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MAX IS CRICKETER OF THE MONTH

Max Stokoe (age 19) of Cronkbourne Cricket Club has been named as the first 'Standard Bank Player of the Month' for this season.

The initiative has been launched to recognise individuals who make an outstanding contribution in a match or who display a consistently high level of performance. During the season four awards will be up for grabs by players nominated by the Isle of Man Cricket Association (IOMCA).

The judging panel includes Chris Till, Director of Standard Bank, Andy Dalrymple of IOM Newspapers and Gareth Dawson, the IOMCA Development Officer. Nominations for the period starting in April and running to 22nd May included Abdul Khan, Travis Friend, Phil Littlejohns, Ollie Webster, Andy Sewell and Chris McConnell.

Chris Till, Director of Standard Bank, commenting on the announcement said: "There were a number of strong nominations for the first 'Player of the Month' award and we would like to congratulate each on their achievements. It was a very close decision but after deep discussion and deliberation the panel decided on Max for his excellent performances throughout the period of 347 runs which included four half centuries, one of them unbeaten and 16 wickets."

He added: "As lead sponsor of various cricket competitions on the Island we are delighted to also encourage individual excellence within a fantastic team sport and the level of contribution from all the nominees demonstrates the tremendous strength of Manx cricket. The panel and I look forward to having another difficult decision when we judge this month's nominees."

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At an international level, Standard Bank is a long term supporter of cricket and in South Africa is the main sponsor of the South Africa "Proteas" ODI team and the International Pro20 team. It is also involved in a number of other key cricketing initiatives including School Pro20 Challenge in South Africa.

The winner of the 'Standard Bank Player of the Month' will receive a £50 sports voucher, a Standard Bank cricket hat and a certificate.

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Photo: Max being presented with his prize by Chris Till of Standard Bank

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