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**MVP top five at a glance**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	115
2	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	73
3	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	72
4	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	68
5	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	64

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**LVCC top five**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	75
2	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	57
3	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	48
4	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	43
5	Henderson, Claude	Leics	41

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**Friends Provident top five**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	43
2	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	42
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	41
4	Pettini, Mark	Essex	35
5	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	30

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# Bopara makes early running



**R**avi Bopara continues to set a ferocious pace in this year's race for the coveted PCA MVP.

The Essex all-rounder has been on fire with the bat, scoring 499 runs in his first four matches and chipping in with useful wickets and catches.

His 137 against Derbyshire was more than half his side's total and, amazingly, he has scored over a third of Essex's LV County Championship runs this season.

"Sometimes you get missed out as an all-rounder if you don't get the big hundreds, but I've done that and it's good to be recognised," said Bopara. "The PCA MVP is great because it takes everything - runs, wickets, catches - into account."

Kent have yet to win a game but they have three men in the top five: Azhar Mahmood, Martin van Jaarsveld and Yasir Arafat.

Azhar has contributed 193 runs and eight wickets, which included second-innings figures of 5-30 against Sussex this week, while van Jaarsveld has scored 338 runs, 177 of which have come at better than a run a ball in the Friends Provident Trophy. Arafat has taken 11 wickets in all competitions and chipped in with 91 runs.

Matt Prior's determination to win back his England place has been evident for all to see. Sussex's wicketkeeper-batsman has scored at least 50 in every innings and has contributed more than a quarter of Sussex's championship runs.

**MVP Overall Game Average 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	48
2	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	40
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	29
4	Boje, Nico	Northants	28
5	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	23
6	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	21
7	Ealham, Mark	Notts	20
8	Hick, Graeme	Worcestershire	20
9	Franks, Paul	Notts	19
10	Watkins, Ryan	Glamorgan	19



**MVP Overall Batting 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	79
2	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	71
3	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	54
4	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	52
5	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	45
6	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	40
7	Pettini, Mark	Essex	40
8	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	39
9	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	38
10	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	38



**MVP Overall Bowling 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	48
2	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	43
3	Bond, Shane	Hampshire	42
4	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	41
5	Chapple, Glen	Lancashire	40
6	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	39
7	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	36
8	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	35
9	Ahmed, Mushtaq	Sussex	35
10	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	34



**MVP Overall Fielding 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	20
2	Adsheed, Stephen	Glos	16
3	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	14
4	Foster, James	Essex	14
5	Mustard, Philip	Durham	12
6	Sutton, Luke	Lancashire	11
7	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	10
8	Wessels, Riki	Northants	10
9	Read, Chris	Notts	9
10	Wallace, Mark	Glamorgan	9



Player Profile

Ravi Bopara



**R**avi Bopara claims he was glad he was dropped by England - because it made him even hungrier to cement his place in the side.

The Essex all-rounder was jettisoned by the selectors after a miserable debut Test series in Sri Lanka before Christmas, when he managed just 42 runs in three Tests.

But he has started the domestic summer in sensational fashion, racing to the top of the PCA MVP courtesy of a phenomenal run of form with the bat.

Bopara hit a century in each of the opening two LV County Championship games, and scores of 99 and 59 in the Friends Provident Trophy took his tally for the season to 499 runs in only four competitive innings.

The 22-year-old puts his remarkable early-season success down to a renewed desire, which surfaced only after he was axed by England.

"The tough time I had in Sri Lanka has helped me - it has made me more determined to get back in there," Bopara said.

"It showed me areas I need to work on and what I need to do to perform well at international level.

"I'm glad it happened now, at a young age. I'm more hungry for runs - to perform well and get my place back in that England team."

Bopara, who enjoyed a successful summer in 2007, could have been forgiven for letting his head drop after the disappointment of losing his England spot.

But he is adamant that he never let his spirits dip - indeed, he used his England experience to motivate him ahead of the 2008 campaign.

"Some people might take it as a knockback and not come back for it," he added. "That's not me.

"I want to be put under that pressure again and I want to play for England. It's been a great start to the season - and there's always a window to get back in."

MVP BREAKDOWN

Rankings 2008

Competition	Rank	Bat	Bowl	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Av
overall	1	78.92	29.21	4.40	0	3.0	4	115	29
LV	1	49.97	21.51	2.40	0	1.0	2	75	38
FP	3	28.95	7.70	2	0	2.0	2	41	20

Match by match breakdown

LV

Date	Opponents	Inns	Score	Runs	Balls	S/R	% of Total	Bat Pts	Overs	Md	Runs	Wkts	Pts	Econ	Bwl Pts	R/O	Ct	St	Fld Pts	Pld	Cap	Win	Total
23/04/08	Derbyshire	1	270	137	195	0.70	50.74	28.77	11.00	3	32	1	4	2.91	4.01	0	1	0	1	1	0	0.0	33.78
23/04/08	Derbyshire	2	234	54	42	1.29	23.08	10.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	11.71
16/04/08	Northants	1	503	150	241	0.62	29.82	22.98	11.00	3	39	3	14	3.55	13.95	0	1	0	1	1	0	1.0	38.93
16/04/08	Northants	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	2	32	2	9	2.67	8.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.93

FP

Date	Opponents	Inns	Score	Runs	Balls	S/R	% of Total	Bat Pts	Overs	Md	Runs	Wkts	Pts	Econ	Bwl Pts	R/O	Ct	St	Fld Pts	Pld	Cap	Win	Total
27/04/08	Sussex	1	291	59	71	0.83	20.27	7.93	5.00	0	30	1	4	6.00	3.40	1	0	0	1	1	0	1.0	13.33
20/04/08	Kent	1	317	99	87	1.14	31.23	21.02	8.00	0	56	1	5	7.00	4.30	0	1	0	1	1	0	1.0	27.32

**Overall MVP Points 2008 (as of 29th April)**

Pos	Player	County	Batting	Bowling	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Average
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	78.92	29.21	4	0	3	4	115	29
2	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	40.09	29.60	3	0	0	4	73	18
3	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	71.27	-0.90	2	0	0	4	72	18
4	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	53.97	0.00	14	0	0	3	68	23
5	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	13.44	48.43	2	0	0	4	64	16
6	Boje, Nico	Northants	19.81	32.57	1	1	1	2	56	28
7	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	51.71	0.00	1	0	2	4	56	14
8	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	10.60	40.89	1	0	2	4	55	14
9	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	19.85	27.84	2	0	1	3	51	17
10	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	11.24	31.95	3	0	2	3	48	16
11	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	4.06	43.06	0	0	1	1	48	48
12	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	9.24	35.50	2	0	1	3	48	16
13	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	37.56	7.98	1	0	1	3	48	16
14	Pettini, Mark	Essex	39.55	0.00	2	3	3	4	47	12
15	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	7.31	38.70	1	0	0	3	47	16
16	Klusener, Lance	Northants	33.52	10.67	1	0	1	3	47	16
17	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	45.37	0.00	1	0	0	3	46	15
18	North, Marcus	Gloucestershire	13.03	26.15	5	0	1	3	45	15
19	Chapple, Glen	Lancashire	2.76	39.87	0	0	1	3	44	15
20	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	39.13	2.66	0	1	1	3	43	14
21	Bond, Shane	Hampshire	0.31	42.26	0	0	0	3	43	14
22	Gallian, Jason	Essex	37.39	0.00	3	0	2	3	42	14
23	ten Doeschate, Ryan	Essex	19.39	16.88	2	0	3	4	42	10
24	Batty, Gareth	Worcestershire	6.98	32.83	1	0	0	4	42	10
25	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	6.45	34.20	0	0	1	2	41	21
26	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	26.93	9.31	4	0	1	3	41	14
27	Ealham, Mark	Nottinghamshire	24.06	13.78	0	0	2	2	40	20
28	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	2.38	36.16	0	0	1	1	40	40
29	White, Robert	Northants	36.65	0.00	1	0	1	3	39	13
30	Daggett, Lee	Warwickshire	3.01	34.08	1	0	1	3	39	13
31	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	17.60	19.03	1	0	1	3	39	13
32	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	37.65	0.08	0	0	0	4	39	10
33	Lungley, Tom	Derbyshire	7.43	28.01	1	0	1	3	38	13
34	Goodwin, Murray	Sussex	35.66	0.00	2	0	0	3	38	13
35	Shah, Owais	Middlesex	34.65	-1.52	2	0	2	4	38	9
36	Onions, Graham	Durham	3.19	31.17	2	0	1	2	37	19
37	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	32.78	0.00	2	0	2	3	37	12
38	Mascarenhas, Dimitri	Hampshire	15.73	20.78	0	0	0	3	36	12
39	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	0.76	34.09	1	0	0	3	36	12
40	Shreck, Charles	Nottinghamshire	0.39	32.36	1	0	2	2	36	18
41	Ahmed, Mushtaq	Sussex	1.06	34.57	0	0	0	3	36	12
42	Masters, David	Essex	0.11	32.31	0	0	3	4	35	9
43	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	7.76	24.98	2	0	0	4	35	9
44	Udal, Shaun	Middlesex	9.14	21.65	1	0	2	4	34	8
45	Finn, Steven	Middlesex	1.69	29.14	0	0	2	4	33	8
46	Ali, Kabir	Worcestershire	10.74	21.95	0	0	0	4	33	8
47	Allenby, James	Leicestershire	14.20	15.76	1	0	1	2	32	16
48	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	30.65	0.00	0	0	1	3	32	11
49	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	29.02	0.00	2	0	1	2	32	16
50	Shahzad, Ajmal	Yorkshire	12.21	18.81	0	0	1	2	32	16
51	Smith, Ben	Worcestershire	30.36	0.00	1	0	0	4	32	8
52	Mitchell, Daryl	Worcestershire	30.46	-0.49	1	0	0	4	33	8
53	Pothas, Nic	Hampshire	27.55	0.00	4	0	0	3	32	11
54	Wright, Christopher	Essex	0.90	26.60	0	0	3	4	31	8
55	Lewis, Jon	Gloucestershire	3.06	24.72	1	1	1	3	31	10
56	Nash, David	Middlesex	25.05	0.00	5	0	0	2	31	15
57	Kruis, Gideon	Yorkshire	1.44	27.18	0	0	2	3	31	10
58	Mustard, Philip	Durham	17.44	0.00	12	0	1	2	30	15
59	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	29.30	0.00	1	0	0	3	30	10
60	Killeen, Neil	Durham	2.18	25.87	1	0	1	2	30	15

**Last week's standings**

1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	102
2	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	64
3	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	59
4	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	53
5	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	48
6	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	48
7	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	46
8	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	45
9	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	43
10	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	43
11	Bond, Shane	Hampshire	43
12	Gallian, Jason	Essex	42
13	Henderson, Claude	Leics	41
14	Pettini, Mark	Essex	40
15	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	40
16	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	40
17	Boje, Nico	Northants	39
18	Batty, Gareth	Worcs	38
19	Klusener, Lance	Northants	37
20	Onions, Graham	Durham	37
21	Chapple, Glen	Lancashire	37
22	Mascarenhas, Dimitri	Hamps	37
23	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	36
24	Shah, Owais	Middlesex	36
25	Ahmed, Mushtaq	Sussex	36
26	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	36
27	Solanki, Vikram	Worcs	35
28	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	35
29	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	33
30	Daggett, Lee	Warwickshire	33
31	Ali, Kabir	Worcs	33
32	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	32
33	Allenby, James	Leics	32
34	Ackerman, Hylton	Leics	32
35	Shahzad, Ajmal	Yorkshire	32
36	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	32
37	Pothas, Nic	Hampshire	32
38	North, Marcus	Glos	31
39	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	31
40	Lewis, Jon	Gloucestershire	31
41	Nash, David	Middlesex	31
42	Wright, Christopher	Essex	31
43	Mustard, Philip	Durham	30
44	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	30
45	Smith, Ben	Worcs	30
46	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	30
47	Killeen, Neil	Durham	30
48	Moore, Stephen	Worcs	30
49	Masters, David	Essex	30
50	Mushtaq, Saqlain	Surrey	29
51	Kirby, Steven	Glos	29
52	Middlebrook, James	Essex	29
53	Goodwin, Murray	Sussex	29
54	Udal, Shaun	Middlesex	28
55	Cummins, Ryan	Leics	28
56	Boyce, Matthew	Leics	28
57	Finn, Steven	Middlesex	27
58	Davies, Steven	Worcs	27
59	Nel, Andre	Essex	27
60	Clarke, Rikki	Derbyshire	27



Overall LVCC Points 2008 (as of 26th April)

Pos	Player	County	Batting	Bowling	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Average
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	49.97	21.51	2	0	1	2	75	37
2	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	29.68	24.24	3	0	0	2	57	28
3	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	4.06	43.06	0	0	1	1	48	48
4	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	40.42	0.00	3	0	0	2	43	22
5	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	6.45	34.20	0	0	1	2	41	21
6	Gallian, Jason	Essex	37.00	0.00	3	0	1	2	41	20
7	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	38.92	0.00	1	0	0	2	40	20
8	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	2.38	36.16	0	0	1	1	40	40
9	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	9.24	27.09	2	0	1	2	40	20
10	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	9.70	28.73	1	0	0	2	39	20
11	Boje, Nico	Northants	16.74	20.17	1	0	0	1	39	39
12	Klusener, Lance	Northants	30.04	5.83	1	0	0	2	37	19
13	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	7.81	28.79	0	0	0	2	37	19
14	Bond, Shane	Hampshire	0.31	36.62	0	0	0	2	37	18
15	Chapple, Glen	Lancashire	2.76	34.02	0	0	0	2	37	18
16	Ahmed, Mushtaq	Sussex	1.06	35.12	0	0	0	2	36	18
17	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	5.94	28.69	0	0	0	2	35	17
18	Ali, Kabir	Worcestershire	10.74	22.64	0	0	0	2	33	17
19	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	18.88	9.31	4	0	1	2	33	16
20	Daggett, Lee	Warwickshire	3.01	29.11	0	0	1	2	33	16
21	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	31.68	0.08	0	0	0	2	33	16
22	Allenby, James	Leicestershire	14.20	15.76	1	0	1	2	32	16
23	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	29.02	0.00	2	0	1	2	32	16
24	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	30.03	0.00	0	0	1	2	32	16
25	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	0.62	29.91	1	0	0	2	32	16
26	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	25.80	3.26	0	1	1	2	31	15
27	Nash, David	Middlesex	25.05	0.00	5	0	0	2	31	15
28	Onions, Graham	Durham	1.88	27.59	1	0	0	1	30	30
29	Batty, Gareth	Worcestershire	1.90	27.75	0	0	0	2	30	15
30	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	12.82	14.39	2	0	1	2	30	15
31	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	29.30	0.00	1	0	0	2	30	15
32	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	27.27	0.00	2	0	1	1	30	30
33	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	28.04	0.00	2	0	0	2	30	15
34	Moore, Stephen	Worcestershire	29.18	0.00	0	0	0	2	30	15
35	Mushtaq, Saqlain	Surrey	1.24	28.19	0	0	0	2	29	15
36	Masters, David	Essex	0.11	28.37	0	0	1	2	29	15
37	Shah, Owais	Middlesex	27.09	-0.72	2	0	0	2	29	14
38	Goodwin, Murray	Sussex	27.70	0.00	1	0	0	2	29	14
39	Cummins, Ryan	Leicestershire	4.87	20.95	1	0	1	2	28	14
40	Boyce, Matthew	Leicestershire	26.42	0.00	0	0	1	2	28	14



LVCC Tables

Division 1

	M	W	L	D	Ded	Pts
Nottinghamshire	..1	1	0	0	0.00	22.00
Yorkshire	.....1	1	0	0	0.00	21.00
Sussex	.....2	0	0	2	0.00	19.00
Surrey	.....2	0	0	2	0.00	18.00
Lancashire	.....2	0	0	2	0.00	14.00
Hampshire	.....2	0	1	1	0.00	13.00
Kent	.....2	0	1	1	0.00	11.00
Somerset	.....1	0	0	1	0.00	8.00
Durham	.....1	0	0	1	0.00	8.00

Division 2

	M	W	L	D	Ded	Pts
Leicestershire	.....2	1	0	1	0.00	28.00
Essex	.....2	1	1	0	0.00	27.00
Warwickshire	.....2	1	0	1	0.00	26.00
Derbyshire	.....2	1	0	1	4.00	21.00
Worcestershire	.....2	0	0	2	0.00	18.00
Middlesex	.....2	0	1	1	0.00	16.00
Gloucestershire	.....1	0	0	1	0.00	10.00
Glamorgan	.....1	0	0	1	0.00	10.00
Northamptonshire	.....2	0	2	0	0.00	10.00

Tables include results from matches completed on April 26

LVCC Game Average 2008

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	48
2	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	40
3	Boje, Nico	Northants	39
4	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	37
5	Onions, Graham	Durham	30
6	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	30
7	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	28
8	Shreck, Charles	Notts	26
9	North, Marcus	Glos	25
10	Ealham, Mark	Notts	22



LVCC Batting 2008

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	50
2	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	40
3	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	39
4	Gallian, Jason	Essex	37
5	Solanki, Vikram	Worcs	32
6	Klusener, Lance	Northants	30
7	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	30
8	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	30
9	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	29
10	Moore, Stephen	Worcs	29



LVCC Bowling 2008

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	43
2	Bond, Shane	Hampshire	37
3	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	36
4	Ahmed, Mushtaq	Sussex	35
5	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	34
6	Chapple, Glen	Lancashire	34
7	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	30
8	Daggett, Lee	Warwickshire	29
9	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	29
10	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	29



LVCC Fielding 2008

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	20
2	Adshead, Stephen	Glos	11
3	Wessels, Riki	Northants	10
4	Wallace, Mark	Glamorgan	9
5	Frost, Tony	Warwickshire	7
6	Sutton, Luke	Lancashire	7
7	Read, Chris	Notts	6
8	Nash, David	Middlesex	6
9	Jefferson, Will	Notts	5
10	Jones, Geraint	Kent	5



**Overall Friends Provident Points 2008 (as of 29th April)**

Pos	Player	County	Batting	Bowling	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Average
1	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	39.64	0.00	1	0	2	2	43	21
2	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	43.23	-0.90	0	0	0	2	42	21
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	28.95	7.70	2	0	2	2	41	20
4	Pettini, Mark	Essex	29.15	0.00	2	2	2	2	35	18
5	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	8.61	19.72	1	0	1	2	30	15
6	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	20.46	4.78	1	0	1	2	27	14
7	White, Robert	Northants	24.84	0.00	1	0	1	1	27	27
8	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	13.55	0.00	11	0	0	1	25	25
9	Foster, James	Essex	10.47	0.00	12	0	2	2	24	12
10	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	3.75	19.70	1	0	0	2	24	12
11	Mitchell, Daryl	Worcestershire	22.07	-0.30	0	0	0	2	22	11
12	ten Doeschate, Ryan	Essex	14.09	3.34	2	0	2	2	21	11
13	Willoughby, Charl	Somerset	0.00	19.92	0	0	1	2	21	10
14	North, Marcus	Gloucestershire	1.45	16.24	2	0	1	2	21	10
15	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	7.02	13.46	0	0	0	1	20	20
16	Wood, Matthew	Glamorgan	19.33	0.00	0	0	0	1	19	19
17	Rashid, Adil	Yorkshire	15.55	-0.25	3	0	1	2	19	10
18	O'Brien, Kevin	Ireland	0.00	17.69	1	0	0	1	19	19
19	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	14.35	3.30	0	0	1	1	19	19
20	Mustard, Philip	Durham	6.64	0.00	11	0	1	1	19	19
21	Berg, Gareth	Middlesex	0.44	15.62	0	0	2	2	18	9
22	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	3.05	12.96	2	0	0	2	18	9
23	Pyrah, Richard	Yorkshire	3.01	12.96	1	0	1	2	18	9
24	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	2.78	12.10	1	0	2	2	18	9
25	Phillips, Ben	Somerset	0.00	14.72	2	0	1	2	18	9
26	Ealham, Mark	Nottinghamshire	3.07	13.61	0	0	1	1	18	18
27	Smith, Ben	Worcestershire	17.54	0.00	0	0	0	2	18	9
28	Boje, Nico	Northants	3.07	12.40	0	1	1	1	17	17
29	McKenzie, Neil	Durham	16.20	0.00	0	0	1	1	17	17
30	Jones, Steffan	Somerset	0.00	15.56	0	0	1	2	18	8
31	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	10.41	5.36	0	0	0	2	16	8
32	Killeen, Neil	Durham	2.04	12.55	0	0	1	1	16	16
33	Mascarenhas, Dimitri	Hampshire	7.70	7.74	0	0	0	1	15	15
34	McGrath, Anthony	Yorkshire	1.58	12.20	0	0	1	2	15	7
35	Kruis, Gideon	Yorkshire	0.44	13.27	0	0	1	2	15	7
36	Kirby, Steven	Gloucestershire	0.00	13.42	0	0	1	2	14	7
37	Anderson, James	Lancashire	0.00	13.26	0	0	1	1	14	14
38	Evans, Daniel	Middlesex	0.00	13.14	0	0	1	1	14	14
39	Smith, Tom	Lancashire	0.00	12.80	0	0	1	1	14	14
40	Spearman, Craig	Gloucestershire	12.28	0.00	0	0	1	2	13	7



**Friends Provident Tables**

**South West Division**

	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Gloucestershire	2	1	0	0	1	3
Somerset	2	1	0	0	1	3
Glamorgan	1	0	0	0	1	1
Worcestershire	2	0	1	0	1	1
Hampshire	1	0	1	0	0	0

**Midlands**

	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Nottinghamshire	2	1	0	0	1	3
Northamptonshire	2	1	0	0	1	3
Leicestershire	1	0	0	0	1	1
Warwickshire	2	0	1	0	1	1
Ireland	1	0	1	0	0	0

**South East**

	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Middlesex	2	2	0	0	0	4
Essex	2	2	0	0	0	4
Sussex	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kent	2	0	2	0	0	0
Surrey	1	0	1	0	0	0

**North**

	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Lancashire	2	1	0	0	1	3
Yorkshire	2	1	1	0	0	2
Durham	1	1	0	0	0	2
Derbyshire	2	0	1	0	1	1
Scotland	1	0	1	0	0	0

**Friends Provident Game Average 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	White, Robert	Northants	27
2	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	25
3	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	21
4	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	21
5	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	20
6	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	20
7	Wood, Matthew	Glamorgan	19
8	O'Brien, Kevin	Ireland	19
9	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	19
10	Mustard, Philip	Durham	19



**Friends Provident Batting 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	43
2	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	40
3	Pettini, Mark	Essex	29
4	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	29
5	White, Robert	Northants	25
6	Mitchell, Daryl	Worcs	22
7	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	20
8	Wood, Matthew	Glamorgan	19
9	Smith, Ben	Worcs	18
10	McKenzie, Neil	Durham	16



**Friends Provident Bowling 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Willoughby, Charl	Somerset	20
2	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	20
3	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	20
4	O'Brien, Kevin	Ireland	18
5	North, Marcus	Glos	16
6	Berg, Gareth	Middlesex	16
7	Jones, Steffan	Somerset	16
8	Phillips, Ben	Somerset	15
9	Ealham, Mark	Notts	14
10	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	13



**Friends Provident Fielding 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Foster, James	Essex	12
2	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	11
3	Mustard, Philip	Durham	11
4	Scott, Ben	Middlesex	6
5	Adshead, Stephen	Gloucestershire	5
6	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	5
7	Kieswetter, Craig	Somerset	4
8	Sutton, Luke	Lancashire	4
9	Clarke, Rikki	Derbyshire	3
10	Jones, Geraint	Kent	3





## Derbyshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Lungley, Tom	38
2	Rogers, Chris	32
3	Clarke, Rikki	29
4	Wagg, Graham	27
5	Pipe, James	26
6	Clare, Jonathan	25



## Durham

Pos	Player	Points
1	Onions, Graham	37
2	Mustard, Philip	30
3	Killeen, Neil	30
4	Harmison, Stephen	26
5	Benkenstein, Dale	24
6	McKenzie, Neil	22



## Essex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Bopara, Ravinder	115
2	Pettini, Mark	47
3	Gallian, Jason	42
4	ten Doeschate, Ryan	42
5	Masters, David	35
6	Wright, Christopher	31



## Glamorgan

Pos	Player	Points
1	Wood, Matthew	20
2	Watkins, Ryan	19
3	Croft, Robert	15
4	Gillespie, Jason	15
5	Dalrymple, James	13
6	Wallace, Mark	12



## Gloucestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	North, Marcus	45
2	Lewis, Jon	31
3	Kirby, Steven	30
4	Ireland, Anthony	24
5	Adshead, Stephen	21
6	Marshall, Hamish	20



## Hampshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Bond, Shane	43
2	Mascarenhas, Dimitri	37
3	Pothas, Nic	32
4	Lumb, Michael	24
5	Tremlett, Christopher	21
6	Brown, Michael	21



## Kent

Pos	Player	Points
1	Mahmood, Azhar	73
2	van Jaarsveld, Martin	72
3	Arafat, Yasir	64
4	McLaren, Ryan	35
5	Stevens, Darren	29
6	Key, Robert	23



## Lancashire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Chapple, Glen	44
2	Flintoff, Andrew	39
3	Anderson, James	27
4	Horton, Paul	21
5	Sutton, Luke	18
6	Law, Stuart	17



## Leicestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Henderson, Claude	41
2	Allenby, James	32
3	Ackerman, Hylton	32
4	Cummins, Ryan	28
5	Boyce, Matthew	28
6	Malik, Nadeem	26



## Middlesex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Strauss, Andrew	56
2	Murtagh, Tim	55
3	Shah, Owais	38
4	Udal, Shaun	34
5	Finn, Steven	33
6	Nash, David	31



## Northamptonshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Boje, Nico	56
2	Klusener, Lance	47
3	White, Robert	39
4	Sales, David	24
5	Wessels, Riki	22
6	Crook, Steven	21



## Nottinghamshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Pattinson, Darren	48
2	Ealham, Mark	40
3	Shreck, Charles	36
4	Read, Chris	22
5	Franks, Paul	19
6	Patel, Samit	15



## Somerset

Pos	Player	Points
1	Blackwell, Ian	48
2	Willoughby, Charl	27
3	Phillips, Ben	23
4	Trescothick, Marcus	23
5	Kieswetter, Craig	22
6	Trego, Peter	18



## Surrey

Pos	Player	Points
1	Butcher, Mark	46
2	Collins, Pedro	36
3	Ramprakash, Mark	30
4	Mushtaq, Saqlain	29
5	Batty, Jonathan	26
6	Afzaal, Usman	24



## Sussex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Prior, Matthew	68
2	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	47
3	Goodwin, Murray	38
4	Ahmed, Mushtaq	36
5	Yardy, Michael	28
6	Wright, Luke	22



## Warwickshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Carter, Neil	51
2	Botha, Anthony	48
3	Maddy, Darren	43
4	Trott, Jonathan	41
5	Daggett, Lee	39
6	Powell, Michael	26



## Worcestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Batty, Gareth	42
2	Solanki, Vikram	39
3	Ali, Kabir	33
4	Smith, Ben	32
5	Mitchell, Daryl	32
6	Moore, Stephen	30



## Yorkshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Bresnan, Timothy	48
2	Hoggard, Matthew	40
3	Gale, Andrew	37
4	Shahzad, Ajmal	32
5	Kruis, Gideon	31
6	Rashid, Adil	27

## Forthcoming fixtures

### Tuesday 29th April

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division Two (day 1 of 4) Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.  
 Tour Match (day 2 of 3) Canterbury: Kent v New Zealand.

### Wednesday 30th April

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 1 of 4) Hove: Sussex v Surrey, Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire. Division Two (day 1 of 4) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; (day 2 of 4) Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.  
 MCC University Match (day 1 of 3) Racecourse: Durham UCCE v Lancashire, Richmond: Middlesex v Cardiff UCCE.  
 Tour Match (day 3 of 3) Canterbury: Kent v New Zealand.

### Thursday 1st May

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 2 of 4) Hove: Sussex v Surrey, Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire. Division Two (day 2 of 4) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; (day 3 of 4) Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.  
 MCC University Match (day 2 of 3) Racecourse: Durham UCCE v Lancashire, Richmond: Middlesex v Cardiff UCCE.

### Friday 2nd May

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 3 of 4) Hove: Sussex v Surrey, Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire. Division Two (day 3 of 4) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire; (day 4 of 4) Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire.

Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Derby: Derbyshire v Durham (13.30). South/West Division (1 day) The Rose Bowl: Hampshire v Somerset (14.30).

MCC University Match (day 3 of 3) Racecourse: Durham UCCE v Lancashire, Richmond: Middlesex v Cardiff UCCE.

Tour Match (day 1 of 4) Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealand.

### Saturday 3rd May

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 4 of 4) Hove: Sussex v Surrey, Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire. Division Two (day 4 of 4) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Worcestershire.  
 Tour Match (day 2 of 4) Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealand.

### Sunday 4th May

(12.00 unless stated)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Derby: Derbyshire v Scotland, Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham. Midlands Division (1 day) Grace Road: Leicestershire v Ireland, Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire. South/West Division (1 day) Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan, The Rose Bowl: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. South/East Division (1 day) Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey, Hove: Sussex v Kent.  
 Tour Match (day 3 of 4) Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealand (11.00).

### Monday 5th May

(12.00 unless stated)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Old Trafford: Lancashire v Scotland, Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Durham. Midlands Division (1 day) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Ireland, Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire. South/West Division (1 day) New Road: Worcestershire v Glamorgan. South/East Division (1 day) The Brit Oval: Surrey v Kent, Hove: Sussex v Middlesex  
 Tour Match (day 4 of 4) Chelmsford: Essex v New Zealand (11.00).

## About the MVP

### An Introduction

The PCA Player MVP were introduced in 2007 with the aim of identifying the Most Valuable Player (MVP).

Unlike other rankings they combine calculations from all domestic competitions and across all aspects of a player's game. However they can also be broken down to focus on individual competitions and specific playing roles. The formula behind the rankings was devised by PCA members, who took into account their own match experiences and the relative achievements of bowlers, batsmen, wicket-keepers and fielders.

By combining all those disciplines the rankings add up to the newest benchmark in the game.

The rankings are powered by data from PA Sport, the global leader in sports information. They are updated following the conclusion of every game from the county circuit.

The MVP concept has now become integrated into the fabric of English cricket.

### Background

During 2006 the PCA undertook an extensive review of all player performance data in the game.

### We found:

- > Too much focus on individual elements of the game – averages, run rates, wickets taken.

- > A need for more relevance to all aspects of the game.

- > A need to reflect a player's total contribution to the team.

So we set out to devise a system that rewards players who are skilled in multiple disciplines – taking wickets, scoring runs, holding catches and effecting run-outs.

### The Design Challenge

During the 2006 season the PCA's MVP Committee – including a cross-section of players - carried out the following steps:

- > Conducted an overview of existing player data.

- > Designed the PCA MVP concept and identified the objectives.

- > Devised a formula to process a player's contribution to any match.

- > Logged the scores for the first half of the season, reviewed the data for 10 players and then refined the formula.
- > Conducted an end-of-season review, focusing on comparing performances.

Current and former players from the domestic game and the international arena were involved every step of the way to ensure the end result truly reflected the views of the people in the thick of the action.

### The Formula

The PCA MVP are based on a cumulative points system that rewards players for every run scored, every wicket taken and every catch held.

In simple terms the points gained for batting, bowling, fielding, captaincy and winning – across every competition – add up to a player's total MVP points. Bonus points can also be scored.

**Batting – Batting points are based on runs scored plus percentage of a team's total.**

Bonus points for reaching a century, achieving a benchmark run rate, scoring more than 30% of a team's runs

**Bowling – The basis for are points for batsmen's order in the line-up minus economy rate.**

Bonus points for achieving a benchmark economy rate, taking more than five wickets in an innings, bowling maiden overs.

**Fielding – Points are accumulated for holding catches, effecting run-outs, stumpings.**

Bonus points for five fielding dismissals in an innings.

**All members of a winning team receive a bonus, and additional bonus points are awarded to the captain of a winning team.**

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