

Cricket – MacLeod gets Derby call-up



Calum MacLeod smashes another delivery to the boundary at The Grange on Sunday. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Batsman Calum MacLeod and Scotland national coach Grant Bradburn will join Derbyshire for this summer's Vitality Blast.

Glasgow-born MacLeod, who has played 84 times for Scotland scoring over 2,000 runs and a top score of 175, will be available for the entire competition alongside fellow countryman and all-rounder, Safyaan Sharif.

MacLeod put in a Man of the Match performance in Scotland's historic first victory over England with 140 not out to help post 371 for five wickets, the Tartan Team's highest total in one day international (ODI) cricket.

The 29-year-old has previous experience in County Cricket with Warwickshire and Durham and has scored 1,867 runs in T20.

Fife-based Sharif claimed the final wicket as England

collapsed from 220 for three to 365 all-out.

Bradburn will join Derbyshire's coaching team and provide support for specialist T20 coach John Wright and bowling coach Dominic Cork.

Bradburn said: "It's an exciting partnership between Cricket Scotland and Derbyshire.

"Calum and Safyaan are both highly-talented cricketers and will add depth and international experience to the Derbyshire squad.

"I am looking forward to working alongside John Wright and the other coaches and contributing to wins for the club which has ambitions of silverware this season."

The Vitality Blast begins on July 4 and runs until finals day on September 15.