

Test cricketers look to recruit physio's touch of magic



A MELTON injury expert is in the running to join the Sri Lankan cricket team as its leading physiotherapist.

After a series of interviews in Australia, Kusal Goonewardena (pictured) has been shortlisted for the position, which would have him working daily with his heroes.

"I've always loved cricket as a young boy, always wanted to play the game and play at a high level. If I was chosen I would be able to take care of the players."

As the team's leading physiotherapist, Mr Goonewardena would work closely with personal trainers and head coach, fellow Australian Stuart Law.

"The opportunity came up and I thought I'd give it a go," he said. "I have cousin and family in Sri Lanka, where I was born."

Mr Goonewardena said he enjoyed working in a team and loved how physiotherapy allowed him to help people rid their bodies of pain.

The Melbourne University undergraduate and La Trobe University masters student, who has been a physiotherapist for 12 years, was the head sports physio for Melbourne Uni's elite athletes squad.

He now runs sports medicine clinics in Melton and Bacchus Marsh.

— Andrea Cozza

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