2019-20 Marsh Sheffield Shield

Team of the Week - Round One

10-13 October 2019

Pos.	Player	State	Batting	Bowling
1	Maddinson, NJ	Vic	224 (328) at 224.00 - S/R: 68.29	-
2	Warner, DA	NSW	125 (222) at 62.50 - S/R: 56.31	-
3	Pucovski, WJ	Vic	123 (226) at 123.00 - S/R: 54.42	-
4	Labuschagne, M	Qld	121 (285) at 60.50 - S/R: 42.46	1 Wkt at 37.00 - S/R: 54.00
5	Cooper, TLW	SA	271 (347) at N/A - S/R: 78.10	-
6	Carey, AT	SA	117 (115) at 117 - S/R: 101.74	-
7	Paine, TD	Tas	121 (208) at 121.00 - S/R: 58.17	-
8	Maxwell, GJ	Vic	43 (30) at 43.00 - S/R: 143.33	2 Wkts at 79.00 - S/R: 135.00
9	Neser, MG	Qld	39 (69) at 19.50 - S/R: 56.52	5 Wkts at 19.60 - S/R: 40.80
10	Conway, HNA	NSW	14 (7) at N/A - S/R: 200.00	10 Wkts at 5.60 - S/R: 18.50
11	Bird, JM	Tas	3 (15) at 3.00 - S/R: 20.00	8 Wkts at 16.13 - S/R: 36.00
12	Harris, MS	Vic	116 (177) at 116.00 - S/R: 65.54	0 Wkts at N/A - S/R: N/A

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	NJ Maddinson			
матсн:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v South Australia, St. Kil	da, 10-13 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 224 from 328 balls Bowling: - Fielding: 0 catches			
Match Statistics	BATTING			
	No. of balls: 328 % ones: 26.5% % boundaries: 8.5% % scoring shots: 37.2% Partnerships: 1x200, 1x100			
	FIELDING			
	No. of catches: 0			
Feedback	Having opened up the one day tournament with an impressive \$7 off \$0 balls against Western Australia, Nic Maddinson has had a pair of low scores (10 and 0) in the matches since. This incredible 224 then — Maddinson's first career double-century — is a welcome return to form for the former New South Welshman who seems determined to make Victoria his new home. Maddinson has now hit four tons in six games at an average of 98 since being cut from NSW's contract list. The lifeless track at Junction Oval may have contributed somewhat to this impressive score, but you still have to do the hard work, choose the right moments to attack and remain patient in order to make a score that big. He also shared in a 220-run opening stand with Marcus Harris (116) and a 193-run second-wicket partnership with youngster Will Pucovski (123).			
Key Points	Not much to talk about here in terms of actual performance however, as mentioned above Maddinson's last four scores have been 87, 10, 0 and 224 (across 50-over and 4-day cricket, of course). This means the difference between a good day and a bad day for Maddinson is extreme and his scores have been spread out over a wide range. The difference between 'great' and 'good' is concentration. Maddinson, it seems, is now set to feature in discussions amongst the national selection panel however, he needs to find some kind of consistency and build confidence in his own ability if he wishes to return to the Test squad.			

	PLAYER FEEDBACK	SHEET	
PLAYER:	DA Warner		
матсн:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Queensland, Brisbane, 10-13 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings	
Match Results	Batting: 125 from 221 balls Bowling: - Fielding: 0 catches	Batting: 0 from 1 ball Bowling: - Fielding: one catch	
Match Statistics	BATTING	BATTING	
	No. of balls: 221 % ones: 7.7% % boundaries: 8.6% % scoring shots: 21.7% Partnerships: 1x100 FIELDING	No. of balls: 1 % ones: 0% % boundaries: 0% % scoring shots: 0% Partnerships: - FIELDING	
	No. of catches: 0	No. of catches: 1	
Feedback	Much like Nic Maddinson, Pavid Warner's 125 is a welcome return to form following an underwhelming 2019 Ashes series that saw him average just 9.50 — including 3 ducks — in ten innings overseas. Warner's much-needed ton also came at a moment when New South Wales had slipped to 4/54 and proved beyond doubt that Warner has moved beyond the crash and bash of Twenty20 and can put together a very constructive innings when called upon to do so. This is what made his second innings golden duck all the more disappointing as it kickstarted another collapse that saw his team fall to 5/53 needing just 134 runs to win. Hopefully for the left-hander's sake, his second innings duck was just a small hiccup and that he'll be making more scores like the first innings from now on.		
Key Points	"I felt good. It's just great to be home and refreshed I know my game so well in Australia. It's difficult in England when they bowl that length. They can still hit the stumps and they're making you play forward." - Pavid Warner, following play on day two. Coming home following a long tour away might just be the pick-me-up Warner needs following an Ashes series where he was tortured by England's Stuart Broad. The two opening batsmen slots have been left somewhat vacant after Warner, Marcus Harris and Cameron Bancroft made just 197 runs between them during an Ashes campaign that saw none of them average more than 11. With players like Nic Maddinson and Joe Burns knocking on the selector's doors too, Warner will have his work cut out for him if he wants to retain his place in the Test side.		

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	WJ Pucovski			
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v South Australia, St. Kilda, 10-13 October 2019			
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 123 from 226 balls Bowling: - Fielding: 0 catches			
Match Statistics	BATTING			
	No. of balls: 226 % ones: 27.9% % boundaries: 4.4% % scoring shots: 36.7% Partnerships: 1x100			
	FIELDING			
	No. of catches: 0			
Feedback	Having only turned 21 in February, Will Pucovski is regarded as the country's most promising young batsman. He has already shown he's in the selectors' sights after earning a call-up to Australia's Test squad last summer. The shaggy-haired right-hander batted with grace throughout his 226-ball innings en route to his fourth first-class century and in the process joined the Junction Oval run-fest. Pucovski hardly hit a ball in the air nor offered a chance on the easy-paced pitch before he was eventually run out by South Australia's Jake Weatherald after lunch on day two.			
Key Points	"It was a good test early, (the pitch) was quite slow early so to be able to mentally get through that and not get frustrated was a big positive." - Will Pucovski, following play on day two. National selection is seemingly beckoning for Pucovski after adding 123 to his already-impressive 939 first-class run tally. However, the prodigiously-talented youngster needs to remember that national selection is out of his control. All that he can do to impress selectors is to keep scoring runs. That's easier said than done, but Pucovski's high scoring rate highlights his versatility and suggests that he is capable of a wider array of shots than other batsmen.			

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	M Labuschagne			
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v New South Wales, Brisbane, 10-13 October 2019			
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 69 from 140 balls Bowling: 1/25 from 7 overs Fielding: 0 catches	Batting: 52 from 145 balls Bowling: 0/12 from 2 overs Fielding: 0 catches		
Match Statistics	BATTING	BATTING		
Ciunsiios	No. of balls: 140 % ones: 8.6% % boundaries: 7.9% % scoring shots: 20.0% Partnerships: -	No. of balls: 145 % ones: 14.5% % boundaries: 5.5% % scoring shots: 20.0% Partnerships: -		
	BOMFING	BOMTING		
	No. of overs: 7 (42 balls) Maiden overs: 1 Strike Rate: 42.00 Wicket Probability: 1.9% % wickets: 10.0%	No. of overs: 2 (12 balls) Maiden overs: 0 Strike Kate: N/A Wicket Probability: 0.0% % wickets: 0.0%		
	FIELDING	FIELDING		
	No. of catches: 0	No. of catches: 0		
Feedback	Entering the Gabba with the score at 2/31 in the first innings and 2/66 in the second, Marnus Labuschagne dug in and fought hard to make two constructive half-centuries which helped Queensland out of the holes they dug themselves into. Batting for a total of 99.4 overs, Labuschagne scored 47.8 percent of the 253 runs scored while he was out in the middle and scored 30.8 percent of Queensland's final tally of 421, demonstrating his importance to his side's batting order. Labuschagne's pair of defiant fifties also adds to what had been a breakout run in the 2019 Ashes series.			
Key Points	When Queensland needed it the most, Labuschagne stood tall and was able to make crucial runs in a high-pressure scenario. However, it's important for Labuschagne to make the most of his good starts and convert some of these fifties into hundreds. Labuschagne made 4 fifties at an average of 50.42 during the Ashes, but still seems unable to break through for that elusive hundred. There can be no doubt that selectors will take this into account when it comes time to pick the Australian Test squad. Labuschagne's position in the team should be pretty safe, but this is just another one percent gain he needs to make in order to turn himself from a good player into a great player.			

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	TLW Cooper			
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Victoria, St. Kilda, 10-1	3 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 271 from 347 balls Bowling: - Fielding: 0 catches			
Match Statistics	BATTING			
No. of balls: 347 % ones: 23.9% % boundaries: 9.8% % scoring shots: 38.9% Partnerships: 2x200 FIELDING				
	No. of catches: 0			
Feedback	You might have been forgiven for thinking that Tom Cooper's ludicrous 271 off 347 balls was some kind of typo on the scoreboard. When faced with the imposing total of 6/616 set by Victoria however, the big-hitting right-hander was up to the task and blasted his 13th first-class century. Even if it was on what he conceded to be the flattest pitch he's ever played on, Cooper was able to cash in and make the most of the Junction Oval runfest. Combining with first Alex Carey (117) and then Tom Andrews (101), Cooper was not only involved in two partnerships worth over 200, but he also compiled 41.6 percent of South Australia's mammoth score of 6/671.			
Key Points	Like Nic Maddinson, there is not much here to talk about in terms of actual performance. Cooper's versatility and outstanding ability to turn over the strike shines through in a performance that's unlikely to be matched any time soon by Cooper, or anybody else for that matter, this season. Cooper has already scored 2 fifties averaging 68.50 in the one day tournament. Maintaining consistency is going to be key for Cooper. Obviously it's going to be difficult to score over 200 every time he walks out to bat, but it's batting like this that proves how invaluable Cooper is to South Australia's batting order.			

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	AT Carey			
матсн:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Victoria, St. Kilda, 10-1	3 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 117 from 115 balls Bowling: - Fielding: one catch			
Match Statistics	BATTING			
No. of balls: 115 % ones: 9.6% % boundaries: 20.0% % scoring shots: 33.9% Partnerships: 1x200				
	FIELDING			
	No. of catches: 1			
Feedback	Almost overshadowed by the farcical scenes late on day three, Alex Carey blazed a brilliant century when both teams appeared to be doing everything to push for a result. The wicketkeeper batsman smashed seven sixes in a breathtaking 115-ball knock that wouldn't have looked out of place in a 50-over match. Having already established himself as an attacking batsman during the 2019 Cricket World Cup where he scored 375 runs—including 3 fifties— at an average of 62.50, Carey now seems determined to translate that into the longest format of the game, à la David Warner.			
Key Points	Carey's trail-blazing knock serves to highlight his talent and his ability to take the game on, whatever the situation. His impressive boundary scoring rate shows how quickly he can score his runs and how important it is for opposition bowlers to shut him down early on. This adds value to Carey in terms of limited overs cricket, but he needs to be aware that he doesn't try to change his approach too much in the four day game. If scoring quickly is his natural style, then nobody should be telling him to do otherwise regardless of what format he is playing.			

	PLAYER FEEDBACK	SHEET	
PLAYER:	TD Paine		
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Western Australia, Perth, 10-13 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings	
Match Results	Batting: 121 from 208 balls Bowling: - Fielding: two catches	Batting: - Bowling: - Fielding: four catches	
Match Statistics	BATTING		
Statistics No. of balls: 208 % ones: 21.1% % boundaries: 6.7% % scoring shots: 31.7% Partnerships: 1x1 00			
	FIELDING	FIELDING	
	No. of catches: 2	No. of catches: 4	
Feedback	Since taking over the Australian Test captaincy in the wake of the ball-tampering scandal, Tim Paine's form and ability to perform at the highest level has come under question an immeasurable number of times. An average of 20 including a duck and just one fifty during the 2019 Ashes series is a prime example of why Paine is so highly scrutinised. Perhaps then it shouldn't be so surprising that the iPhone had yet to be invented when Paine last scored a first-class hundred. Paine may have downplayed his drought-breaking century, but it did help Tasmania recover from 8/281 to post 397 as the Australian captain shared in a 111-run ninth wicket stand with unlikely ally and debutant Lawrence Neil-Smith (39*).		
Key Points	"It means nothing to me." - Tim Paine on his 121 which ended a 13-year drought. Whether it was just in the context of the match or whether it was perhaps disappointment that such a score couldn't be made on tour, Paine's remorseless self-assessment is a relatively inaccurate description of his classy and measured 121 in Perth. The wicketkeeper cut particularly well throughout his innings and weathered some testing spells from Western Australia's Jhye Richardson, who bowled with good pace on the traditionally bouncy surface. There can be no doubt Paine will be itching to replicate the success when the Test summer gets underway next month against Pakistan at the Gabba, but he needs to give himself the best opportunity of being there for a long period. Paine needs to remain patient, which will give him every chance to notch big scores.		

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	6J Maxwell			
матсн:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v South Australia, St. Kilda, 10-13 October 2019			
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 43 from 30 balls Bowling: 2/158 from 45 overs Fielding: two catches			
Match Statistics	BATTING			
Gunonoo	No. of balls: 30 % ones: 30.0% % boundaries: 20.0% % scoring shots: 60.0% Partnerships: -			
	ROMFING			
	No. of overs: 45 (270 balls) Maiden overs: 6 Strike Rate: 135.00 Wicket Probability: 0.7% % wickets: 33.3%			
	FIELDING			
	No. of catches: 2			
Feedback	Entering the game with the Victorians at 4/551, Glenn Maxwell was tasked with scoring some quick runs and piling on South Australia's pain. Inside 30 balls he did just that as he blazed a quick-fire 43 including 4 fours and 2 sixes and scoring 69.4 percent of the 62 runs scored while he was out in the middle. Strangely enough though, it's Maxwell's spin bowling that did the damage against South Australia. On a flat, lifeless wicket Maxwell sent down 45 economical overs and took two South Australian wickets out of the six taken by Victoria and in a round where Marnus Labuschagne, Ashton Agar and Jon Holland only took one wicket each with spin. Maxwell therefore, assumes the role of most prolific wicket-taker amongst the spinners.			
Key Points	Whilst Maxwell's performance with the bat is hard to truly assess because of the situation Victoria found themselves in on day two. Maxwell had the license to go a bit harder and play more attacking because Victoria's top order had done most of the work for him. That being said, Maxwell is another player who shouldn't try to change his approach too much in the four day game. Maxwell's spin bowling adds extra value to him as a player as Victoria can add him to their starting XI as a secondary spinner alongside Jon Holland. However, this means that Maxwell will have to take more wickets which may serve as a kind of distraction from his batting. For Maxwell, batting should come first and bowling should be second.			

	PLAYER FEEDBACK	SHEET	
PLAYER:	MG Neser		
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v New South Wales, Brisbane, 10-13 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings	
Match Results	Batting: 3 from 8 balls Bowling: 2/56 from 23 overs Fielding: 0 catches	Batting: 36 from 61 balls Bowling: 3/42 from 11 overs Fielding: 0 catches	
Match Statistics	BATTING	BATTING	
Statistics	No. of balls: 8 % ones: 0.0% % boundaries: 0.0% % scoring shots: 12.5% Partnerships: - BOWLING	No. of balls: 61 % ones: 164% % boundaries: 8.2% % scoring shots: 31.1% Partnerships: -	
	No. of overs: 23 (138 balls) Maiden overs: 7 Strike Rate: 69.00 Wicket Probability: 1.5% % wickets: 22.2%	No. of overs: 11 (66 balls) Maiden overs: 3 Strike Kate: 22.00 Wicket Probability: 4.6% % wickets: 60.0%	
	FIELDING	FIELDING	
	No. of catches: 0	No. of catches: 0	
Feedback	Opening the bowling for Queensland in both innings, Michael Neser was unsuccessful in his first spell in the first innings but recovered to finish with 2/56 off 23 overs at an economy rate of just 2.43 runs per over. That was impressive enough, but Neser showed his true skill in the second innings by removing Test batsmen Pavid Warner and Steve Smith as well as Moises Henriques to leave New South Wales reeling at 3/40. The average dismissal rate in Test matches over the last 20 years is about 1.5 percent — that's a wicket every 65 balls — and 90 percent of all deliveries have a wicket probability value of less than 3 percent. Neser turned up the heat on New South Wales and finished the second innings with a wicket probability of 4.6 percent.		
Key Points	Pespite missing out on playing during the 2019 Ashes series, Neser has proven himself as one of Queensland's frontline fast bowlers. Cameron Gannon took the same amount of wickets in Queensland's opening match against New South Wales with a five-wicket haul in the first innings, but Neser's superior strike rate, economy rate and wicket probability places him ahead of Gannon in terms of control. He may be feeling some pressure to perform and gain national selection, but has already produced destructive spells of 4/18 in an Australian intra-squad match and 3/31 against Perbyshire. Neser needs to make sure that he's not trying too hard to take wickets. They will come as long as he continues bowling aggressive lines and lengths which get the batsman onto the front foot and driving.		

	PLAYER FEEDBACK	SHEET	
PLAYER:	HNA Conway		
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Queensland, Brisbane, 10-13 October 2019		
Items	First Innings	Second Innings	
Match Results	Batting: 14 from 7 balls Bowling: 5/17 from 13 overs Fielding: one catch	Batting: - Bowling: 5/39 from 17.5 overs Fielding: 0 catches	
Match Statistics	BATTING		
Cidiisiios	No. of balls: 7 % ones: 14.3% % boundaries: 28.6% % scoring shots: 71.4% Partnerships: -		
	ROMFING	ROMFING	
	No. of overs: 13 (78 balls) Maiden overs: 8 Strike Rate: 15.60 Wicket Probability: 6.4% % wickets: 50.0%	No. of overs: 1.75 (107 balls) Maiden overs: 6 Strike Rate: 21.40 Wicket Probability: 4.7% % wickets: 50.0%	
	FIELDING	FIELDING	
	No. of catches: 1	No. of catches: 0	
Feedback	With six members of Australia's Ashes touring party in action and much of the scrutiny centred on who Australia's top six will be against Pakistan at the Gabba next month, Harry Conway stood tall for New South Wales with a double five-wicket haul at the Gabba. The visitors unleashed an all-pace attack against Queensland that boasted Mitchell Starc, Sean Abbott and Trent Copeland, but it was the towering right-arm quick that overshadowed his much-praised teammates and dismantled the hosts' batting lineup with figures of 5/17 and 5/39 in fast bowler-friendly conditions.		
Key Points	"Just being a part of this XI is fantastic. I had to pinch myself I didn't come with an idea of how many overs I'd bowl — I just wanted to back up the three guys in front of me really well." - Harry Conway, following play on day one.		
	Having played just 19 first-class games, Conway is aware of his place in the New South Wales pecking order. However, Conway was able to consistently apply pressure to Queensland's batsmen and every time New South Wales broke open an end, wickets fell clumps. In fact, 61.5 percent of the overs bowled by Conway in the first innings were maidens including a wicket probability four times greater than the average dismissal ra in Test matches over the last 20 years. For now, Conway is "happy and proud" to play his role within the team, but this double five-wicket haul might see him move up a couple places in the pecking order.		

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET				
PLAYER:	JM Bird			
матсн:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v Western Australia, Perth, 10-13 October 2019			
Items	First Innings	Second Innings		
Match Results	Batting: 3 from 15 balls Bowling: 3/51 from 21 overs Fielding: one catch	Batting: - Bowling: 5/78 from 27 overs Fielding: three catches		
Match Statistics	BATTING			
Cianono	No. of balls: 15 % ones: 6.7% % boundaries: 0.0% % scoring shots: 13.3% Partnerships: -			
	BOWLING	BOWLING		
	No. of overs: 21 (126 balls) Maiden overs: 7 Strike Rate: 42.00 Wicket Probability: 2.4% % wickets: 30.0%	No. of overs: 27 (162 balls) Maiden overs: 6 Strike Rate: 32.40 Wicket Probability: 3.1% % wickets: 55.5%		
	FIELDING	FIELDING		
	No. of catches: 1	No. of catches: 3		
Feedback	Much like New South Wales, Tasmania opted for an all-pace attack in their opening match against Western Australia. Jackson Bird was the pick of Tasmania's bowlers in the first innings with 3/51 from 21 overs as Kiley Meredith and debutant Lawrence Neil-Smith also snared three wickets each. However, Bird was prolific with the new ball in the second innings before snaring three wickets in one over and ripping through Western Australia's tail. Bird was also doing the rounds in the field, taking three catches—including one off his own bowling—to ensure that he was in some way involved in seven dismissals in the second innings.			
Key Points	With younger players Sam Rainbird, Riley Meredith and Lawrence Neil-Smith playing in Tasmania's starting XI, the experienced Bird will be turned to most often to open the bowling, bowl the bulk of the overs and be relied upon to take wickets. Bird's eight-wicket haul for the match means that he has taken 42.1 percent of Tasmania's wickets. This highlights how valuable Bird is and demonstrates his importance to his team. Like Michael Neser, Bird is a player who only just missed out on playing during the 2019 Ashes series. Bird's key responsibility will be what he does with the new ball and his ability to take early wickets. He dismissed both Sam Whiteman (first innings) and Cameron Bancroft (second innings) within his first two overs, but he needs to focus on maximising his time with the new ball in order to get the most out of it and really break the game open.			

PLAYER FEEDBACK SHEET		
PLAYER:	MS Harris (12th Man)	
MATCH:	Sheffield Shield, R1 v South Australia, St. Kilda, 10-13 October 2019	
Items	First Innings	Second Innings
Match Results	Batting: 116 from 177 balls Bowling: 0/47 from 9 overs Fielding: 0 catches	
Match Statistics	BATTING	
	No. of balls: 177 % ones: 23.7% % boundaries: 7.3% % scoring shots: 35.0% Partnerships: 1x200	
	ROMFING	
	No. of overs: 9 (54 balls) Maiden overs: 0 Strike Rate: N/A Wicket Probability: 0.0% % wickets: N/A	
	FIELDING	
	No. of catches: 0	
Feedback	Following an Ashes series that saw him average just 9.66 in six innings, Marcus Harris became the first man to score a hundred in the 2019-20 edition of the Sheffield Shield. Harris cracked 116 off 177 balls to help put on 220 for the first wicket alongside Nic Maddinson on a docile Junction Oval pitch. Harris' brisk innings highlights his versatility, decisive shot-making and impressive ability to turn over the strike. Harris was also dropped twice on the way to his century, but he was able to capitalise on South Australia's misfortune and push the undermanned side into the dirt.	
Key Points	Justin Langer once famously described Marcus Harris' performances at Western Australia as being "mediocre with flashes of brilliance". Having moved to Victoria though, Harris has developed more as a player and gained a certain level of consistency not seen during his time in the west. Harris' performances during the 2019 Ashes series could definitely be described as mediocre which is in direct contrast to this hundred — a flash of brilliance. For his own sake, Harris needs to ensure that this particular flash of brilliance is not just a flash in the pan, but rather the beginning of a strong, run-filled season for Victoria. It's going to have to be if Harris wants to maintain his position at the top of the order when Pakistan visits next month.	