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2016/2017



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

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The Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO

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P.E.Dormer
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P.D.Harris

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J.G.Stringleman

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J.G.Stringleman
R.L.Walker

Life Members

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Team Selection

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Membership



The members roll at 31 March 2017 stood as follows:

Playing	345
Associate	242
Overseas	106
Honorary	75
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Total Membership	768

Playing Members (345)

Year of entry precedes name

03	Abbott, R.E.	94	Burson, R.D.	95	Doody, B.J.K.
06	Agnew, T.W.	15	Buttar-Scurr, B.	00	Doody, T.J.D.
12	Allcock, M.J.	01	Cameron, B.S.	94	Dormer, B.L.
97	Allott, G.I.	16	Cantwell, R.	05	Dowds, D.P.
03	Ambler, K.R.	16	Carr, J.	16	Drayton, O
14	Anderson, F.G.	13	Chamberlain, H.J.	09	Duncan, J.D.
15	Arnold, C.J.	16	Chatterton, M.	06	Duncan, P.M.
15	Ave, M.J.	16	Clark, L.	17	Dunlop, T.
14	Baker, A.P.	16	Clarke, C.	97	Dunne, R.M.
10	Banks, R.J.	13	Clarkson, J.A.	08	Earl, G.H.
07	Barringer, T.G.	16	Clinton-Baker, H.	11	Eastlake, M.G.
07	Barry, J.V.	13	Coburn, B.C.	16	Ebrahim, D.
05	Barry, V.E.	06	Coffey, S.T.	99	Ellis, A.M.
07	Bartholomeusz, L.D.	99	Coll, J.P.	01	Ellis, A.M.
12	Bates, J.L.	10	Collins, M.	16	Entwistle, B.
11	Baxendine, S.	14	Commons, E.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	12	Cooke, H.R.I.	06	Farrant, M.D.
13	Bayly, R.	16	Cooper, S.	14	Findlay, B.
08	Bellamy, B.D.	14	Courtney, L.	14	Finnie, G
06	Belliss, C.J.	06	Cowlishaw, A.J.	13	Finnie, J.
94	Bennett, J.	09	Croft, M.	16	Fitzpatrick, H.
13	Benton, J.A.T.	98	Cunliffe, J.J.	10	Fletcher, A.T.
95	Bisman, C.W.	14	Curnow, C.C.	08	Franklin, B.M.
13	Blair, B.A.	94	Cusack, D.R.	15	Frew, R.M.
16	Blake, G.	11	Cutts, R.E.	15	Frey, T.
13	Bolderston, M.G.	14	D'Arcy, J.A.C.	14	Frost, M.F.
02	Bond, S.E.	03	d'Auvergne, N.R.	04	Fullerton-Smith, A.D.
08	Boock, J.W.E.	98	d'Auvergne, P.G.	00	Fulton, D.H.
16	Boon, T.	98	Davidson, J.A.F.	95	Fulton, P.G.
14	Borrie, O.	16	Davis, G.	09	Gale, A.J.
13	Boyle, J.C.T.	94	Davis, S.J.	06	Garry, J.R.
16	Brady, B.	16	Davison, H.	15	Gilbert, S.
12	Braid, T.J.	13	Day, H.W.	10	Gordon, B.G.
95	Brooks, G.N.	08	Devine, P.B.	11	Gray, A.H.
11	Brown, S.J.A.	16	Dickie, B.J.	12	Griffin, T.E.S.
94	Bull, C.L., MNZM	13	Dickson, G.J.	04	Grigor, I.M.
94	Bull, J.C.	15	Dickson, P.N.	09	Grocott, T.M.
15	Burnett, A.	12	Dobbs, P.W.	16	Grose, S.J.G.
16	Burnett, S.	16	Dobson, J.	12	Haig, A.D.
94	Burrell, W.M.	13	Doherty, B.P.	15	Hamilton, A.I.J.

11	Hamilton, R.J.V.	16	Macfarlane, W.M.L.	13	Parker, M.
09	Hampton-Matehe, T.	11	Macgregor, A.J.	98	Parr, M.J.
99	Hantz, J.L.H.	12	Marsh, D.	06	Patel, M.
94	Harris, B.Z.	03	Marsh, J.D.	94	Pawson, J.D.
94	Harris, C.Z.	10	Marsh, N.E.	94	Pawson, S.J.
11	Harris, D.A.	94	Masefield, R.V.	95	Pitcher, A.C.
94	Harris, P.D.	99	Masefield, T.J.	09	Pithey, R.J.
10	Harrison, T.	11	Mauger, A.J.D.	09	Poole, J.
00	Hastilow, A.J.	02	Maw, D.J.	06	Pullar, C.G.
01	Hawes, F.C.	98	Maw, P.A.C.	13	Rawson, D.P.G.
14	Hay, M.W.	12	McCall, D.K.	15	Read, K.
14	Hill, C.	16	McCall, M.	00	Reardon, P.H.
14	Hill, F.	02	McCarthy, G.P.	09	Reed, G.I.
13	Hill, N.H.	95	McCarthy, P.B.	08	Reese, A.
09	Hinton, C.R.	16	McCaw, R.H., ONZ	10	Reid, A.
13	Hogan, M.R.	12	McConnell, T.P.	16	Reid, M.
15	Horne, P.	10	McCracken, A.J.	03	Rennell, C.P.
06	Horrell, A.H.	11	McDonald, J.M.	11	Rennie, T.C.
16	House, M.	08	McEwan, M.B.	09	Richards, J.M.
12	Howard, S.E.	94	McEwan, P.E.	10	Robertson, H.S.
15	Howell, G.A.	09	McEwan, R.P.	00	Robertson, I.A.
95	Hudson, M.G.	95	McFedries, A.G.	16	Roddens, C.R.
06	Humphris, L.A.	11	McGillivray, C.P.	06	Rowe, A.J.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	06	McGoldrick, C.P.	09	Rowe, M.P.
15	Hunt, K.	16	McGoldrick, M.P.	95	Rutledge, P.D.
02	Hutchison, P.J.	09	McGoldrick, T.B.	15	Ryan, H.M.H.
94	Inglis, G.D.	14	McGuire, J.A.	15	Ryan, L.P.
11	Inglis, S.B.	98	McGuire, R.D.	06	Ryan, P.D.
15	Irie, T.K.	16	McGuire, S.P.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.
13	Jeffrey, M.	12	McHardy, S.	16	Scanlon, L.
08	Johnston, L.H.	08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	11	Schulte, H.L.
01	Johnston, M.T.	14	McKegg, J.M.	16	Schwass, J.
06	Johnston, N.M.	14	McKellar, L.W.	14	Scott, K.B.
06	Johnston, T.G.	10	McClean, C.F.	13	Scott, T.T.B.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	95	McRae, A.R.	12	Sharples, D.J.
14	Jones, R.J.G.	13	Meyrick, J.M.	14	Sheat, F.W.
16	Jordan, W.	14	Michel, B.	13	Shipley, H.
12	Keen, M.S.	14	Mikaera, A.	16	Simpson, J.
11	Kelly, D.P.	16	Millar, M.	09	Singleton, M.J.
11	Kelly, M.J.	16	Miller, C.	09	Soper, B.E.
11	Kennedy, C.P.	14	Miller, P.	94	Sparks, L.C.
15	Kennett, H.	16	Milne, Mr.T.	13	Stagg, S.
14	Kirk, H.S.T.	14	Mugford, C.	13	Stanley, D.D.
12	Knight, P.	05	Muir, T.R.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
05	Langrope, B.J.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	09	Stewart, G.J.
04	Langrope, S.L.	15	Music, T.	01	Stretch, G.B.
07	Latham, M.T.	00	Nathu, A.	13	Stretch, M.
08	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.M.	11	Tait, M.J.
09	Lester, S.J.	06	Nicholson, A.J.	09	Tapper, J.H.
15	Lewis, J.	06	Noster, S.N.	14	Taylor, B.D.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	16	Taylor, L.
01	Loe, H.F.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	10	Taylor, R.J.
01	Lucas, B.J.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	14	Taylor, T.C.
15	Lyons, W.G.J.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	09	Teale, H.W.
11	Mably, B.J.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	17	Tempero, R.P.
12	Mably, D.R.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	11	Thomas, S.T.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	08	Orton, B.R.	99	Thompson, K.G.
06	MacFarlane, B.S.	94	Owens, M.B.	11	Thompson, M.J.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	13	Page, F.	00	Thornton, T.F.

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

Associate Members (242)

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

94	Innes, R.T.J.	94	Mills, D.L.T.	95	Sharp, D.C.
14	Irvine, B.L.	12	Monk, G.B., <i>ONZM</i>	05	Sheard, A.J.
95	Irvine, B.S.	05	Moore, G.R.	00	Shiple, A.J.B.
99	Irving, J.D.	06	Morgan, R.	95	Skipper, H.L.
10	Johnstone, N.A.	12	Moses, K.R.	95	Smith, G.B.
06	Jordan, P.H.	09	Murray, D.N.	13	Smith, G.J.
94	Joyce, Professor P.R.	03	Newell, M.L.M.	94	Smith, M.J.
98	Judson, R.E.	11	Newman, P.A.	02	Snedden, M.C., <i>CNZM</i>
06	Kain, M.O.	10	Neynens, C.	12	Sparling, J.T.
99	Kerr, L.H.	98	Nielsen, T.S.	06	Spears, B.G.
10	King, R.H.	03	Noster, F.R.	94	Stead, G.R.
08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.	10	O'Brien, P.D., <i>ONZM</i>	95	Strack, D.J.
94	Lancaster, T.E.	14	Orsborn, I.A.	99	Taylor, B.J.
94	Latham, R.T.	94	Parker, N.M.	94	Thiele, C.H.
01	Lawson, R.A.	94	Paton, G.C.J.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
94	Loe, J.G.	06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	99	Townrow, W.B.
94	MacDonald, Mrs D.	04	Pettet, C.M.	94	Ussher, C.P.
12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.	94	Phillips, M.K.	07	Veale, J.H.
01	Malloch, B.E.	05	Pitcher, S.M.	94	Wait, E.P.
12	Marsh, P.	06	Polson, A.H.	00	Wake, R.W.
01	Martin, S.D.	10	Pope, C.D.	17	Wakefield, S.
00	Martin, S.G.D.	97	Priest, M.W.	94	Wallace, P.E.
14	Matthews, Associate Judge J.G.	09	Pulley, D.F.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
94	McCallum, Dr A.B.	95	Quested, D.M.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
03	McClellan, L.R.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.	95	Watson, M.
05	McClellan, M.J.	04	Reid, D.W.	95	Wells, G.R.
05	McClellan, T.M.	95	Roberts, S.J.	14	Whata, The Hon. Justice C.N.
05	McCone, R.J.	98	Robinson, L.M.C., <i>MNZM</i>	14	Whiteside, P.F., <i>QC</i>
94	McCourtie, Mrs R.	14	Ross, J.L.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>	14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	14	Wilby, B.G.
95	McFedries, B.G.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	94	Williams, P.R.
98	McFedries, S.M.	09	Rowe, C.A.	16	Wilson, S.J.
06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.	01	Rust, K.N.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
95	McHarg, R.L.	94	Savill, C.M.	04	Wood, P.
94	McKechnie, B.J.	06	Sawers, S.J.	13	Woodward, Mrs D.
99	McKendry, D.J.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	95	Wright, Dr M.J.
98	McKinlay, S.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	97	Wright, J.G., <i>MBE</i>
02	McRae, J.A.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
95	Miller, G.A.	15	Scott, P.	94	Yardley, K.J.
03	Miller, G.M.	01	Shackleton, D.A.		

Overseas Members (106)

AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R.J., <i>AM</i>	06	Fisher, H.M.L.	16	Pope, E.J.
05	Barrat, R.	16	Hambleton, C.	01	Richards, S.
05	Bartholomeusz, C.G.	15	Harris, R.J.	96	Rixon, S.J.
17	Bayliss-Smith, L.	06	Havercroft, G.	01	Rose, G.L.
12	Boyte, M.R.	15	Hodge, M.E.A.	94	Runacres, A.M.
15	Burley, D.	17	Hodge, S.F.F.	03	Salmon, K.
15	Cavalier, R.	06	Hodgson, T.L.P.	98	Silver, M.J.
12	Close, E.M.	02	Holt, D.W.	17	Smart, W.A.
98	Darke, M.	94	Innes, J.T.	95	Smith, R.
95	Davidson, A.K., <i>AM, MBE</i>	06	Jones, Dr R.D.M.	12	Sundarjee, M.
05	Deans, S.J.M.	12	Katter, Dr D.H., <i>ADC (Hon)(Q), RANR</i>	12	Sundarjee, P.
94	Douglass, W.B., <i>ASM</i>	02	McQueen, D.	06	Walls, K.A.
05	Eddington, Sir Rod	17	Moore, A.W.R.	94	Wiles, E.G.
94	Eldershaw, J.M.	01	Neaves, T.C.	11	Woolcott, E.B.
		02	Peacock, M.D.	02	Zavos, S.B.

HONG KONG

- 01 Chandler, J.
- 09 Keir, J.
- 15 Lamplough, G.D.
- 00 Miles, R.
- 15 Styles, K.A.
- 17 Tandon, D.
- 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.
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- 08 Conyngham, J.
- 98 Cumbes, J.
- 98 Dodds, V.
- 08 Fearnley, C.D.

- 01 Fisher, T.D.L.
- 12 Fleming, C.W.
- 09 Gatting, M.W.
- 06 Goulding, M.
- 08 Hammond, D.P.W.
- 03 Hart, R.
- 94 Hatley, B.
- 94 Hutton, B.L.
- 94 Hutton, R.A.
- 94 Hutton, O.R.
- 98 Lorimer, A.A.
- 94 Marsden, W.
- 99 McCarthy, H.R.M.
- 06 Mollitt, R.
- 94 Munn, R.G.
- 94 Openshaw, C.F.
- 12 O'Sullivan, B.
- 06 Reid, H.
- 06 Sawrey-Cookson, N.
- 06 Sims, G.
- 06 Smail, D.J.R., *OBE, TD, DL*
- 07 Teale, M.D.
- 06 Vallance, J.A.F.
- 05 Wheeler, N.

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- 11 Wakeford, G.D.

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President's Report



▲ *Players leave the field at the conclusion of the Marlborough College match on 9th October 2016.*

“Willowers All,”

In this annual report I want to make particular note of the contribution made to the club by its Associate, or non-playing, members. The focus of the annual report has always been on the playing side, but without the assistance and continued support of these local Associate Members, the club would not be nearly as successful as it is. It is their contribution that ensures everything happens at The Willows, and that games and other functions proceed smoothly. They assist with maintenance, fundraising, functions and administration. Our continued existence depends on them. In particular I would like to publicly thank Isabel and John McRae who have maintained the membership list since inception and are responsible for all mail outs. A tremendous task that I am sure all members truly appreciate.

The season just past was one of the most challenging, weather-wise, for The Willows. We were faced with a very wet spring and autumn, which was a challenge for the groundsmen (who have always met the challenge) and players as well. It was not a season for batsmen, and the bowlers delighted in the seam-friendly conditions. Notwithstanding that, Dave Kelly still managed to score two tons in the season.

As always, I wish to thank our umpires. I note that Howard Fowler this season notched up his fiftieth game. He joins an elite group, of Terry McLisky (87), Graeme Evans (79), John Elley (66), Bernie Hamilton (59) and Eddie Brownlee (58). We played 24 games, managing to win 12 and lose 12. Congratulations to Brad Doody and Tim McConnell, who reached their thousand runs.

The annual Children's Christmas party was again an outstanding success. There were many activities for the children to enjoy, including face

painters, pony rides, the bouncy castle, the Salvation Army Band and the police. Ice cream, candy floss, popcorn and barbecued sausages were constantly in demand. In excess of 300 children attended, and all received wrapped presents.

Our many and generous sponsors make all our activities possible. Our thanks to Dilmah Tea, Archibalds, ASB Bank, Vero Insurance, Mobil Oil, Runacres and Associates, Independent Fisheries, Charles Wiffen Wines, Placemakers, and Harcourts Twiss in Rangiora. I would urge all members to support our sponsors, because it is their ongoing support that continues to make the club viable.

We know that The Willows is all about youth cricket, and without the input from the many schools that play at the club we would not have enjoyed the success we have in improving young cricketers. We are sincerely grateful to all the principals who make that possible, and the First XI coaches, support crew, parents and the boys that make the First XI games so highly successful.

Scholars 29 and 30, Alex Tait from Southland Boys' High School, and William O'Brien from Burnside High School, are now at Matfen to enjoy a season in the north of England. Sir Hugh and Lady Anna have proved to be truly remarkable hosts over the past 14 years. The club, and all the boys who have enjoyed the scholarships, owe them a great debt for their continued support and assistance to this programme, which is one of the jewels in The Willows' crown.

Once more there was a successful tour of Sri Lanka, managed in exemplary style by Paul McEwan. This year he was supported by Garry MacDonald from Nelson College and Keryn Ambler from Canterbury Cricket, who were the assistant coaches.

We acknowledge a member, Major Campbell Roberts, from the Salvation Army, who made the last three in the New Zealander of the Year award. One of our most enthusiastic members over the years has been the Rev Mike Hawke, and we congratulate him on his induction as Dean of Nelson Cathedral. Another member, His Honour

Judge Andrew Becroft was appointed to the challenging role of Children's Commissioner. We wish him well in this critical role.

Three Willowers, Tom Latham, Henry Nicholls and Matthew Henry, represented New Zealand. Another, Andrew Ellis, successfully led Canterbury to victory in winning both The Plunket Shield and The Ford Trophy for the season. Peter Fulton, a very supportive member over the years and a former Canterbury captain, retired from first-class cricket after a stellar career with both New Zealand and Canterbury. We look forward to seeing him even more regularly at The Willows in the coming seasons. While I will not list the names of the 65 boys who have been lucky enough to tour with The Willows Cricket Club youth programme, there have been four Black Caps, 23 first-class players, and five in the last New Zealand Under-19 World Cup team. It shows the value of The Willows tour programme, but also The Willows' approach and dedication to supporting youth cricket.

I mentioned earlier the umpires who have stood in 50 games or more at The Willows. But in singling them out, I would not like it be thought that we overlooked those other umpires and scorers who officiated throughout the season. Our support from the Christchurch and Country Umpires Associations has been truly outstanding since the formation of the club. Few cricket clubs can boast fully qualified umpires standing at both ends throughout the entire season.

I have mentioned previously the problem of players, especially younger ones, pulling out of Sunday games at the last minute. While the situation improved considerably this season, there is still a communication issue. The club's communications have improved enormously, in particular due to the great work by John Hammond of Beck and Caul who has dragged us, not without protestation, into the digital age. The club is now active online and on Facebook, and text, emails and telephone are all used to ensure an XI turn out on Sunday. We have also introduced a system where the responsibility for putting the XI on the field falls to the captain. As I said, all this has led to a considerable improvement, but communication is a two-way street,

and if a selected member does have any issues or problems about turning out, it is their obligation to contact their captain and the club as early as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

All members will be aware of the splendid work a fellow member, Alex Reese, does with his Cricket Live Foundation. It is pleasing to see the publicity he has received over the last 12 months. Just to remind you, in Sri Lanka he has in the vicinity of 450 boys under his care, with support from a number of other Willows members. The programme uses cricket to ensure that disadvantaged children learn both cricket and life skills. Alex is hopeful of expanding this into India, and has obtained approval from the Tata Group to plan the implementation of such an academy in Mumbai later this year. To support each of these disadvantaged children costs \$300 per year. If any Willows member wishes to contribute to this extremely worthwhile programme, they can do so by contacting Alex Reese, c/- PO Box 22633, Christchurch. In that way you can effectively

adopt a boy in Sri Lanka or India to develop their cricket and their life skills.

Finally, in my report this year, I want to make a comment on the need to do all that is possible to assist and improve the coaching of cricket in schools. This particularly relates to secondary schools. It is an area where, within our limited means, The Willows has assisted and participated in the past. However, The Willows is keen to see a concerted, co-operative and co-ordinated approach to this issue between New Zealand Cricket, the major and minor associations and clubs. We consider there needs to be more recognition that our future first-class and international players will come through the school system, and assistance to coaches and coaching in this area is not only a worthwhile investment, but an essential one. The Willows commits itself enthusiastically to any such critical initiative.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM
President



▲ St Andrew's College 1st XI, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2016/17.

College XIs



▲ Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Christ's College 1st XI.



▲ Ashburton College 1st XI.



▲ Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI.



▲ Northwest Schools XI.



▲ Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Wellington College 1st XI.

College XIs



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI.



▲ Southwest Schools XI.



▲ Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ King's High School 1st XI.



▲ Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ Wairua College 1st XI.



▲ Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.

Match Reports 2016/17



▲ Leg-spinner David Wakefield given the new ball early

Top left: D Biggs opens the bowling

Bottom left: O Chapman drives to long-off for a single

v CHRISTCHURCH METRO XI

2nd October 2016

Report by Mario Williams

A beautiful day greeted the players at the start of the 23rd season at The Willows Cricket Club. On a very hot day at the start of play, The Willows won the toss and elected to bat against a well-drilled Metro team. The home team lost wickets at regular intervals and the innings never got going. The Willows eventually ended up on 125 all out in the 45th over. The best bowlers for the Metro team were B Cochrane with figures of 3 for 11 and M Bungard with 3 for 29.

Metro started their run chase and lost early wickets against a strong bowling attack. Leg Spinner Dave Wakefield was thrown the new ball

and ended up with an impressive 4 for 23 and the Metro team was in trouble at 36 for 5. However, an unbroken sixth wicket partnership between Dan Vann and James Carr steered the Metro team to a well-deserved victory – the sixth on the trot for them and something The Willows selectors need to be mindful of in 2017.

A big thank you to the Metro team, umpires and scorers on the day. We really appreciate all your efforts.

The Willows lost by 5 wickets

The Willows 125

Christchurch Metro XI 129/5

D. Vann 44*, J. Carr 35*, D. Wakefield 4/23

Umpires

E. Brownlee and M. Wood

v MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1st XI

9th October 2016

Report by Greg Stretch

Match day, unlike last year, was grey and cold with the odd shower drifting through. Marlborough Boys' College won the toss and asked The Willows to bat first, which was not surprising considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the previous few days.

The Willows made a steady start putting on 67 for the first wicket before Scott McHardy was bowled. Shortly after, the rain made a return and was so heavy, it looked like it would be an early finish, much to the disappointment of everyone at the ground. The wise one Mike Dormer said "don't worry it will clear shortly". Once again he was proved to be correct and the innings commenced nearly 2.5 hours after we came off. The game was reduced to 30 overs each, which left The Willows 17 overs to bat. Some excellent hitting and running saw David Kelly retire on 77 and Simon Wilson and Matthew Stretch remain not out at the close of the innings. Matt Deaker was the most economical bowler of the Marlborough Boys' College attack.

The Willows was reasonably happy at the change of innings and looked forward to defending their total.

The Marlborough Boys' College innings never got going and they were 14-3 before Harry MacDonald and captain Heath Murphy put on a partnership of 37. Once that partnership was broken the remaining wickets fell reasonably quickly with Marlborough Boys' College bowled out for 89 in the 27th over. Pick of The Willows bowlers were opener Adam Hastilow who knocked the top off with two wickets and spinners Jeremy Wilson and young left-armed Harry Fitzpatrick.

In the end, it was a convincing win to The Willows. Marlborough Boys' College have a number of players returning next year, so would have benefited from the experience of playing at The Willows.

Thanks again to everyone at The Willows who always ensure that an enjoyable day is had by all.

The Willows won by 70 runs (30-over match)

The Willows 159/1

D. Kelly 77 retired, S. Wilson 29*

Marlborough Boys' College 89

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ *Simon Wilson on the attack.*



▲ *Riley Wilson in full flight.*

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

16th October 2016

Report by Dave Kelly

The match could be best described as a "strangle" and the pitch as a "bunsen burner". Any spinner worth his salt would have gladly rolled it up and taken it home with him.

OBHS always offer a tightly contested game. It is not surprising to note they have won the last five encounters at The Willows. So there was plenty at stake.

My philosophy is to always bat first so when I called correctly I inserted ourselves. We were immediately bowled out for a meagre 98 runs. The only contribution of note come from Mark Reid. Lockrose (3/16) and Kindley (5/27) were outstanding and have bright futures.

Great bowlers make captains look much better and with Andrew Nuttall running on all four cylinders we were quietly confident of defending our total. He finished with 4/10 and was well supported by Wilcock, McGregor and Horton who all took two apiece. Reid's keeping was exceptional and this combined with his gutsy batting ensured he was named man of the match.

Congratulations to OBHS for making the secondary school finals in December.

The Willows won by 29 runs

The Willows 98

M. Reid 35, H. Kindley 5/27, B. Lockrose 3/16

Otago Boys' High School 69

A. Nuttall 4/10, M. Wilcock 2/10,
A. McGregor 2/16, T. Horton 2/12

Umpires

R. Wyeth and M. Wood



▲ Appeal for a catch at the wicket against Paul Millar is upheld.



▲ J Leech in action.

v WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1st XI

23rd October 2016

Report by Ben Dormer

It was a beautiful late spring Sunday morning when The Willows welcomed Wellington College to Loburn, a precursor to their fixture with CBHS the following day.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat. After a shaky start David Wakefield (35) and Luke Scully (50) put together a solid partnership to anchor The Willows innings and see the home team through to 140. A modest score but nonetheless runs on the board and with the pitch providing variable bounce The Willows bowlers knew they had a chance.

Wellington College old boy Trevor Garret took the new ball off the long run and didn't take long to rattle the stumps taking 2/13, with another former Wellington student, leg spinner Henry Glogau, also bowling with aplomb to take 4/16 in conjunction with the evergreen Andrew Nuttall who, as ever, tied up an end suffocating scoring.

Adrian McFedries made his return to the crease at The Willows for the first time in ten years and although not troubling the scorers with the bat he showed he still had the magic with ball in hand.

Wellington were eventually bowled out for 60 giving The Willows a comfortable victory and an early port.

The Willows won by 78 runs

The Willows 138

L. Scully 50, D. Wakefield 35, F. Chemis 4/11, N. Greenwood 3/34

Wellington College 60

H. Glogau 4/16, T. Garret 2/13

Umpires

D. Herber and M. Rohland



▲ Scully hits square on his way to his half century.



▲ Jacob Bhula bowling to David Wakefield.



▲ Airborne!



▲ Dion Ebrahim on tiptoes.



▲ Will O'Brien and Joel Williams unbeaten in a match-winning partnership.



▲ Michael Singleton presents the trophy to Joel Williams.

v NORTHWEST SCHOOLS XI

30th October 2016

Report by Michael Singleton

After a week when the prospect of any cricket looked remote, thanks to the great efforts of The Willows ground team the game got underway as scheduled. Having won the toss Northwest didn't have to think long about deciding to put The Willows in to bat on a very green pitch. Against some very tight and demanding bowling from the Northwest attack, The Willows innings never gained any momentum and was restricted to a score of 106/8 off their 50 overs. Only Tom Music made any progress with a patient 33 against a four pronged spin attack which was well led by Will O'Brien who finished with the excellent figures of 5/12 off his 10 overs.

At the changeover the feeling was the score was defendable and for a while this proved to be the

case as Northwest found the going equally tough. With their score at 27/3 off 18 overs at afternoon tea the match was evenly poised. Sadly for The Willows that was as close as it got; after tea a couple of injuries further reduced a thin Willows bowling attack and an excellent partnership between skipper Joel Williams and Will O'Brien, who capped off an excellent match, saw Northwest comfortably home to a fully deserved seven wicket win.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 106/8

T. Music 33, W. O'Brien 5/12

Northwest Schools XI 108/3

W. O'Brien 40*, J. Williams 46*

Umpires

C. Ashton and G. Fantastic

v CANTERBURY UNDER-17 XI

6th November 2017

Report by John Mitchell

Thanks to Dion Ebrahim and his Canterbury U17 boys who helped in our time of need. When Gore High School 1st XI were unable to field a side, the local representative youth side jumped at the chance to play instead.

The match went down to the wire. Four players (two from each side) stood out.

The best batting came from the respective No.4's – Louie Chapman (Christchurch Boys' High School) and Willie Lyons. Louie scored a run-a-ball half century. He is a classic stroke-maker who uses his feet superbly, manipulates the bowling and rotates the strike well. Highest score on the day came from the bat of Willie Lyons. Willie had a rich vein of runs prior to Christmas and again impressed with his stylish shot-making. Both showed a good understanding of how to pace an innings.

The two dominant bowlers were Luke Murray (St Andrew's College) and Paul Miller. Luke opened the bowling for Canterbury U17, gained a wicket in the first over, and thereafter his tall rangy delivery action proved a challenge for subsequent batsmen. He generated lively pace and finished with an economical 4/20 off ten overs. Paul Miller, a tidy right-arm medium pacer, finished with similar figures for The Willows with 4/26 from his allowable ten.

In the end only three runs separated the team totals with the youngsters coming out on top – a good sign for their tournament aspirations.

The Willows lost by 3 runs

Canterbury U17 XI 152

L. Chapman 50, P. Miller 4/26, H. Ryan 3/22

The Willows 149

W. Lyons 64, P. Miller 28, L. Murray 4/20

Umpires

H. Fowler and J. Rose



▲ Canterbury Under-17 XI



▲ Tim McConnell – elegant drive.



▲ Willie Lyons taking strike.

v ASHBURTON COLLEGE 1st XI

13th November 2016
Report by Denis Mably

Ashburton College elected to bat on a dampish wicket with another beautiful summer day unfolding at The Willows. With a youthful (apart from three players) Willows team able to make use of some assistance in the wicket, Ashburton College lost regular wickets with the only significant contribution coming from Ben Niles. They paid dearly and were bundled out for a meagre 84 in the 34th over. Chief destroyers for The Willows were ex-Ashburton College players Kieran Hunt (2/10), Scott Punselie (2/20), along with Carl Hooper (2/10). Also showing ageless skill with the ball were Stan Wooliscroft and Paul McEwan (with a one ball one wicket performance!).

In reply, another ex-Ashburton College player Michael Burton (20) and our own Paul McEwan (29 runs with three lives) managed to bring The Willows home in the 23rd over. The Willows skipper was relieved to make amends for last year's loss and thanked all involved in this match – especially The Willows players for being available along with Mike, Jim and Rex.

The Willows won by 5 wickets

Ashburton College 84

B. Niles 22, K. Hunt 2/10, C. Hooper 2/10,
S. Punselie 2/20

The Willows 87/5

P. McEwan 29, W. Graham 2/12

Umpires

D. Miller and D. Struthridge



▲ *Maximum effort.*



▲ *Holding the spoils – Willows captain Dennis Mably.*



▲ *The Willows attack the new batsman.*



▲ *Paul McEwan and Dennis Mably speak to the Ashburton team.*

v PENINSULA CRAZ XI

16th November 2016

Report by Andrew Nuttall

This was the 22nd match between these teams. Eleven have been won by The Willows, nine have been lost and one drawn match. Both teams were keen to have another win and at the same time catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

The Craz won the toss and elected to bat. Mark Hutchinson played very well with some well executed drives down the ground. Last year's top scorer, Richard Breitmeyer, was dismissed by an outstanding catch at mid-on by Jacob Wolt and wickets fell regularly until Mark was joined by Raneira Tini for a 50 run partnership. Solid contributions from Glen Wedlake 17, Jamie Summer 19, and Bob Masefield 15, enabled The Craz to score 153 but they were dismissed in the 39th over by some steady Willows bowling. Lance Ryan took 3 for 7 off two and Eugene McFarlane 3 for 13 off five.

In reply, The Willows opening batsmen Jonathan Davidson 37, and Willie Lyons 36, produced an opening partnership of 80. Graeme Inglis continued the run chase with a fine 32 but accurate bowling by all the Peninsula Craz bowlers restricted the scoring and The Willows managed another win with three balls remaining.

It was a great game, enjoyed by all concerned and I am sure this fixture will continue to be played in a competitive but friendly approach for years to come. Many thanks to the umpires Graeme Evans and John Rose who are both highly regarded and well appreciated by all players.

The Willows won by 5 wickets

Peninsula Craz 153

M. Hutchinson 41, L. Ryan 3/7, E. McFarlane 3/13

The Willows 155/5

J. Davidson 37, W. Lyons 36, G. Inglis 32,
M. Johnston 3/13

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ *Mark Hutchinson, top-scorer on the day.*



▲ *Willie Lyons plays elegantly.*



▲ *Time for running repairs to your kit, Bob!*

v CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

20th November 2016

Report by Robert Dunne

After four consecutive defeats to the CBHS side The Willows hoped they had assembled a side that could break the drought. They also threw tradition out the window by bowling first after seeing a bit of green in The Willows wicket.

Sam Davis and Matt Parr took the new ball and looked likely but the CBHS opening combination of Hartland and Heard were solid and did a fantastic job of seeing the school through a difficult period. The ageless Andrew Nuttall was tough to get away and combined with Fraser Hill were easily The Willows best bowlers on the day and if not for their efforts The Willows would have been chasing more than 219.

The run chase started badly for The Willows with Fraser Sheat taking the prized wicket of his coach Matt Parr. A solid partnership between Fraser Hill and Ben Blair looked promising but unfortunately CBHS has some excellent slow bowlers of their own. Sidey, Hartland and Chapman were all tough to get away and picked up wickets regular intervals. The Willows never really threatened the CBHS total and had to resign themselves to a fifth loss on the trot.

The Willows selection committee will have to revisit their plans for 2017 but it was a fantastic day out. The Willows playing XI featured five previous captains of CBHS dating back to 1995 and it was also wonderful to see Richie McCaw make his debut for The Willows. As well, he picked up his first wicket and we hope that he will now be a regular visitor to Jaguar Oval.

The Willows lost by 56 runs

Christchurch Boys' High School 219/9

B. Hartland 70, F. Hill 2/30

The Willows 163/9

R. Dunne 47, F. Hill 35, F. Sheat 2/15,

C. Sidey 2/11, B. Donkers 2/20

Umpires

B. Hamilton and E. Brownlee

The five Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI captains mentioned above were:

S.J.Davis	1995
G.N.Brooks	1996
K.R.Earnshaw	1997
R.M.Dunne	1997 (while Kyle was injured)
M.J.Parr	1998



▲ Ben Hartland on his way to 70.



▲ Fraser Sheat in his opening over.



▲ A final gee-up before CBHS take to the field.

v WAIMEA COLLEGE 1st XI

27th November 2016

Report by Ben Dormer

The Willows welcomed a Waimea College 1st XI to Loburn which included several up and coming young players. With a school roll boasting close to 1300 pupils it was surprising to hear that those playing cricket throughout the school was well below 50. The Willows won the toss and took full advantage of the best Willows track of the season to date posting 300 on the scoreboard. There were valuable contributions and partnerships throughout the innings most notably by Alex Heenan 49, Patrick Croker 49, Brad Doody 51, Paul Miller 44 and C Bellis 41. Several of our men honourably retired as they began getting on top of the young bowling side who were struggling with the blustery conditions. To their credit, they kept at it throughout the 50 overs and did well to keep the score from blowing out further.

To counter the difficulty of the conditions, The Willows turned to spin early and in Stan Wooliscroft (3/10) and Englishman Patrick Croker (4/10) were able to dismantle the Waimea batting effort. The Willows were delighted to welcome back founding member of the club Willie Fairbairn who also pitched in with a wicket. Former Canterbury player Brad Doody spent a good half hour at the conclusion of the match addressing the Waimea players on the game, their strengths and weaknesses to work on, as well as giving them an insight as to the doors the opportunity of playing cricket had opened for him both on and off the pitch. All in all cricket yet again was the winner at The Willows.

The Willows won by 183 runs

The Willows 300/6

A. Heenan 49, P. Croker 49 retired,
B. Doody 51 retired, P. Miller 44 retired,
C. Bellis 41 retired

Waimea College 117

P. Croker 4/10, S. Wooliscroft 3/10

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. McIlraith



▲ *A merry band of Willowers.*



▲ *Late cut for runs.*



▲ *Luke Courtney in his delivery stride.*

v LONDON NEW ZEALAND CRICKET CLUB

4th December 2016
Report by Sam Davis

The annual Willows versus LNZCC match has in recent years developed into one of the 'grudge' matches on the annual calendar, made all the more interesting with Willows members spread across both teams. For one reason or another, this year's match also involved a number of ring-ins on both teams, and unfortunately for The Willows, the London NZ ring-ins were better than ours on this occasion.

Winning the toss, The Willows elected to have a bowl on what looked like a track with a little bit of life in it, and for the first few overs it certainly did. However it got lower and slower as the day wore on, and chasing runs became difficult for a Willows batting line-up that failed to fire.

The Willows opening bowlers (Adrian McFedries and Hugo Davidson) started very well dismissing the dangerous McConnell and Scott relatively cheaply. When Singleton also went early we thought today might be our day. However, a



▲ Englishman Pat Croker plays an attractive shot.



▲ Sam Davis again proves hard to get away.

couple of good partnerships from the LNZ middle order kept the runs coming with debutants Croker and Wallace putting on 41 and 31 respectively. LNZ finishing with a very competitive 193/7 from their 40 overs.

In response The Willows started well and at 56/2 we were in good shape. However, the LNZ slow bowlers settled into their work in the middle overs and runs dried up very quickly, with some very tidy figures produced by Kelvin Scott (2/17 from eight) and Croker (3/17 from four). The Willows ended with a bit of a late flourish that made the scoreboard a little more respectable, including a quick fire 26 from Hugo Davidson, including two big sixes. However, it was all in vain and we finished some 40 runs behind, not batting our 40 overs.

Thanks to Winsome Dormer for hosting us post match, we look forward to doing it all again next year.

The Willows lost by 36 runs

London NZCC 193/7

P. Croker 41, Wallace 31, H. Davidson 2/18,
S. Davis 2/28

The Willows 157

B. Doody 24, H. Davidson 26, K. Scott 2/17,
P. Croker 3/17, S. Wooliscroft 2/29

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler

v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

18th December 2016
Report by Sam Davis

As the Hawkswood and Willows teams assembled at Jaguar Oval for the annual pre-Christmas match, it was apparent (at least to The Willows skipper) that man for man we were giving away a few years, and we were going to have to play well if we were to be considered for selection in 2017.

With that in mind, winning the toss, we elected to have a bowl on what looked to be a greenish seamer, under overcast skies. Opening bowlers Ryan Burson and Chris O'Connell started very well and were hard to play, O'Connell snaring two early wickets including Dave Kelly for 3. However, from 41/2 Hawkswood put on 109 for the third wicket, seeing them in a commanding position at the lunch break, The Willows staring at a possible 300 run chase.

However, after lunch The Willows bowlers started to come right, holding Hawkswood to 248, with some fine death bowling from evergreen Stan Wooliscroft (that and perhaps the 10min break in play while Santa and the hoards descended on the oval). Standout for Hawkswood was opener Willie Lyons who carried his bat scoring an unbeaten 98, that would have easily been a century had it not been for leg cramp restricting Lyons to singles in the final

overs. Lyons was supported in the middle overs by St Alban's seniors keeper James Richard scoring 53.

The Willows got off to a rollicking start, with Tim McConnell and Jonathan Davidson finding the boundary at will. Unfortunately wickets fell all too regularly to see us 85/4, before Jeremy Wilson (53) and Ben Blair (33), put on 80 for the 5th wicket, giving us at least some hope. However, 160/4 quickly became 166/7 and all of a sudden we were squarely on the back foot. Some rear-guard action from Burson and skipper Sam Davis gave us a mathematical chance, but when the 50 overs were up we were languishing on 227, some twenty one runs short.

So all in all, The Willows were convincingly outplayed. The difference being a superb 98 from Lyons, and a few dropped catches from The Willows. Another great day out, however, and we look forward to next year's re-match.

The Willows lost by 21 runs

Hawkswood Wanderers 248/5

W. Lyons 98*, J. Richards 53, S. Wooliscroft 2/37, C. O'Connell 2/43

The Willows 227/9

J. Wilson 53, B. Blair 33, J. Davidson 36, S. Davis 21, R. Burson 27*, A. Nuttall 2/32, N. Mannering 2/21, C. Mulcock 2/23, P. Rayner 2/42

Umpires

J. Rose and H. Fowler



▲ Jeremy Wilson



▲ Ben Blair on the attack (NB a nor-west day – hence no bails)



▲ Greg McCarthy – good position behind the stumps.



▲ Perfect ball release.

v SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS XI

8th January 2017
Report by Jeremy Wilson

It was great to see the boys and their parents from the Southwest schools support the annual Willows game.

The Willows were inserted on a greenish track and normal Willows transmission was resumed by Dave Kelly following the recent quakes. He scored a flawless ton, the first of the year at The Willows, before retiring. The rest of the team mustered 99 between them! A great deal of credit should go to the Southwest team who stuck to their guns and never stopped trying; best bowling was T Bridgeman with 3 for 32.

The Southwest innings started promisingly, with Bridgeman again performing well with 35, Rennie 42 and Partridge 41, but the steady loss of

wickets saw the team fall short at 171 at the end of 50 overs. Bowling for The Willows, the wily Stan Wooliscroft wove a spell over the younger lads with 2 for 24, and Mario Williams returned the figures of 3 for 23.

A great win for the home team and a lovely day for everyone.

The Willows won by 28 runs

The Willows 199/7

D. Kelly 100 retired, J Wilson 40*,
T Bridgeman 3/32

Southwest Schools XI 171

J. Rennie 42, N. Partridge 41, T. Bridgeman 35,
M. Williams 3/23, S. Wooliscroft 2/24

Umpires

D. Miller and J. Costello

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1st XI

15th January 2017

Report by Hamish Wright

The weather gods smiled on us and apart from the occasional nor'west blast our annual fixture took place. The usual coin toss followed with The Willows heading into bat with the opening pair of Tim McConnell and Sam McGuire adding 89 for the first wicket against a steady attack on a wicket that was "doing a bit"! Momentum headed our way and an excellent partnership of 157 between Adam Hastilow and Will Macfarlane took The Willows to a challenging total of 263. College used eight bowlers, mainly of the seam variety, who bowled with pace and accuracy.

The College reply saw them losing two quick wickets before they produced two good partnerships, where they accumulated runs at a good pace and The Willows total loomed into consideration. Sam Abbot, Ben Dickie and Nick Lidstone all struck the ball well with Ben Dickie striking five 6's in his excellent innings of 97. Keeper turned bowler Michael Newton-Vesty bowled an extremely tidy spell claiming six College wickets for a miserly 46 runs. The evergreen Stan Wooliscroft chimed in with two wickets and College found themselves 34 runs short. A win to The Willows on a day where nearly 500 runs were scored and the large contingent of spectators were well entertained.

It was unfortunate that two batsmen from opposing sides, Hastilow (93) and Dickie (97), were unlucky to miss a century. Both batsmen timed the ball well and peppered the boundary (and hedge) with regularity.

The Willows won by 4 wickets

The Willows 263/6

T. McConnell 46, A. Hastilow 93,
W. Macfarlane 50, W. Greenslade 2/60

Christ's College 229

S. Abbot 30, B. Dickie 97, N. Lidstone 44,
M. Newton-Vesty 6/46

Umpires

A. Scott and B. Hamilton



▲ Adam Hastilow in good form.



▲ McGuire's – father and son legal team.



▲ Start of the equestrian centre adjacent to the cricket ground.

v I ZINGARI (Australia)

21st January 2017

Report by Andrew Nuttall

All The Willows players were looking forward to meeting with and playing against I Zingari as they awaited the opportunity to renew friendships and to compete on the field.

Whenever a New Zealand team is playing Australia there is a little more on the line and all players rose to the occasion and the game was played in excellent spirit. There was some good cricket from both camps and the values of both clubs were demonstrated.

I Zingari elected to bat first on a greenish wicket and with warm but overcast conditions batting was not easy. The Willows opening bowlers, Michael Newton-Vesty and Hamish Wright, bowled very tightly and extracted movement off the wicket. At one stage Hamish had fine figures of 2 for 14 off seven overs including three maidens. Tight bowling was continued by Sam Davis with 2 for 15 off six overs. There was a fighting innings from W Knight who retired on 52 and an outstanding final wicket partnership between Lachlan Bayliss-Smith and Sebastian Hodge, two of the younger members of the I Zingari team. Lachlan and Sebastian batted out the overs leaving The Willows 151 for the win.

In reply Tim McConnell batted aggressively at the top with a quick 21. But it was the 90 run partnership between Harry Miller who retired on 52 and Justin Murray (30) that enabled The



▲ Tidy catch by I Zingari keeper W Knight.



▲ Hamish Wright opens the bowling.



▲ An attractive drive from Will Macfarlane.

Willows to reach their target in the 29th over. At the end, Michael Newton-Vesty and Will Macfarlane with some aggressive batting were both unbeaten.

On behalf of The Willows, I would like to thank our I Zingari friends for touring once again. The Willows Club is very grateful for the support and encouragement received from I Zingari over the years and our association is highly valued as it is with Christchurch Boys' High School who have been hosted at the Camden ground on numerous occasions. It is now time for The Willows to visit I Zingari.

The Willows won by 5 wickets

I Zingari 150/8

W. Knight 52*, S. Davis 2/15, H. Wright 2/22, A. Nuttall 4/29

The Willows 154/5

H. Miller 52*, J. Murray 30, M. Newton-Vesty 25*

Umpires

A. Watson and G. Evans

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

29th January 2017
Report by Bert Walker

The December visit by King's to The Willows was rained off – so it was a relief that the weather was fine for this rescheduled match, if very windy indeed all day.

King's won the toss and put The Willows in to bat, but Dave "Run Machine" Kelly and Phil Harris saw The Willows off to a good start with 45 for the first wicket. Then Dave and Liam Campbell combined in an excellent partnership of 85 for the 2nd wicket, to put us in a very strong position. Once Dave retired with a wonderful 100 not out, the rest of the batting fell right away and we ended up with only 206 off 48 overs. Indeed in a very lopsided innings the first three batsmen scored 151 runs but the last eight only 27 between them.

So our score was well short of what initially looked likely, but King's bowled and fielded extremely well and several good catches were



▲ Young spinner from King's High School.



▲ Dave Kelly on his way to another century.

taken. Casey Short and Kyle Burns both bowled very accurately, while left arm chinaman bowler Jack Oaten showed much promise in taking 3/38.

In reply, the King's openers batted very sensibly. After tea Mark McGoldrick and Ryan McEwan both bowled well, sharing five quick wickets between them, the score slumped from 59/0 to 85/5. At this stage we were back in the box seat, but then Connor Murray and Nathan Hastie got established in a classic right hander/left hander partnership. They both batted extremely well and also put pressure on the field with some quick singles. They upped the tempo as they closed in on the target, eventually getting there comfortably with over five overs to spare and after a superb unbeaten partnership of 122. The King's lads were an absolute credit to their school and thoroughly deserved their memorable victory.

The Willows lost by 5 wickets

The Willows 206/9

D. Kelly 100 retired, L. Campbell 34,
J. Oaten 3/38

King's High School 207/5

C. Murray 52*, N. Hastie 51*, J. Hastie 40,
N. Brosnahan 30, M. McGoldrick 3/25,
R. McEwan 2/22

Umpires

E. Sanders and A. Durva



▲ Jarrod McKay – one of the impressive Nelson bowlers.



▲ Four runs!

v NELSON COLLEGE 1st XI

5th February 2017

Report by Tom Music

A relatively youthful Willows XI assembled on Waitangi weekend for this well contested annual fixture against a well drilled Nelson College outfit under the guidance of head coach Garry MacDonald. The Willows captain Brad Doody won the toss and elected to bat in excellent conditions on a good batting wicket.

What followed was an excellent display of bowling and fielding from the Nelson side, headed by Jarrod McKay bowling at excellent pace snaring the first three wickets, two bowled and one caught at the wicket by Nic Clark. Only opener Oscar Wilson showed any real resistance but when he fell for 31 in the 21st over, the score was 63 for 6 which made the early dominance of the Nelson attack clear to see.

Further problems followed for The Willows when captain Brad Doody was forced to retire hurt with the first calf muscle tear in his illustrious career. Wickets continued to fall at regular intervals; some late order resistance from A Bollard and Joseph Edgerton-Till "lifting" the score to 106 all out. All the Nelson bowlers acquitted themselves well. They all bowled with good control (seven of

the wickets to fall were bowled) and were well backed up by astute captaincy and field setting.

As replacement captain (due to my increasing the average age of all participants), the plan was to attack and try as many options as possible to get amongst the Nelson top order. Edgerton-Till and Matt Hay toiled hard with good control but the fine batting on display limited the chances offered. David Zohrab backed up his half century in the 2016 fixture with a solid 36 not out, Tom Zohrab contributed 36 in good time, while Nic Clark scored five boundaries in his 23 not out to complete the rout. Nelson achieved the target in the 27th over, a dominant display.

Nic made mention that this was his first victory over The Willows in his time at Nelson College. We look forward to a closer battle next year.

Our best wishes to Nic, Tom and coach Garry who will take their place on The Willows tour to Sri Lanka later in the year.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 106

O. Wilson 31, J. McKay 3/15

Nelson College 110/2

D. Zohrab 36*, T. Zohrab 36

Umpires

G. Evans and D. McIlraith

v St THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE 1st XI

8th February 2017
Report by Bert Walker

We played a 40-over game starting at 1.00pm and on a cool, cloudy day, St Thomas's won the toss and put us in. After losing Ben Loughton at 22 to a beautiful delivery, Brent Fleming and Jon Davidson settled into a long and profitable partnership. The school team had been somewhat handicapped by a wet ball after a couple of spells of rain. Both Brent and Jon upped the tempo very nicely and they weren't separated until the score was 169. It seemed a score of at least 220-230 was beckoning.

As can happen, the runs frustratingly dried up and in the end it required a nice little cameo by Bruce Scott (in his debut at The Willows) to get us to just over 200. Brent ended up on 91 not out, a marvellous effort.

When we took the field it was with the rare experience of having three right arm leg spinners in our team, promptly nicknamed Warne, McGill and Benaud! Warne (Stan Wooliscroft) opened the bowling and in a superb spell he quickly removed both their openers. While when young Cole Harmer (McGill) from St Thomas's but

playing for us came on, he had the perfect start with a wicket from his first ball at The Willows. Cole was great value and we really enjoyed his company; he has an excellent attitude.

When coach Ben Rapson came to the crease and joined Connor Fitzgerald they had put on over 100 in an excellent partnership. After Ben retired we began to make some inroads and Connor eventually fell for 55. And when our 3rd leggie Benaud (Patrick Croker) got a wicket, followed by a couple of run outs, St Thomas's were 8 down with still a dozen to win. But the last two batted coolly and saw their team home, in the 2nd to last over.

St Thomas's totally deserved their win in a thoroughly good and enjoyable game. They were a most impressive team of young men, very well coached and led.

The Willows lost by 2 wickets (40-over match)

The Willows 202/3

B. Fleming 91*, J. Davidson 73, H. Mayo 2/23

St Thomas of Canterbury 203/8

B. Rapson 61 retired, C. Fitzgerald 55,
S. Wooliscroft 3/19

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Brent Fleming – 91*



▲ Captain Bert Walker breathes a sigh of relief on gaining a wicket – but it wasn't enough!

v SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

12th February 2017

Report by Mike Singleton

Having made the trek up to Loburn on one of the driest weekends of the year, Southland Boys' were invited to bat in the reduced 45-over format in order to catch an early flight home. Having been thrown the new ball Leighton Johnson did an excellent job with his off spinners bowling through his allotted nine overs to finish with the excellent figures of 2/9. Excellent spin bowling seemed to be the order of the day with great support from Patrick Croker, whose leg spin at times seemed to be a mystery to the SBHS upper and middle order, and Will Macfarlane whose first delivery spun dramatically and knocked the top of off stump. Their efforts were backed up well by Paul Miller and Mike Chatterton in the hot, dry conditions. The Willows were able to keep the pressure on throughout with attacking fields maintained deep in to the innings. It took some intelligent batting from Jack Mockford, Blake Harper and Tom Capil to see Southland Boys' through to 170/8 off their 45 overs.

Tim McConnell set about chasing this total down in his usual "measured" fashion and was well supported by some clean hitting by Tom McDonald. In the end The Willows comfortably chased down the visitors score in the 28th over for the loss of five wickets which allowed Southland Boys' plenty of time to make their return flight home. A good win for The Willows and a pleasure to play amongst a group of young men who were a credit to their school.

The Willows won by 5 wickets (45-over match)

Southland Boys' High School 170/8

J. Mockford 63, T. Capil 32, L. Johnson 2/9,
P. Miller 2/37, W. Macfarlane 2/30

The Willows 172/5

T. McConnell 63, T. McDonald 58*,
S. Withy 2/31

Umpires

L. Kerr and H. Fowler



▲ *Leighton Johnston, opening bowler.*



▲ *Perfect match day at The Willows.*



▲ *A stylish Southland BHS batsman.*

v BRADLEY NUTTALL XI

15th February 2017

Report by Andrew Nuttall

On arrival at the ground players were welcomed with some superb catering by Les and Judy East, a very fast outfield, a fine pitch and temperatures approaching 30 degrees.

Hamish Wright, The Willows Captain won the toss, elected to bat first and there was a fine opening stand from the Captain's son, Edward Wright and Christchurch Boys' High School Principal, Nic Hill. Tight bowling restricted The Willows batsmen but some great batting from John Masefield and Hugo Davison enabled The Willows to finish on 173.

In reply, the Bradley Nuttall XI started poorly. They lost an opener in the third over but this brought Daniel Sharples to the crease who combined with Tim McConnell to put together a 50 run partnership in less than seven overs. This was followed by some good scoring from Jack Nuttall and Jordan Ashford and then a nice opportunity for Jim Stringleman to spend some time in the middle with Chris Harris. Despite some tight bowling from Patrick Croker the target was reached in the 32nd over.

It was an enjoyable game. It was good to see Chris Harris at The Willows again and his Sydenham Club stalwart Mike Dolden very much enjoyed the opportunity to bat and bowl with Chris.

All players were grateful for the high standard of umpiring provided by Graham Evans and Peter Whiteside and for the numerous visitors who enjoyed the day in the country.

The Willows won by 128 runs

The Willows 173/7

P. Croker 29, J. Masefield 21, H. Davidson 38 rtd, A. Nuttall 2/25, M. Dolden 2/30

Bradley Nuttall XI 177/7

T. McConnell 27, D. Sharples 39 rtd, J. Nuttall 24, J. Ashford 27, P. Croker 2/27, H. Davison 2/32

Umpires

G. Evans and P. Whiteside



▲ Edward Wright – right arm spin.



▲ Jim Stringleman rolls back the clock.



▲ It had to go straight up!

v St ANDREW'S COLLEGE 1st XI

19th February 2017

Report by Paul McEwan

The Willows Team arrived with great expectation with names like Wakefield, Burnett, Richards, Tapper, all who have toured with Willow Youth Teams, Inglis (Senior pace bowler), and old hands like M Johnston and P McEwan.

As per usual The Willows batted first but unfortunately most players got a start but nobody went on. Too many loose shots against an accurate bowling attack saw The Willows bowled out for just 110. A top score of 22 and only one duck tells the story. All of the STAC bowlers bowled accurately but due to the lack of application by The Willows batsman the bowling attack was never put under any pressure. Cornish with his left arm slows was the pick of the bowling with 5/24.

With 110 on the board The Willows opened with James Tapper and Scott Inglis. Tapper had immediate success and with STAC at 2/4 they were in the game again. Well, so we thought. Enter Will Hamilton and Llew Johnson. These two lads proceeded to dismantle The Willows bowling attack. Both finishing undefeated. They showed everyone just how to play, with excellent shot making and running between the wickets they kept the scoreboard turning over.

At 111 for two wickets off 27 overs it was decided to retire both batsmen and The Willows team provided some excellent match conditions practice for a number of the STAC team. Congratulations STAC and well played.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 110

J. Richards 21, H. Winchester 22, D. Cornish 5/24

St Andrew's College 111/2 (180/6)

W. Hamilton 44*, L. Johnson 56*, J. Tapper 2/13, J. Daly 3/30

Umpires

B. Hamilton and K. Cotton



▲ No. 99 (H Winchester) is bowled.



▲ J Tapper picked up the first two wickets.



▲ J Morrow opens the attack.



▲ An expansive shot over cover.

v SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

26th February 2017
Report by Tim Grocott

The Willows played Shirley Boys' High School in overcast and at times wet conditions, but managed to get through a good day of cricket.

The Willows batted first and lost their first wicket in the first over bowled by the skipper Cameron Clement. Dan Vann and Willows debutant Mike Pauling combined for a partnership of 99. This was interrupted by rain and there was quite a period where the covers were put on and no play was possible. An early



▲ Tom Music, bowled Cameron Clement for nought.



▲ Chris Mugford playing aggressively.



▲ Skipper Cameron Clement, opening bowler.

lunch was taken and on the resumption of play Dan Vann was out for 47 but Pauling continued on to 61. Chris Mugford batted through to the end of the innings, which was reduced to 38 overs. He hit the ball well to be 78 not out and combined with Tim McConnell who was 44 not out. Shirley Boys' bowling overall was too inconsistent, but Marek Bungard and Brad Entwistle worked hard. Matt Kendall was the pick of the bowlers picking up 3/45 off eight overs. The Willows finished on 269/4.

Shirley Boys' got off to a slow start and were put under considerable pressure by good Willows bowling. Unfortunately, they lost wickets at regular intervals, with the best partnership of 61 between Brad Entwistle and Cameron Clement. Entwistle batted well for his 55. Nigel Marsh and Grant Stewart bowled well for The Willows, but the best bowling was from Carl Hooper with 4/20. Shirley Boys' were eventually bowled out for 127 in the 37th over.

Thank you to the umpires and also to the parents of the Shirley boys. It was also good to see a number of Shirley Boys' old boys involved in the game.

The Willows won by 142 runs

The Willows 269/4

D. Vann 47, M. Pauling 61, C. Mugford 78*,
T. McConnell 44*, M. Kendall 3/45

Shirley Boys' High School 127

B. Entwistle 55, C. Hooper 4/20

Umpires

M. Wood and M. Hill

v WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

5th March 2017

Report by Trevor Thornton

With five spinners and a hot day forecast the plan was to bowl first so The Willows were not fielding in the heat of the day. At lunch 39 overs had been bowled and Waitaki had scored 166. After lunch Waitaki's Thomas Hutton continued to plunder The Willows bowling as he did in last year's match (where he scored 75 not out) to carry his bat through to be 130 not out this year. Thomas is leaving Waitaki so will not be back to continue his not out innings which is a relief to The Willows bowlers. At the end of their innings Waitaki had scored 264 for the loss of nine wickets.

Stan Wooliscroft, Patrick Croker and Will O'Brien (The Willows scholarship recipient this year) each took two wickets and there were three run outs. Stan opened the bowling with his leggies and had only 12 runs taken from his 10 overs.

The Willows innings was off to a flyer with Tim McConnell scoring his 59 from the first 13 overs which set the scene for a superb third wicket partnership of 187 between Riley Wilson and Nic Hill. Riley, who scored 53 not out last year,



▲ Nic, Stan and Riley share the spoils.



▲ Thomas Hutton, outstanding 130*.



▲ Another boundary for Nic Hill.

retired after reaching his hundred and Nic carried his bat to be 71 not out when The Willows passed the Waitaki score with four overs to spare.

Two centuries, 530 runs and the sporting recall of the Waitaki opener R Petrie (who went on to make 60) by Tim McConnell made it another outstanding day's cricket at The Willows.

The Willows won by 6 wickets

Waitaki Boys' High School 264/9

T. Hutton 130*, R. Petrie 60, S. Wooliscroft 2/12, W. O'Brien 2/38, P, Croker 2/66

The Willows 266/3

T. McConnell 59, R. Wilson 101 retired, N. Hill 71*

Umpires

G. Evans and M. Stapleton-Smith

WILLOWS YOUTH XI v WELLINGTON WANDERERS YOUTH XI

16th March 2017

Report by Ben Dickie

It was a good toss to lose for The Willows, as a green pitch offered a bit of assistance early on for the seamers, and flattened out later in the afternoon for our batsmen. After being asked to bowl, Chaney made the early breakthrough for The Willows with a rather fortuitous caught and bowled, however, opening batsmen Mycock and first drop Slee looked devastating as their 50 run partnership came in no time. MacDonald managed to strike a double blow, claiming the wickets of Mycock (31) and Slee (19), as the game became more evenly poised. Several Wanderers batsmen made starts, though a tight spell from O'Brien halted batsmen from getting any real momentum through the middle overs, and several crucial wickets at the death from MacDonald restricted the Wanderers to 205 all out.

The Willows made the best possible start to their run chase with openers Entwistle and Dunlop taking advantage of some loose bowling, to take the score past 50 in the first 10 overs. After Entwistle departed, Fitzgerald fell quickly to a spectacular run out by Tashkoff. Dickie and Dunlop kept ticking along for The Willows, as they respected the good balls and punished the

bad ones. However, Tashkoff managed to take the scalps of Dickie and then Boyle, leaving the match in the balance. A good partnership between MacDonald (26) and Dunlop (100 rtd) saw the score rise to 171, when MacDonald fell at the score of 5/171 The Willows were in control. Stove and Syme finished the game in style as The Willows won by five wickets, mostly due to a sublime innings by opener Tom Dunlop, who scored a very well compiled unbeaten century.

The game was very competitive and played in a very good spirit.

The Willows Youth XI won by 5 wickets

The Wanderers 205

S. Mycock 31, M. Blair 32, H. MacDonald 4/46, W. O'Brien 2/23

The Willows Youth XI 210/5

T. Dunlop 100 retired, B. Dickie 26, H. MacDonald 26, J. Tashkoff 2/25

The Willows Youth XI, players in batting order:

B Entwistle (Shirley Boys' High School), T Dunlop (Riccarton High School), C Fitzgerald (St Thomas of Canterbury College), B Dickie (Christ's College), M Boyle (St Bede's College), H MacDonald (Christ's College), L Stove (St Thomas of Canterbury College), R Syme (Christchurch Boys' High School), W O'Brien (Burnside High School), M Munro (St Bede's College), and M Chaney (Burnside High School).



▲ Wellington and Willows skippers.



▲ Nice shot.



▲ The successful Willows XI after the Wanganui Collegiate match.



▲ John Grocott presentation to T Dunlop (Riccarton HS) on his unbeaten century.



▲ ASB guests at the cricket.



▲ A great catch for the Willows Youth XI.



▲ M Symes, Wanganui's alert keeper.

v WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1st XI

19th March 2017

Report by Willie Lyons

It was green on top, hard underneath, with enough moisture on the surface to make any batsman run for the hills. With that in mind it was an easy decision for Wanganui Collegiate to elect to bowl first.

The Willows openers T Harrison and W Lyons spent the first ten overs fighting to stay at the crease. The Wanganui bowlers were moving the ball well, but unfortunately could not break the opening stand until the 21st over. With the loss of three quick wickets, The Willows found themselves under pressure at 88/3. A crucial 4th wicket partnership between T Inness and W Lyons saw The Willows through to 202/3 before W Lyons was dismissed for 85. T Inness' crucial innings of 71 not out combined with L Steward's 31 not out saw The Willows through to 254/4 after 50 overs.

Now for Wanganui Collegiate's reply. The Willows decided to play four spinners and three seamers. Even though the pitch was placid there was still enough moisture to encourage The Willows bowling attack to "bend their backs".



▲ Safe catch by Willie Lyons.



▲ The Dermot Payton Trophy back in Willows hands.

WCS opening batsmen J Russell and S Sherriff got off to a fine start, but the loss of the first wicket in the 11th over derailed Wanganui's assault. The visitors quickly went from 38/0 to 53/5; this was the aftermath of some fine pace bowling from C Robson and W O'Brien at the other end bowling off-spin. However, Wanganui was not going to let this be the end. A crucial 40 run partnership between B Kelt and H Cave got Collegiate back on track, but unfortunately for the visitors The Willows spin attack began to unwind the last of the Collegiate batsman.

The Willows won by 86 runs

The Willows 254/4

W. Lyons 85, T. Harrison 30, T. Inness 79, L. Steward 31

Wanganui Collegiate School 168

B. Kelt 46, W. O'Brien 4/19, C. Robson 3/39

Umpires

M. Inness and D. McIlraith

Cancellations due to weather

27 Sept 2016	v Gore High School 1st XI
22 January 2017	v St Bede's College 1st XI
12 March 2017	v Country Secondary Schools XI
26 March 2017	v Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI

The Willows 2016 Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkswood Wanderers match on 18th December. Club President, Sir John Hansen, welcomed Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayres (and his wife Marilyn), All Black captain Kieran Reid, families and children from the Down's Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy Associations for this year's festivities



The Willows 2016 Christmas Party



Lasting friendships across boundaries

Lord Cobham

Hagley Hall, Worcestershire, England

I had my first visit to The Willows on a holiday trip to New Zealand before Christmas last year which Tessa and I thoroughly enjoyed. We were royally entertained, both by The Willows and by the London New Zealand Cricket Club which has had an annual game at Hagley, against the village, for many years.

My father would have been delighted with the progress that has been made at The Willows to bring high standard cricket to schools. In many ways cricket was the backbone of Father's life starting from an early age. I discovered a story in Paul Williams' excellent biography of Tom Pritchard. He recounts Tom's dismissal of Father, first ball, in the first match of his tour to New Zealand as vice-captain of an MCC touring side 1935/36. Father apparently made a (not so *sotto voce*) comment "Oh bugger" and these were therefore, possibly, the first publicly recorded words that the future Governor-General was to make on New Zealand soil! To square the circle it is worth noting that the captain of Taranaki, the MCC's opponents on this occasion, was Bill Dormer, a surname to conjure with!



▲ Hagley Hall, with the cricket ground in the foreground.



▲ Hagley Hall and church from the air.

Cricket is possibly the only team sport played by individuals in that the individual, to be a great cricketer, must be prepared to subjugate his individual performance to the requirements of the team. I am sure that this is what brings a spirit of creative humility to the game which accounts for the lasting friendships that are made across generational, geographic, social, religious and ethnic boundaries, surely a life lesson that we all need to hold onto in today's challenging world.

I am proud to be an honorary member of The Willows and will do everything I can to further the spirit that it fosters in the game both here and in New Zealand.



▲ Match ball from MCC v Taranaki, 1936. Lord Cobham, our former Governor-General of New Zealand, was the vice-captain of the MCC side and Mike Dormer's uncle Bill was the captain and selector of the Taranaki side.

Queen's Birthday Honours

Three Willowers were acknowledged 2017:

- **Cran Bull** (Founding Member of The Willows) – MNZM for services to cricket.
- **Professor Hamid Ikram** – ONZM for services to cardiology and education.
- **Lee Robinson** – MNZM for services to the community and sport.

The club extends heartiest congratulations!

In Memoriam

We deeply regret to record the death of the following members during the past year. The date after each name denotes year of entry.

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| ▪ D.J. (Don) Cameron | 2000 |
| ▪ B.A. (Barry) Eastment | 1994 |
| ▪ J.H. (John) Goodman | 2006 |
| ▪ C.H. (Charles) Shadbolt, <i>ONZM</i> | 1994 |
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◀ *From the editor* – Other facts about Tom Pritchard, one of the greatest cricketers never to have played a test for New Zealand:

- He took 818 first-class wickets as a right-arm inswing bowler, mainly for Warwickshire (1946-1955).
- Tom was on debut, as a 17-year-old when he played against the MCC in 1936.
- His figures in the 1st innings of the match were 3/52 (off 20 overs); among his victims were the distinguished trio of Sims, Lyttelton (later Lord Cobham) and Griffith.
- Today, Tom Pritchard is New Zealand's oldest living first-class cricketer. He turned 100 years in March 2017.



▲ *New Zealand Cricket Historian Don Neely with The Willows Swedish member Leif Larsson.*



▲ *Skipper Ben Dormer shares light relief with Umpire Lindsey Kerr during the Waimea College match.*



▲ *The Willows on the attack, after an early double breakthrough against Christ's College.*



▲ *A rare plastic duck for Phil Harris, presented by I Zingari Patron, Bill Douglass.*



▲ *Nelson skipper Nic Clark retains the Herb McGirr Trophy.*



▲ *Proud Marlborough College skipper.*



▲ *Umpires K Cotton and B Hamilton.*



▲ *A well dressed Willower.*

Milestones



The Reverend **Michael Hawke** was inducted as Dean of Nelson at Christ Church Cathedral, Nelson on 11 December 2016. Mike played Hawke Cup cricket and is a very innovative preacher.



Bryan Waddle recently broadcast his 250th test match as a radio commentator. Bryan has been an Honorary Member of The Willows since 2012 and was an entertaining speaker at the Club Dinner.



Judge Andrew Becroft, previously Chief Youth Court Judge, now Children's Commissioner. This caricature is displayed in his office, with compliments of the artist Murray Webb (former New Zealand Test Player and fast bowler).



Major Campbell Roberts of the Salvation Army, with the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Bill English, at the New Zealander of the Year Awards. Major Roberts was one of three finalists but regretfully was not selected as the winner. He has been an Honorary Member of The Willows for a number of years.

Cricket for character

By Nick Mclvor
Rector, Timaru Boys' High School

Cricket is a reflection of life and offers an education in life; an education that can be incredibly uplifting but also unforgiving. We encourage youngsters to play their cricket with determination, in order to 'play the game' to their fullest. We commit to bringing the best of the game to them so they can, in turn, give of their best to the game. Cricket affords great learning and experience, and an enrichment for its devotees difficult to find elsewhere. Cricket is schooling of a special sort. And as everyone finds their niche in cricket, from the adventurer to the accumulator, the cavalier to the careful strategist, the accomplished to the apprentice, all gain a home, a calling, 'out in the middle' in cricketing camaraderie and competition.

The wonder of cricket resides in its ability to test and reward in equal measure. For young people, cricket gives them more than is often revealed on the scoreboard; it gives them character. Few sports compel its players to apply or sustain such prolonged pressure – mentally and physically. Few sports can lay claim to crossing so many social divides. Few sports are played for hours or days but won or lost in a matter of minutes, with victories within defeats and defeats within victories. Few sports are steeped in such rich history and custom – commanding our respect.



▲ Tom Walsh



▲ Nick Mclvor

Few sports have the capacity to put us on such an emotional rollercoaster, as we navigate its changing fortunes. In cricket, young people learn to deal with the adverse and to aspire to become better. In cricket they also find belonging. This is education as it ought to be.

At The Willows, young cricketers gain playing both with and against past and present first – class cricketers. They come to understand the spirit of cricket more. What an education! Timaru Boys' has played games against The Willows since 2002; most recently with Old Boy, Mark Otley, selected for the Governor-General's XI. Going back further, a certain Olympic Shotputter, 'son of TBHS', and Mark Parker Memorial Scholarship recipient to Winchester, Tom Walsh, played at The Willows. While our Jack Lovelock of 1936 Berlin Olympic fame, may not have been a giant in Cricket, in Tom Walsh we have an Olympian with a cricketing background, who will potentially match the iconic exploits of Jack in Athletics, and perhaps even make a return to the pitch one day!

Now being realistic, cricket is not a perfect panacea. It can, however, provide a significant part of holistic education. Hundreds of people work tirelessly throughout New Zealand to promote participation in cricket, and other superb sports, to a wide range of our boys - including those who will never take the cricketing world by storm! Sport then acts as a network and as a conduit that carries young men through the good and the bad times they may face in life. By contributing positively to sport and growing in sport, our boys are all the more ready to stake a claim out there successfully in the real world; one that will meet their needs and those of others.

At Timaru Boys' we are focused firmly on building the boys up well as we bring them through, to the best of their ability, and ours as educators. A high quality education offers suitable challenge, gives young men a positive masculinity, and a sense of pride, purpose, and poise. One that gives them an edge. While academic excellence and cultivation of a keen mind and 'can do' are a priority, sport enables growth of character otherwise hard to obtain or create.

Our school motto since 1880 has been *Scientia Potestas Est* - 'Knowledge is power'. In cricket we have the makings of a special self – knowledge; a knowledge key to a worthy education.

Enjoy your cricket as each over is bowled and each shot is played, and cherish what it gives its players beyond the obvious. See the cricket our youngsters play as giving lessons in life and preparation for a better future. Game on.



▲ Jack Lovelock statue at Timaru Boys' High School.



▲ Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI at The Willows in March.



▲ Simple catch to end the Shirley Boys' High School innings.

A matter of perspective

By Rev Fr Brian Cummings, SM
Rector, St Bede's College 1990-2001
Hon. Chaplain, The Willows



The great thing about a sense of perspective is that there's always more than one possibility.

When I was a First Eleven wicketkeeper in Wellington, I considered it not only an opportunity, but an obligation, that I should help all opposing batsmen, and the umpires, to be aware of their inadequacies and errors.

This was achieved,

naturally, through a non-stop running commentary throughout the innings.

Even when the umpires were of international standing (Bob Monteith and Ham Hart) I was brash enough to endeavour to help them improve their standard. Bob was relaxed about it all, Ham rather less so.

In later years, when I coached First Elevens in both Christchurch and Wellington, I flatly refused to allow my wicketkeeper to talk to the degree that I had as a player (and probably, in all truth, most of them wouldn't have wanted to). By that stage I had well and truly learned that umpires, especially, are not only impervious to "helpful" suggestions but that they had a long memory, especially when it came to benefit of the doubt calls which strangely rarely fell our way.

Possibly a more positive cricketing memory is top-scoring for the St Pat's Wellington First XI in a club game at the Basin Reserve. Admittedly, I only made 12 and the team was all out for 48 –

but top score on the Basin is still top score and besides, we had a future NZ player in our ranks (Evan Gray) so we weren't completely inept.

From my point of view, it was an innings of flashing strokes and determined resistance – the rest of the team were neither impressed nor encouraged by my achievement.

Perspective can be a wonderful thing – provided we're open to its possibilities.

Coupled with that openness is an ability to ask two key questions which apply not only to the spiritual life but also to life itself: "what's going on?" and "what's really happening?"

To put it another way: are we capable of living life at a level other than the here and now?

This is a particularly relevant question in the world we live in today – precisely because we are being encouraged to only live at the level of the here and now. This encouragement comes in a variety of forms: the emphasis on instant communication; the multiplicity of opportunities (which in themselves create a sense of urgency and of "not missing out"); the almost total focus in advertising and other forms of media on the individual: 'what I want is all that matters and I'm entitled to have it'.

Perspective matters; the ability to think beyond the superficial matters; and words matter.

"Tradition" is not the same thing as "old fashioned"; "values" are not the same as "skills"; "being true to ourselves" is not the same as "being popular or flexible". It's hardly a new challenge, of course; in his Letter to The Romans we find St Paul saying "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."

But what does all that mean in relation to The Willows? The objectives of the club are well known: to encourage players in secondary school first elevens to play with and against present or

past first-class cricketers and to offer quality cricket in a country atmosphere, where families may come and watch and picnic.

There's a lot in there that could be further reflected upon. But I'd suggest the objectives always need to be read in the context of what follows: "Why was The Willows formed?" And the key phrases here include "to act as a catalyst"; "the traditions and ethos of the game" and "the development of youth".

"What's going on" at The Willows – and has been going on ever since the club began – is that quality cricket is learned and played by matching First Eleven players predominantly against experienced, skilled players. And that has huge benefits in and of itself. But "what's really happening" is at another level. What The Willows endeavours to do is to help the young players who come here develop as individuals, not just as cricketers. It's not just about cricket.

Every First Eleven member wants to be the best player they can be – and rightly so. In a cricketing context, it does matter what your average is; how many catches and stumpings you take; and so on. But if that is all there is to it, The Willows doesn't need to exist – any decent cricket academy could improve the skills of teenage players.

In his MCC Spirit of Cricket Lecture, Brendon McCullum made a reference to his father, Stu. McCullum said "When dad talks about his cricketing experiences he doesn't refer to runs, wickets, averages or aggregates but, rather, the friendships, camaraderie and experiences of his time as a semi-professional cricketer."

Later on in the speech McCullum also quotes former Middlesex captain, Ed Smith: "... if every sportsman tried to be the best he could be, and attempted to behave decently along the way, you've pretty much summed up every available optimal strategy in one simple sentence. After all, you can't be better than your best. And nothing matters more than how you feel about the way you've lived your life."

And there's the difference in perspective between being a very good – possibly even outstanding – cricketer and a decent person with integrity and values who is also a very good cricketer.

The most worthwhile thing The Willows does is to act as a catalyst, by using cricket, to assist parents and schools to help teenagers develop as people.

The Willows provides an environment that supports parents in encouraging their sons to develop such life-values as an appreciation of what is meant by 'family'; a healthy and balanced moral perspective; good manners, a good work ethic; the skill to mix easily and graciously with people of all ages, and more.

In a similar way, the club supports the work done in schools to educate students (rather than simply "train" them) so that they can learn to think for themselves; to make decisions and accept positively the consequences; develop a sense of social responsibility and a desire to make a positive difference in their lives; learn the ability to speak clearly and confidently in public.

And so, between home, school and The Willows the "development of youth" can be measured by asking such questions as: is he a person of integrity whose word can be relied upon? Is he a person who has clear values and is convinced of them? Is he someone who values friendships and relationships above personal success and benefit? Does he see the talents he has as a means of contributing towards making society better? Is he someone who can live with differences and see strengths and possibilities in the views and actions of others, even when they differ from his own thoughts and ways of doing things?

All of which might seem a long way removed from playing a game of cricket – but it isn't. The Willows isn't – and never will be – judged on the number of games it wins or the number of new fixtures added to the calendar. It will be judged on the quality of the people involved with the club and the values they show in their daily living: because we are all someone else's perception of The Willows.

Perspective is a great thing – and as Ham Hart told me when I'd commented on his umpiring performance once too often, "Just remember, son, your turn to bat is coming up – and it's not likely to be a lengthy one if you carry on like this."



The Willows Youth XI at Galle International Stadium.

Youth Tour of Sri Lanka and Singapore

By Keryn Ambler
Willows Youth XI Coach

After months of anticipation the departure date was only a day away for 13 young aspiring players and Garry MacDonald, Paul McEwan and myself. We all met at the McEwans' for a BBQ dinner, many of us meeting for the first time. After some words of wisdom from Mr Dormer and Paul the boys understood their expectations. Arriving at Christchurch International Airport the next morning, the boys looked slightly like deer in the headlights as they were excited but a little nervous about what to expect over the next two weeks. What they did know is that when their parents waved goodbye, those home comforts would be replaced by unfamiliar conditions and hard work but within a supportive team culture.

After two long flights, we arrived in Sri Lanka. As we walked out of Colombo Airport at 1am to our tour bus the heat and humidity immediately struck us. We woke to a city on holiday. It was the Sinhalese New Year and many locals were spending time with family. Therefore, the normal hustle and bustle wasn't there which stopped the

boys experiencing the real culture shock of a large sub-continent city. Nonetheless we had a good day touring the city, visiting the Cricket Shop and trying to acclimatise. The next two days were match days, in which we played in two low scoring games resulting in one win and one loss. There were three main challenges to overcome, the heat and humidity, the playing surfaces, and batting against spin. After the second match, we all came to the realisation that, for us to have a success on this tour, aspects of our batting had to be modified especially when playing spin bowling in these foreign conditions. So, through the players' observations of Sri Lankan batsmen, their own experiences and some coach questioning, solutions were discussed.

The following day saw us board our nicely airconditioned bus to travel to Kandy. By this time, the local holiday makers were returning to the cities so the boys started to experience the questionable driving styles and overtaking manoeuvres. Along the way we made three stops, one at Club Concept which gave our boys the opportunity to ride and wash elephants. A little further up the road we stopped for lunch

down a wide alley-way lined with local tourist shops. The boys did some shopping and attempts at bartering before 35 elephants from the Elephant Orphanage walked down the alley-way to bath in the river. This was a real highlight of the tour. It was great to see the elephants bathe and the expert mahouts herd the cheeky youngsters from running off down river. Our last stop was to watch a cultural show which included plenty of drums and dance, and was finished off with Fire Walking.

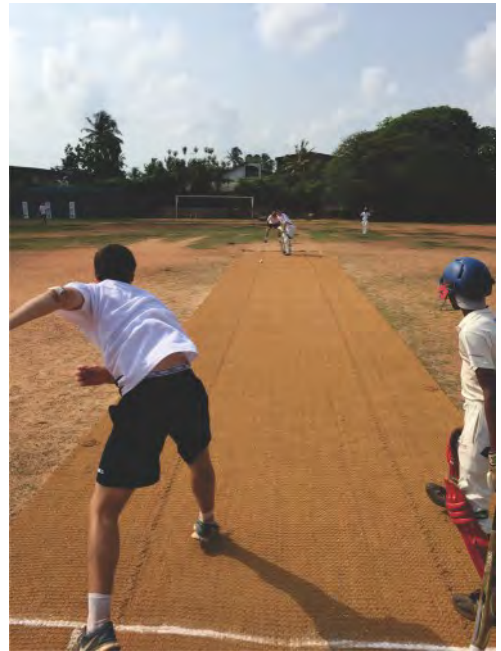
Our next two games were at St Anthony's College in Kandy, which is a state run Catholic school with 3,000 students and Muttiah Muralitharan's old school. As we arrived it was obvious to see that, other than cricket, rugby is the other sporting love as the outfield was scattered with rugby teams honing their handling skills. While the pitch was good, the outfield proved a challenge. The Willows team played very well in both games posting over 250 in the first game and winning by 70 runs and then chasing down 250 in the second game on a wearing wicket. These two performances proved that our meeting a few nights prior was paying dividends as the batsmen were clearly employing the techniques and tactics we discussed. As a result, we had five fifties scored in the two games and high quality partnerships built.

The following day we departed Kandy for Galle which is down on the south coast. On the way we visited a tea plantation and learnt about the tea making process. As we arrived in Galle we stopped to walk around the famous Dutch Fort which was a saviour for many during the 2004 tsunami. We admired the architecture and watched a local man earn money by diving into the shallow sea below. The next day we played at the Galle International Stadium which is below the Fort. It was a thrill for the boys to play in an international stadium with extremely large air-conditioned changing rooms and the playing facilities were pristine. We started incredibly well as we had our opposition 27/7 within the first ten overs. The opposition rallied to post 180. This total didn't prove to be anywhere near enough as we comfortably and professionally chased the total with 8 wickets in hand. Our last game in Sri Lanka was against a local representative side in

Matara which proved to be the strongest opposition we faced on tour. The Willows were stuck in the field again and were steering down the barrel of close to 300. However, the boys toiled hard and with some good bowling partnerships we bowled them out for 230. Chasing any total on this extremely dry, tiring wicket was going to be hard and it proved to be so as we were bowled out for under 100 against a



▲ *At the Elephant Orphanage.*



▲ *On the matting with the boys from Cricket Live.*

good attack. The day was soured earlier on when Ben Lockrose was taken to the doctor with a high fever and was diagnosed with Dengue Fever. Ben and Paul travelled back to Colombo that evening and Ben was admitted to Durdans Hospital for recovery and further tests.

The following day we travelled back to Colombo from Galle. On the way, we visited the Cricket Live Foundation which is run by Alex Reese, a fellow Willower. This centre was one of five in the country and was based at a Moratuwa school. The Cricket Live Foundation's mission is, "To use cricket as a vehicle to develop the life skills and education of underprivileged children from marginalised communities in Sri Lanka and India, and provide them with a pathway for their futures." The Willows team played a mixed game of modified cricket with 16 kids who will graduate from the three year programme in a couple months' time. It was fantastic to see everyone having a great time, with plenty of laughter and smiling faces from both The Willows boys and Cricket Live boys. This was an extremely humbling experience and the empathy shown by The Willows boys made the coaching team proud.

On the final day the boys spent time testing their bartering skills at the International Market and then settling for an air-conditioned shopping mall. A few boys also visited Ben in the hospital

as Ben was not yet well enough to be discharged. While the team continued to Singapore to start the second part of the tour Ben and I stayed back in Colombo to ensure he recovered enough to fly later in the week.

The team had two matches in Singapore which were both rain affected. The first was at the prestigious Singapore Cricket Club, but the game was abandoned before enough overs were bowled. The following day The Willows played against the Singapore U19 team and beat them in a close Duckworth-Lewis calculated match. The guys then had a good day to explore Singapore before flying home to Christchurch. Meanwhile back in Sri Lanka, Ben and I were holding out hope that we could get Ben discharged from hospital in time to reconnect with the rest of the team at Singapore Airport. After mixed messages Ben was finally given the OK to be discharged, allowing us the chance to surprise the rest of the boys at Singapore airport.

I have three lasting memories from the trip. Firstly, a key word, "HOT!" the climate and their food! The climate was close to unbearable at times, so the lure of the hotel pool was a good encouragement for the boys to play well so they could get back to the hotel. The food was an unexpected gem. Our hotel buffets had more options than Caesar's banquet – Western, Asian, Indian, seafood and obviously local curries.



▲ After the match at St Anthony's College, Kandy.

However, their understanding of medium and mild when it came to curry needs better translation! And as for the dessert station ... Wow!

Secondly, when seeing how passionate the locals are about cricket, you realise that in New Zealand, we are just 'fans' of rugby. But Sri Lankans are so infatuated with cricket that it is a 'way of life' and possibly even a religion! That is why it is so easy to see the difference the Cricket Live Foundation is making in the young Sri Lankan kids involved.

And thirdly, the effort the young Willowers put into every match was outstanding. The climate was ferocious and the pitch conditions were foreign but this didn't faze the boys. The team culture was very strong so each player wanted to put in 100% for their teammates. Each game, win or lose, their efforts could never be questioned and we were incredibly proud of them.

I must thank some very important people for this fantastic trip. Firstly, to our tour host Preena and his team Kishanta (Bus driver) and Soren (Conductor) for their professionalism and



▲ Liam McBreen-Smith, captain during the first game in Colombo, at the toss.

expertise. I would also like to extend my thanks to Shareen Hussain and Mrs Omar for their concern over Ben's condition. Shareen normally acts as The Willows tour guide but he could not on this occasion. Shareen's regular phone calls were much appreciated as well as his communication with the nurses. Mrs Omar, a relation of Shareen and a manager at the Hospital was also fantastic support as were the doctors and nurses.



▲ Young Willower for the future.



▲ Mark Weeds takes time out of the office.

Q & A with NZ opening batsman, Peter Fulton

John Mitchell talks to Peter Fulton who played 23 tests, 49 ODIs and 12 T20Is for New Zealand between 2004 and 2014. In February 2017 he also scored the fastest domestic one-day century (116 not out from 58 balls in the Ford Trophy Final) in New Zealand's history.

Q1. Most memorable game and best personal performance?

It would have to be the third test v England at Eden Park (Auckland) in March 2013. To score two centuries was beyond my wildest dreams to be fair. Mum and Dad came up on day four and got to see the second one which was really special. It was extremely satisfying to do it against a very good bowling attack and such a



quality side as England. The only downside was that we finished a wicket short of what would have been an amazing series win!

Q2. Major influence in shaping you as a player?

The biggest influence on me as a cricketer and as a person was Peter Prosser who was headmaster at Waihi boarding school when I was a young fella. He had a really strong passion for sport and especially cricket and rugby. He was also very big on playing the game the right way and of hard work and discipline. I always loved cricket before those two years but that was when I got some very good coaching and gained a great deal of confidence.

Q3. Advice for secondary school cricketers who have a vision to play first-class cricket?

Make sure you have something else going on in your life other than cricket. When I was leaving secondary school the demands on young players as far as cricket training and fitness sessions were far smaller than what they are now. There is a real risk of putting all your eggs in one basket so to speak. Whether that is university, a trade or something else completely different, don't fall into the trap of only thinking about cricket. It's a great career and I wouldn't change anything about my cricketing journey but it doesn't last forever so plan for the future also.

Q4. A vital aspect of the ethos of the game which must be strengthened?

I think one of the great parts of cricket is the social interaction after the game. It is an opportunity to meet new people as well as learn from older players. There are so many demands on people's time these days that many players rush straight off after a game. The aftermatch interaction is my favourite part of a day's cricket so don't shy away from it. Embrace it. You never know what you might learn about your own game or who you might meet.



Stories and advice from Richie Benaud

In his book, "Over But Not Out" (pub Hodder and Stoughton 2011), the former Australian captain (for 28 of his 63 tests) and commentator, Richie Benaud, has a wealth of stories and advice for young players. Here are three which exemplify the man.

(1) On how to approach batting

"Ian Chappell said the most important thing he had discovered about himself, and about successful athletes, was that they are themselves and they don't try to be anything else. Discussing the innings he played (when he scored a century) in 1997 at Edgbaston, Mark Taylor said his problem during the bad patch had been that he was going out there and trying to play like someone else, playing as others thought he should play, that he had tried every possible thing except batting like himself, something he had forgotten how to do. He then made a century."

(2) On doing your best and never giving up

"There is no better example of the latter phrase than Headingley in 1981, where Ian Botham won the game for England. I know it's a team game and Bob Willis took the second-innings wickets, and Mike Brearley captained the team with skill and panache, but this was Botham's match.

The England players sensibly checked out of their hotel on the fourth morning, which didn't mean they had totally given up, but they were looking realistically at the situation.

Australia had enforced the follow-on and were racing towards victory, Ladbrokes were offering 500-1 about England's chances, and Botham turned it all around with a remarkable 149.

Botham was magnificent. The climax, with Brearley marshalling his men, and Willis, 8-43, steaming in from the Kirkstall Lane End, was one of the more exciting events in Test cricket history. Botham's performance as an allrounder was superb – and all that after the England selectors, only two weeks earlier, had relieved him of the England captaincy and he had made a pair in the Lord's Test, trudging off the famous ground and through the Long Room in complete silence."

(3) On seeking advice (prior to making a test debut)

"In the course of the stroll Shane Warne asked me if there was anything I could offer by way of advice. All I offered was that he should keep it simple and develop a fiercely spun leg-break as a stock ball. A ball which he could pitch perfectly at will, and which could therefore be used as both an attacking and a defensive weapon. I warned him it would take four years to do it properly. Like all champions he made a nonsense of such strictures and did it, 'on his ear', in two!"



▲ Greg Stretch, Phil d'Auvergne, Simon Wilson, Scott McHardy



All Blacks at The Willows

Since our inception in 1994 ten All Blacks have donned their whites during the rugby "off season" and had a run at Jaguar Oval. This special group includes (with the number of caps in brackets):

Ben Blair (4) – St Andrews College 1st XI (1995 & 1996); Willows member since 2013

Robbie Deans (5) – Flaxton (1996); Hawkswood since 1995; Willows member since 1999

Andy Ellis (28) – Willows member since 2000

Richie McCaw (148) – Willows member since 2016

Leon MacDonald (56) – Hawkswood Wanderers 2005

Aaron Mauger (46) – Willows member since 2011

Kieran Read (100*) – Willows member since 2013

James Ryan (9) – Christ's College 1st XI (1997-99) & Peninsula Craz 2010

Colin Slade (21) – Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI 2002

Tom Taylor (3) – Burnside High School 1st XI 2003

As well, a sprinkling of "Super" rugby men have also made appearances. Names that spring to mind are the Crusaders backs: **David Havili** (Nelson College 1st XI 2012), **Mitchell Drummond** (Nelson College 1st XI 2010) and **Tyler Bleyendaal** (Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI 2006) and the Highlanders forwards: **Andy Rich** (Dunedin Cavaliers 2000-08) and **Joe Wheeler** (Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI 2003-05). In fact Joe, in Year 13, almost single-handedly steered his 1st XI to a meritorious victory over The Willows in 2005. That day he scored 97 runs and in a spell delivered a brisk 8 overs (taking 2 for 18) for a "man-of-the-match" performance.

Finally, New Zealand rugby's leading contractual and legal representative for players Warren Alcock (Dunedin Cavaliers 1996-2003) opened the batting each time against The Willows and managed an excellent half-century in one match.

Special thanks to the above-mentioned multi-talented sportsmen – your presence has not only enhanced cricket at The Willows but brought great joy to those in attendance.



▲ *Richie McCaw made his debut at The Willows this season.*



Penguin International Rugby Club history

By Alan Wright

Co-founder & Life President

The club was founded in 1959 by the late Tony Mason and Alan Wright, both players for Sidcup RFC, who subsequently became Vice Presidents of Sidcup RFC and Kent County RFU.

The HSBC Penguins are recognised as the premier touring club in the UK, having played in or against teams from no less than 72 countries. Indeed, we are not only the most travelled rugby club in the world, but the most travelled sports club in the world.

The principal objective of the club has been to foster, by coaching and playing, the development, goodwill and camaraderie of Rugby Union worldwide. The club's coaching and educational programme is organised by the HSBC Penguin International Rugby Football Coaching Academy.

The club's committee is drawn from 16 nations and its President is Richard Bennett, an international lawyer.

Eminent past Presidents have included Field Marshall Sir Claude Auchinleck, GCB, CGIE, CSI, DSO, OBE, LLD (Commander-in-Chief of the 8th Army and Indian Army); Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader, CBE, DSO, DFC, FRACs, DL (Britain's greatest ace fighter in World War II); Sir Robert Lawrence, CBE, ERO; D.H. Harrison, CBE (President, RFU 1966/1967); Air Commodore R.H.G. Weighill, CBE, DFC (Secretary, RFU

1973/1986); and Sir Peter Yarranton (President, RFU 1991/1992).

In the abbreviated game, the club was mentioned in the Middlesex Sevens Programme, 2001 as "acknowledged Master of Sevens". Our many major 7s and 10s titles include winning the following prestigious international tournaments: The Middlesex Sevens (twice); The Cambridge University International 7s; The COBRA International 10s (five times); The Italian RU International 7s (twice); The Scandinavian 10s; The Nordic 7s; The Thai RU International 7s; The Grand Prix of Europe 7s; The Mexican RU International 10s; The Royal Kedah International 7s; The Borneo Invitational 10s; The Singapore Cricket Club 7s; The London 10s and The GFI Hong Kong Football Club 10s.

The club's Fifteen-a-Side tours have included many visits to Asia and the Far East, South America, North America, the Middle East and Europe. In the year 2000, we were the first European club to be invited to play a series of International matches versus the National team of the People's Republic of China.

The club is proud to have been sponsored by HSBC for its major tours over the past seventeen years. This great banking house is the largest bank in the world, operating in 85 countries. It is the 6th largest public company in the world.

The international playing membership of the club has been drawn from no less than 32 countries, and distinguished captains have included Waisale Serevi (the world's No.1 Sevens player from Fiji); Bill Calcraft (Australia and past captain of Oxford University); Rob Wainwright (past captain of Scotland); and Fergus Slattery, one of Ireland's most notable players.

Humiliating defeat!

For the first time a Willows XI played the Umpires Association in an end-of-season "friendly". Up for grabs were not only bragging rights but also a trophy kindly presented by Dave Stuthridge who was also instrumental in organising the fixture! By agreement, The Willows batted first and were dismissed for the princely total of 77 runs. Only three players managed double figures. The Umpires duly knocked off the required total (with only four dismissals and two retirees). Mr Fantastic (Gavin to his mates) led the charge with a swashbuckling 35 retired.

In all, it was a humiliating defeat for the home side. Their constant bleating to get light meters out went unheeded. Officiating were the unbiased Messrs Brownlee and Hamilton who



▲ *The Umpires XI*

really had nothing to do as a steady stream of Willows "walked" whenever they nicked off and no decisions were required. Thanks to Dave Herber for scoring on the day. It should also be recorded that we had the first appearance of a woman (Kim Cotton) both batting and bowling at The Willows.

A shot from the past



Colin Cowdrey (left) and David Brown of the MCC team on their 1974/75 tour, correct the stance of 16-year-old Robert Salmon when the players demonstrated to the pupils of the Hale School, Wembley Downs, near Perth, Western Australia.



▲ *Mark Hodge (I Zingari Manager), Stan Wooliscroft, and Graeme Evans (former test umpire).*



▲ *A rare call of "We'll field, please" from Willows captain, Trevor Thornton against Waitaki Boys' High School.*

Waitaki Hall of Memories

Like many of the schools and colleges that have regular fixtures at The Willows, Waitaki Boys' High School in Oamaru boasts some beautiful and significant architecture and artisanship. Senior Master Ken McCallum kindly sent us these images of the Hall of Memories.



The Waitaki Boys' High School Hall of Memories, designed by Oamaru architect John Megget Forrester and opened in 1927, stands as one of the country's finest war memorials. The hall is a memorial to the 700 Old Boys who served in World War One, and stands as a testament to those who served their King and country. The striking building, with its castellated battlements has special historical, social, architectural and commemorative significance.



Governor-General Jellicoe laid the foundation stone in 1923 and the Duke of York performed the official opening ceremony on 16 March 1927. The interior's stained glass windows, flags, plaques, trophies, crests and other memorabilia honour the school's royal, vice-regal and military and other illustrious connections.



The hall also includes a 1930 Norman and Beard two manual organ built into two transepts.

The first great allrounder, a new world record for NZ after 123 years and an amazing test

New Zealand's recent world record prompts Bert Walker to dig into archives to unearth a remarkable match, and salute a remarkable player.

In January 2017, the Black Caps set a new world record – this was after Bangladesh had batted first in the first test and scored the very imposing total of 595/8 declared. No other team had conceded this many runs in the first innings and won the test, as New Zealand did when they chased 217 to win on the last day. The record had stood at 586.



▲ George Giffen (Photo: Wikimedia Commons)

This previous mark was set way back in the first test of the 1894/95 Ashes series, and it happened in what is still one of the most remarkable tests ever played to this day.

The match featured the first great test allrounder – George Giffen, from South Australia, who played for Australia between 1881 and 1896. Giffen was the first man to accomplish the test match double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets – which these days is pretty commonplace, and has been far surpassed by many top-class allrounders. But back in Giffen's day there were only three countries then playing test cricket, so naturally there were far fewer tests played. This puts Giffen's feat into some sort of perspective.

The first test was held in Sydney in those days and Australian captain (and outstanding wicket keeper) Jack Blackham (Victoria) won the toss from English captain Andrew Stoddart (Middlesex) and elected to bat first on a fast true wicket, but Australia was soon in deep trouble at 21/3. England at the time had a great fast bowler in the shape of thickset Surrey speedster Tom Richardson and in a devastating burst he quickly clean bowled the first three batsmen. But the next two batsmen Frank Iredale with 81 and Giffen with 161 (his highest test score), mounted a most impressive recovery.

As the England attack started to wilt in the heat, their cause wasn't helped by several dropped catches. Australia reached stumps much more comfortably placed at 346/5, with dapper little NSW batsman Syd Gregory looking very well set on 85. The next day he played shots all around the wicket and eventually carried on to 201, putting on a record stand of 154 for the 9th wicket with his captain Blackham batting at 10, who also made his highest test score, of 74. So after their bad start Australia reached the imposing total of 586, a wonderful recovery. The lionhearted Tom Richardson bowled 55 overs to finish with 5/181 (all clean bowled), but the much vaunted English left arm spinners Bobby Peel (Yorkshire) and Johnny Briggs (Lancashire) took just 2/140 and 0/96 respectively.

England batted steadily in reply to reach 325, but were naturally asked to follow on. With the wicket still playing well they dug in most

admirably and eventually reached 437 in their 2nd innings, with opening batsman Albert Ward (Lancashire) leading the way in both innings with a terrific double of 75 and 117. All the other batsmen chipped in. Australia's cause wasn't helped by Blackham badly injuring a finger and having to relinquish the gloves. And their most successful bowler in each innings was the tireless George Giffen with his slow medium off spinners, with figures of 43-17-75-4 and 75-25-155-4. As he also held a catch in each innings he had helped to dismiss half the England team in this test, on top of his first innings heroics with the bat, but his work wasn't done yet – as Australia still needed 177 to win this test, that they had dominated almost throughout.

But after losing two early wickets, Giffen and Joe Darling (bowled by Richardson for 0 first ball in the first innings of this his debut test) then batted steadily to see Australia through to stumps at 113/2 – so after five days play (timeless tests were played in Australia until WW2) Australia now needed just 64 runs to win, with eight wickets left and the pitch showing hardly any appreciable wear. Giffen after all his exertions (including bowling a record 118 overs in the match) naturally slept very soundly indeed, so when the first person he saw the next morning was Blackham his captain, he was very surprised at Blackham's gloomy outlook on this beautiful sunny day – Giffen said that Blackham "had a face as long as a coffee pot"!

On naturally enquiring as to what was wrong, Giffen was tersely informed that it had rained very heavily in the early hours. So in those days of uncovered pitches and with the sun shining down, Australia instead of having what had looked like a comfortable final ride home was now confronted by a dreaded sticky wicket. England though were having some problems of their own, as Bobby Peel was as well known for his social inclinations and at times heavy drinking as he was for his all round cricket ability! And with Australia seemingly having the match in the bag he had cut loose the night before, then like Giffen slept through the heavy storm – but in his case in a drunken slumber – so he was thrown under a cold shower in the morning, in an attempt to sober him up to play.

And it worked, as aided by the unpredictable popping bounce and turn of the drying pitch, Peel aided by Briggs soon started scything through the remaining Australian batsman. Giffen was the first to fall, for 41, followed by Darling for 53. Gregory fresh from his brilliant double century in the first innings batted gallantly for 16, but none of the rest of the remaining batsmen reached double figures. Captain Blackham was last out and against all the odds England had triumphed by 10 runs!

Spare a thought for poor George Giffen – despite what is still one of the greatest all round performances in the whole history of test cricket (202 runs, eight wickets and two catches in the match), he was on the losing side! And in what turned out to be a classic test series England went on to win the Ashes 3-2. In this series Giffen scored 475 runs and took 34 wickets, but as in the first test his great all round feats didn't prevent him from being on the losing side overall.

So that is the background to this new world record by New Zealand – a tale of a remarkable test highlighted by an amazing all round performance, but by a player who finished on the losing team ... cricket is indeed a strange but wonderful game at times!



▲ Sandy Heard of CBHS – lovely shot for four.

2016 Matfen Hall experience

Callum Curnow

Ex-St Bede's College 1st XI

On the 4th of April 2016, Liam McWilliam (ex Southland Boys' High School) and I were strangers, setting off on a trip to the other side of the world to live, work and play cricket together in the tiny village of Matfen in Northern England. Over 30 hours of travel ended with us being shown to our small flat where we would live for the next six months. Minor gas leakage aside we settled in quickly and began to adjust to life away from home. We quickly befriended another Kiwi traveller from the Hawkes Bay named Daniel Peters who was living in the village. Three young Kiwi lads in the small village of Matfen was almost too much for the place to handle. The village pub became a large part of our lives and we were privileged to be welcomed into Matfen life by the gracious Nigel and Allie, proud owners of the *Black Bull*.

Village cricket allowed me (as an opening bowler) to work studiously on my batting and the varying standards of pitches and opposition encouraged Liam to look for runs and wickets in many different ways. The team was never the same two games in a row which meant we made new contacts and friends week after week.

Early into our stay, Sir Hugh offered to take both Liam and I to watch a Newcastle United game where we witnessed first-hand a premier league football game and the amazing atmosphere that such an occasion entails. Later on during our stay, Sir Hugh also took the three Kiwi boys – Liam, Daniel and I – for a game of golf at Bamburgh Castle which was an absolute privilege and something we cherished. These are some of the many memories that I know we have both taken home with us and will remember for a long time.

The circumstances of our work compelled us to throw ourselves into all aspects of the running of the hotel, with myself performing eight different roles during my stay. This meant that within the first few months of our stay, nearly all regular staff knew us both by name which created a welcoming comfortable environment for us to live.

By the end of our stay, Liam and I had made close friends that we both hope to see again in the future. On behalf of Liam and myself I would like to thank Sir Hugh Blckett for the opportunity to come and play for his team and for all those who made our stay a memorable one.

Matfen Hall
Corbridge, Northumberland
matfenhall.com



▲ Willows and St Andrew's players mingle over lunch.




▲ An alternative game underway nearer the shade.

Looking to I Zingari

It is surprising how often even well-established sporting clubs cannot define their core values or – beyond winning matches – their real objectives.

Any club in this predicament should look no further than I Zingari Australia Cricket Club. Reprinted below is a comprehensive list of core values which represents how they want their club to present itself to members and the wider community.



I ZINGARI Australia Core Values

- RESPECTS the great game of cricket
- COMPETES at his best on the pitch
- ENGAGES socially with team-mates, their FAMILIES and our opposition
- Forges lifelong FRIENDSHIPS that traverse generations and international borders
- Embraces the HISTORY of a club formed in 1888
- Has the OPPORTUNITY to tour and play in esteemed fixtures on hallowed grounds
- GIVES more than he gets back
- Wears club colours with PRIDE
- Is INCLUSIVE and welcomes others with similar values
- PARTICIPATES generously in club fixtures and events

"I Zingari" comes from Italian and, literally translated, means "the gypsies". So originally, it was a wandering club but today it hosts games at the picturesque Camden Park, Sydney as well as playing some away games.



The distinctive club colours are black, red and gold, indicating "out of darkness through fire into light".

Two players dominate for I Zingari (Australia) in cricket. Bill Douglass played a phenomenal 788 innings for a career total of 15,957 runs. And with the ball, the late Barry Eastment has taken more wickets than any other bowler by a country-mile – 2,292 wickets at 15.27 (from a staggering 10,717 overs). These club playing records are unlikely ever to be surpassed.

Members of both I Zingari and The Willows are:

W.B.Douglass	P.A.Horne	A.J.Nuttall
M.E.Dormer	E.G.Wiles	R.M.Deans
Dr J.T.C.Vaughan	S.F.F.Hodge	M.J.Parr
T.L.P.Hodgson	M.E.A.Hodge	
L.Bayliss-Smith	J.M.Eldershaw	



▲ I Zingari v Willows at Loburn, 21 January 2017.



A good day at Hove

By Murray Boyte

Willower Murray Boyte is a New Zealander currently living in Brisbane. He is an avid cricket-lover.

One of the highlights of my trip to the UK was a day at the Sussex County Cricket Club, at their County Ground, Hove. (Sussex was the first first-class county, formed in 1839.)

I attended the second day of the match with Leicestershire on 2nd May, 2016. The English weather late April/early May was unusually cold. In the county round late April it snowed at some games, including The Oval during the Middlesex/Durham game. I took a train from Sevenoaks to London and then another to Hove arriving around 11.00am.

The temperature was 3 degrees and visibility was poor. The gatekeepers were not hopeful of play. I told them I had come from Australia and was at least keen to see the ground and facilities. The officious gateman said it would cost £12 to get in. This, after suggesting the prospect of play was remote. Another groundsman suggested I could view the ground from outside, through a gap in the fence further along the Northern end.

I wandered to the gap indicated and struck up a conversation with a couple of fellows who were infinitely friendlier than the gatekeepers. These gentlemen were obviously very keen cricketers. They were also optimistic play would get under way early afternoon when the light improved as long as the rain held off. I told them my exchange with the gatekeepers. Their response – “Stuff them, we are members and we would be

delighted to show you around starting with a beer in the Members Bar”. In we went, past the grumpy gatekeepers who did not question my presence or entry.

My new-found friends knew their cricket. One, Rob had worked for a long time with the Kookaburra Sports Group, an Australian company, who sell a broad range of cricket and hockey gear in the UK. He had a very sound knowledge of New Zealand and Australian cricket. The first New Zealand team he saw was the 1969 tourists and was asking after B.A.G. Murray, Vic Pollard, Bruce Taylor, Dick Motz, Mark Burgess and others (Turner, Wadsworth and Yuile). He had remembered the 1973 Nottingham test, New Zealand chasing down something like 475 fell short by around 38 runs. He also talked about the Lords test with centuries from Congdon, Burgess and Pollard. He rattled off some of the Australian teams. I felt quite good as he actually was discussing ANZAC cricketers in the same context.

It turned out the younger guy was the brother of Mike Yardy. Yardy had played 28 one day games and 14 T20 games for England, and also for Sussex 1999-2015. He was a Sussex Captain and won three Division One County Championships. Sadly in latter years his form was adversely affected by widely reported severe bouts of depression.

Play got under way about 1.45pm and the temperature had climbed to 7-8 degrees. My new-found friends said they always watched the cricket from “the Northern end behind the bowlers arm”. The ground had quite a marked slope from north to south. They lent me a jacket and with some warm pale ales we headed for the deck chairs where we were joined by about another half dozen fanatics. The Hove ground is one of the few county grounds with deck chairs (in the Sussex County colours of blue and white stripes) and they are only found at the northern end. It was bitterly cold but this did not seem to have an impact on the standard of cricket. It may have on crowd numbers which were around 1,000. Sussex had been bundled out for 162 on day one and Leicester started day two at 2 for 142.

After a highly successful decade in Division One with three County Championships Sussex had been relegated to Division Two and were in a rebuilding phase. (Ross Taylor is the overseas professional for Sussex but he only scored 36 in the first innings and is yet to consistently score runs). Leicester had languished at the bottom of Division Two for some years but had shown marked improvement in 2015 under the coaching of Andrew McDonald, the young Victorian who had played four tests for Australia. They had also acquired a couple of senior county players in Peter Horton, ex Lancashire opening batsman and Mark Pettini a middle order batsman from Essex. According to my new friends McDonald is building a good reputation as a very competent young coach. He is around 38 years of age.

Leicester finished the day on 4 for 300. Horton got a 100. Mark Cosgrove the overweight South Australian, compiled a tidy 80 and Pettini went

on to make an unbeaten 142. Sussex managed a reasonable score in the second innings to hold out for a draw.

A very nice ground and on a good day Sussex is very well supported. There are excellent members facilities which I was fortunate to experience first-hand. It is steeped in history with Ted Dexter, Jim Parks (father and son) and Tony Greig, a legend as far as Members are concerned. His brother Ian also played for Sussex and two tests for England. Ian has recently retired as Cricket Director of Church of England Grammar School (Churchie), Brisbane, a position he held for over 12 years and during Jonathan Hensman's (a Willower) time as Headmaster.

Overall, it was an enjoyable day with thoroughly nice people. I returned to London early evening and found a warm pub for a few beers to discuss the day's play with my son.



▲ Former Zimbabwe international Dion Ebrahim is well down the wicket to play this drive.



▲ Excellent technique here.



▲ Crisp shot through leg from a Marlborough College batsman.

Past Highlights

*Cricket doesn't have to be a run-fest to be exciting. A classic, low-scoring match was played on 4th November 2012, against the Peninsula Craz XI – on that day we met our friends from beyond Mount Herbert on a bowler friendly pitch. **John Mitchell** delves into past score-sheets.*

The Match (scorecard opposite)

The pressure was on skipper Jacob Wolt to halt a two match losing streak against the Craz. His day started well. As his team assembled he noted he had an excellent bowling attack (on paper, anyway). He duly won the toss, opted for first use, and 50 runs came up comfortably in the eleventh over (with only one down). Both Ryan Banks and Tim McConnell looked set; time for a pre-lunch cuppa tea. All's fine for the skipper.

Then, in the space of an hour, it went belly-up. After some astute bowling changes by wily opposing skipper, Bob Masefield, and four ducks later, a total rout followed. Never before against the Craz had we been bowled out, in 105 minutes, for a paltry 78 runs. Wickets were shared, with two each to C. Johnston, Bulman, Fraser and Bob

himself snared 3/3 off five miserly overs. Throw in 17 wides (third top score) and it highlights how disastrous was the batting collapse.

The fruit salad at lunch tasted sour for Wolt's men. The second groundsman humphed as the light roller was re-applied so soon into a match. Jacob needed his bowlers to stand up and this they did. Both visiting openers were dismissed with only 7 runs on the board and a procession followed. There was a brief hiccup in the middle when Rob Breitmeyer smacked a flurry of boundaries (including 19 off one over from Ryan Banks) to top-score. Jacob acknowledged later that this was a "less than astute" bowling change. The Craz were finally all out for 74 – five runs short of victory. Paddy Reardon attacked the stumps relentlessly and was rewarded with 4/12. Able support came from the other Willows bowlers and fielders.

The match was over by 3.15pm with ample time for speeches and port. Never have the Craz stopped so early at Christchurch Casino en route home. There is much to relive here for all involved.

A Father's Prayer

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud of unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone will be; a son who will know Thee – and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease or comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fall.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master others; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humour, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain".

– Adapted by D. MacArthur

The Willows

R.J.Banks	c Nicholls b Fraser	19
A.J.D.Mauger	c Breitmeyer b C Johnston	9
C.P.McGillivray	c Nicholls b Bulman	0
T.P.McConnell	c J Masefield b Bulman	21
G.D.Inglis	c Langrope b Fraser	0
S.J.Davis	b R Masefield	0
R.P.McEwan	not out	3
S.J.Lester	b C Johnston	3
B.G.Wellington	b R Masefield	1
P.H.Reardon	c Nash b M Johnston	3
J.R.K.Wolt (c)	b R Masefield	0
Extras (2lb,17w)		19
Total (all out)		78

	O	M	R	W
C.Johnston	7	3	23	2
B.J.Langrope	2	0	16	0
D.Bulman	7	2	16	2
H.Fraser	6	2	16	2
R.V.Masefield	4.5	2	3	3
M.T.Johnston	9	0	39	1

Umpires: G.Evans and B.Hamilton

Scorer: A.I.Campbell

RESULT: The Willows won by 4 runs

Peninsula Craz XI

M.T.Johnston	b Lester	3
M.Pearson	c McGillivray b Wellington	5
R.Breitmeyer	lbw Reardon	32
A.Nicholls	b Reardon	0
B.J.Langrope	c McGillivray b Reardon	10
D.Bulman	b Reardon	0
T.J.Masefield	lbw Wolt	3
C.Johnston	c Mauger b McGillivray	5
R.V.Masefield	lbw McGillivray	2
H.Fraser	not out	1
S.Nash	b Wellington	6
Extras (1b, 3lb, 4w)		8
Total (all out)		74

	O	M	R	W
B.G.Wellington	6.4	1	15	2
P.H.Reardon	10	3	12	4
C.P.McGillivray	4	2	6	2
S.J.Lester	3	0	11	1
R.J.Banks	1	0	19	0
J.R.K.Wolt	6	1	7	1



▲ Graeme Inglis bowling for The Willows against the Craz, with Mark Hutchinson the non-striker.



▲ Bob Masefield fails to put bat to ball.

Hurunui success at the 2017 Savile Cup

The Hurunui Polo Club became the first South Island team to win the prestigious Savile Cup in almost 80 years in Hastings in February 2017. Hurunui had a strong combination of Olly Tuthill, Pete Dormer and Sam Martin joined by Lachie Hunter, a former New Zealand rep of the Wanstead Club in Hawke's Bay.

Hurunui edged Waikato's Mystery Creek 9-8 in a thrilling final at the national club tournament to claim New Zealand's oldest sporting trophy, which dates back to 1890.

"We had a really good week and some amazing success," Hurunui captain Olly Tuthill said.

Tuthill said it was "a bit of luck really" but it required them being in the right place, at the right time with the right team to break the South Island drought.

"The tournament hasn't been played in the South Island for about 15 years, so it has always been hosted in the North Island recently and it's a big effort to go up and play."

"But it has always been just a tough tournament to win."

Hunter was a late call-up as a replacement for Hurunui's Guy Higginson who had to withdraw after surgery.



▲ The Hurunui team (above) and Pete Dormer, a founding member of The Willows, in action (below).

The Hurunui trio travelled north with three trucks and 28 horses in early January, stopping off at the Rangitikei tournament where they made the final but rain ended the tournament early, before heading over to Hastings.



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI – well dressed for the after-match.

Learning from the best in the game

Ever thought about the focus and mental preparation of the elite player as he faces or is about to deliver a ball at test level? Here are insights on this from our two most illustrious Willowers:

Sir Richard Hadlee

"Equally crucial are the mind games I play as a bowler. I rarely stand at the top of my mark and think: "What will it be this time ... Maybe the slower ball?" No, I have a definite plan ... I have a picture in my mind of any batsman as he walks out to face me. The ones I know nothing about, I do research on ... I'm giving myself a mental printout on what he's all about ... But sometimes my mental preparation hasn't been as sharp as it could have been, or I haven't had the foresight to alter my strategy when Plan A hasn't worked. There's a message there about staying cool ... if you are upset with what's going on (or not going on), you can lose sight of the real objective. It's all about controlling yourself, ensuring that your temperament is right for the occasion."

John Wright

"The great skill, one I haven't mastered completely, is to focus completely on the present. It's the only thing a batsman can control. It's amazing how complicated batting can become if you start thinking about the shot you've just played, the ball that nearly knocked your block off, the guy who's warming up at fine leg who's a bit quicker than the one you've been facing, how many runs you've got, how your hands don't feel right, how you're not moving your feet. When the bowler comes into bowl, you've got to narrow the focus right down, eliminating the peripheral things, and really zero in on the ball he's about to deliver. Focusing on the moment is really all it's about. Bob Simpson (Australian cricket coach) says ... that you can't maintain absolute concentration for more than three or four seconds so you shouldn't switch on

until the bowler is a few yards from the wicket. I concentrate on two key thoughts: keeping a still head and focusing on the ball I'm about to receive. Obviously there are technical things you have to remember but they just happen if you're concentrating on the moment. Then you try to do it over and over again. If you're not relaxed, you take risks and wrong options and start to focus on other things. Negative thoughts are a problem. Greg Chappell said he tried not to think about failure because that creates pressure."

— From a book on training your mind for peak performances, titled "Sport Motivation", written by Ken Hodge (Reed Publishing (NZ) Ltd, 1994). It is well worth trying to track a copy down.

Ed: Coincidentally Hadlee and Wright both feature in the February 2017 edition of "The Cricketer" magazine.

In an article on the great West Indian opening pair of Greenidge and Haynes when asked which opposition bowler did they respect the most, both replied Hadlee. The reason? "He was always at you ... he would make you play", unlike others who bowled wide or short and could be left alone – but not Hadlee.

A few pages further on, in a feature on the county side of Derbyshire, the new Director of Coaching was high on praise for their standout T20 coach, Wright, saying "John's so well regarded that he's got people asking to play for him".



▲ John Wright – back at Derbyshire



Some of the best games of the summer

John Mitchell takes a deeper look at country sides' visits to The Willows over the years.

July. The time for Willowers to select matches they wish to play in the new cricket season. For many it is a no brainer; first preference every time, is to play the country matches.

What is it about playing country teams which holds such appeal?

There is something special about playing cricket against Hawkswood or the Craz or indeed anyone based in country cricket. It has something to do with *country values* and the pleasure these guys get from playing the game. To a man, they are honest, open, naturally friendly and carry that "work hard, play hard" spirit to their sport. They arrive early (often the worse for wear) and reluctantly sling on a tie ready to enjoy themselves and the company of others. Many we know only by their nicknames – *Rowdy, Scrup, Claw, Pointer, Rolly*. Simply put, the town players just love playing against them.

Banter and bravado abounds. Digs fly about team selections with Roger Macfarlane, the exploits of "Cecil, the goat's head", the casino, and in the early days who had the firmest grip on the "Diana". These matches for members and visitors are the highlight of the season.

Sadly, the ravages of time and winds of change have meant four of the fixtures (with Flaxton, Swamphens, Wekas and Woodbank) have ceased. The last of these was Flaxton, when the curtain came down after our 2005 match. The ground on Lineside Road holds many fond memories for senior Willowers. No one who played there will forget the wonderful hospitality afforded us by the Gardners. Even though the bails might have been lifted that day for the final time, skipper Paul Rutledge reminded all present on the veranda that the "spirit of friendship will endure". And it has!

This article focusses on 23 years of Willows matches against our country cousins. And over that time we have had some stern thumpings.

WIN RATIO v WILLOWS	%	W	L	D	T
Hawkswood Wanderers	75%	15	5	1	-
Flaxton Wanderers	61%	8	5	1	1
Peninsula Craz	40%	8	12	1	-
Ohoka Swamphens	33%	2	4	-	-
Motueka Wekas	33%	1	2	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	22%	2	7	-	-

There has been many a Willows captain publicly fired after a loss. And no matter how much we stack our side, we cannot avoid the repeated ignominy of the country men coming up trumps.

Batting

The leading aggregate for runs are held by two fine players – Phil Dickson (Hawkswood) and Danny Bulman (Craz). Both have taken heavy toll on Willows bowlers over the seasons. John Masefield also figures prominently in the stats for both the Craz and Flaxton.

TOP RUNSCORERS	Runs	Inn	Ave
Phil Dickson (Hawkswood)	499	16	31.2
Danny Bulman (Craz)	452	16	32.2
Robbie Deans (Hawkswood)	416	11	46.2
Phil d'Auvergne (Woodbank)	370	7	92.5
John Masefield (Craz)	365	13	36.5
Dave Kelly (Hawkswood)	285	8	57.0
John Masefield (Flaxton)	249	5	124.5
Mike Satterthwaite (Hawkswood)	234	7	39.0

There have been many fine centuries scored by Country players over the years. Leading the charge with two apiece are Robbie Deans (in 1996 and 1998) and Phil d'Auvergne (2001 and 2003). Both smashed the ball everywhere and proved stumbling blocks in our quest for victory. Six other country players who have scored memorable centuries include: Dave Kelly (Hawkswood) in 2014, John Masefield (Craz) in 1995, Willie Nicholls (Craz) in 2011, Blair Krammer (Wekas) in 1999, Chris Flanagan (Flaxton) in 1997 and Chris Sowden (Flaxton) in 2000. This year, Willie Lyons, a city "ring-in" scored an unbeaten 98 for Hawkswood and would easily have joined this illustrious group had it not been for leg cramps which curtailed his running between the wickets at the death.

Bowling

As with The Willows bowling stats one name dominates here too. "Honorary Hawk" Andrew Nuttall was the best "hired gun" Roger Macfarlane lured north of the Hurunui River to play for his team. Andrew's 43 wickets (at an incredibly low average) have given Hawkswood an "invincible" edge as he continues to be our nemesis in the annual match.

TOP WICKET TAKERS	Wickets	Ave
Andrew Nuttall (Hawkswood)	43	11.5
Hugh Fraser (Craz)	19	18.5
Chris Mulcock (Hawkswood)	18	20.1
Danny Bulman (Craz)	16	18.3
Mike Stronach (Craz)	13	16.3
Roger Sowden (Flaxton)	12	7.3
Eddie Norgate (Hawkswood)	12	19.1
Bob Masefield (Craz)	11	15.5

It is good to see evergreen leg-spinner Bob Masefield on the list alongside Roger Sowden. Roger only played five games against us but picked up a hatful of wickets with his handy in-duckers.

Three Hawkswood bowlers have gained 5 or more wickets in an innings. They are: Andrew Nuttall (twice) with 7/23 (2002) and 5/24 (2004) and Chris Mulcock 5/43 (2011) and Stu Dickson 5/44 (2005).

Appearances

MATCHES PLAYED AGAINST THE WILLOWS

- Hugh Fraser (Craz), Phil Dickson (Hawkswood) and Andrew Nuttall (Hawkswood)
- Danny Bulman (Craz)
- John Masefield (Craz)
- Stu Dickson (Hawkswood), Mike Stronach (Craz), Brian Hutchinson (Craz), Chris Mulcock (Hawkswood) and Bob Masefield (Craz)
- Robbie Deans (Hawkswood), John Gardner (Flaxton), Tim Coop (Craz)

These are just some of the men whose conviviality embodies everything good about our game. Others of us haven't managed to keep playing for as long. We've seen some great characters at Loburn over the years. Men like: Gordon Fulton with his "loopy leggings", Dan Hilgendorf - the soul behind Lauriston cricket, Ron Dalley who was active with both the Swampshens and Flaxton, and the late Peter Johnston who ran Country cricket before the likes of John Gardner and Peter Devlin.

As well, a long line of father/son combinations from country cricket have played at Jaguar Oval over the years. The latest of note being the Shipleys from the Greendale Club, near Darfield. When fast bowler Henry (ex-St Andrew's College) made his Plunket Shield and one-day debut in 2016, he went one better than his dad, James, who was selected as 12th man for Canterbury in 1985, but never featured in the playing XI. Shipley elder, does, however, feature on our honours board with a fine century (for Medbury Headmaster's XI) back in 1997.

Willows members have been enriched to have had special bonds with these fine men across many country clubs. We thank them for their support and friendship over a 23 season period.

Sides continue to travel from all over the South Island to play an annual match at The Willows. Whatever the outcome, it remains a season's highlight. May this spirit which links rural and urban players continue for many years to come.

What has stuck with me – life experiences through a coach education trip to Sri Lanka

By Chris O'Connell

Christchurch secondary school teacher and cricket fanatic

I have just returned from a two week experience in Sri Lanka from September 11th – 25th with the Cricket Live Foundation, delivering two coach education programmes for Sri Lankan local cricket coaches. I was part of a team of three coaches from Christchurch, headed by director Alex Reese (the founder of Cricket Live) and Sam Noster, a club player formerly of the Burnside West Cricket Club.

We had two different tasks on this trip in two very different areas of Sri Lanka. The first was to deliver an intermediate coaching course to a group of twelve coaches in a very remote part of Sri Lanka called Siyambalanduwa. The second task was in Moratuwa, Colombo and it was to deliver an advanced course to facilitate a group of

competent coaches in how to teach and run courses for beginner coaches. The competent coaches then ran a beginner coaching course for three days which we observed and gave them feedback on their performance as educators. They also went to the actual cricket schools and did some direct coaching with the children in the programme.

As an experienced teacher my main focus as a facilitator was to deliver material about good teaching practice and pedagogy as the local coaches needed this type of information to guide them in the coaching process. This included consideration of different learning styles, planning templates, establishing positive learning environments, strategies for questioning and giving feedback.

The courses were different but exceptionally rewarding. We were impressed by the attitudes of all the coaches, their willingness to learn and their 'hunger' to experience some of the New Zealand approaches to cricket coaching and teaching in general. It was fascinating seeing the coaches put these ideas into practice and being able to educate and inspire upcoming coaches.

We also had a responsibility to share our work with an Indian gentleman called Anand Datla who has been tasked with getting the programme established in India. We sincerely look forward to developments in this area in the near future.

Most importantly, the Cricket Live Foundation, set up by New Zealander Alex Reese, is focused on underprivileged youth in Sri Lanka to give them a chance in life. The emphasis is the teaching of life skills alongside the teaching of the sport of cricket. The life skills taught in the programme which are known as the 5C's (competencies) are: team work, punctuality and time management, respect, self-discipline and nutrition.

One totally moving experience I had was the opportunity to go into the children's homes in their village. These families pretty much have 'nothing' compared to us, on a day to day basis. Parents often don't have regular employment but will take any job such as labouring, fishing, helping neighbours and performing carpentry



▲ Chris O'Connell with Sam Noster and Alex Reese.



tasks as available. The reality being, if there is no work on a particular day then they will not have money for food for the next day.

The children that I witnessed who are part of the Cricket Live were all simply amazing. The pride and respect demonstrated by them was delightful and inspiring. An example of this was the pride in wearing their grey caps, white cricket shirt and white trousers which are provided as part of the programme. Somehow through their eyes and faces, I could see how the programme had brightened up their lives and their respect for the sport and the programme was obvious.

I witnessed an enthusiasm from them for learning new skills and developing life values and their appreciation of the opportunity that they had

been given was evident in their demeanour, with them often training with their coaches with a focused silence!

Differences SL vs NZ

Where do I start? Without a doubt I experienced a major culture shock. This included the daily tuk tuk travel through the city via the chaotic Galle Road in Colombo, temperatures up to 40 degrees celsius, locals serving up curries for nearly every meal and eating them with their right hands, dogs everywhere you look, rubbish randomly dumped in different locations, small crowded shops and being applauded by locals in some areas as we were the only foreigners that some of them had ever seen!

As a school teacher I was interested in the schools. What did I learn from what I witnessed? The schools I visited as part of the programme varied in facilities and wealth. Some classroom environments could be described by us as 'shocking'. Classrooms had concrete floors, no lighting, dust everywhere, overcrowding and few teaching and learning resources. There wasn't a computer in sight that I could see! Toilets were unhygienic, playing field conditions were uneven, sand based with minimal grass.

Some schools had rubbish dumps behind the classroom blocks and I witnessed a 'burn-off' on school grounds depositing smoke all around the environment for everyone to inhale.

I had a conversation (via the Google Translate app) with an experienced teacher and he described his salary as 480,000 Sri Lankan rupees a year, which equates to NZD 4,490 per year. I thought, how many of us would get into the profession for that type of remuneration?

The MJF Foundation named after Merrill J Fernando, the owner of Dilmah Tea, is the financial backer of the programme and has been proactive obtaining classroom and storage space, net facilities and matting wickets. This is work in progress at some schools getting new facilities built and working through all the local red tape.

The most memorable thing I saw was a school cow! It was chomping away at the little grass it could find. A couple of schools also had wrecked cars on site, apparently for educational reasons. The schools we went into started at 7.30am and finished at 1.30pm. There was a prayer at the end of the day, with the whole school standing still and flags coming down before dismissal of the children for the day. School uniforms were fully white and kids carried plastic bags with their curry and rice lunch for the day.

Budgets seemed non-existent for classroom resources and facilities. Most children carried a single exercise book and a pen which was used for all subjects. There were hardly any classrooms with fans and certainly no air conditioning or floor covering – all classroom floors were concrete. It made me thankful for what we have in New Zealand schools.

My life has been enriched by this unique and amazing experience of a two week stint in Sri Lanka. The visit has opened my eyes to another culture that I can honestly report is a proud, hardworking, and respectful one. I have witnessed how the medium of sport can be used to lift the lives of the underprivileged and teach them life skills and values with undisputable success.

I found the Sri Lankan people to be totally welcoming, friendly and respectful and they accepted our knowledge and support with open arms.

My tolerance of the local curry and chilli (in everything) has definitely improved but I have a long way to go! I must admit to having several visits to the pharmacy to get medications to treat indigestion and help me cope with the 'spicy' food early on in the trip.

In summary, I was fascinated and almost in disbelief as to how a young kiwi, Alex Reese had managed to get the Cricket Live programme set up from ground zero. Amazingly after three years of existence, it is a programme that now provides for close to 500 children. Alex had an initial vision and he made it happen – that in itself is a remarkable achievement. It is also a little surreal that an initiative of this nature exists thousands of kilometres away from little old New Zealand.

I look forward to a continued connection to and following of the Cricket Live programme and the possibilities for growth excite me ... I wonder what it will look like if it 'explodes' into India?

I would like to thank my employers Ellesmere College BOT for allowing me to take two weeks leave of absence from my teaching position, Leeston Lions, Freemasons of Leeston, Alex Reese and the Cricket Live foundation for supporting me and believing in me as having something to offer the programme.

I am most fortunate to have had this amazing life and personal advancement experience ... but the bottom line is we don't know how lucky we are here in New Zealand.

Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Abbott, R.E.	10	2	155	19.4	-	120	21	478	15	31.9	1
Agnew, T.W.	17	5	169	14.1	-	141	17	529	28	18.9	1
Allott, G.I.	13	4	109	12.1	-	131	30	427	30	14.2	1
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	-	118	30	319	11	29.0	-
Bennett, J.	31	12	324	17.1	-	12	1	85	3	28.3	-
Bisman, C.W.	8	2	318	53.0	1	81	12	246	19	12.9	-
Bond, D.W.	38	6	1331	41.6	2	25	1	207	1	207.0	-
Brooks, G.N.B.	16	2	507	36.2	-	33	3	139	4	34.8	-
Burrell, D.C.	29	11	834	46.3	3	112	10	514	15	34.3	-
Burrell, W.M.	29	6	654	28.4	1	134	22	524	25	21.0	-
Burson, R.D.	13	4	250	27.8	-	112	13	364	29	12.6	1
Clark, C.R.	6	1	65	13.0	-	48	8	180	15	12.0	-
Coffey, S.T.	14	3	529	48.1	2	14	2	67	2	33.5	-
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	-	236	22	583	30	19.4	1
Cornelius, W.A.	19	4	183	12.2	-	183	35	540	37	14.6	2
Courtney, L.	26	14	163	13.6	-	198	16	917	29	31.6	-
Curnow, C.C.	9	4	96	19.2	-	64	7	281	17	16.5	1
Cusack, D.R.	39	7	1223	38.2	1	2	0	20	0	-	-
D'Arcy, J.A.C.	16	2	316	22.6	-	33	1	157	7	22.4	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	29	5	835	34.8	-	8	0	40	0	-	-
Davis, S.J.	35	10	353	14.1	-	260	37	979	49	20.0	-
Day, H.W.	9	0	174	19.3	-	57	4	258	20	12.9	1
Devlin, P.C.	25	6	621	32.7	1	32	3	140	7	20.0	-
Dickson, G.J.	16	6	353	35.3	-	64	7	302	10	30.2	-
Doody, B.J.K.	36	4	1057	33.0	2	30	1	148	12	12.3	-
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	-	144	7	605	24	25.2	1
Dormer, B.L.	15	2	394	30.3	-	10	0	53	2	26.5	-
Dowds, D.P.	31	4	975	36.1	1	95	4	495	14	35.4	-
Duncan, P.M.	8	2	308	51.3	1	19	0	103	2	51.5	-
Dunne, R.M.	18	7	672	61.1	-	74	9	278	13	21.4	-
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	-	96	13	366	21	17.4	2
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	1
Fisher, T.D.L.	6	4	431	215.5	1	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	2	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	-
Gray, A.H.	11	4	20	2.9	-	159	36	446	29	15.4	1
Grocott, D.J.	16	9	178	25.4	-	147	35	361	24	15.0	-
Hamel, M.J.	15	1	366	26.1	-	88	10	420	12	35.0	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	15	1	547	39.1	1	6	0	27	1	27.0	-
Hantz, J.L.	14	0	354	25.3	-	19	1	88	7	12.6	-
Harris, B.Z.	13	2	323	29.4	-	81	10	272	15	18.1	-
Harris, P.D.	64	15	1677	34.2	3	287	36	1174	51	23.0	-
Harrison, T.	19	4	650	43.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	25	4	477	22.7	-	188	22	777	44	17.7	1
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	1
Hawke, M.J.	28	10	792	44.0	-	159	20	624	26	24.0	-
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	-	117	24	350	23	15.2	-
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	-
Inglis, G.D.	56	10	1271	27.6	1	147	17	638	29	22.0	-
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	-	71	11	246	15	16.4	1
James, C.D.	19	0	479	25.2	-	7	0	46	2	23.0	-
Johnston, T.G.	9	0	200	22.2	-	84	12	390	16	24.4	1
Johnstone, A.F.	25	4	351	16.7	-	30	3	113	6	18.8	-
Kelly, D.P.	31	14	1451	85.4	7	160	19	531	45	11.8	2
Kelly, M.J.	19	2	374	22.0	-	21	1	105	6	17.5	1
Landon-Lane, M.E.	18	4	421	30.1	-	38	3	149	3	49.7	-
Latham, T.W.M.	9	2	483	69.0	1	15	3	56	1	56.0	-
Lughton, B.L.	18	2	473	29.6	1	60	2	306	4	76.5	-
Lonsdale, W.M.	12	2	97	9.7	-	115	23	375	25	15.0	-
Marsh, J.D.	8	0	127	15.9	-	78	11	267	18	14.8	1
Masefield, R.V.	15	7	165	20.6	-	112	12	433	25	17.3	1
Masefield, T.J.	15	6	308	34.2	-	37	10	79	13	6.1	-
McCarthy, G.P.	34	2	415	13.0	-	59	1	287	15	19.1	-
McCarthy, P.B.	19	2	670	39.4	1	49	5	196	11	17.8	-
McConnell, T.P.	35	6	1055	36.4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	59	7	1429	27.5	2	283	27	1221	57	21.4	-
McEwan, R.P.	30	7	117	5.1	-	186	17	811	23	35.3	-
McFedries, A.G.	26	2	648	27.0	-	212	25	867	29	29.9	1
McGillivray, C.P.	8	3	103	20.6	-	69	12	243	16	15.2	-
McGuire, R.D.	34	14	586	29.3	-	335	33	1334	61	21.9	1
McKenzie, M.N.	11	2	387	43.0	1	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	1	0	14	1	14.0	-
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mugford, C.	10	1	348	38.7	-	40	5	166	8	20.8	-
Nathu, A.	19	1	484	26.9	-	14	0	87	1	87.0	-
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	-	145	24	521	32	16.3	1
Noster, S.N.	11	2	445	49.4	3	58	8	241	5	48.2	-
Nuttall, A.J.	66	31	778	22.2	-	840	206	2244	199	11.3	2
O'Connell, C.P.	9	3	163	27.2	-	65	7	278	15	18.5	-
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	12	3	359	39.9	2	54	6	234	5	46.8	-
Orton, B.R.	9	5	567	141.8	3	5	2	15	4	3.8	-
Parr, M.J.	19	2	347	20.4	-	162	25	536	30	17.9	-
Patel, M.	13	2	447	40.6	1	83	15	300	14	21.4	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Pawson, J.D.	24	5	561	29.5	1	184	30	538	29	18.6	-
Peacock, M.D.	21	6	400	26.7	-	223	56	641	43	14.9	2
Reese, A.	18	5	205	15.8	-	159	10	604	24	25.2	1
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	2	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	-
Singleton, M.J.	20	1	443	23.3	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Sparks, L.C.	19	6	164	12.6	-	217	46	755	39	19.4	1
Stevens, S.D.	13	5	75	9.4	-	154	14	749	23	32.6	-
Stewart, G.J.	21	5	235	14.7	-	150	20	526	39	13.5	1
Tapper, J.H.	16	3	344	26.5	-	116	31	400	27	14.8	2
Teale, H.W.	16	4	542	45.2	1	78	6	414	16	25.9	-
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	-	118	17	438	16	27.4	-
Thomson, G.L.	29	4	935	37.4	3	14	0	81	1	81.0	-
Wakefield, D.J.	18	3	464	30.9	-	113	13	436	21	20.8	1
Ward, J.	16	4	369	30.8	-	54	3	280	11	25.5	-
Weeds, M.G.	23	5	566	31.4	-	9	0	36	1	36.0	-
Williams, M.L.	21	3	377	20.9	-	73	2	298	14	21.3	-
Wilson, J.M.	26	4	426	19.4	-	45	1	270	9	30.0	-
Wilson, R.T.	21	7	382	27.3	1	85	7	397	13	30.5	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	23	10	59	4.5	-	329	37	1414	53	26.7	-
Wooliscroft, S.	1		1	1.0	-	71	11	202	16	12.6	-
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	2	17	0	72	5	14.4	-
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	-	183	21	742	34	21.8	-
Yock, B.A.	16	3	688	52.9	1	14	1	79	1	79.0	-
Younghusband, P.F.	13	3	209	20.9	-	103	23	331	23	14.4	1



Records

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
1994/95	13	12	1	-	-
1995/96	17	12	4	-	1
1996/97	17	10	6	-	1
1997/98	21	14	6	1	-
1998/99	18	10	7	-	1
1999/00	19	9	10	-	-
2000/01	23	17	6	-	-
2001/02	21	15	4	2	-
2002/03	21	16	5	-	-
2003/04	22	15	7	-	-
2004/05	22	13	8	-	1
2005/06	26	14	12	-	-
2006/07	26	13	13	-	-
2007/08	27	19	7	-	1
2008/09	25	21	4	-	-
2009/10	26	19	6	-	1
2010/11	24	18	4	-	2
2011/12	26	15	11	-	-
2012/13	28	19	8	-	1
2013/14	26	12	10	-	4
2014/15	26	15	10	-	1
2015/16	26	14	11	-	1
2016/17	24	12	12	-	-
Total	524	334	172	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
2016/17	24	4,238	166	25.5	176
Total	514	106,165	3,864	27.4	206

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canterbury Secondary Schools	21.02.99
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	28.01.96
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	05.03.00
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13
F.Hill	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	15.03.15
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05
T.Huyser	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.H.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
R.Jones	100	v Waimea College	24.11.13
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11
D.P.Kelly	101	v Bradley Nuttall XI	20.02.13
D.P.Kelly	102	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	10.03.13
D.P.Kelly	100	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
D.P.Kelly	104	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14

D.P.Kelly	100	v Southwest Schools XI	08.01.17
D.P.Kelly	100	v King's High School	29.01.17
S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
T.W.M.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
B.L.Laughton	105	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11
P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
T.P.McConnell	104	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
M.Newton-Vesty	102	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
C.Neyens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
S.N.Noster	102	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14
H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
D.B.Vann	102	v North West Schools XI	30.11.14
W.P.J.Walsh	100	v North West Schools XI	05.12.10
B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley Boys' High School	18.03.12
R.T.Wilson	101	v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
A.Yugaraja	104	v Christ's College	15.01.12



Honours – Bowling (Maximum 10 overs)

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
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17
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 Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
P.F.Younghusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
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

Season achieved

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
2016/17	B.J.K.Doody
2016/17	T.P.McConnell

Bowlers – 100 wickets

Season achieved

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.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School
2005/06	C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v Wanganui Collegiate
2006/07	S.T.Coffey	101	v London NZ CC XI
2007/08	S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools XI
2008/09	T.W.M.Latham	76	v Burnside High School
2009/10	T.A.Rutherford	7-20	v The Willows
2010/11	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College
2011/12	D.P.Dowds	96	v Suburban XI
2012/13	Not awarded		
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 St Bede's College
2016/17	B.Dickie	97	v The Willows

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
2016/17	St Andrew's College

Visitor Honours 2016/17 Season

T.Hutton	130*	for Waitaki Boys' High School
W.N.O'Brien	5-12	for Northwest Schools XI
D.Cornish	5-24	for St Andrew's College
H.Kindley	5-27	for Otago Boys' High School

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	16/17
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	L	-	W	L	-	W	W	D	L	W	L	L	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	L
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	L	L	-	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	D	L
Ohoka Swamphens	W	W	W	L	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	-
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	-	L	W	W	-	L	L	L
Clarrie Anderson's XI	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	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L
Peninsula Craze	-	D	L	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	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	-
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	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	L
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	D	L	L	D	L	-	W	W	-	W	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	L	-	W	-	-	-	-
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	L	W	L	-	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	W
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	W	W	W	L	W	D	-	L	W	-	
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	W	W	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	W	L	W	W	W	W	L
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	-	-	-
Burnside/NW Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	D	W	L	-	-
St Thomas of C'bury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	-	W	D	L	W	L	W	W	L	-
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	W
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	L	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Canty/Ashburton College XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	L	L
King's High School (Dunedin) 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	L	L	L	L	-
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	W	L	-	W	L	-	-	-	-
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gore High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	-	-	-
Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	-	W	-	-	-
Sacred Heart College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	-	-	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	D	-	L	-	-	-
Bradley Nuttall XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	L	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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