



Player Name	Steven Donnelly	
Sight Category	B1	
Birthplace	Hamilton, NZ	
Provincial Club	Waikato	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 19	T20: 4
Specialist Area	Bowling	

Player Brief: Born with cataracts, Steven lost his sight over time, originally coming into Blind Cricket as a B2 player. Steven has recently become a bit of a fitness buff having tackled 16 half marathons and 2 full marathons. He also loves playing goalball and tandem cycling. Steven and his partner are entrepreneurs, having started a local doggy care business. A sociable person, it's not a surprise that Steven finds joy in meeting new people, maybe that's part of the reason Steven is working to save up more so he can keep travelling!



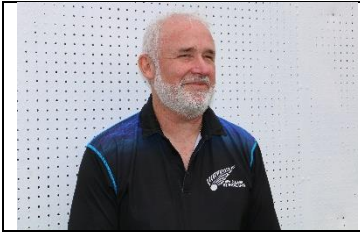
Player Name	Ming Ming Edgar	
Sight Category	B1	
Birthplace	China, living in Dargaville, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	T20: 6	
Specialist Area	Batsman	

Player Brief: Blind at birth, Ming Ming is a huge All Blacks follower who often enjoys listening to historical rugby matches. Ming Ming will often be seen in the local community either playing piano at one of the 4 rest homes he visits or taking part in power lifting or Aikido. Ming Ming is the current North Island champion for bench press, having lifted 100kg's at the last North Island Champs.



Player Name	Parveen Shankar	
Sight Category	B1	
Birthplace	Fiji, lives in Auckland, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 28	T20: 14
Specialist Area	Bowler	

Player Brief: After losing all of his vision in a car accident in 2004, Parveen quickly learnt about blind cricket. Parveen also plays lawn bowls, indoor bowls and has 2 part time jobs, a baker with the Cookie Project and a guide waiter at Dans le Noir-Dining in the Dark. Taking an international catch at the 2006 OD World Cup is still Parveen's greatest highlight in sport but off the field, it's the opportunities he's been given as a guide waiter and the range of people he gets to show a small piece of his world of darkness too.



Player Name	Dennis Wells	
Sight Category	B1	
Birthplace	Putaruru (Waikato), living in Blenheim, NZ	
Provincial Club	Canterbury	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 8	
Specialist Area	Bowler	

Player Brief: Having Retinitis Pigmentosa, Dennis is one of very few New Zealand players who has played in all 3 sight categories. While Dennis is considered an all-rounder, his biggest strength is in his bowling. One of our few dual internationals, Dennis is passionate about Goalball where he has represented NZ on multiple occasions, if he has some time available, Dennis may also be found on the back of a tandem cycle – when he can find a pilot rider. As a self-employed Osteopath – having completed a Master of Osteopathy – Dennis is likely to be the only totally blind Osteopath in the world. His osteopathy background supports his beliefs in a natural and alternative way of life. This also fits well with his enjoyment is sitting and listening to the bird life around him whenever he has the chance.



Player Name	Gary Williamson	
Sight Category	B1	
Birthplace	Hamilton, lives in Auckland NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 5	T20: 16
Specialist Area	All rounder	

Player Brief: Although Gary tells us he lives a quiet life with his wife Martine and their 2 guide-dogs, he has a great sense of humour and jokes that a long term goal for him his retirement. Gary has not only represented New Zealand in cricket but also in Goalball and before he was diagnosed with choroideremia – an eye condition that effects the choroider in the eye – enjoyed running around on the rugby field. Before his vision loss, Gary was a qualified electrician, now he enjoys working in the National Contact Centre of Blind+Low Vision NZ.



Player Name	Matthew Carter
Sight Category	B2
Birthplace	Auckland, NZ
Provincial Club	Waikato
Specialist Area	All Rounder

Player Brief: Another player with Retinitis Pigmentosa, Matt likes to find the positive in the opportunities his vision has given him as opposed to the negatives. In Matt's first season of Domestic Blind Cricket he was ranked top run scorer (average 75.83) and was the top wicket taker of the NZA Development Tour to Australia – both of which he sees as highlights thus far. When Matt isn't spending time with his teenage children, he enjoys playing poker and on the odd occasion, social goalball. Matt's first goal of making the BLINDCAPS has been achieved, the next is to be a part of the 2021 BLINDCAPS T20 World Cup squad.



Player Name	Jody Cruickshank
Sight Category	B2
Birthplace	Gore, living in Invercargill
Provincial Club	Otago
Specialist Area	Wicket Keeper

Player Brief: Although a butcher by trade, Jody changed career paths and completed diplomas in Human Resources, Management, and Business to find a job that was more suited to his vision – it’s great that he is working full time in a role that allows him to support others within the Ministry of Social Development. As a B2 with retinitis pigmentosa, his supportive family that are always there for him as his vision deteriorates over time has been amazing. In his spare time Jody enjoys gardening or spending time at the beach. He’s aiming to be a part of the BLINDCAPS World Cup team in the near future.



Player Name	James Dunn (Captain)	
Sight Category	B2	
Birthplace	Paeroa, living in Auckland, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 3	T20: 1
Specialist Area	All Rounder	

Player Brief: Having played a lot of domestic cricket, James sees his eye condition of Retinitis Pigmentosa as an advantage – it means he needs to watch the ball and predict shots while out in the field because the second the ball is out of his tunnel, he’s lost it. But, it works perfectly when batting because you’re so focused on the ball as it leaves the bowler’s hands. James is one of very few triple internationals from New Zealand, being the current IBD (International Bowls for the Disabled) B4 Men’s World Champion and the Captain of the NZ Blind Rugby Team. Clearly James has a love for Blind Sport so he’s always ready to give any new sports a go when they pop up. When he’s not playing sport, James loves to spend his time down at the family batch in Waihi Beach. He’s hoping to one day be a part of a winning team once again – having been a part of the team that won against Sri Lanka in 1998.

	Player Name	Brett Hurlstone
	Sight Category	B2
	Birthplace	Taranaki, NZ
	Provincial Club	Central Districts
	Specialist Area	All rounder
<p>Player Brief: Brett has ocular toxoplasmosis, a condition that causes blind spots and scarring on the retina and has limited his central vision. Having an advanced diploma of disability helps in his area of employment with the disabled at a work enterprise. In his spare time he enjoys travelling to experience other culture and religions. Brett is hoping to one day be a part of a winning New Zealand side.</p>		



Player Name	Jack Schwenke
Sight Category	B2
Birthplace	Auckland, NZ
Provincial Club	Manukau South
Specialist Area	Bowling

Player Brief: At 17, Jack comes in as the youngest player in the team. With a rare condition known as Adrenoleukodystrophy, Jack has no useful vision in one eye and very limited partial vision in the other. Jack is still at school where his time is split between BLENNZ School for the Blind and James Cook High School. Being so young, Jack enjoys a range of other sports socially including goalball, blind hockey, blind rugby and athletics. His future goal is to be a part of the 2021 BLINDCAPS T20 World Cup team.



Player Name	Deacan Dunn	
Sight Category	B3	
Birthplace	Auckland, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	T20: 5	
Specialist Area	All Rounder	

Player Brief: A B3 with congenital cataracts, Deacan lost useful vision in his left eye after an infection in early 2019. With ongoing glaucoma issues, Deacan's vision can fluctuate between categories. Deacan is another dual international, making his international blind cricket debut in 2017, with his international blind rugby debut 5 months later. A bit of sportsman, Deacan also enjoys Blind Hockey, Goalball and Blind Soccer. Deacan describes himself as a bit of a prankster and enjoys being the local handyman. Having been selected for the BLINDCAPS, his next goal would be to get a strike rate of 100 for a season.



Player Name	Mark Flowerday
Sight Category	B3
Birthplace	Nelson, lives in Christchurch NZ
Provincial Club	Canterbury
Specialist Area	All Rounder

Player Brief: Mark plays club cricket for Sydenham and although he sees the ball a little late in the sighted game, he appreciates the vision he has when playing Blind Cricket. With his wife, they share the common interest of collecting contemporary art and often enjoy travelling around New Zealand to facilitate this. Mark is a Senior QS in commercial construction with an aim of having NDQS, NDCM Commercial Management by 35.



Player Name	Ross Gilmore	
Sight Category	B3	
Birthplace	Tauranga, live in Rotorua, NZ	
Provincial Club	Central Districts	
NZ Cap Number	T20: 11	
Specialist Area	Wicket Keeper	

Player Brief: Finding enjoyment in social mountain biking can prove a challenge on brighter days for Ross. With ocular albinism meaning a need for dark glasses to ease the impact of bright or intense light and slightly different prescriptions for each eye, measuring distance has it's challenges. With a diploma in technology (civil engineering) Ross is employed full time in this area. The future goal for Ross is to continue working on all aspects of his cricket game. When he's not out practicing cricket or on his mountain bike, Ross could be spending time with his 2 teenage children, Caitlyn and Ollie, or in the garden.



Player Name	Donna McCaskill (Vice Captain)	
Sight Category	B3	
Birthplace	Auckland, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	ODI: 18	T20: 9
Specialist Area	Wicket Keeper	

Player Brief: Having made her international debut playing alongside her brother in 2000, Donna was the first female to play international Blind Cricket – it’s no surprise that she’s pleased to see the development of a women’s game at an international level after so long. Donna’s highlight has been taking the field with both of her sons in the 2017 T20 Blind Cricket World Cup in India – something she’s excited to do again for the 2019/2020 BLINDCAPS season. Donna has studied in psychology, sociology and human behaviour with an interest in the use of sport as an adjustment/therapy tool for people with disabilities. If Donna finds spare time, it’s spent with family and friends enjoying what life has to offer – or on the odd occasion, taking part in a half marathon, or one of the many blind sports that are on offer.



Player Name	Marquele McCaskill	
Sight Category	B3	
Birthplace	Auckland, NZ	
Provincial Club	Manukau South	
NZ Cap Number	T20: 3	
Specialist Area	Batsman	

Player Brief: Born with congenital cataracts Marquele lost all vision in his left eye due to a retina detachment in 2003. Marquele is the 3rd McCaskill to play Blind Cricket for New Zealand, but he's a dual international – having made his international debut for Blind Rugby in 2017, 5 months after his Blind Cricket debut. These aren't the only sports Marquele enjoys, goalball and Blind Hockey are part time fun and indoor netball challenges the fitness. Marquele credits his family with where he is today and the supportive blindness community he was born into. In joking Marquele comments that he works full time in a Warehouse and part time as a PlayStation 4 gamer – much to the disapproval of his partner. The greatest sporting moment for Marquele, making a century against South Australia in the 2018 NZA Development Tour.