



Tyson Freeman Named Giles Foster Scholar For 2019

The strong connection between Ringwood Cricket Club and Great Preston Cricket Club continues to grow, as the fifth year of the Giles Foster Scholarship (GFS) kicked off on January 17 in Melbourne with a rooftop reception held that saw Tyson Freeman announced as the 2019 scholarship recipient.

Tyson follows in the footsteps of Matt King (2015), his brother Jackson Freeman (2016), Tom Humphries (2017) and Jack Morrison (2018). The scholarship will take Tyson to the United Kingdom to play cricket for Great Preston Cricket Club in what is set to be a bumper summer of cricket in England as they host an ICC World Cup followed by a home Ashes series.

On being named the Giles Foster Scholar for 2019, Tyson said, "I'm really ecstatic to be named GFS5, it will be a great opportunity to fulfil a childhood dream of mine playing cricket in England. It will be a terrific life experience and I am looking forward to immersing myself in the club's community and meeting all the supporters. I'm really looking forward to playing with Great Preston as we will be striving to earn a promotion for the club with the talented group we have this season."

The Freeman family has a rich history with the Ringwood Cricket Club, and Tyson's journey started early on and is nothing but authentic. Aged 9, Tyson began playing in 2004 with the Ringwood Cricket Club juniors. Throughout his junior days Tyson captained his team on a number of occasions and won three premierships, one of which he was also named man of the match. Tyson also represented the Outer East Eagles in the State Championships at U14, U16 and at U18 level where he was awarded the player of the carnival.

Tyson moved up to the Ringwood Cricket Club seniors at aged 14. Tyson's evolving journey is a one of purpose and determination, starting in the fifth eleven and working his way up through the grades to the second team which is where he currently plays the crucial all-rounder role. Last season, Tyson scored his maiden premier cricket second XI century and this year he is enjoying a very successful season as the leading wicket taker in the team.

Tyson has also been selected to net bowl to multiple international touring teams. GFS Ambassador and current Ringwood first XI captain Ian Holland added, "Tyson is a great example of not only hard work and persistence, but somebody who is striving to get the best out of himself as he continues to improve his skills each season. Above this, Tyson is a very enthusiastic and a highly competitive person, he is the sort of player that you want on your team. I've no doubt Tyson is the perfect fit both on and off the field for Great Preston and GFS5."

Giles Foster Scholarship Founder and Patron, Stuart Giles added his own ringing endorsement when announcing Tyson as the 2109 Scholar, stating "Tyson has the ideal attributes both on and off the field to fulfil all the objectives of the program. His balanced game and ability to contribute equally with both bat & ball is perfect for a Great Preston side that has recruited strongly in the off-season and will be striving for a title and promotion. His maturity and background coming from such a community service-oriented family will be invaluable in assisting meet the off-field objectives of the



program from his own life and leadership experiences through to continuing to develop the next generation of boys and girls to play cricket at Great Preston”.

Great Preston Cricket Club GFS Program Co-ordinator Ian Newton was also delighted with the announcement. He said “We are delighted with the decision to award Tyson the scholarship for 2019. Tyson visited Great Preston with his family back in 2016 as part of the GFS2 celebrations and he made a big impression on everyone at the club. We are pleased that he was impressed enough with what he saw, to apply for the scholarship and be our overseas player this year. All the feedback I have had suggests we are getting a young man who will play a significant role on and off the field, which is important to us as we make efforts to secure that elusive promotion and continue to develop our junior section. On behalf of everyone at Great Preston Cricket Club I would like to thank Ian, Stuart and the GFS selection committee for their hard work in making this happen.”



GFS5 Recipient Tyson Freeman with Giles Foster Scholarship Founder & Patron Mr Stuart Giles.



Giles Foster Scholar Recipients L to R Jackson Freeman (2016), Tyson Freeman (2019), Giles Foster Scholarship Founder & Patron Mr Stuart Giles, Matt King (2015), Jack Morrison (2018) and Tom Humphries (2017).

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