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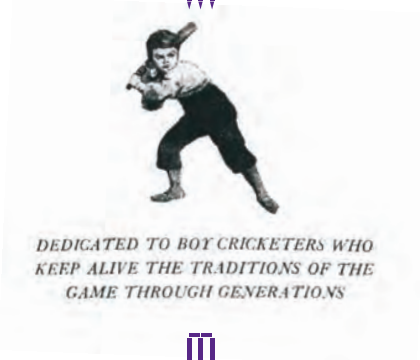


LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

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.



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

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W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

THE WILLOW CRICKETER

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P.D.Rutledge
J.G.Stringleman

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MEMBERSHIP

The members roll at 31 March 2012 stood as follows:

Playing	278
Associate	238
Overseas	104
Honorary	54

Total Membership 674

Playing Members

(Year of entry precedes name)

03 Abbott, R.E.	09 Croft, M.	10 Gordon, B.G.
06 Agnew, W.T.	98 Cunliffe, J.J.	11 Gray, A.H.
97 Allott, G.I.	94 Cusack, D. R.	96 Grocott, D.J.
03 Ambler, K.R.	11 Cutts, R.E.	09 Grocott, T.
10 Banks, R.J.	03 d'Auvergne, N.R.	11 Hamilton, R.J.V.
07 Barringer, T.G.	98 d'Auvergne, P.G.	08 Hammond, D.P.W.
07 Barry, J.V.	94 Davidson, A.F, <i>ONZM</i>	09 Hampton-Matehe, T.
05 Barry, V.E.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.	94 Hansen, The Hon. Sir John, <i>KNZM</i>
05 Bartholomeusz, C.G.	94 Davis, S.J.	99 Hantz, J.L.
07 Bartholomeusz, L.D.	08 Devine, P.B.	00 Harding, S.C.
11 Baxendine, S.	94 Devlin, P.C.	94 Harris, B.Z.
05 Bayliss, R.T.	95 Doody, B.J.K.	94 Harris, C.Z.
08 Bellamy, B.D.	00 Doody, H.A.	11 Harris, D.A.
06 Belliss, C.J.	00 Doody, T.J.	94 Harris, P.D.
94 Bennett, J.	05 Dowds, D.P.	10 Harrison, T.
95 Bisman, C.W.	09 Duggan, J.D.	00 Hastilow, A.J.
98 Bond, D.W.	06 Duncan, P.M.	01 Hawes, F.C.
02 Bond, S.E.	97 Dunne, R.M.	11 Hayes, M.W.
08 Boock, J.W.E.	08 Earl, G.H.	02 Hayward, R.E.
97 Bremner, M.C.	11 Eastlake, M.G.	08 Henry, M.J.
11 Brown, S.	01 Eddington, W.L.	00 Hiini, B.C.
94 Bull, C.L.	01 Ellis, A.M.	06 Hills, G.
94 Bull, J.C.	99 Ellis, A.M.	09 Hinton, C.R.
12 Burnett, C.J.	07 Fahey, B.J.	06 Horrell, A.H.
94 Burrell, D.C.	06 Farrant, M.D.	95 Hudson, M.G.
94 Burrell, W.M.	10 Fletcher, A.T.	06 Humphris, L.A.
00 Burrows, D.L.	11 Foote, K.	02 Hutchison, P.J.
94 Burson, R.D.	02 Forde, L.J.	94 Inglis, G.D.
01 Cameron, B.S.	08 Franklin, B.M.	11 Inglis, S.B.
11 Carter, S.L.	04 Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	11 Innes, M.
08 Cartwright, I.	00 Fulton, D.H.	09 Ireland, A.P.
03 Chambers, A.S.T.	95 Fulton, P.G.	97 James, C.D.
06 Clark, C.R.	09 Gale, A.J.	05 Johns, A.M.
06 Coffey, S.T.	98 Galloway, G.N.	08 Johnston, L.H.
99 Coll, J.P.	94 Gardner, J.	01 Johnston, M.T.
10 Collins M.	06 Garry, J.R.	06 Johnston, N.M.
03 Colvin, G.G.	94 Germon, L.K.	06 Johnston, T.G.
12 Cooke, H.R.I.	09 Gibson, T.R.	01 Johnstone, A.F.
06 Cowlshaw, A.J.	03 Goldstein, M.P.	

06 Kain, M.O.
 12 Keen, M.S.
 11 Kelly, D.P.
 11 Kelly, M.J.
 11 Kennedy, C.P.
 97 Landon-Lane, M.E.
 04 Langrope, S.L.
 07 Latham, M.T.
 94 Latham, R.T.
 07 Latham, T.W.M.
 12 Loughton, B.L.
 09 Lawson, S.J.
 01 Leggat, J.E.
 09 Lester, S.
 01 Loe, H.F.
 04 Lonsdale, W.M.
 01 Lucas, B.J.
 11 Mably, B.J.
 94 MacDonald, M.B.
 11 MacFarlane, E.D.
 11 Macgregor, A.J.
 03 Marsh, J.D.
 10 Marsh, N.E.
 94 Masefield, R.V.
 99 Masefield, T.J.
 11 Mauger, A.J.D.
 02 Maw, D.J.
 98 Maw, P.A.C.
 02 McCarthy, G.P.
 99 McCarthy, H.R.M.
 95 McCarthy, P.B.
 10 McClure, K.J.
 05 McCone, R.J.
 10 McCormick, S.A.
 10 McCracken, J.A.
 11 McDonald, J.M.
 08 McEwan, M.B.
 94 McEwan, P.E.
 09 McEwan, R.P.
 06 McFarlane, B.S.
 95 McFedries, A.G.
 98 McFedries, S.E.M.
 11 McGillivray, C.P.
 06 McGoldrick, C.P.
 09 McGoldrick, T.B.
 98 McGuire, R.D.
 08 McKeefry, D.J.P.
 10 McLean, C.F.
 10 McMeekan, C.P.
 95 McRae, A.R.
 95 Miller, G.A.
 11 Mooney, P.J.K.
 05 Muir, T.M.
 09 Murray, F.D.J.
 00 Nathu, A.
 11 Nation, T.C.G.
 03 Newton, B.I.P.
 10 Neynens, C.
 08 Nicholls, H.
 06 Nicholson, A.J.

06 Noster, S.
 94 Nuttall, A.J.
 09 Nuttall, E.J.
 05 Nuttall, H.A.
 10 Nuttall, J.S.
 09 O'Connell, C.P.
 06 O'Gorman, J.P.D.
 08 Orton, B.R.
 94 Owens, M.B.
 98 Parr, M.J.
 06 Patel, M.
 94 Pavey, H.T.
 94 Pawson, J.D.
 02 Peacock, M.D.
 95 Pitcher, A.C.
 05 Pitcher, S.M.
 09 Pithey, R.J.
 09 Poole, J.
 10 Pope, C.D.
 97 Priest, M.W.
 06 Pullar, C.G.
 00 Reardon, P.H.
 09 Reed, G.I.
 08 Reese, A.
 10 Reid, A.
 03 Rennell, C.P.
 11 Rennie, T.C.
 09 Richards, J.M.
 95 Roberts, S.J.
 04 Robertson, C.D.
 00 Robertson, I.A.
 06 Rowe, A.J.
 09 Rowe, M.P.
 95 Rugg, P.J.
 08 Rutherford, T.R.
 95 Rutledge, P.D.
 10 Ryan, J.A.C.
 06 Ryan, P.D.
 99 Satterthwaite, M.F.
 02 Sawers, A.J.
 09 Scanlon, T.M.
 11 Schulte, H.L.
 10 Senior, G.H.
 12 Sharples, D.J.
 05 Sheard, A.J.
 09 Singleton, M.J.
 08 Smith, B.
 09 Soper, B.E.
 94 Sparks, L.C.
 94 Stead, G.R.
 94 Stevens, S. D.
 05 Stevenson, J.W.
 09 Stewart, G.J.
 05 Stone, B.W.
 01 Stone, C.J.
 01 Stretch, G.B.
 10 Stringleman, J.G.
 09 Sutton, T.G.
 11 Tait, M.J.
 09 Tapper, J.H.



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 09 Teale, H.W.
 07 Teale, M.D.
 11 Thomas, S.
 11 Thompson, M.J.
 99 Thorn, L.D.A.
 00 Thornton, T.F.
 99 Townrow, W.B.
 04 Turner, T.J.H.
 94 Ussher, Dr J.E.
 09 van Woerkom, T.F.
 11 Vann, D.B.
 09 Varma, R.
 07 Vaughan, Dr J.T.C.
 03 Walker, R.L.
 10 Walsh, T.P.G.
 06 Walsh, W.P.J.
 10 Ward, B.R.
 95 Ward, J.
 09 Ward, S.A.
 09 Watson, J.M.
 04 Weeds, M.G.
 06 Wellington, B.
 08 Wheeler, B.M.
 10 Wightman, D.J.
 12 Williams, M.L.
 10 Williams, W.S.A.
 10 Wilson, R.T.
 08 Winchester, J.S.
 09 Winter, M.J.C.
 10 Wiseman, P.J.
 01 Wolt, J.R.K.
 04 Wood, P.
 06 Wraight, S.J.
 99 Wright, H.G.
 08 Wright, H.H.A.
 08 Wright, H.J.
 05 Wright, N.H.
 11 Wright, W.H.
 00 Yock, B.A.
 06 Younghusband, P.F.
 11 Yugaraja, A.

Associate Members

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| 94 | Aberhart, D.C. | 00 | Dick, A.E. | 99 | Heslop, J.H. |
| 94 | Adams, B.C. | 04 | Dickey, G.E. | 94 | Hight, C.M. |
| 06 | Alabaster, G.D. | 01 | Dickson, I.B. | 03 | Hilgendorf, D.C. |
| 94 | Aldridge, B.L. <i>QSM</i> | 94 | Doig, J.R. | 94 | Holderness, |
| 94 | Anderson, C.J. | 94 | Dolan, P.J. | | His Honour Judge D.J.R. |
| 08 | Andrews, E.J. | 94 | Dormer, P.E. | 02 | Hooper, W.P. |
| 05 | Astle A.M. | 94 | Dowling, Br W.H. | 95 | Hudson, H.J. |
| 04 | Astle, T.D. | 94 | Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i> | 95 | Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i> |
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| 09 | Ballantyne, R.M. | 94 | Ebert, R.J. | 95 | Irvine, B.S. |
| 06 | Bannan, G.J. | 97 | Ellis, M.J. | 99 | Irving, J.D. |
| 03 | Barnett, D.W. | 05 | Evans, G.R. | 94 | James, P.M. |
| 94 | Bateman, S.N. | 10 | Evans, K.W. | 10 | Johnstone, N.A. |
| 11 | Baxendine, R.W. | 01 | Eveleigh, R.S. | 06 | Jordan, P.H. |
| 03 | Beer, G.D. | 04 | Evennett, D.C. | 94 | Joyce, Professor P.R. |
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| 02 | Billcliff, J.S. | 03 | Farrant, D.G. | 99 | Kerr, L.H. |
| 94 | Blair, K.R. | 04 | Felton, G.E., <i>QSM</i> | 94 | Keys, K.F. |
| 00 | Boock, S.L. | 98 | Fenton, W.R. | 10 | King, R.H. |
| 94 | Boyle, J.G. | 97 | Fenwick, C.R. | 08 | Kos, J.S., <i>QC</i> |
| 94 | Bromley, R.C. | 10 | Finn, J.N. | 94 | Lancaster, M.J. |
| 03 | Brook, B.P. | 94 | Fisher, M.A. | 94 | Lancaster, T.E. |
| 94 | Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i> | 98 | Flanagan, C.W. | 05 | Langrope, B.J. |
| 95 | Brooks, G.N. | 94 | Flanagan, S.P. | 01 | Lawson, R.A. |
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| 95 | Bruce, D.B. | 04 | Fogarty, The Hon. Justice J.G. | 95 | Lennon G.P., <i>ONZM</i> |
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| 08 | Buist, G.T. | 94 | Fox, D.O. | 94 | Loe, J.G. |
| 06 | Bull, A.J. | 98 | Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i> | 94 | MacDonald, Mrs D. |
| 96 | Bunt, L.R.H. | 97 | Fuller, M.J. | 01 | MacLeod, A.L.L. |
| 94 | Burrell, A.E. | 98 | Fulton, G.H. | 10 | Maguire, W.J. |
| 03 | Burrett, W.G. | 06 | Gargiulo, F.J. | 01 | Malloch, B.E. |
| 99 | Calder, B. | 02 | Garland, S.P. | 01 | Martin, S.D. |
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| 94 | Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i> | 06 | Goodman, J.H. | 05 | McClellan, M.J. |
| 95 | Campbell, A.I. | 10 | Gould, G.C. | 05 | McClellan, T.M. |
| 94 | Campbell, Dr A.J.M. | 01 | Gourdie, A.J. | 94 | McCourtie, Mrs R. |
| 04 | Carter, R. | 06 | Gray, E. | 94 | McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i> |
| 98 | Cederman, R.W. | 04 | Grigor, I.M. | 95 | McFedries, B.G. |
| 06 | Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i> | 96 | Grocott, J.W. | 06 | McGoldrick, Mrs L. |
| 00 | Chisholm, The Hon. Justice L. | 09 | Gubbins, D.R.W. | 95 | McHarg, R.L. |
| 02 | Clark, H.G. | 00 | Guillen, S.C. | 94 | McKechnie, B.J. |
| 94 | Clark, L.A. | 94 | Guthrey, P.C. | 99 | McKendry, D.J. |
| 94 | Clark, N.G. | 94 | Hadlee, B.G. | 98 | McKinlay, S. |
| 01 | Coates, N.F. | 94 | Hadlee, D.R. | 02 | McRae, J.A. |
| 98 | Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i> | 94 | Hadlee, M.J. | 03 | Miller, G.M. |
| 98 | Cook, P.S. | 95 | Hamilton, B.G. | 94 | Mills, D.L.T. |
| 94 | Coop, T.A. | 11 | Hammond, J.D. | 05 | Moore, G.R. |
| 06 | Cooper, The Hon. Justice M.L.S. | 11 | Harper, R.G.F. | 08 | Moore, L.R. |
| 94 | Cooper, R.T. | 95 | Harrison, R.J. | 06 | Morgan, R. |
| 04 | Cosgrove, C.J. | 94 | Hastilow, J.W. | 97 | Murray, A.J. |
| 95 | Crocker, L.M. | 94 | Hastings, B.F. | 09 | Murray, D.N. |
| 94 | Cunliffe, S.M. | 95 | Hastings, M.B. | 99 | Nevin, J.H. |
| 95 | Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i> | 04 | Hayward, R.D. | 03 | Newell, M.L.M. |

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98	Nielsen, T.S.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	94	Thiele, C.H.
98	Nixon, B.M.	09	Rowe, C.A.	99	Thompson, K.G.
03	Noster, F.R.	01	Rust, K.N.	94	Ussher, C.P.
10	O'Brien, P.	94	Savill, C.M.	07	Veale, J.H.
03	O'Donnell, P.M.	06	Sawers, S.J.	01	Wadeson, C.
95	Page, R.J.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	94	Wait, E.P.
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94	Paton, G.C.J.	01	Shackleton, D.A.	94	Wallace, P.E.
94	Pawson, S.J.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
99	Payton, D.H.	95	Sharp, D.C.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	00	Shipley, A.J.B.	95	Watson, M.
04	Pettet, C.M.	00	Shrimpton, M.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	Phillips, M.K.	07	Sinclair, B.W.	94	Whittington, Mrs J.A.
96	Polson, A.H.	95	Skipper, H.L.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
09	Pulley, D.F.	95	Smith, G.B.	94	Williams, P.R.
95	Questaed, D.M.	94	Smith, M.J.	07	Williams, R.
99	Raphael, S.H.E.	02	Snedden, M.C., CSNZ	01	Wilson-Pyne, R.N.
01	Ratray, P.J.	99	Sowden, R.J.S.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
04	Reid, D.W.	06	Spear, B.G.	97	Wright, J.G.
96	Reid, J.F.	94	Stead, D.W.	95	Wright, Dr M.J.W.
98	Robinson, L.M.C.	01	Stone, M.B.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
		95	Strack, D.J.	94	Yardley, K.J.

Overseas Members

AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R.
05	Barrat, R.
06	Boully, P.C.
99	Chisholm, D.H.
98	Darke, M.
95	Davidson, A.K., <i>AM, MBE</i>
99	Deans, R.M.
05	Deans, S.J.M.
94	Douglass, W.B., <i>ASM</i>
94	Eastment, B.A.
05	Eddington, Sir Rod
94	Eldershaw, J.M.
02	Fairbairn, N.J.G
06	Fisher, H.M.L.
06	Havercroft, G.
00	Hensman, J.
06	Hodgson, T.L.P.
02	Holt, D.W.
94	Innes, J.T.
97	Jones, B.S.
03	Mackrell, G.L.
03	McGrath, D.E.T.
02	McQueen, D.
01	Neaves, T.C.
01	Richards, S.
96	Rixon, S.J.
01	Rose, G.L.
94	Runacres, A.M.
03	Salmon, K.
05	Seabourn, C.R.

98	Silver, M.J.
95	Smith, R.
08	Spalding, S.
06	Walls, K.A.
94	Wiles, E.G.
11	Woolcott, E.B.
02	Zavos, S.B.

GERMANY

08	Werner, Dr H-J
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HONG KONG

01	Chandler, J.
11	Eames, M.
06	Eanes, M.
06	Jones, Dr D.A.
09	Keir, J.
00	Miles, R.
98	Stearns, N.
01	Walsh, M.

INDIA

01	Apte, A.
11	Kheraj, N.
11	Kheraj, S.

IRELAND

01	Fisher, T.D.L.
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SINGAPORE

08	Horner, M.
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SOUTH AFRICA

04	Fox, P.J.
01	Fotheringham, B.

SRI LANKA

09	Fernando, M.
09	Fernando, D.
10	Hussain, S.
11	Ratnayake, R.J.

THAILAND

07	de Vries, M.
08	Kader, M.A.
07	Leicester, J.
07	Malbari, F.A.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

08	Archer, M.
94	Bisman, J.C.
94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.
10	Khan, M.

UNITED KINGDOM

95	Bazalgette, C.
06	Betteridge, J.
06	Betteridge, L.
11	Blackett, H.
03	Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
09	Brearley, M., <i>OBÉ</i>
98	Brierley, R.H.
03	Buckton, S.J.

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| 08 Conyngham, J. | 94 Hutton, O.R. | 06 Sawrey-Cookson, N. |
| 98 Cumbes, J. | 03 Hyde, A.R. | 06 Sims, G. |
| 98 Dodds, V. | 06 Lander, C. | 06 Smail, D.J.R. |
| 94 Dormer, B.L. | 98 Lorimer, A.A. | 06 Vallance, J.A.F. |
| 08 Fearnley, C.D. | 98 Marsden, W. | 05 Wheeler, N. |
| 09 Gatting, M.W. | 00 Martin, S.G.D. | 09 Wright, P. |
| 06 Goulding, M. | 06 Mollitt, R. | |
| 03 Hart, R. | 94 Munn, R.G. | UNITED STATES |
| 94 Hatley, B. | 07 Naidoo, Urvasi | 11 Wakeford, G.D. |
| 94 Hutton, B.L. | 94 Openshaw, C.F. | 06 Wardwell, E.A. |
| 94 Hutton, R.A. | 06 Reid, H. | |

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| 03 Blackett, Sir Hugh | 99 Graham, Sir John, <i>KNZM, CBE</i> | 02 O'Neill, J.A., <i>AO</i> |
| 99 Brierley, Sir Ronald | 94 Hadlee, Sir Richard, <i>MBE</i> | 99 Reid, J.R., <i>OBE</i> |
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| 98 The Lord Butler of Brockwell,
<i>KG, GCB, CVO</i> | Archdeacon M.J. | 03 Roberts, Major A.C.,
Salvation Army |
| 09 Catley, D.H. | 11 Healy, I.A. | 96 Rosser, Dr M.J. |
| 09 Coleman, B., <i>OBE</i> | 98 Henderson, Mrs E.M. | 06 Satyanand, The Rt Hon. Sir
Anand, <i>GNZM, QSO</i> |
| 99 Coney, J.V. | 04 Johnson, Professor B.F.S. | 08 Scott, N. |
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| 06 Coward, M.J. | 10 Laidlaw, C.R. | 03 Stoop, Dr G.C. |
| 94 Cowles, R.J. | 03 Larkins, W.N. | 05 Tyson, F.H. |
| 94 Cummings, Rev Fr B.G., <i>SM</i> | 03 Larsen, G.R. | 07 Watt, M. |
| 94 Cusack, V.B. | 95 Macfarlane, R.M. | 08 Weerasekera, S. |
| 94 Dormer, Mrs D.W. | 06 Mauger, W.J. | 10 Woutersz, J. |
| 94 Edgar, Mrs E.M. | 98 McLisky, T.H. | 04 Wright, A.G.L. |
| 01 Elley, J.C. | 94 Mitchell, W.J. | 95 Wright, Sir Allan, <i>KBE</i> |
| 04 Farr-Jones, N.C., <i>AM</i> | 04 Moses, R.J., <i>ONZM</i> | |
| 08 Fernando, M.J. | 01 Murray, B.A.G., <i>QSO</i> | |
| | 06 Murray, The Venerable | |



▲ Dave Pulley congratulates Lindsay Kerr on becoming a grandfather (again).



▲ Hamish Wright with sons Henry and Edward.



“Willowers All,”

What a stunning season for Members of The Willows. My warmest congratulations to Andrew Ellis and Tom Latham for their selection for New Zealand, honours they richly deserve. Also to Edward Nuttall, Theo van Woerkom, Connor Neynes and Arnie Yugaraja for selection in the New Zealand Under-19 squad. Willows members who played for Canterbury were Matthew McEwan, Edward Nuttall, Tim Johnson, Will Lonsdale, Ryan McCone, Andrew Ellis and Peter Fulton. In the Canterbury Country side The Willows were represented by Peter Fulton, David Fulton, James Tapper, William Williams, Matthew Rowe, Liam Bartholomeusz and Christopher Bartholomeusz.

As I write, our Under-17 team, selected from schools that play at The Willows is in Sri Lanka. One of the high points of this team was the agreement of the former Governor-General, the Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, and his wife, Lady Susan, to accompany the team in a managerial role. I know Sir Anand and Lady Susan's contribution will be very great, and the club is privileged that they agreed to join the tour. The team has six games in Sri Lanka and has three to play in Malaysia. They won their first five games, lost the sixth and have gelled into a

wonderful touring party. We are grateful to the continued support of Mr Merrill Fernando, of Dilmah Tea. Without that support from Merrill, the tours would not be the celebration of cricket and youth that they are. Sir Ron Brierley also made a significant contribution that allowed these continued youth tours to flourish.

The biennial youth dinner at St Bede's in October saw a visit from the former great Australian wicketkeeper/batsman Ian Healy. Not only did he speak at the dinner, he also provided coaching for school coaches and for promising wicketkeepers in the Christ's College gymnasium. I am indebted to Ian for taking time out of his busy schedule to support the club.

Once again, the pre-Christmas celebration for members' children and disadvantaged children was a highlight of the season. There was a barbecue, pony and donkey rides, sweets, ice creams, drinks and of course Father Christmas, who arrived on this occasion by fire engine. I am indebted to all Willows members who gave up valuable time to make this event such a success. I am extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs John Stewart, who kindly donated all of the toys that were gifts to the children who attended.

The Willows was also responsible for assisting in organising a cricket match in aid of a Master of

St Thomas of Canterbury College who required overseas medical assistance. Part of the success of that day was the wonderful support the club received from our All Black member, Andrew Ellis. Sponsorship from club members meant a considerable sum was raised.

I would like to pay a particular tribute to the late Christopher Doig who played not only a hugely significant part in the development of The Willows, but was always willing to assist the club by hosting or singing at various functions since the club's inception.

During the season the ground was made available to Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI, as their ground was decimated by earthquake damage. Two new biennial fixtures were added. The first, the Wellington Wanderers XI, selected and supported by former New Zealand representative Evan Gray, who remains a staunch supporter of our Club. The second was the Sacred Heart College 1st XI from Auckland. I acknowledge the continuing support from

schools and colleges, their Principals and Coaches, which extends from Sacred Heart College in Auckland to Southland Boys' in the south.

To maintain The Willows Cricket Club to the high standard that has come to be expected is a costly business. I am grateful for the continuing and ongoing support from the Southern Community Trust, the New Zealand Community Trust, the Canterbury Community Trust, the Pub Charity and the Mainland Trust. The support they give enables us to maintain standards and provide youth cricket with outstanding playing conditions in a superb rural atmosphere. The success of the club's activities is heavily dependent on the support of these trusts who I warmly acknowledge.

At the end of the season the top was taken off the square, which has been completely re-laid. There is ongoing regular maintenance of the outfield and our thanks go to Tony Stead in this regard.

There is always a long list of members and supporters to thank, and I hope I do not miss any.

Tony Campbell, David Brooke and Rob Abbott for their stalwart services as scorers. The town and country umpires who turn up and support the club week-in, week-out. Our particular thanks to Eddie Brownlee and Graeme Evans for their organisation. Our caterers, Lionel and Liz Ford for their excellent food and cheerful demeanour. Kaye and Wayne Miller, our near neighbours, together with their daughter-in-law Tash who host the after-match barbeques which have become a singular feature of games at The Willows. Jim Stringleman is present every Sunday as match manager and has given enormous assistance to the ground maintenance. Peter Devlin, of Country Cricket, is responsible for supervising the square. Our photographer from Oxford, Rex Hayward, can be seen all over the ground like an additional fielder, taking photos at every game. At the end of the day the photographs are placed on a flash drive which is given to the coach. This enables the coaches to use those photographs. As well, photographs are posted on our internet site.



▲ Willowers Andrew Ellis and Tom Latham in action for New Zealand.



▲ **Christopher Doig, who passed away in October, at the age of 62.**

I am grateful to those who support the work of the President and the committee. Andrew McRae, as Willows secretary, has continued sterling service, notwithstanding his now long-term residence in Timaru. Treasurer, Alistair Sheard does his best to keep the assistant groundsman on the financial straight and narrow. Membership secretary, Isabel McRae and her husband John take a huge burden off others. And Richard Cowles, who produces our annual report and who has done outstanding work since our first report in 1994. It has to be said that our annual report is now a recognised cricket publication throughout the cricketing world. Every year after its release I receive countless letters and messages from overseas members appreciating the scope and quality of the publication.

I would like to pay tribute to the ongoing liaison with the club from New Zealand Cricket, Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket. In the future the club hopes to put in place a tour in every alternate year, and to consolidate the work we have undertaken with the schools and colleges to improve coaching and the quality of 1st XI cricket.

In late August there will be the Club Dinner, and the club is hopeful to obtain the good services of Bryan Waddle as a guest speaker. Bryan is the voice of New Zealand cricket, and has brought us live commentary from all over the world, often in the most trying of circumstances. His broadcasts are a pleasure for all followers of the game. I have heard Bryan on other occasions and he is a quite outstanding speaker on a subject that is so dear to him and all the members of The Willows.

Regrettably, I must close on a slightly negative note. The subscription which is an indication of a commitment by members to the club, has been held for 17 years for playing and associate members at \$30. This is a very small subscription and the activities of the club are heavily subsidised by fundraising carried out by the Committee and the generosity I mention above of the number of trusts and many individuals. Notwithstanding the small subscription charged, there is a small hardcore of members who require a great deal of work on the part of the Treasurer and the Committee in chasing them for the \$30. I hope their response



this year to the letter of request from well-known Willower Joe Bennett is met with greater success than in the past. All members have had the benefit of The Willows and the subscription is a very small sum to pay for that privilege.

Once again, an outstanding season, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the 2012/2013 season.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM
President

COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Ashburton College/Mt Hutt College XI, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2011/12.



▲ The Waimea College 1st XI.



▲ The Sacred Heart College 1st XI.



▲ The Combined North West Schools XI.

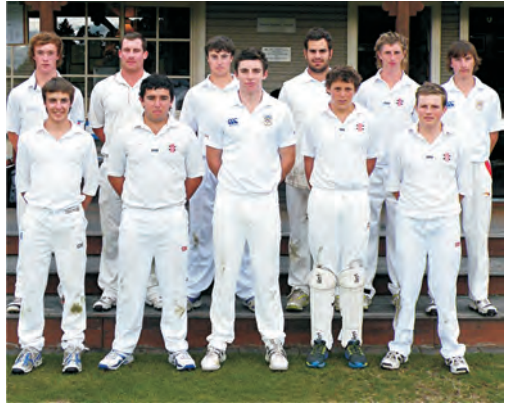


▲ The St Bede's College 1st XI.

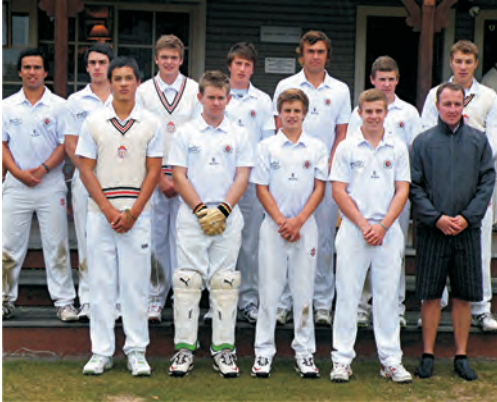
COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Waitaki Boys'/St Kevin's XI.



▲ The Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI.



▲ The Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.

v GORE HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

2nd October 2011

Report by Paul Rutledge

The first match at The Willows for the new season was played in excellent conditions, on an outstanding hard and fast wicket. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat. After losing two early wickets, and with the score at 15, it was up to Tom Rennie, Will Young and Martin Kelly to get the innings back on track. Two very good partnerships between Rennie and Young, 71 for the 2nd wicket and 128 for the third wicket between Young and Kelly, allowed the Willows to compile a very competitive 267 for 5. Young in his first match for the Willows scored a wonderful century being well supported by Martin Kelly.



▲ Will Young goes over the top on his way to a very good hundred.

The Willows opening bowlers Jack Nuttall and Ryan McEwan bowled accurately with the new ball making scoring difficult for Gore. Nuttall bowled with good pace, and McEwan swung the ball nicely and deserved his excellent figures. The Gore batsmen struggled to gain any momentum through the middle stages of their innings, with scoring proving to be difficult. Danny Dowds was the star of The Willows bowling effort with figures of 4/11 from 4 overs. His fine return combined with good catching enabled The Willows to restrict Gore High School to 125.

Once again it was a pleasure to host Gore High School 1st XI as the boys acquitted themselves well against a fairly experienced Willows XI, and were a credit to their school.

The Willows won by 142 runs

The Willows 267/5

W. Young 103 retired, M. Kelly 72*

Gore High School 125

D. Dowds 4/11, R. McEwan 2/13

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ A young Gore spinner in action.



▲ Marty Kelly on the drive.

✓ CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

9th October 2011

Report by Sam Davis

In line with tradition (but under duress) The Willows won the toss on a dewy Sunday morning in October, and elected to bat on a green seamer.

The CBHS opening bowlers took full advantage of the conditions and bowled a demanding line and length from the outset. CBHS captain Edward Nuttall bowled superbly with the new ball and was difficult to get away.

The CBHS change bowlers continued to keep the pressure on and wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. The Willows struggled to put a decent partnership together, despite some good starts from J. Richards and A. Mauer. CBHS coach Matt Parr was keen to put on a good show for the boys but was soon back in the shed after being trapped in front by Nuttall.

Despite a rear guard action from CBHS 12th Man Jack Nuttall, The Willows only managed to limp through to a mere 146 in only 47 overs. Extras were the top scorer for The Willows with 36. Edward Nuttall finishing with the fine figures of 4-25 from 10 overs.



▲ **Geoff Allott opening from the roadside end.**

New ball bowlers G. Allott and M. Parr, were an imposing sight coming in off the long runs for The Willows, however CBHS started well and strung together some good partnerships. The bulk of the runs scored by T. Rennie and D. Wakefield.

At 118/2 CBHS looked to have the match in the bag, however cricket is a funny old game as they say. After a run-out and aggressive second spells from Allott and Parr, the wickets started to fall as the youngsters began to feel the pressure.

At 140/9 the game literally could have gone either way, however the CBHS tail-enders snuck through to win in the 45th over. A fantastic finish in the end to a great day.

The Willows lost by 1 wicket

The Willows 146

A. Mauer 22, J. Nuttall 22, E. Nuttall 4/25

Christchurch Boys' High School 148/9

T. Rennie 40, D. Wakefield 42, M. Parr 4/25, G. Allott 3/22

Umpires

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton



▲ **The trophy changes hands as Sam Davis hands over to Edward Nuttall of Boys' High.**

✓ MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1ST XI

16th October 2011

Report by Phil d'Auvergne

What a day; the thrill of The Willows game during the day plus the spectacle of the Rugby World Cup semi-final. I promised the boys that on the way home we would stop off in Kaikoura to see the New Zealand v Australia semi-final and what a match it was. The boys were finally home just after midnight making a very long day after their 5am start.

The ground and overhead conditions were perfect for cricket. The Willows batted first and went to lunch at 110 without loss. From this platform the score was always going to be big and the boys did well to contain us to 246 for 4. Features were the openers both getting well compiled sixties plus a couple of other good



▲ Tim Hampton-Matehe well stumped by 'keeper Matthew Stretch.



▲ Master in charge Phil d'Auvergne on the drive.

supporting knocks. Josh Clarkson was the pick of the bowlers only conceding 30 runs from his 10 overs. George Kenny with his off spin picked up 2 wickets for 24.

In reply, the College couldn't get any real momentum to their batting and never challenged the required run rate while at the same time steadily losing wickets to be all out for 114 in the 43rd over. Josh Clarkson completed a good all round performance with a patient 33 before being run out, and Matthew Stretch chimed in with a hard hit 23. The partnership of 37 between Clarkson and Stretch was brief and entertaining and showed the capability of the boys given that they have three and two years respectively left at school and they could well have got away on us except for a mix up resulting in Clarkson's run out. For The Willows we managed to use 9 bowlers over the innings, all were economical, with Burnett picking up 3 wickets and Johnstone running through the tail taking 4 for 20.

Although well beaten, the boys took a lot from the game and never gave up. The ground was at its brilliant best looking lush and green while the track was very good. We had a windless and cloudless day and the boys absorbed the history of the ground, all vowing to return as better cricketers.

It was nice to be able to defend the Arthur Cresswell Trophy but with the whole Marlborough team returning next year they will be very competitive. We look forward to the next encounter.

The Willows won by 132 runs

The Willows 246/4

D. Dowds 61, T. Hampton-Matehe 67,
P. d'Auvergne 37*, G. McCarthy 33,
G. Kenny 2/24

Marlborough Boys' College 114

J. Clarkson 33, M. Stretch 23, C. Burnett 3/4,
A. Johnstone 4/20

Umpires

G. Evans and T. McLisky

v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST XI

23rd October 2011

Report by Declan McKeefry

Christchurch turned on a beautiful day for cricket for the fixture between The Willows and Wanganui Collegiate School. Batting first, The Willows got off to a horror start losing several quick wickets. Some aggressive bowling from the opening attack of Blundell and White had The Willows top order in all sorts of trouble reeling at 32 for 5. A good partnership was desperately needed and it came in the form of Young and Hawes. Together the pair put on 50 steering The Willows to over a hundred before Young was dismissed for a well played 47. The tail wagged and some good hitting from Inglis (32) bumped the total up to a defendable 182.



▲ Alex Reese bowled extremely well for his 5/19.

In reply, The Willows sprung an early surprise opening with off-break bowler Tony Gray, who together with medium pacer Scott Inglis, managed to stem the flow of any early runs. The pressure resulted in a fortuitous run-out, nevertheless the perfect start for the fielding side. Many of the Collegiate batsmen looked solid at the crease but good fielding coupled with accurate bowling meant runs were hard to come by. Continued pressure from The Willows forced the visiting team into some rash shots and wickets fell steadily throughout the innings. The outstanding bowler for The Willows was Alex Reese who prospered from the team's tight bowling taking five wickets. In the end The Willows were too strong and came away victorious.

The Willows won by 97 runs

The Willows 182

W. Young 46, S. Inglis 32, F. Hawes 22,
N. Blundell 2/17, M. White 3/34

Wanganui Collegiate School 85

A. Reese 5/19

Umpires

B. Hamilton and P. Koppes



▲ McKeefry cleaned out by Blundell.



▲ Scott Inglis on his way to 32 batting at 10.

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

30th October 2011

Report by Gareth Reed

In breaking with the usual order of proceedings, Otago Boys' were invited to bat first. The Willows bowlers, lead by Sam Baxendine, Hamish McCarthy, and a cunning Ryan McEwan, bowled miserably, restricting the visitors to 3 an over until the final throws of their innings. Opener T. Griffin showed maturity as his partners fell, carrying his bat to reach 71 not out.

At the change of innings, the target of 170 seemed modest, however OBHS would make the home side work for every run, matching tight bowling with aggressive fielding.

Michael Hayes provided the backbone of the Willows reply, and a good partnership of 81 for the 4th wicket with Michael Kelly had the Willows on track for victory. Unfortunately with Kelly's departure, the Willows were unable to put together a second partnership to hit the winning runs, and with 16 required off the final over, the tail could muster only 4.

The Willows lost by 12 runs

Otago Boys' High School 170/6

T. Griffin 71*, B. McCrimmon 31,
R. McEwan 2/21

The Willows 158/8

M. Hayes 61*, M. Kelly 35, R. Black 3/42

Umpires

R. Wyeth and J. Elley



▲ Another great Boys' High shot.



▲ Sam Baxendine endeavouring to stem the onslaught by the Otago Boys' openers.

v PENINSULA CRAZ XI

6th November 2011

Report by Jacob Wolt

The Willows selector, Paul Rutledge, put together what he thought to be an experienced and well balanced side in expectation of avenging the previous year's defeat.

Based on the selectors' confidence in our bowling line-up and a reasonably well grassed wicket, The Willows skipper put the visitors into bat. A decision quickly vindicated by Carlos McGillivray bowling Robbie Frew early on. Unfortunately that was about the only highlight of the Willows' day.

Outstanding batting from the Craz saw them race to 300 for 4. Willie Nicholls anchored the innings with a well compiled 100 retired and the evergreen Danny Bulman pounded 11 boundaries on his way to a rapid 69. Eight bowlers were used by the Willows and none were spared from the onslaught.

The between innings roll of the wicket had the desired effect and our much vaunted batting line-up, apart from Mitchell Keen who scored 33, folded with barely a whimper to be all back in the pavilion for 86 in just 33 overs. This left a lot more time for socialising which the Craz also won in resounding fashion. All Craz bowlers performed well with most going for less than 3 runs per over.

The Willows lost by 214 runs

Peninsula Craz XI 300/4

W. Nicholls 100 retired, D. Bulman 69, R. Anderson 42

The Willows 86

M. Keen 33, R. Breitmeyer 3/10,
M. Johnston 2/8, L. Johnston 2/27

Umpires

J. Elley and H. Fowler



▲ Danny Bulman, who hit well for 69.



▲ Jim Stringleman on the drive batting at 11.



▲ Todd Sutton – determined with the ball.

v ASHBURTON COLLEGE 1 ST XI

13th November 2011

Report by Peter Devine

Despite rain over the previous three days we were blessed with a fine and still day, although with the pitch being under covers in the lead-up, it had a distinct green edge.

The Willows led by Peter Devine won the toss and decided to bowl.

This appeared the right decision with the College team struggling at 97/7 after 36 overs but a match turning partnership of 94 runs for the 8th wicket by M. Tait with 45 off 39 balls and T. Meyrick with 46 off 36 balls, enabled the College to reach 189 before being dismissed in the final over.

The star of The Willows attack was David Wakefield, the young Christchurch Boys' legspinner, with 5/38 off 10 overs. He was well supported by Fraser Hawes with 3/29 (including 3 wickets in 4 balls) and Mike Hayes opening the attack with his offspinners taking 1/15 off 10 overs.

The Willows team appeared confident at the change of innings but things quickly turned to custard.

The Ashburton College attack bowled an admirable line and length and quickly ran through The Willows line up cleaning us up for a paltry 62, with the top scorer being extras on 13, with no batsman reaching double figures. The College figures, not surprisingly, were very impressive with the College attack well supported by some outstanding slip catching with 7 catches taken in the cordon, and with Ben Mably at 2nd slip taking 4 (a couple being absolute screamers).

The Willows XI were left to contemplate what might have been – and were given clear instructions from the selectors of future expectations!

Overall, a game played in excellent spirit and heartening to see a provincial school, ably coached by Denis Mably, performing to such a high standard. We understand he has been working with this group for five years now including a couple of overseas trips – the result of this hard work was clearly reflected in the outcome of this annual fixture.

The Willows lost by 127 runs

Ashburton College 189

M. Tait 45, T. Meyrick 46, D. Wakefield 5/38, F. Hawes 3/29

The Willows 62

K. Polson 3/11, H. Jones 3/23

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. Pulley



▲ A young College batsman plays off the back foot.



▲ Embarrassed Willows skipper Peter Devine hands over the trophy. Peter's daughter represents NZ at both hockey and cricket.



▲ What a catch by Singleton!



▲ Chris Burnett stumped after a well compiled 64.



▲ Ben Ward cleaned out by McGoldrich.

V LONDON NEW ZEALAND CC XI

20th November 2011

Report by Justin Murray

A clear day and an immaculate Willows oval greeted the players on arrival. LNZCC generously elected to bat first on a track which also had enough grass to encourage the bowlers. LNZCC's top order was dismissed cheaply, until Scott and Singleton dug in. They both played well, as did Hudson, and LNZCC went to lunch relatively well positioned. After lunch, Singleton fell to Paul Mooney and Hudson to Chris Burnett, whose spell of out-swing tipped the balance back in favour of The Willows. Danny Dowds bowled a tidy 10 over spell of leg spin and was unlucky not to take a wicket. With LNZCC losing momentum, Scott Inglis came back for a second spell and removed the tail order, leaving LNZCC all out for 173. This was an achievable total for The Willows and confidence levels were high as Ben Ward and Danny Dowds opened the batting. The

performance which followed can be described quite simply – were it not for a disciplined 63 not out from Dowds and a fluent 64 from Chris Burnett, The Willows would not have won. The remainder of the batting line-up failed to fire. Mention should also be made of LNZCC's bowling attack, which was efficient, including a compelling 10 over spell from seasoned in-swinging Aaron Gale, who ended with figures of 4-34.

In the final analysis, it was a close and competitive game, which The Willows won narrowly owing to very good performances from both Dowds and Burnett.

The Willows won by 2 wickets

London New Zealand 173

M. Singleton 48, K. Scott 39, M. Hudson 33

The Willows 174/8

C. Burnett 64, D. Dowds 63*

Umpires

B. Hamilton and J. Stringleman

v WAIMEA COLLEGE I ST XI

27th November 2011

Report by Vince Barry

A youthful Willows XI assembled to welcome the Waimea College XI for their first game ever at The Willows, with two of their members flying down from Nelson early in the morning after finishing work at midnight.

Batting first The Willows innings was highlighted by an outstanding opening partnership between Tim Hampton-Matehe and Hamish McCarthy. Hamish, whose previous visit to the crease resulted in a duck, compiled a very polished 100 (retired) and Tim Hampton-Matehe was dismissed for 65. Hamish's innings was laced with exquisitely timed boundaries mixed with bold running between the wickets. His opening stand of 179 with Tim laid a platform for Hamish Teale and Cameron Rennell to push on and complete a substantial 307/5.

The total does not do justice however to some very good bowling at times. Both Hamish and

Tim will attest to a number of very good deliveries that beat the bat on many occasions. The lack of consistency at important times however allowed the batsmen to take full toll.

Opening with George Earl and his off spinners, Waimea got off to a difficult start losing an early wicket and the tight line and length bowling of both George and Brendon Wellington meant Waimea never threatened The Willows score. The youthful Paul McEwan was called to the bowling crease and completed a 10 over spell on the trot without success.

The Waimea college lads applied themselves very capably with the skipper Tom Ingram scoring an excellent 80 in a total of 202.

The Willows won by 105 runs

The Willows 307/5

H. McCarthy 100 retired,
T. Hampton-Matehe 65, H. Teale 43,
C. Rennell 43

Waimea College 202

T. Ingram 80, B. Hanna 40*, G. Earl 2/35

Umpires

J. Elley and C. Rowe



▲ Hamish McCarthy on his way to 100.



▲ Another Alan Davidson in the making.



▲ Well played by a young Willows batsman.



▲ Jack Nuttall (5/10) bowling from the roadside end.

V COMBINED NORTH WEST SCHOOLS XI

4th December 2011

Report by Barry Townrow

Once again conditions were ideal for the Willows match against the Combined North West Schools XI, with the Willows captain announcing to the opposition that he had won the toss and that the Willows would bat. The two teams then settled down to do battle, with a lot of pressure on the home team who had been performing below expectations according to the Match Manager.

The youthful Schools team bowled very well at a Willows team which contained a wide array of ages and ability. While eight of the ten batsmen got into double figures, no one went on to really dominate with the bat. A solid opening partnership of 59 between Bill Walsh and Michael Singleton off 9 overs laid the platform for The Willows to achieve a total of 225/7 off their 50 overs. This was achieved after some middle order jitters where the Willows slumped to 138 for 5, however some cautious batting from Michael Grafton and Tim Harrison got the run rate scoring again. There is no doubt this total would have been much higher if not for the unfortunate hamstring pull to Dave Grocott while he was in full flight.

It was obvious to the Willows this was not a huge total with the wicket playing so well, and would require a top bowling and fielding effort.

After 10 overs the Schools side were 27/4 and the game appeared safe. However, no one told J. Miles-Win 50, E. Commons 29 and N. Shaw 24 who endeavoured to swing the game back in favour of the North West XI. Inspired bowling changes and excellent performances from Jack Nuttall and Bill Walsh saw the wily Willows keep the pressure on to restrict the opposition to 132.

This was a most enjoyable game, well umpired by Matthew Hill and Luke McKay, an umpire on an exchange visit from Melbourne. The day concluded with the traditional speeches and presentation of awards and trophy. Thanks again to scorer Tony Campbell, the Match Manager and barbecue expert Wayne Miller and his lovely wife Kaye, with special thanks to all Willows players for participating.

The Willows won by 94 runs

The Willows 225/7

M. Grafton 34, T. Harrison 33*

Combined North West Schools XI 132

J. Miles-Win 50, E. Commons 29,

J. Nuttall 5/10, B. Walsh 3/36

Umpires

M. Hill (Canterbury) and L. McKay (Victoria)

v KING'S HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

11th December 2011

Report by Andrew Nuttall

Once again we were blessed with some wonderful weather at The Willows and shirt sleeves were the norm for the day. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat and after 50 overs were 248 for 7 thanks to a fine century by Dave Kelly and a strong contribution from Phil Harris with 75. Together their partnership produced 151 runs. A steady bowling attack from the King's High School team was backed by enthusiastic fielding.

In reply King's faced a steady Willows bowling attack which made use of eight bowlers. A standout contribution from King's High School came from the captain, Tom Dixon, who followed up last year's 98 with 56 well compiled runs. The King's team was well supported by an enthusiastic group of parents, family members and grandparents and we all look forward to a return match in 2012.

The Willows won by 105 runs

The Willows 248/7

D. Kelly 101 retired, P. Harris 75, J. Nuttall 26

King's High School 143

T. Dixon 56

Umpires

E. Brownlee and T. McLisky



▲ A King's High batsman plays through cover.



▲ Dave Kelly driving through midwicket.



▲ Well played by a young King's High batsman watched closely by 'keeper Paul Rutledge.



▲ Jacob Barry on the drive.

✓ HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

18th December 2011

Report by Brad Doody

In a game played in high spirits, The Hawkswood Wanderers XI won the toss and elected to bowl on a good looking wicket tinged with green.

Early morning drizzle gave way and pleasant conditions ensued.

Up against a demanding Hawkswood bowling attack, The Willows lost wickets regularly and struggled to form partnerships.

Brad Doody and Justin Murray added 27 for the fourth wicket to take The Willows to 65/4.

Ben Harris and Doody added a further 80 for the seventh wicket giving The Willows hope of a 200 plus score, before Harris went for 23 with the score at 153.

Doody became the 8th wicket to fall 8 runs later, with the lower order unable to chip in with any significant runs leaving The Willows with a threadbare 165 to defend.

For Hawkswood, the seam bowling of Mulcock always troubled the batsmen with the figures of 5/43.

A classy Willows bowling line-up including three former internationals, Shane Bond, Stu Roberts and Justin Vaughan, was not able to make inroads into a Hawkswood batting line-up that counter attacked superbly once established. Bond showed he hadn't lost much of the pace that bought him so much success and Roberts bowled with his usual purpose to ensure Hawkswood had to work hard for runs.

After a slow start, the Hawkswood openers Dickson and Briele were able to score freely in the middle part of the innings.

Briele went for 38 with the score at 76 and Bond returned for a second spell in an effort to capture



▲ **Shane Bond in full flight: 8 overs, 1 for 13 but not enough to avoid another Willows defeat to the Hawkswood Wanderers.**

quick wickets before the new batsmen became established, but the Kelly brothers batted soundly to bring Hawkswood home.

Ex-Central and Northern Districts batsman David Kelly in particular, showed his class and ended with an effortless 40 not out and Martin ended with an unbeaten 24.

The Willows spinners Hamish Robertson and David Wakefield demonstrated they have bright futures in the game and bowled with great control.

The attendance of a large number of children to visit Santa as part of The Willows children's Christmas party, and the traditional lolly scramble around the boundary edge, added to the festive atmosphere and made it yet another enjoyable day.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 165

B. Doody 79, B. Harris 23, C. Mulcock 5/43, J. Nuttall 3/26

Hawkswood Wanderers XI 168/3

P. Dickson 57, D. Kelly 40*

Umpires

J. Stringleman and J. Elley



▲ Danny Dowds.



▲ Matthew Hudson.



▲ Grant Stewart.



▲ Andy McGregor.

v SUBURBAN XI

8th January 2012

Report by Matt Parr

A beautiful day greeted the respective teams for the first match of the New Year at The Willows. After electing to bat first on a hard but green wicket, the Willows side quickly found themselves in trouble early as sharp left armer Nathan Columbus proved lively and demanding. There was a fairly regular flow of wickets and no one really managed to form a decent partnership and stick around with Danny Dowds who seemed to find it easy. Dowds played some stunning strokes before being run out on 96 by a direct hit from Marcus Thompson screaming in off the point boundary.

Two hundred was never really going to be enough and despite an early breakthrough and a

good late fight back, Thompson and Carr took control of the game for the visitors with a 97 run stand for the second wicket. At 100/2 the Willows side were unable to run through the order and a number of players made handy contributions to eventually get the Suburban side over the line with four overs to spare. McGregor and Stewart were the pick of the bowlers for the home side. The former, in particular, unlucky not to claim any wickets in a superb spell of 10 overs, 4 maidens, 0 for 13.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 200

D. Dowds 96

Suburban XI 203/7

M. Thompson 40, J. Carr 64

Umpires

J. Elley and P. Koppes

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE I ST XI

15th January 2012

Report by Hamish Wright

The oldest fixture on the list started under the watchful gaze of the match manager, who was the main instigator of the The Willows Club – Ben Dormer – on holiday from London. The weather was fine but windy from most directions.

The day started as we hoped it would finish – the toss was won! We batted. It was a young College team that took to the field first. The Willows expectations were high. Arnie Yugaraja (104 ret) took control. He batted wonderfully, striking the ball with power to all parts of the ground. It was a marvellous century. An 81 run partnership with Henry Wright (38) came at more than a run a ball. With a quick fire 26 at the tail of the innings from Matt Hudson, the Willows score of 262/9 was keeping management happy.

With some trepidation the College opens strode to the wicket – they'd never faced a 53 year old opening bowler. Unfazed they galloped to 27. A partnership of 72 with Jeremy Duncan and Will Southby had College poised to launch at the halfway stage, but some tight Willows bowling mopped up the last 5 wickets for 22 runs. Wickets being shared evenly amongst the attack of eight.

It was a great day enjoyed by all, the crowd was large and very supportive of both sides, possibly because the Willows XI contained three College boys' fathers and a brother: two Leggats, two Hamels and three Wrights!

The Willows won 96 runs

The Willows 262/9

A. Yugaraja 104 retired, H. Wright 38

Christ's College 166

J. Duncan 46, W. Southby 41

Umpires

J. Elley and T. McLisky



▲ A lovely drive young man.



▲ Good catch young fellow.



▲ 'Keeper Sharples took 3 catches and 1 stumping.



▲ Alex Reese on the drive.

v EMUS AUSTRALIA XI

18th January 2012

Report by Brad Doody

The Willows won the toss and elected to field with the opening bowlers O'Connell and Stewart bowling a tight length which restricted the Emus to 30/2 by the 9th over.

Daniel Vann and Sam Noster who followed, were also difficult to score from. Baillie and Bills batted patiently and established a partnership of significance which lifted the scoring rate in the latter overs with Baillie compiling a classy 89 and Bills a useful 65 in their partnership of 132, which was ultimately the winning of the match.

The Willows started brightly and at 63/1 looked in control as Yugaraja stroked eight boundaries in a quick fire 42. Regretfully The Willows then lost 6 wickets for 40 leaving the innings in tatters at 103 for 7. However in "the tail" Danny Dowds and Ben Laughton hit the ball well in a partnership of 48 but sadly to no avail.

The Emus tour was inaugurated in 1954 by Mr Jim White who owned considerable land holdings in the north west of New South Wales. Jim was most passionate about youth cricket with tours to and from both countries since then until Canterbury Cricket cancelled the arrangement in 2011. Fortunately Country Cricket came to the rescue and will in future organise matches in Christchurch, Blenheim, Nelson and the West Coast thus retaining the tradition built up over a period of 58 years.

A trophy will be played for biannually known as the Don Neely Trophy.

The Willows lost by 70 runs

Emus Australia XI 242/9

M. Baillie 89, S. Bills 65, G. Stewart 3/27

The Willows 172

A. Yugaraja 42, D. Dowds 42, M. Rees 4/38, A. Jenkins 3/45

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ The catch that dismissed Sam Noster.



▲ The Australian Emus XI.



▲ Sam Noster at the point of delivery.



▲ Hamish McCarthy in full flight.



▲ Ryan McEwan, pleased with his square cut.

✓ SACRED HEART COLLEGE XI

22nd January 2012

Report by Hamish McCarthy

Having arrived at the ground with heavy overcast skies above, the talk of the morning was whether or not the Sacred Heart College XI from Auckland, would make it onto the delightful ground for their maiden encounter with The Willows!

Starting on time, the opening spell from the College bowlers was accurate and well supported by some athletic fielding in testing conditions. The Willows top order struggled to get any momentum early and were looking down the barrel at 15/4.

Through to lunch at 67/5 from 20 overs, and after a lengthened weather break and fresh snow on the Alps, the general consensus was that the match would be abandoned. "Trust me, it will clear" were the wise words from local experience, so a shortened match of 30 overs a side followed.

When the skies finally cleared and play resumed, the tail of The Willows indeed 'wagged', after another good innings from Tim Hampton-

Matehe, to post a low but competitive total of 124.

Given the task of defending 4 runs an over, The Willows started with accuracy and quick wickets, thanks to tight bowling from George Earl and Jacob Wolt.

At 41/8 The Willows players thought the match was all but won until Sacred Heart batsmen J Goosenan and C Larsen staged a comeback, taking their singles and turning the strike.

New father and player of the day James Hantz bowled well to claim three victims whilst tight bowling and two runouts from myself helped to steer The Willows home for a good victory and an enjoyable finish for all. Well done to Sacred Heart College for their enthusiasm and a close game.

The Willows won by 10 runs

The Willows 124 (30 overs)

T. Hampton-Matehe 42, P. Fletcher 4/18

Sacred Heart College 114 (28.1 overs)

J. Goosenan 42, C. Larsen 24, J. Hantz 3/16, J. Wolt 2/16

Umpires

T. McLisky and C. Rowe

V WELLINGTON WANDERERS XI

25th January 2012

Report by Tony Gray

A youthful team from Wellington arrived at The Willows, so youthful in fact, they went for a run before the start! Our team had a leisurely cup of tea choosing to introduce ourselves to one another and learning each other names. The Willows won the toss and chose to bat on a verdant new strip, with only the white crease markings distinguishing it from the rest of the field.

After the loss of an early wicket, McHardy and Johnstone, saw off the new ball bowlers and had a good partnership of 40 runs before we lost 6 wickets for 34. A bit of a flurry from the tail with Michael Hawke 18 not out, brought us to 136 in 48 overs. The Wanderers' bowlers displayed great control on line and length, bowling one

side of the wicket and no width. Their leg spinner, Wenlock, claimed 4 for 37 off his 10 overs.

Would our score of 136 be enough?

Our opening bowlers relished the seaming conditions and beat the bat on many occasions. Wickets fell regularly and at 7 for 114, we had a chance to win but an innings of 42 from John Imray gave the impetus to the Wanderers' innings and they clawed their way to pass our score with no further loss. Will Lonsdale was the pick of our bowlers with 4 for 20 off his 10 fiery overs.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 136

S. McHardy 36, T. Wenlock 4/37

Wellington Wanderers XI 139/7

J. Imray 42, W. Lonsdale 4/20

Umpires

H. Fowler and J. Elley



▲ Veteran Tony Gray – 10 overs, 1 for 29.



▲ Simon McHardy playing to fine leg on a rest day from his parliamentary duties.



V ST BEDE'S COLLEGE I ST XI

29th January 2012

Report by Greig Pullar

January 29 was a special day for The Willows with both the St Bede's annual fixture and the St Thomas's charity match taking place. With Mike overseeing the charity match, Jim took the helm for the first time with great success.

St Bede's won the toss and elected to bat first on an excellent track. Early wickets spelt trouble for St Bede's following a solid spell of opening bowling from Ireland and Henry. The fresh faced middle order kept their nerve with Watts, Doherty and Ziolo doing the hard grind through the middle order working in partnership to build the total. Clark, Vanner and Wakefield added useful contributions with the ball restricting St Bede's to a score that looked a few short given the conditions at 144/8.

In reply, the Willows top order witnessed an outstanding spell of genuine fast bowling from Tucker who ended up with figures of 2 for 26. He was supported well from Doherty and Hanrahan.

Vanner fought hard for a well compiled 29 followed by a partnership of 96 between Wakefield and Teale, which brought The Willows home in what was a solid display with the bat.

The scoreboard certainly did not detract from an enjoyable and eagerly contested match. The annual fixture was well attended by both friends

and family and is a real pleasure to have this on the Willows fixture list each year. I look forward to playing alongside many of the St Bede's players in the future.

The Willows won by 8 wickets

St Bede's College 144

B. Doherty 35, J. Watts 23, T. Ziolo 23,
A. Ireland 3/20, K. Henry 2/16

The Willows 145/2

H. Teale 63*, M. Vanner 29, D. Wakefield 24*,
J. Tucker 2/26

Umpires

B. Hamilton and J. Rose



▲ A good shot from a young St Bede's player.

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

5th February 2012

Report by Andrew McRae

Given the nature of the 2011/2012 summer, the pitch at Loburn had an uncharacteristic green tinge. Despite this (and in keeping with traditions) the home team batted first enduring some early seam movement which claimed early victims. Thankfully sound contributions were made by Ben Laughton and Tim Harrison with the stand out performer for The Willows being Les Humphris and his expertly compiled 88 not out. His innings was dominated by some lusty straight hitting and very fast running between the wickets. This caused some of the older members of the team issues when it became their turn to join him at the crease.

Of particular note was the quality of the fielding on display by Timaru Boys'. They threw themselves around the ground and took every catching opportunity that came their way. Some of the catches were absolutely outstanding.

The Willows reached a competitive 245 for 8 given the conditions (and despite the Timaru Boys' efforts in the field). If Timaru Boys' High



▲ Was it out or not?

had batted their 50 overs they could have run the home side close. Unfortunately despite a solid start, they were unable to do that and ended up being dismissed for 150 as the pressure mounted.

The wickets were shared very evenly with opening bowler Fraser Hawes taking 2 for 24, Hamish Teale 2 for 25, Les Humphris rounding out a solid day with 2 for 20 and Matthew Tait taking 2 for 16.

All that was required of Timaru Boys' was a gritty performance with the bat and at times they showed this but were lured into false shots all too often. Their fielding was the best ever seen by a school boy side at The Willows which was a major strength of their game.

The Willows won by 98 runs

The Willows 245/8

L. Humphris 88*

Timaru Boys' High School 147

Umpires

N. Capstick and D. Reynolds



▲ Ben Laughton on the drive.

V NELSON COLLEGE I ST XI

12th February 2012

Report by Phil Harris

As was the case the previous year, the Willows batted first after losing the toss on a typically (this summer anyway) grey morning at Loburn.

With the pitch looking very green our top order found it difficult for the first 30 overs to progress the scoring rate any more than 3 an over. D. Grimes for Nelson was especially tidy bowling out his 10 overs for a miserly 15 runs and could justifiably be miffed at only picking up one wicket.

As is often the case in a game like this, one, significant partnership can be the difference between an average score versus a competitive total, and in Martin Kelly and Peter Younghusband their partnership of 103 gave us a solid platform on which to build a competitive 214 for 6 in our 50 overs. A. Baxendine the Nelson skipper, bowled very well with 2 for 30 off his 10 overs.

So with runs on the board the 'skip' was confident with a well balanced bowling attack the Willows could defend this total. Nelson College had a promising start with opener G. Black 29 and J. Pugh a solid 30. But once this partnership was broken, all our bowlers contributed with wickets and in the end Nelson College was dismissed for 127. Our slow bowlers Riley Wilson with 3 for 33 and Hamish Robertson 2 for 24 were very effective with their flight and turn, and Sam Baxendine bowled with good pace and was rewarded with 2 for 15 in his spell.

As usual, the boys from Nelson were exemplary in their behaviour and presentation at the ground and with fielding such a young side I would expect they will be a real threat over the next two or three seasons.

The Willows won by 87 runs

The Willows 214/6

P. Younghusband 98*, M. Kelly 42

Nelson College 127

J. Pugh 30, G. Black 29, R. Wilson 3/33

Umpires

P. Koppes and A. Scott



▲ Spinner Hamish Robertson means business.



▲ Good keeping by Hamish McCarthy.

V SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

19th February 2012

Report by John Garry

Sunday morning greeted the boys from Southland with probably a familiar light drizzle. The game managed to get away with a delayed start and the Willows elected to bat. This proved to be poor choice with the Willows losing the first three wickets for four runs!

The rot was quickly remedied by some solid batting from the ageless Graeme Inglis and Ben Laughton which along with some fine batting in the middle order, including valuable knocks from Eugene MacFarlane and John Hamilton in difficult conditions, got The Willows through to 160/8 from 35 overs. A couple of notable bowling performances included B. Andrews 3/33 and R. Ackland 2/23.

With The Willows being far too sporting in pulling out after 35 overs, the Southland Boys' XI

must have thought they really had a chance. As it transpired they were right!

The Willows managed to return the openers to the pavilion in a timely fashion but unfortunately that gave Hamish O'Brien plenty of time to construct a lovely innings of 60 from 64 balls.

With good support from Ackland (24) and Roger (23) the boys from the South managed to pass the Willows total in the 35th over which made for an exciting finish.

Some notable bowling performances from the Willows included Brendon Wellington 2/21 and Carlos McGillivray 1/20.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 160/8 (35 overs)

B. Laughton 41, E. MacFarlane 30,

B. Andrews 3/33

Southland Boys' High School 161/7

(34.4 overs) H. O'Brien 60

Umpires

H. Fowler and G. Evans



▲ Southland boys delighted with their victory.



▲ Eugene MacFarlane all concentration.



▲ The evergreen Bob Masefield floats one up.



▲ Richard Taylor plays behind square.



▲ Greg Hills successful on the drive.



▲ Trevor Thornton through midwicket.

ARTHUR PITCHER'S XI

22nd February 2012

Report by Greg Hills

Batting first the Willows got off to a great start, when Tom Rennie and Jono Davidson smashed 129 runs off the opening 12 overs. After they were both retired, Richard Taylor continued on the run feast, with good support from Matt Rowe and G. Eastlake.

The Arthur Pitcher XI was never really in the hunt. Bob Masefield delivered his usual skilful mix of deliveries finishing with 2 for 27 off 6 overs. Matt Rowe was very tight and Peter Devine and Richard Taylor both finished with two wickets each.

A feature of both innings was a large number of wides meaning an extra 11 overs needed to be

bowled – and I would suggest that the use of international standards for wides in these masters fixtures isn't really a good idea as it cuts into the after-match function time!

With Arthur Pitcher now domiciled in Hamilton he has found it hard to organise a competitive team for this fixture and so it will be replaced with an alternative Masters opposition next season organised by Bradley Nuttall Ltd.

The Willows won by 196 runs

The Willows 301/7

T. Rennie 50*, J. Davidson 61*, R. Taylor 51*, G. Eastlake 38

Arthur Pitcher's XI 105

Umpires

T. McLisky and J. Rose

v ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE I ST XI

26th February 2012

Report by Mitchell MacDonald

After the disruption in 2011 from the natural earthquake events that took place, this fixture was eagerly awaited. The weather played its part and once again the Willows ground was looking like a picture.

Playing for Dad's trophy "The John MacDonald trophy" is always a privilege and more so having my brother Nathan fly down from Auckland to play for the first time we were hoping for good things.

Not to be! We went against tradition and fielded first with a nice spell of opening bowling from James Tapper who set the stage for what should have been a good day's outing for the Willows! Any thoughts the captain had of the Willows taking control of the game were soon undone by a solid display of batting from Freddy Anderson and Leo Carter who ensured the Willows required a formidable score of 266 to win.

With the Willows opener Michael Davidson looking extremely solid at one end and batting well, the Willows innings started promisingly but regrettably only ended with a score of 208 as no player could appear to hold up one end whilst Davidson scored the bulk of the runs. The wickets were shared by the St Andrew's players, all of whom bowled with good length, and were well supported by excellent fielding.

The result was not what the Willows wished but it was a great day and we look forward to the rematch next season.

The Willows won by 58 runs

St Andrew's College 266

F. Anderson 70, L. Carter 90, A. Nuttall 2/36

The Willows 208

M. Davidson 86, J. Walton 2/25,
M. Parker 2/39, A. Marshall 2/33

Umpires

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton

PS. From the Editor: Mitch MacDonald has been sacked as captain and will be replaced by his brother Nathan for the fixture in 2012/13 season.



▲ Helen Watson with daughter Dianne and two grandsons Nathan and Mitchell McDonald.



▲ Mike Johnston, St Andrew's coach, plays in the air through point.

v WAITAKI BHS/ ST KEVIN'S XI

11th March 2012

Report by Trevor Thornton

The South Canterbury combined schools arrived at the ground together with their two professional coaches, against a Willows side inclusive of two players recently selected for the New Zealand Under-19 World Cup squad.

Batting first the Willows managed to achieve 185 with Connor Neynens contributing a well compiled 101 with the remaining batsmen failing dismally with extras contributing 30 to the total.

Under the conditions the Willows' total appeared difficult to defend and this was certainly confirmed by the excellent batting of the combined school team with Grobler and O'Malley batting forcibly to take the game away from the Willows after just 45 overs. The Willows medium pacer Alan Gambles with 4 wickets did his best but to no avail.

The Roly Everleigh Trophy returned to Oamaru to reside on the desk of the Rector of St Kevin's College.



▲ James Leggat, straight from Covent Garden.



▲ Connor Neynens on his way to 101.



▲ Alan Gambles took 4 wickets in his first game for The Willows.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 185/9

C. Neynens 101*

Waitaki/St Kevin's XI 187/7

S. Grobler 71, T. O'Malley 50, A. Gambles 4/36

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. Reid

PS. When requesting this match report Mr Thornton advised as follows: "I am still in mourning trying to face my demons as another loss as skipper is hard to take. Be patient and don't push me to do the unthinkable!"

v SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

18th March 2012

Report by Nigel Marsh

I have no doubt that over the 18 year history of The Willows there have not been many father/son opening captains. However I'm sure there have not been too many instances when the son has looked down upon his father whose height is 6 foot 4!

This decision as to who was going to bat first was made long before the official toss of the coin at 10.30am! After the Shirley Boys' had made inroads into the Willows batting line up, the experience of Jason Pawson and William Williams began to shine through. An outstanding partnership of 116 ensued with William going on to make an excellent undefeated hundred.

The Shirley boys bowled and fielded extremely well and made the going tough for the Willows batsmen.

The Willows slip cordon was exposed to considerable danger by the accurate away swing of Detective Grant Stewart. However the boys remained up with the run rate until a particularly steady spell of bowling from Alan Gambles in the middle of the innings where he conceded just one run from his 5 overs. This resulted in the boys being placed under considerable pressure and although Kenny McClure crafted a stylish 79, the boys always had to chase the play. Kenny's innings included a magnificent chip shot off the medium pacer through mid wicket hitting and breaking the woodwork 2 inches from the pavilion clock – he was later advised all repair costs would be to his account!

The sun shone throughout the day, the wicket played superbly, the outfield was immaculate and both teams were grateful to David Brooke who maintained a very tidy scorebook. Thanks once again to The Willows for their unreserved support of youth cricket and for spoiling us at the end with their special port!

The Willows won by 12 runs

The Willows 239/6

W. Williams 101*, J. Pawson 52

Shirley Boys' High School 227/8

K. McClure 79, K. Fitzgerald 35

Umpires

J. Elley and J. Farrell



▲ Father and son at the toss – Dexter, captain of Shirley Boys' with Nigel Marsh.



▲ Dexter Marsh bowling to Tim Hampton-Matehe.



▲ Thanks Ken McClure! A wonderful chip off your toes and oh so close.



▲ Gerry Penford from Zimbabwe on the drive during his 79.

V THE GLIMMER XI (AUCKLAND)

25th March 2012

Report by Andrew Nuttall

It was a pleasure to welcome The Glimmer XI to The Willows to experience a ground bathed in magnificent Canterbury sunshine.

Glimmer agreed to bowl first and had immediate success in gaining two early wickets. However, Gerry Penford a professional from Zimbabwe playing his first game for The Willows, was joined by club stalwart Phil Harris and together they compiled a 100 run partnership before Gerry was well caught for 79 off 67 balls. The runs continued as Harris was joined by the very capable Danny Dowds and their partnership produced 81 for the 4th wicket.

Later in the innings it was a pleasure to see positive and confident batting from Hamish Donkers and Jeremy Benton, who debuted for The Willows as Year 11 students from Christchurch Boys' High School.

The outstanding bowler for The Glimmer XI was Ben Stevens who was demanding throughout his 10 over spell.

In reply, The Glimmer XI batted steadily but were restricted initially by tight bowling from Gerry Penford, James Cannan and Jeremy Benton, the latter a very promising left arm spinner who bowled into the wind with 5 maidens in his 10 over spell.

In the end, The Willows commanding total of 263 could not be bettered. The match finished just after 5 o'clock, which gave ample time to sample some of Waikato's prime beef that had been provided most generously by our visitors and barbecued magnificently.

The Willows won by 69 runs

The Willows 263/9

G. Penford 79, T. Harris 53, D. Dowds 46,
B. Stevens 4/30

The Glimmer XI 194

T. Monk 37, A. Bullick 53, J. Saker 33,
A. Nuttall 6/38

Umpires

B. Hamilton and E. Brownlee

Cancellations

v Clarrie Anderson's XI	7 December
v St Thomas of Canterbury College	1 February
v Country Secondary Schools XI	1 March

Visit to Sri Lanka and Malaysia Cricket April 2012

By Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand
GNZM, QSO

Introduction

I was invited to join a team of 13 secondary schoolboys drawn from school teams from Wellington, Christchurch, Waimate, Dunedin and Invercargill for 14 days in April 2012 as they made a journey to Sri Lanka and Malaysia playing nine games, winning seven, losing one and having one abandoned by the umpires on account of danger of lightning strike.

Background

The Willows has been responsible for organising three previous tours of a similar kind. It was thought that the addition of a further couple to the group would make a total of 20 people on tour – players, manager, coaching director, coach and supporters. The supporters might facilitate meeting(s) with local people and cricket and school administrators as well as providing some degree of New Zealand profile for the team and those they encountered. My wife Susan was happy to join the enterprise and enjoyed the venture with me.

Organisation

The responsibility for central control was vested in Paul McEwan, a well-known New Zealand and Canterbury cricket figure who was willing to shoulder the duties for a fourth time. His knowledge of the game and the boys as well as being a skilled and seasoned businessman made him together with his wife Julie essential cogs in the wheel. There were a number of special character-building aspects for any travel in a

country with 30 plus temperatures and high humidity. The fact that the 14 days ended without any lapses, injuries, illness or mishaps is a credit to the skill and goodwill of this remarkable couple.

They were assisted in the cricket side of things by Richard Hayward the former Somerset and Central Districts professional and Canterbury Cricket Performance Manager. Richard has considerable skill in player development and his attention to the whole team was hugely interesting not only to observe but to see implemented in the boys' efforts on the different fields and different teams they encountered.



Last but by no means least came the efforts of David Grocott, a long term Shirley Boys' High School Economics Teacher whose career has also involved long and consistent cricket coaching. David had particular abilities to relate to boys and to secure their best efforts at all times.

Because of local conditions very different from New Zealand it was necessary to engage local organisers and the choice of these, particularly in Sri Lanka made sure that all arrangements relating to communication, transport, accommodation, gear maintenance, laundry and making local connections all worked well. The

sterling efforts of our main guide, Mr Shereen Hussain, a Sri Lankan born cricket follower who, after completing a professional life in Australia working in the social services field, for example some years as a conciliator in the Family Court in Victoria. He has returned to undertake the retirement phase of his life with his wife, partly in Sri Lanka. He spends time each year facilitating the visits of cricket teams - his next assignment in May being the Pakistan side. After one or two encounters he very much favours the company of New Zealanders and his efforts in the interests of the Willows boys were unstinting and very adroit.

The only comment I make about organisation is that it has become hugely dependent on the knowledge and skill of one (or in this case) two persons and in the event of someone other than the McEwans being involved, that person or those persons would face an enormous task. It seems to be to be a good idea to encourage the writing down what was done and how it was done so that there will be some kind of manual available for successors in the future.

Games

The venues in both countries were good by international standards. Sri Lanka is a country where the relationship with cricket is intense and the wickets and grounds were prepared to a high standard. Likewise in Malaysia the grounds played on were of ICC rated quality. The standard of umpiring was good especially after one takes into account different language use. A slight problem relates to the kinds of teams played, namely that there is in both countries the notion of age with teams being chosen from Under 16, Under 18, Under 19 and so forth. The requirement on the New Zealand side was that the players still be enrolled at school. This meant a mixture of boys aged 16 (two), 17 (nine) and 18 (two). The Sri Lankan authorities provided some teams who looked very young and other teams who looked older than our complement. It is difficult to see how this might be addressed in the future but some effort is called for so it can be ensured that “apples are playing apples” so to speak.

Transport

Travel by air utilised the services of the low cost carrier Air Asia X which, although spartan, provided efficient service in both directions with modern Airbus 320 or 330 aircraft. This airline has given notice of its withdrawal from servicing New Zealand as a destination and the cost factor in forthcoming tours may require adjustment as a result... Surface transport in both countries was provided by bus and this was the most satisfactory way in which to shift 20 people. Cricket gear is both sizeable and weighty and this called for the use of an additional van. There is of course payment needed for the people to undertake this and it is vital for everything to be done on time and well so that appropriately turned out teams can take the field each day. It did seem to outsiders that another set of playing gear and another set of general apparel may be a good investment for further tours.

Accommodation

With young men playing in trying conditions leading to exhaustion and exposure, it is important for proper attention to be directed to places with pools and rooms to relax in and which can provide abundant meals quickly. With the expertise built up by the McEwans and Shereen Hussain, this was delivered well in both countries. In strange countries, so far as the young men are concerned, it is also desirable for the residential venues chosen to be safe and attuned to the needs of a team (such as spaces for team meetings, access to swimming pools etc). I would not have changed any aspect of this – even if it was quite some distance to and from venues from the hotel in Kandy.

Contact with locals

Social contact with opposing teams occurred in the time honoured way and the New Zealanders conducted themselves in an admirable fashion with sportsmanlike approaches to their opponents and with handshakes, speeches and provision of Willows caps and plaques at the end of games. It seems to me that, with preparation, there could be more effort made in this regard -

for the boys to have instilled that they are some kind of “ambassadors” for New Zealand, having more contact with locals, meeting people in school settings, speaking a little in the Singhala (or Bahasa Malaysia) languages, handing out material about New Zealand and undertaking hakas and perhaps singing if called upon. The potential for this was displayed when the boys with no particular request being made, undertook in Colombo, a spirited “kamate kamate” haka as a thank you gesture for a dinner tendered in their honour, hosted by Mr Merrill Fernando. Attention to this kind of thing could secure coverage in the media, forthcoming assistance from the New Zealand High Commissions and Consulates. As large New Zealand corporates expand their operations in Sri Lanka, financial help as well as help in kind could be forthcoming. Similar scrutiny to Malaysia may well pay off in a similar fashion. Help may be available from the education sector to secure help as Universities, Polytechnics and even secondary schools seek to grow the number of foreign nationals studying in New Zealand. A

final and similar comment can be made regarding the tourism industry.

Conclusion

The matter of cricket being played in Asian settings can be seen as a definite “win” for aspiring New Zealand cricketers who can make quality decisions about their real future in the game after a tour of the kind pioneered by the Willows academy – especially if the management and coaching is of the quality provided on this occasion. It can also be registered as a “win” in countries where cricket is played to a greater extent than in New Zealand (Sri Lanka) where exposure to foreign sides is considered desirable. Lastly it is also a “win” in those countries like Malaysia where cricket is somewhat behind badminton, hockey and soccer in the national consciousness but where there is keenness to expand. It has been a wonderful enterprise with which to have had a connection at this stage of its development.



▲ T20 Teams: Malaysia Under-19 XI and The Willows (in coloured clothing!) at Kuala Lumpur.



▲ Paul McEwan with children in Sri Lanka.



▲ Nathan Shaw and Dexter Marsh elephant riding between innings.

In Memoriam

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

Clarrie Anderson

Maurice Ryan

Christopher Doig, CNZM, OBE

Hugh Cottrell

Letters to the Editor

This letter followed the demise of the Auckland Glimmer Cricket Team who played at The Willows on Sunday 25th March:

Dear Editor,

Our legal advisers have been instructed in the matter of an African import. We don't mind a fair fight but we do believe that the holder of the quickest English county century is probably a little excessive in the circumstances.

Please draw swords for a duel at noon! The trophy is coming home!

Yours faithfully,

Gary Monk

Convenor, Glimmer Cricket Club

Dear Editor,

Over many years we have become accustomed to very special hospitality for our annual visit to The Willows. Please don't think we take it all for granted; we do appreciate the full-on treatment which makes us look forward to each December. It is pleasing to see, each year, more families enjoying the day. The pitch, outfield and trees looked quite the best ever in response to a favourable season free from harsh nor'westers. I hope you continue to gain satisfaction from the immense efforts you make to promote cricket and all its values of character building among all who participate. Thank you.

Roger Macfarlane

Patron, Hawkswood Wanderers

Never trust a chucker

By Joe Bennett

Cricketers today are expected to abuse each other. Commentators call it 'a bit of chat', or 'passing the time of day' or some similar euphemism. I call it bad manners. But I am an old-fashioned thing.

Nevertheless in the innocent days when I played a lot of cricket there was one brutal accusation that a cricketer would sometimes level at another. If true it was devastating. If false it was the worst form of slander. It consisted of a single word. That word was 'chucker'.

Good men bowled with a straight arm. Chuckers with a bent one. To chuck was to cheat. You would never appoint a chucker as club treasurer.

CB Fry was a remarkable man. He played both cricket and football for England. He held the world long jump record (having carefully laid down his cigar before running up to jump). He was the best ballroom dancer of his age. He was offered the throne of Albania. And in a county cricket match he was once called for chucking.

The next time he encountered the same umpire he immediately put himself onto bowl. When he was again called for chucking, he rolled up his sleeve to reveal a rigid box-like contraption that prevented him bending his elbow. The charge of chucking, as far Fry was concerned, was a stain on his honour.

The fastest bowlers have always achieved speeds of about 90 mph. So have baseball pitchers. But the pitchers do it without a run-up because they are allowed to chuck. Chucking helps.

Fast bowlers who chuck every ball are obvious. They are also few. The dangerous ones chuck only their yorkers and their bouncers. Charlie Griffiths, the West Indian, did that. The surprise brained a few batsmen.

For anatomical reasons that I don't understand leg-spinners never chuck. But off-spinners do. It's a great advantage to bend the elbow when bowling an off-break. And it seems that chucking the off-break is like taking up smoking. Once you've got the habit it's hard to stop. There have been several off-break chuckers who've tried to remodel their actions. Few have succeeded.

But then came Murali, the Sri Lankan whom I cannot spell. Murali was like no cricketer seen before. He couldn't bat, he couldn't field, he had sunken piratical eyes and when he bowled he chucked it. It was the first thing you noticed about him.

But how wonderfully he chucked it. On Sri Lankan pitches in particular he made the ball loop and bite and fizz both ways and he made test-match batsmen look like fools.

At the time Sri Lanka was a fledgling cricketing nation. Murali's wickets enabled them to compete with the best. This was deemed to be



good for the game. So the authorities changed the rules. They allowed bowlers to flex their elbows up to 15 degrees. The decision had nothing to do with cricket. It was part politics, part money.

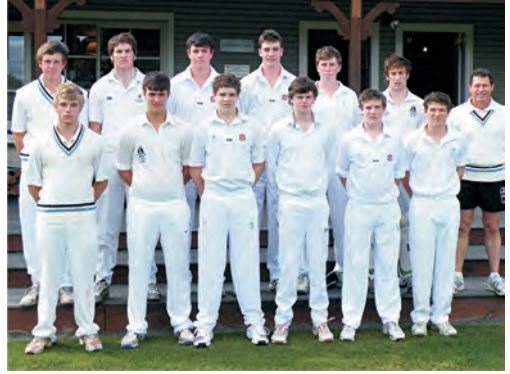
Now half the world's off-spinners chuck. Those that bowl the doosra, the off-spinner's equivalent of the googly, all chuck. They have to unless they're double jointed. The chucking rule has swung the pendulum a little back in the bowler's favour. But at the expense of a black and white simplicity.

And I for one would still not vote for a chucker as treasurer.

COLLEGE XIs



▲ The King's High School 1st XI.



▲ The Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI.



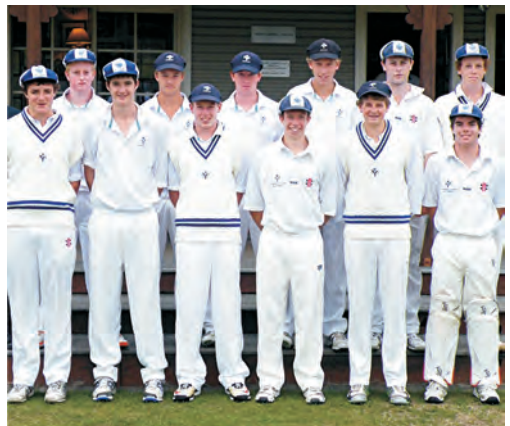
▲ The Christ's College 1st XI.



▲ The Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ The Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The St Andrew's College 1st XI.

Helping to grow fine young people

This is the second in a series of articles by Headmasters of the schools that play at The Willows.

By Grant McMillan, Lt Col
Tumuaki/Principal, Ashburton College

The members of the older generations in every society appear to lament the circumstances and behaviour of the young people they observe around them. Not only are the fashions different, their music is always noisier, their manners much reduced and their maturity nowhere near it was in our day.



Knowing that this has been a universal concern recorded through time in the written records of almost every literate, society points to two logical conclusions. Either humanity is going to hell in a hand cart, or despite themselves young people eventually grow up and become as reliable and responsible as we are, or remember ourselves to be.

Personally, I have a lot of confidence in NZ's young people. Working in education shows you daily, the remarkable potential and attributes of our young people. Added to which I have also had the privilege of leading young New Zealanders overseas on operational missions on our nation's behalf and watching our young

adults, often only 2 or 3 years older than most of those pictured in school photographs, quietly and competently making a difference which is a rare honour.

Inevitably the future that our young people will occupy will be different to now, and very different to our day. We are also familiar with the various forecasts including things such as a single currency – or even closer political union with Australia, the blurring of the difference between what is 'real' and what is a 'digital image', and retiring at or beyond 70 years of age, as futurists try and contextualise the possible for the rest of us.

What isn't always clear is how much today's world for our young people has changed markedly from the time their parents were the same age. Essentially important decision making and complexity have been brought to a younger age. Getting a bank loan at 17 was once a rarity. Today there is an entire industry based on getting young people into debt for cars, consumer goods, and between paydays.

Those of us who work with young people, be it in education or sport, cannot change the world they live in. Nor would they necessarily want us to. But we can, and we do, make a significant difference.

Like many, on my office wall I have one or two slogans for myself. Prompts that remind me of what I believe matters most in my job. One of these is "The most important thing we do is grow fine young people." I firmly believe we do this by building on and using all of the fine qualities and characteristics that our young people bring with them, including their natural enthusiasm, energy, their interest in what is going on around them, and their strong sense of natural justice.

By providing the positive environment and interactions availed through sports; through the development of skills and qualities learnt in a team setting; and the growth of character and

personality of practice and competition those who coach, manage and lead our sports teams and clubs are all making a significant difference.

Many of our cricket coaches, managers, officials and supporters may not see the wider role they and the game of cricket have. They may simply see themselves as developing or supporting young players, and not fully appreciate how they are also developing young people.

The Willows is a unique and wonderful entity. In recognising the value of cricket across

generations and the importance of sharing the traditions and ethos of the game with secondary youth, it is also playing an important role in developing and growing our young players as people. In teaching and imbuing our young players with the traditions and ethos of cricket we provide them not only with a sense of legacy and pride, but also with handrails for the future.

And in doing so The Willows is helping to grow fine young people.



▲ Father and son – Steve Lester and a future LNZCC player.



▲ The Nelson boys resplendent in their number ones at the after match function.

YOUTH DINNER



▲ Hagen Schulte of St Bede's with Ian Healy.



▲ Wicketkeeper Hamish O'Brian of Southland Boys' High with Ian Healy.



▲ Andrew McCracken, Master of Ceremonies



▲ Malcolm Ellis assisting with the MC duties.



▲ Jack McDonald of Ashburton College delivering the Vote of Thanks.

Youth Dinner at St Bede's College

By The Hon. Justice Peter Penlington

The ASB sponsored Youth Dinner for 2011 was held at St Bede's College on 25 October. It was attended by a number of Club members and by the 1st XIs of twelve schools, eight from Christchurch city and four from beyond the city (Southland Boys' High School, Timaru Boys' High School, Ashburton College and Rangiora High School). Eight of the teams were accompanied by their respective Headmasters and Coaches.

The two special guests were Ian Healy, a former Australian Test cricketer and now a Channel Nine commentator and Shane Bond, a former New Zealand fast bowler.



Other notable guests included the Honourable Justice Cooper, Chairman of the Canterbury Earthquakes Royal Commission, His Honour Judge Andrew Becroft, the Principal Youth Court Judge and Don Neely the cricket historian, a Past President of New Zealand Cricket, and a Life Member of the Willows.

Malcolm Ellis commenced the dinner with a moving tribute to a long-time supporter of The Willows, the late Christopher Doig, who had died

just recently. The memory of this doyen of the New Zealand sports and arts scenes was then honoured.

Thereafter Andrew McCracken ably took over as Master of Ceremonies. Justin Boyle, the Headmaster of St Bede's College, extended a warm welcome to the College while John Mitchell, the Immediate Past President of The Willows (in the absence of the president Sir John Hansen) introduced a theme which recurred in the speeches which followed – the pursuit of excellence through sacrifice and dedication.

After an instructive introduction by Shaun Thomas of the Riccarton High School, Ian Healy entertained, informed and inspired his listeners.

Ian took us back to his first selection for Australia when, at the most, he only expected to be picked for the Queensland State side. This former record-holder for test dismissals then enthralled his audience with reminiscences of wicket-keeping to some of the greats of the Australian teams of his era and, as well, their off-field activities and antics. Ian exhorted those present to seize every opportunity and strive for excellence. At the same time he emphasised that players should enjoy the game and keep it in perspective with the rest of life.

The other special guest, Shane Bond, after another instructive introduction, this time by Freddy Anderson of St Andrew's College, was then interviewed by Malcolm Ellis, the consummate interviewer. Shane unashamedly confessed that from his early childhood he had had the ambition of 'bowling as fast as he could'. Malcolm skilfully led Shane through the highlights of his outstanding cricketing career after his initial stint in the New Zealand Police. Everyone enjoyed the many anecdotes of cricketing life, both on and off the field – especially on tour on the Indian sub-continent.

The grace and the charm of the Bel Canto Choir from the Burnside High School, under the



▲ **Two stalwarts – Don Neely, NZ cricket historian, and Trevor Barber who represented NZ in 1956.**



▲ **John Grocott and Peter Penlington.**

conductorship of Ms Sue Densem, added a further dimension to the evening's proceedings. As John Mitchell had earlier reminded the diners the choir's musical contributions and achievements were also the product of dedicated practice, a collective discipline and a passion for their task – the very same qualities which produced the best cricketers.

A vote of thanks to both speakers was magnificently delivered by Jack McDonald from Ashburton College.

The last toast was to Cricket. It was eloquently proposed by Edward Nuttall of Christchurch Boys' High School. He reminded us that the great game provides us with many lessons and opportunities to work with others, to strive towards our goals, and to develop lifelong friendships.

The dinner concluded with Ian Healy presenting a pair of batting gloves to each of the twelve captains. All in all this was a memorable and outstanding evening for all those who had the privilege of being present.

Introduction of Ian Healy

By Shaun Thomas

Captain of the Riccarton High School 1st XI

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our guest speaker for the evening. Born in Queensland, this person is not only regarded as a cricketer but a legend who changed the face of wicketkeeping in the game of cricket.

He played in 119 test matches for Australia, scored 4,356 runs at an average of 27.39 with 4 hundreds and 22 fifties and also took 366 catches and made 29 stumpings, but as we know this number would have been a lot higher if he had the benefit of the third umpire at that time.

He also played 168 one day matches where he scored another 1,764 runs and took a further 194 catches and 39 stumpings. In first class cricket he amassed nearly eight and a half thousand runs at an average over 30, and made 767 dismissals. That's just a fantastic record.

His work up to the stumps to the greatest bowler of all time Shane Warne was of the highest order and was admired by all but may I say, particularly by fellow-keepers. He was the most reliable number 7 batsman and was at his most dangerous with the bat when the team was in trouble.

Please acknowledge Mr Healy as our guest speaker this evening.



▲ **Ian Healy with Shawn Thomas, Phil Holstein (Headmaster) and David Biddick (Cricket Coach), all from Riccarton High School.**

Sport must respect fans or risk losing support – Dravid

Cricket risks killing the goose that lays the golden egg if it disrespects fans by scheduling too many meaningless international matches, former India captain Rahul Dravid says.

Dravid, the first Indian to give the annual Sir Donald Bradman Oration, said the sport needed to find a balance between the three formats of the game and should consider playing test matches, the “gold standard” of the game, at night.

“It must scale down this mad merry-go-round that teams and players find themselves in: heading off for two-test tours and seven-match ODI series with a few Twenty20s thrown in,” the 38-year-old said in his speech on Wednesday.

“Test cricket deserves to be protected, it is what the world’s best know they will be judged by. Where I come from, nation versus nation is what got people interested in cricket in the first place.

“When I hear the news that a country is playing without some of its best players, I always wonder, what do their fans think?”

“We must actively fight to get as many (fans) as we can in, to create a test match environment that the players and the fans feed off. Anything but the sight of tests played on empty grounds.

“For that, we have got to play test cricket that people can watch. I don’t think day-night tests or a test championship should be dismissed.”

Dravid, who said the money received from burgeoning television rights deals had been a major force for good in Indian cricket, had been shocked to see empty stadiums at recent one-day internationals between India and England.



“The fan has sent us a message and we must listen,” he said. “This is not mere sentimentality. Empty stands do not make for good television. Bad television can lead to a fall in ratings, the fall in ratings will be felt by media planners and [lead to] advertisers looking elsewhere.”

Dravid said that could have an impact on the value of television rights. “If that happens, it is hard to see television rights around cricket being as sought-after as they have always been in the last 15 years.

“Everything that has given cricket its power and influence in the world of sports has started from that fan in the stadium,” he said. “They deserve our respect and let us not take them for granted. Disrespecting fans is disrespecting the game.”

Dravid said the biggest dangers facing the sport were spot-fixing and players being tempted to become involved with the betting industry.

Players should be prepared to give up a “little bit of freedom of movement and privacy” to battle those scourges and undergo lie-detector tests if necessary, he said.

He ended by calling on his fellow players to remember that how they conducted themselves as they played cricket was reflected in the amateur game and would ultimately influence generations of cricketers to come.

~ Reuters

Q and A with former NZ captain Graham Dowling

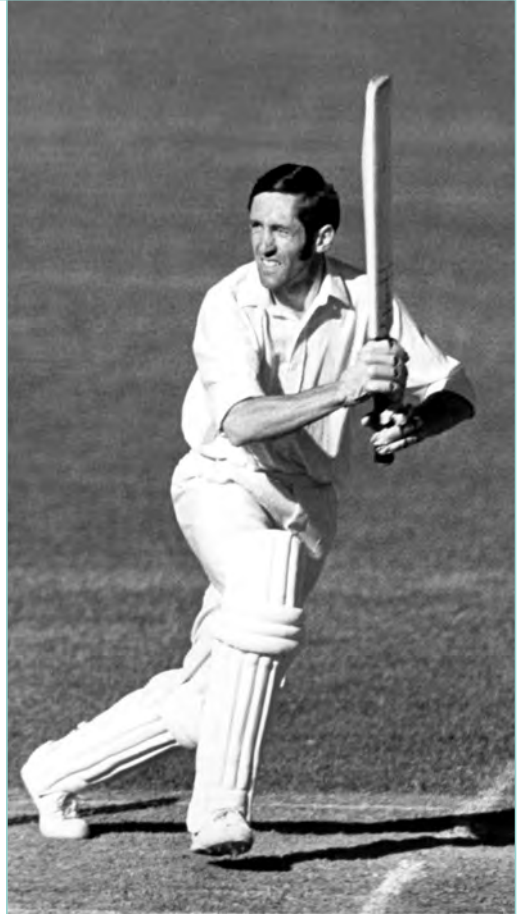
John Mitchell, former President of The Willows, has initiated this new section in response to requests from current players seeking comments from first class players of yesteryear.

Q1. Most memorable game?

November 1969, 3rd Test NZ v Pakistan in Dacca, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). This was the final match of an arduous 23 week tour of England, India and Pakistan. Despite high hopes we had failed to win a Test in the UK, but moving to the sub-continent and losing the first test in Bombay, we squared the Series in Nagpur (NZ's first ever Test win in India), and drew the 3rd Test in Hyderabad. So to Pakistan for the final leg of the tour.

After a draw in Karachi, the NZ team won the second test in Lahore by 5 wickets, our first ever victory at home or away against Pakistan. On to Dacca, where despite a superb century by Glenn Turner, the home side led by 17 on the first innings, and had four of us out by stumps with a lead of 38 runs as we headed into the last day of the match and the tour. And what a day of tension and high drama it was.

When our eighth wicket fell we only led by 84 runs with 280 minutes of play remaining. In walked Bob Cunis to join Mark Burgess, as we all thought "it's all over". But they had other ideas and in front of 40,000 boisterous Pakistanis, they defied the odds for a further two hours, by grim determination and some good fortune. When our innings ended, Cunis had made 23 and Burgess was 119 not out. This left Pakistan needing 183 to win in 143 minutes. Clearly the local crowd had expected a Pakistani victory, but as their chances faded they became more noisy



▲ Graham Dowling

and threatening, throwing bricks, rocks and (yes) bananas, as well as setting fires in the stands. And who had stepped up with the ball to foil the Pakistan run chase – none other than Bob Cunis who took 4 for 20. When the crowd broke through the police and army cordon around the ground the players raced for the safety of the dressing rooms.

The drawn match gave us NZ's first ever test series win. A victory surely snatched from the jaws of defeat if ever there was. And as captain that was probably my proudest moment.

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

1968, 2nd Test NZ v India at Lancaster Park.

This was my first match as captain, as Barry Sinclair had taken ill. India won the toss, and decided to bowl first, hoping for assistance from the mottled looking pitch. But Pataudi was wrong and the pitch played easily from the start. I had scored a century in the first Test so had had a good look at all of the Indian bowlers, but I was also aware of my captaincy responsibilities. Some nine and a half hours later, I had managed to surpass Bert Sutcliffe's Test record of 230* and the team total of 502 was only the second time that mark had been achieved by a NZ team. In all fairness the Indian "pace" attack was gentle, but they had an all-star spin attack (Nadkarni, Bedi and Prasanna), who between bowled 132 overs in that innings. Looking back I have always had the highest admiration for the two Umpires Fred Goodall and Dick Shortt who declined the countless LBW appeals when I was hit on the front pad. I'm also glad there was no 3rd umpire referral system in those days! As history shows many top batsmen never achieve a double century during their careers, so I am glad that I made the most of my one and only chance. And ever since, people have kept coming up to me to say "Hi, I was at Lancaster Park and saw your innings".

Q3. What or who was the major influence in shaping you as a player?

Firstly as a youngster it was my Dad who always gave me quiet advice and encouragement. Then I was fortunate to have excellent coaching from Les Townsend and then Jack Kerr at St Andrew's College. From then on lots of support and advice from fellow members of the West Christchurch Cricket Club as well as from the more experienced players in the Canterbury Plunket Shield team. Once I made the NZ team on a regular basis, I tried to learn from watching the best of the opposing test batsmen, however Merv Wallace became my mentor. Whenever I was in a form slump I would contact him, or meet up with

him when we were playing in Auckland. And Merv would throw a few balls to me and get me to make (usually) some minute adjustment that invariably worked wonders.

Q4. Advice for a current secondary school player who has a vision to play at the top level?

There are huge opportunities at every level these days, but be careful not to get too carried away too soon. Make the most of every opportunity, but beware of the media who often exaggerate youth potential. Keep your eyes and ears open, and your mouth shut. Always listen to advice, but then the big challenge for every individual is to be able to analyse and consider that advice, and either adopt or politely discard.

Q5. A vital aspect of the "ethos" of the game which must be strengthened?

The game today has changed to such a degree since my playing days, that I don't feel I am in any position to venture any opinions. (Sorry!)

Play Straight

An Extract from "A Few Overs"
By D L A Jephson, 1913

*Play with a straight bat, sonnie,
Whatever the wicket be;
Is it fast and true,
Or a slab of glue,
Or parched like a last year's pea.*

*Play with a straight bat, sonnie,
Whatever the ball may do;
Should it hang, or drop,
Or spin like a top,
Or jump like a kangaroo.*

*Play with a straight bat, sonnie,
In the game of life, or at school;
You may have hard luck,
You may make a duck,
But stick to the golden rule –*

PLAY STRAIGHT!

Report from Matfen

By William Williams

After the events that unfolded on February 22nd, Tim was left stranded in Christchurch with no passport and no visa by the time it came to fly. That meant I had 34 hours of flying to do by myself. Upon arriving at Newcastle International airport I was amazed to find that customs was non-existent. Only a door that you walked through if you wanted to declare anything. I was picked up by Sir Hugh Blackett who accommodated me in his castle for the weekend. The highlight of which was the Newcastle United game, which we went to two days after I landed. Monday came around and so did my first day of work. We had been assigned to work up at the Driving Range and behind the bar in the Keepers Lodge.

Due to Tim still having issues with getting hold of his passport, which had apparently been sent to somewhere in Indonesia, I was told I would have to try and work both jobs till he arrived. Meanwhile Peter Smith, the Golf and Leisure Manager, had told everyone that Tim had been held up in customs – as yet not quantified.



▲ The Blackett family.

Tuesday arrived and so did Tim later that day, only to find that he couldn't understand a screaming Geordie chef who thought that Tim wasn't meant to be eating the barbecued food. I eventually had to translate Geordie to understandable English, so that Tim knew what was going on.

Our accommodation was a mixed blessing. We were not put into the same staff house immediately. Tim was lucky enough to be given a massive room with a double bed with no companion! My room was somewhat smaller although adapted well for all our cooking requirements.

The 'craic' or 'banter' in Matfen was great. In our down-time we would almost always go to either the leisure or the golf departments and spin 'yarns' to the staff and some of the members there. Jimmy, from the local village, was always one for a chat. He claimed to never have had more than 4 pints and always left before 8.15pm and when working behind the bar you would instinctively be pouring another at 8.30pm.

A few weeks in, after experiencing sunny weather that many Geordies didn't know existed, it was time for our first cricket game. Pilky had his season highlight first game with a hundred against Allendale way out in the 'wop wops'. After a few games, The Willows was wondering what was happening. Tim was leading wicket taker and I was leading run scorer for Matfen, just the opposite to what was expected in Christchurch.

Our seasons didn't end on quite the same note as they started, with only playing 3 of our last 12 games due to inclement weather. This made it hard to make a late charge and climb up to first on the ladder, which resulted in rivals Haydon Bridge taking the title off us.

There was however again a strong showing from the Kiwis at the top of the league individual honours boards. With Tim 4th on runs, and



myself 2nd on the runs, batting average and wickets taken, you could say we had a reasonable season. My highlight was when we chased down 247 in 37.2 (42 over games) overs on an almost 'NZ like' Newton wicket. After conceding so many on an incredibly hot day we were all pretty down. Tim opened up and with the loss of an early wicket I soon joined him. Together we put on 120 before Tim was strangled down the leg side. I went on to make my ton and got out pulling one straight to mid wicket 28 runs before the end. We went onto win and it turned out it was easily our highest scoring game of the season.

During our time in England, we met some truly amazing people and made lifelong friends. I

cannot describe what fun we had in these six months, it really was the best time of my life and I'm sure Tim will agree. Tim and I became great friends and had plenty of interesting experiences together, particularly on our night time adventures in both Malia (Greece) and Newcastle (UK)! The life skills we learnt along the way were priceless and I know we have both grown up so much in the six months we were over there. Tim and I cannot thank Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett and The Willows enough for this opportunity. Thanks also to all the cricket lads, Big Simon, Pilky, Hoggy, Kevin and co. I would also like to thank all the staff, friends and people of Matfen Village and hotel that helped us out along the way.



▲ James Leggat with all the family.



▲ Umpire John Elley celebrating his 80th birthday.

The Willows Youth Team tour to Sri Lanka and Malaysia

3-19 April, 2012

Report By Richard Hayward

Director of Coaching and Development
Canterbury Cricket

This was the third tour for The Willows Youth Team to Sri Lanka and the first venture to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. The team, consisting of 13 schoolboys representing The Willows Cricket Club, toured Sri Lanka for 11 days and Kuala Lumpur for 5 days in early April playing a total of 9 matches against a selection of school and combined representative teams.

The team was selected mainly from performances of players competing at the National Under 18 Tournament in January who attend schools that play annual or biennial fixtures against The Willows. The team consisted of one 16 year old, ten 17 year olds and two 18 year olds.

The management team comprised of Paul McEwan (Manager), Richard Hayward (Coach) and David Grocott (Assistant Coach). The tour was made extra special with the inclusion of the former Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand and his wife Lady Susan in the tour party.

The tour was again made possible by the generosity of Merrill Fernando, the founder of Dilmah Tea, and Sir Ron Brierley who provided sponsorship for the tour.

The accommodation in Galle, Colombo, Kandy and Kuala Lumpur was outstanding and the players much appreciated the facilities particularly the superb swimming pools which greatly assisted with their post match recovery.

As in previous years the tour proved to be very demanding in terms of the climate, culture, playing conditions, playing schedule and the travelling involved. The fixtures in Sri Lanka were arranged against various district and school teams and in most cases we were considerably stronger than the opposition. In Kuala Lumpur we played against three Malaysian Under 19 teams selected from a squad of 35 players who were attending a national training camp at the same time as our tour. These three games were all close encounters.



▲ The tour group with Mr Merrill Fernando at his home.

It was a tremendous experience to play on challenging surfaces at all the grounds against very capable spinners and aggressive, attacking batsmen.

Most of the opposition teams opened the bowling with two medium pacers for 4-6 overs and then, for the rest of the innings, turned to 5 or 6 spinners of all varieties. The opposition spinners bowled an 'adult' pace and all had the

ability to turn the ball. Most of the spinners at this age in New Zealand tend to 'roll' the ball and give the ball more air. In Sri Lanka our batsmen struggled initially to use their feet against the spinners and found it hard to rotate the strike. As the tour progressed our batsmen adapted to the conditions (including some interesting umpiring) and will have returned to New Zealand as better equipped players.

The regularity with which the umpires upheld LBW appeals certainly made our players think twice about playing across the line or sweeping.

In sharp contrast to our batsmen, the Sri Lankans played aggressively, going for big shots from the first ball, but generally lacked the ability to build an innings and play with patience. All their batsmen played with uninhibited flair and looked to score at 6+ an over from the first ball. They played shots all around the wicket but were particularly strong on anything wide or on their pads.

Our players fought hard and never gave up throughout the tour. They were committed in the field and showed great determination throwing themselves around the outfielders that were generally quite rough. I'm pleased to report that we out-fielded our opposition in all matches which was quite an achievement in the 35 degree heat.

We played 3 matches in Kuala Lumpur. This destination was a very worthwhile addition to the tour itinerary. The Malaysian teams were more challenging, their batsmen defensively tighter than the Sri Lankans and showed more patience. Also their pace bowlers were quicker and more demanding.

One of the pleasing aspects of the tour was that everyone contributed at some stage to the success on the field. The two stand out performers were David Wakefield with 362 runs (with Dexter Marsh in second place with 215 runs), and Alex Marshall who took 24 wickets (with Dexter Marsh and Nathan Shaw in second place with 10 wickets each). David improved his technique against the spinners over the length of

Match Results

Match 1: April 5th at Galle
The Willows won by 76 runs

The Willows 222 (45.2)
G. Drake 43, D. Wakefield 39, D. Marsh 35

Kaluthera District 146 (46.1)
A. Marshall 3/29

Match 2: April 6th at Galle
The Willows won by 200 runs

The Willows 322/8 (50)
D. Marsh 91, T. Griffin 38, N. Shaw 31*

Mathara District 122 (31.2)

Match 3: April 8th at Colombo
The Willows won by 3 wickets

Gurukula College 202 (47.5)
A. Marshall 3/42

The Willows 204/7 (47.4)
G. Drake 66, L. Carter 51, T. Griffin 43

Match 4: April 9th at Colombo
The Willows won by 92 runs

The Willows 208/8 (50)
D. Wakefield 82*

Gampaha and Puthalam District 116
A. Marshall 3/34

Match 5: April 11th at Kandy
The Willows won by 132 runs

The Willows 191/6 (40)
G. Drake 46, D. Marsh 42*

Dharmaraja College 59 (21)
A. Marshall 5/7

Match 6: April 12th at Kandy
Kurunagala District won by 6 wickets

The Willows 169/9 (35)
D. Marsh 43*, D. Wakefield 37

Kurunagala District 170/4 (27.4)

Match 7: April 16th at Kuala Lumpur
The Willows won by 49 runs

The Willows 297/5 (50)
D. Wakefield 103 retired, H. O'Brien 57,
R. Weerasundara 37, L. Carter 35

Malaysia Under-19 XI 248/8 (50)
T. Braid 3/28

Match 8: April 16th at Kuala Lumpur (T20)
Match abandoned due to lightning

Malaysia Under-19 XI 96

The Willows 45/6 (10.2)

Match 9: April 17th at Kuala Lumpur
The Willows won by 2 wickets

Malaysia Under-19 XI 148 (42.3)
D. Marsh 3/15, A. Marshall 3/44

The Willows 149/8 (37.2)
D. Wakefield 54

Overall results

Played: 9 Won: 7 Lost: 1 Abandoned: 1

the tour, playing straight, being patient and “gapping” the ball to rotate the strike. Alex was our leading spin bowler who consistently put pressure on the opposition batsmen with admirable line and length.

This was a real team effort with great commitment in the field by all the players in testing conditions.

There were many memorable experiences off the field. On our days off, sightseeing tours were arranged including visits in Sri Lanka to an elephant orphanage, a tea factory, a cricket shop, temples, and an elephant dung paper processing factory and in Kuala Lumpur to the very impressive Petronas Twin Towers, Chinatown market and the Batu caves. One of the many moments to remember was when every member of the team rode an elephant and was then unceremoniously drenched by the elephant in the river.

At the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage we stood mesmerised as 40 or so elephants made their way past us along a narrow lane down into a scenic river to bathe and wash. I'm not sure there is anywhere in the world where you can get so close to fully grown elephants moving at a reasonable speed.

One of the highlights was an evening hosted by Mr. Fernando at his home. There were several dignitaries at the dinner and the boys were impeccably behaved and a credit to The Willows Club. The whole squad performed a memorable haka led by Freddy Anderson which was very much appreciated by our hosts.

Sri Lanka and Malaysia are wonderful places for a cricket tour with their challenging climates (around 35 degrees and close to 100% humidity every day) and the proliferation of spin bowlers. Sri Lankans and Malaysians are very friendly people and I know this tour will be fondly remembered by all the tourists for the rest of their lives.

After each game Paul made a thank you speech and presented the opposition coach with a Willows plaque after which our players presented each of the opposition with a playing cap.

This was the trip of a lifetime for the boys and I know they are all very grateful for the opportunity provided by The Willows. A wonderful experience.



▲ The Willows group with the Gurukula College team in Kandy.



▲ The Management – David Grocott, Paul McEwan and Richard Hayward.

Young New Zealanders please read

‘Australianism means single-minded determination to win – to win within the laws but, if necessary, to the last limit within them. It means where the “impossible” is within the realm of what the human body can do, there are Australians who believe that they can do it – and who have succeeded often enough to make us wonder if anything is impossible to them. It means they have never lost a match – particularly a Test match – until the last run is scored or their last wicket down.’

~**John Arlott** (1914-91), legendary English broadcaster and journalist, writing at the completion of the 1948 Invincibles tour of England.

The tale of Rafa's autograph – why boys need heroes

By Andrew Becroft

Principal Youth Court Judge



This is the story of how a 10 year old boy and his father got Rafael Nadal's autograph.

Most sports-mad boys go through an autograph stage. Autographs connect boys to their heroes.

Men often keep their childhood autograph collection, but for a different purpose: maybe to rekindle days of innocence when all was possible. Test my theory by asking any mildly obsessive adult sports fan about his favourite autograph.

The setting for this story was the baking blue courts of the Australian tennis open in Melbourne last January. It is one of the world's great sports events.

We were advised to go during the first week – so you can see all the players – and to stay until the quarter finals.

For the record, there are 254 singles and 189 doubles games to choose from over two weeks.

On the back courts you can get really close to the players.

The stars strut like Grand Prix motor racing drivers. You could watch Spanish heart-throb Fernando Verdasco train, or enjoy the antics of Jo Wilfred Tsonga languidly playing to the

crowd, or Andy Roddick, loud and engaging, training like the boy next door.

But the real business is done in Rod Laver Arena, an auditorium with a retractable roof, seating 15,000 and, like Wellington's stadium, apparently without a bad seat in the house.

We were there on the first Saturday night to see my son's hero, "Rafa", clinically demolish home-grown teenage star Bernard Tomic.

Towards the end of the last set, Isaac set off, autograph book in hand, to the aisle that leads down to the players' tunnel.

As we had earlier observed, eager fans can lean over the railing as the players leave and, with luck, get their autographs. That was the plan at any rate. It all went wrong pretty quickly.

As Isaac approached, a vigilant security guard directed him away from the top of the aisle. Isaac arrived back quickly – in tears, devastated by his rejection.

The Aussie locals around us consoled him. They urged us on as I left with Isaac to try to restate our case.

At the top of the aisle, the guard, ominously officious, was still barring entry to all would-be autograph hunters.

Isaac had been getting autographs all week. We hadn't seen this happen before.

I asked the guard what the problem was. He replied that you needed a ticket for a seat accessed by that aisle to be allowed down it to the railing.

By this time the game was over. The after-match interview with Nadal was already under way.

Spectators were leaving. Time was running out.

Mustering all my charm I asked why a ticket would be needed for a game that was over. The guard, flustered, said that was “the rules”.

By this stage quite a cluster had formed. Egged on by those around me, I might then have said that some officials forget that tennis is for children as well as adults and asked why a security guard would want to stop a 10 year old boy trying to get the autograph of his hero.

I also might have said, a little counter-productively, that some officials think they are bigger than the game.

If asked my exact words, I would probably claim the Fifth Amendment.

We were at a standoff. I couldn't think what to do. I even contemplated encouraging Isaac to vault the seats and make a dash for it.

Then an unlikely angel materialised. An elderly woman tapped me on the shoulder.

“I am a Melburnian,” she said, “and I have heard everything and am embarrassed. I have been sitting in this aisle and I'm leaving now. I want your son to have my ticket.”

Gratefully I accepted.

I then – sensitively – held the ticket close to the guard's face and, with the crowd murmuring, “Let the boy down”, he reluctantly conceded.

Isaac shot off down the stairs and disappeared into the throng. I didn't fancy his chances. But at least he was having a go.

Rafa's interview had wound up and he was already signing autographs. Players don't have time for more than a few signatures.

Disappointed children and adults soon trudged back up the aisle. I was bracing myself for tears.

And then Isaac appeared – with a smile a mile wide, book raised in triumph. “I got it Dad! I got Rafa's autograph”.

Some of the adults who had stayed to see what happened congratulated him.

Isaac never let go of the autograph book for the rest of the week.

In my day job I often wish the young offenders I deal with – and 83 per cent of them are boys – had heroes to look up to.

At a recent seminar for Youth Court judges, a psychologist told us that among all our legal obligations, we must not forget to provide hope.

Young people, he said, need adults who are “merchants of hope”. An interesting concept for a judge, I thought.

I suppose autographs fuel hopes and are passports to dreams. That's their attraction.

Isaac now has Rafa's autograph on his wall. Along with Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Fernando Verdasco, Vera Zvonareva, Dinara Safina, Jelena Jankovic and Bernard Tomic.

And Isaac's father's favourite autograph? When, in 1969, as an 11 year old himself, he got the signatures of the whole West Indian cricket team.

It was after the close of play on the second-last day of the test at the Basin Reserve. I had had no success for four days. Desperate, I somehow managed to sneak into the visitors' dressing room.

There they were: Garfield Sobers, Clive Lloyd, Lance Gibbs, Wes Hall, Charlie Griffith. All of them in their towels or emerging from the showers. The legends of the game.

Somewhat amused, they all signed my book. I was the envy of my mates for days.

Last week as we looked at his signatures, I said to Isaac, if we are lucky enough to go to the Australian Open again, you should get “Roger's” autograph. Isaac paused, and said, “Nah, he's your hero, not mine.” He was right.



▲ Ben Steven, Glimmer XI captain, bowling with determination.



▲ Evan Gray, the Wellington Wanderers selector and manager.



▲ Ben Mably of Ashburton College took four wonderful catches at first slip to hasten the demise of the Willows.



▲ Aaron Mauger, former All Black, on the drive against Christchurch Boys' High School.



▲ Phil Dickson on his way to compiling a sound 59 – as always the anchor man for Hawkswood.



▲ Paul Rutledge and the Kelly brothers talking to the Gore High School boys at the conclusion of the match.



▲ Les Humphris playing beautifully through the covers.



▲ Brad Doody drives in the air through the covers against the Emus XI.



▲ Nathan MacDonald, all the way from Auckland, bowls from the duck pond end.



▲ David Wakefield claimed 5/38 from 10 overs with his leggies against Ashburton College.



▲ A promising 14-year-old leggie, Rylea Hart from Nelson College.



▲ Stu Dickson of Hawkswood all fire and brimstone from the duck pond end.

Willows Children's Christmas Party

18th December – during the Hawkswood Wanderers game



The 1945 Victory Test Series between England and the Australian Services

“The Victory Tests” by Mark Rowe and published by Sports Books Ltd in Cheltenham, England is one of the more interesting cricket books of the past 65 years.

As an introduction it was played after the end of the Second World War in Europe and brought much needed joy to a society exhausted by six years of conflict. All the heroes of the day were there except Don Bradman, the greatest batsman of all. He was in Australia, invalided out of the services with a bad back. The Australians were

led by one of their great captains, Lindsay Hassett, and saw the flowering of one of cricket’s immortals, Keith Miller, although author Mark Rowe reveals that his brief war record has been exaggerated since. England were led by Wally Hammond, included Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook and Bill Edrich.



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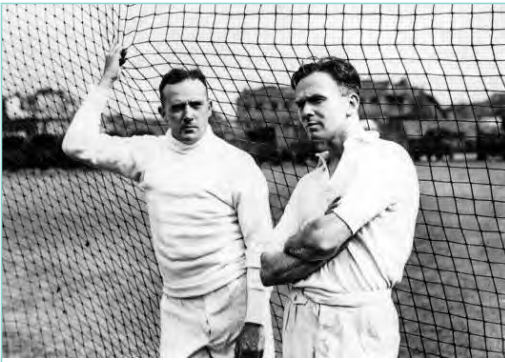
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Being an airman is no better than being a batsman!

Once a batsman is out, he has a long time to dwell on his failure before his next chance. If he drops a catch, it can stay with him until he next has a chance to take a catch – which he may dread. But at least the failing cricketer can expect to return home in one piece, unlike the wartime airmen.

Any flight was dangerous, let alone a bombing mission. This dawned on airmen before they reached a front-line squadron, even if the authorities never spelt it out. Keith Campbell, for instance, was at his operational training unit at Bassingbourn in Cambridgeshire in 1941 when the England fast bowler Ken Farnes died there, crashing on take-off.

A pilot had to master fear like a batsman – knowing that one chance could be your last, while at the same time accepting that there was only so much you could do. You gave yourself (and your crewmates) your best chance if you did what you could, without worrying about what you could not affect. A batsman could play a reasonable shot, even a great one, yet be out thanks to better bowling or some outstanding fielding, or a misunderstanding with the other batsman while running. So it was with flying a bomber. Despite your skill or concentration, you could not avoid flying through flak – anti-aircraft gunfire. Or, to take a combat report in 467 Squadron’s records: on the night of October 20-21, 1943, on the way to Leipzig, another Lancaster below fired at Pilot Officer Stanford. He took a precautionary dive to port and the ‘attacker’ was shaken off. Stanford’s gunners did not open fire ‘believing the encounter to be one of mistaken identity’.



▲ **May 18 1945: Sergeant Charles Price and Flying Officer Reg Ellis in the Lord's nets before the first test.**

For a pilot or gunner as for a batsman, a mistake might go unnoticed, and unpunished. Or your wartime kit let you down. Your aircraft might have patched holes, and worn-out engines from past pilots handling the plane roughly in their efforts to survive. Or your bat was old and your pads flapped; you had to make do. You had to weigh up whether mechanical faults were so serious that you had to return without bombing – at the risk of being punished and called a coward – or you could press on regardless, at the risk of being shot down as a slower, lower, easier target.

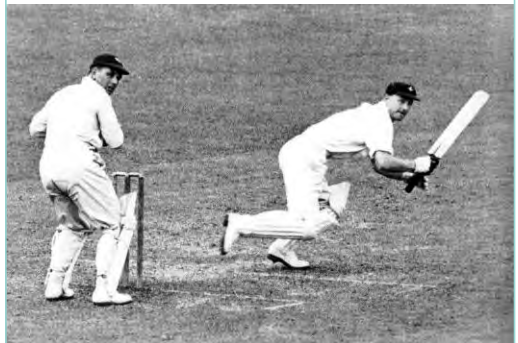
Besides accepting that the odds were against you, the mechanics of piloting an aircraft required qualities that a cricketer could relate to, and use. Above all, pilots had to concentrate and attend to detail. In old age some pilots made light of their task, likening it to driving a bus. A bomber did have an automatic pilot, called 'George', but it was a brave or foolish man who relied on it for long. The first and last hour of say a six-hour (against Hamburg or the Ruhr) or nine-or-ten hour (to Berlin or Munich) mission might be over England and the North Sea, when you would not expect enemy night-fighters. Even so, only a fool took his eyes off the cockpit instruments or shut his ears to the two engines on each wing beyond the cockpit glass. Or your wireless operator would pass on a message about wind direction, or the navigator would give a change of course. Or, at any moment, the rear gunner would scream a warning over the radio

of an approaching plane, and fire a couple of bursts of his guns. Then the wise pilot who wanted to live a moment longer would fling the aircraft into a 'corkscrew' to throw the enemy off, as Stanford did to evade a Junkers 88 on a mission to Mannheim on September 6, 1943.

The intelligent batsman, similarly, did more than play each ball carefully; he observed and encouraged his fellow batsman; he watched for changes in the fielders, and the weather, and tried to anticipate. If the star bowler was coming off and a young unknown coming on, was it time to have a go? What was the best way to a target – was there safety in numbers in the 'bomber stream' or was it wiser, though against orders, to fly higher if you could?

The larger and more complicated the aircraft – and a four-engined bomber such as a Lancaster was as advanced as any in the world in its time – the more drills the pilot had to go through – as Doubleday recalled, three or four were essential on the most basic training aircraft, the Tiger Moth, ten or 12 in an Anson, and 22 or 23 in the front-line bombers he flew, a Wellington or a Lancaster.

What connected cricket with flying a bomber, or any 'plane come to that, was that you could train a man to follow drills, that were taught for a reason, so that the aircraft did not fall like a stone, or you were ready to evade an enemy fighter (or one of your planes that thought you



▲ **May 21: Ross Stanford late cuts for a couple off Doug Wright on the second day of the first test.**

were an enemy). Likewise a batsman learned the drills to hook, sweep, drive, play forward or back, and so on. For a batsman and a pilot alike, the skill came in picking which drill to do – whether to let a ball pass, or waft your bat at it. Sometimes there was no drill in the training manual. Based, it was true, on all you knew, you had to decide on the best, or the least worst, option. And you had to hurry, whether a ball was rising nastily towards your nose; or you saw the flames of a falling 'plane in the dark and wondered if you were next.

Crewing a bomber and surviving in a cricket team each required teamwork, which called for some unselfishness. True, in cricket you had to look after your own interests, and be sure to do well enough in your specialism. It did not pay to be too selfish. If a player dropped a catch off your bowling, it would not do to run him out, in revenge, the next time you batted together. In a crew, similarly, it paid to give each other a hand. On the other hand, while you wished every other crew well, minding your own business could be the difference between life and death, as Doubleday recognised on an early mission, while crossing the Continental coast:

After we'd passed Texel and my gunners were saying, 'Oh, you ought to see the stream of aircraft burning on the ground,' and I said, 'Look, keep your eyes in the sky. There is a quota tonight and your job is to keep us out of that quota' ... and that's the attitude I always adopted. You could get back and sigh about it or go and get drunk or do what you like, but there was no point in trying to commiserate with people, and get your attention drawn away.

Between missions, such were the responses of airmen to what one pilot called the fear 'in your system', the near misses and the loss of comrades. It had much in common with how batsmen came to terms with unavoidable failure and the nagging fear that, no matter how many runs you scored one day, the pressure would be there to score more runs the next. Grieving, thinking too deeply about it, not only was no help; it might harm your reflexes for next time.

Again, batting (and keeping wicket) and flying in combat had similarities. Say, for ease of arithmetic, you face a bowler of 60 miles an hour – slow to medium for the expert batsman, but fast enough for anyone else. The ball would travel, for the sake of argument, a mile in a minute, or 20 yards from release from the hand to the batsman – again, roughly, for ease of maths – in a second. It can take the brain longer than a second to take in the sensory data – where the ball is going and how fast; compute how to respond – move the legs and arms to meet the ball with the bat; and to do it, by sending the commands to the limbs. Sometimes, even the best batsmen are beaten for pace, as the saying goes. How can a batsman seemingly defy science, by putting the bat to the ball in time; and how did Hammond make batting look so easy?

Hutton reckoned that Hammond defied the principles of the game by making up his mind where to hit the ball before the bowler let go of it. Far from defying principles, Hammond was a supreme reader of bowlers. Sooner than lesser batsmen, Hammond picked up clues to how the ball would reach him, judging by the way the bowler held the ball in his hand, how fast or how wide of the stumps he ran. He worked from thousands of previous similar-looking balls. Putting it another way, Hammond was ruthless in rejecting all unnecessary data. So it was on a bomber mission.



▲ June 2: AW Roper, captain of the RAAF Team, signs for boys during the match against the RAF.

Genuine emotion from the Lord's Test 21 May 1945

... That left Australia 171 for four, and gave England a chance of gaining a small lead on first innings. Walking out to join Keith Miller, Australia's most exciting batsman, was Ross Stanford, Australia's last batsman before the all-rounders and bowlers.

Miller found 'a capital partner' in Stanford. The pair were complete masters of the situation, so the Daily Telegraph reported. They began quietly, most of their strokes going behind the wicket; and they saw off Walter Robins, who had the spinner's traditional couple of overs before lunch. After lunching at 196 for four, Miller 21 not out, the two air force pilots batted in light rain for ten minutes before Miller appealed successfully. The stop for rain may have helped Australia; on their return Stanford nicked Stephenson but Edrich at second slip could not hold the greasy ball.

By late afternoon the bowlers were tiring. Alf Gover for instance had been at his fastest the evening before when he soon bowled James Workman. He had a spell of half an hour of venom from the pavilion end in the morning, but became slower and looser.

Stanford recalled:

One of the great disappointments of my life was to not get 50 in that particular innings, one of the best innings I played, because I hit every ball in the middle of the bat that day, for some reason – stumped on the leg side off Jack, JWA, Stephenson, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army. Billy Griffith was wicket-keeper; he was later MCC Secretary.

It was, the *Telegraph* commented, 'a brilliant bit of stumping on the leg side by Griffith'. Stanford

had helped put on 99 in 90 minutes. From 270 for five, another hard-hitting all-rounder, Cec Pepper, added 87 with Miller.

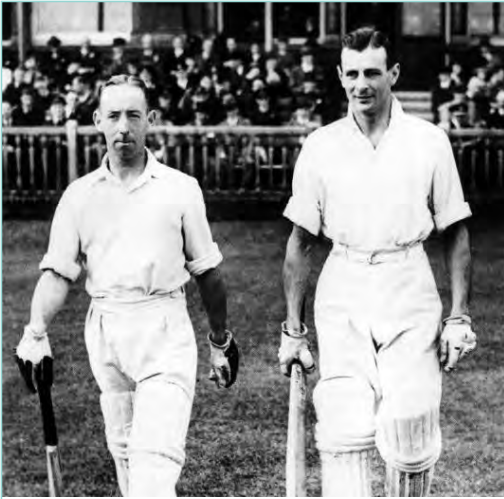
Bob Crisp, the former South Africa Test fast bowler, a Second World War decorated tank commander, veteran of Greece, North Africa and Normandy, and now a staff reporter on the Daily Express, wrote: 'At 5.30pm the members' bar had run out of beer due I think to the Australian celebration of Miller's hundred.'

Three wickets did fall for nine runs: Pepper was caught behind off Stephenson, Albert Cheetham was out for a duck, giving Wright his first wicket on a long day; and Miller was caught for 105. Some felt that Miller never looked comfortable against Wright and that he gave a very hard chance, to Wright, at short leg off Gover on 33. Miller was in the 90's for three-quarters of an hour before he reached his hundred in three and a half hours. Unusually for Miller he hit only six fours.

The *Telegraph's* verdict was: 'Instead of a carefree aggressive batsman with a partiality for the full blooded drive we had known him to be last year, he showed a restraint hitherto unsuspected yet he was always attractive to watch.'

That left Australia at 366 for eight. For England, already well behind, the worst was yet to come.

In the words of the Daily Telegraph: 'Williams received an ovation on coming out to bat and he and Price pleased the crowd hugely in the closing stages by lashing out at the tired bowling. They rubbed it in to the extent of 88 runs in three-quarters of an hour.' While Bob Crisp suggested that Hassett might have declared an hour earlier, to bowl at the English, surely Australia were wiser to show who was boss. Graham Williams hit 11 fours in his 53; Charles Price hit Wright into the pavilion for the only six of the day. The day closed with both men out caught and Australia 455 all out, a lead of 188.



▲ Lindsay Hassett (left) and Stan Sismey walk out to continue Australia's innings on the second day of the first test.

Australia had not won the match, but they had beyond doubt won the first two days. England could at best only hope to save the game on the third and final day, Monday, after the Sunday rest day.

By the Monday, the newspapers were already judging the two sides. It was, as they saw it, not only the fact that Australia made more runs; it was the way they did it. The Times complained: 'At the end of the day England's bowling was so enfeebled that R G Williams and C F Price scored runs with an almost impertinent liberty. We expect Australia to bat to the bottom of the batting order but surely not so easily as this.'

The *Daily Telegraph* pointed to the 40-minute break in the early afternoon for a shower. 'The England bowlers were handicapped for a while by the wet ball. But that is not offered as an excuse. In reality the Australians outplayed us.'

The *Manchester Guardian* agreed. It reckoned England's biggest peacetime cricket problem, 'the dearth of Test match bowlers was fully exposed by the Australian batsmen at Lord's ... the truth is that England has had no opportunity yet to replace Verity and Farnes, both killed in the war or W E Bowes only recently returned from a German prison camp'.

Talking of former prisoners of war, the Australians had picked one, Graham Williams, only back in England for a couple of weeks. Some newspapers picked up the story; some did not, presumably for lack of space – the *Telegraph* in particular printed only a fairly long match report because the type was of magnifying-glass tininess. The *Guardian* reported: 'The crowd welcomed the former prisoner of war Williams by cheering him all the way to the crease and he enjoyed himself.'

That scene stayed in Keith Miller's mind and if anything became more important with age, a story with meaning, one to go over again and again, as some old people do. It was a story that spoke too to people like the Australian cricketer then broadcaster Richie Benaud, who first looked to the older Miller as a hero, then as a teammate, a mentor, and a friend. Benaud told the story, in full, in his own autobiography, *Anything But*, in 1998, and again in his obituary of Miller in the 2005 edition of *Wisden*. Besides the beauty of the story, there was something touching about a man as charismatic and famed as Miller feeling so deeply about someone far less famous entering an arena. Stan Sismey said in 1999:

Yes, Keith Miller and I were both agreed on that, and he (Williams) was a tall, thin chap. When he went out at Lord's the crowds rose unanimously and gave him a magnificent reception. It's one of the most emotional things I have ever experienced on a cricket field. Keith and I often talk about that moment.

The emotion was twofold: the sight of the tall, gaunt man, thinned by years in German captivity; and the emotional response of the crowd, that plainly evoked a lasting response in Miller. He told Benaud: 'It was the most touching thing I have ever seen or heard, almost orchestral in its sound and feeling. Whenever I think of it, tears still come to my eyes.' It became a touchstone of what the Victory Test series, and the war, meant to Miller; it was something never to be bettered, with all that meant, including the bittersweet side that nothing else, no achievement, would ever match that sublime moment.

From adversity inspiration follows

*The 2011 MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture was delivered by the Sri Lankan test wicketkeeper batsman **Kumar Sangakkara** (97 tests). It took place on Monday 4 July 2011, at Lord's Cricket Ground, London.*

One segment of his address is titled Bigger Roles for the Cricketers. It focuses on the reaction of the Sri Lankan team, specifically Muttiah Muralidaran (133 tests), to the dreadful tsunami on 26 December 2004 which destroyed coastal settlements along the length of the Sri Lankan coastline (killing over 35,000 people).

It is a pertinent passage which all cricketers should read; especially in light of the terrible earthquakes (of 2010 and 2011) which have devastated the beautiful city of Christchurch, home of many Willowers and their families.

The following is reproduced with permission of the MCC. The letter written by the Secretary Mr K. Bradshaw stated, "I am pleased to grant you permission to quote the relevant portion from his Lecture. The segment which you have chosen to reprint was a very memorable one and there was silence in the room when he delivered it with such passion and conviction. I trust that it will serve as an inspiration to the readers of your Annual Report".

Bigger roles for cricketers

The emergence of cricket and the new role of cricket within Sri Lankan society also meant that cricketers had bigger responsibilities than merely playing on the field.

We needed to live positive lifestyles off the field and we need to also give back. The same people that applaud us every game need us to contribute back positively to their lives. We needed to inspire not just on the field but also off it.

The Tsunami was one such event. The death and destruction left in its wake was a blow our country could not afford. We were in New Zealand playing our first ODI.

We had played badly and were sitting disappointed in the dressing room when, as usual, Sanath's phone started beeping. He read the SMS and told us a strange thing had just happened back home where "waves from the sea had flooded some areas".



Initially we weren't too worried, assuming that it must have been a freak tide. It was only when we were back in the hotel watching the news coverage that we realized the magnitude of the devastation.

It was horrifying to watch footage of the waves sweeping through coastal towns and washing away in the blink of an eye the lives of thousands. We could not believe that it happened. We called home to check what is happening. "Is it true?" we asked. "How can the pictures be real?" we thought.

All we wanted to do was to go back home to be with our families and stand together with our

people. I remember landing at the airport on 31 December, a night when the whole of Colombo is normally lit up for the festivities, a time of music and laughter. But the town was empty and dark, the mood depressed and silent with sorrow.

While we were thinking as to how we could help, Murali was quick to provide the inspiration. Murali is a guy who has been pulled from all sides during his career, but he's always stood only alongside his team-mates and countrymen. Without any hesitation, he was on the phone to his contacts both local and foreign and in a matter of days along with the World Food Programme he had organised container loads of basic necessities of food, water and clothing to be distributed to the affected areas and people.

Amazingly, refusing to delegate the responsibility of distribution to the concerned authorities, he took it upon himself to accompany the convoys. It was my good fortune to be invited to join him. My wife and I along with Mahela, Ruchira Perera, our physio C J Clark and many other volunteers drove alongside the aid convoys towards an experience that changed me as a person.

We based ourselves in Polonnaruwa, just north of Dambulla, driving daily to visit tsunami-ravaged coastal towns like Trincomalee and Batticaloa, as well as southern towns like Galle and Hambantota on later visits.

We visited shelter camps run by the Army and the LTTE and even some administered in partnership between them. Two bitter warring factions brought together to help people in a time of need.

In each camp we saw the effects of the tragedy written upon the faces of the young and old. Vacant and empty eyes filled with a sorrow and longing for homes and loved ones and livelihoods lost to the terrible waves.

Yet for us, their cricketers, they managed a smile. In the Kinniya Camp just south of Trincomalee, the first response of the people who had lost so much was to ask us if our families were okay. They had heard that Sanath



▲ Boys playing cricket on tsunami hit beach in eastern Sri Lanka, January 2005 (photo by Video Image).

and Upul Chandana's mothers were injured and they inquired about their health. They did not exaggerate their own plight nor did they wallow in it. Their concern was equal for all those around them.

This was true in all the camps we visited. Through their devastation shone the Sri Lankan spirit of indomitable resilience, of love, compassion, generosity and hospitality and gentleness. This is the same spirit in which we play our cricket. In this, our darkest hour, a country stood together in support and love for each other, united and strong.

I experienced all this and vowed to myself that never would I be tempted to abuse the privilege that these very people had given me. The honour and responsibility of representing them on the field, playing a game they loved and adored.

The role the cricketers played in their personal capacities for post tsunami relief and re building was worthy of the trust the people of a nation had in them. Murali again stands out. His Seenigama project with his manager Kushil Gunasekera, which I know the MCC has supported, which included the rebuilding of over 1000 homes, was amazing.



▲ Willower Will Burrett is a promising referee – here he is in his first Heartland rugby appointment at Ruatoria.



▲ Steve Lester in expectation with the ball.



▲ Willows captain Justin Murray presents a bottle to Mike Singleton of LNZCC for his well compiled 48.



▲ Michael Hamel with son Blue.



▲ Preparations begin for the 19th season of cricket at The Willows – see you then!

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Minimum of 200 runs / 10 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
Abbott, R.E.	10	2	155	19.4	113	18	446	14	31.9
Agnew, T.W.	14	4	160	16.0	106	10	430	15	28.7
Allott, G.I.	12	4	99	12.4	128	29	415	30	13.8
Ambler, K.A.	5	1	235	58.8	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	118	30	319	11	29.0
Bartholomeusz, C.G.	5	3	272	136.0	8	3	23	2	11.5
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
Blakely, J.E.	7	1	201	33.5	57	7	159	6	26.5
Bond, D.W.	38	6	1331	41.6	25	1	207	1	207.0
Boock, S.L.	5	2	19	6.3	84	16	252	14	18.0
Boyle, J.G.	7	1	200	33.3	22	-	86	1	86.0
Bromley, G.R.	11	1	267	26.7	34	2	136	6	22.7
Brooks, G.N.B.	12	2	486	48.6	29	2	111	4	27.8
Bull, C.L.	19	4	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.	29	11	834	46.3	112	10	514	15	34.3
Burrell, W.M.	29	6	654	28.4	134	22	524	25	21.0
Burson, R.D.B.	7	2	160	32.0	75	10	206	17	12.1
Cameron, B.W.J.	6	1	59	11.8	74	10	273	14	19.5
Clark, C.R.	5	0	64	12.8	34	6	120	11	10.9
Coffey, S.T.	14	3	529	48.1	14	2	67	2	33.5
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	236	22	583	30	19.4
Colvin, G.G.	10	3	144	20.6	67	9	220	12	18.3
Coop, T.A.	9	1	207	25.9	7	0	42	0	-
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
Cowlshaw, A.C.	12	0	221	18.4	8	1	43	3	14.3
Cusack, D.R.	38	7	1198	38.6	2	-	20	-	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	15	3	456	38.0	5	-	19	-	-
Davis, S.J.	25	7	305	16.9	183	30	697	33	21.1
Deans, R.M.	4	0	220	55.0	15	1	59	2	29.5
Devlin, P.C.	25	6	621	32.7	32	3	140	7	20.0
Doody, B.J.K.	14	1	439	33.8	18	1	78	8	9.8
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	137	6	571	24	23.8
Dormer, B.L.	9	1	201	25.1	2	-	12	-	-
Dowds, D.P.	25	4	789	37.6	76	3	378	12	31.5
Duncan, P.M.	8	2	308	51.3	19	-	103	2	51.5
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	96	13	366	21	17.4
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-Burnside)	13	4	405	45.0	74	8	284	13	21.8
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-SBHS)	13	4	424	47.1	60	20	168	8	21.0
Fielding, M.D.	21	3	618	34.3	106	18	381	22	17.3
Fisher, T.D.L.	6	4	431	215.5	16	2	77	4	19.3
Flanagan, S.P.	16	2	435	31.1	120	15	421	19	22.2
Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	18	2	681	42.6	13	1	54	-	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	0	362	40.2	34	2	163	3	54.3
Garry, J.R.	9	1	288	36.0	29	-	163	7	23.3

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
Germon, L.K.	9	3	318	53.0	5	-	50	1	50.0
Gibson, S.D.	30	1	579	20.0	140	17	545	13	41.9
Goudie, A.J.	5	2	43	14.3	38	3	174	13	13.4
Grocott, D.J.	14	9	158	31.6	131	33	313	23	13.6
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
Hadlee, R.J.	4	0	212	53.0	27	5	63	4	15.8
Hamel, M.J.	15	1	366	26.1	82	10	382	12	31.8
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	14	1	486	37.4	6	-	27	1	27.0
Hantz, J.L.	11	0	276	25.1	19	1	88	7	12.6
Harding, S.C.	7	1	105	17.5	52	10	207	11	18.8
Harris, B.Z.	13	2	323	29.4	81	10	272	15	18.1
Harris, P.D.	59	15	1636	37.2	281	35	1156	51	22.7
Hastilow, A.J.	15	3	245	20.4	119	15	477	21	22.7
Hastings, B.F.	10	3	235	33.6	9	2	23	1	23.0
Hastings, M.B.	28	4	242	10.1	254	39	987	47	21.0
Hawes, F.C.	22	9	454	34.9	205	36	661	33	20.0
Hawke, M.J.	25	10	759	50.6	143	20	564	25	22.6
Hiini, B.C.	11	2	276	30.7	70	15	235	12	19.6
Hudson, M.G.	14	1	255	19.6	106	8	473	20	23.7
Humphris, L.A.	9	2	382	54.6	53	1	275	10	27.5
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.	49	10	1190	30.5	123	13	540	21	25.7
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	71	11	246	15	16.4
James, C.D.	19	0	479	25.2	7	-	46	2	23.0
Johns, A.M.	8	1	286	40.9	17	2	61	4	15.3
Johnston, M.T.	12	4	226	28.3	52	9	179	8	22.4
Johnston, N.M.	8	1	209	29.9	5	1	10	1	10.0
Johnston, T.G.	9	0	200	22.2	84	12	390	16	24.4
Johnstone, A.F.	21	4	312	18.4	15	1	60	5	12.0
Landon-Lane, M.E.	17	4	410	31.5	38	3	149	3	49.7
Langrope, S.L.	7	2	222	44.4	-	-	-	-	-
Latham, R.T.	14	3	266	24.2	53	9	175	10	17.5
Latham, T.W.M.	9	2	483	69.0	15	3	56	1	56.0
Lonsdale, W.M.	11	2	79	8.8	105	22	333	25	13.3
Marsh, J.D.	8	0	127	15.9	78	11	267	18	14.8
Martin, S.G.D.	4	0	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
Masefield, R.V.	12	4	109	13.6	94	11	346	20	17.3
Masefield, T.J.	11	4	249	35.6	12	-	25	3	8.3
Maw, P.A.C.	8	0	246	30.8	23	3	94	1	94.0
McCarthy, G.P.	23	2	307	14.6	42	1	213	13	16.4
McCarthy, P.B.	15	2	539	41.5	42	5	160	11	14.5
McCone, R.J.	7	1	46	7.7	43	12	100	11	9.1
McEwan, P.E.	50	6	1294	29.4	251	26	1027	54	19.0
McFedries, A.G.	23	2	641	30.5	199	24	786	29	27.1
McGoldrick, C.P.	7	1	214	35.7	14	1	86	1	86.0
McGuire, R.D.	26	11	451	30.1	263	25	1045	48	21.8
McIntyre, B.S.M.	9	0	203	22.6	67	10	247	14	17.6
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	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
McKenzie, M.N.M.	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.	26	6	559	28.0	85	9	343	12	28.6
Miller, G.A.	27	5	566	25.7	1	-	14	1	14.0
Miller, R.M.	10	3	386	55.1	52	8	174	8	21.8
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	50	8	156	9	17.3
Morgan, R.	9	2	259	37.0	32	9	113	7	16.1
Nathu, A.	18	1	445	26.2	10	-	58	1	58.0
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Noster, S.N.	7	2	350	70.0	41	5	188	4	47.0
Nuttall, A.J.	53	24	626	21.6	654	166	1680	155	10.8
Nuttall, E.J.	4	1	24	8.0	49	10	132	11	12.0
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	11	2	257	28.6	51	6	219	5	43.8
Orton, B.R.	9	5	567	141.8	5	2	15	4	3.8
Parr, M.J.	10	1	167	18.6	80	11	258	16	16.1
Patel, M.	10	1	365	40.6	70	15	267	11	24.3
Pawson, J.D.	22	5	495	29.1	164	28	487	25	19.5
Peacock, M.D.	21	6	400	26.7	223	56	641	43	14.9
Priest, M.W.	8	2	180	30.0	108	21	391	13	30.1
Reid, J.F.	6	2	205	51.3	16	0	65	1	65.0
Reese, A.	6	3	28	9.3	66	7	229	12	19.1
Rennell, C.P.	10	0	251	25.1	-	-	-	-	-
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	91	17	273	8	34.1
Rutledge, P.D.	39	6	348	10.5	13	-	104	1	104.0
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	0	364	19.2	5	-	30	-	-
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	37	1	216	11	19.6
Sparks, L.C.	19	6	164	12.6	217	46	755	39	19.4
Stevens, S.D.	13	5	75	9.4	154	14	749	23	32.6
Stewart, G.J.	11	4	83	11.9	74	4	247	22	11.2
Stone, C.S.	7	0	222	31.7	14	2	38	4	9.5
Stone, M.B.	10	0	134	13.4	65	7	320	10	32.0
Stretch, G.B.	5	1	246	61.5	32	-	162	5	32.4
Tapper, J.H.	11	2	198	22.0	87	26	281	21	13.4
Teale, H.W.	10	3	415	59.3	50	4	269	8	33.6
Teale, M.D.	7	1	49	8.2	54	6	211	11	19.2
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.	14	2	237	19.8	18	-	106	3	35.3
Thornton, T.F.	19	5	201	14.4	24	-	105	5	21.0
Townrow, W.B.	10	4	59	9.8	90	10	329	13	25.3
Ward, J.	13	3	285	28.5	54	3	280	11	25.5
Weeds, M.G.	12	4	274	34.3	4	-	16	-	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	14	6	45	5.6	225	27	966	37	26.1
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	-	72	5	14.4
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	183	21	742	34	21.8
Yock, B.A.	16	3	688	52.9	14	1	79	1	79.0
Youngusband, P.F.	11	3	173	21.6	84	20	282	20	14.1

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
2008/09	25	21	4	-	-
2009/10	26	19	6	-	1
2010/11	24	18	4	-	2
2011/12	26	15	11	-	-
Total	394	262	121	3	8

(For home games by Willows teams)

Aggregate Innings Totals

	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
2008/09	25	5,688	180	31.6	228
2009/10	26	5,654	208	27.1	217
2010/11	24	5,309	176	30.1	221
2011/12	26	5,133	208	24.6	197
Total	386	80,363	2,897	27.7	208

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	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
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
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
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11
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
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
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
T.Hyser	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timary Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11
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
H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11
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
G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
S.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
S.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
S.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
B.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
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
H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
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
W.P.J.Walsh	100	v North West Schools XI	05.12.10
W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley Boys' High School	18.03.12
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
B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
A.Yugaraja	104	v Christ's College	15.01.12

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25-03-12
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
G.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas College	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Combined North-West Schools XI	04.12.11
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 of Canterbury 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
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru Boys' High School	08.02.09
A.C.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
A.Reese	5-19	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.11
J.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	02.02.11
W.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
T.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.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
P.F.Younghusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	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
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
D.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13/11/11
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	334/8	v Shirley Boys' High School	20.03.11
	331/5	v Nelson College	10.02.08
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	54	v Otago Boys' High School	01.11.09
	62	v Sri Lanka Under-21	14.11.09
	63	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
Against	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
	46	by St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01

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
2008/09	G.D.Inglis

Bowlers – 100 wickets milestone

Season

2005/06	A.J.Nuttall
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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
2008/09	T.Latham	76	v Burnside High School
2009/10	T.A.Rutherford	7-20	v The Willows
2010/11	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College
2011/12	D.Dowds	96	v Suburban 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
2008/09	Shirley Boys' High School
2009/10	Otago Boys' High School
2010/11	Christ's College
2011/12	Ashburton College

Visitor Honours 2010/11 Season

100 (rtd)	W.Nicholls
5-43	C.Mulcock
4-18	P.Fletcher
4-25	E.J.Nuttall
4-34	A.Gale
4-37	T.Wenlock
4-38	M.Rees

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	08-9	09-10	10-11	11-12
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	W
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	L	-	W	W	D	L
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	D	W	L
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W	W	W	L	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	W	W	W	W
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	-	L
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-	W	-
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 Craze	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	L	W	L	L	-	W	W	W	-	-
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	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	-	W	W
NZ Police XI (Christchurch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millbrook XI	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suburban XI	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	-	L	L	-	W	W	L	W	L	W	L
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W	-	-	-	-
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	D	L	L	D	L	-	W	W
King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	L	-
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	-
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	L	W	W
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	-	W	W	W	L
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	L	-	-	-	-	W	-
Burnside/North-West Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Former NZ Rep XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	-	W	-	W	W	-
St Thomas of Canterbury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	-
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	W	W	W	L	L
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	-	W
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Canterbury XI (Ashburton)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	L
Kings High School (Dunedin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Canterbury Country Sec Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	W
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-
Gore High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W
Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W
Sacred Heart College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W
Wellington Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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	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	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-
Emus Club (Australia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L



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