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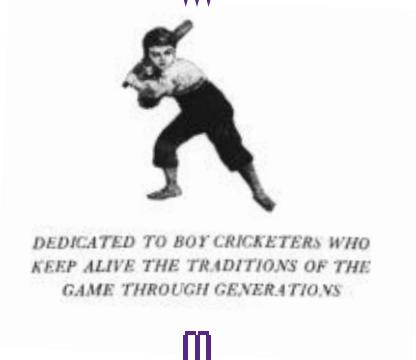


LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our Motto

“Floreat Salices”
 (“May the Willows Flourish”)



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.



Why was The Willows formed?

To act as a catalyst, whereby cricketers, and cricket supporters, past and present, who appreciate the traditions and ethos of the game, are able to contribute and impart their experience and talents to the development of youth involved in secondary schools cricket.



“The Willows”

CRICKET CLUB

LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

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B.G.Hadlee
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MEMBERSHIP

The members roll at 31 March 2008 stood as follows:

Playing	229
Associate	232
Overseas	79
Junior	1
Honorary	49
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Total Membership	590

Playing Members

(Year of entry precedes name)

03 Abbott, R.E.	97 Cornelius, C.J.	00 Fulton, D.H.
06 Agnew, W.T.	95 Cornelius, W.A.	98 Fulton, G.H.
05 Allen, R.S.	94 Cowles, R.J.	95 Fulton, P.G.
97 Allott, G.I.	06 Cowlshaw, A.J.	98 Gallaway, G.N.
03 Ambler, K.R.	98 Crean, G.T.	94 Gardner, J.
05 Astle, A.M.	03 Cunis, S.J.	06 Garry, J.R.
04 Astle, T.D.	98 Cunliffe, J.J.	94 Gibson, S.D.
07 Barringer, T.G.	94 Cusack, D. R.	03 Goldstein, M.P.
07 Barry, J.V.	03 d'Auvergne, N.R.	96 Grocott, D.J.
05 Barry, V.E.	98 d'Auvergne, P.G.	06 Hall, C.J.
05 Bartholomeusz, C.G.	94 Davidson, A.F.	00 Hamel, M.J.
07 Bartholomeusz, L.D.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.	04 Hansen, T.
05 Bayliss, R.T.	94 Davis, S.J.	99 Hantz, J.L.
07 Belliss, C.	05 Deans, S.J.M.	00 Harding, S.C.
94 Bennett, J.	94 Devlin, P.C.	94 Harris, B.Z.
00 Bennetto, C.R.M.	00 Diamanti, B. J.	94 Harris, C.Z.
07 Bishell, R.E.R.	06 Doig, L.J.	94 Harris, P.D.
95 Bisman, C.W.	95 Doody, B.J.K.	00 Hastilow, A.J.
00 Blakely, J.E.	00 Doody, H.A.	95 Hastings, M.B.
98 Bond, D.W.	00 Doody, T.J.	01 Hawes, F.C.
02 Bond, S.E.	94 Dormer, P.E.	02 Hayward, R.E.
00 Boock, S.L.	05 Dowds, D.	05 Healy, N.
97 Bremner, M.C.	06 Duncan, P.M.	94 Hight, C.M.
94 Bull, C.L.	01 Dunnett, S.C.	00 Hiini, B.C.
94 Bull, J.C.	01 Eddington, W.L.	06 Hills, G.
94 Burrell, A.E.	01 Ellis, A.M.	06 Horrell, A.H.
94 Burrell, D.C.	99 Ellis, A.M.	06 Humphris, L.A.
94 Burrell, W.M.	97 Ellis, M.J.	02 Hutchison, P.J.
00 Burrows, D.L.	05 Enoka, B.L.	94 Inglis, G.D.
94 Burson, R.D.	07 Fahey, B.J.	94 Innes, J.T.
01 Burt, L.McG.	03 Farrant, D.G.	95 Irvine, B.S.
01 Cameron, B.S.	06 Farrant, M.D.	97 James, C.D.
00 Cameron, B.W.J.	06 Feary, T.W.	05 Johns, A.M.
03 Chambers, A.S.T.	04 Fielding, M.D.	01 Johnston, M.T.
99 Chisholm, D.H.	06 Fisher, H.M.L.	06 Johnston, N.M.
06 Clark, C.R.	99 Fisher, T.D.L.	06 Johnston, T.G.
02 Clark, H.G.	98 Flanagan, C.W.	01 Johnstone, A.F.
06 Coffey, S.T.	94 Flanagan, S.P.	06 Kain, M.O.
99 Coll, J.P.	02 Forde, L.J.	03 Kench, J.B.
03 Colvin, G.G.	04 Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	05 Koorey, R.K.

07	Laffey, M.R.	06	Morgan, R.	02	Sawers, A.J.
97	Landon-Lane, M.E.	05	Muir, T.M.	06	Sawers, Mr S.J.
04	Langrope, S.L.	00	Nathu, A.	95	Scott, D.W.G.
94	Latham, R.T.	03	Newell, M.L.M.	00	Shaw, H.J.
07	Latham, M.T.	03	Newton, B.I.P.	05	Sheard, A.J.
95	Leary, R.J.	06	Nicholson, A.J.	06	Smit, M.
01	Leggat, J.E.	98	Nielsen, T.S.	99	Sowden, C.J.S.
01	Loe, H.F.	03	Noster, F.R.	94	Sparks, L.C.
04	Lonsdale, W.M.	06	Noster, S.	94	Stead, D.W.
01	Lucas, B.J.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	94	Stevens, S. D.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
06	Malcolm, H.G.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	05	Stone, B.W.
03	Marsh, J.D.	04	O'Sullivan, R.P.	01	Stone, C.J.
94	Masefield, R.V.	94	Owens, M.B.	01	Stone, M.B.
99	Masefield, T.J.	98	Parr, M.J.	01	Stretch, G.B.
02	Maw, D.J.	06	Patel, M.	94	Thiele, C.H.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	94	Pavey, H.T.	99	Thompson, K.G.
02	McCarthy, G.P.	94	Pawson, J.D.	94	Thomson, G.L.
99	McCarthy, H.R.M.	02	Peacock, M.D.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
05	McClellan, M.J.	05	Pender, T.C.	00	Thornton, T.F.
05	McClellan, T.M.	04	Pettet, C.M.	99	Townrow, W.B.
02	McCombie, A.	95	Pitcher, A.C.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
05	McCone, R.J.	05	Pitcher, S.M.	07	Vaughan, Dr J.T.C.
94	McEwan, P.E.	06	Polson, A.H.	03	Walker, R.L.
06	McFarlane, B.S.	97	Priest, M.W.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
95	McFedries, A.G.	06	Pullar, G.P.	95	Ward, J.
98	McFedries, S.E.M.	00	Reardon, P.H.	94	Weeds, M.G.
06	McGoldrick, C.P.	02	Reid, R.B.	06	Wellington, B.
98	McGuire, R.D.	03	Rennell, C.P.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
03	McIntyre, B.S.M.	95	Roberts, S.J.	04	Wood, P.
94	McKenzie, M.N.	04	Robertson, C.D.	99	Wright, H.G.
95	McRae, A.R.	00	Robertson, I.A.	05	Wright, N.H.
02	McRae, J.A.	06	Rowe, A.J.	94	Yardley, K.J.
95	Miller, G.A.	95	Rutledge, P.D.	00	Yock, B.A.
97	Miller, R.M.	06	Ryan, P.D.	06	Youngusband, P.F.
94	Mills, D.L.T.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.		
05	Moore, G.R.	94	Savill, C.M.		

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06	Abbott, R.T.	94	Bromley, G.R.	04	Carter, R.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	94	Bromley, R.C.	98	Cederman, R.W.
94	Adams, B.C.	03	Brook, B.P.	06	Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i>
06	Alabaster, G.D.	94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	00	Chisholm, L.
94	Aldridge, B.L.	95	Brooks, G.N.		The Hon. Justice
01	Allington, D.J.	95	Brownlee, E.T., <i>QSM</i>	94	Clark, L.A.
94	Anderson, C.J.	95	Bruce, D.B.	94	Clark, N.G.
95	Anderson, C.W.	04	Buckenham, M.H.	01	Coates, N.F.
94	Austin, G.K.	06	Bull, A.J.	98	Compton, M.R.
94	Baker, C.K.	96	Bunt, L.R.H.	99	Coney, J.V.
06	Bannan, G.J.	03	Burrett, W.G.	98	Cook, P.S.
03	Barnett, D.W.	05	Burrows, Professor J., <i>QC</i>	94	Coop, T.A.
94	Bateman, S.N.	99	Calder, B.	06	Cooper, M.L.S.
03	Beer, G.D.	00	Cameron, D.J.		The Hon Justice
07	Biddick, D.W.	00	Cameron, H.C.	94	Cooper, R.T.
02	Billcliff, J.S.	97	Cameron, R.	04	Cosgrove, C.J.
94	Blair, K.R.	94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	94	Cotton, B.J.
95	Blake Fr P., <i>SM</i>	95	Campbell, A.I.	94	Cottrell, H.C.
94	Boyle, J.G.	94	Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	95	Crocker, L.M.

94	Cunliffe, S.M.	94	Hastilow, J.W.	94	Parker, N.M.
95	Cunneen, C.M.	94	Hastings, B.F.	94	Paton, G.C.J.
95	Cunneen, O.A.	04	Hayward, R.D.	94	Pawson, S.J.
97	Currie, D.S.	99	Heslop, J.H.	99	Payton, D.H.
04	Curtain, G.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.	98	Pearse, R.A.
97	Curtis, W.M.	94	Holderness, D.J.R	06	Penlington, P. The Hon Justice
94	Cusack, V.B.		His Honour Judge	94	Phillips, M.K.
95	Dalley, R.G.	02	Hooper, W.P.	95	Quested, D.M.
07	Davidson, Professor J.S.	98	Howell, J.H.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.
94	Davidson, N.R.W., QC	95	Hudson, M.G.	01	Rattray, P.J.
99	Deans, R.M.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., QC	04	Reid, D.W.
00	Dick, A.E.	94	Ikram, Professor H.	96	Reid, J.F.
04	Dickey, G.E.	94	Innes, R.T.J.	98	Robinson, L.M.C.
01	Dickson, I.B.	99	Irving, J.D.	00	Rodgers, P.J.
94	Doig, J.R.	94	James, P.M.	03	Rowberry, J.M.
95	Doig, C.K., OBE	06	Jordan, P.H.	94	Runacres, A.M.
94	Dolan, P.J.	94	Joyce, Professor P.R.	01	Rust, K.N.
94	Dowling, Br W.H.	98	Judson, R.E.	97	Scott, A.D.L.
94	Dowling, G.T., OBE	99	Kerr, L.H.	05	Seabourne, R.
94	Duncan, W. McK.	94	Keys, K.F.	01	Shackleton, D.A.
98	Durning, J.W.	01	Kroening, N.J.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.
05	Eaton, J.H.M.	94	Lancaster, M.J.	95	Sharp, D.C.
94	Ebert, R.J.	94	Lancaster, T.E.	95	Sharpe, M.F.
01	Elley, J.C.	05	Langrope, B.J.	00	Shipley, A.J.B.
05	Evans, G.R.	03	Larkins, W.N.	00	Shrimpton, M.
01	Eveleigh, R.S.	01	Lawson, R.A.	07	Sinclair, B.W.
04	Evennett, D.C.	04	Lawson, W.G.	95	Skipper, H.L.
94	Fairbairn, C.J.R.	95	Lennon G.P., ONZM	95	Smith, G.B.
94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	99	Lischner, J.A.	94	Smith, M.J.
94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	94	Loe, J.G.	94	Smith, P.R.
04	Felton, G.E.	04	Macdonald, R.G.	02	Snedden, M.C.
98	Fenton, W.R.	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.	99	Sowden, R.J.S.
97	Fenwick, C.R.	01	Malloch, B.E.	06	Spear, B.G.
94	Fisher, M.A.	01	Martin, S.D.	94	Stead, G.R.
04	Fogarty, J.G. The Hon Justice	00	Martin, S.G.D.	95	Strack, D.J.
06	Fowler, H.M.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.	99	Taylor, B.J.
94	Fox, D.O.	95	McCarthy, P.B.	94	Ussher, C.P.
98	Frahm, R.J.F.	03	McClellan, L.R.	94	Ussher, Dr J.E.
94	French-Wright, L.R.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.	07	Veitch, T.
97	Fuller, M.J.	94	McDonnell, K.M., JP	01	Wadeson, C.
06	Gargiulo, F.J.	05	McEwen, V.C.	94	Wait, E.P.
02	Garland, S.P.	95	McFedries, B.G.	00	Wake, R.W.
94	Germon, L. K.	06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.	94	Wallace, P.E.
06	Goodall, F.R., ONZM, ED	95	McHarg, R.L.	01	Ward, K.A.
06	Goodman, J.H.	94	McKechnie, B.J.	95	Watson, M.
01	Gourdie, A.J.	99	McKendry, D.J.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	Graves, A.C.	98	McKinlay, S.	94	Whittington, Mrs J.A.
06	Gray, E.	01	McLeod, A.L.L.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
04	Grigor, I.M.	98	McLisky, T.H.	94	Williams, P.R.
96	Grocott, J.W.	00	McMillan, D.H.A.	07	Williams, R.
00	Guillen, S.C.	03	Miller, G.M.	01	Wilson, W.R.
94	Guthrey, P.C.	96	Morrison, B.D.	01	Wilson-Pyne, R.N.
94	Hadlee, B.G.	99	Munn, R.W.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
94	Hadlee, D.R.	97	Murray, A.J.	06	Wraight, S.J.
94	Hadlee, M.J.	99	Nancarrow, P.J.	97	Wright, J.G.
95	Hamilton, B.G.	99	Nevin, J.H.	02	Wright, M.J.E.
94	Hansen, J.W.	98	Nixon, B.M.	95	Wright, Sir Allan, KBE
	The Hon. Mr. Justice	03	O'Donnell, P.M.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
06	Harman, A.B.	95	Page, R.J.	03	Young, A.K.
95	Harrison, R.J.	96	Parker, K.J.		

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02 Aitken, R.
 05 Barrat, R.
 06 Bouilly, P.C.
 95 Boyle, D.J.
 98 Darke, M.
 95 Davidson, A.K., *AM, MBE*
 94 Douglass, W.B., *ASM*
 94 Eastment, B.A.
 05 Eddington, Sir Rod
 94 Eldershaw, J.M.
 02 Fairbairn, N.J.G
 01 Fotheringham, B.
 05 Harrison, A.
 06 Havercroft, G.
 00 Hensman, J.
 06 Hodgson, T.L.P.
 02 Holt, D.W.
 06 Horsell, R.E.
 97 Jones, B.S.
 94 Macarthur Stanham, R.Q.
 02 McQueen, D.
 03 Mackrell, G.L.
 02 Marshall, A.J.
 02 McQueen, D.
 01 Neaves, T.C.
 01 Richards, S.
 96 Rixon, S.J.
 01 Rose, G.L.
 94 Ryan, M.L.
 03 Salmon, K.

98 Silver, M.J.
 95 Smith, R.
 04 Teulon, N.H.
 06 Walls, K.A.
 94 Wiles, E.G.
 02 Zavos, S.B.

ENGLAND

95 Bazalgette, C.
 06 Betteridge, J.
 94 Bisman, J.C.
 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
 98 Brierley, R.H.
 03 Buckton, S.J.
 98 Cumbes, J.
 98 Dodds, V.
 94 Dormer, B.L.
 06 Goulding, M.
 03 Hart, R.
 94 Hatley, B.
 94 Hutton, B.L.
 94 Hutton, R.A.
 94 Hutton, O.R.
 03 Hyde, A.R.
 06 Lander, C.
 98 Logan, A.A.G.
 98 Lorimer, A.A.
 98 Marsden, W.
 06 Mollitt, R.
 94 Munn, R.G.
 94 Openshaw, C.F.

06 Reid, H.
 94 Roebuck, P.M.
 06 Sawrey-Cookson, N.
 06 Sims, G.
 06 Smail, D.
 06 Vallance, J.A.F.
 05 Wheeler, N.

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01 Chandler, J.
 06 Eanes, M.
 06 Jones, Dr D.A.
 03 McGrath, D.E.T.
 00 Miles, R.
 98 Stearns, N.
 01 Walsh, M.

INDIA

01 Apte, A.

SOUTH AFRICA

04 Fox, P.J.

THAILAND

07 DeVries, M.
 07 Lester, J.
 07 Malbari, F.A.

UNITED STATES

06 Wardwell, E.A.

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04 Sam McMillan

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94 Barber, R.T.
 07 Becroft, His Honour Judge A.J.
 03 Blackett, Sir Hugh
 99 Brierley, Sir Ronald
 95 Burdon, Hon. Philip
 98 The Lord Butler of Brockwell,
KG, GCB, CVO
 04 Conway, R.W.
 06 Coward, M.J.
 94 Cummings, Rev Fr B.G., *AM*
 94 Dormer, Mrs D.W.
 94 Edgar, Mrs E.M.
 05 Evans, D.J.E.
 04 Farr-Jones, N.C., *AM*
 07 Fernando, M.J.
 03 Fry, C.A.
 95 Gallaway, Miss A.S.G.
 94 Gallaway, I.W., *QSO, MBE*

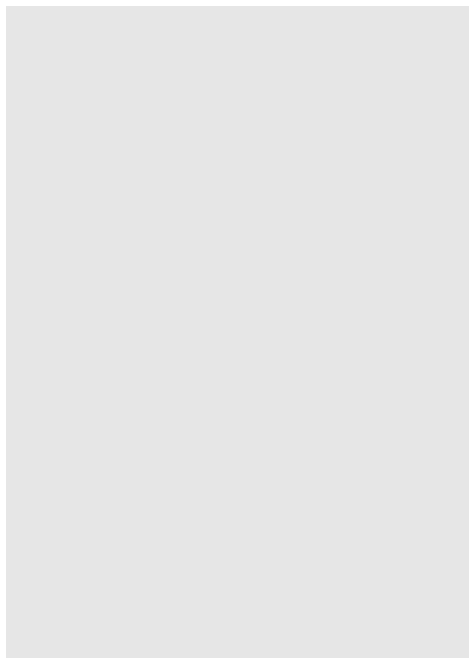
99 Graham, D.J., *CBE*
 94 Hadlee, Sir Richard, *MBE*
 96 Hawke, The Venerable
 Archdeacon M.J.
 98 Henderson, Mrs E.M.
 04 Hunt, Rt Hon. Jonathan, *ONZ*
 04 Johnson, Professor B.F.S.
 99 Johnston, P.
 03 Knight, R.D.V.
 03 Larsen, G.R.
 95 Macfarlane, R.M.
 06 Mauger, W.J.
 94 Mitchell, W.J.
 04 Moses, R.J.
 06 Murray, Archdeacon W.R.C.
 01 Murray, B.A.G., *QSO*
 94 Neely, D.O., *MBE*
 02 O'Neill, J.A., *AO*

03 Pope, R.C.
 99 Reid, J.R., *OBE*
 03 Rice, Sir Tim
 03 Roberts, Major A.C.,
 Salvation Army
 96 Rosser, Dr M.J.
 06 Satyanand, The Hon. Anand,
PCNZM
 03 Seay, A.
 07 Scott, N.A.
 07 Smith, Canon R.H.
 03 Stoop, Dr G.C.
 05 Tyson, F.H.
 07 Watt, M.
 07 Weerasekera, S.
 04 Wright, A.G.L.
 95 Wright, Sir Allan

“Willowers All,”

I start this year's President's report on a sad note. Firstly because of the passing of Merv Wallace, a member of the 1937 and 1949 New Zealand touring teams to England, and John Hayes, also a '49er. Both were Willows members. Merv was recognised as an extremely fine cricketer and an outstanding technical batting coach, whilst John was a very successful fast bowler. Also the recent and sudden passing of Major Bob Millar of the Salvation Army, who was a regular and significant attendee at The Willows on Sundays.

I wish to pay tribute once more to our honorary member, the Governor-General, His Excellency The Honourable Anand Satyanand. Not only did His Excellency kindly agree to speak at the boys'



▲ **Portrait of Justice John Hansen, presented to him upon his retirement, to hang in the High Court.**

dinner at St Bede's, he also sponsored a Governor-General's XI to play against The Willows. The Willows team comprised former New Zealand representatives and they were narrowly pipped by a team of outstanding young players. We hope this fixture will become a permanent biennial event. We are deeply indebted to the Governor-General, not only for his support of The Willows, but his generous support of young New Zealanders.

The night before the Governor-General's game New Zealand Cricket hosted a dinner for both teams where their Chief Executive, Justin Vaughan, conveyed a strong message to the boys of the discipline and work ethic needed to succeed at the top level of cricket. We were also delighted to welcome the founder of Dilmah Tea, Merrill Fernando, to the dinner and the game. I thank Justin and New Zealand Cricket for their continued and important support of the Club.

The Willows were represented by an Under 17 side in India, Oman and Sharjah. As I write this report they have only just returned. They had excellent results, and the feedback I have received shows they were a credit not only to the Club, but as cricketers and young New Zealanders. We are indebted for the work of Paul McEwan, Ken Rust and Rodger McHarg who coached and managed the tour.

This year our two scholarship students to England are Liam Bartholomeusz from St Bede's, and Peter YoungHusband of Nelson College. We wish them well on what will be a great adventure.

On the playing fields I am pleased to see that the selectors took heed of the President's warning and the win/loss ratio was heavily in the Club's favour this year.

Again this season we were dependent on the voluntary hard work of individuals that allowed the Club to function so successfully. Vincent Cusack and Peter Devlin have, as always,

produced a magnificent wicket block on which many runs were scored during our long, hot summer. But I would also like to thank the umpires, the scorers, our caterer and resident barbecuers who contribute so much to the activities on Sundays. The members of your committee and other Club members have contributed much time to further the constant improvements of our facilities. There are too many of you to name personally, but your efforts do not pass unnoticed.

It is a continued pleasure for me that so many schools are represented at The Willows in the course of a season. We are grateful to the principals of the schools and those responsible for cricket in those schools. It is that contribution that makes The Willows the success it is.

The membership of the club remains strong and buoyant, and I know all the members will be ready and willing to face the many challenges the next cricket season will bring..

Hon Justice John Hansen
President



In Memoriam

Willowers who passed to the great pavilion in the sky this year:

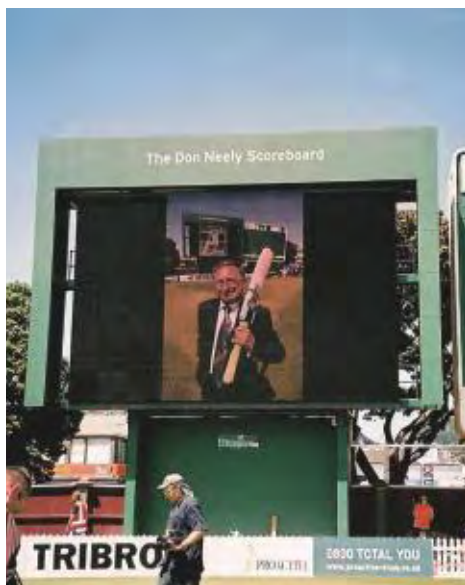
John Hayes, Auckland

Jack Kerr, Christchurch

Pat Marriner, Christchurch

Major Bob Millar, Salvation Army,
Christchurch

Merv Wallace, Auckland



▲ The new “Don Neely Scoreboard”, recently opened at the Basin Reserve, in Wellington.



▲ All Black scrum half and Willower, Andy Ellis.



▲ Robbie and Sam Deans follow proceedings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

As captain I am writing on behalf of the Wanganui Collegiate School Cricket 1st XI. We are all very thankful, delighted and encouraged by our trip down to The Willows Cricket Club and Christchurch. We are thankful for your truly “princely” like hospitality which made us all feel very privileged to play at your magnificent ground.

The game itself was played in good spirit and in honour, in all facets of the game. I must congratulate the way your team played on the day. I thought that we bowled and fielded extremely well but your batsmen played with precision and accuracy throughout. On the other hand, when the Collegiate side began their innings, we struggled through to the total of 100. We needed to build partnerships when these mattered most. I congratulate Matthew Fielding on his 6-wicket bag. This is a marvellous effort no matter what team he was playing. This fixture is a tremendous experience and Collegiate learnt much and will take many positives away from the day's play. This traditional rivalry will obviously live on for many years to come.

We received great encouragement from Willows representatives such as Mr Andrew Nuttall and Mr Justin Vaughan. It was also very enjoyable playing two former members of our 1st XI, Ben Orton and Andrew Fullerton-Smith. It was good to see that they are both playing well at the moment. On a personal note, I was extremely honoured and nervous, having played at The Willows as a young fourth former.

Thank you very much for making our trip down to Christchurch so very enjoyable and we look forward to hopefully playing and seeing your ground again.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Smith

Captain, Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI

Dear Editor,

Your Christmas party at The Willows has become a special event in The Hawkswood Wanderers' programme. Yesterday's game with superb hospitality and facilities has once again proved a memorable experience for our players and loyal band of supporters. As I have mentioned previously there is the annual concern of meeting the cost of inscribing the trophy. I have to confess the thought of “throwing” a game for financial gain is increasingly tempting. Perhaps tax relief is another option but claims for repayment for the last nine or ten years may be asking too much.

Long may the strong bonds between our two Clubs continue.

Many thanks,

Roger Macfarlane

Dear Editor,

A huge thank you for hosting our 1st XI at The Willows last Sunday. The team, the supporters and the staff were unanimous in their praise of the day. Great weather, superb organisation and of course the game.

I was very sorry not to be able to be with “my boys” but I am thrilled that they performed so well on the day. We appreciate the opportunity to be part of The Willows fixture list and it is already a season highlight for our top players to look forward to.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Donald

Principal, King's High School

To Think

If you think in seasons ... Plant flowers

If you think in decades ... Plant trees, but

If you think of the future ... Educate your children

By Gary Baxter

Umpiring – What is the Future?



The pressures of modern life are such that people are becoming busier and having less time for leisure (with demands of work, trading hours and family).

Historically cricket has been a male activity, primarily discharged on a Saturday “as of right”. The modern family situation has changed all that, parents looking to have equal share of a leisure day off and sharing the parenting role. Increased pressure to succeed/survive, together with increased expectation of being rewarded financially for ones effort has placed huge pressure on the voluntary sector. Declining respect for authority and the spirit and traditions of the game has necessitated formal intervention (Code of Conduct). Players rarely acknowledge that the game is for all to enjoy not just them. Sporting activities on offer for young people in the past was limited – today the range is vast and can often be discharged from the home or couch (video games etc). Who in their right mind wants to open the batting in a two day game with the prospect of being out early on day one of a club game thereby waste two days of weekend activity? When there’s surf, skateboarding, girls etc, etc, which in most cases is considered more fun.

So for the past five years and the future, an increasing recognition to offer “substantial” financial reward to attract and retain Umpires beyond the level of the leisure Umpire – so called professionalism – preferably involving former players. Increased sophistication in the use of technology for televised games has placed Umpires under greater scrutiny, in some cases intolerable scrutiny. Players and commentators

are rarely genuine when they remark that “umpiring is a thankless task”. In my view too many who are connected to the game take the availability of Umpires for granted.

Under-19 Cricket World Cup

For the first time the event was hosted by an Associate Member country and Malaysia had that honour and a chance for its people to see the stars of the future. I was fortunate to be selected to officiate at the tournament and must say I had a very enjoyable time. The first part was split into four sections with two of them in Kuala Lumpur, one in Johor and the other in Penang. The two highest placed teams from each section going onto play in the super league and the other two playing in the plate section. Getting down to the quarter finals in the super league, New Zealand played India and were stretched to the limit with Corey Anderson and Tim Southee featuring and maybe a couple of catches may have changed the result for the Kiwis. In the other semi, Pakistan who were going for their third consecutive world cup win, were pipped by South Africa. The only fortunate thing for me with the Kiwis being beaten was that it allowed me to be selected to officiate in the India vs South Africa final which was a huge honour and for Umpires in New Zealand. In the final, India struggled to 159 all out and with South Africa losing three early wickets before the rain interruption left them a total of 115 in 25 overs, (DL) only to be 103/8. Probably a worthy victory as India remained unbeaten throughout. Looking back I think any of the four semi finalists could have won the event and I believe New Zealand had a much better build up and preparation hence their results. Overall the tournament was very well organised and all the comments were very positive which must have been pleasing for the organisers.

Gathering of 18 teams from around NZ

By Chris McGoldrick

Christ's College 1st XI

On October 23rd, eighteen 1st XI's from all over New Zealand came together for The Willows' dinner at St Bede's College. Each of the 1st XI's are lucky enough to have an annual fixture with The Willows XI. These fixtures are always successful days with fantastic cricket played and huge amounts of knowledge passed onto our next generation cricketers. This night was a celebration of cricket and what is achieved at The Willows every year.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Malcolm Ellis with the theme being "Developing your lives through participation in sport". We were privileged to have His Excellency, The Governor General of New Zealand, The Honourable Anand Satyanand, PCNZM, address us. His great knowledge and ideas on the game made for a very interesting and enjoyable address. We were then lucky enough to have New Zealand cricket legend, Sir Richard Hadlee, address us. His views and ideas on the wonderful game we all love were thought-provoking and compelling.

Following that, another New Zealand cricket legend, John Wright, joined Sir Richard on the stage as together they were interviewed by Malcolm Ellis. The way they discussed the modern game and what it takes to succeed proved to be very informative and personally, I gained a great deal from what they had to say.

It was an outstanding evening enjoyed by all in which the calibre of speakers was second to none. On behalf of everyone who were fortunate enough to be in attendance, I would like to thank those involved in the organisation of the evening and to St Bede's management for providing an excellent venue.

Introduction of the Governor-General

By Derek Hammond

Burnside High School 1st XI

Good evening Honourable Justice Hansen, Sir Richard Hadlee, Mr John Wright, honoured guests and fellow players. It is my pleasure to welcome The Governor-General of New Zealand, His Excellency, The Honourable Anand Satyanand and Her Excellency, Mrs Susan Satyanand.

The Honourable Anand Satyanand was born in Auckland where he was schooled. He married his wife of 37 years, Her Excellency, Mrs Susan Satyanand in 1970. Graduating with a law degree from the University of Auckland in the same year, he spent 12 years practising law at several firms and at the Crown Law Office as a Barrister. In 1982, His Excellency was appointed a District Court Judge. Holding warrants for both civil and criminal jurisdictions, His Excellency specialised in criminal law, presiding as a Trial Judge for ten years.

He later completed two terms as an Ombudsman from 1995 through 2005 where he worked extensively on Government associated cases. Since 2000, His Excellency has been a board member of the Asia New Zealand Foundation and has been involved in both the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs and Transparency International. In addition to his significant contribution to the legal community, His Excellency has also been involved in the administration of New Zealand Rugby League. His contribution to the community and at a personal level has continuously been remarkable.

This was formally recognised when he was made a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2005 and a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit

in 2006. On 23 August 2006, His Excellency was appointed as the Governor General of New Zealand by Her Majesty, The Queen.

His Excellency is an avid cricket follower and has been a member of The Willows Cricket Club since 2006 and is here in his Vice Regal capacity to show his support for both cricket and the young men that play the sport.

Please welcome The Governor General of New Zealand, His Excellency, The Honourable Anand Satyanand.

Toast to Cricket

By Ben Smith

Wanganui Collegiate School Cricket 1st XI

Your Excellencies The Honourable Anand Satyanand and Mrs Satyanand, Sir Richard Hadlee, John Wright, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow First Eleven Cricketers. This evening I have been given the honour of proposing the very special "Toast to Cricket".

Some of you will be familiar with AW Tillinghurst's "Six Ages of Cricket", and in his speech you will be aware of what the game of cricket means to all of us. Very few sports or games bring out the spirit and values that can be taken into our everyday lives as cricket can.

It is these values and morals that bring us here to this special occasion tonight. Cricket is a sport where the reliance on fellow team members is paramount and "mate ship" everlasting. It is these values that bring us together tonight.

Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please charge your glasses, please be upstanding and toast "cricket".

To cricket.

Speech by the Governor-General

The Honourable Anand Satyanand

Willows Cricket Club Dinner Address,
St Bede's College, 23rd October 2007

I commence by greeting everyone in the languages of the realm of New Zealand – English, Maori, Cook Island Maori, Niuean, Tokelauan and New Zealand Sign Language.

Greetings, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Taloha Ni and as it is the evening (Sign).

May I specifically acknowledge you: Justice John Hansen, President of The Willows Cricket Club; Father Paul Martin, Deputy Rector of St Bede's College; New Zealand cricketing greats, Sir Richard Hadlee and John Wright; Iain Gallaway, former President of NZ Cricket; Justin Vaughan, CEO of NZ Cricket; Michael Dormer, Founder of The Willows Cricket Club; Malcolm Ellis, Master of Ceremonies for this evening; Distinguished Guests, and most importantly of all, the young cricket players here tonight.

Thank you for inviting my wife Susan and myself to attend The Willows Cricket Club Dinner this evening.

The opportunity, as a member of this Club, arises to outline some thoughts about the game of cricket and in particular its role, and that of sport, in the development of New Zealand's young people.

For me, one of the abiding memories of childhood is that of being at Eden Park in Auckland in March 1956 when, as a 12-year-old, I watched cricket history being made in this country.

On that day – after having waited 26 years – New Zealand won its first ever test match. While the significance of the achievement was probably

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lost on me, the excitement of being one of several thousand people to swamp the ground to congratulate the New Zealand heroes remains with me to this day.

Thanks to the Weekly News part of the New Zealand Herald, I have photographic evidence of this moment in my life. A few days later it published a picture of a diminutive Anand Satyanand walking excitedly across the ground with hundreds of other fans.

The legendary West Indies side (containing the 3 W's, Weeks, Walcott and Worrell) was New Zealand's opposition that day. It was their second tour here and they had already wrapped up the four test series by winning the first three games. This fact was, of course, quickly, and conveniently, forgotten by the New Zealand public.

From that moment, New Zealanders gained new sporting heroes, and cricket rose in popularity as the backyard game of choice for thousands of children across the country. I was among those many and I know that my wife Susan's family were likewise.

Through my school years I was one who played cricket, with more enthusiasm than skill, for both school and club teams. My early involvement has made cricket one of the New Zealand sporting codes that I still follow avidly.

There are few other games in the world that can command the attention of an audience for more than six hours in a day. The joy of cricket, however, is that complete attention is not required for the entire time – particularly if you are at the match itself. You are free to take in other aspects of the experience, whether it be chatting to fellow spectators, or enjoying the sun, the surroundings and in that New Zealand pastime of having a “few quiets”.

During the last two decades, cricket has expanded its following beyond just Commonwealth countries and to enter a

globalisation phase. There are now 97 countries represented on the ICC and despite there being a large disparity in ability between the majority of these nations and the top ten ranked sides, the game can only continue to grow stronger in the future.

The development of new formats has done much to broaden the game's appeal. Most notable is, of course, the rise of twenty-twenty cricket. The condensed format has proven popular in New Zealand with after-work crowds, for example, and for those who do not wish to sit for long hours. With this format, the game takes on a truly electric atmosphere.

Despite the growing appeal of twenty-twenty, all formats maintain merit. While the one-day match provides a day out for the family, the five-day test match provides the most noble challenges to teams, and continues to be enjoyed by ardent cricket followers. The strategy and tactics needed to win such a drawn out affair are quite unique in sport.

Some of the students from Wellington College who are here tonight, will know of the plaques cemented into the path around the Capital's Basin Reserve. The identical plaques celebrate, in great detail, the several records that occurred in a test match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka in February 1991, including NZ's highest test score (671-4), the highest score by a New Zealander (299 to Martin Crowe), the highest score at the Basin Reserve, and the world record for any wicket, in a partnership between Martin Crowe and Andrew Jones of 467 runs (in 548 minutes). Aravinda de Silva's 267 was also the highest score by a Sri Lankan.

And then, after all that glorious detail, it ends: “Match Drawn”. Only in cricket could such an outcome be celebrated. My predecessor from nearly 50 years ago, Lord Cobham, who was a keen cricketer and sportsman, put it well in a speech to a cricket dinner in Dunedin in 1961 when he said:

“Every side likes to win, and it is futile hypocrisy to deny it. One takes the field with the idea of outplaying one’s opponents. But, in cricket at least, there is an unwritten law that one must never play up to the margin of the rules. It is a game so terribly easily spoilt; men of mean spirit can make it wilt within half an hour, just as, conversely, the magnanimous gesture makes it flower in its full glory.”

Where the game has been played to the margin of the rules, it has been to the long-term detriment, not only to those who have employed them, but also to a deeper spirit of the game and sportsmanship.

Sport, and in particular cricket, teaches many important values, and particularly for young people. It tests a player’s physical stamina, as well as their mental adroitness.

It is a game of skill and strategy. Brute force may bring quick boundaries but, like the story of the hare and the tortoise, a less strong, but more skilful player will almost always get more runs and maintain a lengthier stay at the crease. At pivotal points in a five-day match, time at the crease is often just as important as runs on the board.

The nature of cricket is that it quickly produces heroes. And it can, just as quickly, cut them down. A surge in form can be followed rapidly by a slump after a couple of bad performances. Anyone who has played cricket, will attest to the importance of mental strength. So while watching cricket can be a relaxing affair for the spectator, the game itself requires continued application of mental strength.

Like all team sports, cricket also celebrates values such as fair play, team participation and leadership. They are values that apply not only in sport, but continue to be sorely needed in business and the community.

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Captions for photos overleaf

Montage of Pictures Taken at the St Bede’s Dinner held in the St Bede’s Chanel Hall on Tuesday the 23rd October 2007. From left to right:

1. His Excellency, The Governor General of New Zealand, The Honourable Anand Satyanand being escorted by the President of The Willows, The Hon. Justice Hansen.
2. Liam Bartholomeusz speaking with Her Excellency Susan Satyanand.
3. Iain Galloway, Past President of New Cricket; John Mitchell, Past President of The Willows; and Barry Hadlee, a founding member of The Willows, in discussion.
4. Sir Richard Hadlee meeting with Bob Pope, a stalwart of Wellington College.
5. John Wright in deep thought.
6. The St Bede’s College Choir singing the National Anthem.
7. The Burnside High School Girls’ Bel Canto Choir.
8. Mrs Christine Leighton with Iain Galloway.
9. His Excellency with Malcolm Ellis, MC for the evening and The Hon. Justice Hansen.
10. Sir Richard Hadlee addressing the gathering.
11. Ben Smith, Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI, proposing a toast to cricket.
12. Paul McEwan in earnest discussion with John Wright.
13. Iain Galloway with Sir Richard Hadlee.
14. His Excellency showing a photograph of himself as a small boy in 1956 at Eden Park – the scene of New Zealand’s very first Test victory.
15. His Excellency presenting batting gloves to Sam Noster, a member of the Christchurch Boys’ High School 1st XI.
16. Boys standing for grace.
17. The Hon. Justice Hansen in earnest discussion with the MC, Malcolm Ellis.
18. Corey Anderson, Christchurch Boys’ High School and Illi Tugaga, Wellington College, sharing a joke.
19. His Excellency with representatives from all the schools in attendance.
20. Phil d’Auvergne with John Mitchell.
21. Shaun Coffey receiving the trophy for the most improved junior cricketer from Justice Hansen.
22. Pat Whelan, Wellington College 1st XI being introduced to Bob Pope by the Headmaster, Roger Moses.
23. David Grocott with His Excellency and Josh Reeves, the captain of the Shirley Boys’ High School 1st XI.
24. Bob Pope with the recipients of his scholarship award for 2008 – Liam Bartholomeusz, St Bede’s College and Peter Youngusband, Nelson College.
25. Logan Van Beek receiving batting gloves from His Excellency.
26. Their Excellencies being shown to their table by Rev. Fr. Paul Martin, Deputy Rector of St Bede’s College.
27. His Excellency with the Headmasters/Rectors from the colleges represented at the function.

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Dinner at St Bede's College



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The last one mentioned – leadership – is the subject of much debate. In discussing leadership, it is important to distinguish between leaders and leadership qualities. While not everyone's career will see them be a mayor, prime minister, chief executive, or governor general for that matter, everyone can exhibit leadership.

Key leadership qualities include an ability to listen, to be professional in dealing with others, and to display integrity, honesty and respect. Leaders need to keep their feet on the ground and to recognise that it is their purpose to serve. Team captains who fail to display these values rarely last long.

Leadership can take many forms. Throughout the year, there are investiture ceremonies at the Government Houses in Wellington or Auckland where the Governor General confers on behalf of Her Majesty, to recognise those who have achieved in commerce, community, public service or sport. Some of those achievements are at a local level whilst others are at the national or international level. All, however, have shown leadership. A fine example this present year is that of Ruben Wiki, the most capped rugby league player in history, upon whom I conferred the Insignia of an Officer of the NZ Order of Merit in Auckland in September.

Another quality of leadership is courage. In July, I had the privilege to confer the first Victoria Cross for New Zealand on Corporal Willy Apiata at a special investiture ceremony. He received this award for outstanding gallantry, courage and leadership in rescuing a seriously wounded colleague in Afghanistan in 2004. His courageous deeds, in placing the life of a comrade – a mate – before his own, are an inspiration to everyone.

Courage need not, however, be a quality confined to the battlefield. In a recent book, the new British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, has written eight essays about people who have displayed courage – people such as Martin

Luther King Jnr and Nelson Mandela. In saying that courage is the greatest of all virtues, Gordon Brown wrote as follows:

“All of us value duty, honesty, kindness, humility, responsibility, integrity but none of these can exist without courage.” As Winston Churchill said: ‘Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others’.”

Having the courage of one's convictions includes holding fast to values – such as honesty, justice and ethical conduct – and if necessary in the face of others who would give expedience a higher priority.

In conclusion then, a challenge which I offer this evening is for people to take the values that make cricket such a wonderful game and to apply them generally to your lives. Those who play hard, but play fair, in whatever sphere, will always be valued against those who “play at the margins of the rules”. But most of all, enjoy a game that has brought satisfaction and joy for two hundred years.

On that note, I will close with another quote from Lord Cobham, who in commenting on a forthcoming test series by an MCC side, called for us to remember why we play sport. Cobham said:

“As a New Zealander, I am naturally anxious to see my side win; as an ex-President of the MCC, I hope that they will never win by more than one run or one wicket. But win, lose or draw, I know that both sides will play this lovely game for the only reason that any game is worth playing – and that is for fun.”

And on that heartening note I will close. I started in all the New Zealand languages, I will finish just in Maori issuing greetings and wishing everyone good health and fortitude in your endeavours. No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, kia ora, kia kaha, tena koutou katoa.

McFedries encourages Youth Development

His own business success has prompted BCom graduate Adrian McFedries to provide exciting new opportunities for final-year commerce students.

The co-founder and managing director of Australian-based DC Strategy, one of Asia Pacific's leading specialist consulting groups, has initiated an internship programme and a \$3,500 scholarship for Canterbury's top commerce students.

The internship, offered annually to one student, allows the recipient to work for three months over the summer in DC Strategy's international head office in Melbourne. Based on grade point average in the first stage of the selection process, for this year's inaugural intake an initial pool of 50 applicants was narrowed to six who were interviewed personally by McFedries and colleague John Varvarigos. Three students were then chosen to make an hour-long presentation on a business case study, for which they had just one night to prepare.

McFedries was so impressed with the calibre of the presentations he awarded two internships, to Peter Young and Briar Harte.

McFedries says the motivation behind the programme is to provide the best students at Canterbury University with "an international start to their career", while bringing top graduates into the firm.

"Strategy is a field in which there are very few positions – for every hundred jobs in accounting there's probably one in strategy. In all likelihood, this will be the beginning of their career, and they can press on with the firm if they're interested and they perform well. We're in a good position to offer these opportunities and excited to be able to offer exceptional people an interesting career."

From December, the company will also fund an annual \$3,500 scholarship to the top-performing

third-year student studying finance or accounting.

The interns now have the opportunity to join a top-performing firm and to learn from a team of specialists. McFedries is widely recognised as one of Asia Pacific's leading growth strategists.



▲ Adrian McFedries seated on the left with his business colleague standing right, together with the selected students from Canterbury University.



▲ John Hastilow departs in his vintage car.

“More yap, boys, more yap”

By **Mike Hawke**

Archdeacon Selwyn-Tawera

My brother-in-law insists I only work one day a week and another mate reckons that I am invisible during the week and incomprehensible on Sundays. Hence my delight at playing mid-week games at The Willows over the past few years. Some of the most enjoyable games are the ones against schools where 18 year old fast bowlers try to knock the head off this 55+ year old minister. It's always a great challenge.



Recently in a match against a Melbourne schoolboys side, I overheard their skipper giving instructions to the team: “more yap, boys, more yap” as they were struggling on a good wicket in the hot sun. I marvelled at the way

the team responded as they kept each other going and encouraged one another. I have actually noticed the same with a number of other school sides. They are very good at jollyng each other up. If there is an lbw appeal turned down they all sympathise with the bowler. If a catch is dropped they will pat the culprit on the back. If a 4 is whacked off a bowler, they will encourage the bowler to dig in and keep going.

As I look at what is happening in NZ society, it is that same sort of encouragement I want to see off the cricket paddock. What would our world be like if young people actually did yap a bit more, if they spoke to each other about their feelings, hopes and dreams, and about their fears. I think the suicide rate in NZ would halve

if they did a bit more yapping. And what about when one of them “drops the ball” in their life and faces a crisis? To have others come up and pat them on the shoulder with words of encouragement to “hang in there” would be a great response. If only we could replicate what goes on in the middle of The Willows cricket patch out into the wider world, it would be a better place. The way these young guys encourage, laugh with not at, and generally play as a team is an inspiration for those looking on.

And so I will continue to enjoy my mid-week sojourns, escaping from parish life, explaining to my staff team why I am not at the weekly staff meeting but rather on the mission field out the back of Loburn. These schoolboy sides continue to inspire me with the way they treat each other, in the way my boss spoke about 2,000 years ago.

And as for the “more yap” boys, whatever you do don't tell Joe Bennett that, he's already the world's expert behind the stumps at doing just that.

Oh well, see you in church next Sunday.



▲ The players and umpires leaving the field at the conclusion of the Wanganui Collegiate match.

It's cricket, not war



Once upon a time when the world was young, it was a point of debate whether keepers should 'talk'. Talk meant just that. Should keepers talk to the batsman, about the weather, politics or the price of fish?

As a part-time keeper and a full-time loudmouth I have always talked. I welcome batsmen to the crease. I sometimes, with what I hope is obvious irony, let them know how prodigiously the ball is moving off the pitch. I have been known to point out a yawning gap at midwicket just begging for the heave across the line. And I always, but always, congratulate them when they heave one for six.

My purpose is first to have fun. I enjoy playing cricket and for me this adds to the enjoyment. But in an intense game I also like to sow seeds in a batsman's mind, making them too confident in their own ability, perhaps, or getting them to think down lines that I would like them to think down.

Cricket is slow enough to invite such banter, and if a batsman enjoys it, then we're both happy. If he asks me to shut up, I shut up. And if he heaves across the line and holes out, well, here's a new batsman to chat with.

But such an attitude, it seems, is old hat. Talking is history. What's in now is sledging. To sledge is to do anything you can to upset an opponent. Good international players began it and lousy club players have taken it up. It's now par for the cricketing course for every level from schoolboys up. And here's why it's wrong.

Sledging is conflict. Cricket is a contest. The difference between a conflict and a contest is everything.

Conflict is for real. It arises from the animal urge to compete and to conquer. Conflict is common in human affairs because of the way we are. In its largest manifestation it is called war.

Sport is a parody of war. It is conflict that has been ritualised into a contest in which no one gets hurt. It's the equivalent of play-fighting for a puppy. Through play-fighting, puppies learn bite inhibition and the canine code of conduct. Play-fighting teaches puppies to be adult dogs capable of living in dog society.

Cricket and other sports can do something similar for developing human beings. They provide a vent for the natural competitive urge but they teach the difference between doing it for real and doing it for pleasure. The effect is civilising.

Sledging is never civil. It introduces conflict into what is only a contest. It brings ill-feeling into a game that we play for pleasure. And it gets things out of proportion. Anyone who sledges is taking the game too seriously. He thinks it matters.

I don't know why it's called sledging. But I do know a couple of better terms for it. One is bad manners. And the other is cheating.

Joe Bennett



Young people need a coach

By Inspector John Price

Canterbury District, New Zealand Police



It is a great honour to be asked to write an article for this year's Annual Report. I am not an accomplished cricketer, but what I know is that The Willows is much more than a Cricket Club. The greatest legacy a man

can leave the world is not so much a great business, but a living investment in the future development of our youth who, if supported and given focus, will become successful and contributing members of our community. The Willows, in my mind, is a reflection of what is good with ensuring youth have a goal and a vision to work towards, but it is more than that, it is about providing young cricketers with an opportunity and exposure to sporting role models.

I have heard it said that one of the greatest problems in our society today is fatherless-ness. Most of society's problems do in fact come back to the family. An involved, protective, passionate father is vital to a healthy functioning family. If he is absent, someone, in some way, will have to stand in for that absence – often it will end up being the Police. Young people need a life coach a role model. In my mind this is one of the key factors missing in many of the youth that Police come across.

Recent media portrayals of child and youth offending have an alarmist tone suggesting that it is out of control and escalating. The evidence doesn't support these claims with relatively stable youth offending rates over the past seven years at around 22% of total apprehended

offenders. Youth offending is not out of control in fact the number has not changed much over the past five years, except the seriousness of some crimes, which have rightly concerned us all. The other concern is the number of violent young women offending is increasing.

So what is my view of youth offending? I need to start with the fact that 75% of all youth never have any negative dealings with the Police. However a quarter of New Zealand's young people have committed a criminal offence by the time they reach 17. The majority offend only once or twice but there is also a small group who grow into "serious juvenile offenders". Some start as young as 10 and of note children under the age of 10 cannot be prosecuted for any criminal offence. Criminal responsibility begins at the age of 10. Children aged 10-13 years can only be prosecuted for murder or manslaughter. Other offending by children may be dealt with by Police through a warning or diversionary action. More serious offending can result in a FGC (Family Group Conference) and may be referred to the Family Court. Young people aged 14 to 16 years can be prosecuted for any offence.

Bad parenting is the main causal link to such serious offending. Children become what we encourage them to be and sadly we have children in Christchurch grow up learning the craft of criminal behaviour. We have children being put through partially open windows by their father to commit a burglary. This becomes their learnt behaviour. The young people who are the most serious and persistent offenders are usually that way because they grew up in families so plagued with problems that they simply didn't learn a lot of the skills and values necessary to live a successful, law-abiding lifestyle. These are skills like getting along with other people, knowing how to solve problems, stopping and thinking before acting. Many are motivated by a view of entitlement. They also failed to learn values such as respect for the safety of others, or their property, because their families didn't show this

respect themselves. Sadly underneath the shell of a hardened youth offender is still a child and many of serious youth are hardwired at birth and due to the environment they are in they develop in to lifetime persistent offenders who will remain a draw on our community.

Another link and concern is substance abuse by children aged between 6 and 11 which is one of the key factors in petty criminals entering a life of crime. For teens aged between 12 and 14, the main danger is posed by them falling into bad company with “anti-social friends”.

Intervention delivered early in the life of the young person and the problem is the most effective means known for reducing the risk of persistent offending among at-risk young people. In Canterbury the Police response to this is the Youth Crime Unit who actively target and surpass the offending of the top 30 persistent Youth Offender. We have other outstanding Police staff who work in the roles of Youth Aid Officers, Youth Development Staff and Youth Education Officers who are dedicated to making young people good community members as the youth are the future of our community.

People often ask Police about what works to reduce crime by young people. Police are not the experts in youth programmes as our role is to reduce crime and crashes through proactive and reactive strategies. What I do know from international research is that crime is one of the results when young people fail to do well in the four environments of positive development. These involve success in family, school/work, positive peer group and community development. One of the clearest characteristics of interventions that work is that they help young people start to succeed in one or more of these areas.

Parents and especially Dads are a parent coach and should be someone who inspires their children to do great things and to have a dream of the future. From a sporting and especially a cricket perspective young people need to be inspired to succeed but a good coach also empathises with them when they are on the

bench. Many of the youth we deal with are on the bench and will never be given the opportunity to get into the game. It's a Dad's job to act as a parent coach and help your child get back into the game after suffering a defeat. Many of these young offenders do not have a Dad in their life so the challenge for our community is how do we help fill the void.

Often it is the Police Officer that provides a role model to many repeat youth offenders as they set boundaries for these young people. As with cricket there are boundaries and with boys there need to be firm boundaries, they need to know – Who is in charge? What are the rules? Will the rules be enforced fairly? Many of the youths we deal with need boundaries in their lives and do not get them at home.

A father's leadership comes to the fore when spending time with their son. It is a privilege for a father to teach a son how to throw a ball, use a cricket bat, how to stand up to bullies at school and that it is honourable to work hard and attend school.

As with cricket, good coaches get the best out of their players. Good parent – coaches know how to get the best from every member of their team. We need to keep communicating your expectations, the game plan, and the rewards of being a good team member. Coaching a youth is about giving the right messages like, “Treat other people the way you would like others to treat you”.

Sports teams, employment and education play a vital role in keeping young people out of Police attention. However, excluding young people from school isn't an answer. If young people are not in school they become a risk and along with the boredom factor soon come to the attention of the Police. To keep our young, especially boys, engaged in school, is the one thing that will make a difference to stopping youth offending.

As Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft said, “Young people seek role models like heat-seeking missiles. It's not rocket science.” The Willows provides role models for some of our young. Well done.

When Ranji smiled

Excerpt from “Wickets and Goals”

By **JAH Catton**

What a game is cricket! Twelve months later Ranjitsinhji was again in Manchester with the



Sussex team. On the Thursday he made 87 against Mold, Briggs and company. The ground was in rare trim for run-making and the first innings of Sussex and Lancashire yielded an aggregate of nearly 900 runs.

Therefore on the Saturday thousands wended their way to Old Trafford to see the Oriental wizard give one of his dazzling displays. It seemed as if there were 20,000 people on the ground, and they waited patiently for Ranji. George Brann and Marlow, the first wicket pair, played finely. Brann made 107 and Marlow 61 – but they were little appreciated, for the public were itching all the time for the celebrity. If Brann could hit his hundred and Marlow so many, what could Ranji do? Appetite was whetted by anticipation. Great were expectations when at last one of them was dismissed.

Then was seen the lithe and lissom figure of Ranjitsinhji running down the pavilion steps with his white silk shirt fluttering and standing out from his back and his sleeves buttoned at the wrists. One never saw him with his sleeves turned up or rolled up. There was no need for a man with such sinuous arms to bare them. He swung his bat like a penny cane as he walked to the wicket amid a perfect salvo of cheers.

And then – he was out to the first ball, being caught in the slips by Albert Hallam off George Baker. The anti-climax was such as absurdity that everyone laughed – and even Ranji smiled.

Think of it: 62, 154 not out, 87, and then the inevitable 0 – in succession at Old Trafford. Such is cricket – and life.

Arbiters of others' fate

Extract from the Playfair Cricket Annual 1949

The umpire's task is tiring and exacting, demanding infinite patience and vigilance – and he gets no thanks when he makes a good job of it. Who ever thinks to say “Well played!” when he returns to the pavilion at the day's end, having made no semblance of a mistake? Being human, umpires have their good days and their bad days. Thank Heaven, for the sake of our cricket, that most of them have consistently good ones.

The old story about the disgruntled batsman who assured the umpire that he really wasn't lbw, and was advised to look in the morning papers to convince himself, can bear retelling; and there is also a newer tale about the 1948 Australian tour. Lindwall was opening the bowling and the batsman required a guard; and when Lindwall threw the umpire his sweater he was asked, in the most ingenuous way: “Right-arm or left-arm?”

Quotation from Sir Don Bradman

“Inevitably the face of cricket changes with the passage of time. The game must adapt to the social era of which people live.

Nobody fifty years ago could have foreshadowed night cricket, coloured clothing, white balls and so on, but I do not resile from such happenings provided we are able to preserve the character building edifice upon which the game was founded.

This responsibility must be shouldered with care and foresight by contemporary players and administrators because they are now the custodians of a valued trust for future generations.”

NZC Dinner at Crowne Plaza

On Saturday the 29th March prior to the Governor-General's Youth XI playing against a Past New Zealand XI, New Zealand Cricket kindly hosted a dinner for both teams where the Youth XI were able to meet and mix with players who had previously represented New Zealand.

In attendance were Their Excellencies, The Governor-General of New Zealand, The Hon. Anand Satyanand and Her Excellency, Susan Satyanand, together with Mr Merrill J Fernando, Chairman of the Dilmah Tea Company in

Colombo; Mr Singha Weerasekera, Chairman of Singha Holdings Ltd, Colombo; and Nigel Scott, National Manager of Dilmah in New Zealand.

Don Neely, President of New Zealand Cricket, was MC for the evening, grace said by Kai Daniel, Head Boy of King's High School Dunedin, with the loyal toast proposed by Josh Reeves of Shirley Boys' High School. An acknowledgement to New Zealand Cricket was given by Christopher McGoldrick who proposed a toast to cricket. Justin Vaughan, Chief Executive of New Zealand Cricket, gave both an amusing and enlightening address on cricket as it is today and what the future may hold.



▲ The Governor-General with Mr Merrill Fernando watching the Governor-General's XI play a Past NZ Players XI.



▲ Willows Youth XI players at the NZC Dinner.

Tidbits

From the Desk of Judge Andrew Becroft
Principal Youth Court Judge, Wellington

"... would there were no age between ten and three and twenty or that youth would sleep out the rest; for there is nothing in the between but getting wenches with child, wronging the ancients, stealing, fighting..."

~ **Shakespeare** (The Winter's Tale)

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."
~ **Franklin D Roosevelt**

"If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito."
~ **Anita Roddick**

"History will never accept difficulties as an excuse."
~ **John F Kennedy**

Governor-General's Youth XI v Past NZ Players XI

Sunday 30th March 2008

His Excellency, The Governor-General of New Zealand, The Hon. Anand Satyanand accompanied by Her Excellency, Susan Satyanand, arrived at the ground in time to meet His Excellency's youth side captained by Christopher McGoldrick of Christ's College prior to the game commencing, which was proceeded with a minute's silence in memory of Merv Wallace, a member of the 1937 and 1949 touring teams to the UK who passed away.

The Youth XI batting first lost an early wicket to the combination of Allott and McSweeney, followed by two excellent partnerships involving Maulik Patel, McGoldrick and Josh Reeves which took the score to 124 before Ben Bellamy and Tom Rodden saw the score through to 209 for 9.

Geoff Allott, Ewen Chatfield, Justin Vaughan, Dipak Patel and Evan Gray all gave the boys a demonstration on the virtues of line and length and accurate spin bowling. However, it was the left arm spin of Andrew Nuttall who took 4 for 43 which restricted the Youth XI to their total.

The evergreen John Wright (26) and Andrew Jones (47) batted superbly for the Past New Zealand XI and were ably supported by a secondment from St Andrew's College, Jeremy Winchester, who was finally bowled around his legs by James Boock for 36.

Of the boys Matthew Teale, Thomas Agnew, Tim Johnston and James Boock all bowled well with the latter claiming 3 for 37 with his leggies.

A very large crowd of spectators were present throughout the day including a large contingent from the ASB Bank who together with other guests were entertained in the afternoon by the Caledonian Highland Pipe Band.

The Club was privileged to also host Mr Merrill J Fernando, Chairman of The Dilmah Tea Group in Colombo and his colleagues Mr Singha Weerasekera, Chairman of Singha Holdings Ltd, Colombo and Mr Nigel Scott, the National Manager for Dilmah in New Zealand.

At the conclusion of the game His Excellency presented a specially designed tie for the occasion to each member of his Youth XI. Their Excellencies left the ground at 7.00pm with His Excellency knowing that he was returning to Wellington as a very successful winning selector.

Umpires

Eddie Brownlee and Les Elliott

New Zealand psyche – coming fourth or not winning

(As engineered from the Beehive!)

“One only has to look at what we expect of children at schools to understand our poor performance. Our children play team games where they are never told the final score, lest they think of themselves as winners or losers.

“The NCEA has introduced the concept of ‘deferred success’, where failure isn't noted as such. Instead, students are told they can always try again next year.

“We are not a nation of winners. Instead we are a nation of deferred succeeders.

Or course, we can always do better the next time, so long as there will be a next time!”

We need to put back into this nation the desire to excel in all areas – not just on the sports field, but in life generally, otherwise we will continue to be a nation of losers and not winners!

The above is an extract from a letter sent to the local Press sometime ago, which is now even more pertinent.



▲ Dipak Patel uses his feet beautifully.



▲ His Excellency, The Governor-General with players from the Governor-General's Youth XI and Past NZ Players XI.



▲ Chris McGoldrick, captain of the Youth XI, receives the Player of the Day Award.



▲ John Wright and Andrew Jones leave the field for tea.



▲ Erv McSweeney demonstrating good position behind the stumps.



▲ Justin Vaughan in action.

Willows Youth Tour to India, Oman and Sharjah

March/April 2008

Having spread the Willows ethos throughout schools in the South Island and the lower North, it only seemed logical to take on a more global approach – beyond the already highly successful scholarship scheme to England.

In January of this year Paul McEwan was sent to the NZ Cricket Under 17 Tournament – his brief, to select a team from the schools associated with the Willows Cricket Club. Paul was able to watch players performing for their provinces in a highly competitive tournament! A shortlist of players was organised and their parents approached.

Deep in the heart of Loburn the final pieces in the puzzle were completed.

At the end of January telephone calls were made to Rodger McHarg offering him the role of manager, and to Ken Rust to assist Paul in coaching the team. As is the way with MED, the positions were confirmed within twenty-four hours. There was a similarly prompt and positive response from the boys and their parents, and the tour planning moved up a notch.

What exactly went on between the end of January and departure day on March 25th is not known exactly. Suffice to say that it involved a huge amount of work from a number of people. From putting together a detailed itinerary, to the nuts and bolts of naming and packing a playing kit for each member, the work was done thoroughly and effectively.

And so, on Tuesday March 25th, thirteen talented and excited boys left Christchurch airport on the first leg of a journey that would ultimately

encompass more than 21,000 miles, hundreds of curries (collectively), numerous train and coach trips, and more than a few early wake-up calls. Each day there were sights to see, adventures to be had, and yes, some cricket to be played!

The tour divided neatly into three sections – a tough twelve day stint in India where the team would play in an MCC-sponsored Spirit of Cricket Festival held in Chandigarh. After some all-important sight-seeing in Agra, including of course the Taj Mahal, the team flew to Oman for two games in two days in Muscat. The final leg was based in Sharjah where we were superbly hosted by the local cricket association for another two games, and a final day of rest and recreation before the long trek home.

The Cricket

Seven games were played. From the outset the players were made aware of the aim of the tour in cricket terms. It was to maximise the opportunity for each player to extend his skill level and the teams were selected each day with that in mind. For instance, specialist left arm spinner Harry Wright batted at one and eleven. The batting and bowling rotations were designed to give every player the opportunity to contribute to the team's success. Six wins out of seven is testimony to the talent in the squad, and the positive way that the players responded. These results were all the more meritorious given some of the playing conditions. For instance, forty degree heat, an outfield in Muscat that was rolled and compacted sand, playing after a 1.30am wake-up call and an early morning flight, or even worse, a flight from Delhi, two hours sleep and then a game of cricket! Hardly the best build-up. However, such was the collective strength of the team, and the determination of the boys to represent the Willows that not a voice of complaint at ANY stage was heard.

Game One v MCC Schools XI

Punjab Stadium, Chandigarh
The Willows won by two wickets

MCC Schools XI 254/6 declared

Alex Reese 2/50

The Willows 255/8

Ben Smith 79, Tom Latham 40, Ben Wheeler 38,
 Ciaran McMeeken 36

Game Two v YPS School

Sector 16 Stadium, Chandigarh
The Willows won by two wickets

YPS School 218/9

Ben Wheeler 3/25, Matt McEwan 3/49, Harry
 Wright 2/44

The Willows 219/4

Declen McKeefrey 58, Chamika Gajayanaka 44,
 Henry Nicholls 39

Game Three v DAV School

Sector 16 Stadium, Chandigarh
The Willows lost by 15 runs

DAV School 167

Alex Reese 4/35, Matt McEwan 3/17

Willows 152

Henry Nicholls 31

Game Four v Oman Youth XI

Muscat, Oman
The Willows won by 35 runs

Willows 262/9 (40 overs)

Declen McKeefrey 81, Ben Smith 55, Ciaran
 McMeeken 32, Henry Nicholls 32*

Oman Youth XI 227

Ben Wheeler 5/36

Game Five v Oman Youth XI

Muscat, Oman
The Willows won by 58 runs

The Willows 218/7 (40 overs)

Tom Latham 51, Henry Nicholls 34, Declen
 McKeefrey 37, Ciaran McMeeken 32

Oman Youth XI 160

Ben Wheeler 4/10, Matt McEwan 3/49, Matt
 Henry 2/31

Game Six v Sharjah XI

Sharjah Stadium
The Willows won by 80 runs

Willows 220/2 (40 overs)

Ben Smith 63, Tom Latham 61*, Alex Reese 35*

Sharjah XI 141

Henry Nicholls 3/30, Ben Wheeler 2/10, Matt
 McEwan 2/22

Game Seven v Sharjah Youth XI

Sharjah Stadium
The Willows won by four wickets

Sharjah Youth XI 179

Alex Reese 3/19, Tom Rutherford 2/32

The Willows 182/6

Declen McKeefrey 44, Tom Rutherford 40

The Players

Ryan Duffy (Southland BHS)

The quiet tourist. Always got on with the task.
 Batted well when opening and kept wickets.

Chamika Gajayanaka (Wellington College)

Another useful keeper who scored runs
 attractively at the top of the innings. A hit with
 Sri Lankan fans!

Matt Henry (St Bede's College)

Talented all-rounder who finished the tour bowling tightly and batting attractively. Kept the best diary on tour!

Matt McEwan (St Andrew's College)

Never out of the game off and on the field. The best "death" bowler on tour, as well as the most helpful.

Declen McKeefrey (Wanganui Collegiate)

"Mr Reliable" with the bat and the ball. Top scorer on tour and a natural leader.

Ciaran McMeeken (Otago BHS)

Four solid innings in the thirties. A natural opener who showed he could also bat effectively in the lower order.

Tom Latham (Christchurch BHS)

A class act behind the stumps and opening. Brought up 200 with the last scoring shot of the tour.

Henry Nicholls (St Andrew's College)

A rapid scorer, one of the best runners between the wickets and a surprise package with the ball.

Alex Reese (Christ's College)

His leg spin bowling improved throughout the tour. A very useful not out in Sharjah.

Tom Rutherford (Otago BHS)

Found his length and run-up in Oman. Batted successfully at four in Sharjah.

Ben Smith (Wanganui Collegiate)

A class act at the top of the innings. Deceptive and effective slow bowling under pressure.

Ben Wheeler (Marlborough Boys' College)

The scourge of Oman with seven wickets in two games. An excellent all-rounder and athlete.

Harry Wright (Wellington College)

Constantly sought after by (the few) Indian spectators. Found the pitches slow everywhere but excelled in the field.

The Management

Rodger McHarg

The "go to" man for pills, bandages and sympathy. Without his experience, the queues would have been even longer.

Paul McEwan

Set the players high standards to strive for on the field. Led the averages shopping in three countries.

Ken Rust

Teacher-in-charge of the practice balls. Runner-up in the international shopping stakes!

Outcomes

The text and photographs on these pages cannot do justice to the scale and score of this first Willows overseas tour. Nor can it adequately describe the positive effect it had on the thirteen young men who represented the Club with the highest possible standards of behaviour and demeanour. They have all gained a wider understanding of themselves and also aspects of humanity previously unknown to them! They will be in a position to offer effective leadership in their schools in cricket as well as in wider social areas based on their experiences in India.

Acknowledgements

Expeditions of this magnitude take place only because of the commitment and energy of the people involved, often in the background. We were all given a magnificent opportunity that will live with us for a long time. It is also important to thank our hosts abroad, especially the committee responsible for Oman Cricket, as well as Mr Mazhar Khan and the Sharjah Cricket Community who could not have done more for us during our stay.

YOUTH TOUR TO INDIA, OMAN & SHARJAH



▲ The Willows Youth XI lines up in school blazers before taking on the MCC.



▲ The Willows v MCC Schools XI at Mohali Stadium.



▲ The Taj Mahal in Agra, India.



▲ Composite pitch with outfield of compacted sand in Muscat, Oman.



▲ Arrival in Chandigarh.

A Warm Welcome to The Willows

The following is the "Welcome" as printed in the card presented to all 1st XI players who visit The Willows:

It is an honour and a privilege to welcome you, your fellow 1st XI team mates, coach, parents and supporters, to The Willows Cricket Club for today's match.

The Willows was founded in 1994. Although a young Club it has had a significant influence on cricket in the South Island and lower North Island. That influence has arisen from the fact that the principles and aims of The Willows are to provide 1st XIs and other young players with the chance to play with, and against, experienced players, some of whom are past or present test and first class cricketers. Over the years a number of test players and first class representatives have played for The Willows against visiting 1st XI teams. As well, there is a biennial match between a team consisting of former New Zealand representatives and a Willows side, comprising the best of the school players who visited during the season.

You are here to enjoy a competitive game, played in the true traditional spirit of cricket. You enjoy wonderful surroundings and have the opportunity to observe and learn from seasoned cricketers. At The Willows the game is always played in a highly competitive manner, but always respecting the best and fairest traditions of this wonderful game. You will have the opportunity to experience outstanding facilities, with experienced umpires and scorers. You will find, however, that sledging and overly demonstrative appealing is not part of The Willows tradition. Indeed, we frown upon it and know you will rise above such antics.

The Willows hosts schools from Invercargill to Wanganui, but in other sides boys from all over

New Zealand play regularly. All the school teams play with a spirit and an attitude that is a credit to the individual, the team, and the school. You will look back on your day at The Willows with affection, having learnt valuable lessons, both in life and cricket, and having forged new friendships.

I know you will share the pleasure that cricket at The Willows brings, and you are always welcome back at this special ground in North Canterbury.

Hon Justice John Hansen
President



▲ Families picnicking around the boundary.



▲ Nana Edgar and her daughter Winsome Dormer enjoying a Joe Bennett comment at the end of play.

Christopher Bazalgette

A Tribute by Peter Graves

Sussex CCC and UK Director Golden Oldies

After all those years of toiling away bowling into the wind for the Hogs insisting the captain sets "my field", the countless hours organising cricket matches for the Hogs, countless hours organising cricket matches ... and playing for somebody else, the countless hours he played for somebody else and told them how to organise it! My introduction to Hampshire's Mr Cricket. Right Arm over and around the wicket bowler and batsman of immense talent, even if it was in his own mind, well you have to believe don't you and in Christopher Bazalgette you get that in spades. Many congratulations Christopher on a much deserved testimonial, which is lovely recognition of all the years you have put into cricket and the Hampshire Hogs in particular.

We go back some way and it was a Golden Oldie Cricket Festival for the then over 40's that began the friendship. The festival sponsor was Air New Zealand and its motto was the 3 F's ... Fun, Friendship and Fraternity which was a nice angle. Cricket friendships, I think are more far reaching than any other sport I know, but I think our sport is unique almost like actors dressing up for a performance and it is no coincidence that the stage likes dressing up in whites to play cricket and there are more books written about the game than any other sport, including Gette's little contribution! I personally had the pleasure with trepidation of organising that Golden Oldie festival in Brighton in 1986. I was President of the Sussex Invitation League and as such had access to the village grounds within Sussex which helped the festival to flourish.

The festival was held every 2 years (more time to save up). 1988 went to Brisbane but Christopher and I met in the lead up to the Vancouver event

in 1990. We both attended the festival which was very well run and the hospitality outstanding. (British Columbia CC touring the UK July 2007). From there Christopher went with the festival to Christchurch, NZ in 1992 and the Birmingham event in 1994. Ever the willing "horse" he always made himself available to play for other teams in the festival when they were short ... and even made the 1st team!

Christopher will have lovely memories of playing for the Auckland Cricket Society, a certain NZ Fingletoads and even the Auckland Police. He does recall a debut at the Valley of Peace outside Christchurch, NZ which I would like to twin on his behalf with Warnford, which as in dotage and the setting sun those memories come flooding back, dreaming we are going to do it all over again, richer in mind for having had the opportunity to have done something in life we loved doing. Keep going Christopher. You really do deserve a bumper testimonial, keep believing.

Founder departs



Phil Harris, a founding member of the Willows, receiving a framed picture of the pavilion in recognition of his contributions over the past 15 years, both on and off the field. Phil has moved to Australia.

Christchurch Boys' High wins Gillette Cup for 4th time



The CBHS 1st XI travelled to Palmerston North confident that they could retain the Gillette Cup, the premier trophy for secondary schoolboy cricket.

Day one saw the team up against a strong and confident Wellington College. Wellington batted first and scored a respectable 238 with Alex Rowe the best of the school bowlers taking 5 wickets. The CBHS batting was tentative throughout and only a last wicket partnership between Rowe and Matt Farrant got the team close. Wanting just 3 off the last over, Rowe was adjudged LBW off the first ball. This was the first loss for the 1st XI for 3 years and made the next 2 games, must win ones, to progress to the final.

Day two the team was pitted against Wanganui Collegiate, a school that has won the Gillette a number of times before. Batting first, CBHS made an impressive 342 for 7 with strong performances from Sam Noster, Corey Anderson and Tyler Bleyendaal. Collegiate were never in the hunt being dismissed for a paltry 112. All bowlers bowled well with the wickets being shared around.

On day three the team was up against an unbeaten Tauranga Boys' High School. A win to either side would see it progress to the final. Tauranga batted first and got through to 215 for 9 thanks to 112 from NZ Under 19 rep Kane Williamson. CBHS was untroubled in the run chase reaching 215 for 5 off 38 overs. This saw CBHS progress to the final on run rate.

The final was against the unbeaten Westlake Boys' High School. CBHS registered an impressive 265 for 7 with Noster and Anderson again impressive but well supported by Thomas Latham, Cam Belliss and youngster Alex Ross. After a promising start Westlake struggled to maintain the run rate and finally succumbed for a disappointing 181. The surprise bowling star was left arm spinner Jordie Gibbens with a return of 3 for 12.

The result was a fitting reward for a team which, as Don Neely President of New Zealand Cricket said, played like men against schoolboys.



▲ “You can’t turn back the clock. But you can wind it up again” ~ Bonnie Prudden (b. 1914)

Justice Hansen in the eye of the storm

The Willows President, The Hon. Mr Justice Hansen, found himself in the eye of the storm hearing Indian Cricketer Harbhajan Singh's appeal against a three match ban for calling Australian Andrew Symonds a "monkey".

Report by Geoff Longley – Chch Press
26th January 2008

Cricket-loving Christchurch Judge John Hansen has doubtless presided over weightier matters but few are likely to have generated such worldwide interest as the emotionally-charged Harbhajan Singh hearing next week in Adelaide.



Justice Hansen will hear the Indian cricketer's appeal on Tuesday and Wednesday, after the Australia-India test series has concluded, with the cricket world hanging on the verdict.

India's powerful board of cricket control appealed the decision of

match referee Mike Procter to give Harbhajan a three-match suspension for calling Australian player Andrew Symonds a "monkey" during the second test in Sydney.

India's officials were outraged by the decision. To them it appeared the word of Australian players Symonds, Matthew Hayden and Michael Clarke were believed ahead of the umpires, who heard nothing, and India's revered batsman

Sachin Tendulkar, with whom Harbhajan was batting.

The decision was perceived as a slight to India's honour, especially given Tendulkar, who has hero status in India, supported his innocence.

The truth, as often is the case, probably lies somewhere in between, which Hansen must try to unravel.

It would be no surprise if the sometimes hot-headed Harbhajan muttered the M word but doubtless in the midst of an exchange with Symonds and Co who would have been sledging the "Turbanator" for sticking around so long for 63, in a big stand with Tendulkar.

Some of the heat has been taken out with India withdrawing a counter-claim against Brad Hogg for calling the Indian players "bastards".

Indian authorities led by government minister Sharad Pawar, the International Cricket Council President-Elect, indicated they could still call the team home before the one-day tri-series next month if they don't like the outcome of the appeal.

But India, which provides 70 per cent of the game's revenue, got its way over the sacking of struggling umpire Steve Bucknor after the second test, so whether it would attempt to hold the game to ransom again is debateable.

Hansen has to ignore the background power plays and adjudicate in an even-handed manner. In his decision, Procter said he was satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that Harbhajan directed the word at Symonds and also that he meant to offend on the basis of Symonds' race or ethnic origin.

Justice Hansen is New Zealand's representative on the International Cricket Council code of conduct commission and this is his first assignment. New Zealand Cricket's former chief executive Martin Snedden approached him

about his availability for the role six months ago. With Hansen, 63, set to leave the judiciary in April, he decided to accept the appointment.

Hansen said he understood this would be one of the first appeals where he would hear the case in person.

“On other occasions I understood they have been put on paper or conducted via a teleconference.”

Justice Hansen expects to be able to bring down a decision quickly. He has the power to increase, decrease, amend or substitute his own decision and his decision is final and binding.

After reaching his decision, Justice Hansen will give it in writing to the ICC's senior council and company secretary Urvasi Naidoo who will forward it to Harbhajan, Procter and ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed before any public announcement.

Hansen said he had full confidence in the ICC process which he believed to be robust.

Hansen has played cricket almost all his life, having only retired last season after a 57 year involvement. He played senior level in Dunedin and was involved in administration in Hong Kong.



▲ Well played young fellow. Note Tom Latham's position behind the stumps.

Willower breaks long standing Suburban record

By Phil Harris



▲ John Garry

Willows member and Heathcote seniors opening batsman John Garry (JG) broke the Christchurch Suburban Cricket Association's run scoring record that had stood for twenty years. The original record was set un the 1987/88 season when Hornby's Bob Kerr amassed 1,028 runs at an average of 73.

Going into the last game of the season JG's total was 918 including three centuries. Merivale-Papanui provided some stiff opposition and the bowling was tight. John managed to get his first target of 82 to bring up 1,000 runs for the season. With overs running out he completed century number four and was facing on 105 when the last over began. A four off the first ball and a single off the second brought him level with the record, a wicket followed by a play and miss, then a scrambled single had JG on strike for the last ball of the day which he calmly slotted through the covers for the record.

The next Saturday John scored 31 (his third lowest score for the season) and so set the new record at 1,060 runs. In a nice touch, Bob Kerr and his wife turned up at the Heathcote prizegiving. John (not surprisingly) won the batting trophy which was presented by Bob who also spoke about their shared achievements.

Congratulations JG on a fantastic effort.

PS. The boss kindly requests you now score some runs for The Willows!

BCCI welcomes Hansen judgment

Extract from **The Times of India**

January 30, 2008



New Delhi – BCCI President Sharad Pawar on Tuesday described as “proper” the judgement given by ICC Appeals Commissioner John Hansen, who decided to drop the racial charges against Harbhajan Singh and lifted the three-Test ban on

him. “The Judge has given a proper judgement. BCCI was consistently taking only one stand that it was practically impossible for us to accept the racist charges against any Indian player. And the Honourable Judge has accepted BCCI’s view and racist charges have been dropped,” Pawar told reporters.

Pawar praised VR Manohar, the BCCI-appointed lawyer for Harbhajan in the hearing against the three-match ban, for his support. “I thank Mr (VR) Manohar. He has done well. He did not even charge us any fee and worked on honorary basis and worked for the player’s cause,” Pawar said.

Manohar, who took part in the hearing via teleconferencing, said it was proved that Harbhajan did not say anything racial. “Racial remark is a very big crime. He (Harbhajan) has been acquitted from that and now he has been charged for other type of abuse,” Manohar told reporters after the hearing. “He himself admitted that he abused Symonds but said he did not call Symonds a “monkey” or a “big monkey”. The court did not accept (Symonds’ claim),” he added.

While welcoming the outcome of the hearing, chief selector Dilip Vengsarkar demanded action against Match Referee Procter, who found Harbhajan guilty and slapped a three-Test ban on him.



▲ Jack and Alice Harris with a friend.

Make the most of today

To realise the value of one year – ask a student who has failed their exam

To realise the value of one month – ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby

To realise the value of one week – ask an editor at a weekly newspaper

To realise the value of one day – ask a daily wage labourer who has ten kids to feed

To realise the value of one hour – ask lovers who are waiting to meet

To realise the value of one minute – ask the person who has missed the train

To realise the value of one second – ask a person who survived an accident

To realise the value of one millisecond – ask the person who has won a silver medal at the Olympics

Patsy Hendren's "Big Cricket"

"Big Cricket" by Patsy Hendren

Printed in 1934 by Hodder & Stoughton Ltd

Patsy Hendren was born 1898 and played for Middlesex and England. He is widely recognised as a master batsman in his era.

Rubbing shoulders with "WG"



▲ **Patsy Hendren**

the knees of a man with a long beard. The head of the boy is hiding part of the beard. The point of the picture lies in the fact that the boy is "Patsy" Hendren (proper name Elias), and the man with the beard WG Grace. The photo was taken over thirty years ago. It is beginning to fade. Time takes its toll. On the day it was taken "WG" said to me: "Boy, are you going into big cricket?" "I hope so, sir," I said.

That photograph was taken during the course of a match which we played on Twickenham Green, and included in the group was Tom Richardson. But it is of WG Grace that I have the clearest memories so far as that particular afternoon is concerned.

Hanging on the wall of one of the rooms of my home is a photograph. There is nothing extraordinary about it, as a picture. It is just the usual group picture of eleven cricketers. To me, however it is something much more than a photograph.

In the foreground is a mere boy, obviously. He is sitting between

Stories may be told which illustrate both sides of "WG's" character. On the one side the autocrat, and on the other side the warm-hearted sportsman.

A big crowd had gathered to see "WG" play on Twickenham Green – a big crowd for Twickenham Green, anyway.

Grace went in first, to be attacked by the local bowler, who was very conscious of the importance of the occasion. What is more, this local did something which not every bowler could go – got one past "WG's" bat and on to his legs. I don't think the ball could have been anything like straight, but perhaps the local umpire was conscious of the bigness of the occasion, too, and on appeal "WG" was forthwith given out.

He was not at all pleased about this decision, and as he wended on his way to the pavilion, past the erring umpire, he said in his squeaky voice: "You know all these people have put their money into the box to see me play, not to watch you, umpire! I wasn't anything like out, and I'll take jolly good care you don't give anybody else out today." "WG" saw to it that the particular umpire was forthwith sent off the field.

There is an interesting little sequel to the foregoing story. In the evening, when the match was over, and I was on my way home, I was suddenly stopped near the open door of the local hostelry and told to listen. Standing on the pavement, I heard the umpire telling the locals how he had done it.

"The ball hit him on the leg, and I gave him out."

"You did! Splendid! Have another drink and tell us some more!"

Having heard that much I wended my homeward way, convinced that although the umpire might have offended the wonder figure of cricket, he would be duly applauded in the local hostelry for quite a long time to come. Even an umpire's life has its compensations.

My other recollection of that charity game on Twickenham Green was of having a “dip” at a local bowler and hitting him into the Institute. I can almost hear now that same squeaky voice which came through the great cricketer’s beard singing out, “That’s the way, young ‘un. Hit ‘em like that and you’ll play for England one day.”

How little did I think on that day that the prophecy of “WC” would come true: that I should go on three tours to Australia with England teams, play in first-class cricket for thirty years – and I hope a bit more – and that I should eventually have as a memento the bat with which I scored my hundredth hundred in top class cricket.

So much by way of introduction.

Thirty years later, I sit down to tell the story of big cricket as I have known it: a life-time, almost, in the game of games.

Many others will follow in my wake: follow roughly the road along which I have plodded. And even at the very start of this book I would remind those who would follow of this all-important fact: the way up the hill is hard. Always, however, there is consolation at the end. When the hill climbing is done, when the top is reached, the view there from is worth the toil and the trouble, the anxieties, the patience, the setbacks.

Getting into the county side means a big milestone passed. But it is not the end of the climb: there are things in cricket beyond that. It is necessary to get to the top in the county side, and as a batsman there is only way one to do it. That way is by high scores. The scores must be big enough to get people talking about you.

There will be so much that those who sit in high places will be compelled to take notice also, and eventually comes selection to play for England: a selection, if I may say so, not so much “weighed up” by the selectors but forced on them by impressive figures. If that is the way of it – and I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that such is the way of it – certain cardinal points must be kept in mind by the climber.

That the joy of batting comes from the making of all kinds of strokes cannot be denied. I am certain that every young player entering big cricket or intending to play big cricket would love to make all sorts of strokes. But the possession of a variety of strokes is not necessarily the way to the top. There are spectacular shots which must be cut out of the repertoire because the risk is too great, so long as the necessity of making those big scores which will compel attention remains.

Many the time, in my early days with Middlesex, I went back to the pavilion sadder, if wiser man, because I had been unable to restrain my almost overwhelming desire to hit a ball through one of the pavilion windows at Lord’s.

In later years I have hit many into the pavilion, and in one match I twice hit the ball against the window sash. But I have never yet had the satisfaction of being the cause of a new glass bill being sent to the MCC.

On a memorable occasion – for me – I hit one right through the door of the restaurant where the players have their meals. Willie Quaife was the bowler, and after he had watched the ball sail through the door he turned to me: “Pat”, he said, “I can’t put a man up there till lunchtime.” Is there anything in big cricket quite like the joy of a big hit? I know of none, but as I have said, the desire to follow one’s fancy in regard to a particular stroke must be resisted in the early days by the player who would get on.

I would almost put it like this. In the ordinary course of events a score of ninety-odd claims very little attention. The newspapers and the people pass over such a score with the words “hard luck” or something akin. But the scoring of a century is rewarded with big letters.

There may be people who will quarrel with me over that view: want to argue. But I believe I have just stated the fact: set down what I consider an important point to be borne in mind, not of necessity by the player who has got there, but by the young man who has hitched his wagon to the stars in the cricket sense.

The Psychological Battle

Extract from “The Psychology of Cricket, How to Play the Inner Game of Cricket” by Graham Winter

The psychological battle in cricket is waged on two fronts. The first is the battle that the player has with himself. To win this battle requires concentration, motivation, self-control and a host of other personal skills. The second is the battle with the opponent. To win this battle requires an understanding of the game, intelligence, tactical knowledge and cunning. To succeed in cricket the first battle must be won before the second can be properly fought.

Batting

If there is one aspect of the game which relies more on psychological skills than any other, it is batting. One reason for this is that there is always the potential to be dismissed on the next ball. While it is important to avoid thinking about the possibility of being dismissed, it is difficult not to be aware of it early in the innings, particularly as this is the time when you are most vulnerable to dismissal.

There are very few sporting activities in which a competitor can be eliminated from the game as quickly as a batsman can. Errors in most sports are penalised but not dealt with so harshly. In cricket you can be dismissed first ball (or even be run out without facing a ball) without even being aware of making an error.

Unless you open the batting there is only two minutes warning before you are due at the crease. This is probably one of the most compelling reasons to consider a career as an opener, although that too has its own special demands, not the least of which is that you

nearly always get to face the bowlers when they are freshest. The bowlers also get the benefit of a new ball and sometimes first use of a new pitch.

In two minutes there is very little time to do anything other than gather together equipment and be on the way out to the crease. If you are to be in the best frame of mind when you arrive at the wicket then the bulk of your physical and mental preparation needs to be done well in advance of your turn to bat.

The first requirement of batting is to adjust to the light, pitch and bowling as quickly as possible. This requires calmness and good observational skills, coupled with a sound defence. With this approach you can markedly increase your chances of surviving the difficult first few minutes of your innings. After that, run-making becomes more a case of self-control, technique and strategy.

Your position in the batting order will also create different demands. As an opener you will face the new-ball bowlers at a time when they are freshest and perhaps having first use of the pitch. Openers needs quick reactions, good judgement of line and length, and the courage to withstand physical intimidation. In the middle order the challenge is sometimes to maintain the team's momentum or to halt a potential collapse. Each position from one to eleven has its own demands, and even these change from innings to innings.

It is rare to bat at one hundred per cent of full capacity. For instance, in the nets there will probably be times when you play all of the shots in the coaching book, hitting them with maximum effort and force. In a match, however, a more careful approach will probably see that you last a bit longer! Exceptions to this include the last few overs of a One-day game, or when losing wickets is less important because a team needs runs in a hurry.

Good batsmen have the ability to 'play within themselves'. This can mean playing at perhaps fifty per cent of full capacity and selecting shots which minimise the risk of being dismissed. As these players continue to bat they usually loosen up somewhat. However good players are successful because they can discipline their natural urges over long periods of play. For example, when they have passed their century and feel like playing a few more shots, they can resist the temptation to drop their guard.

Motivation will play a vital role in determining whether or not you achieve your potential. Motivated players are always looking for ways to achieve their aims. They enjoy practising and are constantly looking to improve. In a match they enjoy occupying the crease, recognising that this is an essential part of their success. They have a strong desire to succeed and they set goals on a day-to-day basis. They take the trouble to prepare themselves mentally and physically when others perhaps hope that they will 'be right on the day'.

Emotions have been the undoing of many batsmen, so it is no surprise to find that the consistently good players can control their feelings. Three of the most common feelings which you might experience when batting are nervousness, frustration and tiredness. Some of the situations which might cause you these feelings are outlined below.

Nervousness

- Prior to batting
- Early in an innings
- Nearing a personal-best score
- In the nineties

Frustration

- Not scoring as quickly as the team needs
- A poor bowler has you struggling
- Slow pitch and the ball isn't coming on
- Not getting much of the strike

Fatigue

- Running many threes and fours
- Poor physical preparation
- Too much tension
- Batting against good bowling for some time

The psychological skill that is more important than any other in batting is concentration. With good concentration and a reasonable technique, an average batsman will often outscore a more talented team-mate who cannot control his concentration. Bowlers can sometimes get away with attention lapses, however if a batsman allows his concentration to waver for just one ball, then he can very quickly find himself sitting back in the grandstand. Without concentration you will find that you simply cannot cope with the demands of batting for any length of time.

Batsmen with good concentration skills are able to perform at their best in tight situations when the pressure might be getting to other players. They can handle sledging from the fielders, let comments from the crowd pass them by, and play the game one ball at a time. They accumulate runs, letting the score look after itself, and they play each bowler and each delivery on its individual merits. They can bat for long periods of time because they know how to relax between deliveries, and when their side loses a wicket they redouble their efforts.

From this very brief coverage of the mental aspects of batting it is clear that there is a great deal more to batting than just having a sound technique. To achieve your full batting potential requires motivation, concentration, confidence, self-control and an understanding of tactics. Improvement in these areas can lead to better levels of consistency and greater enjoyment of the game. Each of these areas can be improved through systematic training and many aspects of this training are highlighted later."



▲ Otago Boys' High School



▲ St Bede's College



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College



Otago Boys' High School

Recti roborant cultus pectora – Learning makes the heart as strong as oak

Otago Boys' High School Song

Ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years ahead
When others shall be singing here where
once our voices led
Shall memory rise and call to mind the days
that long have sped
As the years go rolling by.

CHORUS –

All together raise the chorus
Here in youth with life before us
Still, when years are passing o'er us
Follow up, Otago High.

Deserted are the walls where once our fathers
in their day
Began the goodly record in their work and in
their play
An ours the task to add to it beneath the
turrets grey
As the years go rolling by.

CHORUS

She gave you of her greatness, of her bounties
full and free
So guard her fame, revere her name,
wherever you may be
Past sons, present sons and future sons to be
As the years go rolling by.

CHORUS



St Bede's College

Fide et Opere
By faith and by works

St Bede's College Anthem

Thou glory of the Church of God
Our Patron and our Crown
Great Doctor loved in every age
We live 'neath thy renown

Through every age, Bede Venerable
Thy fame burns like a flame
Great Doctor of the Church of God
We glory in thy name

Protect our School watch o'er our lives
May we thy honour be
In youth and age, from sin and shame
St Bede oh keep us free

Praise Father, son and Holy ghost
Praise Mary and St Bede
Grant God, our patron Bede to Thee
All us his sons will lead



St Thomas of Canterbury College

Virtute scientiam complete – To round off knowledge with manliness

St Thomas of Canterbury College Anthem

Teach us dear Lord and give us strength,
Teach us to live in hope and trust,
Teach us to hold our faith to the length,
St Thomas' lead gave to us.

CHORUS –
"Virtute Scientiam Complete"
Knowledge and virtue may we gain,
Our Christian values for to keep,
St Thomas' sons we shall remain.

Thomas stood firm against the throne,
The Church and its teachings would not bow,
Give us the grace so we don't disown,
The same faith uniting us now.

CHORUS

Life calls o God, but only holds,
Promise of shallow wealth and fun,
We can go forth and show to the world,
The values we learn from your son,

CHORUS



Extracts from “Parachutist at Fine Leg”

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England v New Zealand

Christchurch, March 17, 19, 20, 21, 1951

Early in the England innings occurred an incident believed to be unique in Test cricket. Washbrook, when 13 and the total 27, was given out leg-before, but after Walter Hadlee, the New Zealand captain, held a short consultation with the umpire he was recalled when on his way to the pavilion. Apparently Hadlee, who had stopped Washbrook on his way out, told the umpire that he felt certain Washbrook had hit the ball on to his pad. The ethics of this action caused considerable discussion.

Australia v New Zealand

Melbourne, December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1987

The last Australian pair, McDermott and Whitney, held out for 4.5 overs to claim a draw and give Australia the Trans-Tasman Trophy for the first time. When Whitney, playing in his first Test since 1981, dug out Richard Hadlee's final ball of the match, the New Zealand fast bowler walked down the pitch to the exuberant batsman, put an arm around his shoulder and shook his head.

India v New Zealand

Hyderabad, October 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 1969

Venkatraghavan and Bedi, with 40 for the last wicket, batted bravely, but a youth, coming on to the field to congratulate the batsmen, was

injured by a solidier and this incident provided an ugly riot, in which gates were broken down, metal chairs flung on to the ground, fires lit in the stands, and the crowd attacked by an army unit. No play was possible in the last half hour.

Dowling batted four hours, ten minutes for 60 but progress was slow, the Indian bowling rate dropping badly. New Zealand declared at the end of the fourth day, India thus having five and a half hours to score 268. Again the New Zealand pace bowlers were completely on top and the seventh wicket fell at 66. Over two and a quarter hours of playing time remained when the rain clouds burst, and there was a heavy fall for half an hour, followed by hot sunshine. No real effort was made to get play started again. Instead of the covers being removed, a few workers with rags, some of them women, were given the task of removing the water from the covers and although there were official denials later, it looked very much like a deliberate go-slow policy. For perhaps the first time in cricket history a Test captain (Dowling) was on the field in bare feet, helping to remove the water. The match was abandoned twenty minutes before time, and this brought another demonstration by the crowd.

New Zealand v England

Wellington, February 16, 2002

Hussain later pointed to a lack of intensity. The crowd had no such problems, particularly during the interval, when Peter Jackson, the director of “The Lord of the Rings”, stood on the pitch with a microphone and persuaded them to make howling, growling, grunting noises for use in battle scenes in “The Two Towers”.

England v New Zealand

Lord's, July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1986

It would hardly be a drawn Lord's Test without rain and bad light plus a much-discussed, if short-lived controversy. This came on the second day when French, England's injured wicket-

keeper, was replaced by the former England wicket-keeper, R W Taylor. French had been struck on the back of the helmet when he turned away from a Hadlee bouncer, the resulting cut requiring three stitches and the blow leaving him groggy until after the weekend. Athey deputised for two overs at the start of New Zealand's innings until Taylor could hurry round the ground – from his duties as host for Cornhill, the match's sponsor – and equip himself with an assortment of borrowed kit, although he did, far-sightedly, have his own gloves in his car. Despite having retired from first-class cricket two years earlier, Taylor, at the age of 45, kept almost without blemish. He did his old job until the 76th over, near the lunch interval on Saturday, after which R J Parks of Hampshire, following his grandfather and father, appeared in a Test match. However, Parks a more authentic substitute, should have been on stand-by at the start of play because recovery from such a head wound is seldom immediate. French finally assumed his appointed role for one ball on Monday morning. All these switches were made with the generous permission of New Zealand's captain, Coney. With substitutes also needed for Willey and Foster and for Coney and Jeff Crowe, 29 players took the field at various times.

England v New Zealand

Wellington, March 24, 26, 27, 28, 1951

Midway through the innings uncertainty on the part of the umpires resulted in Moir bowling two successive overs, the last instance of which in Test cricket occurred in 1921, when Warwick Armstrong of Australia did so against England at Manchester. Moir bowled the last over before tea and the first, from the other end, afterwards.

Central Districts v Pakistan

New Plymouth, January 24, 1973

The game had a muddled start. Intikhab won the toss and decided to bat, but the Central captain M J F Shrimpton was under the impression his side had been asked to bat first. So there were

four batsmen padded by each side before the misunderstanding was cleared up and the game started!

Rev. Walter Money

1848–1924

In 1871 Oxford beat Cambridge by eight wickets. Of the many stories that have enshrouded the Cobden match – the Balaclava Charge of the cricket field – Money himself contributed one of the best, telling how Jack Dale, when reproached for allowing a simple catch at point to go unheeded, apologised by saying, "I'm awfully sorry, Walter, I was looking at a lady getting out of a drag".

Reflections by Patsy Hendren

1937

In connection with fielding, a funny thing once happened to me when on an MCC tour in Australia. Between fixtures, I was journeying into the Bush by motor-car with a colleague when we stopped to watch a cricket match. One of the players, unaware of our identity, approached and asked if, as his team was a man short, one of us would play. I had already been in the field for two and a half days, but I yielded to persuasion and, rigged out in borrowed gear, was put in the deep field at the bottom of a pronounced slope, from where I could see nothing at all of the cricket. For hour after hour I fielded there, throwing the ball back at intervals until, at long last, I caught one. I ran to the top of the hill and announced with some satisfaction that I had made a catch. To my consternation, I was informed that the other team's innings had closed and that I had caught one of my own side!



Old School friendship preserved by painting

King's High School given portrait of, and by, ex-pupils

The friendship of two founding pupils at King's High School has been preserved in a painting which now hangs in the school's library.

King's High School Old Life Member, Warwick Larkins, said the portrait was painted by Alan Joel, who attended the school from 1936-39. The subject was his old school friend Clive Geary, who attended the school from 1936-40 and taught at the school from 1951-81.

"Clive Geary strode the King's [High School] sporting fields like a colossus during his time at school. Indeed, no lesser person than Iain Gallaway [former Otago Cricket batsman and Radio Sport commentator] has stated that had it not been for World War Two, he was confident that Clive could well have been a double All Black in cricket and rugby."

Mr Larkins said Mr Geary died in July 2004 and the portrait was painted from a photograph which appeared in the Otago Daily Times obituary.

Mr Joel, nephew of New Zealand artist Grace Joel, now lives in London and worked most of his life as a Dentist. However, his passion had always been painting and, Mr Larkins said, in his retirement Mr Joel had produced a considerable number of good portraits.

Mr Larkins said the work was commissioned by former King's High School pupil and Teacher Jim McCready. The portrait was presented to the school by Mr Larkins yesterday on behalf of Mr Joel and it was gratefully received by Deputy Principal, Daryl Shields.

"We have a saying here ... You come here to amplify the future but not to forget the past. This painting symbolises that," Mr Shields said. "Anything that shows where we came from is worth looking at."



▲ The King's High School captain with Evelyn Geary, widow of Clive – a long standing member of the King's High School staff after whom the trophy is named.



▲ The view through the pavilion windows.



▲ Daryl Holt with David Bond, Eddie Brownlee and the Crusaders XI captain after the toss.

Queen Street Cricket Club

Partnership Between Queen Street Cricket Club and Kidney Kids

The Queen Street Cricket Club was formed in 1989 to assist disadvantaged children in New Zealand. The initial focus was on locating a suitable piece of land in the country to build a sports and holiday camp for use by children and caregivers, thus offering an experience that many may not have previously had. Funding of the QSCC is by way of a \$5 fine imposed on members when a New Zealand batsman records a “duck” in a Test match.

As time marched on this “dream” became more and more difficult and was finally abandoned in the late 1990s. In recent years we have donated approximately \$20,000 per annum to various children’s groups, however, a strategic review was undertaken in 2006 with a view to redefining the Club’s objectives and looking to how best utilise our resources in a changing world. The outcome of this review led us to focus on three themes, the main one being a long term partnership with a children’s charity where we could offer funding certainty and work together to promote and raise awareness of the work both organisations undertake. Following a large number of applications for this partnership, the QSCC selected the Kidney Kids of NZ Inc. In arriving at this decision we considered that it was a national organisation, had a number of smaller projects that would see us involved in many areas, lacked funding from any Government agency and importantly had an excellent experience with them when we worked with them on a previous occasion.

The partnership, over a five year period, will provide approximately \$30,000 per annum towards the activities of Kidney Kids. At a recent function the QSCC presented to the Patron of Kidney Kids, Jonah Lomu, a cheque for \$40,000. This included funding for an I-Stat machine which allows blood to be analysed

immediately rather than waiting for results to come from a laboratory.

We can already see that the partnership will be beneficial to both parties and we look forward to many more events and the opportunity to make a difference.

Gilbert Bannan

Chairman, Queen Street Cricket club
The Cricketer’s Charity

A Victory for Sportsmanship

As printed in the Oman Times, Oct 2007

Authorities would do well to help foster sporting ties between India and Pakistan.

The result of the Twenty20 cricket final between India and Pakistan notwithstanding, what stood out was the healthy mutual respect exhibited by both teams as they batted for the rare honour of wanting to be the maiden champions of an inaugural tournament. India won, but cricket was also a winner. The dream final between the neighbours served as the perfect advertisement for cricket’s shortest and latest version, which had originally been seen only as light entertainment. But the stress on the pitch has been replaced by camaraderie between players and fans followed by a dignified acceptance of both victory and defeat. The tension that emanates from an India-Pakistan match has toned down considerably over the years. The air is no longer thick with hostility; rather it has been replaced with the potency of sportsmanship at the highest level and an ambience devoid of animosity.

The vehicle for this change has been the uncluttered outlook and spirit of youth. They have shown those that govern the way forward. The authorities would do well to help foster further sporting ties between India and Pakistan. These contests are no longer a war; instead they serve as a platform for the spirit of friendship.



Hints on Cricket Coaching

By F.T. Badcock

Coach – Wellington Cricket Association 1927

1. A word of encouragement is often of more value than a volume of theory.
2. Too little advice is better than too much.
3. Where there are many faults, remove one at a time, beginning at the worst. It is useless to try and coach a boy who holds his hands in a wrong way and does not bring his bat up in the right manner; the whole attention should be directed to removing these errors.
4. Train to the highest standard, but do not always expect to reach it.
5. There is always something the matter with a stroke that is not made with ease.
6. A stroke begun well will generally end well.
7. A coach must have confidence in himself or he will not inspire it in his pupil.

ADVICE TO YOUNG PLAYERS

1. Stand at the wicket like a triple pillar, legs and bat as upright and as easy as possible.
2. Lift the bat with both wrists.
3. Look at the ball with both eyes. This does not mean turning both shoulders.
4. Make no movement at all (of head, foot or body) until you know the length of the ball.
5. Play at the last possible instant with the greatest possible quickness.
6. The front leg should be near the line of the ball in forward play; the back leg near the line of the ball in back play.
7. When hitting "think quickness, not strength."

8. At all costs determine to try and see the ball right on to the bat; never play blind – either forward or back.
9. Trust your eye at all costs, but let the mechanism of your stroke give the greatest possible margin for error.

HINTS ON FIELDING

Good fielding depends largely on the perfect balance of the body. The guiding principles are:

1. Anticipation of the stroke.
2. Correct gathering of the ball.
3. Accurate return.

Constant attention is absolutely essential to fulfil the first principle. All unnecessary movement of the head must be avoided when catching, otherwise the eyes lose the focus of the ball. Always be prepared to start quickly and arrive immediately at the point where the ball must be gathered. An instant's pause, when possible, before making a catch or fielding a ball is invaluable. A correct return is one enabling the bowler or wicket-keeper to break the wicket without effort, i.e. a full pitch or long hop. In throwing, the position of the body must be studied; unless the weight of the body is behind the throw the impetus diminishes rapidly.

The weight of the body of a right-handed thrower, when the ball leaves the hand, should be on the left leg, that of a left-handed thrower on the right leg. For short distances the throw should be practically a continuation of the movement of fielding the ball. Care must be taken to preserve the balance.

In catching, when possible, always use two hands in preference to one. The ball should be caught in front of the centre of the body; a certain relaxation of the muscles gives play to the hands

and aids the retention of the ball; rigidity of the arms should be avoided, it is liable to cause the ball to bound from the hands. Good fieldsmen are ever ready to back up. Always study an accurate return to a person backing up your throw.

BOWLING

Although a great deal of instruction is given in batting, a bowler is apparently expected to evolve by instinct or by some newer process.

A great bowler seems, by practice, to discover the style or action that suits him best, and to develop it until it becomes an almost mechanical method of attacking any weakness in the opposing batsman's defence. He uses also any advantage that the wind or the character of the ground may offer. Most boys would be able to learn to bowl if they took the same amount of trouble in learning that art as in learning how to bat.

HINTS

Find out the action that is best suited to your build; having found it never be beguiled into copying the action of another bowler, no matter how successful he may be.

Remember that bowling should not be a great muscular effort. Many a good delivery is spoiled by a rigid muscle. The shoulders and wrist should be relaxed; the head and body must be under control, otherwise accuracy of time and pitch cannot be obtained. In other words, the balance of the bowler should be perfect. It will be found that, in order to assist the balance, the front foot should be placed somewhat across the line of direction made by the bowler's body.

Begin by finding a length – a good length bowler – though he may possess no other virtue, is often valuable on a side. A good length ball pitched on a spot in front of the batsman where it is most difficult for him to decide whether to play forward or back to it. It finds him in a hesitating frame of mind, it often causes his dismissal. It is impossible to define it in inches as it varies, but

not to a great extent, in accordance with the batsman's reach and the pace at which the ball leaves the pitch.

Next in order of importance comes changing the pace. This should be done without changing the action.

To be a great bowler means must be found to deceive the batsman, either in the air or from the pitch. A moderate batsman will usually get himself out off a length bowler; but all the wiles of genius are required when bowling to a really good player on a plumb wicket.

It is a mistake to suppose that a very long run adds to the delivery. It always tires the bowler, but does not necessarily achieve any other result. A bowler would do well to limit his run somewhere between four and ten yards. In acquiring a mechanical good length, it would be well to start from a fixed point and take the same number of steps up to the wickets with each delivery. The rule is not without exception, but I wish to insist that a mechanical run should be formed and any departure should be intentional.

The back foot should be well behind the bowling crease and well within the return crease. Bowling "no balls" is more annoying to the bowler and to his side than to the opponents.

As a general rule it is better to deliver the ball "high", ie. as directly over the head as possible. With a low delivery the ball is apt to come off the pitch at a height easy for the batsman.

The importance of timing the delivery of the ball correctly cannot be overstated. The shoulders, arm, wrist and body must work in unison and finish together. It is difficult to define this timing; the best explanation that occurs is the lash of a whip. The ball should leave the bowler's hand at the moment when the lash would crack.

A bowler should make a practice of bowling at the wickets with a good length ball. In this respect he should be like a machine. A thinking machine which can change its adjustment when circumstances render it necessary.

Report from Matfen

By James O’Gorman

On the 4th of April, Hamish Malcolm and myself departed for Matfen, England. Having both heard positive praises from previous Willowers we were both excited and eager to experience it for ourselves. After completing the long journey we were picked up by Sir Hugh and taken to the Blackett’s home. The six days we spent there were fantastic and Hugh, Anna, Bella, Amelia, Flora and Henry were great in helping us settle in.

After that we moved into the staff accommodation and began work in our respective departments. The staff in all areas of the hotel were awesome and we shared many laughs with both making friends for life. It was about a month after our arrival that the cricket season began and by this stage Hamish and I were keen to play. Having already met the cricket lads at a pre-season training, we knew we would enjoy the season with a great team captained by the one and only Simon Buckton.

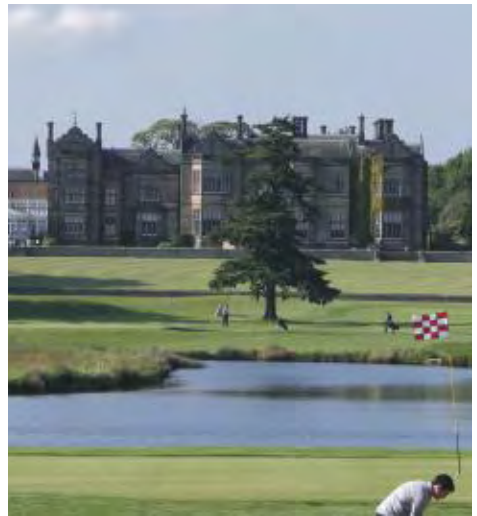
The season started well with “Big Si” steering the team to victory with an unbeaten half century, and even though we suffered an early loss we were always near the top of the table. It was quite an experience playing on some of the different grounds, such as Hexham Leazes’ ground! Hamish and I both enjoyed visiting different villages and experiencing how the game was played in this part of the world. We also got off to a great start in the Twenty20 knockout cup. Eventually, we were knocked out in the semi-final in a nail-biter by Hexham Leazes.

Unfortunately during the season there was a lot of rain, which made the maintenance of the grounds a nightmare. Therefore special mention must go to Edward “The Bear” Charlton and Cliff Wright for their outstanding efforts for producing a great pitch week in week out.

By losing a couple of crucial games we made the road to winning the Dickson West Tyne League difficult as after our re-match with Hexham was rained off after having them 2 for 17, it was near impossible. At the end of the competition we finished in 2nd place which was still pleasing. Aside from the playing, the social side of the team was brilliant with plenty of good banter to be had. I have taken away many happy memories and a few good quotes!

Hamish and I were also lucky enough to do some travelling during our stay. I will never forget my experience of the bull running in Spain, which made some of the team mates a little nervous.

Overall for me the trip was a huge success. I got to meet a lot of great people, saw a different side of the world, played cricket and gained valuable life skills. I would like to thank The Willows for giving me this opportunity. There is too much to say about the cricket team, so thanks for the memories and I can’t wait for the Matfen tour to take place so we can host them. I definitely plan on going back and visiting at some stage.



▲ Matfen Hall showing two greens of their first class golf course.

By Hamish Malcolm

The 4th of April had finally come, where James O’Gorman and I set sail for what was to be a truly great life experience for the both of us. We were rapt to have such a great offer from The Willows and we were determined to make the most of what was going to be a big and exciting adventure.

Both James and I were based on the outskirts of Newcastle city in a small village called Matfen. From there we worked in a stunning 4 star country hotel, which is Matfen Hall itself. From the hotel, you get a tremendous view over an impressive golf course, which is a truly amazing set up for golfers. They have an 18 hole golf course, a Par 3 hole course, a driving range and a brand new 9 hole course that opened up in July.

The first four or five days we arrived in England, Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett were very kind and welcoming, and we stayed with them in their home while we both recovered from our jetlag. Soon after that we both got stuck into working in the hotel which included both waiting and bar work. The coin was flipped as to where we were going to be working. James worked in Keepers Lodge which is a really smart food and beverage restaurant for the golfers after they had finished their round. I was based in the hotel itself where I was serving food and drink in the bars and restaurant. While working here, it was really fascinating meeting loads of different people. The staff members were many different nationalities, there were German, Polish, Greek and of course us Kiwis!

The cricket grade we played in was called the “West Tyne Senior League”, which was made up of 11 teams who all play one another in two rounds in what seems to be a very competitive competition. Throughout the season, we lost three games which put us into the runners up position at the end of season. This didn’t seem to be good enough for James and I as we were both very determined from the start of the season to



▲ James O’Gorman and Hamish Malcolm at the golf club bar at Matfen.

see our team pull right through. Also there was a Twenty20 knockout competition which was played on a Wednesday evening in which our team was close to winning, but unfortunately got knocked out to the Hexham Leazers in the semi’s which disrupted our chance to play in the final.

Rain caused havoc with games this summer. We missed out on two whole games as well as two other ones that got underway but never finished due to the weather. This had a bearing on the final results. It was supposedly the wettest summer they’ve had over there in a hundred years. Most weeks it was like playing on mud flats. But looking on the positive side, both James and I learnt a lot about playing in conditions such as that.

A huge thanks must go to Mike Dormer at The Willows and Sir Hugh Blackett for making this trip happen and choosing us to be a part of it. Also to Simon Buckton (our captain) and Cliff Wright (our manager) and the rest of the cricket lads for all their time and generosity they’ve shared. These guys are AWESOME and they really made us feel so welcome and couldn’t do enough for us! They are so genuine and appreciated having us in their team. We had a lot of fun too! It is very satisfying knowing that we have made some very good mates. We have both taken away deep and lasting memories of our stay and wish both Peter and Liam all the best for their stay next year!

v SOUTH CANTERBURY XI

30th September 2007

Report by Glen Colvin

A warm day greeted teams on the first day of The Willows' season. An excellent pitch encouraged the South Canterbury team to bat upon winning the toss.

The openers provided a solid start posting 59 on the board before the first wicket fell. B. Ward batted very well for his 38.

Once Bruce Cameron was introduced into The Willows' attack plying his wily leg spinners, wickets fell regularly and the run rate slowed. Both McKenzie and Humphris added an unbeaten 9th wicket partnership of 68 which enabled the South Canterbury team to reach 218/8 after their 50 overs.

The Willows' openers Brandon Hiini and Andrew Ellis saw The Willows off to a rollicking start, with both scoring half centuries in an opening stand of 122. They were followed by Chris McGoldrick with 38 who, with Wade Burrell, saw The Willows home with six overs to spare and six wickets in hand.

Willows won by 6 wickets

The Willows 221/4

B. Hiini 50, A. Ellis 58, C. McGoldrick 38*

South Canterbury XI 218/8

B. Ward 38, L. Humphris 40*, B. Cameron 5/32

Umpires

J. Elley and L. Elliott



▲ The South Canterbury XI.



▲ Les Humphris on the drive.



▲ Andrew Ellis and Brandon Hiini walk out to bat.

V MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE I ST XI

14th October 2007

Report by Bruce Cameron

The Willows won the toss and batted first but regretfully at 86 for 1, after 21 overs, the heavens opened, the rains came and the game was called off. At the crease were Shaun Coffey on 32 and Matthew Fielding on 36.

No result

The Willows 86/1

S. Coffey 32*, M.Fielding 36*

Umpires

J. Elley and R. Newlove

V WANGANUI COLLEGIATE I ST XI

21st October 2007

Report by Andrew Nuttall

Canterbury once again turned on magnificent weather for cricket. It was clear and calm with warm temperatures, which was a welcome relief for the Wanganui players who at this stage of the season had yet to play or practice outdoors.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on the well presented wicket which played consistently throughout the day. The Willows maintained a scoring rate of around four runs per over throughout the innings and finished on 209. The top scorer was Ben Orton who batted most attractively and scored 50 off 82 deliveries. The Willows' score board was assisted by 49 extras which did not reflect the steadiness and quality of all the Wanganui bowlers who were ably supported in the field.

Noteworthy was wicket-keeper Harper's three dismissals who completed a very tidy display.

The Wanganui batsmen were confronted by a lively and experienced opening attack in Willy Lonsdale, Hamish Malcolm and Justin Vaughan who played his first game for The Willows. The star of the day, however, was Matt Fielding who bowled at a lively pace and moved the ball in the air and off the wicket and was rewarded with outstanding figures of 10 overs, 4 maidens and 6 for 20.

Seven of the Wanganui batsmen were bowled which is indicative of the quality of the bowling. Although the Wanganui boys' team was well beaten, they left a very good impression and were ably led by their captain, Ben Smith, who also demonstrated that he is a batsman of quality.

The Willows won by 105 runs

The Willows 209/8

B. Orton 50, F. Maclaughlan 3/33

Wanganui Collegiate 104

B. Smith 22*, M. Fielding 6/20

Umpires

J. Elley and T. McLisky



▲ Ben Smith, Wanganui Collegiate captain.



▲ Howzat, sir!

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

28th October 2007

Captain – Cran Bull

No report submitted.

The Willows won by 239 runs

The Willows 305

L. Johnston 100 rtd, L. Humphris 60

Otago Boys' High School 66

M. Peacock 4/12

Umpires

A. Gillespie and J. Henderson



▲ Leighton Johnston on the drive during his century.



▲ The Glimmer XI of Auckland, ready to take the field in the inaugural match against The Willows.



▲ Mark Landon-Lane enjoys some luck against the Glimmer XI.



▲ Trevor Thornton offers no excuses – The Willows just didn't score enough runs.



▲ Garry Monk receiving the Monk/Shadbolt Trophy from his good friend Charles.

v THE PENINSULA CRAZ XI

4th November 2007

Report by Colin Hight

The Willows won the toss and batted first. Roby Viney opened the innings and was the 4th wicket to fall with his score at 65 and the team total at 165. Andrew Fullerton-Smith batting at number six made an aggressive 50. The Willows ending up after 50 overs, 215 for 8. Danny Bulman was the stand out bowler for the Craz completing 8 overs, 3 wickets for 13 runs.

The Craz batting was lead by B. Hutchinson with 39 and an aggressive 43 from Mike Johnston. But The Willows' bowlers performed very well lead by Craig Thiele 10 overs, 3 for 25. Tim Muir picked up the last two wickets at a vital stage ending 2 for 52. The Craz were bowled out 7 runs short of the target for 208.

Willows won by 7 runs

The Willows 215/8

R. Viney 69, A. Fullerton-Smith 50,
D. Bulman 3/13

Peninsula Craz XI 208

B. Hutchinson 39, M. Johnston 43,
G. Wedlake 27*

Umpires

H. Fowler and B. Williams



▲ Rob Davidson brilliantly stumped by Andrew Fullerton-Smith.

v GLIMMER XI (AUCKLAND)

10th November 2007

Report by Trevor Thornton

The idea was conceived at Gary and Leslie Monk's daughter's wedding, together with Charles and Carol Shadbolt. Nine months later the first fixture for the Shadbolt Monk Trophy was played at The Willows.

Glimmer (named after Mick Jagger and Keith Richards), skippered by Tom Hellaby, was the first non-school XI from Auckland to play at The Willows.

Glimmer got off to a strong start followed by a middle order collapse, finally getting through to 207 with an excellent contribution of 65 from Martin Pringle who shared a 79 run partnership with Alan Isaac (13). Three excellent catches by Frank Noster, four wickets for Phil Harris and two each for Richard McGuire, Richard Morgan and Hamish Wright did the damage.

The Willows made the chase difficult by steadily losing wickets to reach 154. Khamal with 4/25 contained The Willows' batsmen. The visit provided the Auckland Glimmer cricketers with an insight into The Willows' cricketing ethos.

In addition to accepting the Shadbolt Monk Trophy, Gary was presented with The Willows' "Cock Up" award as he has been present at all the Rugby World Cups the All Blacks have not won.

The Willows lost by 53 runs

Glimmer XI 207

M. Pringle 65, Horne 38, Barker 21,
P. Harris 4/43

The Willows 154

R. Morgan 39, Khamal 4/25

Umpires

N. McCarthy and M. Hill

V MID-CANTERBURY YOUTH XI

11th November 2007

Report by Lindsay Forde

Having lost the inaugural game against the Mid Canterbury Youth XI in 2006, the captain was given another chance to redeem himself. This year Mid Canterbury won the toss and despite some prompting, chose to bat.

After a slow, but safe start, a bowling change was made at the 8th over with immediate success. Lyn Sparks picked up a wicket with his first ball – what an inspired choice. Unfortunately, we were still looking for inspiration for some time after that, as Mid Canterbury settled in for a long partnership. Not even the introduction of Mark Priest to the bowling crease could bring about any change and at lunch Mid Canterbury were very handily placed at 109 for 1 with 17 overs left. We were expecting all-out attack after lunch, but Mid Canterbury kept wickets intact, whilst accumulating. Finally, the 2nd wicket fell in the 49th over with Robbie Polson being dismissed for an excellent 95. Ben Ward, the opener, was finally dismissed in the last over for a patient 68 and Mid Canterbury finished at 221 for 3. A respectable score, but maybe a few runs short of where they could have been.

The Willows had a brisk reply with Andrew Sawers and Stephen Gibson putting on 109 for the 1st wicket in 18 overs. Sam Sawers carried on the onslaught and the Willows were well on course at 189 for 2, after 34 overs. However, a couple of quick wickets saw the run rate drop, but Warren Eddington and Tim Pender saw the side through to win in the 47th over.

Mid Canterbury were more than competitive for most of this match but with a couple of their senior players away on rep duty, the inexperience of some of the younger players was noticed in the field, with a number of catches being put down.

The Willows won by 6 wickets

Mid-Canterbury Youth XI 221/3

R. Polson 95, B. Ward 68

Willows 223/4

S. Gibson 65, A. Sawers 51, S. Sawers 37

Umpires

A. Scott and H. Fowler



▲ Mark Priest using his native cunning.



▲ The Mid-Canterbury Youth XI.



▲ The Spanish crew off an English toothfish vessel that operates in the Antarctic more interested in refreshments than the cricket!

V LONDON NEW ZEALAND CC XI

18th November 2007

Report by Joe Bennett

With match reports now restricted to sixty words, it seems that eloquence has been ditched in favour of businesslike concision, and so although all sorts of extraordinary things happened up Roundhill Road near Loburn on this belter of a summer Sunday, and although fine feats were achieved with bat and ball, all I have space to say is that we thrashed them.

The Willows won by 78 runs

The Willows 295/7

P. Harris 98, G. Thomson 75, B. Yock 47

London New Zealand 213

M. Rountree 100 rtd, I. Cartwright 4/14

Umpires

R. Kandula and B. Hamilton



▲ Ben Yock hits over the top.



▲ Ian Cartwright's 4/14 helped to secure the win.

V COMBINED SCHOOLS XI

25th November 2007

Report by Barry Townrow

"Vengeance is ours" said a gleeful Match Manager as The Willows erased last year's loss to the Combined Secondary School's team with a comprehensive win over this year's very keen Schools side.

Looking in early trouble at 34/3, The Willows reached a respectable 264/7 thanks to an unbeaten 101 from Andrew Fullerton-Smith, 60 from Jonathon Davidson and a calmly stroked 40 not out from Mike Johnston. In reply, the Combined Schools never recovered from the opening attack of James Stevenson 3/19 and Justin Vaughan 2/12, then the 'spin twins' Peter Younghusband 2/5 and Marty Kain 3/3, and were all out for 40.

The Willows won by 224 runs

The Willows 295/7

A. Fullerton-Smith 101 rtd, J. Davidson 60, M. Johnston 40*, C. Pieters 4/38

Combined Schools XI 40

J. Stevenson 3/19

Umpires

P. Ebert and B. Malloch



▲ Justin Vaughan talks to the boys after the game.

✓ BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

2nd December 2007

Report by Andrew Ellis

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on the cracker Willows pitch. With the sun shining strongly youthful opener Tom Latham and experienced David Bond strolled out to begin The Willows challenge. An opening partnership of 52 provided a solid platform when Bond was caught on 31. The batting momentum continued with several handy partnerships notable that of Tom Latham and Andy Ellis. Tom batted with brother Matthew and continued to a magnificent 101 before retiring leaving the rest to his father Rod, the third member of the family playing on the day, who finished with a flourishing 36 not out sending the ball to all parts of the ground giving the Burnside Boys an impressive 313 to chase.

Accurate bowling from The Willows opening bowlers Fraser Hawes and swing master Mike

Hastings made it tough work for Burnside with the top four batsmen unable to score more than 20 runs each. A good fight back in the middle order gave Burnside a glimmer of hope with T. Barringer and H. Fuller scoring well. However it was just not enough and Andrew Nuttall finished off the Burnside tail by taking the last four wickets.

Burnside was finally dismissed for 166. Great weather and a most enjoyable day for all of the supporters and parents from Burnside High School.

The Willows won by 147 runs

The Willows 313/7

T. Latham 101 rtd, D. Bond 31, A. Ellis 74, M. Latham 35, R. Latham 36, J. Merito 2/51

Burnside High School 166

T. Barringer 39, H. Fuller 49, M. Hastings 2/30, A Nuttall 4/8

Umpires

D. Reid and L. Elliott



▲ Rod congratulates Tom as one Latham retires and another goes to bat.



▲ The Burnside High School 1st XI.



▲ Andy Ellis, the All Black scrum half, on the drive.

v CLARRIE ANDERSON'S XI

5th December 2007

Report by Bert Walker

After a very good lunch the temperature was approaching 30 degrees when Ross Bayliss won the toss for Clarrie Anderson's team, unsurprisingly he had no hesitation on batting first on a very good wicket! However what was surprising was the 2nd ball of the game, a low flat full toss from Andrew Ireland that opening batsman Tim McConnell ducked – which hit the top of the stumps! As it wasn't above waist high though, the dismissal counted and with both Andrew and his brother Matt Ireland bowling good opening spells the opposition was soon enough 40/3, when the dangerous looking Ross on 22 was dismissed.

At this stage Simon Carter (30) and Andrew McGuire (23) came together to put on 46, but when they were both out together the game was again in the balance at 86/5. Johnny Calder (22) was then joined by Vince Barry's son Jake, who after surviving a very confident LBW appeal from Alec Astle before he had scored, then proceeded to bat very well for 42. They put on 78 and with some effective hitting from Vince Barry (20) at the end, the final score was a challenging 197/9. Pick of the bowlers was definitely Alec Astle, while the Ireland boys both bowled well, as did Mike Hawke and Trevor Thornton in very tidy spells. In the field Mark Lane showed he is still a classy keeper. The Ireland brothers both impressed with their speed, enthusiasm and strong arms while the captain managed to hold a full blooded drive with a diving one handed catch at short cover.

In reply, both the Ireland brothers shaped well but were then out to the deadly Barry father and son combo, both falling to extremely good catches at mid-off by Jake from lethal full tosses by Vince! Trevor (29) and Mark (18) combined to take the score to 70/2 in good time and things

were looking very promising, but then both were out in quick succession (shades of the opposition innings).

Arthur Pitcher then entered at 70/4 and proceeded to play a heroic innings in the heat of the day, holding the middle order together and putting on 37 with Mike Hawke (20) and a further 37 with Andrew Davidson, before falling for a very well compiled 22. The required run rate was climbing steadily by now though after good tidy spells by Steve Chambers, Gubby Allen and Alistair Sheard and once Andrew was out for an excellent 36, the tail fell quickly in their attempts to hit out against the pace of Simon Carter. He took 4-12 to enjoy an excellent debut at The Willows after his innings of 30, but was pipped for man of the match honours by fellow debutant Jake Barry, who similarly enjoyed a very good all round match with 42, a wicket and 3 top class catches at full stretch.

So Clarrie's XI won a most enjoyable match by 32 runs, despite Clarrie's absence on this occasion (allegedly for surgery to his jaw, to stop it dropping more after such a poor sporting year for NZ!). The umpires Graeme Evans and Howard Fowler, the scorer, caterer and photographer all played an excellent part in a great day. It is always a privilege and a pleasure to play at this lovely ground – although during the after match speeches the match manager confirmed his reputation as a ruthless selector by promptly axing the losing Willows captain for this annual fixture next year (as the captain had just predicted, having seen the same fate befall his predecessor last year!). Mind you as Clarrie's XI has now won the last 3 fixtures it's clear why the selector is ringing the changes!

The Willows lost by 32 runs

Clarrie Anderson's XI 197/9

J. Barry 42, S. Carter 30

The Willows 165

A. Davidson 36, S. Carter 4/12

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler

v KING'S HIGH SCHOOL (DUNEDIN)

9th December 2007

Report by Paul McEwan

A close call for The Willows.

After 4 overs, The Willows were contemplating a short day with King's High being 3 down for 13 with our two school boy bowlers Matthew McEwan and Thomas Agnew knocking the top off the King's top order. What The Willows weren't expecting was the aggressive attitude of the King's High School team.

After 15 overs they were 91 for 3 wickets. The scoring momentum was continued throughout the innings but unfortunately for King's High, they kept losing wickets to be all out for 207 off just 37 overs. A. Thompson, J. McAuslan and T. Rodden all scored freely but it was the run out of Rodden that was the costly wicket for King's.

A total of 207 looked well within the site of The Willows line up but it lost wickets regularly with batsmen getting a start but not going on, except A Johnstone who batted well for his 57.

King's High bowled and fielded well and when the game looked over at 174 for 6, to their credit, they did not lie down. At 200 for 8 after 48 overs they were very keen in the field and with Michael Owens, who is not known for his run making prowess, walking to the wicket they must have felt that they had a chance. At 205, with The Willows needing 2 runs to win off 5 balls, Owens was bowled. In comes Paul Rutledge with 4 balls left and 2 runs needed, then 3 balls and still 2 runs required. This was followed by a quick single and then a bouncer from the young bowler which was not a good option as he did not realise that one of Paul McEwan's best shots was the hook, hence the game finished with 4 runs played backward of square.

A great game which every player enjoyed. Well done to King's High School – you played very well but remember to bat your overs.

The Willows won by 1 wicket

King's High School 207

A. Thompson 52, T. Rodden 39,
J. McAuslan 56*, M. McEwan 3/43

The Willows 211/9

A. Johnstone 57, R. Flaws 3/41, T. Rodden 2/28

Umpires

Brent (Taranaki) and Brian (Wairarapa)



▲ The King's High School 1st XI.



▲ Former NZ representative Michael Owens bowling from the duckpond end.



▲ Danny Dowds tickles one around the corner.

Memo to the 1st XI players on their return to Dunedin

There seem to be fewer occurrences these days when a diverse group of people can look back on an event and reflect on it being one to remember for all the right reasons.

Sunday, 9th December 2007 was one such event. Of greatest significance is the fact that you were not merely participants on a cricket trip this day, but rather the key contributors to an occasion that in its own small way will etch itself in cricket history. There is no other sport that I am aware of that can bring together former New Zealand representative, invited and school age players to stage a true sporting contest. The Willows cricket trip does.

I can understand your disappointment of missing out by one wicket to pull off a second consecutive victory in this annual fixture, but to watch a former New Zealand and Canterbury batsman retain his composure as wickets fell around him and guide his team to victory is something that myself or any other coach could not teach you in a season of practices.

The experience of this event will teach you much more than you realise now, and you will find

your game will grow accordingly. To listen to the comments made by the various organisers, spectators and afterwards by your opposition made me truly proud to be a part of King's High School. People like Mr Dormer remember teams and players like yourselves who contribute so positively to what is more than just a game of cricket, and in years to come, you will be amazed at when and where this will resurface in a conversation.

I congratulate you personally and on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the way you played and conducted yourselves. I believe the pride you had in yourself and your school showed through, fighting back in both innings to post a competitive total and then to nearly steal victory when they appeared to be heading towards an easy win. The sight of you all in your blazers and whites also reminded me we have the best school uniform in Dunedin.

All the best for the rest of the season and also in your next year at school or first year out there in the wide world.

Geoff Rodden

Chairman, Board of Trustees

10th December 2007



▲ Ross Bayliss hooks for Clarrie Anderson's XI.



▲ Trevor Thornton and young Matthew Ireland.



▲ Vince Barry from the roadside end.



▲ Alec Astle drives through midwicket.



▲ The successful Hawkswood team – completing 12 wins from 14 encounters since The Willows was formed!

V HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

16th December 2007

Report by Lyn Sparks

The annual fixture against Hawkswood is always an eagerly anticipated event, particularly as over the past 13 seasons The Willows have only scored two wins with the result that Hawkswood now arrive at the ground with the Trophy already inscribed with their name on it for the attending match!

Phil Dickson won the toss and immediately elected to bat with his side soon in trouble at 2 for 27. However, an excellent innings from Phil of 48, together with his colleagues James Stevenson, normally regarded as a quickish opening bowler, and Sam Deans, saw the 50 overs completed at 226 for 8.

The Willows bowling was accurate as ever with Geoff Allott and Jacob Wolt claiming three wickets a piece however their efforts were in vain as The Willows were only able to accumulate 151 based on reasonable efforts from Matthew Fielding, Ross Bayliss and Steve Lester who was playing his first game for the Club.

Sam Deans, son of the new Australian rugby coach, bowled magnificently as did James Stevenson. So once again, The Willows came up short and now registers two wins out of 14 games played against the Hawkswood Wanderers.

The overall day was enhanced with the arrival of Father Christmas together with his fairies, donkeys and ponies all for the benefit of the significant number of children and parents who attended the day.

No game against the Wanderers is complete without the presence of the founder and life member of the Wanderers, Roger Macfarlane, who has together with his colleagues, accomplished so much over so many years for the benefit of North Canterbury cricket at Cheviot.

The Willows lost by 75 runs

Hawkswood Wanderers 226/7

P. Dickson 48, J. Stevenson 41, S. Deans 35, G. Allott 3/31, J. Wolt 3/41

The Willows 151

M. Fielding 31, J. Stevenson 3/21, S. Deans 4/28

Umpires

H. Fowler and T. McLisky

V SUBURBAN XI

6th January 2008

Report by Paul Rutledge

The Suburban XI elected to bat first on a very green wicket. The decision proved well justified as The Willows bowling did not do justice to itself in the early stages.

The inability of The Willows to bowl a consistent line and length cost the team dearly and contributed greatly to the Suburban XI posting a competitive score of 303 for 8. This score included 37 wides resulting in The Willows bowling an additional 6 overs.

Tom Agnew, Fraser Hawes and Brendon Wellington each picked up 2 wickets with Josh Coll and the evergreen and ageless Bruce Cameron, one a piece.

The Suburban innings was characterised by a number of very useful partnerships throughout which resulted in The Willows not being able to apply any great pressure during the innings.

A run chase of 304 was always going to be a tough assignment for The Willows but a steady start followed by excellent innings from Ross Bayliss and Richard Abbott were not enough to allow The Willows to maintain a run rate which was required to meet the Suburban total.



▲ The Suburban XI.



▲ Wade Burrell plays through midwicket.



▲ Well taken by the 'keeper.

Special thanks to Roger Georgieff and the Suburban Association for bringing a team to The Willows for the annual fixture. It was very refreshing to see that Suburban cricket remains in good heart, and we look forward to their return fixture next season.

Our appreciation also to the umpires Bernie Hamilton and John Elley, as well as the scorer Tony Campbell.

The Willows lost by 53 runs

Suburban XI 303/8

M. Ormandy 30, D. Leigh 46, K. Rush 51, A. Van 37, F. Hawes 2/56, T. Agnew 2/54

The Willows 250/7

R. Abbott 62, R. Bayliss 63

Umpires

B. Hamilton and J. Elley

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1ST XI

13th January 2008

Captain – Robbie Deans

On another delightful summer's day, Christ's College 1st XI captain, Chris McGoldrick, won the toss from Robbie Deans, the newly appointed Australian rugby coach who was captaining The Willows for the first time, and elected to bat.

The Christ's were soon in trouble at 3 for 27 however three reasonably good innings played by Harper, Yugaraja and Harrison enabled College to a total of 154. Excellent bowling from Willie Lonsdale and James O'Gorman were responsible for this low total.

The Willows started in fine form with the opening pair Nathu and Deans batting together for the first time in 25 years. Once these two were removed the Christ's boys were entertained to two forceful innings from John Masefield and Paddy Ryan with The Willows ending up winning by four wickets.

The Willows won by 4 wickets

Christ's College 154

A. Yugaraja 43, W. Mills 23, W. Lonsdale 4/17

The Willows 157/6

R. Deans 38

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ Good shot young fellow! Note 'keeper Landon-Lane's position.

v DUNEDIN CAVALIERS XI

20th January 2008

Report by Jacob Wolt

Defying tradition, Bruce Irvine, the Cavaliers' 12th man, orchestrated a premature toss and elected for his team to bat.

Despite losing an early wicket, his decision initially appeared the correct one with Andrew Rich and Reece Cain producing a solid second wicket stand until both were undone by Andrew Nuttall's flight and spin.

Matt Strang produced a well compiled 50 and Mike Currie endeavoured to hold the innings together before running out of partners. The Willows bowling and fielding were at their normal brilliant best, although it should be noted the Skipper's bowling was very ordinary.

Chasing 218 to win The Willows were struggling at 2/15. However, an excellent partnership between Henry Fisher and Steve Flanagan established the platform for what turned out to be a relatively easy victory over the Cavaliers in the 37th over. Wides with a contribution of 35 provided the third highest score. The Willows won by five wickets.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all as always.

The Willows won by 5 wickets

Dunedin Cavaliers XI 217

A .Rich 46, M. Strang 50, M. Currie 45

The Willows 218/5

S. Flanagan 83, H. Fisher 57

Umpires

P. Agent and R. Conlin

V CRUSADERS XI (AUSTRALIA)

24th January 2008

Report by David Bond

The young Crusaders side from Melbourne looked impressive as they warmed up and results from their tour suggested The Willows team had a fight on their hands.

The Willows won the toss and batted first. A slow but solid start between Shaun Coffey and Mike Hawke suggested the rain the previous day would play a part in the first innings tally.

Their partnership yielded 49 runs and our thoughts of 250 were reviewed by the 20th over. 200 seemed more appropriate. At the end of our 40 overs we had managed to get through to 176 for 8. To their credit, the young Crusaders never gave up in the field and chased everything.

With nothing to lose The Willows opening bowlers, Willie Lonsdale and B. Jobson (a Crusader ring in) came out firing beating the bat of the Crusaders' batsmen with ease. However we couldn't sustain this pressure throughout the 40 overs and the Crusaders peeled off their target in the 37th over. All was not lost as it was with pleasure after some peer pressure, I might add, to see Bert Walker at the bowling crease for the first time in two years. The old operation excuse didn't wash as the team required his services. "Good stuff Bert."

Regretfully The Willows had to relinquish the Bradman Trophy for the first time.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 176/8

S. Coffey 33, M. Hawke 36, G. Miller 33

Crusaders XI 177/4

J. Sheahan 80 rtd, C. Burkett 37

Umpires

T. McLisky and L. Elliott

V ST BEDE'S COLLEGE 1ST XI

27th January 2008

Report by Wade Cornelius

Despite Tom Calvin taking wickets in each of his first 2 overs, St Bede's 1st XI relinquished the Durham Trophy in the face of an excellent partnership of 175 for the 4th wicket between favourite son, Josh Coll (97) and Richard Morgan (52). The Marist boys were unable to threaten The Willows total, despite 8 batsmen getting a start. Players of the day for St Bede's were Tom Calvin, Ken Henry and Captain James Boock. Following the match there was emotion and excitement when Paul McEwan announced that three of the players, Matt Henry (St Bede's), Tom Latham (CBHS) and Matt McEwan (STAC) were selected in The Willows U/17 team to travel to India and the Middle East in March this year.

The Willows won by 44 runs

The Willows 257/8

J. Coll 97, R. Morgan 52, W. Cornelius 37

St Bede's College 213

K. Henry 44, T. Calvin 31

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Elley



▲ Josh Coll on his way to 97.

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

3rd February 2008

Report by Andrew McRae

Last year The Willows failed to fire and lost to Timaru Boys' High School (TBHS), a fact not lost on the selectors. Consequently it was a young and impressive team that took the field. On another beautiful day at Loburn, The Willows won the toss and predictably elected to bat first on a fine batting pitch.

The decision proved decisive as the home team rattled up a formidable target of 371 for 7. Liam Bartholomeusz and Sam Langrope scored well compiled centuries, the first time two batsmen in one innings have done so in the history of the Club.

The exhibition of stroke play, timing and shear strength was a marvel for all of the spectators and allowed the balance of The Willows team to enjoy the show from the cooler temperatures of the pavilion.

After wickets fell the momentum continued with a fine innings of 48 from Andrew Fullerton-Smith.

With 371 runs to chase, TBHS had their work cut out for them. Things were not made easy by a concentrated spell of fast bowling from Byron Newton as he chipped 2 wickets off the top of the



▲ The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Byron Newton plays through midwicket for six.



▲ Liam Bartholomeusz on-drives to reach 101.

order. Then it was the turn of the spinners, Bill Walsh (1-21), Tim Johnston (2-30) and Maulik Patel (3-44) who tied the TBHS batsmen down before picking up their wickets.

TBHS battled through to 166 for 9 in their 50 overs falling well short of the target. They impressed as tenacious by batting their full allotment of overs. They had also stuck at their task well earlier in the day while they were in the field despite the heat and trying conditions..

The Willows won by 205 runs

The Willows 371/7

L. Bartholomeusz 101*, S. Langrope 100*,
A. Fullerton-Smith 48, B. Newton 35*

Timaru Boys' High School 166/9

M. Hampton 36

Umpires

L. Elliott and R. Kandula

V ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE | ST XI

6th February 2008

Report by Greg Hills

The St Thomas 1st XI managed to defeat The Willows for the second successive year through an excellent team effort. Batting first, The Willows struggled to post a competitive total against some accurate bowling and brilliant catching. Only a 10th wicket partnership of 35 between Blair Franklin and St Thomas' first Head Boy Keith Yardley got The Willows into

three figures. Skipper Tom Agnew and T. Scott were the pick of the bowlers.

Chasing 122, the St Thomas' opening pair of A Finch and Tom Agnew combined for an opening partnership of 113, with only Blair Franklin (1 for 4 off 5 overs) providing much opposition. A well deserved win to St Thomas'.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 122

B. Franklin 30, T. Agnew 4/36, T. Scott 3/15

St Thomas of Canterbury 123/2

A. Finch 53*, T. Agnew 56

Umpires

J. Elley and L. Elliott



▲ The St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Steve Lester from the roadside end.



▲ Another nail in The Willows' coffin.



▲ Thomas Agnew, the successful captain.

V NELSON COLLEGE 1ST XI

10th February 2008

Report by Garth Galloway

On a sweltering North Canterbury day, The Willows amassed 331/9 against a spirited but inexperienced Nelson College attack. Ben Orton's century before lunch was memorable; it was a splendid innings punctuated by shots all around the wicket. The tail wagged merrily when number 9, Hamish Teale, smashed an aggressive 81. The Nelson College bowlers never gave up; they continued to bowl with vigour against some very fine batting.

In reply, Nelson faltered badly with only Skeggs, who scored a fine 57, reaching double figures. Peter Younghusband took 3/14 from 10 overs, Detective Morgan bowled 2 overs (both of which were maidens) and picked up 2 wickets and Brad Stone, who completed the Buller Half-Marathon the day before, took 3/29.

The fielding was uncharacteristically agile for a Willows side with only Rod Latham, Detective Morgan and Captain Galloway being over 35, Latham considerably so! The remainder of the side were in their late teens and early 20's and it was a delight to watch some enthusiasm, none more so than the efforts of Fraser Hawes who bowled beautifully and fielded maniacally.

All in all, a very enjoyable day and the youthful Nelson College XI promises much better things in the years to come.

The Willows won by 231 runs

The Willows 331/9

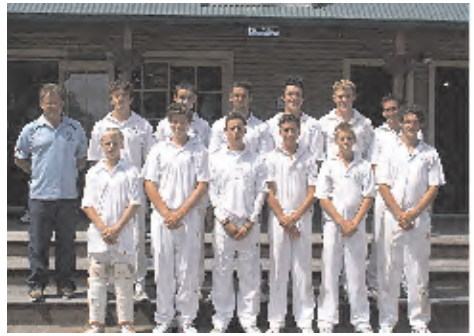
B. Orton 100 rtd, H. Teale 81

Nelson College 100

J. Skeggs 51

Umpires

J. Elley and R. Kandula



▲ The Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ Ben Orton on his way to 100.



▲ A Nelson College batsman steers one into the waiting hands of Richard Morgan.

v ARTHUR PITCHER'S XI

20th February 2008

Report by Wal Scott

We arrived at The Willows ground and as usual a splendid wicket had been prepared and the weather was perfect for cricket.

Winning the toss The Willowers got away to a good start. Openers, Peter Devine and Greg Pullar made batting look easy. Archdeacon Mike Hawke then played the innings of the day, well supported by Hugh Wright and Jonathan Davidson. At 40 overs the score was 202/6.

The wickets were shared with John Sherratt bowling economically.



▲ Peter Devine raises his left leg!



▲ Young Davidson family with Grandpa Andrew.

When batting, Chris Dockerill was Arthur Pitcher's best, well supported by Geoff Miller and Mike Dolden. Julian Marsh bowled his leg cutters brilliantly and won the game for The Willows with 4/12. Mike Hawke was the best of the others.

As it was Lent (no alcohol) Mike Hawke received the jellybeans with Julian Marsh being the Player of the Day.

The Willows lost by 56 runs

The Willows 202/6

M. Hawke 70*, G. Pullar 51, J. Sherratt 2/20

Arthur Pitcher's XI 146

C. Dockerill 62, J. Marsh 4/12, P. Devine 2/18

Umpires

H. Fowler and G. Evans



▲ Archdeacon Hawke heaves through midwicket.



▲ Arthur Pitcher loses his bails!



▲ Hugh Wright ondrives.



▲ Billy stops play against St Andrew's College.



▲ Marty Kain – to no avail!



▲ James O'Gorman in full flight.



▲ Another Willower in distress.



▲ The Scorebox tells the story!

V ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE | ST XI

23rd February 2008

Report by Paul McEwan

On a day that ended with New Zealand beating England at AMI Stadium it was really a day that The Willows team would like to forget, as they were destroyed by an excellent St Andrew's College team.

On paper The Willows team looked strong with six senior players and a couple of ex-representative players. However, from the second ball that saw Matthew McEwan having his father Paul caught behind, The Willows did not come up for air. The St Andrew's bowlers led by Matthew McEwan, 3 for 13 off 5 overs and Ben Bellamy, 2 for 4 off 5 overs were on top for the 23 overs it took to bowl The Willows out for just 79. Only three players managed double figures, Greg Hills, Mike Johnston and Andrew Fullerton-Smith. The St Andrew's catching was excellent with six catches being caught between 'keeper and the slips.



▲ Matthew McEwan the destroyer.

When St Andrew's batted, apart from one early wicket, they were never in trouble. James Fitzgerald and Jeremy Winchester batted well together and were only separated 15 runs short of the meagre Willows total. At 80 for 2 off only 23 overs it was decided to allow St Andrew's to bat on to give as many players some practice. Even then, The Willows could not get a wicket. It was eventually decided to stop the embarrassment for The Willows after 43 overs with St Andrew's 215 for 2 wickets and 4 players retired!

Congratulations St Andrew's and from the words of a number of Old Boys, we look forward to revenge next year.

The Willows lost by 136 runs

St Andrew's College 215/2

J. Fitzgerald 23, J. Winchester 30 rtd,
M. McEwan 45 rtd, B. Bellamy 26 rtd

The Willows 79

M. McEwan 3/13, B. Bellamy 2/4, C. Johnston
2/12, J. Watson (wk) 3 catches

Umpires

T. McLisky and W. Humphries



▲ Greg Hills – the only Willows star!

V HONEST TRUNDLERS XI (AUST)

27th February 2008

Report by Joe Bennett

The Honest Trundlers were an amusing Australian mob with a sprinkle of other nationalities plus Phil Harris. But they weren't good enough. Willows batted on a cloudless day and in 40 overs ran up over 300. And four batsmen retired to give others a knock. The Trundlers never got close. But it was a happy day.

The Willows won by 100 runs

The Willows 302/5

P. Duncan 61, B. Orton 50, P. Devine 54
(all retired)

Honest Trundlers 202/8

B. Geelan 51

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ The late Major Bob Millar (Salvation Army) with Archdeacon Mike Hawke.



▲ Geoff Miller plays through midwicket.



▲ John Elley calls it a day.

V I ZINGARI

27th February 2008

Report by Joe Bennett

I Zingari chose to bat on the standard Willows featherbed and against a less than fearsome attack lost few wickets but never accelerated. 168 in 40 overs looked nowhere near enough, and so it proved. Darin Cusack stroked it, John Masefield clubbed it, and we were into the beer and sausages with four overs to spare. Highlight of the day was John Elley's modest and moving farewell speech after standing as umpire for the last time at the age of 77.

The Willows won by 7 wickets

I Zingari 168/3

Booth 87*, Wiles 46

The Willows 171/3

D. Cusack 83, J. Masefield 51*

Umpires

J. Elley and G. Evans



▲ Darin Cusack hooks for six.



▲ Bert Walker – as of old.



▲ I Zingari Australia with President Bill Douglass third from right.



▲ Bob Masefield shows how it's done.



▲ Well stumped sir!

v WAITAKI BHS / ST KEVIN'S XI

9th March 2008

Report by Ben Harris

Batting first The Willows compiled a very healthy 260 with a final wicket falling on the final over.

The star for The Willows was Nick Johnston who scored a hard hitting 69 well supported with a solid contribution from former Waitakien, Mike Satterthwaite. Garth Gallaway, James Leggat and Maulik Patel all contributed significantly.

Bowling for the Combined XI, English professional James Cutts was outstanding picking up 6 for 32 with his aggressive off spinners.

The Combined XI began their chase of The Willows total with Cutts and Cant compiling 64 for the first wicket. The remainder of the wickets fell at regular intervals with the Combined XI finishing with 186. The pick of The Willows bowlers were Maulik Patel and Garth Gallaway.

The Willows bowlers were well supported in the field by a Jonty Rhodes like performance by James Leggat at backward point and aggressive wicket keeping by Nick Johnston.

Special thanks to Cran Bull who acted as match manager as well as being 3 not out in The Willows innings.

The Willows won by 74 runs

The Willows 260

N. Johnston 69, M. Satterthwaite 36,
J. Cutts 6/32

Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI 189

J. Cutts 42, S. Conlan 40, M. Patel 3/30,
G. Gallaway 3/30

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. Reid

v CANTERBURY COUNTRY SECONDARY SCHOOLS XI

16th March 2008

Report by Graham Moore

The Country Schools XI played with enthusiasm but were no match for a Willows team containing a mix of experience and youthful talent.

Batting first, Willows opener Sam Noster showed his potential with a hard hit century off just 80 balls to set up a challenging target for the Country XI. Noster's innings included 10 fours and 3 sixes, one of them clearing the trees on the Eastern boundary. Ben Orton, Mark Priest, Josh Reeves and Tim Johnston also made useful contributions, with Reeves and Johnston posting the best partnership of the day, 70 for the 8th wicket. In the field the Country captain, Daniel Ede, excelled while Tim Harrison took a stunning catch on the boundary to dismiss Noster.

In reply the Country batsmen showed good application but had difficulty keeping the run rate near the required target, despite The Willows bowlers assisting with 32 wides. Dylan Goldstone top scored for the boys with 29, while Ben Orton returned the remarkable figures of 3/1 off 3 overs to upstage the frontline Willows bowlers as he finished off the Country tail.

The Willows won by 164 runs

The Willows 302/9

S. Noster 102, J. Reeves 43*, B. Orton 31,
T. Johnston 29

Country Secondary Schools XI 138

D. Goldstone 29, B. Orton 3/1

Umpires

T. McLisky and D. McIlwraith

RAINED OFF

v Southland Boys' High School 17th February
v Shirley Boys' High School 2nd March



▲ The Waitaki Boys' High / St Kevin's XI.



▲ Cran Bull with Ben Harris prior to the toss.



▲ Trevor Thornton slashes backward of point.



▲ Garth Gallaway on the drive.



▲ Cran Bull all concentration.



▲ Ben Harris bowling against his alma mater.

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

(Minimum of 5 innings / 10 overs)

	Inn	NO	Runs	Avg	O	M	Runs	Wkt	Avg
Abbott, R.E.	8	1	157	22.4	95	15	397	10	39.7
Aberhart, D.C.	6	3	92	30.7	40	5	163	5	32.6
Agnew, T.W.	5	1	36	9.0	57	4	240	8	30.0
Allott, G.I.	10	3	94	13.4	109	27	350	26	13.5
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	118	30	319	11	29.0
Astle, A.M.	2	1	26	26.0	21	9	48	6	8.0
Astle, T.D.	2	-	34	17.0	17	4	37	9	4.1
Baker, C.K.	11	2	179	19.9	47	3	227	7	32.4
Barry, V.E.	10	3	46	6.6	75	9	274	8	34.3
Bateman, S.N.	7	2	106	21.2	60	6	249	9	27.7
Bayliss, R.T.	8	-	161	20.1	-	-	-	-	-
Bennett, J.	30	12	324	18.0	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
Blakely, J.E.	7	1	201	33.5	57	7	159	6	26.5
Bond, D.W.	35	6	1282	44.2	25	1	207	1	207.0
Boock, S.L.	5	2	19	6.3	84	16	252	14	18.0
Boyle, J.G.	6	1	196	39.2	12	-	46	-	-
Bromley, G.R.	11	1	267	26.7	34	2	136	6	22.7
Bromley, R.C.	7	1	56	9.3	8	3	34	2	17.0
Brook, B.P.	5	-	104	20.8	25	-	137	4	34.3
Brooks, G.N.B.	12	2	486	48.6	29	2	111	4	27.8
Bull, C.L.	18	3	206	13.7	22	2	103	2	51.5
Burrell, A.E.	13	1	296	24.7	14	1	46	2	23.0
Burrell, D.C.	28	11	834	49.1	112	10	514	15	34.3
Burrell, W.M.	27	6	620	29.5	125	22	482	24	20.1
Burson, R.D.B.	6	2	148	37.0	65	7	171	15	11.4
Cameron, B.S.	6	3	43	14.3	11	-	49	2	24.5
Cameron, B.W.J.	6	1	59	11.8	74	10	273	14	19.5
Campbell, A.J.M.	2	1	4	4.0	38	9	157	7	22.4
Chisholm, D.H.	15	2	133	10.2	-	-	-	-	-
Clark, C.R.	5	-	64	12.8	34	6	120	11	10.9
Coffey, S.T.	7	2	246	49.2	7	-	48	1	48.0
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	236	22	616	30	20.5
Colvin, G.G.	6	2	124	31.0	67	9	220	12	18.3
Coop, T.A.	9	1	207	25.9	7	-	42	-	-
Cornelius, C.J.	12	1	258	23.5	70	12	248	13	19.1
Cornelius, W.A.	19	4	183	12.2	183	35	540	37	14.6
Cowles, R.J.	13	2	118	10.7	7	1	28	3	9.3
Cunliffe, J.J.	6	-	90	15.0	1	1	-	1	-
Cunneen, C.M.C.	6	-	133	22.2	31	4	118	5	23.6
Cunneen, O.A.	5	-	15	3.0	7	-	31	1	31.0
Cusack, D.R.	38	7	1198	38.6	2	-	20	-	-
d'Auvergne, N.R.	3	-	51	17.0	30	7	71	6	11.8
d'Auvergne, P.G.	7	1	61	10.2	30	3	98	7	14.0
Davidson, A.F.	9	-	98	10.9	52	6	300	7	42.9
Davidson, J.A.F.	10	2	289	36.1	4	-	14	-	-
Davis, S.J.	17	5	242	20.2	137	22	518	23	22.5
Devine, H.St.A.	3	3	14	-	30	4	103	5	20.6
Devlin, P.C.	24	6	598	33.2	27	2	120	5	24.0
Diamanti, B.M.	3	1	155	77.5	36	5	117	6	19.5
Doody, B.J.K.	4	1	127	42.3	18	1	78	8	9.8
Doody, H.A.	5	-	18	3.6	33	3	161	7	23.0
Doody, T.J.	8	4	23	5.8	120	5	473	24	19.7
Dormer, B.L.	9	1	201	25.1	2	-	12	-	-
Dormer, P.E.	7	1	22	3.7	20	-	84	3	28.0
Dowds, D.	6	-	132	22.0	14	-	81	2	40.5
Duncan, P.M.D.	5	1	136	34.0	19	-	103	2	51.5
Earnshaw, K.R.	6	2	109	27.3	27	3	98	5	19.6
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	81	9	338	14	24.1
Ellis, A.M. (ex-Burnside)	12	4	359	44.9	68	8	258	12	21.5
Ellis, A.M. (ex-SBHS)	13	4	424	47.1	60	20	168	8	21.0
Ellis, M.J.	8	4	12	3.0	56	1	301	8	37.6

	Inn	NO	Runs	Avg	O	M	Runs	Wkt	Avg
Fairbairn, W.R.T.	13	4	166	18.4	66	12	254	6	42.3
Fielding, M.D.	21	3	618	34.3	106	18	381	22	17.3
Fisher, M.A.	8	1	101	14.4	3	-	9	-	-
Flanagan, C.W.	4	1	119	39.7	47	11	167	5	33.4
Flanagan, S.P.	16	2	435	31.1	120	15	421	19	22.2
Fox, D.O.	13	5	89	11.1	74	2	372	8	46.5
Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	18	2	681	42.6	13	1	54	-	-
Fulton, G.H.	12	3	145	16.1	7	1	26	1	26.0
Fulton, P.G.	9	-	362	40.2	34	2	163	3	54.3
Galloway, G.N.	6	-	130	21.7	25	1	124	7	17.7
Gardner, J.	13	2	122	11.1	8	-	38	3	12.7
Germon, L.K.	8	3	313	62.6	5	-	50	1	50.0
Gibson, S.D.	29	1	565	20.2	140	17	545	13	41.9
Goudie, A.J.	5	2	43	14.3	38	3	174	13	13.4
Grocott, D.J.	8	4	114	28.5	97	27	226	18	12.6
Grocott, J.W.	9	2	48	6.9	5	-	34	1	34.0
Hadlee, D.R.	9	4	256	51.2	70	19	196	12	16.3
Hadlee, M.J.	6	1	224	44.8	34	10	111	5	22.2
Hamel, M.J.	12	1	316	28.7	60	7	283	9	31.4
Hansen, J.W.	6	2	21	5.3	36	4	126	-	-
Hantz, J.L.	9	-	261	29.0	14	1	72	4	18.0
Harding, S.C.	4	-	65	16.3	38	9	153	9	17.0
Harris, B.Z.	10	1	227	25.2	74	8	247	12	20.6
Harris, P.D.	51	14	1424	38.5	274	35	1111	50	22.2
Hastilow, A.J.	10	2	100	12.5	80	13	335	15	22.3
Hastings, B.F.	10	3	235	33.6	9	2	23	1	23.0
Hastings, M.B.	27	3	239	10.0	241	39	922	45	20.5
Hawes, F.C.	8	4	108	27.0	116	23	376	23	16.3
Hawke, M.J.	17	6	464	42.2	100	14	382	14	27.3
Hayward, R.E.	5	1	106	26.5	37	4	164	4	41.0
Hight, C.M.	15	7	242	30.3	113	24	327	21	15.6
Hiini, B.	10	2	266	33.3	65	15	208	11	18.9
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
Hutton, O.R.	6	1	239	47.8	36	9	140	7	20.0
Ikram, H.	5	2	56	18.7	83	5	374	14	26.7
Inglis, G.D.	40	8	963	30.1	116	12	493	20	24.7
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	71	11	246	15	16.4
Irvine, B.S.	11	4	107	15.3	104	11	444	7	63.4
James, C.D.	18	-	451	25.1	6	-	28	2	14.0
Johns, A.M.	7	1	286	47.7	17	2	61	4	15.3
Johnston, M.T.	11	4	222	31.7	42	5	142	8	17.8
Johnston, T.G.	4	-	58	14.5	46	5	223	11	20.3
Johnstone, A.F.	12	1	231	21.0	3	-	23	1	23.0
Joyce, P.R.	11	-	151	13.7	2	1	6	1	6.0
Kain, M.O.	3	-	12	4.0	21	5	36	5	7.2
Kench, J.B.	3	-	46	15.3	10	2	30	-	-
Lancaster, M.J.	11	-	163	14.8	9	1	39	-	-
Lancaster, T.E.	7	1	187	31.2	39	8	101	8	12.6
Landon-Lane, M.E.	16	4	361	30.1	35	3	128	3	42.7
Langrope, S.L.	6	2	222	55.5	-	-	-	-	-
Latham, R.T.	13	3	238	23.8	53	9	175	10	17.5
Leggat, J.E.	6	-	72	12.0	14	3	43	3	14.3
Loe, H.F.	5	2	32	10.7	59	6	212	8	26.5
Lonsdale, W.M.	5	2	29	9.7	46	11	141	11	12.8
McCarthy, G.P.	17	1	220	13.8	36	1	191	12	15.9
McCarthy, P.B.	12	2	463	46.3	36	5	136	8	17.0
McCone, R.J.	5	1	27	6.8	30	7	71	7	10.1
Macdonald, M.B.	7	2	61	12.2	60	7	230	9	25.6
McEwan, P.E.	39	5	1081	31.8	218	26	876	51	17.2
McFedries, A.G.	23	2	641	30.5	199	24	786	29	27.1
McGuire, R.D.	21	10	374	34.0	219	24	839	32	26.2
McIntyre, B.S.M.	8	0	199	24.9	66	10	217	14	15.5
McKenzie, M.N.	11	2	387	43.0	88	10	374	12	31.2
MacLeod, A.L.L.	5	1	69	17.3	38	5	157	11	14.3
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	126	30	419	22	19.0
McRae, A.R.	20	4	462	28.9	85	9	343	12	28.6
McRae, J.A.	5	-	30	6.0	2	-	11	1	11.0
Marsh, J.D.	6	-	127	21.2	47	6	152	9	16.9

	Inn	NO	Runs	Avge	O	M	Runs	Wkt	Avge
Martin, S.G.D.	4	-	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
Masefield, R.V.	10	3	102	14.6	78	11	271	15	18.1
Masefield, T.J.	9	3	197	32.8	12	-	25	3	8.3
Maw, P.A.C.	7	-	198	28.3	23	3	94	1	94.0
Maw, D.J.M.	7	1	103	17.2	9	-	38	1	38.0
Miller, G.A.	22	2	369	18.5	1	-	14	1	14.0
Miller, R.M.	10	3	386	55.1	52	8	174	8	21.8
Mills, D.L.T.	13	1	198	16.5	20	1	117	1	117.0
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	50	8	156	9	17.3
Morgan, R.	8	2	199	33.2	32	9	113	7	16.1
Muir, T.M.	3	1	120	60.0	23	2	117	6	19.5
Nathu, A.	14	1	370	28.5	10	-	58	1	58.0
Newton, B.I.P.	9	3	182	30.3	47	8	181	8	22.6
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Nuttall, A.J.	42	17	552	22.1	533	140	1283	129	9.9
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	5	0	31	6.2	31	4	135	3	45.0
Orton, B.	7	4	413	137.7	5	2	15	4	3.8
Owens, M.B.	7	4	47	15.7	50	9	208	5	41.6
Page, R.J.	5	-	119	23.8	3	-	13	-	-
Parr, M.J.	7	1	123	20.5	56	7	182	9	20.2
Patel, M.	2	0	37	18.5	18	5	74	6	12.3
Pavey, H.T.	6	4	66	33.0	42	5	193	7	27.6
Pawson, J.D.	21	5	443	27.7	155	28	460	24	19.2
Pawson, S.J.	6	-	166	27.7	16	5	54	3	18.0
Peacock, M.D.P.	14	5	172	19.1	147	42	383	27	14.2
Pettet, C.M.	11	2	192	21.3	-	-	-	-	-
Pitcher, A.C.	7	1	34	5.7	15	1	99	2	49.5
Priest, M.W.	6	2	168	42.0	98	21	328	11	29.8
Reid, J.F.	6	2	205	51.3	16	-	65	1	65.0
Reid, R.B.	5	-	64	12.8	9	-	52	3	17.3
Rennell, C.P.	6	-	70	11.7	-	-	-	-	-
Roberts, S.J.	3	1	14	7.0	29	5	95	3	31.7
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	91	17	273	8	34.1
Rutledge, P.D.	34	5	329	11.3	10	-	82	1	82.0
Satterthwaite, M.F.	16	0	336	21.0	5	-	30	0	-
Savill, C.M.	33	8	412	16.5	34	-	216	10	21.6
Sawers, A.J.	8	2	269	44.8	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, D.W.G.	11	5	77	12.8	30	1	177	8	22.1
Seabourn, C.R.	2	-	24	12.0	23	3	75	5	15.0
Shaw, M.	5	1	104	26.0	32	9	88	7	12.6
Sheard, A.J.	5	1	12	3.0	32	-	215	4	53.8
Smith, G.B.	14	2	174	14.5	1	-	6	-	-
Sowden, C.J.S.	5	-	96	19.2	30	8	83	7	11.9
Sparks, L.C.	18	6	156	13.0	195	43	656	36	18.2
Stead, D.W.	5	0	71	14.2	45	4	211	6	35.2
Stevens, S.D.	12	5	75	10.7	148	14	711	23	30.9
Stevenson, J.S.	2	1	12	12.0	32	2	115	7	16.4
Stone, C.S.	7	-	222	31.7	14	2	38	4	9.5
Stone, M.B.	10	-	134	13.4	65	7	320	10	32.0
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	118	17	438	16	27.4
Thomson, G.L.	29	4	935	37.4	14	-	81	1	81.0
Thorn, L.D.A.	13	2	229	20.8	12	-	75	2	37.5
Thornton, T.F.	13	2	162	14.7	20	-	88	4	22.0
Townrow, W.B.	8	3	54	10.8	82	9	286	13	22.0
Walker, R.L.	3	1	30	15.0	27	7	64	6	10.7
Wallace, P.E.	9	3	86	14.3	-	-	-	-	-
Ward, J.	11	3	224	28.0	52	3	265	11	24.1
Weeds, M.G.	9	2	210	30.0	4	-	16	-	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	10	4	31	5.2	184	24	764	32	23.9
Wood, P.	6	2	54	13.5	27	3	118	3	39.3
Wright, H.G.	6	-	23	3.8	36	5	128	5	25.6
Wright, M.J.E.	5	-	48	9.6	-	-	-	-	-
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	0	72	5	14.4
Wright, N.H.	5	-	71	14.2	-	-	-	-	-
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	183	21	742	34	21.8
Yock, B.A.	11	2	495	55.0	14	1	79	1	79.0
Young, A.	1	-	5	5.0	18	1	82	6	13.7
Youngusband, P.F.	3	1	14	7.0	20	7	41	8	5.1

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	-
2002/03	21	16	5	-	-
2003/04	22	15	7	-	-
2004/05	22	13	8	-	1
2005/06	26	14	12	-	-
2006/07	26	13	13	-	-
2007/08	27	19	7	-	1
Total	293	189	96	3	5

Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Wkts	Avg/ Wkt	Avg Total
1994/95	13	2,702	105	25.7	207
1995/96	15	2,930	100	29.3	195
1996/97	16	3,007	106	28.3	187
1997/98	19	4,306	128	33.6	226
1998/99	17	3,584	134	26.7	210
1999/00	18	3,128	145	21.5	173
2000/01	22	5,149	162	31.8	234
2001/02	21	4,053	152	26.7	193
2002/03	21	4,304	134	32.1	204
2003/04	22	4,757	170	28.0	216
2004/05	22	4,525	162	27.9	206
2005/06	26	5,506	210	26.2	211
2006/07	25	4,410	210	21.0	176
2007/08	28	6,218	207	30.0	222
Total	285	58,579	2,125	27.6	206

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	331/5	v Nelson College	10.02.08
	330/6	v Woodbank Wanderers	22.03.98
Against	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	303/8	by Suburban XI	06.01.08
	302/6	by Flaxton Wanderers	26.11.00

Lowest Team Scores

For	69	v Christ's College	27.10.96
	79	v St Andrew's College	23.02.08
	79	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	09.01.00
	79	v Combined Secondary Schools XI	26.11.06
Against	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01
	60	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	20.11.05

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Amblar	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06
L.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	21.02.99
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	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 Secondary Schools	05.03.00
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timary Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
T.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
P.E.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
S.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
B.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster'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
L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley Boys' High School	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas College	09.02.05
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Secondary Schools	23.11.03
A.M.Maw	5-17	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	11.03.07
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
T.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.P.Peacock	5-25	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.05
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.McFriedies	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	12.03.00
R.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03

Batsmen – 1,000 runs milestone

Season

2004/05 P.D.Harris
2005/06 D.W.Bond
2005/06 D.R.Cusack
2006/07 P.E.McEwan

Bowlers – 100 wickets milestone

Season

2005/06 A.J.Nuttall

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	P.B.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
2002/03	R.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College
2003/04	M.Fielding	86	v Combined Schools XI
2004/05	K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School
2005/06	C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v Wanganui Collegiate
2006/07	S.T.Coffey	101	v London NZ CC XI
2007/08	S.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools XI

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
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College

Visitor Honours 2007/08 Season

100 rtd	M.Rountree
6-32	J.Cutt
4-12	S.Carter
4-25	Khamal
4-28	S.Deans
4-38	C.Pieters

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	02-3	03-4	04-5	05-6	06-7	07-8
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	L	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W
Ohoka Swamphens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craz	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	L	W	L	L	-	W
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	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	-	L	-	W	-	W
NZ Police XI (Christchurch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millbrook XI	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suburban XI	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	-	L	L	-	W	W	L
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	D	L	L	D
King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	W	W	L	-	W	W
Waitaki BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	-	L	-
Burnside High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W
Former NZ Rep XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	-	W	-
St Thomas of Canterbury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	L	-
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	-
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-
Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W
Kings High School (Dunedin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W
Canterbury Country Sec Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L

Away Games

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

International Games

XL40 Club (UK)	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W/L	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	L
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	L	-	-	-
MCC Club XI (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craigengow CC (Hong Kong)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W



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BACK COVER

Top: Sam Langrope on the drive.

Middle: The Willows Youth XI playing at the Sharjah Stadium in April.

Bottom: Robbie Deans tossing with Christopher McGoldrick, captain of the Christ's College 1st XI.

