



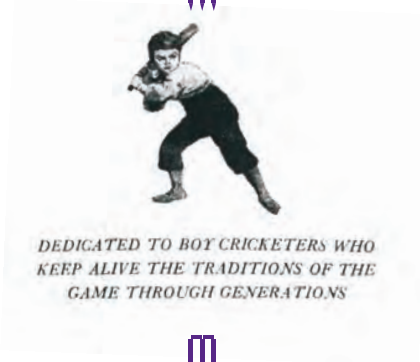
19th  
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REPORT  
SEASON  
2012/2013



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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**PATRON in PERPETUITY**

W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

**THE WILLOW CRICKETER**

The Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO

**PRESIDENT**

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM

**Immediate Past President**

W.J.Mitchell (1994-2003)

**Founders**

C.K.Baker  
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H.D.E.Brooke, QSM  
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R.J.Cowles  
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M.E.Dormer  
P.E.Dormer  
R.J.R.Fairbairn  
W.R.T.Fairbairn  
B.G.Hadlee  
P.D.Harris

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Committee**

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D.C.Burrell  
P.E.McEwan  
J.G.Stringleman

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Committee**

B.J.K.Doody  
M.J.Ellis  
Sir John Hansen  
P.D.Harris  
G.P.McCarthy  
A.J.Nuttall  
P.D.Rutledge  
J.G.Stringleman

**Life Members**

R.J.Cowles  
V.B.Cusack  
P.C.Devlin  
W.J.Mitchell  
D.O.Neely, MNZM, MBE

**Team Selection**

B.J.K.Doody  
P.D.Harris  
P.E.McEwan  
P.D.Rutledge

**Match Secretaries**

M.E.Dormer  
P.D.Rutledge  
J.G.Stringleman

**Hon. Secretary**

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**Hon. Treasurer**

A.J.Sheard

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R.D.Hayward

**Annual Report**

H.D.E.Brooke, QSM  
R.J.Cowles  
W.J.Mitchell

**Webmaster**

J.D.Hammond  
(Beck & Caul Ltd)

**Hon. Chaplain**

Vicar Provincial Rev Fr  
B.G.Cummings, SM

**Groundsman**

P.C.Devlin

**Hon. Gardener**

Mrs E.M.Edgar

**Correspondence**

P.O.Box 22 633,  
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New Zealand

# MEMBERSHIP

The members roll at 31 March 2013 stood as follows:

Playing	266
Associate	250
Overseas	110
Honorary	57
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Total Membership	683

## Playing Members (266)

*Year of entry precedes name*

03 Abbott, R.E.	12 Cooke, H.R.I.	06 Garry, J.R.
06 Agnew, W.T.	06 Cowlshaw, A.J.	94 Germon, L.K.
12 Allcock, M.J.	09 Croft, M.	10 Gordon, B.G.
97 Allott, G.I.	98 Cunliffe, J.J.	11 Gray, A.H.
03 Ambler, K.R.	94 Cusack, D. R.	12 Griffin, T.E.S.
10 Banks, R.J.	11 Cutts, R.E.	96 Grocott, D.J.
07 Barringer, T.G.	03 d'Auvergne, N.R.	09 Grocott, T.M.
07 Barry, J.V.	98 d'Auvergne, P.G.	12 Haig, A.D.
05 Barry, V.E.	94 Davidson, A.F, ONZM	12 Hamel, M.J.
05 Bartholomeusz, C.G.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.	11 Hamilton, R.J.V.
07 Bartholomeusz, L.D.	12 Davidson, L.J.	08 Hammond, D.P.W.
12 Bates, J.L.	94 Davis, S.J.	09 Hampton-Matehe, T.
11 Baxendine, S.	08 Devine, P.B.	99 Hantz, J.L.
05 Bayliss, R.T.	94 Devlin, P.C.	94 Harris, B.Z.
08 Bellamy, B.D.	12 Dobbs, P.W.	11 Harris, D.A.
06 Belliss, C.J.	95 Doody, B.J.K.	94 Harris, P.D.
94 Bennett, J.	00 Doody, T.J.	10 Harrison, T.
95 Bisman, C.W.	05 Dowds, D.P.	00 Hastilow, A.J.
98 Bond, D.W.	09 Duggan, J.D.	01 Hawes, F.C.
02 Bond, S.E.	06 Duncan, P.M.	11 Hayes, M.W.
08 Boock, J.W.E.	97 Dunne, R.M.	00 Hiini, B.C.
12 Braid, T.J.	08 Earl, G.H.	06 Hills, G.
11 Brown, S.J.A.	11 Eastlake, M.G.	09 Hinton, C.R.
94 Bull, C.L.	01 Eddington, W.L.	06 Horrell, A.H.
94 Bull, J.C.	12 Egyed, V.E.	12 Howard, S.E.
12 Burnett, C.J.B.	01 Ellis, A.M.	95 Hudson, M.G.
94 Burrell, D.C.	99 Ellis, A.M.	06 Humphris, L.A.
94 Burrell, W.M.	06 Farrant, M.D.	02 Hutchison, P.J.
00 Burrows, D.L.	10 Fletcher, A.T.	94 Inglis, G.D.
94 Burson, R.D.	11 Foote, K.	11 Innes, M.
01 Cameron, B.S.	02 Forde, L.J.	97 James, C.D.
12 Cant, B.	08 Franklin, B.M.	08 Johnston, L.H.
11 Carter, S.L.	04 Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	01 Johnston, M.T.
08 Cartwright, I.	00 Fulton, D.H.	06 Johnston, N.M.
12 Close, E.M.	95 Fulton, P.G.	06 Johnston, T.G.
06 Coffey, S.T.	09 Gale, A.J.	01 Johnstone, A.F.
99 Coll, J.P.	98 Galloway, G.N.	12 Keen, M.S.
10 Collins M.	12 Gambles, A.	11 Kelly, D.P.
03 Colvin, G.G.	94 Gardner, J.	11 Kelly, M.J.

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 11 | Kennedy, C.P.     | 05 | Nuttall, H.A.       | 03 | Walker, R.L.       |
| 12 | Knight, P.        | 10 | Nuttall, J.S.       | 06 | Walsh, W.P.J.      |
| 97 | Landon-Lane, M.E. | 09 | O'Connell, C.P.     | 10 | Ward, B.R.         |
| 05 | Langrope, B.J.    | 06 | O'Gorman, J.P.D.    | 95 | Ward, J.           |
| 04 | Langrope, S.L.    | 08 | Orton, B.R.         | 09 | Ward, S.A.         |
| 07 | Latham, M.T.      | 94 | Owens, M.B.         | 09 | Watson, J.M.       |
| 94 | Latham, R.T.      | 98 | Parr, M.J.          | 12 | Watson, Z.D.       |
| 07 | Latham, T.W.M.    | 06 | Patel, M.           | 94 | Weeds, M.G.        |
| 12 | Laughton, B.L.    | 95 | Pitcher, A.C.       | 06 | Wellington, B.     |
| 01 | Leggat, J.E.      | 09 | Pithey, R.J.        | 08 | Wheeler, B.M.      |
| 09 | Lester, S.        | 09 | Poole, J.           | 10 | Wightman, D.J.     |
| 11 | Lidstone, W.C.    | 10 | Pope, C.D.          | 12 | Williams, M.L.     |
| 01 | Loe, H.F.         | 06 | Pullar, C.G.        | 10 | Williams, W.S.A.   |
| 04 | Lonsdale, W.M.    | 00 | Reardon, P.H.       | 12 | Wilson, J.M.       |
| 01 | Lucas, B.J.       | 09 | Reed, G.I.          | 10 | Wilson, R.T.       |
| 11 | Mably, B.J.       | 08 | Reese, A.           | 12 | Winder, B.         |
| 12 | Mably, D.R.       | 10 | Reid, A.            | 09 | Winter, M.J.C.     |
| 94 | MacDonald, M.B.   | 03 | Rennell, C.P.       | 10 | Wiseman, P.J.      |
| 11 | MacFarlane, E.D.  | 11 | Rennie, T.C.        | 01 | Wolt, J.R.K.       |
| 11 | Macgregor, A.J.   | 09 | Richards, J.M.      | 04 | Wood, P.           |
| 12 | Marsh, D.         | 95 | Roberts, S.J.       | 06 | Wraight, S.J.      |
| 03 | Marsh, J.D.       | 04 | Robertson, C.D.     | 99 | Wright, H.G.       |
| 10 | Marsh, N.E.       | 00 | Robertson, I.A.     | 08 | Wright, H.H.A.     |
| 00 | Martin, S.G.D.    | 06 | Rowe, A.A.J.        | 08 | Wright, H.J.       |
| 94 | Masefield, R.V.   | 09 | Rowe, M.P.          | 05 | Wright, N.H.       |
| 99 | Masefield, T.J.   | 95 | Rugg, P.J.          | 11 | Wright, W.H.       |
| 11 | Mauger, A.J.D.    | 08 | Rutherford, T.R.    | 00 | Yock, B.A.         |
| 02 | Maw, D.J.         | 95 | Rutledge, P.D.      | 06 | Younghusband, P.F. |
| 98 | Maw, P.A.C.       | 10 | Ryan, J.A.C.        | 11 | Yugaraja, A.       |
| 12 | McCall, D.K.      | 06 | Ryan, P.D.          |    |                    |
| 02 | McCarthy, G.P.    | 99 | Satterthwaite, M.F. |    |                    |
| 95 | McCarthy, P.B.    | 11 | Schulte, H.L.       |    |                    |
| 10 | McClure, K.J.     | 10 | Senior, G.H.        |    |                    |
| 12 | McConnell, T.P.   | 12 | Sharples, D.J.      |    |                    |
| 10 | McCormick, S.A.   | 09 | Singleton, M.J.     |    |                    |
| 10 | McCracken, A.J.   | 08 | Smith, B.           |    |                    |
| 11 | McDonald, J.M.    | 09 | Soper, B.E.         |    |                    |
| 08 | McEwan, M.B.      | 94 | Sparks, L.C.        |    |                    |
| 94 | McEwan, P.E.      | 94 | Stevens, S. D.      |    |                    |
| 09 | McEwan, R.P.      | 05 | Stevenson, J.W.     |    |                    |
| 06 | McFarlane, B.S.   | 09 | Stewart, G.J.       |    |                    |
| 11 | McGillivray, C.P. | 01 | Stretch, G.B.       |    |                    |
| 06 | McGoldrick, C.P.  | 10 | Stringleman, J.G.   |    |                    |
| 09 | McGoldrick, T.B.  | 09 | Sutton, T.G.        |    |                    |
| 98 | McGuire, R.D.     | 11 | Tait, M.J.          |    |                    |
| 08 | McKeefry, D.J.P.  | 09 | Tapper, J.H.        |    |                    |
| 10 | McLean, C.F.      | 10 | Taylor, R.J.        |    |                    |
| 01 | McLeod, A.        | 09 | Teale, H.W.         |    |                    |
| 95 | McRae, A.R.       | 07 | Teale, M.D.         |    |                    |
| 95 | Miller, G.A.      | 11 | Thomas, S.          |    |                    |
| 11 | Mooney, P.J.K.    | 11 | Thompson, M.J.      |    |                    |
| 05 | Muir, T.M.        | 99 | Thorn, L.D.A.       |    |                    |
| 09 | Murray, F.D.J.    | 00 | Thornton, T.F.      |    |                    |
| 00 | Nathu, A.         | 99 | Townrow, W.B.       |    |                    |
| 11 | Nation, T.C.G.    | 04 | Turner, T.J.H.      |    |                    |
| 08 | Nicholls, H.      | 09 | van Woerkom, T.F.   |    |                    |
| 06 | Nicholson, A.J.   | 11 | Vann, D.B.          |    |                    |
| 06 | Noster, S.        | 12 | Vanner, J.R.        |    |                    |
| 94 | Nuttall, A.J.     | 07 | Vaughan, Dr J.T.C.  |    |                    |
| 09 | Nuttall, E.J.     | 12 | Wakefield, D.J.     |    |                    |



▲ Another Sunday lunch enjoyed by all at The Willows.

## Associate Members (250)

06	Abbott, R.T.	94	Doig, J.R.	95	Hastings, M.B.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	94	Dolan, P.J.	04	Hayward, R.D.
94	Adams, B.C.	94	Dormer, P.E.	02	Hayward, R.E.
94	Aldridge, B.L. <i>QSM</i>	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	05	Healy, N.
94	Anderson, C.J.	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	08	Henry, M.J.
08	Andrews, E.J.	98	Durning, J.W.	99	Heslop, J.H.
94	Austin, G.K.	05	Eaton, J.H.M.	94	Hight, C.M.
94	Baker, C.K.	94	Ebert, R.J.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
09	Ballantyne, R.M.	97	Ellis, M.J.	94	Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R.
06	Bannan, G.J.	05	Evans, G.R.	02	Hooper, W.P.
03	Barnett, D.W.	10	Evans, K.W.	95	Hudson, H.J.
94	Bateman, S.N.	01	Eveleigh, R.S.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
11	Baxendine, R.W.	04	Evennett, D.C.	94	Ikram, Professor H.
03	Beer, G.D.	07	Fahey, B.J.	11	Inglis, S.B.
07	Biddick, D.W.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
02	Billcliff, J.S.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	12	Iqbal, M.
94	Blair, K.R.	03	Farrant, D.G.	95	Irvine, B.S.
00	Boock, S.L.	04	Felton, G.E., <i>QSM</i>	99	Irving, J.D.
94	Boyle, J.G.	98	Fenton, W.R.	94	James, P.M.
97	Bremner, M.C.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	10	Johnstone, N.A.
94	Bromley, R.C.	10	Finn, Professor J.N.	06	Jordan, P.H.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	94	Fisher, M.A.	94	Joyce, Professor P.R.
95	Brooks, G.N.	98	Flanagan, C.W.	98	Judson, R.E.
95	Brownlee, E.T., <i>QSM</i>	94	Flanagan, S.P.	06	Kain, M.O.
95	Bruce, D.B.	08	Fletcher, A.G.	10	Kerr, L.H.
04	Buckenham, M.H.	04	Fogarty, The Hon. Justice J.G.	99	King, R.H.
08	Buist, G.T.	02	Forde, L.J.	08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.
06	Bull, A.J.	06	Fowler, H.M.	94	Lancaster, M.J.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	94	Fox, D.O.	94	Lancaster, T.E.
94	Burrell, A.E.	98	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	01	Lawson, R.A.
03	Burrett, W.G.	97	Fuller, M.J.	94	Loe, J.G.
99	Calder, B.	98	Fulton, G.H.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.
00	Cameron, B.W.J.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	03	McClean, L.R.
00	Cameron, D.J.	02	Garland, S.P.	05	McClean, M.J.
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	09	Georgieff, R.	05	McClean, T.M.
95	Campbell, A.I.	09	Gibson, T.R.	05	McCone, R.J.
94	Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	03	Goldstein, M.P.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.
04	Carter, R.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.
06	Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i>	06	Goodman, J.H.	94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>
00	Chisholm, The Hon. Justice L.	10	Gould, G.C.	95	McFedries, B.G.
02	Clark, H.G.	01	Gourdie, A.J.	98	McFedries, S.E.M.
94	Clark, L.A.	06	Gray, E.	06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.
94	Clark, N.G.	04	Grigor, I.M.	95	McHarg, R.L.
01	Coates, N.F.	96	Grocott, J.W.	94	McKechnie, B.J.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	09	Gubbins, D.R.W.	99	McKendry, D.J.
98	Cook, P.S.	94	Guthrey, P.C.	12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.
94	Coop, T.A.	94	Hadlee, B.G.	98	McKinlay, S.
06	Cooper, The Hon. Justice M.L.S.	94	Hadlee, D.R.	02	McRae, J.A.
94	Cooper, R.T.	94	Hadlee, M.J.	10	Maguire, W.J.
04	Cosgrove, C.J.	95	Hamilton, B.G.	01	Malloch, B.E.
95	Crocker, L.M.	11	Hammond, J.D.	12	Marsh, P.
94	Cunliffe, S.M.	00	Harding, S.C.	01	Martin, S.D.
95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	11	Harper, R.G.F.	03	Miller, G.M.
94	Davidson, N.R.W., <i>QC</i>	94	Harris, C.Z.	94	Mills, D.L.T.
00	Dick, A.E.	95	Harrison, R.J.	12	Monk, G.B.
04	Dickey, G.E.	94	Hastilow, J.W.	05	Moore, G.R.
01	Dickson, I.B.	94	Hastings, B.F.		

06	Morgan, R.	95	Quested, D.M.	06	Spear, B.G.
12	Moses, K.R.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.	94	Stead, D.W.
97	Murray, A.J.	01	Ratray, P.J.	94	Stead, G.R.
09	Murray, D.N.	04	Reid, D.W.	95	Strack, D.J.
99	Nevin, J.H.	96	Reid, J.F.	99	Taylor, B.J.
03	Newell, M.L.M.	98	Robinson, L.M.C.	94	Thiele, C.H.
11	Newman, P.A.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	99	Thompson, K.G.
03	Newton, B.I.P.	09	Rowe, C.A.	94	Ussher, C.P.
10	Neynens, C.	01	Rust, K.N.	09	Varma, R.
98	Nielsen, T.S.	94	Savill, C.M.	07	Veale, J.H.
98	Nixon, B.M.	06	Sawers, S.J.	94	Wait, E.P.
03	Noster, F.R.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	00	Wake, R.W.
10	O'Brien, P.D., <i>ONZM</i>	97	Scott, A.D.L.	94	Wallace, P.E.
03	O'Donnell, P.M.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
95	Page, R.J.	01	Shackleton, D.A.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
94	Parker, N.M.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.	95	Watson, M.
94	Paton, G.C.J.	95	Sharp, D.C.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	Pawson, J.D.	05	Sheard, A.J.	94	Whittington, Mrs J.A.
94	Pawson, S.J.	00	Shiple, A.J.B.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	00	Shrimpton, M.	94	Williams, P.R.
04	Pettet, C.M.	07	Sinclair, B.W.	01	Wilson-Pyne, R.N.
94	Phillips, M.K.	95	Skipper, H.L.	08	Winchester, J.S.
05	Pitcher, S.M.	95	Smith, G.B.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
96	Polson, A.H.	94	Smith, M.J.	97	Wright, J.G.
97	Priest, M.W.	02	Snedden, M.C., <i>CSNZ</i>	95	Wright, Dr M.J.W.
09	Pulley, D.F.	99	Sowden, R.J.S.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
		12	Sparling, J.T.	94	Yardley, K.J.

## Overseas Members (110)

### AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R., <i>AM</i>
05	Barrat, R.
06	Boully, P.C.
12	Boyte, M.R.
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.
06	Jones, R.D.M.
12	Katter, D.H.
03	Mackrell, G.L.
95	McFedries, A.G.
02	McQueen, D.

01	Neaves, T.C.
03	Peacock, M.D.
01	Richards, S.
96	Rixon, S.J.
01	Rose, G.L.
94	Runacres, A.M.
03	Salmon, K.
98	Silver, M.J.
95	Smith, R.
08	Spalding, S.
12	Sundarjee, M.
12	Sundarjee, P.
06	Walls, K.A.
94	Wiles, E.G.
11	Woolcott, E.B.
02	Zavos, S.B.

### CHINA

08	Boyle, D.J.
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### GERMANY

08	Werner, Dr H-J
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### HONG KONG

01	Chandler, J.
11	Eames, M.
09	Keir, J.

00	Miles, R.
98	Stearns, N.
01	Walsh, M.

### INDIA

01	Apte, A.
12	Dalmia, 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.

(Continued overleaf)

**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.  
 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, J.M., *OBE*  
 98 Brierley, R.H.

03 Buckton, S.J.  
 08 Conyngham, J.  
 98 Cumbes, J.  
 98 Dodds, V.  
 94 Dormer, B.L.  
 09 Duggan, J.D.  
 08 Fearnley, C.D.  
 12 Fleming, C.W.  
 09 Gatting, M.W.  
 06 Goulding, M.  
 03 Hart, R.  
 94 Hatley, B.  
 09 Henderson, M.J.  
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 98 Lorimer, A.A.

99 McCarthy, H.R.M.  
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 12 O'Sullivan, B.  
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 06 Sims, G.  
 06 Smail, D.J.R., *OBE, TD, DL*  
 06 Vallance, J.A.F.  
 05 Wheeler, N.  
 09 Wright, P.G.

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 08 Weerasekera, S.  
 10 Woutersz, J.  
 04 Wright, A.G.L.  
 95 Wright, Sir Allan, *KBE*



▲ A delightful crowd scene, with supporters of both teams, enjoying the final match of season 2012/13.





▲ Former NZ representatives in the cordon against the Governor-General's Youth XI.

## “Willowers All,”

Let me start my report on the last season on a very positive note by congratulating our New Zealand representatives, Peter Fulton, Tom Latham and Andrew Ellis. All have made the most of their opportunities: no-one more so than Peter Fulton, with his fantastic double in Auckland. Also, congratulations to his new opening partner, Hamish Rutherford, who represented Otago Boys' at The Willows some seasons ago.

In reviewing the season, the highlight was undoubtedly the Governor-General's game on the last Sunday in March. The evening before, Christine Leighton, principal of St Andrew's College, hosted a wonderful dinner for the Governor-General and Lady Janine, the two teams and a number of Willows members. While we would like to open this function to a greater number of members, space restrictions keep it strictly limited. In the course of the evening the guests at the dinner were entertained by superb selections presented by pupils of the music department. It was a pleasure to welcome the Governor-General, the Right Hon. Sir Jerry Mateparae and his wife, Lady Janine, to the dinner and to the match the next day. We are privileged that the Governor-General has

continued this tradition that means so much to the boys representing him and to the Club. For a change, The Willows team of ex-New Zealand players was successful.

You will see the photograph elsewhere in this report, but it was wonderful to see some new faces such as Matthew Bell, Richard Petrie and Shayne O'Connor. We had positive feedback from the new players, and this fixture will continue to go from strength to strength. Of particular importance to the Club was the fact afterwards the ex-New Zealand players were so willing to spend time talking to the boys about the game and their cricket.

The results show that we had a highly successful season, which continues to be made possible only by the great support we receive from schools, colleges, their principals and cricket coaches. At our mid-year dinner the esteemed, and long-serving, New Zealand radio commentator, Bryan Waddle, regaled the gathering with his views on the game and tales from his many years' experience on the road commentating on New Zealand sides.

As I speak, our team to Sri Lanka and Singapore is about to depart on another tour. This follows last year's successful tour to Sri Lanka and Malaysia in April 2012. On behalf of the Club,

and personally, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr Merrill Fernando, Sir Ron Brierley and Placemakers Ltd. Without their generous support, such important tours could not take place.

Evan Gray brought his Wellington Wanderers Youth XI to Christchurch to play the Club, but sadly rain intervened and only 20 overs were played. However, Evan commented to me of the useful time spent in the pavilion while the rain fell outside, with many senior cricketers talking with the boys over their past experiences and learning. The future looks bright, and already the 2014 fixture list is full.

As always, there are many people to thank in the running of the Club. The town and country umpires (organised by Eddie Brownlee and Graeme Evans respectively) who stand Sunday after Sunday; the scorers, Tony Campbell, David Brooke and Rod Abbott, who as always perform sterling service; our caterers, Lionel and Liz Ford, who continue to sustain players and club guests at lunchtime in the same pleasant manner as our after-match hosts, Kaye and Wayne Miller, together with their daughter-in-law, Tash. Indeed, my last visit to the ground for the season found Tash working extremely hard cleaning the pavilion. Jim Stringleman as our match manager has done an outstanding job, and has assisted Peter Devlin with ground maintenance. As most members know, our new square was laid under the supervision of Peter Devlin, and while it has taken some time to bed in, by the end of the summer it was looking better and better and will doubtless provide countless runs in the future.

Our secretary, Andrew McRae, and our treasurer, Alistair Sheard, are to be thanked by the committee and members for their sterling support throughout the last 12 months. Our continued thanks go to Richard Cowles, who has edited our annual report since 1994. While members enjoy this publication, I doubt that many realise the hard work that is put into its preparation and printing, all supervised by Richard. I wish also to note the number of positive messages I received from overseas



▲ His Excellency Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae and his wife Lady Janine Mateparae depart the ground.



▲ 2013 Matfen Scholars: Jeremy Duncan (Christ's College) and Jacob Vanner (St Bede's College).

members in Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand, Germany, Great Britain and other countries, all commenting on the quality of the report and the fact that it is by far and away the best Club report they read.

Isabel McRae, with her husband John in support, take on a considerable burden as membership secretaries. This hidden work behind the scenes contributes greatly to the success of the Club.

Finally, thanks to Rex Hayward from Oxford who, Sunday after Sunday, attends the ground, often taking the field in insane positions, to take photographs of the action. At the end of the day's play these photographs are placed on a flash drive and given to the respective school's coach, who can use them to assist in improving young cricketers' play. Such photographs appear

throughout our annual report, and are on our website ([www.thewillows.org.nz](http://www.thewillows.org.nz)).

The Club continues to be youth-focused, and our vision is much broader than simply the games played in Loburn. We wish to progress the Club financially to a stage where we can hire two professional coaches under the Club's administration. We would use these coaches to assist all schools and colleges, at whatever level of the game, to improve their standards and quality of play. The focus would be on training and improving the skills of the coaches. This will be similar, but more extensive, to the work done by Mike Shrimpton a few years back, generously supported by Vero. If the resource was sufficient, we would certainly look to expand this to assist coaching of primary school children as well. I am very conscious that that is a lofty ambition, but in my view it is critical to provide such grassroots initiatives if our beloved game is to grow and flourish. While a lot of work is done in these areas, there are still significant gaps and a club like The Willows is in a strategic position to assist.

Finally, a plea on behalf of those responsible for selecting teams to play each Sunday. It is a difficult and unenviable task to meet everyone's wishes and accommodate their commitments. It is made more difficult by many members who pull out at the last minute, often late on Saturday night (I wonder where from!), or even on a Sunday morning. There will be occasions when this occurs, but I personally believe that if any members finds themselves in that position, it is their task to find the replacement player. We need members of The Willows, many of whom played regularly in the past, to commit themselves to two or three games a season and to ensure that they attend those games, or alternatively arrange a replacement.

I, and the committee, look forward to welcoming you all again at Loburn at the start of the 2013/14 season.

With very best wishes to all our membership.

**The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM**  
*President*



▲ President Sir John Hansen reporting on a successful Willows victory to Sky TV.

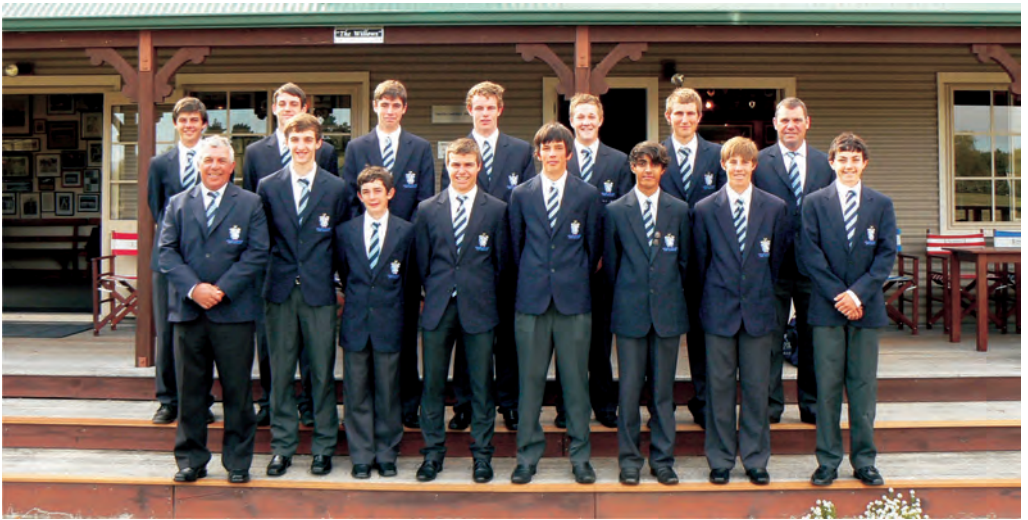


▲ The two A.M. Ellises: Andrew (ex-Shirley BHS and current Canterbury and NZ cricket representative) with Andy (ex-Burnside HS, Canterbury and NZ scrum half).



▲ Former President of The Willows John Mitchell with his grandchildren Neave and Ethan.

# COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Nelson College 1st XI, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2012/13.



▲ The Wellington College 1st XI.



▲ The Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Combined North West Schools XI.



▲ The Christ's College 1st XI.

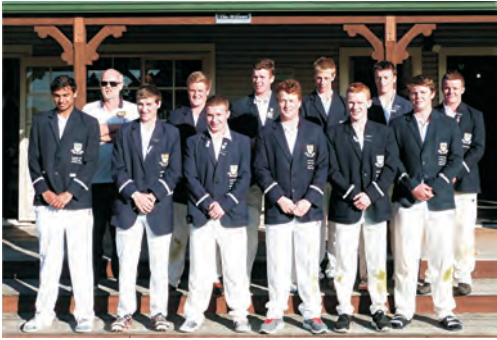
# COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Mid-Canterbury Secondary Schools XI.



▲ The Waimea College 1st XI.



▲ The King's High School 1st XI.

## v GORE HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

30th September 2012

Report by David Kelly

Opening day was greeted by blue skies, kids everywhere, and a freshly laid wicket that had all the hallmarks of another belter. Due to some of the Gore boys being unable to land because of fog, The Willows made excellent first use of the conditions with Chris Burnett anchoring our innings with a well compiled 101. Singles were hard to come by with substitute fielder Jim Stringleman patrolling the covers for Gore, but Chris played with good tempo and his innings was characterised by straight drives. The flood gates opened in the last 10 overs through Danny Dowds and Tim McConnell and it was always going to be a tough ask for Gore.

W. Gray for Gore challenged with a quick fire 28 but wickets by Grant Stewart had Gore on the back foot early with other solid contributions with the ball from Jacob Wolt and Hamish Teale.

It was great to have cricket underway again and to see good early season form from the players.

**The Willows won by 226 runs**



▲ Teams at lunch.



▲ A young Gore batsman shows effective use of the feet.

### The Willows 336/7

C. Burnett 101\*, D. Dowds 70, T. McConnell 70\*, T. Haslemore 2/64

### Gore High School 99

W. Gray 28, G. Stewart 2/19, J. Wolt 2/15, H. Teale 3/3

### Umpires

H. Fowler and M. Hill



▲ David Kelly discussing the game with the Gore XI.

# ✓ CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

7th October 2012

**Report by Matt Parr**

Reports on arrival were that the covers had a covering of ice at 7am on match day. This concern was soon dispelled as the sun came out on what would be a lovely day of spring cricket.

The Willows, desperate to end the losing streak against School, broke from tradition and took the field to try and exploit any moisture in the wicket. Burnside West team mates Matt Farrant and Sam Noster took the new ball and put on a superb display of seam bowling. School fought hard and a good stand between Tim Braid (43) and James Cannan (54) took the school boys through to 202/6. James Hantz was the star in the field, showing how a serious lack of practice can have a detrimental effect on one's ability to catch a high ball. Just three chances! Simon Carter was very demanding, bustling through his ten overs for a return of 1/39.

The Willows made an indifferent start to the chase, finding it hard going and falling to 14/2. James Richards and Sam Noster steadied the ship until Mitchell Ross had Noster stumped for 21. The Willows managed to piece together small partnerships, but the regular fall of wickets made this tight. Finally, a 47 run partnership between Parr and Sam Davis in good time saw momentum swing back towards The Willows and a good stand between Farrant and Carter of 43 saw the team home in the final over.

**The Willows won by 2 wickets**

**Christchurch Boys' High School 202/6**

T. Braid 43, J. Cannan 54, T. Taylor 33\*

**The Willows 203/8**

J. Richards 38, M. Parr 39

**Umpires**

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton



▲ David Wakefield in his post delivery position!



▲ Another Willower on the way.



▲ Matt Farrant and Simon Carter take The Willows to victory over their old school.

## v WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1ST XI

21st October 2012

**Report by Alex Reese**

After flying down especially for their fixture at The Willows, the Wellington College 1st XI looked like a tight unit bowling first, with a great display of fast bowling from their two openers. After taking a three year sabbatical from the game, Willower Paul McCarthy put together a well compiled 71 at the top of the order. He had capable assistance from Brad Doody who made 47. Even after 25 overs of intelligent spin bowling from the Wellington attack, The Willows finished with a very respectable 252/6.

Young pace bowler and Willower, Sam Baxendine displayed a superb combination of pace and swing for his 3/38 off his allotted overs. The standout for the Wellington College XI was Raketha Weerasundara with his inning of 61; Raketha was also part of The Willows tour party to Sri Lanka earlier this year. Leg-spinner, David Wakefield finished off the Wellington innings by ripping through the middle order ending with figures of 2/32 off his 10 overs.

**The Willows won by 87 runs**

**The Willows 252/6**

P. McCarthy 71, B. Doody 47, T. Huyser 41

**Wellington College 165**

R. Weerasundara 61, S Baxendine 3/38

**Umpires**

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Former internationals John Wright and John Morrison.



▲ Rakitha Weerasundara in action.



▲ An elegant shot by a Willower.



# OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

28th October 2012

## Report by Gareth Reed

Electing to bat first, The Willows took on a strong Otago Boys' side featuring many returning players from the previous year's fixture. On a slow wicket the visitors made their senior opponents work for every run, with only Ben Cant able to get on top of the bowlers early, punishing anything short on his way to 39. Mark Weeds upped the tempo in the closing overs supported by Dan Vann, to set up a modest but niggly total of 187/9. Paul Rutledge was nought not out.

The Willows bowlers were industrious in the field, and a stunning catch at gully early on, followed by quick wickets from Ben Cant exposed the middle order early. Matt Holstein was miserly, 10 overs for 18, with Rutledge providing plenty of chat behind the stumps. However he was unable to unnerve his younger opponents. The anticipated rain never arrived,



▲ An Otago Boys' batsman plays through midwicket.

and a 95 run partnership between Bayly and Ellis saw the visitors achieve their target with 3 balls to spare.

## The Willows lost by four wickets

### The Willows 187/9

M. Weeds 43, B. Cant 39, J. Hunter 4/30

### Otago Boys' High School 188/6

S. Ellis 44, R. Bayly 55, A. Hodgson 40\*,  
B. Cant 3/29

### Umpires

J. Henderson and R. Wyeth



▲ Matt Holstein at the bowling crease.



▲ Marcus Frost bowling from the duck pond end.



▲ Jack Hunter, nice action.

## ▼ PENINSULA CRAZ XI

4th November 2012

### Report by Jacob Wolt

Having won the toss The Willows skipper elected to bat, the intent being to reverse last year's thrashing by setting a formidable score and then restricting the Craz with what, on paper, appeared to be an excellent bowling attack. After twelve overs The Willows were 54/1 and Wolt's decision to bat first appeared vindicated. Ryan Banks and Tim McConnell seemed well settled, and a good score was in the offing. But oh, how quickly can things change! Four ducks later and a total batting collapse resulted in The Willows being rolled for 78 in 28 overs. Full credit to all the Craz bowlers, in particular, Bob Masefield. Bob's guile snared 3/3 off five miserly overs. The third top score of 17 was wides, for which The Willows team were eternally grateful.

The Craz appeared confident of another early victory but The Willows bowlers weren't buying into that. At 21/3 The Willows bowling attack

was well in control, although a "less than astute" bowling change by the skipper did create some consternation amongst certain spectators ... and a flurry of runs for Rob Breitmeyer. Inspired bowling from The Willows boys, supported by excellent fielding, saw the Craz wilt under extreme pressure. They were all out for 74. Paddy Reardon attacked the wickets relentlessly in all ten-overs and deserved his 4/12. He was well supported by Carlos McGillivray and Brendon Wellington.

A great result for The Willows and, with the game over by 3.15pm, there was ample time left for speeches and port.

### The Willows won by 4 runs

#### The Willows 78

T. McConnell 21, R. Masefield 3/3,  
D. Bulman 2/16, H. Fraser 2/16

#### Peninsula Craz XI 74

R. Breitmeyer 32, P. Reardon 4/12,  
B. Wellington 2/15, C. McGillivray 2/6

#### Umpires

G. Evans and B. Hamilton



▲ Ducks in a row – Messrs Wolt, Inglis, Davis, Bulman, Nicholls and McGillivray. Match completed by 3.15pm!

▼ The Craz Trophy (ex the Sheraton Hotel in Muscat, Oman) – safe at The Willows for another year.





▲ Good support from Mid-Canterbury parents.

## V MID-CANTERBURY YOUTH XI

11th November 2012

**Report by Aaron Johnstone**

The Willows won the toss and batted first against the Mid-Canterbury Youth XI which was a composite side made up of players from primarily Ashburton College with a couple from Mt Hutt College in the mix. The Willows got off to a strong start with the opening partnership reaching 50 before the Mid Canterbury side starting to get into the match with some restrictive bowling thanks mainly to Bird. But with Tim Harrison anchoring the innings with 49, The Willows had laid a platform for Adam Hastilow (65) and Matthew Tait (40\*) to score freely at the end of the innings and set up a very defendable total.



▲ Mario Williams, master at Rangiora High School, watched by umpire Ravi Kandula.

Adam Hastilow got The Willows off to a good start with some aggressive bowling before Ben Mably bowled very accurately to claim three wickets. The Mid-Canterbury side showed they had some aggressive hitters but with only Meyrick reaching 20, the chase never really threatened. The highlight of the day was Joe Bennett's agile display behind the stumps claiming two catches and a stumping while providing much amusement for all those involved!

**The Willows won by 86 runs**

**The Willows 239/8**

A. Hastilow 65, T. Harrison 49, M. Tait 40\*, T. Bird 3/26

**Mid-Canterbury Secondary Schools 153**

B. Mably 3/16

**Umpires**

R. Kandula and D. Pulley



▲ Joe Bennett pouches another one.

## v SRI LANKAN TOUR XI

18th November 2012

### Report by Andrew Nuttall

All players were surprised and relieved to arrive at the ground to see the pitch and outfield ready for play as the weather conditions in Christchurch the night before had been atrocious. The Loburn ground receives its own blessings from above!

After “winning the toss” The Willows agreed to bat. The Sri Lankan Tour XI made use of eight bowlers who all bowled economically and The Willows were only ever able to maintain a scoring rate of just 3 runs per over.

Bowlers, Tim Braid and Dexter Marsh were both rewarded with two wickets a piece and spectators observed some very attractive shots from Tim McConnell, veteran Brad Doody and Danny Dowds. The best batting, however, came from Christchurch Boys’ High School player Daniel Stanley who scored 22 not out at the end of the innings at better than run a ball.

The Sri Lankan Tour XI were left with the task of scoring 157 and were always ahead of the



▲ Brad Doody defending.

required run rate with some attractive batting coming from Alex Marshall and Ben Drake. The best batting came from the winning partnership between Freddy Anderson (26) and Dexter Marsh (20 not out) who steadied the innings. The Tour XI were at one stage 116/7 but these two very promising players took the game away from The Willows and scored the winning runs in the 47th over.

The highlight of the match was the superb off spin bowling of Tony Gray who varied his pace and spin and flighted the ball with real skill. The “arm ball” that went “through the gate” will be remembered by many for years!

Many thanks once again to Tony Campbell, Graeme Evans and Bernie Hamilton for another faultless performance.

### The Willows lost by 3 wickets

#### The Willows 156/9

B. Doody 29

#### Sri Lankan Tour XI 157/7

A. Marshall 28, F. Anderson 26\*, A. Gray 6/32

#### Umpires

G. Evans and B. Hamilton



▲ Slick glove work by ‘keeper Tim Harrison.

# v WAIMEA COLLEGE I ST XI

25th November 2012

## Report by Paul Rutledge

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on a tiring Willows wicket. The early loss of Mario Williams, with the score at only 6, provided the opportunity for Matt House and Tim Harrison to apply themselves in difficult batting conditions. Their partnership of 93 set The Willows underway, with Tim Harrison compiling an elegant 51, and Matt House a visitor from the UK, a very compact 45.

It was then over to our resident All Black Aaron Mauger to really set the innings going. He together with Ben Bellamy played aggressively in the middle to late stages of the innings. Aaron with 56 and Ben 43 provided the impetus for The Willows innings reaching a respectable 243 for 7 from 50 overs. Bowling for Waimea, B. Hannah took 3-51, with the balance of wickets being shared amongst other bowlers. Waimea College impressed in the field with their enthusiasm and effort, and they were well led by Hamish Drummond, their wicketkeeper and captain.

The target of 244 was always going to be a stiff challenge for the youthful Waimea side. However they approached their task with determination. Hamish Drummond with 33 and Sam Field 57, both applied themselves well on a tricky batting wicket. A couple of useful lower order contributions assisted Waimea to a respectable 176 for 9 from their 50 overs. Particularly pleasing was the fact that boys achieved the goal they set for themselves of batting 50 overs.

Bowling for The Willows, again a good team effort, Peter Younghusband with 2 for 29, Willy Georgieff 2 for 19, and Greg McCarthy 2 for 32 all doing a good containing job.

Another excellent day's cricket, against a very well presented and polite Waimea College XI, who were a credit to themselves, and their

School. We look forward to welcoming Waimea College back to The Willows next year.

## The Willows won by 67 runs

### The Willows 243/7

A Mauger 56, S. Field 57, T. Harrison 51,  
M. House 45, B. Bellamy 43, B. Hannah 3/51

### Waimea College 176/9

H. Drummond 33

### Umpires

E. Sanders and S. Thompson



▲ Distinctive delivery style of the Waimea pace man.



▲ Ex-All Black Aaron Mauger means business; he has a half century in his sights.

# v COMBINED NORTH WEST SCHOOLS XI

2nd December 2012

## Report by Adam Hastilow

The day dawned fair with not a cloud in the sky for the annual fixture against the Combined North West Schools XI. After winning the toss The Willows elected to bat on what appeared to be a typically good home deck. Following promising starts by Allcock and Wilson which set up what could have been a decent score, the home team experienced not only a middle order batting collapse, but a tail which refused to wag. Our batting demise was a consequence of sharp fielding, two stumpings by Lawson and accurate bowling at times by the Schools team, particularly from Shaw assisted by Mikaera and Coburn.

The Willows score of 165 was always going to be a difficult total to defend. Subsequent events proved this to be so. While Schools appeared to be in trouble at 28 for 3 wickets, their

experienced batsmen from the 2011 contest in the form of Milnes-Win and Coburn, flourished in an intelligent and productive partnership; with both scoring unbeaten half centuries to steer their team through to a comfortable and well deserved victory, by seven wickets.

A good turnout of parents, family members and friends supported the Schools XI and with John Mitchell prowling the boundary and on hand to present the trophy, members of the combined team were naturally delighted with their win. We look forward to the return match in 2013.

### The Willows lost by 7 wickets

#### The Willows 165

M. Allcock 44, R. Wilson 35, H. Shaw 3/32

#### Combined North West Schools XI 166/3

J. Milnes-Win 57\*, B. Coburn 53\*,  
A. Hastilow 3/50

#### Umpires

E. Brownlee and K. Cotton



▲ B. Coburn (53\*) and J. Milnes-Win (57\*) put on 138 to take the North West XI to their first win over The Willows.



▲ Hayden Shaw bowling to Burnside Old Boy Mike Allcock.

## v CLARRIE ANDERSON'S XI

5th December 2012

**Report by Bert Walker**

On a hot and very windy day The Willows batted first. They made a good start as Mario Williams and Ben Dormer put on 51 for the first wicket. But this was not without some considerable luck, as they were put down behind the wicket no less than five times in the first six overs – with poor Dave Bull at first slip dropping four chances!

After the openers were eventually parted and with a couple of run outs, the innings subsided somewhat to 90/4, but Eugene Archer then played a very good and steady hand, well supported by Hugh Wright. Some strong late hitting from John Hamilton and Dave Doake helped us to 179/7 – a “just satisfactory” total on a very good pitch with a fast outfield, and against a strong batting line-up. Captain Ross Bayliss endured the fielding mishaps stoically, while managing his bowlers adroitly to ensure that the run rate never got away. Duncan Clayton, James Barringer and Kent Gillman bowled particularly well and economically (going for just 3 runs an over), while poor wicketless Simon Carter was certainly not remotely flattered by his final figures – as six of the nine catches dropped in the innings were off his bowling!

Clarrie's XI started badly, losing a wicket in the first over to Ben Dormer, and limped to 30/3. Our two main spinners John Hamilton and Tony Gray then bowled very economically, and a wicket to each had Clarrie's XI struggling at 60/5 at the drinks break after 20 overs. However immediately after the interval came a turning point, when young English batsman Liam Wood was dropped at mid-on off a well flighted delivery from wily off spinner Angus McLeod. Liam then proceeded to play the innings of the match, scoring 60 with a range of classically timed and executed shots – and with hobbling captain Ross Bayliss he put on 80 for the 6th wicket at a well paced rate, to get the target back



▲ **Ross Bayliss, the victorious visiting captain.**

well within range. Jim Stringleman then came on for an over which did the partnership breaking job, getting Liam out, however Simon Carter then came in to bat very well. But two quick wickets by Eugene Archer then swung things again, making the score to 172/8 in the penultimate over and setting up a tight finish. After a missed chance in the last over, Simon and Duncan Clayton coolly finished things off with two balls to spare. Mention must be made though of Hugh Wright's keeping, which was of an exemplary standard throughout the innings.

Our two umpires did a top class job, while the catering and after-match hospitality were right up to the usual excellent Willows standards. I'm sure that if Clarrie was looking down on proceedings, he would have wholeheartedly approved of them all in his usual genial manner.

### **The Willows lost by 2 wickets**

#### **The Willows 179/7**

E. Archer 34, B. Dormer 32, D. Doake 29\*,  
D. Clayton 2/23

#### **Clarrie Anderson's XI 183/8**

L. Wood 60, S. Carter 30\*, R. Bayliss 30,  
E. Archer 2/20, B. Dormer 2/41

# v KING'S HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

9th December 2012

**Report by Greg McCarthy**

The Willows team arrived to a normal picturesque home ground on a sunny summer's day. The King's High School 1st XI turned up looking smart in their school number ones which set the atmosphere for the day. The Willows typically batted first with J. Vanner batting superbly in a good partnership with M. Kelly. The Willows stuttered a little bit in the middle but pushed on to a competitive total of 213 with a great knock from M. Weeds and supported by D. Sharples. King's High School generally bowled in very good areas with standout performances coming from H. Stewart and B. Thomson. Their ground fielding was of a high standard.

In reply, King's High started well against a very good opening attack with their batting technique looking solid. The captain, J. Meade, was taking the game into his own hands and batted well for 23. The turning point in the match came when the skipper handed the ball to D. Kelly hoping for a couple of cheap wickets. Instead he bamboozled the batsmen with 6/16, bowling very well and showing his talents and wisdom with the ball. Ultimately King's High School were left 91 runs short. Another great day enjoyed at The Willows by all and we look forward to this fixture again next year; as it is enjoyable and is always played in the spirit of the game.

## **The Willows won by 91 runs**

### **The Willows 213/6**

J. Vanner 55, M. Kelly 37, M. Weeds 47,  
H. Stewart 2/14, B. Thomson 3/59

### **King's High School 122**

J. Meade 23, D. Kelly 6/16

### **Umpires**

D. Jones and A. Lodge



▲ Farming brothers Martin and David Kelly.



▲ Martin Kelly in full flight.



▲ Mark Weeds on the drive.



# v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

16th December 2012

## Report by Andrew Ellis

With big yellow smiling down, and the ground looking a picture, the scene was set for these two great rivals to do battle. The Willows have only beaten Hawkswood a couple of times over the last decade so when Mike Dormer was at the Hadlee gates to greet all arriving Willows XI for the day, the pressure was on.

The toss was won by Hawkswood captain Dave Kelly who didn't hesitate to bat first. The Willows bowlers hit good areas early and had the visitors 73/4. Then captain Kelly (55) and Rayner (50) put on a good partnership getting their side through to 210 at the end of the 50 overs. Notable mentions for The Willows were McGillivray 2/37, Lester 1/30 and Ellis 3/14.

As the weather heated up, it was The Willows turn to have a bat. Hawkswood bowled with early vigour and had the hosts 46/3. Rayner 3 for 39 bowled well and later in the innings pressure was applied by both Mannering 2 for 35 and Mullock 2 for 36. It wasn't enough though; as a great opening knock by Stewart (67) was key and when he paired with Ellis (82\*) they were able to



▲ Dave Kelly on his way to 55.



▲ Sam Davis on his way to the pavilion.

see The Willows home to a well deserved victory. Mike Dormer was a happy man!

It was another special day at The Willows, even more so with it being the annual children's Christmas party. Father Christmas came to visit, there was a lolly scramble and the kids played on bouncy castles and rode farm animals all day. It was great to see Sir Richard Hadlee, John Wright, Robbie Deans and New Zealand cricketer Andrew Ellis come out to join in the day.

## The Willows won by 3 wickets

### Hawkswood Wanderers 210/8

D. Kelly 55, P. Rayner 50, A. Ellis 3/14

### The Willows 214/7

A. Ellis 82\*, G. Stewart 67, B. Rayner 3/39

### Umpires

R. Kandula and D. Pulley



▲ Chris O'Connell leg glances for runs.



▲ Another attacking shot by a Suburban batsman.



▲ Ryan Burson.

## V SUBURBAN XI

6th January 2013

### Report by Ryan Burson

My first experience as captain at The Willows didn't go quite to plan. At the time of the toss we had only eight players and the pavilion phone was being put to good use. In comparison the Suburban boys had brought along a strong and well prepared side. Their captain with the coolest name in cricket, Dan Vann, won the toss and elected to bat. The Willows wicket keeper Joe Bennett was disgusted at having to put his pads on so early in the day, but with eleven players of varying age now mustered we headed onto the field like Browns cows.

We bowled with a great deal of effort and charity throughout the innings. Andy Macgregor was economical at the start but as a group we struggled to bowl in partnerships, dished up 34 wides and gave plenty to hit on both sides of the wicket. Suburban obliged by putting the ball to all parts in amassing nearly 300. At one point it was looking far worse but a tidy spell from the youngest man on the field, Fraser Sheat, helped

stem the flow. The lunch break was also helpful, and we performed well there.

In reply, the failed plan continued when we lost both openers for nought. Danny Dowds and Brad Doody did some repair work but when they fell in quick succession there was little hope. Andy Macgregor completed a good double with some lusty hitting to make the score respectable, but in the end a loss, and a convincing one.

Congratulations to the Suburban side that totally outplayed us on the day. My thanks to The Willows side for an enjoyable day out, especially to Joe who, as per, kept everyone entertained and distracted us from playing better.

### The Willows lost by 77 runs

#### Suburban XI 293/8

B. Williams 102 retired, J. Knight 69\*,  
R. Burson 4/43

#### The Willows 216

D. Dowds 45, R. Burson 33, A. Macgregor 56

#### Umpires

E. Brownlee and K. Cotton

# V CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1ST XI

13th January 2013

## Report by Matt Hudson

With a reputation of defending totals, batting first appeared the wisest decision, on a wicket seeming to offer the seamers very little assistance, or so it would seem.

This proved the case as Henry Wright and Jeremy Duncan put on an opening stand of 64, and Jacob Vanner kept the good work rolling from three. Hamish Wright and Matt Hudson kept the score ticking in the middle whilst Tim Harrison steeled the lower order. With the College coach, Warren Lidstone, suffering the ignominy of having to retire hurt, a couple of lusty blows from Richard McGuire saw us through to a total of 235/7. All going to plan thus far.

Ed Wright, opening for College, succumbed to the ball of the day from Adam Hastilow and Clarke was soon to follow. From there James Southby and Harry Chamberlain completely lost

sight of the script, scoring 65 and 55 respectively. Blue Hamel then chimed in, and at 165/3 their task appeared an easy one. From that point on, needing less than five an over, there were a few explosions of the mind which created pressure on their lower order. The explosions were assisted by a return to the crease of Hastilow, and some very tight lines by Richard McGuire and Riley Wilson. Man of the match Henry Wright bowled with control and guile, taking 3/41. At the other end Adam Hastilow finished with 4/41; his pace proving a bit much at crucial moments.

I was impressed by the opposition's demeanour during the match and they were well led by Harry Chamberlain.

## The Willows won 12 runs

### The Willows 235/7

H. Wright 34, J. Duncan 32, M. Hudson 33

### Christ's College 223

J. Southby 65, H Chamberlain 55,  
A. Hastilow 4/41

### Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ Jacob Vanner playing through point.



▲ Richard McGuire back in action.

## v WELLINGTON WANDERERS XI

17th January 2013

### Report by Bert Walker

Damn weather! Although we have had a very hot January and it has rained on only two days of this month, one of them was on this day. Accordingly, after a wet morning, lunch was taken early and play eventually commenced at 1.20pm.

On winning the toss, there was no hesitation in asking our young visitors to bat, on a naturally fresh looking pitch and with The Willows ranks bolstered by the firepower of Black Caps opening bowler Andy McKay. He was on the comeback trail from injury, so had come down with our visitors for some match play and was soon causing problems with his pace and lift. As was fellow hostile opening left armer Hamish Cooke with both soon splaying the stumps. There was no let up when they came off, with Matt McEwan cleaning out another batsman in his first over and Jacob Wolt maintaining the pressure at the other end. But with the score at 26/3, we were forced off the field by more wet weather.

We then had a lengthy break, during which time the always inspirational Mike Dormer gathered both teams in the pavilion for a talk and question and answer session, featuring some of the very prominent guests who had accompanied the Wellington Wanderers. These included the legendary Don Neely, also former New Zealand and exceptionally well performed Wellington player Evan Gray, plus naturally Andy McKay. There were some real pearls of wisdom for our young guests to absorb, not least Mike's own message of BY (Back Yourself) and HY (Hard Yards).

Play eventually resumed but the weather was always threatening and it deteriorated again, although we stuck it out as long as we could before the game was eventually abandoned with the Wanderers at 58/4 (off 21 overs). So it was a pity this game had to be abandoned, given the time, work and expense of getting the Wellington boys down for the match.

### No result

### Wellington Wanderers 58/4

### Umpires

B. Hamilton and G. Evans



▲ Wellington Wanderers Youth XI with The Willows team, which eventuated as a washed-out game.



▲ Half century from Robert Dunne.



▲ Ben Dormer on the drive.

## V LONDON NZ CRICKET CLUB XI

20th January 2013

### Report by Robert Dunne

The Willows gathered on a fantastic day for their match against old rivals London New Zealand Cricket Club. After a quick team meeting we were left under no illusion of the importance of the fixture and that gaining victory has been an extremely close battle in the past.

While the day was looking like being a very hot one, the pitch still had a green look to it and on winning the toss LNZCC had no hesitation in sending The Willows in. As suspected the LNZCC seamers were tough to see off early. Accurate bowling from Kelvin Scott in particular was well supported by Dobson and London NZ skipper Lester. This tight bowling saw The Willows slump to 25/4. Thankfully as the sun began to dry the pitch The Willows were able to recover largely thanks to some hard work from Kelly and Williams. At lunch the Willows were 130/6 with Kelly out for a well-made 50 and Williams not out on 32. The hot sun and the usual outstanding

lunch gave The Willows an opportunity to accelerate after lunch and the side managed to get through to a respectable 222/6 with Williams finishing 61 not out, well supported by Dunne on 57 not out.

While this was a decent total it was felt to be a bit light given the great conditions. The Willows were able to gain an early breakthrough but the LNZCC side were always above the run rate required with some outstanding stroke play. Almost all players contributed but powerful hitting from Ben Dormer stood out as he made a very quick 61. Kelvin Scott then showed off his all-round skills, comfortably guiding his home with 41 not out in the 37th over.

A fantastic day played in great spirit with LNZCC taking home the Trevor Campbell Trophy.

### The Willows lost by 4 wickets

#### The Willows 222/6

M. Kelly 50, M. Williams 61\*, R. Dunne 57\*

#### London NZCC 225/6

B. Dormer 61, K. Scott 41\*

#### Umpires

A. Scott and G. Evans

## V ST BEDE'S COLLEGE | ST XI

27th January 2013

### Report by Chris Kennedy

The Willows fielded a strong side including a number of St Bede's old boys, keen to compete against their old school. A large contingent of St Bede's parents, staff and supporters turned up to add to the occasion.

The Willows batted first, with Matt Teale top scoring with a free-flowing 65. John Hamilton and Jason Richards held the middle order together with scores of 47 and 34 respectively, as St Bede's chipped away the wickets. It was an impressive effort in the field by a well-drilled team. Blake Doherty and Will Tucker (3/26) were both able to gain prodigious movement with the new ball, and they were well supported by the remaining bowlers. Particularly impressive was young leg-spinner, Taylor Irie. As The Willows threatened to post a good score, St Bede's fought back well, with Tim Hanrahan finishing with an impressive 3 for 8, to dismiss The Willows within 48 overs for 225.

In reply, Matt Teale (3/11) and James Tucker produced a fiery opening spell to reduce St Bede's to 20 for 4 by tea. Hagen Schulte (2/17), Carl Huyser (2/15) and the remaining bowlers all bowled well. Tom Ziolo top scored for St Bede's with a quick fire 41. The Willows bowlers were ably supported by some excellent catches behind the stumps, and a smart leg-side stumping from keeper, Matt Winter.

It was always going to be an uphill battle after the tough start, but showing true grit, St Bede's hung in beyond 41 overs, but were eventually dismissed for 141.

### The Willows won by 84 runs

#### The Willows 225

M. Teale 65, J. Hamilton 47, J. Richards 34,  
T. Hanrahan 3/8, W. Tucker 3/26

#### St Bede's College 141

T. Ziolo 41, M. Teale 3/11

#### Umpires

J. Rose and G. Evans



▲ Hamish Teale at point of delivery.



▲ A vigorous appeal from behind the stumps.



▲ Les Humphris bowling from the road end to his old school.



▲ Probus Club member Alan Hunter, with stick in hand, in his 90s, a former Headmaster of Burnside High School being introduced to cricketers from his alma mater, Timaru Boys' High School.

## V TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

3rd February 2013

**Report by Andrew McRae**

On another fine day The Willows played Timaru Boys' High School, customarily winning the toss and electing to bat first. After the loss of an early wicket, The Willows consolidated with a fine 107 run partnership between Maulik Patel (73) and Tom Rennie (43) with both players never looking in real trouble against the Timaru attack. Both played strongly down the ground impressing Mr Dormer with their ability to play in the "V". Further sound contributions to The Willows scorecard were made by ex-Timaru local Les Humphris with 68 and Tim Harrison with a well compiled 63 not out.

The resulting target of 324 was always going to be a difficult challenge for the visitors. In response Timaru Boys' High School never really managed to get underway, losing their star performer, Michael Hogan, in the second ball of

their innings. Partnerships were unable to be formed and in the end Timaru were bowled out for 103 in the 24th over.

The spoils were shared evenly by The Willows bowlers with both Les Humphris and Jeremy Duncan taking 3 wickets each.

In the end, The Willows team was a young side packed with real talent that comfortably had the measure of the Timaru Boys' High School XI, although the visitors certainly impressed with their dedication and skills in the field despite the game situation and the heat of the day.

### The Willows won by 221 runs

#### The Willows 324/7

M. Patel 73, T. Rennie 43, L. Humphris 68, T. Harrison 63\*, M. Otley 3/50

#### Timaru Boys' High School 103

M. McKenzie 32, L. Humphris 3/23, J. Duncan 3/28

#### Umpires

K. Cotton and J. Wood

# v NELSON COLLEGE I ST XI

10th February 2013

## Report by Andrew Nuttall

Canterbury's best summer for many years continued and we were blessed with a warm and calm day. It was great to see so many Nelson College supporters at the ground who enjoyed the occasion and the cricket.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat but struggled right throughout the innings in the face of some tight bowling and a wicket that offered real assistance to the bowlers. The Willows batsman struggled to score more than three runs an over and none of the batsman were at any stage comfortable. The flurry in the final two overs, in particular from Jeremy Benton, pushed the score to 161/9 although there were steady contributions from David Wakefield (24), Peter Younghusband and Andrew Nuttall. The top scorer was extras with 30!

In reply the Nelson College openers started briskly and scored six runs an over for the first ten overs before losing their first wicket. The scoring rate was reduced with the introduction of spin from Peter Younghusband and Andrew Nuttall. However, the Nelson College batsmen played well, achieving the required total in the 48th over. G. Black compiled an excellent 61 with very good support from fellow opener A. Leonard and D. Grimes in the middle order.

### The Willows lost by 5 wickets

#### The Willows 161/9

J. Gregan 3/10

#### Nelson College 162/5

G. Black 61, A. Leonard 27, D. Grimes 27\*

#### Umpires

A. Scott and S. Thompson



▲ Giles Black showing the form of a top batsman.



▲ Upright seam from the Nelson opening bowler.



▲ "Take your partners please" – Paul McEwan or Rudolf Nureyev?



# V ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE | ST XI

13th February 2013

**Report by John Mitchell  
(for captain Tim McConnell)**

As one comes to expect from the St Thomas of Canterbury College, the 1st XI presented well for the team photograph on the steps of the pavilion. Sadly, once out in the middle the rest of the day did not go to plan for them. They met a fired-up Willows team who quickly gained the ascendancy and never let go.

In an innings reduced to 30 overs maximum, three Willows batsmen made it to the crease. Eugene Archer top scored with a well-compiled 83 not out. He was supported by Chris Kennedy and Master at the College, Paul McCarthy. The Willows at the end of the mandatory overs posted 168/2.

Immediately the St Thomas run chase floundered. Wickets were regularly snared and it was only a couple of bright knocks by J. Earl (34) and

F. Luxton-Russell (18) and an exorbitant number of wides that saved the College from an entire rout. The innings total of 88 runs fell well short.

The Willows enjoyed hosting St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI again; this being the eighth occasion.

**The Willows won by 80 runs**

**The Willows 168/2**

E. Archer 83\*, C. Kennedy 31, P. McCarthy 31

**St Thomas of Canterbury College 88**

J. Earl 34, G. Stewart 3/4, B. Doody 3/30



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Rare sight for a 50-over match: four slips and a gully set by Willows captain Bob Masefield against the Country Secondary Schools XI.

## v SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

17th February 2013

### Report by Graeme Inglis

A quick trip across the park on the Dormer pickup to where the Southland Boys' were warming up, followed by a brief discussion, led to the decision that The Willows would bat. On a fine day with a quick outfield John Garry and Mario Williams initially battled against some sharp bowling and fielding. When John departed in the tenth over with the score at 47, however, a good start had been negotiated and this was continued by Mario and Ben Cant as they took the score through to 172 when Ben departed for 60. Mario continued on to be not out at the end on 86 as The Willows finished on 265 for 7. For Southland the opening bowlers N. McCullum and B. Andrews impressed while R. Acland with 3 for 55 was the most successful.

In reply K. Geary and L. McWilliam battled through to 44 against some hostile bowling by Daniel Stanley and Les Humphris who at times had the ball rearing off a length. With the openers departure things quickly deteriorated with four wickets falling for 5 runs and at 4 for 49 the game seemed over. Southland however, never gave it away and with the help of some variable bowling (54 wides) they hung in to get to 170 for 6. Some good hitting and brave defending by J. Diack (30 not out) and B. Hansen hinted at an upset but a late slump saw three more wickets fall for 10 and the game was over.

### The Willows won by 85 runs

#### The Willows 265/7

M. Williams 86\*, B. Cant 60, R. Acland 3/55

#### Southland Boys' High School 180/9

J. Diack 30\*, G. Inglis 3/21

#### Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Opposition applause for Mario Williams who scored 86 not out.



▲ A Nelson College batsman.



▲ Match winning catch, right in the Wright hand!

## ✓ BRADLEY NUTTALL XI

20th February 2013

**Report by Joe Bennett**

Perfect weather and The Willows batted. The Bradley Nuttall captain distributed his players about the field like a balanced portfolio but within half an hour two of them had retired to the pavilion with bugged hamstrings, and within two hours Dave Kelly had joined them with 101 runs to his name. He hit it here and he



▲ Grant Stewart with a full head of steam.

hit it there and nothing the financial boys could do made any impact on his revenue stream. Everyone else got a few and after their 40 overs The Willows had 198 for the loss of 6, plus Hamish Wright who retired hurt with a bugged calf.

Mr Wright insisted on fielding nevertheless, and stationed himself at slip where he was perfectly positioned to watch Bob Masefield suck the marrow from the Bradley Nuttall innings. His first three variety-pack overs yielded a wicket each, including that of the threatening Brad Doody, who edged a quicker ball past the keeper only to see the hopalong at first slip stick out a mitt and pouch it. Brad Doody expressed surprise. Hamish Wright expressed astonishment. Thereafter the Bradley Nuttalls went down like a slow puncture, unable to cope with the subtleties of Tony Gray's off-spin. His figures, 8 overs, 5 maidens, 2 for 6.

After which there was nothing for it but beer, lies and sausages, and thanks to all those who made such a wonderful day possible.

**The Willows won by 99 runs**

**The Willows 198/6 (40 overs)**

D. Kelly 101 retired, A. Nuttall 3/36

**Bradley Nuttall XI 99**

R. Masefield 3/26, A. Gray 2/6

**Umpires**

H. Fowler and J. Rose

# V ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE 1ST XI

24th February 2013

## Report by Mark Weeds

A young St Andrew's side arrived to warm conditions in Loburn missing the majority of their 1st XI squad who were away playing their annual fixture against Scots College in Wellington.

However, this did not detract from the quality of cricket. Batting first, The Willows found themselves in early trouble at 52/4. Two excellent run outs from the St Andrew's fielders supported tidy spells of new ball bowling. Thankfully a quality fifth wicket partnership of 106 between James Tapper and Tom Bruce got the innings back on track, with both batsmen notching up half centuries. After 50 overs The Willows reached a par score of 224/9, with continued disciplined bowling and fielding restricting any real momentum to the innings.

The St Andrew's run chase got off to a watchful start, but tight spells of opening bowling from Chris Burnett and Zac Watson had The Willows on top with the loss of three early wickets. Enter Matt Parker and Luke Germon, who compiled a promising partnership of 87 runs swinging the

game back in the balance. Fortunately James Tapper rested control back to The Willows with three quick wickets with his off-spinners, capping a fine all-round display. Fraser Sheat contributed with three wickets of his own and demonstrated a bright future in the game at just 14 years of age.

In the end, St Andrew's were bowled out for 182 with a breezy 35 coming from Sam Gilbert in the lower order. It was a pleasure to see the boys playing so straight, with yours truly having never fielded so many well-timed drives at mid-off! The young team acquitted themselves well, suggesting some great talent coming through the College.

It was great to get a win in my first outing as a Willows captain, and more importantly, return the John MacDonald trophy back to The Willows cabinet after Mitch MacDonald's sacking the previous year.

## The Willows won by 42 runs

### The Willows 224/9

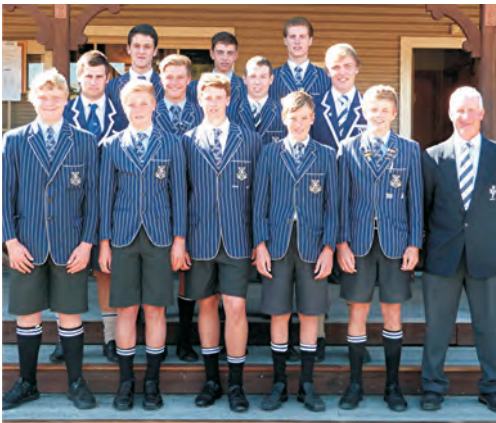
J. Tapper 50, T. Bruce 73

### St Andrew's College 182

M. Parker 45, L. Germon 43, S. Gilbert 35,  
J. Tapper 3/36, F. Sheat 3/47

### Umpires

B. Hamilton and D. Herber



▲ St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ The Country Secondary Schools XI.

## V COUNTRY SECONDARY SCHOOLS XI

3rd March 2013

**Report by Paul Rutledge  
(for captain John Masefield)**

As is the custom The Willows XI won the toss and elected to bat against a youthful Country Schools' XI.

Opening for The Willows Tim Harrison (42), combined with David Wakefield (68) for a second wicket partnership of 88 to establish the innings. Useful contributions in the middle order from James Tapper (31), Eddie Commons (25), and a fighting 30m not out from Philip Maw, allowed The Willows to post a competitive total of 258 for 6 from its 50 overs. Bowling for the Country Schools' XI, Fraser Sheat 2/49 and A Waller 2/19 impressed with the ball.

The loss of early wickets by the Country Schools' XI meant that their run chase never really got going, as early inroads into the top order made by Tom Agnew 2/8, and Will Williams 2/13, meant that the target of 259 was going to be a tough challenge. Good contributions from S Lawson (27) and J Mariu (24) helped the Country score through to 109. John Hamilton chipped in with 3/11 to help tidy up the innings. Once again Tim Harrison's wicket keeping was of the highest standard for The Willows.

A win to The Willows XI by 149 runs. Congratulations must go to the Country Schools' XI for their enthusiasm and the way in which they represented Country Cricket on the day.

### The Willows won by 149 runs

#### The Willows 258/6

D. Wakefield 68, T. Harrison 42, J. Tapper 31, P. Maw 30\*

#### Country Secondary Schools XI 109

J. Hamilton 3/11

#### Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Fraser Sheat, a promising 14-year-old.



▲ David Wakefield comprehensively bowled.



▲ 'Keeper Tim Harrison celebrates one of four dismissals.

# v WAITAKI BHS / ST KEVIN'S XI

10th March 2013

## Report by Trevor Thornton

The combined North Otago schools were treated to the class of former Central Districts batsman Dave Kelly who scored his second century at The Willows this year. His 102 retired came off 102 balls in 96 minutes. Dave, a North Canterbury farmer, enjoyed the dry and bare outfield but lamented some drought breaking rain would have helped on the farm.

Dave's latest century came in the same week that his Central Districts one day record was overtaken by Jamie How, who scored 222 against the Northern Knights.

James Leggat 76, Michael Goldstein 38 and first time Willower Jack Lewis 32, all contributed to The Willows total of 288/6.

The Waitaki/St Kevin's response got off to a blazing start with Stefan Grobler taking 21 off the first over but once Zac Watson trapped him LBW for 29, there was little resistance from the other batsmen. 'Catches win matches' was in The Willows team talk from an under-fire skipper whose losing record (until today) could have seen his Willows membership cancelled. Six catches were taken with one outstanding effort by Jack Lewis running to his right around the boundary to take a one handed catch.

Michael Goldstein who is famous for having played 365 rounds of golf around the globe in one year, demonstrated his many talents with his 38 runs and one of the six catches.

Richard McGuire was the best of The Willows bowlers with 4/20 with two wickets each for Zac Watson, Jim Wilson and Ben Mably.

The Rollie Everleigh Trophy is back at The Willows.

**The Willows won by 198 runs**

## The Willows 288/6

D. Kelly 102 retired, J. Leggat 76,  
M. Goldstein 38, J. Lewis 32

## Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI 90

R. McGuire 4/20

## Umpires

L. Kerr and D. Reid



▲ The Waitaki/St Kevin's XI.



▲ James Leggat turning the ball through the leg side.



▲ 'Keeper Ryan Jones showing good technique with eyes on the ball.



▲ Summer drought.

## V THE GLIMMER XI (AUCKLAND)

16th March 2013

**Report by Mario Williams**

Auckland Glimmer won the toss and decided to field first. The Willows lost an early wicket and steadily built an innings based on some solid performances in the middle order. James D'Arcy (Rangiora High School First XI captain) batted well scoring 73 runs and he was well assisted in the middle stages of the innings by Ben Dormer (38) and Marcus Mariu (30). The Willows team managed a competitive total of 225 for 8 off 50 overs.

Auckland Glimmer never challenged The Willows total due to an excellent opening spell by former Northern Districts bowler Gareth West. He took 3 for 10 in six overs. John Masefield took a remarkable 3 for 2 as first change bowler and this included a hat-trick. Auckland Glimmer were eventually bundled out for a meager total of 78 runs.

The game was followed by a fantastic barbeque. Meat was supplied by the Auckland Glimmer team and it was definitely a most enjoyable occasion.

**The Willows won by 148 runs**

**Auckland Glimmer XI 78**

J. Burton 28\*, J. Masefield 3/2, G. West 3/10

**The Willows 225/8**

J. D'Arcy 73, B. Dormer 38\*, M. Mariu 30,  
J. Burton 3/47

**Umpires**

J. Stringleman and M. Dormer



▲ John Masefield on completion of his hat-trick.

# v SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

17th March 2013

## Report by Ashley Cowlshaw

The Shirley XI stepped out on The Willows oval for what is one of the last fixtures of the season against a strong Willows side. The home side got off to a great start with T. Hampton-Matehe (61) and J. Pawson (60) putting on 115 for the first wicket inside 20 overs. The Shirley bowlers showed some resistance lead by C. Sheahan and A. Philpott, taking three and two wickets respectively, to slow the scoring rate of the Willows. Containing a powerful batting line up to 214/7 at the 38 over point, before an explosive display of hitting by K. McClure (69), took the hosts through to an imposing total of 306.

The Shirley batsmen had a tall order in front of them chasing the 307 needed for victory. The visitors got off to a steady start to reach 34 for the first wicket. Scoring at over six an over was made even greater thanks to some economical

spells from D. Grocott and J. Pawson both only going for 20 runs off their six and eight over stints. An exceptional spell of medium pace bowling by G. Stewart (7-3-3-20) really took its toll on the batting side falling to 89/4. This set the stage for the Shirley coach N. Marsh to take the ball and cause dismay for his son (bowling him for a duck while he left the ball), but a gentle reminder for his team mates that he still has 'it' claiming 3/5 off two overs to wrap up the day's play with only B. Mayo (49) showing any defiance with the bat.

Overall it was an excellent day's cricket by The Willows and a tough lesson for the Shirley XI.

## The Willows won by 194 runs

### The Willows 306

T. Hampton-Matehe 61, J. Pawson 60,  
K. McClure 69, H. Teale 41, C. Sheahan 3/55

### Shirley Boys' High School 110

B. Mayo 49, G. Stewart 3/30, N. Marsh 3/5

### Umpires

T. McLisky and J. Rose



▲ Father to son. Father (Nigel Marsh) won.



▲ Tim Grocott opening the bowling.



▲ A classic cover drive from Ben Mayo.



▲ A straight drive from Ben Mayo.





▲ The Past NZ XI and Governor-General's Youth XI.



▲ Ewen Chatfield.

## GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S YOUTH XI v PAST NEW ZEALAND XI

23rd March 2013

**Report by Ryan Burson**

It was a real honour to be asked to captain the Governor-General's XI. The match began the night before, a fantastic evening held at St Andrew's College with fine food and drink, entertainment and company. I was the odd one out receiving my tie from His Excellency, Sir Jerry Mateparae, as I was twice the age of my team mates. The muted applause and laughter did not go unnoticed!

The next morning on game day I was the odd one out again. The opposition comprised a class side of former New Zealand legends, and in my side the promising youth trying to reach that level I never had. In the end the former class was far too good for the promising class. I did win the toss though, and was informed I should bat, which I did.

The New Zealand XI bowlers were accurate and miserly. None more so than the evergreen Ewen Chatfield, conceding just 16 from his eight overs. Add in the opening left arm pace of Geoff Allott and Shayne O'Connor (who took two c & bs), the guile of Richard Petrie and Aaron Gale (3/48),

the spin of Evan Gray and the madness of Chris Harris, and it was a pretty difficult attack to get away. Our score of 175 was always going to be a bit light but it wasn't through a lack of trying.

After making our way through lunch, Sir Jerry headed to the airport on his way to the Middle East, hopeful of a mighty bowling effort by his team, but probably realising it was a good time to get away!

In reply, we got treated to a batting master class from openers Matthew Bell and Mark Douglas. They put on 113 in quick time and although we managed to stem the flow for a short time thanks to Jack Meyrick (2/46), Harry came in and completed his usual role to ensure an early finish.

It was a great occasion to be a part of, and my thanks to all involved in both sides and behind the scenes. Best of luck to my side of talented young men, I hope to see your names in lights in the future.

**Past New Zealand XI won by 6 wickets**

**Past New Zealand XI 179/4**

M. Bell 41, M. Douglas 91, C. Harris 30

**Governor-General's Youth XI 175/8**

B. Mably 35, M. Hogan 31

**Umpires**

E. Brownlee and G. Evans

# NZ cricket needs to be returned to the true believers

**By Spiros Zavos**

*Former Editorial Writer, Sydney Morning Herald for over 25 years and well known international rugby writer*

I watched the enthralling cricket Test at Wellington between New Zealand and England from my home in Sydney. At one point in the play I called over to my wife to come to look at the screen. 'Look at the Basin Reserve. What a beautiful cricket ground it is now. And what a great crowd watching the play.'

Many years ago I had watched another Test at the ground, again from my Sydney home, and was appalled to hear Ian Chappell describe the Basin Reserve as one of the world's worst venues for cricket. Admittedly, it was a typically Wellington vile, windy day and Sir Richard Hadlee was ripping through the Australian batting order as if it were a roll of disposable tissue.

After the Test against England which ended in that oxymoron, an exciting draw, I sent an email to my old mates Don Neely and Doug Catley, both of them totally dedicated to the task of making the Basin Reserve one of cricket's great venues, congratulating them on what they had achieved. With the typical generosity of fine cricket people, Doug in his email reply suggested that 'you shouldn't forget the work done by John Morrison, too, on the Wellington City Council.'

Thumbs up, then, to Don Neely, Doug Catley and John Morrison.

Like many Wellingtonians of a certain age, the Basin Reserve was my home away home, in many ways my real home, when I was growing



◀ Spiros, 1957 at the Basin Reserve learning from Fred Trueman.

up and into my 20s. Athletic Park was too far away and only used at the weekends. But the Basin Reserve is virtually right in the city. As well as cricket and soccer in the weekends, in their seasons, there were many other sports events held throughout the week (as well as cricket nets for several grade teams and the Wellington rep teams).

You could wander down to the Basin Reserve and often see interesting events taking place. I saw Marjorie Jackson devastate her opponents, running like a runaway mechanical toy, one night. Another night I saw Barry Brown, a tall, elegant southpaw win an Empire boxing title. One cold afternoon I saw an England rugby league side, the first game of rugby league I'd seen, monster a ramshackle and disorganised Wellington team. Another afternoon I saw Tom Finney and a team of lesser England legends score 10 goals against Wellington. Most years I used to be part of a big crowd to watch the annual Chatham Cup final, football's equivalent of the Ranfurly Shield. This was in the days when the Watersiders and Marist (the team I followed) were strong clubs.

Most of all, though, were the cricket events I experienced at the ground. An early memory is hot Saturday afternoons at the Basin Reserve watching St Pats playing and with more

deference opening up the game for a batsman my team had dismissed. I walked into the crowd once and saw Jack Cowie, in what must have been one of his last Plunket Shield matches, opening the bowling off an extremely long run-up. A favourite player was the Auckland Verdun Scott, a lean, tallish opening bat, with hardly a back-lift or a typical scoring shot, who was a prolific scorer with nudges and pushes. His contemporary, Bert Sutcliffe, was entirely different. He had shots all around the wicket. And every shot was elegant and forthright.

On another vile and windy day, well before Ian Chappell's time as a commentator, Sutcliffe scored a laboured (for him) century against an Australian team which featured the equally elegant and slightly baroque leg-spin of Richie Benaud. When the Australian side came out to bat, in the gathering darkness, with about 30 minutes to play, the openers called for a bad light cessation. The umpires rejected the call. Les Flavell then scored four successive fours off Bob Blair's first four deliveries. The umpires then decided that the light was too bad for play to continue, as the fielders were in some danger.

Playing at the Basin Reserve in club cricket could be an interesting exercise in avoiding decapitation from a batsman playing on one of three nearby wickets. In the far corner a gang of Mercantile League players indulged themselves in a hit-and-giggle exercise with slogging and yahooing being the order of the day. The number two pitch, which ran parallel to the old pavilion, had such a small legside boundary that Brian Prince, a handy medium-pacer but no batsman, hit me for a six off the back of the bat from a mistimed sweep. Players using all three pitches frequently found themselves in danger of their lives as their position of fine leg, say, became a silly mid-on on the adjoining pitch.

The number one pitch was on the side of the ground where the old scoreboard stood. You could see play on this wicket from the trams wheeling around the corner on their way to Seatoun, Island Bay or Kilbirnie. A noted left-handed hitter Paul Standidge hit a delivery out of the ground from this pitch. It landed in a tram

and probably rolled out of the tram somewhere near Crawford Green at Strathmore Park. I was batting on this pitch in a club match when Harry Morgan, a left-handed big-hitter like Standidge, came out to face the bowling of the real John Reid, then indulging himself in an off-spinning mode.

Morgan blocked the first ball. The second ball was sent high over Reid's head, out of the ground and into a balcony of the old Caledonian Hotel that overlooked the Basin Reserve.

Reid had coached me as a youngster. So he knew me. He turned to me and said in his characteristic high-pitched voice: 'Jeez, Spiro (pronounced as in biro), where did that come from?'

'He doesn't usually take that long to play himself in,' I told him.

It was at the Basin Reserve that I saw a glittering host of great players: Len Hutton fastidious in his run-making; Godfrey Evans standing up to the rolling in-swingers of Alec Bedser; Bob Appleyard unplayable on a then typically green wicket prepared by Harry Wilkins; Roger Prideaux absolutely magnificent against a good New Zealand bowling attack; John Beck scoring a brilliant 40 or so in the virtual dark against a good West Indian attack; Garfield Sobers as a youngster opening in a Test for the first time and hooking the tall, lanky, all arms, elbows and legs Tony McGibbon in the first over for a six and breaking a window in the lunch room underneath the old pavilion; Everton Weekes hitting an old Brabin Shield mate Wilf Haskell for a flat-bat six, with the ball never going higher than about six foot, over the long-on boundary; Andy Valentine in the nets bowling his left-armers and the ball literally humming on its way down to the batsman; Norm O'Neill before an international match hitting the Australian fast-bowlers warming up before taking the field, with every shot being marked by a loud crack like the sound of rifle shot; and I was there on a sunny afternoon when John Reid belted a world record number of sixers against a strong Northern Districts attack ...

My favourite Basin Reserve story was told to me by Frank Mooney, the skilful 'keeper for Wellington and New Zealand and my first club captain. Clyde Walcott was batting against a struggling Wellington attack. He was toying with the bowlers. To keep himself interested he started chatting to Frank.

'Mr Mooney,' he would ask, 'where would you like me to hit the next boundary?'

Frank said that he tried to set impossible targets. When the left-arm spinner Eric Dempster was bowling his darts wide of off stump and spinning away, Frank would nominate, say, fine leg. Sure enough, Walcott would get the ball down to fine leg. Finally Frank called for a hit over long off from a pace bowler who was invariably short and lifting. The great Walcott responded by belting the ball high out of the ground and well down Cambridge Terrace, to be retrieved many minutes later. Flashing his teeth in a huge grin, Walcott turned and asked: 'Is that what you wanted Mr Mooney?'

The postscript to all of this is that when I was writing up this essay of sorts a huge row erupted over the governance of New Zealand cricket. John Parker was in the news touting his 66-point plan to make New Zealand Cricket more alert to the interests of all the stakeholders and not just for a cabal of senior players, their managers and several blow-in administrators and selectors from Australia.

The majority of former distinguished players with careers in the media and administration supported Parker. But there were a few others, like Martin Snedden, a fine cricketer, a lawyer and a successful organizer of the 2011 Rugby World Cup tournament, who came out against Parker. Who was right in this important argument?

My mind was made up in favour of John Parker when John Morrison came out in support of his statement. Anyone who has invested time and energy in ensuring that the Basin Reserve remains one of the great cricket grounds in the world clearly is in tune with the better angels of New Zealand cricket.

## *In Memoriam*

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

**S. C. 'Sam' Guillen**

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thanks very much to The Willows for the generous hospitality and effort in hosting a great weekend; right down to a nice humid morning to help the ball swing!

I am now able to rise from my chair and walk with considerably more ease than in the last two days, though this is not to say I am not reminded with each movement that I have tried to do something I am no longer attuned to doing!

However I hope the boys got plenty out of their day; I couldn't help but envy them really. I certainly had a great time myself, catching up with the familiar faces I have not seen or heard from in a long time, and as always it is fantastic to be able to rub shoulders with some of the players I grew up watching as a fledgling cricketer! While I have met him a number of times and played against him, I still can't believe I got the opportunity to stand at mid off/mid on while Ewen Chatfield bowled; what a privilege!

Furthermore, playing in this match afforded my family the opportunity to stay and catch up with the Allotts which was just fantastic; it has been far too long!

I feel for the guys over yesterday's outcome; if ever they deserved a break it was in this test ... hence the beauty of test cricket eh?

All the best for the off season.

Regards,  
**Shayne O'Connor**  
*(A former New Zealand Representative)*

# LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Another wonderful day at The Willows. A tight finish and one of good cricket. I hope you know the procedure for getting the trophy inscribed, can you remember? We enjoyed meeting Alex Reese. I remember meeting his great grandfather, Dan and we have been friends of each succeeding generation.

I have told Robbie Deans to keep fit and he will be considered for selection next year.

All The Willows work doesn't go unnoticed and I can assume you is much appreciated by a lot of people. Thank you for another perfect day.

Yours sincerely,  
**Roger Macfarlane**

Dear Editor,

Following my recent letter, I am writing to say how very much I enjoyed reading the 18th Annual Report – from cover to cover. A really excellent production.

I thought you might be interested to know that I was present at the Lords Victory Test in 1945. Although I was an English schoolboy, I idolised Keith Miller. In fact I went to Lords regularly in the school holidays from 1941-1945. Very often the air raid siren would sound; sometimes play stopped and we took cover, other times they just played on. It was somehow more frightening than 1944 when the flying bombs appeared.

Sincerely Yours,  
**A. G. L. Wright – London**



▲ Lady Susan Satyanand together with Elsa Edgar and Elsa Gent (UK) listening to Sir Anand addressing the players.



▲ The successful Williams family, at the ground for the match against the Suburban XI.



▲ The Peninsula Craz brains trust contemplating their selection for next season.



▲ The Hawkswood players all received marshmallow sticks to mark their loss.

## Stepping stones to a better world

*This is the third in a series of articles by principals of the schools that play at The Willows.*

**By Christine Leighton**

*Rector, St Andrew's College*



I believe, young people today have a mission, indeed a responsibility, which is really no different from the generations before them – and that is to make the world a better place. How they do this will depend upon their

skills and talents and personalities, and upon the choices they make as they journey through their school, tertiary and working lives.

There is no doubt that young people today are growing up in a different world than previous generations. They are interconnected through instant communications, which cover the globe. Borders, banners and walls have come down but, in spite of this, there remains prejudice, distrust, competition and irreconcilable difference across many global communities.

In this increasingly interconnected world, being a good global citizen is of paramount importance.

Each and every one of us has a core responsibility to watch out for each other, to seek better living standards, to put an end to extreme poverty, to preserve the planet from destruction and to work for peace.

Education is the first stepping stone to a better world, through sharing knowledge and different perspectives. It is through education that we come to better understand each other, to

appreciate and celebrate our inevitable differences.

In our schools we open up the world to our students. Through the internet and social media they build up learning networks and global relationships, through sports and cultural opportunities they might get to travel abroad and experience different cultures, through service trips they might find the joy of seeing the difference their support and their dollars can make to those in great need.

But it is through playing sport that most young New Zealanders will grow the attributes and the attitudes that will develop them into the kind of people we will need to make this world a better place. They will develop grit and determination, they will learn to lose, they will become humble in victory and gracious in defeat, they will realise that honesty, trust, good sportsmanship and being a team player are ultimately more important than being on the winning side.

Through the opportunities given to hundreds of young cricketers, The Willows Cricket Club provides young people the chance to develop the attributes which will make them into people who can cross the cultural, racial, social and political divides. The values they learn through their sport will serve them well if they take these into their world beyond school; into business or professional life.

In my 32 years in New Zealand education, I have had the privilege of knowing many talented young people who have gone on to achieve remarkable things. I am in awe of their talents, abilities and skills. But even more importantly, I am impressed by their qualities of friendship, loyalty, appreciation, respect and responsibility.

These qualities, alongside their individual skills and talents, will help them to navigate their way towards effective global citizenship – and maybe the world will become a better place after all.



▲ Guest speaker Bryan Waddle.

## Willows Dinner 2012

September 2012 at Riccarton Racecourse

By David Brooke

Some 140 Willowers gathered for our dinner. Once again we were royally fed by the team at Riccarton Race Course and watered, generously as always, with Charles Wiffen's wines.

Willows dinners are well-organised affairs and run true to form; many old friends; much camaraderie; plenty of tall stories; a very good contribution by our schoolboys, whether providing musical interludes, introducing guest speakers or proposing a toast; the urbane Malcolm Ellis as MC. A well-deserved thanks to all who help to make the Willows Club function so successfully; a welcome and tribute to the Hon Gardener; the founder of the club circulating noisily, issuing instructions at a furious rate and ducking for cover as soon as any mention is made of his contribution – and above all a very happy occasion with cricket to the fore.

Bryan Waddle, 'the voice of New Zealand cricket', was in good form as Guest Speaker as he talked passionately and entertainingly about cricket in these modern times.

### *Grace as said by Archdeacon Mike Hawke at The Willows Dinner*

*Lord, this evening, as we gather together to celebrate, we acknowledge you as our coach, our manager – as we live, play, work and perform on this – your pitch of life; your outfield; your world. Tonight we thank you for the thrill of being here together – in this city – this rattled and renewing city that bears your name of Christ – Church.*

*Thank you for those who have worked and planned to make tonight's celebration come to fruition – as we gather with acquaintances, friends and colleagues of the past, the present and the future. So Lord, bless this food to our use – fit us for your service in the renewal of our old lives and those we love. Keep us mindful of the needs of others as we appeal loudly and constantly, with hope and faith – to you this day, now and forever more. Amen*



▲ A lovely picture of pin oak trees at the ground.

## Youth Dinner at St Andrew's College

*Saturday, 23 March 2013, in the presence of Their Excellencies, Lt Gen Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General of New Zealand, and Lady Janine Mateparae.*

### By Bert Walker

What a splendid occasion this dinner was, from start to finish! On arrival at St Andrew's (from 6pm onwards) all guests were very warmly greeted, before enjoying drinks and most tasty nibbles, along with catching up with old friends.

And before too long Their Excellencies arrived and were soon freely mixing and mingling with the assembled guests, putting all who met them totally at ease with their naturally friendly and charming company.

Eventually everyone moved through to the historic dining room (now well restored after the events of 22 February 2011). The seating arrangements at each table reflected the care and planning that had gone into this event – with each table having a friendly mixture of ex NZ internationals and school players (playing the next day in The Willows Past NZ XI and the Governor-General's Youth XI match at The Willows), plus Willow Club members.

The food was superb, the service immaculate and the entertainment of stunning quality! As we were treated to some wonderful singing from some supremely gifted young performers.

Master of ceremonies, Tom Griffin, performed his duties with admirable aplomb and distinction all evening, as we were formally welcomed by Mrs Christine Leighton (Rector of St Andrew's College) and then by the Hon Sir John Hansen (President of The Willows).

The Loyal Toast was proposed by Joel Meade (King's High School, Dunedin) and then Grace

was said by Daniel Rawson (St Thomas of Canterbury College).

After the main course we were treated to a most entertaining and wide ranging speech from the Governor-General, a discourse of great quality. Having the difficult task of following him was former NZ wicketkeeper-batsman Erv McSweeney, who rose to the occasion with a very interesting speech, including humorous recollections of some of his more memorable moments on and off the field while touring Zimbabwe!

After dessert the occasion eventually came to a close with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Michael Hogan (Timaru Boys' High) followed by a "Toast to Cricket" by Shaun Stagg (Ashburton College) and the conclusion by our esteemed President the Hon Sir John Hansen.

All present eventually emerged into the night air, enriched by the splendid company and repast they had enjoyed, and with glowing memories of some of the best entertainment and speeches one could wish to hear.

It was another marvellously memorable occasion.

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## Welcome speech

**By Mrs Christine Leighton**  
*Rector of St Andrew's College*

The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae and Lady Janine, Sir John Hansen, special guests, staff and cricketers.

Welcome to St Andrew's College and this special Governor-General's invitation cricket dinner.

It is an honour to have you dining at St Andrew's College Strowan House this evening, especially as we are just completing our 2 years of renovation work to this magnificent Historic Homestead after the February 2011 earthquake.



Special congratulations to the members of this invitation team – this is an honour that you will value and remember in years to come.

Congratulations to you also for the commitment you have made to cricket and the skills you continue to develop.

To those of you representing The Willows, thank you for the time and commitment and inspiration that you give to the developing players.

More than any other sport, cricket is known for being a metaphor for life. At one time or another. We have all “gone into bat” for causes, or have been “tossed the ball” to take up challenges, only to be “forced onto the back foot”, “stumped” or “knocked for a six”. And on it goes, until – hopefully in many years to come, your eulogy will declare that you have “had a good innings”.

Nothing challenges you in sport more than a game of cricket – a good day can often be followed by one that is equally bad – teamwork is as important as individual success.

In playing cricket, you are not only developing strength of character, you are also enjoying being part of a tradition where sportsmanship and fair play are still highly valued. Enjoy the challenge and the friendships and camaraderie that develop through this wonderful game.



▲ Cricket ground at St Andrew's College, venue for this year's dinner.

Thank you to everyone who is contributing to making this night special for you all, especially Dianne MacDonald, Russell Gray and the Catering staff.

Thank you to our honoured guests – your presence here tonight certainly makes this a very special occasion indeed.

Enjoy the evening.

## Toast to cricket

**By Shaun Stagg**

*Ashburton College 1st XI*

Cricket, to me, is so much more than a game,

A large part of who I am today I owe to the game of cricket.

Cricket had taught me about success and failure, about values and principles, about good and bad.

It's taught me about the black, the white, and the ever expanding grey that is the in between.

Through cricket I have learned about the sacrifice and commitment needed to achieve excellence, that ability is something built on through hard work, blood and sweat, not something God-given.

Through cricket I have come to understand vision, leadership, and spirit.

And the game has given me opportunities to meet people and travel to places that have changed my life.

Cricket has taught me about the values of friendship and courage, respect, balance, and discipline.

While to some cricket is just a game, to me, it has been a faithful teacher of good and bad.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I give you the Toast to Cricket!

# 'I'm just watching the test match'

By Joe Bennett

'You're an addict,' said the voice.

I ignored it.

'A hopeless, feeble addict, a dupe, barren of purpose, barren of willpower, a life-form in suspension, a dangling teat-sucker, a dependent, an adult baby, nappy-wrapped, close to foetal, curled on the sofa with the curtains drawn, passive as a bacterium, unable to...'

'Are bacteria passive?'

'Ah, so there is a brain in there somewhere. I thought it had withered from lack of sunlight.'

'Will you please be quiet?' I said. 'I'm trying to watch the test match.'

'No you're not. You're trying NOT to watch the test match. You keep saying to yourself, "Just one more over."'

'And your point?'

'My point is...'

'Oh did you see that? Did you ever see anything so lovely? Peter Fulton just strode down the pitch to Panesar and hoisted the ball onto the roof of the stand with the ease of a man opening a bottle of milk. The noise of the ball on the bat was like the ringing of a bell. It was pitch perfect, as sweet as a truffle. It was beauty in action, my friend. Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know.'

'Oh, so you just like the slogging.'

'If I just liked the slogging I'd watch 20/20. But 20/20 is to a test match as Twitter is to Shakespeare. 20/20 is the game for the iPod



▲ All class: Peter Fulton on his way to reaching his second century on day four.

lover, the gimme-gimme consumer. Whereas test cricket is like life itself. Its very duration, its stretched-out-ness is its glory. A game, a series, can wax and wane like the moon, the players with it. A month ago, for example, this same Peter Fulton was stumbling around the crease like a meths drinker and groping for the ball with hope and little else. Yet now, just look at him. He is lord of the greensward, magisterial, dismissive, treating the world's best bowlers as Henry VIII treated wives. Over the course of fifteen days cricket I've watched him grow in mind and spirit.'

'But it's all so slow.'

'There are slow bits, for sure, just as there are in life. But possibility lurks always around the corner, ready to throw off its drab cloak and astonish you with its rooster raiment. You just never know when. You can't look away. And besides you can always while away the dull bits

by inventing sentences that mention as many members of the England team as possible.'

'Such as?'

'When the prior rang the bell for his cook, who should trot out but his broad?'

'Is that it?'

'And her son.'

'What happened to Joe Root?'

'He got bowled by Tim Southee for 45. But there's more to cricket than any individual game or player. I was dunked in cricket at birth. I've known it as long as I've known anything. The mere sight of men in white walking out onto a faultless mown arena with five days of battle ahead of them infuses me with pleasure, reassures me of continuity, tells me the world's still the right way up. Just. Test cricket is to me as daffodils were to Wordsworth.'

'And that,' said the scorn-laden voice, 'justifies wasting fifteen days of summer sunshine cooped up in a darkened room gawping at a screen and inventing feeble puns to pass the time, fifteen days of your allotted span, a chunk of time that you will never have again?'

'To quote my old mate Larkin, "days spent hunting pig or holding a garden party, advance on death equally slowly."'

'But you aren't hunting pig and you aren't holding a garden party. You're doing nothing. You're just lying there as a passive receptacle. You're watching other people live, not living yourself. You're getting your jollies vicariously. You're cutting no capers and you're swashing no buckle. You could barely describe yourself as a human being. You're just a breathing lump, of no more worth to the world than the aforementioned bacterium. Was it this you were born for? Are you proud of your gawping?'

'No.'

'Good. So listen to me, the voice of your conscience, who urges you to be up and doing, to get out in the sunshine and swash that buckle and actually make something of the messy little thing you call your life rather than watch others doing so. Stop saying to yourself "just one more over," or "I'll turn it off when a wicket falls". Get off your butt and live.'

'Okay.'

'What?'

'Okay, I will. Just as soon as Peter Fulton gets his hundred.'

'You're an addict.'



◀ **Rakitha Weerasundara of Wellington College with former Old Boys and internationals Brian Hastings and Trevor Barber with Headmaster Roger Moses, former international John Morrison, Old Boy Doug Catley and former international John Wright.**

## Q and A with former NZ bowler Dayle Hadlee

*John Mitchell has initiated this section in response to requests seeking comments from first class players of yesteryear.*

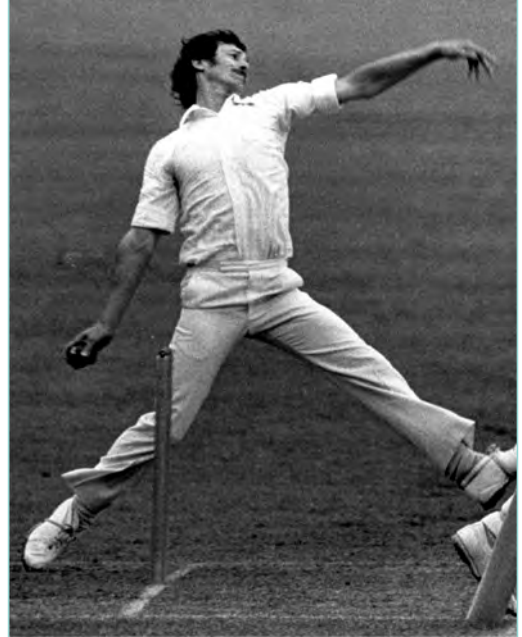
### Q1. Most memorable game?

Being a member of the New Zealand teams to secure the first Test victory against Australia and England were highlights in my playing career. The 1974 game against Australia at Lancaster Park was a titanic battle on a mottled seamer-friendly pitch, where scores in the first three innings were in the low to mid two hundreds, leaving a similar score to secure an unexpected victory. It was exciting to take three second innings wickets in a spell for five runs off 12 balls to restrict the Australians' lead to 227. Thanks to Glenn Turner's batting expertise (101 & 110\*), the winning total was nervously attained for an historic breakthrough against our more illustrious neighbours.

**Australia 223 & 259; NZ 255 & 230/5**

The 1978 victory over England at the Basin Reserve highlighted the 'never say die' attitude that New Zealand teams must have to be successful. Chasing a meager fourth innings total of 137 the England batsmen succumbed to the hostility of Richard Hadlee (6/26) and Richard Collinge (3/35) on an unpredictable pitch, to be bowled out for a meager 64! This was Geoff Boycott's first Test as the England captain which was memorable to him for the wrong reasons. Sadly, this was my last Test match as I sustained a back injury during the first innings after bowling into a strong Wellington gale to tie up an end to support the two Richards to attack down wind, which they did sensationally.

**NZ 228 & 123; England 215 & 64**



### Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

My best Test match bowling performance was during the third Test in Hyderabad, India in 1969. After completing a tour of England, the team played India and Pakistan on the way home on an arduous five and a half month tour. My bowling match analysis of 7/61 surpassed my previous best and the team came close to securing an historic series win on Indian soil, finally sharing the Test matches one all. Taking 13 wickets in the series at 13 runs apiece surpassed my wildest expectations.

Apart from my personal performance this test was memorable for the drama surrounding it. In India's first innings they were 49/9 on a pitch where the grass was longer than what would normally be expected. A defiant last wicket partnership of 40 saw the Indians dismissed for their second lowest score which led to a riot. Two youths ran onto the field to congratulate the batsmen for avoiding India's lowest test score of

87 but were chased by two stick welding policemen. Sadly, one of the youths was struck on the head, opening a wound that incensed the crowd leading to a halt in play. Prior to the match there had been unrest in the city and this incident was an opportunity to vent anger against figures of authority.

Chasing 268 for victory in the second innings India was 76/7 when rain interrupted proceedings for half an hour. With India staring at defeat little effort was made by the ground authorities to remove the water soaked covers so our team, led by our inspirational but infuriated skipper Graham Dowling, went onto the field and removed them and used forks to drain surface water. Unfortunately our efforts were in vain as the game was abandoned within sight of New Zealand's first ever series win.

**NZ 181 & 175; India 89 & 76/6**

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

I looked up to my father as he was held in high esteem as a player and administrator both in New Zealand and internationally. He had a strong belief in doing the right thing at the right time, being generous and considerate to others and he always wanted us to do our best in whatever we chose to do. He was strict but also very fair and we had great respect for him and his passion and knowledge of the game.

As a pace bowler I was inspired mainly by the exploits of Dick Motz, Dennis Lillee and Graeme McKenzie, whose action I ultimately attempted to emulate. I was excited to see them make the ball move at pace in the air and off the pitch, enticing false shots and intimidating the batsmen with their aggressiveness and control.

### **Q4. Advice for a current secondary school cricketer who has the vision to play first class cricket?**

Over the years I have accumulated advice and guidance from players, coaches and many others that have influenced me as a coach so that I could assist young cricketers:

- Maintain your standards in personal life (punctuality, appearance, work ethic, preparation, fitness etc)
- Don't make excuses and take responsibility for yourself and your actions.
- Seek challenges by going outside your comfort zone.
- Make sacrifices to ensure that you are fully prepared to play at your highest level.
- Make the most of your opportunities when they arise.
- Have belief in yourself. If you don't, no one else will!
- Consistency and reliability = professionalism!
- Repetition is required to become unconsciously skilled so that your natural instincts take over. See the ball, hit the ball! See the target, hit the target! Watch the ball, catch it!
- Train to play by practicing at a high level of intensity.
- As Dennis Lillee, the great Australian fast bowler says, "The secret formula for success is  $Hw + Hw2 + f(Hw2)$  or, in plain Aussie language: "Hard work, more hard work and f.....g more hard work!"
- Plan for success by setting SMART goals – specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time focused, adjusting them to continually improve performance.
- Play hard, but within the spirit of the game, never giving up!
- Develop a technique that works for you and provides you with an opportunity to perform consistently.
- Develop yourself, both on and off the field, as a person befitting of your profession.
- Remember where your loyalties lie, your roots, those who have supported you, your teammates
- Ask questions, seek knowledge.
- Remember that your career spans a very short time frame in the continuum of the history of cricket. What will your legacy be?
- Enjoy what you do and have fun doing it!

# Who is our Captain Fantastic?

By **John Mitchell**

*A look at the successes (and otherwise) of captains over the years at The Willows.*

Andrew Nuttall's contribution to The Willows Cricket Club has been monumental. He is easily the best performing cricketer over our nineteen seasons. He has claimed 160 wickets (a staggering 106 wickets more than the second highest wicket-taker) and he has an economy rate of only 2.5 runs per over. Andrew is therefore the perfect man to win 50 over matches for us. He will always be the first pick for a selector (or a captain with a say in team composition).

Off the field he has been equally as inspiring. He is not only a financial sponsor for the Club (Bradley Nuttall Financial Advisors), but is now serving on the Management Committee, and twice went on tours to Sri Lanka as Assistant Coach with our schoolboy team. He is always willing to help and advise his younger charges. Andrew epitomises the spirit of The Willows. Plus he is damn good fun to play alongside, whether playing with or against him.

Recently in researching Club statistics a new facet about Andrew came to light. As with his wicket haul, he is way ahead of any other Willower as a victorious captain. He won his first match as captain back in our second season (March 1996 v Medbury Headmaster's XI). This began a winning streak of sixteen consecutive victories against New Zealand domicile teams - a Club record. As a result, throughout the intervening seasons, Andrew is the one skipper who has not felt the chill of having the Sword of Damocles dangling over his head. His first loss as a captain against a local team came in November 2012 against the 4th Willows tour team taken to Sri Lanka by Paul McEwan.



▲ **The Herb McGirr Trophy presented by Andrew Nuttall to the winning Nelson College skipper.**

So 16 consecutive victories as captain is outstanding. Odds-on, Captain Fantastic's streak of consecutive wins is unlikely to be ever equalled.

To captain The Willows is indeed a double-edged sword (whether it is the one Dionysius hung above Damacles or not). Obviously it is an honour to lead your mates but the threat of defeat hangs heavily. Many a good leader has received a notice of execution, effective immediately, after a loss. It is not good to be publicly fired. One who knows the feeling is Trevor Thornton who lost his first three games as a captain (for a 0% success rate). He sought leniency for non-completion of a match report and poured his heart and I quote:

*"I am still in mourning trying to face my demons as another loss as a skipper is hard to take. Be patient and don't push me to do the unthinkable".*

Trevor is just one of a line of distraught and inconsolable losing Willows captains. He is not alone. President Sir John Hansen and the redoubtable Bert Walker also have 0% success rate as captain. So many a grown man will understand Trevor's sentiments. We hope these disconsolate captains are not driven to thoughts of self-immolation with the chaff in the back paddock. Mr Dormer has a lot to answer for. There was a "silver lining" for Trevor however,

because he did come back and lead our lads to victory in March 2013 against the Waitaki Boys' High School / St Kevin's College XI - thanks for hanging in there Trevor. We wait to see if Bert can redeem himself similarly in the 2013 - 2014 season. We know Sir John cannot, as his cricket boots are now hanging inside the pavilion lounge and is resigned to his 0%.

One brave skipper went public when shown the selectorial axe (and this after a 100% winning record). Yes, our master of ceremonies himself. Malcolm Ellis Esquire wrote this in the 9th Annual Report:

*"I must express to you my deep regret at my demotion from the captaincy for the annual match v SBHS, March 2003. I had assumed but obviously quite wrongly that as I was undefeated as The Willows captain I would be automatically reappointed to the position for the next match. Obviously if my team had lost or I had been guilty of some gross incompetence as captain then I could expect that my position would come under some scrutiny. As I heard no adverse comment you can imagine my chagrin when I unfolded the draw for the forthcoming season and saw my demotion."*

For fear of rebuttal by the Employment Relations Authority the selectors came to their senses and rescinded the decision. Ellis was restored to lead and Burrell was dropped back to the playing eleven but in compensation Burrell was granted the right to open both the batting and the bowling. Malcolm went on to lead The Willows to another victory in that 2003 match. In fact, he has six victories at the "helm" (for a 100% success rate); most of his wins have been at the expense of his son's alma mater (a good hunting ground for him, as Shirley Boys' High School in 12 outings at The Willows are yet to win a match). Two other undefeated captains are none other than Club secretary Andrew McRae (with a 5-zip tally under his belt) and the successful ex-St Bede's College captain Aaron Johnstone (with zero losses in four outings). They have a long way to go to surpass Captain Fantastic however. Malcolm cannot challenge the record any more,

as he has retired to focus on his public speaking, but at least he can rest easily knowing he was never beaten when leading men.

Spare a thought for two other groups of Willow captains. Namely:

(a) A group who under the national qualification of NCEA would officially be referred to as the "N" (Not Achieved) category. But knowing Mr Dormer's angst with NCEA, he would bluntly assign them a plain and simple "FAIL". Leading the bunch is David Mills (four losses; 0% success rate). Poor Mike Fisher has the ignominy of forever being labelled the first ever losing skipper, back in March 1995 against the Medbury Headmaster's XI, which incidentally was the only loss recorded in our first season (for a 12: 1 winning ratio). Messrs Inglis and Bromley do a little better and both know the taste of defeat. Regular loss of the Club's silverware and knowledge their captaincy contract is in jeopardy weighs heavily on each men's shoulders given another "Sunday Bloody Sunday" loss.

(b) The next group, all have something in common. Messrs: Sparks (three times), Inglis (twice), the late W. Lancaster, J. Grocott, Mitchell, P. McEwan, D. McMillan, B. Harris, B. Doody and the two who started the rot: co-captains Bull and Bromley. They know the feeling of "Not Achieving" as losing captains to long-time adversary Roger Macfarlane and his Hawkswood Wanderers side; with whom we have: Played 18, Won 4, Lost 13 and Drawn 1. The last straw was to learn Roger had taken the liberty to arrive at the ground before a ball had been bowled with his Trophy pre-inscribed with his Club's name on it, as victor! So dominant have been the northerners that in the 14th Annual Report, Mr Macfarlane wrote:

*"As I have mentioned previously there is the annual concern of meeting the cost of inscribing the trophy. I have to confess the thought of throwing a game for financial gain is increasingly tempting. Perhaps tax relief is another option but claims for repayment for the last nine or ten years may be asking too much".*

## The Willows Youth Team tour to Sri Lanka

Report By Alex Reese

In early 2008, I received a phone call from Paul McEwan, informing me of my selection in the inaugural Willows Youth Tour to India, Oman and Sharjah. Earlier this year, I received a similar call from Paul, letting me know that I would be one of the coaches for the 15 day tour of Sri Lanka.

The sub-Continent has played such a big part in my life to date, and I felt very privileged to be able to contribute to part of such a life changing tour for the 13 boys who were selected on this year's Willows Youth Tour.

This year, the management team consisted of Paul and Julie McEwan, with Mike Johnston and me as the coaches. We left Christchurch with a group of enthusiastic, yet very nervous boys who were picked from all around the South Island. We were to play 8 games in total; seven in Sri Lanka, and one in Singapore on the way home. Even for the Black Caps this would be a big ask, let alone a group of boys, 7 of which hadn't travelled further than Australia!



▲ The boys at a local cricket store in Colombo.

On our arrival in Colombo, we had a team meeting to discuss our goals and targets for the tour. Not surprisingly, the topic of playing spin cropped up quite a lot. It's a part of the game that we don't do terribly well here in New Zealand, and it's also part of the game where the more you are exposed to it, the better you will become; just like anything in life. The boys all had their preconceived ideas on how to tackle this challenge which was fantastic, but as I was taught in India, "you can't taste the ice-cream just by looking at it." It wasn't until they were out in the middle, that they could really experience playing spin, and develop their plans and tactics for the games ahead.

Our first few games saw the boys really struggle against some quality spinners, who bowled flat, fast, and could turn it sharply ... both ways. This, in my eyes was a great way to start the tour as it sparked a lot of constructive and positive discussions around the camp, and eventually, the boys were playing the spinners with a lot more confidence, and with a clear game plan.

The cricketing highlight of the tour came in our second to last match at the Galle International Stadium; a stadium surrounded by the Indian Ocean, and the historic Galle Fort. We batted first and managed to compile 211/8 off our 50 overs with Daniel Stanley and Josh Clarkson both getting 44. With the ball, we were treated to



▲ The group with local school kids at the Galle Fort.



the most incredible display of batting you could ever see from a group of U19 players. Two of their batsmen, Thikhshila and De Silva showed us exactly how to play spin in their 83 run partnership, batting with complete ease by using their feet and hitting the ball as straight as an arrow. At 173/4 victory looked to be guaranteed for the Galle U19's, however some excellent spin bowling by Josh Finnie and Jeremy Benton eliminated all hopes for the opposition, as the Willows won by 1 run. It was a victory that really demonstrated the hard work and planning that the boys had put into each and every one of their matches, and it was fantastic that each and every one of them could celebrate this magnificent win at an equally as magnificent venue.

From a cricketing point of view, the tour was a huge success. The boys all matured as cricketers and competed at an extremely high level, winning 6 out of their 8 games. The main goal of developing their game against spin bowling was a huge success and each boy came away with their own tactics and game plans.

From a cultural point of view, everyone in the tour party couldn't help but marvel at the country that is Sri Lanka. Everything from the food to the cricket grounds and the people drew us all in and by the end of the tour we all felt incredibly privileged to have experienced a fortnight in Colombo, Kandy and Galle. It was an eye opening tour for everyone, and from my point of view, I can honestly say that I believe every boy on the tour grew as a person and absorbed as much as they could from their time in Sri Lanka.



▲ The team before their first match at the P. Sara Stadium in Colombo.

## Alex Reese's Vision — India and Sri Lanka

Alex, who was a member of the first Youth Tour to India, Oman and Sharjah in 2008 and who subsequently spent time in India coaching in various areas in the Bombay region, has evolved a vision whereby he would like to establish a network of cricket and educational development centres in India and Sri Lanka with the idea of coaching under privileged children from *slum* areas. These centres will offer high quality cricket coaching to children who wouldn't normally have the opportunity. Not only this, but he wants to change the lives of those children by using the power of cricket to help them develop important life skills and develop a pathway for the future.



▲ Alex Reese with Dilmah tea founder, Merrill Fernando, and his son Dilhan in Colombo.

At this stage Alex has established a very firm relationship with the MJF Foundation in Colombo, Sri Lanka where the first Cricket Live "foundation centre" will be established with children from the MJF Foundation at their facility in Moratuwa which is just outside of Colombo. The launch of this Sri Lankan centre will begin with a one week cricket coaching education clinic where selected coaches from New Zealand will be sent to work with the local coaches to acquaint them with the Cricket Live coaching syllabus.

Alex deserves full praise for his vision which will be given every support from The Willows community and hopefully from the New Zealand Government.

# Report from Matfen

By Ben Laughton

A hand shake at Christchurch Airport was the way Hamish Cooke and I met for the very first time before jumping onto a 36 hour flight and heading to the UK, but by the time we had touched down in Newcastle you wouldn't have known otherwise.

Arriving into Newcastle to a white blanket of snow was an unpleasant surprise but it sums up the 'summer' we were just about to go into perfectly.

We joined Sir Hugh with family and friends for Easter lunch and then the work began. Just like previous Willowers we worked in the Keeper's Lodge and Driving Range. Hamish had the first shift at the driving range, which resulted in a big prank on him with next-door company "Go Ape". Hamish was told to go over asking for the Gorilla head covers for golf clubs that had accidentally been sent there. Unfortunately these head covers were non-existent and Hamish was left walking back with everyone laughing at him.

Staff accommodation was a "wee bungalow" for Hamish and I with four bedrooms but with only the two Kiwis in the house it was easy living. After two months, we were joined by three young Austrian girls which quickly meant the house had to be kept tidy and clean. They stayed three months also working at Matfen before the flat got changed back into a full all male house of four – "The Man Cave".

The cricket started not long after our arrival but with the wettest summer in history less than half the games were played. The T20 competition saw us knocked out in the quarter final in conditions that would never have been played in at home. It was a case of struggling to see the dark red ball. However, over the season it was as though

Hamish and I had swapped trades; with Hamish dominating the runs and myself taking more wickets than the usual. Overall we ended up middle of the table, as top teams played more games than us with their grounds holding up in the weather.

Although the cricket was a loss the golf was not. Hamish and I represented Matfen Hall in many competitions even playing at Sleafly Hall, which hosts the European Seniors Tour every year.

London 2012 Olympics were a huge highlight in our time together as we were lucky enough to get involved and see New Zealand play Brazil in football at St James Park in Newcastle. It was an amazing day and an experience that we won't forget being surrounded by crazy dancing and singing Brazil supporters but also proud Kiwis. Unfortunately New Zealand went down in an easy fashion. This was not the only football match we watched as we also saw Newcastle play Norwich in the Premier League with 50,000 cheering Geordies.

We ended the six-month stay with a week of 40-degree heat in Turkey. This was a perfect way to wind down the life changing experience in turning us into men, not always having good old mum there to rely on.

There are so many people that we would like to thank and mention for our time and help over the six months. The cricket team, the work mates, and the new friendships. Everyone was amazing and to say bye to such a big family in Matfen was hard. Special thanks to Sir Hugh Blackett, Lady Anna and their wonderful family for having us both over the summer and the family meals we were invited to. It has been a real privilege. And to The Willows Cricket Club for the organization of the summer and allowing Hamish and me the chance to have this experience.

## “Sport For All” – a vision for the future from China

By John Mitchell

We were delighted to receive recent communication from the sole Willows Cricket Club member resident in China – David Boyle. David has been instrumental in founding an initiative to provide a structured sports programme for youngsters (from 6 to 15 years old) in inner city Shanghai, who otherwise would not have this opportunity. “Sport For All” is a not-for-profit, community based programme with the main objective to enrich children's lives through playing organised sport. Top coaching opportunities, using excellent playing facilities, are offered in rugby, soccer, Gaelic football, cricket, baseball and tennis.

David established “Sport For All” in September 2009 and it has had a meteoric rise ever since.

**2009** – In one primary school in Shanghai, with 160 children per week, and three full-time coaches

**2010** – Four schools, 1000 children per week, and eight full-time coaches and a Director of Coaching

**2011** – Eleven schools, 3000 children per week and 26 full-time coaches. With “outreach” commenced in Jiangxi and Huangpu

David’s vision works at two levels:

- **Local level**, where there is an increasing demand from Principals and teachers for more coaching time for more classes. Parents of the Chinese students involved provide anecdotal evidence noting positive changes in their children’s attitude through sports participation.

- **Multi-national level**, where the key sponsors have got in behind the programme. The “founding” sponsor was Coca Cola, and they have since gained sponsors like ANZ Bank, Jaguar Land Rover and more. Because of this support David and his team of coaches can help run sports days for schools. Media exposure has also increased; and today you can access their new interactive website: [www.sportforall.cn](http://www.sportforall.cn)

Many within in our Club will remember David’s exploits as an outstanding first-class cricket player for Canterbury. He played 69 first-class matches (between 1980-1995) with a batting average of 29.50 (including 3 centuries). Since moving to China, as well as this project, David is Director of The Talent Centre. For more details please contact on email: [talent@ttcpeople.com](mailto:talent@ttcpeople.com) He is also a member of the Shanghai Cricket Club which has over 300 members, representing nationalities from most test playing nations.

## Young Bangladeshi World Vision cricketers



Islam Rashedul and Hossain Sazit  
June 2012



## Cricket in Germany

**By Dr Hans-Jurgen Werner**  
*Overseas Member of The Willows*

A short glimpse on a sport history – it would fit on the back of a stamp.

My first contact to cricket was in 1982, after we met the Hansens on Phuket, Thailand and visited them afterwards in Hong Kong. There we spent wonderful days and had a close contact with Cricket. The Kowloon CC at the same time had visitors from Worcestershire CC as part of a player's benefit year.

Watching the game, not knowing what was happening, I was amazed by the activities on the field, plus all the social activities around the games. At home, I read a note in a local newspaper, where someone was searching for people interested in cricket. I replied and a few interested men gathered and formed the Rowing and Cricket Club (RCC) in Hanau.

Hanau is a city with a population of about 50,000 people, close to Frankfurt/Main. It is well known as the birthplace of the brothers Grimm (fairytale).

Half of the club members came from England. They trained the other half from Germany as good as they could, mostly pupils and students that got to know Cricket in England. Our first "games" were played against Englishmen living and working in and around Frankfurt, bankers or scientists working for the ESA (European Space Agency) in Darmstadt, nearby.

In 1988 cricket life started slowly again in Germany by reforming the "Deutscher Cricket Bund" (German Cricket Board).

In 1858 the first Cricket Club was founded by English residents in Berlin. In 1913 the German Cricket Board was founded. The Great War and the following post war time with all the



▲ Dr Werner (centre).

turbulences in Germany left no time and space for a sport like cricket.

The Nazis had their own ideas of sport and were not interested in what they called "plutocratic game". The last remarkable event was in 1937, when Worcestershire toured Germany.

As I found in the internet, most players in Germany today are refugees from India and Pakistan. From my point of view, Germans are hopeless against these good players!

I am very happy to be a member of The Willows and greetings to you all. I still hope to get back to NZ and look forward to meeting some of you.



▲ A Shirley Boys' High batsmen loses his middle stump against The Willows.

# Willows ... be warned of the Property Developer

*When Trevor Thornton provided this section, he prefaced the piece with the words “Mr Dormer, beware of a property developer purchasing land near your cricket ground”. Miller v Jackson (1977) QB966 is a famous Court of Appeal case in the torts of negligence and nuisance. The court considered whether the defendant – the chairman of a local cricket club, on behalf of its members - was liable in nuisance or negligence when cricket balls were hit over the boundary and onto the property of the Miller family, the plaintiffs. Read on.*

## Background

Cricket had been played at a small cricket ground in Lintz, near Burnopfield, County Durham, since 1905. This changed in the 1970's when a property developer came on the scene. A line of new semi-detached houses were built next to the ground in 1972, one of which was bought by Mr and Mrs Miller.

The Millers' garden boundary was 30m from the nearest batting crease, and their home only 18m further away. Several cricket balls were hit onto their property over the following seasons, causing minor damage to their house (chipped paintwork, broken roof tiles) and risking personal injury to the Millers. The householders made the most of the situation and got their rates reduced.

The Lintz Cricket Club took measures to minimise recurrences, including building a 2.67m high fence on top of a 1.8m boundary wall and asking batsmen to try to hit fours instead of sixes. This greatly reduced the number of balls that got into the gardens. So much so, that the

rating authority no longer allowed any reduction in rates.

Despite this, a few balls continued to be hit out of the ground each season. The Club made a tally of all the sixes hit during the seasons of 1975 and 1976. In 1975 there were 2,221 overs, that is, 13,326 balls bowled. Of them there were 120 six hits on all sides of the ground. Of those only six went over the high protective fence and into this housing estate. In 1976 there were 2,616 overs, that is, 15,696 balls. Of them there were 160 six hits. Of these only 9 went over the protective fence and into this housing estate. No one has been hurt at all by any of these balls. Each season the Club met the cost of any property damage and suggested further countermeasures, such as louvred window shutters, shatter-proof glass, and a net over the Millers' garden. Every offer made by the Club was rejected. The Millers were not content and sued for damages and an injunction to prevent cricket being played on the ground. This was upheld.

The Club then appealed the decision.

The Lintz Cricket Club subsequently won the appeal, and to this day cricket has continued to be played here. Indeed the Club celebrated their centenary in 2006. Plus the nearby tiny village of Burnopfield has produced two England test players in Jim McConnen and Colin Milburn.



▲ Lintz from the air in 1984 showing the cricket field and adjoining football field. The Millers' house was the last on the left along the top edge of the ground.

# Teachers our “Firstline” Crime Fighters

**By Andrew Becroft**

Principal Youth Court Judge



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A leading judge says every young person in education is one less “potential career criminal”.

Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft said schools and teachers were “firstline crime fighters” with the best chance of helping youths out of a cycle of crime.

Speaking at the New Zealand School Trustees Association’s annual conference yesterday, he said there were 10 key issues impacting the lives of young people, from income equality, to violence, drug use, and a lack of community connectedness.

Keeping young people actively involved in education was the best chance of a “king hit” to reduce youth offending. “The more time a young person spends at school, the less time there is to be out taking risks,” Becroft said.

“A problem pupil removed is a problem solved for that school, but not for our communities. It’s simply relocated.”

He said family and support was critical and that a dependable family unit was the best way for young people to feel supported.

## Becroft’s Top 10

### 1. Family, and lack of family support:

“Very few serious youth offenders come from stable, two-parent homes.” Most youth offenders he saw had experienced regular upheaval in their family lives.

### 2. School attendance, learning disabilities:

Foetal alcohol disorder was under diagnosed. Students with learning disabilities like dyslexia found it difficult to remain engaged. “The more time a young person spends at school, the less time out taking risks.”

### 3. Income inequality:

“Until it is addressed, problems will continue.” Child welfare was deeply linked to the gap between rich and poor, with families struggling to offer adequate care when they lived below the poverty line.

### 4. Violence among young people and in the home:

Most youth offenders had experienced family violence, or used violence or bullying at school. One mother, Becroft said, told him she blamed herself, after telling her son to “beat the crap” out of someone if he got in a fight.

### 5. Drug and alcohol abuse:

“Do RTD makers really not know the group most attracted to them is the under 18s?” He said alcohol and drugs at an early age were regular factors in youth offending. They were often being provided by family members, especially to males, because it’s “just what boys do”.

### 6. Maori in the court system:

Maori were 19 per cent of 14-16-year-olds but 55 per cent of Youth Court appearances, and 62 per cent of those in custody. More had to be done in Maori communities.

## 7. Gangs, and a pressure to “pick red or blue”:

Young people in gang areas were forced to support a gang whether they were involved or not, often a first step towards regular serious and violent offending.

## 8. Lack of male role models:

“I’ve seen too many boys in court supported by just their mothers or grandmothers.” Schools could help through mentoring and buddy systems to introduce positive male figures into at-risk boys’ lives.

## 9. Community connectedness:

“Every young person needs at least four adults to be interested in their life” Raising well-adjusted young people required more than just a good home, with community figures, teachers and extended family members often playing vital roles in giving young people hope and direction.

## 10. Seeing and learning good values:

“Every adult, especially teachers, needs to be able to show young people some values are non-negotiable.” Values such as integrity, kindness, honesty and respect needed to be seen by young people in every aspect of their lives, with parents, teachers, friends and community members all playing a part.

# The Decision Review System

*The 2012 MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture was delivered by the late English test all-rounder Tony Greig. It took place on Tuesday 26 June 2012 in the Nursery Pavilion at Lord’s Cricket Ground, London.*

*Permission has been granted by the MCC to reprint one segment of his address. This is a pertinent issue in the game of cricket at the very highest level.*

“I was involved in the embryonic stages when Channel Nine developed tools to aid the viewer in judging umpiring decisions, and have been a passionate supporter of the Decision Review System (DRS). I do, however, accept that it is hard to argue against people such as Rodney Cavalier, current Chairman of the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, who, in opposing the DRS, said: “Cricket is fantasy. It is the intersection of Heaven and Earth, it cannot ever be the slave of certainty. The essence of cricket is honour and accepting the umpire’s decision.

Having acknowledged that, I would still argue that it is just as important to get the decisions correct. It can’t be good for the game when the media devotes so many words and so much ink to bad decisions, which ultimately undermines the integrity of some results. The DRS is not perfect, but it does err in favour of the umpires’ decisions and according to the ICC, fewer mistakes are made with its use. And furthermore, there is less conflict on the ground.

India has two reasons for opposing it: One, because its superstars had such an embarrassing experience with it in the early days. Two, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) argues that the DRS is too inexact. Ironically, the spirit of cricket is battling on both sides in this one. The Cavalier approach says DRS is not in the spirit of cricket, but on the other hand, the Indian superstars should act in the spirit of cricket and accept the majority viewpoint.”



▲ Don and Padianne Neely – archivists supreme! Both have been outstanding contributors to The Willows over 19 seasons.

# Test cricket is fabulous

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We are a species of fabulists, telling tales and receiving tales is nothing less than the way we understand the world. It is a process that begins in the nursery: once upon a time and a very good time it was there was a moo cow coming down along the road ...

It stays with us all our lives, not only with soap operas and newspapers and magazines and films and books, but also with conversations: remember her first husband? He didn't need a telescope. He looked at them undressing through the keyhole. And he used to shout: "Tally-ho." But Mr Ogmore was a proper gentleman. Even though he hanged his collie...

There are all kinds of different ways of finding wonder and beauty and glory and agony and shame in sport, and I love almost all of them, but when it comes to narrative, nothing does it like test cricket. Here are 10 reasons why test cricket is uniquely fabulous.

**FORM:** A test match lasts five days, three sessions a day: 15 chapters, five parts, one novel. As such, it has changes of rhythm, shifts in emphasis, alterations in focus, drastic changes of pace. A one-day game is a mere short story, a test series is a roman-fleuve, a series of novels that unwinds over the course of a season. That means it can have its longueurs, its slower passages, but because, not in spite, of this it is capable of delivering greater tensions, more meaning and deeper and more satisfying conclusions

**COMMITMENT:** To follow an event that lasts for five days or for a couple of months is not to

be done lightly. It requires a certain commitment. With test-match cricket you don't just say: "Go on then, entertain me." You must make a movement towards. To receive from test cricket, you must give something of yourself. This process of involvement makes the satisfactions of test cricket uniquely profound. It is the same when you are reading anything long and difficult: the books that give the most tend to be the ones that demand the most.

**CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:** In every good story the characters are altered by the events of the tale, and the relationships they have with each other change with them. That's as true of Goldilocks as it is of Odysseus. Test cricket has the space and time to show us development of character over a match, and particularly over a series. Last southern summer we saw James Anderson emerge from diffidence to mastery, in the famous series of 1981 we had Ian Botham's shift from humiliation to triumph.

**VARIATION:** Of all the sports I have written about, from football to Graeco-Roman wrestling, test cricket is the easiest. One horse race is very like another horse race, all football matches follow a similar pattern, but a day of test cricket can take a thousand forms and that makes the task of telling the tale a thousand times easier. This is a team game based on individual duels, so the scope of variety is embedded from the start, to a far greater extent than the other, more team-centred forms of cricket.

**BACKGROUND:** To tell any good story you must set the scene: Hogwarts, the streets of Dublin, the village of Combray, Dr No's island, the plains before Troy. Test cricket is a tale set in the context of the nation, the pitch and the weather; early help for seam bowlers becomes a batting paradise that then begins to take spin. Across the world, conditions differ, while a football pitch or an athletics track is much the same anywhere. One-day cricket matches tend to take place on flat tracks that have no time to



change in character. In test cricket, all action takes place in the context of time and place.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** A test match unwinds at a leisurely pace, by the standards of most other sports. It involves an investment of time from both spectator and players, and that is why simple actions acquire huge significance. The fall of a wicket doesn't mean all that much in Twenty20; in a test, it can be an event of shattering significance for the match, for the series, for an individual's career. These are events around which the plot can swerve drastically and they are at the core of the narrative of test cricket.

**HEROES:** Stories need heroes and the rhythms and the nature of test cricket are better designed for the revelation of heroes than they are in any other form of sport. This is because test cricket brings us prolonged duels between individuals in a team context. Example: Mike Atherton (whatever happened to him?) played against South Africa in 1995 and scored 185 not out in 11 hours to save the match. That is a feat whose very nature is simply impossible in any other sport.

**UNLIKELY HEROES:** Test cricket is better than any other sport at bringing great things from unexpected people, that's because test cricket regularly asks players to make the best of their lesser skills. England's perfect test match in Adelaide seven months ago was precipitated by a first-over run-out from Jonathan Trott, no Jonty Rhodes. England's victory over Australia in the Ashes series of 2009 would not have happened without Monty Panesar's leave shot; it was his batting, of all things, that allowed England to escape with a draw in the first test.

**LEADERSHIP:** Uniquely in team sport, the action in cricket is controlled by a player on the pitch. Decision-making is in the hands of the captain and these decisions that affect the match and the series must be made in the thick of the action. In test cricket, because of the timescale, these decisions acquire greater significance. The element of time in a test match makes the stakes higher. In test cricket, everything matters more.

**MEMORABILITY:** A good story stays in the memory. Test matches are the most memorable events in cricket and perhaps in all sport. One-day cricket and Twenty20 simply don't linger. I can remember very few short-format matches; I can remember an awful lot of test matches. I can remember snatches and great incidents in all the other sports. Many other sports are at least as good at delivering peak moments, Usain Bolt moments, Steve Redgrave moments. But the narrative and the character revelation of test cricket give this form of sport far more hooks to snag in the memory and so test matches remain unforgettable long after more fleeting stuff gets forgotten.

I don't say that test cricket is the greatest form of sport: all sports can deliver great things, which is why we turn to sport again and again. But test cricket is the greatest format for narrative and therefore it is capable of touching us deeply with disproportionate frequency. Test cricket is the best sport when it comes to fable-making, fabulous indeed.



▲ Jason Pawson – three 4s in a row, take that!

# Past New Zealand XI v Governor-General's Youth XI

24th March 2013



▲ His Excellency, Governor-General Sir Jerry Mateparae with Evan Gray.



▲ It was great to have "Harry" (Chris Harris) back in Canterbury and up to his old tricks.



▲ Unemployed groundsmen.



▲ A superb straight drive by Mark Douglas.



▲ Former New Zealand opener Matthew Bell.



▲ The Governor-General with Tane Norton.



▲ Erv McSweeney looking sharp.



▲ Shayne O'Connor with the new ball.



# Debate: Sport & Luck

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In this Olympic year, CAM asks:

**Is success in sport down to perspiration rather than inspiration – or does luck play a far greater role than usually assumed?**

Interviews: Lucy Jolin

**LUCY JOLIN:** It was legendary golfer Gary Player who first shrugged off the role of chance in his success with his famous maxim: “The harder I practise, the luckier I get.” So let’s start by defining luck. It’s a slippery concept...

**DAVID SPIEGELHALTER:** Unpredictability is a fact of life. Sometimes we can narrow the odds and take some control, but there’s always a margin left over which is not in our control, in any way. If it turns out well, people call it luck. Luck is just a retrospective label that people give to unpredictable things that happen to go their way. But as soon as you start talking about luck, people start thinking that it’s some kind of

external force that's guiding things, and I think that's absurd.

**ED SMITH:** Why does it have to be an external force? It seems to me that you're grouping luck and fate together. To me, they're very different. Fate is fixed. Fate is something that you career towards, a destination – luck isn't.

**DS:** So what is luck?

**ES:** Well, if you look at games of chance, you may have a winning streak, you may not. That seems to be luck. It's not ridiculous to admit that or to conceive that.

**DS:** Of course – that's how probability works, in runs. Runs of events happen much more often than is intuitive. If you flip a coin and you get four heads and four tails in a row, that seems strange, so people think they are having runs of luck. This is how probability works in the real world – in very unintuitive ways. We are so desperate for a sign, some kind of understanding, that we start giving these labels to things when it's just chance.

**MARK DE ROND:** I like to think about luck in terms of synonyms. People use luck and chance and serendipity interchangeably. In science and business, we often talk about serendipity, which really isn't about luck as much as it is about people being able to meaningfully combine observations that may not be causally related.

**LJ:** And so you think this force is a factor in sport?

**ES:** Luck is a massive part of success in sport. I was hearing a British Olympic sailor talking about luck the other day. He said: "I have to admit that whatever I do, the wind might be against me." But most sportspeople shy away from acknowledging the role of luck, and that's natural.

**DS:** We studied the role of luck in football. In the Premier League, the spread of points suggests the results are 21 per cent due to luck. But it changes the further down the leagues you get. The amount of luck goes up and up and up.

In some years in Scottish League Division Two, it's almost complete chance. The variability at the end of the season is as if they just flipped a coin before the game to decide who wins, with 50 per cent chance of a home win, 25 per cent chance of an away win, 25 per cent chance of a draw. You can call it luck. I call it quantifying probability.

**LJ:** So will the Olympic hopefuls be taking luck into account?

**MdR:** You do find a surprisingly high amount of superstition among athletes. I suspect it is because they understand that not everything is under their control and that the margins are so small. When Adrian Moorhouse won gold for the breaststroke 100 metres at Seoul in 1988, he won it by a hundredth of a second. He was still behind when he was 44 strokes into a 45 stroke race.

**DS:** There are aspects to every single situation – particularly sailing, I'm sure – which mean that the margins are so small that there is no way that the same person can be that consistent.

**ES:** They're going to be clinging to the idea that nothing is left to chance, and their training regime and their tactics and their approach are giving them the best possible chance of winning. But in the back of their minds there is some subconscious awareness that the best-laid plans can come unstuck very quickly.

**DS:** They try to think they are in control of everything. But of course, they are not. There's one Olympic final for each sport. What would happen if they did each final 10 times? It would get very tedious but I bet the same person wouldn't win every time.

**LJ:** But surely there's an element of making your own luck, and fortune favouring the brave?

**ES:** Well, you can't make your own luck, because that's an oxymoron. If luck is beyond your control, then whatever it is that you're making may be very useful and very sensible but it isn't making luck. You can put yourself in the way of luck, you can maximise your exposure to luck,

but it's not quite making your own luck. And even with "the more I practise, the luckier I get", all a Player's really doing is getting more balls near the hole. Some are going to drop in, but that's not actually luck. A better line would be "the more I practise, the better I get".

**DS:** When you say that someone makes their own luck, with practising and so on, that's really just narrowing the odds, and that's obviously what you try to do when you're competing: make it so that the probability of your failing is lower and lower. We can improve the odds, but things are never going to be certain.

**LJ:** So what happens when we disregard the existence of luck?

**MdR:** I think some people find the idea of luck quite helpful. It helps them cope with uncertainty. It might be the wrong thing to try and prove to people that it doesn't work. The same is true of superstition.

**ES:** I was in a team that banned luck. We had a meeting. We were going to be tougher, more relentless, more self aware than anyone else. Someone said: "I get so tired of people saying 'bad luck' when someone's out. It's not bad luck, it's just bad skill." And the coach said: "That's right! We're never going to say bad luck ever again." First game of the season, this guy hits a full-blooded shot, right in the middle of the bat, and the fielder took off – it was the most improbable event you've ever seen. He puts out a hand, he catches the ball almost by accident. The batsman trudges back to the dressing room and there was this deathly silence. And we played really badly. When the natural desire to control and minimise your exposure to chance is taken to ridiculous extremes, it actually becomes inhuman and self-defeating.

**DS:** The naive use of the Black-Scholes and other equations, which helped fuel the financial crisis, happened because people thought they could tame chance by having formulae. These are very efficient formulae – provided the world behaves exactly according to your assumptions; and the world isn't always so obedient.

**LJ:** And therefore it might be a positive thing to let go of control, to embrace luck...

**MdR:** Yes – take Fleming's discovery of penicillin. Alexander Fleming worked very hard, but he was also a messy person. It so happened that a microbe flew in through the window of his lab and landed on a culture dish. A microbe falls into a saucer – not such a great event. But for him to have noticed what happened to that microbe – it's an interesting combination of him being both hard working and messy.

And yet he was prepared enough to observe the unusual reaction on the dish. So it's hard to exclude chance from that.

**DS:** I like that. Things favour the prepared mind.

**ES:** Previous generations of sportsmen were a lot more devil-may-care. And some did pretty well with that mindset. You also see people have a late flowering when, say, they're about to get dropped, and sometimes that is because they just let anxiety go. They just go out there and have a go and express their skills and see what happens. That's an underestimated mindset. It's probably not optimal for your whole career, but at certain points in their lives people do throw caution to the wind and just play.

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## The spin bowling spirit

*The following extracts are taken from the book *Twirlymen* by Amol Rajan which sets out the *Unlikely History of Cricket's Greatest Spin Bowlers*.*

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Those imbued with the subtle mix of spin, those who allow it to envelop them and devote their every spare thought – and possibly more – to the possibilities, have a great many unique qualities. They are thinkers. They love to deceive, and to experiment. They laugh, and are laughed at. They feel the powerful tug of membership of an elite club, which also happens to be a minority endlessly discriminated against. They are tribal. They propagandise on their own behalf. They are especially sensitive to the qualities of other spinners their own country has produced.

But to the extent that it is possible to call on one quality above all others – after sheer physical skill – which spinners through the ages have made their own, it is stamina. Bloody-minded, two-finger-saluting, tireless, constant, persevering, dog-eared stamina. It's not just that, when facing adversity, the great spinners have risen to the occasion with all the aplomb of a Gordon Ramsay soufflé; it's more that, when a door has closed on them, they have time and time again unpicked the lock or barged their way through it rather than walk away.

It was William Clarke, one of the great spinners of his day, who said of bowling: 'At times it's enough to make you bite your thumbs to see your best balls pulled and sky-rocketed about – all luck – but you must console yourself with "Ah, that won't last long".' He was right. Asked



▲ Shaun Udal.

what it takes to be a good spinner, Abdul Qadir answered: 'You need courage, above all.' Terry Jenner says of Warne: 'When he first played, he did not know how to defend himself. As he got better, he learned how to defend himself.' Rahul Dravid, the masterful Indian batsman, said of his dear friend Anil Kumble, 'He does not know what giving up means.' Wasim Akram said of Saqlain Mushtaq, the best off-spinner he's seen: 'He is as aggressive as a fast bowler, not afraid of getting hit, and has this total belief in himself.' The experience of spinners through the ages testifies to this fighting spirit.

Jim Laker's immature performance at Headingley in 1948, when Australia scored 404 in the fourth innings to win, was held against him for years. He took his 19-90 only years later, at the age of thirty-four; other bowlers would have quit years earlier. He had previously missed a trial for Essex because of a lacerated spinning figure, the bane of spinners every day of their playing lives. Benaud nearly quit because of the trauma caused by his cut fingers, before having the fortune to chance upon a solution. Atherton told me that Tim May, the best orthodox off-spinner he faced (counting Muralitharan as altogether different, and Saqlain Mushtaq as unorthodox on account of his doosra), often came on to bowl with barely healed skin, but would rip it on both his first two fingers by the third or fourth ball of his first over, wince a bit, and then bowl with cut fingers for a whole spell.

It's often thought that blood only gets on cricket balls when a pace bowler hurts a batsman. In fact, it's usually when the calluses on a Twirlyman's fingers have yielded to the inevitable.

Bob Appleyard was ill, then had pleurisy, but kept on bowling, and managed to keep Jim Laker out of the side for a while. Clarrie Grimmett moved from one place to another, even after emigrating from New Zealand to Australia, so often was he rejected by selectors.

Wilfred Rhodes was turned down by Warwickshire before becoming a cricketer and statistical phenomenon. Hedley Verity had to wait until he was twenty-five before getting a breakthrough at county level, such was Rhodes's dominance; 'Tich' Freeman, the fabulous little English leg-spinner of the early twentieth century, joined Kent when it had three spinners – Colin Blythe, Frank Wooley and Douglas Carr. He served a long apprenticeship, before becoming a more successful spinner than all those three combined. Coaches at the highest level tried time and again to change Johnny Wardle's action; but he insisted on his own method, and came back stronger every time. Graeme Swann was in tears and on the verge of depression when constant arguments with Kepler Wessels at Northamptonshire reduced his bowling, and his cricket, to rubbish.



▲ Johnny Wardle

It's perhaps because of this that spinners tend to be better ripers. Swann's own story confirms this: selected to tour with England when he was still immature, he had to hit rock-bottom before fulfilling his potential. The modern fad is to get bowlers into the Test arena while young – Paul Adams and Daniel Vettori (18), Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq and Anil Kumble (19), and Muttiah Muralitharan (20) were all very young when they first played for their countries – but most spinners reach their pomp in their mid-thirties. Shaun Udal, England's most recent off-spinner other than Swann, told me that he was bowling better than ever when he was thirty-six or thirty-seven, in part because he'd had nets sessions with Warne in which the Australian not only taught him the under-cutter (not a ball Warne, as a leg-spinner, bowled much himself), but because he asked Udal to fundamentally reappraise his approach. 'He asked me what I was trying to do as a bowler,' Udal told me, 'and got me to be far more attacking, to think harder about getting batsmen out. If he'd told me that a decade earlier it might have gone in through one ear and out through the other.'

Clarrie Grimmett only made his debut at thirty-three, and Arthur Mailey made his at thirty-five, but both were the better for it, and Warne was at his best not in 1993, but in 2005, when at the age of thirty-five he was the sort of Ashes colossus cricket will likely never again see. Importantly, whereas the 527 Test wickets he took before he was thirty-five came every ten overs, the 181 he took after passing 35 came every eight – and that despite his having a much more worn shoulder, back and wrist. By then, what he lacked in physiological youth he more than compensated for in wisdom.

Shaun Udal reinforced the message to me. 'The first thing I do when I come on is try to stay on. Get a few overs under the belt. Not get hit for too many boundaries. Settle into a rhythm and gain some confidence. Half the battle is convincing the captain he wasn't nuts to throw you the ball.'

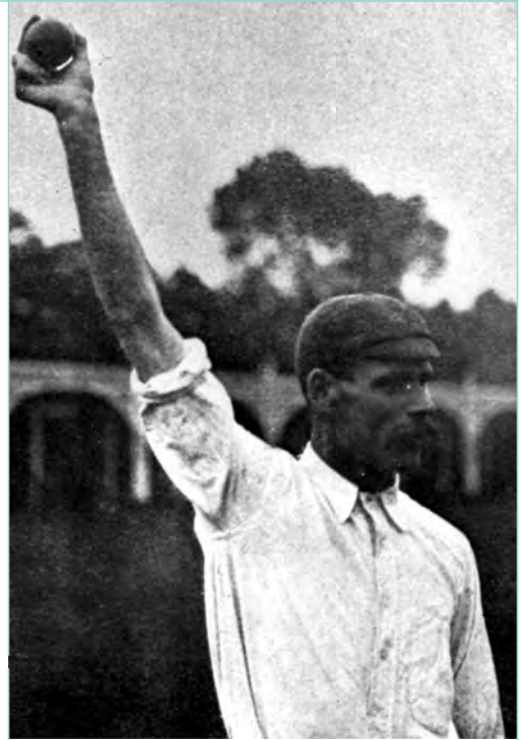
The subcontinent off-spinner, by contrast, is an aggressor. He seeks to beat the batsman in the air before he beats him off the pitch, and knows he

can only do so by spinning it fiercely from his first ball. The main distinction between him and his English counterpart, other than being one of attitude, is in the line he bowls. To the right hander he will frequently bowl a foot wide of off-stump, forcing the batsman to play against the spin (and ideally bowling him through the gate), or otherwise making him drag it a long way if he wishes to play with the spin. This was the basis on which Muralitharan took his sixteen wickets at the Oval in 1998. Turning the ball square, he was virtually unplayable, at times bowling so far wide of off-stump as to be suggesting that he was in no need of the cut strip.

To the left-hander, the English bowler would often stay over the wicket, trying occasionally to bowl him around his legs, but essentially bowling wicket to wicket (again). This was Emburey's favoured technique against the merciless Allan Border. But the Indian off-spinner will instinctively go round the wicket to the left-hander, angling into his off-stump and forcing him to play the ball turning away from him, hoping for an edge or an lbw with the one that goes straight on.

John Arlott wrote that Sydney Barnes was 'a right-arm fast-medium bowler with the accuracy, spin and resource of a slow bowler, whose high delivery gave him a lift off the pitch that rapped the knuckles of the unwary and forced even the best batsmen to play him at an awkward height'. He appears to us now as a treasured exhibit from an era that has long passed, and the best ambassador for an approach to bowling that modern coaches would respond to with cries of 'heresy!', so insistent was it on the broadest possible range of skills.

To look at the pictures we have of him is to observe a peculiar late-Victorian authenticity. His gaunt features, sunken eyes, forcefully protruding jaw and (initially at least) drooping moustache suggest an uncompromising schoolmaster. This impression is furthered by the stiffness of his back, always rod-straight. The only surviving cine film of him was shot from long-range nearly a hundred years ago; later, when he was almost eighty, he showed his action



▲ Sydney Barnes.

to a cameraman, and even then his arm was close to the vertical. Such qualities combine to give him an air of stern authority, which he carried on to the pitch with brutal and prolonged efficacy. Of him more than any other bowler could we forgive (and repeat) that abused cliché: he was the most complete bowler that ever lived. The truth of that view justifies its ubiquity. Though unconventional by modern standards, and though he bounded in off a long, kangaroo-like run-up, he was above all a spinner, a Twirlyman, one of us.

And a cantankerous rascal to boot. Rarely, if ever, was it said of Barnes that he was gregarious or amicable. This was the man who, when he took forty-nine wickets in a series on the South Africa tour of 1913-14, still a record for a Test series, did so while bunking the fifth Test, in protest at the decision of tour organisers not to pay his wife's hotel bill. That, I think, is my definition of true heroism, and I trust his wife



thanked him for it, though we have no evidence either way.

His most celebrated feat came in the second Test at Melbourne in the 1911-12 Ashes, where he took five wickets for six runs as Australia slumped to 11-4 and then 38-6. It may have been the finest spell of bowling the game has seen. His field had only three men on the leg-side: short square leg, mid-on and fine leg.

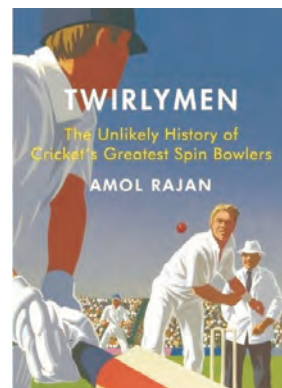
He accomplished all this while combining prodigious spin with severe pace. The dazzling county player Jack Meyer insisted Barnes was faster than Alec Bedser, which, though likely to be an exaggeration, is indicative of prevailing opinion. C. B. Fry thought that 'in the matter of pace he may be regarded either as a fast or a fast-medium bowler. He certainly bowled faster some days than others; and on his fastest day he was certainly distinctly fast.' He owed his early (and formidable) reputation to being thought of as a young tearaway. And yet he also spun the ball. Not rolling or cutting his fingers across the seam and down the side of the ball, but spinning fiercely, with a conventional leg-spinner's grip for his stock ball, which went away from the right-hander, and an off-spinner's grip for the one that turned in. Barnes himself recognised that it was this feature – genuine spin at pace – that marked him out from his contemporaries, most of whom knew him simply as the greatest bowler ever. In a letter to Jack Fingleton, the Australian batsman who later became a journalist, he wrote:

I thought I was at a disadvantage in having to spin the ball when I could see bowlers doing the same (making the swing) simply by placing the ball in their hand and letting go; but I soon learned that the advantage was with me, because by spinning the ball, if the wicket would take spin, the ball would come back against the swing ... I may say I did not bowl a ball but that I had to spin, and that is, to my way of thinking, the reason for what success I attained.

This is one of the most important paragraphs written in the history of bowling. It explains the method that caused the greatest bowler of his

day to be just that, and it is a formula for some future great to deploy at his will – and, in so doing, resurrect a method that was unjustly buried with Barnes, albeit that a few later spinners (O'Reilly, Chandrasekhar, Underwood) flirted with an inferior version of it. By 'the ball would come back against the swing', Barnes means it would go one way in the air and then the other after pitching. The passage shows that even the master bowler himself fails to distinguish between swing and swerve, but it is clear what he means. If the seam is revolving on its own axis, and not scrambled, a bowler may achieve drift. Shane Warne's ball to Mike Gatting in 1993 drifted from off to leg before spinning back, with the seam pointing towards second slip as the ball made its way down to the batsman. Swerve, in this sense, is simply drift speeded up. It is a wonderful curiosity of the laws of physics that, if properly released, a spinning ball will drift and swerve in the air in the direction opposite to ground spin. This distinguishes it from the swing achieved by fast bowlers, where the ball hoops in the air and then continues in the same direction after pitching.

What Barnes realised was that, by changing the axis on which the ball spins, a bowler can have a considerable impact on the amount of swerve achieved. In his day, the seam was less pronounced than it is today, but what marked him out technically from almost all our other Twirlymen is how much his deliveries curved in the air.



# Willows Children's Christmas Party

16th December 2012 – during the Hawkswood Wanderers game



# 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	120	21	478	15	31.9
Agnew, T.W.	14	4	160	16.0	114	13	444	19	23.4
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
Bayliss, R.T.	11	1	227	22.7	-	-	-	-	-
Bennett, J.	31	12	324	17.1	10	1	61	3	20.3
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	0	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.	8	2	193	32.2	85	11	249	21	11.9
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.	11	3	152	19.0	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.	14	0	226	16.1	8	1	43	3	14.3
Cusack, D.R.	38	7	1198	38.6	2	0	20	0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	15	3	456	38.0	5	0	19	0	-
Davis, S.J.	28	7	327	15.6	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.	19	1	561	31.2	30	1	148	12	12.3
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	144	7	605	24	25.2
Dormer, B.L.	11	2	271	30.1	10	0	53	2	26.5
Dowds, D.P.	30	4	971	37.3	91	4	459	14	32.8
Duncan, P.M.	8	2	308	51.3	19	0	103	2	51.5
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	96	13	366	21	17.4
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-Burnside)	14	5	487	54.1	77	9	298	16	18.6
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	0	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	0	362	40.2	34	2	163	3	54.3
Garry, J.R.	10	1	316	35.1	33	0	181	7	25.9
Germon, L.K.	9	3	318	53.0	5	0	50	1	50.0

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Gibson, S.D.	30	1	579	20.0	140	17	545	13	41.9
Gray, A.H.	3	1	13	6.5	53	16	187	14	13.4
Grocott, D.J.	16	9	178	25.4	147	35	361	24	15.0
Hadlee, D.R.	9	4	256	51.2	70	19	196	12	16.3
Hadlee, M.J.	6	1	224	44.8	34	10	111	5	22.2
Hadlee, R.J.	4	0	212	53.0	27	5	63	4	15.8
Hamel, M.J.	15	1	366	26.1	88	10	420	12	35.0
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	15	1	547	39.1	6	0	27	1	27.0
Hantz, J.L.	12	0	287	23.9	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.	60	15	1646	36.6	287	36	1174	51	23.0
Harrison, T.	12	2	336	33.6	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	19	3	335	20.9	138	17	601	31	19.4
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.	24	10	467	33.4	218	36	727	34	21.4
Hawke, M.J.	25	10	759	50.6	143	20	564	25	22.6
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	117	24	350	23	15.2
Hiini, B.C.	11	2	276	30.7	70	15	235	12	19.6
Hudson, M.G.	16	1	311	20.7	117	8	525	22	23.9
Humphris, L.A.	11	2	451	50.1	69	5	339	15	22.6
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.	50	10	1190	29.8	130	16	561	24	23.4
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	71	11	246	15	16.4
James, C.D.	19	0	479	25.2	7	0	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.	22	4	328	18.2	17	2	62	6	10.3
Kelly, D.P.	8	3	360	72.0	43	7	118	16	7.4
Kelly, M.J.	10	1	307	34.1	-	-	-	-	-
Landon-Lane, M.E.	18	4	421	30.1	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
Leggat, J.E.	10	0	232	23.2	18	3	54	4	13.5
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
Masefield, R.V.	13	5	120	15.0	100	12	372	23	16.2
Masefield, T.J.	12	5	250	35.7	19	5	32	10	3.2
Maw, P.A.C.	8	1	276	39.4	26	3	110	2	55.0
McCarthy, G.P.	25	2	331	14.4	56	1	273	15	18.2
McCarthy, P.B.	17	2	641	42.7	42	5	160	11	14.5
McCone, R.J.	7	1	46	7.7	43	12	100	11	9.1
McEwan, P.E.	51	6	1302	28.9	256	26	1064	54	19.7
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.	28	12	468	29.3	276	29	1085	53	20.5
McIntyre, B.S.M.	9	0	203	22.6	67	10	247	14	17.6
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

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	126	30	419	22	19.0
McRae, A.R.	27	7	564	28.2	85	9	343	12	28.6
Miller, G.A.	27	5	566	25.7	1	0	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	0	58	1	58.0
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Noster, S.N.	8	2	371	61.8	49	6	213	5	42.6
Nuttall, A.J.	55	26	663	22.9	691	176	1780	160	11.1
Nuttall, E.J.	4	1	24	8.0	49	10	132	11	12.0
Nuttall, J.S.	7	1	173	28.8	81	14	196	11	17.8
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.	11	1	206	20.6	89	12	304	18	16.9
Patel, M.	11	1	438	43.8	70	15	267	11	24.3
Pawson, J.D.	23	5	555	30.8	172	30	507	26	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.	8	3	33	6.6	85	7	319	12	26.6
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.	40	7	348	10.5	13	0	104	1	104.0
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	0	364	19.2	5	0	30	0	-
Savill, C.M.	33	8	412	16.5	34	0	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.	14	4	170	17.0	94	11	316	32	9.9
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	0	162	5	32.4
Tapper, J.H.	13	2	279	25.4	100	28	345	25	13.8
Teale, H.W.	13	3	466	46.6	57	6	294	13	22.6
Teale, M.D.	8	1	114	16.3	58	7	222	14	15.9
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	118	17	438	16	27.4
Thomson, G.L.	29	4	935	37.4	14	0	81	1	81.0
Thorn, L.D.A.	14	2	237	19.8	18	0	106	3	35.3
Thornton, T.F.	19	5	201	14.4	24	0	105	5	21.0
Townrow, W.B.	10	4	59	9.8	90	10	329	13	25.3
Wakefield, D.J.	8	1	165	23.6	61	7	225	10	22.5
Walsh, W.P.J.	6	1	217	43.4	32	5	124	5	24.8
Ward, J.	14	4	311	31.1	54	3	280	11	25.5
Weeds, M.G.	15	4	365	33.2	4	0	16	0	-
Wellington, B.G.	10	2	119	14.9	94	9	376	12	31.3
Williams, M.L.	8	2	238	39.7	26	0	130	3	43.3
Wolt, J.R.K.	15	6	45	5.0	242	29	1006	41	24.5
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	0	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.	13	3	209	20.9	103	23	331	23	14.4

# 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	-	-
2012/13	26	19	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>

(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
2012/13	26	5,780	196	29.5	197
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>86,143</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>209</b>

## 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.D.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
<b>C.J.B. Burnett</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>v Gore High School</b>	<b>30.09.12</b>
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-Mateh	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.Huysler	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timary Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.H.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11
<b>D.P.Kelly</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>v Bradley Nuttall XI</b>	<b>20.02.13</b>
<b>D.P.Kelly</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI</b>	<b>10.03.13</b>
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.W.M.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.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
B.R.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
<b>D.P.Kelly</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>v King's High School</b>	<b>09.12.12</b>
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.H.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
<b>A.H.Gray</b>	<b>6-32</b>	<b>v Sri Lanka Tour XI</b>	<b>18.11.12</b>
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley Boys' High School	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	09.02.05
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Combined North-West Schools XI	04.12.11
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.H.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.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
T.G.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.E.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.J.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
	336/7	v Gore High School	30.10.12
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 Cnty Sec Schools
1999/00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkswood Wanderers
2000/01	A.F.Johnstone	104	v Woodbank Wanderers
2001/02	A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College
2002/03	R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College
2003/04	M.D.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.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools XI
2008/09	T.W.M.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.P.Dowds	96	v Suburban XI
2012/13	Not awarded		

## 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
2012/13	Nelson College

## Visitor Honours 2012/13 Season

100 (rtd)	B.Williams
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# RESULTS

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

## Home Games

	94/95	95/96	96/97	97-98	98-99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	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	W
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	D	W	L	W
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L
Ohoka Swamphens	W	W	W	L	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	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	W
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-	W	-	L
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craz	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W
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	L	W	-	L	L	-	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	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	L	L	L
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	-	W	W	W	L	W	W
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	W
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	-
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	L	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-
Burnside/NW Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L
Former NZ Rep XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	L
St Thomas of C'bury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	W	-
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	-	W	-	-
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-C'bury XI (Ashburton)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	W	-
Kings High School (Dunedin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	W	W	-
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-
Gore High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W
Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W
Sacred Heart College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-
Wellington Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	D	D
Bradley Nutall XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W

## 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 (HK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-
Emus Club (Australia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-



#### BACK COVER

Andy Ellis (All Black scrum-half) in full flight on his way to an unbeaten 82 against the Hawkswood Wanderers. Andy captained The Willows to only its fourth victory in 19 fixtures against Hawkswood!

