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# PLAYER PROFILE: DOUG KING

**“A perfect start” is how Suburbs New Lynn’s English import Doug King described his opening day five wicket haul against Eden Roskill.**

The London based fast bowler had arrived in the country just a couple of weeks earlier and made an immediate impact for his new club. While his figures of 5-26 were impressive, the most pleasing aspect, in the eyes of Suburbs coach Shoruban Pasupati was Doug’s preparation for the game:

“He had played a couple of the warm up games and, as he wasn’t used to the synthetic pitches, he had strayed a lot down the leg side. On the Tues-

day before the Roskill game he filmed himself bowling. He watched the tape, made some adjustments, gained some confidence, and then got the results. I thought that was pretty impressive”.

Like many English players, the use of synthetic pitches is a new experience for Doug, as almost all cricket in the UK is played on turf: “It was certainly different. I found running in to bowl from grass to astro was tough at first, but on the plus side it was good to get some carry and bounce which you don’t get much of back home on turf”.

Doug plays his club cricket for Harefield CC in the Home Coun-





## **DETAILS**

**Name:** Doug King –

**Bowling:** Right arm medium-fast bowler

**Batting:** Right hand bat

**From:** London, England

**Club:** Suburbs New Lynn

**Clubs in the UK:** Buckinghamshire, Buckinghamshire U25s, Harefield

ties Premier League and has represented Buckinghamshire in the Minor Counties championship, and on his return to the UK he will be linking up with county side Gloucestershire for some training sessions with them.

This is King's first trip to New Zealand, besides a holiday in his youth, and he is loving things so far.

"The atmosphere in Auckland is fantastic at the minute with the World Cup, and I'm looking forward to doing some travelling in the Christmas break."

"The only thing I'm not sure about yet is the weather. We seem to get summer and winter in the same day. I have to take two sets of clothes with me every time I leave the house!"

King has just qualified as a teacher, graduating from St Mary's and St John's University but his smarts are not just limited to the classroom according to his coach: "On and off the field he is a young, bright and intelligent bloke" says Shoruban. "He has contributed a lot to team discussions, he has been great to deal with and he has fitted in with the club brilliantly".

King feels the same about his new club: "Everyone has been so welcoming. They have all gone out of their way to make me feel at home".

# COACH PROFILE: BARRINGTON ROWLAND

**It was a dream start to the season for Barrington Rowland and his Auckland University side.**

The Coach made a mammoth 144 against North Shore, and his side cruised to a comfortable victory: "I felt it was important to get a century early in the season, and set the standards for the boys. I had a thumb injury last year, so I wasn't hitting the ball as I would like, but I'm fully recovered now and that's given me confidence".

`Barry` is no stranger to scoring centuries. His 10 at first class level in India will be the envy of many, but he explains that to have a career in the batsman rich country, big scores are a necessity: "There are so many good batsmen over there, if you go a few innings without getting one, you will lose your place. It has to become a habit, and that is good for your game".

His hunger for runs has never been more evident than in 2004, when he registered his highest first class score, – a massive 284 for Karnataka, against Madhya Pradesh: "It was one of those knocks where everything went right. My mindset, my prepara-



tion, it all came together. It was a similar feeling on Saturday, and I'm keen for that to carry on".

It could have been so different for Rowland, who was a leg spinner as a junior: "I was going pretty well until a coach got hold of me and totally changed my technique. It spoilt my bowling, but in the end really helped my batting. I moved from the lower order to open, and put a lot more time into batting".

In 2007 Barry`s career brought him to New Zealand, and after a spell with Suburbs New Lynn, joined Auckland University last season: "There is huge potential here, and a lot of good youngsters. I want to build on this and create a competitive, but fun loving culture at the club".

Barry describes his coaching style as `hands on` and `honest` and he likes to lead by example: "I tell it as I see it, and I feel it`s important I perform on the field, rather than just talk".

The University scorer for Barry`s knock at the weekend was his partner Sandrine. Surely the only French scorer in Premier Cricket, Sandrine was quick to

pick up a love for the game when the couple met: "She hadn't seen much cricket before, but now she loves it as much as I do, and knows more about the game than most".

As for the rest of the season: "Personally my aim is to play a few more match winning knocks. Off the field it`s important that the club grows from last year – and we have already started. We want to exploit the potential of the youngsters, get them playing to the best of their ability, and hopefully see one or two go on to play rep cricket".



# CLUB MAN: ROSS PARLANE

**Over the course of the season we will be chatting to some of the people who perhaps don't get as much of the limelight as they deserve.**

Every club has them - the real club men who stay through thick and thin, working tirelessly behind the scenes, volunteering their time, not for money but for love of the game and the club they are associated with.



We start with Roscoe Parlane of North Shore CC. A life member of the club, Ross has literally been there his entire life. He started playing as a junior before becoming the Premier team's scorer. After a while Ross took up umpiring and spent 29 seasons in the middle: 'I enjoyed the scoring, but umpiring just makes you feel more involved in the game.'

Parlane had the opportunity to umpire some legends of Auckland and, indeed, New Zealand cricket in his time. Martin Sneddon, Danny Morrison, Hedley Howarth and John Bracewell are just a few, and he fondly recalls his dealings with Chris Pringle: 'Pringo had a huge problem with no balls and he couldn't seem to work out why. I asked him if, when he's training in the nets at Eden Park, he marked out his run? He answered no, and I said to him, that will be your problem. It was good too have such a good rapport with so many guys like that, they were all great, and many are still friends to this day.'

All the while Ross was still hard at work behind the scenes at Shore. One of his initiatives is a 'Junior World Series' competition, and he was heavily involved with Shore's side that competed in the Schick Tournaments at Cornwall CC: 'We used to love the Sunday competitions there. In those days Shore was a much smaller club than we are now, so to go there and beat, as we often did, some of the much bigger clubs was fantastic.'

Parlane was also a regular at Eden Park for Auckland games,



and has a favourite story about those days: "A group of us went to watch the great Richard Hadlee one day and one of the guys, who shall remain nameless, started giving him some stick from the sidelines. Later in the year this particular person got himself a call up to the Auckland side to face Hadlee's team. Unfortunately for him when he walked out to bat Hadlee recognised him - "I remember you, your the guy who gave me the abuse earlier in the season" - I think he took his guard about a yard behind his stumps!"

Some of his finest memories at North Shore involve three men - John Liddle, Martin Horton and Cam Maingay: "John was a very attacking batsman, and scored a lot of runs for the club. In fact, he's still playing now in the Presidents grade.

"Unfortunately Martin passed away last year. He will be re-

membered as a great guy, and we enjoyed a lot of Saturday nights at his place after a game. Cam is famous at the club for once declaring an innings against Papatoetoe when we were 10-5. They had a great attack, including Bob Curtis and Bob Sutton, but we ended up winning the game reverse outright."

At this stage Roscoe sees himself as just a spectator, having taken a back seat in recent years, and he is very impressed with Shore's new coach Mark Tulloch: "He's very much a fitness man. If you're not fit, you will struggle to get in the side, and I think that's a good thing."

North Shore's Bruce Warner can't speak highly enough about Parlane's contribution to the club: "The best club guy/supporter/dogsbody you could ask for. Roscoe pops up and does everything asked of him. He's just a one in a million club man."

# WOMEN'S PROFILE:

## LOSI HARFORD BENEFIT GAME

**Just two months ago Losalini Harford was in training for a comeback with the Auckland Hearts.**

Coach Maia Lewis had convinced the 38 year old to play some games for the team which would then, in turn, help her preparations for an upcoming tournament, in which she was representing Fiji as captain.

However things unfortunately took a turn for the worse when Losi suffered a severe stroke: "It really gave us all a reality check on life" says Maia. "Someone so healthy and fit to be struck down by something like that. It was a real shock."

As Losi begins a challenging recovery, the entire cricket community is rallying behind her, and on the 27th November there will be a benefit match at Melville Park between the Auckland Hearts and a `Harford Invitation` team.

That team will include many great names that have been associated with Losi in her deco-



rated career. Kaushik Patel – Auckland`s High Performance Manager, will play, as will Wayne Enoka, her former New Zealand indoor team coach, along with many other well known White Ferns including Haidee Tiffen, Nicola Brown, Rebecca Rolls and Katrina Keenan.

"It will be a day for the families, it's a T20 game, there will be a



**Losi has captained the Fiji national women's team for the past few seasons.**

barbeque and we want to create a carnival atmosphere," said Lewis. The funds raised from the day will go towards assisting Losi's recovery and her four year old son.

"Hopefully it will assist her recovery financially, but it's also a chance for everyone who she has come across in the cricket world to come together and acknowledge what she has meant to us over the years".

Harford was born in Bridgetown, Barbados but made New Zealand her home while beginning a varied career playing for both the Hearts and the Wellington Blaze. She represented New Zealand in both outdoor and indoor cricket before taking on the captaincy of Fiji.

She has also been an integral part of the Central West Women's Premier side for the past few seasons and was one of the top run scorers in the competition last season.

## **DETAILS**

**What:** Losi Harford Benefit Match

**When:** 27 November

**Where:** Melville Park, Epsom

**Tme:** 12pm start

**Bring:** Donations, picnic, friends and family

# DISHING THE DIRT: GRANT THORPE

**In the first of our `dish the dirt` articles we caught up with Grafton United skipper Grant Thorpe to take a slightly more `in-depth` look at his squad.**

The season schedule couldn't have offered a much tougher start for Thorpe's men as they encountered both Takapuna and

this season but have come up against some serious players who proved too good on the day, but we showed great spirit in both defeats, and we hope that Saturday was the start of us realising our potential".

Guy Coleman has unquestionably been the standout for United thus far registering half centu-



Howick Pakuranga in the opening fortnight. Despite defeat in both games, Grafton certainly hadn't gone down without a fight, and it came as no surprise to Thorpe that they came back strong to defeat Birkenhead City by seven wickets last weekend:

"It was a great win for us. To be fair we have played well

ries in all three games, including 85 against Howick. He's been more than useful with the ball as well, the highlight being his miserly 1-16 from 9 overs on Saturday: "Guy is in tremendous form and batting as well as ever. You can probably say that about his bowling too".

Thorpe has a couple of goals in

mind for his side as the season progresses: "In the Jeff Crowe Cup it's all about being competitive. There's only one game left now before the break so it would be nice to pick up another win, but in two day cricket we are really setting our sights on promotion. We had a two year plan to get back into the major championship, that's where we want to be. We feel like we have the squad capable, so now we need to produce on the field".

And now for the important stuff, we put some questions to Grant about some of his team-mates 'best' and 'worst'.

**Who's the best sledger?**

Guy Coleman

**Who never buys a round?**

Well that's definitely not me because I'm always getting them in. That would have to be our English import Alan Burton. He really struggles to buy a round.

**Who's got the messiest kit-bag?**

Andy Lane

**Who's always late to training/matches?**

Dane Watson



**Who never moves the sight-screen?**

Guy Coleman (above)

**Who's your best fielder?**

Andy Lane

**Who always puts their hand up to bowl into the wind?**

Jono Roberts

**Who is the fittest player in the team?**

Me

# STATTO'S CORNER

## BATTING

NAME	CLUB	RUNS	AVERAGE
Ben Rae	Parnell	328	154.00
Barrington Rowland	Auckland University	222	74.00
Guy Coleman	Grafton United	198	66.00
Terry Crabb	Birkenhead City	198	66.00
Gareth Hopkins	Parnell	125	62.50

## BOWLING

NAME	CLUB	WICKETS	AVERAGE
Brad Schmulian	East Coast Bays	9	10.60
Richard Lane	East Coast Bays	7	8.70
Scott Curtis	Waitakere City	6	8.80
Doug King	Suburbs New Lynn	6	8.83
Lochie Ferguson	Parnell	6	8.83

## CLUB CRICKETER OF THE YEAR

NAME	CLUB	POINTS	RUNS	AVE	WKTS	AVE
Ben Rae	Parnell	408	328	154.00	-	-
Terry Crabb	Birkenhead City	308	198	66.00	3	33.00
Barrington Rowland	Auckland University	282	222	74.00	-	-
Guy Coleman	Grafton United	238	198	66.00	2	40.00
Brad Schmulian	East Coast Bays	237	57	19.00	9	10.60
Chris Dineen	Auckland University	221	41	13.70	5	13.80
Gareth Hopkins	Parnell	200	125	62.50	-	-
Richard Lane	East Coast Bays	176	26	8.70	7	8.70
Scott Curtis	Waitakere City	165	45	45.00	6	8.80
Brent Findlay	Grafton United	157	107	-	-	-



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