

New Overseas Player for 2007



Shepley Cricket Club have announced the signing of Australian Trent Copeland as their overseas player for the 2007 season.

The 20-year-old from New South Wales, who will join the Drakes Huddersfield League Premier Division outfit in April next year, says he is “very happy to confirm that I am coming to Shepley”.

The right-handed all-rounder, who plays for St. George CC Down Under, sought the advice of former Shepley player Tim Rees, who had played with him in Australia, before he made his decision.

He also admitted that the friendliness of club officials played a vital role. “The advice of Timmy Rees was a major factor in my decision to join Shepley,” he said.

Trent, who bowls right-arm fast-medium, leads the St, George bowling averages this current season, and was voted their Player of the Year in 2005-6.

With best bowling figures of 8-26 and a highest score of 158, Copeland will certainly add an extra dimension to the Marsh Lane outfit next season.

As well as bringing his huge cricketing ability to the Drakes League, Trent will also bring with him his Grade 2 coaching skills, and he is relishing the chance to put his talents to good use, with planning well under way for coaching sessions involving schools in the local area, as well as younger players at the cricket club itself.

Copeland said: “I hope that coming to Shepley will be an enjoyable and productive experience for myself, both as a player and a person.”