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REPORT
SEASON
2017/2018



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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W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

The Willow Cricketer

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The Willows Opening Bowler

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A.J.Sheard
M.J.Singleton
J.G.Stringleman

Life Members

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V.B.Cusack
P.C.Devlin
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Team Selection

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Membership



The members roll at 31 March 2018 stood as follows:

Playing	286
Associate	230
Overseas	107
Honorary	79
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Total Membership	702

Playing Members (286)

Year of entry precedes name

03 Abbott, R.E.	06 Coffey, S.T.	94 Fairbairn, W.R.T.
06 Agnew, T.W.	99 Coll, J.P.	06 Farrant, M.D.
12 Allcock, M.J.	10 Collins, M.	14 Finnie, C.S.F.
97 Allott, G.I.	16 Cooper, S.	14 Finnie, G.
03 Ambler, K.R.	18 Cornelius, W.	17 Fleming, B.D.
15 Arnold, C.J.	17 Costello, R.S.	18 Fletcher, N.
15 Ave, M.J.	14 Courtney, L.	08 Franklin, B.M.
14 Baker, A.P.	06 Cowlshaw, A.J.	16 Frew, J.
07 Barry, J.V.	09 Croft, M.	15 Frew, R.M.
07 Bartholomeusz, L.D.	98 Cunliffe, J.J.	14 Frost, M.F.
13 Bayly, R.	14 Curnow, C.C.	00 Fulton, D.H.
06 Belliss, C.J.	94 Cusack, D.R.	16 Fulton, J.
94 Bennett, J.	11 Cutts, R.E.	95 Fulton, P.G.
95 Bisman, C.W.	98 d'Auvergne, P.G.	09 Gale, A.J.
13 Blair, B.A.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.	15 Gilbert, S.
16 Blake, G.	16 Davis, G.	11 Gray, A.H.
13 Bolderston, M.G.	94 Davis, S.J.	04 Grigor, I.M.
02 Bond, S.E.	16 Davison, H.	09 Grocott, T.M.
08 Boock, J.W.E.	13 Day, H.W.	12 Haig, A.D.
16 Boon, T.	08 Devine, P.B.	15 Hamilton, A.I.J.
14 Borrie, O.	16 Dickie, B.J.	11 Hamilton, R.J.V.
13 Boyle, J.C.T.	13 Dickson, G.J.	17 Hamilton, W.
16 Brady, B.	15 Dickson, P.N.	09 Hampton-Matehe, T.
12 Braid, T.J.	12 Dobbs, P.W.	99 Hantz, J.L.H.
95 Brooks, G.N.	16 Dobson, J.	94 Harris, P.D.
94 Bull, C.L., MNZM	13 Doherty, B.P.	10 Harrison, T.
94 Bull, J.C.	95 Doody, B.J.K.	17 Hartland, B.R.
15 Burnett, A.	00 Doody, T.J.D.	00 Hastilow, A.J.
16 Burnett, S.	94 Dormer, B.L.	01 Hawes, F.C.
94 Burson, R.D.	16 Drayton, A.	16 Hay, M.J.
17 Cameron, C.	09 Duncan, J.D.	14 Hay, M.W.
17 Campbell, L.C.	17 Dunlop, T.	14 Hill, C.
16 Cantwell, R.	97 Dunne, R.M.	14 Hill, F.
16 Chatterton, M.	11 Eastlake, M.G.	13 Hill, N.H.
17 Chu, M.W.	16 Ebrahim, D.	09 Hinton, C.R.
16 Clark, L.	99 Ellis, A.M.	16 Hooper, C.J.
17 Clark, N.C.	01 Ellis, A.M.	16 Hooper, R.
16 Clarke, C.	16 Entwistle, B.	15 Horne, P.

16	House, M.	14	Michel, B.	13	Stanley, D.D.
12	Howard, S.E.	16	Millar, M.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
15	Howell, G.A.	16	Miller, C.	18	Steward, L.
95	Hudson, M.G.	14	Miller, P.	09	Stewart, G.J.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	17	Mockford, J.	17	Stove, L.
15	Hunt, K.	14	Mugford, C.	01	Stretch, G.B.
94	Inglis, G.D.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	13	Stretch, M.
11	Inglis, S.B.	15	Music, T.	10	Stringleman, J.G.
13	Jeffrey, M.	00	Nathu, A.	09	Sutton, T.G.
08	Johnston, L.H.	11	Nation, T.C.G.	11	Tait, M.J.
01	Johnston, M.T.	16	Newton-Vesty, M.C.	09	Tapper, J.H.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	08	Nicholls, H.M.	16	Taylor, L.
16	Jordan, W.	03	Noster, F.R.	10	Taylor, R.J.
11	Kelly, D.P.	06	Noster, S.N.	14	Taylor, T.C.
11	Kelly, M.J.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	09	Teale, H.W.
15	Kennett, H.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	17	Tempero, R.P.
16	Kingston, M.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	11	Thomas, S.T.
14	Kirk, H.S.T.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	99	Thompson, K.G.
12	Knight, P.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	04	Thornton, T.F.
05	Langrope, B.J.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	00	Turner, T.J.H.
08	Latham, T.W.M.	17	O'Leary, C.I.H.	16	Turpie, R.
01	Leggat, J.E.	98	Parr, M.J.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
09	Lester, S.J.	06	Patel, M.	11	Vann, D.B.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	16	Pauling, M.	15	Vedder, D.W.
17	Lockrose, B.N.J.	94	Pawson, J.D.	16	Wakefield, C.J.
01	Loe, H.F.	94	Pawson, S.J.	12	Wakefield, D.J.
01	Lucas, B.J.	09	Pithey, R.J.	03	Walker, R.L.
15	Lyons, W.G.J.	17	Prain, G.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
11	Mably, B.J.	16	Punselie, S.	10	Ward, B.R.
12	Mably, D.R.	17	Rapson, B.J.	95	Ward, J.
06	MacFarlane, B.S.	18	Ravenscroft, T.	09	Watson, J.M.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	13	Rawson, D.P.G.	94	Weeds, M.G.
16	Macfarlane, W.M.L.	15	Read, K.	06	Wellington, B.G.
11	Macgregor, A.J.	00	Reardon, P.H.	08	Wheeler, B.M.
12	Marsh, D.	09	Reed, G.I.	14	Williams, B.J.
10	Marsh, N.E.	08	Reese, A.	15	Williams, J.
94	Masefield, R.V.	16	Reid, M.	12	Williams, M.L.
99	Masefield, T.J.	03	Rennell, C.P.	10	Williams, W.S.A.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	11	Rennie, T.C.	16	Wills, K.
12	McCall, D.K.	09	Richards, J.M.	17	Wilson, A.D.
02	McCarthy, G.P.	10	Robertson, H.S.	14	Wilson, H.E.J.
95	McCarthy, P.B.	16	Roddens, C.R.	13	Wilson, J.M.
16	McCaw, R.H., ONZ	06	Rowe, A.J.	10	Wilson, T.R.
12	McConnell, T.P.	09	Rowe, M.P.	16	Wilson, S.W.J.
10	McCracken, A.J.	95	Rutledge, P.D.	16	Winchester, H.
16	McDonald, T.	15	Ryan, H.M.H.	16	Wingham, M.
08	McEwan, M.B.	15	Ryan, L.P.	16	Wingham, N.
94	McEwan, P.E.	06	Ryan, P.D.	09	Winter, M.J.C.
09	McEwan, R.P.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.	10	Wiseman, P.J.
95	McFedries, A.G.	16	Scanlon, L.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
14	McGuire, J.A.	16	Schwass, J.	16	Woollicroft, S.P.
98	McGuire, R.D.	14	Scott, K.B.	13	Wright, E.T.Q.
16	McGuire, S.P.	13	Scott, T.T.B.	99	Wright, H.G.
12	McHardy, S.	14	Sheat, F.W.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	13	Shiple, H.	08	Wright, H.J.
10	McLean, C.F.	18	Singh, A.	05	Wright, N.H.
95	McRae, A.R.	09	Singleton, M.J.		
13	Meyrick, J.M.	09	Soper, B.E.		

Associate Members (230)

06	Abbott, R.T.	04	Dickey, G.E.	95	Hastings, M.B.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	01	Dickson, I.B.	04	Hayward, R.D.
94	Adams, B.C., <i>QSM</i>	94	Dolan, P.J.	02	Hayward, R.E.
94	Aldridge, B.L., <i>QSM</i>	94	Dorner, P.E.	05	Healy, N.
17	Allison, M.	94	Dorner, M.E.	08	Henry, M.J.
94	Austin, G.K.	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	94	Hight, C.M.
14	Averill, C.E.W.	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
94	Baker, C.K.	98	Durning, J.W.	94	Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R., <i>QSO</i>
09	Ballantyne, R.M., <i>CNZM</i>	05	Eaton, J.H.M.	95	Hudson, H.J.
03	Barnett, D.W.	94	Ebert, R.J.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
06	Barry, V.E.	01	Eddington, W.L.	94	Ikram, Professor H., <i>ONZM</i>
94	Bateman, S.N.	97	Ellis, M.J.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	16	Entwistle, D.R.	95	Irvine, B.S.
03	Beer, G.D.	05	Evans, G.R.	99	Irving, J.D.
07	Biddick, D.W.	10	Evans, K.W.	10	Johnstone, N.A.
94	Blair, K.R.	01	Eveleigh, R.S.	06	Jordan, P.H.
17	Bolt, Mrs E.J.	04	Evennett, D.C.	94	Joyce, Professor P.R.
98	Bond, D.W.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	98	Judson, R.E.
00	Boock, S.L., <i>ONZM</i>	98	Fenton, W.R.	11	Kennedy, C.P.
15	Bott, D.R.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	99	Kerr, L.H.
12	Boyle, D.J.	10	Finn, Professor J.N.	10	King, R.H.
94	Boyle, J.G.	94	Fisher, M.A.	08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.
97	Bremner, M.C.	94	Flanagan, S.P.	94	Lancaster, T.E.
94	Bromley, R.C.	08	Fletcher, A.G.	01	Lawson, R.A.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	14	Ford, L.	94	Loe, J.G.
95	Bruce, D.B.	06	Fowler, H.M.	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.
04	Buckenham, M.H.	94	Fox, D.O.	12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.
08	Buist, G.T.	94	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	01	Malloch, B.E.
06	Bull, A.J.	97	Fuller, M.J.	12	Marsh, P.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	98	Fulton, G.H.	01	Martin, S.D.
03	Burrett, W.G.	98	Gallaway, G.N.	00	Martin, S.G.D.
00	Burrows, D.L.	94	Gardner, J.	14	Matthews, Associate Judge J.G.
99	Calder, B.L.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	02	Garland, S.P.	03	McClellan, L.R.
95	Campbell, A.I.	09	Georgieff, R.	05	McCone, R.J.
04	Carter, R.	03	Goldstein, M.P.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.
17	Cartridge, Mrs V.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>	94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>
17	Castle, T.J.	10	Gould, G.C.	98	McFedries, S.M.
99	Chisholm, D.H.	01	Gourdie, A.J.	95	McHarg, R.L.
00	Chisholm, The Hon. Justice L.	06	Gray, E.J.	94	McKechnie, B.J.
14	Clark, D.C.	14	Griffith, D.	99	McKendry, D.J.
94	Clark, N.G.	96	Grocott, D.J.	98	McKinlay, S.
01	Coates, N.F.	96	Grocott, J.W.	02	McRae, J.A.
03	Colvin, G.G.	94	Guthrey, P.C.	95	Miller, G.A.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	94	Hadlee, B.G.	94	Mills, D.I.T.
94	Coop, T.A.	94	Hadlee, D.R.	12	Monk, G.B., <i>ONZM</i>
06	Cooper, The Hon Justice M.L.S.	94	Hadlee, M.J.	05	Moore, G.R.
04	Cosgrove, Hon C.J.	95	Hamilton, B.G.	06	Morgan, R.
17	Cotton, Ms K.D.	11	Harper, R.G.F.	12	Moses, K.R.
94	Cunliffe, S.M.	15	Harris, Mrs C.	09	Murray, D.N.
95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	15	Harris, N., <i>QSO</i>	03	Newell, M.L.M.
94	Davidson, A.F., <i>ONZM</i>	15	Harris, Ms R.	11	Newman, P.A.
94	Davidson, The Hon Justice N.R.W.	95	Harrison, R.J.	10	Neynens, C.
94	Devlin, P.C.	94	Hastilow, J.W.	98	Nielsen, T.S.
00	Dick, A.E.	94	Hastings, B.F.	10	O'Brien, P.D., <i>ONZM</i>

14	Orsborn, I.A.	09	Rowe, C.A.	99	Taylor, B.J.
94	Parker, N.M.	01	Rust, K.N.	94	Thiele, C.H.
94	Paton, G.C.J.	94	Savill, C.M.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	06	Sawers, S.J.	99	Townrow, W.B.
94	Phillips, M.K.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	07	Veale, J.H.
95	Pitcher, A.C.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	94	Wait, E.P.
06	Polson, A.H.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	00	Wake, R.W.
10	Pope, C.D.	15	Scott, P.	17	Wakefield, S.
97	Priest, M.W.	95	Sharp, D.C.	94	Wallace, P.E.
17	Prinsep, G.	05	Sheard, A.J.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
09	Pulley, D.F.	00	Shipley, A.J.B.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
95	Quested, D.M.	95	Skipper, H.L.	95	Watson, M.
99	Raphael, S.H.E.	06	Smail, D.J.R., <i>OBE, TD, DL</i>	95	Wells, G.R.
04	Reid, D.W.	95	Smith, G.B.	14	Whata, The Hon. Justice C.N.
95	Roberts, S.J.	13	Smith, G.J.	14	Whiteside, P.F., QC
98	Robinson, L.M.C., <i>MNZM</i>	94	Smith, M.J.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
14	Ross, J.L.	06	Spear, B.G.	14	Wilby, B.G.
14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	94	Stead, G.R.	16	Wilcock, O.M.
03	Rowberry, J.M.	95	Strack, D.J.		

Overseas Members (107)

AUSTRALIA

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

96	Rixon, S.J.
01	Rose, G.L.
94	Runacres, A.M.
03	Salmon, K.
98	Silver, M.J.
17	Smart, W.A.
95	Smith, R.
12	Sundarjee, M.
12	Sundarjee, P.
06	Walls, K.A.
94	Wiles, E.G.
11	Woolcott, E.B.
02	Zavos, S.B.

HONG KONG

01	Chandler, J.
09	Keir, J.
15	Laplough, G.D.
00	Miles, R.
94	Stearns, N.
15	Styles, K.A.
17	Tandon, D.
01	Walsh, M.
15	Watkins, P.J.

INDIA

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

IRELAND

11	Fisher, H.M.L.
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JAPAN

99	Deans, R.M.
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SINGAPORE

08	Horner, M.
15	Robinson, J.R.
16	Robinson, S.

SOUTH AFRICA

01	Fotheringham, B.
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SRI LANKA

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

SWEDEN

01	Larsson, L.
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THAILAND

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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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

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UNITED KINGDOM

- 95 Bazalgette, C.
 11 Blackett, H.
 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
 03 Buckton, S.J.
 17 Collis, A.D.
 08 Conyngnam, J.
 98 Cumbes, J.
 98 Dodds, V.
 08 Fearnley, C.D.
 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.
 07 Teale, M.D.
 06 Vallance, J.A.F.
 11 Wakeford, G.D.
 05 Wheeler, N.

Honorary Members (79)

- 15 Barber, M.
 14 Barber, R.H.T.
 07 Becroft, His Honour Judge A.J.
 03 Blackett, Sir Hugh
 99 Brierley, Sir Ronald
 95 Brownlee, E.T., *QSM*
 94 Burdon, Hon Philip
 98 Butler of Brockwell, The Lord, *GCB, CVO*
 09 Catley, D.H., *MNZM*
 06 Chatfield, E.J., *MBE*
 15 Clarke, C.E.
 17 Close, D.G.
 13 Cobham, Viscount C.
 09 Coleman, B., *OBE*
 99 Coney, J.V., *MBE*
 13 Cooke, F.M.R., *QC*
 06 Coward, M.J.
 94 Cowles, R.J.
 17 Crick, D.J.
 94 Cummings, Rev Fr. B.S., *SM*
 94 Cusack, V.B.
 17 de Maine, Captain N. (Salvation Army)
 15 Donaldson, Comm R.W. (Salvation Army)
 94 Dormer, Mrs D.W., *OM* (Poland)
 15 Eales, J., *AM*
 01 Elley, J.C.
 14 Fairhall, J.
- 04 Farr-Jones, N.C., *AM*
 08 Fernando, M.J.
 03 Fry, C.A.
 94 Gallaway, I.W., *QSO, MBE*
 09 Glenn, Sir Owen
 94 Hadlee, Sir Richard, *MBE*
 94 Hansen, The Hon. Sir John, *KNZM*
 96 Hawke, The Very Rev Dean M.J.
 11 Healey, I.
 95 Henderson, Mrs E.M.
 13 Henry, Sir Graham
 04 Johnson, Professor B.F.S.
 14 King, D.J.
 03 Knight, R.D.V., *OBE*
 10 Laidlaw, C.R.
 03 Larsen, G.R.
 95 Lennon, G.P., *ONZM*
 17 Marshall, H.J.H.
 17 Marshall, J.A.H.
 16 Martin, J.
 15 Mateparae, Lt-Gen. The Rt Hon. Sir Jerry, *GNZM, QSO, KStJ*
 06 Mauger, W.J.
 17 McSweeney, E.J.
 15 Mills, H.M.
 94 Mitchell, W.J.
 04 Moses, R.J., *ONZM*
- 01 Murray, B.A.G., *QSO*
 06 Murray, Rev Canon W.R.C.
 94 Neely, D.O., *MNZM, MBE*
 17 Nicoll, E.T.
 02 O'Neill, J.A., *AO*
 17 Ramsden, H.
 14 Reddiex, D.
 99 Reid, J.R., *OBE*
 03 Rice, Sir Tim
 14 Ricketts, P.
 03 Roberts, Major A.C., *OF*
 96 Rosser, Dr M.J.
 07 Satyanand, The Rt Hon. Sir Anand, *GNZM, QSO, KStJ*
 08 Scott, N.A.
 14 Seal, B.D., *MNZM*
 03 Seay, A.
 17 Stedman, W.S.
 12 Stewart, J.H.
 03 Stoop, Dr G.C.
 14 Thomson, J.J.
 17 Thorne, R.
 12 Waddle, B.A.
 07 Watt, M.
 10 Woutersz, J.F.
 95 Wright, Sir Alan, *KBE*
 04 Wright, A.G.L.

President's Report



▲ Nelson College with the new ball against The Willows in February.

“Willowers All,”

As we approach our 25th birthday, the Club can look back with pride on another successful season fostering youth cricket.

I am especially grateful to our new Governor-General, Her Excellency Dame Patsy Reddy, for continuing the tradition of the Governor-General's XI v The Willows. Speaking at the dinner the night before the game, Dame Patsy spoke passionately of inclusiveness, an important message that the Club acknowledges. On the playing front, her first foray into the arena led to a victory by a comfortable margin over our team of internationals.

We continue to depend on, and be extremely grateful to, our sponsors: Archibalds, Dilmah Tea, ASB Bank, Mobil Oil, Runacres Insurance,

Independent Fisheries, Charles Wiffen Wines, Harcourts Twiss Real Estate in Rangiora, and Gary A Smith Panel Beaters in Christchurch. It is their support that enables the Club to flourish.

I note with pleasure that Willowers, Tom Latham, Henry Nicholls, Matthew Henry and Ben Wheeler represented New Zealand in various formats of the game. On the first-class scene there are in excess of 15 players who have been on our Sri Lankan tours. Those tours will continue, and we have already pencilled them in for April/May 2019, 2021 and 2023. We are grateful for the support of Dilmah Tea and Sir Ron Brierley in making these tours possible.

The Club is about youth cricket, and without the support of the schools we would not have achieved the success we have. I express my gratitude to all principals and first eleven coaches who have established such meaningful relationships with The Willows. Our impression is



▲ *Playing XIs with the vice-regal party at the Governor-General's match on 25th March 2018.*

that a trip to The Willows with the first eleven side is something to be treasured by the players concerned and long may that continue.

On the playing front, we won 15 of our 24 games. These included two matches in Australia against the Bradman XI and I Zingari XI. I am grateful to Sam Davis, who was the key organiser in putting this very successful tour together. Of the nine games we lost, they included defeats to old foes such as Hawkswood and Christchurch Boys' High School. It was a pleasure to see the Motueka Wekas return after a 12-year break, although the towelling they handed out to us was not so well received.

Congratulations to Andrew Nuttall who achieved his 200th wicket for The Willows early in the season. This is a fantastic effort and reflects Andrew's commitment to The Willows and his still wily skills.

The Shadbolt Trophy for a worthy young Willower went to Ben Ward for his superb 104 retired against a powerful CBHS team. It was only his compulsory retirement which prevented a major upset. His was a dominant display which unsettled the strong CBHS team in the field. The '49ers Cup goes to King's High School of Dunedin, who turned around a poor start to their innings with a middle order fightback that nearly led to an improbable victory.

There are always those who make these games on Sundays possible. My thanks to Jim Stringleman as match manager, and Rex Hayward for the photographs which he shares with the teams. This season we had new caterers who have been quite superb and I speak for all who attend the ground in thanking them for such great service. Off the field, the club has been involved with the Celebration of Faith Through Sport church service, an ASB dinner to support the launch of Sir Richard Hadlee's book presenting the detailed diaries of his father, Walter, on the highly successful New Zealand team's 1949 tour of the UK. We were represented at the 130th celebrations of I Zingari by Sam Davis and Matt Parr, and our youth team played the Wellington Wanderers team at the Basin Reserve. A number of our players have also represented Canterbury at over 60 level.

On a personal note, I was able to join the Craiengower Cricket Club of Hong Kong on its tour to Mongolia in the middle of last year. Some dedicated ex-patriots have taken cricket to Ulaanbaatar, and Craiengower was the first team to tour there. Like The Willows, Craiengower is dedicated to fostering cricket. While our focus is on youth, Craiengower's is on expanding Chinese youth, boys and girls, and on supporting cricket in some quite unlikely places. It was a privilege to be included in that tour, albeit

in a non-playing role. It is not every day one sees yaks grazing on the boundary.

Returning to the Governor-General's dinner at St Andrew's, I express my gratitude to Christine Leighton, the principal, for hosting the evening. Being limited to 90 attendees not all Club members who wished could attend so it was a case of first come first served! Attendees were treated to an outstanding speech from former All Black Andy Ellis, a presentation on Cricket Live by Matt Parr, a master at Christchurch Boys' High School, and the address I mentioned earlier from Her Excellency. As well, we were entertained by two outstanding musicians. Brother and sister Samuel and Christine Jeon provided a short classical music interlude of the very highest quality.

Cricket Live was set up by Willower Alex Reese after a trip to India with The Willows. It is designed to assist disadvantaged boys and girls in Sri Lanka and India to participate in cricket and learning. Alex is a model to other Willowers as to how sport can be used to foster their development. If you are interested in finding out more, or assisting the work of the Foundation, go to: cricketlivefoundation.org

Once more, we sent two scholars to Matfen, and we are grateful for the gracious way in which Sir Hugh and Lady Anna hosted them. Scholars 31 and 32 are Rhys Petrie from Waitaki Boys' High School

and Lachlan Stove from St Thomas of Canterbury College in Christchurch.

It has been an extremely busy and successful cricket season which was dependent on all of the contributions from Club members. I want to pay particular tribute to the management committee who have ensured that all events have run smoothly and successfully. Thanks also for the fantastic support we receive from town and country umpires every Sunday.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the annual children's Christmas party, which is a highlight and grows in numbers and success year by year.

On a practical note can I also ask players who are selected for a game but find that they have difficulty in turning out on the allotted Sunday, to please communicate this promptly to either the match day captain or to our selection co-ordinator, Paul Rutledge. If this is left to the last moment it can cause extra work for already busy people.

Finally, can I point out that next year will be our 25th birthday and we are planning suitable celebrations around October 2019.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM
President



▲ King's High School 1st XI, from Dunedin, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2017/18.

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.



▲ St Bede's College XI.



▲ Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Wellington College 1st XI.

College XIs



▲ St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ Willows Youth XI.



▲ Southwest Schools XI.



▲ Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ Wairua College 1st XI.



▲ Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.

Match Reports 2017/18



▲ Darron Reekers on his way to 40.



▲ The opening overs of a new season bowled by Harry Mayo.

v St THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE 1st XI

1st October 2017

Report by Andrew Nuttall

The season began on October 1st with the home team taking on a buoyant St Thomas of Canterbury College line-up. Dave Kelly won the toss for The Willows side and was quick to don the pads alongside compatriot Tim McConnell. It was to be a rather unceremonious start to the season for McConnell, who was unable to replicate his power hitting from last season, and was bowled for 1 with the score at six. This brought Darron Reekers to the crease. Kelly and Reekers were able to add 82 runs for the 2nd wicket before Reekers was dismissed. Kelly continued to compile his innings in a resolute manner, but was unfortunately dismissed six runs shy of his century with 160 runs on the board. The Willows

finished their 50 overs on 205/6 – an impressive total on a low, slow early season deck.

St Thomas's will likely have left disappointed with their response, with few batsmen showing their mettle against the experienced Willows attack. Just like The Willows team, St Thomas's found it difficult to get up a head of steam, and were dismissed for 77 in the 30th over. Ash Sheeme was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3/13 off his seven overs while Andrew Nuttall took his 200th wicket for The Willows.

The Willows won by 128 runs

The Willows 205/6

D. Kelly 94, D. Reekers 40, H. Davison 21

St Thomas of Canterbury 77

A. Sheeme 3/13

Umpires

D. Millar and M. Rohland

v MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1st XI

15th October 2017

Report by Andrew Nuttall

With the game on the 8th October being washed out, the second Willows match of the season took place against the visiting Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI on the 15th October. Like the first match of the season, The Willows chose to bat first and found scoring to be slow once again. Valuable contributions came from Mark Reid (20), Michael Singleton (23) and Jeremy Wilson (26), but The Willows were kept in check for the most part by some tight and miserly Marlborough bowling. The Willows were restricted to 159/5 in their 50 overs and were grateful for a bright and breezy 33 not out by Adrian McFedries in the last five overs.

Marlborough likely started their innings with high expectations, but these were quickly dashed when the opener Woollcombe was bowled by Millar in the third over for 0. Then a fourth wicket

stand of 60 between Ivory-McCullum and Holdaway gave the visitors some hope. However, when the opener Ivory-McCullum fell in the 29th over, the match was in the balance with 87 runs needed from the 21 remaining overs with six wickets in hand. Enter Andrew Nuttall and Robbie Frew to the bowling crease. Nuttall has become known for the prolific wicket-taking form that he has shown at Jaguar Oval, and he found an unfamiliar foil in the form of former first-class cricketer Frew. The collapse brought about by this pair saw Marlborough Boys' slump from a promising launching pad to be all out in the 42nd over for 101 runs.

The Willows won by 58 runs

The Willows 159/5

A. McFedries 33*

Marlborough Boys' College 101

J. Holdaway 33, B. Ivory-McCullum 25,
M. Millar 3/16, A. Nuttall 4/15, R. Frew 2/5

Umpires

G. Evans and M. Stapleton-Smith



▲ Above: The perfect setting for cricket / Below: Attacking fields set for a low-scoring, early season match.

v WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1st XI

22nd October 2017

Report by Richard McGuire

The Willows captain won the toss and elected to bat on pitch that looked in excellent condition at Jaguar Oval. The innings started well but regular wickets from an accurate and testing Wellington College attack saw the run rate kept in check throughout the innings. The shining light for The Willows was a splendid innings of 99 from just 136 balls from Paul Miller who was last out. Paul certainly deserved the ton and the only other contribution of note in the score of 190 was Beveridge's fine 32 batting at 7. The Wellington bowlers all contributed tidy spells with the pick being O Petersen with 3 for 17 off eight overs. 190 appeared a little below par.

The batting reply from Wellington College showed all the qualities so often talked about including good partnerships, excellent running

between the wickets and rotation of the strike. The outstanding performance came from Devlin Vishvaka who compiled 75 from 122 balls and effectively controlled the run chase. The innings was typified by patience and good shot selection but an ability to hit the ball hard when attacking. Vishvaka received good support from Campbell 23, Greenwood 27, and Petersen 30. Wellington easily overhauled the required score with an over and a half to spare. From a fielding perspective, William O'Brien's return of 4 for 34 was the highlight but The Willows simply did not make enough and Wellington College were deserved winners.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 190/10

P. Miller 99, J. Beveridge 32, O.Petersen 3/17

Wellington College 192/7

D.Vishvaka 75, O.Petersen 30, W.O'Brien 4/34

Umpires

T. Scott and D. Miller



▲ A confident appeal from The Willows cordon.



▲ A lovely drive is not enough to interest the sheep.



▲ Johnny Beveridge – pleasant off drive.

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

29th October 2017

Report by Ben Dormer

Fielding three old boys in the home side, The Willows welcomed Otago Boys' High to Jaguar Oval on a beautiful spring morning in October.

The Willows took the field and put the screws on the Otago batting from the outset with tidy spells of bowling from Chris Mugford and Robert Dunne. Ben Blair also put in a solid spell as did Paul Miller. The three Otago old boys then rounded off The Willows bowling performance with Lance Taylor taking 2/20, Andrew Haig 2/24 and Richard McCaw 2/41. Max Chu batted nicely and anchored the visitors' innings with a well compiled 55 before Ben Lockrose hit a brisk 48 not out to see Otago through to 211 off their 50 overs.

The Willows got the run chase off to a poor start with the early loss of Dunne who was clean bowled and regrettably wickets continued to fall at regular intervals throughout the innings. The only exception being a good partnership between Taylor (36) and Miller (49) before the final wicket fell with the score at a mere 156. Some poor weather in the lead up to the fixture meant the home team couldn't have their two scheduled net practice sessions, however the reality was that Otago Boys' were the better side. They were a good bunch of young lads and we wish them well for the remainder of the season.

The Willows lost by 55 runs

Otago Boys' High School 211

M. Chu 55, B. Lockrose 48*

The Willows 156

P. Miller 49, L. Taylor 36, B. Lockrose 3/16

Umpires

D. Henderson and D. Thomason



▲ Robert Dunne under way.



▲ Miller and McCaw team talk.



▲ NZ Under-19 rep Max Chu leads the players off at lunch.



▲ *The Assistant Groundsman hard at work.*



▲ *Ben Lockrose, NZ Under-19 representative, 3 for 38.*



▲ *W Hamilton bowled without playing a shot.*

v SRI LANKA TOUR XI

5th November 2017

Report by Paul Rutledge

This fixture which is played every two years after the Sri Lankan Tour, is a wonderful opportunity for the boys who have been fortunate enough to have been on tour, to meet up again, and give a little back to The Willows as a club.

The Sri Lankan XI was asked to bat first, on a typically evenly paced and good Willows wicket.

With early wickets lost The Sri Lankan XI were in trouble at 12 for 3, however Richard Turpie and Ben Lockrose combined to put on a 59-run fourth wicket partnership.

Bowling for The Willows the evergreen Andrew Nuttall displayed his wonderful skills in taking 4/32 from 8 overs. Arsh Singh knocked the top off the Tour XI order, with two early wickets and returned excellent figures of 2/16 from 6 overs.

Young players can learn a lot from Andrew in the way he approaches his cricket, and his attitude towards the game.

After an early wicket, The Willows replied with a 54-run second wicket stand. Lachie Stove and James Glynn batted well and showed much promise.

Unfortunately, The Willows were not able to compile any further partnerships of substance, and were dismissed for 132. Liam McBreen-Smith and Ben Lockrose were the pick of the Tour XI bowlers with 4/27 and 3/38 respectively.

It is the hope of The Willows Club that we see more of the Tour XI players committing to playing matches for The Willows in the coming seasons.

The Willows lost by 41 runs

Sri Lanka Tour XI 173

B. Lockrose 40, R. Turpie 32, A. Nuttall 4/32

The Willows 132

L. Stove 48, J. Glynn 39, L. McBreen-Smith 4/27, B. Lockrose 3/38

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose

v PENINSULA CRAZ XI

10th November 2017

Report by Graeme Inglis

On a cool but fine Friday afternoon The Willows won the toss and for no reason in particular chose to bat. A solid opening from Jon Davidson (43) and Nic Hill (37) saw The Willows nicely placed at 54 for one after 15 overs and ready to kick on.

The Craz, however, had other ideas and through a solid all round bowling effort kept chipping out wickets and restricting the runs with The Willows finally stumbling through to 141/9 off 40 overs. For the Craz, Chapman (2 for 9) and Frazer (2 for 10) were the best but all eight bowlers were miserly on a holding wicket.

142 has not often been a winning score for games at Jaguar Oval but as the weather cooled The Willows attack warmed up. Grant Stewart with four for six was into his work immediately and had the Craz two for none after 3 overs. Mike Johnston (36) and Richard Breitmeyer (26) though steadied things with the day's biggest partnership of 47. However, with Breitmeyer's

exit wickets fell regularly until the Craz stood at 94 for 5 and the game was in the balance. Enter Jon Davidson. Jon has a throwing arm which is a big advantage in this fixture and first Hugh Frazer and then the stoic Mike Johnston failed to appreciate this and were run out. Stewart then bowled Bob Masefield and Pavey with balls probably wasted in this game before a reluctant Davidson was cajoled into bowling by the captain. He immediately grabbed a wicket with his first ball and the game was over, the Craz losing their last five wickets on 94.

Another chapter in the history of Willows v Craz games had been completed, and all that remained was to reflect on what might have been and past battles over a couple of beers.

The Willows won by 47 runs

The Willows 141/9

J. Davidson 43, N. Hill 37, A. McFedries 22

Peninsula Craz 94

M. Johnston 36, R. Breitmeyer 26, G. Stewart 4/6

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ Nice seam position from the Ashburton College paceman.



▲ The Willows attack had a good day against Ashburton College.

v ASHBURTON COLLEGE 1st XI

12th November 2017

Report by Adam Hastilow

A glorious morning greeted the Willowers and the lads from Ashburton College. The Mid-Canterbury boys were keen to improve on their 3/10 record at the 'home of cricket' and their captain Will Graham elected to bowl first.

Will got MidCanterbury off to the best possible start by bowling his father (and coach of Ashburton) in the third over. Tim McConnell then hit some signature drives to get The Willows out of the blocks. Tight bowling from the opening bowlers kept the run rate in check and the Ashburton boys were rewarded with regular wickets until Henry Winchester and Andrew Nuttall constructed a solid partnership through the middle. Some lusty hitting from Riley Wilson and Callum Cameron saw The Willows through to 220 on a pitch that was starting to crumble.

In reply, the visitors struggled early losing three wickets in the first two overs. Luke Courtney and Callum both collecting a couple of poles before the spin twins of Riley Wilson and Andrew Nuttall were introduced to mop up the tail. Ashburton College were all out for 56. Valuable lessons learnt in constructing an innings and assessing conditions were discussed with the team after the match.

Thanks to Mark Wood and Rohit Sachdeva for officiating and to everyone at The Willows who made the day such a success.

The Willows won by 164 runs

The Willows 220/9

A. Nuttall 49, H. Winchester 31,
T. Ravenscroft 3/21, W. Graham 3/40

Ashburton College 56

A. Nuttall 3/15

Umpires

M. Wood and R. Sachdeva



▲ The Hastilow family.



▲ Post-match debrief from Andrew Nuttall.



▲ Ben Hartland, successful CBHS captain (again).

v CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

19th November 2017

Report by Richard McGuire

The Willows captain surprised everyone by electing to field first on what he saw as a pitch with early assistance for his bowling attack. It may be best that he deputise future pitch assessments were he ever appointed captain again. Boys' High openers, Whelan and Workman made a solid 40 run opening partnership. Almost all school batsmen contributed with the highlights coming from Chapman 84 off 92 balls, Yorston 56, and Hay 49. The batting was highlighted by circumspection when required but real aggression when loose balls were delivered. The batsmen excelled with shots to all areas of Jaguar Oval and sharp running between the wickets. The School total of 302 was impressive and showed what could be achieved on another fine Willows pitch.

The pick of The Willows bowlers was Paul Miller with 3 for 60. Arsch Singh bowled well and was unlucky not to take more than his two wickets.

The Willows reply started poorly with the score slumping to 12 for 2 after a couple of overs. Ben Ward then set about righting the ship and treated all present to one of the finest innings at any level of cricket. The Boys' High bowling was of a high standard but Ward batted beautifully with great power and control, never looking like he would be vulnerable in making 104 retired. There were other fine contributions from Stove 36, McDonald 49, and Hunt, not out 45. Hunt in particular looked like he may steer the innings home for The Willows with his hard hitting at the end but with no more batsmen to come the team fell short on 284. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day's cricket played on a superb pitch at a high standard from both teams. Boys' High were deserved winners with quality cricket in all aspects of their game.

The total proved a bridge too far. The Willows finished their noble chase 18 runs short on 284/8.

The Willows lost by 18 runs

Christchurch Boys' High School 302/8

L. Chapman 84, S. Yorston 56, M. Hay 49,
P. Miller 3/60

The Willows 284/8

B. Ward 104 retired, L. Stove 36, J. McDonald 49,
J. Hunt 45*

Umpires

M. Rohland and R. Jackson



▲ A welcome drinks break for Ben Ward during his long innings.



▲ Eddie Brownlee presents a book to Louie Chapman.

v WAIMEA COLLEGE 1st XI

26th November 2017
Report by Jacob Wolt

A mostly youthful and polished Willows team batted first against a Waimea College XI who had travelled from Nelson for this annual fixture. The visitors were immediately challenged with the first six Willows batsmen all scoring between 20 and 44. Darrin Entwistle, opening, built a well compiled 33 before being brilliantly run out by Ramola. Dave Kelly, as always, contributed a solid 44 including eight fours and Cameron Belliss patiently anchored the innings, sharing in some good partnerships and scoring 42 runs. Wickets were shared amongst the seven bowlers used although The Willows score of 240/8 proved to be formidable.

The Waimea boys found it hard against The Willows bowlers and unfortunately none

managed to anchor an innings. The team was dismissed for 93. Top score was contributed by The Willows bowlers with 19 wides. Cameron Belliss also shone with the ball collecting 5/18 off his six overs and was awarded a well-deserved man of the match.

It is never easy to travel such a distance for a Willows fixture and Waimea College can be proud of the way the boys conducted themselves on and off the field. Almost all will be back in 2018 and, with another year's experience, I'm sure they will put up a strong performance.

The Willows won by 147 runs

The Willows 240/8

C. Belliss 42, D. Kelly 44, J. Ransom 3/45

Waimea College 93

C. Belliss 5/18

Umpires

G. Evans and M. Hill



▲ Excellent stumping by Will Abell.



▲ Powered through point.



▲ Aggressive intent from Waimea player.

v LONDON NEW ZEALAND CRICKET CLUB

3rd December 2017

Report by Jonathan Davidson

On a searing hot December day The Willows took on a London NZ side stacked with members of both clubs. The captains decided the fixture would be a 40 overs match due to the extreme heat. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat mustering 173. The innings was led by excellent contributions from J Murray, J Davidson, G Davis and S Davis. Unfortunately, no batsman kicked on to provide a substantial innings and wickets fell on a regular basis which restricted The Willows to a sub-par score.

The Willows knew that early wickets were required with the LNZ team having a powerful top order. M Bunyard bowled extremely well knocking over both openers early and from then on it was the Sam Davis show. Davis tore the heart out of the London NZ middle order, taking 5/20 in the process. Davis was ably supported by excellent tight bowling spells from J Pawson and A McFedries. S Woolliscroft mopped up the tail with two quick wickets. LNZ were bowled out for 70 with D Ferguson top scoring with 28. Mention must be made of the wicket keeping performance of G Howell with two excellent stumpings. The keeping performance was described by M Dormer as the best he has seen at The Willows in a long time.

Man of the match went to S Davis with his five wickets and unbeaten 31 with the bat. All in all, it was an enjoyable day and we look forward to the fixture again next year.

The Willows won by 103 runs (40-over match)

The Willows 173

J. Murray 40, G. Davis 33, J. Davidson 31,
S. Davis 31*

London NZCC 70

S. Davis 5/20

Umpires

G. Evans and M. Stapleton-Smith



▲ Justin Murray - aggressive shot.



▲ Scorers Manickavasagam brothers with LNZCC in trouble.



▲ Glenn Davis hit a valuable 33.

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

10th December 2017

Report by Phil Harris

Having played this game last season and suffered defeat, I was more than keen to captain against what I knew would be a very strong King's side, given they have won their three previous encounters at The Willows.

The Willows side looked strong on paper and in spite of a couple of key withdrawals I was very happy with our line up on the day. After winning the toss I had no hesitation in batting first on what looked like an excellent surface and very fast outfield.

Our openers Mark Reid and Paul Miller got off to a solid start, with Mark going on to be the backbone of our innings scoring a well-deserved 100. Despite an arm injury early in his innings he still managed to hit two very powerful sixes over long on, and played some sublime back foot cuts as he approached his 100. He was well supported throughout by Ryan James (24), Callum Curnow (41) and Hayden Day with 25 not out.



▲ Mark Reid on his way to a stunning century.



▲ Successful skipper Phil Harris reclaims the Clive Geary Trophy.

So at 50 overs 238 looked like a very defendable score, knowing that we also had a more than useful bowling attack. Opening up with young Ryan James we had immediate success with two early wickets. Bowling full and straight he proved very effective.

Kyle Burns the King's captain batting at No. 4 looked to turn the tide somewhat with some powerful offside driving and while he was at the crease King's HS always looked threatening. However two of the more experienced Willows bowlers in Nigel Marsh and Stan Woolliscroft put the brakes on very effectively by taking wickets and bowling great lines. When Stan had Kyle LBW for a very well-played 79 it looked like job done. His team did go on to score 195/9 but in the end it proved a comfortable win for The Willows.

The Willows won by 43 runs

The Willows 238/6

M. Reid 100 retired, C. Curnow 41, H. Day 25*, C. Murray 2/40, S. Short 2/47, K. Hastie 2/50

King's High School 195/9

K. Burns 79, T. Walding 35, S. Woolliscroft 3/43, N. Marsh 2/31, R. James 2/33

Umpires

B. Hamilton and G. Evans

v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

17th December 2017
Report by Sam Davis

Determined to reverse recent results, a strong Willows team was selected to face annual Christmas foe, Hawkswood Wanderers. Unfortunately, in a match that ebbed and flowed, Hawkswood once again prevailed off the back of some fine batting and bowling from Dave Kelly and Andrew Nuttall.

Hawkswood won the toss and opted to bat on what looked to be a green Willows pitch. Perhaps it only appeared green against the very dry outfield, as Hawkswood openers Kelly and Dickson were untroubled by The Willows openers, racing along at five runs per over. This run rate continued with Dave Kelly playing some magnificent cover drives as he raced along to what was eventually a very fine 100 not out.

The Willows bowlers toiled well and dragged the run rate back after Kelly's departure, and were pleased to have kept Hawkswood to 193 for 8 after 44 overs. However, Andrew Nuttall proved to be hard to dislodge scoring what turned out to be a very important 45 not out, seeing Hawkswood through to 226 for 9 after 50 overs. Wickets were shared around, but it was the

restrictive bowling of Graeme Inglis, Kelvin Scott and Stan Woolliscroft in the middle overs that kept the Hawkswood target to a manageable total.

Batting in repressive heat, The Willows started well, and raced along ahead of the required run rate. At 76 for 2 off 15 overs we were looking comfortable; however, not many overs later we were 116 for 8 after a middle order collapse. Proving as challenging as always at Jaguar Oval, Andrew Nuttall was the chief destroyer, finishing with the figures of 4 for 26 off 10. There was a hint of rear guard action, but it was not to be and The Willows were all out for 155 in only the 36th over. Top scorer for the Willows was Kelvin Scott with 45.

And so in what has become all too common in recent seasons, the trophy was handed over to Hawkswood, with promises to do better next year. All in all a great day, great weather and great company.

The Willows lost by 71 runs

Hawkswood Wanderers 226/9

D. Kelly 100*, A. Nuttall 45*, S. Davis 4/48

The Willows 155

K. Scott 45, A. Nuttall 4/26

Umpires

D. McIlraith and H. Fowler



▲ Sam Davis, 4 wickets v Hawkswood.



▲ David Kelly leads the way.



▲ James Rennie – century-maker.



▲ Fetch that and bowl me another!



▲ Carl Hooper in action.

v SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS XI

7th January 2018
Report by Dan Vann

The Willows batted first and made a good start with myself and Graeme Inglis putting on 64 for the first wicket. Vann fell (35) and soon after Inglis also departed (24) with the score at 96. This brought together Nigel Fletcher (81) and Johnny Beveridge (64) who steered The Willows into an excellent position ending at 275/5. The Southwest boys toiled hard all innings with N Mohammaddy 1/46, E Ng 2/61 and coach Ben Raine 1/18 all bowling well.

In reply The Willows were on top with four early wickets and with the score at 48/4 it was looking

a daunting task for the Southwest boys, but Captain James Rennie (109) in particular took the attack back to The Willows and at 215/8 there was still a chance. Rennie's outstanding innings was eventually ended by A Singh picking up his 4th wicket (4/38). A great game of cricket played in great spirit.

The Willows won by 39 runs

The Willows 275/5

N. Fletcher 81, J. Beveridge 64 retired,
D. Vann 35, E. Ng 2/61

Southwest Schools XI 236

J. Rennie 109, A. Singh 4/38

Umpires

D. Miller and R. Jackson

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1st XI

14th January 2018
Report by Hamish Wright

The preceding day was a groundsman's nightmare, 3 inches of rain and a pitch to prepare. Well done the ground staff!

The wicket looked a bit sticky when The Willows openers arrived and the College bowlers were licking their lips. Two quickish wickets, then Jeremy Duncan and Keryn Ambler started the accumulation. Jeremy was batting forcefully but fell to a very good catch. We were then entertained with some delightful shot making as Keryn marched towards his retirement. Whether it was the heat or the consistently straight bowling from College the march was curtailed two runs short. But the damage was done and The Willows finished their innings at 262 on a pitch that was drying in the considerable heat.

Hoping that the long hot morning in the field would drain the College batsmen, The Willows had two quick wickets prior to tea and were optimistic of an early finish. On debut for the XI George Anderson stroked a masterful 84 with good contributions from Harper, Coull and Turpie. The run rate was a challenge for College throughout their innings as was some steady bowling from The Willows XI. After their 50 over stint College came up 27 runs short. Mention should be made of three good wickets from Adam Hastilow and a good spell from spinner turned quickish bowler Hugo Davison.

Many thanks to Tony and Bernie for standing in a very tiring day!

The Willows won by 27 runs

The Willows 262/6

J. Duncan 50, K. Ambler 98, A. Hastilow 42*,
L. Harper 3/18

Christ's College 235/8

G. Anderson 84, L. Harper 38, G. Coull 40*,
A. Hastilow 3/43, H. Davison 2/53

Umpires

T. Scott and B. Hamilton



▲ Mike Singleton – classic off-drive.



▲ Tom Burt – lovely action.



▲ Snick ... thank you, caught Tim McConnell.

v St BEDE'S COLLEGE 1st XI

21st January 2018

Report by Paul Miller

It was exciting to be back at Jaguar Oval to run off the Christmas excess, especially for the four St Bede's College old boys in the team. It was a pleasure to welcome Joe Bradley and his St Bede's team, coaches Ben McCord and Justin Boyle and their families and friends.

The Willows elected to bat first. We got off to a rough start being 2 for 4 in the second over. Dan Vann and Mark Reid steadied the ship and we battled to a score of 152 thanks to debutant Nigel De Maine scoring a patient and well-compiled 32 not out. St Bede's bowled very well and did not give away many four balls. Matthew Munro bowled an excellent spell of off-spin to return the figures of 4/12 off ten (including four maidens). He extracted some serious turn out of the wicket.

The Willows were confident that we could defend the 152 total as the wicket was quite slow and lacked bounce, therefore free flowing shots and manoeuvring the ball was difficult.

The Willows also started with a hiss and a roar, with Blake Doherty taking a wicket second ball of the St Bede's innings. St Bede's were not finding the chase easy given some fine bowling from Callum Curnow (5/38 off ten) and Hayden Day (0/5 off six); in particular for Hayden it must have felt like running into a wall on a 5th day wicket in Dhaka. However, the star of the day batting-wise was Matthew Boyle. He held the innings together in a very mature fashion, and hit the ball to the fence when needed and took the single when it presented itself. Matthew unfortunately perished on 89 when the scores were tied, dismissed by his cousin Curnow. I don't think Callum will ever let him forget it. Maybe ask Matthew about the circumstances of the dismissal when you see him next...

Even with it being a low scoring game, it was a very entertaining game and played in good spirit. St Bede's deserved to win the Clayton Cosgrove Cup. Thanks to Clayton Cosgrove, Mike Dormer,



▲ "Five-for". Well done Callum Curnow.



▲ Mark Reid can't look as yet another mate departs.

Jim Stringleman, umpires Graeme Evans and Russell Hubbard (Victoria, Australia), Rex Hayward and everyone else who assisted to make the day highly enjoyable.

The Willows lost by 2 wickets

The Willows 152

D. Vann 33, N. De Maine 32*, M. Munro 4/12, J. McCarthy 3/38

St Bede's College 153/8

M. Boyle 89, C. Curnow 5/38, B. Doherty 2/29

Umpires

G. Evans and R. Hubbard (Victoria)

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

28th January 2018

Report by Phil Harris

The original team selected for this fixture would no doubt have competed very well today but for many reasons only two from the list were still available, and this meant we had a very young and talented side to represent The Willows, against a Timaru side that has lost several senior players from last year.

Although I lost the toss we were invited to bat on a slightly damp pitch; not a big issue as we would have batted first anyway.

Our openers set up a brilliant platform for us, 85 for the first wicket in about 12 overs. Jack Henderson scoring a very classy 48, and Rhys Petrie who was finally out for an excellent 64. Rhys was later well supported by Kelvin Scott. With such a strong start we were always well placed to push on to a big total, and with Lachie Stove (38) and Will Macfarlane (33 not out) contributing strongly The Willows finished at 283 for 7.



▲ 2018 Matfen scholars – Rhys Petrie (L) and Lachie Stove (R).



▲ *Vociferous appeal.*

With the wealth of bowling talent available, the skip was very relaxed that we had the fire-power to contain the Timaru Boys' side. Given it was a very warm afternoon, I was happy to share the bowling around with short spells and all bowlers delivered as expected. Lachie Stove bowled with real pace, Arsh Singh opened and ended with 2 for 14, Kelvin Scott bowled first change, Micah Campbell was brisk too and claimed 2 for 6 off three overs. Rhys Petrie completed an excellent all-round effort with 2 for 14 to bring home a convincing victory for The Willows.

The Willows won by 217 runs

The Willows 283/7

R. Petrie 64, J. Henderson 45, L. Stove 38,
W. Macfarlane 33*

Timaru Boys' High School 66

M. Campbell 2/6, A. Singh 2/14, K. Scott 2/14,
R. Petrie 2/14

Umpires

M. Wood and M. Rohland



▲ David Wakefield goes aerial during his 49.



▲ Successful coach – Garry MacDonald.



▲ Match winner Josh Simpson, 79 not out from number eight.

v NELSON COLLEGE 1st XI

4th February 2018

Report by David Kelly

I arrived to a dampish pitch and greening outfield at Jaguar Oval, after a wet week. After winning the toss, I did my normal thing and asked to have first use. The rain, "while good for farmers, will always be true opposites for batsmen".

In testing conditions, The Willows made it through to 153 with Dave Wakefield contributing a tidy 49. Four of the Nelson bowlers took two wickets apiece and they were backed with excellent fielding and attacking field placements.

When they were six down for 21, I thought we were on top. But the pitch baked quite nicely and Nelson didn't play all their batting cards up front (a tactic which had coach Garry MacDonald's fingerprints all over it). Hughes was the first to

show a bit of guts and then they played their trump, usual opener Simpson came in at number eight. Together they put on 122 with Simpson finishing 79 not out. I admired the well thought-out chase. Having Garry as coach gave them vital experience and direction and it is fantastic to see him developing players at this level.

Standouts for us with the ball were Finnie and Stewart. Grant continues to truck in and always adds to the atmosphere of hard, fair cricket. We rolled the dice, kept the fields up, and nearly got over the line. It was a most memorable game of cricket.

The Willows lost by 1 wicket

The Willows 153

D. Wakefield 49, C. Wakefield 25

Nelson College 155/9

J. Simpson 79*, F. Hughes 37, C. Finnie 4/25

Umpires

J. Rose and H. Fowler

v St ANDREW'S COLLEGE 1st XI

18th February 2018
Report by Paul McEwan

The Willows looked to have put out a good line up with a mixture of young and old, plus Old Boys of the College. The team had what was considered a reasonable bowling list with: Tapper, Mugford, McFedries, McBreen-Smith and a couple of old hands in M Johnston and P McEwan. Bring on the STAC batsman.

Apart from getting an early wicket the STAC batsman dominated the bowlers. Rhys Mariu and Harrison Darling put on over 100 for the second wicket before Jesse Frew and Dominic Cornish really pushed the scoring along. After the 50 overs STAC had made an impressive 241 for 7.

When The Willows came to bat the STAC bowlers and the fielders put pressure on all the batsmen; with seven being bowled and the other three run out. Only Robbie Frew with 38 runs kept the STAC bowlers at bay. The Willows mustered only 148 in just 38 overs.

Well played STAC – look out next year.

The Willows lost by 93 runs

St Andrew's College 241/7

R. Mariu 67, H Darling 48, J Frew 28, D Cornish 51

The Willows 148

R. Frew 38, T. McKay 2/23, Z. Foulkes 2/19,
R. Mariu 2/16

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ *Wide down leg – tidy keeping.*



▲ *Dilmah tea party – McEwan family time (three generations).*



▲ *Cheer up boys! You've just rolled The Willows convincingly.*



▲ *H Winchester looking to get off the mark.*

v SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

25th February 2018
Report by Dan Vann

A very young but enthusiastic Shirley Boys' side took on a strong Willows side, with a number of players having strong links to the school as either old boys or coaches of the school. The Willows batted first and made a steady start with Dan Vann and Mark Reid seeing off the opening attack who bowled well. Both fell in the 20s. Paul Miller then made a positive start only to fall soon after for 32. At 88/4 the match was in the balance but two excellent partnerships between Tom McDonald (71), Grant Stewart (46) and Jason Pawson (32*) took the initiative to The Willows. All of the Shirley bowlers toiled well and were steady, the stand outs being Q Bungard and young Jayden Hooper taking 1/22 off 10 overs.

In reply, Shirley also made a steady start with all of the top four making starts and at 140/3 they were in an excellent position. The Willows, despite not taking early wickets, began to build run rate pressure through steady bowling. Wickets then began to fall in the pursuit of increasing the run rate. Shirley Boys' Associate Headmaster, Tim Grocott, was the key destroyer for The Willows and will have bragging rights around the school taking 3-43 from 10 overs. Jason Pawson also picked up two key wickets. Shirley eventually ran out of overs and fell 28 runs short. Skipper Brad Entwistle (68) led the way with the bat as well as Mitchell Barry (38). It was another match played in great spirit and it was pleasing to see such a young side competing very well.

The Willows won by 28 runs

The Willows 239/6

T. McDonald 71, G. Stewart 46, Q. Bungard 2/31

Shirley Boys' High School 211/9

B. Entwistle 68, M. Barry 38, T. Grocott 3/43,
J. Pawson 2/34

Umpires

M. Wood and A. Morgan



▲ J Hooper, Year 11 spin bowler from SBHS.



▲ Dan Vann in fine form.



▲ M Barry with a pleasant on-drive on the way to scoring 38.

WILLOWS YOUTH XI v WELLINGTON WANDERERS YOUTH XI

28th February 2018 at the Basin Reserve
Report by Lance Ryan, Manager

Unfortunately, due to early morning rain, the game was delayed until 12.30 and was reduced to 25 overs.

Wellington Wanderers Youth XI won the toss and chose to bat on a well-prepared pitch and top outfield. A strong batting performance by Sheil Gandhi – 43 off 43 balls and Sam Mycock 51 retired from 35 balls – saw the Wanderers to a good score of 175 for 8 at the completion of 25 overs. The best of the Willows Youth XI bowlers were Will Graham (Ashburton College) and Regan Sheahan (Christchurch Boys' High School) and they were the only bowlers to contain the strong Wellington batting lineup.

The Willows Youth XI struggled to adapt to the shorter format of the game and only Tom Dunlop (Riccarton High School) 33 from 33 balls looked at home against the lively attack. Support from Matthew Boyle (St Bede's College) and Nick Lidstone (Christ's College) tried to rescue the cause, but we did not adjust with too many partnerships broken in pairs and too many dot balls, leaving us well short at 134 for 9 off 25.

The experience of playing at the Basin Reserve with the big scoreboard screen and well-manicured outfield was much appreciated by the boys, and to have ex-Test Umpire Evan Baxter overseeing procedures added to the occasion.

Respective coaches Dave Kelly and Evan Gray spent time with the players to help them enjoy the day and highlighted the opportunity of playing at an international test venue.

In the evening, over dinner, the teams were addressed by well known New Zealand cricket historian, Don Neely (MNZM, MBE).

Our thanks go to Sir Ron Brierley for his generous sponsorship of the team enabling them to participate in this match.



▲ Don Neely (left, NZ cricket historian) looks on.

Wellington Wanderers totally deserved their win. A number of the younger Willows Youth XI will be eligible for selection in next year's team and I am certain that this experience will only enhance their cricketing skills and results will follow.

The Willows Youth XI lost by 41 runs (25-over match)

Wellington Wanderers Youth XI 175/8

S. Mycock 51 retired, S. Gandhi 43, R. Jones 23, W. Graham 2/26

The Willows Youth XI 134/9

T. Dunlop 33, N. Lidstone 21, M. Boyle 20, M. Conroy 3/25

The Willows Youth XI, in alphabetical order: Matthew Boyle (St Bede's College), Joe Bradley (St Bede's College), Marek Bungard (Shirley Boys' High School), Dominic Cornish (St Andrew's College), Tom Dunlop (Riccarton High School), Will Graham (Ashburton College), Nick Lidstone (Christ's College), Matthias Paltridge (Old Boys Collegians), George Prain (Rangiora High School), Reagen Sheahan (Christchurch Boys' High School) and Lachie Stove (St Thomas of Canterbury College).

v WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

4th March 2018

Report by Trevor Thornton

The Willows won the toss and batted first. Waitaki's eight bowlers restricted The Willows to 157 which could have been less if Nigel de Maine and Andrew Nuttall had not put on 50 in their unbeaten eighth wicket stand. The Willows got off to a steady start with openers Henry Winchester and Rhys Petrie (one of this year's Matfen scholars) putting on 30 for the first wicket, but then the home team were pinned down by accurate Waitaki bowling and the regular loss of wickets. Ewings ten overs went for just 14, James seven overs for 21, Kinzett nine overs for 27 and Stirling eight overs for 10, all keeping The Willows total under pressure.

But what was to come was a sensational spell of bowling by Arsh Singh who took five wickets for 13 runs (four bowled which supports the bowling mantra of "you miss I hit") from his eight overs. Waitaki never recovered and were all out for 55 in 21 overs. Lachie Stove, the other Matfen Scholar, grabbed three wickets including the leg before of the Waitaki Coach Francois Mostert. Lance Ryan cleaned up the tail (his target market) and The Willows below par score was enough.

The Willows won by 102 runs

The Willows 157/7

H. Winchester 21, N. de Maine 36*, A. Nuttall 20*

Waitaki Boys' High School 55

A. Singh 5/13, L. Stove 3/27, L. Ryan 2/9

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. McIlraith



▲ Rhys Petrie – off-drive.



▲ Waitaki introduce spin into their attack.



▲ Nigel de Maine comes to the rescue.



▲ Trevor Thornton (L) – successful skipper.



▲ John Ogilvie plays elegant shot.



Adrian McFedries in fine form.

v MOTUEKA WEKAS XI

18th March 2018
Report by Jeremy Wilson

Writing a match report presents an interesting challenge – the game and The Willows must be mentioned in the best possible light, but the truth must be told!

We were thrashed!

The Wekas of Motueka returned with trophy in hand to renew contact with The Willows after a gap of twelve years. Assuming the same players from the last visit would return, The Willows carefully selected a team with six over-60's, and several other experienced (old) players.

The youthful Wekas won the toss and inserted The Willows on a vicious, seaming green top. After 15 overs, the score had advanced to 33 for 4. All batsmen struggled, but eventually Phil Harris found his feet and played his way to a brave 42, followed by Richard Abbott, batting at 7, who blazed an excellent 54, running out of overs and partners at the end of the innings. No-one else registered double figures! Next time, Richard will bat higher! Bowling for the Wekas

Scott Inglis, Dan Pavey and Craig Hampton impressed with excellent accurate and tight bowling.

In reply to a total of 136, the Wekas batted as if they had an early train to catch! Mark Gardiner retired for an impressive 51 and similarly John Ogilvy for 35. The best bowling for The Willows came from Richard Abbott and the ageless Jacob Wolt. 137 was reached in 25 overs, enabling the Wekas to be home in time for tea, with the trophy.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 136

P Harris 42, R Abbott 54, S Inglis 2/13,
B. Krammer 2/28

Motueka Wekas 137/2

M. Gardiner 51 retired, J. Ogilvy 35 retired

Umpires

K. Cotton and D. Miller

Cancellations due to weather

8 October 2017 v Northwest Schools XI
11 February 2018 v Southland Boys' High School

Around the Ground



▲ Umpires Bernie Hamilton and Graeme Evans.

▲ Sri Lankan visitors with Paul McEwan at the CBHS match.

Around the Ground



▲ Mike Johnston with special friend to the Club, Hamish Ramsden, at the St Andrew's College match.



▲ James Rennie of Riccarton High School made a century for the Southwest Schools XI against The Willows.



▲ R McCaw contemplates his next innings.



▲ The victorious St Bede's captain is congratulated by former MP Clayton Cosgrove.

Around the Ground



▲ Trevor Thornton (L) with man-of-match Nigel de Maine at the Waitaki Boys' High School match.



▲ Presentation to long-time cricket servant, Dave Biddick, at the Southwest Schools match.



▲ The brains trust enjoying the shade and comfort of the Trevor Campbell Pavilion.

Fathers & Sons



▲ Fathers and sons – Grahams (L) and McGuire's (R) at the Christ's College match in January.



▲ The Hoopers at the Southwest Schools XI match.



▲ The Singletons at the Motueka Wekas match.

The Willows 2017 Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkswood Wanderers match on 17th 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, Cerebral Palsy Associations and the Champion Centre for this year's festivities



The Willows 2017 Christmas Party



Cricket – the trip of a lifetime

Andrew Nuttall
Canterbury 1977-1990

Thanks to the efforts of Stuart Spalding, Bob Masefield and fellow Willows Club members I had the opportunity to be involved with a month long tour of Singapore, England and Holland in 2017. There were players on the tour who had never met each other but we all quickly became friends which is a key characteristic of cricket.

We played matches at some wonderful grounds including: The Padang in Singapore, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath Cricket Club, Nijmegen Cricket Club, Pembroke College in Cambridge and Margate Cricket Club. Every ground was unique and it was a real privilege to have the opportunity to visit. During the tour there was opportunity to meet many new people and make new friends.

While we were away we had time to reflect on the many experiences, learnings and the special friends and acquaintances we have all made through cricket. During these times of reflection I developed a list which I thought readers might be interested to contemplate:

(1) I was recently talking to my 90 year-old mother and she made a comment “Andrew you have met many very nice people through cricket”. This comment is so true and I am sure fellow cricketers will agree that you tend to meet very nice people who make very good friends when you are a cricketer.

(2) Cricket is a tough game and you have more disappointments than successes which is why it is so important to enjoy the good times when they come.

(3) Cricket has enabled me to learn about myself. One must be very careful about what we are thinking. If we think we are going to bowl a bad ball or our “self-talk” suggests that we are always



▲ *Andrew Nuttall in action against Ashburton College.*

nicking out offside stump then both are more likely to happen.

(4) Technique and tactic both go together. Too often coaches focus on the technique which is important but I think it is much more important to think about how you are going to play against a bowler or the type of deliveries you are going bowl.

(5) Keep it simple – too often cricketers' minds get cluttered with all sorts of theories or ideas. When you are playing ask yourself “what is the job to do?”, “what is the task that you must complete?” Remember to stay in the present and don't get tied up with whether you are going to win or not. If you do the job well the outcome is likely to be more pleasurable.

(6) To be a good cricketer your most important role is to help all your team mates have a good day. Take care about what you say to someone so that you don't plant negative seeds. Support your bowlers, support your batsmen and support the other people on the field. Those good positive vibes will certainly bounce back to you as your ten team mates will all be helping you to have a good day.

(7) There are no silver bullets or magical ways to become a good cricketer and very few will become successful professional players. It takes hours of dedication, many disappointments, a lot of hard work sprinkled with some talent, to become a top player. Over the years I have too frequently heard "he's a real natural" but this is really being confused with many hours of hard work practising bowling up and down the hallway or hitting balls against a fence.

(8) Tough times wake us up and make us stronger. Three ducks in a row can help you become a much better batsman as you evaluate and turn those disappointments into motivations.

(9) Cricket is a metaphor of life. We have disappointments, we get knocked down so we have to get up and bowl another ball. The lessons learnt on the cricket field and in the nets also help us to succeed in business and I have seen many of my cricketing friends become successful in so many other areas of their lives.

(10) Cricket provides many benefits. It encourages us to keep fit and active. It provides us with camaraderie and challenges. It provides us with opportunities where we can experience adversity but also the most thrilling moments that one can experience and share with others. And perhaps ultimately cricket is just plain good fun and that's how it should always be played.

(11) It's more fun to win. Play hard and fair and respect the opposition.

Final message

It saddens me to see so many enthusiastic and capable schoolboy players who have lots to offer but do not take the opportunity to join clubs when they leave school and continue to play and stay involved. Our club, The Willows, has an enduring task to continue to promote and foster the love of the game. The game will evolve and we need to evolve with it to provide ongoing benefits for future generations.

July 2017 was certainly a trip of a lifetime but on reflection I realise that cricket has been my lifetime trip.

Letter

To the most traditional man I know—

Thank you so much for a wonderful weekend. At a time where we see the Australian team not behaving within the spirit of the game, it is refreshing to play a game at The Willows where the traditions and spirit are held in high regard.

The game is about making friends and learning a number of skills which have an impact on a man's life. Humility, resilience, discipline, communication and team work are a few lessons that we can take from the game and as older lads pass it down to the youth.

Thanks for the opportunity and it was fantastic meeting you and all The Willows players.

All the best,
Grant Elliott



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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| ▪ H. (Hugh) Burrett | 2003 |
| ▪ M.E.A. (Michael) Cartridge | 2015 |
| ▪ L.A. (Alan) Clark | 1994 |
| ▪ Sir D.J. (John) Graham, <i>KNZM, CBE</i> | 1999 |
| ▪ J.D. (John) Hammond | 1994 |
| ▪ A.D. (Alan) Hunter, <i>MNZM</i> | 2015 |
| ▪ R.M. (Roger) Macfarlane | 1995 |
| ▪ B.G. (Barry) McFedries | 1995 |
| ▪ T.H. (Terry) McLisky | 1998 |

Terry McLisky

1932-2017



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▲ The Very Rev Mike Hawke with the Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy and her husband Sir David Gascoigne.



▲ Grant Elliott, Ewen Chatfield and the Very Rev Mike Hawke meet our distinguished visitors.

Milestones

Due recognition

We congratulate **Peter Devlin** on gaining a 2016/17 Community Cricket Award for "Outstanding Contribution to Cricket" recognised by New Zealand Cricket. This follows a 2015/16 Nexia Canterbury Sports Award as Administrator of The Year for the previous season as CEO of Canterbury Country Cricket. Throughout Peter's considerable time in control there have been significant improvements in the delivery of cricket within the association as any visitor to Mainpower Oval Rangiora, and beyond can attest.



As well, we acknowledge the integral part Peter has played at The Willows Cricket Club, since its inception in 1994.



New pavilion for TBHS

in 2017, Willower **Brent Bruce** attended the opening of a new cricket pavilion at Timaru Boys' High School, where he presented a print of The Willows ground. Pictured above are Peter Stayt, Team Manager, Shaun Rooney, Captain, and Brent Bruce.



Success at Over-60's Nationals

Canterbury (bristling with Willowers) successfully defended their national title in 2017.

After going through undefeated in round-robin they defeated Otago in the final. Chasing 162/7 (from 40 overs) the local lads reached the target in the 35th over. Amongst the runs were Danny Langrope (42), Jeremy Wilson (40) and Phil Harris (30). Unsurprisingly, our player of the tournament was Andrew Nuttall who proved the most economical bowler present. On the final evening these four, plus Lance Ryan, were announced in the two NZ squads to compete in the Australian Over-60's championships – hearty congratulations.

It is a challenge to identify faces under visors but amongst the fine group pictured above at the Over-60's Nationals are: Trevor Thornton, Hamish Wright, Danny Langrope, Phil Harris, Lance Ryan, Craig Thiele, Bob Masefield, Jeremy Wilson and Jacob Wolt. Nutts was otherwise preoccupied at the time of the photo.

Fancy footwork



Chris Harris recently finished runner-up on TV's *Dancing With The Stars*. Chris represented the NZ Foundation for Conductive Education.

Reflections on rural cricket

By Ross Preece

Principal, Ashburton College



As a newcomer to the area I have been impressed with the enthusiasm and level of support our 1st XI cricket team enjoy. For them weekly travel is a necessity to gain the level of competition that will improve their game. Our cricket teams benefit from significant parent support in their willingness to

coach, manage and provide transport. There is also a local identity who takes much pride and spends many hours in preparing a quality wicket on the Domain, opposite school. He clearly has a passion for this volunteer role and our lads benefit from the excellent pitches produced.

In 2017 the majority of our team were Year 13 students who had played 1st XI for at least two seasons. They performed to expectation and were a close-knit bunch. It was my pleasure to accompany them to The Willows cricket dinner at St Bede's College and it was surprising how many ex-cricketers I actually knew at this function.

In 2018 we feature a team that only has two Year 13 lads in it; with the majority from Year 11. So far they have played with a very positive attitude and recent results have started to reflect their potential. The best thing about this group of boys is that they are a team and are happy to work together to develop their cricket skills. We will enjoy watching them over the next couple of years.

Currently there is a lot of parental support towards raising the necessary funds for the biennial cricket tour to Australia. This is always a popular trip for the Ashburton College cricketers. Another feature of this region is the amount of support towards fundraising. This trip, and others like it, have the potential to be fully funded for the players as their parents get in behind the venture. This level of community support towards fundraising was not as apparent when I worked in city schools.

The final acknowledgement needs to be to The Willows Cricket Club. The fact that they have included an outlying rural school into their community is much appreciated. I know our lads who attended the dinner in 2017 appreciated the sense of tradition, oratory and camaraderie on display. As a former "cricket tragic" myself I never got to experience these traditions. It is fantastic that our rural lads have exposure to such values and facilities.





▲ A pensive Grant Elliott in the field.



▲ A key moment in the Governor-General's XI match – the loss of Hamish Marshall.



▲ Post-match words to the boys from former NZ players Grant Elliott and Ervin McSweeney.

Tribute to our Patron headlines a gathering of NZ sporting icons at The Willows dinner

Tuesday, 24th October 2017 at St Bede's College

By John Hastilow

On a typically warm Christchurch October evening 250 people attended this year's dinner held in the sports gymnasium at St Bede's College.

The gym was a buzz with animated conversation as drinks and nibbles were enjoyed and old friendships were renewed and new friendships established.

A good turnout by Willows members, invited guests and supporters complemented the fourteen schools and colleges represented with many principals and coaches in attendance. It was noticeable how well presented all the young men were in their school blazers and their personal grooming left nothing to be desired.

The seating plan grouped school teams together as we settled down to an action packed evening. Tribute must be paid at the outset to the marvellous job the catering crew undertook, the quality of the food and the service could not be faulted. George Murray from Christ's College was our pianist for the evening and the wine provided by Wiffen Wines Ltd who have supported our dinners with such loyalty over the years. We also acknowledge our chief sponsor – the ASB Bank – for their generous support.

Master of Ceremonies Max Chu, head prefect of Otago Boys' High School, soon had us in hand and steered the evening's programme along with confidence and good humour.

Justin Boyle, Rector of St Bede's College and The Hon. Sir John Hansen made the welcome

speeches which set a warm and friendly tone for the evening.

We were honoured to have Sir Richard Hadlee present the Shadbolt Trophy for the best performance by a junior Willower – this year the trophy was awarded to Ben Dickie from Christ's College 1st XI. The '49ers Trophy for the school with the most meritorious performance during the past season was awarded by Sir Richard to the St Andrew's College 1st XI.

Sir Richard gave us an insight into his motivation and considerable effort researching and writing his book titled "The Skipper's Diary"; a labour of love and respect and a timely tribute to the legendary 1949 New Zealand cricket tour of England that was captained by his father and our Patron in Perpetuity, Walter Hadlee CBE, OBE.

Sir Richard gave a moving overview of that historic New Zealand cricket team's successful tour at a time when Britain was recovering from the Second World War. The reported attendance numbers at the matches were amazing for those far off days before television.

Ben Hartland from the Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI gave the Loyal Toast and grace was said by Cameron Jopson from the St Bede's College 1st XI.

It is many years since most of us had listened to a barber shop quartet but when the St Bede's College foursome stepped up they had us enthralled by their talent and harmonising.

Tom Dunlop from Riccarton High School 1st XI introduced our guest speakers and what sporting talent was on display! James and Hamish Marshall and our own Peter Fulton (with 121 first-class matches playing for Canterbury under his belt) in the capable hands of consummate interviewer Malcolm Ellis proved a winning formula.

Sibling rivalry and endless games of backyard cricket seemed to be the driver for the Marshalls and with Malcolm putting open ended questions to James, Hamish and Peter we were treated to

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many insights into the fascinating game of cricket at club, provincial and international level. Particularly interesting were the encounters with the many and varied personalities they encountered within New Zealand, in county cricket in England and also while on tour.

Reuben Thorne, former well known All Black, then gave us a very thoughtful and inspiring speech, the theme being that four letter word GRIT. Reuben's message, directed more towards the younger members of the audience but also applicable to us oldies, was of goal setting, determination and holding onto a vision. It was a spell-binding presentation from him.

While dessert was being enjoyed Sir Richard presented copies of his book "The Skipper's Diary" to various guests and indicated his availability to sign copies later in the evening.

All too soon the dinner was drawing to a close as Liam McBreen-Smith (St Andrew's College) moved the Vote of Thanks to our speakers and Isaac Bird (Christ's College) moved the Toast to Cricket. The game we love to play, to watch, to ruminate on and treasure the memory of wins and mourn the losses of games played in the years gone by.

President Sir John concluded the evening by thanking our guest speakers and wishing us all an enjoyable cricketing season ahead.

What an entertaining evening! Inspiring speakers well handled by our very own Malcolm Ellis, a milestone cricketing book launched by Sir Richard Hadlee, delicious food and wine, great company in a warm and relaxed atmosphere in the competent hands of Max Chu our Master of Ceremonies – well done St Bede's College.

Willows Tour to Australia

By Andrew Nuttall
Tour Captain

It has taken twenty-four years for The Willows to tour and it was fitting that our first match was against our long term friends I Zingari Australia at their home ground at Camden Park.

The tour began with a briefing and dinner at the Lord Nelson in Sydney with the younger males each consuming a 550 gram steak. Saturday, 8am saw us all bright and shiny for the coach trip to Camden Park, a beautiful country ground which was owned by the MacArthur-Stanham Family who, over 100 years ago, first introduced merino sheep into Australia. The players took care to avoid biting ants and also checked toilet seats for any snakes. We were pleased that there were no incidents or injuries.

The Willows captain, who had exchanged money with his I Zingari colleague, decided to bat first. We were soon in trouble with three down for 8 runs. Then a fighting partnership from Justin Murray and Graham Inglis steadied the ship and aggressive innings from Adrian McFedries and Hugo Davison enabled The Willows to scrape our way through to 139. In reply, I Zingari struggled against tight bowling. Hamish Bayliss, the I Zingari captain, produced an outstanding knock of 53 not out but this was not enough and his team were bowled out for 114. Chief destroyer was Graham Inglis 4 for 31 despite going for fifteen off his first over.

At the end of the game we enjoyed fantastic I Zingari hospitality and camaraderie and The Willows captain was presented with his I Zingari cap.

Match 1: The Willows won by 25 runs

The Willows 139
H. Davison 33*

I Zingari 114
H. Bayliss 53*, H. Davison 2/14, A. Nuttall 2/16,
G. Inglis 4/31



▲ *The tourists inspect the pitch at Camden Park.*

Following a short coach trip into Campbelltown we gathered for another enjoyable dining occasion and watched the All Blacks lose to the Wallabies. Sam Davis was impressive in devouring a huge pork knuckle.

On the second morning we again assembled at 8am for the coach trip to Bowral, noticeably cooler than Camden being 600 metres above sea level. Our match against a Bradman XI was well captained by Dave Kelly who elected to bat and spectators given the treat of watching Jonathan Davidson and Michael Singleton combine with an opening partnership of 63. Singleton retired on 40 as did Glynn Howell after playing some glorious shots including the best cover drive ever seen on the Bowral oval by the opposition's captain.

Noteworthy events were the huge six from the bat of Tim McConnell which nearly took out Ben Dorrer who was receiving ice treatment in the stands. In addition, another lusty blow by Dave Kelly, off the bowling of Andrew Nuttall was very well caught by Paul Rutledge while scoring high up in the grandstand. The Willows scored 244 for six from their allotted 40 overs and in reply the Bradman XI struggled against some tight bowling and were dismissed in the 39th over for 125. We saw some accurate bowling from all The Willows bowlers.

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Match 2: The Willows won by 119 runs

The Willows 244/6

J. Davidson 33, M. Singleton 40*, G. Howell 40*,
D. Kelly 27*, A. Nuttall 3/45

The Bradman XI 125

S. Davis 4/19, D. Kelly 3/19, G. Howell 2/1,
H. Wright 2/24

The after-match was held in the library of the Bradman Pavilion where it was nice to see displayed a print of The Willows ground signed by the late Walter Hadlee.

All players and supporters had a most enjoyable time in Bowral and Camden and I am sure the success of this tour will be a motivation for future tours. Finally, a big thank you to Sam Davis for his energy, initiative and administrative skills in getting this tour off the ground.



▲ The Willows squad before the match against I Zingari.



▲ Post-match in the Bradman Pavilion at Bowral.

The Willows v Umpires XI

After last year's thrashing it was nice to turn the tables against the Umpires XI this year. The Willows lost the toss and were asked to bat. Everywhere, we saw umpires, 13 of them; the odds were stacked against us!

We were looking for a total that would exceed the combined ages of our openers – something over 140 should do? However wickets were lost at a steady pace and it was only when Nigel de Maine and Grant Stewart combined that we pushed on to a competitive score of 167.

It turned out to be Grant's day, when he claimed three wickets in his first 3 overs. Then followed a dogged innings from Dave Stuthridge and good knocks from two young umpiring prospects (R Hawes and J Collins) which had our total looking fragile. The return of Grant to the crease was decisive; he picked up a total of five wickets – all bowled! And the game was won. Sweet revenge.

"Sir Judge"

Our Club President Sir John Hansen recently toured Mongolia with Craigengower CC (est. 1894, Hong Kong). The tour programme featured this pen portrait:

"This is his (sic) maiden tour with the Gower, having been subjected to intense scrutiny by the Supreme Leaders Council. Comes to the Gower with an impeccable reputation arising from a lifetime of jurisprudence – now in serious jeopardy. A Kiwi with a wealth of cricketing experience both as a left hand bat and international manager. Spent halcyon days in 80's Honkers before returning to his native land to restore professional credibility. Now in his twilight years – Sir Judge finds himself President of The Willows CC and is particularly susceptible to a good story, a good Semillon, a good Pinot Noir and much to Lady Hansen's regret binge-gardening. Likely to be as much use on this tour as a pair of "flip flops" at a formal dinner."

Trans-Tasman ties strengthened

By Matt Parr

In its 130th year, our friends across the ditch, I Zingari Australia, were able to re-establish a historic fixture on their calendar, The New South Wales Governor's XI match.

Most recently played in 1995 at Victoria Barracks and again in 2014 at Camden Park, the Club was excited to be able to host His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret) and his wife at Camden Park where the Club first played on 8th January 1891.

The Governor's XI was made up of representatives from a range of clubs and schools that have association with I Zingari. I had the pleasure to be asked to represent both Christchurch Boys' High School and The Willows alongside fellow Willower, Sam Davis.

A crash on the M5 meant the drive out to the ground actually took longer than the flight from Christchurch to Sydney, but we eventually made it to the historic and picturesque Camden Park where we were greeted and capped by His Excellency.

The match itself was reduced to 30 overs due to our late arrival and the searing 40-degree heat which felt much like having a hair dryer blowing in your face. Not easy off the long run! A strong bowling performance from the Governor's XI first up saw I Zingari restricted to a modest total of 132. Sam Davis did his best to feed some runs to the hosts to make a contest of things going at 8's off his four overs but they failed to get going and posted a below par score.

Before the start of the second innings, Robbie Deans and I were presented with our I Zingari caps to join Andrew Nuttall as members of the Club. The Governor's XI top order were aggressive and got the run chase off to a good start. Batting at six, Robbie spent most of the chase pacing up and down with the pads on, gagging to have a hit and make a contribution to

the game. Fortunately he got the chance to steer the visitors to a comfortable six wicket victory and walk back to the sheds with a wee "red ink".

At the end of the match there were a lot of parched men in need of a refreshment. After some presentations to the Club from Sam and myself, the hospitality continued at the local tavern. A fantastic end to a wonderful day.

The relationship between I Zingari, The Willows and CBHS continues to go from strength to strength and occasions such as these are a wonderful celebration of friendships that exist. I am proud to be able to wear all three of these caps. If any Willower happens to be in Sydney and looking for a game, I would suggest that the IZ's would be only too happy to look after you –



▲ Matt Parr and Sam Davis with Bill Douglass and I Zingari players.



▲ Matt Parr receives his I Zingari cap.

Cricket on the Green at OBHS circa 1903



From Otago Boys' High School Archives

Rory Sweetman wrote a history of the School in his book *Above The City*. It is from this source the supporting information comes for this superb early cricket photograph.

In the background is the prestigious main School building, designed by Robert Lawson and officially opened in February 1885. The use of dark Leith Valley basalt, lighter Port Chalmers breccia and creamy Oamaru limestone as building material reflects in a way the School colours of blue and white.

Throughout the 1880's and 1890's cricket at OBHS had always struggled due to the muddy grounds over summer and the Spartan facilities. So much so, Sweetman labelled cricket then as "the Cinderella of School sports". For inter-school matches the teams had to walk over a mile to play their cricket at the Oval (Kensington).

This changed after 1900. The area to the south of the main block (called the Green) was very rough and undulating and required major excavation, filling and levelling to bring up to standard. Once the work was completed cricket flourished at OBHS. The Green (seen here in the foreground) was used for the next 50+ years before the northern ground of Littlebourne was developed as the number one wicket and the Green was built upon for classrooms to accommodate the School's growth in roll. OBHS has also had a long tradition of providing well-qualified professional coaching for the players and for those players going on to gain national honours.

There can be no finer place in New Zealand to play cricket than here at the beautiful, elevated Otago Boys' High School ground with an outlook to die for.

Above The City by Rory Sweetman,
pub. Otago Boys' High School Foundation, 2013

Q & A with NZ opening batsman, Tom Latham

Tom kindly shares the highlights on his playing career to date and his thoughts on playing international cricket for his country.

Q1. Most memorable game?

Throughout my career so far there have been many memorable games that stand out including my debuts in every format for New Zealand and these are games that I will always remember.

When it comes to Test cricket, winning a Test is a very satisfying feeling. In our series against England in England in 2015, we were 1-nil down heading into the last Test at Headingley. That turned out to be a great game. Batting first, we made 350 then bowled England out also for 350. In the second innings we managed 454/8 declared which included a great 100 from BJ Watling. We then bowled England out for 255 with the wickets shared around. Beating England in their own conditions is not easy and for us to level the series was a great memory.

When it comes to ODI cricket, the World Cup semi-final will be something hard to beat. I'm sure everyone is well aware of what happened in that game. To be part of the squad, sitting down in the dugout, riding the emotions of the game was pretty special. Then to finally come out on the winning side, that moment will never be forgotten!

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

My most memorable game would be the first ODI against India in 2017. Chasing 280, coming out at 80/3, putting on a 200 run partnership with Ross Taylor to win the game and being 103* at the end. Memorable, not just because of the personal milestone but the way we managed to chase down the score in Indian conditions and

being there at the end to win the game. It was my first game in a new role of wicket-keeping and batting five.

Q3. Who was the major influence in shaping you as a player?

There have been many people over the years that have been influential in my growth as a player. In terms of coaches, Bob Carter, was my first first-



▲ Tom Latham in action for the Black Caps. Photo: Getty Images

A shot from the past

class coach who brought me into the Canterbury side in 2010. He has been someone who has helped me a lot over the years. He knows my game very well and has had many years of experience with some world-class cricketers. He is someone who is great to chat with. Throughout my career to date I have had many other coaches and they have all added their different ideas. It is about trying to take stuff and to use what works best for me.

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

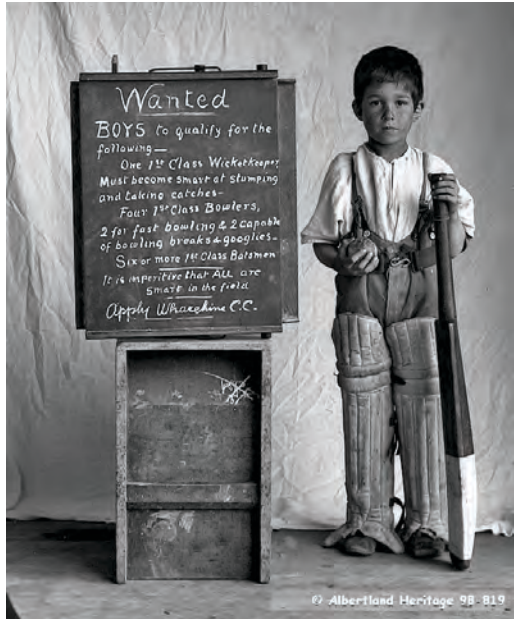
I guess everyone who plays cricket has ambitions to play not only first-class cricket but also for their country. One of the biggest things is just trying to improve as a cricketer every time you get the chance. Whether that be at training, at a game, off the field, in the gym, whatever. If you are trying to get better and to learn from your experiences on a day-to-day basis the personal milestones will take care of themselves.

Also, most importantly, is to make sure you are enjoying what you are doing. When you are having fun, it is much more enjoyable to play so keep having as much fun as possible.

Finally, do not put too much pressure on yourself. Cricket is a unique game when you have more unsuccessful days than successful; so keeping yourself level with no added pressure will help you move forward more quickly as a cricketer.

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

I think RESPECT is something that is important throughout cricket no matter what level you are playing. Respect on and off the field for whoever is involved in the game. Nowadays in international cricket, guys around the world play so much together, we mix with and talk to different players a lot. So that respect is shown more in the current era than possibly what it was back in the day. That should not change whatever the level you are playing. Being able to mix with people in the opposition is important and includes respect for the ethos of the game.



Courtesy: W.H. (Harold) Marsh photograph collection in the Albertland Heritage Centre, Wellsford, Auckland.

This photograph was taken in 1924, when cricket was very much the preferred summer sport in the Kaipara district. Teams travelled by boat, on horseback and coaches to compete. The "young lad" is Henry Marsh, son of the photographer, of Wharehine.

Ed: Sentiments written on the blackboard are often echoed today by one MED; especially after defeat against an all-conquering, Macfarlane-inspired Hawkswood Wanderers XI.

If you have an old cricket-related photo suitable for publication please contact John Mitchell info@thewillows.org.nz

Governor-General's Weekend

24th-25th March 2018

The Club was honoured to be able to host Their Excellencies Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand and her husband Sir David Gascoigne to dinner which was held in the dining room of St Andrew's College. The size of the dining room limited the number of attendees which were 90.

Mrs Christine Leighton, Rector of St Andrew's, acted as hostess to what was an outstanding evening with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles being served in the staff lounge.

Their Excellencies were escorted into the dining room by resounding bagpipes where a welcome was extended by Mitchell Hay of Christchurch Boys' High School, followed by Mrs Christine Leighton, and then Sir John Hansen, President of The Willows.

Grace was said by Jesse Frew from St Andrew's College, Loyal Toast proposed by Jack Mockford from Southland Boys' High School, followed by entrée and then a magnificent musical presentation by Samuel Jeon on the piano and his sister Christine Jeon on the cello.

Dinner was followed by Her Excellency reflecting on her experiences with cricket and sport and then followed the introduction of the guest speaker by Ben Lockrose from Otago Boys' High School. Andy Ellis the former All Black scrum half spoke of his career identifying both the highs and the lows over the past 20 years.

A Vote of Thanks was given by Nick Lidstone from Christ's College followed by dessert and a presentation given by Matt Parr, Master at Christchurch Boys' High School on a powerpoint display composed by Alex Reese on his Cricket Live Foundation operating in the slums of Sri Lanka and now commencing in Mumbai.

Finally a Toast to Sport was proposed by Richard Turpie from Christ's College with Sir John Hansen concluding the evening with a Vote of Thanks to Christine Leighton and others who had helped with the evening.



▲ Charles Wiffen and Paul McEwan escort the vice-regal party.

On the Sunday morning Their Excellencies arrived at the ground at 10.45am and were introduced to both teams. This was followed by a 5 minute reflection given by the Very Reverend Mike Hawke, Dean of Nelson Cathedral in order to remember John Hammond, a Willows committee member who had recently passed away.

Play commenced at 11am with the Governor-General's XI batting first scoring a total of 166. Good scores were from Max Chu 37, Mitchell Hay 34, Nick Lidstone 26, and bowling for The Willows XI Ewen Chatfield 4/26 and Andrew Nuttall 4/24.

The Willows opening batsmen strode to the centre full of confidence but were soon rattled when after two overs their score was 3/14. The side, other than for a good 40 scored by James Marshall, only totalled 118 with the major bowlers being Richard Turpie 3/13, Beau Hourigan 3/35, Jack Mockford 2/12 and Matt Munro 2/10.

This was the first win for a Governor-General's XI with five previous losses to Sir Anand Satyanand and to Lt. Gen. Sir Jerry Mateparae.

At the conclusion of the game a review of the two innings were discussed by the older members of the group with the GG's Youth XI.

Summing up the day the Very Reverend Mike Hawke said it was the best day's cricket he had experienced for many, many years as the banter between the older past New Zealand members kept the game fully alive from start to finish.

The Governor-General's Youth XI

Max Chu
Mitchell Hay
Jesse Frew
Beckham Greenall-Wheeler
Ben Lockrose
Jack Mockford
Rhys Mariu
Richard Turpie
Beau Hourigan
Matt Munro
Nic Lidstone

Otago BHS
Christchurch BHS
St Andrew's College
King's HS Dunedin
Otago BHS
Southland BHS
St Andrew's College
Christ's College
Wanganui Collegiate
St Bede's College
Christ's College

The Willows XI

Dion Ebrahim
Paul McEwan
Andy Ellis
James Marshall
Hamish Marshall
Ervin McSweeney
Ewen Chatfield
Very Rev. Mike Hawke
Dave Kelly
Grant Elliott
Andrew Nuttall
Evan Gray

Zimbabwe
New Zealand
All Blacks
New Zealand
New Zealand
New Zealand
New Zealand
South Canterbury
Central Districts
New Zealand
Canterbury
New Zealand



▲ Not out at lunch – Jesse Frew and Max Chu.



▲ An imperious shot from Grant Elliott.



▲ NZ Under-19 rep Ben Lockrose of Otago Boys' High School.

Salute the modern player

By John Mitchell

It is 40 years since I last watched live international or first-class cricket. But, in the last year or so, with retirement and thanks to kind invitations from friends I have enjoyed attending Hagley Oval, Christchurch to see the game played at the highest level.

My reaction? Bluntly, I have been blown away by the skill of the modern player. There might be some things one can't abide like the god-awful blasting of triumphal music, the incessant stream of 12th and 13th man running on with water bottles, grounds with piddling short boundary ropes, appeals that the ball is out of shape, 10-ball wildcard strategic over and so on but you cannot but revere the athleticism and skill-set of today's top players.

Coaches strive to encourage their charges to express themselves in the middle. Those who can will quickly take the game away from the opposition. To be innovative, there needs to be a team culture that it is OK to experiment; and never to be afraid of making mistakes. Indeed, isn't that how we learn! From the start of play with the new ball through to the back-end of an innings it is the innovative, expressive athletes who have an impact on the outcome of the match and ultimately get the edge over opponents.

In a recent television interview our greatest ever player, Sir Richard Hadlee, praised the "innovation" seen in the game today. He said that in his day they were never encouraged to play like that and if they did try these sort of things and got out then they would be dropped.

What is it that makes cricket special today?

Fielding

There is no place for a ponderous or inept fielder in the modern game. In the past, the roly-poly, "glass"-armed player could hide in the slips



▲ *Mushfiqur Rahim cops one from Trent Boult (Getty Images)*

or the gangly, ungainly quick bowler could "rest" between overs at deep fine-leg. There is no such luxury evident today. If you can't move and throw quickly and accurately in the field you are going to miss selection, no matter how well you might bat or bowl to compensate. Yesterday's men would choke in their beards to learn that the test players of today are wearing GPS vests and heart monitors to study a player's speed, distance covered, heart rate and intensity of play to modify training volumes and regulate workload. Amazing!

Gone are the slips cradles and leisurely light warm-ups of bygone times. The attacking fielding skills seen nowadays are simply mind-boggling. Tight fielding units create on-field pressure. Rarely do you see a misfield. The sliding pick-up and throw, and the catch assist on the boundary just didn't happen in our day.

As for the Tom Latham reactive catch from silly short-leg in March 2017 to dismiss a stunned Proteas captain; it left the cricket world reeling and we old boys shaking our heads in disbelief.

Bowling

The point of difference here simply is the ability of today's top bowlers to bowl a range of different deliveries and to mix it up without compromising accuracy. Playing everywhere on such flat pitches, bowling plans are sophisticated and designed to exploit the frailties of certain batsmen. The best example from February 2017 was the ruthless way in which Trent Boult worked

over the gutsy Bangladeshi captain (diminutive Mushfiqur Rahim), by attacking the rib-cage and splice of the bat. The accuracy of this onslaught was amazing and again in 2018, when Southee bounced Gayle out (second ball) at the Mount. Boult, Southee and co display versatility and ingenuity.

Among today's challenges, bowlers need to quickly learn to handle being dispatched for 15+ runs per over (in white ball cricket) and then try to get the kookaburra balls to swing in tests. No wonder the sport psychologist is needed alongside the technical bowling specialist.

When you add developments in the modern game like: a greater use of slower balls, reverse swing, cross-seamers, "knuckle ball", doosra, etc and the past-player is left in awe. Sit back and admire the innovative techniques on display at the bowling crease. Each season there seems a new delivery comes into our lexicon; the latest being the carrom ball which Ravi Ashwin has mastered. Mitchell Santner is working on the delivery too. In the shorter game the best bowlers are those who prevent the batsmen from getting under the ball or giving no width to get a full arc to strike.

Batting

In recent seasons we have been blessed by the stunning aggression from the likes of Guptill, Maxwell, Munro and co. Sure old-timers will hark

back to 2002 and Nathan Astle's world fastest test double century at the now dismantled Lancaster Park, Christchurch and other memorable feats. These men are freaks. United by exceptional free-scoring spirits, collectively they have perfected different shots which set them apart from their contemporaries. "Ramps", "reverse", "inside-out", "switch hits" and other audacious shots highlight the best of the innovative and creative batting of today. Another exponent of sheer skill is Steve Smith and the way he can get back and across and whip balls effortlessly from outside off through midwicket. How do you bowl and set fields to counter that?

In my day, the senior players were on to the younger ones about "occupying the crease" so the common statistic was "time in the middle" which today has very much been replaced by "balls faced".

Purists will derive equal pleasure from NZ's leading centurions, Williamson and Taylor (with 35 test centuries between them). These two do exactly as every great batsmen has ever done; namely, hit the ball through gaps, use soft hands, and punish anything loose. But what sets them apart; they don't just talk about "going on to score big" but actually do it (with greater regularity than anyone else in the history of the NZ game).

Demeanour

Since the tragic death of Phillip Hughes in 2014, we have had in McCullum and Williamson, two captains who want the national team to play cricket in the right spirit. So in recent series, improved player behaviour has been apparent. The only dodgy thing which seemed to stir up the cricketers in 2017 was the apparent deliberate practice of bouncing in returns onto the abrasive pitch surrounds to scuff the ball for reverse swing. We had never heard of such a thing in my day. Love-it or hate-it DRS has taken the heat out of on-field exchanges but credit must also be attributed to coaches and the players themselves.

Every primary-aged cricketer watching will join their grandparents in saluting the millennial player; the younger ones will strive to be like them when they play.



▲ *Leading centurions Williamson and Taylor (Getty Images)*

NZ all-rounder Bruce Taylor and his dynamic debuts!

By Bert Walker

Bruce Taylor made his name in cricket through a series of lucky breaks, but by also having the ability to instantly impress in a series of stunning debuts! As in 1965 while playing his cricket in South Canterbury as a 21 year-old, he received his first opportunity when he was called into the strong Canterbury Plunket Shield team at short notice, when Dick Motz was injured. Against a powerful Auckland attack (four of the five bowlers played for NZ) he announced himself by driving his first ball for 4 and carrying on to score a fine 49, then took an early wicket and finished with the figures of 21-8-57-3. Taylor had done enough to keep his place for the last game, v ND, and he further impressed with 31, then 5/49 and 2/38. Incidentally that wonderful Willows man John Mitchell made his Plunket Shield debut in this game and after coming in at 37/3 made a fine 56, before falling to Taylor.

The NZ team to tour India, Pakistan and England was then named and Taylor received his next big piece of good fortune when original selection Gary Bartlett withdrew from the team because of injury, so after just these two first class games Taylor was chosen on promise as his replacement. New Zealand drew the first test in India with Taylor watching on, and he wasn't named for the second test either. But on the morning of this test Barry Sinclair had to withdraw because of illness, so again Taylor was a short notice replacement – and what a replacement! He came in to bat with 30 minutes to go to stumps on the first day and again he started memorably, playing too early at his first ball from Indian opening bowler Desai which was outside leg stump – it hit the back of his bat, deflected over the stumps and landed just short of a very surprised 2nd slip! But he managed to get through to stumps, with the great Bert Sutcliffe (aged 41) at the other end.

And the next day Taylor played his shots all the way to scoring 105, becoming just the second NZ batsman to score a century on test debut and putting on a then record partnership of 163 with Sutcliffe, who carried on to 151*. Taylor then took 5/86, and although the game was a draw Taylor had firmly written his name in the record books for all time, by scoring a century and taking five wickets in an innings on debut. He is still the only player EVER to achieve this feat, in over 150 years of test cricket! While he followed this dream debut up in the next test with 5/26 and 3/76, plus a vital 21 in NZ's second innings to help his side scrape a draw at 80/8.

NZ then carried on to Pakistan and in his test debut against them Taylor entered after yet another NZ batting collapse, with the score a sorry 39/5. But he hit a terrific 76 (next best 22) to see NZ to 175, then in Pakistan's reply of 318 he had the best figures of 3/38. But NZ was skittled 2nd time round for just 79, with Taylor left high and dry on 7*. By the time the sick and weary team left after seven tests and losing both series in the sub-continent Taylor had 21 wickets, with the next best being Vic Pollard's 10.

Not unnaturally a tired Taylor's form fell away somewhat in the early stages of the English tour, and he wasn't picked for the first test. But he was back in for the 2nd test and made his debut against England at Lords, coming in with the team struggling, yet again, at 62/6. But once more Taylor rose to the occasion, hitting 51 and putting on 92 with Pollard, in what was Fred Trueman's last test and John Snow's first test. He then took two top order wickets in his 2-66 in England's first innings, although NZ eventually lost by 7 wickets.

Taylor's next memorable debut came against a strong Australian B side in 1967 – as after helping Canterbury to a memorable win over them by 4 wickets with 69 and 37*, Taylor again came to the party in the first of this series of unofficial tests. In this match his vital double of 92 and 38, plus the spin bowling of Pollard and Yuile with 18 wickets between them, saw NZ to victory and an eventual 1-0 series win. This was a very satisfying result and one which helped convince Australia to grant NZ official tests within six years.

And Taylor's last debut against a test playing nation was in 1969, against a powerful West Indies side at Eden Park. Against an attack including all-time greats Wes Hall, Lance Gibbs and Garry Sobers, Taylor yet again entered with NZ (batting first) in trouble at 152/6. But Taylor smashed his way to 50 in just 30 minutes (3rd fastest ever in test cricket at that stage) and his century in 86 minutes (then the 5th fastest), reaching it with a colossal 6. When he was out for 124 he had hit 5x6 and 14x4, out of 163 runs scored while he was there, in what is undoubtedly still one of the greatest test innings ever played by a New Zealander. And while NZ ultimately lost what turned out to be a terrific test by 5 wickets, Taylor's 3 wickets in the game included in the West Indies 2nd innings the following memorably golden scalp; Sobers LBW b Taylor 0.

Taylor eventually retired from test cricket after the 1973 tour of England (when NZ came agonisingly close to beating England in both the first 2 tests), as New Zealand's then top wicket-taker in test cricket with 111. And he was only 102 runs off becoming the first Kiwi to reach the, at that time, very rare test double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets.

So through injury Taylor got his initial chance in first class cricket, then as an injury replacement he was the last man picked for the 1965 tour, followed soon after by making his stunning test debut as a sickness replacement – but wow did he ever make the very most of those unexpected opportunities, in a remarkable series of dramatic and dynamic debuts!

Lakes, quakes and enormous landslides

Extracts from a story published in the *The Press*
By Michael Wright, 14 November 2017

From the driver's seat of his Hilux, farmer Dave Kelly surveys his land. Or, more precisely, an empty space where several million cubic metres of his land used to be.

"I think it's just about as big as a landslide gets in an earthquake," he says. No one else in the ute has a geology degree, but it's hard to imagine a slip on a larger scale. On November 14, 2016, a magnitude-7.8 earthquake tore through Kelly's farm in the Leader Valley in North Canterbury, just east of its epicentre near Waiiau, triggering numerous landslides and opening up myriad fissures in the ground.

The slip we are looking at dwarfs everything else around it. What looks like about half of an enormous hill now sits in an equally enormous pile on the valley floor and a sheer, gaping face of earth now stands exposed. The slip material dammed the Leader River, which flows through Kelly's farm. The kilometre-long backlog of water



was quickly christened 'Lake Rebekah', after Kelly's wife.

The lake became an overnight sensation, garnering plenty of attention from the media and watersports enthusiasts.

The shores of Lake Rebekah have receded since November last year. Most of it happened all at once in February when the dam burst, dropping the lake level by nearly four metres.

The water now flows over a terrace and cascades down several metres to resume its journey as the Leader River once more. A return of sorts to what used to be, but will never truly be again.



Sixteen year association with Matfen Cricket Club, Northumberland

When Lachlan Stove and Rhys Petrie graced the playing field of the Matfen Cricket Club, in the West Tyne League, in April 2018, they were the 16th pair of Willows players to do so. It all started in 2003, when the playing stocks at the 125-year old Northumberland Club dipped; up stepped their mentor, Sir Hugh Blackett. He sent out urgent SOS telephone calls to the antipodes. He picks up the story:

"The whole project came about through me making some telephone calls to try and find some young New Zealand boys who might come to play village cricket in the North of England. On the third call I was fortunate enough to get hold of Mike Dormer and asked him if he could help. That was the most enlightening conversation for me as he made it clear that it was a question of how many do you want rather than how are we going to achieve this!"

So in 2003 Sir Hugh and Mike made it happen. Josh Coll and Fraser Hawes were our first two Scholars to travel over to rescue the Matfen Club

team. They set the standard. Together they were a huge success and helped Matfen win the West Tyne League for the first time in the Club's history. For Sir Hugh, Josh and Fraser "set the pattern for future years and although we did not win the League every year, the contribution by the two boys each year was enormous".

Departure date is always the first week of April. The long-haul flight via Singapore or Dubai ends in Newcastle where the two lads are met in person by Sir Hugh. As Declan McKeefry put it so aptly "with enough baggage for Africa and fatigue tattooed across our faces" Sir Hugh is a most welcome sight. Outside the terminal, there is a sharp cool breeze, and in some years, even snow. There is a month to settle (into routines and work) and to get in some pre-season training before the first cricket match.

Work at the Matfen Hall Hotel is varied but most regularly in the bar at the Keepers Lodge or on the Golf Driving Range. Other jobs (hotel porter, dining reception, green-keeper, stone-wall repair, dishes etc) can be requested. Callum Curnow in 2016 reckoned he performed "about eight different roles" in his time.

When the cricket season finally starts, it is usually on green, slow wickets. In bad years, many games are rained off and conditions are akin to playing

on "mudflats". "The cricket was good fun" according to Barty (Liam Bartholomeusz). Saturdays with the West Tyne Division One League, Wednesdays in a Knockout T20 competition and there are other invited district games. Some of the Dads of the Kiwi lads even managed a game when visiting.

The League title was won in 2003 and 2010 (and Senior Knock-out Cup in 2007) and there have been other years when Matfen finished as runners-up (2017 the latest). Whatever, the Kiwi lads have had a dominant influence on team performance and League placings. None more so than the two lads in 2017. Between Alex Tait and Will O'Brien they racked up five centuries and ten fifties in the 18 innings they both enjoyed – phenomenal. And, as all-rounders they featured strongly in the bowling stats too.

Outside work and cricket, the lads have wholeheartedly embraced the "Geordie" culture. Early on, with each pair, Sir Hugh has taken them across to join the 50,000+ throng at St James Park for a Newcastle United match. Those who hit a good golf-ball have been invited to play foursomes at Matfen, Bamburgh Castle and Slaley Hall. Trips to "The Toon" have gone down well (as has the warm ale). Here the lads have attended rock concerts, international sports events (including the All Whites and All Blacks) plus the Black Caps at Durham. There have been trips further afield to London (to the Oval, Lord's and Wembley Arena) and a myriad of different adventures on the Continent at the end of the stay.

Mr Simon Buckton, Past Club Captain, of Matfen Cricket Club heaps deserved praise when he says "they were great lads, genuine people to the core and they still have many friends here in Geordieland".

So what started as a germ of an idea between Sir Hugh and MED has exceeded the stated objective to breathe new life into the Matfen Cricket Club. It has shaped the lives of many people in the small communities of Matfen, Corbridge and beyond; as well as those of the lucky scholars.

All have been thrust into the unknown! All arrived "like rabbits caught in the headlights",

unsure of the craic but left as well-rounded men and all seemingly had grown as individuals. Exactly, what such scholarships espouse; viz – the procurement of life skills.

Matfen Scholars

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>
2003	Josh Coll Fraser Hawes	St Bede's College Christchurch BHS
2004	Nick d'Auvergne Paul O'Donnell	Marlborough Boys' St Bede's College
2005	Michael Peacock Willie Lawson	Shirley BHS Otago BHS
2006	Ben McCord Mitchell Shaw	St Andrew's College St Andrew's College
2007	Hamish Malcolm James O'Gorman	Nelson College Christ's College
2008	Liam Bartholomeusz Peter Youngusband	St Bede's College Nelson College
2009	Declan McKeefry Josh Poole	Wanganui Collegiate Marlborough Boys'
2010	Matthew McEwan Ciaran McMeeken	St Andrew's College Otago BHS
2011	Timothy Hampton-Matehe William Williams	Shirley BHS Christchurch BHS
2012	Hamish Cooke Ben Laughton	Gore High School St Thomas of C'bury
2013	Jeremy Duncan Jacob Vanner	Christ's College St Bede's College
2014	Mitchell Ross Charlie Robson	Christchurch BHS Wanganui Collegiate
2015	James D'Arcy Hamish Kennett	Rangiora High School St Bede's College
2016	Callum Curnow Liam McWilliam	St Bede's College Southland BHS
2017	William O'Brien Alex Tait	Burnside High School Southland BHS
2018	Rhys Petrie Lachlan Stove	Waitaki BHS St Thomas of C'bury

PS – Interestingly, three from above list gained NZ playing contracts for the 2017–2018 season. They are: Matthew McEwan (Auckland), William Williams (Canterbury) and Peter Youngusband (Wellington).

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Demystifying coaching excellence

*Access to a quality cricket coach is critical for youth development in the sport. It is timely to acknowledge one of the best in the business. To do so, we are grateful to Willower **Richard Taylor** for writing this article (hopefully, the first in a series) on his colleague and outstanding cricket coach, **Matt Parr**.*

Matt Parr has a 1st XI cricket coaching record that is the envy of New Zealand Secondary Schools. As the Christchurch Boys' High School coach he has won the National Gillette Cup 1st XI trophy on four occasions and was runner up on a further two. His teams have won the Canterbury 1st XI competitions one & two day titles on numerous occasions, as well as having success with four National Colts titles.

While the record is hugely impressive and should be admired, a better question would be to ask how does he do it? What, if anything, does he do differently from others? Is there a secret to his success?

I have coached with Matt for several years and have a good insight into his coaching philosophy. First, and foremost, Matt has a deep passion for cricket and his old school Christchurch Boys' High School. He was a successful player in the CBHS 1st XI for four seasons. He was also a successful Canterbury age group player and captained the U17 National side. Matt is a Physical Education teacher at CBHS and since he started has always been involved in cricket, but it was when he took over as the Master in Charge of Cricket in 2009 that his passion to give back became evident.

Matt has four fundamental aspects that he focuses on when coaching any team. Batting, bowling, fielding and an aspect he calls the '4th dimension'. The 4th dimension is that aspect of sport which is hard to quantify but simple to identify; particularly when it is not present. An easy way to visualize it is to give an example. The Warriors don't have it, the All Blacks do. It is all about the development of culture through high



▲ Matt Parr in action at CBHS.

expectations of respect for the school, the opposition, team mates, coaches, supporters, parents and most importantly the game itself.

Matt uses a term called deliberate practice of the physical and mental skills required to bat, bowl and field. Many coaches and teams put in hundreds of hours of often mindless practice, but not deliberate practice. Deliberate practice requires focused attention to a specific goal to improve performance. Matt always has a training goal for players to focus on at practice. They are then given specific feedback on outcomes and form and what he feels can be refined. This philosophy focuses on little details, adding up to excellence.

Matt also uses advance questioning techniques. He knows that the questions are the answers. Questions like, 'How did that feel?', 'What difference did that make?', 'How could you do that differently?' This style of questioning allows the player to provide their own feedback and think more deeply about the process. This is the opposite to the old school model of 'I know, you don't know, let me tell you how to do it.' If that system worked everyone could bowl like Sir Richard Hadlee and bat like Kane Williamson, but they can't.

Matt sets very high expectations for the players which are demanding and challenging. Within this environment he shows genuine care and respect for the players. The environment is made to feel safe for everyone. I feel Matt demystifies excellence and allows failure at practice because that is where people improve. Effort is praised and highly valued by the team who are regularly

reinforced with its 'two to one ratio' over talent and skill. It is a simple equation:

Talent x Effort = Skill

Skill x Effort = Achievement

Matt also puts considerable emphasis on the mental skills of cricket. This skill set does not come naturally to many school boys, or any cricketers for that matter. Too many players rely on physical skills alone without focus or forward planning. Simple, yet effective systems, such as a bowling and batting plan, relaxation techniques between balls when batting and bowling, refocus

techniques at crucial times, mental rehearsal and keeping personal statistics on success and failure are some examples.

When you wrap all the techniques above into one package you still need to tie it up with a bow. That bow is Matt's natural gift of teaching young men. He is well liked, respected and valued by those in his charge. His manner is calm, caring and compassionate. He sets high standards, leaving no one in any doubt of his expectations. These skills are the cornerstone of his coaching success.

84 years on

President Sir John's West Eyreton neighbour, Ulsterman Dr Tom Patton loves sport. A whopping 84 years ago as a mad-keen cricketer, aged 12 years, he watched Bradman bat in the 1934 Ashes Test played at Trent Bridge (Nottingham).

Tom has had a life-long passion of attending test matches in both cricket and rugby. His favourite rugby memory – at Lansdowne Road (Dublin) seeing the Irish no.8 Willie Duggan run onto the field puffing a cigarette and handing it to the referee at kick-off. How times have changed!



▲ *Sir Hugh Blackett sent this in from the Chelsea Flower Show, a garden dwarfed by 3-metre stumps to celebrate the upcoming 2019 World Cup in England and Wales. Sir Hugh wondered if we would like to reproduce the garden at The Willows. We've reproduced it in print at least!*



▲ *The Willows in autumn (Photo: Georgina Dormer)*

Past Highlights

*After a thrashing handed out (we lost by 94 runs) in 2006 on the first appearance of King's HS 1st XI, The Willows mustered a strong side for this 9th December 2007 return fixture. What followed was one of the great matches. **John Mitchell** reports.*

A close call for The Willows

This was how captain Paul McEwan described it. Geoff Rodden, Chairman of King's HS Board of Trustees was so moved by the day that he wrote, on returning home, to the King's boys to congratulate each on his part in a great day and to say:

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

Fluctuating fortune

Initial ascendancy went the way of The Willows. Matthew McEwan (took a wicket with the first ball of the match and another four balls later) and Thomas Agnew knocked over the King's top order. At 13 for 3 a short day was beckoning. Not so for King's. With aggressive intent things turned

and by 15 overs they had momentum going, reaching 91 without further loss. The run out of the capable T Rodden was key to restricting the visitors to a total of 207 (in 37 overs). As well, both A. Thompson and J. McAuslan added fine half centuries (sadly the latter was left stranded).

The Willows' chase followed a similar pattern with a regular loss of wickets, just as batsmen looked set. Aaron Johnstone held things together, with a tidy 57 runs. At 174 for 6 King's looked gone. But they did not lie down and fought back to have The Willows 200 for 8 (after 48 overs).

With a classic ending in prospect, Michael Owens strolled out to bat. He didn't last long, bowled with the score at 205. We needed 3 runs to win off four balls. Paul Rutledge replaced Owens, played a dot ball and next scampered a quick single to bring former NZ rep Paul McEwan on strike (2 needed off 2 balls).

On the penultimate delivery, the young Dunedin quick, unaware of Paul's ability to hook, tried to bounce the Master. Inevitably, the ball was retrieved from the square leg boundary. The Willows had squeaked home. The skipper had the final say both on the pitch and at the post-match (politely reminding the King's XI to make sure that they bat out their full 50 overs, next occasion). Thank you to the 2007 King's High School 1st XI for an outstanding match.



▲ Nigel Marsh bowls to the King's High School XI middle order in the 2018 fixture.



▲ A fine defensive stroke by a King's player.

King's High School 1st XI

K.Daniel	c Owens b M.McEwan	0
A.Thompson	c Johnstone b M.McEwan	52
G.Scott	b M.McEwan	2
J.Cambridge	c — b Agnew	2
T.Rodden	run out	39
J.McAuslan	not out	56
T.Ford	c Agnew b Clark	7
P.Johnstone	st Johnstone b Stanley	3
R.Flaws	b Agnew	24
S.Brown	b Clark	6
S.Conrad	c — b Goldstein	5
Extras (3lb, 6w, 2nb)		11
Total (all out, 37.1 overs)		207

	O	M	R	W
M.B.McEwan	9	1	43	3
T.W.Agnew	8	1	39	2
M.B.MacDonald	4	0	14	0
M.B.Owens	4	0	25	0
C.Clark	10	1	43	2
T.Stanley	2	0	22	1
M.P.Goldstein	0.1	0	0	1

The Willows

M.P.Goldstein	c Johnstone b Conrad	20
D.P.Dowds	c — b Rodden	23
G.Hills	c Thompson b McAuslan	6
M.B.MacDonald	b Rodden	9
A.F.Johnstone	c Daniel b Scott	57
T.Stanley	c — b Flaws	24
T.W.Agnew	run out	28
P.E.McEwan	not out	19
C.Clark	b Flaws	0
M.B.Owens	b Flaws	4
P.D.Rutledge	not out	1
Extras (2lb, 14w, 3nb)		19
Total (9 wickets, 49.5 overs)		211

	O	M	R	W
R.Flaws	7.5	0	41	3
J.McAuslan	10	0	37	1
S.Conrad	10	0	40	1
T.Rodden	10	2	28	2
A.Thompson	3	0	23	0
S.Brown	5	0	24	0
G.Scott	4	0	17	1

Umpires: Brent Shard (Taranaki) and Brian Cunningham (Wairarapa)

Scorer: R.Abbott

RESULT: The Willows won by 1 wicket

Long coifs and situations vacant

Our Founder will very much agree with this next piece. MED has been known to challenge a young man arriving for cricket unshaven with dreadlocks, tattoos, body piercings and the like.

When New York Yankees short-stop Didi Gregorius visited New Zealand in January 2017 to hold coaching clinics for young talent he spoke to the Press about the Yankees being sticklers for rules re personal appearance. The club has a total ban for players on things like: beards, long hair below the collar, etc.

In a similar vein, around the same time, a couple of unusually frank *Situations Vacant* advertisements were published on *Stuff*. They were lodged by a couple of farmers in the

Waimate region, South Canterbury. Both leave no room for ambiguity or misunderstanding.

Stockman Required – 20 hours / week to feed bulls. Must be a non-smoker, wear his hat with the peak to the front and be capable of wearing his pants around his arse not knees. Also need to be able to divorce himself from his phone for more than 2 hours at a time. This may turn into a permanent job.

Labourer Required – to help pour 800 cubic metres of concrete. Can be a smoker – but will not have time.

Willows standards must be maintained.

Getting to the top

By John Mitchell

Today, our best cricketers are tracked from a very young age. Initially, through their home associations and thereafter (if good enough) nationally. Talented players are identified and monitored through national under-age tournaments (including Gillette Cup). So there's nothing hit or miss. The occasional late-developer might slip under the radar but most are well-known by "the system".

This wasn't always the case. The best player in my day was Glenn Turner. In 1968 he was given a chance to play in England for Worcestershire. To save money for his airfare he worked nights in a Dunedin bakery. Such was his drive to have a shot at playing county cricket.

But what about in the real olden-days? Ralph Barker wrote, among several, a classic cricket book about selected greats in cricket titled "Ten Great Bowlers", published Chatto & Windus, 1967. It is from this source the following has been compiled. It outlines the intriguing ways some past English cricket legends started in the game. There are some lessons for the up-and-comers of today.

G.H. (George) Lohmann

1,841 first-class wickets at 13.73 average

Born Kensington, London, 1865. At eleven he played for his local Church Institute Club. As a boy he saved his pocket money, packed his sandwiches and made his first visit to the Oval. In 1883 (when he was 18 years old) Surrey county was looking for new talent. They arranged a colts match. George went along to watch a friend trial. The boys arrived early so together they had a knock in the nets. Some County regulars saw George bat and bowl, liked what they saw and then invited him to come back the following week for a trial in the nets. Here he again impressed and was subsequently invited to join the ground staff and within a month was playing for Surrey.

W.H. (Bill) Lockwood

1,376 first-class wickets at 18.34 average

Born Nottingham, 1868. He was of athletic build from good industrial stock. He was an all-rounder. When he scored his first century, in a club match, he went back to his lace machine at 6pm and worked through until midnight to make up the time. A year or so later, in 1886, at the age of 18 and after one match for his county, he was actually working at his lace machine when a message came that he was wanted unexpectedly to play as a fast bowler for Notts against the touring Australians.

T. (Tom) Richardson

2,104 first-class wickets at 18.43 average

Born Byfleet, London, 1870 (apparently in a gypsy caravan). It was on Mitcham Common that he learned his cricket, when bowling to the local gentry at their practice. They used to put a shilling on the stumps for the local boys to aim and with this incentive Tom quickly honed his line and length bowling. He built quite a reputation bowling at Mitcham. At the end of the 1892 season he was given his first chance to play in the Surrey county side. Tom used to walk (seven miles) from Mitcham to the Oval each day to play his cricket.

S.F. (Sydney) Barnes

719 first-class wickets at 17.09 average

Born Birmingham, 1873. He first gained notice as a tear-away fast bowler playing for Rishton in Lancashire League cricket. In 1895 (aged 21) he was invited to play for Warwickshire county. He turned up to find himself ostracised. For three days, only one Warwickshire player spoke to him; they were jealous of the money he made at Rishton. "As an exercise in mental cruelty it was fiendish" according to Barker. He went back to play successfully for Rishton. Then came another invitation to play for Warwickshire and when in midst of rescheduling his schedule a second telegram came which said "Do not come. An amateur is playing". Barnes vowed he would never play for Warwickshire again.

He stayed with Rishton for five seasons before moving to Burnley in the same League. In 1899 he



▲ Sydney Barnes ©PA Photos



▲ Maurice Tate



▲ George Lohmann

played a handful of games for Lancashire until by 1901 they were desperate to sign him full-time. £100 was paid to Burnley to release him from his contract. Now as a Lancashire player, just 13 days later he sailed with the England team on a tour of Australia. He went on to play 27 tests and gain a whopping 189 wickets.

M.W. (Maurice) Tate

2,784 first-class wickets at 18.16 average

Born Brighton, 1895. He was the son of a county cricketer Fred Tate. Fred played one test for England and was later a coach for Sussex. Maurice's schooling was rudimentary and by age 14 he had started an apprenticeship at a local gas and coke company. At this time he showed no talent whatsoever for cricket; but because the old heads on the Sussex committee believed cricket ability is frequently inherited, they offered him a trial. Someone reckoned he could bowl a useful off-break with a lethal quicker ball. However Maurice was the worst of 15 boys on display, rated kindly as a "duffer". Anyway, he played his

first game for Sussex in 1912 but did nothing of note. It was after the 1st World War (at age 27 years) that he changed his bowling style altogether. In 1922 the Sussex captain, Arthur Gilligan, believed Tate would be better used as an opening bowler and gave him the new ball – to utilise his height and strength. Maurice went on to play 39 tests and take 155 wickets.

Now today, of course, these guys are mere names. But by looking back in excess of 100 years it is pertinent to note that such men came to the fore in different ways – spotted in the nets, recognised when playing club cricket, having a good playing record in the professional League, being the son of a test player and a late-developer who changed his bowling type on the instruction of his skipper.

The message: different opportunities can present themselves as you grow as a cricketer. Who will know when/if they will occur for you but it is wise to be ready for it should an approach come.

Readings from the Celebration of Faith Through Sport

On 11 June 2017 an Inter-Denominational Sportspersons' Church Service was held at The Salvation Army Citadel.

As well as outstanding guest speakers presentations from Keven Mealamu (132 – capped All Black forward) and William Stedman (double bronze medallist in athletics at the 2016 Rio Paralympics) several thought provoking readings were included in the Order of Service. Of particular merit were the following extracts:

"On The Mountainside" written by Rev. Canon Craufurd Murray

A few years ago, while visiting my mother in the Scottish Highlands, the Mountain Bike World Cup was taking place on a mountainside close to her home. The weather was unbelievably dreadful, with torrential rain – bad even for that part of the world! The women's race was over four laps of the special mountainside circuit of 9.4 kms. Everyone was anticipating a great performance from the Women's World and Olympic Cross-Country Champion from Norway, and they were not to be disappointed, although in ways that no one could have foreseen.

Half way through the first lap, one of her tyres punctured and the rest of the field overtook her. She immediately picked up her bike, slung it over her shoulder, and ran for three kilometres to the technical area. The crowds lining the course roared their appreciation as she splashed and slipped through the endless rivers of mud flowing across the track. She arrived caked in dirt from head to foot, and after repairs were made she set off in pursuit of the other competitors. At this point she was in 41st place.

A lap later, she had moved up to 26th. At the end of the third lap, with one lap remaining, she was in 8th place. She finished 4th. By the reception she received, it would have been easy to forget that three had come in ahead of her. But there is



▲ Keven Mealamu (top) and William Stedman (PHOTOSPORT)

another part to the story. On that first lap, when she punctured, her team mate had stopped to help her, only to be promptly waved away with the shout: "No! Ride, Ride!" That team mate who had been prepared to put her own chances of a podium finish in jeopardy, went on to win.

Both these women showed qualities beyond their athletic fitness and ability. Their actions made an inner quality visible. The spectators saw something not even the relentless downpour could dampen, something that evoked their admiration. As someone watching said: "They have amazing spirit."

"Being There" written by Rev. Canon Craufurd Murray

"Being there for others" was Bonhoeffer's* description of discipleship, and being available is one of the greatest gifts we can offer others. Making time for people, even being willing to let them interrupt the order of our day, and to listen with our full attention so that we can hear what is unspoken, is testing. It is much easier to appear busy so that any approach immediately runs into the "please don't trouble me" signal.

Discipleship requires going with Christ – or taking Christ with us – into every situation and relationship and environment of our lives, and not worrying whether it happens to be convenient or inconvenient for us.”

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) – German Pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident (executed Flossenburg concentration camp).*

“From Sport and The Power of Faith” written by Gordon Linney, The Irish Times, 17 October 2015

Sport is an important part of people's lives and can be a positive influence on young people

growing up but so too can religion properly understood, taught and lived. The notion that sport is everything, as some people seem to think, is profoundly mistaken because it can never equip us to deal with the deep questions about meaning and self-worth. Self-worth is hugely important especially for young people who so often are told by the advertising industry what they lack in terms of appearance and achievement. The Christian faith tells them of their unique worth and how special they are as individuals. Parents might consider which would be more important for their children in later life – knowing and understanding the Lord's Prayer for example or the offside rules in soccer or rugby.

Unique cricket ground opens in Rwanda



On 28 October 2017, the Gahanga cricket ground, in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda opened with a charity match between teams captained by ex-internationals Michael Vaughan and Herschelle Gibbs. The Rwandan national team plays in the ICC's Africa Division Three or the eighth tier of world cricket.

Today, cricket is one way in which the nation has healed and united after the terrible massacres and genocide of 1994 when Hutu and Tutsi tribesmen were at war and slaughtered millions.

This new ground at Gahanga, the second in Rwanda, came about as a joint venture between a British charity and the Rwanda Cricket Stadium Foundation which raised the \$2.1 million to build it. The triple-arched pavilion, which is pictured here, is shaped to represent the parabolic path of a bouncing cricket ball and to reflect the rolling hill country nearby.

The late Neil Graham, founder of Mainfreight Limited, contributed significantly to the development of Rwanda's schools and new rugby ground.

Talent gets you noticed, character gets you recruited

By James Leath

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"He is going to be shocked we no longer want him."

"Come again?" I asked the college coach seated across from me at lunch. "You flew across the country to meet him, and now you won't recruit him anymore?"

"He is a great talent, he certainly has the skills needed to play for us," said the coach. "Sadly, he just won't fit in well with our culture. It's sad how many kids we come across every year that we cannot recruit, and it has nothing to do with their ability."

One of saddest topics we discuss are stories of top high school talent being passed over because of behaviour off the field. High talent and low character is a poor combination.

I have heard these stories enough to feel compelled to write this so that it may be passed on to every high school athlete that dreams of playing in college. There are a lot of talented athletes out there, but talent alone will not land you a coveted roster spot. Your talent may get your foot in the door, but it takes a lot more to hit the field at the next level.

The recruiter is not there to see you throw, bowl, catch or hit for the thousandth time. He already knows your stats. He has likely seen you play. What he is looking for are called intangibles, the things that cannot be easily measured, but make all the difference.

Of the countless conversations I have had with college recruiters, here are the most common questions recruiters are searching for answers to, to decide whether they should recruit you or not.

What are you doing when you think no one is watching?

The more talented you are, the more people are watching you to try and see what flaws you are hiding. How do you treat your teammates, coaches, parents, and officials? Do you make eye contact with your coach when she/he is talking? What is your body language like when things are not going well? This all matters, a lot!

Are you one thing in person, and another person online?

Social media is the microphone of your character, and whether you agree or not, you will be judged by what you post. Please, pause and think before you post! If you wouldn't want it on a billboard so your grandma could read it, you probably shouldn't post it online.

Who are your biggest influences?

You will become like the people you hang out with the most. This includes who you follow on social media. Take a look at who you are following on social media sites, and in life, and unfollow those you do not wish to be associated with or become like.

Are you a great teammate?

One story to exemplify this:

"The coach asked our star prospect to put his phone away after his first set.

He did. He then pulled it back out after the second set. I stopped his coach from intervening again. We look for guys who can be trusted to do the things after being told once. During the third set, he finally put his phone down, but only

because he saw his teammate struggling. The prospect, however, did not encourage him. I began to question his ability to be a great teammate, and if he would fit in with our team. Then, when the workout was over, the coach blew the whistle to start cleaning up. The prospect headed straight for the changing sheds, leaving his teammates to clean up. Definitely not a good fit for our culture."

Do you make a good first impression?

One of the first things I teach all my athletes is the art of the handshake. Firm grip, eye contact, be fully present while you introduce yourself. The way you enter a room, command presence, shake hands and make eye contact are all things that will set them apart from the hundreds of other draft prospects.

You are always being watched – from the moment you get out of your car to the moment you leave the parking lot. The more talented you are, the more people pay attention. Give them a reason to remember you off the field.

Do you "sweep the shed?"

The most successful sports team in the professional era is not the NY Yankees, or the Boston Celtics, or Real Madrid, but a team from a far less known sport. It is the New Zealand All Blacks in rugby, who have an astonishing 86% winning percentage and numerous championships to their name. In the outstanding book, *Legacy*, written about the All Blacks (the most winningest professional team in the history of modern sports), author James Kerr discusses one of their core values that epitomizes the selfless attitude.

It's called "Sweep the Shed."

You see the goal of every All Blacks player is to leave the national team shirt in a better place than when he got it. His goal is to contribute to the legacy by doing his part to grow the game and keep the team progressing every single day.

In order to do so, the players realise that you must remain humble, and that no one is too big or too famous to do the little things required each and every day to get better. You must eat

right. You must sleep well. You must take care of yourself on and off the field. You must train hard. You must sacrifice your own goals for the greater good and a higher purpose.

You must sweep the shed.

After each match, played in front of 80,000 plus fans, in front of millions on TV, after the camera crews have left, and the coaches are done speaking, when the eyes of the world have turned elsewhere, there is still a locker room to be cleaned ... by the players!

If the New Zealand All Blacks are sweeping their locker room, then why aren't you out there helping younger players, picking up cones, arriving first and leaving last, and setting the example for others?

You are always being watched, so sweep the shed.

Do you show a sense of gratitude?

How you treat the people who take care of you matters. The coaches, the trainers, the ball boys – they are there to serve, but they are not your servants. True leaders serve those around them. When you are grateful, and treat others with the respect they deserve, people take notice. More importantly, it's the right thing to do.

- Show gratitude
- Be a positive influence
- Do the little things
- Be a great teammate
- Make a great first impression
- Sweep the shed

And always remember, whether you are online, on the field or in the classroom, someone is watching.

Your reputation is who people think you are; your character is who you are when you think no one is paying attention. Someone is always paying attention, and every recruiter has countless stories of passing on a talented athlete who failed the character test. You must be the exception. You must be extra-ordinary. That's how you get recruited.

Playing cricket in Germany

By Andrew McCracken

After graduating as a chiropractor at the end of 2016 I decided to jet over to Europe to explore and work. I've been using Germany as my home base. With its relatively central location it has been a surefire spring-board to launch into new countries and cultures.

While the travel has been eye-opening, you do start to miss home. So what do you do when you are feeling homesick? Well, finding a way to integrate the hobbies, tastes and sports of home into your life abroad is a natural place to start.

Incredibly, the number of registered cricketers in Germany has more than doubled in the last few years, but although the Germans love their sports such as football, ice hockey and handball, cricket still doesn't register in the top ten.

Nevertheless, after emailing the head of the German Cricket Association I found a thriving state league with the possibility of four teams I could play for in the city of Bonn near where I live. Teams in the State League have been around for the last ten years. The league encompasses an area similar to that of Canterbury and includes teams from the major cities of Essen, Dusseldorf and Aachen. The league was started, and is maintained predominantly by passionate immigrants from Pakistan, India and Afghanistan.

Often there is a fair amount of travel to the games but nothing the speed-limit free autobahns cannot manage. We play on one of the 8 artificial pitches in the area, however some of them have clay under the mat, not concrete. This takes some getting used to and gives a much slower lower, gripping, spinning wicket – similar to what my sub-continent team mates are accustomed.

The tranquil Bonn ground is set on the banks of the Rhine – the eye wanders over to the rolling hills and forests on the opposing bank. The field we play on is the only cricket field in Bonn and



▲ Andrew McCracken with a team mate in Germany.

coincidentally backs onto the only rugby field in the area.

The local council isn't quite as supportive as back in Christchurch and getting the outfield mown can be a mission. Last week the grass was 15cm long and soaking wet. It would be fair to say those conditions aren't particularly favourable for playing on the ground and in the 'V'.

The German National Cricket Team plays in the ICC 5th division alongside a few countries I admittedly had to look up on the map – such as Jersey and Guernsey. While I was pleased to learn the ICC had at least five divisions, I also learned there is no 6th division and so it's a precarious situation to be in; important to avoid getting demoted after a tournament and losing valuable ICC funding. The funding is vital as it can be funnelled down to the clubs to help grow the game and develop young players.

I am reminded that no matter where you come from, the love of the game and the passion for it can bridge boundaries and provide a sense of home in a foreign land.

As I write we are preparing for the state T20 final against the well organised and fortuitously named Dusseldorf Blackcaps. Not so far from home!

Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Abbott, R.E.	11	2	199	22.1	-	126	22	513	16	32.1	1
Agnew, T.W.	18	6	181	15.1	-	147	20	535	29	18.4	1
Allott, G.I.	13	4	109	12.1	-	131	30	427	30	14.2	1
Ambler, K.R.	6	1	333	66.6	1	5	0	21	1	21.0	-
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.	39	6	1336	40.5	2	25	1	207	1	207.0	-
Brooks, G.N.	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	-
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.	28	15	174	13.4	-	211	19	940	31	30.3	-
Curnow, C.C.	10	4	144	24.0	-	78	9	334	24	13.9	2
Cusack, D.R.	39	7	1223	38.2	1	2	0	20	0	-	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	33	5	916	32.7	-	9	1	40	1	40.0	-
Davis, S.J.	37	12	386	15.4	-	276	40	1047	58	18.1	1
Day, H.W.	11	1	199	19.9	-	68	8	279	20	14.0	1
Devlin, P.C.	25	6	621	32.7	1	32	3	140	7	20.0	-
Dickson, G.J.	18	7	365	33.2	-	68	7	318	12	26.5	-
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.	16	2	405	28.9	-	10	0	53	2	26.5	-
Dowds, D.P.	31	4	975	36.1	1	95	4	495	14	35.4	-
Dunne, R.M.	19	7	674	56.2	-	80	12	285	13	21.9	-
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	-
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	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	0	362	40.2	-	34	2	163	3	54.3	-
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	-
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, P.D.	68	16	1728	33.2	3	287	36	1174	51	23.0	-
Harrison, T.	20	4	655	40.9	1					-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	27	5	541	24.6	-	198	24	820	47	17.4	1
Hastings, M.B.	28	4	242	10.1	-	254	39	987	47	21.0	-
Hawes, F.C.	30	10	495	24.8	-	267	40	969	40	24.2	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	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Hudson, M.G.	17	2	361	24.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	59	10	1307	26.7	1	168	21	704	32	22.0	-
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	-	71	11	246	15	16.4	1
Johnstone, A.F.	25	4	351	16.7	-	30	3	113	6	18.8	-
Kelly, D.P.	35	14	1596	76.0	7	162	19	542	45	12.0	2
Kelly, M.J.	19	2	374	22.0	-	21	1	105	6	17.5	1
Latham, T.W.M.	9	2	483	69.0	1	15	3	56	1	56.0	-
Lonsdale, W.M.	12	2	97	9.7	-	115	23	375	25	15.0	-
Macgregor, A.J.	10	0	108	10.8	-	97	21	270	17	15.9	1
Marsh, N.E.	5	4	14	14.0	-	72	13	239	18	13.3	-
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.	42	6	1092	30.3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	61	7	1434	26.6	2	290	27	1249	59	21.2	-
McEwan, R.P.	31	7	118	4.9	-	186	17	811	23	35.3	-
McFedries, A.G.	33	4	750	25.9	-	247	28	1011	29	34.9	1
McGuire, R.D.	36	16	609	30.5	-	349	34	1399	63	22.2	1
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	-
Miller, P.	15	1	513	36.6	-	69	4	270	15	18.0	-
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mugford, C.	13	1	392	32.7	-	55	7	216	9	24.0	-
Murray, F.D.J.	14	0	309	22.1	-	8	0	45	1	45.0	-
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.	12	2	459	45.9	3	68	10	268	6	44.7	-
Nuttall, A.J.	70	32	847	22.3	-	875	214	2338	213	11.0	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	-
Parr, M.J.	20	2	367	20.4	-	170	25	572	31	18.5	-
Patel, M.	13	2	447	40.6	1	83	15	300	14	21.4	-
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
Reid, M.	15	1	388	27.7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	2	91	17	273	8	34.1	-
Rutledge, P.D.	46	10	382	10.6	-	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	-
Singh, A.	5	2	22	7.3	-	42	9	139	17	8.2	1
Singleton, M.J.	24	1	500	21.7	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Stewart, G.J.	25	5	330	16.5	-	183	26	625	51	12.3	2
Stretch, G.B.	8	2	373	62.2	-	44	0	213	10	21.3	-
Tapper, J.H.	17	3	345	24.6	-	123	31	427	28	15.3	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	-
Vann, D.B.	12	1	301	27.4	1	50	4	201	7	28.7	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Wakefield, D.J.	19	3	513	32.1	-	123	16	456	22	20.7	1
Ward, B.R.	8	2	372	62.0	2	2	0	12	1	12.0	-
Ward, J.	16	4	369	30.8	-	54	3	280	11	25.5	-
Weeds, M.G.	23	5	566	31.4	-	9	0	36	1	36.0	-
Williams, M.L.	23	3	383	19.2	-	73	2	298	14	21.3	-
Wilson, J.M.	33	4	487	16.8	-	45	1	270	9	30.0	-
Wilson, R.T.	23	8	422	28.1	1	95	7	444	15	29.6	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	24	10	59	4.2	-	336	37	1444	53	27.2	-
Woolliscroft, S.P.	3	0	3	1.0	-	114	13	386	22	17.5	-
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	-	183	21	742	34	21.8	-



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	-	-
2017/18	25	15	9	-	-
Total	549	349	181	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
2017/18	24	4,652	197	23.6	193
Total	538	110,817	4,061	27.2	205

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05	D.P.Kelly	100	v King's High School	29.01.17
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02	S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06	R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08	T.W.M.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canterbury Secondary Schools	21.02.99	B.L.Laughton	105	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01	H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12	T.P.McConnell	104	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96	P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swampphens	28.01.96	P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97	M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01	G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	05.03.00	M.Newton-Vesty	102	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07	C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08	S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
P.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03	S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
D.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01	S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05	M.Reid	100	v King's High School	10.12.17
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07	I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
F.Hill	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	15.03.15	D.B.Vann	102	v North West Schools XI	30.11.14
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05	W.P.J.Walsh	100	v North West Schools XI	05.12.10
T.Huyser	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11	B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04	B.R.Ward	104	v Christchurch BHS	19.11.17
L.H.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07	W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley Boys' High School	18.03.12
R.Jones	100	v Waimea College	24.11.13	R.T.Wilson	101	v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11	M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
D.P.Kelly	101	v Bradley Nuttall XI	20.02.13	M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
D.P.Kelly	102	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	10.03.13	B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
D.P.Kelly	100	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14	B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
D.P.Kelly	104	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14	W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
D.P.Kelly	100	v Southwest Schools XI	08.01.17	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 Craze	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
A.Singh	5-13	v Waitaki Boys' High School	04.03.18
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
C.J.Bellis	5-18	v Waimea College	26.11.17
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
A.D.D.Reese	5-19	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.11
S.J.Davis	5-20	v London NZCC	03.12.17
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
G.J.Stewart	5-27	v Umpires XI	16.03.18
P.F.Youngusband	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 Craze	09.11.03
D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
C.C.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18

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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Bowlers – 200 wickets

Season achieved

2017/18	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
2017/18	B.R.Ward	104	v Christchurch Boys' High School

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
2017/18	King's High School (Dunedin)

Visitor Honours 2017/18 Season

D.P.Kelly	100	for Hawkswood Wanderers
J.Rennie	109	for Southwest Schools XI

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 17/18

Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	L	-	W	D	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	-	D	W	L	W	W	L	W	L	L	L	
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	W	
Ohoka Swamphens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	-	-	-	
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	-	L	W	W	-	L	L	L	
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	
Peninsula Craz	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	L	W	L	L	-	W	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	-	W	W	-	-	-	
Motueka Wekas	-	W	-	L	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	
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	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	D	L	L	D	L	-	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	W	
King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	W	W	L	W	D	-	L	W	W	W		
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Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	L	L	L	
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Burnside/NW Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	D	W	L	-	-	-	
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Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ashburton College XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	
King's High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	L	L	L	W	W	
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gore High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	W	-	-	-	-	
Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	-	W	W	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	-	-	-	-	-	L	
Southwest Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	
Empires XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W

Away Games

Flaxton Wanderers	-	L	L	T	L	-	L	-	D	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Zingari (Camden)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W
Bradman XI (Bowral)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W

International Games

The Forty Club (UK)	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	W/L	W	W	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCC Club XI (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craigengow CC (HK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emu Cricket Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	L
Hong Kong CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L



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