only unify and develop the cricket community in the United States but also become an integral part of our ambition to grow the game globally. 🏏

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**BROADCAST EXPERIENCE
WILL HELP SHAPE HIS VISION
FOR CRICKET TO UNDERGO
TRANSFORMATIVE GROWTH
WITH TECHNOLOGY AND
INNOVATION AT THE FOREFRONT**

INTRODUCING MANU SAWHNEY

The new CEO, who took charge in April, has more than 20 years of commercial experience in broadcasting and sports and media industry

Manu Sawhney was the unanimous choice to succeed David Richardson as ICC CEO following a global recruitment process led by Chairman Shashank Manohar and the Nominations Committee.

Sawhney is the former CEO of Singapore Sports Hub and Managing Director of ESPN Star Sports with over 22 years of commercial experience in both sport and media in senior leadership roles.

He was with ESPN Star Sports for 17 years and during his tenure as Managing Director he reported directly to the ESPN STAR Sports board with a mandate to build and scale up the content and business franchise across Asia and drive shareholder value. He was responsible for business leadership and P&L across 24 countries and 10 offices.

He then led ESPN Star Sports' growth and expansion across multiple platforms in various local markets across Asia including business expansion in Taiwan, the start-up of a new joint venture in Korea, consolidation of business in China and securing long-term strategic partnerships in Malaysia and Singapore.

During his stint in India, he was responsible for building ESPN STAR Sports from a start-up to the market leader in sports broadcasting and among the top businesses in the Indian media sector.

He conceptualised and introduced several breakthrough initiatives setting new benchmarks in the Indian media industry and winning ESPN STAR Sports numerous industry awards including the best sports channel in India for six consecutive years.

Additionally, he led the global broadcast partnership deal with the ICC that ran from 2007-2015. His experience in this field will help shape his vision for cricket to undergo transformative growth with technology and innovation at the forefront of this change.

Since 2012, he has been an independent director and member of the audit committee of Manchester United Plc and he also served on the Steering Committee of the 28th South-East Asian Games.

He is a member of the global leadership network, Young Presidents' Organisation, and, in 2010, was voted one of the top 10 most influential sports executives globally over the past two decades in a sportcal.com/survey.

He comes originally from New Delhi, where he got his early education. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, and a Masters in International Business from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

He is married to Rachna and has a son, Arjun and a daughter, Gaurika. 🌟

ACCELERATE, INNOVATE & ENGAGE

Manu Sawhney, who was appointed as the Chief Executive of the ICC in January 2019, sets out his ambitious vision for transformative global growth for the sport using technology and innovation

It is a great privilege and responsibility to serve the global cricket community as the Chief Executive of the ICC. The sport has more than 1.2 billion fans and ambitions for growth so it is a very exciting time to lead the organisation.

I would like to thank the ICC Board for giving me this opportunity and look forward to working with them, our Members, the team and ICC's incredible partners and cricketers around the world to propel the sport forward into a period of significant and sustained global growth in the coming years.

The mandate is very clear – we want to achieve transformative global growth and greater fan engagement both in existing markets and targeted new ones. To do that we need to accelerate, innovate and engage.

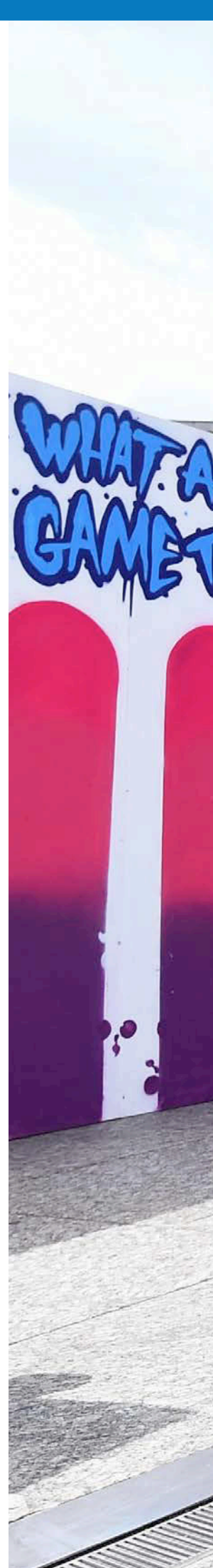
Why must we accelerate?

The pace of change in the world is getting faster and this rapid pace of change is our new normal. The shifting media and technology landscape presents us with a huge growth opportunity from both a commercial and fan engagement perspective. But to realise that, we must reframe our focus and learn to proactively adapt if we are to keep abreast of the curve.

If we are not agile, if we are not willing to disrupt or embrace disruption, if we are not willing to accelerate our thinking and initiatives, cricket will get left behind. Instead, we must be willing to reimagine what audiences want from a sporting and entertainment proposition. We must be willing to adapt to changing fan behaviours and we must be able to do this quickly and effectively on a continuous basis. Then we can position cricket at the forefront of a new world.

This acceleration will be key for driving exponential commercial growth, growth in new markets and deepen fan engagement in existing markets.

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**ENGAGING FANS MUST BE
AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING
WE DO AND EVERY DECISION
WE TAKE**”





Why must we innovate?

To achieve transformational growth as opposed to incremental growth, we must also innovate. Technology and changing consumer behaviour are the two key drivers of change in the world today and our sport must think big and think differently to keep pace with that change.

The explosion of smartphones and broadband connectivity across key cricket markets has boosted consumption, whilst auxiliary services like fantasy gaming and live VR are driving overall engagement in the sport. So we must think beyond traditional match consumption and innovate in every aspect of how our sport is consumed.

This global consumption revolution has transformed the way fans consume cricket with various platforms including social media giving them a voice and reframing fan engagement. Leveraging this gives us the ability to exploit new commercial opportunities and improve the scalability of traditional revenue streams.

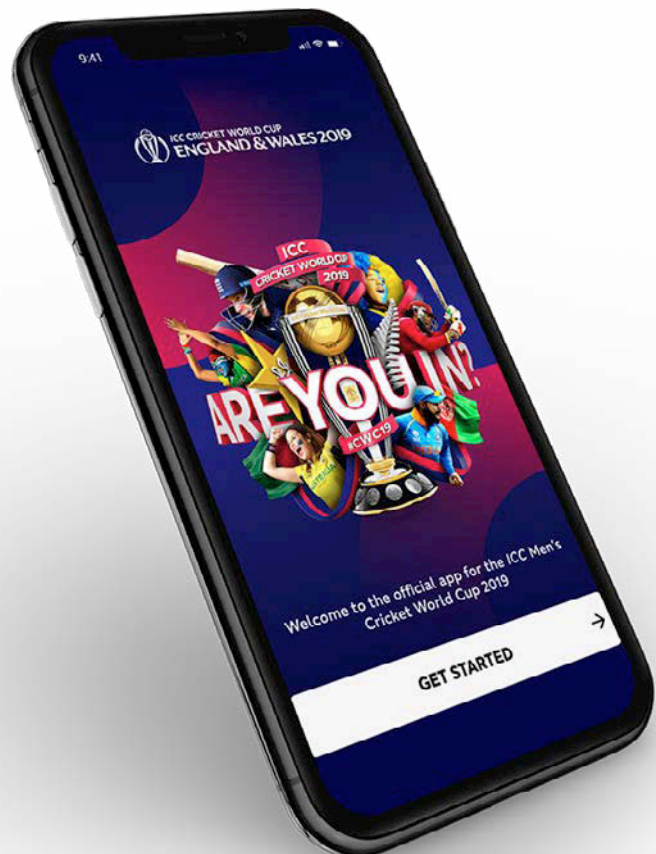
We need to ensure our cricket eco-system better serves our sport and supports the sustainability of our Members for the long term. This will require both economic and technological transformation; new ways of working to match new consumption habits.

To embrace digital transformation, we need to leverage technology and coordinate content, data analytics and insight. We must consider what cricket's digital eco-system needs to look like to service current and future fans and drive greater fan engagement. We will focus on getting closer to our fans through innovation and by creating experiences for them that build meaningful engagement and drive deeper connections.

To drive digital innovation and optimise our commercial revenues and overcome the challenges currently faced by the sport we must consider the how we innovate around Product mix, Platforms and Fan Engagement across multiple formats.

For the recent ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, for the first time, we did commercial deals with Twitter, Facebook and YouTube for highlights packages that took the event beyond the traditional boundaries. The engagement numbers are truly remarkable and clearly demonstrate the power of live cricket to aggregate huge audiences. At the halfway point of the event we had already broken all engagement targets for the event with more than a billion video views – three times the amount of views we saw for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2016.

Our challenge now is to continue these 'firsts' as we anticipate the demands of fans and trends of our industry.





Why must we engage?

The economics of fan engagement provides us with the opportunity to expand and diversify future revenue streams. Technology and innovation has profoundly enhanced our ability to connect with fans and we must exploit this to deepen engagement in our core markets and increase our reach in new markets to drive new revenues.

Therefore, engaging fans must be at the heart of everything we do and every decision we take. Having the right product on the right platform will drive fan engagement and match context and content unlocks our ability to deepen connections with fans.

The context of the cricket being played is crucial if we're to continue on this positive trajectory of greater fan engagement and I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my predecessor, David Richardson, for his exceptional efforts in this area.

We have added context across the sport with the introduction of the ICC World Test Championship, the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League as well as a global qualifying pathway for our ICC T20 World Cups. This means every game of bilateral cricket has consequences with added jeopardy that creates greater context and, as a result, offers us the opportunity to engage with more fans more regularly.

We can build greater depth by further increasing the context and relevance of our events in the men's game and more breadth by creating a strong continuing narrative around women's events. The recent decision by the Commonwealth Games Federation to include Women's Cricket onto the sport programme for Birmingham 2022 supports our ambition and is a springboard to new audiences, which, I believe, will deliver a transformative moment for the women's game. The growing popularity of women's cricket provides us with an opportunity to expand the game to new fans.

What that landscape looks like beyond 2023 is a major focus for us now as this will have the greatest impact on our future success and sustainability. We must be prepared to think big and think differently and be bold and brave in our ambition so we can increase our reach and deepen engagement to ensure more people around the world can enjoy our sport.

If we are to genuinely seize the opportunity for transformational growth afforded to us, we must embrace our collective power, adapt and innovate together to increase the probability of success. We must remain relevant and maintain pace and we must anticipate demands and trends of the future fan and how they will consume our sport. After all, the way in which they will do so in 10 years' time has probably not even been invented yet! 🏏

TOP LEFT: South Africa and West Indies fans show their support during the ICC Women's World T20 2018.

TOP RIGHT: Edgbaston celebrates Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022. **BOTTOM LEFT:** ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 App was the goto for many fans to keep up to date with the competition.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE GAME

David Richardson spent 17 years at the ICC, including seven as CEO, and leaves behind sport with greater context, improved gender balance and ready for further growth

As a former international cricketer of distinction and a lawyer with sports marketing experience, David Richardson brought a unique level of experience and insight to his two senior roles at the ICC.

He became the ICC's first General Manager – Cricket in 2002 and after 10 years in that role he became the fourth Chief Executive of the organisation.

Among his achievements while in the role of General Manager – Cricket were the development of the Umpire Decision Review System (now known as DRS) which was trialled in 2008 and launched officially by the ICC in Test cricket in 2009.

DRS has become an integral part of the international game over the past decade. Cutting-edge technology enhances the decision-making of the on-field umpires for the benefit of players and the wider game. DRS also adds to the spectator experience through real-time, transparent communication of the decision-making process via TV coverage and via replay screens in-ground.

It was on Richardson's watch that the men's ICC World T20 – now the ICC T20 World Cup – was launched in 2007. Two years later the women's event launched and ran in parallel with the men's tournament in England.

Over the past decade the growth of the women's game has accelerated in every conceivable way whether in terms of professionalism, skill levels and interest. The ICC Women's Championship, which was launched in 2014, has helped raise the standard of the game. The ICC Women's World Cup 2017, which culminated in the thrilling final between England and India at Lord's, marked a turning-point for the women's game.

Across the men's and women's game, the exposure of ICC events, including the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier continues to enjoy accelerated growth, via broadcast and digital channels. The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 enjoyed the widest possible potential reach in terms of availability and platform mix.

The tournament was broadcast to 200 territories via 25 different partners, including RTA, the state broadcaster of Afghanistan who covered the tournament for the first time. Fox Sports broadcast 25 matches live in China while a ground-breaking partnership between the ICC and Cineplex brought live matches to cinemas in India, Bahrain and the UAE.

Richardson pursued an agenda of inclusion and meritocratic expansion, identifying that T20 is the format for global growth while maintaining a balance between – and the integrity of – all three formats of the game.

He has driven greater context across all formats, including overseeing the introduction of the World Test Championship which gets underway in August 2019.

The ICC World Test Championship and MRF Tyres Men's ODI Team Rankings were established to add greater context to matches while all men's and women's T20 matches between Members were elevated to international status.

In 2017, Afghanistan and Ireland were admitted as the 11th and 12th Full Members of the International Cricket Council after a unanimous vote at the ICC Full Council.

Richardson played his part in the return of international cricket to Pakistan following the terror attacks against the Sri Lankan team in Lahore in 2009. The three World XI one-day internationals against Pakistan in 2017






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in Lahore were greeted by capacity crowds while Zimbabwe, West Indies and Sri Lanka have all played white-ball fixtures in Pakistan over the past four years.

In 2018, Richardson delivered the MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture at Lord's, in which he articulated his and the ICC's shared vision to improve player behaviour. It was a long-held ambition that was brought into sharper focus following the ball-tampering incident involving three Australian players in Cape Town in March of that year and resulted in establishing tougher sanctions in the ICC Code of Conduct.

A passionate advocate for cricket being a game for all, Richardson has lent his considerable support to the development and introduction of criio which celebrates all of the brilliant and unique ways people play our sport from beach to backyard, gully to carpark. Criio will bring together the 460 million people playing cricket their way around the world over the coming years. 

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR





JUNE 2018

RUNS & RECORDS

Afghanistan faced India in their maiden Test in Bengaluru, India winning by an innings and 262 runs. Scoring 109 and 103, Afghanistan became only the fourth team in Test history to be dismissed twice in the same day.

Bangladesh won the Women's Asia Cup for the first time, defeating six-time champions India by three wickets in the final.

New Zealand's **Amelia Kerr**, 17, set a new mark for the highest individual score in women's ODIs when she hit 232 not out against Ireland at Clontarf, which also made her the youngest player – male or female – to make an ODI double hundred.

In the same series, their first in Ireland, **New Zealand** set a scoring record in women's ODIs by making 491 for four at the YMCA Club in Dublin.

Scotland notched an historic first win over England in a men's ODI, winning by six runs in Edinburgh after Calum MacLeod's 140 not out helped them post 371 for five, the highest ODI score by an ICC Associate Member.

England men broke their own ODI high score record, making 481 for six against Australia in Nottingham. It was the first time in ODI history that a team score had topped 450. England won the series 5-0, their first ODI series whitewash against Australia.

Suzie Bates scored an unbeaten 124 as New Zealand posted 216 for one – the highest total in a women's T20I – against South Africa in a Tri-Series in Taunton, only for the record to be eclipsed a few hours later when England made 250 for three, also against South Africa, with Tammy Beaumont making 116.



JULY 2018

FAST FAKHAR & FEROCIOUS FINCH

England's former batter Claire Taylor, plus ex-captains Rahul Dravid of India and Australia's Ricky Ponting were inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

Ireland and Bangladesh became the ninth and 10th teams to qualify for the ICC Women's World T20 2018, after winning the Qualifier tournament in the Netherlands.

Pakistan's **Fakhar Zaman** became the fastest man to 1,000 ODI runs in only 18 innings, three quicker than the previous record.

Australia captain **Aaron Finch** beat his own T20I record by hitting 172 from 76 balls against Zimbabwe in Harare, during a tri-series won by Pakistan.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 43 in their first innings against the West Indies at North Sound, their lowest score in Tests.



AUGUST 2018

MILESTONES FOR NEPAL & ENGLAND

Nepal were beaten by the Netherlands in Amstelveen in their first ODI, but won the second game at the same venue two days later to level the two-match series.

England's series opener against India in Birmingham was their 1,000th men's Test match.

Chris Woakes's 137 not out in the second Test at Lord's made him only the 10th player to appear on the ground's honours board for batting and bowling.

Mohammad Nabi became the first Afghan cricketer to appear in 100 ODIs.



SEPTEMBER 2018



COOK'S DREAM FAREWELL

England completed a 4-1 Test series victory over the world's No.1 ranked side, India.

In the final match at The Oval, **Jimmy Anderson** took his 564th wicket, putting him ahead of Glenn McGrath as the most successful fast bowler in Test history.

The match was also the last in the Test career of former England captain **Alastair Cook**, who retired after 161 Tests in which he scored 12,472 runs at an average of 45.35. He made his 33rd Test hundred in his final innings.

Defending champions **India** won the men's Asia Cup for the seventh time, beating Bangladesh by three wickets in the final.



OCTOBER 2018

SHAW THING

The ICC introduced separate rankings for women's ODIs and T20Is for the first time, with Australia women leading both tables.

Virat Kohli became the fastest man to reach 10,000 ODI runs, in 205 innings – 54 fewer than Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.

Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh to win their first overseas Test for 17 years.

At 18 years and 319 days, **Prithvi Shaw** became the second-youngest Indian after Tendulkar to make a Test century and the youngest Indian to do so on Test debut when he made 134 in his maiden Test innings against the West Indies in Rajkot.

England suffered their heaviest defeat in one-day cricket, losing by 219 runs to Sri Lanka in Colombo, but won the series 3-1.

The **ICC announced** a new qualification pathway for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, with the World Cricket League replaced by a CWC Super League, a CWC League 2, a CWC Challenge League, a CWC Play-Off and a CWC Qualifier.



NOVEMBER 2018

TWO GREAT SPINNERS

Rohit Sharma became the first man to hit four T20I centuries with 111 not out for India against the West Indies in Lucknow.



India won their 10th consecutive home Test series, beating the West Indies 2-0.

New Zealand's 2-1 series win in the UAE was their first away Test series win against Pakistan since 1969.

In the third Test of the series, Pakistan's **Yasir Shah** became the fastest bowler to 200 Test wickets. He achieved it in 33 Tests, three quicker than the record set by Clarrie Grimmett of Australia 82 years previously. New Zealand's four-run victory in the first match was the fifth narrowest in Test history.

Australia were crowned ICC Women's World T20 champions for the fourth time, beating England by eight wickets in the final in Antigua.

England achieved a 3-0 Test series win in Sri Lanka, their first clean sweep in Sri Lanka and their first overseas since 1963.

Sri Lanka's **Rangana Herath** announced his retirement after the first Test against England, his 433 wickets the most by a left-arm spinner in Test history.

At 17 years, 355 days, **Nayeem Hasan** of Bangladesh became the third youngest bowler in Test history to take five wickets in an innings when he took five for 61 against the West Indies in Chattogram.

DECEMBER 2018

MEHIDY MAKES HAY

Mehidy Hasan takes 12 for 117, the best match figures by a Bangladesh bowler in Tests, as they won their home series against the West Indies 2-0.

In the **MRF Tyres ICC Rankings** at the end of 2018, India were the No.1 men's Test team, England the top men's ODI team and Pakistan the leading men's T20I team. Australia were the leading women's team in both Women's T20Is and ODIs.

India captain **Virat Kohli** and South Africa fast bowler Kagiso Rabada maintained their top positions in the MRF Tyres ICC Test Player Rankings at the year-end. Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan finished the year as leading all-rounder.

India's **Smriti Mandhana** won the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award as the ICC Women's Player of the Year.



JANUARY 2019

HISTORY FOR HOLDER

A draw in the final Test in Sydney gave India a 2-1 series victory over Australia, their first on Australian soil. Cheteshwar Pujara made 193, his third century in the four-match series.

The ICC welcomed back the **United States of America** as its 105th member country.

The ICC announced that **Manu Sawhney**, the former CEO of Singapore Sports Hub and Managing Director of ESPN Star Sports, would succeed David Richardson as Chief Executive Officer in July following the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

India captain **Virat Kohli** became the first player in history to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy as ICC Cricketer of the Year, the ICC Men's Test Player of the Year and the ICC ODI Player of the Year awards simultaneously.

South Africa completed a 3-0 Test series victory at home to Pakistan.

Following his maiden double hundred against England in Barbados, **Jason Holder** became the first West Indies player to top the MRF Tyres ICC Test All-Rounder Rankings since Sir Garfield Sobers in 1974.

FEBRUARY 2019

SRI LANKA SHOCK SOUTH AFRICA

Sri Lanka became the first side from Asia to win a Test series against South Africa in South Africa.

India suffered their first defeat in a bilateral T20 series of three matches or more when hosts New Zealand beat them 2-1, ending India's run of 10 consecutive T20 series without defeat.

Australia defeated Sri Lanka by 366 runs in Canberra, the largest winning margin in runs in Test matches between the countries.

Kane Williamson passed 6,000 Test runs for New Zealand.

England slipped to fifth in the MRF Tyres ICC Test team rankings after their 2-1 series defeat in the Caribbean, the first time they had lost a series to the West Indies since 2009.

In an ODI series drawn 2-2, captain **Eoin Morgan** became the first England batsman to reach 6,000 runs in ODIs. Chris Gayle became the second batsman for the West Indies – after Brian Lara – to score 10,000.

New Zealand won their home Test series against Bangladesh 2-0, their fifth series success in a row. Their first-innings total of 715 for six declared in the first match was the highest in the country's Test history.



MARCH 2019

AFGHANISTAN WIN TEST ROOKIES' BATTLE

Afghanistan secured their first Test victory, beating Ireland by seven wickets in their one-off Test in Dehradun, India.



Nigeria qualified for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup for the first time after beating Sierra Leone on the last day of the Africa qualifying tournament in Namibia.

New Zealand captain **Kane Williamson's unbeaten double hundred** against Bangladesh in Hamilton took him to within seven points of India captain Virat Kohli at the top of the MRF Tyres ICC Test Player Rankings.



APRIL 2019



INDIA STILL TOP OF THE TEST TREE

India's men secured the ICC Test Championship mace for a third successive year, finishing on 116 points, eight clear of New Zealand. South Africa were third, Australia fourth and England fifth.

Manu Sawhney took over as ICC CEO with immediate effect, although it was confirmed that outgoing CEO David Richardson would oversee the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 as planned.

In the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 final, in which Namibia beat Oman in Windhoek, Australia's

Claire Polosak became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI. Namibia, Oman, the United States and Papua New Guinea finished in the top four places, gaining ODI status in the process.

UAE qualified for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020 by winning the Asia Qualifier Division 1.



MAY 2019

ENGLAND MAINTAIN ODI FORM

Less than a month away from the start of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, England remained top of the MRF Tyres ICC ODI Team Rankings but India narrowed the gap to just two points. India retained top spot in the MRF Tyres ICC Test Team Rankings, but New Zealand closed to within two points.



England beat Pakistan 4-0 with one no result in their last ODI series before the ICC World Cup 2019.

India's GS Lakshmi became the first female to be appointed to the ICC International Panel of Match Referees.



NUMBER OF PLAYING DAYS FOR ICC MEMBERS – MEN

1 JUNE 2018 – 29 MAY 2019

	TEST	ODI	T20I	TOTAL
	06	16	08	30
	36	21	16	73
	30	22	09	61
	49	25	09	83
	50	27	16	93
	04	14	14	32
	32	14	07	53
	36	28	17	81
	25	21	10	56
	58	21	06	85
	43	21	12	76
	09	15	06	30















MEMBER	ODI	T20I	TOTAL
HONG KONG	02	-	02
NAMIBIA	01	03	04
NEPAL	06	04	10
NETHERLANDS	02	08	10
OMAN	01	03	04
PNG	01	04	05
SCOTLAND	03	09	12
UAE	08	06	14
USA	01	02	03

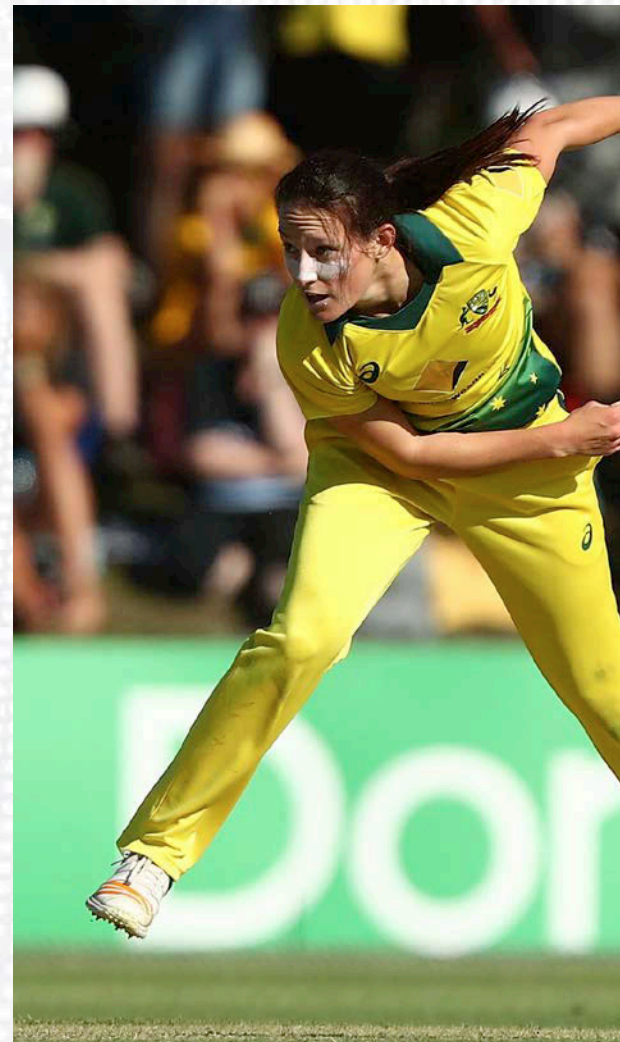
MEMBER	T20I	TOTAL
BAHRAIN	04	04
BELGIUM	03	03
BELIZE	03	03
BOTSWANA	03	03
COSTA RICA	03	03
GERMANY	05	05
GHANA	04	04
ITALY	02	02
KENYA	03	03
KUWAIT	04	04
MALDIVES	04	04
MALTA	02	02
MEXICO	03	03
NIGERIA	03	03
PANAMA	03	03
PHILIPPINES	04	04
QATAR	05	05
SAUDI ARABIA	05	05
SPAIN	02	02
UGANDA	04	04
VANUATU	04	04

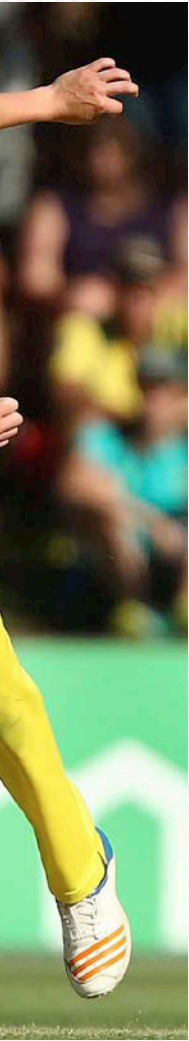


NUMBER OF PLAYING DAYS FOR ICC MEMBERS – WOMEN

1 JUNE 2018 – 29 MAY 2019

	T20I	ODI	TOTAL
	12	06	18
	21	01	22
	16	12	28
	22	09	31
	16	03	19
	16	12	28
	23	10	33
	20	12	32
	19	09	28
	15	06	21





MEMBER	T20I	ODI	TOTAL
BHUTAN	04	00	04
BOTSWANA	11	00	11
BRAZIL	05	00	05
CANADA	03	00	03
CHILE	05	00	05
CHINA	12	00	12
COSTA RICA	02	00	02
FIJI	05	00	05
GUERNSEY	01	00	01
HONG KONG	11	00	11
INDONESIA	13	00	13
JAPAN	05	00	05
JERSEY	01	00	01
KENYA	06	00	06

MEMBER	T20I	ODI	TOTAL
KUWAIT	06	00	06
LESOTHO	06	00	06
MALAWI	06	00	06
MALAYSIA	21	00	21
MEXICO	06	00	06
MOZAMBIQUE	10	00	10
MYANMAR	11	00	11
NAMIBIA	20	00	20
NEPAL	11	00	11
NETHERLANDS	05	00	05
NIGERIA	09	00	09
PNG	10	00	10
RWANDA	09	00	09
SAMOA	05	00	05
SCOTLAND	05	00	05
SIERRA LEONE	09	00	09
SINGAPORE	08	00	08
SOUTH KOREA	03	00	03
TANZANIA	04	00	04
THAILAND	22	00	22
UGANDA	13	00	13
UAE	16	00	16
USA	03	00	03
VANUATU	05	00	05
ZIMBABWE	14	00	14



OBITUARIES

Howard Gardiner (died 10/06/2018)

An unusually tall wicketkeeper (1.96m), Howie Gardiner played 54 first-class matches and 11 List A games for Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in the 1960s and '70s. Was an ICC Match Referee in one Test match (South Africa v Sri Lanka in 1997-98) and five ODIs.

Jack Bailey (died 14/07/2018)

A seam bowler who played first-class cricket for Oxford University and Essex, he was Secretary of MCC from 1974-87, a tenure that covered the first three ICC Men's Cricket World Cup tournaments. He also reported on the game for *The Times* of London.



John Murray (died 25/07/2018)

JT, as he was better known, was one of the game's finest wicketkeepers who played 21 Tests for England from 1961-67. His 1,527 career dismissals, the majority for his county side Middlesex, put him second in the all-time first-class list behind compatriot, Bob Taylor.

Delwyn Costello (died 04/08/2018)

An accurate right-arm medium-pace bowler who played one Test and seven ODIs for New Zealand Women in 1985.



Ajit Wadekar (died 15/08/2018)

A left-handed batsman who played 37 Tests and two ODIs for India from 1966-74 but is best known for captaining the side to historic series victories in the Caribbean and England in 1971. He led India to a third successive series triumph over England at home in 1972-73. Wadekar later managed various Indian touring sides.

Gopal Bose (died 26/08/2018)

Besppectacled Bengal batsman who played a single ODI for India against England at The Oval in 1974 where he scored 13 and dismissed David Lloyd during his full quota of 11 overs.

Alan Oakman (died 06/09/2018)

All-rounder who played two Tests for England against Australia in 1956. In the second of those, at Manchester, he took five catches close to the wicket as Jim Laker took 19 of the 20 wickets to fall.

James Reid (died 30/09/2018)

Born in England, Jim Reid was a stalwart of cricket in the United States. He captained the USA to the Auty Cup in 1966 and was President of USACA from 1978-80.

Colin Guest (died 08/12/2018)

Fast bowler whose international opportunities were limited by Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller. Played one Test, against England at Sydney, in 1962-63, the same season in which he won the Sheffield Shield with Victoria.

Sharmeen Khan (died 13/12/2018)

Along with her sister Shaiza, Sharmeen Khan was one of the pioneers of the women's game in Pakistan. A right-arm opening bowler, she played two Tests and 26 ODIs from 1997-2002.

Bill Watson (died 29/12/2018)

Australian opening batsman who earned Test selection in the final match of the 1954-55 Ashes series and went on to play three more Tests in the Caribbean.

Mithra Wettimuny (died 20/01/2019)

A top-order right-handed batsman who played nine first-class matches of which two were Tests for Sri Lanka, against New Zealand in 1982-83. In the first of those, he opened the batting with his younger brother, Sidath.

Eileen Massey (died 22/01/2019)

All-rounder and pioneering women's cricketer who played four Tests for Australia Women in 1957 and 1958.

Dara Dotiwalla (died 30/01/2019)

Indian umpire who officiated in six Tests and eight ODIs from 1982-88, including the 1986 tied Test between India and Australia in Chennai.

Kelly Seymour (died 17/02/2019)

Michael Arthur Seymour, known as Kelly, was a doctor by profession who played seven Tests as an off-spinner for South Africa from 1963-70, taking nine wickets.

Bill Playle (died 27/02/2019)

Batsman who played eight Tests for New Zealand, firstly in the middle order then as opener, between 1958 and 1963, all against England. He moved to Western Australia, for whom he made his highest first-class score of 122, in the 1960s.

Alan Moss (died 12/03/2019)

Tall fast bowler who played nine Tests for England, taking 21 wickets, from 1954-60. Nine of those wickets came in two Tests against South Africa in 1960. He took 1,301 first-class wickets at an average of 20.

Edna Barker (died 25/03/2019)

Played 15 Tests for England between 1957 and 1969, scoring a century against at Melbourne in 1969. She also took 16 wickets with her off-breaks.

**Bruce Yardley (died 27/03/2019)**

Off-spinner who played 33 Tests (126 wickets at 31.63) and seven ODIs for Australia from 1978-83. In the 1981-82 home series against Pakistan he took 38 wickets in six Tests.

Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie (died 05/04/2019)

Played three ODIs and one T20I for South Africa, all in 2013 and was part of South Africa's squad for the ICC Women's World Cup in 2013.

Don Arnott (died 11/04/2019)

Kept wicket for Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) in the 1950s and late moved into administration. Was the ZCU's chief executive when they gained Test status in 1992. Refereed six matches at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup in 2002 in New Zealand. His son Kevin played four Tests for Zimbabwe.

**Pat Rousseau (died 16/04/2019)**

The former president of Cricket West Indies (1996-2001), he was instrumental in the West Indies board's successful bid to host the 2007 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

Con de Lange (died 18/04/2019)

The South Africa-born all rounder played 13 one-day internationals and eight T20Is for Scotland after making his debut in 2015. He took 16 ODI wickets, including five for 60 v Zimbabwe in Edinburgh in 2017.

Seymour Nurse (died 06/05/2019)

Barbados-born middle-order batsman who played 29 Tests for West Indies from 1960-69. He scored 2,523 runs at 47.60, including 258 against New Zealand at Christchurch, which is the highest score by a batsman in his final Test innings.

Bob Hawke (died 16/05/2019)

Former Prime Minister of Australia (1983-91), a regular at cricket matches, who represented Australian Capital Territory.

RETIREMENTS

ALL INTERNATIONAL

Merissa Aguilera (West Indies)
 Dwayne Bravo (West Indies;
 pictured far right, bottom)
 Sir Alastair Cook (England; right)
 Dani Hazell (England)
 Rangana Herath (Sri Lanka)
 Amjad Javed (United Arab Emirates)
 Cecelia Joyce (Ireland)
 Isobel Joyce (Ireland)
 Ciara Metcalfe (Ireland)
 Blessing Muzarabani (Zimbabwe)
 Niall O'Brien (Ireland)
 Duanne Olivier (South Africa)
 Abdur Rehman (Pakistan)
 Clare Shillington (Ireland)

TEST

Mohammad Hafeez (Pakistan)

ODI

Azhar Ali (Pakistan)

T20I

Jhulan Goswami (India; far right, top)

ALL CRICKET

S Badrinath (India)
 Johan Botha (South Africa)
 Chris Carter (Hong Kong)
 Paul Collingwood (England)
 Nick Compton (England)
 Lucy Doolan (New Zealand)
 Grant Elliott (New Zealand)
 Sean Ervine (Zimbabwe)
 James Foster (England)
 Gautam Gambhir (India)
 John Hastings (Australia)
 Mitchell Johnson (Australia)
 Mohammad Kaif (India)
 Praveen Kumar (India)
 Albie Morkel (South Africa)
 Rob Nicol (New Zealand)
 Morna Nielsen (New Zealand)
 Munaf Patel (India)
 Rajin Saleh (Bangladesh)
 RP Singh (India)
 Sean Terry (Ireland)
 James Tredwell (England)
 Jonathan Trott (England)





CHAMPIONING WORLD CRICKET





THE AMERICAN DREAM

USA became the ICC's 105th Member, unifying the game in that country and opening up exciting opportunities for growth

The ICC's first ever global market research project revealed that cricket has more than one billion fans across the world (between the ages of 16 and 69) with that figure rising to 1.2 billion when under 16s are included.

The research will help shape the development of the growth-focused global strategy for the game, drive decision-making and provide a benchmark against which to measure outcomes. It indicated the game has significant growth potential in both traditional and non-traditional markets.

The research study identified more than 300 million active participants in cricket over the age of 16, and a further 160 million under 16 ranging from occasional social players to the elite level. These participants highlighted the fun and sociability of the sport as well as the health benefits.

Two thirds of fans over the age of 16, who were interviewed, expressed interest in all three international formats of the game. The importance and popularity of ICC global events was evident with 95% of fans interested or very interested, with the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and the ICC T20 World Cup the most popular.

The women's game continues to gain momentum and on the back of the game-changing ICC Women's World Cup, two thirds of fans are interested in women's cricket (68%) and the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup (65%) – in addition, 70% of fans want to see more live coverage of women's cricket.

USA Cricket

One of the game's important potential growth markets is the USA, with around 30 million cricket fans, making it the fourth largest market in the world after India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

There was significant and heartening governance progress in the US over the course of 2018-19. Following the expulsion of USACA in 2017, the ICC worked hard to create a new governing body and unify the cricket community in the US. In December 2018, the application of USA Cricket to become a Member of ICC was accepted. In April 2019, USA achieved One-Day International status when they beat Hong Kong.

Following an election in 2018, USA Cricket now has a high-calibre board of directors, including three independents, which draws on a wealth of experience and expertise from US professional sports. It has been working hard since then to lay the foundations for a sustainable future for the game in the US, including to appoint a new chief executive, establish a professional T20 league and develop a strategy for the successful development of cricket in the country.

Zimbabwe

In July 2018, following its compliance with a number of conditions set by the ICC Board, Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) was reintegrated back into its Full Membership status of ICC after the Board agreed a package of measures to enable ZC to stabilise its business and allow cricket to flourish in the country.

In particular, the Board confirmed a rearrangement of ZC's funding that will assist with the servicing of its existing debts and control the methods in which remaining funding will be released. In the meantime, the ICC continues to work with ZC to develop a plan for managing its cricketing, management and financial structures in the future which will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.



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THE USA, WITH AROUND 30 MILLION CRICKET FANS, IS THE FOURTH LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD





THE WORLD OF CRICKET – GLOBAL MARKET RESEARCH

ICC has commissioned research to understand the cricket landscape and provide greater insight to drive the future growth of the game

Cricket is a vibrant and popular sport with significant growth potential

Global market research conducted with cricket fans aged 16-69



Sri Lanka

In July 2018, the ICC Board was advised that the Court of Appeal in Sri Lanka had stayed the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) elections for office bearers and appointed a Competent Authority for cricket in Sri Lanka.

In light of this apparent government interference, the ICC imposed consequential funding restrictions and set a deadline for elections to be carried out by SLC and in March 2019 the ICC Board concluded that SLC has complied with the directions and welcomed Mr Shammi Silva to the Board following his election as SLC President and all restrictions have been lifted.

Nepal

In August 2018, the reinstatement of the Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) took another step forward, with the first in-person meeting of the five-member Independent Panel tasked with overseeing the election process under the terms of the revised constitution which was unanimously adopted by CAN in April 2018.

Facilitated by ICC Deputy Chairman, Imran Khwaja, the meeting mapped out the process, guidelines and timelines for the district, provincial and central elections to be held under the terms of the revised constitution, while also urging all parties to ensure that all outstanding litigation in Nepal is withdrawn.

Those elections are now underway under the oversight of the Independent Panel and the ICC looks forward to lifting the current suspension on CAN in due course.

MORE THAN
300 MILLION
PARTICIPANTS




87%
WANT T20
AT THE
OLYMPICS



MORE THAN **1.2 BILLION**
FANS




41%
WOMEN
& GIRLS



AVERAGE AGE
OF FAN
34

64% FANS
INTERESTED IN ALL 3 FORMATS
69% TEST | 88% ODIs | 92% T20Is




95%
INTERESTED IN ICC
EVENTS, CWC & WT20
ARE THE MOST POPULAR



TWO-THIRD
FANS INTERESTED IN
WOMEN'S CRICKET



70%
WANT MORE
COVERAGE OF
WOMEN'S CRICKET



Cricket's first global market research was conducted between Nov 2017-Jan 2018 by Nielsen Sports and comprised over 19,000 interviews around the world including over 6,600 in-depth interviews with cricket fans aged 16-69 years

Safeguarding

In March 2019, the ICC Board approved a new set of Safeguarding Regulations to better protect children, adults at risk and participants involved in ICC events.

The strengthened regulatory framework will apply at all ICC events and is the first step in a series of safeguarding reforms to ensure cricket remains a safe and happy environment for all participants.

A Safeguarding Chairperson with specific expertise in these matters has since been appointed along with a Safeguarding Panel of experts to manage any issues that might arise.

Women's Committee

In March 2019, the ICC Board agreed to a new composition of the Women's Committee that provides for a greater strategic focus.

The remit of the new Women's Committee, to be chaired by Clare Connor of the England and Wales Cricket Board, will include driving growth in participation of women and girls; overseeing plans to grow the female fan base; and promoting opportunities for women involved in the administration and leadership of the sport around the world. 🌱

ICC CHIEF EXECUTIVES' COMMITTEE

Chairman

Manu Sawhney (CEO)

Afghanistan

Asadullah Khan
(Acting CEO)

Australia

Kevin Roberts

Bangladesh

Nizamuddin
Chowdhury

England and Wales

Tom Harrison

India

Rahul Johri

Ireland

Warren Deutrom

New Zealand

David White

Pakistan

Wasim Khan

Sri Lanka

Ashley de Silva

South Africa

Thabang Moroe

West Indies

Jonathan Grave

Zimbabwe

Givemore Makoni

Associate Member Representative

Neil Speight
(Bermuda)

Associate Member Representative

Sumod Damodar
(Botswana)

Associate Member Representative

Betty Timmer
(Netherlands)

Ex Officio

Shashank Manohar
(Chairman)

Manu Sawhney (CEO)

Anil Kumble (Chairman
- Cricket Committee)

Clare Connor (Chair
Women's Committee)

Committee Secretary

Clive Hitchcock

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Shashank Manohar

Independent

Female Director

Indra Nooyi

Chief Executive

Manu Sawhney

Afghanistan

Aziz Ullah Fazly

Australia

Earl Eddings

Bangladesh

Nazmul Hassan

England & Wales

Colin Graves

India

Amitabh Choudhary

Ireland

Ross McCollum

New Zealand

Gregor Barclay

Pakistan

Ehsan Mani

South Africa

Chris Nenzani

Sri Lanka

Shammi Silva

West Indies

Richard Skerritt

Zimbabwe

Tavengwa Mukuhlani

RIGHT: ICC Annual
Conference Dublin 2018.



ICC MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS (12)	Afghanistan	India	South Africa
	Australia	Ireland	Sri Lanka
	Bangladesh	New Zealand	West Indies
	England	Pakistan	Zimbabwe
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (93)	Argentina	Greece	Peru
	Austria	Guernsey	Philippines
	Bahamas	Hong Kong	PNG
	Bahrain	Hungary	Portugal
	Belgium	Indonesia	Qatar
	Belize	Iran	Romania
	Bermuda	Israel	Russia
	Botswana	Isle of Man	Rwanda
	Bhutan	Italy	Samoa
	Brazil	Japan	Saudi Arabia
	Bulgaria	Jersey	Scotland
	Cameroon	Kenya	Serbia
	Canada	Kuwait	Seychelles
	Cayman Islands	Lesotho	Sierra Leone
	Chile	Luxembourg	Singapore
	China	Malawi	Slovenia
	Cook Islands	Malaysia	South Korea
	Costa Rica	Maldives	Spain
	Croatia	Mali	St Helena
	Cyprus	Malta	Suriname
	Czech Republic	Mexico	Swaziland
	Denmark	Morocco	Sweden
	Estonia	Mozambique	Tanzania
	Falkland Islands	Myanmar	Thailand
	Fiji	Namibia	Turkey
	Finland	Nepal (suspended)	Turks & Caicos
	France	Netherlands	UAE
	Gambia	Nigeria	Uganda
	Germany	Norway	USA
	Ghana	Oman	Vanuatu
	Gibraltar	Panama	Zambia

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THE WIDER STRATEGIC AIM
IS TO USE T20 AS THE FORMAT
TO GLOBALISE THE GAME

T20 RANKINGS SHOW THE WAY FORWARD

More than 50 women's teams and 80 men's sides now enjoy T20I status with increased opportunities to play regular internationals in a sustainable and affordable way

The new global MRF Tyres ICC Women's T20I Team Rankings were launched in October 2018 with 46 teams. That number has since risen to 54 with the likes of Bhutan, Kuwait, Nigeria and USA joining the list.

The decision to award T20I status to all Members – in the men's and women's game – has already driven activity across the world because the matches now have increased standing and importance. There are 229 official and unofficial matches scheduled in 2019, compared to 118 in 2017.

The MRF Tyres ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings contain 80 teams now, including the likes of China, Brazil, Rwanda and Czech Republic. The move across both men's and women's cricket is part of the wider strategic aim of using the T20 format to globalise the game. New minimum standards will be introduced making it as easy as possible for Members to play international cricket in a sustainable and affordable way.

The ICC Women's World T20 2018 engaged the host islands of the Caribbean like no event previously. There were sell-out crowds in Antigua for semi-finals and final. The tournament was the latest outstanding showcase for the women's game which continues to grow in quality and profile.

The next tournament, in Australia in February/March 2020, will be referred to as the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Likewise, the men's event later in the year will be the ICC Men's T20 World Cup. The change in naming convention is designed to ensure that T20's status – as the format to globalise the game – is on a par with the pinnacle events of the other two formats.

In the 50-over game, ODI status was awarded to USA, Oman, Namibia and Papua New Guinea while Nepal played their first One-Day International against Netherlands, who had regained their ODI status in March 2018, in August in Amstelveen.

A new simplified 50-over league-based qualification structure for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup was agreed in October which will increase the amount of cricket played as part of the Road to India 2023 to 372 matches across a two to three year qualification period.

There was some positive news for Pakistan's quest to host regular international cricket again with West Indies women playing three T20 Internationals in Karachi in February.





Test cricket: better balance and close finishes

The Test-match game enjoyed a memorable 12 months from June 2018 to May 2019. The balance between bat and ball swung back in favour of the bowlers further than in recent memory. The average runs per wicket was 27.95, which is the lowest for almost 20 years and is almost 10 runs fewer than in the 2014-15 time period.

England played their 1,000th Men's Test to kick off a 4-1 home series victory over India, who still retained their No.1 status. At the other end of the experience spectrum, Afghanistan achieved their first Test victory with a seven-wicket victory over Ireland in March.

There were a number of notable away victories across the year: India won a series in Australia for the first time; England swept Sri Lanka 3-0 and Sri Lanka became the first Asian side to win a series in South Africa.

Sri Lanka won the first of their two Tests in South Africa by only one wicket, one of a number of pleasingly close results over the course of the year. Sri Lanka won by four wickets in Bridgetown and New Zealand by only four runs against Pakistan in Abu Dhabi. Of the 47 Tests played, two were won by five wickets or fewer, one by 10 runs or fewer and three more by between 11 and 50 runs. Only four matches were drawn.

Code of Conduct: tougher sanctions

In July 2018, there were some significant changes made to the ICC Code of Conduct. The maximum sanction for a Level 3 offence was increased from eight suspension points to 12 suspension points (equivalent to six Test matches or 12 ODIs.)

Level 2 and 3 offences were introduced for personal abuse and changing the condition of the ball was changed from a Level 2 to Level 3 offence.

Officiating: women to the fore

In April, Claire Polosak became the first woman umpire ever to stand in a Men's One-Day International when she officiated in the final of the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 between Namibia and Oman.

Australia's Eloise Sheridan joined compatriot Polosak on the ICC Development Panel of Umpires, taking the number of women on that panel to an unprecedented eight.

Lauren Agenbag, Kim Cotton, Shivani Mishra, Sue Redfern, Mary Waldron and Jacqueline Williams are the other women officials on that panel. The first woman on the ICC Development Panel of Umpires was Kathy Cross, who retired last year.

GS Lakshmi, from India, became the first female to be appointed to the ICC International Panel of Match Referees. Lakshmi, 51, who first officiated as a match referee in domestic women's cricket in 2008-09, has overseen three women's ODI matches and three women's T20I matches.

In April, Ian Gould announced his intention to retire after the Men's ICC Cricket World Cup 2019. Having played in the 1983 World Cup for England, Gould joined the ECB umpires' list in 2002 and stood in his first international in 2006. Since then he officiated in 99 Tests as an on-field or TV umpire and more than 300 internationals in all.

Gould made an outstanding contribution to the game earned enormous respect from his colleagues and players across all countries.

TOP: England's Ben Stokes celebrates dismissing India captain Virat Kohli during England's 1,000th Men's Test match at Edgbaston. **MIDDLE:** England players appeal with success for the final wicket of Suranga Lakmal during their 3-0 series win in Sri Lanka. **BOTTOM:** Sri Lanka celebrate victory in South Africa.





DRS PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

1 APRIL 2018 - 31 MARCH 2019

CORRECT DECISION % (BEFORE DRS)	92.6%
CORRECT DECISION % (AFTER DRS)	97.7%
INCREASE IN CORRECT DECISIONS FROM DRS	5.1%
% OF DECISIONS REVIEWED	17%
LBW REVIEWS	76%
CGT REVIEWS	24%
% OF REVIEWED DECISIONS REVERSED	30%
% OF LBW REVIEWS REVERSED	28%
% OF CGT REVIEWS REVERSED	39%
AVERAGE TIME FOR DRS REVIEW (SECONDS)	90
LBW REVIEW	89
CGT REVIEW	92
% OF LBW REVIEWS UMPIRE CALL (REVIEW RETAINED)	20%

THE ICC CRICKET COMMITTEE

Chairman
Anil Kumble

Past Players
Andrew Strauss
Mahela Jayawardena

Representatives of Current Players
Rahul Dravid
Tim May

Full Member team coach representative
Mickey Arthur

Full Member's representative
David White

Umpires' representative
Richard Illingworth

Referees' representative
Ranjan Madugalle

Marylebone Cricket Club representative
John Stephenson

Associate representative
Kyle Coetzer

Media representative
Shaun Pollock

Women's representative
Belinda Clark

Statistician
David Kendix

Ex-Officio
Shashank Manohar (Chairman)
Manu Sawhney (CEO)

Committee Secretary
Clive Hitchcock



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**UNSTRUCTURED SOCIAL
CRICKET PRESENTS A HUGE
GROWTH OPPORTUNITY
AND NEEDS TO BE CELEBRATED
AND SUPPORTED**

GLOBAL REACH

T20I status for all and the launch of social cricket initiative criiio are just two of the radical innovations to grow the game

Competitions: Clearing the Pathway

Over the past 12 months, attention was given to a complete re-structure of the men's pathway events in order to better address the high-performance needs of Members and to provide more, and more meaningful, international cricket.

T20 is the format that the ICC Board has stated will best grow the game internationally so the awarding of T20I status to all Member federations and inclusion in the MRF World Rankings was an important milestone. Participation fees for all pathway events have been waived and the participation criteria for pathway events have been relaxed – thus removing significant barriers to participation in ICC events for all Members.

The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2 and the Cricket World Cup Challenge Leagues, which will run from 2019-21, replace the ICC World Cricket League. Under the Cricket World Cup League 2 structure (which will be contested by Namibia, Nepal, Oman, PNG, Scotland, UAE and USA) there will be 126 ODIs played across 21 tri-series in defined windows, with the first series kicking off in Scotland on 14 August 2019. The pathway towards the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup is now clearer for Members and for the wider public. Most importantly, the new structure, with defined competition windows, will enable Members to better structure their high performance programmes and plan their international cricket schedule for the next two and a half years.

Hosts Namibia won the last ICC WCL Division 2 competition beating Oman in the final, a fixture which was awarded ODI status. Papua New Guinea beat USA for third place and all four nations qualified for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2019-21 with the USA gaining ODI status for the first time.

Participation: Play the game your way

There has been a focus on two areas with regard to participation:

- Positioning cricket at the forefront of a global shift away from organised sport and towards more social and flexible physical activity formats; and
- Enhancing the capacity of Members to deliver their strategic objectives through the development of world class resources that can be used and applied in accordance with their own development strategies.

Based on research conducted by the ICC, cricket has an estimated 460 million participants. Most of those engage with the sport in social formats. A smaller group participate through organised school and club cricket – at both junior and senior levels.

In order to grow the participation base, the ICC has to strengthen its offering for both social cricket as well as the organised cricket programmes run by our Member Federations.

Criiio is the culmination of nearly two years' research and design by the ICC to create a cricket offering to the hundreds of millions of people around the world who enjoy our game outside of the traditional structures. It is a celebration of bat and ball recognising that cricket can be played anywhere, at anytime, by anyone and was launched on the eve of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

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GROWTH SPURT

Papua New Guinea have been achieving great things at elite and grassroots level. In ODIs, they qualified for the inaugural ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2019-21 and in early May 2019 sat 17th in the expanded MRF Tyres Men's T20I rankings.

Their junior cricket programme attracted 240,000 participants last year, which makes it the ICC's largest Associate Member participation programme.



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VISITS TO MEMBER
FEDERATIONS IN 2019



1ST

ICC TOURNAMENTS
HOSTED BY PHILIPPINES
AND RWANDA



122

INDIVIDUALS FROM
63 NATIONS HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE
GLOBAL LEADERS'
ACADEMY



1.4M

PARTICIPANTS IN
ASSOCIATE MEMBER
NATIONS

There are three components being developed in the criiio programme:

- **criiio Entry Level Programme:** a fun first cricket experience designed to introduce people to the fundamental skills of cricket and start a lifelong love of the game.
- **criiio App:** a social sport digital platform to connect and grow the hundreds of millions of social cricketers around the world and grow the cricket economy.
- **criiio Member Toolkit:** a set of insights and resources to allow Members to connect and grow social cricket in their country.

A global advisory group, including a mix of Full and Associate Members, have designed the games-based curriculum of the Entry Level Programme that Members can take to their respective ministries of education or to schools directly for delivery in the school sport curriculum or by community groups or cricket clubs. The programme is currently being piloted in 42 countries ahead of a global roll-out towards the end of 2019.

The ICC Coach and Umpire Education programme is being developed to address the limited access to coach and umpire education that Members currently face. The programme will give members access to a world-class coach and umpire education programme – together with a locally trained workforce to deliver it – in order to put Members in control of how they want to deliver coach and umpire education so as to grow the number of people to fill those two key roles. Development of this programme is due to commence later in 2019.

High Performance: Bridging the gap

A number of new high-performance initiatives were launched in the past year as part of the ICC's commitment to extending access to high performance support services to more Members.

In light of the restructured event pathway, the ICC conducted a successful global High Performance Planning workshop in Madrid in August 2018. Seven targeted Associate Members were invited to the workshop which was designed to review and redesign their HP Plans for the period 2019 to 2023 with a view to creating more sustainable high-performance systems in their country and to help bridge the performance gap between Full and Associate Members.

Three additional regional High Performance Planning workshops were then held in Europe, Africa and Asia for the next tier of Members that have historically had less access to high performance support. In total, another sixteen (16) Associate Members attended the three additional courses.



In the women's game, the Women's Global Development Squad, selected from the teams that took part in the Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier in the Netherlands, toured prior to both the Kia Super League in England and the Women's Big Bash League in Australia getting quality learning experiences playing against franchise teams from those events. The initiative will continue in 2019.

ICC also continued to provide additional subsidised high-performance services and professional development opportunities providing access for Members to various sports science and sports medicine practitioners and products. Importantly, in late 2018, we renewed the Athlete Management System and GPS technology agreement with Catapult Sports for three years.

Governance: Strong and sustainable Member federations

There are a number of programmes that aim to build the capacity of Members in governance and administration. The flagship programme is the 'Global Leaders Academy', which is a professional development programme for senior staff, future leaders and Board Members. It is a series of leadership courses that helps them build the skills to lead the game in a way it has never been led before. To date 122 participants from 63 countries have been involved in the Global Leaders' Academy.

The Member Services Programme provides assistance to Members in various other areas including:

- **Governance Support** – the development of a Board Effectiveness Framework is used to provide advice to Members seeking to strengthen their governance structures and in 2018 was delivered to Fiji, PNG, Canada, Bermuda, Singapore and Hong Kong.
- **Commercial Strategy Support** – workshops delivered in Uganda, Hong Kong, Namibia, Bermuda, Argentina, Brazil, Canada and the UAE to assist Members in developing a bespoke commercial strategy.
- **360 Reviews** – provide an independent review of the whole-of-sport landscape, including consultation with government, sponsors and participants, to identify opportunities for growth. In 2018, 360 Reviews were conducted in Hong Kong, Singapore, Ghana and Tanzania.

An important aspect of our Member outreach are the Regional Conferences. Regional Conferences were held in Americas (November 2018, Antigua), Asia (February 2019, Dubai), Europe (March 2019, Munich), East-Asia Pacific (March 2019, Papua New Guinea) and Africa (April 2019, Namibia). In addition to the regional conferences, ICC Global Development staff conducted Member visits to 49 Members in 2018. 🌱

TOP: Beach cricket action in Vanuatu.

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THE ICC MEN'S CRICKET
WORLD CUP 2019 WAS
BROADCAST LIVE TO MORE
THAN 200 TERRITORIES
VIA 25 BROADCAST PARTNERS

REACH AND REVENUE

ICC has established a range of new commercial partnerships, bringing the game to more people than ever before

The build-up to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 in England and Wales saw the development of the largest commercial programme the ICC has ever had, resulting in more than 75 sponsors, broadcasters and licencees delivering unprecedented revenue to the global game.

There has been an increased focus on technology and digital companies. The ICC has entered into long-term partnerships with, among others, Uber, Booking.com and GoDaddy.

The broadcast and digital reach for the tournament was unprecedented and included innovative partnerships for coverage in cinemas and Fan Parks.

The ICC's official tour operator partner, STH, brought close to 45,000 supporters to England and Wales for the World Cup, reflecting both a growing desire among cricket fans, especially from South Asia and North America, to travel to events and also the benefits of the 2019 tournament schedule. STH has already sold around 25,000 packages for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 in Australia.

Over the last 12 months, in addition to the aforementioned sponsors, the ICC has established new long-term partnerships with Bira 91, Britannia, Coca-Cola, Golootlo, Pernod Ricard/Royal Stag, Thatchers, UBP and Veuve Clicquot. These arrangements complement the existing partnerships with Emirates, who sponsor the Elite and International Umpire panels, Hublot, Moneygram, MRF Tyres, who sponsor the global Team and Player Rankings, Nissan and Oppo.

In the digital space, new partnerships were entered into with Bytedance (producers of the TikTok, the world's most downloaded app in 2018), Dream 11, Facebook, Spektacom bat sensor technology and Twitter.

With support from ICC Global Broadcast Partner, Star Sports, the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 was broadcast live to more than 200 territories via 25 broadcast partners.

The tournament was broadcast across seven regional language feeds in India, with Star Sports assembling a team of 50 of the world's best commentators and producing feeds in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bangla and Marathi as well as a select 12 matches broadcast in Malayalam via Asianet Plus.



For the first time, cricket was brought to fans in Afghanistan via state broadcaster Radio Television Afghanistan (RTA). This coverage reached approximately 60% of households or an audience of 20 million.

Meanwhile in China, Fox Sports broadcast 25 live matches with a further nine on delayed coverage. In the rest of South Asia (Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Macau, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam) Fox Sports scheduled highlights at noon each day.

In South America, fans were able to coverage via three ESPN Apps (ESPN South, ESPN North and ESPN Brazil) which cover the entire continent.

An audience of 300 million in India and the Indian subcontinent were able to watch via digital streaming thanks to Star Sports' Hotstar platform which continues to break records.

Fans across the world were kept up to date with all the action on the move and on-demand through in-play clips highlights and event content made available via the ICC's global network of digital clip rights licensees.

In a world first for ODI cricket, the ICC partnered with Cineplexes across India, the UAE and Bahrain to broadcast live matches. ICC also continued its partnership with Global Eagle Entertainment (GEE), who through their OceanPrime channel, reach fans aboard major cruise liners across the world. 🌍



#ONEDAY4CHILDREN

ICC partnered with Unicef to deliver 'One Day for Children' at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019



In April, ICC Cricket for Good, the ICC's ongoing partnership with Unicef, announced 'One Day for Children' to bring together cricket's one billion fans to help build a better world for every child.

The tournament-wide #OneDay4Children campaign climaxed at the England v India group stage match at Edgbaston on 30 June. Edgbaston turned blue while players supported the campaign with special one-off #OD4C branded kit. The money raised will support Unicef's work in cricket playing nations to help children learn to play and be healthy.

Throughout the tournament players from all the competing nations supported the campaign with Cricket 4 Good Clinics across England and Wales.

Mike Penrose, Executive Director at Unicef UK, said: "It is a shared belief that cricket has an incredible power to raise vital funds and inspire and empower millions of children."

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children in danger and helps more children in more countries than any other humanitarian organisation. It has partnered with ICC since 2006.



CLARITY & CONFIDENCE

High-profile changes and sanctions have been the catalyst for an improved anti-corruption approach in Sri Lanka

The ICC Anti-doping App can be downloaded for free on the App Store or Google Play.

This has been a significant year in the fight against corruption with increased reporting of suspected wrongdoing, a successful amnesty period in Sri Lanka, collaboration with Interpol, and ultimately 10 charges brought.

The ICC Integrity App was launched in June 2018 and has received several thousand downloads. It is being widely used and the next stage of its development will be translating it into the range of languages spoken across the cricketing world.

The App is an important development in clarifying information and making the reporting channels easier. The App delivers clear, simple messages about the threats of anti-corruption and also has its own reporting function.

The Anti-Corruption Hotline has changed to a mobile number which has facilitated communication via WhatsApp, which has proved a successful innovation.

Overall, the education for players around anti-corruption has been made briefer, clearer and simpler emphasising the three Rs: Recognise (that something suspicious has occurred); Reject (the approach or suggestion); and Report (to the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU)).

The ACU's education has extended to female players and under-19 sides. This past year has seen the first reported approach to a women's player. The increased profile and coverage of women's cricket, in particular, will potentially make those games more attractive to gamblers and therefore corruptors.

Education materials are also being made available to national governing bodies to share with players and teams at domestic level.

The ACU has continued to build confidence among players that reporting suspected wrongdoing is straightforward and that the investigation process is robust, rigorous and fair.

The increased reporting has enabled the ACU to disrupt and pursue corruptors who are outside cricket. Even though their activities may fall outside the Anti-Corruption Code, they can be interviewed, warned to stay away from the game and reported to law enforcement or immigration authorities.

An ongoing strategic aim is to press for anti-corruption legislation in countries where it currently does not exist. The ACU has worked closely with the government in Sri Lanka to introduce legislation to criminalise corruption in cricket.

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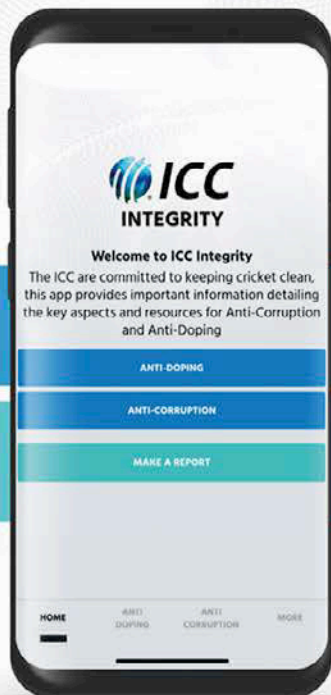
THE EDUCATION FOR PLAYERS HAS BEEN MADE CLEARER: RECOGNISE, REJECT AND REPORT



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Sri Lanka was a major focus of ACU activity over the past 12 months with a number of charges being brought and a number of people coming forward during the ground-breaking two-week amnesty in January.

New anti-corruption officers, who have been trained by the ACU, have been put in place in Sri Lanka. This is part of a new, improved approach to anti-corruption in that country. The high-profile nature of some of the charges made a significant impact.

Elsewhere, three Hong Kong players were charged and in Zimbabwe, a cricket board director received a 10-year ban.

The short-format leagues around the world continue to present challenges and 10 investigations emerged from the Afghanistan Premier League which took place in the UAE in October 2018.

Relationships have been built with Interpol, the organisation that facilitates worldwide police cooperation, to better connect the ACU with local law-enforcement agencies and enhance the possibility of disrupting corruptors. Interpol, which has 194 members, said the cooperation with the ACU would help them “shape a collaborative, holistic response”.

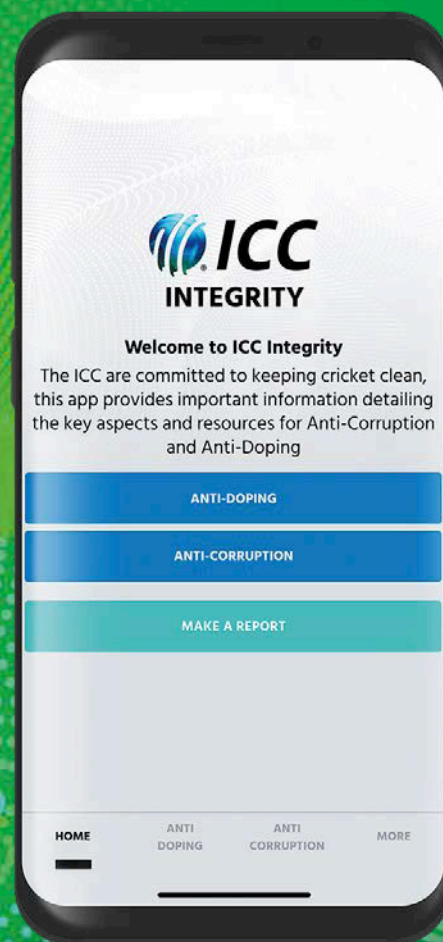
Alex Marshall, the ICC’s General Manager – Anti-Corruption, was awarded a CBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list in June 2018 for services to policing. 

NUMBER OF BILATERALS / TOURNAMENTS ATTENDED

TEST 1 JUN – 31 MAY 2019	48
ODI 1 JUN – 31 MAY 2019	117
T20I 1 JUN – 31 MAY 2019	59
ACC WOMEN'S ASIA CUP, MALAYSIA 1-11 JUN 2018	16
CANADA GLOBAL T20 2018 28 JUN – 6 JUL 2018	21
ICC WOMEN'S WORLD T20 QUALIFIERS 2018, NETHERLANDS 3-4 JUL 2018	20
CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2018 8 AUG – 16 SEP 2018	34
ACC QUALIFIER FOR MEN'S ASIA CUP, MALAYSIA 27 AUG – 7 SEPT 2018	16
MEN'S ASIA CUP 2018, UAE 13-27 SEPT 2018	13
ABU DHABI T20 TOURNAMENT 3-6 OCT 2018	7
AFGHANISTAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2018, SHARJAH, UAE 5-21 OCT 2018	23
ICC WOMEN'S WORLD T20 2018, WEST INDIES 2-25 NOV 2018	23
T10 CRICKET LEAGUE 2018, SHARJAH, UAE 23 NOV – 2 DEC 2018	29
ACC EMERGING TEAMS ASIA CUP 4-16 DEC 2018	15
BANGLADESH PREMIER LEAGUE 2019 (OVERSIGHT ONLY) 5 JAN – 8 FEB 2019	44
UAE v NEPAL, UAE 25 JAN – 3 FEB 2019	6
PAKISTAN v WEST INDIES WOMEN IN UAE 7-11 FEB 2019	3
OMAN, IRELAND, SCOTLAND SERIES IN OMAN 13-22 FEB 2019	7
PAKISTAN SUPER LEAGUE 2019 (OVERSIGHT ONLY) 14 FEB – 17 MAR 2019	33
UAE v USA 15-31 MAR 2019	10

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WERE CONDUCTED BY THE ICC –
A 15% INCREASE IN TESTING
COMPARED TO 2017-18**



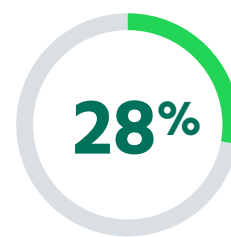
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INCREASE IN
GLOBAL TESTING

EFFECTIVE & ENGAGING EDUCATION

The number of anti-doping tests and samples conducted and analysed has increased across the world as has the information available to teams and support staff

ICC Testing Highlights

A total of 470 tests were conducted by the ICC between June 2018 and May 2019. This included testing on male and female players at bilateral series, domestic leagues, the ICC Women's Championship and ICC Women's T20 World Cup. This was a 15% increase in testing compared to 2017-18.

Of the 470 tests 334 were out-of-competition, no advance notice testing and the rest were in-competition, match-day testing. A total of 31 blood tests were conducted during this period.

Cricket's Global Testing Programme

A total of 1,598 (urine and blood) samples were collected and analysed in 2018 in both international and domestic cricket, equating to a 28% increase from 2017.

The ICC Anti-doping App can be downloaded for free on the App Store or Google Play.

Education

The ICC Integrity app, which includes vital information for players and team support staff, has been downloaded 2,700 times since its launch in July 2018.

The ICC delivered effective and engaging face-to-face education to all teams and support staff that participated in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2018. In addition, the ICC has also provided members with the necessary resources in the delivery of effective anti-doping education at a domestic level.

Violations

Over the last year, there have been three Anti-Doping Rule Violations:

Abhishek Gupta, a domestic cricketer from India, tested positive for a prohibited substance and was charged under the BCCI's anti-doping code and received an eight-month suspension.

Haryson Jones, a domestic cricketer from New Zealand was suspended for 24 months for use or attempted use and possession of a prohibited substance.

Ahmad Shehzad was tested under the auspices of the Pakistan Cricket Board's anti-doping code and received a four-month suspension for testing positive for a prohibited substance. 🏏

DELIVERING WORLD-CLASS EVENTS







CONNECT, ENTERTAIN & INSPIRE

The build-up to the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 was more detailed and rigorous than ever before for an ICC global event

When the 12th edition of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup got underway at The Oval on 30 May, it was the most digitally integrated tournament in the history of the game.

The aim was to enhance the experience of the spectator inside the stadium, and ensure a seamless delivery of engagement and entertainment, similar to that which would be so familiar to television viewers at home.

That meant utilising all the digital assets to their maximum, ensuring that messaging and in-game graphics were displayed in an integrated way across all outlets, whether that be LED boards, sightscreens or replay screens.

Each venue had a 'hot spot' where in-game interviews, fan engagement and sponsor activations took place while being broadcast on the replay screens. This was also the home of the popular 'cricketarist', the guitarist playing an instrument crafted from a cricket bat. This was one of the sports presentation enhancements delivered by Red Sky at Night Events.

That process was part of the wider goal to provide continuous engagement with the audience, an engagement that began as soon as tickets had been purchased.

The last mile of the spectator journey is a vital period to build a positive experience. Spectators were assured a welcoming presence at all transport hubs and all walk-in routes to the venues with plentiful signage and entertainment.

A volunteer force of around 4,000 Cricketeers were recruited and trained through 2018 to enhance the experience for spectators, media and other visitors to the tournament.

With the staffing structure of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) well in place, the 12 months up to the start of the tournament were devoted to planning and preparation to ensure that the required standards for an ICC global event of such prestige were met by all venues.

Three venue summits took place in London in the build-up to the tournament. These summits were attended by CEOs and key operational staff of all 11 venues from the 10 host cities. Attendees were updated on planning and expectations, specifically the key differences between hosting bilateral events and an ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

While some of the 800,000 ticket holders had visited the grounds of England and Wales for bilateral events or ICC Champions Trophy matches in the past, around 35% of UK-based ticket buyers were first-time purchasers so it was imperative to deliver as enjoyable and welcoming an experience as possible.

The branding, while of course uniform across the tournament, also promoted the host venue to a global audience.

Catering offerings were necessarily diverse and were tailored to the anticipated audience, reflecting the culinary tastes of the competing teams for any given match. ICC and the LOC worked closely with venues to ensure that the best possible range of catering concessions were in place for each match.



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THERE WERE THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES: CONNECT, ENTERTAIN AND INSPIRE, WITH A FOCUS ON CONTINUOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE AUDIENCE

From January to April 2019, there were increased readiness and testing exercises, including a 'full readiness' programme which was an enhancement for this tournament. The readiness and testing was essential to be able to move from an operational phase to a delivery phase in a smooth and efficient manner.

Meeting structures and ways of working were enhanced in order to aid greater collaboration between teams working out of London and Dubai. The Tournament Leadership Team (TLT) had fortnightly meetings as did the Functional Areas (FA) with monthly 'all-in' sessions with all ICC departments. This ensured an integrated and collaborative approach between ICC and the LOC.

The Venue Delivery Manual, which was started in early 2018 with its final version published in early May 2019, was the most detailed ever document for an ICC global event.

For the first time, an online programme management system (WeTrack) was used to coordinate the tournament preparations with more than 11,000 actions being processed in the build-up.

Based at Lord's, the Tournament Co-ordination Centre (TCC) supported staff out in the field and acted as an escalation platform for any major issues. The enhanced TCC also provided updates for all stakeholders about any changes of plan – for example, a team cancelling a training session – as well as regular reports, reviewing and previewing the daily events.

Relationships with team officials were enhanced. As well as the individual pre-tournament meetings with each of the 10 participating Members in June 2018, monthly electronic planning updates – covering areas like hotels, logistics and security – were provided to team managers and operational heads and chief executives at the Member boards. The aim was to offer each team the optimum performance platform by the time of the tournament kicked off on 30 May at The Oval. 🏏



FANZONES

The objective of the eight City Celebrations / Fanzones was to deliver a relevant and engaging activation in each host city to showcase the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and the sport of cricket to diverse audiences.

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Permanent LOC staff with an additional 30-40 for the tournament. These were joined in the UK by 70 ICC staff and temporary consultants/ secondees from Member Boards ahead of the tournament.

11,500

Actions processed by WeTrack, the innovative programme management system used for the first time by ICC for this tournament.



Simple-to-play cricket activations, based on the ECB's All Stars Cricket model of running, throwing, catching, bowling and batting, breaking the game down to its constituent parts.

City-centre, high-footfall locations were chosen to reach as many people as possible, especially families with younger children. Local entertainment, music and MCs helped to deliver an experience that was relevant to the city and the nations playing in that ICC Men's Cricket World Cup match.

The original attendance target of 120,000 was at least doubled with close to 300,000 people attending the Fanzones.

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IT'S NOTHING, IT'S SIMPLE.
JUST HIT STRAIGHT,
PLAY STRAIGHT

Tony Ura on the secrets
of his batting success



MAIN: Tony Ura of Papua New Guinea in action during the Cricket World Cup Qualifier against the West Indies. **TOP:** Philippines match up against Vanuatu. **BOTTOM:** PNG and Vanuatu in action.



PNG MOVE A STEP CLOSER TO AUSTRALIA 2020

Tony Ura became the first Papua New Guinea batsman to score a T20I century as his side continued on their upward path

Hosts Papua New Guinea emerged as the winners of the East Asia-Pacific regional qualifier finals to advance to the ICC T20 World Cup Qualifier, to be held in the United Arab Emirates in October and November 2019.

Before the last day of matches, PNG and Vanuatu were both in contention to top the round-robin table and thereby qualify, following the elimination of the Philippines, who had won the East Asia-Pacific Group B sub-regional qualifier the previous August.

The tournament suffered following the effects of Cyclone Trevor, which meant that fixtures on the opening two days at the Amini Park ground in Port Moresby could not be played due to a waterlogged pitch, causing the schedule to be rearranged.

Indeed, both matches on the last day were reduced to five overs and 13 overs per side respectively.

Both involved Vanuatu, who needed to win both to pip PNG to the qualifying position.

However, in the five-over thrash against Philippines, they were unable to chase down a target of 47 and their 10-run defeat meant the result of the final match was academic.

In the event, Papua New Guinea ran out comfortable 10-wicket winners after Vanuatu were restricted to 56 for eight in their 13 overs, the hosts requiring just three overs to reach their

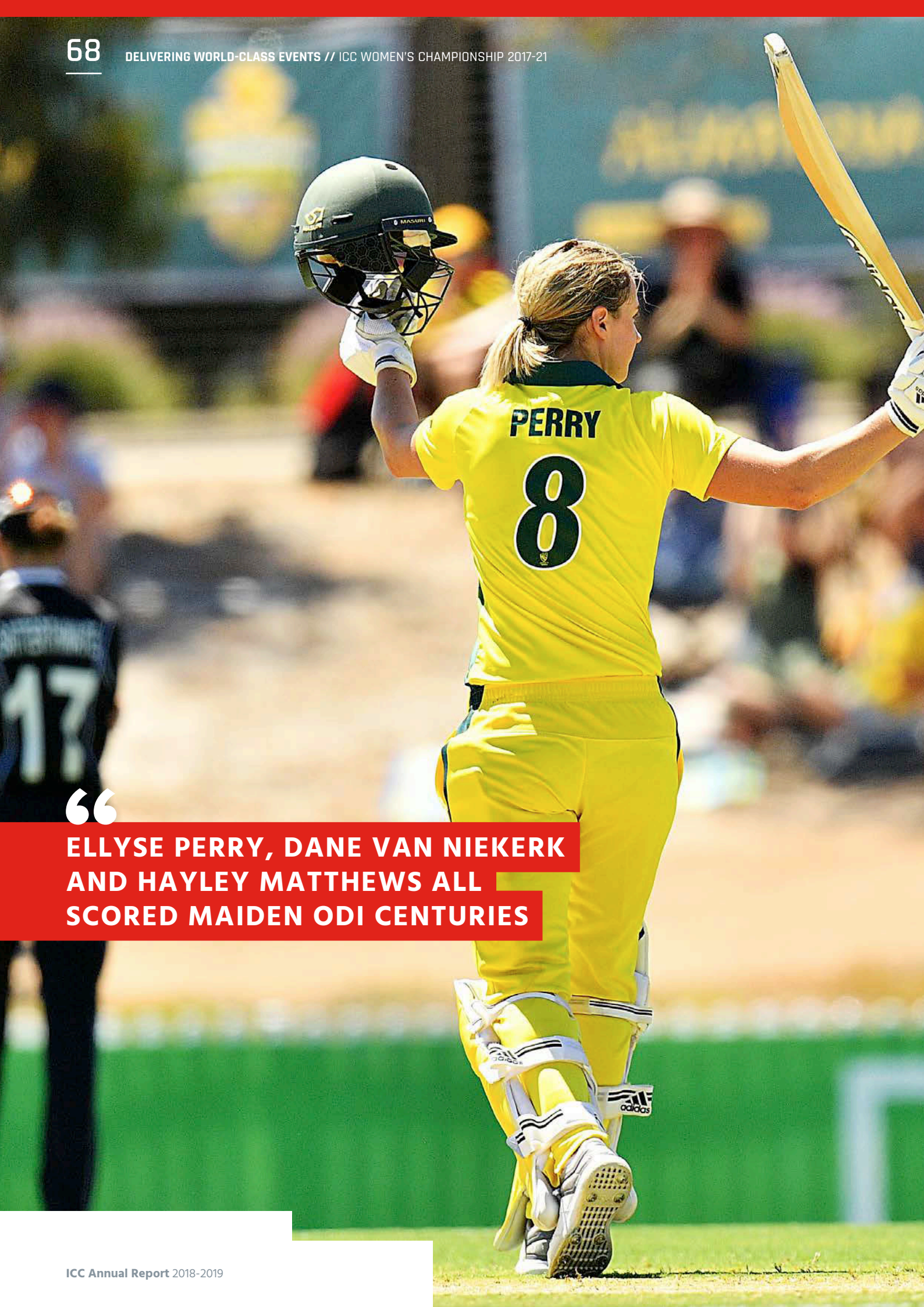
target as Tony Ura hit 24 off just eight deliveries, with two sixes, and opening partner Norman Vanua raced to 29 from 10 balls with three sixes.

Papua New Guinea had won their opening two matches, both by large margins, beginning with a 133-run defeat of Philippines after Assad Vala's 68 from 39 balls and Charles Amini's 60 from 30 helped them reach 216 for four in their 20 overs, their opponents struggling to 83 for eight in reply.

In their second match, Tony Ura's 65 off 37 balls was the key contribution in an eight-wicket win over Vanuatu, who were limited to 124 for six. Ura became the first Papua New Guinea batsman to make a century in their third match, finishing on 107 not out from 60 balls with six sixes and four fours. However, rain caused the abandonment of the match after just two overs of the Philippines reply, which meant there was no result.

Vanuatu had recorded their one win in the tournament earlier in the day, beating Philippines by 63 runs. Nalin Nipiko top-scored with 62 in their 20-over total of 156 for six, with Philippines limited to 93 for seven, Nipiko chipping in with two wickets to go with his half-century.

Seamer Nipiko's five wickets in the tournament was bettered only by Papua New Guinea's Lega Siaka with seven. The top scorer was Ura with 243 runs at an average of 121.50, while Nipiko's 124 runs at 41.33 was the next biggest contribution with the bat. 🏏



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**ELLYSE PERRY, DANE VAN NIEKERK
AND HAYLEY MATTHEWS ALL
SCORED MAIDEN ODI CENTURIES**

LANNING LEADS FROM THE FRONT

Australia's captain kept her side on top while India's Mithali Raj reached a unique landmark

Australia continued to excel in the ICC Women's Championship during the 12 months to May 31, 2019, collecting a maximum 12 points from their six matches, which comprised 3-0 series victories against Pakistan in Malaysia and New Zealand at home.

England amassed 16 points from 12 matches, winning home series against South Africa and New Zealand, losing in India but winning 3-0 in Sri Lanka to complete their 2018-19 tour programme.

India took 12 points from nine matches by winning three series by a 2-1 margin, in Sri Lanka and New Zealand, and against England at home.

By doing so, the trio virtually guaranteed their qualification (26 points is the required threshold) for the 2021 ICC Women's World Cup along with hosts New Zealand, with one qualifying place still to be determined.

In the series against Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur in October 2018, Meg Lanning's Australia team won all three matches comfortably. The highlights included Lanning's 124 – her 12th ODI century – in the second match, in which 20-year-old left-arm spinner Sophie Molineux took four for 14 in only her second ODI.

Alyssa Healy made a robust 75-ball 97 in the third match, helping Australia compile an impressive 324 for seven in 50 overs. Pakistan's 235 for seven in reply was their highest ODI total against Australia, but still left them well short.

In the home series against New Zealand in February and March 2019, Australian scraped home by only five runs in the opening match in Perth, New Zealand falling short despite Amy Satterthwaite's 92.



The other two matches were comfortable for Lanning's side. Left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen took four for 43 in Perth and five for 27 in Adelaide, where all-rounder Ellyse Perry, with 107 not out, completed her maiden ODI hundred.

England's Tammy Beaumont hit centuries in matches two and three of their series against South Africa in June 2018. England had lost the opening ODI, thanks to Lizelle Lee's unbeaten 92 in Worcester as South Africa notched their first win in England for 15 years.

Lee smashed 117 off 107 balls in match two in Hove, but Sarah Taylor's 118 helped England reach 331 for six, the joint-highest team total of the year, which England themselves would match against Sri Lanka a few months later.

Dane van Niekerk's 95 in match three in Canterbury was another highlight for South Africa. Van Niekerk went on to make her maiden ODI hundred against Sri Lanka in Potchefstroom in February 2019.



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SRI LANKA PULLED OFF THEIR HIGHEST SUCCESSFUL ODI CHASE FOR ONLY THEIR SECOND WIN OVER INDIA

MAIN: Sri Lanka's captain Chamari Atapattu batting.

TOP LEFT: Dane van Niekerk of South Africa hits out.

TOP RIGHT: England's Tammy Beaumont batting against Sri Lanka. **RIGHT:** Jess Jonassen of Australia is interviewed the ODI Series against New Zealand.

The individual highlights of the England-New Zealand series came in the final match in Leicester, which the touring side won by four wickets after Sophie Devine hit a magnificent 117 off 116 balls and off-spinner Leigh Kasperek took five for 39. But England had won the first two contests in Leeds and Derby very comfortably. Beaumont and wicketkeeper Amy Jones made two half-centuries each in the series.

Left-arm spinner Ekta Bisht took four for 25, including three wickets in a single over, as England lost their last seven wickets for 25 to give India a 66-run win in the opening ODI of the series in Mumbai in February, 2019, after which India eased home by seven wickets in the second match, thanks to Smriti Mandhana's 63.

But England picked up a vital two points in the third match after Katherine Brunt had recorded her best ODI figures since June 2016, finishing with five for 28.

Amy Jones enjoyed much personal success as England won all three ODIs on their visit to Sri Lanka in March 2019, the opener making scores of 79, 54 and 76, hitting seven sixes in total. Nat Sciver was also among the runs, with 93 as England made 331 for seven in the series opener.

Other highlights of the year included Mithali Raj's unbeaten 125 for India against Sri Lanka in Katunayake, although it could not deny Sri Lanka their first win against India for more than five years (and only their second of all time).



Chamari Atapattu made 115 and Sri Lanka pulled off their highest successful run chase in women's ODIs by overhauling India's 253 for five.

West Indies' Hayley Matthews notched her maiden ODI century with 117 against South Africa in Bridgetown in September 2018. Mandhana made 105 against New Zealand in Napier in January 2019, during a series in which Mithali, the India captain, became the first woman to play in 200 ODIs.

In February, Pakistan earned an historic first series win over the West Indies in Dubai after coming back from 1-0 down. 🏏

ICC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2017-21

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Points
Australia	12	11	1	0	0	22
England	15	9	6	0	0	18
India	15	8	7	0	0	16
South Africa	15	7	6	1	1	16
Pakistan	15	7	7	1	0	15
New Zealand	15	7	8	0	0	14
West Indies	12	5	6	0	1	11
Sri Lanka	15	1	14	0	0	2

Up to 31 May 2019

BANGLADESH LIVE UP TO THEIR BILLING

Ireland went close in the final but experience and form told in the end

MAIN: The victorious Bangladesh team.
BELOW: Ireland take a wicket. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Ireland celebrate a wicket against Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's women cricketers followed their success in lifting the Asia Cup for the first time by winning the ICC Women's World T20 Qualifier 2018, defeating Ireland by 25 runs in the final in the Netherlands.

Having beaten Ireland 2-1 in a three-match Twenty20 International Series shortly before the tournament, Bangladesh were the highest-ranked team and lived up to their billing as favourites, the result in the final in Utrecht reversing that of the final in the ICC Women's World T20 Qualifier 2016.

They had cruised through the group stage, none of Papua New Guinea, the Netherlands or the United Arab Emirates threatening an upset. They ensured their place at the ICC Women's World T20 2018 by crushing Scotland by 49 runs in the semi-finals.

They were made to work hard to win the final by the Irish, who had similarly progressed sublimely through the group stage before proving too strong for Papua New Guinea in the semi-final, winning by 27 runs.

In Utrecht, Ireland won the toss and asked Bangladesh to bat, restricting them to 122 for nine, a total with which Salma Khatun's team were disappointed, although it had been a low-scoring tournament generally. Ayasha Rahman top-scored with 46 from 42 balls and the favourites had looked well placed to post a substantial score at 80 for one in the 12th over but suffered a middle-order collapse that saw them lose five wickets for 17 runs in the space of just 24 deliveries.

Lucy O'Reilly was the key figure in the Irish fightback, the 18-year-old right-arm seamer taking four for 28 and executing the run-out of Sanjida Islam in the same over that veteran leg-spinner Ciara Metcalfe took the critical wicket of Rahman.

Having won 11 of their previous 12 Women's Twenty20 Internationals, however, including not one but two victories over India at the Asia Cup, Bangladesh were full of confidence and in the event their total proved to be more than enough. Ireland were bowled out in 18.4 overs for 97 with Panna Ghosh, the 28-year-old medium pacer who is also a volleyball international, returning an impressive five for 16.

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THERE WERE MAIDEN WINS FOR THE UAE AND UGANDA WHILE THAILAND APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME





Ireland looked to have a chance while 17-year-old Gaby Lewis and 34-year-old Isobel Joyce were building a promising fourth-wicket partnership, but after both were out in consecutive overs as the score slipped from 52 for three to 54 for six in the space of nine deliveries, the innings never properly regained momentum, despite Eimear Richardson's gallant attempt to drag her side back into contention with 23 off 19.

Ghosh's career-best return included the key scalps of Clare Shillington and captain Laura Delany. She ended the tournament with nine wickets, one of three Bangladesh bowlers among the top-four wicket-takers: Rumana Ahmed (10 wickets), Fahima Khatun and Ghosh (nine each) were behind only Ireland's O'Reilly (11), underlining the strength of their bowling resources.

During the group stages, there were maiden ICC Women's World T20 wins for the United Arab Emirates and Uganda, who with Thailand were appearing for the first time.

Both defeated the Netherlands, who as hosts lost all their five matches to finish in eighth place of the eight participants, despite the exceptional efforts of their opener Sterre Kalis, the 18-year-old right-hand batter, who was the tournament's top scorer with 231 runs at an average of 57.75. 🏏





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IT'S DEFINITELY THE MOST SATISFYING WIN I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS

Meg Lanning



AUSTRALIA RECLAIM THE CROWN

Meg Lanning's team showed their quality to lift the ICC Women's World T20 and now have their eyes on the prize back home next year

With ambitious plans to make the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020* the most spectacular and successful event so far, Australia chose a timely moment to reassert their number one status in the international women's game by winning the trophy for the fourth time in the Caribbean.

It means Australia will go into the 2020 tournament not only as hosts but as defending champions after defeating England by a comfortable eight-wicket margin in the final at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.

In the conclusion of the first stand-alone ICC Women's World T20*, more than 9,000 were in the stadium to see England, who had beaten Australia on the way to winning the 50-over ICC Women's World Cup on home soil in 2017, make a flying start. They put 12 on the board in the first over after winning the toss and opting to bat first, but then subsided to a paltry 105 all out.

Danni Wyatt, who had hit a four and a six in that opening over, went on to make 43 from 37 balls but apart from captain Heather Knight (25 off 28), no other batter reached double figures.

England had hoped that their third meeting with Australia in the final of the competition would prove to be the lucky one after cruising to an eight-wicket victory over India in the semi-finals.

Yet Australia, who had avenged their 2016 final defeat to the Windies with a comprehensive 71-run win in the semi-final, were comfortable winners.

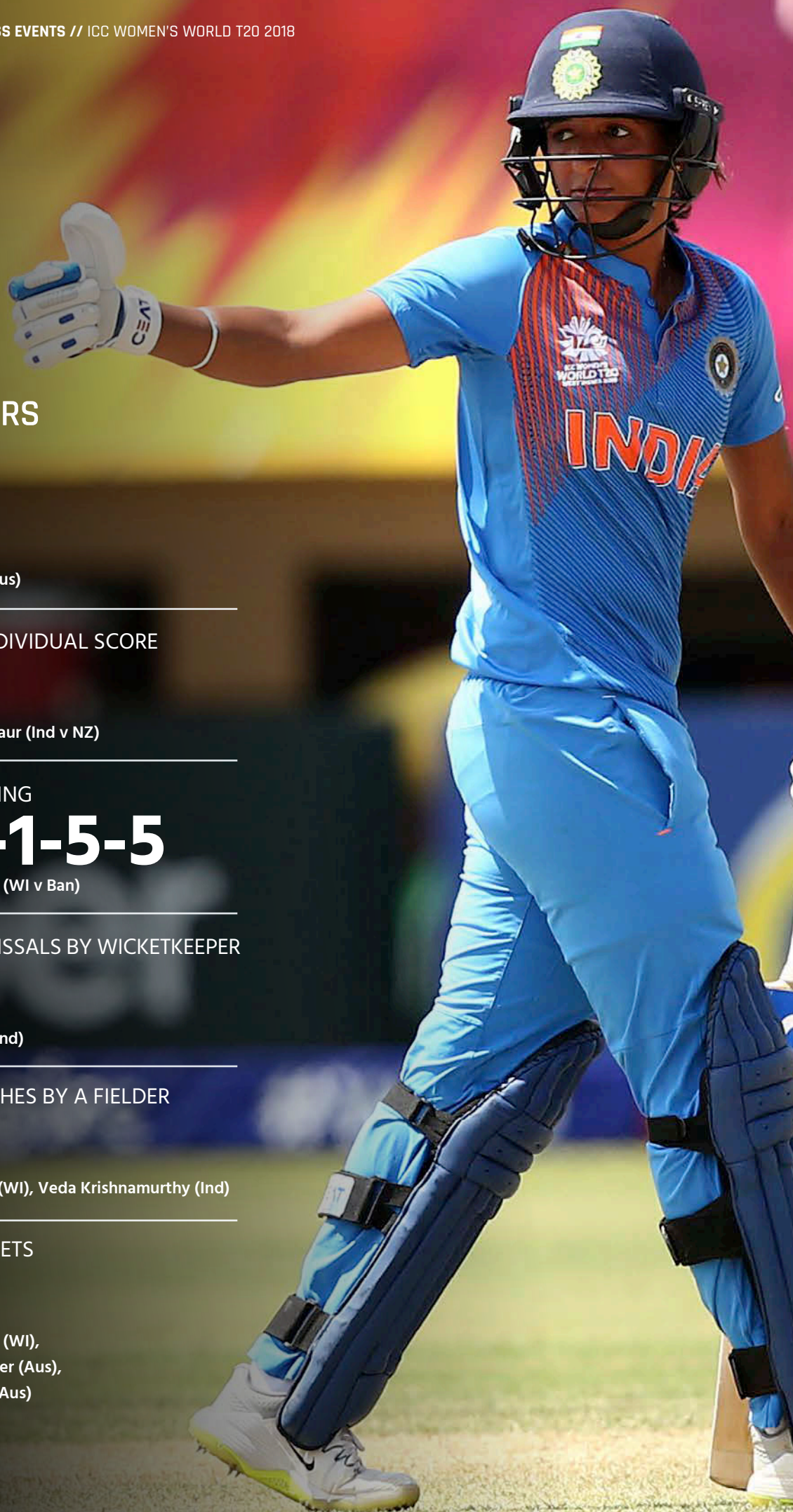
They were not at their best in the field – Wyatt was dropped three times – but Elyse Villani held on to a skyer to limit the dangerous Tammy Beaumont to four runs and a brilliant direct hit from mid-on from Georgia Wareham ran out England's leading tournament run-getter Amy Jones for the same score. These were decisive moments.

Wareham, just 19, also took two wickets in two balls with her leg spin as the younger Australians rose to the occasion. Ashleigh Gardner, the 21-year-old off-spinner, claimed the scalps of both Wyatt and Knight in her three for 22 before hammering three sixes in an unbeaten 33. Not surprisingly, she was named Player of the Match.

It was a first major trophy since 2014 for Australia's women and skipper Meg Lanning, who was out of action for seven months having had shoulder surgery following her side's 2017 50-over semi-final loss to India, gave free rein to her emotions after taking the tournament-winning single with the first ball of the 16th over, wrapping herself around Gardner in a mid-pitch embrace.

"It's definitely the most satisfying win I've been involved in, especially after the last couple of years," Lanning said afterwards. "The last couple of World Cup exits for us hurt our team a lot.

"To have those young players step up in such a big final just shows how good they can be and really how calm and composed they are under pressure."



NOTABLE NUMBERS



MOST RUNS

225

Alyssa Healy (Aus)



HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE

103

Harmanpreet Kaur (Ind v NZ)



BEST BOWLING

3.4-1-5-5

Deandra Dottin (WI v Ban)



MOST DISMISSALS BY WICKETKEEPER

11

Taniya Bhatia (Ind)



MOST CATCHES BY A FIELDER

6

Chinelle Henry (WI), Veda Krishnamurthy (Ind)



MOST WICKETS

10

Deandra Dottin (WI),
Ashleigh Gardner (Aus),
Megan Schutt (Aus)

England captain Knight admitted her side failed to deliver a performance when it mattered most but was still optimistic for the future.

"We just kept losing momentum and never really got the big partnership together that was going to push us on," she said.

"But I'm definitely proud that we made it to another final. We had a very inexperienced side, and some of those players that came in – like Sophia Dunkley, Kirstie Gordon – have stepped up and performed outstandingly.

"It feels a bit raw at the moment but moving forward it's a real positive for us."

Gordon, the 21-year-old left-arm spinner who took eight wickets in her maiden international event, emphasised her potential.

But the Player of the Tournament, undisputedly, was Alyssa Healy, Australia's opening batter and wicketkeeper, who won the Player of the Match award as her side's top scorer in four of the five matches in which she batted. Overall, Healy struck 225 runs at an average of 56.25 and a strike rate of 144.23.

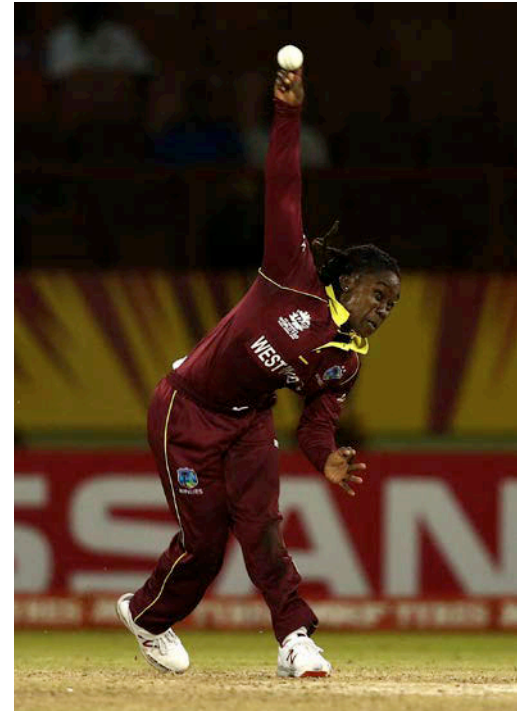
Outstanding moments included Shrubsole's hat-trick for England against South Africa, Deandra Dottin's five for five for Windies against Bangladesh, Harmanpreet Kaur's 103 for India against New Zealand and Sophie Devine's 21-ball half-century for New Zealand against Ireland.

Devine's team-mate Suzie Bates became the first cricketer, male or female, to score 3,000 runs in Twenty20 Internationals, while Australia's Ellyse Perry became the first for her country, male or female, to play in 100 T20Is and take 100 wickets.

Perry, who has also represented her country in a football World Cup, is the most recognisable female in Australian sport and will undoubtedly be one of the poster stars for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020.

Australia's aim is not only to win the tournament but to do so in front of the biggest crowd to witness a women's sports event – eclipsing the 90,185 who attended the 1999 football World Cup final in Pasadena – when the final is played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on 8 March.

"It's ambitious, but this tournament has captured a lot of people's attention and shown people we're a team worth watching," Perry said. "We want 92,000 there." 🏏



MAIN: Harmanpreet Kaur of India celebrates her half-century against New Zealand. **TOP:** Deandra Dottin of the West Indies in action. **BOTTOM:** Alyssa Healy of Australia bat.



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Heather Knight



MAIN: Tammy Beaumont and Heather Knight celebrate the dismissal of Dayalan Hemalatha of India during the semi-final. **LEFT:** Stafanie Taylor shares a joke with a young mascot.

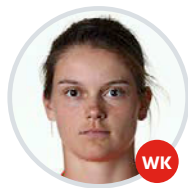
TEAM OF THE ICC WOMEN'S WT20 2018 IN BATTING ORDER



ALYSSA HEALY
(AUSTRALIA)
225 RUNS



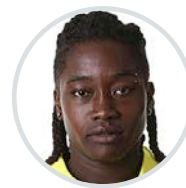
SMRITI MANDHANA
(INDIA)
178 RUNS



AMY JONES
(ENGLAND)
107 RUNS
5 DISMISSALS



HARMANPREET KAUR
(INDIA)
183 RUNS



DEANDRA DOTTIN
(WEST INDIES)
121 RUNS
10 WICKETS



JAVERIA KHAN
(PAKISTAN)
136 RUNS



ELLYSE PERRY
(AUSTRALIA)
60 RUNS
9 WICKETS



LEIGH KASPEREK
(NEW ZEALAND)
8 WICKETS



ANYA SHRUBSOLE
(ENGLAND)
7 WICKETS



KIRSTIE GORDON
(ENGLAND)
8 WICKETS



POONAM YADAV
(INDIA)
8 WICKETS



JAHANARA ALAM
(BANGLADESH)
6 WICKETS

The Jury which selected the Player and Team of the tournament comprised ICC General Manager of Cricket Operations Geoff Allardice along with former cricketers Anjum Chopra, Ebony Rainford-Brent and, Ian Bishop, and journalist Melinda Farrell.



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THE UNLUCKIEST PLAYER IN THE TOURNAMENT WAS NORWAY'S CAPTAIN HAYATULLAH NIAZI, WHO MADE THREE FIFTIES AND TOOK 13 WICKETS BUT HIS TEAM COULD FINISH ONLY THIRD IN GROUP B

DUTCH DOMINANCE

Netherlands batsmen Boris Gorlee and Niels Etman provided the firepower for their side to progress to the next stage of the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup qualification

The Netherlands, France and Denmark occupied the first three places in the Europe Division 2 section of the qualifying competition for ICC Under-19 World Cup 2020. The three teams move forward to the Europe Division 1 stage, which is due to take place in the Netherlands from 26 July to 1 August 2019.

The Netherlands completed their dominance of Division 2, which took place in England between 31 July and 8 August 2018, by beating France by 154 runs in the final in Saffron Walden.

The Netherlands, who topped Group B with four wins from four and an aggregate of 1,028 runs, saved their highest innings total for the final, when Boris Gorlee (99) and Niels Etman (84) shared a partnership of 166 for the third wicket in a total of 281 for six. Off-spinner Arnav Jain then took five for 31 as Group A winners France were bowled out for 127, a disappointment after an opening stand of 86 between Hassan Raza and Noman Amjad.

Gorlee had made an unbeaten 103 in a crushing defeat of Belgium in the group stage following Etman's 140 not out against Spain. Each scored more than 300 runs in the tournament, with averages in the high 70s. Jain finished leading wicket-taker with 15.

The match to decide the third qualifying place pitted Guernsey, who had beaten France in the group stage only to be pipped for automatic promotion on net run rate, against Group B runners-up Denmark.

After Denmark had chosen to bat, Guernsey took wickets at regular intervals to prevent their opponents building momentum until the Denmark captain Abdullah Shaheen (53 not out) was supported by Hadeed Adnan in an unbroken partnership of 60 for the last wicket to achieve a respectable 230 for nine.

Guernsey openers Nathan Le Tissier (33) and Joseph Ellis (32) combined in a patient partnership of 59 to give their reply a solid foundation, Matthew Philip helping Le Tissier add another 37 for the second wicket. But when the moment came to take more risks in order to accelerate the scoring rate, Guernsey lost wickets, slipping from 92 for two to 102 for six in four overs, and eventually to 132 all out. Shaheen completing a fine all-round performance by taking four wickets for 16 with his off-spin as Denmark clinched their place in Division 1.

Perhaps the unluckiest player in the tournament was Norway's captain Hayatullah Niazi, who made scores of 75, 79 and 84 and took 13 wickets with his left-arm medium-fast bowling, but whose team could finish only third in Group B. 🏏



CLEAN SWEEP TAKES UAE TO SOUTH AFRICA

United Arab Emirates will compete in their second ICC U19 Cricket World Cup but their first as qualifiers

MAIN: Kuwait's Hamza Ahmed Qureshi celebrates with Meet Bhavsar.
BELOW: Aryan Lakra of UAE.

A comprehensive 10-wicket win over Oman in their final match enabled the United Arab Emirates to qualify for the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 in South Africa.

It is the first time a UAE team has won a place at the Under-19 World Cup through the qualification process, although they did compete in the 2014 competition as hosts.

The UAE won all five of their fixtures at the Asia Division 1 series, which was held between April 12 and April 18, 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Nepal, looking to qualify for the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup for the eighth time after reaching the quarter-finals in 2016, won four of their five matches and might consider themselves somewhat unlucky not to be going forward in UAE's place, having lost out to their rivals by the narrowest margin on a rain-affected second day.

Having been asked to bat first when UAE won the toss at the Kinrara Academy Oval, Nepal set their opponents a challenging 248 to win after Hari Chauhan (67 not out) and Bhim Sharki (53) had put on 92 for the sixth wicket.

After a poor start to the reply, in which openers Syed Haider and Aryan Lakra were both dismissed inside the first five overs, Ansh Tandon (54) and Vriitya Aravind (47 not out) added 101 for the third wicket but at 122 for three after 30 overs the UAE still had plenty to do.

However, rain began to fall at that moment and no further play was possible. The result was decided on DLS with the calculation giving the UAE victory by one run.

The UAE had opened the tournament with a five-wicket win over the hosts, needing until the 48th over to reach a target of 206, but were not stretched by any other opponent. They dismissed Kuwait for 56, skipper Lakra taking five for 22 with his left-arm spin, and took only eight overs to win by seven wickets, before seeing off Singapore by nine wickets and Oman by 10 wickets, chasing down a target of 106 with almost 38 overs to spare.

Lakra, who was named player of the tournament, finished as leading wicket-taker with 13 victims. He also made two half-centuries, as did Haider, who scored 189 runs at 37.80.

Nepal won all of their other matches by comfortable margins. Their bowling proved too much for Singapore, who were dismissed for 65 to lose by 217 runs; Oman, all out for 79 in a 150-run defeat; and Malaysia, who were bowled out for 92 before Nepal eased home by eight wickets.

In their final match, they dismissed Kuwait for 157 in 49.4 overs, and although the test was a



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**KUWAIT SKIPPER
MEET BHAVSAR SCORED
THE ONLY CENTURY
OF THE SERIES
AGAINST MALAYSIA**

little stiffer than some of the previous ones they still knocked off the runs in 28 overs with just two wickets down, Rit Gautam making 62.

Rohit Paudel hit 95 against Singapore and 75 against Oman, while off-spinner Pawan Sarraf claimed nine wickets in the tournament. In the end, though, theirs and their teammates' efforts were in vain.

The only century of the series was made by the Kuwait skipper Meet Bhavsar, who scored 102 of his side's 228 for seven to set up a 43-run win against Malaysia. Kuwait also picked up victories against Oman and Singapore to finish third in the final table. 🏏



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**OMAN'S LEFT-ARM SPINNER
KEVIN KATTOKARAN WAS
PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT
WITH 16 WICKETS FOR 71**

ALL TIED UP IN THAILAND

Kuwait and Oman both made it through to the next stage of the Asian Qualifiers in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup



Kuwait and Oman filled the top two places in the Asia Division 2 qualifying tournament in Thailand in December 2018, part of the qualifying process for the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2020.

In the event, the tournament trophy was shared after the final at the Terdthai Cricket Ground in Bangkok ended in a tie with both sides making 131.

Kuwait were bowled out for that total in 49.2 overs, Oman's left-arm spinner Kevin Kattokaran clinching the award for bowler of the tournament by taking three for 20, giving him an aggregate of 16 wickets for only 71 runs. Those figures earned him the award as overall player of the tournament too.

Yet Oman were unable to overhaul Kuwait's score. They reached the last of their 50 overs needing eight runs to win but could manage only seven, Jeel Tanna run out off the last ball after a scrambled leg-bye from the penultimate delivery from seamer Sanjeev Nair.

Both teams qualified for the Asia Division 1 tournament in Malaysia in April 2019, in which six teams would compete for one place in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020, to be played in South Africa.

Oman, winners of Group A, had beaten Hong Kong, runners-up in Group B, in the semi-finals, Oman's spinners doing most of the damage as Hong Kong, who had fancied their chances after bowling Oman out for 130, proved unequal to the task, themselves were dismissed for just 100. There were three wickets for Kattokaran and four for his fellow left-arm spinner, Sanjaya Ravindra.

In the other semi-final, Kuwait's captain Nomaan Sidique enjoyed a terrific day, making an heroic unbeaten 89 and following that with figures of five for 23 with his off-spin in a 107-run victory over Qatar, who were dismissed for 95 in 30.3 overs. Sidique, who had kept wicket in one of the group matches, shared a partnership of 93 for the fifth wicket with Hamoud Amanullah, who hit 51 off just 60 deliveries.

Qatar struggled again in the play-off for third place, shot out for a meagre 66 in 24.1 overs as Hong Kong were very comfortable winners by 83 runs. 🏏

OMAN HEAD & SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST

USA won promotion to Division 2 at the fourth attempt but the hosts were too good



ABOVE: Oman captain Zeeshan Maqsood receives the trophy from Oman Cricket Board member Pankaj Khimji. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Oman take on USA.

The contest for the 2018 ICC World Cricket League Division 3 was won easily by the hosts, Oman, who were victorious in all of their five matches. Along with runners-up the USA, they progressed to 2019 ICC World Cricket League Division 2.

Part of the qualification cycle for the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, the Division 3 competition was the first international cricket tournament to be held in Oman.

In fact, the hosts – relegated from Division 2 in February 2018 – were certain of promotion after winning their opening four matches, which guaranteed a place in the top two. They were the first team to finish unbeaten in all five fixtures in the WCL since Jersey won the Division 5 tournament with a 100 per cent record in 2014.

The USA made sure of joining them in Division 2 by defeating Singapore in the final match of the tournament. It was the first time that the USA had won promotion to Division 2.

Oman, who had narrowly failed in their bid to qualify for the Asia Cup two months earlier, launched their campaign with a comfortable five-wicket win over Kenya. They dismissed Kenya for 164, with 1.95m right-arm seamer Kaleemullah taking four for 26, before captain Zeeshan Maqsood's unbeaten 53 helped them ease home with 43 balls to spare.

Maqsood finished unbeaten again, on 43, as Oman were given a target of 186 in their second match against Singapore, running out four-wicket winners with more than 12 of their 50 overs not required.

Three wickets each for left-arm quick Bilal Khan and for off-spinner Jay Odedra helped bowl out Denmark for 154 in Oman's third match, before opener Jatinder Singh's 105-ball 73 provided the fulcrum for a three-wicket win, Denmark rueing two catches dropped when Jatinder was on five and 19.

A century from Aqib Ilyas then enabled Oman to inflict USA's only defeat and secure their promotion, a tense contest going to the final over before Oman clinched victory by four wickets with just three balls to spare.

Sent in, the USA recovered from a fine opening spell by Kaleemullah that had them 29 for three, half-centuries by Timil Patel and 37-year-old one-time Pakistan Under-19 all-rounder Jannisar Khan helping them reach 213 for eight.

However, thanks to the brilliance of Aqib, who shared a 94-run stand with Jatinder Singh and picked up 10 fours and a six with his skilful back-foot play, it was not enough.



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OMAN WERE THE FIRST TEAM TO FINISH UNBEATEN IN THE WCL SINCE JERSEY IN 2014

Oman crushed Uganda in their last match, winning by 10 wickets after dismissing their opponents for just 59 thanks to seamers Bilal Khan (four for 12) and Fayyaz Butt (five for 22).

The USA put their disappointment behind them to clinch second place in the competition, defeating Singapore by five wickets with 145 balls to spare on the back of Jaskaran Malhotra's unbeaten 66. The result won them promotion to Division 2 at the fourth attempt.

In addition to Aqib Ilyas's hundred, there were centuries for Denmark's Hamid Shah against Kenya and by Monank Patel for USA against Uganda. Oman's Bilal Khan was leading wicket-taker with 12, followed by three spinners – USA's Timil Patel, Denmark's Saif Ahmed and Singapore's Anantha Krishna – with 11 each. 🏏





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**IN THE FINAL NAMIBIA
REVERSED THEIR GROUP-
STAGE DEFEAT TO OMAN
TO WIN BY 145 RUNS**

MAIN: Oman's Khawar Ali in action. **LEFT:** Umpire Claire Polosak made history. **RIGHT:** Sese Bau of PNG hits out.





HISTORY MADE IN WINDHOEK

Oman played their first ever ODI and Claire Polosak became the first woman to officiate in a men's ODI

Hosts Namibia were crowned ICC Men's World Cricket League Division 2 champions after a comprehensive victory over Oman in the final at the Wanderers cricket ground in Windhoek.

Both finalists were already assured of qualification to the 2019-21 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, guaranteeing their ODI status in the process, even before taking to the field.

The final, in common with the third-place play-off, was given ODI status, which made it the first ODI in Oman's history and Namibia's first for more than 16 years.

The match made history in another way with Australian Claire Polosak becoming the first woman to stand in a men's ODI. In 2017 Polosak, who has umpired 15 women's ODIs, became the first female umpire to stand in a men's domestic fixture in Australia.

In the final, Namibia reversed their group-stage defeat to the same opponents to win by a commanding 145-run margin, left-handed opener Karl Birkenstock making 61 in Namibia's total of 226 for seven from their 50 overs after opting to bat first, before left-arm seamer Jan Frylinck took five for 13 as Oman were dismissed for 81.

Frylinck, a former South Africa Under-19, took three of those wickets in his first four overs as Oman stumbled to 26 for four and never sufficiently recovered, despite a patient 27 from wicketkeeper Suraj Kumar.

Fittingly, Namibia's victory was wrapped up when their other left-arm quick, Johannes Smit, had last-man Bilal Khan caught behind a fifth catch in the innings for Zane Green to give him figures of three for 21 and clinch the Player of the Tournament award for his 13 wickets at 14.69, including five for 63 against the United States, and two half-centuries.

Oman, who had won November's Division 3 tournament as hosts with five victories out of five, continued in impressive form by winning their opening three matches against the United States, Canada and Hong Kong before defeating Namibia by four wickets, guaranteeing their place in the final.

Namibia won the right to join them by racking up 393 for seven - the tournament's biggest team score - to beat Hong Kong by 151 runs in their final round-robin match, after Jean-Pierre Kotze (148) and Stephen Baard (122) had made the two highest individual scores.

The United States were being beaten by Canada in their final round-robin match, which meant that Namibia finished second on superior run-rate, both teams having won three of their five fixtures.

Papua New Guinea, delighted to have regained their ODI status after pipping Canada by 0.012 of a run for fourth place in the table, then beat the US by five wickets to finish third. The top four are all promoted to the 2019-21 ICC Men's World Cup League 2, with Canada and Hong Kong, who occupied fifth and sixth places, going into the 2019-21 ICC Men's World Cup Challenge League.

There were five other centuries scored in the tournament, topped by Navneet Dhaliwal's 121 not out for Canada against the United States. The US's Aaron Jones and Xavier Marshall also made hundreds, as did Hong Kong's Anshuman Rath and Oman's Zeeshan Maqsood.

Ali Khan of the United States was the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 17, followed by Oman's Fayyaz Butt with 16. Kinchit Shah (Hong Kong), who finished as joint-leading spin bowler with Canada's Saad Bin Zafar on 11 wickets, took a hat-trick in his side's win over Canada. 🏏

SPIRIT OF CRICKET





PEERLESS VIRAT

Virat Kohli won an unprecedented three awards and Smriti Mandhana two in as India dominated the ICC Awards

Virat Kohli became the first player in history to complete a clean sweep of the senior men's awards in the ICC Awards for 2018.

India's 30-year-old captain won the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year, the ICC Test Player of the Year and the ICC Men's ODI Player of the Year awards following an extraordinary year.

He was the unanimous choice for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy of the ICC's Voting Academy, comprising 12 journalists and 12 commentators representing all Full Member nations.

Kohli scored 1,322 runs at an average of 55.08 in 13 Tests with five centuries between January 1 and December 31, while in 14 ODIs he amassed 1,202 runs at a remarkable average of 133.55 with six hundreds.

He was also named captain of the ICC Test and ODI teams of the year after finishing the year as the top-ranked batsman in both Tests and ODIs and the highest scorer in both forms. Kohli was one of only two batsmen to score more than 1,000 runs in Tests and only among three to do so in ODI cricket.

Kohli said: "Having recognition at the global level from the ICC is something you feel proud of as a cricketer.

"It's a reward for all the hard work that you do throughout the calendar year and something that gives you more motivation to keep repeating the same things."

Kohli's compatriot Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian woman to win two awards, named for both the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year and the ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year.

Mandhana played a crucial role in India's runs to the semi-finals at the ICC Women's World T20 in the West Indies, scoring 178 runs in five matches at a strike-rate of 125.35.

She also scored 669 runs at an average of 66.90 in 12 ODIs and 622 runs at a strike-rate of 130.67 in 25 T20Is during the voting period.

Mandhana was delighted to be recognised. "The century I scored against South Africa in Kimberley was quite satisfying and then I had good home series against Australia and England. A lot of people used to say I do not score that much in India, so I had a point to prove to myself," she said.

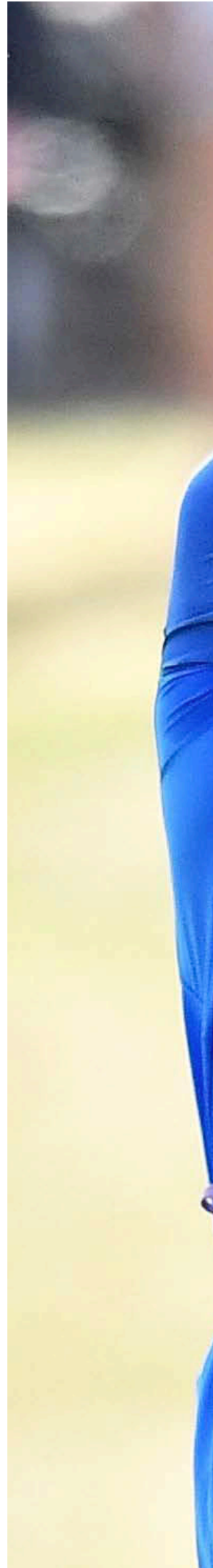
Alyssa Healy, the Australian wicket keeper and opening bat, was named Women's T20I Player of the Year. Healy made 578 runs in 17 matches at an average of 41.28, with all six of her half-centuries contributing to Australian wins.

Healy's strike-rate of 145.95 was the highest among batters with more than 300 runs for the year. In the World T20 match against Ireland, she smashed fifty off just 21 balls, behind only Sophie Devine's competition record of 18 balls.

The ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year award went to England's Sophie Ecclestone. The 19-year-old slow left-artermer took 35 wickets in nine ODIs and 14 T20Is.

Scotland batsman Calum MacLeod, whose 140 helped Scotland record a first one-day victory over England, was named ICC Associate Cricketer of the Year.

The annual ICC Spirit of Cricket Award went to New Zealand's Kane Williamson, while Kumar Dharmasena was voted ICC Umpire of the Year. 🏏





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ICC AWARDS 2018

MEN'S WINNERS

SIR GARFIELD SOBERS TROPHY FOR CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Virat Kohli (India)

ICC TEST CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Virat Kohli (India)

ICC ODI CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Virat Kohli (India)

ICC ASSOCIATE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Calum Macleod (Scotland)

WOMEN'S WINNERS

RACHAEL HEYHOE-FLINT AWARD FOR WOMEN'S CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Smriti Mandhana (India)

ICC WOMEN'S ODI CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Smriti Mandhana (India)

ICC WOMEN'S T20I PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Alyssa Healy (Australia)

ICC WOMEN'S EMERGING CRICKETER OF THE YEAR:

Sophie Ecclestone (England)

OTHER AWARDS

SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD:

Kane Williamson (New Zealand)

UMPIRE OF THE YEAR:

Kumar Dharmasena

FANS' MOMENT OF THE YEAR:

India win ICC U19 Cricket World Cup



ICC MEN'S TEST TEAM OF THE YEAR 2018



TOM LATHAM
(NEW ZEALAND)



DIMUTH KARUNARATNE
(SRI LANKA)



KANE WILLIAMSON
(NEW ZEALAND)



VIRAT KOHLI
(INDIA)

CPT



HENRY NICHOLLS
(NEW ZEALAND)



RISHABH PANT
(INDIA)

WK



JASON HOLDER
(WINDIES)



KAGISO RABADA
(SOUTH AFRICA)



NATHAN LYON
(AUSTRALIA)



JASPRIT BUMRAH
(INDIA)



MOHAMMAD ABBAS
(PAKISTAN)

ICC MEN'S ODI TEAM OF THE YEAR



ROHIT SHARMA
(INDIA)



JONNY BAIRSTOW
(ENGLAND)



VIRAT KOHLI
(INDIA)

CPT



JOE ROOT
(ENGLAND)



ROSS TAYLOR
(NEW ZEALAND)



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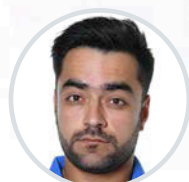
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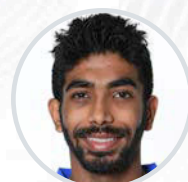
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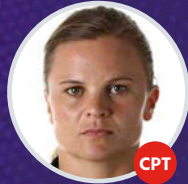
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(SOUTH AFRICA)



SOPHIE DEVINE
(NEW ZEALAND)



ALYSSA HEALY
(AUSTRALIA)



MARIZANNE KAPP
(SOUTH AFRICA)



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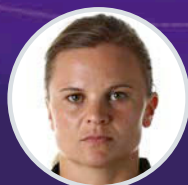
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HARMANPREET KAUR
(INDIA)



NATALIE SCIVER
(ENGLAND)



ELLYSE PERRY
(AUSTRALIA)



ASHLEIGH GARDNER
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THE RUN-MAKERS

Three fine batters from Australia, England and India were the latest inductees to the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame

Former Test captains Rahul Dravid of India and Australia's Ricky Ponting, along with former England batter Claire Taylor, were inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame during the year to May 31.

A classical batsman with an outstanding defence, Rahul Dravid is one of India's all-time great Test players and one of the most successful No.3 batsmen in Test cricket. Only three players have more Test runs than his 13,288 and he was a major contributor to some of India's most memorable victories in the 2000s, notably in Adelaide in 2003 when he scored 233 and 72 not out as India won a Test in Australia for the first time in a generation.

Although more naturally suited to Tests, he was able to adapt his game to the shorter formats so well that he also scored 10,889 ODI runs, an incredible achievement. A modest and easily approachable individual, Dravid enjoyed success in his limited opportunities as captain, leading India to rare Test series wins in the Caribbean in 2006 and in England the following year.

Dravid became the fifth Indian to be inducted in the ICC Hall of Fame when Sunil Gavaskar presented him with his commemorative cap before the start of the fifth ODI between India and West Indies in Thiruvananthapuram in November.

Invariably playing his shots with a full flourish of the bat, Ricky Ponting was a sight to behold in his pomp, yet at the same time an uncompromising character on the field, a fierce competitor who would refuse to give opponents an inch.

His statistics make impressive reading. His aggregate of 13,378 runs in 168 Tests stands second only to Sachin Tendulkar's 15,921, and his 13,704 runs in 375 one-day internationals puts him third behind Tendulkar and Kumar Sangakkara.

Ponting, who received his commemorative cap from fellow ICC Hall of Famer Glenn McGrath at tea on day one of the third Test against India at the MCG in December, was part of three ICC Men's Cricket World Cup-winning squads, in 1999, 2003 and 2007, the last two as captain of the side. His leadership sometimes came under scrutiny, although his record of 48 wins from 77 games makes him Australia's most successful Test captain, ahead of Steve Waugh's mark of 41 from 57.

Claire Taylor, the seventh woman to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame, began her career in the late 1990s, going on to become one of England Women's premier runscoreers across all formats. The first woman to be named a Wisden Cricketer of the Year, she and Charlotte Edwards were the mainstay of England's batting during the first decade of the 21st century, and played a key role as the team were crowned both ICC Women's World Cup and ICC Women's World T20 champions in 2009.

As a youngster, Taylor was as focused on hockey as she was on cricket, which she did not play before she was 13 years old. She was good enough to represent her country at under-17 and under-19 levels in the former, but it was in cricket that she made a deeper impression, scoring 1,030 runs in 15 Tests and 4,101 runs in 126 ODIs, along with 615 runs in 27 T20Is.

Her 156 against India in an ODI at Lord's in 2006 was arguably her finest moment, although there were many other highspots, including back-to-back centuries against South Africa in the summer of 2003. 🏏



THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE



It is an honour to be presenting my report as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. My involvement with the ICC Audit Committee dates back to 2017 with my appointment as Audit Committee Chairman in September 2018.

The ICC Audit Committee met on three occasions during the period of this report, 1 June 2018 to 31 May 2019. The Committee continued to focus on ensuring that the ICC's internal systems and controls are effective and responsive to a challenging external environment while evolving in line with an ever-increasing need to be efficient in all operational matters. The Committee continued to discuss a number of important issues, including Corporate taxation, which remains a high-risk area in a multi-jurisdictional and geographically widespread organisation, such as the ICC.

As per the Committee's Terms of Reference, as members, we are required to review the Audited Financial Statements and External Auditor's report and make appropriate recommendations. At our last meeting in April 2019, we reviewed and discussed the report and draft statements for the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018. The review included the assessment of the accounting principles used, significant estimates made, auditor's independence and overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

One of our core roles is to assess the objectivity and independence of the External Auditors and highlight any conflicts of interest. We confirm that we had met the ICC External Auditors without the management present and periodically evaluated their performance and independence, and the impact of any non-audit services on their objectivity.

At the first meeting each year, we also endorse Statement of Internal Control (issued by the management) to the Board in order to provide reasonable assurance to the Board regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control framework. This Statement is prepared after due consideration of the results of the audits undertaken by the Internal Audit function, the extent of implementation of audit recommendations, the integrity of ICC's risk management process, minutes of key ICC Committees, and knowledge gained from any other pertinent reviews performed during the respective period.

Finally, I wish to conclude by expressing the Committee's gratitude to the Chairman, Directors, and Management, who have shown the utmost cooperation in working with us and extending their assistance.

For the Audit Committee

YUVRAJ NARAYAN
Chairman
Dubai, 26 April 2019

"The Audit Committee (the "Committee") has been established by the ICC Board to monitor the integrity of the financial information and to provide assurance to the ICC Board on the effectiveness of ICC's internal controls and risk management framework. The Committee is composed of two Independent Members (one of them being the Chairperson) and four Member Representatives. Also included as Ex-Officio are the ICC Chief Executive and ICC Independent Chairman. The Committee meets biannually alongside other Board and Committee meetings and following each meeting submits its report to the ICC Board."

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL

Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in Members' Funds and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of The International Cricket Council ("ICC") and its subsidiaries (the "ICC Group") for the year ended 31 December 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in Note 2.

Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards applied in the preparation of the audited consolidated financial statements of ICC Group. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and auditor's report thereon. The summary consolidated financial statements and the audited consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements.

The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated 20 May 2019. That report also includes an emphasis of matter section relating to a legal action against ICC that draws attention to Note 21 to the audited consolidated financial statements. Refer Note 4 to the summary consolidated financial statements for the disclosure of the legal action against ICC.

The Board of Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements in accordance with the basis described in Note 2.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

For Ernst & Young



Signed by:

Thodla Hari Gopal

Partner

Registration number: 689

20 May 2019

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	2018 USD'000	2017 USD'000
Event related activities		
Revenue from ICC Events	34,437	193,043
Reversal of contribution cost	-	94,515
Costs relating to ICC Events	(49,501)	(70,048)
Net (deficit)/surplus relating to ICC Events	(15,064)	217,510
Other activities		
Reversal of Test Cricket fund	-	13,125
Other revenue	12,545	9,603
Interest and investment income – net	5,260	2,790
General and administrative expenses	(41,580)	(42,438)
Finance costs	(2,833)	(52)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss) – net	817	(96)
Net (loss)/gain on financial assets and derivative financial instruments	(5,547)	410
Net loss from other activities	(31,338)	(16,658)
Net (deficit)/surplus before taxation	(46,402)	200,852
Taxation	-	-
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(46,402)	200,852
Other comprehensive income (OCI)		
<i>Other comprehensive income that will be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>		
Reclassification of cumulative changes in fair value of financial instruments to income statement	-	(410)
Changes in fair value of financial instruments carried at fair value through OCI	-	618
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	208
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(46,402)	201,060

The attached notes 1 to 4 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	2018 USD'000	2017 USD'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	397,167	293,585
Current assets (excluding bank balances and cash)	251,166	151,351
Bank balances and cash	14,528	61,401
Total assets	662,861	506,337
LIABILITIES		
Deposit received (non-current)	91,888	95,000
Other non-current liabilities	6,516	5,493
Deposit received (current)	2,492	-
Accounts payable and accruals	21,110	21,894
Associate Member fund	1,335	17,619
Advances from sponsors	200,878	10,830
Other financial liabilities	3,951	-
Bank overdraft	29,918	4,910
Total liabilities	358,088	155,746
REPRESENTED BY:		
Members' Funds		
Reserves	72,616	67,351
Allocable surplus	232,157	283,240
Total Members' Funds	304,773	350,591
Total Liabilities and Members' Funds	662,861	506,337

The audited consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 May 2019 and were signed on their behalf by:



SHASHANK MANOHAR
Chairman



DAVID RICHARDSON
Chief Executive

The attached notes 1 to 4 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Allocable surplus USD'000	Reserves		Total USD'000
		General reserve USD'000	Available-for-sale Reserve USD'000	
At 1 January 2017	94,546	55,619	(634)	149,531
Net surplus for the year	200,852	-	-	200,852
Other comprehensive income	-	-	208	208
Total comprehensive income for the year	200,852	-	208	201,060
Transfers	(12,158)	12,158	-	-
At 31 December 2017	283,240	67,777	(426)	350,591
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9	(426)	-	426	-
Effect of adoption of IFRS 15	584	-	-	584
As at 1 January 2018 (restated)	283,398	67,777	-	351,175
Net deficit for the year	(46,402)	-	-	(46,402)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(46,402)	-	-	(46,402)
Transfers	(4,839)	4,839	-	-
At 31 December 2018	232,157	72,616	-	304,773

The attached notes 1 to 4 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2018 USD'000	2017 USD'000
Net (deficit)/surplus before tax	(46,402)	200,852
Non-cash adjustments to reconcile surplus to net cash flows	5,418	(966)
Working capital adjustments	76,230	(84,763)
Payments for employees' end of service benefits, income tax and others	(97)	(2,886)
Net cash flows from operating activities	35,149	112,237
Net cash flows from investing activities	1,195	5,146
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(107,345)	(104,745)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(71,001)	12,638
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	54,494	41,856
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	(16,507)	54,494

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following amounts:

	2018 USD'000	2017 USD'000
Cash and demand deposits	14,528	61,401
Restricted deposits	(1,117)	(1,997)
Bank overdraft	(29,918)	(4,910)
Cash and cash equivalents	(16,507)	54,494

Restricted deposits relate to the demand deposits placed with a financial institution as a lien against the limits availed by the Group for corporate credit cards.

Significant non-cash transactions excluded from the summary consolidated statement of cash flows:

	2018 USD'000	2017 USD'000
Payments made in 2016 for test cricket fund transferred as advance to full members	12,950	-

The attached notes 1 to 4 form part of these summary consolidated financial statements.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 ACTIVITIES

The International Cricket Council (the "Company" or "ICC") is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital, it is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The registered office of ICC is at Craigmuir Chambers, P.O. Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. There are currently 105 Members.

The ICC Group's principal place of business is at Street 69, Dubai Sports City, Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Road, P.O. Box 500070, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The International Cricket Council ("ICC") is the international governing body for International Test Match, International One-Day and International Twenty20 cricket. The ICC is primarily responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operations and the development of international cricket. This extensive remit includes management of the ICC Code of Conduct, the playing conditions and all other regulatory functions and services relevant to the international game, provision of qualified and independent Match Officials for Tests, One Day and Twenty20 Internationals and initiating and implementing key policy decisions for the benefit of the game.

New financial model: 2015-2023 cycle

In June 2017, the members approved a new financial model for the period 2015-2023 whereby ICC, amongst others, retrospectively discontinued the contribution cost and test cricket fund, and replaced it with a new model of distribution of surplus (i.e. dividends / distributions) to the members. As a result, management had reversed the liabilities towards the contribution cost and test cricket fund to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income during the year 2017 and classified the amounts paid to members as per the new financial model as advances to members. These advances will be eventually offset against the surplus distributed to members during the remaining period until 2023. The impact of the change in financial model is reflected in the notes 10a, 16, 17.1 and 18 to the consolidated financial statements.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

Summary consolidated financial statements

The summary consolidated financial statements have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group which were approved by the Board on 20 May 2019. These summary consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue on 20 May 2019.

The audited consolidated financial statements are available at the Headquarters of the ICC in Dubai Sports City and also on the ICC website www.icc-cricket.com. The summary consolidated financial statements are presented in considerably less detail than the annual audited consolidated financial statements for the convenience of readers and is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been presented in US Dollars, which is the functional currency of the Group. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand (USD'000) except otherwise stated.

Consolidated financial statements

The aforementioned financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB).

The aforementioned financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the measurement at fair value of available-for-sale investments and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PREPARED FROM THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

The aforementioned financial statements comprise the financial statements as at 31 December 2018 of the ICC and its following subsidiaries ("the ICC Group"):

Name of the subsidiary	Country of incorporation	Percentage shareholding		Principal activities
		2018	2017	
ICC Business Corporation FZ-LLC (IBC)	United Arab Emirates	100%	100%	To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC from 1 July 2015.
ICC Development (International) Limited (IDI)*	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%	To manage the commercial rights relating to cricket events of ICC up until 30 June 2015.
ICC Americas	United States of America	No shares issued. ICC is the sole member.	-	To administer, develop, co-ordinate and promote the sport of cricket throughout the Americas region.
International Cricket Council FZ-LLC	United Arab Emirates	100%	100%	To provide administrative services to ICC group companies. From 1 January 2018, this includes managing the ICC Development Program.

The following are the Subsidiaries of IDI:

Name of the subsidiary	Country of incorporation	Percentage shareholding		Principal activities
		2018	2017	
ICC (Events) Ltd*	Cyprus	-	100%	To manage certain commercial rights of IDI.
IDI Hungary Kft*	Hungary	-	100%	To manage certain commercial rights of IDI.
IDI Mauritius Ltd*	Mauritius	100%	100%	To manage certain commercial rights of IDI.

*Following a formal review of the business requirements and the corporate structure of the ICC, the ICC Board of Directors have resolved that IDI and its subsidiaries in Cyprus, Hungary and Mauritius will be liquidated. As of 31 December 2018, ICC (Events) Ltd and IDI Hungary Kft has been liquidated. The closure process for IDI Mauritius Ltd is underway and is expected to be completed by end of 2019. Upon closure of IDI Mauritius Ltd, management intends to liquidate IDI. These entities do not undertake any significant commercial transactions.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTES TO SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3 DISCLOSURES RELATING TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited consolidated financial statements of the ICC Group are available on the ICC Website www.icc-cricket.com. For the significant accounting policies and detailed notes to the consolidated financial statements please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements on the Website.

4 CONTINGENCIES

Essel Sports Pvt Ltd:

In 2007, Essel Sports Pvt Ltd initiated a lawsuit against the Board of Control for Cricket in India ('BCCI') in the Delhi High Court, claiming that the BCCI's decision not to recognise the Indian Cricket League ('ICL') and to take certain actions against those involved with the ICL was unlawful (the 'Indian Action'). The Indian Action is at an advanced stage with the parties in the midst of making their final arguments.

A suit has also been filed in England (against ICC, and the England and Wales Cricket Board 'ECB') and served upon the ICC and the ECB (the 'English Action'). As part of the defence to the English Action, and because of the substantial overlap between the issues raised in the English and Indian Actions, the BCCI, ICC and ECB sought an anti-suit injunction from the Indian courts, preventing ICL from taking any further steps in the English Action (against all of those three parties) until the Indian Action has been dealt with. Such an injunction was granted. The Supreme Court of India (the "Supreme Court") subsequently permitted Essel to proceed with an appeal against the anti-suit injunction granted by the Divisional Bench of the Delhi High Court preventing it from suing the BCCI/ECB/ICC in England pending trial of the underlying Indian action. On 1 September 2017, however, as the underlying suit (namely 'Indian Action') was in the final stages of being heard, the Supreme Court dismissed the special leave petitions and directed that the District Court should hear and decide the underlying suit within three months of the date of the order, without any interference from the Supreme Court. The appeal proceedings have therefore effectively been dismissed and come to an end. As of date, there appears to be no momentum from the BCCI towards settling the Indian Action (and all related proceedings) in a way that is satisfactory to all, but this possibility remains within the control of the BCCI.

External lawyers have been appointed to act collectively for the ICC, ECB and BCCI in defending the English Action (including pursuit of and challenge to the anti-suit injunction in India). The advice received from those lawyers is that the ICC and its Members will be able to mount a robust defence of the English Action and consequently no provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements in this respect. In addition, in 2010, the court in England granted a stay on hearing this matter until the Indian action is resolved and this remains the case.

Related to these actions, the ICC Board has agreed to provide an indemnity to members in relation to all costs, damages and awards that might be made against any of them as a result of the English Action. As at the reporting date, no amounts in relation to such indemnity has been recognised on the consolidated financial statements as the probability of any such outflow looks unlikely.



