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Andrew Park/CBA Newsroom video transcript

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Photos show Andrew Park at a cricket training session.

TEXT ON SCREEN: Meet Andrew Park

Andrew Park is interviewed at a CommBank office, standing beside an AUSLAN interpreter who signs what he is saying.

ANDREW PARK: My name is Andrew Park, I'm currently a service delivery manager, operations technology at Commonwealth Bank. And I'm also the captain for the deaf men's Cricket Australia team.

TEXT ON SCREEN: What is the Commonwealth Bank International Inclusion Series?

ANDREW PARK: The Commonwealth Bank Inclusion Cricket Series is an amazing opportunity for deaf, blind and intellectually disabilities cricketers to actually get together and play against England, who are coming here. So it's an amazing opportunity for us three teams to actually play against them. It will be an awesome series.

As Andrew speaks, overlay footage shows him and his cricket teammates running on the field and playing cricket.

ANDREW PARK: Commonwealth Bank fully funds not only the deaf team, but also the blind and intellectual disabilities team. It's fully funded so it enables us to be included and the opportunity to play cricket against each other, not only international cricket, but on a national stage as well.

Overlay footage shows the blind and intellectually disabled teams playing cricket.

TEXT ON SCREEN: WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT CRICKET?

ANDREW PARK: I love cricket. What I really love is meeting up with people meeting new faces as well as old faces, and having catch-ups after the game. I'm a very competitive person on the field, so it's good to get off the field and have that catch-up too.

Overlay footage shows Andrew and his teammates at a cricket training session, running up and down the pitch and practising batting and bowling.

ANDREW PARK: I started playing cricket when I was about eight years old, with my family, backyard cricket, like many people do. And then from there, I played cricket in high school and I loved the game. I never looked back. I got involved in deaf cricket when I was about 25. So at the time they were a couple of players short so I put my hand up to play a game and and I've been playing every Saturday since then.

TEXT ON SCREEN: What are the highlights of your cricket career?

ANDREW PARK: There are two highlights that I have. The first one is winning the 2020 NDIC tournament for NSW.

Overlay footage shows Andrew and his NSW teammates on the cricket field.

ANDREW PARK: The second one is receiving the phone call from the head coach Jason Mathers to let me know that I was going to be the leading the Australia team to India.

Overlay footage shows an Australia cricket helmet laying on the pitch.

ANDREW PARK: So that was the absolute highlight of my career, because being a captain is one of the most honoured roles in the team.

TEXT ON SCREEN: Who is your cricket role model?

ANDREW PARK: My role model in cricket is actually Justin Langer. I had the opportunity to meet Justin Langer when I was quite young. I approached him and I asked him to sign my book. He said, "absolutely", signed the book. So I was the happiest kid, or I thought. Later on, or I thought. Later on, Justin Langer



comes through the pool area with his team, and he goes: "Hi Andrew" in front of all the other kids. And all the other kids looked at me going, "How do you know Justin Langer?" So I felt pretty good about that.

TEXT ON SCREEN: How does CommBank support your cricket career?

ANDREW PARK: I am so fortunate to be able to work for Commonwealth Bank, because I have a very understanding manager, and a team that I work with which allows me to actually work around my training schedule and my work commitments. So that's why I love working for CommBank.

Overlay footage shows Andrew holding a cricket bat on a field, smiling at the camera.

