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REPORT
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2001/2002



“The Willows”



CRICKET CLUB

LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our Motto

“Floreat Salices”
(May the Willows Flourish”)



*DEDICATED TO BOY CRICKETERS WHO
KEEP ALIVE THE TRADITIONS OF THE
GAME THROUGH GENERATIONS*



Our Objectives

- To encourage players in secondary school first elevens to play with and against experienced players, many of whom are present or past first-class cricketers.
- To offer quality cricket to cricket lovers in a country atmosphere, where families may come to watch and picnic.

ASB BANK

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HIREQUIP

AIR NEW ZEALAND



IRRIGATION & PUMPING
SERVICES

The Red Lion Tavern
RANGIORA

JOHNSON'S
OYSTERS

ANTHONY RUNACRES & ASSOC.
INSURANCE BROKERS
CHRISTCHURCH



"I should have warned you when I asked you to join us back at the hotel—we don't take this beach cricket too seriously."

Back Cover—TOP: Troels Nielsen throws one in from the outfield, MIDDLE: Nelson College 1st XI team talk, BOTTOM: Flags flying proudly on the morning of the match against the MCC Club XI.

Results

W = win L= loss D = draw T = tie

Home Games

	94-5	95-6	96-7	97-8	98-9	99-0	00-1	01-2
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-
Ohoka Swampens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craze	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	W
Motueka Wekas	-	W	-	L	W	-	-	-
Canterbury Emerging XI	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Mobil Oil XI	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W
Wellington President's XI	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-
Wanganui Collegiate	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	L
NZ Police XI (Chch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-
Millbrook XI	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-
Suburban XI	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	-
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	W
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-
King's College	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-
Waitaki BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W

Away Games

Flaxton Wanderers	-	L	L	T	L	-	L	-
Valley of Peace	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-

International Games

XL40 Club (UK)	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	W/L	W
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T
MCC Club XI (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

PATRON in PERPETUITY

W.A.Hadlee, CBE

PRESIDENT

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Founders

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W.R.T.Fairbairn
B.G.Hadlee
P.D.Harris

Team Selection

C.K.Baker
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Match Secretary

M.E.Dormer

Annual Report

R.J.Cowles

Hon. Statisticians

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Committee

Founders plus:
D.C.Burrell
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Square Supervisor

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A.R.McRae
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Groundsman

P.C.Devlin

Hon. Treasurer

P.D.Harris

Hon. Gardener

Mrs E.M.Edgar

Membership

The members roll at 31 March 2002 stood as follows:

Full Playing	201
Non Playing	143
Overseas	44
Honorary	26
Total Membership	414

Full Playing

(Year of entry precedes name)

94 Aberhart, D.C.	94 Cunliffe, S.M.
97 Allott, G.I.	94 Cusack, D.R.
94 Anderson, C.J.	98 D'Auvergne, P.G.
94 Baker, C.K.	94 Davidson, A.
01 Ballin, B.H.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.
94 Bateman, S.N.	94 Davidson, N.R.W., oc
94 Bennett, J.	94 Davis, S.J.
01 Bennetto, C.R.M.	99 Deans, R.M.
95 Bisman, C.W.	95 Devine, H.St A.
94 Bisman, J.C.	94 Devlin, P.C.
01 Blakely, J.E.	00 Diamanti, B.J.
98 Bond, D.W.	95 Doig, C.K., OBE
00 Boock, S.L.	99 Doig, H.P.
97 Bremner, M.C.	95 Doody, B.J.K.
94 Bromley, R.C.	00 Doody, H.
95 Brooks, G.N.B.	00 Doody, T.
94 Bull, A.J.	94 Dormer, B.L.
94 Bull, C.L.	94 Dormer, P.E.
94 Bull, J.C.	01 Dunnett, S.C.
94 Burrell, A.E.	95 Earnshaw, K.R.
94 Burrell, D.C.	99 Eathorne, D.W.E.
94 Burrell, W.	01 Eddington, W.L.
01 Burrows, D.L.B.	99 Ellis, A.M.
94 Burson, R.D.B.	01 Ellis, A.M.
01 Burt, L.M.B.	97 Ellis, M.J.
99 Cairns, B.L.	95 Evans, M.R.
01 Cameron, B.S.	01 Fahey, B.
01 Cameron, B.W.J.	94 Fairbairn, W.R.T.
94 Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	98 Fenton, W.R.
99 Chisholm, D.H.	94 Fisher, M.A.
99 Coll, J.P.	94 Fisher, T.D.L.
94 Coop, T.A.	98 Flanagan, C.W.
97 Cornelius, C.J.	94 Flanagan, S.P.
95 Cornelius, W.A.	01 Foley, T.R.
98 Crean, G.T.C.	94 Fox, D.O.
95 Cunneen, C.M.C.	98 Frahm, R.J.F.
95 Cunneen, O.	01 Fulton, D.H.
98 Cunliffe, J.J.	98 Fulton, G.H.

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	21.02.99
D.C.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swampens	28.01.96
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	05.03.00
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	11.03.01
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98
PD.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95
PD.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
PD.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01
R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
PB.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
PE.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
PE.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Hm's XI	16.03.97
G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
T.E.Lancaster	5-26	v London NZ CC	26.11.95
W.A.Cornelius	5-27	v London NZ CC	19.12.99
A.G.McFedries*	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury HM's XI	12.03.00
I.Huston	5-33	v Wanganui Collegiate	26.10.97
D.McMillan	5-36	v Hawkswood Wanderers	16.12.01
PE.McEwan	5-37	v Christchurch BHS	06.12.98

*Includes hat-trick

Shadbolt Trophy

(Awarded each year for Best Performance by a Junior Willower)

1994-95	S.J.Davis	3-19	v Ben Harris XI
1995-96	N.Perkins	68	v Motueka Wekas
1996-97	PB.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College
1997-98	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers
1998-99	C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools
1999-00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkswood Wanderers
2000-01	A.Johnstone (wk)	104	v Woodbank Wanderers
2001-02	A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College

49ers Cup

(Awarded each year for Most Meritorious Performance by a Secondary School XI.)

1998-99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999-00	St Bede's College
2000-01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001-02	Wanganui Collegiate School

Records

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
1994-95	13	12	1	-	-
1995-96	17	12	4	-	1
1996-97	17	10	6	-	1
1997-98	21	14	6	1	-
1998-99	18	10	7	-	1
1999-00	19	9	10	-	-
2000-01	23	17	6	-	-
2001-02	21	15	4	2	-

Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Wkts	Avg/ Wkt	Avg Total
1994-95	13	2702	105	25.7	207
1995-96	15	2930	100	29.3	195
1996-97	16	3007	106	28.3	187
1997-98	19	4306	128	33.6	226
1998-99	17	3584	134	26.7	210
1999-00	18	3128	145	21.5	173
2000-01	22	5149	162	31.8	234
2001-02	21	4053	152	26.7	193

Highest Team Scores

(50 overs unless otherwise stated)

For	330/6	v Woodbank Wanderers	22.03.98
	318/6	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
	315/7	v Waitaki BHS	11.02.01
	310/4	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
Against	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	302/6	by Flaxton Wanderers	26.11.00
	294/5	by St Bede's College	04.02.01

Lowest Team Scores

For	69	v Christ's College	27.10.96
	79	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	09.01.00
	92	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	12.03.00
Against	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01
	71	by St Bede's College	03.02.02
	74	by Shirley BHS	03.03.02

95	Fulton, P.G.	95	Miller, G.A.
98	Galloway, G.N.	97	Miller, R.M.
94	Gardner, J.	94	Mills, D.L.T.
94	Germon, L.K.	94	Mitchell, W.J.
94	Gibson, S.D.	01	Murray, B.A.
01	Gourdie, A.J.	98	Murray, D.J.
96	Grocott, D.J.	00	Nathu, A.
96	Grocott, J.W.	98	Nielsen, T.N.
94	Hadlee, D.R.	94	Nuttall, A.J.
94	Hadlee, M.J.	01	Oughton, J.A.
94	Hadlee, Sir Richard, MBE	94	Owens, M.B.
01	Hamel, M.	95	Page, R.J.
94	Hansen, J.W., Hon. Mr Justice	94	Parker, N.M.
99	Hantz, J.L.	98	Parr, M.J.
01	Harding, S.	94	Pavey, H.T.
94	Harris, B.Z.	94	Pawson, J.D.
94	Harris, C.Z.	94	Pawson, S.J.
94	Harris, P.D.	94	Perkins, N.
95	Hastings, M.B.	94	Phillips, M.K.
01	Hawes, F.C.	95	Pitcher, A.C.
94	Hight, C.M.	97	Priest, M.W.
01	Hini, B.	01	Rattray, P.J.
95	Hudson, H.J.	01	Rearden, P.H.R.
95	Hudson, M.G.	96	Reid, J.F.
95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., QC	95	Roberts, S.I.
98	Hurford, C.W.H.	00	Robertson, I.
94	Ikram, Prof. H.	95	Rugg, P.J.
94	Inglis, G.D.	95	Rutledge, P.D.
94	Innes, J.T.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.
95	Irvine, B.S.	94	Savill, C.M.
97	James, C.D.	95	Scott, D.W.G.
01	Johnston, M.T.	95	Sharp, D.C.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	95	Sharpe, M.F.
94	Joyce, Prof. P.R.	00	Shaw, H.J.
98	Judson, R.E.	00	Shiple, J.B.
01	Kroening, N.J.	00	Shrimpton, M.
97	Landon-Lane, M.E.	95	Smith, G.B.
94	Lancaster, M.J.	99	Sowden, C.J.S.
94	Latham, R.T.	99	Sowden, R.J.S.
96	Law, J.R.	94	Sparks, L.C.
01	Lawson, R.A.	94	Stead, G.R.
95	Leary, R.J.	94	Stead, D.W.
01	Leggat, J.E.	94	Stevens, S.D.
01	Loe, H.F.	01	Stone, C.S.
01	Lucas, B.J.	01	Stone, M.B.
99	McCarthy, H.R.M.	01	Stretch, G.B.
95	McCarthy, P.B.	94	Thiele, C.H.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	99	Thompson, K.G.
94	McEwan, P.E.	94	Thomson, G.L.
95	McFedries, A.G.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
98	McFedries, S.E.M.	01	Thornton, T.
95	McGregor, J.R.	99	Townrow, W.B.
98	McGuire, R.D.	98	Trafford, D.J.
94	McKenzie, M.N.M.	94	Wallace, P.E.
99	McKerrow, S.T.	95	Ward, J.
01	MacLeod, A.L.L.M.	94	Weeds, M.G.
94	McMillan, C.D.	01	Wilson, W.R.
01	McMillan, D.	01	Wilson-Pyne, R.N.
95	McRae, A.R.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
00	Martin, S.G.D.	95	Wright, M.J.W.
99	Masefield, T.J.	94	Yardley, K.J.
94	Masefield, R.V.	01	Yock, B.A.
98	Maw, A.C.		

Non Playing

			Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
		Hastings, B.F.	10	3	235	33.6	9	2	23	1	23.0
		Hastings, M.B.	15	1	220	15.7	135	25	491	22	22.3
		Hawes, F.C.	3	1	38	19	35	5	101	7	14.4
		Hawke, M.J.	5	1	92	23.0	32	4	147	6	24.5
		Hight, C.M.	7	3	103	25.8	64	17	143	12	11.9
		Hini, B.	3	-	40	13.3	23	8	51	5	10.2
		Hudson, H.J.	12	2	187	18.7	20	2	80	1	80.0
		Hudson, M.G.	7	-	114	16.3	57	5	238	10	23.8
		Ikram H.	5	2	56	18.7	83	5	374	14	26.7
		Innes, R.T.J.	1	-	6	6.0	60	13	193	11	17.5
		Inglis, G.D.	19	2	507	29.8	74	10	269	11	24.5
		Innes, J.T.	11	1	298	29.8	57	11	171	14	12.2
		Irvine, B.S.	7	4	86	28.7	70	9	298	3	99.3
		James, C.D.	11	-	291	26.5	-	-	-	-	-
		Joyce, P.R.	10	-	150	15.0	2	1	6	1	6.0
		Lancaster, M.J.	11	-	163	14.8	9	1	39	-	-
		Lancaster, TE.	7	1	187	31.2	39	8	101	8	12.6
		Landon-Lane, M.E.	9	4	205	41.0	17	2	70	2	35.0
		Latham, R.T.	7	1	172	28.7	39	7	127	7	18.1
		McCarthy, P.B.	9	1	334	41.8	28	5	91	6	15.2
		MacDonald, M.B.	4	2	29	14.5	27	5	91	6	15.2
		McEwan, P.E.	24	2	790	35.9	137	14	575	32	18.0
		McFedries, A.G.	20	2	492	27.3	172	24	685	28	24.5
		McGuire, R.D.	11	6	206	41.2	83	11	338	12	28.2
		McKenzie, M.N.M.	11	2	387	43.0	88	10	374	12	31.2
		McMillan, D.	2	-	62	31.0	52	13	185	10	18.5
		McRae, A.R.	14	4	215	21.5	71	7	268	11	24.4
		Martin, S.	4	-	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
		Masefield, R.V.	5	2	44	14.7	39	4	124	5	24.8
		Miller, G.S.	11	2	233	25.9	-	-	-	-	-
		Miller, R.M.	9	2	366	52.3	49	8	164	7	23.4
		Mills, D.L.T.	7	-	77	11.0	19	1	101	1	101.0
		Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	50	8	156	9	17.3
		Nathu, A.	5	-	125	25.0	5	-	38	1	38.0
		Nielsen, T.N.	11	2	150	16.7	95	11	369	20	18.5
		Nuttall, A.J.	28	13	397	26.5	337	87	795	79	10.1
		Page, R.J.	5	-	119	23.8	3	-	13	-	-
		Parr, M.J.	2	-	60	30.0	23	4	64	6	10.7
		Pavey, H.T.	2	1	24	24.0	23	3	81	6	13.5
		Pawson, J.D.	13	4	178	19.8	114	25	337	18	18.7
		Pawson, S.J.	5	-	113	22.6	16	5	54	3	18.0
		Perkins, N.	6	-	324	54.0	5	1	21	-	-
		Priest, M.W.	2	-	47	23.5	26	7	70	7	10.0
		Reid, J.F.	5	2	205	68.3	6	-	32	-	-
		Robertson, I.	5	-	136	27.2	57	10	176	5	35.2
		Rutledge, P.D.	17	1	216	13.5	9	-	67	1	67.0
		Satterthwaite, M.F.	7	-	72	10.3	5	-	30	-	-
		Savill, C.M.	20	5	279	18.6	33	-	208	9	23.1
		Smith, G.B.	9	1	161	20.1	-	-	-	-	-
		Sowden, C.J.S.	5	-	96	19.2	30	8	83	7	11.9
		Sparks, L.C.	11	4	134	19.1	135	30	437	25	17.5
		Stevens, S.D.	7	3	58	14.5	101	11	402	17	23.6
		Thiele, C.H.	7	2	50	10.0	87	9	340	11	30.9
		Thomson, G.L.	22	4	728	40.4	14	-	81	1	81.0
		Townrow, W.B.	5	1	43	10.8	36	4	123	8	15.4
		Wallace, P.E.	9	3	86	14.3	-	-	-	-	-
		Ward, J.	10	3	213	30.4	44	3	222	11	20.2
		Weeds, M.G.	6	1	159	31.8	4	-	16	-	-
		Wright, M.J.W.	9	2	250	35.7	14	-	65	3	21.7
		Yardley, K.J.	9	6	12	4.0	156	21	623	29	21.5
94	Adams, B.C.	00	Guillen, S.G.								
94	Aldridge, B.L.	94	Guthrey, P.C.								
01	Allington, D.J.	94	Hadlee, B.G.								
95	Anderson, C.W.	95	Hadlee, Lady Karen								
94	Austin, G.K.	95	Hamilton, B.G.								
94	Barber, R.T.	95	Harrison, R.J.								
94	Boyle, J.G.	94	Hastlow, J.W.								
94	Blair, K.R.	94	Hastings, B.F.								
95	Blake, Fr P, SM	96	Hawke, Rev M.J.								
94	Bromley, G.R.	00	Hensman, J.								
94	Brooke, H.D.E.	99	Heslop, J.H.								
95	Brownlee, E.T., QSM	94	Holderness, D.J.R.,								
95	Bruce, D.B.		His Honour Judge								
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	98	Howell, J.H.								
99	Calder, B.	94	Innes, R.T.J.								
00	Cameron, D.J.	99	Irving, J.D.								
94	Cameron, F.J., MBE	99	James, I.								
97	Cameron, R.	94	James, P.M.								
00	Cameron, H.C.	99	Kerr, L.H.								
95	Campbell, A.I.	94	Keys, K.F.								
98	Cederman, R.W.	94	King, J.G.								
00	Chisholm, L.,	94	Lancaster, TE.								
	His Honour Judge	94	Lancaster, W.J.								
94	Clark, L.A.	95	Lennon, G.P.								
94	Clark, N.G.	99	Lischner, J.A.								
01	Coates, N.F.	94	Loe, J.G.								
98	Compton, M.R.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.								
99	Coney, J.V.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.								
94	Cottrell, H.C.	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.								
94	Cotton, B.J.	94	McDonnell, K.M., JP								
98	Cook, P.S.	95	McFedries, B.G.								
94	Cooper, R.T.	95	McHarg, R.L.								
01	Cowper, C.S.J.	97	McInnes, C.J.								
95	Crocker, L.M.	94	McKechnie, B.J.								
97	Currie, D.S.	99	McKendry, D.J.								
97	Curtis, W.M.	98	McKinlay, S.								
94	Cusack, V.B.	98	McLisky, T.H.								
95	Dalley, R.G.	01	Malloch, B.E.								
00	Dick, A.E.	01	Martin, S.G.								
01	Dickson, I.B.	96	Morrison, B.D.								
94	Doig, J.R.	99	Munn, R.W.								
94	Dolan, P.J.	94	Murdoch, A.J.								
94	Dowling, Br W.H.	97	Murray, A.J.								
94	Dowling, G.T., OBE	99	Nancarrow, P.J.								
94	Duncan, W.McK.	99	Nevin, J.H.								
98	Durning, J.W.	98	Nixon, B.M.								
94	Ebert, R.J.	94	O'Malley, C.J.								
01	Elley, J.C.	96	Parker, K.J.								
01	Everleigh, R.W.	94	Paton, G.C.J.								
94	Fairbairn C.J.R.	99	Payton, D.H.								
94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	98	Pearse, R.A.								
94	Fenton, Mrs M.M.	95	Preston, A.H.								
97	Fenwick, C.R.	95	Quested, D.M.								
99	Frampton, G.W.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.								
94	French-Wright, L.R.	94	Rhodes, T.T.								
97	Fuller, M.J.	98	Robinson, L.M.C.								
94	Fulton, R.W.	00	Rodgers, P.J.								
98	Geary, T.F.C.	94	Runacres, A.M.								
94	Graves, A.C.	01	Rust, K.N.								
97	Greenslade, K.	94	Ryan, M.L.								

Cumulative Statistics

(Qualification for listing: 5 innings or 5 wickets)

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
Aberhart, D.C.	6	3	92	30.7	40	5	163	5	32.6
Allott, G.I.	3	-	66	22.0	23	4	109	5	21.8
Anderson, C.J.	9	-	217	24.1	107	27	275	11	25.0
Baker, C.K.	11	2	179	19.9	47	3	227	7	32.4
Bateman, S.N.	7	2	106	21.2	60	6	249	9	27.7
Bennett, J.	17	6	200	18.2	9	1	53	3	17.7
Bisman, C.W.	8	2	318	53.0	81	12	246	19	12.9
Bisman, J.C.	6	1	117	23.4	57	6	218	6	36.3
Bond, D.W.	16	2	546	39.0	7	-	75	-	-
Boock, S.L.	3	1	4	2.0	45	9	134	8	16.8
Bromley, G.R.	11	1	267	26.7	34	2	136	6	22.7
Bromley, R.C.	6	1	38	7.6	8	3	34	2	17.0
Brooks, G.N.B.	11	2	466	51.8	29	2	111	4	27.8
Bull, C.L.	11	-	119	10.8	22	2	103	2	51.5
Burrell, A.E.	12	1	294	26.7	14	1	46	2	23.0
Burrell, D.C.	22	11	705	64.1	101	9	436	13	33.5
Burrell, W.M.	14	4	400	40.0	69	13	231	14	16.5
Burson, R.D.B.	4	1	69	23.0	49	3	148	9	16.4
Campbell, A.J.M.	1	1	4	-	36	9	136	6	22.7
Chisholm, D.H.	7	1	59	9.8	-	-	-	-	-
Coll, J.P.	11	4	159	22.7	83	18	328	17	19.3
Cornelius, C.J.	9	1	226	28.3	66	12	225	13	17.3
Cornelius, W.A.	14	3	129	11.7	148	26	425	32	13.3
Cowles, R.J.	13	2	118	10.7	7	1	28	3	9.3
Cunneen, C.M.C.	6	-	133	22.2	21	3	92	4	23.0
Cunneen, O.	5	-	15	3.0	7	-	31	1	31.0
Cusack, D.R.	12	3	524	58.2	2	-	20	-	-
Davidson, A.F.	6	-	55	9.2	39	2	233	6	38.8
Davis, S.J.	10	3	99	14.1	80	16	262	12	21.8
Devine, H.St.A.	3	3	14	-	30	4	130	5	20.6
Devlin, P.C.	10	1	307	34.1	4	-	17	-	-
Doody, A.	4	2	18	9.0	71	4	294	9	32.7
Doody, B.J.K.	4	1	127	42.3	18	1	78	8	9.8
Doody, H.	5	-	18	3.6	33	3	161	7	23.0
Dormer, B.L.	8	1	189	27.0	2	-	12	-	-
Dormer, P.E.	7	1	22	3.7	20	-	84	3	28.0
Earnshaw, K.R.	6	2	109	27.3	27	3	98	5	19.6
Ellis, A.M.	6	2	91	22.8	24	10	54	2	27.0
Ellis, M.J.	7	4	7	2.3	44	1	224	6	37.3
Fairbairn, W.R.T.	12	4	156	19.5	61	12	209	6	34.8
Fisher, M.A.	8	1	101	14.4	3	-	9	-	-
Flanagan, S.P.	12	1	280	25.5	106	14	348	17	20.5
Fox, D.O.	10	4	76	12.7	48	-	269	4	67.3
Fulton, P.G.	8	-	350	43.8	34	2	163	3	54.3
Gardner, J.	7	2	92	18.4	4	-	17	1	17.0
Germon, L.K.	8	3	313	62.6	5	-	50	1	50.0
Gibson, S.D.	17	-	305	17.9	109	16	411	12	34.3
Gourdie, A.	4	2	41	20.5	34	3	147	12	12.3
Grocott, J.W.	6	2	33	8.3	5	-	34	1	34.0
Hadlee, D.R.	8	4	249	62.3	60	15	162	11	14.7
Hadlee, M.J.	6	1	224	44.8	34	10	111	5	22.2
Harris, B.Z.	4	-	94	23.5	49	6	172	7	24.6
Harris, P.D.	29	8	844	40.2	206	30	784	30	26.1

97	Scott, A.D.L.	94	Wait, E.P.
01	Shackleton, D.A.	00	Wake, R.W.
94	Shadbolt, C.H.	01	Ward, K.A.
95	Skipper, H.L.	95	Watson, M.
94	Smith, M.J.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	Smith, P.R.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
95	Strack, D.J.	94	Whittington, Mrs J.A.
99	Taylor, B.J.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
94	Thomson, J.J.	94	Williams, P.R.
95	Tindall, M.G.	95	Wright, Sir Allan, KBE
94	Ussher, C.P.	99	Wright, H.G.
94	Ussher, J.E.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
01	Wadeson, C.		

Junior

01 Sam McMillan

Overseas

01	Apte, A. (India)	97	Jones, B.S. (Aust)
95	Bazalgette, C. (Eng)	95	Kirby, K.J., AO (Aust)
95	Boyle, D.J. (Aust)	98	Logan, A.A.G. (Eng)
95	Bramall, C.H. (Eng)	98	Lorimer, A.A. (Eng)
98	Brierley, R.H. (Eng)	94	Macarthur Stanham, R.Q. (Aust)
94	Carpenter, C.S. (Aust)	98	Marsden W. (Eng)
01	Chandler, J. (Hong Kong)	96	Maxwell, D.N. (Aust)
94	Cowles, R.J. (Aust)	01	Miles, R. (Hong Kong)
98	Cumbes, J. (Eng)	94	Munn, R.G. (Eng)
98	Darke, M. (Aust)	01	Neaves, T.C. (Aust)
95	Davidson, A.K., MBE, AM (Aust)	94	Openshaw, C.F. (Eng)
98	Dodds, V. (Eng)	00	Prodger, J. (Eng)
94	Douglass, W.B., ASM (Aust)	01	Richards, S. (Aust)
94	Eastment, B.A. (Aust)	96	Rixon, S.J. (Aust)
98	Eddington, R. (Aust)	94	Roebuck, P.M. (Eng)
94	Eldershaw, J.M. (Aust)	01	Rose, G.L. (Aust)
01	Fotheringham, B. (Hong Kong)	98	Silver, M.R. (Aust)
98	Goode, P. (Eng)	95	Smith, R. (Aust)
94	Hatley, B. (Eng)	98	Stearns, N. (Hong Kong)
94	Hutton, B. (Eng)	01	Walsh, M. (Hong Kong)
94	Hutton, O. (Eng)	94	Wiles, E.G. (Aust)
94	Hutton, R.A. (Eng)	97	Wright, J.G. (India)

Honorary

99	Sir Ronald Brierley	99	John Graham, CBE
98	Dick Brittenden	94	Walter Hadlee, CBE
95	Hon. Philip Burdon	98	John Hayes
98	The Lord Butler of Brockwell, GCB, CVO Master	98	Mrs Ellie Henderson
99	The Rt Hon. The Lord Cooke of Thorndon, KBE, PC	99	Peter Johnston
99	Arthur Cresswell	99	Jack Kerr, OM
94	Rev Fr Brian Cummings, SM	00	Charles Luney, QSO, CNZM
94	Bill Dormer	95	Roger Macfarlane
94	Mrs D. Winsome Dormer	01	Bruce Murray, QSO
94	Mrs Elsa Edgar	94	Don Neely, MBE
95	Miss Ann Gallaway	98	Geoff Rabone
94	Iain Gallaway, QSO, MBE	99	John Reid, OBE
		96	Dr Max Rosser
		98	Merv Wallace

President's Report

By John Mitchell

Willowers all,

March 16, 2002 was a proud day for New Zealand cricket. Nathan Astle scored the fastest double century in test history at Christchurch. For those privileged to be there none will forget it.

March 16 was good for another reason. On that day I was invited into a hospitality box at Jade Stadium. Present (and unbeknown to any) were fellow Willowers Phil d'Auvergne from Blenheim and Barry Townrow from Westport and some of us townies. We shared the wonderful spectacle together. Our bond was membership of this club, the Willows.

I deliberately start this year with a tribute to the support and commitment shown by all club members and above all to the players for generously giving of their time to assist youth and 1st XI cricket. Ours is a very special cricket club and what we offer is unique. The Willows gives us the opportunity to put something back into the game we love.

After the Astle 'gem', it was nice to focus back on us, mere mortals (and some mere crocks), playing at the Willows. Here, the virtues of cricket are reinforced, week after week, during the season. There is something proper (and old fashioned) in escaping the hype of the professional game with its Barmy Army, pop music, "Mad Caps", promotion to "come make a noise" etc and in enjoying the tranquility of cricket, Willows-style. We are blessed having such an idyllic ground, with vistas out to the mountains, thriving foliage and hedgerows and livestock in adjoining fields. Even the calming aroma of the excrement that wafts across occasionally adds to the character of the place (and is in keeping with dreams of Honours Board glory that regularly go unfulfilled by some of our more geriatric players!).



The late Bert Sutcliffe

An extract from an obituary in the Otago Daily Times by Iain Gallaway

"... It will be patently clear that Bert Sutcliffe was the most dominant figure in New Zealand post-war cricket. In the '50s, with John Reid, he carried a huge burden as New Zealand fought to reach some degree of parity with its international opponents after the retirement of such illustrious players as his fellow left-hander Martin Donnelly, Walter Hadlee, Jack Cowie, Mervin Wallace and others.

Who could forget his sensational debut for Otago soon after his arrival in Dunedin to study physical education, following war service in Egypt and Japan.

Chosen to play against Hammond's MCC team, he arrived only minutes before play on the first morning. A mild reprimand from his Captain, Walter Hadlee for his lateness was followed by the instruction to put his pads on immediately.

"You're coming out to open the innings with me".

Sutcliffe protested in vain that he was a middle-order batsman and speaking at the funeral service, Walter Hadlee suggested that this decision was his greatest contribution to New Zealand cricket.

Two minutes before stumps that day, endeavouring to hook Bill Edrich to reach his double century (he straight-drove Pollard for 6 to reach his first 100), Sutcliffe was brilliantly caught and bowled for 197.

The Englishmen all expressed disappointment that he didn't reach 200, but his 197 was followed by an even better innings of 128 which Hammond described as "a chanceless brilliant piece of batting, as good as any I have seen."

No New Zealand cricketer captured the public imagination as Sutcliffe did, none enjoyed such spectacular success, yet throughout his brilliant career he remained unaffected, friendly, sincere and cheerful.



Geoff Allott coaching Hamish Williams with father and uncle looking on.



Andrew Nuttall with Michael Owens, coaching the boys at the conclusion of the game.



A Timaru Boys' High bowler full of concentration.



Wanganui Collegiate take the field.

Working for Secondary Cricket

The challenge of the Willows continues more and more to encourage youth to have a focus. We want to augment the superb work done, sadly by a dwindling number, of secondary cricket masters and coaches in nurturing the talent of our 15-19 year old cricketers. The Willows is determined to play its part to ensure that these players have the chance to acquire the standards needed to go further in the game. So what have we done?

- Peter Nancarrow is our match manager for each school game. He has done a magnificent job to make sure youngsters feel welcome. Not only has Peter won many friends but he has a delightful way with the boys.
- We congratulate the overall presentation and cricket played by all visiting 1st XIs and in particular Wanganui Collegiate (recipients this season of the '49ers Cup) and Waitaki Boys' High School for lowering the Willows to their knees.
- We also hosted three youth teams from Australia (from Armadale, Gunnedah and the Crusaders Club, Victoria).
- Andrew Ellis (Burnside High School) is currently playing and learning about cricket in Surrey, England.
- Sons of club members are now beginning to play at the ground. The first, being James Boock, who fielded for part of the day.

Roger Moses, Headmaster of Wellington College, took up Don Neely's inspirational idea and hosted an evening at his school for twelve 1st XIs in the Wellington area. Twenty ex-internationals and others attended and were entertained by John Graham and Jeremy Coney.

While on youth, we were thrilled to sign up Sam McMillan as our first Junior Willower. Nine-year-old Sam has endured many operations in his lifetime and has shown supreme courage and is a fine example to members much older than him.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations go to our national Black Caps team and their memorable successes this summer. To members Craig McMillan (our first ever half century maker), Chris Harris and Coach Aberhart we salute the wonderful results. We know they have come about through hard work, dedication and team support. Well done!

Ex-internationals like Lee Germon, Geoff Allott, Paul McEwan and Stephen Boock, have all captained teams at the Willows and are integral to our future success as a club. We thank them sincerely for sharing their cricket skills with us. The sight of them coaching the schoolboys post-match has been a welcomed innovation.

Distinguished visitors

The Willows has again had the honour to host many cricket dignitaries at the ground. Very special amongst them were: Lord Robin Cooke of Thorndon KBE (Law Lord, Patron of Cricket Wellington and great lover of cricket), Ivan Baxter (long serving stalwart of Canterbury Cricket) and Martin Snedden (successful CEO of New Zealand Cricket). To these and other visitors we thank you

Ivan Baxter, who contributed significantly to Canterbury cricket during the '50s and '60s enjoys time in the Pavilion.



Peak Performance Tips

By Clive Gibson, Mike Pratt and Kevin Roberts

(Courtesy of the National Business Review)

Making magic— Those days when an entire team produces a performance even beyond their expectations.

Inspirational players—Gamebreakers and motivators, like Australian legspin bowler Shane Warne or Frank Williams, the wheelchair-bound Formula One genius, who terrifies his competitors because “he has more time to think”.

Create the future—Build your team for the next season and 10 years’ time from the bottom up.

Exceed personal best—Each individual in the team must have a deep commitment to personal improvement.

Community—An intense sense of belonging among all the team’s members, on and off the field.

Gamebreaking ideas—A culture that removes the fear of failure from trying new ways. As David Campese, the Australian rugby player, proved, you often have to go through several absolutely crazy ideas before you hit the great ones.

Game focus—Understand and pursue goals but be able to refocus quickly if necessary. Maintaining and changing game focus is what separates leaders from managers.

Share the dream—Successful teams do this with all of their surrounding groups – fans, the media and sponsors.

The last detail—A commitment and responsibility to getting everything right.

Cancellations



The following matches were cancelled because of inclement weather:

- Otago Boys' High School 8.10.00
- Marlborough Boys' College 4.11.01
- London New Zealand CC 9.12.01
- Clarrie Anderson's XI 6.01.02
- Suburban XI 13.01.02
- Dunedin Cavaliers of Chingford 20.01.02

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to play at the Willows last Sunday as part of the North Canterbury Schoolboys Cricket Team. It was a great experience to play against the ex-NZ players, Hadlee, Reid and Allott. I attended the same primary school as Phillip Maw and Brendan Lucas so it was neat to play against them also. You have wonderful facilities at the Willows and to be part of a 'real' cricket match was special.

A very special part of the day was the time Geoff Allott gave me out in the middle with Dad and Uncle Peter at the end of the match. When you see him again can you also pass on my thanks for his tips. It has given some points to focus on and think about over the winter season. Hopefully next year my cricket will improve because of the advice from Geoff and the day's experience.

Thank you once again for the opportunity

Yours sincerely

Hamish Williams

Condolences

Condolences are expressed to Craig Cowper for the loss of his father, John, a well-respected umpire in the district.

for the interest shown in our club and we look forward to return visits in the future. At the end of the season we enjoyed the excellent company (at a dinner and for a match) of an MCC club side. Finally, during the season, an international match took place between England and Australia; played by Rotarians. Reports have come back that the elderly gents involved found great difficulty in reaching the boundary.

News too about our Honorary Chaplain and dear friend Father Brian Cummings—he has just completed six months at St Mary's of the Angels Church (Wellington) before heading overseas. We wish him every success and expect him to continue his Willows chaplaincy duties from afar.

What of the season's high points?

On that score, there have been plenty. We recorded a favourable win/loss ratio. We finally turned the tables against Roger Macfarlane's boys and restored his trophy back to its rightful cabinet. Batsmen of the calibre of Paul McEwan, Phil Harris, Derek Burrell and Gary Thomson continue to surge towards the prestigious 1,000 runs for the Willows milestone. Andrew Nuttall stands out mightily with the ball (with 79 scalps thus far in our short history).

From the highlights package, four events also stand out:

1. Mike Hawke, losing captain, meant that the elusive Diana has again eluded us. He lost the match in the last over which when considered in conjunction with his application for a bishopric will NOT read well!
2. Lyn Sparks, who happens to live closer to the ground than anyone else, arrived appallingly late for one match (much to the chagrin of the selector). His feeble excuse centred on the changes brought by daylight saving.
3. The aforementioned selector has been on about signing up Sachin Tendulkar for years (usually after we succumb to Flaxton or Hawkswood or both). That might not have happened (yet!) but Willower John Wright did get an Indian shirt, signed by the master batsman, and it was presented to a Player of the Day.
4. Spied on the CTV coverage of the SBHS match, the captain of the day (see the match report for his name) not only embraced Mr Nuttall eq. but was seen to deliver a tender kiss when a wicket was claimed. But for all that, he has been reappointed as captain for the 2002/03 fixture.



Contribution to Willows Cricket

All the above (the runs on good wickets thanks to Vince and Peter, cricketers being well troughed, the players of tomorrow being challenged, etc) can not occur without the contribution of so many kind people who believe in the Willows concept. I refer to the umpires, ground staff, scorers, caterers, gardeners, typists, statisticians and more. The members express a deep gratitude to you. For many, it has been years of commitment to our club. For others, such as John Whitty (our wonderful caterer) and the Miller family (barbeque supremos), it has been a more recent relationship—but equally as special. Please accept an apology that not all are named in person this year but your contribution is abundantly clear each Sunday. Thank you.

CTV now wish to record play every game. There must be an audience out there that wants to see what goes on! Video taped copies go to each school weekly.

Conclusion

The planning has started for next season. The square and outfield have been scarified, aerated, seeded and top-dressed. Even 20 fluorescent fairy rings have been removed and replaced by clean topsoil.

All that's left to verify is the rumour that Mr Astle has a membership application pending for 2002/03? So Hawkswood Wanderers and the Craze, you are forbidden to engage his services next season! Imagine him threatening the safety of the livestock (and opposing players) in the quiet fields of Loburn.

Here's to that first match against a South Canterbury XI in October.

WJM

v MCC Club XI

27 March 2002 / Report by John Mitchell

Eleven Willowers had a ball in this match against the MCC Club XI. It was a brilliant end to a wonderful summer.

A tied match. Only the third in the Club's history! And against a confident, competitive and younger MCC touring side. A game that ended 196 runs apiece!

Before mention of our side it is appropriate to acknowledge our opponents. Right from their arrival, warm up and opening innings it was good to have visitors that were serious, focused and keen to represent their prestigious club with pride.

Our boys? Each player deserves a rap: Player of the Day Warren Eddington (runs, wickets and a stunning catch), Peter Devlin (also a wonderful catch), David Bond (a match saving innings, again!), rookie Richard Hayward, Rev. Hawke and Troels Nielsen (all superb spells with the ball), Andrew Nuttall (bowled at both the opening and the death with panache), the inimitable Joe Bennett (our 'keeper who chimed in with valuable runs), Derek Burrell (no runs but a useful sixth bowler), Mike Hastings (handy runs) and John Mitchell (a 20-odd at the top of the innings).

In all, a great day played in late March heat. Best of all was the fun, good cricket and banter amongst fellow Willowers in a game that proved a nail-biter.

Our Patron, Walter Hadlee attended all day. We treasured his company. When the tension rose in those final overs Walter's mind went to those wonderful words of Sir Henry Newbolt:

"Ten to make and the match to win
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in".

So ends the 2001/02 season with a tie against the MCC.

MCC 196/5

Tied with **Willows 196**

D.Bond 63, W.Eddington 40

v Woodbank Wanderers

24 March 2002 / Report by Lindsay Thorn

This penultimate match of the season was again played in perfect weather conditions and the game itself wasn't bad either. It was agreed to reduce the match to 45 overs, and with the warm conditions this was very well received by both teams.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat. An excellent opening partnership of 75 runs between Mike Satterthwaite and Matt Wright was impressive as the wicket offered some assistance early on. Another 83 run partnership between the inform Wright and Greg Stretch saw the Willows well placed at lunch for the loss of only three wickets. Matt Wright completed a very good century, facing 103 balls and hitting 13 fours. His retirement eight minutes before lunch saw the momentum lost and in the eleven overs after the lunch break some astute bowling and field placements by the captain of Woodbank, Phil D'Auvergne, held the Willows to a total of 201.

The Woodbank innings struggled early on thanks to a very tight line bowled by opening bowlers Stuart Stevens, Greg Stretch and first change bowler Barry Townrow. Opening bowler Stuart Stevens had the excellent figures of 2 wickets for 13 runs from his 5.3 overs. The Willows bowled only four wides compared to the 19 conceded by Woodbank.

Stephen Boock kept the pressure on with some of his old skill and combined well with off spinner Mike Hamel. Having quality spinners we saw some fine wicket keeping by Bob Judson with a very good stumping.

A great help in this fielding effort was having the services of young James Boock. He was especially appreciated by his father and Barry Townrow who were able to be strategically rested. Woodbank were not out of the game, but the stumping of Gardiner and run out of Diamanti swung the match firmly our way and the trophy was safe for another year.

Willows 201/6

M.Wright 100 ret, G.Stretch 29

Defeated **Woodbank Wanderers 152**

C.Anderson 49, B.Diamanti 33, G.Stretch 3/23

Team Selections

The team selectors were grateful for the consideration shown by Willowers in responding to the changes to the pre-season team selections.

A correct mix of players to 'balance' a side is most essential, but due to the weather, representative selections, examinations, work commitments, physical breakdowns (!), and unforeseen personal commitments, occasions did arise where last minute requests were made for replacements. Thank you for your support and understanding when the call was made.



Joe who?



By Joe Bennett

"Sorry but no," I said into the receiver. "It's kind of you and I'd really like to go. I just love Bulgarian films, especially from the fifties, those gritty black and white tonal values, that daring absence of plot, but it's just..."

"You want to watch the cricket," she said.

"The cricket," I said with vehemence, "the cricket. Yes I do."

"Cricket," She said in the manner of a public health official diagnosing hepatitis, "is twenty boys who somehow got through puberty but didn't let it change a thing, wasting five days of what they like to think of as their lives playing a game devised in the nineteenth century to keep schoolboys from masturbating and the British Empire from revolting, a game that, if it ever had any virtue, has now surrendered it entirely to commercial interests."

"Twenty two boys," I said but I might as well not have spoken.

"Haven't you noticed," she swept on, "that the team from this country is sponsored by a telecommunications company and that the whole shebang is televised by another telecommunications company whose only purpose is to keep drongos like you rooted to the sofa, beer in hand and brain in neutral cramming pepperoni pizzas into your mouth for fifty years until you die. You're a dupe, a stooge, a dummy, a victim of commercial manipulation, a life form in suspension, a passive receptacle for trash, a donkey at the water wheel drawn ever forward by the synthetic allure of the business of sport. It's manhood by proxy, war by proxy, nationalism by proxy." She paused for breath.

"I see," I said.

"Is that all," she snorted, "all you've got to say?"

"It ought to be," I said, "but since you ask, it isn't. Cricket's beautiful."

v Crusaders XI (Melbourne)

23 March 2002 (Sat) / Report by Andrew Nuttall

The Crusaders won the toss and elected to bat first on a greenish but evenly grassed wicket. The openers batted very well against a steady opening attack of Richard McGuire and Bruce Irvine who bowled six overs each for 15 and 19 runs respectively. The Crusaders opening partnership of 65 was finally broken by Doug McMillan in the 19th over and the incoming batsman found scoring difficult. After 50 overs the Crusaders had scored 190 with the last pair putting on 31 runs in the final six overs.

The Willows opening batsman, Mike Hamel and Darin Cusack batted superbly scoring 76 runs in 18 overs. Their partnership laid the foundation for the remaining Willows batsman and they passed the Crusaders total in the 46th over for the loss of seven wickets. The game was played in an excellent spirit and mention also needs to be made of the high standard of umpiring. Many thanks also to the caterers and match officials.

Crusaders 190/9

M.Diacogiorgis 32, B.Angus 31, A.Nuttall 4/24, B.Townrow 2/37

Lost to Willows 192/7

M.Hamel 47, D.Cusack 44, R.Thomas 3/43, G.Swift 2/32

Matthew Wright on his way to his first 100 at the Willows.



v Medbury Headmaster's XI

17 March 2002 / Report by Gary Thomson

The day of the annual clash between the Willows and the Medbury Headmaster's XI found the Willows basked in sunshine with a pitch that looked as if it should provide a benefit day for the batsmen.

Medbury's hired gun, Willows President John Mitchell lost the toss and was asked to field. Early contributions from Tim Coop (25) and Carl Anderson (41) saw the Willows off to a solid start. The good early work was undone with a middle order slump that found us 112 for six with plenty of overs left.

Some intelligent occupation of the crease was required and that came in the form of a 101 run partnership between Anup Nathu (62) and Warren Eddington (42). That contribution provided the impetus for the Willows to finish on a healthy total of 252 for 9. N McIntosh was the best of the bowlers with 3 for 49.

A confident Willows side stacked with seven bowlers took to the field only to be met by an aggressive Medbury top order. Miserly spells from Carl Anderson (5-2-7-1) and Simon Steel (7-2-15-1) who was visiting from the Godalming Cricket Club in Surrey slowed progress and a brilliant catch by Troels Nielsen to remove John Masefield (49) off Adrian McFedries (2/40) turned the match in the favour of the Willows.

Martin Snedden contributed 28 in the middle order but once removed by Andrew McRae (3/39) the tail was wrapped up quickly. Troels Nielsen (2/23), Brandon Hini and Warren Eddington also bowled well.

Thanks to David and John for an excellent game of cricket and congratulations to the Willows team for a quality performance.

Willows 252/9

A.Nathu 62, W.Eddington 42, C.Anderson 41, T.Coop 25

Defeated Medbury Headmaster's XI

J.Masefield 49, M.Snedden 28, A.McRae 3/39, T.Nielsen 2/23

Her gasp was gratifying.

"Truly beautiful," I said. "Like you," I almost added, before wisdom stilled my tongue. "Have you not seen Shane Warne?" I asked, "a man whose manner I find utterly repellent, a man who has the aura of a moral vacuum, a man whom I would cross the road to miss but a man who bowls a cricket ball as Leonardo wielded paint. To watch him shuffle a few short strides towards the stumps, his wrist furled up, his fingers wrapped like tentacles around the ball and then to toss a leg break up in such a way that it will dip and curve and land and bite and spit and leave a batsman baffled, that, my dear, is beauty. Forget the artist—Leonardo after all had pimples and breath like Agent Orange—but love the art.

"And have you not," I added, "seen Stephen Fleming bat? He gropes and looks ungainly and then from furnaces where art is forged he leans onto a bent front knee and puts the ball past extra cover so sweetly that confectioners swoon. The right elbow may not be elevated as the coaching books would wish but that's the imperfection that makes beauty. There are moments when he conjures up a hint of David Gower, and praise can go no higher. Gower batted like the Holy Ghost in whites.

"I could go on," I said. "I could tell you of a dumpy little Englishman called Philip Sharpe who caught the ball at slip with such deft ease I swear that, had he wished, he could have plucked a swallow from the summer air.

"And even," I continued, "in these grim commercial times of sponsorship and chewing gum, the sport can still produce a game that over five long days swings one way then the other, a game embracing luck and heroism, courage, thought and subtlety, a game of such intensity it drains the colour from my hair. And in the end it's still a draw. Beat that for irony," I said. "Beat that for simulation of the way we are. Beat that."

She couldn't. She'd gone.

Willows batting after four overs against St Bede's!



Willows Dinner 2001

Extract from Bruce Murray's Address

24 August 2001

Thank you first of all for the honour you have done me in inviting me to speak at your biennial dinner. When I consider those who make up your Club, and those who would jump at the chance to be here this evening, I want you to know how much I appreciate your invitation, and I do so particularly because I have done two things:

- (a) I have read your objectives.
- (b) I have spent a lifetime working with and for the youth of this country.

Those who know me well will know that I despise those fads of the 1980's and 1990's—the vision statement, and the mission statement, and the time spent in formulating that which is instantly forgotten the moment it has been written.

But you people have two objectives, and while I concur with them both, I want to specifically commend you on the first—"to encourage players in secondary school first XIs to play with and against experienced players, many of whom are present or past first class cricketers".



An animated David Bond in action behind the stumps during the Willows' inaugural match against Timaru Boys' High School.

Ellis finished on 30 not out, and Maw was unfortunate not to bring up his hundred, falling two runs short. The Willows batsmen had performed admirably and combined to reach a very healthy score of 275 for 6.

The bowling for the North Canterbury Schools team was spearheaded by Hamish Williams, who impressed with his pace and bounce, and showed plenty of promise as a strike bowler for the future.

With the ball the Willows side had an equally successful day, and although the weather conditions didn't help much, the bowling disciplines were good. At 3 for 13 the North Canterbury team were in trouble, thanks largely to a very tidy spell from Lucas who bowled six overs for 8 runs. Michael Hastings and Hadlee also bowled well with returns of 1 for 17 from eight overs, and 1 for 12 from six overs respectively.

With instructions from Hadlee that he would have to leave early from the match, I was given the honour of taking over the captaincy and it was to make an immediate impact on the game. No longer did I have to run in off 10 paces, but instead I got to finish all my overs bowling spin. Not being a coincidence, runs all of a sudden started to flow for the school team although fortunately that was quickly dried up by the skill and guile of Bob Masefield. Bowling a combination of 'floaters', 'wrong-uns', and 'arm-balls', the experience of the ex-Canterbury player proved too much for the majority of the school talent. Masefield went on to record figures of 3 for 35 from ten overs, which in itself didn't reflect the skill that he showed in wet conditions.

The fielding display by the Willows team was outstanding, with some of the catching were equal to the best at a first class level. The North Canterbury Schools team went on to be all out for 128, with only a hard hitting innings from Findlay (48) coming in at number 8 in the order, and Bunz (24) making it over the 20 mark.

It was a very comprehensive victory for the Willows side, who kept up a high standard throughout the day. While the weather didn't assist greatly to the playing conditions, the standard of the wicket most certainly did and it was another fine example of Vince Cusack's efforts.

Willows 275/6

P.Maw 98, S.Dunnett 41, P.McCarthy 41

Defeated NCSS 128

J.Findlay 47, G.Allott 3/22, R.Masefield 3/35

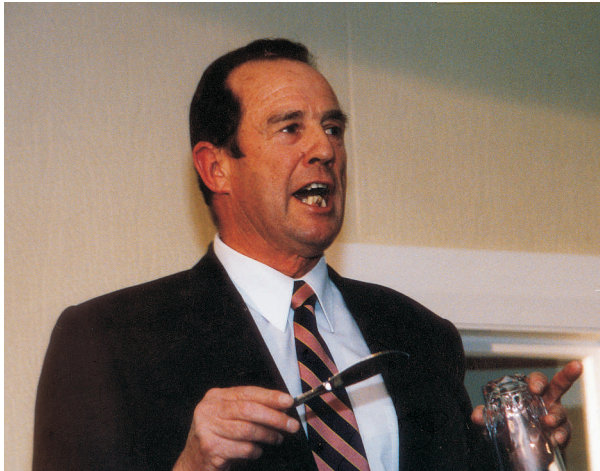
Not only do you have that as your objective, but it is obvious from your annual report that you carry it out, and teams from Christ's College and Boys' High, St Bede's, St Andrew's, North Canterbury Schools, Wanganui Collegiate, Marlborough Boys' College, Otago Boys' High School, Waitaki Boys' High School, Mt Hutt College and Shirley Boys' High School are or have been part of your fixtures list. I congratulate you and encourage you to continue this, not simply for cricket's sake, but for society's sake.

Earlier this year I was a brief speaker at a Wellington Cricket Club's junior prizegiving, and part of what I said to them I want to say to you, and it is this:

Those of you who run cricket clubs (or rugby or netball or tennis or whatever) perform a task not simply for your sport, but for the community. I believe, as someone who has specifically worked with teenagers for 37 years, that you have every right to look upon yourselves not simply as coaches and managers but as social workers too. We all know young people who have been saved from that which they might have become by the interests, the sports, the music they have taken up with adult support. Cricket clubs and choirs are critical components of our society for good, so I thank you for the part you play in encouraging young New Zealanders, in your case, by the enjoyment of playing cricket. Long may you do it.

Lastly, by way of introduction may I say what a pleasure it is to again meet up with your patron, Walter Hadlee, the doyen of New Zealand cricket, who epitomises all that is good in it. Walter has played a straight bat on and off the field all through his life and he is much admired for it. Thank you Walter also for your note in the 7th Annual Report of the club on Life, Sport, Faith and Death, which I have read and will treasure.

I need to say now, Mr Chairman, that I have come to Christchurch and to Canterbury tonight for a purpose of far deeper significance and meaning than even complimenting you and encouraging you, and I want to be able to die a happy man, at peace with the world and even with Cantabrians. Many of my team mates over the years, like Graham Dowling and Vic Pollard, and Motzie and Peter Sharp—they know that I have been at war with Canterbury for years. Those Red and Black caps can bring the worst out in you. And so it was that I once wrote a piece called "The Ballad of the Cantabrians", and shortly I'm going to sing it to you. It's a poem about all the Canterbury players in the 1969 New Zealand touring



David Sharp of the Dunedin Cavaliers of Chingford in action as the Master of Ceremonies at the Dinner..

team. I'll need to explain the background of this song to you so you will understand its significance as I sing it. It illustrates my unreconstructed thoughts about sportsmen from your province. Here is the Chorus, which I want you all to sing, while Shona plays the piano.

"Oh, we're the boys from Christchurch
We wear the red and black,
And we're so good, we make up
For what the others lack."

The song was inspired in fact by the Canterbury Cricket Supporters' Club who sent a telegram to our 1969 touring team before the first test against England: "Best of luck, especially to the Canterbury boys," it said. So we who were not the "Sons of Canterbury" wrote a song. There were several verses, but I'll bring you only three.

There was a verse about Dick Motz and it alluded to the situation of the 60s and 70s where local umpires officiated at home games. There was a verse about Brian Hastings and Dick Brittenden (R.T.B.) which is self explanatory; and a third about David Trist who replaced Motzie (for the India/Pakistan section of our 5 month tour), and won our sweepstake for who would be the first team member to be sick (or "to sail") in India, and he did in style, as I recall, on the marble foyer of the Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay in full view of tourists and locals alike.

So—I'll sing the verses, you all join in on the Chorus.

v North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI

10 March 2002 / Report by Geoff Allott

The word was out a week prior to this match that the Willows pitch offered a stage to perform on. Offering assistance to both bowler and batsmen, this was a match that we had all been waiting for.

For that very reason, I was determined to make my second captaincy experience a successful one both in terms of the result, and on an individual level. Unfortunately my plan to continue to develop as an opening batsmen (captaincy is a wonderful thing!) was abruptly squashed as news filtered through that in fact two captains had been appointed on this particular occasion, and that I might not be leading the team.

The decision to move aside was simple. How could I refuse a former primary school teacher of mine who once taught me the art of holding a bat all those years before?

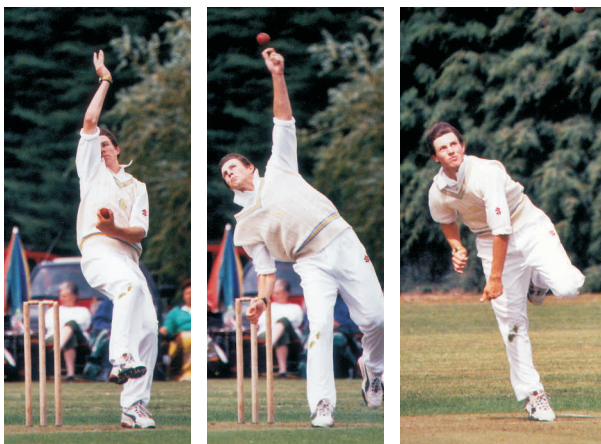
Dayle Hadlee was now in charge and among other things he produced the piece of paper that held the names of our players and the day's batting order. He had placed me at number 10, an area of the batting order that is all too familiar to me.

In fairness to Dayle, his decision making proved to be exceptional and his totalitarian approach when it came to the toss proved fruitful. Runs on the board was the instruction given by captain Hadlee, and the plan was adhered to clinically.

First there was an opening stand of 56 by Dunnett and McCarthy at more than a run a minute, which was immediately followed by a terrific stand of 105 by McCarthy and Maw.

With a middle order that included former New Zealand player John Reid, and promising youngster Andrew Ellis (from Burnside High School) there were ominous signs that a big score would be posted.

The highlight for the Willows was the consistency of each partnership in the top and middle order, which laid the foundation for an extremely respectable total. Maw continued to bat through the innings and combined with Reid for a partnership of 51 (it was noted that there were no 3s in John's innings of 29), and Ellis for 34.



Michael Peacock, Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI, in action.



The Christ's College 1st XI leaves the field for lunch.



The Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.

... Well, Mr Chairman, you can see what I was, but now as a more mature, more reflective, wiser and I hope kinder person, it is time for confession, so that I may make my peace with you and with all Canterbury. I started by thinking kind thoughts about Cantabrians, and about the province and its major city, and my confession to you is strongly linked with what I must acknowledge is the huge part that Canterbury has played in my life, a part of which for all these years I have had to suppress.

Our direct family connection with Canterbury ceased until, almost 100 years after the birth of my grandmother, I came back to Christchurch, and spent some important and happy times here.

As I look back over life, I owe a huge amount to this city, and some of its people and institutions, and it's time for me to say so publicly.

I acknowledge a debt to Canterbury and Cantabrians that is hard to quantify, but which is significant not only in sport, where I count people like Graham Dowling, Vic Pollard, and Brian Hastings as good friends, but in those other two even more important facets of my life, education, and faith. There are numerous ways in which I can gladly say that "I thank God for Canterbury".

The Willows Cricket Club, it seems to me, does more than promote cricket. It promotes the kind of values that can only do our country good.

And for those of you to whom a classical education has any meaning, I give you the motto:

FLOREANT SALICES ~ "May the Willows flourish."

England v Australia – Rotarians International Cricket Festival.



Commentary Corner

By **Chris Ineson**

CEO/Director of Driving Forces

Peak Performing Organisations

"It's a mental thing."

"It's 90% perspiration and 10% inspiration."

"It's all about goal-setting."

We all discuss it from time to time... what enables some sports organisations to outperform their peers? What is the key to their success?

If we care, if we're not content for ourselves and our organisations to cruise at less than their potential, we move beyond the trite slogans. We leave our comfort zone behind and take action. And we discover that winners are made, not born...

"1000 little things done well"

There is not a quick-fire formula ... a peak performing organisation is one that, in the words of the late Sir Peter Blake, does "1000 little things well".

We hear a lot about the performance of athletes, but what about the performance of the organisations who are responsible for them?

A revolution has transformed sport over the past decade.

Those who manage sport today find themselves in a high stakes business. They are at the centre of a complex web of interested parties - players and spectators of course, but also sponsors, agents, media, government (local and central). There are also two very different income streams to attract and manage from the public (taxpayer) sector and from the private sector.

Expectation and responsibility go with the territory. High performance is expected as much off the field as on. At every level inside a sport, efficiency and a quality service is demanded. There is no room for mediocrity and excellence



Nathan Kroening on the defensive.



Barry Townrow from the Coast lets one go.

v Shirley Boys' High School

3 March 2002 / Report by Malcolm Ellis

Prior to the match I had received a number of phone calls from MED advising me of the demise of other Willows captains who had had the misfortune to lead their teams to defeat. Obviously I didn't want to be part of this select group, so it was with a great degree of relief when I was included in the selection of the final eleven to play this fixture, were such names of M Owens, D Grocott, A Nuttall, D Cusack. As we all know, being a "name" doesn't necessarily guarantee success, but that wasn't to be the case with this fixture. While the bowling line up was potentially impressive, I did however have the odd reservation or two about our batting line up, with it being full of stroke makers, rather than hard grafters. Nevertheless I chose to bat with my faith being rewarded with the Willows scoring 184 for 9 at the end of 50 overs.

Robbie Miller and Wade Burrell got us off to an adequate start, scoring 29 for the first wicket. We had the odd hiccup or two but thanks in the main to Darin Cusack's patient 41, Wade Burrell's 32 and some lusty hitting at the end from Colin Hight, who scored 24, we were able to get through to 184. With the powerful Michael Owens still generating good pace and bounce, and the parsimonious Dave Grocott opening the bowling, Shirley Boys' struggled to get the run chase underway. Dave Grocott's six overs conceded just four runs for one wicket and Michael's four overs, similarly going for four runs.

Colin Hight's impeccable line and length saw him pickup 2 for 16 from 8 overs and Andy Nuttall still proved that he could give the ball a little bit of a tweak with 4 for 13 from 8 overs. One of those wickets was an excellent leg side stumping from stand-in 'keeper, Andrew Ellis. All this meant that the Shirley Boys' batsmen never got going and were all out for 74.

This was the second year that the Shirley Boys' side has played the Willows, and like last season the application of their players never wavered from go to woe. With a good number of team members still available for next year, the now annual fixture should be a lot closer in 2002/03.

Willows 184/9

W.Burrell 32, D.Cusack 41, V.Law 3/25

Defeated **Shirley Boys' High School 74**
A.Nuttall 4/13

must never be compromised. A sports organisation must be organised if it is to succeed and thrive. For sport's complex web is likely to become more complex in the future.

And to succeed the organisations, like their athletes, must be able to perform consistently at their peak.

Here in New Zealand, and overseas, there are organisations achieving high standards in every aspect of their operation. They do this because they have robust governance structures, experienced boards, innovative management and staff, development and training, quality systems and processes, effective communications and clearly defined strategies to achieve goals, ongoing performance appraisals, an uncompromising commitment to excellence; a vision that challenges the entire organisation...

They demand the very best of themselves and those who represent them.

They are known as Peak Performing Organisations.

They understand that success is a pyramid that is built upon a philosophy of leaving no stone unturned. Precision is required every step of the way upwards. A faulty block here, an omission there, and the pyramid cannot be completed.

They understand too, it comes down to attitude. As with world champion athletes, an unswerving commitment to excellence and a desire for peak performance is the force that drives every successful organisation.

Being a peak performing organisation is not just for the big players. Not every organisation can shine on the world stage, but every organisation has the chance of stardom in its own league.

And finally, a quote from a book about peak performance on the Williams Formula One racing team:

"We (the authors) assumed that the organisation (behind the team) would have a great deal to do with the winning formula. This proposition proved to be correct."

Chris Ineson is a former NZ Hockey representative and was part of the NZ 1972 Olympic Team. He is a former CEO of the NZ Sports Foundation.

Note—DrivingForces is a business that specialises in working with sports organisations—national sports bodies, high profile sport franchises, local associations and sports trusts—to unlock potential they have neither the time for internal resources to unlock themselves and to help them improve their performance and become peak performers.

Club Cricket in Chch

By Carl Anderson

Before I begin my comments on club cricket, I would like to point out that I am writing about general trends, and that there are exceptions to the rule. Also, I feel that an article this short cannot really do justice to the issues facing club cricket; nor is there room to sufficiently detail possible solutions.

From my perspective, there are three main problems with club cricket at the moment. First, and this has been well documented, the standard of club cricket has dropped. Secondly, the average age of club sides is low and continues to get lower. Thirdly, sides no longer seem to discuss the match they've just played with their opposition.

Young players coming into club cricket do not have to work as hard as they used to in order to gain selection for their club's senior sides. Players of my generation are still prepared to work really hard if they get a sniff of playing for Canterbury. However, playing senior cricket does not seem to be a worthy enough goal to provide motivation to do the "hard yards". We have been brought up in an age of instant gratification and largely passive entertainment—when so many things come so easily, why should we bother to work hard at our cricket?

Far fewer players are playing through their late twenties, into their thirties, and onward. When I started senior cricket, I was able to learn a lot from the other spinner in our side, who was 37 and who had nearly twenty years of senior cricket experience behind him. Young players today do not have this type of experience to learn from. I can think of only one player in the whole of senior cricket today who is over the age of 35. As well as the loss of knowledge that this causes, the lack of experienced, hardened cricketers means there is less competition for places. The disintegration of the Monday to Friday working week has had a major impact on club cricket. Working during the weekend, prohibiting the playing of cricket, is now a fact of life for many of us. People are also generally working longer hours now than they used to.

In reply, after losing two wickets before the score had edged past 50, the Willows innings was built around a nicely paced knock of 63 from David Bond. Bondy was ably supported by Sandy McLeod with 49 and Michael Johnston steered the ship through at the end with 29 against the team he coaches. In the end, the Willows side comfortably achieved the target with 4 overs and 6 wickets in hand.

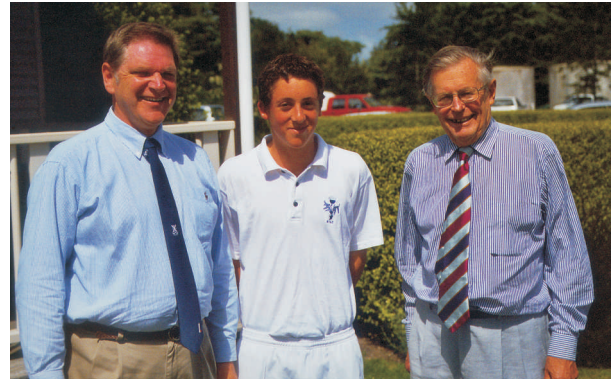
The St Andrew's side are to be congratulated on the style and spirit evident in their competitiveness on this day.

St Andrew's 191/9

B.Finlay 62, R.Brooks 30, C.Lumsden 33, A.Gourdie 6/50

Lost to Willows 192/4

D.Bond 63, S.MacLeod 49, A.Chambers 3/32



The Right Honorable, The Lord Cooke of Thorndon KBE, with Michael Goldstein, Captain of the St Andrew's 1st XI and recently appointed Headmaster, Mr Nigel Fairbairn on the left.



Lee Germon waiting for the ball to reach him behind the stumps.



Willows batsmen in action. From left: Tim Coop, Michael Hastings and Gary Thomson.

v St Andrew's College 1st XI

24 February 2002 / Report by Lee Germon

Arriving at the magnificent Willows ground, a warm day beckoned, which prompted the Willows team to take the field first.

Doug McMillan was exceptionally parsimonious with the new ball to the extent that his reluctance to bowl any loose deliveries resulted in him retiring early from the bowling crease with a side injury. Nathan Arnott and Chris Lumsden opened the batting, showing technical proficiency and good judgement. Against a Willows attack that included three off-spinners, the St Andrew's boys showed excellent patience and maintained wickets for a brisk finish to their innings. Finlay top scored with a tidily compiled 62, while Matthews, Brooks and Chris Lumsden contributed significantly. The Willows wicket taking was spearheaded by Andrew Gourdie who snared 6/50 with his left-arm seamers. The other bowlers were relatively economical and St Andrew's ended with a competitive 191.

This has resulted in older players with families, in particular, not being prepared to put the large amount of time into cricket that is required just to play the game, let alone train properly.

Club players no longer talk about the games they have just played with their opposition. This seems to me to be a great shame. Older (former!) players consistently tell me that they learned a significant amount about their game from post match conversations with the opposing side. Simply bringing back a tradition like this would be a small step toward improving club cricket.

I don't know if it will ever be possible to magically create, as the Willows has done for Secondary School teams, a club cricket environment that encourages more older cricketers to keep playing. This issue, as far as I can see, is caused by social factors rather than cricketing ones. However, the standard of cricket can be improved quickly, I think, by reducing the number of teams in the top club competition. Players would then have to work hard if they wanted to play senior cricket. Those who are not prepared to do so would go down the grades. A smaller pool of committed and talented senior cricketers will be better for the game than a larger pool of players getting an easy ride.

Carl Anderson (pictured below) is a regular member of the Canterbury side and plays senior club cricket for East Christchurch-Shirley.



Church Service

Interdenominational Service

St Bede's College Chapel, 26 August 2001

The following is a full reprint of the sermon given by **Bruce Murray**, MA, Principal of Tawa College, Wellington, and former NZ test cricketer.

Thank you for the privilege of preaching, and of trying to relate my Christian faith to sport.

Sport in Society Today

A lad was signing out from school recently—going around all his teachers to return books and gear before heading off down the drive for the last time. I said to him, "All the best. What are you going to do?" His reply would not have been possible even 10 years ago. "I'm leaving to become a personal trainer." Yes, these days we don't just get involved with sport for fun, for leisure, for camaraderie, or to get fit.

There are jobs now in the sport and fitness world, and some pay well, and some obscenely well. And sport is now more than a game or an opportunity for employment.



v Flaxton Wanderers

20 February 2002 (Wed) / Report by Mike Hawke

Hopes were high as the eleven Willows gathered to take on their perennial rivals, the Flaxton Wanderers,

Yours truly was made captain, just to ensure that he arrived at the game, having extracted himself out of Parish matters.

Having won the toss, we decided to follow the lead of our international side and bat first. We massed 182 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets; however, we were probably 30 or 40 runs short of the target we needed to defend. Great contributions were made by Jonathan Davidson (34), Graeme Inglis (45), Murray Evans (31) with the skipper making 30.

Later on, it was one-way traffic as the Flaxton Wanderers smashed our bowlers to all corners of the paddock, until, of course, our irrepressible Joe Bennett, from behind the stumps, started weaving his magic by whispering all sorts of threats in the batsmen's ears. The batsmen obliged and lifted their back foot only to be stumped superbly by Joe. From 4 for 146, Flaxton collapsed to be 8 for 166.

We sensed victory. Graeme Inglis was in sparkling form, taking 4 for 36, but all was in vain, as John Masefield anchored their innings, being not out 58 at the close. It was a narrow loss, with the winning runs being hit on the second ball of the 50th over.

However, closeness and narrowness of losses rings on deaf ears when it comes to the reaction of our selectors, who have made application to the Archbishop of Canterbury that the skipper of the day be banished to the Diocese of Siberia for the ensuing 12 months and not be reappointed Captain for next year's fixture!

Willows 182/4

G.Inglis 45*, J.Davidson 34, M.Evans 31, M.Hawke 30

Lost to Flaxton 186/8

J.Masefield 58*, A.Henderson 41, G.Inglis 4/36



"Marry me and do the teas for the club on Sundays."

After a luncheon regroup and rethink, captain Spencer Tait led from the front. He came out as runner for an injured N. Ludbrook and implored the batsmen to run better between the wickets. In a late flurry Ludbrook hit the ball well for 43 not out. A tally of 148/7 looked thin and so it proved.

Opener Mark Landon-Lane steered the Willows to a comfortable victory. In an elegant innings of 92 not out he enjoyed two match-winning partnerships; first with David Mills (29) and an unbeaten one with Paul McEwan 22 not out.

Nelson College 1st XI were a young side that will benefit from playing the Willows. At the end of the game their players received some tips about batting and bowling from the ex-first class cricketers in our side.

Finally, back to catching. There had been one moment of pure magic in the field. Brendon Diamanti took an exquisite diving catch that would rank with the best of the season. It left old hands sighing and thanking the lord it didn't come in their direction!

Nelson College 148/7

N.Ludbrook 44*

Lost to Willows 150/2

M.Landon-Lane 92*



John Reid, Operations Manager of NZ Cricket, sends one through the covers.



Anup Nathu glides one against Medbury Headmaster's XI.



Warren Eddington hammers one through the covers.

Sport in New Zealand, or in the world influences such things as

- a person's status (being a Black cap, or Black Stick or All Black)
- race relations (especially in NZ where rugby in particular has been such a cohesive force as Pakeha, Maori and Pacific Islander play together at all levels of the game)
- automotive design (4WD vehicles)
- business life (through massive sponsorship, advertising and media links)
- clothing styles (leisure wear, track pants, and Adidas, Nike or Canterbury) the concept of the hero

Sport now occupies a place in society that it never used to—just note the pages of every newspaper devoted to analysis, investigation, and scuttlebutt concerning the lives of sportsmen and women.

Values Promoted by Sport

Sport has also become a means of expressing some dominant values in society, particularly at the moment. You only have to listen to the interviews of captains or players or coaches before and after games to hear those values extolled, often by slogan after slogan. We are constantly reminded of the values of:

- planning and strategising – "this was our game plan"
- success – "this has been our aim all season"
- ambition and drive – "we wanted it more than they did (or its converse!)"
- hard work – "we've trained really hard for this match"
- character – "we had to dig deep, but we came through"

When I was a young sportsman and a young Christian, I too focused really hard on some of those values, for they were, and are important:

I tried to practice hard, and to work on my game.

I was disciplined—I saw alcohol and smoking (drugs hadn't been invented when I was playing!) as encumbrances that could get in the way of being at my best.

I thought poorly of those who cheated.

Above all, I focused on the apparent fact that, by accident of birth, I had been given some sporting talent, and it was up to me "to use it, or lose it." So the parable of the talents told by Jesus was pretty important to me.

And I thought of Jesus as a young strong man (only 33 when he was crucified) who could easily have been a sportsman. I remember picturing him not as some namby-pamby meek and mild fellow, but as a crash-tackling centre-threequarter - a real gutsy strong and fit young man.

What have I learned since?

Well, after 15 years of first class cricket, after 5 years of international cricket, after 27 years of playing cricket almost all my sporting world came to a halt, and the game I played I now watch. Though I was a selector (briefly) and a school boys' coach for many years, I was no longer the active sportsman. I am, and have been for the past 37 years, a teacher, 21 of them spent as the principal of two schools. What have I learned?

I have learned that sportsmen and women need to prepare for life beyond sport. Some of the saddest people I have come across are those who live in their past glories and achievements, who pine for days gone by, who have forgotten that life is for living now. I'm glad that others have seen things differently, have taken the opportunities and experiences that sport gave them, and have turned them to good account. They have seen active sport as a passing phase, they have learned its skills, and what it teaches of lasting value about:

- team work
- sacrifice for others
- serving others
- trying hard for a common cause, or even for a lost cause, and their past sporting lives have become vibrant, and a blessing to others



Scott Simpson from the Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI, pulls another to the boundary before retiring at 100.

v Nelson College 1st XI

17 February 2002 / Report by John Mitchell

During the VB series this summer from Australia cricket fans were aghast when a simple spooned catch went untouched. In this match we had three or four like that! Top edges soared skyward and Willows with seniority were quick to utter "yours". The poor soul nearest (or slowest to evade) ended pirouetting and circling about as the ball fell unclutched to the grass. The sun, the swirling easterly, laughter and plaintive cries of "where's the keeper?" were feeble excuses for failure to lay a hand on the ball.

Otherwise this was a clinical Willows performance. The Nelson boys, on their first outing at Loburn, had a difficult assignment. Not only did they have to bat first on a green-top but they faced a powerful Willows eleven.

Prior to lunch Nelson never got the run rate above two per over. Doug McMillan, who opted to bowl his ten overs on the trot, was the meanest; his overs yielding only 12 runs and one wicket.



v Waitaki Boys' High School/ St Kevin's College XI

10 February 2002 / Report by Ben Harris

The annual Waitaki Boys' High School Willows match was a cracker that went to the wire. The Waitaki Team was a composite North Otago side with the combination of Waitaki Boys' High School and St Kevin's College 1st XI players.

The young men from North Otago batted competently throughout their 50 overs and posted a commanding score. Their innings was built around an unbeaten 108 from the opener Simpson, who batted with maturity well beyond his years. Billcliff, who hit a quickfire 75, was the other star. The Willows bowling and fielding effort was acceptable with the evergreen Richard McGuire claiming 3 for 22.

The Willows reply featured three cameo innings from Gibson, McGuire and Hastings, but just when it seemed a winning partnership was formed it was then broken by the North Otago bowlers.

The combined School side maintained their keen enthusiasm throughout their period in the field and in particular applied the pressure when 6 were required off the last 4 balls with yours truly being caught on the 'long on' boundary to give the boys the game by 5 runs. Both teams deserve credit for the manner and spirit in which the game was played.

The splendid day was made not only by the standard of cricket but by the presence of so many parents and supporters who made the trip from Oamaru, one of whom, Rolie Everleigh, a wonderful coach and role model for cricketers at Waitaki for nearly 30 years. It was a fitting tribute that Rolie was made a member of the Willows.

We now look forward to a return fixture next year.

Waitaki / St Kevin's XI 244

S.Simpson 108, G.Billcliff 75, B.Harris 4/51,
R.McGuire 3/22

Defeated Willows 239

S.Gibson 59, R.McGuire 49, M.Hastings 42, C.Smith 4/52

I have developed a broader perspective on life. People often say to teachers like me that we don't live in the real world. That is most emphatically not true. I might not be party to boardroom battles, or corporate nastiness, or wheeling and dealing, but I see very much the results of human frailty and deviousness and deceit as it is played out in the often innocent lives of children. I am very much aware of the real world. And what I see of that real world is this:

Some young people are truly blessed in their lives and especially their family lives. They have homes where they daily experience love. They are accepted by family and friends. They have opportunities to develop. Education, and faith, and forgiveness are valued and practised. Their lives, and often, therefore, their futures are sound and secure. But that is not the lot of others:

- life for many is very tough
- hard hard work doesn't always lead to success
- sickness can strike at any time, and it often strikes young people
- people can be dreadful to one another
- where young people ought to be able to look to their family for security and a safe haven and for support, they are sometimes left bereft and unutterably sad

And many of the slogans we bandy about as gospel are simply not true:

- success doesn't necessarily come from hard work
- good planning doesn't always result in winning
- ambition and drive can easily produce a callous disregard for others
- the emphasis on competition and athletic success (and the wealth that may accompany it) can lead to very negative values, like undue violence to intimidate an opponent, cheating on the field, or cheating through the use of performance enhancing drugs, or capitalising on inside information through betting on sport

In such circumstances the very character that sport can produce which is part of the reason for playing and promoting sport, is totally undermined.

So what have I learned that helps my Christian faith?

I've learned, I think, three important and basic truths about the Christian faith, and of my own relationship with Christ. I miscalculated Jesus.

I think my earlier "sporting" view of Jesus was inadequate. I miscalculated him. I muscularised him. I saw him or I turned him into a full on, totally committed winner, and I suppose in a sense he was, wasn't he? After all, he beat the most ancient of enemies—death.

But I need also to remember that Jesus was born in a stable, not a hospital or home. He was a refugee before he was 2 years old. His earthly father died probably while he was a teenager. He lived as a peasant carpenter in a country occupied by foreign troops. He had no house nor property. He founded no family dynasty, and he died a particularly agonising death at a young age. No wonder, when you read his teachings he had a particular fondness for the poor, the outcast, the down trodden and the dregs of society. He came to bring compassion and hope to the lost and the lonely, not to the rich and the powerful. No wonder, over the centuries, that Jesus has been such a comfort to those who suffer, or who grieve or who are oppressed. As the old spiritual puts it, "Jesus knows all about our troubles" because in his earthly life he went through plenty of troubles of his own. Jesus appeals to people like that.

I like the story of the hard living, hard drinking man who struggled to do the right thing by his wife and family. He became a Christian, and one day found himself trying to defend the miracles of Jesus. "I don't know about miracles," he said, "and whether Jesus changed water into wine. But what I can tell you is this—in my house, Jesus changed beer into furniture." Yes, Jesus is there for all of us, winners and losers alike.

I can see sport as a picture of our human condition.

Sport has so much potential for good. People can benefit enormously from their chosen game. They can learn lessons for life. They can experience the exhilaration of strength and grace and movement and speed. They can develop skills and life-long friendships, they can know and understand the character building process of winning and losing. But they can cheat and lie and become arrogant, and develop contempt for losers, and get into drugs and alcohol.

In reply the Willows battled away to its target of 167, requiring 47.5 overs. Kroening was largely responsible for the Willows' success with another top performance. He steered his side to the target with an unbeaten 55. The win was based round four key mini-partnerships between Marcel McKenzie, David Bond, Geoff Miller and Darin Cusack.

Timaru Boys' produced an outstanding fielding effort and were well led at all times. An enjoyable and competitive days cricket was had by all.

My thanks once again go to Peter Nancarrow for his match management, the umpires Terry and Nathaniel, Tony Campbell the scorer, and Peter and Vincent for a great playing surface in trying weather conditions.

Timaru Boys' High School 166/8

M.Tutton 40, J.Liddy 30, M.Kroening 3/27

Lost to Willows 170/8

M.Kroening 55*, D.Croucher 3/39

v St Bede's College 1st XI

3 February 2002 / Report by John Masefield

We won the toss and batted on a good track, but soon found ourselves in all sorts of bother at 2/4 then 17/5 before Justin Boyle (who couldn't find his glasses) and Bruce Cameron formed an excellent partnership of 100. With a bit of a late flurry the Willows managed 173.

The pick of the bowlers was Chris Seabourne with the outstanding figures of 5/27.

St Bede's found the going very tough against the spin trio of Stephen Boock, Fraser Hawes and Hamish Pavey, and fell short of the target by 102 runs.

The player of the match award went to Hamish Pavey with 21 not out and 4/12.

Willows 173

J.Boyle 53, B.Cameron 37*, C.Seabourne 5/27

Defeated St Bede's College 71

H.Pavey 4/12

v Timaru Boys' High School

27 January 2002 / Report by Darin Cusack

January 27 saw the inaugural match between the Willows and Timaru Boys' High take place. The weather was finally on the side of a cricket match.

Timaru Boys' won the toss and elected to bat against a youthful Willows team. Timaru Boys' made a solid opening of 58 runs before the introduction of the spin twins of Fraser Hawes and Sandy McLeod. Both spinners bowled well in tandem collecting two wickets a piece at a very economical rate. It was left to the seamers of Stuart Stevens, Matthew Stone, Nathan Kroening, and a top fielding effort ably lead by David Bond behind the stumps, to strangle Timaru's run charge. Kroening ending with the figures of 3 for 27.



James Oughton and James Hantz take the field against Timaru Boys' High School.



The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI take the field.



Andrew Ellis, who was awarded the Luney Scholarship to travel to the UK, with Mr Charles Luney.



Jason Pawson on his run-up.



Iain Robertson hoping the ball will hit the stumps.



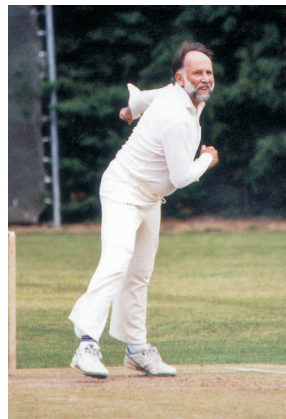
David Grocott looking for that snick from the batsman.



Mr Justice Hansen getting ready for ...? Certainly not batting – must be judgement day!



Ryan Burson – Bachelor of Commerce.



David Fox full of concentration.



Oh dear! The castle is broken.

Peter Nancarrow, the Match Manager, organised the after-match function in his inimitable style, presenting two Indian National cricket shirts signed by Tendulkar to a player from each team.

Gunnedah were worthy opponents and we look forward to hosting them again in the future.

Willows Youth XI 149

D.Yesberg 26, S.Churchill 3/19

Tied with Gunnedah Youth XI 149

B.Fiels 42, D.Maw 3/23, B.Hini 2/19



Justin Boyle, Rector of St Bede's College, playing for the Willows against St Bede's in the annual fixture. Justin helped restore an innings that was in tatters at 5 for 12!



The St Bede's run chase got off to a terrible start—three down for none! Here are three culprits from the Willows side: Wade Cornelius, Aaron Johnstone and Oliver Cunneen.



The Gunnedah Youth XI practising before a game against a Willows Youth XI.

v Gunnedah Youth XI

21 January 2002 (Monday game)

Following three consecutive Sunday cancellations and with the weather only allowing one innings in the 'Emus v Canterbury Kiwis' fixture on the previous Friday, it was with relief the Gunnedah Youth XI was hosted against a composite Willows Youth XI in bright sunshine. The decision was made to use the emergency wicket due to the saturation of the block over previous days. Gunnedah won the toss and in true Australian vein asked the Willows to bat on what was a softish wicket. In spite of a careful and watchful approach adopted by the batsmen, wickets soon started to fall, but thankfully, for a 36 run partnership for the 9th wicket, the Willows innings ended on 149 with Dane Yesburg top-scoring with 26.

The bowling and fielding of the Gunnedah XI was very tight and what's more proved an inspiration to the Willows XI when Gunnedah batted.

Gunnedah commenced the chase losing an early wicket and then found it difficult to dispatch a varied attack, well managed by the outstanding wicket-keeper, Aaron Johnstone. Brandon Hini, not only batted well, but also bowled very tightly, and as the scores became closer, so did the tension rise. The scores level, last batsmen at the wicket and 1 ball to go—Thomas Gorman took a pressure catch at cover and the game ended in the first tie at the Willows ground.

The power for good, or the power for evil—isn't that what we all fight with every day? We want to do the right thing, and often we do, but then, against all our better judgement, we suddenly find ourselves doing the wrong thing.

As I understand it, that's what Jesus came to sort out. That's why he is often called "Our Saviour", because he came to save us from the effects of doing the wrong thing, if we will but trust and follow him.

I can see that the values sport promotes are good, but wait, there's more!

At the heart of the gospel, Jesus says some pretty tough and revolutionary things to us, and which are in real contrast to some of the key values of sport, and we who are sportsmen and women need to take them into account.

Jesus said things like:

"The last shall be first, and the first, last."

"Whoever will save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake and the gospel, will save it."

"Whoever humbles himself, as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

In other words, God is not interested so much in what success we have, or what we achieved. No matter who we are, no matter what we've done or not done, whether in life we "make centuries" or get golden ducks, God will accept us simply because he loves us. Jesus is there, in fact, for losers. Pretty radical, eh? The unworthy can be made worthy. The lost can be found. The crooked can be made straight, and rough places can be made plain. Now I reckon that that is really good news for all of us. That's the gospel. At the foot of the cross there is not a victory podium—highest for the gold medal achievers, and lower for the rest of us. The ground at the foot of the cross is level. When I understand that, then I understand Archbishop Tutu's recent comment when he said "I think we will be surprised at those we find in Heaven; God has standards that are actually quite low." In a real sense, we can all truly thank God for that. If we had only to rely on God's justice, none of us, to use a golfing phrase, none of us would make the cut. We all fall short of glory. Thank God not only for his justice, but also for his grace, his mercy, and his love which we may accept freely, and at any time. I encourage you to do so.

May the Lord bless us all.

Match Reports

v South Canterbury XI

7 October 2001 / Report by Paul Rutledge

Early season nerves were soon put to rest when the Willows won the toss and invited the South Canterbury XI to bat first and test the fresh Willows wicket for runs. The South Canterbury XI, led by veteran Warren Eddington, is a side made up of promising players from the Mid and South Canterbury regions.

Doody and Nielsen opened the bowling for the Willows, and soon had South Canterbury in trouble with the first wicket falling at nine. Doody bowled with fire and accuracy, returning excellent figures of 1-28 from eight overs. Troels Nielsen, always reliable and accurate, was equally effective with 2-24.

At 79/4 the South Canterbury XI looked in some trouble, but Sawers dug in and batted with some skill in reaching 79. His innings was instrumental in South Canterbury posting a competitive score. There were some useful contributions throughout the South Canterbury innings, but no one once established was able to press on and support Sawers. Fraser Hawes, the young left arm spinner, bowled very well in tandem with an excellent mentor, Andrew Nuttall, who was as competitive as ever. Lyn Sparks and Richard McGuire showed why they were such effective first grade bowlers with two very useful spells. Mark Savill was his usual bubbly self in the field, helping to keep all the Willowers on their toes.

Troels Nielsen bowling from the duckpond end.



The Reply from Roger Macfarlane:

Parnassus
Cheviot R.D.

As Danie Craven said after the Springbok Tour some years ago, "it's all yours."

Thank you for another pleasant day at the Willows. The ground and facilities are quite special, noticeably more and more so each year.

Apologies for our dismal performance. We had been lulled into a false sense of invincibility after our run of success and it does us no harm to be soundly beaten and brought back from stardom. However, we will be back so don't relax too much.

Interesting to tabulate our games since 12 November 1994:

The Willows

1491 runs for 49 wickets in 362 overs for 2 wins

Hawkswood

1580 runs for 60 wickets off 345 overs for 6 wins

What great pleasure we have enjoyed over the years with all that is best in cricket, quite devoid of any unpleasant incidents. Long may the Willows continue promoting standards and sportsmanship between cricketers and indeed supporters as well.

Yours sincerely,

Roger



MCC Club XI batsmen on their way to do battle.

Letter to Roger Macfarlane – Hawkswood Patron:

3rd January 2002

My Dear Macfarlane,

Is it true that the dog on the front of the Christmas card looks similar to the “Hawkswood” Cricket Team after their visit to Loburn? - downcast, forlorn, hang-dog, contemplating that the end was indeed nigh.

I remember being regaled at the last Willows dinner by yourself as to the paucity of the opposition when you visited Loburn.

Now Hawkswood have entered the record books of the Club as having been defeated in the shortest time in over 100 games.

It has been mentioned that Father Christmas had to be awakened early from his afternoon nap, and that the majority of the sausage had not been thawed out before being sizzled, with resultant stomach disorders reported from the small children present. Shame on you Hawkswood!

Macfarlane, do the honourable thing - fall on your bails, burn your stumps whatever! Buck up your act!

Regards,
Neely.



A rather cheerful group after the early finish to the match against Hawkswood Wanderers.



Richard McGuire airborne prior to delivery.

South Canterbury managed 187/9 from their 50 overs, a score that was to test the Willows batting lineup.

Early trouble for the Willows, with Derek Burrell back in the pavilion at 16. His opening partner Aaron Johnstone, who had earlier impressed behind the stumps, compiled a compact 32, to get things back on track. The Willows middle order suffered the same fate as South Canterbury a number of batsmen getting starts and not going on. Wade Burrell (39) chipped in just at the right time and gave his side some hope. With the score at 145/7 the match was evenly poised.

Some luck, in the form of rain, came the Willows' way, making it difficult for bowlers to hang onto the ball. A combination of this damp luck and one or two streaky shots from the lower order saw us get home for a narrow two-wicket victory.

Despite the damp end to the match, it was an enjoyable day's cricket played in a good competitive spirit. We are indebted to the efforts of Warren Eddington and Murray Parker who led and managed a most promising team. I am sure they will be keen to renew the battle for the Lex Eddington trophy next season—a match the Willows looks forward to hosting.

South Canterbury 187/9

A.Sawers 76

Lost to **Willows 191/8**

W.Burrell 39, A.Johnstone 32

v Christ's College 1st XI

14 October 2001 / Report by Geoff Allott

Similar to my previous outings to the Willows, the day dawned fine, the breeze was mellow, and the vista was superb.

It never ceases to amaze me what can be achieved when passion is an ingredient of a task. The outfield was magnificently prepared (thanks to Peter Devlin and Vince Cusack), and the wicket block resembled a true playing surface, similar to that experienced as a young cricketer playing at either 'Lancaster Park' or Burnside in the early days.

Our team was equally well prepared for what was going to be the first match of the season for many of us. We had the makings of a very balanced Willows side with youth and experience and wit (namely Joe Bennett) and enthusiasm.

We were told that the Christ's College team was going through somewhat of a rebuilding stage, with the first eleven this season dominated by fifth and sixth form students. They too seemed anxious to don the whites, which would be their first outing of the season also.

After a terrific start by the Willows captain (convinced the officials that we should bat first) we walked promptly from the field to prepare for our innings. Brad Doody and myself opened the innings (with hopes of sweating out some of the refreshments that we had consumed the night before at Shane Bond's wedding). With sweat pouring from the brow, Allott had the disappointment of returning

Andrew Gourdie bowling against Christ's College.



v Hawkswood Wanderers

16 December 2001 / Report by Joe Bennett

The pitch had a hint of green and the Hawkswood captain remarked that it would be a good toss to lose. He won it. He scratched his jaw for a bit then chose to bat. The Willows captain would have done the same and would have been just as wrong.

Doug McMillan and Jacob Wolt took the new ball for the Willows. Fourteen overs later Hawkswood were 36 for 7. McMillan in particular made the ball fizz. The Willows held their catches and despite a late rally from McNally, Grey and Dickson, Hawkswood were all out for 99 just as the clock struck one. Lunch was more than usually delicious and as we ate the sun drew the last of venom from the pitch.

Despite the presence in the Hawkswood attack of the famously miserly Andrew Nuttall, Peter Fulton made batting look easy. By the time he was out for 47 the game was effectively over and sensible play saw the Willows home by eight wickets before afternoon tea.

Then Santa arrived, a hundred children materialised from nowhere, and 2001 at the Willows ended in smiles all round.

Hawkswood 99

D.McMillan 5/26, J.Coll 3/11

Lost to Willows 100/2

P.Fulton 47

Doug McMillan lets one go!



All the Willows bowlers maintained a good line and length and Bruce Irvine produced the best figures of 3 for 25 even though he had travelled quite some distance leading up to the game. Mention should be made of the excellent wicket keeping display by Gareth Brooks and the manner in which CBHS played the game.

Willows 187/8

C.Flanagan 68, A.Gourdie 27, G.Brooks 22, L.Burt 2/15, B.Newton 2/30

Defeated Chch Boys' High School 178/9

D.Broom 75, G.McCarthy 25, B.Irvine 3/25, A.Nuttall 2/28, A.Ellis 2/36



Chris Harris with the first Junior Willower, Sam McMillan.



Andrew McRae, the Willows Secretary, in action.



Garth Gallaway in full flight.

to the pavilion first with the score on 31, after just 6 overs. With some fine bowling from Smart and Cook from Christ's, we were forced to retrench with the loss of a further 3 wickets for only an additional 38 runs (after 21 overs). However, with the experience in the Willows side, panic did not set in and all Willowers knew that with the finesse of Doody at the wicket, and a middle to lower order that promised so much, we could post a formidable total.

Mark Savill (who I understand had not troubled the scorers in his previous outing) typified these thoughts, and together with Doody contributed a valuable partnership of 61. That meant that with 15 overs to go we were in a position to be able to strike. Five overs later, Doody brought up his 100, which was a terrific contribution to the Willows team. His stokes throughout the day improved with every shot, and this was a solid outing for the Canterbury first eleven player. The aging Darin Cusack then displayed true experience, and he along with the youthful exuberance of Chris Sowden paved the way to a respectable score. Sowden's 42 coming off just 38 balls and Cusack's 24 off 34 balls. The Willows reached a competitive total of 241 for 8.

The Willows side was then very keen to place leather in hand and enjoy the warmth of the sun through the cotton playing shirts. The two opening bowlers Andrew Gourdie (St Bede's) and Robbie Deans provided just the start that the Willows had hoped for. Robbie Dean's was fired up, not for the fact that he was playing against his former school, but rather that he was informed that he couldn't also secure the role as match manager for the day (earlier he had hit a cricket ball which landed flush on Peter Nancarrow's head).

I was very impressed with the form shown by left arm seamer Andrew Gourdie, who claimed 2 for 15 in his opening spell of 5 overs. He not only showed that he could swing the ball into the right-handed batsmen, but he also had the ability to seam it away. Robbie Deans provided the perfect foil for Andrew, with his marathon 7 over spell only costing 14 runs. The pressure did not let up throughout the innings and HSOB senior cricketer Chris Sowden, stamped his mark on the match by claiming 3 for 8 off 6 overs. Another outstanding bowling performance came from the former Canterbury representative Andrew Nuttall. His 10 over spell resulting in three wickets for the cost of just 10 runs. It was a fine display of control and deception, which I am sure the Christ's players will benefit from longer term.

The College team was bundled out for 51, and although it was the lowest total ever scored at the Willows, the most disappointing factor was the lack of application shown by their batsmen. While not wanting to be too scathing on the school side, to be bowled out in 30 overs is something that all cricketers should be disappointed with. We must make the most of opportunities that we are given, and certainly the ground condition and facilities provided the perfect setting for this to occur.

On behalf of all the players involved, thank you to all those that made the day as enjoyable as it was. The wicket, the day, the facilities, and most importantly the company, was all truly first class.

Willows 241/8

B.Doody 100 retired, C.Sowden 42

Defeated Christ's College 51

A.Nuttall 3/10, C.Sowden 3/8



The Willows Match Manager, Peter Nancarrow, takes a break.



Paul McEwan captaining the Combined Schools XI against the Willows.

v Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI

2 December 2001 / Report by Andrew Nuttall

On arrival at the ground the players were once again greeted with fine weather, a well prepared pitch and a healthy looking outfield which restricted the scoring rate of both sides a little. Willows won the toss and elected to bat first. Tight bowling by all the Christchurch Boys' High School players limited the flow of runs and the Willows didn't reach 100 runs until the 37th over. The scoring rate was accelerated, however, by Chris Flanagan and Andrew Gourdie who scored 68 and 27 respectively.

Opening batsman, Gareth Brooks, held the innings together with a well-compiled 22. Leighton Burt and Byron Newton both bowled with some hostility taking two wickets apiece and were well supported by C Stevens and Fraser Hawes who only conceded 20 runs apiece in 10 overs. CBHS run chase was dominated by a superb innings by D Broom with 75 who enjoyed an excellent 4th wicket partnership with G McCarthy which was broken by a run out.

CBHS kept up with the required run rate reaching 100 in 35 overs, but struggled to maintain it beyond that point and wickets fell too frequently. At the end of the 50 overs they were 10 runs short of victory.

Fraser Hawes, captain of CBHS, speaks at the post-match function, watched by Walter Hadlee, Patron of the Willows, and Peter Nancarrow, the Match Manager.



v Combined Secondary Schools

25 November 2001 / Report by Barry Townrow

Paul McEwan brought his team of 'fresh-faced' youngsters to The Willows to take on the might of the Willows XI - a mixture of youth, through to 'senior' age.

On winning the toss, the Willows batted first on a wicket that looked inviting for the seamers, but gave away nothing as the game went on. Openers Cameron Stone (changing teams this season) and Corey James got the side off to a good start, averaging four runs an over against a very useful bowling attack of Boyle, Rowse, Harding and Moore.

Wickets did start to tumble and even with some rollicking stroke making from the top five batsmen, no one went on to make a big score.

Paul McEwan rotated his bowlers well, not allowing the Willows batsmen to settle. Moore 2-27, Boyle 2-55 from 10, while Harding was the unlucky bowler, finishing with 0-16 from 10 overs. All the Willows batsmen blamed the lush green outfield for the lack of runs and not the tight bowling and poor shot selection!

It was obvious from the opening Willows overs that a determination was there to preserve the reputations of the Willows players as the Secondary top order failed to come to grip with some tight bowling.

At 4-15 after 13 overs, the writing was on the wall, but then the fight back started for the Combined team with Rowse leading the way with a classy 44. The team reached 142 which was a great effort from players who did not let the big occasion get to them.

Pick of the Willows bowlers were Jason Pawson and Brandon Hini while Malcolm Ellis would have considered his figures of 0/32 from 5 overs unjust in the context of the match.

At the conclusion of the game over the customary bread, sausage and fizz, the Combined team were all presented with the book "Merv Wallace – A Cricket Master" as a memento of the match which was an excellent way to end a terrific day.

Willows 189/8

C.Stone 29

Defeated Combined Secondary Schools 142

J.Rowse 44, J.Pawson 3/20, B.Hini 3/17



Tony Doody on his run-up against Wanganui Collegiate.

v Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI

21 October 2001 / Report by John Mitchell

The Collegiate 1st XI couldn't have asked for a better start to their southern tour. They outplayed a useful Willows team in a polished and well executed display.

A barrage of quick and medium bowlers never let any of the Willows batsmen settle. The bowlers were well supported in the field and by their slick 'keeper Andrew Fullerton-Smith. It was only some useful batting from Dermot Payton (24) and Andrew McRae (35) that prevented a total rout.

A score of 137 was never going to be enough to defend. The visitors kept their cool, stuck to their game plan and with good shot selection, keen running between wickets and encouragement from their many supporters they easily hauled in the required score.

Well done to Ben Collier and his team. The Dermot Payton Trophy heads to the North Island for the first time—and deservedly so.

Willows 137

A.McRae 35, R.deGruchy 4/22, J.Barton 3/26

Lost to Wanganui Collegiate School 138/4

A.McRae 2/8, P.McEwan 2/21

NB—Mr Mitchell, the Willows President, expresses his concern to the selectors at the unbalanced side selected for him to captain. Repercussions will take effect in future selections!

v Peninsula Craz

11 November 2001 / Report by Geoff Smith

Revenge is sweet and more so when it's a long time coming! The Willows elected to insert the Craz due mainly to the Willows wicketkeeper Paul Rutledge preferring to "get it over with" in the field so he could at least stand up later in the day.

A fiery opening spell by John Blakely failed to break through the 127 run partnership by Danny Bulman and Mike Johnston, followed up by John Masefield running between wickets like the Craz mascot—a former fleet footed goat but now mounted in its glory as simply a goat head watching over proceedings from the Willows pavilion. The Craz scored 253/9 with wickets shared between Blakely, Troels Nielsen and Wayne Wilson.

The Willows began in a hurry but lost wickets regularly and only threatened the total when Nielsen (48) joined young John Blakely (71), the anchor of the innings. However, the target proved too much for the Willowers and the Craz were left to wallow in their glory with the crayfish making its first appearance at the Casino since 1996. Bob Masefield, the Craz captain, was last seen trying to hawk the mounted crayfish trophy to help offset substantial peninsula losses at the tables.

Peninsula Craz 253/9

M.Johnston 74, D.Bulman 79, J.Masefield 37

Defeated **Willows 217/7**

J.Blakely 71, T.Nielsen 48, M.Stronach 4/24



The Wanganui Collegiate Headmaster enjoying a sausage.



Michael Owens departs the crease.



Darin Cusack on the cut.

v Mobil Oil XI

18 November 2001 / Report by Joe Bennett

The field and the weather were at their best and the Willows were keen to show the Mobil Oil XI what we thought of petrol prices. We won the toss and Gary Thomson and Mark Murphy opened for the Willows. The pitch did nothing. The batsmen did a lot. Despite a former test match quick flinging them down from the duckpond end, when Thomson was out for 45 in the 13th over the score stood at 82. Thereafter things slowed a little, but wickets fell rarely and the runs kept coming. Murphy topscored with an innings of 70 that began streakily, continued confidently and ended overconfidently. With Mobil wilting in the heat the Willows finished at 236-5.

When Jacob Wolt took two wickets in two balls in his second over it looked as though the game might be over. When David Grocott caught-and-bowled Rod Latham in a brilliant act of self defence, it was. Only Nick Proudfoot resisted the inevitable with a sturdy 34. Around him the wickets fell like dandruff and in the 36th over Mobil were all out for 107.

Highlights of the Mobil innings were ten overs of left-arm tweakers from young Fraser Hawes who finished with 3-24, and a skier that sought out Richard Bromley at wide mid-on. With the generosity typical of a senior player Bromley invited either of two not-very-adjacent fielders to take the glory. When both declined Bromley set his jaw, cupped his hands and, to universal surprise, took the catch.

A delightful day and the right result.

Willows 236/5

M.Murphy 70, G.Thomson 45, J.Blakely 36

Defeated **Mobil Oil XI 107**

F.Hawes 3/24