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SEASON
2015/2016



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our motto

"Floreat Salices"
("May the Willows flourish")



Our objectives

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



Why was The Willows formed?

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



"Jaguar Oval"

*Home of The Willows Cricket Club
Loburn, New Zealand*



“The Willows”

CRICKET CLUB

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

The Willows Opening Bowler

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Life Members

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V.B.Cusack
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Membership



The members roll at 31 March 2016 stood as follows:

Playing	330
Associate	252
Overseas	98
Honorary	71
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Total Membership	751

Playing Members (330)

Year of entry precedes name

03	Abbott, R.E.	15	Buttar-Scurr, B.	16	Drayton, A.
06	Agnew, T.W.	01	Cameron, B.S.	09	Duncan, J.D.
12	Allcock, M.J.	11	Carter, S.L.	06	Duncan, P.M.
97	Allott, G.I.	13	Chamberlain, H.J.	97	Dunne, R.M.
14	Anderson, F.G.	99	Chisholm, D.H.	08	Earl, G.H.
14	Archer, E.	16	Clarke, L.	11	Eastlake, M.G.
15	Arnold, C.J.	13	Clarkson, J.A.	01	Ellis, A.M.
15	Ave, M.J.	12	Close, E.M.	99	Ellis, A.M.
14	Baker, A.P.	13	Coburn, B.C.	16	Entwistle, B.
10	Banks, R.J.	06	Coffey, S.T.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.
07	Barringer, T.G.	99	Coll, J.P.	06	Farrant, M.D.
07	Barry, J.V.	10	Collins, M.	14	Findlay, B.
05	Barry, V.E.	14	Commons, E.	15	Finnie, G.
07	Bartholomeusz, L.D.	12	Cooke, H.R.I.	13	Finnie, J.
12	Bates, J.L.	14	Courtney, L.	16	Fitzpatrick, H.
11	Baxendine, S.	06	Cowlishaw, A.J.	10	Fletcher, A.T.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	09	Croft, M.	08	Franklin, B.M.
13	Bayly, R.	98	Cunliffe, J.J.	15	Frew, R.M.
08	Bellamy, B.D.	14	Curnow, C.C.	15	Frey, T.
06	Belliss, C.J.	94	Cusack, D.R.	14	Frost, M.F.
94	Bennett, J.	11	Cutts, R.E.	04	Fullerton-Smith, A.D.
13	Benton, J.A.T.	14	D'Arcy, J.A.C.	00	Fulton, D.H.
95	Bisman, C.W.	03	d'Auvergne, N.R.	95	Fulton, P.G.
13	Blair, B.A.	98	d'Auvergne, P.G.	09	Gale, A.J.
13	Bolderston, M.G.	98	Davidson, J.A.F.	06	Garry, J.R.
02	Bond, S.E.	12	Davidson, L.J.	15	Gilbert, S.
08	Boock, J.W.E.	16	Davidson, H.	10	Gordon, B.G.
16	Boon, T.	94	Davis, S.J.	11	Gray, A.H.
14	Borrie, O.	13	Day, H.W.	12	Griffin, T.E.S.
13	Boyle, J.C.T.	08	Devine, P.B.	09	Grocott, T.M.
12	Braid, T.J.	94	Devlin, P.C.	16	Grose, S.J.G.
95	Brooks, G.N.	13	Dickson, G.J.	12	Haig, A.D.
11	Brown, S.J.A.	12	Dobbs, P.W.	15	Hamilton, A.I.J.
14	Brown, W.B.	16	Dobson, J.	11	Hamilton, R.J.V.
94	Bull, C.L.	13	Doherty, B.P.	08	Hammond, D.P.W.
94	Bull, J.C.	95	Doody, B.J.K.	09	Hampton-Matehe, T.
15	Burnett, A.	00	Doody, T.J.	99	Hantz, J.L.
94	Burrell, W.M.	94	Dormer, B.L.	94	Harris, B.Z.
94	Burson, R.D.	05	Dowds, D.P.	94	Harris, C.Z.

11	Harris, D.A.	03	Marsh, J.D.	06	Patel, M.
94	Harris, P.D.	10	Marsh, N.E.	94	Pawson, J.D.
10	Harrison, T.	01	Martin, S.D.	95	Pitcher, A.C.
00	Hastilow, A.J.	00	Martin, S.G.D.	09	Pithey, R.J.
01	Hawes, F.C.	94	Masefield, R.V.	09	Poole, J.
14	Hay, M.W.	99	Masefield, T.J.	10	Pope, C.D.
11	Hayes, M.W.	11	Mauger, A.J.D.	06	Pullar, C.G.
14	Hill, C.	02	Maw, D.J.	13	Rawson, D.P.G.
14	Hill, F.	98	Maw, P.A.C.	15	Read, K.
13	Hill, N.H.	12	McCall, D.K.	00	Reardon, P.H.
09	Hinton, C.R.	02	McCarthy, G.P.	09	Reed, G.I.
13	Hogan, M.R.	95	McCarthy, P.B.	08	Reese, A.
16	Hooper, R.	10	McClure, K.J.	10	Reid, A.
15	Horne, P.A.	12	McConnell, T.P.	16	Reid, M.
06	Horrell, A.H.	10	McCormick, S.A.	03	Rennell, C.P.
16	House, M.	10	McCracken, A.J.	11	Rennie, T.C.
12	Howard, S.E.	11	McDonald, J.M.	09	Richards, J.M.
15	Howell, G.A.	08	McEwan, M.B.	04	Robertson, C.D.
95	Hudson, M.G.	94	McEwan, P.E.	00	Robertson, I.A.
06	Humphris, L.A.	09	McEwan, R.P.	06	Rowe, A.J.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	06	McFarlane, B.S.	09	Rowe, M.P.
15	Hunt, K.	11	McGillivray, C.P.	95	Rutledge, P.D.
02	Hutchison, P.J.	06	McGoldrick, C.P.	16	Ryan, H.M.H.
94	Inglis, G.D.	06	McGoldrick, M.P.	15	Ryan, L.P.
15	Irie, T.K.	09	McGoldrick, T.B.	06	Ryan, P.D.
13	Jeffrey, M.	14	McGuire, J.A.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.
08	Johnston, L.H.	98	McGuire, R.D.	11	Schulte, H.L.
01	Johnston, M.T.	16	McGuire, S.P.	16	Schwass, J.
06	Johnston, N.M.	12	McHardy, S.	14	Scott, K.B.
06	Johnston, T.G.	08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	13	Scott, T.T.B.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	14	McKegg, C.M.	10	Senior, G.H.
14	Jones, R.	14	McKellar, L.W.	12	Sharples, D.J.
12	Keen, M.S.	10	McClean, C.F.	14	Sheat, F.W.
11	Kelly, D.P.	95	McRae, A.R.	13	Shiple, H.
11	Kelly, M.J.	13	Meyrick, J.M.	09	Singleton, M.J.
11	Kennedy, C.P.	14	Michel, B.	09	Soper, B.E.
15	Kennett, H.	14	Mikaera, A.	09	Sparks, L.C.
14	Kirk, H.S.T.	14	Miller, P.	13	Stagg, S.
12	Knight, P.	11	Mooney, P.J.K.	13	Stanley, D.D.
14	Laffey, A.	14	Mugford, C.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
05	Langrope, B.J.	05	Muir, T.R.	09	Stewart, G.J.
04	Langrope, S.L.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	01	Stretch, G.B.
07	Latham, M.T.	00	Nathu, A.	13	Stretch, M.
07	Latham, T.W.M.	11	Nation, T.C.G.	10	Stringleman, J.G.
12	Laughton, B.L.	16	Newton-Vesty, M.C.	09	Sutton, T.G.
01	Leggat, J.E.	08	Nicholls, H.	11	Tait, M.J.
09	Lester, S.	06	Nicholson, A.J.	09	Tapper, J.H.
15	Lewis, J.	06	Noster, S.	14	Taylor, B.D.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	10	Taylor, R.J.
01	Loe, H.F.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	14	Taylor, T.C.
04	Lonsdale, W.M.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	09	Teale, H.W.
01	Lucas, B.J.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	11	Thomas, S.T.
15	Lyons, W.G.J.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	99	Thompson, K.G.
11	Mably, B.J.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	11	Thompson, M.J.
12	Mably, D.R.	08	Orton, B.R.	00	Thornton, T.F.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	94	Owens, M.B.	15	Turner, J.G.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	13	Page, F.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
11	Macgregor, A.J.	13	Parker, M.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
12	Marsh, D.	98	Parr, M.J.	11	Vann, D.B.

12	Vanner, J.R.	94	Weeds, M.G.	09	Winter, M.J.C.
15	Vedder, D.W.	06	Wellington, B.	10	Wiseman, P.J.
16	Wakefield, C.	08	Wheeler, B.M.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
12	Wakefield, D.J.	10	Wightman, D.J.	06	Wraight, S.J.
03	Walker, R.L.	14	Williams, B.J.	13	Wright, E.T.Q.
06	Walsh, W.P.J.	15	Williams, J.	99	Wright, H.G.
10	Ward, B.R.	12	Williams, M.L.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
95	Ward, J.	10	Williams, W.S.A.	08	Wright, H.J.
09	Ward, S.A.	14	Wilson, H.E.J.	05	Wright, N.H.
09	Watson, J.M.	12	Wilson, J.M.	11	Wright, W.H.
12	Watson, Z.D.	10	Wilson, R.T.	06	Youngusband, P.F.

Associate Members (252)

06	Abbott, R.T.	01	Coates, N.F.	98	Galloway, G.N.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	03	Colvin, G.G.	94	Gardner, J.
94	Adams, B.C., <i>QSM</i>	98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	06	Gargiulo, F.J.
94	Aldridge, B.L., <i>QSM</i>	98	Cook, P.S.	02	Garland, S.P.
03	Ambler, K.R.	94	Coop, T.A.	09	Georgieff, R.
94	Austin, G.K.	06	Cooper, The Hon. Justice M.L.S.	03	Goldstein, M.P.
14	Averill, C.E.W.	04	Cosgrove, C.J.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>
94	Baker, C.K.	95	Crocker, L.M.	06	Goodman, J.H.
09	Ballantyne, R.M., <i>CNZM</i>	94	Cunliffe, S.M.	10	Gould, G.C.
06	Bannan, G.J.	94	Cunliffe, S.M.	01	Gouldie, A.J.
03	Barnett, D.W.	95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	06	Gray, E.J.
94	Bateman, S.N.	94	Davidson, A.F., <i>ONZM</i>	14	Griffith, D.
11	Baxendine, R.W.	94	Davidson, N.R.W., <i>QC</i>	04	Grigor, I.M.
03	Beer, G.D.	00	Dick, A.E.	96	Grocott, D.J.
07	Biddick, D.W.	04	Dickey, G.E.	96	Grocott, J.W.
94	Blair, K.R.	01	Dickson, I.B.	09	Gubbins, D.R.W.
00	Boock, S.L.	94	Dolan, P.J.	94	Guthrey, P.C.
15	Bott, D.R.	94	Dormer, P.E.	94	Hadlee, B.G.
12	Boyle, D.J.	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	94	Hadlee, D.R.
94	Boyle, J.G.	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	94	Hadlee, M.J.
97	Bremner, M.C.	98	Durning, J.W.	95	Hamilton, B.G.
94	Bromley, R.C.	05	Eaton, J.H.M.	11	Hammond, J.D.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	94	Ebert, R.J.	11	Harper, R.G.F.
95	Brownlee, E.T., <i>QSM</i>	01	Eddington, W.L.	15	Harris, Ms R.
95	Bruce, D.B.	97	Ellis, M.J.	15	Harris, N., <i>QSO</i>
04	Buckenham, M.H.	16	Entwistle, D.R.	15	Harris, Mrs C.
08	Buist, G.T.	05	Evans, G.R.	95	Harrison, R.J.
06	Bull, A.J.	10	Evans, K.W.	94	Hastilow, J.W.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	01	Eveleigh, R.S.	94	Hastings, B.F.
03	Burrett, W.G.	04	Evennett, D.C.	95	Hastings, M.B.
00	Burrows, D.L.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	04	Hayward, R.D.
99	Calder, B.	98	Fenton, W.R.	02	Hayward, R.E.
00	Cameron, D.J.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	05	Healy, N.
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	10	Finn, Professor J.N.	08	Henry, M.J.
95	Campbell, A.I.	94	Fisher, M.A.	94	Hight, C.M.
94	Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	98	Flanagan, C.W.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
04	Carter, R.	94	Flanagan, S.P.	94	Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R.
15	Cartridge, M.E.A.	08	Fletcher, A.G.	02	Hooper, W.P.
08	Cartwright, I.	14	Ford, L.	95	Hudson, H.J.
06	Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i>	06	Fowler, H.M.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
00	Chisholm, Hon. Justice L., <i>CNZM</i>	94	Fox, D.O.	15	Hunter, A.D.
14	Clark, D.C.	98	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	94	Ikram, Professor H.
94	Clark, L.A.	97	Fuller, M.J.	11	Inglis, S.B.
94	Clark, N.G.	98	Fulton, G.H.		

94	Innes, R.T.J.	05	Moore, G.R.	01	Shackleton, D.A.
14	Irvine, B.L.	06	Morgan, R.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.
95	Irvine, B.S.	12	Moses, K.R.	95	Sharp, D.C.
99	Irving, J.D.	09	Murray, D.N.	05	Sheard, A.J.
10	Johnstone, N.A.	03	Newell, M.L.M.	00	Shipley, A.J.B.
06	Jordan, P.H.	11	Newman, P.A.	95	Skipper, H.L.
94	Joyce, Professor P.R.	03	Newton, B.I.P.	95	Smith, G.B.
98	Judson, R.E.	10	Neynens, C.	13	Smith, G.J.
06	Kain, M.O.	98	Nielsen, T.S.	94	Smith, M.J.
99	Kerr, L.H.	03	Noster, F.R.	02	Snedden, M.C., CSNZ
10	King, R.H.	10	O'Brien, P.D., ONZM	99	Sowden, R.J.S.
08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.	03	O'Donnell, P.M.	12	Sparling, J.T.
94	Lancaster, M.J.	14	Orsborn, I.A.	06	Spear, B.G.
94	Lancaster, T.E.	95	Page, R.J.	94	Stead, G.R.
94	Latham, R.T.	94	Parker, N.M.	95	Strack, D.J.
01	Lawson, R.A.	94	Paton, G.C.J.	99	Taylor, B.J.
94	Loe, J.G.	94	Pawson, S.J.	94	Thiele, C.H.
94	MacDonald, Mrs D.	06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.	04	Pettett, C.M.	99	Townrow, W.B.
01	Malloch, B.E.	94	Phillips, M.K.	94	Ussher, C.P.
12	Marsh, P.	05	Pitcher, S.M.	07	Veale, J.H.
14	Matthews, Associate Judge J.G.	96	Polson, A.H.	94	Wait, E.P.
94	McCallum, Dr A.B.	97	Priest, M.W.	00	Wake, R.W.
03	McCleane, L.R.	09	Pulley, D.F.	94	Wallace, P.E.
05	McCleane, M.J.	95	Quested, D.M.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
05	McCleane, T.M.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
05	McCone, R.J.	04	Reid, D.W.	95	Watson, M.
94	McCourtie, Mrs R.	95	Roberts, S.J.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	McDonnell, K.M., JP	98	Robinson, L.M.C.	14	Whata, The Hon. Justice C.
95	McFedries, B.G.	14	Ross, J.L.	14	Whiteside, P.F., QC
98	McFedries, S.E.M.	14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	14	Wilby, B.G.
95	McHarg, R.L.	09	Rowe, C.A.	94	Williams, P.R.
94	McKechnie, B.J.	01	Rust, K.N.	16	Wilson, S.J.
99	McKendry, D.J.	94	Savill, C.M.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
98	McKinlay, S.	06	Sawers, S.J.	04	Wood, P.
02	McRae, J.A.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	13	Woodward, Mrs D.
95	Miller, G.A.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	97	Wright, J.G.
03	Miller, G.M.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	95	Wright, Dr M.J.
94	Mills, D.L.T.	15	Scott, P.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
12	Monk, G.B., ONZM			94	Yardley, K.J.

Overseas Members (98)

AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R., AM	16	Hambleton, C.	96	Rixon, S.J.
05	Barrat, R.	15	Harris, R.J.	01	Rose, G.L.
05	Bartholomeusz, C.G.	06	Havercroft, G.	94	Runacres, A.M.
12	Boyte, M.R.	15	Hodge, M.E.A.	03	Salmon, K.
15	Burley, D.	06	Hodgson, T.L.P.	98	Silver, M.J.
98	Darke, M.	02	Holt, D.W.	95	Smith, R.
95	Davidson, A.K., AM, MBE	94	Innes, J.T.	12	Sundarjee, M.
05	Deans, S.J.M.	06	Jones, Dr R.D.M.	12	Sundarjee, P.
94	Douglass, W.B., ASM	12	Katter, Dr D.H, ADC, RANR	06	Walls, K.A.
94	Eastment, B.A.	95	McFedries, A.G.	94	Wiles, E.G.
05	Eddington, Sir Rod	02	McQueen, D.	11	Woolcott, E.B.
94	Eldershaw, J.M.	01	Neaves, T.C.	02	Zavos, S.B.
06	Fisher, H.M.L.	03	Peacock, M.D.		
		01	Richards, S.		

HONG KONG

- 01 Chandler, J.
 09 Keir, J.
 15 Lamplough, G.D.
 00 Miles, R.
 15 Styles, K.A.
 01 Walsh, M.
 15 Watkins, P.J.

INDIA

- 12 Dalmia, A.
 11 Kheraj, N.
 11 Kheraj, S.

JAPAN

- 99 Deans, R.M.

SINGAPORE

- 08 Horner, M.
 15 Robinson, J.R.
 16 Robinson, S.
 98 Stearns, N.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 01 Fotheringham, B.

SRI LANKA

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

THAILAND

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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- 08 Archer, M.
 94 Bisman, J.C.
 10 Khan, M.

UNITED KINGDOM

- 95 Bazalgette, C.
 11 Blackett, H.
 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
 03 Buckton, S.J.
 08 Conyngham, J.
 98 Cumbes, J.
 98 Dodds, V.
 08 Fearnley, C.D.

- 01 Fisher, T.D.L.
 12 Fleming, C.W.
 09 Gattung, M.W.
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President's Report



▲ Action from the inaugural "Town v Country" match at Jaguar Oval on 2 December 2015.

"Willowers All,"

The last regular game of our 22nd season, against Country Secondary Schools XI on 13 March was The Willows 500th game. Not only was it appropriate that such a game be played against Country Secondary Schools, it marked a singular achievement that founding members, management committee members and all members and those associated with the club can feel very proud of. Given our location in Loburn and our strong bond with North Canterbury Cricket through friends like Roger Macfarlane, John Gardner and Peter Devlin, it was fitting that this 500th game was against local young cricketers.

Our 22nd season was even busier than those that preceded it. Of special significance was the game against the Governor-General's XI in the last weekend of the season. The Governor-General graciously attended a dinner at Medbury School the evening before the game, welcoming his team and the former New Zealand players who made up our XI. The Governor-General's speech was laced with wisdom, and the President of New Zealand Cricket, Stephen Boock, enhanced his and brought humour to the gathering with tales

from his time at the peak of the game. We are grateful to both the Governor-General and Stephen Boock for making themselves available. The Willows in the end prevailed, but only by 15 runs in a hard-fought game. It was a delight to welcome Mathew Sinclair for his first visit and he scored a fine century for The Willows. Our gratitude to all of those players who for many years have made themselves available for The Willows XI.

At our biennial dinner for First XIs, coaches and principals, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker John Eales. The ANZAC spirit was invoked on the night, and his speech conveyed many insights that the young players present will reflect on for years to come.

Over 300 children attended the Willows Christmas party and all received wrapped gifts. A great time was had by all with entertainment provided by the Salvation Army band. My thanks to the many volunteers who contributed to what is now a high point of The Willows year.

Once more we are grateful to Sir Hugh and Lady Anna Blackett, who this southern winter will welcome scholars 27 and 28, being Liam McWilliam from Southland Boys' High School and Callum Curnow from St Bede's College for

their work and cricket experience. Sir Hugh and Lady Anna have provided ongoing support for our cricket scholars over the past 13 years.

This year The Willows had three New Zealand representatives in Tom Latham, Henry Nicholls and Matthew Henry. Daniel Stanley, Taylor Scott, Josh Clarkson and Josh Finnie from The Willows were all selected for the New Zealand Under-19 Tournament Team for Bangladesh. And for yet another season, Peter Fulton has led the Canterbury Plunket Shield side with distinction.

As always, we acknowledge the assistance we have received from the principals of many of the colleges with whom we are associated. We also note with pleasure that Roger Knight, a long-term member of The Willows and a great supporter, is this year's President of the MCC.

Without the support of our umpires from both town and country, Sundays at Loburn would lose a lot of its pleasure and stature for players. We are grateful to all of the umpires who willingly give of their time to stand at The Willows on Sundays. Our caterers, Deb and Judy East continued to supply the quality lunches and hospitality that have become an integral part of The Willows scene.

The club is doing all it can to increase its communication to members through social media. One of the issues is that many players fail to notify the club that they are unavailable on a Sunday until the last minute. Most are extremely responsible, but it is not a lot to ask for that such calls do not come late on a Saturday night, or even in the early hours of Sunday! I think it is fair to say that our level of communication has increased enormously, and our webmaster, John Hammond, has played a very major part in that. The regular updates from Jim Stringleman and the photographs from Rex Hayward enhance this.

As I noted earlier, we have now played 500 games at The Willows. Interestingly, as at that 500th game The Willows has won exactly double the amount to losses. We have won 322 and lost 161, with the rest either tied, drawn or rained off. This season we played 26 games, won 14 and lost 12. One significant club record for the best bowling was broken by one of our Matfen

scholars, Callum Curnow, who took 8–21 against his old school, St Bede's, on the 8th of February 2016. For this, Callum was awarded the Shadbolt Trophy, and it will be a long time before that record is beaten. We also acknowledge Dave Kelly's milestone of becoming the sixth batsman to reach 1000 runs for The Willows. I have no doubt Dave will continue to add to that tally. The winners of the 49ers Cup was Waitaki Boys' High School for their stunning victory on the 6th of March 2016. Seemingly well out of it, the lower order at Waitaki batted brilliantly to secure a famous victory. Finally, in this section, can I mention Tim McConnell, who showed real Willows spirit in playing 12 of the 26 games played in the club colours. Thanks Tim, you really embody that Willows spirit. (I am grateful to John Mitchell and Phil Harris for the statistics.)

I also note with sadness the passing of Trevor Barber, New Zealand's oldest cricketer; Derek Burrell, a long-time stalwart of the club and a member of the management committee; and Kaye Miller, our neighbour and carer of the pavilion over very many years. Finally, our only German member, Dr Hans-Jurgen Werner sadly passed in March 2016 following heart surgery.

Once again my thanks to the founders committee, the management committee and our second groundsman for all their sterling work. I think it is time that we considered our structure, particularly in the light of the new health and safety laws that now cover New Zealand, and this is a factor that will be reviewed by both of those committees before next season.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM
President



"Recess is over, Your Honor."



1,000 club

Congratulations to Dave Kelly on becoming the sixth batsman to reach 1,000 runs for The Willows



▲ Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2015/16.



▲ Tim McConnell played 12 matches at The Willows this season.

College XIs



▲ Sacred Heart College 1st XI.



▲ St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ King's High School (Dunedin) 1st XI.



▲ Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI.



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.

College XIs



▲ North West Schools XI.



▲ South West Schools XI.



▲ Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Christ's College 1st XI.



▲ St Bede's College 1st XI.



▲ Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Ashburton College 1st XI.

Match Reports 2015/16

v CHRISTCHURCH METRO XI

4th October 2015

Report by Kelvin Scott

We showed up to another great day at The Willows for the match against the Christchurch Metro XI and duly lost the toss and were inserted by the visitors. After a steady start with Vann making a 30 and Scott 21, there were a couple of small partnerships until Jury and Schwass came together and put on a partnership of 79 for the fifth wicket. After Jury was out for 24 we managed to scrape our way to 198/9 with a well compiled 63 from Schwass. Metro's bowlers



▲ Opening bowler.



▲ An idyllic start to the season with cattle and snow in the background.



▲ Club memorabilia at entrance to the pavilion

managed to keep chipping away with Cochrane taking 4 for 27 from his ten overs and Winchester taking 4 for 35 from his ten. Excellent spells from both bowlers.

The Metro XI got off to an equally good start with the mainstay of their innings being House. He scored an excellent 83 and managed to see them most of the way to the target with a couple of good partnerships with McClintock and Newton. The visitors were at 148 when House was out. Winchester then took control and with good support from the middle order, Metro reached the total with four overs to spare.

In all, it was a good game played in the right spirit. The Willows know they face a tough game in this annual fixture against the strong Metro XI. Looking forward to next year.

The Willows lost by 4 wickets

The Willows 198/9

D. Vann 30, J. Schwass 63, B. Cochrane 4/27, H. Winchester 4/35

Christchurch Metro XI 199/6

M. House 83, H. Winchester 26, D. Vann 2/28

Umpires

E. Brownlee and M. Wood

v MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1st XI

11th October 2015

Report by Greg Stretch

Match day was as nice a day as you could get – blue sky, sunshine and little wind which provided a wonderful setting for the day ahead.

Marlborough Boys' College won the toss and asked The Willows to bat first, which we were not unhappy about.

After the loss of an early wicket, the rest of the innings was based on good solid partnerships throughout. CBHS opening bat, Callum Hill provided the anchor and nearly carried his bat being dismissed in the 48th over, five short of a much deserved 100. Greg Stretch and David Kelly both posted half centuries to boost the total through to a competitive 261.

The Willows were a happy bunch at the change of innings and looked forward to defending their total.

The College's innings never got going with wickets falling at regular intervals, thanks to all

bowlers displaying some excellent form. Young college left arm spinner Scott Burnett and right arm leg spinner Taylor Irie, were particularly impressive bowling tight economical spells as well as picking up wickets. Ma'ara Ave was the top scorer for Marlborough Boys' College however he lacked any substantial support at the other end, although Cameron Alexander started the innings off positively.

In the end, it was a convincing win to The Willows. Marlborough Boys' College have all bar one player returning to school next year, so will be all the better for the experience of playing at The Willows, when they return next season.

Thanks again to everyone at The Willows who never cease to make it such a special day whenever we play there.

The Willows won by 124 runs

The Willows 261/5

C. Hill 95, G. Stretch 56*, D. Kelly 51*

Marlborough Boys' College 137

M. Ave 39, C. Clark 3/37, T. Irie 3/22

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Full concentration.

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

18th October 2015

Report by Dave Kelly

Conditions could be described as near perfect, apart from the gale force nor-wester that felt like we were playing in Miramar. Otago Boys' High School have fashioned a record against The Willows second to none. The fact that they were prepared to sacrifice the viewing of the second half of the All Blacks match against France immediately alerted me to the subtle and calculated tactics that all Southern men possess. Being from the fertile Taieri Plain myself and having married a Cantabrian I am well versed in these dark acts.

Batting first we were steady and managed to build a few partnerships but never really got any ascendancy. I was really impressed by the unity and discipline of the OBHS fielding and bowling and it had finger prints of Ken Rust all over it. The fielders refused to drift and bowlers melt, as can be the case in these hot windy conditions. Angus and Kindley both finished with four wickets apiece.



▲ Another beautiful shot – NB no bails due to the velocity of the wind.



▲ The trophy heads south to the OBHS cabinet

We pampered our total of 199 runs believing that the outfield was worth at least another 50 runs. The Otago boys broke the scoreboard pressure early and with some confident stroke play and hard running they were taking away the game. McAuslan was the best with 55 and Pryde chipped in with 35. Ollie Borrie possesses an Afridi-like arm ball and with no slow motion cameras in attendance he unleashed a few and turned the game into an event contest with ten overs to play. Our problem was they need four an over and we needed wickets so in maintaining aggressive fields we leaked the odd boundary or two. We got it to the last over with four runs required. A brave blow from one of the lads secured the victory with three balls left.

It was a fantastic game and reminded me of the words of Lord Harris (1931):

"To play it keenly, honestly, generously, self sacrificingly is a moral lesson in itself and the classroom is God's air (wind) and sunshine."

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

Otago Boys' High School 200/7

C. McAuslan 55, J. Pryde 35, O. Borrie 4/58

The Willows 199

D. Kelly 65, C. Mugford 33, S. Angus 4/32, H. Kindley 4/38

Umpires

Jim Henderson and John Henderson

v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1st XI

25th October 2015
Report by Nic Hill

It was a pleasure to host a young Wanganui Collegiate team at The Willows on the 25th of October. The WCS XI were accompanied by their Headmaster Mr Chris Moller and a large group of supporters from the North Island (including ex-International Mark Greatbatch – his son being a promising allrounder for the visitors) all of whom enjoyed The Willows setting.

The Willows batted first after winning the toss and were in trouble early at 10-3. J Wilson and N Hill provided some resistance in the middle order and then T McConnell, G Dickson and A Nuttall allowed The Willows to post a competitive 182 on a track that promised to suit The Willows experience spin attack.

The Willows bowled only five overs of medium pace in the Collegiate innings and our spinners J Horrell, A Reese, A Nuttall and A Gray bowled very tightly and displayed their skill and experience in dismissing Collegiate for 77.

A high level of camaraderie was displayed throughout the day including during the post-match formalities. Club members can also be assured that The Willows batsman who played a reverse sweep during his innings has been spoken to.

The Willows won by 105 runs

The Willows 182

N. Hill 41, J. Wilson 39, S. Beard 3/24

Wanganui Collegiate School 77

J. Horrell 4/13

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ A Wanganui Collegiate spin bowler flights it up.



▲ Push to leg.



▲ Mike Johnston.



▲ Paul McEwan.



▲ Bob Masefield.

v PENINSULA CRAZ XI

4th November 2015

Report by **Jonathan Davidson**

On a very cold spring day (9°C) The Willows hosted the Peninsula Craz XI for the 21st time in the two clubs' long association. The Willows won the toss and elected to field on a reasonably green track, which had been covered for a couple of days due to adverse weather conditions.

The Willows had the Craz in trouble early at 36/3 but an excellent innings from R. Breitmeyer of 61 and the Craz middle order, got them up to a competitive total of 176 all out off 37 overs. All seven bowlers used by The Willows got at least one wicket apiece but the outstanding figures of the innings went to Jack Nuttall who bowled six overs, 3 for 11.

The game was reduced from 40 to 37 overs per team due to a rain shower in the middle of the Craz innings, where half an hour of time was lost.

The Willows innings started off reasonably well with Paul McEwan and Jonathan Davidson putting on 40 for the first wicket but The Willows lost too many wickets along the way and were always just a bit behind the run rate. The Willows ended up falling 10 runs short with nine wickets down. Credit must go the Craz bowlers who kept things tight and the wickets were shared around with the first four bowlers getting two wickets apiece.

Once again it was a fantastic day at The Willows and some excellent yarns were told over a sausage and a glass of port at the end of the day.

The Willows lost by 10 runs

Peninsula Craz 176

R. Breitmeyer 61, J. Nuttall 3/11

The Willows 166/9

J. Davidson 42, L. Davidson 34

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose

v ASHBURTON COLLEGE 1st XI

8th November 2015

Report by Dennis Mably

With the weather looking threatening The Willows won the toss and elected to bat.

The opening partnership found it difficult to score runs with tight bowling from the Ashburton College openers Sam Hall and Josh Buchanan. With the fall of wickets at regular intervals The Willows team struggled to put any partnerships together until Matt Tait (31) joined opener Ben Mably (32) for a 48 run partnership to put some respectability on the scoreboard. Once this partnership was broken the final wickets fell in short succession to be all out for 117. With the wickets shared the Ashburton College could be credited for excellent line and length bowling plus outstanding fielding in damp conditions.

In reply the College batsmen got off to a good start, with the weather improving to sunny conditions, with a good 30 run opening partnership between Michael Burton and Zach Naldrett. With handy contributions from Tom Ravenscroft (21), Liam O'Connor (23) and Ben



▲ *Mario Williams hitting square.*



▲ *An elegant drive from Ben Mably.*

Niles (13 not out) the College reached the total in the 41st over. The Willow bowlers kept pressure on the batsmen with the spin bowling of Ben Mably, Jack Meyrick and Mario Williams keeping tight lines. The Ashburton College captain (Kieran Hunt) showed great sportsmanship calling back The Willows Captain after being run out having slipped over in the damp conditions. An interesting statistic was noted. A combined age of 181 years of three senior Willows players exceeded the total combined age (174) of the entire Ashburton College team – thus proving one is never too old to play the game.

The Willows lost by 4 wickets

The Willows 117

B. Mably 32, M. Tait 31

Ashburton College 118/6

Umpires

D. McIlraith and G. Evans

v CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

22nd November 2015

Report by Matt Parr

To turn up at Jaguar Oval and see a team list with an abundance of batting ability was somewhat heartening. Eleven overs in, with Tom Taylor (38) and Will Lyons (17) at the crease and names like D Kelly, Mugford and Howell sitting in the shed with the pads on, hopes of The Willows setting a big score were high.

Good spells from Ben Donkers and Fraser Sheat put the brakes on while Louie Chapman, on debut for the 1st XI, spun his way through the middle order to take 4-21 off nine. With the exception of some late resistance from Taylor Irie (29) and Jamie Hunt (20) The Willows limped to 174 in the 49th over.

Playing the trump card in giving Andrew Nuttall the new ball proved fruitful. He picked up the School opener cheaply which give The Willows a sniff in anticipation for a classic schoolboy collapse. However, as hard as the bowlers toiled, Will Jordan (70*) and Matthew Hay (66*) were far too classy. The pair batted superbly to eclipse the meagre target in just the 31st over.

A high class effort on and off the field by the boys from Straven Road.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 174

T. Taylor 38, T. Irie 29*, D. Kelly 28,
L. Chapman 4/21

Christchurch Boys' High School 176/2

W. Jordan 70*, M. Hay 66*, A. Nuttall 2/25

Umpires

T. McLisky and L. Kerr



▲ Callum Hill anticipating a nick.



▲ The imposing sight of opening bowler Matt Parr.

v NORTH WEST SCHOOLS XI

29th November 2015
Report by Tim Grocott

The Willows won the toss and decided to bat first. They made steady progress in the early overs bringing up their hundred in the 22nd over. Ben Williams batted very well and was eventually out for 68 with the score at 128. Alex Reese then took over for the rest of the innings. He was patient and hit the loose ball well.

After lunch Alex started to cash in despite the very good bowling from Sam Gillespie and Hugo Howard. Both boys bowled well and deserved their figures although Hugo deserved some wickets as well. Alex Reese was last out just before the end of the innings for 69 and The Willows got through to 248 for 8.

North West were positive from the outset with Alex Heenan hitting the ball hard. However, Nigel Marsh opened the bowling and was accurate and demanding as ever. He took two wickets in his first two overs and ended up with three wickets at the end of a superb spell. Heenan continued to be aggressive and got through to 53 of 35 balls before he hit out one too many times and was caught. There were a lack of partnerships for North West with the best being 53 between Rangnekar and Eder. Jamie Hunt bowled well for The Willows and North West were all out for 150.

Thank you to the umpires, Mitch Howard for scoring, and also to the parents of the North West players. It was wonderful see them there supporting the game and their boys.

The Willows won by 98 runs

The Willows 248/8

B. Williams 68, A. Reese 69, S. Gillespie 3/27

North West Schools XI 150

A. Heenan 53, V. Rangnekar 36, N. Marsh 3/22

Umpires

M. Wood and G. Fantastic



▲ *A useful young NW spinner.*



▲ *Ben Williams on his way to a handy half-century.*



▲ *Will O'Brien flights one up.*

v KING'S HIGH SCHOOL (Dunedin) 1st XI

6th December 2015

Report by Paul McEwan

On an overcast day The Willows elected to bat on a new strip which was a little green. The Willows line up looked a relatively strong one both with bat and ball but we were under continual pressure from a well-organised King's High School team. The visitors were well managed and coached by Simon Cushin.

Each King's bowler knew their capabilities with the ball and maintained very good lines, picking up wickets just when The Willows partnerships were starting to build. Eamon O'Brien bowled his off spin around the wicket very effectively and he was complemented by some good steady medium pace from the other end. Elliott Love kept the pressure on bowling his 10 overs for only 28 runs. The Willows batsmen got starts but no one went past thirty.

However with a score of 198 and after two early wickets The Willows were feeling relatively confident. Then enter B Horne (75 not out) and E Love (56). They put on 111 for the 3rd wicket in very good time with some excellent shots. Both boys batted very well punishing a good Willows bowling line up. It was very good to see Horne see his team through to the end. Too often we see boys bat well but do not finish the job off. Well done. King's High reached The Willows target in just 35 overs hence their dominance. Only Hayden Day for The Willows managed to restrict the King's High team picking up 3 for 39 off his ten overs.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 198

P. Miller 23, D. Cusack 25, R. Wilson 32*,
C. Arnold 32, E. O'Brien 4/34

King's High School 202/4

B. Horne 75*, E. Love 56, H. Day 3/39

Umpires

E. Brownlee and P. Koppes



▲ All concentration in the opening overs.



▲ Cap presentation to King's High player by Paul McEwan.



▲ Hamish Kennett bowling from the road-side end.

v LONDON NEW ZEALAND CRICKET CLUB

13th December 2015

Report by Richard McGuire

The pitch inspection at the start of the day revealed a hint of green. There was also a forecast of rain and so having won the toss The Willows elected to bowl and see if we could win the game ahead of the weather.

However, LNZCC had a fine opening stand from Scott (42) and McConnell (40). The introduction of spin from both ends saw the required breakthrough and restriction of runs. Both Andrew Nuttall and Oliver Borrie bowled superbly. Nuttall was supremely controlled and deserved even better than his 2 for 14 from ten overs. The brakes came off again and fine middle order contributions from Howell, Drayton and Haig saw the Londoners through to a healthy 247 from their 50 overs.

The highlight of the innings was a reverse sweep from Al Drayton that Brendon McCullum would be proud of. For The Willows Matt Hudson bowled very well taking two wickets with a combination of seam and swing.

The Willows reply started well with Sam McGuire making 23 opening the innings. The pick of the LNZCC bowlers was Mark McGoldrick who bowled with pace and extracted a lot of movement from the pitch in taking three fine wickets. The Willows middle order of Murray (27) and Borrie (26) then played some sublime shots and set the platform for the run chase. Andrew Nuttall 33 not out and Matt Hudson 50 not out played superbly increasing the scoring rate to have the chase at 202 for 6 in the 34th over. Unfortunately for the second time in the day a heavy hail storm hit and with the oval blanketed in white the game was at an end.

Referrals to both the Duckworth Lewis and Dorrner Lewis formulae saw the game won by The Willows but the official outcome was a draw. That was definitely the right result.

Match drawn (due to hail)

London NZ CC 247/8

K. Scott 42, T. McConnell 40, G. Howell 37,
A. Nuttall 2/14, M. Hudson 2/32

The Willows 202/6

A. Nuttall 33*, M. Hudson 50*, M. McGoldrick
3/27

Umpires

E. Brownlee and D. Miller



▲ Hail storm interrupts play!



▲ Ben Dorrner on attack through point.

v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

20th December 2015

Report by Robert Dunne

Two sides assembled for the traditional Christmas game on what was an absolutely beautiful day at The Willows. The Willows brains trust let the skipper know that Hawkswood had had the better of the fixture over the previous few seasons and another loss was not an option.

The Willows won the toss and decided to bat on what looked a good wicket with an extremely quick outfield. After losing an early wicket The Willows got through to 100/4 around the 25th over mark and looked in a reasonable position due to the good work of the top order, and in particular Michael Singleton and Jonathan Davidson. But Hawkswood turned the screws and as usual Andrew Nuttall (playing for the wrong team!) tied an end down which created wickets at the other. At the end of 50 overs The Willows finished at 197/8 and felt they could be 30-40 runs light.

The Willows desperately needed wickets early and that was supplied by an excellent new ball spell from Grant Stewart and Matt Parr. These two knocked the top off the Hawkswood batting order and at 27/4 it was a long way back for the Hawkswood side. Wickets continued to fall



▲ Roger Macfarlane celebrates 90 years – "10 to go in singles".



▲ Pace bowlers Matt Parr and Grant Stewart in matching kit.



▲ Mike Singleton with a pleasant shot through mid-wicket.

throughout the innings except for young Harry Fitzpatrick who batted extremely well with wickets falling regularly at the other end. Eventually he was last man out for 73 and Hawkswood were finally dismissed for 111.

It was a fantastic day at The Willows to finish 2015 and an excellent turn-out from The Willows family and friends.

A special thank to the Club for putting on what has become a wonderful annual event at The Willows.

The Willows won by 86 runs

The Willows 197/8

M. Singleton 40, R. Dunne 38*, C. Harris 29

Hawkswood Wanderers 111

H. Fitzpatrick 73, M. Parr 4/17

Umpires

J. Rose and D. McIlraith

v SOUTH WEST SCHOOLS XI

10th January 2016
Report by Dave Kelly

Welcome again to South West schools for their second annual fixture. A tinge of green greeted us on our return for the second half of the season. My tail down after a two ball duck for Hawkswood I was looking forward to catching up with familiar faces and getting back into playing in the "V". Who of us is not feeling invigorated by Kane Williamson and our national team's performances over the last 18 months?

Batting first, Michael Newton-Vesty led the way with a fantastic 100 off only 70 balls. His crunching drives and a severe pull shot characterised this dominant performance. Kelly, McConnell (torn hamstring) and Dixon all retired with cameos and South West rallied well to dismiss us in the 48th over for 296. L Charles fought hard to snare 3-42 and M Paltridge finished with 2-39. Holding a few catches would have made a big difference.

Hayden Day bowled with superb control and some genuine pace to destroy any hope of the South West putting together a chase and finished with outstanding figures of 5-27, securing his name a place on the honours board. Dan Vedder supported him well with 2-7 and Gareth Reed chimed in with 2-17.

Many thanks to Dave Biddick for his work in the southwest. We were privileged to have Brian and Fiona O'Sullivan visiting from England, who presented the Club with memorabilia given to them by Dick Brittenden fondly remembered as the doyen of sporting journalism.

The Willows won by 180 runs

The Willows 295/6

M. Newton-Vesty 102 retired, D. Kelly 50 retired, G. Dickson 44 retired, T. McConnell 31 retired, L. Charles 3/42, M. Paltridge 2/39

South West Schools XI 105

H. Day 5/27, G. Reed 2/17, D. Vedder 2/7

Umpires

J. Stringleman and D. Miller



▲ Michael Newton-Vesty on his way to a century.



▲ Dave Kelly in the runs again.

v EMU CRICKET CLUB (Australia)

15th January 2016

Report by Kelvin Scott

An excellent display of batting set up a decisive win for the Emus against The Willows. Superb timing and stroke play from Dawson and Dierick especially paved the way for their very respectable total. Thankfully The Willows did claw this back considerably in the later overs with some fine bowling from Nathan Wingham who took 5 for 18 from his ten overs; outstanding figures in the context of the game. Others chipped in along the way as well to restrict what could have been a 300+ score.

In reply The Willows batting got off to a slow start. We did manage a couple of small

partnerships but never enough to threaten the Emus' total. Ben Laughton and Brad Doody both looked good and worked hard to get us back in the game but a steady loss of wickets finally was our downfall.

Overall, it was a good game and we saw some excellent young talent from the Emus team.

The Willows lost by 100 runs

Emu CC 232

M. Dawson 87, T. Dierick 53, R. Yates 33,
N. Wingham 5/18

The Willows 132

B. Laughton 32, B. Doody 27, C. Smith 3/31,
W. Chesterfield 3/33

Umpires

H. Fowler and J. Rose



▲ *Vintage Brad Doody in fine form.*



▲ *An aggressive hit to leg for six.*



▲ *Lovely off drive for four.*



▲ *Scott and Fraser Sheat open the batting for The Willows.*



▲ A very pleasant cricket shot.



▲ Hamish Wright keeps his eye on the ball.



▲ An aggressive Adam Hastilow hitting out.



▲ The Ben Cottrell Trophy is retained by The Willows.

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1st XI

17th January 2016

Report by Hamish Wright

It was one of those days where the sooner we made a decision to play the better. Around 11.00am the covers came off. The Willows won the toss and on a green pitch with a wet outfield we set about building a total which would be good enough to win. With Ed Wright, Taylor Irie and Alex Reese all in the runs we declared at 3pm setting College 204 to win. The over rate had been a little slow and fielding in the dark wasn't an option – there was port to be had!

The battle of the McGuires was on. Dad delivered in the third over removing son, Sam, cheaply – their aftermatch conversation muted! The

bowling of The Willows was accurate, especially our openers with only 31 runs coming off the first 12 overs; catches were held and the College wickets fell steadily. Alex Reese had a great double for the game picking up four wickets.

To be fair, it was a good toss to win with the conditions going our way. And there was time for a pleasant port between dear friends and supporters.

The Willows won by 107 runs

The Willows 204/8

E. Wright 31, T. Irie 65, A. Reese 42

Christ's College 97

A. Reese 4/37, R. McGuire 2/15

Umpires

B. Hamilton and A. Scott



▲ A strong hit to leg.



▲ James Tapper takes a good catch in the gully.

v SACRED HEART COLLEGE 1st XI

24th January 2016

Report by Paul Miller

It was exciting to see a green outfield post-Christmas and a pleasure to welcome Jack Coman and his Sacred Heart Team, Coach Alan Hunt and their families and friends to Jaguar Oval.

The wicket was in superb condition and Sacred Heart elected to bat first.

After an early wicket claimed by a brisk Tom Agnew, the Sacred Heart batsmen compiled a well-structured and patient innings. Charlie Caldwell batting at five put on a fine display scoring a well-made 85 not out. He battered intelligently with the lower order to assist Sacred Heart reach 229/8 off their 50 overs.

Eight bowlers were used by The Willows. The pick of them were Ash Watson (2-37) who bowled with some serious pace, Tom Agnew (2-22) and the evergreen Kelvin Scott (2-34).

The Willows were confident of chasing down 230. They started slowly as the talented Sacred Heart left arm quick Matthew Gibson swung the

ball at pace with exceptional control. The hard-hitting Tim McConnell put The Willows back in the game with an excellent 49 at better than a run a ball.

However, The Willows lower to middle order, apart from Hamish Kennett (29) and Luke Courtney, struggled to deal with good straight bowling. The Willows were finally dismissed for 151.

The Willows thoroughly enjoyed the way Sacred Heart played their cricket. The Willows congratulates Sacred Heart on winning the Sir Anand Satyanand (GNZM, QSO) Trophy and hope they return to the Jaguar Oval again soon.

As always, The Willows team thanks Mike Dormer, The Willows Committee, umpires Howard Fowler and Terry McLisky, scorer Rod Abbott and everyone else who assisted to make the day highly enjoyable for all.

The Willows lost by 78 runs

Sacred Heart College 229/8

C. Caldwell 85*, S. Heilmann 39, T. Agnew 2/22

The Willows 151

T. McConnell 49, H. Kennett 29, J. Coman 3/22

Umpires

H. Fowler and T. McLisky

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

31st January 2016

Report by Paul Knight

A rare delayed start greeted us at Jaguar Oval, as overnight rain and a bit of dew on a rather lush outfield held us up. The wicket looked fantastic from the pavilion. A closer look would have shown it to be tacky due to the rain.

The Timaru boys looked in fine form in the warm up; they won the toss and graciously invited The



▲ M Bungard in the wickets with visiting Central Districts umpire A Holdaway officiating.



▲ The Dormer family.

Willows to bat. We had a strong eleven and as a debut skipper felt confident in sending Harry Fitzgerald and Matt House to open. An English flavour of four imports graced The Willows with their presence and formed the basis of the middle to lower order. After a flying start from the openers, The Willows were rollicking along until Harry fell, quickly followed by Matt who made a rather attacking 26. With a mini collapse orchestrated by Timaru's leg spinner (J Copeland) who managed to snag four quality wickets, this was backed by some tight bowling from the other end and The Willows were under pressure to post a respectable total. Enter Callum Curnow who managed to blast his way to an entertaining 32 and carry us to a defendable score of 184.

The Willows opened with their trump cards of Callum Curnow and Dan Vedder who kept things tight and managed to pick up a couple of early wickets. With the introduction of spin we further stifled the Timaru run rate. We brought on young 15 year old Merrick Bungard who bowled an impressive spell of 3 for 17. This swung the match to The Willows favour. Whilst I wasn't "counting my chickens" and thinking of an early finish, the two Timaru tyros of J Copeland and 'keeper W Sharp had other ideas. Their counter-punch partnership of 52 runs certainly had the skipper worried. After some nervous moments we finally managed to break the partnership and breathed easier as it was getting a little close at the end.

Well played by the Timaru Boys' High School. They looked a very competitive side. Jim was rather happy that we got one over his old boys. The English "imports" were rather emotional as they found the experience just like home and, young Merrick Bungard took home the distinct pleasure of "player of the day" on his debut.

The Willows won by 40 runs

The Willows 184

H. Fitzpatrick 39, C. Curnow 32, M. House 26, J. Copeland 4/43

Timaru Boys' High School 144

J. Copeland 29, M. Bungard 3/17

Umpires

E. Saunders and A. Holdaway (Central Districts)

v | ZINGARI AUSTRALIA

6th February 2016
Report by Sam Davis

Having lost narrowly to The Willows last year, and not wanting a repeat result, I Zingari bolstered their ranks for the 2016 fixture with not one, but three Kiwis: Stu McCullum, Phil Horne and Willows stalwart Matt Parr. Unfortunately for I Zingari, despite the addition of local knowledge, the result was the same.

Having lost the toss The Willows were inserted to bat on a green seamer. We started well accumulating runs in steady fashion in challenging conditions. I Zingari bowled well and The Willows batsman had to work hard. The innings being anchored with a well-crafted 47 from M Singleton, a stylish 58 from G Howell, and finished off with a flourishing 51 from J Horrell.

The Willows eventually posted 202 from their 40 overs, a competitive score in the circumstances. The pick of the I Zingari bowlers was M Parr, who bowled aggressively as usual, and former

Australian International Jason Krejza bowling demanding right-arm off spin.

In reply, I Zingari started well, but conceded wickets regularly throughout the innings. P Booth was the pick of the batsmen with a steady 57, with wickets for The Willows being shared between J Horrell, S Davis, M Williams and the evergreen A Nuttall.

While the final result appeared a little one sided, the difference really was the well-timed knock from Howell, and some tight spin bowling from The Willows in the middle overs. All in all a great day, with The Willows promising to make the trip across the ditch in the near future to take on I Zingari on their home turf.

The Willows won by 50 runs

The Willows 202

G. Howell 58, J. Horrell 51, M. Singleton 47

I Zingari 152

P. Booth 57

Umpires

A. Scott and D. McIlraith



▲ Bride and groom amongst the cricket "coffins".



▲ Sam Davis with the new ball.

NELSON COLLEGE 1st XI

7th February 2016

Report by Greg McCarthy

Expectations were high as players assembled for this fixture as it is always a great match played in the best spirit. What would unfold over the day was one of the closest and most enjoyable games many have played at The Willows.

The Willows lost the toss and batted on a very good wicket although a little on the slow side. We made steady progress but were pinned down by some good spin bowlers who were hard to get away particularly at the death. Our score of 184 runs I believe was thirty runs below par given the wicket. Good batting contributions came from M Newton-Vesty, T McConnell, G McCarthy and A Watson. The pick of the Nelson bowlers was T Zohrab with figures of 4 for 33 from nine overs.

As always, The Willows enjoyed a fantastic lunch and were slightly sluggish to begin with in the field. The batting effort of Nelson College showed fight, strength and maturity. This reflects the good coaching structures within the College and that the team is playing in the men's competition in Nelson. The Willows bowled in tight areas and were backed up by some energetic fielding. Opener D Zohrab provided an excellent anchor role as wickets started to fall around him. However, with the arrival to the crease of P Howes, together they put on a fantastic partnership of nearly 100 runs. As captain, I felt under extreme pressure and kept changing bowlers, moving the field (at times feeling like an air traffic controller seeking a semblance of order) in an effort to break the stand.

With the score at 145 for five wickets Nelson College were heavily in the driver's seat. Then came The Willows fightback with tight bowling from C Dale, J Hunt and J Edgerton-Till. However, once they had completed their mandatory 10 overs I still needed to call on someone else to "fill" two more overs. I tossed the ball to N McNichol who due to injury could not bowl his usual pace. He ended up taking four wickets for 8 runs, giving The Willows the narrowest of wins. D Zohrab batted throughout the entire innings to



▲ An aggressive follow through.



▲ A. King is comprehensively stumped by Tim McConnell.

be undefeated at the end – a superb achievement.

Once again, it was a most enjoyable game. Thanks to both teams and we look forward to doing battle again next year.

The Willows won by 4 runs

The Willows 184

M. Newton-Vesty 37, G. McCarthy 25,
T. McConnell 24, T. Zohrab 4/33

Nelson College 1st XI 180

D. Zohrab 55*, P. Howes 47, N. McNichol 4/8,
L. Jones 3/34, J. Hunt 2/30

Umpires

E. Brownlee and M. Wood

v St BEDE'S COLLEGE 1st XI

8th February 2016
Report by Chris Mugford

A splendid Waitangi Day holiday welcomed us for The Willows annual fixture versus St Bede's. The Willows featured six old boys who had played the previous season within the St Bede's first eleven. St Bede's won the toss and chose to bat then thought about it further and then decided to bowl. The change in heart wasn't immediately rewarded as Paul Miller and Mike Newton-Vesty took the attack to the decent opening attack. After 16 overs, The Willows were cruising at 60/0 until Joe Bradley removed the openers in one over, both looking to up the scoring rate. As the ball aged the ability to start became harder and The Willows lost regular wickets to good tight wicket-to-wicket bowling. Harry Fitzpatrick and Joe Bradley both claimed three wickets apiece as The Willows failed to bat their fifty overs, bowled out for 167 in the 48th over.

Given the beautiful batting conditions the score wasn't ever imagined to be enough so the captain asked for full, fast bowling straight at the stumps. The St Bede's openers negotiated the first few overs easily enough but once Callum Curnow took his first wicket the game opened up



▲ Callum Curnow celebrates another scalp.



▲ Paul Miller chips a shot over the infield.



▲ Good seam position for the St Thomas opening bowler.

for The Willows. On the stroke of tea, Callum Curnow's third wicket was caught spectacularly by Taylor Irie at cover and at 3/34, The Willows were getting on top. After tea Curnow continued and zeroed in on the stumps, bowling the next five batsmen with blistering yorkers and good pace. No batsmen had any answers and St Bede's slumped to 8/44 with Callum claiming all 8. Unfortunately for him Angus Hamilton mopped up the last two and St Bede's were bowled out for 61. Overall the day belonged to Callum as he bowled all of his 10 overs straight and finished with figures of 8/21, a Willows record haul.

The Willows won by 106 runs

The Willows 167

P. Miller 40, J. Bradley 3/20, H. Fitzpatrick 3/29

St Bede's College 61

C. Curnow 8/21

Umpires

J. Rose and J. Farrell

v St THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE 1st XI

10th February 2016
Report by Paul McCarthy

The coin toss unsurprisingly resulted in The Willows XI electing to bat first on a reasonably flat wicket. Some initial good bowling from the St Thomas opening pair meant that The Willows batsmen were subdued early on. Opener Tim McConnell soon got a few away off the middle and never looked back from there, making an aggressive 92. In the middle S Willowsby played a very inventive innings and skilfully hit the ball to areas of the ground where the fielders weren't. Some more smaller contributions from the lower-middle order saw The Willows reach a healthy total of 258/7 in their 40 overs. The St Thomas bowlers all bowled a good length throughout, with Robbie McGing being the pick of the bowlers taking 4/57.

In reply St Thomas lost wickets at regular intervals, and while some batsmen managed to occupy the crease they were always going to struggle to reach the total. Their innings was held together by Ben Rapson, who scored 89 from a total of 130.

The Willows bowlers all toiled well, with Dan Vedder taking 3/24 and Andy Macgregor taking 2/5

The Willows won by 128 runs

The Willows 258/7

T. McConnell 92, S. Willowsby 60,
R. McGing 4/57

St Thomas of Canterbury College 130

B. Rapson 89, D. Vedder 3/24, A. Macgregor 2/5

Umpires

T. McLisky and G. Evans



▲ The Willows celebrate the capture of a wicket.



▲ Good Willows keenness in the field.



▲ Perfect cricket conditions.

v SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

14th February 2016
Report by Graeme Inglis

With the ground looking unusually green after January rain, The Willows elected to bat first on a bright February day. The Southland Boys' XI had been going through their warm up routines as The Willows team were still gathering. This preparation resulted in early and then subsequent success for them. A subdued 27 from Tim McConnell was only bettered by a very good 79 by Grant Dickson. The only partnership of any significance was between Grant and Callum Curnow (24*) for the 7th wicket and The Willows were limited to an ordinary 173/7 off their 50 overs.

The Southland Boys' bowling attack had good variation. They bowled with great control which was backed by some very good fielding. Particularly impressive were opening bowler William Clapperton (2/14 off 5), leg spinner Jack Mockford (1/27 off 10) and Hayden Hart (1-22 off 10).

Any hopes of The Willows snatching a win were quickly subdued with a rapid opening stand of 43 from Keryn O'Neill and Jack Mockford. While a couple of quick wickets from Luke Courtney kept some interest, Alex Tait (84*) and Sean Withy (18*) soon completed the trouncing in 33 overs. Alex Tait was particularly impressive and seems set for a very good career in the great game.

A loss for The Willows but it is always a pleasure to play this well-coached, well-schooled and enthusiastic group of young men.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 173/7

G. Dickson 79, W. Clapperton 2/14

Southland Boys' High School 174/4

A. Tait 84*, L. Courtney 2/34

Umpires

J. Rose and J. Farrell



▲ *Soft hands for a single.*



▲ *The Willows on the attack.*



▲ *The Miller family – Tash, Wayne and the late Kaye.*

v BRADLEY NUTTALL XI

17th February 2016

Report by Jeremy Wilson

The annual Willows BNL game has been a tightly contested tussle in the last couple of years, and this year proved no different. With The Willows choosing to bat in good weather conditions, the innings got off to a promising start thanks to Mike Hawke 25 and Grant Dickson 23. The innings stalled a little in the middle when Andrew Nuttall and Todd Sutton dried up the runs, but the Goatherders John and Bob Masefield came back strongly at the end to score 65 between them and take The Willows score to a respectable 160 for 6.

The weather started to play a role as dark clouds rolled in as the Bradley Nuttall innings got underway. Scott Rainey scored a belligerent 52, and then the rain started to fall!

The Willows bowlers battled bravely with Hamish Wright and Mike Hawke opening with accurate spells, followed by Bob and John Masefield then Grant Dickson and Craig Bayliss. The last 10 overs were completed in driving rain.

Jim Stringleman's umpiring evened up the match by giving both captains out LBW, and with a couple of overs to go, BNL needed just 20 runs. Despite calls for a review of the number of overs bowled, BNL ran out of overs and finished 152/9.



▲ Bradley Nuttall opens ready for action.

A great result for the brave Willows team, and well done to Willows sponsors BNL.

The Willows won by 8 runs

The Willows 160/6

B. Masefield 40*

Bradley Nuttall XI 152/9

S. Rainey 52

Umpires

J. Stringleman and players



▲ "Brothers in Arms" – Umpires John (Otago) and Jim (Canterbury) Henderson during the OBHS match.



▲ Judy and Des East, caterers for The Willows.

v St ANDREW'S COLLEGE 1st XI

21st February 2016

Report by Mike Johnston

The Willows elected to bat on a good looking batting track in warm conditions. A 28 run opening stand set us up for a good start with Mark Reid batting with some aggressive intent and finally being dismissed for a very well compiled 71. The loss of four quick wickets saw Glynn Howell and Alister Collins come together for a very good 88 run partnership. With Howell showing all his experience and deft touches in making 58 and Collins a very sound 31 contributing to our 213/8 total. The St Andrew's bowlers worked hard with Jack Morrow and Tom Innes both bowling tight lines and Liam McBreen-Smith bowling his leg spinners with great control only going for 19 from 9 overs.

The batsmen set about their task with great maturity and never really looked threatened by an experienced but not too troublesome bowling attack. Tom Selbie displayed a good arrange of shots to compile a very good 45 with Will Hamilton 56 and Sam Gilbert 36 putting on 78 for the 3rd wicket partnership and Oscar Wilson



▲ Alister Collins was a standout performer behind the stumps.



▲ Gareth Brooks of old.



▲ A superb backdrop for cricket.

finishing on a polished 31 not out. The Willows' bowling was steady but unfortunately was unable to generate enough pressure to take wickets. The standout performance by The Willows was the excellent display of wicket keeping by Alister Collins who took two catches and an excellent stumping all standing up.

The St Andrew's boys proved to be too strong on this occasion and were proud to have the John MacDonald trophy back in the cabinet.

The Willows lost by 5 wickets

The Willows 213/8

M. Reid 71, G. Howell 58, A. Collins 31

St Andrew's College 214/5

T. Selbie 45, W. Hamilton 56, S. Gilbert 36, O. Wilson 31*

Umpires

K. Cotton and A. Scott

v SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

28th February 2016

Report by Ryan Burson

Another beautiful summer day at The Willows. SBHS skipper Carl Hooper (junior) won the toss and under instruction from Dave Grocott elected to bat. After the initial shock, The Willows XI put down their cups of Dilmah, finished their crackers and cheese and got the whites on ready for the day.

We started very strongly with Tim Grocott solid from one end and Nigel Marsh nipping it around at the other. Rod Hooper continued with a bustling spell including the prize scalp of his son! At one stage SBHS were 31/5 and then 61/6. To SBHS credit they dug in and didn't give their wicket away. Tom McDonald batted well with the middle and lower order and they made it through to 148. All Willows bowlers bowled consistently well throughout the innings with wickets shared.

In reply we started positively with Connor Arnold and Mark Reid taking to the SBHS opening attack. With the first wicket falling at 62 we should have cruised to victory, however, a consistent loss of wickets saw us at 138/8 and still requiring 11 to win with the noose starting to tighten. Ryan James bowled particularly well and was difficult to play. We made it through in the end with Dan Vedder and Rod Hooper at the crease.

So a close victory against a spirited SBHS side still searching for a win against The Willows. As a proud old boy I am glad I wasn't the skipper to concede.

The Willows won by 2 wickets

Shirley Boys' High School 148

T. McDonald 44, N. Marsh 3/21

The Willows 150/8

C. Arnold 36, M. Reid 31

Umpires

E. Brownlee and M. Wood



▲ Father and son Hooper (both collected two wickets).



▲ Mark Reid, Willows opening bat.



▲ Both on full alert.

v WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

6th March 2016

Report by Trevor Thornton

With Waitaki 169/9 (chasing 213) The Willows felt the game was theirs. But it is never over until ten wickets are captured. There were chances for The Willows to close out the match but alas they were not taken. Thomas Hutton who had not been dismissed in his last two turns at bat, finished with an excellent 75 not out. He shared in an unbroken 48 run tenth wicket partnership with the school pro, Francois Mostert, to take Waitaki past The Willows total with nine balls to spare. Of the seven Willows bowlers used Andrew Nuttall had Waitaki in a spin taking 4/21 from his ten overs.

Batting first, the main contributors for The Willows were Grant Dickson 38, Richard McGuire 64 and Riley Wilson 53 not out. Each peppered the boundary with well-timed shots.

In all, it was a well-deserved win for our Southern visitors. The Rollie Everleigh Trophy will reside in Oamaru for the next year.

The Willows lost by 1 wicket

The Willows 213/7

G. Dickson 38, R. McGuire 64, R. Wilson 53*

Waitaki Boys' High School 217/9

J. Naylor 37, T. Hutton 75*, B. James 37

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. Reid



▲ *B Thornton on the front foot.*



▲ *Country support for mates at the crease.*



▲ *Tribute to Martin Crowe during the Waitaki BHS match.*



▲ *Harry Fitzpatrick flights one up.*



▲ *Superb photographic work!*



▲ *A fine batting stance.*

v COMBINED COUNTRY SCHOOLS XI

13th March 2016

Report by Gareth Reed

The home side (on the advice of grass and dirt expert R McEwan) chose to bowl first, a decision which was quickly vindicated when in the second over Chris Mugford reduced the visitors to 1 for 2. A twin spin partnership was brought on, both taking the ball away from the very short clubhouse boundary (the match being played on the nearest wicket), Harry Fitzpatrick and Will McFarlane pouring more misery on their country counterparts. The rescue party came in the form of two brothers, Ryan and Michael Hughes (representing the Malvern District of Canterbury Country), who rescued their side from 71/6 with a 116 run partnership. Mugford came back strongly to finish the tail with two overs to spare and confirm what could have been a niggly target to chase. It wasn't, and an opening partnership of 103 between James D'Arcy and Fitzpatrick took

the game away from Country Schools, with Mugford and captain Reed knocking off the total with seven overs to spare.

Side note, it was good to see the clubs of whom their senior sides now compete in the Canterbury Country Premier Competition represented in both teams on the day, with the Malvern clubs leading the way with bat, ball and in the field.

The Willows won by 5 wickets

Canterbury Country Schools XI 209

R. Hughes 70, M. Hughes 44, C. Mugford 4/22,
H. Fitzpatrick 2/31

The Willows 212/5

J. D'Arcy 51, C. Mugford 49, H. Fitzpatrick 47,
N. Cook 3/36

Umpires

D. McIlraith and H. Fowler

Cancellations due to weather

27 September v Gore High School 1st XI

The Willows 2015 Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkswood Wanderers match on 20th December, on the paddock adjacent to the oval. The Salvation Army Band and New Zealand Police were in attendance to help entertain the children.



The Willows 2015 Christmas Party



Play within the spirit of the game

Roger Knight *OBE*
President, MCC



The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) is responsible for the Laws of Cricket and is currently revising these Laws in order to produce a new Code for October 2017. It is a massive project and the Club discusses any proposed changes with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the main cricket countries. At the same time, it is looking again at the Spirit of Cricket, which forms the preamble to the Laws. As a former Secretary & Chief Executive of MCC when the Laws were revised in 2000, I was very involved with the Laws Working Party. Now, as President of MCC, I am contributing to more discussions about the Laws and the Spirit of the Game.

The Spirit of Cricket is extremely difficult to define. There are some players and former players who believe that it is unnecessary and that the Laws should be sufficient to decide whether someone is playing fairly or not. Either what they do is right (within the Laws) or wrong (contravenes the Laws). Other people will say that there is an unwritten convention about the way in which the game of cricket is played and has been played for hundreds of years. In 2000 MCC attempted to put a formerly unwritten set of conventions into a definition of the Spirit of Cricket as:

- Respect for your opponents
- Respect for your own captain and team
- Respect for the role of the umpires
- Respect for the game and its traditional values

Respect implies that players will not stoop to any underhand or dubious tricks to gain an advantage; that all players will play fairly but hard in trying to win. Sledging is calculated to offend or distract an opponent. That shows no respect. Batting selfishly to improve a batsman's own average shows little respect for his or her own team. It is not showing respect for the role of the umpire if a player disputes an umpire's decision? Umpires stand in a match to help the players to enjoy the game and make decisions, to the best of their ability, when asked and appreciate help from players. The examples above are easy to understand, but what are the traditional values of the game?

Recently, in the quarter final of the Under 19 World Cup, a bowler ran out a non-striker, rather than bowling the ball, to win the game in the last over. The batsman was an inch out of his crease and, although the umpires asked the fielding captain whether he wished to withdraw the appeal, which he declined to do, they had to apply the Law and give the batsman out. This action understandably aroused a great deal of discussion and anger throughout the game. 'Mankading' is not forbidden in the Laws, but it has always been the convention to give a warning to the batsman on the first occasion that he backs up too early. It is in these situations that the Law states whether an action is right or wrong, but the Spirit of Cricket dictates whether an action is viewed negatively or as being acceptable. In Law the bowler was entitled to run out the batsman, who was marginally out of his crease. By traditional convention, the batsman should have been given one warning first.

There are many instances in cricket when a player has the opportunity to make such a decision. Assuming the batsman knows if he has nicked the ball to the keeper, should he walk or should he stand his ground in the hope that he is given not

out? It is dishonest to pretend that the ball has not touched his bat or gloves and Law 32 states that "the striker is out caught if a ball delivered by the bowler, not being a No Ball, touches his bat without having previously been in contact with any fielder, and is subsequently held by a fielder as a fair catch before it touches the ground." The argument often given for standing is that it is the umpire's job to make decisions, but the majority of batsmen walk when they have hit the ball in the air to mid-off. Where is the difference in hitting the ball to the wicketkeeper? Does an element of dishonesty justify hoping to prolong an innings and score more for oneself and the team?

If a fielder knows that he has caught a ball on the half-volley, should he claim a catch? Should a wicketkeeper appeal for a catch when he knows that the ball has missed the bat and perhaps hit the batsman's thighpad? The preamble states that it is against the Spirit of the Law to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out. There will, of course, be occasions when there is doubt. In these cases, it is acceptable to appeal to the umpire to make a decision.

If a bowler collides with a batsman and knocks him over while fielding the ball, should he then run him out? If a batsman picks up the ball and helps by throwing it back to the keeper or bowler, should a fielder appeal? If the ball is thrown and hits the batsman while he is running, should he run an overthrow if the ball goes past the fielder backing up? These are all incidents that occur from time to time.

The batsman who steals an overthrow after the ball has hit him will be credited with the additional runs and, if the ball crosses the boundary, the umpire has no choice but to signal four. The other examples above will result in the batsman being given out unless the captain of the fielding team decides to withdraw the appeal.

So what kind of game do we want to play? Do we want to say that the Laws will suffice and let winning be the end justifying the means? Or do we want to play within the Spirit of Cricket even if there is a chance of not winning the match? Is honesty and fair competition more important than personal or collective team success?

The question is the same whether we are speaking about a friendly game, a club match or a Test match. At the top level, players are highly paid for every victory, so there is an even greater temptation to do whatever it takes to win or gain an advantage. What has been so inspiring to me has been the way in which the New Zealand team has played under the captaincy of Brendon McCullum. The whole team has accepted the decisions of the umpires without question, despite suffering from a couple of recent decisions, which have been wrong and have turned the course of the match. In the 'pink ball' Test Match against Australia in Adelaide, the third umpire failed to spot the mark on the bat which made it clear that the Australian batsman had got a top edge to the keeper, which had been put to the Decision Review System (DRS). This decision led to the batting partnership scoring another sixty runs, which was possibly the difference between New Zealand winning and losing the match. The fact that the batsman walked most of the way to the pavilion, having seen the first replay, may have shown that he knew he had hit the ball. In a very recent Test Match, a wrong no-ball call by the umpire led to the batsman not being given out when bowled and scoring another two hundred runs, changing the whole course of the match.

The New Zealand team has also shown respect for their opponents and has applauded a fifty or century. They have played with a smile on their face and clearly enjoyed the challenge of competition without resorting to unacceptable sledging. Their World Cup results and the series in England showed that it is possible to be successful without stooping to dubious tactics. It was also interesting that England were drawn into playing with the same generous spirit and then the Ashes Series between England and Australia was played in similar vein. Brendon McCullum and his team have set the example, which others have followed, and I am delighted that he has accepted my invitation to deliver the MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey lecture on 6th June. This lecture will be streamed live from Lord's and then available on the MCC website, www.lords.org. I very much look forward to hearing the second New Zealander to deliver this annual lecture. Martin Crowe was the first. I hope

that many members of the Willows and the schools against which they play will hear this lecture and learn from what the captain of the Blackcaps has to say.

Schools which come to The Willows' ground outside Christchurch will be aware of the way in which they are expected to play. Captains and their players will play as hard and as competitively as possible and yet will know that they must always play fairly, accepting the conventions that have stood the test of time. At the end of the match, whether won, lost, tied or drawn, players will enjoy the company of their opponents and, in many cases, catch up with friends from earlier matches. Many friendships have been formed in fierce competition and, although the result of a match will be forgotten over the years, these friendships will endure into the future.

Law 1.4, repeated in Law 42.1, is quite clear: "The captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit and traditions of the game as well as within the Laws."

Unlike other team sports, such as football, hockey or rugby, where the referee has a whistle and can control the behaviour of the players, in cricket the Laws of the game leave the captain to control his players. One of the biggest debates at present within the MCC Laws committee is whether umpires should have yellow or red cards, giving them the power to send a player off the field for a serious breach of the disciplinary code. All umpires know, but often the players are not aware, that responsibility for discipline lies firmly in the hands of the captains of the teams. Do current players want this to change? The umpires are the sole judges of fair or unfair play and are called to make a decision about whether the batsman is out or not out, when there is an appeal, as well as deciding whether the conditions of ground, weather or light mean that it would be dangerous or unreasonable for play to take place. The introduction of red and yellow cards will alter this and change the ethos of the game, providing umpires with different and increased authority on the field. There has been a trial of these cards carried out in New Zealand and the first impression is that the discipline on

the field has improved. Other trials will be carried out in this English cricket season.

Whatever the outcome of these trials and the deliberations of the MCC Laws committee, we should remember the words of the Preamble: "Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains."

Ultimately, all players, umpires, scorers, administrators and others associated with cricket have a responsibility to enjoy the game and leave it in a better place when they retire from it. MCC, The Willows and all clubs need constantly to remind each other and individuals of this.



▲ *Ideal conditions at Jaguar Oval.*

In Memoriam

- R.T. (Trevor) Barber
- D.C. (Derek) Burrell – obituary on page 54
- Mrs E.M. (Elsa) Edgar (Hon. Gardener)
- J.P.L. (Jake) Howard
- Mrs Kaye Miller (The Willows hospitality person)
- J.H. (John) Nevin
- F.H. (Frank) Tyson
- Dr H-J. (Hans-Jurgen) Werner
- Mrs J.A. (Jan) Whittington (Hon. Membership Secretary)

Letters

Dear Editor — Thank you to The Willows for organising the trip to Wellington. It was a wonderful experience; one which the team and I thoroughly enjoyed. It's not often that a school cricketer gets to play at the Basin Reserve, so I am very thankful to those who put the trip together. I am sorry that we couldn't put together a win, but I assure you we played in the "V" as much as possible. I would love to play for The Willows in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Isaac Bird

Dear Editor — Another brilliant day at The Willows. Hawkswood fielded a team including several promising younger players. The pressure proved too tense for some of them and the experience should benefit us next year.

The occasion demonstrated the strong bond between the two Clubs with the generous gesture to one of our veterans. This was much appreciated and brought out the full depth of the game we all enjoy so much. Thank you for yet another memorable day.

Yours sincerely,
Roger Macfarlane
Hawkswood Wanderers



Jan Whittington

Jan was MED's secretary for 30 years. She was instrumental in assisting with the planning implementation and organisation of The Willows. She was the initial Membership Secretary and thus developed a close rapport with many Willowers who respected her. She has now been promoted to glory, maintaining a view from that great pavilion in the sky.



Kaye Miller

Willowers were greatly saddened by news of the sudden passing of Kaye Miller who for many years, together with her husband Wayne and daughter-in-law Tash, cared for the pavilion and provided after-match hospitality to the teams and their supporters. Kaye's infectious smile, her warm personality and ability to make cricketers welcome at the ground will be sorely missed. To Wayne and his family we convey our sympathies. Kaye will be forever remembered by her picture in the pavilion.



Elsa Edgar

Elsa Edgar, mother of Winsome Dormer, grandmother of Peter and Ben, passed away on 11 June 2016 just two months before her 100th birthday ("run out for 99" as her son-in-law put it). Elsa was responsible, from the inception of the club, for the beautiful gardens that surround the pavilion. Loved and very much respected by ALL.



▲ Jake Bailey gives his 2015 valedictory speech.

In praise of today's gallant youth

Nic Hill

Headmaster, Christchurch Boys' High School



As Headmaster of a large urban boys' school I love the interactions I have with our young men and I am often left in awe of their abilities and maturity. This also often happens as I chase yet another ball to the boundary at The Willows, one innings by a

young Waitakian, this past season particularly comes to mind. Today's high school students are an outstanding generation equipped to deal with an increasingly complex world and they bring deeper meaning to values more commonly associated with older generations.

Jake Bailey who was the 2015 Senior Monitor at Christchurch Boys' High School provided an

outstanding example of the depth of our youth when having been recently diagnosed with cancer he made an inspiring valedictory speech that had an impact all over the world. It was a speech of old-fashioned values, however, these values are more relevant and more prevalent in 2016 than they were in the age they supposedly represent.

We don't hear the word gallant often and yet it resonated and inspired the social media generation.

In what for many is an uncertain world our young men these days are braver, more resilient and also more caring, more inclusive and more tolerant. The tough man ideal has been replaced by a thinking and decent man.

The statistics also show that they use less drugs and alcohol, smoke a lot less and drive a lot safer than their parents did.

There is, however, a large gap between students like Jake, as well as the outstanding sportsmen we see at The Willows, and the small minority who have tarnished the image of our youth. Most students are decent, but there are the "ticking

time bombs", as chief Youth Judge Andrew Becroft described them, who are influenced by alcohol and drug abuse, income equality and, most importantly, a lack of family and community connections, support, values and role models.

One of the challenges that makes life harder for modern teenagers is that values are not, in fact, fixed. Values are the way societies over time have responded to dilemmas and formed cultural norms. In our global and multicultural society these cultural norms have collided and values have become contestable.

Our students have to be decision-makers at a much deeper level and much earlier in life than any other generation. The students who can do this are much stronger as a result, but the consequences for those (and for their communities) who don't negotiate this contest the outcomes are catastrophic.

New Zealand high school students these days are more exposed to the brutal realities of life, but despite having more information, it is vital to remember that they are still not junior adults. The science is clear on this, as their brains continue to develop into their early twenties. So to negotiate the mine field of good and bad values they need support and connection.

Schools are important in this. School provides a sense of community, where students, teachers and parents feel that they belong to something bigger than themselves. School is also important for teachers when they can change lives through the relationships they have with their students.

Co-curricular activities, assemblies, uniforms, traditions and ceremony (which students actually love) are not bygones of a colonial heritage. They are places where communities are formed, where students feel connected and supported and where they gain the resilience to become moral decision-makers.

One of the great things about school now is that students behave well and work hard not because they are scared of their teachers, but because of the relationships they have with them.

I hope the readers of this article see the many links to nurturing strong youth that The Willows provides. Mike Dormer's instruction to every school player to play in the "V" has very little to do with cricket and plenty to do with being strong and decent human beings. If in our schools, clubs, families and communities we can continue to provide a sense of connection our students will, from this base, negotiate the skills they need to solve the world's complex problems.

They will leave us in their wake.

We urge Willowers to read the inspirational 2015 valedictory speech delivered by Jake Bailey, the link being: cbhs.school.nz/media/24305/head-monitor-jake-baileys-speech.pdf

▪ *In the address, Jake pays tribute to his late uncle, Nephrology transplant pioneer, Dr Ross Bailey. Ross was also a playing member of The Willows at the time of his tragic death off the coast of Sri Lanka in 1997. Ross is missed by all lucky enough to play hockey and cricket with him – Ed.*



▲ Wanganui Collegiate set an aggressive field after an early breakthrough against The Willows.

Youth Dinner at St Bede's College

The Willows welcomes guest speaker, John Eales

By Archdeacon Mike Hawke
Church Support Officer of Anglican Missions

Over 350 people crowded in to the St Bede's Sports Stadium on Tuesday 11 August 2015 eager to hear guest speaker John Eales, an Australian sporting legend and businessman who broke our hearts when he successfully kicked Australia to a last minute win over the All Blacks a number of years ago.

Willows supporters were joined by eleven Principals and representatives from fifteen schools (plus three 1st XV's) as we celebrated twenty one seasons of youth cricket at The Willows.

Immediately, the celebrations were put into an historical perspective as we stood to remember the International cricket and rugby players who were killed in the two major wars. The singing of our National Anthem had a real sense of poignancy. Following the presentation of the Shadbolt Trophy to Fraser Sheat and the '49ers Trophy to Christ's College, we were treated to some fine singing by the St Bede's College Barbershop Quartet.

We enjoyed a luscious meal fit for a Christmas dinner, with glazed ham, and then listened to a speech of substance from the very personable John Eales. "There are three vital communities that can help mould you throughout your life" he said. He then described the importance of your own family, your school and your sporting and working environment. John acknowledged the role his dad played in getting him involved in rugby when he was a reluctant starter. He also benefitted from the Catholic Brothers School he attended with the positive influence of certain priests who encouraged and challenged him. John then reminisced about his sporting buddies. The transition from sport and to career was a very significant move for him and it is no surprise that he is to feature on a documentary about this

soon. John Eales is the sort of man we will all follow with interest as a result of his great contribution this night. Well done to the combined efforts of Mike Dormer and Sir John Hansen in securing him! It will be a hard act to follow.

A huge thank you to St Bede's for their wonderful hospitality and Acting Rector Gerry Davidson, a pretty handy cricketer during his days in Timaru! For Bert Walker, our excellent MC it was a grand week as he celebrated his 60th birthday the following weekend. It was a thrill to attend this function and to catch up with folk we come across too rarely in our day-to-day lives. Congratulations to The Willows for another successful venture.

A touch of irony as the evening also coincided with a Careers Evening for the school. I was tempted to offer the option of Anglican Priesthood to the mix. I know Gerry would have smiled at the thought!

Grace

Written and delivered by Angus Hamilton

Loving God, we gather here tonight in the spirit of camaraderie.

We give thanks for those present all of whom are so free in sharing their God given talents with the wider community. We remember those who cannot be with us and ask your blessings on them. We ask that you may give us the courage to do what is right like the honourable men mentioned who gave their lives at war for our freedom.

We ask you to bless the food we are about to receive and those who have used their talents to create it. May we be always mindful of the gifts and talents you have given us and strive to use them for the betterment of others.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.





▲ Sir John Hansen , John Eales, Sir Richard Hadlee and Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand.



▲ MC, Bert Walker.

ANZAC tribute

By Callum Curnow
St Bede's College

On August 15th, 1914, the All Blacks were touring Australia and were playing a Metropolitan XV at the old Sydney Sports Ground. During the match, a message appeared on the scoreboard that would change the lives of all at the ground for years to come – WAR DECLARED.

We now commemorate the 25th of April of every year after the very first ANZAC Day, in which troops from Australia and New Zealand made up an allied invasion force that attacked a place now known as ANZAC Cove, named for those brave men who fought and died there.

It has been estimated that 5,000 Australian rugby players were involved in active service between 1914 and 1918. Not counting high school level, this is 98% of the playing numbers of the game at the time.

Many of those who went, would never return, being laid to rest overseas or left where they fell. Ten Wallabies, all of whom appeared in New South Wales colours were killed, 14 All Blacks were killed and seven Wallabies have been laid to rest on the Dardanelles Peninsula in Turkey.

War and rugby can sometimes bring humanity together the way nothing else can. At the end of World War I, a tournament between teams from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and Great Britain played in London for The King's Cup, something that many consider now to be the first Rugby World Cup.

Twenty two Test Cricketers sacrificed their lives during World War One and World War Two (nine of them South African).

The two international Caps and rugby jerseys (of Australia and New Zealand) here remind us of the sacrifices made by generations passed who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their country and so had their sporting careers cut short.

I will now ask the boys to read the names of those Wallabies, All Blacks and Test Cricketers who sacrificed their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them."

Tribute to John Eales

By Gareth Brooks

Chief Operating Officer of Eagle Consumables, NZ Olympic hockey representative (Athens 2004 & Beijing 2008), father of two and keen Willower.

Thank you for the evening with John Eales; it was a real highlight of my time at The Willows and one of those moments that made me very proud to be a Willower. I feel compelled to pen a summary of key points to ensure that I could coherently pass these onto young players that I mentor:

John Eales – Australian rugby legend and successful businessman. Nickname: Nobody – because Nobody's perfect

Thank you John Eales. At a time when sportsmen are often making headlines for the wrong reasons, up stands a gentleman with four kids who talks about the importance of unconditional love, education, mate-ship, and trust.

Returning home I felt compelled to record the key themes and some anecdotes from his speech to share with staff and young sportspeople that I mentor. Below are some notes for those who were unable to attend.

John kindly agreed to address First XI cricketers and First XV rugby players from Christchurch schools over a dinner organised by Mike Dormer from The Willows Cricket Club. Included in the audience were several dignitaries, club members, and sponsors who helped to make the night possible.

John's speech covered the key ingredients of success – starting from when a child is young. A child needs unconditional love. It is often taken for granted but there are so many examples where this is not the case. A village raises a child. The entire community in which a child is raised will impact on how they interact with people in the future and most likely determine their success in life.

The school environment will have a major influence on a child as will the positive involvement in a sports club. Sport teaches a



child about competition, camaraderie, and what it takes to win.

Life is not about being content. In the wild, content animals get eaten. Find something that agitates you, something for you to strive towards.

John credited his father with much of his early development by encouraging him to fail small and fail often. My father would celebrate our failures as much as our success because when you fail, you are learning. He stressed the importance of enjoying yourself in sport with the ever present "remember it's only a game now go out there and enjoy yourself".

There were several great quotes through the evening. However, one stood out giving insight into his strength as a leader:

"Before the World Cup final in 1999 looking around the huddle we probably only had four guys who were considered the best in the world at their position but I would not have swapped one of our guys out for a better player. You get in that huddle and look around your team mates. You know them, their strengths and weaknesses. You want to promote their strengths and see them excel, then put an arm around them and support their weaknesses".

John's speech was followed by a closing address, effortlessly delivered by Sir John Hansen. Sir John spoke about celebrating those who gave their lives in battle but not to celebrate the war itself. Sir John then solemnly quoted Edward Thomas, a writer who did not hate Germans, did not believe in war, yet still enlisted. Thomas was killed in the battle of Arras on 9th April 1917. He wrote:

"and heavy is the tread of the living but the dead returning lightly dance".

Governor-General's Weekend

Report by James Marshall

James played 7 tests for NZ between 2005-2008.

Another fantastic weekend at The Willows and this year the weather played its part.

Saturday night featured a great evening at Medbury School for a pre-match dinner with distinguished guests. We were delighted to be joined by His Excellency The Rt Hon. Sir Jerry Mateparae. Stephen Boock entertained the guests with some great stories from his playing days and shared fond memories of Martin Crowe, a player who had one of the biggest impacts on New Zealand cricket. Along with the oratory, music and excellent catering we enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

On Sunday we woke to a blue sky and potentially hot temperatures which was definitely in favour of the young Governor-General's XI. With Erv McSweeney winning the toss The Past New Zealand XI decided to bat. John Wright and Mathew Sinclair (107 retired) opened the batting and put on a solid opening stand. The latter showed all his class with a century to go with many others over his career. The appreciative crowd (and young opposition) were entertained with the timing and ease for which Mathew was renowned. He was ably supported through the innings by Dion Ebrahim (54). Fraser Sheat showed great control and pace to be the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 22 from ten overs. After the 50 overs, a target of 240 was set.

The Governor-General's XI started with great promise as both openers put on a partnership of 82 runs. A fine innings of 62 runs by Sam Gilbert from St Andrew's College was the highlight. He was particularly savage on anything that was slightly loose. Paul Wiseman showed why he was such a respected spinner in his day with figures of 2 for 17 off ten overs. This spell put the brakes on the Governor-General's XI and with balls running out, they ended 15 runs short of the target. It was a great effort from the young lads who I'm sure learned and witnessed many a thing throughout the day which will benefit their future cricketing careers. It was a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

Past New Zealand XI won by 15 runs

Past NZ XI 239/8

M. Sinclair 107 retired, D. Ebrahim 54,
J. Marshall 25, B. Donkers 3/40, F. Sheat 2/22

Governor-General's Youth XI 225/6

S. Gilbert 62, K. Boshier 46, T. Bayly 36,
F. Sheat 30*

Umpires

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton

The Willows Past New Zealand XI

Ben Blair
Ewen Chatfield
Ervin McSweeney (capt)
James Marshall
Richard Petrie
Mathew Sinclair
Paul Wiseman
Dion Ebrahim
Andrew Nuttall
John Wright
Daniel Stanley

The Governor-General's Youth XI

Mitchell Hay (Christchurch Boys' High School)
Fraser Sheat (Christchurch Boys' High School)
Ben Chamberlain (Christ's College)
Sam Gilbert (St Andrew's College)
Angus Hamilton (St Bede's College)
Ben Donkers (Christchurch Boys' High School)
Will Hamilton (St Andrew's College)
Liam McBreen-Smith (St Andrew's College)
Tane Bayly (Otago Boys' High School)
Mark Otley (Timaru Boys' High School)
Kaylum Boshier (New Plymouth Boys' High School)
James O'Gorman (c) (St Alban's Cricket Club)

Grant acknowledgement

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▲ Captain Ervin McSweeney introduces his team to the Governor-General.



▲ The Governor-General's Youth XI get to know each other.



▲ Dinner MC Andrew McCracken recognises "octogenarians" Hamid Ikram and Don Neely.



▲ Mathew Sinclair on strike at the start of the innings.



▲ Sinclair brings up his century with this shot.

Q & A with New Zealand's greatest ever player

John Mitchell talks to Sir Richard Hadlee.

Q1. Most memorable game?

I was fortunate to have played in an era when NZ cricket came of age and we had earned great respect as an international team. In the 1970's we won seven tests in teams that I played in. In the 1980's we won a further 15. By world standards that may not appear to be many but by NZ standards this was significant.

To have played in tests where we had beaten teams for the first time in our history was very special – we beat Australia at Lancaster Park, Christchurch in 1974 and England at Basin Reserve, Wellington in 1978. It was even more special to beat England in England at Leeds in 1983 followed by beating Australia at 'The Gabba' in Brisbane in 1985. In 1986 we had our first ever series win over England in England. There were wins in Sri Lanka and India. During the 1980's we never lost a test series at home during that period and we had beaten everyone who visited our shores.

However the most memorable match was at the Gabba. We won the toss and bowled Australia out for 179 on a sporting pitch. The ball swung around in the air and seamed off the pitch in the humid conditions. Our slips men held on to some excellent catches. When we batted the pitch had flattened out and the sun was out. Martin Crowe scored a career best 188 in a masterful batting display. John F Reid scored a valuable 108 and we reached 553 giving ourselves an impressive lead of 374. The game had been set up for an historical test win in Australia but Australia's captain, Allan Border played a defiant and patient innings of 152* and he was well supported by

Greg Matthews who scored 115 that delayed our victory – we went on to win by an innings and 41 runs. We then lost at Sydney but won at Perth to take the series for the first time in Australia, 2-1 – truly a remarkable performance.

Q2. Most memorable performance?

All cricketers should strive for perfection – it is unlikely to happen because we will always want to do better than we do. The closest I could get to that was taking 9 wickets in an innings and catching the other batsman out to be on the score sheet 10 times. This happened at the Gabba test. I then scored 54 with the bat and proceeded to capture another 6 wickets in the second innings to have 15 wickets in the match. This was my best all-round performance in a test match.

Of all the statistics and records I had during my career the one that I am most proud of is taking 5 or more wickets in a first class innings on 102 occasions. For me that meant I was doing my job – getting batsmen out.

Q3. Major influence in shaping you as a player?

Having played international cricket for 18 years and first-class cricket for nearly 20 years, playing county cricket in England was the greatest opportunity and experience I had in the game. I spent 10 years playing for Nottinghamshire. We played virtually 5/6 days a week in four different competitions – sixteen 40 over Sunday League



games, a 55 and 60 over knockout competition and 24 three-day first-class games. By adapting to those different formats I got into good habits. I learned about what my body could or couldn't do and how I needed to prepare physically, mentally, technically and be efficient in delivering my skills. That experience fine-tuned me as a player that benefitted Notts, Canterbury and NZ cricket. The hallmark of my success during the middle and latter part of my career was consistency – that is what professionalism is all about – performing day in and day out.

Whilst my family background was instrumental in preparing me to play and enjoy the game from an early age, the greatest influence in making me a successful international bowler was the great Australian fast bowler, Dennis Lillee. I watched him prepare and play and I asked him many questions about preparation and fast bowling – he was only too willing to share his wisdom with me. He ran in fast and straight towards the batsman – he was bearded and mean looking bowling the ball at 90 mph that gave the batsman 0.4 of a second to react. He had a classical side on bowling action with wonderful skills of pace, swing and seam – he intimidated the batsman with the bouncer and he got batsmen out – 355 test wickets and an average of 21 is extraordinary. He had earned respect and he had a presence on the field. He was that 100% trier that every team would love to have.

Q4. Advice for secondary school cricketers who have a vision to play first-class cricket?

There are several basic fundamentals a cricketer should have. Depending on your role within the team you will require a very good fitness level, an efficient batting or bowling technique, batting or bowling skills and a good head on your shoulders. For me the head is the most important part of the body if you want to learn and get better – the ears are there to listen to advice, the mouth is to ask questions, the eyes are to see with and to react to certain situations. The head position is crucial to give you greater body balance – whether you are a batsman or a bowler the eyes need to be level or squared off. If the body is not balanced it is easy to fall away and lose control of

bowling a delivery or playing a shot. Loss of body balance will result in poor execution of skills.

Setting personal and team goals is important. As a team whether it is winning a set number of games for the season or winning a grand final or as a batsman scoring a set number of runs or as a bowler capturing a set number of wickets or having a career best performance. Whatever motivates you to succeed there needs to be a plan – these things do not just happen.

Concentrate on each and every performance. The focus is on the *now* and not the future. If a player is consistently performing well the future and the rewards will take care themselves when it comes to selection and progressing through the grades until reaching the highest level. Remember, “a quitter never wins and a winner never quits”.

I have always remembered what my father Walter said, “Whatever happens take pride in your performance. Do it to the best of your ability and be happy with your performance even if someone does it better.”

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

The international game is currently going through its greatest crisis – match fixing and corruption. I find it difficult to understand and accept why any cricketer would accept money to underperform, or influence other players to get involved and change the course of the match all for greed. It is an insult to all those players and team mates who are giving 100% to try and win games and get that perfect performance only to find out that a team mate is not trying and being rewarded for it. Severe penalties need to be imposed on those who indulge in such unsavoury conduct which is currently a blight within the game.

The Spirit of Cricket is fundamental to the game's success and credibility – play hard, play to win but above all play fair. Respect the game that can bring great success along with a fair share of disappointments – *that's cricket*. Respect fellow players, umpires, coaches and administrators – everyone has a part to play – we all need each other to ensure the game is richer for our involvement and cricket becomes the winner.

'Don of The Willows'

Derek Clarence Burrell

31.01.1952 – 21.11.2015

Derek played cricket with the same courage and determination as he did when faced with pancreatic cancer. Sadly Derek was only 63 years of age when he died.

Fittingly a celebration of life was held outdoors in brilliantly fine weather on the turf at Rawhiti Domain (where he scored so many runs in his prime). Among many tributes, both sons Andre and Wade gave moving farewells to their dad.

After his 1st XI days at Shirley Boys' High School, Derek by the late 1970's had been elevated into the strong Premier side at the Sydenham Cricket Club, as a gritty all-rounder. At number 5 or 6 in the order he was an attacking batsman who could hit boundaries at will, or dig in and save matches if required. When a wicket was under-prepared, with the ball nipping around, he was the ideal man to go out, literally to put his body on the line and preserve further loss of wickets. As a useful off-spin bowler and specialist cover fieldman, he fought hard to give nothing away to an opponent. So Derek was respected as a durable, tough competitor who always played cricket in the right spirit.

By the early 1980's Derek had moved to the New Brighton Cricket Club where his feats were prolific. He quickly established himself as the dominant player in the competition. When joined by Andre and Wade, the Burrells set about smashing all suburban records.

Derek has been an important member of The Willows since our inception in 1994. After a matter of only a couple of games, Derek had scored the first of three centuries for us. This record has only just been surpassed. When Andre also made hundred, they were the first father / son combo to go up on the honours board. Such was Derek's dominance that ex Test player Brian Hastings referred to him as "the



"Don of The Willows" in his match report. Derek played for over 10 years, and ended with a batting average of just under 50 runs per innings.

Derek always kept cricket in the right perspective. In 1997 versus the Police XI Derek came up against Dick Pettit, an old mate from his Sydenham days. While batting Dick chipped what Derek could only describe as a "goober" directly to him which he dropped – mortified! An over or two later Dick did the same again but this time it went to Andre, who swallowed the catch. Derek had no qualms in buying the beer at stumps.

He was a regular Club committee member with responsibilities for membership and playing uniforms. At meetings, he spoke forcefully about maintaining high standards and nurturing correctly the young talent coming through. He was an excellent mentor to young players and at the end of play always had a word of praise, encouragement, and advice for them.

We were all blessed to play both with and against Derek Burrell. He was a top bloke. Just as with the Steads, Lathams, McEwans, Nuttalls and other Canterbury families, cricket was the catalyst which drew fathers and sons together. So it was for the Burrells. But Derek was even luckier than the others. For over a decade, he spent Saturdays at Rawhiti and Sundays at Loburn running around, playing the game he loved, with his beloved sons Andre and Wade. It brought him great pride. There can be no greater legacy.

Future test stars

Carl Openshaw is the archivist for the illustrious Forty Club in the UK. In their 2014 Handbook he wrote an article about 1st XI school boys who have gone on to gain test status and represent England in cricket. Carl noted that "No fewer than five players who featured (for England) in the 2014 test series against India had previously represented their schools, in matches against the (Forty) Club".

How have we fared at The Willows on this criteria? On the New Zealand May – June 2015 tour of England, three test / ODI players (Tom Latham, Corey Anderson and Ben Wheeler) and sub Hamish Rutherford all played as schoolboys at The Willows.

The full list of players who have gone on to represent NZ in tests (as at 1 April 2016) is:

C.J.Anderson (Christchurch Boys' High School)
13 tests

T.D.Astle (Christchurch Boys' High School)
1 test

H.K.Bennett (Timaru Boys' High School)
1 test

P.G.Fulton (Christ's College)
23 tests

M.J.Henry (St Bede's College)
4 tests

T.W.M. Latham (Christchurch Boys' High School)
18 tests

R.J.Nicol (King's College)
2 tests

H.M.Nicholls (St Andrew's College)
2 tests

M.H.W.Papps (Shirley Boys' High School)
8 tests

H.D.Rutherford (Otago Boys' High School)
16 tests

As well as those above, the following have played for the Black Caps in ODI and/or T20 internationals: **N.T.Broom** (Christchurch Boys' High School), **B.J. Diamanti** (Marlborough Boys' College), **S.L.Stewart** (St Bede's College) and **B.M.Wheeler** (Marlborough Boys' College).

And the two best individual 1st XI performers against The Willows? With the bat, as a 17 year old, Peter Fulton made 80 not out to lead Christ's College 1st XI to a convincing win in 1996. And with the ball, Ben Wheeler had two devastating spells at the crease in 2006 and finished with match figures of 8-2-23-4. Again The Willows team that day came off second best.

We also appreciate those "young stars" who on leaving high school, made themselves available to play for The Willows prior to hitting the "big time". In particular: Peter Fulton (9 matches for 362 runs at 40.2), Tom Latham (9 matches for 483 runs at 69; including one century). Another who has been a stalwart both on and off the field is the NZ ODI all-rounder Andrew Ellis. Although he had left Shirley Boys' High School before the XI became a regular Willows fixture Andrew has played 13 games for us (making 424 runs at 47.1 and taking 16 wickets at 18.6). As well as Tom, others to feature on the Club Honours Board are Brendon Diamanti with a century against his old school in 2002 and leg-spinner Todd Astle with figures 5/10 v St Thomas College in 2005.

We thank all players mentioned for their contribution and support of The Willows. Long may your achievements and excellent example inspire the latest crop of 1st XI players to aim high and maybe join you as New Zealand cricket representatives in the future.



▲ Coach Paul McEwan with Black Cap players (L-R): Matt Henry, Tom Latham and Henry Nicholls



▲ Two loyal Wanganui Collegiate men.



▲ Nic Hill on scoring duties.



▲ Hamish Kennett receives his lollipop for zero runs.



▲ Jim Stringleman – match manager and newsletter author.



▲ An impressive group of young men represent Wanganui Collegiate with pride.

The Running Game

In the 1991 Rugby World Cup final, the decision was taken not to give a team talk, but to simply give Australian Assistant Coach Bob Templeton a poem to read in dressing room. This is the poem, written by Peter Fenton ... that's all that was needed – it follows, the Wallabies went on to win the 1991 final.

"THE RUNNING GAME"

*There is a spirit in the Wallabies
Mere words can not describe
As if they were descended
From a legendary tribe,
There is a kinship, a tradition
As in days so long since past
Of crusades, of knights in armour
Of men before the mast*

*There's a thrill you can't appreciate
A pride you cannot tell,
Lest you wear your nation's jumper
And you wear it really well
When you mark before the forward rush
So doing turn the tide
When you make the vital tackle
And your line is open wide*

*When you go down on rolling ball
And dare the tramping feet
And you lift your aching body
And opposition meet
When you burst away from tacklers
And make the winning run
And you come back heart a thumping
And your team mates say well done*

*But it isn't just the winning
Nor the scoring, nor the cheers
It's friendships and memories
That last you through the years
It's the camaraderie
That's born of valour not fame
It's the sheer exhilaration
When you play the running game*



▲ James Marshall cuts for the Past New Zealand XI.



▲ The ageless Ewen Chatfield bowling line and length.



▲ Don Neely and John Grocott relive past glories.

World Cup action rekindles admiration for a great writer of the past – Neville Cardus

By John Mitchell

Sir J F Neville Cardus (1888-1975) was the one cricket writer whom the former NZ Test Captain and Patron of The Willows, Mr Walter Hadlee instructed his eldest son Barry to read when a boy. One of the outstanding Cardus books is titled *Cricket* and was published by Longmans, Green and Co in 1931 and so deemed a mandatory text for Barry (and, I guess, the other Hadlee sons).

What would Cardus have made of the gargantuan feat which unfolded at Westpac Stadium, Wellington on Saturday 21 March, 2015? On that momentous day the Black Caps played the West Indies in the quarterfinals of the 2015 World Cup.

The build-up and hype for the game was intense. Could NZ extend their winning streak in the tournament? How would the erratic but double CWC winners, the West Indies, perform? Champion ex-players (from both camps) got in on the act. Pre-match talk was acute. In *The Press* we read how Master Blaster, Sir Viv Richards was "bemused" by the form of the West Indians in their round-robin games, which he judged to be "hot one minute and ice cold the next".

Hadn't I read a similar such utterance before, written by Neville Cardus? 85 years ago he precisely pin-pointed the very same erratic quality about their play and I quote from *Cricket*:

"At one moment these players are eager, confident, and quite masterful; then as circumstances go against them you can see them losing heart. Routine has not yet given them a cloak to cover emotions which live on the surface. At Lord's in 1928, when one of them missed a slip catch he cast down his head most woefully, and the whole body of him wilted. Even when, almost next ball, an English wicket fell, the poor West Indian was not consoled. As the English batsman left the wicket this forlorn

fieldsman sat down on the grass alone, like a naughty boy in a corner. He voluntarily put himself in disgrace.

When the West Indians are winning they will turn Lord's into a village green. Every man is on his toes, appeals for leg-before-wicket are many and enthusiastic, the whole field move onwards to the wicket as the bowler begins his run. Excitement can be felt in flashes, here, there and everywhere. Constantine in the slips leaps and pounces like a primitive animal. The West Indians, in truth, are jazz cricketers. That is to say, they give us a vivid sense of that improvisatory and far from formal energy which is the essence of jazz."

Back to the 2015 CWC. Come Saturday, the match belonged to one player, Martin Guptill. His record-breaking innings of 237* off 163 balls stunned the cricket world. What would Neville Cardus have made of such a dominant display? After all, again it was Cardus who wrote that the game needed to be "played by men free to be themselves". No one could have been more free (and accurate) than Guptill in caning 11 sixes and 24 fours this day. Nor Grant Elliott and his match-winning six at Eden Park several days later to propel us into the CWC finals.

Cardus witnessed many match-winning innings in his time. One which "stays with the imagination like an heroic deed" was that played by GL Jessop in August 1902 for England v Australia at The Oval, London. On that day, England needed 244 for victory but lost five quick wickets for 44 runs on a difficult pitch. Let us pick up on events as they unfolded and were brilliantly documented by Cardus:

"All was lost when the Australian bowlers had broken England's backbone – all was lost, that is, so long as the game remained in a rational world, governed by the logic of cause and effect. No known science of batsmanship could possibly have solved the problems of great bowling on a vicious turf. For so long, indeed, as the match was allowed to take place in a rational world, England's doom was inevitable. Some of the most celebrated batsmen had in vain tried by skill and knowledge and judgment to break the

chain of necessity that was weighing England down. Jessop came to the wicket, his chin sticking out aggressively. He promptly took the match out of reach of reason and science; he played it into that world of melodrama where anything can happen and where virtue is always triumphant. In an hour and a quarter he scored 104 and won the victory."

Cardus then went on to give the following description of Jessop's batting, which when read today, sounds a carbon-copy of Elliott's and Guptill's never forgotten feats:

"Cricket has never been more marvellously touched by genius. His hits were rapid. He possessed not only the hitter's full-lengthed body-drives, but also authentic batsman's short-lengthed strokes, the cut and the hook. No slogger could have survived the deadly science of Australia's bowling on this day. The innings was a case of technique controlled by imagination.

With all his swiftness of eye and foot, his supple energy, his responsive technique, Jessop could not have won England one of the most famous of all cricket victories, had not he thought that it could all be done, and willed the deed faithfully."

Wasn't that Elliott and Guptill to a tee?

Finally, after the dramatic semi-finals and "winner-take-all" final at the MCG, it was Australia who emerged as the worthy 2015 CWC champions. Again our featured scribe had it predestined. Back in 1931 Cardus hailed some of the reasons for the dominance of the "green baggy" brigade in world cricket. He wrote:

"It is not hard to account for Australia's genius at cricket; the climate there, and the beautiful pitches, are all in favour of close technical study and practice... Yet, with all these considerations taken into account we must needs continue to stand in mingled perplexity and admiration at the thought that Australia, with a population that could be put into London, has year after year been able to produce cricketers good enough to challenge all comers."

This is superb journalism. No wonder it struck a chord with Mr Hadlee, son Barry and does so to this day with cricket lovers everywhere.

Youth XI trip to Wellington

By Brad Doody

An early morning flight followed by breakfast at a restaurant near the Basin Reserve made for a busy start to the day. The match between a Willows Youth XI versus Wanderers (Wellington) Youth XI was played on the same wicket used for the Kings/Firebirds T20 match.

After an impressive warmup, the boys lost the toss and fielded first. The key wicket of Ravindra (later selected for NZ U19) was taken by Hooper. Georgeson and Burling compiled a 100 run partnership (both then retiring in the spirit of the game). After this strong second wicket partnership, The Willows Youth did well to restrict the home side to 232/5 off their 50 overs. Pile batted solidly for 53. Cameron was able to make regular breakthroughs to end with figures of 3/53 from ten overs. Hooper and McBreen-Smith both bowled tidily and ensued The Wanderers ended with what was thought to be a par score on a very good Basin wicket.

In reply, The Willows opener Heenan scored a powerful 82 and showed he will be a name to watch in the future. However, after that we lost wickets at regular intervals and no batsmen were able to build a good partnership with Heenan. The next highest scorer was McBreen-Smith batting at number 9 with 18.

The Willows Youth ended all out for 151 inside 43 overs. For The Wanderers, Smith, Ravindra and Desai ended with two wickets apiece. The boys impressed with their commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism throughout the day and represented The Willows well.

The Willows Youth XI lost by 81 runs

The Wanderers 232/7

L. Georgeson 59 retired, L. Burling 52 retired, N. Pile 43, Cameron 3/53

The Willows 151

A. Heenan 82, H. Smith 2/15, Desai 2/21, R. Ravindra 2/36



2015 Matfen Hall experience

Hamish Kennett
Ex-St Bede's College 1st XI

A phone call in early November 2014 and life for James D'Arcy and I took a huge change for the next year. We had been chosen for truly a life changing experience to travel to Northumberland England. On the 1st of April we started our journey together from Christchurch. After 40 hours of aeroplane food, delays and missed planes we finally touched down in Newcastle. We were greeted by Lady Blackett and spent the next two nights in their welcoming hospitality in the family home situated in an old castle, where we stayed in a room more than 600 years old. This was my first insight into life in England. We then moved into our little flat in Matfen and were quickly immersed into life, cricket and work at Matfen Hall (Corbridge, Northumberland). Here we worked both at the driving range and at the Keepers lodge bar and restaurant, where we more often than not scrubbed our fair share of dishes.

We played a game every Wednesday for the *Ratcatchers* in a 14 eight ball over competition where we came 2nd due to a technicality on

points in the Division One Newcastle competition. We also had our main competition game on Saturday where we experienced the pork pies at tea and pints afterwards giving us a new look on the social side of cricket. After three months we were joined in our little flat by two girls from Chile which meant a much tidier, cleaner flat and they even made sure we were well fed. Time seemed to fly by in Matfen with our busy schedule of cricket, work, golf, and the odd venture into the Newcastle night life. Before we knew it, it was September and our incredible time in Matfen had to come to an inevitable end.

We then made the trip down to Birmingham (to James's brother). We used this as a base for our travels for the last month when we ventured around England then off to Paris, Oktoberfest in Munich and eventually Amsterdam. Over our time away we met some amazing people from all around the world and I'm sure James and I will stay in contact with many of them for years to come. To Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett we could never thank you enough for the amazing opportunity – one which I'm sure we will never forget. Also to The Willows Cricket Club a huge thanks as it would not have been possible without your effort and organisation.

▪ *Hamish won Best All-round Player in the West Tyne Senior Cricket League for 2015 – Ed.*



▲ *The Willows skipper goes on the attack with five men around the bat.*



▲ *Great balance from a North West Schools XI batsman.*



▲ *Alex Reese in good form with the bat.*



▲ *A Willows lesson to the Otago boys off the back foot.*



▲ *John Masefield in two minds as to what to do.*



▲ *Sheep nonchalant about a nice off drive.*



▲ *Bert Walker loses his castle.*



▲ *Another of Des and Judy's delicious lunches coming up.*



▲ Picturesque country cricket at its best – this moment from the Peninsula Craze match in November.



▲ Willows webmaster John Hammond.



▲ Willer Grant Dickson (pictured above centre at the Christchurch Metro Club Rugby Final) is one of the officials in the much anticipated CBHS v Christ's College rugby clash this year.

Past Highlights

John Mitchell, in the third of a series, looks back to a memorable game from November 2008.

Unique occasion

- For this match Paul McEwan assembled nine of his talented secondary school team which undertook a hectic playing tour to India, Oman and Sharjah over Easter 2008. This was not only a first but also the strongest combined youth side ever to play at The Willows. No fewer than seven from the tour have since gone on to play first class cricket.
- In another milestone, The Willows created a record during the day. For the first and only time in nearly 500 matches played since our inception, both Willows opening batsmen scored a century.

The Match (scorecard opposite)

The Willows batted first and openers Shaun Coffey and Ben Orton dominated. In an awesome display they shared an opening stand of 155 runs, until Ben retired in the 27th over. His century came from 75 balls and contained 18 fours. Shaun was more circumspect with his 100 retired coming from 144 balls and he hit 12 fours. After

50 overs the team score was one run short of a very respectable 300.

In reply, the Tour XI immediately threw down the gauntlet and maintained a steady run chase. Opener Tom Latham scored a run-a-ball 68. Wickets fell regularly and at 200 for 8 a fatalist amongst us might have placed them in a down-and-out position. Not so, as the two Toms (Rutherford and Calvin) combined for some useful tail resistance.

The match went down to the wire. The Willows captain Barry Townrow picks up the story in true Buller commentary style:

"Spectator interest was high as it came down to the last over, with 16 runs required and two wickets left. 14 runs (including a towering six from Tom Calvin) came from five balls, and with only 2 runs needed The Willows were sweating. Sam Davis then bowled the unplayable last ball to take a wicket much to the delight of his Willows team mates". Great stuff.

So ended an enthralling day, which will go down as one of our finest – and what a rich vein of talent has come from this onto the national cricket scene.



▲ The Governor-General briefs his playing eleven at the fixture against the Past New Zealand XI on 20th March.

The Willows

S.T.Coffey	retired out	100
B.R.Orton	retired out	100
T.M.Scanlon	b Henry	23
M.D.Teale	c Henry b Boock	4
M.P.Goldstein	st Latham b Boock	25
F.C.Hawes	retired hurt	28
S.J.Davis	run out	0
E.Andrews	c Duffy b Boock	3
G.I.Reed	not out	0
J.W.Stevenson	not out	0
W.B.Townrow (c)		
Extras (1b, 10lb, 5w)		16
Total (for 7 wickets)		299

	O	M	R	W
T.Calvin	7	0	31	0
T.A.Rutherford	5	1	27	0
M.B.McEwan	8	0	55	0
D.J.P.McKeefry	2	0	32	0
A.D.D.Reese	9	0	44	0
M.J.Henry	9	0	39	1
J.W.E.Boock	10	0	55	3

Umpires: L.Elliott and R.L.McHarg

Scorer: A.I.Campbell

RESULT: The Willows won by 2 runs

Combined Secondary Schools XI

T.W.M.Latham	c Scanlon b Hawes	68
B.Smith	c Reed b Davis	16
C.McMeekan	c & b Scanlon	7
D.J.P.McKeefry	c Reed b Andrews	21
R.Duffy	b Teale	45
J.W.E.Boock	lbw Goldstein	14
M.J.Henry	c & b Goldstein	35
A.D.D.Reese	b Teale	9
T.A.Rutherford	not out	30
T.Calvin	b Davis	25
P.E.McEwan (c)		
Extras (8b, 4lb, 15w)		27
Total (for 9 wickets)		297

	O	M	R	W
M.D.Teale	9	0	42	2
S.J.Davis	10	1	63	2
E.Andrews	6	0	38	1
T.M.Scanlon	3	0	24	1
J.W.Stevenson	4	0	26	0
F.C.Hawes	10	1	41	1
M.P.Goldstein	8	0	51	2

More Neville Cardus

For those who enjoyed reading the Cardus extracts on pages 58-59, here are two more gems from the great cricket writer.

Watching cricket

"You can never take your eyes away from a cricket match for fear of missing a crisis. For hours it will proceed to a rhythm as lazy as the rhythm of an airless day. Then we stretch ourselves on deck-chairs and smoke our pipes and talk of a number of things – the old 'uns insisting that in their time batsmen used to hit the ball. A sudden bad stroke, a good ball, a marvellous catch, and the crowd is awake; a bolt has been hurled into our midst from a clear sky. When cricket burns a dull slow fire it needs only a single swift wind of circumstance to set everything into a blaze that consumes nerves

and senses. In no other game do events of import hang so bodefully on a single act. In no other game does one little mistake lead to mischief so irreparable."

The thrill of taking a catch:

"Up into the sky the ball went, and it began to drop where A.E. Knight was standing. All eyes rested on Knight; the vast Sydney multitude were dead still as the ball fell like a stone. Knight held his catch, but as he did so, he was seen to go down on one knee, and bow his head. Some of the English players, thinking Knight was ill, moved towards him. But as they approached, Knight raised himself, made an explanatory gesture, swallowed emotion in a gulp, and said to his anxious colleagues, 'It's all right, it's all right; I was only thanking my Maker'."

My cricket library – confessions of a cricket tragic!

By Bert Walker

My dear dad Des got me interested in cricket from an early age, and he and Mum gave me my first cricket book - a coaching book. This was followed by "The Bert Sutcliffe Book of Cricket for Boys" and it wasn't long before I was asking for a cricket book, as my favourite present for birthdays and Christmases!

A major cricket book moment occurred when I was at high school, and someone told me about Smith's Bookshop on Manchester Street having a lot of cricket books. So I duly went along and sure enough there were shelves of them upstairs, which soon began absorbing the pay from my after school job! I continued to buy cricket books (not consciously collecting them, but the numbers were growing) mainly from Smith's and also from Whitcoulls.

Then in 1979 I was in England on holiday and went and visited JW McKenzie, Bookseller (in Epsom, just out of London) who again someone had mentioned. And he had a whole big ROOM full of cricket books, many I'd never seen or heard of before, what a treasure trove! He made me very welcome and I ended up with as many books as I could carry out of there. And since then he sends out a catalogue every 2-3 months, so I have ordered and received hundreds of cricket books from him since that initial memorable meeting, his service is always impeccable.

I also enjoyed it when both Dymocks and Borders had branches here in Christchurch, as they were always well stocked with new cricket books. But since they both sadly for me closed, I mainly buy locally from Whitcoulls and Paper Plus. While occasional holidays in Australia are also always a rich source of cricket books (as many of the ones there are never released here in NZ), my record for a trip over the ditch was coming home with 32 cricket books!

So my current tally of cricket books is approximately 1700, plus numerous cricket almanacs and annuals and a modest collection of Wisdens. They are all arranged in author's alphabetical order in the cricket library in our house (which was originally the 3rd bedroom). And here I must pay full tribute to my long suffering but ever supportive partner Sharon, who has sometimes joked that I should buy a particular cricket book as we are short of books with that coloured cover!

The oldest books in the collection were both published in 1898 and are "With Stoddart's Team in Australia 1897-98" by Prince KS Ranjitsinhji and "With Bat and Ball" by George Giffen. There are another two of sentimental significance from my early days; namely "Great Cricketers" edited by Denzil Batchelor (published 1970) and given to me by parents, plus "Fred; Portrait of a Fast Bowler" by John Arlott (published 1971). Both of which I have reread a number of times.

I also have one of the original 1000 copies of the big gold-leafed "Men in White; The History of New Zealand in International Cricket" which I purchased with money that my dear grandfather had left me, so that of course has sentimental significance.

While of all the cricket books I have read, my favourite autobiography is still John Wright's classic "Christmas in Rarotonga".



A shot from the past



Some of the 1949 New Zealand Team visiting a film studio in London!

From left: Geoff Rabone, an English player unknown, Tom Burt, Fen Creswell, Martin Donnelly, Frank Mooney – behind the stumps, unknown model(!), Merv Wallace on the right.



▲ C Mason – plays an elegant straight drive in the Town v Country match.



▲ Jacob Wolt – left wondering how he lost his castle.

Rare talent

By John Mitchell

15 year old Rajiv Ravindra from Onslow College scored an unbeaten 102 for Wellington Wanderers v The Willows on 5th March 2015. He batted superbly. Key people in Wellington cricket like Robbie Kerr, Matthew Bell and Scott McHardy have high raps on his potential.

Cricket is a game which every so often throws up a player of rare talent like this at a very young age. Two of the best local lads (both products of Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI) in recent times are 2015 CWC stars Corey Anderson and Tom Latham. Both own a talent which needs to flourish. Corey in 2014 scored the fastest ever ODI century by a New Zealander in 36 balls; Tom scored two double centuries (261 and 241*) for Canterbury (which equalled a provincial record) and consecutive test centuries all in the 2013-2014 season.

Anderson and Latham made their test debuts in their early 20s. Spare a thought for the legendary Sachin Tendulkar. He made his test debut for India when just 16 years old. Then he walked out at Karachi to face the hostility of the Pakistani pacemen Waqar Younis, Wasim Akram and Imran Khan. And his team were in trouble at just 41 for 4 at the time. His was a baptism of fire; literally blooded early when hit in the mouth by a Wasim bouncer.

Older Willowers will remember the batting of the late, great Martin Crowe who also excelled on the world stage. For many years he held the NZ record for highest test score of 299; only surpassed in 2014 by B McCullum. Martin was another child prodigy eg at age 14 years he was chosen for Auckland Under-23 team; at 15 years the NZ Under-20 team and 19 years for NZ. He went on to become one of our greatest ever batsman.

Tragically, after his playing days were over and before the age of 50 years he faced the awful prognosis of having cancer. A condition he valiantly confronted, often in the public eye, with

courage. In his final months he reflected on life and specifically on his own cricket career. He made some pertinent revelations.

One was about young players (like himself) being picked on potential and being fast-tracked onto the highest cricket stage. He said "I was the youngest in every team I played. By a street. I was three or five years ahead of where I should have been, every time. I failed and I failed and I kept getting picked on promise. I look back on the photo and film clips of me in those days and my head is always looking down, that introverted posture. Am I good enough? If I score more runs, will they love me? I was physically big, I could play the shots but I couldn't cope mentally". Selectors at every level wanted to bring him into the fold and were adamant they weren't going to let him go!

So with Martin's words in mind, especially about coping "mentally" and being cognisant of the old adage "If you're good enough, you're old enough" how do we nurture and support our brightest and youngest – that rare talent which blesses a generation.

Here are some considerations, in no particular order:

- **Have a mentor** – ie someone you can trust to talk about your batting, bowling or keeping. Sachin used Sunal Gavaskar at the start. Much like Martin Crowe who worked with Ross Taylor and Martin Guptill to refine technique and make subtle modifications to their game. Articulation of the bonds between Ross, Martin as "the sons he never had" made for emotional reading during the 2015 CWC.
- **Stick to what has worked.** Mind you are not coached out of the natural instincts you have for the game. When a half volley comes along be clear and uncluttered of mind to deal to it, whether the first or last ball of your innings. Flair players, who trust their instincts, are the most successful in the modern game.
- **Keep your options open** and experience different roles within the team. Ex-international Paul McEwan has led six successful Willows Youth tours to Sri Lanka. He has provided fresh

challenge to his young charges by revolving their place in the batting order and using bowlers at different times in the match. Just as players can change, so can your role within the team change eg Steve Smith was first selected for Australia as a leg-spinner who batted at no. 8. We have seen how he has come ahead and is now the best no.3 batsman in the world. Kevin Pietersen started with Nottinghamshire as an off-spinner (and a "bitsy" batsman) only to emerge as England's highest test run scorer during his time in test cricket.

- **Learn and respect the history of the game.**

Young Ravindra in Onslow could do no better than to take a day off school and sit down with Don Neely at the Basin Reserve and soak up the great stories of past New Zealand success in cricket. Sir Richard Hadlee is currently writing about the 1949 NZ Cricket teams tour to the UK, based on his dad's diary from the time. The story will be a milestone about by-gone tours. Keep an eye out for the publication!

- **Absorb what's happening in cricket today.**

Who is succeeding in test cricket and why? Why were team spirit, positive attitude, aggressive game-plans, shared belief, and national pride all cumulative factors in the success of the McCullum team in the 2015 CWC? Implement some of these key performance factors into your game, within your team(s).

- Coaches Hesson, Bond, McMillan and their support staff not only had a clear idea about how they wanted the NZ team to play but they **managed the workload of players** superbly, especially the newest talent. For example, Trent Boult's skills initially came to the fore in test cricket and it was some time later before he shone in the white-ball game. Williamson similarly. For some new to the international scene, they cannot, or are not ready to play all forms of the game. It may take time. Supportive coaching staff will ease the transition.

- Sachin Tendulkar was mentioned earlier. For more than two decades, he set a wonderful example of **sportsmanship and high standards** on and off the field. His integrity and adherence to cricket's code of conduct should be an aspiration for you. Fame and fortune lie ahead for

the best. With it, the elite player, has to learn to handle the high level of expectation placed on him by pundits and fans alike. Critical too are dealings with the media, who at times can be all intrusive. Again in the 2015 CWC we saw how accomplished all the NZ players were when in public or when interviewed on TV. This was not a chance or random thing; rather part of the successful team culture. This is another valuable lesson which you should take on board.

- An advantage of fast-tracking "rare talent" like Sachin and Martin, is that when very young, they train and **learn from the superior players** about them. Having teammates who are older, more experienced, bigger, quicker, with extensive test careers benefits will rub off on you. Accordingly, if good enough, your own level of performance will quickly rise to match them. Now comes the time for hard work. The scrutiny and video analyses of strengths and weaknesses intensifies when playing with the "big boys".

- Captain McCullum's ability to **instil belief in others** will be a lasting memory of the 2015 CWC campaign. It bred a mindset of assurance amongst the NZ team which proved daunting for the opposition. Who will forget the captain's catch-cry to his men that "these are the greatest days of our lives". Throughout the tournament McCullum kept his team in a deeply relaxed state and urged them "to embrace the occasion". These words equally apply to the stars of tomorrow.

- Lastly, cricket is a sport which takes you away from home for extended periods of time. You can be away from your close support network (like family, loved-ones, friends and surroundings you trust). There will be testing times which will require you to exercise faith if you are to succeed. When between tours keeping grounded and having quality "down-time" with mates is important. **Having a balance in your life** will be vital to remain mentally infallible.

Although they fell at the last hurdle in the CWC, the 2015 NZ Cricket team pleased Martin Crowe no end; and amongst all the good play there wasn't an inkling of an "introverted posture" or a backward step taken by any of the players all tournament. That augers well for the future.

Reflections of an 'ordinary' cricketer from yesteryear

By John Martin

John was a public servant for more than thirty years (Island Territories, Treasury, New Zealand Planning Council, Health) including periods of secondment to the diplomatic service (London twice, Geneva) and then taught Public Policy at Victoria University for a number of years. He played cricket for University in the Wellington competition and toured with New Zealand Universities in 1956/57 and 1958/59.

Some years ago when I was teaching at Victoria University I visited Tawa College to talk to school leavers. After the session had finished the careers teacher kindly invited me to the staff room for morning tea. As we turned a corner she went to introduce me to the principal, B.A.G. (Bruce) Murray, Test opening batsman and former University teammate. Before she could do so, to her surprise, the principal said, 'I know him – a very ordinary medium pace bowler'. I have great respect for Bruce as a cricketer, educationist and man. I would not cavil at his judgment. But if there is a theme in these reflections it is that even for an 'ordinary' player cricket can provide a rich and enjoyable lifetime experience.

I was introduced to cricket at primary school. In the first season after World War II Australia visited New Zealand and I watched my first Test at the Basin Reserve where I continue to enjoy the Wellington summers. As I write, New Zealand has just scored over 600 against Australia but in 1946 New Zealand was dismissed for 42 and 54 (although Australia managed only 199 for 8 declared). I didn't see much of the New Zealand first innings. After pushing with difficulty through the large crowd at lunch to buy an ice cream at the dairy in the adjoining street, I returned to find New Zealand all out – the records tell me that the great Australian bowler, Bill O'Reilly, in his last Test took three wickets in the second over after lunch.



▲ John and Mary Martin with cricket historian Don Neely.

Over the summer of 1946/47 I spent as much time as possible listening to the broadcasts from Australia of the first post-war Ashes series with the sides led by legendary cricketers, Don Bradman and Walter Hammond. In our own backyard cricket we all tried to identify with such great players as Len Hutton, Denis Compton, Keith Miller and Ray Lindwall. For some reason I took a special interest in the leg-spinners (D.V.P Wright for England, Colin McCool and Bruce Dooland for Australia) and tried to emulate them. There was a general view then that every team should include a leg-spinner; and I am sure that I was selected for teams for no other reason.

I was introduced to the rich cricket literature at an early age. 'Between Wickets' by Australian Ray Robinson was a Christmas present in 1948. It is still a good read with fascinating accounts of the bodyline series of 1932 and such players as Clarrie Grimmett, Stan McCabe and Duleepsinghi. There has been no shortage of books about cricket in the decades since.

At Rongotai College from 1947 to 1952 cricket loomed large. I met a life-long friend in Don Neely (later first class cricketer and administrator, New Zealand selector and cricket historian and a Willows supporter). In our early years, apart from school fixtures, we played our own games not only on the fields but at our desks with varieties of pencil and paper cricket. A second year in a strong First XI featured Don and Barry Sinclair (later Test centurion, and recently inducted as a Wellington Cricket Legend) leading the batting and bowler Ian Austin, with late inswing and a leg trap, cutting a swathe through school batsmen wedded to the classical forward defensive shot. A highlight was the dismissal of

Wellington College for around 50 in both innings with the outstanding school batsman, and a couple of years later a New Zealand representative, John Beck, out for a pair (he scored a century in an earlier game). Another member of the Wellington College team was Peter Preston, a fine man and talented sportsman so tragically taken from us and now remembered at The Willows ground.

On leaving school I joined the University Club and had some success in the second grade (notable teammates were the late Governor-General, (Sir) Paul Reeves, and outstanding Maori scholar (Sir) Hugh Kawharu. Towards the end of my first season at the age of 16 I had a phone call on Friday evening telling me that the Senior team had had a late defection and I was to turn up at the Basin Reserve on the next day to play Wellington College Old Boys. When I arrived at the ground I was introduced to the captain, John Reid who was allocated to Basin Reserve clubs while coach to the Wellington Cricket Association. John informed me that, not surprisingly, I would be number 11 'and our number 11s don't bat very often'. This assertion was influenced by the batting line-up including: Plunket Shield players, Malcolm McCaw, Bob Vance, Doug St John and John Reid. On a damp wicket John was proved wrong and I was at the crease briefly after a couple of hours and then took the field. John told me to go to mid-off as he marked out his run to open the bowling. I went to schoolboy mid-off but John pushed me out nearer to what would have been extra cover the year before. The opposing opening batsman Alan Preston – Peter's older brother – hit an off drive straight through where I had been standing. I barely saw the ball. I was sharply reminded that I wasn't playing schoolboy cricket! A couple of balls later Alan played the same shot but rather closer to the bowler who took a superb catch lowdown in his follow through without, as I recall, attracting much applause. It was expected of John Reid.

Over the next year or so I was in and out of the Senior side. Again against Old Boys I spent a long day in the field while Wellington captain and New Zealand representative Trevor Barber (sadly recently deceased) and experienced Doug Alexander both scored centuries. When Bob

Vance very reluctantly gave me the ball Barber immediately hit me out of the Basin; I went back a couple of paces; bowled medium pace; took three wickets; opened the bowling in the second innings; and that was the end of a leg-spinning career and the transition to an 'ordinary' medium pacer.

University won the Senior Championship twice while I was playing but equally strong in my cricketing memories are a season spent in Samoa, a couple of seasons in England, and one game in Geneva. Distinguished from the indigenous kilikiti, the traditional game in Samoa was played at Apia Park where it fitted between rugby and horse racing. I soon found that good length bowling on or outside the off stump was dispatched with a robust swing over the long on boundary. The response was to bowl wide of the off stump with a catching third man and the same swing caught an edge.

Cricket in England a few years later was a long way away in every sense. I alternated between playing for Richmond, founded in 1862 and centred on Old Deer Park (adjoining Kew Gardens in west London) and the London New Zealand Cricket Club. My introduction to Richmond was through Don Neely who had played there a season or two earlier. I was intrigued to find that there were no First, Second XIs or A, B and C teams. There was the Whole Day side, the Half Day side and the Extra Half Day side! As a bachelor living in a Pimlico apartment I had household chores to attend to on a Saturday morning and chose to play for the Half Day side in the afternoon. On Sundays I played for the Whole Day side commencing in the morning. The Whole Day side was not scoring many runs; by contrast, batsmen in the Half Day side were scoring well, particularly an opening batsman who happened to be a schoolteacher. I suggested to the Whole Day side captain, a very pleasant lawyer in the Inns of Court that the schoolteacher should be playing for the Whole Day side. There was a long pause and then came the answer, 'I don't think he'd fit in'. In the early 60s the underlying forces in English society were still reflected on the cricket field. The Whole Day side included Oxbridge graduates and public school alumni (although Commonwealth players were warmly welcomed).

The London New Zealand Cricket Club (LNZCC) has provided cricketing opportunities for New Zealanders since 1951. The founder, Trevor Campbell, a colleague of mine in the London High Commission, is remembered at The Willows. Among the many memories is captaining LNZCC against Surrey Club and Ground at the Oval. The prolific English batsman Ken Barrington, who had been injured, turned out for the home team. I was bowling when he came in. After playing the first ball right back on his stumps, Barrington dismissively hit the next for four. I took myself off! But I had not learned from bowling to Bert Sutcliffe, a year or so before when playing for NZ Universities against Otago, that good batsmen play from 'deep in the crease' (Kane Williamson's expression). Sutcliffe used the whole of the crease to play the first ball defensively. Remembering the assault on Sutcliffe by South African fast bowler Neil Adcock in 1953, I optimistically bowled my 'quicker ball'. I had barely completed my follow through as the ball was recovered from the extra cover boundary.

At the invitation of the United Kingdom Mission I played one cricket match in Geneva. More than the cricket I remember the location which was on the campus of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, usually known as CERN. This is the home of accelerators and other means of exploring particle physics and where the recent discovery of the Higgs boson was confirmed. Recovering the ball from a boundary surrounded by laboratories with flickering lights was an eerie experience.

For a number of years after returning to New Zealand in 1975, I played Sunday cricket for the Wellington branch of London New Zealand, a now defunct club called Erewhon, and the Wanderers who, organised by Evan Gray, are associated with The Willows. All continued to provide what cricket has always given to me: intense and continuing interest in the game itself and the opportunity to make and renew friendships born on the field. The Willows, the Wanderers and similar clubs, are playing an inestimable part in nurturing cricket in the colleges and ensuring that activities which, as an 'ordinary player' have contributed so much to my life will continue.

The joy of playing at The Willows

Trevor Campbell, OBE, *the Founder of the London New Zealand Cricket Club in London in 1951 and a member of "The Willows", penned his sentiments on the game of cricket two weeks before he died in March 1995.*

"I stepped out into the warm sunlight bathing "The Willows" ground. The blue sky above glorious snow topped mountains in the distance – it was a beautiful backdrop. The old farmhouse, willow trees and the wonderful green grass made a perfect setting for a game of cricket. I felt glad in my clean white flannels and whitened cricket boots as I stroked to the centre of the pitch. I wore "The Willows" cap proudly for it signified my part in a team.

Wherever I fielded I was determined to play my part. When the opposing batsman sent the ball close to me I fixed my eyes on it and raced after the ball. With a snatch of the hand I grabbed it, and hurled it to the 'keeper. As a fine shot from the batsmen sped to the boundary or a six leapt into the sky, my heart bounded within me. If I was asked to bowl I remembered the wise advice of bowling straight and with a good line. When appealing I did with a strong shout but never in a raucous fashion, for the umpire knows the rules. When their last batsman was sent to the pavilion, I generously praised the opposition.

Now it was our turn to bat, there was no grizzling about the number on the list, for the captain makes the batting order for the benefit of the team. The runs were run quickly, clearly called by each batsman and the end result was as good to see as a crashing boundary. Finally, when all was over and everyone had retired to the pavilion, again I praised those who had performed well.

Cricket is a generous game and manners are a great part of it. It is played in God's good fresh air abound with fun and friendship. I will always remember the glorious peacefulness of "The Willows" ground far from the hustle and bustle of the city".

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.	17	5	169	14.1	141	17	529	28	18.9
Allott, G.I.	13	4	109	12.1	131	30	427	30	14.2
Ambler, K.A.	5	1	235	58.8	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	118	30	319	11	29.0
Banks, R.J.	10	1	235	26.1	11	1	94	1	94.0
Bartholomeusz, C.G.	5	3	272	136.0	8	3	23	2	11.5
Bayliss, R.T.	12	1	248	22.5	-	-	-	-	-
Bennett, J.	31	12	324	17.1	12	1	85	3	28.3
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
Blair, B.A.	5	0	214	42.8	23	1	98	1	98.0
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.	15	2	504	38.8	33	3	139	4	34.8
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.	12	3	223	24.8	102	12	315	29	10.9
Cameron, B.W.J.	6	1	59	11.8	74	10	273	14	19.5
Clark, C.R.	6	1	65	13.0	48	8	180	15	12.0
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
Commons, E.	10	1	227	25.2	12	0	72	0	-
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
Courtney, L.	23	12	150	13.6	170	13	820	27	30.4
Curnow, C.C.	9	4	96	19.2	64	7	281	17	16.5
Cusack, D.R.	39	7	1223	38.2	2	0	20	0	-
D'Arcy, J.A.C.	16	2	316	22.6	33	1	157	7	22.4
Davidson, J.A.F.	24	4	655	32.8	8	0	40	0	-
Davis, S.J.	32	8	334	13.9	232	32	883	44	20.1
Day, H.W.	9	0	174	19.3	57	4	258	20	12.9
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
Dickson, G.J.	13	6	349	49.9	54	7	225	9	25.0
Doody, B.J.K.	33	3	982	32.7	30	1	148	12	12.3
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	144	7	605	24	25.2
Dormer, B.L.	14	2	386	32.2	10	0	53	2	26.5
Dowds, D.P.	31	4	975	36.1	95	4	495	14	35.4
Duncan, P.M.	8	2	308	51.3	19	0	103	2	51.5
Dunne, R.M.	7	4	239	79.7	22	1	103	5	20.6
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
Gibson, S.D.	30	1	579	20.0	140	17	545	13	41.9

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Gourdie, A.J.	5	2	43	14.3	38	3	174	13	13.4
Gray, A.H.	11	4	20	2.9	159	36	446	29	15.4
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.	14	0	354	25.3	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.	61	15	1648	35.8	287	36	1174	51	23.0
Harrison, T.	18	4	620	44.3	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	24	4	384	19.2	177	20	747	42	17.8
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.	29	10	492	25.9	261	39	935	40	23.4
Hawke, M.J.	27	10	790	46.5	159	20	624	26	24.0
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
Hill, F.	7	1	254	42.3	37	8	138	9	15.3
Hudson, M.G.	17	2	361	24.1	123	8	557	24	23.2
Humphris, L.A.	13	2	455	41.4	72	5	353	18	19.6
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.	55	10	1239	27.5	141	17	608	29	21.0
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.	14	5	235	26.1	65	11	226	9	25.1
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.	25	4	351	16.7	30	3	113	6	18.8
Kelly, D.P.	26	11	1154	76.9	153	19	507	45	11.3
Kelly, M.J.	17	2	374	24.9	17	1	73	6	12.2
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
Laughton, B.L.	17	2	467	31.1	53	2	284	4	71.0
Leggat, J.E.	11	0	232	21.1	18	3	54	4	13.5
Lonsdale, W.M.	12	2	97	9.7	115	23	375	25	15.0
Macgregor, A.J.	8	0	103	12.9	82	17	223	12	18.6
MacLeod, A.L.L.	5	1	69	17.3	38	5	157	11	14.3
Marsh, J.D.	8	0	127	15.9	78	11	267	18	14.8
Marsh, N.E.	4	3	13	13.0	41	6	150	14	10.7
Martin, S.G.D.	4	0	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
Masefield, R.V.	14	6	160	20.0	108	12	404	24	16.8
Masefield, T.J.	15	6	308	34.2	37	10	79	13	6.1
Maw, P.A.C.	10	2	277	34.6	26	3	110	2	55.0
McCarthy, G.P.	33	2	398	12.8	59	1	287	15	19.1
McCarthy, P.B.	19	2	670	39.4	42	5	160	11	14.5
McCone, R.J.	7	1	46	7.7	43	12	100	11	9.1
McConnell, T.P.	26	5	781	37.2	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	57	7	1400	28.0	282	26	1221	56	21.8
McEwan, R.P.	28	7	111	5.3	177	14	785	21	37.4
McFedries, A.G.	23	2	641	30.5	199	24	786	29	27.1
McGillivray, C.P.	8	3	103	20.6	69	12	243	16	15.2
McGuire, R.D.	33	14	557	29.3	321	33	1282	60	21.4
McIntyre, B.S.M.	9	0	203	22.6	67	10	247	14	17.6
McKenzie, M.N.	11	2	387	43.0	88	10	374	12	31.2
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	126	30	419	22	19.0
McRae, A.R.	28	7	630	30.0	85	9	343	12	28.6
Miller, G.A.	27	5	566	25.7	1	0	14	1	14.0

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Miller, P.	6	0	206	34.3	15	1	65	3	21.7
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
Mugford, C.	7	0	261	37.3	37	5	148	8	18.5
Murray, F.D.J.	10	0	202	20.2	8	0	45	1	45.0
Nathu, A.	19	1	484	26.9	14	0	87	1	87.0
Newton, B.I.P.	10	3	187	26.7	48	8	206	8	25.8
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Noster, S.N.	11	2	445	49.4	58	8	241	5	48.2
Nuttall, A.J.	63	30	778	23.6	811	194	2163	187	11.6
Nuttall, E.J.	4	1	24	8.0	49	10	132	11	12.0
Nuttall, J.S.	8	1	173	24.7	89	14	207	14	14.8
O'Connell, C.P.	8	3	142	28.4	55	6	235	13	18.1
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	12	3	359	39.9	54	6	234	5	46.8
Orton, B.R.	9	5	567	141.8	5	2	15	4	3.8
Parr, M.J.	18	2	347	21.7	155	25	504	29	17.4
Patel, M.	13	2	447	40.6	83	15	300	14	21.4
Pawson, J.D.	24	5	561	29.5	179	30	523	28	18.7
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
Reed, G.I.	17	4	201	15.5	12	0	59	3	19.7
Reid, J.F.	6	2	205	51.3	16	0	65	1	65.0
Reese, A.D.D.	18	5	205	15.8	159	10	604	24	25.2
Rennell, C.P.	10	0	251	25.1	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	13	2	226	20.5	42	6	166	5	33.2
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	91	17	273	8	34.1
Rutledge, P.D.	45	10	380	10.9	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
Sheat, F.W.	9	3	329	54.8	53	10	181	13	13.9
Singleton, M.J.	18	0	439	24.4	3	0	21	0	-
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.	20	5	233	15.5	139	20	472	38	12.4
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.	8	2	373	62.2	41	0	202	7	28.9
Tapper, J.H.	15	3	339	28.3	111	28	387	25	15.5
Teale, H.W.	16	4	542	45.2	78	6	414	16	25.9
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.	20	6	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.	15	3	398	33.2	100	11	383	17	22.5
Walsh, W.P.J.	6	1	217	43.4	32	5	124	5	24.8
Ward, B.R.	7	1	268	44.7	2	0	12	1	12.0
Ward, J.	16	4	369	30.8	54	3	280	11	25.5
Weeds, M.G.	23	5	566	31.4	4	0	16	0	-
Williams, M.L.	18	3	354	23.6	63	2	271	9	30.1
Wilson, J.M.	22	3	303	15.9	37	0	225	7	32.1
Wilson, R.T.	19	5	270	19.3	81	7	385	10	38.5
Wolt, J.R.K.	22	10	59	4.9	318	36	1349	53	25.5
Wright, H.G.	19	3	196	12.3	97	13	435	10	43.5
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	0	72	5	14.4
Wright, N.H.	14	2	210	17.5	4	0	16	1	16.0
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	28	19	8	-	1
2013/14	26	12	10	-	4
2014/15	26	15	10	-	1
2015/16	26	14	11	-	1
Total	500	322	160	3	15

Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Wkts	Avg/Wkt	Avg Total
1994/95	13	2,702	105	25.7	207
1995/96	15	2,930	100	29.3	195
1996/97	16	3,007	106	28.3	187
1997/98	19	4,306	128	33.6	226
1998/99	17	3,584	134	26.7	210
1999/00	18	3,128	145	21.5	173
2000/01	22	5,149	162	31.8	234
2001/02	21	4,053	152	26.7	193
2002/03	21	4,304	134	32.1	204
2003/04	22	4,757	170	28.0	216
2004/05	22	4,525	162	27.9	206
2005/06	26	5,506	210	26.2	211
2006/07	25	4,410	210	21.0	176
2007/08	28	6,218	207	30.0	222
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	222
2013/14	26	5,090	194	26.2	195
2014/15	26	5,654	197	28.7	217
2015/16	26	5,040	214	23.5	194
Total	490	101,927	3,698	27.5	208

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05	S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02	R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06	T.W.M.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08	B.L.Laughton	105	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	21.02.99	H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03	T.P.McConnell	104	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12	P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96	P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swampphens	28.01.96	M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97	G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	05.03.00	M.Newton-Vesty	102	v South West Schools XI	10.01.16
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07	C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08	S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03	S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01	S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05	J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07	I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14
T.M.Hampton-Mateha	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
F.Hill	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	15.03.15	D.B.Vann	102	v North West Schools XI	30.11.14
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05	W.P.J.Walsh	100	v North West Schools XI	05.12.10
T.Huysr	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11	B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04	W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley Boys' High School	18.03.12
L.H.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07	M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
R.Jones	100	v Waimea College	24.11.13	M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11	B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
D.P.Kelly	101	v Bradley Nuttall XI	20.02.13	B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
D.P.Kelly	102	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	10.03.13	W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
D.P.Kelly	100	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14	A.Yugaraja	104	v Christ's College	15.01.12
D.P.Kelly	104	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14				



Honours – Bowling (Maximum 10 overs)

C.C.Curnow	8-21	v St Bede's College	08.02.16
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12
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
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14
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
F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru Boys' High School	01.02.15
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
A.J.Macgregor	5-18	v Gore High School	28.09.14
N.Wingham	5-18	v Emu CC (Australia)	15.01.16
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
A.D.D.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.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
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
H.W.Day	5-27	v South West Schools XI	10.01.16
P.F.Youngusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFriedies	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
R.D.Burson	5-30	v London NZ CC	14.12.14
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
A.J.Hastilow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	356/3	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
	354/6	v Combined Country Schools XI	02.03.14
Against	324/4	by Clarrie Anderson's XI	04.11.13
	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	303/8	by Suburban XI	06.01.08

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
2015/16	D.P.Kelly

Bowlers – 100 wickets milestone

Season

2005/06	A.J.Nuttall
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Shadbolt Trophy

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

1994/95	S.J.Davis	3-19	v Ben Harris XI
1995/96	N.Perkins	68	v Motueka Wekas
1996/97	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College
1997/98	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers
1998/99	C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools
1999/00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkswood Wanderers
2000/01	A.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.Amblar	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		
2013/14	R.Jones	100	v Waimea College
2014/15	F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru Boys' High School
2015/16	C.C.Curnow	8-21	v South West Schools XI

49ers Cup

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

1998/99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Wanganui Collegiate School
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College
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
2013/14	Waimea College
2014/15	Christ's College
2015/16	Waitaki Boys' High School

Visitor Honours 2015/16 Season

107	M.Sinclair	v Governor-General's Youth XI
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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	13/14	14/15	15/16
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	L	W
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	L	-	W	W	D	L	W	L	L	L
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	D	W	L	W	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	L	W	L	L	W	D	-
Ohoka Swampphens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	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	W	-	L
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-	W	-	L	L	-	-	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craze	-	D	L	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	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	-	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	-	L	-	W
NZ Police XI (Christchurch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millbrook XI	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suburban XI/Metro XI	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	-	L	L	-	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	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	-	W	W	W
King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	-	W	-	-	-
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	-	W	W	W	L	W	D	-	L	-
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	L	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	-	-
Burnside/NW Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	D	W	W
St Thomas of C'bury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	W	D	L	W	W	W
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	L	-	W	-	-	-	-	-
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Cant'y/Ashburton College XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	W	W	W	W	W
King's High School (Dunedin) 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	L	L	L
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	W	W	L	-	-	-
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Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	-	-
Sacred Heart College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	D	-	L	-	-
Bradley Nuttall XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	-	-	-
South West Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W

Away Games

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

International Games

The Forty 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 (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emu Cricket Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	L
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