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### TelstraClear Black Caps

During the 2002/03 season the TelstraClear Black Caps continued to rise in world cricket Test standings. A history-making Test series win against the West Indies in the Caribbean, followed by a dominant Test series win against India at home, saw the TelstraClear Black Caps reach third on the official ICC Test Championship table. This position was consolidated with a drawn Test series away against Sri Lanka. The TelstraClear Black Caps finished the season with three wins and three draws from six Test matches played.

The team's overall results in ODI cricket were acceptable (15 wins from 28 matches). However performances in the season's key tournaments, the ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC Cricket World Cup, were disappointing. The TelstraClear Black Caps finished the year seventh on the official ICC One Day International Championship table.

Jeff Crowe was the manager of the TelstraClear Black Caps and Denis Aberhart was the coach for the 2002/03 season. Both contracts expired at the conclusion of the Sri Lankan tour and both Mr Crowe and Mr Aberhart moved on to pursue other interests. NZC is grateful for the contributions both Mr Crowe and Mr Aberhart made during their time with the TelstraClear Black Caps.

### BLACK CAPS ROLL OF HONOUR

Two new players made their Test debuts during the year in review:

<b>Black Cap # 221</b>	Scott Bernard Styris vs West Indies
<b>Black Cap # 222</b>	Jacob David Philip Oram vs India

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### **Versus West Indies in West Indies – June/July 2002**

*5 ODIs – Won 1, Lost 3, 1 Abandoned  
2 Tests – Won 1, Drew 1*

This tour was marked by a number of significant milestones. The TelstraClear Black Caps recorded the first Test series victory by a New Zealand team against the West Indies in the Caribbean. Their victory in the first Test in Barbados was also New Zealand's first Test match victory in the Caribbean.

It was New Zealand's eighth Test series victory away from home from 52 attempts. Stephen Fleming has captained teams that have achieved three of those (a record for a New Zealand captain).

Scott Styris scored a century and a half century on his debut in Barbados. This had previously only been achieved by two other New Zealanders (Rodney Redmond in 1972/73 and Lou Vincent last season against Australia). Styris also took 6 for 25 in the fourth ODI played at Port of Spain, at the time creating a New Zealand ODI record.

### **ICC Champions Trophy – Sri Lanka – September 2002**

*2 ODIs – Won 1 (Bangladesh), Lost 1 (Australia)*

The TelstraClear Black Caps entered this tournament as defending champions and were confident of a good performance.

Australia, New Zealand and Bangladesh were pooled together with only one team able to progress. The first group match of the tournament, between New Zealand and Australia, effectively determined the semi finalist from the group.

The TelstraClear Black Caps were comprehensively outplayed in all facets by Australia and effectively knocked out of the tournament. This left New Zealand to play an inconsequential match against Bangladesh, which they won, before heading home.

### **Versus India in New Zealand 2002/03**

*2 Tests – Won 2.  
7 ODIs – Won 5, Lost 2.*

The very high reputation of an Indian batting lineup, which included Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Virender Sehwag, meant there was an air of expectation from the media and cricket watching public for this home series.

Unfortunately the series turned out to be low scoring, with the ball completely dominating the bat. A combination of lively pitches and accurate seam bowling by New Zealand ensured the Indian batsmen, with the exception of two punishing innings from Sehwag, were never dominant.

### ICC Cricket World Cup – South Africa 2003

9 ODIs — Won 5 (West Indies, South Africa, Bangladesh, Canada, Zimbabwe)  
— Lost 3 (Sri Lanka, Australia, India)  
— 1 match cancelled vs Kenya (Kenya awarded 4 points)

The TelstraClear Black Caps had been working towards this tournament for a number of years and expectations were high.

The TelstraClear Black Caps entered the competition confident after a convincing home ODI series win against India.

After an initial loss against Sri Lanka, the team played extremely well to win games against both the West Indies and South Africa.

New Zealand then withdrew from their scheduled match against Kenya in Nairobi after independent security reports revealed an unacceptable safety risk to players. The ICC refused NZC's request to have the match transferred to South Africa and Kenya was awarded the winner's points for the match.

The preliminary part of the campaign finished with two predictable wins against Bangladesh and Canada to ensure the TelstraClear Black Caps qualified for the Super Six stage of the World Cup.

The Super Six stage started with a good win against Zimbabwe.

New Zealand then suffered a devastating loss to Australia. After having the Australians in real trouble at 84/7, some outstanding Australian lower order batting saw Australia get through to 208. The New Zealand chase started badly and never recovered, falling well short of the target.

New Zealand had to beat India in the last match of the Super Six stage to qualify for the semi finals but were dismissed for a disappointing 146. New Zealand again found themselves briefly in a position of strength having India at 21/3, with Ganguly, Sehwag and Tendulkar all out. However the pressure could not be maintained and India survived to win the game by seven wickets and deny New Zealand a chance of reaching the semi final stage.



### Individual Highlights

Stephen Fleming and Scott Styris were among the top 20 run scorers in the tournament. In a career-defining innings, Fleming scored an unbeaten 134\* against South Africa. Styris also scored a commanding 141 against Sri Lanka.

Shane Bond's outstanding figures of 6/23 against Australia at Port Elizabeth created a record bowling analysis for New Zealand in ODIs.

Shane Bond, Jacob Oram and Andre Adams found themselves among the top 20 wicket-takers.

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### Versus Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka 2003

2 Tests — Drawn 0-0

Bank Alfalah Cup

4 ODIs + Final — Won Final v Pakistan

#### Test Series

Both Test matches in New Zealand's two match series against Sri Lanka were drawn. Sri Lanka have a very impressive home record in recent years and the drawn series was a good result for the TelstraClear Black Caps.

The highlight of the first Test was an outstanding innings of 274\* by Stephen Fleming. This is the second highest Test score ever by a New Zealander. In an attempt to give his bowlers time to dismiss the Sri Lankans twice, Fleming chose to declare in sight of a triple Test century and Martin Crowe's New Zealand Test record of 299. Fleming then scored 69\* in the second innings, making a combined match total of 343\* and a New Zealand record. Mark Richardson continued his outstanding Test record with another assured innings of 85.

The second Test was also drawn. In the shortened match interrupted by rain, Richardson again excelled with half centuries in both innings.

#### One Day Tri-Series

The Bank Alfalah Cup ODI tri-series was contested by the home team Sri Lanka, the TelstraClear Black Caps and Pakistan.

The majority of the tournament ended up being played in the remote northern town of Dambulla after monsoon rains washed out Colombo, where the tournament had been scheduled to take place.

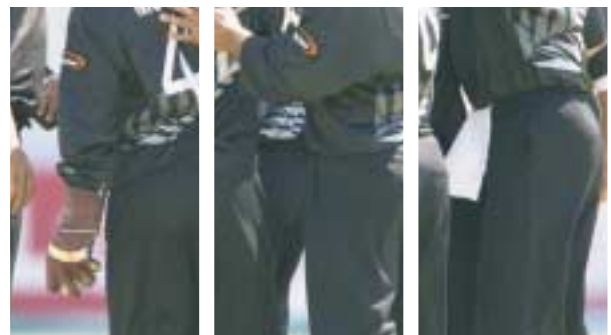
With conditions heavily favouring the bowlers, the games were all low scoring.

New Zealand beat Pakistan in the first game of the triangular series, lost to Sri Lanka in the second, beat Sri Lanka in the third and lost to Pakistan in the fourth. The final, between New Zealand and Pakistan, was won by New Zealand. This was only New Zealand's second ever ODI tournament victory overseas (the other being the ICC Champions Trophy in Kenya in 2002).

Stephen Fleming and Scott Styris featured among the top run-scorers in the tournament.

Daniel Vettori was the second highest wicket taker in the tournament and, along with Daryl Tuffey and Jacob Oram, had an outstanding series with the ball. Vettori was deservedly named Player of the Tournament.





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### TelstraClear White Ferns

The TelstraClear White Ferns' international season started in June/July 2002 with an extensive European tour to The Netherlands, Ireland and England and concluded with the World Series of Women's Cricket in New Zealand at Lincoln University in January/February 2003. The World Series of Women's Cricket also incorporated the annual Rosebowl Series played against Australia.

In total the TelstraClear White Ferns played 17 ODIs between June 2002 and February 2003, winning 13 matches.

The team was coached by Mike Shrimpton and captained by Emily Drumm with Julie Reynolds as team manager.

After the European tour long standing players Kathryn Ramel and Rachel Pullar both declared themselves unavailable for the home international programme. Fiona Fraser and Anna Corbin were both unavailable due to injury.

Three players made their ODI debut for the TelstraClear White Ferns – Michelle Lynch, Amanda Green and Rebecca Steele. Former White Ferns captain Maia Lewis made a return after a six year absence.

Top order batsman, Nicola Payne, retired after the World Series.



## European Tour

In June/July 2002 the TelstraClear White Ferns undertook a 10-match tour to The Netherlands, Ireland and England. The highlight of the tour was participating in a triangular series hosted by the ECB, in England, with India and England.

Prior to the triangular series the team played three ODIs in The Netherlands followed by three ODIs in Ireland. As part of NZC's support for the development of women's cricket internationally, the team hosted coaching days for promising players in both countries.

The matches against The Netherlands and Ireland provided an ideal build up for the triangular series. They also allowed a number of the younger and less experienced players in the team an opportunity to experience international cricket. The team comfortably beat The Netherlands 3-0 and Ireland 2-0. One match against Ireland was abandoned due to bad weather.

In the triangular series between India, New Zealand and England each team was scheduled to play each other twice before a one match final. The first matches were played at Jersey before shifting to Durham for the second leg and the final.

The TelstraClear White Ferns went through the triangular series undefeated and were never really tested. New Zealand convincingly beat England in the final at Chester-Le-Street, Durham.

Rachel Pullar had an outstanding tour, capturing 21 wickets and Rebecca Rolls was the leading run-scorer with 305 runs.

## World Series of Women's Cricket

NZC hosted the inaugural World Series of Women's Cricket at Lincoln University in late January/early February 2003.

The series opened with the TelstraClear White Ferns playing Australia on 26 January at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval, Lincoln University, and concluded with both teams meeting in the final on 8 February.

New Zealand convincingly defeated England and India in their round robin matches but lost all three matches against Australia. The annual Rosebowl Series formed part of the World Series with Australia retaining the Rosebowl 3-0.

The Australians were unbeaten and deserved winners of the inaugural World Series. They comfortably beat the TelstraClear White Ferns by 109 runs in the final.

Australia remains the dominant force in women's international cricket, however the TelstraClear White Ferns continue to be successful against all other teams. The challenge for the TelstraClear White Ferns is to be able to perform consistently well against Australia.

The World Series was a very successful concept and all the participating countries have made a commitment to host a similar event on a rotational basis in the future.



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### New Zealand Women's 'A' Team

A New Zealand 'A' team was selected to play the four international teams in New Zealand competing in the World Series of Women's Cricket. It was an ideal opportunity to provide New Zealand's next level of women's players with international cricket experience as well as providing the visiting teams with a competitive warm up match.

New Zealand 'A' proved they were a competitive unit. In spite of losing matches against Australia and the TelstraClear White Ferns, the team drew a second match against the TelstraClear White Ferns and had an excellent victory over England. The scheduled match against India was played against the TelstraClear White Ferns after the Indian team's arrival was delayed.

Maia Lewis captained the team which was coached by Cliff Dickeson and managed by Lesley Murdoch.

At the end of the New Zealand 'A' series, five players were elevated to play for the TelstraClear White Ferns in the World Series. They were Maia Lewis, Michelle Lynch, Amanda Green, Rebecca Steele and Sara McGlashan. Sarah Burke replaced Louise Milliken who withdrew from the World Series due to injury.

### New Zealand Men's Under 19 Team

For the first time this year the national Under 19 team competed in the Provincial 'A' Tournament against teams from the Major Associations.

The tournament was held at NZC's Lincoln University-based HPC. Despite their comparative lack of experience at this level of competition, the national Under 19 Team proved very competitive. At the conclusion of the Lincoln University leg of the tournament the team was ahead of all of their Major Association opponents on points. Three centuries were scored: Simon Allen (162), Neil Broom (128) and Ross Taylor (100). The team was coached by Kaushik Patel and managed by Dayle Hadlee.

Opening batsman Greg Hay was selected as the Young Player to Lords for the 2003 English season.



## State Championship

The State Championship was played between 23 November 2002 and 20 March 2003. The State Auckland Aces won the competition for the second consecutive season.

This competition consisted of 10 rounds of four day cricket. A feature this year was the number of games lasting well into the fourth day, indicating more players are adapting to the longer version of the game.

State Championship, 2002/03 – Round Robin Results							
	Outright		1st Innings		Lost	NR	Points
	Played	Won	Lost	Won			
State Auckland Aces	10	4	2	4	-	-	34
State Wellington Firebirds	10	4	3	2	1	-	31
State Otago Volts	10	4	3	-	3	-	26
State Northern Knights	10	3	3	-	2	1	22
State Central Stags	10	2	4	3	1	-	22
State Canterbury Wizards	10	2	4	-	2	1	16

The individual highlight was the scoring of a triple century by Peter Fulton of the State Canterbury Wizards. Peter became only the sixth New Zealander to score 300 runs or more in an individual innings of first class cricket. His score was also the highest maiden century total in New Zealand first class cricket history.

Tim McIntosh from the State Auckland Aces with 820 runs at an average of 58.57 was the highest run-scorer in the competition.

State Championship, 2002/03 Batting - Most Runs											
Name	Mat	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St	Team
TG McIntosh	10	17	3	820	157	58.57	2	5	8	-	AUCK
CD Cumming	10	18	2	751	128	46.93	3	3	4	-	OTAGO
RA Jones	10	20	4	726	128	45.37	2	3	8	-	WELL
JM How	9	17	2	694	163*	46.26	2	3	8	-	CENT
MJ Horne	9	14	0	671	187	47.92	2	3	2	-	AUCK

36 centuries were scored in the competition this year compared with 33 last year.

Tama Canning from the State Auckland Aces headed the wicket taking tally with 46 wickets at an average of 21.97.

State Championship, 2002/03 Bowling - Most Wickets													
Name	Mat	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ	Team	
TK Canning	9	410	133	1011	46	21.97	5-62	1	-	53.4	2.46	AUCK	
MDJ Walker	10	402.3	135	810	45	18.00	6-114	2	-	53.6	2.01	WELL	
SB O'Connor	9	374.2	138	786	42	18.71	5-55	2	-	53.4	2.09	OTAGO	
KP Walmsley	7	308.2	83	777	37	21.00	6-74	1	-	50.0	2.52	OTAGO	
MJ Mason	9	324.4	113	720	37	19.45	6-56	2	1	52.6	2.21	CENT	

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### State Shield

The State Shield was played between 28 December 2002 and 1 February 2003. In this year's final at North Harbour Stadium, the State Northern Knights beat the State Auckland Aces by 17 runs.

The competition was very even. After round robin play only three wins separated Auckland at the top of the table and Otago at the bottom. The closeness of the competition is highlighted by the fact that the eventual winner of the competition, the State Northern Knights, recorded a win and a loss against all other sides during the round robin phase of the competition.

Craig Spearman from the State Central Stags was the competition's leading run-scorer with 350. He was closely followed by Llorne Howell from State Auckland Aces with 345.

Joseph Yovich from the State Northern Knights was the leading wicket taker with 23 wickets.



State Shield, 2002/03 – Round Robin Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	Bonus	Points
State Auckland Aces	10	6	3	-	1	1	27
State Wellington Firebirds	10	5	4	-	1	3	25
State Northern Knights	10	5	5	-	-	3	23
State Canterbury Wizards	10	4	5	-	1	3	21
State Central Stags	10	3	4	-	3	2	20
State Otago Volts	10	3	5	-	2	2	18

State Shield, 2002/03 Batting - Most Runs

Name	Mat	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St	Team
CM Spearman	10	10	0	350	97	35.00	-	3	10	-	CENT
LG Howell	11	11	1	345	66*	34.50	-	3	2	-	AUCK
CJ Nevin	11	11	0	312	100	28.36	1	1	16	1	WELL
MN Hart	10	10	0	301	98	30.10	-	3	8	-	NORTH
SB Styris	8	8	2	293	91*	48.83	-	3	4	-	NORTH

State Shield, 2002/03 Bowling - Most Wickets

Name	Mat	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	4W	5W	SR	Econ	Team
JAF Yovich	12	84.5	3	434	23	18.86	4-50	1	-	22.1	5.11	NORTH
MDJ Walker	11	98	9	348	18	19.33	5-22	-	1	32.6	3.55	WELL
AD Turner	8	73.5	13	250	16	15.62	5-12	-	1	27.6	3.38	WELL
MJ Mason	10	80.1	10	284	16	17.75	3-22	-	-	30.0	3.54	CENT
SB O'Connor	10	90	10	375	16	23.43	4-18	2	-	33.7	4.16	OTAGO

## State League

The State League, the national women's one day competition, was played between 7 December 2002 and 22 February 2003.

Unfortunately this competition was badly affected by the weather. The State Northern Spirit lost three matches and both the State Central Hinds and State Wellington Blaze lost two matches each due to wet weather. The highlights of the round robin play were the State Canterbury Magicians' back to back victories over the defending champions State Auckland Hearts and a hard fought tie between State Otago Sparks and State Northern Spirit.

### State League, 2002/03 – Round Robin Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	NR	Bonus	Points
State Canterbury Magicians	10	8	1	-	1	2	36
State Auckland Hearts	10	6	3	-	1	4	30
State Wellington Blaze	10	6	2	-	2	1	29
State Otago Sparks	10	2	6	1	1	1	13
State Central Hinds	10	2	6	-	2	1	13
State Northern Spirit	10	-	6	1	3	-	8

Nicola Payne of the State Canterbury Magicians was the competition's leading run scorer with 416 runs. Medium pacer, Natalee Scripps of the State Auckland Hearts, was the highest wicket taker in the competition with 20 wickets. In a low scoring competition dominated by the ball, only one century was scored and that was by the State Northern Spirit's English import, Charlotte Edwards.

The State Auckland Hearts easily defeated the State Canterbury Magicians by five wickets in the final at Redwood Park, Christchurch and were deserved winners of their fourth successive title.

### State League, 2002/03 Batting - Most Runs

Name	Mat	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St	Team
N Payne	10	10	2	416	97	52.00	-	4	1	-	CANT
MAM Lewis	9	9	3	378	76*	63.00	-	3	7	-	WELL
EC Drumm	9	9	3	325	62*	54.16	-	1	2	-	AUCK
SC Taylor	7	6	0	252	61	42.00	-	3	2	-	CANT
HM Tiffen	10	9	3	241	80*	40.16	-	2	4	-	CANT

### State League, 2002/03 Bowling - Most Wickets

Name	Mat	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	4W	5W	SR	Econ	Team
N Scripps	10	77	13	210	20	10.50	6-19	-	1	23.1	2.72	AUCK
BH McNeill	10	87.3	14	264	19	13.89	5-31	2	1	27.6	3.01	CANT
HJ Rae	10	67	4	286	15	19.06	3-17	-	-	26.8	4.26	CANT
SK Burke	10	91.2	13	304	15	20.26	3-31	-	-	36.5	3.32	CANT
AE Cooper	8	64.1	10	210	13	16.15	3-19	-	-	29.6	3.27	WELL



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### State of Origin

This match was played between a team representing the North Island and a team representing the South Island. Both teams were selected by the national selectors.

The South Island team won a very close match.

The match was played at the same venue as the State Shield final the following day to create a festival weekend of cricket.

The game was a modified form of one day cricket, with two innings of 25 overs per team rather than one innings of 50 overs.

NZC has experimented with different formats of the one day game and this trial format proved popular with the players, public and media.

### Provincial 'A' Competition (Men's)

The Provincial 'A' competition made a return to NZC's playing programme in the 2002/03 season. The first part of the competition was played at

NZC's three grounds at Lincoln University. The New Zealand Under 19 team also participated in this part of the competition.

A feature of the competition was the number of first class players who participated, either as part of their rehabilitation programme after injury, to find form, or to prepare for the next round of first class cricket.

At the completion of the Lincoln University leg the New Zealand Under 19 team was leading the competition. However Otago finished the competition strongest and were the winners of the Provincial 'A' competition for the 2002/03 season.

### Hawke Cup

Prior to the commencement of the season, the District Associations agreed to adopt a new format for the Hawke Cup competition. It was decided there would be three challenges. The challengers would be the winners of the Central Districts and Northern Districts zones and the winner of a play off match between the winners of the Canterbury and Otago zones.

In addition to this NZC increased its financial support of the competition for a minimum three year period.

Hamilton, the holders of the Hawke Cup at the start of the season, played Hawkes Bay in the first challenge. Hawkes Bay won this match and in their first defence met Northland. Northland prevailed in a closely contested match and returned to host Canterbury Country in the final challenge match of the season. Canterbury Country, who had earlier defeated Southland in the South Island play off match, could not overcome Northland who retained the Hawke Cup in a rain shortened match.





### Age-Group Tournaments

It is an objective of NZC to provide an intensive and clear pathway to future first class and national representation.

The introduction of two separate competitions, played under a two day and a one day format, was a significant change to this season's Under 19 tournament played at Lincoln University. With teams split into two sections, games were played over an extended 13 day period prior to Christmas and provided players with an excellent opportunity to press for higher honours.

Successful national tournaments were also held for Men's Under 17, Women's Under 21 and girls secondary school age level.

### Tournament winners for the season were:

*Under 19 Men — two day competition* **Wellington**  
*— one day competition* **Otago**

*Under 17 Men* **Northern Districts**

*Under 21 Women* **Central Districts**

*National Secondary School Girls* **Southern Conference**  
*(Canterbury/Otago)*

### National Schools Cricket

The Gillette Cup and national secondary school girls' competitions continue to provide an excellent focus for school cricket. The Gillette Cup, the national secondary school boys' competition, was won this year by Hamilton Boys' High School for the first time. It was a proud and historical achievement for the North Island school which had unsuccessfully contested the final eight years ago.

Auckland's Epsom Girls' Grammar School continues to lead the way in the development of school girl cricketers and won the national secondary girls' competition for the second year in a row.

### National Primary Cricket

The MILO Cup (boys) had a record 177 entries this year and was won by North Shore school, Murray's Bay Intermediate. The MILO Shield (girls) had 80 entries and was won by Tauranga Intermediate.

