Tim Paine's Playing Career Is Over

Tim Paine's playing career is over, since the former captain of Australia hasn't been offered a new contract by Tasmania.

Paine, who resigned as Test captain in a sexting controversy before last summer's Ashes series, hasn't been included on Tasmania's list of contracted players.

After taking time away from cricket following his resignation as captain, Paine returned to the Tasmanian team as an assistant coach in the middle of last season.

His playing career was still in doubt until Thursday's announcement of the Tigers squad.

Paine is believed to be keen to keep his involvement in cricket in a coach or development role. However, his on-field career seems to have ended after 35 Tests.

The Women's National Cricket League will be expanding to an entire home and away schedule next summer.

The move was made after Cricket Australia and the players union signed a new one-year Memorandum of Understanding.

One of the changes will see Australia's top one-day women's competition expanded from eight to twelve matches in addition to 14 WBBL games.

This move will result in additional WNCL match payments of nearly $7000 per player.

This means that the average domestic player's salary will rise to $86,000 for women who play both formats.

"Our female players are excellent role models, and as we continue to focus on enhancing the participation of girls and women in cricket, a full home and away WNCL season is an appropriate step," CA chief executive Nick Hockley said.

The new MoU, which is largely built on the previous one that saw players take part in 27.5 percent of Australian cricket revenue , and the players share a 2.5 percent performance pool.

"What was clear during the discussions was that the advantages to the game that come from this partnership model were clearly recognized," Australian Cricketers' Association chief executive Todd Greenberg said.
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"The deal will preserve the partnership-revenue share model which has been in use for more than 20 years. This is significant.