



Giles Foster Scholar for 2018 is a charismatic off spin bowler

The Epic Good Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2018 Giles Foster Scholar is Jack Morrison, a charismatic 19 year old who has played at Ringwood Cricket Club for almost five years. Showing tremendous promise as an up and coming off spin bowler after arriving at Ringwood as an accomplished top order batsman, Jack is the fourth recipient of the scholarship to head to the United Kingdom in April to spend the English summer playing for the Great Preston Cricket Club (GPCC), following in the footsteps of Tom Humphries, Jackson Freeman and Matt King.

Epic Good co-founder, Stuart Giles confirmed his absolute delight with the decision to award Jack the 2018 GFS stating, "Jack ticks all the boxes for what the GFS is about. He gets an opportunity to travel overseas and broaden both his cricket and life experiences whilst Great Preston get a player who complements their team balance and helps their push for promotion, something that fell agonisingly short last year. The challenge of spin bowling in English conditions was one I relished during my time at Great Preston. My 13 year-old son Sam - a talented spin bowler himself - and I are over the moon about the fact that this year's Giles Foster Scholar fits right inside our family cricket mantra of 'Spin to Win'".

Jack is grateful for the new role and the possibilities the scholarship brings for his cricketing future, saying, "I feel extremely privileged and excited. Not too many young fellas are given an opportunity like this so to receive it is amazing! I reckon it will be great for my cricket as I'm just coming back after a pretty bad broken ankle, so going to England and getting a bit of continuity and games under my belt will be amazing. I also enjoy challenging myself, so getting out of my comfort zone there will be another challenge that I am really looking forward to.'

Jack is impressive at an early age, but he's had some amazing Australian cricketing role models while growing up, citing Ricky Ponting as someone he looked up to most. "I just loved the way he approached cricket. Even though the Poms hate him!" At a local club level, Jack says that Ringwood C.C. gave him Tom Stray (former club captain) and Ian Holland, as the players he looks up to and sees as mentors. "They are super professional and just approached their cricket in a way that is second to none," he said.

Based in the UK these days as a first class cricketer for Hampshire, Ian Holland also happens to be GFS mentor now and the Epic Good Foundation Ambassador. He's excited for Jack and the opportunities that lie ahead for him as the Giles Foster Scholar for 2018. "His cricket skill and experience will be a great asset to GPCC. Off the field, I've no doubt Jack will have a positive impact on the wider club and community just by being the impressive young man that he is," Ian said.

Great Preston Cricket Club is also looking forward to meeting Jack as the new scholar. Stu Ruddick, Captain of GPCC says, "This is the 4th season of the GFS adventure and it's an initiative that's gone from strength to strength. We have already made some great memories on and off the field and lifelong friendships with Matthew, Jackson and Tom, and I am sure this will continue with Jack."

"This season is one of great promise with the recruitment of two young local lads who have already put pen to paper and now with the addition of Jack, GPCC can really look forward to the new season. Jack will fit into the side perfectly as we had highlighted the need for a spinner who could do a job with that bat, so we are over the moon that Jack will be joining us this season. I would like to take this opportunity to all involved with the GFS and their continued support of Great Preston CC, the work, effort and resource put into making this happen is greatly appreciated by everyone at our club,' Stu said enthusiastically.

The GFS provides funds to cover travel to and from the UK, assistance with expenses and travel preparations alongside a tailored vocational experience matched to the recipient's current and future career aspirations. It is the broader opportunity and the leadership role that the international exchange will offer the recipients that the Epic Good co-founders also focus on. This is the first time out of Australia for Jack, who is not only looking forward to the life experiences but the new people he'll meet along the way. "Whilst at GPCC, I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and experiencing things that I wouldn't necessarily do whilst living in Australia. I see it as a great life experience that will allow me to open up my eyes to the world as I've never been overseas before," Jack said.

In his spare time Jack works in landscaping and gardening. He loves the outdoors, playing golf and surfing, as well as having a few beers with his mates. Stuart's not sure how the UK weather service Jack's surfing but he's positive accommodating Jack's interest will be no problem at all.

As tradition has it, a highlight of the time with Great Preston will be the annual GFS Celebration weekend and the GFS versus Great Preston Invitational XI's match scheduled for Sunday July 1 this year.

The GFS is one of the many philanthropic activities of the [Epic Good Foundation](#). For more information contact Anita Heiss, Manager, Epic Good Foundation on anita.heiss@epicpharmacy.com.au