



MEDIA RELEASE

Clayton Henderson named Giles Foster Scholar for 2020

The cricket journey of Clayton Henderson began aged six at South Croydon Cricket Club in the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and this year cricket will take him all the way over to England. Clayton has been named as the recipient of the Giles Foster Scholarship for 2020 and in April will fly over for the English summer of cricket to play at Great Preston Cricket Club.

The strong connection between Ringwood CC and Great Preston CC continues to grow as the sixth year of the Giles Foster Scholarship (GFS) kicked off this week in Melbourne. Clayton follows in the footsteps of a number of current and former Ringwood cricketers who have experienced an English summer of cricket through the Giles Foster Scholarship.

Growing up, Clayton's childhood hero was Glenn McGrath and some would be excused to see the resemblance in Clayton bowling action as his 6ft 6" frame delivers an impressive wrist position along with his consistent and tight bowling style. Clayton has been honing his skills at Ringwood CC since age 16 and has been a consistent opening bowler in the Second XI. Away from the cricket field, Clayton is completing a business management degree at university and can also often be found spoiling a good walk as he frequently enjoys a hit of golf.

On being named scholar for 2020, Clayton said, "I'm extremely excited about the upcoming experience with the Giles Foster Scholarship, playing cricket in England is an opportunity I never thought would present itself and I can't wait to get over there to get stuck in."

GFS Ambassador and current Hampshire cricketer Ian Holland added, "I'm really excited for Clayton with the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead of him through the GFS. From a cricket perspective his skill set will be really well suited to the English conditions and I know his personality will be a great fit for the club. From a life and leadership point of view this whole experience is a perfect fit for Clayton."

Last year's GFS recipient Tyson Freeman commented on the announcement, "Clayton is a terrific competitor with both bat and ball. He bowls with good swing and bounce and is a terrific technician with the bat. Clayton is an ideal scholar with his ability to balance on field performance with a great hunger to win along with great off field enjoyment and socialising."

Jack Morrison (GFS, 2018) responded with a more light hearted response on the news of his good friend receiving the scholarship. "Big in stature, big in heart, big in character. Hendo is a bloke that you always want to play with, one of the great team men."

Giles Foster Scholarship Founder Stuart Giles indicated he was delighted to endorse the recommendation of Ian Holland that Clayton be awarded the 2020 GFS. "I am certain Clayton will build on the fantastic foundations established over the previous 5 years of the program" said Giles as he introduced Clayton at a gathering of previous GFS Scholars, Alumni and Supporters overnight, adding "everything we have heard about Clayton aligns with the overall ethos of the Giles Foster Scholarship as a platform of learning and personal development for the recipient in both the cricket setting as well as life's wider endeavours."

Great Preston Cricket Club Chairman Ian Newton is also delighted with Clayton's selection "The GFS selection panel has done us all proud once again! The GFS makes us the envy of the league when it comes to overseas and we can't wait to welcome Clayton to the club and for him to follow in the footsteps of previous recipients. Fingers crossed he can help us finally secure that elusive promotion!"

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