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**MVP top five at a glance**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	136
2	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	129
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	115
4	Boje, Nico	Northamptonshire	114
5	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	110

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**LVCC top five**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	75
2	Boje, Nico	Northamptonshire	72
3	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	68
4	Tomlinson, James	Hampshire	66
5	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	66

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**Friends Provident top five**

Pos	Player	County	Points
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	92
2	Peters, Stephen	Northants	70
3	Pettini, Mark	Essex	68
4	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	65
5	Spearman, Craig	Gloucestershire	65

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**van Jaarsveld in fine form**



**M**artin van Jaarsveld is the new leader atop the PCA MVP. Van Jaarsveld, who continued his fine form in the Friends Provident Trophy with an unbeaten century against Sussex a day after captaining Kent to victory over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in the LV County Championship, is one of four Kent players in this week's top 10.

He has 367 runs in the FPT with two hundreds and two fifties and has scored 50 or more in seven of his 11 innings in all cricket this term.

"The rankings give individuals something to measure themselves against, so it's nice to see how you compare with other players," said van Jaarsveld.

"Cricketers are proud people who strive to do better. The more specific the criteria for the rankings, the better for players."

Van Jaarsveld's team-mate Yasir Arafat has climbed to second place overall with consistent performances across both competitions.

Last week the bowling all-rounder contributed scores of 67 and 36 from number nine in the championship match before taking 2-31 from 10 overs against Sussex in the FPT.

Ravi Bopara hangs in at number three despite a second consecutive week of playing against New Zealand, Nicky Boje slips to fourth as Northamptonshire were without a championship match, and Jonathan Trott is a new entry at number five after scoring two centuries.

Ryan McLaren and Azhar Mahmood complete the quartet of Kent players in the top 10 - they sit seventh and 10th respectively.

**MVP Overall Game Average 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	29
2	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	25
3	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	25
4	Davies, Mark	Durham	22
5	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	22
6	Broad, Stuart	Nottinghamshire	20
7	Hick, Graeme	Worcestershire	20
8	Franks, Paul	Nottinghamshire	19
9	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	19
10	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	17



**MVP Overall Batting 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	123
2	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	102
3	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	90
4	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	86
5	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	86
6	Peters, Stephen	Northants	81
7	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	79
8	Afzaal, Usman	Surrey	77
9	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	75
10	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	72



**MVP Overall Bowling 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	95
2	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	79
3	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	75
4	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	74
5	Anderson, James	Lancashire	70
6	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	68
7	Shreck, Charles	Nottinghamshire	65
8	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	64
9	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	63
10	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	61



**MVP Overall Fielding 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	32
2	Jones, Geraint	Kent	31
3	Nixon, Paul	Leicestershire	30
4	Sutton, Luke	Lancashire	28
5	Mustard, Philip	Durham	26
6	Foster, James	Essex	24
7	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	23
8	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	22
9	Adshead, Stephen	Gloucestershire	18
10	Brophy, Gerard	Yorkshire	18



Player Profile

Martin van Jaarsveld



**M**artin van Jaarsveld claims Kent are chasing glory on all fronts this season.

The South African was a member of the side that lifted the Twenty20 Cup last year, and he reckons that success has given them the belief that they can compete in every competition.

Kent have made an impressive start to the current campaign - they sit fourth in the LV County Championship and go into Friday's Friends Provident clash with Essex knowing victory will see them replace their opponents at the top of the South East Division.

"Whenever you step over the rope you want to win, but the most important thing is learning how to do that, especially in pressure situations," van Jaarsveld said.

"Winning the Twenty20 last year helped with that - absolutely it did - and we put a big emphasis on one-day cricket.

"But there is no priority in terms of competitions. We want to play winning cricket and we want to win every game and every competition.

"In the past we didn't have the firepower, but now we've got finishers like Azhar Mahmood, Justin Kemp, and Darren Stevens. Those blokes are great to have in your side."

Van Jaarsveld has also been a key figure behind Kent's early-season form, hitting two hundreds and two half-centuries in five Friends Provident matches.

He has passed 50 seven times in 11 innings in all competitions this year, and his tally of 591 runs has seen him climb to the top of the PCA MVP.

He has, however, fallen without scoring three times, and van Jaarsveld joked: "The biggest challenge for me is to get past the first few balls."

He added: "At the start of the season I came back from South Africa and changed a couple of technical things.

"I don't go out there thinking 'I need to get this many runs'. I just try and have some fun. I'm pretty pleased with how it has gone so far."

MVP BREAKDOWN

Rankings 2008

Competition	Rank	Bat	Bowl	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Av
overall	1	123.28	-0.90	8	2	4.0	8	136	17
LV	35	36.93	0.00	5	1	1.0	3	44	15
FP	1	86.35	-0.90	3	1	3.0	5	92	18

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
07/05/08	Notts	1	244	63	98	0.64	25.82	8.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	0	2	1	1	1.0	12
07/05/08	Notts	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	1
23/04/08	Sussex	1	193	82	148	0.55	42.49	17.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	0	0.0	19
23/04/08	Sussex	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	1
16/04/08	Notts	1	293	79	136	0.58	26.96	10.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	10
16/04/08	Notts	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

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
11/05/08	Sussex	1	219	109	102	1.07	49.77	28.88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	1	1	1.0	32
05/05/08	Surrey	1	282	23	39	0.59	8.16	3.12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	0	1	1	0	1.0	5
04/05/08	Sussex	1	249	58	55	1.05	23.29	11.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1.0	12
27/04/08	Middlesex	1	166	53	68	0.78	31.93	13.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	13
20/04/08	Essex	1	286	124	93	1.33	43.36	29.74	2.00	0	18	0	0	9	0	-	-	-	-	1	0	0.0	28

**Overall MVP Points 2008 (as of 11th May)**

Pos	Player	County	Batting	Bowling	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Average
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	123.28	-0.90	8	2	4	8	136	17
2	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	28.03	94.63	2	0	4	8	129	16
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	78.92	29.21	4	0	3	4	115	29
4	Boje, Nico	Northants	55.35	48.31	4	3	3	7	114	16
5	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	89.60	14.84	5	0	1	7	110	16
6	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	102.02	0.00	3	0	4	7	109	16
7	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	25.76	75.40	2	0	3	7	106	15
8	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	20.58	73.69	2	0	3	6	99	17
9	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	31.11	63.66	2	0	1	7	98	14
10	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	52.61	34.40	4	0	3	7	94	13
11	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	75.28	0.00	17	0	1	6	93	16
12	Afzaal, Usman	Surrey	76.87	10.58	2	0	2	8	91	11
13	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	85.52	0.08	1	2	2	7	91	13
14	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	54.58	32.30	2	1	1	7	90	13
15	Peters, Stephen	Northants	81.28	0.00	5	0	3	8	90	11
16	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	24.74	62.52	1	0	1	8	89	11
17	Allenby, James	Leicestershire	36.24	46.78	1	0	4	7	88	13
18	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	20.15	59.70	5	0	3	6	88	15
19	Klusener, Lance	Northants	67.80	14.20	2	0	3	8	88	11
20	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	85.53	0.00	1	0	1	7	88	13
21	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	59.78	0.00	22	0	4	6	86	14
22	North, Marcus	Gloucestershire	35.08	39.96	7	0	3	7	85	12
23	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	2.43	78.89	1	0	2	8	84	11
24	Pettini, Mark	Essex	70.63	0.00	4	5	5	6	84	14
25	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	21.72	57.18	1	0	2	7	83	12
26	Ealham, Mark	Nottinghamshire	34.23	39.45	5	0	4	6	83	14
27	Gallian, Jason	Essex	70.99	0.00	5	0	4	5	80	16
28	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	71.62	0.00	2	0	3	6	77	13
29	Anderson, James	Lancashire	0.64	70.07	3	0	3	5	77	15
30	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	30.88	42.15	0	0	3	4	76	19
31	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	55.27	16.66	2	0	2	7	76	11
32	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	4.51	68.28	0	0	3	3	76	25
33	ten Doeschate, Ryan	Essex	34.58	33.43	2	0	5	6	75	13
34	Trego, Peter	Somerset	31.82	39.65	1	0	2	7	74	11
35	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	67.93	0.00	3	0	2	7	73	10
36	Spearman, Craig	Gloucestershire	69.06	0.00	0	0	3	7	73	10
37	Jones, Geraint	Kent	37.15	0.00	31	0	4	8	72	9
38	Shreck, Charles	Nottinghamshire	0.52	64.94	2	0	4	6	71	12
39	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	45.76	0.00	22	0	2	7	70	10
40	Rudolph, Jacques	Yorkshire	60.35	0.00	6	0	3	6	69	12
41	Hemp, David	Glamorgan	61.98	0.00	3	2	2	6	69	12
42	Langer, Justin	Somerset	63.86	-0.10	3	1	1	6	69	11
43	Yardy, Michael	Sussex	37.71	24.78	5	0	1	8	68	9
44	Clare, Jonathan	Derbyshire	21.94	43.03	0	0	3	5	68	14
45	Lamb, Greg	Hampshire	25.90	37.66	3	0	1	7	68	10
46	Middlebrook, James	Essex	7.65	52.45	1	0	5	6	67	11
47	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	3.07	61.36	1	0	1	3	66	22
48	Nixon, Paul	Leicestershire	32.91	0.00	29	0	4	7	66	9
49	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	13.07	48.01	4	0	1	7	66	9
50	Tomlinson, James	Hampshire	5.89	58.88	1	0	0	4	66	16
51	Goodwin, Murray	Sussex	62.38	0.00	2	0	1	7	65	9
52	O'Brien, Niall	Northants	44.73	0.00	16	0	3	6	65	11
53	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	10.17	48.33	2	0	4	7	64	9
54	Mustard, Philip	Durham	36.25	0.00	26	0	2	7	64	9
55	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	58.74	0.00	2	0	3	6	64	11
56	Malik, Nadeem	Leicestershire	0.79	58.68	1	0	3	6	63	11
57	Batty, Gareth	Worcestershire	10.68	46.71	2	0	2	7	62	9
58	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	52.52	0.00	4	2	2	7	61	9
59	Magoffin, Steve	Worcestershire	3.34	55.15	0	0	2	7	60	9
60	Harmison, Stephen	Durham	6.52	50.82	1	0	2	7	60	9

**Last week's standings**

1	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	115
2	Boje, Nico	Northants	100
3	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	94
4	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	93
5	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	93
6	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	90
7	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	79
8	Klusener, Lance	Northants	76
9	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	75
10	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	75
11	North, Marcus	Gloucestershire	74
12	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	71
13	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	70
14	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	69
15	Hemp, David	Glamorgan	68
16	Peters, Stephen	Northants	68
17	Allenby, James	Leicestershire	67
18	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	67
19	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	65
20	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	65
21	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	64
22	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	63
23	Pattinson, Darren	Notts	62
24	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	61
25	Ealham, Mark	Notts	61
26	Gale, Andrew	Yorkshire	61
27	Goodwin, Murray	Sussex	60
28	Read, Chris	Notts	58
29	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	58
30	Yardy, Michael	Sussex	56
31	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	56
32	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	56
33	Batty, Gareth	Worcestershire	56
34	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	55
35	Onions, Graham	Durham	55
36	Rudolph, Jacques	Yorkshire	55
37	Moore, Stephen	Worcestershire	54
38	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	54
39	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	54
40	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	53
41	Wharf, Alex	Glamorgan	52
42	Hildreth, James	Somerset	51
43	Marshall, Hamish	Glous	51
44	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	50
45	Harmison, Stephen	Durham	50
46	Wagg, Graham	Derbyshire	50
47	Magoffin, Steve	Worcestershire	49
48	McGrath, Anthony	Yorkshire	49
49	Mustard, Philip	Durham	48
50	Benning, James	Surrey	47
51	Clarke, Rikki	Derbyshire	47
52	Lucas, David	Northants	47
53	Pettini, Mark	Essex	47
54	Shreck, Charles	Notts	47
55	Lungley, Tom	Derbyshire	47
56	Swann, Graeme	Notts	47
57	Killeen, Neil	Durham	47
58	Ali, Kabir	Worcestershire	46
59	Shah, Owais	Middlesex	46
60	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	46

**Overall LVCC Points 2008 (as of 10th May)**

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	Boje, Nico	Northants	48.89	19.96	3	0	0	2	72	36
3	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	51.81	11.54	4	0	1	4	68	17
4	Tomlinson, James	Hampshire	5.45	59.68	1	0	0	3	66	22
5	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	51.52	0.00	13	0	1	3	66	22
6	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	24.29	38.30	1	0	1	3	65	22
7	Carter, Neil	Warwickshire	23.50	35.38	2	0	1	4	62	16
8	Maddy, Darren	Warwickshire	34.82	24.91	0	1	1	4	61	15
9	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	18.02	41.00	0	0	1	3	60	20
10	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	29.68	24.24	3	0	0	2	57	28
11	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	54.68	0.00	1	0	0	3	56	19
12	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	1.90	52.64	1	0	0	2	56	28
13	Gallian, Jason	Essex	47.91	0.00	5	0	2	3	55	18
14	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	3.25	49.35	1	0	1	3	55	18
15	Middlebrook, James	Essex	6.99	45.13	0	0	2	3	55	18
16	Anderson, James	Lancashire	0.15	49.52	2	0	1	2	53	26
17	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	12.36	38.88	0	0	0	3	51	17
18	Klusener, Lance	Northants	43.34	5.74	1	0	0	3	51	17
19	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	46.60	0.00	4	0	0	3	51	17
20	Horton, Paul	Lancashire	49.38	0.00	0	0	1	3	50	17
21	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	3.98	45.29	0	0	1	2	50	25
22	Murtagh, Tim	Middlesex	13.25	36.16	0	0	0	3	50	17
23	Botha, Anthony	Warwickshire	10.16	35.61	3	0	1	4	50	12
24	Broad, Stuart	Nottinghamshire	9.87	39.82	0	0	0	2	50	25
25	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	46.07	0.00	2	0	1	3	49	16
26	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	4.06	43.06	0	0	1	1	48	48
27	Ealham, Mark	Nottinghamshire	30.56	12.41	4	0	1	3	48	16
28	Trescothick, Marcus	Somerset	44.19	0.00	3	0	0	2	47	24
29	Ali, Kabir	Worcestershire	15.34	31.66	0	0	0	3	47	16
30	Magoffin, Steve	Worcestershire	2.44	44.42	0	0	0	3	47	16
31	Brown, Michael	Hampshire	45.20	0.00	1	0	0	3	46	15
32	Moore, Stephen	Worcestershire	44.08	0.00	1	0	0	3	46	15
33	Davies, Mark	Durham	3.99	39.61	1	0	0	2	45	22
34	Shreck, Charles	Nottinghamshire	0.37	42.13	1	0	1	3	45	15
35	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	36.93	0.00	5	1	1	3	44	15
36	Butcher, Mark	Surrey	41.79	0.00	2	0	0	3	44	15
37	Rogers, Chris	Derbyshire	40.86	0.00	1	0	1	3	43	14
38	Afzaal, Usman	Surrey	33.45	7.79	2	0	0	3	43	14
39	Boyce, Matthew	Leicestershire	41.27	0.00	0	0	1	3	43	14
40	Henderson, Claude	Leicestershire	6.55	34.09	0	0	1	3	41	14



**LVCC Tables**

Division 1						
	M	W	L	D	Ded	Pts
Nottinghamshire	3	1	1	1	0.00	38.00
Lancashire	3	1	0	2	0.00	31.00
Yorkshire	2	1	0	1	0.00	30.00
Kent	3	1	1	1	0.00	29.00
Surrey	3	0	0	3	0.00	29.00
Sussex	3	0	0	3	0.00	29.00
Hampshire	3	0	1	2	0.00	24.00
Somerset	2	0	0	2	0.00	15.00
Durham	2	0	1	1	0.00	11.00

  

Division 2						
	M	W	L	D	Ded	Pts
Warwickshire	4	1	0	3	0.00	48.00
Essex	3	2	1	0	0.00	45.00
Leicestershire	3	1	0	2	0.00	38.00
Derbyshire	3	1	0	2	4.00	30.00
Worcestershire	3	0	0	3	0.00	30.00
Glamorgan	2	1	0	1	0.00	27.00
Middlesex	3	0	2	1	0.00	22.00
Northamptonshire	3	0	2	1	0.00	16.00
Gloucestershire	2	0	1	1	0.00	13.00

Tables include results from matches completed on May 10

**LVCC Game Average 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	48
2	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	37
3	Boje, Nico	Northants	36
4	Onions, Graham	Durham	30
5	Mahmood, Azhar	Kent	28
6	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	28
7	Anderson, James	Lancashire	26
8	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	25
9	Philander, Vernon	Middlesex	25
10	Broad, Stuart	Nottinghamshire	25



**LVCC Batting 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	Ramprakash, Mark	Surrey	55
2	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	52
3	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	52
4	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	50
5	Horton, Paul	Lancashire	49
6	Boje, Nico	Northants	49
7	Gallian, Jason	Essex	48
8	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	47
9	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	46
10	Brown, Michael	Hampshire	45



**LVCC Bowling 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Tomlinson, James	Hampshire	60
2	Sidebottom, Ryan	Nottinghamshire	53
3	Anderson, James	Lancashire	50
4	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	49
5	Hoggard, Matthew	Yorkshire	45
6	Middlebrook, James	Essex	45
7	Magoffin, Steve	Worcestershire	44
8	Pattinson, Darren	Nottinghamshire	43
9	Shreck, Charles	Nottinghamshire	42
10	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	41



**LVCC Fielding 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	22
2	Sutton, Luke	Lancashire	20
3	Jones, Geraint	Kent	19
4	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	14
5	Read, Chris	Nottinghamshire	13
6	Wessels, Riki	Northants	12
7	Mustard, Philip	Durham	12
8	Wallace, Mark	Glamorgan	11
9	Adshead, Stephen	Gloucestershire	11
10	Nash, David	Middlesex	7



**Overall Friends Provident Points 2008 (as of 11th May)**

Pos	Player	County	Batting	Bowling	Field	Capt.	Wins	Pld	Pts	Average
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	86.35	-0.90	3	1	3	5	92	18
2	Peters, Stephen	Northants	63.92	0.00	3	0	3	5	70	14
3	Pettini, Mark	Essex	60.23	0.00	2	3	3	3	68	23
4	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	23.45	39.42	0	0	2	3	65	22
5	Spearman, Craig	Gloucestershire	61.84	0.00	0	0	3	5	65	13
6	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	3.75	56.33	1	0	3	5	64	13
7	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	55.95	0.00	1	0	3	4	60	15
8	O'Brien, Niall	Northants	40.32	0.00	16	0	3	5	59	12
9	Benning, James	Surrey	49.98	-1.93	3	0	2	5	53	11
10	Allenby, James	Leicestershire	21.42	28.06	0	0	3	4	52	13
11	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	13.28	34.29	2	0	2	4	52	13
12	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	47.44	0.00	0	2	2	4	51	13
13	Nixon, Paul	Leicestershire	24.41	0.00	24	0	3	4	51	13
14	North, Marcus	Gloucestershire	18.45	24.90	3	0	3	5	49	10
15	Afzaal, Usman	Surrey	43.42	2.79	0	0	2	5	48	10
16	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	45.05	0.00	1	0	2	4	48	12
17	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	7.74	34.40	2	0	2	4	46	12
18	Hildreth, James	Somerset	31.79	9.30	3	0	2	5	46	9
19	Blackwell, Ian	Somerset	32.70	9.35	2	0	2	5	46	9
20	Jones, Steffan	Somerset	9.28	34.05	0	0	2	5	45	9
21	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	17.33	24.34	1	0	2	3	45	15
22	Adams, Chris	Sussex	42.47	0.00	0	1	1	5	44	9
23	Nicholson, Matthew	Surrey	4.51	37.34	0	0	2	4	44	11
24	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	1.81	39.72	0	0	2	5	44	9
25	Lamb, Greg	Hampshire	20.73	20.26	1	0	1	4	43	11
26	Yardy, Michael	Sussex	22.61	16.18	3	0	1	5	43	9
27	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	28.68	0.00	13	0	1	3	43	14
28	Trott, Jonathan	Warwickshire	37.78	3.30	1	0	0	3	42	14
29	Boje, Nico	Northants	6.47	28.35	1	3	3	5	42	8
30	Gidman, Alex	Gloucestershire	29.04	5.95	2	1	3	5	41	8
31	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	28.95	7.70	2	0	2	2	41	20
32	Croft, Steven	Lancashire	3.05	33.23	1	0	3	4	40	10
33	Foster, James	Essex	19.24	0.00	18	0	3	3	40	13
34	Killeen, Neil	Durham	5.71	32.13	0	0	2	5	40	8
35	Harmison, Stephen	Durham	4.79	31.50	1	0	2	5	39	8
36	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	Sussex	12.38	23.64	1	0	1	5	38	8
37	Kruger, Garnett	Leicestershire	0.00	34.97	0	0	3	4	38	9
38	Langeveldt, Charl	Derbyshire	1.24	34.67	0	0	2	3	38	13
39	Mustard, Philip	Durham	21.83	0.00	14	0	2	5	38	8
40	Hemp, David	Glamorgan	34.66	0.00	1	1	1	4	38	9



**Friends Provident Tables**

South West Division						
	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Gloucestershire	5	3	1	0	1	7
Worcestershire	4	2	1	0	1	5
Somerset	5	2	2	0	1	5
Glamorgan	4	1	2	0	1	3
Hampshire	4	1	3	0	0	2

  

Midlands						
	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Leicestershire	5	3	1	0	1	7
Nottinghamshire	4	3	0	0	1	7
Northamptonshire	6	3	2	0	1	7
Warwickshire	4	0	3	0	1	1
Ireland	3	0	3	0	0	0

  

South East						
	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Essex	3	3	0	0	0	6
Kent	5	3	2	0	0	6
Middlesex	4	2	2	0	0	4
Surrey	5	2	3	0	0	4
Sussex	5	1	4	0	0	2

  

North						
	M	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Lancashire	5	3	1	0	1	7
Derbyshire	4	2	1	0	1	5
Yorkshire	4	2	2	0	0	4
Durham	5	2	3	0	0	4
Scotland	4	1	3	0	0	2

**Friends Provident Game Average 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Average
1	Pettini, Mark	Essex	23
2	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	22
3	Bopara, Ravinder	Essex	20
4	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	18
5	Thorp, Callum	Durham	17
6	Wagg, Graham	Derbyshire	16
7	Mascarenhas, Dimitri	Hampshire	15
8	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	15
9	Flintoff, Andrew	Lancashire	15
10	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	14



**Friends Provident Batting 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Batting
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	Kent	86
2	Peters, Stephen	Northants	64
3	Spearman, Craig	Gloucestershire	62
4	Pettini, Mark	Essex	60
5	Ackerman, Hylton	Leicestershire	56
6	Benning, James	Surrey	50
7	Solanki, Vikram	Worcestershire	47
8	Strauss, Andrew	Middlesex	45
9	Afzaal, Usman	Surrey	43
10	Adams, Chris	Sussex	42



**Friends Provident Bowling 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Bowling
1	Arafat, Yasir	Kent	56
2	Collins, Pedro	Surrey	40
3	Hogg, Kyle	Lancashire	39
4	Nicholson, Matthew	Surrey	37
5	Kruger, Garnett	Leicestershire	35
6	Langeveldt, Charl	Derbyshire	35
7	McLaren, Ryan	Kent	34
8	Willoughby, Charl	Somerset	34
9	Bresnan, Timothy	Yorkshire	34
10	Jones, Steffan	Somerset	34



**Friends Provident Fielding 2008**

Pos	Player	County	Fielding
1	Nixon, Paul	Leicestershire	24
2	Foster, James	Essex	18
3	O'Brien, Niall	Northants	16
4	Mustard, Philip	Durham	14
5	Brophy, Gerard	Yorkshire	13
6	Prior, Matthew	Sussex	13
7	Jones, Geraint	Kent	12
8	Smith, Colin	Scotland	11
9	Batty, Jonathan	Surrey	10
10	Davies, Steven	Worcestershire	9





## Derbyshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Rogers, Chris	77
2	Clare, Jonathan	68
3	Lungley, Tom	60
4	Langeveldt, Charl	59
5	Clarke, Rikki	58
6	Wagg, Graham	50



## Durham

Pos	Player	Points
1	Mustard, Philip	64
2	Harmison, Stephen	60
3	Onions, Graham	55
4	Killeen, Neil	54
5	Di Venuto, Michael	46
6	Davies, Mark	45



## Essex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Bopara, Ravinder	115
2	Pettini, Mark	84
3	Gallian, Jason	80
4	ten Doeschate, Ryan	75
5	Middlebrook, James	67
6	Masters, David	58



## Glamorgan

Pos	Player	Points
1	Hemp, David	69
2	Wharf, Alex	55
3	Wood, Matthew	45
4	Gillespie, Jason	42
5	Harrison, David	42
6	Dalrymple, James	39



## Gloucestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	North, Marcus	85
2	Spearman, Craig	73
3	Kirby, Steven	59
4	Lewis, Jon	57
5	Marshall, Hamish	56
6	Gidman, Alex	48



## Hampshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Lamb, Greg	68
2	Tomlinson, James	66
3	Lumb, Michael	56
4	Brown, Michael	47
5	Crawley, John	46
6	Pothas, Nic	46



## Kent

Pos	Player	Points
1	van Jaarsveld, Martin	136
2	Arafat, Yasir	129
3	McLaren, Ryan	106
4	Mahmood, Azhar	94
5	Jones, Geraint	72
6	Denly, Joseph	52



## Lancashire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Flintoff, Andrew	99
2	Anderson, James	77
3	Hogg, Kyle	76
4	Horton, Paul	50
5	Chapple, Glen	47
6	Sutton, Luke	46



## Leicestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Ackerman, Hylton	109
2	Allenby, James	88
3	Nixon, Paul	66
4	Henderson, Claude	64
5	Malik, Nadeem	63
6	Cummins, Ryan	57



## Middlesex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Murtagh, Tim	83
2	Strauss, Andrew	73
3	Udal, Shaun	55
4	Philander, Vernon	53
5	Joyce, Ed	48
6	Shah, Owais	46



## Northamptonshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Boje, Nico	114
2	Peters, Stephen	90
3	Klusener, Lance	88
4	O'Brien, Niall	65
5	Wessels, Riki	48
6	White, Robert	48



## Nottinghamshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Read, Chris	86
2	Ealham, Mark	83
3	Pattinson, Darren	76
4	Shreck, Charles	71
5	Sidebottom, Ryan	66
6	Broad, Stuart	60



## Somerset

Pos	Player	Points
1	Blackwell, Ian	76
2	Trego, Peter	74
3	Langer, Justin	69
4	Trescothick, Marcus	56
5	Willoughby, Charl	56
6	Hildreth, James	55



## Surrey

Pos	Player	Points
1	Afzaal, Usman	91
2	Ramprakash, Mark	88
3	Collins, Pedro	84
4	Butcher, Mark	61
5	Batty, Jonathan	60
6	Benning, James	58



## Sussex

Pos	Player	Points
1	Prior, Matthew	93
2	Martin-Jenkins, Robin	89
3	Yardy, Michael	68
4	Goodwin, Murray	65
5	Adams, Chris	52
6	Hopkinson, Carl	45



## Warwickshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Trott, Jonathan	110
2	Carter, Neil	98
3	Maddy, Darren	90
4	Botha, Anthony	66
5	Ambrose, Timothy	48
6	Daggett, Lee	43



## Worcestershire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Solanki, Vikram	91
2	Davies, Steven	70
3	Batty, Gareth	62
4	Magoffin, Steve	60
5	Moore, Stephen	55
6	Ali, Kabir	46



## Yorkshire

Pos	Player	Points
1	Bresnan, Timothy	88
2	Rudolph, Jacques	69
3	Gale, Andrew	64
4	Hoggard, Matthew	50
5	McGrath, Anthony	48
6	Brophy, Gerard	43

**Forthcoming fixtures**

**Thursday 15th May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 First npower Test Match (day 1 of 5)  
 Lord's: England v New Zealand  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 2 of 4), Riverside: Durham v Yorkshire, The Rose Bowl:  
 Hampshire v Surrey, Trent Bridge:  
 Nottinghamshire v Lancashire,  
 Taunton: Somerset v Sussex  
 LV County Championship - Division Two (day 2 of 4) The SWALEC Stadium: Glamorgan v Derbyshire, New Road: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire, Grace Road: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

**Friday 16th May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - Midlands Division (1 day) Stormont Belfast: Ireland v Warwickshire (12.00).  
 South/East Division (1 day)  
 Chelmsford: Essex v Kent (14.30)

**Sunday 18th May**

(12.00 unless stated)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Riverside: Durham v Lancashire. The Citylets Grange:  
 Scotland v Yorkshire. Midlands Division (1 day) Stormont Belfast: Ireland v Leicestershire, Trent Bridge:  
 Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire.  
 South/West Division (1 day) The SWALEC Stadium: Glamorgan v Hampshire, Taunton: Somerset v Worcestershire. South/East Division (1 day) Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex, Canterbury: Kent v Surrey

**Tuesday 20th May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 1 of 4) Trent Bridge:  
 Nottinghamshire v Sussex

Friends Provident Trophy - South/West Division (1 day) The Rose Bowl: Hampshire v Worcestershire (14.30)

**Wednesday 21st May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 LV County Championship - Division One (day 1 of 4) Tunbridge Wells:  
 Kent v Somerset, The Brit Oval:  
 Surrey v Yorkshire  
 LV County Championship - Division Two (day 1 of 4) Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire, Swansea: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire, Edgbaston:  
 Warwickshire v Middlesex

**Thursday 22nd May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 First Test Match (day 1 of 5) Jamaica: West Indies v Australia (15.00)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire (14.30)

**Friday 23rd May**

(11.00 unless stated)  
 Second npower Test Match (day 1 of 5) Old Trafford: England v New Zealand

**Sunday 25th May**

(12.00 unless stated)  
 Friends Provident Trophy - North Division (1 day) Derby: Derbyshire v Yorkshire, Riverside: Durham v Scotland. Midlands Division (1 day) Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire, Edgbaston:  
 Warwickshire v Ireland. South/West Division (1 day) TBC: Glamorgan v Worcestershire, Bristol:  
 Gloucestershire v Hampshire.  
 South/East Division (1 day)  
 Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey,  
 Southgate: Middlesex v Sussex

**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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