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SUPPORTING TOMORROW'S CRICKET STARS

Another two rising cricket stars have been recognised, with each winning one of the Lord's Taverners ACT's most prestigious awards.

The awards – the Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Awards – have gone to ACT representative players Jodie Hicks, 18, an all-rounder from Hay, and 17-year-old leg-spin bowler/middle-order batsman, Mac Wright of Merimbula.

“Honouring winners of the Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Awards is always a highlight of the work the Lord's Taverners ACT conducts – and this year is no exception,” said the President of the Lord's Taverners ACT, Ric Smith. “To be able to support young players with the skills and potential that both Jodie and Mac have is tremendous and we hope the additional support will help them to take their respective games to a new level.”

Jodie and Mac have each received \$1000 and a Kookaburra cricket kit. The awards, which carry the name of the foundation President of the Lord's Taverners ACT, are for cricketers aged between 14 and 18 who show outstanding qualities of ability, sportsmanship and general attitude to the game – both on and off the field. The honours have been formally awarded at the 2015 Lord's Taverners ACT Annual Dinner.

Jodie, who made her debut for the ACT Meteors representative side last season, said: “This is going to really help in the development of my cricket career.”

Mac, who starred for the ACT at the 2015 national championships, said: “I'm extremely grateful to have been recognised with the award.”

Past recipients of these awards include Michael Bevan (1989), Jason Behrendorff (2007) and Jason Floros (2008). More detailed information about Jodie and Mac follows.

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The Lord's Taverners ACT is a charity which is dedicated to helping young people play cricket when they might otherwise not have the opportunity to do so.

Profiles – 2015 Graham Wilkinson Memorial Junior Taverners Award Winners

Jodie Hicks

Jodie is an all-rounder (medium pace and middle-order bat) who made her debut for the ACT Meteors last season against Queensland at Manuka Oval. The 18-year-old was named in the Australian U18 honours team after representing the ACT U18s at the national championships in Ballarat in January. She attended the U18 Australian female talent camp in Brisbane at the National Cricket Centre and has recently toured Sri Lanka with a NSW female development team.

Mac Wright

Mac is a talented leg-spin bowler/middle-order batsman who currently plays for Weston Creek Molonglo in the ACT Premier cricket competition. Mac was 12th man for the PM's XI against England last season and played for the ACT XI against England, taking 1/25 with the ball and facing Stuart Broad and James Anderson while he batted. Mac represented the ACT U17s at the national championships in Hobart where he had an outstanding carnival with the bat, making 267 runs at an average of 53.40 (132 not out against Tasmania).