



25th
ANNUAL
REPORT
SEASON
2018/2019



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our motto

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



Our objectives

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



Why was The Willows formed?

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



"Jaguar Oval"

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



“The Willows”

CRICKET CLUB

LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

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Patron in Perpetuity

W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

The Willows Cricketer

The Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO

The Willows Opening Bowler

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P.E.Dormer
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W.R.T.Fairbairn
B.G.Hadlee
P.D.Harris

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M.J.Singleton
J.G.Stringleman

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A.J.Nuttall

Life Members

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Team Selection

P.E.McEwan
P.D.Rutledge

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P.D.Rutledge

Youth Tour Co-ordinator

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Membership

The members roll at 31 March 2019 stood as follows:

Playing	313
Associate	231
Overseas	104
Honorary	84
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Total Membership	732

Playing Members (313)

Year of entry precedes name

03 Abbott, R.E.	17 Clark, N.C.	99 Ellis, A.M.
06 Agnew, T.W.	16 Clarke, C.	01 Ellis, A.M.
12 Allcock, M.J.	06 Coffey, S.T.	16 Entwistle, B.
97 Allott, G.I.	99 Coll, J.P.	19 Evans, M.L.
03 Ambler, K.R.	10 Collins, M.	06 Farrant, M.D.
18 Andrew, W.	19 Cooke, N.C.	14 Finnie, C.S.F.
15 Arnold, C.J.	16 Cooper, S.	14 Finnie, G.
15 Ave, M.J.	18 Cornelius, W.	18 Fitzgerald, C.
07 Barry, J.V.	17 Costello, R.S.	17 Fleming, B.D.
07 Bartholomeusz, L.D.	14 Courtney, L.	18 Fletcher, N.
13 Bayly, R.	06 Cowlshaw, A.J.	18 Foulkes, L.R.B.
06 Belliss, C.J.	98 Cunliffe, J.J.	19 Foulkes,
13 Benton, J.A.T.	14 Curnow, C.K.	16 Frew, J.
95 Bisman, C.W.	94 Cusack, D.R.	15 Frew, R.M.
13 Blair, B.A.	11 Cutts, R.E.	14 Frost, M.F.
16 Blake, G.	98 d'Auvergne, P.G.	00 Fulton, D.H.
98 Bond, D.W.	98 Davidson, J.A.F.	16 Fulton, J.
02 Bond, S.E.	16 Davis, G.	95 Fulton, P.G.
08 Boock, J.W.E.	94 Davis, S.J.	17 Fulton, T.
14 Borrie, O.	16 Davison, H.	09 Gale, A.J.
12 Boyle, D.J.	13 Day, H.W.	18 Gibb, C.J.
13 Boyle, J.C.T.	08 Devine, P.B.	15 Gilbert, S.
12 Braid, T.J.	16 Dickie, B.J.	17 Glynn, J.M.
19 Bridgman, J.	13 Dickson, G.J.	18 Grant, S.
95 Brooks, G.N.	15 Dickson, P.N.	11 Gray, A.H.
18 Brown, H.	16 Dobson, J.	04 Grigor, I.M.
16 Bungard, M.	13 Doherty, B.P.	09 Grocott, T.M.
18 Bungard, Q.	95 Doody, B.J.K.	12 Haig, A.D.
18 Bungard, R.	00 Doody, T.J.D.	15 Hamilton, A.I.J.
15 Burnett, A.	94 Dormer, B.L.	11 Hamilton, R.J.V.
16 Burnett, S.	18 Drake, R.	17 Hamilton, W.
00 Burrows, D.L.	16 Drayton, A.	09 Hampton-Matehe, T.
94 Burson, R.D.	09 Duncan, J.D.	99 Hantz, J.L.H.
17 Cameron, C.	17 Dunlop, T.	18 Harris, J.
16 Chapman, L.	97 Dunne, R.M.	94 Harris, P.D.
16 Chatterton, M.	18 Duston, W.D.M.	10 Harrison, T.
17 Chu, M.W.	11 Eastlake, M.G.	17 Hartland, B.R.
16 Clark, L.	16 Ebrahim, D.	00 Hastilow, A.J.

01	Hawes, F.C.	02	McCarthy, G.P.	00	Reardon, P.H.
16	Hay, M.J.	19	McCarthy, J.	09	Reed, G.I.
14	Hay, M.W.	95	McCarthy, P.B.	17	Reekers, D.J.
16	Heenan, A.	16	McCaw, R.H., ONZ	08	Reese, A.
18	Hemingway, J.	12	McConnell, T.P.	16	Reid, M.
14	Hill, C.	16	McDonald, T.	03	Rennell, C.P.
14	Hill, F.	08	McEwan, M.B.	16	Rennie, J.
13	Hill, N.H.	94	McEwan, P.E.	09	Richards, J.M.
09	Hinton, C.R.	09	McEwan, R.P.	10	Robertson, H.S.
16	Hooper, C.J.	95	McFedries, A.G.	16	Roddens, C.R.
18	Hooper, O.	14	McGuire, J.A.	18	Rohland, M.
16	Hooper, R.	98	McGuire, R.D.	06	Rowe, A.J.
15	Horne, P.	16	McGuire, S.P.	09	Rowe, M.P.
16	House, M.	12	McHardy, S.	95	Rutledge, P.D.
12	Howard, S.E.	08	McKeeffry, D.J.P.	15	Ryan, H.M.H.
15	Howell, G.A.	10	McLean, C.F.	15	Ryan, L.P.
95	Hudson, M.G.	95	McRae, A.R.	06	Ryan, P.D.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	13	Meyrick, J.M.	18	Sail, H.
15	Hunt, K.	14	Michel, B.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.
94	Inglis, G.D.	16	Millar, M.	14	Scott, K.B.
11	Inglis, S.B.	16	Miller, C.	14	Sheat, F.W.
18	James, R.J.	14	Miller, P.	13	Shiple, H.
18	James, R.P.A.	19	Mockford, I.	18	Sidey, C.
13	Jeffrey, M.	17	Mockford, J.	18	Singh, A.
08	Johnston, L.H.	18	Mohammady, N.	09	Singleton, M.J.
01	Johnston, M.T.	06	Morgan, R.	09	Soper, B.E.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	14	Mugford, C.	13	Stanley, D.D.
16	Jordan, W.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	19	Stayt, B.C.
11	Kelly, D.P.	16	Murray, L.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
11	Kelly, M.J.	15	Music, T.	18	Steward, L.A.
15	Kennett, H.	00	Nathu, A.	09	Stewart, G.J.
18	Kinney, I.	16	Newton-Vesty, M.C.	17	Stove, L.
14	Kirk, H.S.T.	10	Neynens, C.	01	Stretch, G.B.
16	Kneebone, M.	08	Nicholls, H.M.	13	Stretch, M.
12	Knight, P.	03	Noster, F.R.	10	Stringleman, J.G.
05	Langrope, B.J.	06	Noster, S.N.	18	Stuthridge, D.
08	Latham, T.W.M.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	09	Sutton, T.G.
01	Leggat, J.E.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	11	Tait, M.J.
09	Lester, S.J.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	09	Tapper, J.H.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	16	Taylor, L.
18	Lieschke, J.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	10	Taylor, R.J.
17	Lockrose, B.N.J.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	14	Taylor, T.C.
01	Loe, H.F.	17	O'Leary, C.I.H.	09	Teale, H.W.
01	Lucas, B.J.	19	Paltridge, M.	17	Tempero, R.P.
15	Lyons, W.G.J.	19	Paltridge, N.N.A.	99	Thompson, K.G.
11	Mably, B.J.	98	Parr, M.J.	00	Thornton, T.F.
12	Mably, D.R.	06	Patel, M.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
06	MacFarlane, B.S.	94	Pawson, J.D.	16	Turpie, R.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	94	Pawson, S.J.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
16	MacFarlane, W.M.L.	02	Peacock, M.D.	11	Vann, D.B.
11	Macgregor, A.J.	18	Petrie, R.G.	15	Vedder, D.W.
12	Marsh, D.	09	Pithey, R.J.	16	Wakefield, C.J.
10	Marsh, N.E.	10	Pope, C.D.	12	Wakefield, D.J.
94	Masefield, R.V.	17	Prain, G.	03	Walker, R.L.
99	Masefield, T.J.	16	Punselie, S.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	17	Rapson, B.J.	10	Ward, B.R.
18	McBreen-Smith, L.	18	Ravenscroft, T.	95	Ward, J.
12	McCall, D.K.	15	Read, K.	09	Watson, J.M.

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94	Weeds, M.G.	13	Wilson, J.M.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
06	Wellington, B.G.	18	Wilson, O.C.	16	Woolliscroft, S.P.
08	Wheeler, B.M.	10	Wilson, R.T.	13	Wright, E.T.Q.
14	Williams, B.J.	16	Wilson, S.W.J.	99	Wright, H.G.
15	Williams, J.	16	Winchester, H.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
10	Williams, W.S.A.	16	Wingham, M.	08	Wright, H.J.
16	Wills, K.	16	Wingham, N.	05	Wright, N.H.
17	Wilson, A.D.	09	Winter, M.J.C.		
14	Wilson, H.E.J.	10	Wiseman, P.J.		

Associate Members (231)

06	Abbott, R.T.	06	Cooper, The Hon Justice M.L.S.	02	Garland, S.P.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	04	Cosgrove, Hon C.J.	09	Georgieff, R.
94	Adams, B.C., <i>QSM</i>	17	Cotton, Ms K.D.	18	Gillman, Mrs E.
94	Aldridge, B.L., <i>QSM</i>	94	Cunliffe, S.M.	03	Goldstein, M.P.
17	Allison, M.	95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>
94	Austin, G.K.	94	Davidson, A.F., <i>ONZM</i>	10	Gould, G.C.
14	Averill, C.E.W.	94	Davidson, The Hon Justice N.R.W.	01	Gourdie, A.J.
94	Baker, C.K.	94	Devlin, P.C.	06	Gray, E.J.
09	Ballantyne, R.M., <i>CNZM</i>	00	Dick, A.E.	14	Griffith, D.
03	Barnett, D.W.	04	Dickey, G.E.	96	Grocott, D.J.
06	Barry, V.E.	01	Dickson, I.B.	96	Grocott, J.W.
19	Barton, P.R.M.	12	Dobbs, P.W.	94	Guthrey, P.C.
94	Bateman, S.N.	94	Dolan, P.J.	94	Hadlee, B.G.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	94	Dormer, M.E.	94	Hadlee, D.R.
03	Beer, G.D.	94	Dormer, P.E.	94	Hadlee, M.J.
94	Bennett, J.	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	95	Hamilton, B.G.
07	Biddick, D.W.	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	11	Harper, R.G.F.
94	Blair, K.R.	98	Durning, J.W.	15	Harris, Mrs C.
19	Bolt, B.	05	Eaton, J.H.M.	15	Harris, N., <i>QSO</i>
00	Boock, S.L., <i>ONZM</i>	94	Ebert, R.J.	15	Harris, Ms R.
15	Bott, D.R.	01	Eddington, W.L.	95	Harrison, R.J.
94	Boyle, J.G.	97	Ellis, M.J.	94	Hastilow, J.W.
97	Bremner, M.C.	16	Entwistle, D.R.	94	Hastings, B.F.
94	Bromley, R.C.	10	Evans, K.W.	95	Hastings, M.B.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	18	Evans, N.L.	04	Hayward, R.D.
95	Bruce, D.B.	01	Eveleigh, R.S.	02	Hayward, R.E.
04	Buckenham, M.H.	04	Evennett, D.C.	05	Healy, N.
08	Buist, G.T.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	08	Henry, M.J.
06	Bull, A.J.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	94	Hight, C.M.
94	Bull, C.L., <i>MNZM</i>	98	Fenton, W.R.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
94	Bull, J.C.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	94	Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R., <i>QSO</i>
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	10	Finn, Professor J.N.	95	Hudson, H.J.
03	Burrett, W.G.	94	Fisher, M.A.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
99	Calder, B.L.	94	Flanagan, S.P.	94	Ikram, Professor H., <i>ONZM</i>
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	08	Fletcher, A.G.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
95	Campbell, A.I.	14	Ford, L.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
04	Carter, R.	06	Fowler, H.M.	95	Irvine, B.S.
17	Cartridge, Mrs V.	94	Fox, D.O.	99	Irving, J.D.
99	Chisholm, D.H.	94	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	10	Johnstone, N.A.
00	Chisholm, The Hon. Justice L.	97	Fuller, M.J.	06	Jordan, P.H.
94	Clark, N.G.	98	Fulton, G.H.	98	Judson, R.E.
03	Colvin, G.G.	98	Gallaway, G.N.	11	Kennedy, C.P.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	94	Gardner, J.	99	Kerr, L.H., <i>QSM</i>
94	Coop, T.A.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	10	King, R.H.

08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.	94	Paton, G.C.J.	02	Snedden, M.C., <i>CNZM</i>
94	Lancaster, T.E.	06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	06	Spear, B.G.
01	Lawson, R.A.	00	Petrie, K.	19	Stayt, P.D.
94	Loe, J.G.	94	Phillips, M.K.	94	Stead, G.R.
94	MacDonald, Mrs D.	95	Pitcher, A.C.	95	Strack, D.J.
18	MacDonald, K.R.	06	Polson, A.H.	99	Taylor, B.J.
19	Macfarlane, T.O.B.	97	Priest, M.W.	94	Thiele, C.H.
12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.	17	Prinsep, G.	11	Thomas, S.T.
01	Malloch, B.E.	09	Pulley, D.F.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
12	Marsh, P.	95	Quested, D.M.	99	Townrow, W.B.
01	Martin, S.D.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.	07	Veale, J.H.
14	Matthews, Associate Judge J.G.	04	Reid, D.W.	94	Wait, E.P.
94	McCallum, Dr A.B.	95	Roberts, S.J.	00	Wake, R.W.
03	McClellan, L.R.	98	Robinson, L.M.C., <i>MNZM</i>	17	Wakefield, S.
05	McCone, R.J.	18	Rose, J.	94	Wallace, P.E.
94	McCourtie, Mrs R.	14	Ross, J.L.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>	14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
95	McHarg, R.L.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	95	Watson, M.
94	McKechnie, B.J.	09	Rowe, C.A.	95	Wells, G.R.
99	McKendry, D.J.	01	Rust, K.N.	14	Whata, The Hon. Justice C.N.
98	McKinlay, S.	94	Savill, C.M.	14	Whiteside, P.F., <i>QC</i>
02	McRae, J.A.	06	Sawers, S.J.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
95	Miller, G.A.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	14	Wilby, B.G.
94	Mills, D.L.T.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	16	Wilcock, O.M.
12	Monk, G.B., <i>ONZM</i>	95	Scott, D.W.G.	94	Williams, P.R.
05	Moore, G.R.	15	Scott, P.	16	Wilson, S.J.
09	Murray, D.N.	95	Sharp, D.C.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
03	Newell, M.L.M.	05	Sheard, A.J.	13	Woodward, Mrs D.
11	Newman, P.A.	00	Shiple, A.J.B.	97	Wright, J.G., <i>MBE</i>
18	Nichols, G.	95	Skipper, H.L.	95	Wright, Dr M.J.
98	Nielsen, T.S.	06	Smail, D.J.R., <i>OBE, TD, DL</i>	99	Wyllie, D.I.
10	O'Brien, P.D., <i>ONZM</i>	95	Smith, G.B.	94	Yardley, K.J.
14	Orsborn, I.A.	13	Smith, G.J.		
94	Parker, N.M.	94	Smith, M.J.		

Overseas Members (104)

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.
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.
99	Fisher, T.D.L.
16	Hambleton, C.
06	Havercroft, G.
15	Harris, R.J.
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.
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.

GERMANY

10	McCracken, A.J.
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HONG KONG

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

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INDIA

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

IRELAND

- 11 Fisher, H.M.L.

JAPAN

- 99 Deans, R.M.

SINGAPORE

- 08 Horner, M.
15 Robinson, J.R.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 19 Brotherton, J.

SRI LANKA

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

SWEDEN

- 01 Larsson, L.

THAILAND

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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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

UNITED KINGDOM

- 19 Aitken, B.
95 Bazalgette, C.
11 Blackett, H.
03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
17 Collis, A.D.
08 Conyngham, J.
98 Cumbes, J.
98 Darke, M.
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, O.R.
94 Hutton, R.A.
98 Lorimer, A.A.
94 Marsden, W.
00 Martin, S.G.D.
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.
05 Wheeler, N.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA

- 11 Wakeford, G.D.

Honorary Members (84)

- 15 Barber, M.
14 Barber, R.H.T.
07 Becroft, His Honour Judge A.J.
18 Benton, Mrs A-M.
03 Blackett, Sir Hugh
99 Brierley, Sir Ronald
95 Brownlee, E.T., *QSM*
94 Burdon, Hon Philip
98 The Rt Hon. The Lord Butler of Brockwell, *KG, CB, CVO, PC*
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, The Hon Justice F.M.R., *QC*
06 Coward, M.J., *AM*
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 Galloway, 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
18 Howard, P.
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.
18 Martin, Bishop Paul, *SM*
15 Mateparae, Lt-Gen. The Rt Hon. Sir Jerry, *GNZM, QSO, KStJ*
06 Mauger, W.J.
17 McSweeney, E.B.
15 Mills, H.M.
94 Mitchell, W.J.
12 Moses, K.R.
04 Moses, R.J., *ONZM*
01 Murray, B.A.G., *QSO*
06 Murray, Rev Canon W.R.C.
94 Neely, D.O., *MNZM, MBE*
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, CNZM* (Salvation Army)
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.
18 Smith, G.
17 Stedman, W.S.
12 Stewart, J.H.
03 Stoop, Dr G.C.
14 Thomson, J.J.
17 Thorne, R.
16 Twiss, J.
02 Waddle, B.A., *MNZM*
07 Watt, M.
10 Woutersz, J.F.
95 Wright, Sir Allan, *KBE*
04 Wright, A.G.L.

President's Report



▲ A perfect Canterbury day for the Ashburton College fixture in November.

“Willowers All,”

This will be my final President's report. After fifteen years in the role, the time has well and truly come to move on. As is customary, there are many people to thank for their contribution to The Willows. If I omit anyone please accept that this is inadvertent. I acknowledge all the support we receive from members and others who continue to contribute.

Our sponsors are listed on the inside back cover of this report and without them the Club could not exist. I urge you to support them as well. We continue to enjoy assistance from the Southern Trust, Air Rescue and Community Services Trust, CERT Trust and Pub Charity.

The contribution of school principals, cricket coaches and managers is critical to a successful

cricket calendar. The other critical elements to Sunday's success are the umpires and scorers. We are grateful to them all, and the increasing numbers of umpires — including a number of females I am pleased to say — who have stood throughout the last season.

We now have excellent digital communications through the match reports prepared by Hamish Brown, and quarterly reports from Jim Stringleman our ever-present match manager and secretary of the management committee.

Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett continue to sponsor two boys at Matfen, and this season the scholarships were awarded to Henry Sail of Rangiora High School and Connor O'Leary from Wanganui Collegiate. The Sri Lankan tour was interrupted by the terrorist attacks. Thankfully the boys were safe throughout and returned home to be greeted by grateful parents. As always, our thanks to Paul and Julie McEwan for



their management role, and also to Simon Cushen from King's High School and Dan Vann from Chisnalwood Intermediate for their assistance and coaching.

During the season we played 21 games, won eleven, lost eight and drew one. Archie Redfern of Christchurch Boys' High School (CBHS) won the Shadbolt Trophy for his superb 115 not out that guided his school to its sixth consecutive victory over The Willows. This demonstrates what a fine cricket school CBHS is. In February, Southland Boys' High School scored 203/7 in 40 overs and then rolled The Willows for 139, which led to them being awarded the 49ers Cup. Another outstanding game was that between Marlborough Boys' College and The Willows, when nearly 400 runs were scored in 100 overs. Because of the terror attacks in Christchurch, the Wanganui Collegiate game set for 17 March was called off. The Marlborough game was the next game after that, so the tragic events were appropriately acknowledged, and it was fitting that Nawid Mohammady was playing for The Willows. There was also recognition of Grant Stewart of the New Zealand Police for his bravery, that of his colleagues and all first responders.

For the first time in living memory, no bowler took five wickets at The Willows in the course of the season. There were, however, four centuries:

that of Archie Redfern already mentioned; Callum Hill, now resident in Hamilton; and Mathias Paltridge, the latter leading Combined South West Schools XI to their first ever victory over The Willows. This was a just reward to that tireless administrator and cricket buff, Dave Biddick. The final century for the season was scored by our evergreen, Paul Miller. This maiden Willows century to Paul was well deserved. In the course of the season Dave Kelly became our highest ever scoring batsman, just pipping Phil Harris. Dave now has accumulated 1819 runs at an outstanding average of 79.1. Phil sits three runs behind, on 1816.

A Willows Over-35 team took place in the Kindred Tournament and did us proud by winning the final in Wellington. A Canterbury Over-60s side comprising mainly Willowers was also successful at a national tournament. It is good to see that we are spreading our wings to be involved in these tournaments, and the opportunities have been enthusiastically greeted by members. The annual children's Christmas party took place to coincide with the last playing Sunday of 2018. This year Riding for the Disabled was added to the Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome Associations and the Champion Centre as our guests. Our usual supporters, including the Salvation Army band were there, and in a new initiative the Jaguar Vintage Car Club was present with 35 vintage Jaguars. A fitting connection with

our sponsor, Archibalds. Personally, I would be delighted to see the Car Club back again.

Sue Pritchard, our caterer, continued to provide outstanding lunches and afternoon teas enjoyed by all. I want to particularly also acknowledge Paul Rutledge, the match co-ordinator; Isabel McRae, the membership secretary; Alistair Sheard, the treasurer; Rex Hayward, our official photographer; and John Mitchell and Richard Cowles who are responsible for preparing the annual report. Special mention needs to go to Jim Stringleman, who I mentioned above, and Peter Devlin who was responsible for preparing the pitch and keeps the ground in immaculate order. Their unstinting contributions go well beyond any expectations. Finally, our Founder Mike who, I trust, will sit on the balcony enjoying the cricket for many seasons to come.

It is also appropriate to mention in my final report the work of our founding committee. It was their vision, enthusiasm and hard work that led to the foundation of a club that is now firmly established on the New Zealand cricketing scene. Each and every one of them deserves our gratitude for what they founded. Can I also pay tribute to the management committee. They have done everything within their ability, sometimes in difficult circumstances, to further engage our membership and strengthen the Club's long-term future. It is a matter of concern that only a relatively small percentage of playing members play more than one game over the course of a season, but we are indebted to those who regularly play. It is important for the Club that we manage to recruit younger playing members who are committed to playing at least two games a season. We also need to engage more with our associate members in various ways. I know the management committee will continue to explore ways in which this can be done.

Many Willowers will not be aware of this, but the Club does have strong overseas associations with I Zingari Australia, the Forty Club in the United Kingdom, and our reciprocal club, the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Those international connections have led to firm friendships on and off the field.

I consider it important to mention our finances. While we continue to "get by" every season, it is a



▲ Match Manager Jim Stringleman.



continual battle to get sufficient funding to run the Club at the standard we have come to expect. The management committee has some new ideas for generating additional income, and I trust all members will support them when these ideas come to fruition.

Sir Richard Hadlee, like his late father Walter and brothers Barry, Dayle and Martin, has been a strong supporter of The Willows since its inception 25 years ago. We were all concerned to note Sir Richard's health issues over the last 12 months, but are pleased that he is improving. I close my final report by wishing Richard the very best of health in the future.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, *KNZM*
President

College XIs



▲ Southland Boys' High School 1st XI (49ers Cup winners).



▲ Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Christ's College 1st XI.



▲ Ashburton College 1st XI.



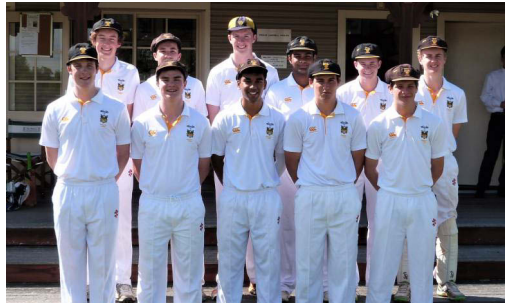
▲ Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI.



▲ St Bede's College XI.



▲ Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Wellington College 1st XI.

College XIs



▲ St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ King's High School 1st XI.



▲ Southwest Schools XI.



▲ Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Country Secondary Schools XI.

Match Reports 2018/19



▲ Lusty blow from a young CBHS player.



▲ Dave Kelly and Tim McConnell – looking like a pair of gleeful hamsters on steroids.

v CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL Colts XI

7th October 2018

Report by Dave Kelly

Hello and welcome CBHS Colts to the opening of The Willows season.

I never saw the bare paddock that our founding committee saw when commissioning the vision of the Dormer family in 1994 but the setting where we play cricket nowadays can only be described as beautiful and inspiring.

Batting first The Willows, although rusty, were able to put up a useful score. Kelly saw the early shine off the ball and then Nuttall and de Maine put on a 90 run partnership to complete our 50 overs. Mowat and Kenny were miserly bowling in tandem and finished with a wicket apiece.

CBHS's response was one that drew on contributions from most players. No. 10 batsman Heyns led the scoring with 23*, with five other batsmen making double figures. Stewart started well, running in hard and genuinely swinging the ball. But it was Vedder who delivered the knock-out punch in the middle overs and de Maine cleaned up the tail end. Experience prevailed on the day but it was memorable to throw the ball to my eldest son James for his debut at Jaguar Oval.

The Willows won by 91 runs

The Willows 218/4

D. Kelly 70 retired, A. Nuttall 51 retired

CBHS Colts XI 127

N. de Maine 4/34, D. Vedder 3/15

Umpires

D. Stuthridge and M. Wood

v WELLINGTON COLLEGE 1st XI

21st October 2018

Report by Andrew Nuttall

It was a beautiful day at The Willows. The outfield was dry and the pitch hard and true. The Willows decided to bat and unfortunately lost a wicket early, however a good partnership by Brent Fleming and Paul Miller saw us through to 68 runs and at lunch after 33 overs we were 102 for 4.

Sadly, the quality of the lunch was far too high and upset the quality of the batsmanship and The Willows lost 6 wickets for 22 runs in nine overs to be dismissed for 123 in 42 overs. All the Wellington bowlers performed well. Tom Valentine ended up with 3 for 21 and Henry Chandler 2 for 32.

In reply the Wellington batsmen took control early on despite some very good bowling from Riccarton High School debutant Nawid Mohammady and some economical bowling

by Chris Mugford. Craig Gibb had a good spell at the bowling crease, being the most economical, but sadly 123 was not enough and the visitors reached their target in the 30th over.

Despite the quality of some Willowers performances we all very much enjoyed the occasion and it was lovely to see so many Wellington parents taking the time out to visit the ground. Many thanks to Wellington College coach, Duncan Murray and the team Manager Richard Peterson for their input. And once again our appreciation for high quality umpiring from Dave Miller and Ryan Jackson and the most detailed scorebook kept by Rob Seabourn.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 123

B. Fleming 42, P. Miller 40, H. Chandler 2/32,
T. Valentine 3/21, D. Vishvaka 2/4

Wellington College 126/4

T. Campbell 71*, T. Valentine 25, A. Nuttall 3/47

Umpires

D. Miller and R. Jackson



▲ Chris Mugford – airborne!



▲ Tidy footwork by Tim Campbell on his way to 71*.



▲ Andrew Macgregor took 3/25.



▲ Trophy safely back in OBHS hands.

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

28th October 2018

Report by Adrian McFedries

The Willows and Otago Boys' High School is always a highly anticipated match with the Deep South continuing its proud traditions of sporting prowess. Otago batted first on a magnificent early summer's day and built a hard fought 211/8 which was all the more impressive given the 3/7 start to the innings. The value of the 79 run partnership between Cumming and Elliott was the backbone of the innings with Meffan, Marsh and Day also adding further very valuable runs. The Willows attack was led by Macgregor and Miller in what proved to be a long day in the field and some tight bowling often without reward.

The Willows innings – in the spirit of being candid – failed to fire a shot being dismissed for 121. No batsmen reached twenty – hardly our finest hour.

The Otago boys were impressive in the field with L Holt leading the way with 3/3 off six tight overs and Ruske and Sims each claiming a brace. With four LBWs in the innings The Willows batting strategy will need to be reassessed for 2019.

The value of the partnership built on steady ones and twos by Cumming and Elliott was duly noted in the after-match as even in the modern era of smash and bash batting the mantra of sound partnerships was clear for all to see. This is an enjoyable and well regarded fixture in The Willows calendar and 2019 will be a year to even the scores.

The Willows lost by 90 runs

Otago Boys' High School 211/8

J. Cumming 44, C. Elliott 39, A. Macgregor 3/25

The Willows 121

L. Holt 3/3

Umpires

R. Wyeth and M. Rohland

v St THOMAS of CANTERBURY COLLEGE 1st XI

4th November 2018

Report by Nigel Marsh

As is customary practice all the players were warmly welcomed by Mike, Jim and Rex. With the sun out, a gentle westerly blowing across the field and a long batting line-up The Willows were confident about posting a sizeable total. At lunch everything was going according to plan! The Willows were sitting on a commanding 119/3 after 34 overs, with 'Father Time' Phil Harris looking his elegant best on 57.

One of the attractions of cricket is that you never quite know what is going to happen next! The Willows were dismissed for just 160 in the 46th over and then the boys were 52 for 2 after just nine overs – the game had turned dramatically! A little collapse, however, shifted things in The Willows favour. The sixth wicket showed some real fight and it was only for 'nelson' (111) and the wile of David Boyle that we were able to snuff the resistance out.



▲ Callum Curnow gained two scalps early.



▲ Carnage amid the dust.



▲ Harry Mayo bowling to David Boyle.

Our thanks go to Arun, the scorer, and to Woodsie and Duncan for keeping the game flowing out in the middle. A most intriguing game of cricket and one in which The Willows were relieved to post a win!

The Willows won by 34 runs

The Willows 160/9

P. Harris 57 retired, G. Stewart 31,
C. Hotton 3/26

St Thomas of Canterbury College 126

F. Buckley 33, N. Price 27, D. Boyle 3/19

Umpires

M. Wood and D. Blackstock



▲ Two on a mission.



▲ Ollie Lewis plays and misses for CBHS.



▲ Great commitment – J Harris saves a boundary.



▲ De-brief on a gorgeous evening.

v ASHBURTON COLLEGE 1st XI

11th November 2018
Report by Dan Vann

The Willows batted first on a very green wicket after a week of heavy rain. The pitch played well considering the recent weather. The Willows made a positive start with everyone making starts until the key partnership between Englishman Tom McGeorge and James Leggat got The Willows to a respectable score of 213/4. The Ashburton bowlers all toiled well and kept our batsmen in check.

Ashburton were unlucky to lose their captain early on being caught by the 'keeper down the leg side. They then recovered well with A. Jemmet,

D. Flannery and I. Bazley all getting starts. The Willows bowlers all bowled well giving the Mid Canterbury batsmen very few bad balls to score from. The introduction of left-arm spinners A. Nuttall and N. Jenkins really turned the game and with the required run rate climbing the pressure took its toll on the visitors. Wickets continued to fall until they were all out in the final over.

The Willows won by 112 runs

The Willows 213/4

T. McGeorge 58*, J. Leggat 35*, B. Fleming 33

Ashburton College 101

A. Jemmet 26, D. Flannery 22, A. Nuttall 3/10, N. Jenkins 3/15

Umpires

D. Herber and D. Miller

v CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

18th November 2018
Report by Matt Parr

The fixture against CBHS is always one of the most hotly contested each season. The ten-time Gillette Cup winners always look forward to this match.

A Willows team stacked with potential was asked to bowl first. Any excitement generated by the dismissal of visiting opener Boyle in the third over was soon to be dampened as Ollie Lewis and Archie Redfern mounted a mighty second wicket partnership of 113. The pair stuck around for 27 overs together and frustrated the living daylight out of The Willows. Lewis's dismissal only allowed a brief respite as the CBHS middle order helped Redfern through to a season's best 115 not out. Cameos were provided by Sheahan and Moody, who contributed 17 and 21 respectively. Extras cost the home team dearly, and although on track for a 300-plus total, still allowed CBHS to set a daunting 266 to win.

The highlight of The Willows response was 55 from the opener Gareth Brooks, including a rarely seen 5. The remainder of the top order provided little in the way of contributions, and the tail was leaned on to provide respectability to the chase. Long time CBHS cricket coordinator Matt Parr made sure to cash in, with 23 runs of his own. The muted response from The Willows came in part due to an exceptional opening spell of by Jackson Pauling. The Willows were all out for 145 in reply – just not good enough really and questions are being asked if The Willows will be able to muster a side to push the boys from Straven Road next summer. Reinforcements are required!

The Willows lost by 120 runs

Christchurch Boys' High School 265/6

A. Redfern 115*, O. Lewis 62

The Willows 145

G. Brooks 55, J. Pauling 4/26

Umpires

D. Miller and M. Woods



▲ Louie Chapman at after-match.



▲ Vintage Gareth Brooks – 55 runs.



▲ Archie Redfern scored 115 not out.

v LONDON NEW ZEALAND CRICKET CLUB

2nd December 2018

Report by Adam Hastilow

The highly anticipated annual fixture between The Willows and LNZCC lived up to its reputation as one of the classic grudge matches, as the LNZCC team turned up with a healthy contingent of notable Willows members.

With a heavy dew covering the outfield and delaying the start of play, the captains agreed to shorten the fixture to forty overs. The Willows won the toss and batted, leaving a tough job for the LNZCC opening bowling pair of Middlemiss and Edgerton-Till to bowl with a piece of soap. A solid start from Willowers McDonald (25) and Waind (22) set the scene. J Richards (37) carried us through the middle stages with some glorious drives and the innings was finished off with style by R Cutts (26*) and R Dunne (26*). The Willows scored 201/6 from their forty overs.

Set a rate of five an over, the LNZCC openers of J Middlemiss and K Scott got the visitors off to a cracking start. Relishing the flattening track and a now dry and fast outfield, they were well on track seeing off the opening bowlers and reaching 59/0 after 15. The introduction of spin quickly put the brakes on and the LNZCC wheels started to fall off. All of a sudden they were 66/4 and the pads could be seen flying around on the deck. The chief destroyers were R Cutts, N de Maine and J Richards who was unplayable, bowling five overs 3/8. LNZCC succumbed and were all out 127.

The Willows won by 74 runs

The Willows 201/6 (40 overs)

J. Richards 37, J. Middlemiss 2/39

London NZCC 127

K. Scott 34, J. Richards 3/8, R. Cutts 3/25,
N. de Maine 3/50

Umpires

L. Kerr and P. Williams



▲ 100% intent here.



▲ Robert Dunne took the new ball.



▲ Ex-international umpire Peter Williams presides.



▲ *Picture perfect day at Jaguar Oval.*

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

9th December 2018
Report by Phil Harris

The King's High School side had already been in town for a week playing in the Gillette Cup and any thoughts that the team may have been battle weary were quickly forgotten as they bowled and fielded exceptionally well. Having won the toss The Willows elected to bat on what looked like a hard flat surface.

With a youthful looking side I was confident we could post a competitive score and with a strong start this looked likely. However after the openers departed we struggled to form any meaningful partnerships and were eventually dismissed for 169 in the 47th over. On what looked very much like a 200 plus pitch it was clear we were somewhat short and only a very strong bowling performance would enable us to restrict King's to under our total.

Although we did pick up a couple of early wickets, with Nigel Marsh bowling with real venom and purpose, opening bat D. Kinney scored quickly and freely and at tea after 19 overs had personally scored 65 runs with the team well placed at 100 for 4. We picked up two quick wickets straight after the break to give us some hope, but their 7 and 8 continued the

momentum and bought their side home to a very well deserved victory.

So with a win in their first Gillette Cup game, and the win over The Willows the King's side ended their tour nicely.

The Willows lost by 4 wickets

The Willows 169

F. Buckley 38

King's High School 171/6

D. Kinney 65, I. Parata 41*

Umpires

R. Notley and M. Stapleton-Smith



▲ *K Short opened the batting for the visitors.*

v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

16th December 2018
Report by Sam Davis

Unfortunately this year's match against Hawkswood was similar to many other matches over the last 25 years.

Winning the toss, Hawkswood (without regular stalwart Dave Kelly) chose to bat on a greenish Jaguar Oval surface. The Willows openers bowled well and picked up regular wickets; however, Hawkswood scored easily at five runs per over through to the 20th over. It was from then that The Willows put the brakes on with tight bowling from Graeme Inglis, Chris Harris and Alex Reese. By the 40th over Hawkswood had been restricted to 160/6, and 209/8 at stumps. A great effort by the team and we were (again) well positioned to chase down the Hawkswood total. Top scorer for Hawkswood was Canterbury first class player Edward Nuttall (43), with rear-guard support from Eddie Norgate (39*).

As has been the case on several occasions over the years, The Willows started well and were on

40 after 12 overs before the first wicket fell. Unfortunately they continued to fall and we were all out for 77 in the 32nd over. Openers Tim McConnell and Nic Hill were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Nine wides the next best score! As usual Andrew Nuttall starred for Hawkswood with figures of 3/0 off four; along with Eddie Norgate with 3/15 off six.

It was another poor batting display by The Willows against old foes Hawkswood. There are no excuses, but it wasn't helped by a miscommunication between the skippers, with The Willows fielding an Over-35s team against a much younger side. Hopefully we can restore some dignity at the finals of the Kindred Cricket Competition in February.

The Willows lost by 132 runs

Hawkswood Wanderers 209/8

E. Nuttall 43, E. Norgate 39*, A. Reese 3/38,
C. O'Connell 3/35

The Willows 77

T. McConnell 24, A. Nuttall 3/0, E. Norgate 3/15

Umpires

J. Rose and D. McIlraith



▲ Alex Reese, first game back after time abroad.



▲ Ed Nuttall, guest star for Hawkswood.

v SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS XI

6th January 2019
Report by Paul Rutledge

The Willows elected to bowl first on a very even wicket; a move that surprised a few, but had the intention above all for the South West XI to bat their full 50 overs.

Nawid Mohammady and Dan Vedder opened the bowling and both bowled with good control. We managed to contain the South West batting through the early and middle stages. Chris Mugford certainly troubled them with his extra pace and bounce. Grant Dickson with his off spin, took two wickets in quick succession, and Mitchell Price, on debut, picked up his first Willows wicket with his very first delivery.

The highlight of the South West innings was a very patient innings of 108 retired by Mathias Paltridge. He showed great promise, and was well supported by Jonty Hunter with 58. They combined to produce a fifth wicket partnership of 148 - an outstanding effort. South West finished on 212 from their 50 overs. An outstanding feature of The Willows fielding effort was the wicket keeping of James Rennie, who effected two sharp stumpings and a run out.

The Willows run chase did not get off to a good start, with the early loss of Phil Harris, and two other wickets in quick succession. We were left struggling at 39 for 3. Then James Rennie, Joel Lieschke, Mitchell Price, and Chris Mugford all



▲ *Mathias Paltridge on his way to a fine century.*

combined to give The Willows a chance of victory. But the run chase fell away, and we were bowled out 14 runs short in the 43rd over. Jonty Hunter capped off a fine game with 4-38, combining with B. Stocks 4-32 in producing match winning bowling performances for the South West XI.

The value of South West XI batting the full 50 overs underlined their well-deserved first ever victory over The Willows.

The Willows lost by 14 runs

Southwest Schools XI 212/6

M. Paltridge 108 retired, J. Hunter 58

The Willows 198

J. Rennie 68, C. Mugford 48*, M. Price 31, J. Lieschke 31, J. Hunter 4/38, B. Stocks 4/32

Umpires

R. Jackson and K. D'Arcy



▲ *Happy atmosphere on the boundary.*

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1st XI

13th January 2019

Report by Hamish Wright

It was an absolutely stunning looking Jaguar Oval that greeted the very large contingent for the annual College fixture. North Canterbury at its greenest – in January?

A hungry Willows attack guaranteed early wickets if the skipper won the toss, which was duly done and the College XI was inserted. The early fielding didn't quite match the quality of the bowling with multiple chances going down and with a team of 12 the captain decided to direct the game from the pavilion where upon the catches started to stick!

Hugo Davison and Richard McGuire toiled into a slight breeze and were responsible for the majority of the wickets with McGuire senior going for a miserly two runs per over. College had accumulated well against the faster bowlers but the introduction of spin from both ends slowed the run rate and they finished with a very respectable 225/8. Will Macfarlane had an impressive spell. Lachie Harper was the mainstay of their innings with good contributions from Beale, McClean and Manson.



▲ S McGuire – nicely played shot.



▲ Hugo Davison took four wickets.

The chase began with a flurry, Ben Dickie smashing a very quick 30, anything short disappeared over square leg and there was hope of an early finish until his demise. James Dobson anchored The Willows innings and again the slower bowlers of the fielding side were the hardest to put away. With ten overs remaining the game was finely balanced, The Willows needing around 8 an over with wickets falling. A very responsible but hard hit 30 from Tim McConnell, a resolute McGuire senior batting at 11, the game was decided in the final over. Three balls left, the game tied and College bowled a wide. It was a very subdued way to win but what a nail biter of a game. College bowled well, led by the impressive Louie Gunn, and their fielding was outstanding.

The Willows won by 1 wicket (and so saved the gallows)

Christ's College 225/8

L. Harper 56, T. McClean 30, H. Davison 4/29,
R. McGuire 2/14

The Willows 226/9

J. Dobson 41, S. McGuire 31, B. Dickie 30,
T. McConnell 30*, K. Ambler 30, L. Gunn 3/19,
W. Greenslade 3/36

Umpires

J. Rose and M. Dexter

v St BEDE'S COLLEGE 1st XI

20th January 2019

Report by Paul Miller

After a losing effort last year to St Bede's The Willows team was motivated to turn the tide. We won the toss at Jaguar Oval and elected to bowl as it looked like the wicket would have a bit in it early. That turned out to be the case. Cody Campbell, Chris Mugford and Blake Doherty had St Bede's on the back foot at 32 for 3 off 15 overs.

Then a brilliant partnership of 105 was put together by Jackson Hemingway and Felix Benny-Steele. Jackson batted very aggressively and rode his luck, but as per the saying who dares wins. Spin was introduced into the attack and Fraser Hill bowled both Jackson and Felix. From this point St Bede's never got going again and went from 137 for 4 to 174 all out in the final over.

The Willows were very confident chasing the score, and I was honoured to give the opening duties to the father and son combo of Fraser and Callum Hill. They certainly didn't disappoint and their partnership was well over 100. Callum hit the ball brilliantly all around the wicket and we enjoyed watching him on the balcony make it to his hundred.

It was a pleasure to meet Bishop Paul Martin, at six foot six he would be excellent sight storming in of the long run. Maybe next year... And on a personal note, it was great to see Clare and Gary Lennon. They both taught me a school and were both excellent teachers and role models.

On a final note, with cricket there is always time for old cricket banter. Tony Doherty, Blake's dad was scoring. I have known Tony since I was a little kid, as he played with Roger my dad. We were chatting about the old Lancaster Park, how good it was, then I remember sitting in the number 4 stand one year with the Riccarton Cricket Club members (I would have been about 12) and Tony dropped a tomato sandwich under the seat (that stand was like scaffolding and it was about half a metre to the ground below). Next year when we came back there was a 50cm high tomato plant growing. I would suggest it was well-nourished with beer.

The Willows won by 9 wickets

St Bede's College 174

J. Hemingway 78, F. Benny-Steele 42, F. Hill 4/42

The Willows 177/1

C. Hill 101 retired, F. Hill 52

Umpires

A. Scott and M. Robertson



▲ Missed everything!



▲ Callum Hill brings up his century in style.



▲ Balkrishna Unigal – lbw Abbott 2.



▲ Four runs!



▲ Andrew McRae, sadly dismissed two short of his century.

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

27th January 2019

Report by Andrew McRae

The annual Timaru Boys' High School fixture was played in outstanding conditions with the mercury in the thermometer hitting 30°C as participants arrived at the ground. The Willows team desperately hoped for the toss to be won and for a comfortable seat in the pavilion in the shade watching the batsmen compile a hefty total. Unfortunately the toss was lost but thankfully the visitors were young, keen and fancied their chances of rolling The Willows side – thus they inserted the hosts.

To their credit they did exactly that with The Willows teetering on the brink at 82 for 5, a position made more respectful by a sound 43 from opener Tom Flavell. After Tom departed it was left to William Macfarlane and Andrew McRae to steady the ship and compile a

defendable total. A partnership of 156 runs ensued with William retiring on 77 and Andrew falling two short of his century. The Willows ended up with a respectable total of 292 runs after some further lower order hitting from Ben Williams.

This score proved more than sufficient when opening bowlers Craig Hinton and Brad Entwistle combined to reduce Timaru Boys' High to 22 for 4. Henry Sail and Richard Abbott then ensured the visitors gained no further momentum. It was an excellent day's cricket marked by sound performances from our younger members..

The Willows won by 204 runs

The Willows 292/7

A. McRae 98, W. Macfarlane 77 retired, T. Flavell 43, B. Williams 35*, B. Unigal 3/40

Timaru Boys' High School 88

B. Entwistle 3/7, R. Abbott 2/5, H. Sail 2/15

Umpires

D. Stuthridge and D. Miller

v NELSON COLLEGE 1st XI

3rd February 2019

Report by Paul Miller

It was a pleasure to welcome Nelson College to Jaguar Oval on another hot and sunny day. The outfield was brown and lightning fast.

The Willows batted first and progressed well to reach 128/4. Sam McGuire batting at three compiled at well-crafted and entertaining 43. Then the visitors tightened the screws and picked up wickets. Finn Raxworthy bowled very well taking 3 for 41. The Willows battled through to a score of 192 off 46 overs – what we thought was a very defendable total.

Lachie Stove and Grant Stewart opened the bowling and bowled very tightly. Lachie had two quick wickets. Fergus Hughes opened for a good 27 and Finn Restieaux batting at 4 scored 33. Nelson College were 3 for 67, then boom on came the seasoned campaigner Richard McGuire. Richard bowled superbly finishing with figure of 3 for 27 plus he had the chance of taking a hat-trick. At the end Nigel de Maine entered the fray; one and a half over was enough as Nigel took two for 2, including a ripper return catch and Nelson College were dismissed for 97.

Thank you to all who helped make the day enjoyable, especially Gail McGowan for scoring. Gail did a wonderful job on her debut at The Willows and the boys enjoyed her company. As always, it was another fun game.

The Willows won by 95 runs

The Willows 192

S. McGuire 43, D. Kelly 29, F. Raxworthy 3/41

Nelson College 97

F. Restieaux 33, R. McGuire 3/27,
N. de Maine 2/2, P. Miller 2/17, L. Stove 2/27

Umpires

D. McIlraith and R. Notley



▲ *Sprawling Nigel De Maine takes a return catch.*



▲ *Smart work behind the stumps.*



▲ *Nicks off!*



▲ *The Willows celebrate an early breakthrough against Southland Boys' High School.*

v SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

10th February 2019

Report by Michael Singleton

With the 2018 fixture having been cancelled due to poor weather, the hot dry conditions that greeted the teams this year couldn't have been more different.

With an early start time and reduced overs to allow the SBHS players to catch an early flight home The Willows asked the visitors to bat first. There may have been a school of thought the conditions would play into the home team's hands. How wrong that proved to be!

SBHS approached their innings with positive intent looking to score well from the outset. A couple of early wickets pegged them back however Benji Culhane and Hayden Hart put together a 100 run partnership. The visitors were looking at a formidable target before some tight death bowling restricted their score to 203/7 off 40 overs.

The game brought a number of familial connections across both teams and it was only a dropped catch by Jack Mockford, much to the delight of his younger brother and bemusement of his father, that denied the scorers the chance of entering Mockford c Mockford b Mockford!

With a fast outfield The Willows team felt the target was very achievable, however against some disciplined SBHS bowling this would prove not to be the case with the hosts falling 64 runs short. In all, it was a well-deserved win which enabled an extremely organised group of young cricketers to make their flight with plenty of time to spare!

The Willows lost by 64 runs

Southland Boys' High School 203/7 (40 overs)

H. Hart 70, B. Culhane 51, J. Mockford 24*,
B. Entwistle 3/32, W. Andrews 2/44

The Willows 139

T. McConnell 35, J. Mockford 24, J. Bridgeman 21,
J. Toby 3/40, B. McKenzie 2/11

Umpires

H. Fowler and A. Shipley

v St ANDREW'S COLLEGE 1st XI

17th February 2019
Report by Paul McEwan

The Willows lost the toss and STAC batted first on a green, slow wicket which did not assist the fast bowlers, but was conducive to stroke play. STAC lost a couple of early wickets but Jesse Frew applied himself very well to score an excellent 63. J. Hutton and W. Anderson helped the scoreboard and STAC finished with 155 off 47 overs. The wickets for The Willows were well spread with S. Fowkes bowling five overs for just 6 runs.

The Willows believed that this was an achievable score. However after a good start from Robbie

Frew and Will Dunstan The Willows regularly lost wickets to eventually find themselves at 130 for 9 wickets. Enter the last pair of Matt Parr and Adrian McFedries. While under pressure from the STAC bowlers, the tail-enders managed to bring The Willows home by one wicket with a few balls to spare. It was an excellent day for all the players and the supporters.

The Willows won by 1 wicket

St Andrew's College 155

J. Frew 63, W. Anderson 30, M. Parr 2/33,
B. Blair 2/14

The Willows 158/9

R. Frew 33, M. Parr 15*

Umpires

M. Willis and A. Scott



▲ H Darling – strong shot through leg-side.



▲ Joel Lieschke with new ball.



▲ Jesse Frew for runs.



▲ Good work Tim McConnell – stumped!



▲ Off-spinner Matt Munro effective with the new ball.



▲ Last Wellington man bowled.

WILLOWS YOUTH XI v WELLINGTON WANDERERS YOUTH XI

21st February 2019
Report by Hamish Brown

Batting first against a strong Willows team, Wellington got off to an inauspicious start with three wickets falling for just 3 runs. This was unfortunately a sign of things to come, as The Willows team revelled on their home turf. Both opening bowlers Munro and Harper had strong showings, taking 3 wickets each. In spite of cameos from Gliden (24) and Dharamwarune (34), Wellington struggled to a score of 102 all out in 34 overs.

With such a strong batting line-up on paper, it was always going to be a struggle for Wellington to compete. Early signs for Wellington were promising with Nathanael Paltridge being dismissed in the third over. This brought Archie Redfern to the crease to join Quinn Bungard. The two young guns did much of the hard work getting the home team to the total, putting on 51 for the second wicket before Redfern was dismissed. While visiting bowler Lusty was able

to pick up another couple of wickets prior to the close of play, The Willows were able to reach the target by 3pm with 4 down.

Overall, a strong showing from the young Willows side, and promising signs for the upcoming Sri Lanka tour, which will likely feature a number of players on the team sheet for this game.

The Willows won by 6 wickets

Wellington Wanderers Youth XI 102
H. Dharamwarune 34, L. Harper 3/14,
M. Munro 3/15

The Willows Youth XI 104/4
Q. Bungard 40*, C. Lusty 3/26

Members of The Willows Youth XI were:

Nathanael Paltridge (home schooled), Fraser Buckley (St Thomas of Canterbury College), Matt Munro and Matthew Boyle (both St Bede's College), Thomas McClean (Christ's College), Archie Redfern (Christchurch Boys' High School), Jesse Frew (St Andrew's College), Lachie Harper (Christ's College), Charles Finnie (Cashmere High School), Quinn Bungard (Shirley Boys' High School) and Josh McCarthy (St Bede's College).

v WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

3rd March 2019

Report by Trevor Thornton

Waitaki were keen to bat as they had an inter-school game the following day in Timaru and were looking to prepare for this match. One of The Willows objectives is "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."

Waitaki had their coach Francois Mostert and an old boy Jeremiah Shields (both North Otago Hawke Cup players) playing with the first eleven and The Willows had former representative cricketers David Kelly, Darin Cusack and David Bond in their team. These cricketers' skills were in evidence with runs, fielding and catching. Mostert 55*, Shields 37, Kelly 51, and David Bond bowling ten overs and then taking the wicket keeping gloves. David Kelly made outfield catching look easy with an outstanding running catch. Darin made some exceptionally good saves in the field and kept up a running commentary.

The Willows had last year's Matfen scholarship cricketer Rhys Petrie, who had made the trip from Otago Uni in Dunedin, to play against his old

school and one of this year's Matfen Scholars Henry Sail as part of the team. Rhys was able share information with Henry about his incredible year in England. This is an exceptional opportunity offered by The Willows Cricket Club to secondary school cricketers to experience life away from home whilst playing cricket.

Waitaki scored 242 with Daniel Vedder and Ben Stayt bowling tidy spells. The Willows responded and were past halfway five wickets down but the last five Willows wickets fell for 16 runs with four ducks and a Ben Paton hat trick (the first at The Willows for thirteen years).

The Willows lost by 96 runs

Waitaki Boys' High School 242

F. Mostert 55*, J. Shields 37, J. Davies 27, B. Martin 26, J. Price 28, D. Vedder 3/27, B. Stayt 3/40

The Willows 146

D. Kelly 51, T. McConnell 25, D. Bond 23*, B. Paton 3/1

Umpires

H. Fowler and D. McIlraith

Editor: Trevor is correct in saying the last hat-trick was thirteen years ago. The perpetrator was the earnest trundler Harry Simons who took the Arthur Pitcher's XI to victory over The Willows in March 2006. His three victims, all bowled, were none other than Club heroes: Cran Bull, Wally Stone and Tony Polson. Who would have believed it?



▲ Tidy shot.



▲ Congratulations Ben Paton – hat-trick!



▲ Rain delay.

v COMBINED COUNTRY SCHOOLS XI

10th March 2019

Report by John Mitchell

It has been a long time since our skipper of legend and upholder of the tail, Jacob Wolt, has had the pads on before the 30 over mark but that was the reality in this match. Our batting matched the grey skies which greeted the teams on arrival. With only three contributions of note with the bat we struggled through to 122 for 8 wickets when rain had the final say and an early finish was unavoidable. Josh McCarthy was looking good and unbeaten at the end – who knows whether the skip had it in him to stick around and assist Josh to bring respectability to the total?

No result

The Willows 122/8

J. McCarthy 33*, M. Singleton 30,
T. McGeorge 26

Umpires

L. Kerr and M. Stapleton-Smith



▲ Comprehensive!



▲ Marlborough Boys' cordon getting ready for action.

MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1st XI

24th March 2019
Report by David Kelly

Welcome to the Marlborough boys and congratulations for the effort you put in to maintaining your fixture after an early season rain-off.

At the start of play we observed a moments silence for the Christchurch terrorist victims and gave collective thoughts and thanks to the NZ police for their amazing response to this cowardly act. Amongst us was Sergeant Grant Stewart first on the scene at the Linwood Mosque.

Batting first on a green pitch The Willows were able to form a large partnership between Kelly and Paul Miller and headed into the lunch break at 140/2. Marlborough had a demanding pace attack but wickets in hand creates a green light and thanks to a magnificent century from Paul we were able to post a very competitive total.

Intent was strong among the Marlborough batsmen who ran particularly well between the wickets. Adrian McFedries built the scoreboard pressure with ten demanding and athletic overs and James Kelly snaring one of the Lavendar boys, took us into the final ten overs with the visitors needing 100 to win. Turning ones into twos and finding the fence on demand we headed into the final over with 20 needed. This proved a tad too much but it was a great game of cricket. The spirit of cricket was observed by all and one can only give thanks for the pleasure. The 2018/19 season could not have ended better.

The Willows won by 10 runs

The Willows 250/8

P. Miller 101 retired, D. Kelly 73 retired

Marlborough Boys' College 240/9

A. Lavendar 32, B. Alexander 31,
B. Ivory-McCullum 29, T. Leonard 27,
J. Lavendar 24, P. Moran 22

Umpires

P. Williams and M. Stapleton-Smith



▲ James Kelly in his first match at The Willows.



▲ Paul Miller on his way to 101.



▲ Young batsman on the drive.



▲ Umpires J Rose and D McIlraith at the Hawkswood match.



▲ Blazers all round at the Christ's College post-match.

v UMPIRES XI

Report by Jeremy Wilson

Over my cricket career, I've had the misfortune of being given out numerous times LBW when the ball was clearly missing the stumps. Usually by about a metre! So the chance to play against the Umpires represented a chance to right past wrongs.

On a lovely autumn day with scarcely a cloud in the sky, the Umpires won the toss and inserted The Willows. Runs flowed freely, with Dan Vann, Will Macfarlane, Jeremy Wilson and Richard McGuire all reaching 40 before retiring. The Umpires stuck to their task admirably in the field with wickets shared. 251 was the target set.

In reply, The Willows bowlers restricted runs and took wickets. Ray Steele batted wonderfully for his 40 retired, but lacked support. With Nawid

Mohammady (three wickets), and two each to Charlie Finnie, Richard McGuire and Will Macfarlane, the Umpires finished on 156 all out.

To prove my initial prejudice wrong, the Umpires were a wonderful group of happy and honest cricketers. They were even generous with their advice given to their own colleagues umpiring for the day, D Miller and A Shipley, who performed admirably.

A great way to end the season for The Willows, with my opinion of umpires now corrected!

Cancellations due to weather

7 October 2018	v Northwest Schools XI
9 November 2018	v Peninsula Craz
25 November 2018	v Waimea College
24 February 2019	v Shirley Boys' High School
17 March 2019	v Wanganui Collegiate

Fathers & Sons



▲ David Murray (right) with his son Justin and grandson Will Prentice.



▲ Colin Averill with his grandson Sam.



▲ Andrew and Ed Nuttall.

Around the Ground



▲ Salvation Army intervention.



▲ Josh McCarthy – safe outfield catch.



▲ Matt Boyle of The Willows Youth XI bowled C Lusty who took 3/26.

Around the Ground



▲ The Willows Youth XI that played Wellington Wanderers Youth XI in February. Back row: J Frew, M Munro, M Boyle, T McClean, L. Harper, JG Wright. Front Row: DM Qusted (Umpire), A Redfern, F Buckley, Q Bungard, J McCarthy, C Finnie, N Paltridge, D Stuthridge (Umpire).



▲ Wounded warrior – Grant Stewart.



▲ Ben Dormer departs the crease against OBHS.

Around the Ground



▲ Getting close to the action as mid-wicket is wrong footed.



▲ A confident LBW appeal by Wellington College.

Around the Ground



▲ *Christ's College players supporting their teammates in the middle.*



▲ *Runs through mid-wicket for St Bede's.*

Around the Ground



▲ Ten and Jack sneak us across the line against St Andrew's College.



▲ Fraser Buckley and Jesse Frew – all intent behind the stumps.

The Willows 2018 Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkswood Wanderers match on 16th December. Club President, Sir John Hansen, welcomed Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayres (and his wife Marilyn), families and children from the Down's Syndrome, Celebral Palsy Associations, the Champion Centre and Riding for the Disabled for this year's festivities.



Sporting life after school – a mother's view

Clare Commons

Clare is the mother of a Canterbury first-class cricketer.

This woman's a bit crazy. I know this because I said yes when John Mitchell asked me to write Commentary Corner. Only a crazy woman would agree to such a thing, exposing herself in such a way in a predominantly male domain. Thanks John for acknowledging all the mothers of sports people and many thanks to The Willows for the support they provide for our young cricketers.

Once you become a mother and your children become sports-keen a world that dictates your life for many years opens. Glorious years. I knew something was up when I noticed my pantyhose legs holding tennis balls hanging in the branches of the fir trees in the tiny garden of our cottage in England way back when our eldest was barely five. It rained every day from January to May in Cheshire that year but this apparatus received a (straight) bat hammering regardless. I was also grateful my father had taught the children to spin their little soft spongy indoor balls, providing lengthy entertainment for which a busy mother was so thankful.

Our children are now in late teens and twenties and for years have played football, hockey and of course cricket. Sport has been a keen focus in our family and we've all followed each other watching tournaments, games and events from Invercargill to Whangarei, and also abroad. They continue to play at various levels. Some work harder than others, some have more success but they all love it. They laugh and are happy when they're playing and they follow each other's games. The challenging times are many and the good days celebrated knowing they don't come round frequently. The crazy mother reminds them that any day on the sports field, results aside, is a great day.

Leaving secondary school is a most challenging of times. Research tells us that this is when large numbers are lost from sport. Favourite school coaches and managers bid farewell, team mates spread themselves over club teams and some go to new towns for study etc. Representative coaches are there but they do not have such a close connection. These young people have many decisions to make about many things, not just sport, so this time frame is pretty major and one that requires balanced conversations. It is important for parents and caregivers of achieving high school aged sports people to be warned of this phase and to get ready for it! This is the time when it's important to consider the idea that talent helps but may not take you as far as ambition. It's the time for leavers to become more patient, as things do not necessarily happen as fast as they do when at high school. Selections may not be as predictable or as guaranteed and the talents of others can change considerably as many sports people come into their prime in late teens and early twenties while others may lose interest.

As parents this is a time to trust our young people's decisions. It's a time to show love no matter what, to give guidance only when asked, to allow as much time as is needed for decisions to be made and remember there really are oodles of years ahead to embark on areas of study and careers. (R.I.P Celia Lashlie – your advice about patience and allowing time is often heeded!). Likewise with sport. Take comfort in knowing that there are instances where school leavers give organised team sport commitments away for a time and do actually come back to their game. There are also those who did not ever make school first elevens but progress to become senior / representative players.

These times can be even more challenging however attempting to combine study or a new career whilst playing sport at a high level. Training sessions can be demanding and the irregular hours not conducive to normal work hours or the fitting in of University courses. Again a deep breath is needed. Some may benefit

enormously from a break part-way through a long course of study. However, where possible, to be chipping away at something for life after sport provides a great balance whilst training and playing. Developing a career and gaining qualifications gives certainty whereas sport selections can be fickle, unpredictable, injury affected and at times out of your control.

Financially, there can also be challenges when training competes with work commitments. Again this can be a time where the support of family is still needed.

As mentioned earlier ambition takes you far but the reality can be that on leaving school, selection for top club sides and representative teams is more difficult as the pool of players is greater. It is important to keep in mind that at whatever level you play the opportunity is in your hands and wickets, 5-wicket bags, 50s and 100s are difficult to come by at any level. Keep targets realistic and achievable and hopefully opportunities will come.

A wish for future generations is that amongst all the distractions of techno gadgetry and faster pace living, there will still be a place for pantyhoose and tennis balls, the virtue of patience and the wonderful role models at The Willows.



Milestones

The Club heartily congratulates three Willowers acknowledged in the 2019 Honours list:

- **Major Alfred Campbell Roberts** (Salvation Army) – CNZM for services to the community
- **Lindsay Howard Kerr** – QSM for services to sport
- **Bryan Alexander Waddle** – MNZM for services as a sports broadcaster

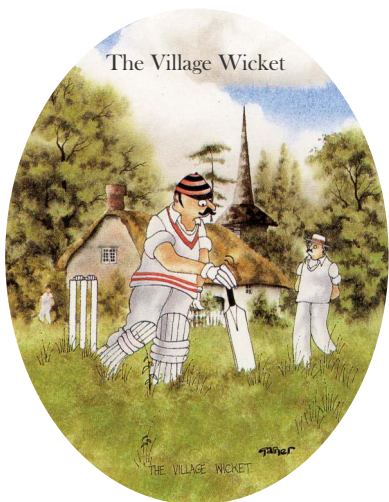
And also extend our congratulations to **Judge Andrew Becroft** who was shortlisted for the 2019 New Zealander of the Year award.



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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| ▪ N.F. (Nigel) Coates | 2001 |
| ▪ G.R. (Graeme) Evans | 2005 |
| ▪ Mrs Jane Bolt | 2017 |
| ▪ E.T. (Ed) Nicoll | 2017 |



Sir John Hansen retires

Sir John Hansen advised that after 15 years as President of The Willows he would retire at the next Annual General Meeting which will be held at the conclusion of the current cricket season.

Sir John, with a vast and successful legal background gained in New Zealand and Hong Kong, has been prominent in guiding the Club to a position where after 25 years it is now recognised as one focussed on developing and encouraging youth cricket particularly in the South Island and lower North Island of New Zealand.

Sir John's international career has enabled him to identify personnel who have been significant speakers at Club dinners in past years. Sir John has an in-depth knowledge of cricket being a member of the Craighengower Club in Hong Kong



and the Cavaliers of Chingford in Dunedin. He has acted internationally as a legal voice for cricket and sat as a member of the New Zealand Cricket Board.

We are grateful to Sir John for his involvement in the Club, for his sound advice throughout the 15 years of his tenure as President and for the respect which the Club has been received by many overseas members due to his association with them in the past.

We look forward to Sir John's involvement with The Willows as a spectator and of course as a President who can reflect upon his Dunedin team scoring the second highest number of runs (309/7) by an opposition in an innings against The Willows over the past 25 years. This feat was achieved in 1998.

A shot from the past



The New Zealand cricketers arrive at Southampton on 2nd April 1949 aboard the "Dominion Monarch" in readiness for their forthcoming northern tour. The photo shows the NZ High Commissioner Mr WJ Jordan (wearing dark suit) welcoming the team with WA Hadlee (Captain), centre, prior to disembarkation. The team played 35 matches, 14 won, 20 drawn (including the four tests played v England) and only one lost.

Getting priorities right

Two classic extracts from cricket obituaries reprinted with permission of the MCC and The Cricketer Magazine respectively. The first is about Rear Admiral **Sir Nigel Cecil**, KBE, CB who died in 2018, aged 91.

"His outstanding quality was innate courtesy, which led to his becoming an excellent leader of men, especially those in bell bottoms. His social and diplomatic skills were also widely employed, as NATO Commander and as Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man.

Although an excellent shot, Cecil always favoured cricket; during his last summer at Dartmouth Naval College in 1942, he was charged with manning the machine-gun position

overlooking the cricket ground. Once, when the air-raid sirens sounded and the college was put on high alert to repel possible enemy parachutists, Cecil felt a tap on his shoulder. It was the groundsman requesting that, as it was the start of the season, it was vital he prevented any parachutists from landing on the square."

And the second, about umpire **Don Oslear** (he stood in 5 Test matches, 8 ODIs and 360 first-class matches) who also died in 2018, aged 89.

"Oslear disliked the introduction of coloured clothing for one-day matches in 1993, and was not pleased that umpires, as well as players, would have to wear pyjamas. When he emerged from the pavilion at Grace Road, wearing a bright blue coat and baseball style cap, he carried a crate of bottles, shouting "Milko". The crowd, if not the TCCB, thought this was hilarious".

Moulding pride in our men

Roger Moses ONZM enjoyed an illustrious career as Headmaster of Wellington College from 1995 to 2018. This article on the career of Roger is written by Evan Gray (10 tests and 10 ODIs for NZ and 162 first-class matches) and is reprinted with the courtesy of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club from their 72nd 2017/18 Annual Report.

Roger Moses' road to Wellington College was a long and winding one and prepared him for what lay ahead when he arrived in August 1995. His apprenticeship saw him have varying roles both in New Zealand and overseas. At Auckland Grammar he was mentored by the then Headmaster DJ Graham, from there to Mahurangi College (Warkworth) where as Head of English he taught the Marshall twins Hamish and James, both Parlanes Neil and Michael, Matthew Bell and Joseph Yoevich. McLeans College followed where he was Assistant Head and Acting Head for four years and finally Waihi College where he was Headmaster, before finally transferring to Wellington College to take over from Harvey Rees Thomas.

During his OE in the mid 1970's he taught at St Bede's College in Sussex and played for the Dicker Cricket Club, situated at the historic cricket ground of Upper Dicker where cricket has been played since 1677 making it one of the oldest cricket grounds in history. In those days the shepherds played Stool Ball a game which is still played today in the Sussex villages. It was from the Stool Ball that cricket evolved. As is still the case today the village cricket club was the melting pot of society within the town, the lawyer, doctor, vicar, blacksmith and publican all make up the local XI. Roger's closest friend in those days in Sussex was Nigel Hawkins, a former Deputy Head of Tonbridge School and also at one time winning the All England Racquets Championships where he beat Chris Cowdrey in the final.



It is clear that the main motivation of Moses at Wellington College was to turn out good all round students, people of good character who have gone on to achieve often under demanding circumstances. He is very proud that Wellington College is now recognised as one of the Premier Educational Academic Colleges in New Zealand. As the social climate changed the College took on more Polynesian youngsters and they brought their own culture to the school, this backed up with incredible loyalty.

There have been outstanding scholars and sportsmen, two Rhodes Scholars, Edward Stace and Max Harris, Olympic Medallists in George Bridgewater and Peter Taylor, Blackcaps James Franklin and Tom Blundell, Olympian Gareth Kean, All White Leo Bertos and All Blacks Lima Sopoaga, Jeff Toomaga-Allen and Highlander and Wellington Lion Buxton Popoali'i, Charlie Gubb NZ Warriors, Jacob Smith a Black Stick and Nelson Asofa-Solomona a star with the Melbourne Storm.

Of all the students who have come under his tutorship, one who he is very proud of is Terefi Ejigu, an Ethiopian Refugee who came to New Zealand with his family after they fled the violence in their homeland. Arriving in New Zealand with nothing and speaking no English, he enrolled at Wellington College where he worked hard and started to train as a runner. He ended up as a Prefect and Captain of the McEvedy Shield Athletics Team and in the process set NZ Junior records for the 5000m and in 2004 also won the Ocean Track Championships for the

1500m and 3000m. He attended Victoria University to earn a degree in developmental studies and in 2009 was awarded a \$100,000 scholarship to Eastern Michigan University in the USA. While completing his Honours Degree he still found time to win the Mid-Western Conference Indoor 5000m and finished 2nd in the 3000m.

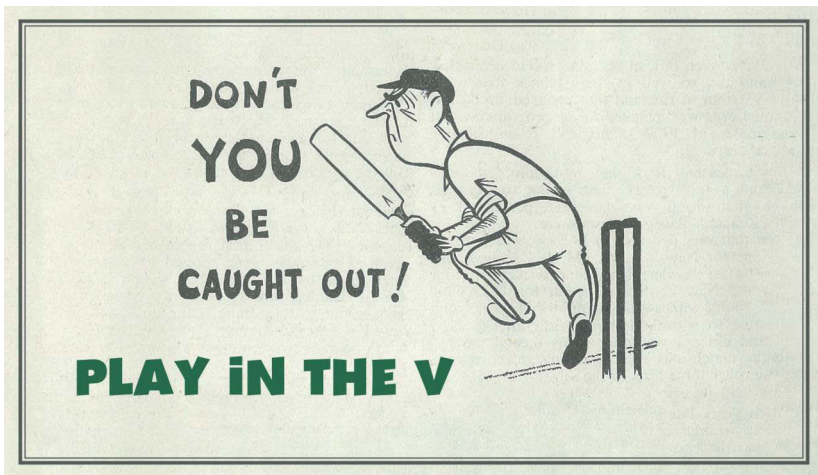
There is no doubting the pride in his voice when Moses speaks of these outstanding young men.

He also made mention of the friendly rivalries between St Pat's Town, St Pat's Silverstream, Rongotai College and Wellington College, and also the people associated with those schools –

people like Paul Martin SM (now Bishop of Christchurch), Gerard Tulley, Neal Swindells and Kevin Carter.

In 2015 Roger Moses was the winner of the Educational Section of the Wellingtonian of the year. He has given a lifetime to Wellington College and tens of thousands of students. He is first and foremost a family man, husband to Ros and father to Debbie, Becky and Greg and devoted grandfather to many grandchildren. He now has time to spend with them and indulge in his other passions of cricket and rugby while he works out where the next stage of his remarkable life will take him.

Woebegone



The Assistant Groundsman is a passionate advocate of the cricket cliché *play in the V*. So much so every schoolboy visitor is told ad infinitum to do so. The latest is he has purchased a rubber stamp, with those four words, to plant in indelible ink, across the forehead of anyone dismissed playing across the line. Woebegone if you don't play straight at The Willows in the future.

Further credence to his argument came when he read in The Cricketer magazine the words from his childhood hero – Wally Hammond.

To set the context. In 1928/29 on his first tour of Australia Hammond arrived unproven and then proceeded to score in five tests 905 runs at 113.12. He left those shores clearly the No.1 batsman in the world. Hammond puts it down to a plan about how he wanted to bat in Australia. He decided "not to hook and only cut the really rank long hop. Instead, I'll play almost entirely in the V between extra cover and midwicket".

Hence the request to the editor for this quote to accompany the above cartoon. He rests his case!

Season by season – 25 Years of Firsts

1st 1994/95

First century by a Willows batsman – Paul McEwan v Flaxton Wanderers.

2nd 1995/96

Inaugural Club Dinner held – speaker Iain Gallaway with 170 members in attendance including Bill Douglass, President of I Zingari, Australia.

3rd 1996/97

John Wright (82 tests for NZ) ran a coaching clinic for 1st XI players across ten schools; and the first “6” hit directly through the open front doors of the pavilion by Adam Parore (78 tests for NZ) – luckily nothing was broken inside!

4th 1997/98

First tied match in our history – Flaxton Wanderers v The Willows and Paul Rutledge donned Father Christmas kit for the first time, for the annual children’s Christmas Party.

5th 1998/99

Hosted five members of The ‘49ers – the legendary 1949 cricket team – for the opening of the WA Hadlee riverstone gateway to the ground.

6th 1999/00

First loss (of many) at the hands of the Hawkwood Wanderers Club – the late Roger Macfarlane never stopped grinning all day.

7th 2000/01

First regular match manager Peter Nancarrow, retired wool buyer, commenced a tradition carried on in recent years by Jim Stringleman, who introduced electronic newsletters.

8th 2001/02

First regular live CTV match coverage screened; with video-taped copies available for all schools.

9th 2002/03

The Willows Foundation Trust was established.

10th 2003/04

First two scholars to Matfen (Northumberland) – Josh Coll and Fraser Hawes. The programme continues to this day and is one of the jewels in The Willows’ crown.

11th 2004/05

First player to score 1,000 runs – Phil Harris.

12th 2005/06

Membership of the Club exceeded 500 members for the first time.

13th 2006/07

The sad passing of our Patron in Perpetuity – Mr WA Hadlee, CBE.

14th 2007/08

First overseas tour by a Willows Under-17 team to India, Oman and Sharjah (under Paul McEwan, Ken Rust and Rodger McHarg).

15th 2008/09

First use of a helicopter, at the Wellington College match, to dry the square after a wet spring.

16th 2009/10

The best bowling performance ever against The Willows by Tom Rutherford (son of Ken) with 7/20 for Otago Boys’ High School 1st XI.

17th 2010/11

Sir Tim Rice and Sir Anand Satyanand contribute to two auspicious social events, for Club members and Governor-General’s XI players.

18th 2011/12

For the first time the top was taken off the square and the area was totally re-laid. The work was overseen by Tony Stead and Peter Devlin.

19th 2012/13

The first regular female umpire, Kim Cotton, stood for four matches during the season. Prior to this the first ever female umpire to stand at The Willows was Eddie Brownlee's daughter Leonie.

20th 2013/14

Two firsts, (1) the ground renamed Jaguar Oval under a sponsorship arrangement with Jaguar International and Archibald Motors and (2) Alex Reese, who went on the 2008 tour, was inspired to open a cricket / lifeskills Academy in Sri Lanka.

21st 2014/15

Celebrated success on the playing fields: Christchurch BHS won the Gillette Cup for second time in succession, Canterbury won the Plunket Shield, and North Canterbury the Hawke Cup. Congratulations to Willowers Cran Bull and Lee Robinson for their vision in developing Hagley Oval as a venue for Test cricket.

22nd 2015/16

The first 8-for by a Willows bowler, Callum Curnow 8/21 v St Bede's College 1st XI.

23rd 2016/17

A seventh century by David Kelly v King's High School 1st XI put him well clear on the individual honours board for centuries.

24th 2017/18

The first bowler to gain 200 wickets aggregate for the Club – Andrew Nuttall.

25th 2018/19

Pink Kookaburra cricket balls used for the first time at The Willows.

Family honours

Well-being textbooks tell us not to cut back playing sport together in family groups. Over the seasons we have seen the benefits and success of siblings and family members playing cricket together for The Willows. Indeed the Honours Board features many such successful combinations:

Father & son(s) combinations

The late Derek Burrell (2 centuries) and sons Andre and Wade (one each)

Rod Latham and son Tom; and Fraser Hill and son Callum – a century each

Andrew Nuttall (2 x 5 wickets in an innings) and son James (1 x 5WI)

Brothers

Dave (7 centuries and 2 x 5WI) and Martin Kelly (1 x 5WI)

Brad (2 centuries) and Tony Doody (1 x 5WI)

Dayle and Martin Hadlee; Chris and Liam Bartholomeusz; Greg and Paul McCarthy – a century each

Uncle & cousin

Geoff and Paul Miller – a century each

Finally, three players have the distinction of being on both the batting and bowling Honours Board:

Dave Kelly (as mentioned above); Michael Newton-Vesty and Fraser Sheat – both with a century and 1 x 5WI.

2019 Sri Lanka Youth Tour



The Willows v Trinity College, Kandy (Photo: Angela Ruske)

Report by Simon Cushen

HOD Social Science, King's High School, Dunedin

On 11th April thirteen Willows cricketers and four coaching and management staff embarked on the 8th Willows Cricket Club tour of Asia.

The 2019 edition saw the team travel to Kuala Lumpur to play the Malaysian Development XI in two 50 over matches prior to the major section of the tour, to be played in Sri Lanka.

Kuala Lumpur saw the team play in hot and humid temperatures against skilful sides.

Game one was a tough acclimatisation against a skilful side playing in familiar conditions. The Willows batted first and were bowled out for 220. Matt Boyle 24, Beckham Wheeler-Greenall 37 and Sam Sherriff 44 contributed well with the bat as did the last pair of Ollie Curtis 29 and Ryan Hughes 25. In what was to become a trend for the tour, heavy rain interrupted the afternoon session and ended the match. At this point the Malaysian XI was well placed at 166 for 3 with Michael Ruske making early inroads with two wickets. Match drawn.

Game two saw an improved effort on the same ground the following day. The Willows produced a strong display in the field to dismiss Malaysia for 126 in the 33rd over. Finn Restieaux picked up four wickets and Beckham Wheeler-Greenall collected three. The Willows took only 25 overs to chase down the required runs before the heavens opened once again. Fraser Buckley was unbeaten on 55 and Lachie Harper chimed in with 30. The Willows won by 6 wickets

Game three saw the team travel to Sri Lanka and the game was in Colombo against Piliyandalai Central College. By now the boys were getting acclimatised to 38° heat and 90% humidity. Batting first, The Willows set an imposing 263 for 8 in 50 overs. Major contributions came from Finn Restieaux with 32, Ryan Hughes 33 and Archie Redfern 54 not out. Piliyandalai were never in the chase and had reached 187 for 8 when the heavens opened with chief destroyer Lachie Harper picking up 2/17 in a fiery opening spell. The Willows won via Duckworth-Lewis.

Game four was against Gurukula College in Colombo. This match was played on the fastest

wicket of the tour and we were quickly in trouble batting first. The Willows stumbled through to 175 in 46 overs with Beckham Wheeler-Greenall anchoring the innings with an unbeaten 37. In reply, Lachie Harper and Michael Ruske blasted out the Gurukula top order and we had them 43 for 6 when the rains came again. Harper had 3/12 and Ruske 3/11 to completely dominate the local batsmen with their pace and bounce. The Willows won via Duckworth-Lewis.

Game five saw the team move inland to the historic Sri Lankan city of Kandy and play a Kurunegala District XI. After winning the toss and electing to bat The Willows boys turned on a master class. They blasted 304 in their 50 overs. Top contributors were Fraser Buckley with 72 off 50 balls and Beckham Wheeler-Greenall with 51 off 44 balls. Other contributors were Tommy Wilson 31 and Regan Sheehan 29. In reply Kurunegala were never in the match and were reduced to 85 for 4 when the customary afternoon downpour arrived around 3pm. The Willows won via Duckworth-Lewis.

What would turn out to be the final match of the tour was played at Kandy's former test ground at Asgiriya Stadium. The Willows boys were honoured to play at this famous ground where so many of the legends of the game have played such as Dennis Lillee, Kumar Sangakkara, Martin Crowe, Chaminda Vass, Muttiah Muralitharan and many more. After losing the toss and being asked to bowl, Kandy Schools were bowled out in the 47th over for 241. The score included a 61 run partnership for the 10th wicket which would prove to be the difference between the sides. In response Willows were quickly in trouble at 37 for 5 and 241 seemed a long way away. A fine 71 from Archie Redfern and 55 from Tommy Wilson brought the Willows close but 241 was too many for the tourists on the day and the Kandy Schools deserved their 29 run victory.

The final leg of the tour was to the southern coastal city of Galle. Understandably the horrific terrorist attacks on multiple religious and tourist sites around Sri Lanka on April 21st saw an end to playing cricket on tour. The team was well looked after in the Weligama Bay Marriott near Galle surrounded by tight hotel security until their flights home. While security of players is



(Photo: Angela Ruske)

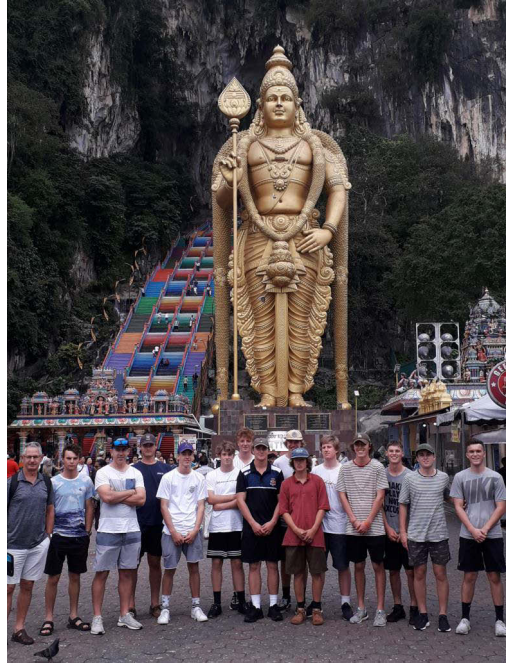
paramount, we all hope such events do not spell the end of these cricketing tours to this wonderful country.

A big thanks must go out to Paul and Julie McEwan for their excellent tour planning and leadership. In addition, Shereen Hussain was very thorough with his tour preparation and security after April 21st. Both coaches, Dan Vann and Simon Cushen thoroughly enjoyed their tour experience and would like to thank Mike and Paul for the opportunity to undertake the tour. Thanks, must go to Mike Dormer for his vision and energy to make these tours possible; they are a highlight of many of these young cricketers' lives. Generous sponsors also help make the tour possible, and they are: Dilmah Tea Company; Archibald Motors and Sir Ron Brierley. Without their generous support the tour would not have taken place.

The Touring Team

Beckham Wheeler-Greenhall	King's High School
Lachie Harper	Christ's College
Sam Sheriff	Wanganui Collegiate
Fraser Buckley	St Thomas of Canterbury College
Finn Restieaux	Nelson College
Archie Redfern	Christchurch Boys' High School
Regan Sheehan	Christchurch Boys' High School
Michael Ruske	Otago Boys' High School
Ryan Hughes	Darfield High School
Tommy Wilson	Otago Boys' High School
Matthew Boyle	St Bede's College
Ollie Curtis	Christchurch Boys' High School
Matt Munro	St Bede's College

2019 Sri Lanka Youth Tour



Q & A with High Performance Coach, Bob Carter

Willower Bob Carter played county cricket as a medium-pace bowler and useful batsman for Northants (1978–82) as well as pro football for Norwich City. He was Director of Cricket for Northamptonshire prior to coming to NZ and now being involved with the Black Caps, The White Ferns, and coaching at the highest level in our country. He shares his insights.

Q1. Most memorable game?

As a player: 19th August 1981 Northamptonshire against Lancashire semi-final of the main one-day competition in England. Lancashire scored 186/9 (60 overs) I remember catching David Lloyd ("Bumble", Sky TV commentator) at mid-wicket then amazingly we scraped home at 187/9 off 59.5 overs. I scored 14 but remember hitting Mike Holding for two fours through the covers (I did not do that too often; nor did many players then either). I was given out LBW (clearly missing) and David Lloyd threw the ball at me not hard but hit me on the chest. Many years later in 2000 he apologised to me at a cricket dinner he was talking at, it was a memorable apology!

As a coach: Assistant Coach of the Blackcaps playing in South Africa, Kimberley on 22nd January 2013. We scored 279/8 off 50 overs with Kane Williamson scoring 145 (a remarkable innings). South Africa 252 all out – we instigated five run-outs (one by Martin Guptill one of the best I had seen). It meant we won an ODI series for the first time ever on SA soil.

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

I never had too many! Winning the Christchurch Premier League with Sydenham Cricket Club in 1985/86 was a highlight and I think it was that year I scored 167 against Riccarton on the



massive boundaries of the SCG with Andrew Caddick and Denis Aberhart as part of the opposition bowling attack.

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

John Bond the football manager of Norwich City helped me shape where my career should go and that was to cricket where two great men from Northamptonshire Cricket Club shaped me as a player/coach and person. Brian Reynolds believed in me as a player and coached me. Ken Turner the CEO supported me in taking my coaching certificates as he saw leadership in me somehow. All three were instrumental in shaping me as a person outside of my parents.

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

Work hard on your game and in conjunction with your coaches develop an IPP (Individual Performance Plan) based around Fitness skills / Technical skills / Tactical skills and school work. This will help you reach your potential.

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

Enjoyment in playing the game hard and fair. Respecting the environment you are playing in and respecting your teammates, the opposition and the officials running the game. Be a good person and be good to each other as it will support the wonderful game of cricket getting stronger and stronger.

Nelson coach *par excellence*

Top cricket coaches are a rare breed. We are grateful to Judge Tony Zohrab for writing this article on the outstanding Nelson cricket coach, Garry MacDonald, who has guided many fine young players on the path to Hawke Cup and first-class success.

The Secondary Schools Cricket First XI Cup (formerly the Gillette Cup) began in 1990. Whilst Nelson College has a tradition of producing some excellent cricketers, it had to wait until 2014 before it first qualified for the First XI Cup, repeating the feat again in 2016.

Garry MacDonald was the Director of Cricket and First XI coach at Nelson College from 2013 to 2017, and it is no coincidence that qualification for the First XI Cup took place under his "watch". Garry, or "Macca" as he is widely known, was a left-arm orthodox spinner and played first-class cricket for Canterbury between 1984/5 and 1990/91.

However, he is probably best known as a coach, more particularly in his role as a spin bowling coach at both provincial and national level. The teams Garry has coached include Canterbury, Nelson, Rood and Wit and Nijmegen (in Holland), Lancaster Park Woolston, ACOB in Nelson, Nelson College 1st XI, as well as a Willows Selection to Sri Lanka in 2017.

Garry is a "people person" and is a coach of character. His philosophy as a coach revolves around listening to players more than instructing them. He is big on the "team" being paramount over the individual. One of Garry's favourite quotes is: "it is amazing what a team can achieve as long as no one cares who gets the credits". Garry believes in concentrating on the core skills of fielding, batting and bowling without getting "too fancy on it." Rather than telling them what to do Garry likes to give the players the "tools" to not only ask the right questions, but then answer their questions by working out the answers for themselves.



▲ Garry MacDonald

He is not afraid to deliver his players a "rev up" if he feels they are not trying, and if a player "gets too big for his boots" Garry will quickly bring them "back down to earth". However, he is also sensitive to the needs of his players when all is not going well.

It is a testament to Garry's coaching skills that he creates teams that enjoy their cricket and want to play for him.

From the mouths of babes

By John Mitchell

A few summers back I remember joining a sprinkling of fans on the bank at Lincoln to watch a pre-tour "friendly" match.

A couple of pre-schoolers or early primary lads sat nearby with their father. They were obviously rapt to be there and keen to spot their heroes. They were particularly keen on the player who wore a number 48 on the back of his shirt. He wasn't keeping wicket this particular day so they tracked his movement around the field with eagle-eye and were very excited when he chased a ball in our sector of the outfield. No. 48 was none other than Black Cap and Willower Tom

Latham. An excellent young man and the perfect hero and role model for my new-found friends.

During the course of play I was intrigued by the interactions between them and their Dad. The "why?" question dominated. Indeed after the umpteenth time their insistent questions seemed a bit like the drip, drip, drip of a medieval water torture chamber.

It started when Dad said "This ground is the Bert Sutcliffe Oval" to which one asked "why?" "It was named after one of NZ's best ever batsmen of the 1940's, 50's and 60's and coincidentally the man who taught grand-dad physical education in Otago". After a while for this to sink in, the next question was "Did he smash it like Colin Munro?" Dad put the boys right by saying "No way. He was in a different league to him. I read that Bert was elegant and stroked the ball to all parts of the field and not just there" and gesticulating to cow-corner. Righto.

After more watching and completely out of the blue came an observation – "Why are they rubbing their bottoms, Dad?" This was followed by a quick explanation on how to make the ball swing and a practical demonstration with their soft ball between overs. Good stuff.

At a longer break in play Dad decided his younger charges needed a run-round and spotted the nets, adjacent and vacant. They took their bats and balls and the boys proceeded to heave at every delivery as if it was their last and to whack the ball as far out of the nets as physically possible. Dad encouraged admiringly.

I thought about boys, of a similar age, back in my day, when the only cricket book to own was indeed Bert Sutcliffe's *Book For Boys* (published 1961). The first shot to be mastered back then was the forward defensive shot (or block). Straight from the MCC Manual we were drilled ie foot to the pitch of the ball; contact ball beneath the eyes; angle face of the bat towards the ground; hold defensive position rather than follow through etc. None of that today, just bring on the long-handle or in modern parlance, the power hitting. How priorities have changed. I guess this is necessary for the game to survive.



▲ Bert Sutcliffe Oval at Lincoln.

Once bored in the nets, focus resumed on the game. Two further questions were overheard. "What does that sign say Dad?" "No racial abuse at cricket." "Why?" "We want people to behave and not say bad things." "Why?" "To be a good sport" The reply seemed to put that one to bed.

And finally, out of the blue came "Dad, there's a lot of noise and clapping out there. Why?" "Because they want to gee-up their side." "Why?" "To motivate them and fire them up" to which the elder lad said "Shouldn't they do that anyway?" Touché.

So that was my day at Lincoln. I had the bonus of not only seeing Latham and his mates play good cricket but I was thoroughly entertained by my fellow young spectators. On my drive back to the city I reflected on something written by the late, great Martin Crowe. Before his premature death he wrote about the need to retune the tone of modern cricket and it is worth quoting it now:

"Removing the lip, that negative intent, is what we can learn. By all means bowl bouncers with skill and precision, but take out the angst and hate, the sledging and the media barbs, and just go out and express your version of your courage and skill for your team. The game has turned too lippy, too edgy ... We should smile when stumps are drawn and be grateful for the day's cricket, the genuine sharing of camaraderie between two teams." (*The Press* 16/03/2015)

Hear, hear Martin.

NZ batsmen and the nervous 90s in tests

By Bert Walker

OUT FOR 99 IN A TEST! How frustrating for a batsman to get so close, but fall just one little tickle for a single, one solitary run short, of such a major milestone and after so much time and effort! To date the nine NZ batsmen out in such cruel circumstances are:

99 – J. Beck v South Africa 1954

99 – R. Hadlee v England 1984

99 – J. Wright v Australia 1987

99 – D. Patel v England 1992

99 – J. Wright v England 1992

99 – M. Richardson v Zimbabwe 2000

99 – S Fleming v South Africa 2000

99 – B. McCullum v Sri Lanka 2005

99 – D. Vettori v Pakistan 2009

Touch willow there haven't been any in the last ten seasons. Coincidentally nine is also the number batsmen in the whole history of Test cricket to date, getting to 99 but not 100 in a Test TWICE - with one of them being New Zealand's John Wright. The rest on this rather exclusive list are: Mike Atherton (E), Greg Blewett (A), Geoff Boycott (E), Saurav Ganguly (I), Simon Katich (A), Richie Richardson (WI), Salim Malik (P) and Mike Smith (E).

The wonderfully reliable and resolute Wrighty crafted a fine Test career, including 12 Test centuries, but did have considerable misfortune in the 90s. Apart from his two 99s he was also dismissed for 98 in a Test at Lord's, so was just 4 runs away from adding three more Test tons to his tally – making him NZ's unluckiest batsmen ever in the high 90s. And the 2nd time he was dismissed on 99 was in the 2nd innings of the same Test against England in which Dipak Patel

got 99 in the first innings. Incidentally English batsmen Robin Smith (96) and Alan Lamb (93) were also out just short of centuries in this Test, a bad one for batsmen in the “nervous 90s”!

Although Brendon McCullum was almost similarly unlucky to Wrighty, as apart from his 99 he was dismissed for 96 in the Lords Test of 2004, then almost unbelievably was out for 97 in the next Lords Test for NZ in 2008! So twice he came within just a boundary shot of getting his name on the coveted Honours Board at Lord's, but just missed out...

While the unwanted record for a New Zealand batsman with the most innings from 90-99 in Test cricket, is held by that splendid player Steve Fleming with seven of them - almost as many as the nine times he did get to a century. These 90s included the 99 v South Africa (when he was given out caught off his shoulder!) and 97s v England and West Indies – but perhaps when he was out for 92 on Test debut and also 90 in his ODI debut (both v India), this was maybe a sign of things to come?

But even worse than being out for 99 in a Test is being RUN OUT FOR 99 IN A TEST – is there any more annoying, frustrating or unnecessary time or way to get out? In the history of Test cricket this has happened only 14 times to date, with two of the hapless victims being New Zealanders – John Beck and Dipak Patel, from the above list.

Beck, a left hand batsman, was just 19 when he was chosen in the NZ team for its first tour South Africa of 1953-54, and made his Test debut in an ordeal by fire in the 2nd Test on a fiery green top pitch - the match when an injured Bert Sutcliffe and a bereaved Bob Blair heroically hit 33 in 10 minutes for the last wicket. But in the next Test, on a much more placid pitch at picturesque Newlands, he prospered after the early batsmen had given the team a great platform. Coming in with the score at a healthy 271/4, he helped put on the then highest 2nd partnership for NZ in Tests of 176, with John Reid (135). After Reid was out Beck carried on and with a 6, he brought up the 500 mark for NZ in a Test for the first time. But then he was cruelly run out by a great piece of fielding and through no fault of his own - when his partner Eric Dempster (keen to give him the

bowling), called him for too tight a single and a fielder threw the stumps down.

Beck didn't play Test cricket again until the 1956 West Indies tour of NZ and after earlier scores in the series of 66 and 55, he played a vital innings of 38 (putting on 104 with Reid) in the 4th Test, when NZ had its first ever win in Test cricket. Despite this and being a fine cover fielder, he was controversially overlooked for NZ's sorry tour of England in 1958 and never picked for NZ again.

While Dipak Patel was a very valuable allrounder for NZ in the 1990s, playing 37 Tests and 75 ODIs, his moment arrived in the 1st Test v England at Lancaster Park in 1992. In reply to England's hefty first innings score of 580/9, NZ was in a perilous position at 139/6 when he was joined by a youthful Chris Cairns. Tufnell was the main problem with his left arm spinners, having 4/40 at this stage, but Patel used his feet beautifully to him and attacked with a succession of glorious shots, hitting two sixes and several fours (Tufnell finished with 4/100). But after they'd put on 117, Patel was on 97 when he hit a drive wide of Pringle at mid-on and set off. They'd run two as Pringle was reaching the ball and Patel hesitated before taking off for the 3rd run, knowing that Pringle didn't have a throwing arm and used to bowl the ball back from the outfield. But on this occasion Pringle's effort was right over the stumps at the bowler's end and despite a desperate full length dive, Patel was just out. It was about the saddest end possible, exacerbated by the hesitation, which denied him a wonderfully well-deserved century - a milestone he never again approached in Test cricket.

So Beck and Patel head the list of New Zealand batsmen who got into the 90's, but never made a century in their Test career before it finished. The list of these players are: 99 - John Beck and Dipak Patel; 97 - Ross Morgan; 96 - Roger Blunt and Brun Smith; 95 - Daniel Flynn; 94 - Roger Twose; 93 - Noel Harford; 92 - Robert Anderson and Jamie How; and 90 - Bruce Murray. These eleven players, include some very good batsmen, yet sadly none of them ever reached the century milestone. Of interest Harford and Anderson achieved their 93 and 92 respectively on Test debut, coincidentally both in Pakistan.

So New Zealand of course has certainly had its share of unfortunate batsmen when it comes to the nervous 90s - but the player with probably the best claim of all to be considered the unluckiest batsman of all time in this regard is the Australian Clem Hill. He was a stocky left hander from South Australia who was Australia's highest run scorer before WW1. In the 1901/02 Ashes series in Australia the unlucky Hill was dismissed for 99, 98 then 97 in consecutive test innings - still the only player in Test history to suffer this fate. And in the previous Ashes series in Australia he had also scored a 96!

So there it is; while a NZ batsman can't match Hill's misfortunes from nearly 120 years ago, the several untimely dismissals just short of a 100 by Wright and co, show clearly how little is the difference between celebrating a century or frustratingly being out so desperately close to it.

Fair Dinkum

The scorecard for the Sydenham (Christchurch) v Valley Diehards (Brisbane) match at the 2018 Golden Oldies cricket tournament recorded:

R.L. Walker lbw b Tuite 2

Nothing unusual here; except Bert was miffed it was the first ball faced from an innocuous Tuite and it bounced multiple times before hitting him in front. It should therefore have been called a "no-ball", but wasn't!

After play, the affable, portly Mr Tuite sought out Bert to commiserate his demise and to shout him a beer. The Diehard players had nicknames on their caps and his was "Prosti". When Bert enquired as to its origin, his new-found Aussie cobbler said his surname was Tuite, pronounced "tute".

His wife's nickname was "Desti"; she was in attendance and didn't look at all destitute. Back home were son "Substi" and daughters "Consti" and "Insti". So Bert's ignominious dismissal was at least tempered, by going out to the friendly father of a most memorably nicknamed family.

Hope rises in Sri Lanka

Merrill J Fernando, the founder of Dilmah Tea, and his sons Dilhan and Malik have been loyal friends to The Willows Cricket Club over many years. We have been blessed to have them visit Christchurch each year.

Mr Fernando is a true man of vision. Not only has he created a global Sri Lankan tea brand but he has devoted all his life to improve the lot for Sinhalese communities at home. A minimum of 10% of pre-tax profits from tea sales is used for his MJF Foundation and Dilmah Conservation.

Now in 2018 Mr Fernando has achieved another philanthropic milestone and inaugurated his most ambitious combined humanitarian and environmental project ever. In communication from his son Dilhan we are delighted to share this success:

“On 1st September 2018 the Prime Minister (Mr Wickremesinghe) joined my father in declaring open the MJF Centre East. This is especially significant since the East of Sri Lanka was affected by conflict for nearly three decades and that has left a terrible social and economic impact in the form of very high unemployment, and an almost complete absence of welfare and other facilities for differently abled youth. Our Centre is a 23 acre facility built at a cost of over 11 million dollars and having the ambitious objective of delivering dignified empowerment and sustainable development. We will support children and youth with different ability – Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, ADHD and Autism whilst also supporting war widows, and farmers who are struggling with the consequences of climate change. The Centre features vocational training, a Climate Change and Adaptation Centre, sustainable agricultural facility, community empowerment, women’s development, youth and children’s facilities including specialised facilities for therapy in support of children with different ability”.

This is truly outstanding. It will not come as a surprise for those Willowers lucky enough to

have met the Fernando family. It is through their generosity that scores of Kiwi school cricketers have toured and played in Sri Lanka and that Alex Reese through his Cricket Live Foundation has had hundreds of young underprivileged Sri Lankan boys and girls attend academies established in Moratuwa and Siyambalanduwa.

We are proud of this association. The philosophy that Mr Fernando articulates is one we all can reflect upon and adopt – “making business a matter of human service”.



Afternoon High Tea

On a wet and cold September day The Willows hosted afternoon tea for a large gathering of invited guests at Mona Vale ably assisted by Jon Houldsworth and Nigel Scott from Dilmah New Zealand Ltd to acknowledge Dr Patricia Champion and 40 years of the Champion Centre. Three rounds of different Dilmah teas were served to our guests along with traditional dainty treats while soprano Eleanor Sim provided a wonderful singing interlude.

Dr Patricia Champion was introduced to the gathering which included a contingent from North Canterbury and both Patricia and Eleanor were presented with bouquets. Our sincere thanks to Merrill Fernando and the Dilmah team, David Crick of Runacres Insurance and his team, Heather McGowan of ASB Rangiora and her clients and all other sponsors who helped make the afternoon high tea a fitting occasion to mark the important work of the Champion Centre building futures for children with special needs.



The Willows and Runacres Insurance – a perfect match

In an age where loyalty is a rare commodity, it's great to see that partnerships can endure.

25 years ago The Willows Cricket Club was formed. Mike Dormer, one of the founders, shared a brief history of the Club's relationship with Runacres and the story of the Club.

"My relationship with Runacres actually began in 1978, when I introduced Independent Fisheries to the brokerage, whilst in my role as a Director at the company." Dormer commented "The enduring outstanding service Independent Fisheries receive from Runacres, still to this day, is testament to the dedication and commitment of the brokers, which is why they were one of my first contacts when we set up The Willows Cricket Club."

Founded in 1994 on a farm near Loburn in Christchurch, the Club is focused on fostering youth cricket and the traditions and enjoyment of the game itself. Working closely with secondary schools from Wanganui Collegiate all the way to Southland Boys', The Willows is renowned for developing many of New Zealand's up and coming first class players.

"The support of sponsors like Runacres has allowed the Club to flourish and we are grateful for their support. I first approached Anthony Runacres in 1994, explaining our plans to establish The Willows. He immediately agreed to support us, and the local insurance brokerage has continued to do so ever since," said Dormer.

David Crick, Managing Director of Runacres is both humbled and proud of the long-standing association with The Willows, commenting, "It's fantastic to see locals who are willing to contribute so much to developing young Kiwis whilst upholding traditional, holism values".



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What got me started

By Andrew Ellis

All-rounder **Andrew Ellis** has played over 100 first-class games for his province as well as 15 ODIs and five T20Is for New Zealand in a long and illustrious career. He has also been a great stalwart of *The Willows*.

This will make me sound old, so I'd better make sure the boys don't read this!

Growing up during the late 80s and early 90s, almost every Saturday morning over the summer, you'd find me at East Shirley Cricket Club, gaining an education in cricket and life from outstanding coaches such as the late Bill Duncan.

Then on days when Canterbury were playing, trotting off to Lancaster Park, playing cricket underneath the Canterbury Draught Stand with my mates and other kids of similar inclination, using the stand's concrete pillars, or a rubbish bin for the wickets. When tiredness set in and after hearing the crowd erupt, we'd head up into the stands to see the likes of Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan blasting away.

Although I may not have realised it at the time, that's what gave me the inspiration to want to play for Canterbury.

I was lucky enough to start doing that in 2003, and maybe it's those sorts of memories, that after 15 seasons of first-class cricket, still inspire me to want to play for Canterbury.

This year for the first time I made the tough decision not to play red ball cricket. Four to five days away from home at a time can be awfully taxing on my partner and two children left behind. I've also started a job in the 'real world' as I work through my transition out of professional sport. But the opportunity to keep playing one-day and T20 meant I couldn't bring myself to step away completely.

I was schooled at Shirley Boys', Matt Henry at St. Bede's, Henry Nicholls at St Andrew's, Tom Latham Christchurch Boys' High, Cole McConchie Riccarton High School, Cameron Fletcher from Auckland and Chad Bowes from South Africa.

Our common thread is our passion for the game but it's because of our diverse upbringings that I think we're all able to take a different view on things. We all have unique ways of looking at problems and challenges and hopefully a different way of finding solutions.

Cricket is often described as an individual sport within a team sport, however in my experiences it's how you come together as a team, that enables the team to be successful. Individual success often follows team success.

Swapping the spikes for studs

It was about early April 2003, I was in my early 20's, and my debut season for Canterbury Cricket was coming to a close. Some of my team mates were getting ready to head off to the UK for the winter. For me though, my immediate focus was on more of a change of sport rather than just a change of scenery.

Initially I was getting ready to play for Rangers, then a phone call came from Danny Halligan who was Player–Coach for Canterbury United. They had about a month to go in their season and had some injuries at centre back. So, after being asked to come onboard, I jumped at the chance to swap my Canterbury Wizards top for a Canterbury United shirt.

I got to play alongside the likes of Ben Sigmund and played their last 3 games of the season. They were all over the country – against Tauranga United, Dunedin Tech and North Shore United. I had such a fantastic time playing, the games were really intense games of football and have been one of my most memorable sporting experiences.

In fact, football is probably my number one passion and if I had my time again maybe football would have been a pathway I would have taken, but it wasn't to be.

Having that difference between cricket and football gave me such a good base and probably made me an even better cricketer. If I had focused solely on cricket, I would have missed out on some very important character building that came from playing another team sport.

I reckon that's something some kids are missing out on these days and it actually shows when they make teams.

Specialising in one particular sport doesn't always ensure you'll be the best at it in the future. In fact learning lessons in a variety of sports, especially team sports, is often more beneficial in the long

run, from both a physical and mental perspective. I've experienced it within our Canterbury Cricket teams over the years, with the likes of ex-Canterbury all rounder Logan Van Beek – a fantastic basketballer growing up, making New Zealand age grade teams – and also ex-Canterbury captain Peter Fulton being an extremely good fullback in rugby.

Look at the likes of Tom Walsh with cricket and rugby, Kieran Read and Israel Dagg both handy cricketers too, Anna Harrison has represented New Zealand at both netball and volleyball and Tessa Boagni got offered volleyball and basketball scholarships to study in America.

Active and diverse sporting pathways are hugely important for our young sportspeople. During my own sporting experiences, and also recently as manager of our Canterbury Pathway to Podium programme, I have seen clearly that having diversity of sport in someone's development can end up being a real strength in a High-Performance environment.



▲ Andrew Ellis in action for the Canterbury Kings.

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Matfen Scholarship – “say no to nothing”

Impact of the experience on our 2018 Scholars

Lachie Stove:

Matfen was everything that I imagined. If you asked me in 2017 what I would be doing in 2018 my answer wouldn't have been playing cricket in the UK. Sir Hugh and Lady Anna were great hosts and if you had any problems they would be there for you. They were our family away from home. To be a part of the cricket club was a great experience. They were very community-orientated and were always thinking about the next generation coming through. I made a lot of friends in the local area. I got invited to weddings and a few birthday parties which was awesome. I still keep in touch with them and hope to see them again in the near future. I would like to thank Mike and The Willows for this great opportunity which I will never forget. For next year's boys all I can say is "take every opportunity you get and say no to nothing - experience everything".

Rhys Petrie:

My Willows experience was an amazing one to say the least. It was definitely the experience of a lifetime. Moving to the other side of the world for half of a year to play and coach cricket is always a dream vocation of all young cricketers growing up and I was fortunate enough to get to live that out.

The cricket set-up was really good both in the West Tyne League, and the Matfen Cricket Club. The Matfen team was full of characters such as the two, sometimes three, father-son duos, Kelly our off-spinner who spent more time sledging us than anything else and young Tom Scott who had his breakout year. There were some amazing small village grounds in the league and it was cool playing on them, but my most enjoyable venue was for the invitational Borders team when we played at the base of the famous Bamburgh Castle.

I really enjoyed my stay in Matfen Village over the six months I was there. Becoming a part of a small tight community was good for us settling in to the new environment and it was amazing how welcome we were made right from the start. Working in such an historic place as Matfen Hall was another great experience and it was an amazing change from home. For myself working in the Conservatory Bar, the house bar for guests, let me meet a lot of the staff for the hotel and that has created friendships for life for which I am very grateful. I got a tour of the hotel from one of the wedding planners who showed me different things that I hadn't known, like the main fire place which was intended for Buckingham Palace but King George IV rejected it. The Great Hall with the stairs and stain glass windows reminded me of Waitaki Boys' High School's Hall of Memories. Going to work was always fun and I always enjoyed it.

All in all, the six months I spent in Matfen were very enjoyable and I look forward to a future visit.



Matfen Hall
Corbridge, Northumberland
matfenhall.com

Higher honours

Every year The Willows provides an opportunity for young players to gain some valuable overseas touring experience. Many of these Willowers have gone on to achieve national and regional representative honours. **Paul McEwan** has compiled a list:

NZ – Tests

Peter Fulton
Tom Latham
Matt Henry
Ben Wheeler
Henry Nicolls
Andrew Ellis

NZ – ODIs

Andrew Ellis
Tom Latham
Matt Henry
Henry Nicolls
Ben Wheeler

NZ Under-19 World Cup

Jeremy Benton
Ken McClure
Leo Carter
Josh Finnie
Rakitha Weerasundara
Jack Hunter

Canterbury Wizards

Matt Henry
Henry Nicholls
Tom Latham
Andrew Ellis
Peter Fulton
Ryan McCone
Matthew McEwan
Cole McConchie
Theo Van Woerkom
Edward Nuttall
Harry Chamberlain
Henry Shipley
Ken McClure
Leo Carter
Jeremy Benton
Jack Boyle

Otago Volts

Ryan Duffy
Blair Soper
Jack Hunter
Josh Finnie
Hamish Robinson
Ben Lockrose
Max Chu

Central Districts Stags

Ben Smith
Ben Wheeler
Josh Clarkson

South Canterbury

Glen Drake

The Willows' international partnership



*The Willows acknowledges the long standing partnership between **Rex Hayward**, photographer (left), and **Richard Cowles** (right), editor, who have produced the Club's acclaimed Annual Report – usually from different parts of the globe – over many seasons.*

Kiwi in Zimbabwe

By Graeme Evans

Graeme umpired 15 ODI matches in Zimbabwe between 1997 and 2001. Interestingly, in his final ODI played at Bulawayo, the Willower Dion Ebrahim batted and made runs in the middle-order for Zimbabwe that day. Graeme sadly passed away in 2018 having also umpired 87 games at The Willows.

After taking an early retirement option from the Forestry Research I accepted a placement by VSA as a forestry advisor in Zimbabwe. On arriving at Kotwa, a growth centre on the north-eastern border with Mozambique, some 250km from Harare I found the house still occupied by some council staff. The property had running cold water, an inside toilet but like most of the houses no power. Once I moved in a few days later the inside was painted to cover all the smoke stains from the previous indoor fires used for cooking and the solar panel brought over from New Zealand installed. This small panel was capable of supplying enough power to illuminate the house and to operate a short-wave radio enabling one to keep in touch with the outside world with both news and sport. Such a small luxury was important in keeping one's sanity.

Some three months later, just prior to Ngaire joining me, I met up with the local umpires in Harare who like all associations were struggling and looking for new members. The bait they offered me was to umpire a Pakistan warm-up game. This meant organising some gear as the VSA assignment was for two years and I had no intention of becoming involved with cricket other than as a spectator. Fortunately I enjoyed umpiring in the 28 degree temperature and on the well-manicured field.

Every second Sunday we would leave Kotwa at 5.30 am and drive the 250 kms to the Harare Sports Club where we would have an English Breakfast before I moved to my allotted game. While I spent the day from 9.30 till 5.00 umpiring Ngaire would spend her day at the Harare Sports Club enjoying the lavish facilities. Some nights we

would drive back to Kotwa while many times we would stay the night and do business in Harare the following day before heading back.

Hence with the start of umpiring we started and continued this Jekyll and Hyde lifestyle of having five days a week in the rural community of 5,500 Zimbabweans and two New Zealanders and the remaining two days in the opulence of a colonial style.

While umpiring my last game in Bulawayo (in 2001) before heading back to New Zealand after completing the VSA assignment, the reserve umpire ran onto the ground to tell me that there was an interview for me in Harare the next day. Instead of heading to Victoria Falls I made it back to Harare where I joined the commercial company Hortico to setup small scale horticulture with communal farmers. This was an interesting challenge, being given a free hand to develop the programme as I saw fit with the only restriction being they didn't want big red numbers in the balance sheet.

The small scale programme was run as a separate entity to the main organisation which sourced product from white commercial farmers. Once the idea had been formulated a small programme was instigated and following its success saw the directors give approval to expand and within two years had over 5,000 communal farmers growing fresh vegetables which were exported into the English supermarkets especially Marks and Spencer. With this operation being driven by a commercial ideology where farmers were rewarded for their effort I found this was real development rather than the pseudo development of many other Aid organisations.

It was a situation where both the company and the farmers won but it was only because of being a Kiwi that both sides trusted me. Only fifteen years before they were firing real bullets at each other hence the black Zimbabweans didn't trust the whites and vice versa.

Towards the end of my stay in Zimbabwe I came to stark realisation of what life is worth. At the time of the unrest with the ex-war veterans, many in their ranks weren't born at the time of the 1970's conflict, I found myself alongside two

fellow workers held hostage in an attempt to raise funds. The initial ransom was two cattle beasts but by the time six hours had passed it was down to one cattle beast. Interestingly, in my naivety, I wasn't concerned because up until that time two white farmers had been killed but expatriates had been left alone. My two colleagues were quite concerned as they had both been involved with the early conflict. From this encounter I know that I'm only worth a third of a cattle beast which was approximately thirty pounds at the time.

Being involved with international matches it is interesting to see how one is introduced to players. I had umpired Andrew Flintoff in the Under-19 test match where one of the local players had a very suspect action and I called him for throwing on one or two occasions. A few years later I was just about to start a game England A vs. Zimbabwe A when a young Flintoff yells out to his skipper Michael Vaughan "Hey skip, he's

the umpire that no-balls you for throwing." Some introduction! Another incident was with Brett Lee; when I handed him the run-up marker he put his hand out and said "My name's Brett, what's yours?"

When I started umpiring ODIs the 4th umpire would bring me a full glass of coke at the drinks break and I would only partake of a couple of mouthfuls and tip the remainder onto the ground. I continued this procedure in my 3rd ODI unaware that the TV cameras were broadcasting this action. Two days later I met one of my communal farmers on his plot 200km from Harare. His first comment was "I saw you waste that coke". From then on, they only ever brought me a glass quarter full.

During my stay I was fortunate to meet and umpire most of the leading players and work with many top umpires including David Shepherd, Darrell Hair and Rudi Koertzen.



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Past Highlights

There have been many classic matches over the years with friends from the Peninsula. Here's an early one from 7th November 2004. Below is the superb captain's report written by **Geoff Smith** and reprinted from the 11th Annual Report.

In the manner of the Crusaders Rugby team making their opposition wait on Jade Stadium, the Craz led by the ageless Bob Masefield, finally arrived at the ground bearing battle scars from dragging Peninsula rams to present their wares at the A and P Show, where many of the Craz feature with Blue Ribbons for their stock, not their cricket feats!

The Willows batted first on a patchy wicket with Troels Nielsen and Peter Wood compiling 50 runs before the fragile middle order was exposed to young Chris Sowden (3/10). Colin Hight retrieved the situation a little with a well struck 26 not out at the end, but sadly The Willows could only muster 159/9 which gave the visitors a scent of victory.

The Willows made inroads quickly with Sam Davis (3/30) and Jacob Wolt proving difficult for the batsmen to master. Andrew Nuttall put the brakes on further with a miserly spell of 10 overs (2/14) and the fieldsmen began circling the Craz like a couple of heading dogs. Following two brilliant catches from Joe Bennett and Andrew Nuttall, grasping one in the crook of his hand, it was down to the last pair at the crease and 9 runs to get. Edges, pushes, prods, appeals and one lusty cover drive (the only shot he remembers) from the Masefield Man, in desperation, and the Craz had laid the bogey to rest with a well-earned, hard fought victory. Chris Sowden held the innings (and his skipper) together with a well-controlled 68 not out, the only player to score over 30 on the day. By the end of the match the Craz goat head mascot was beginning to signal his presence and Mark Hutchinson was given the honour, once more, of escorting him home to the outer reaches of Banks Peninsula, this time with a wry smile on his bedraggled face!

The Willows

T.S.Nielsen	c Coop b Masefield	29
P.Wood	c Coop b Johnston	16
G.A.Miller	b Johnston	5
S.J.Davis	st Pettet b B. Hutchinson	24
G.B.Smith	lbw Sowden	1
H.F.Loe	c Pettet b Sowden	4
P.D.Rutledge	b Sowden	8
A.J.Nuttall	c Bulman b Rutherford	5
C.M.Hight	not out	26
J.Bennett	c Sowden b Rutherford	10
J.R.K.Wolt	not out	4
Extras (11lb, 14w, 2nb)		27
Total (for 9 wickets, 50 overs)		159

	O	M	R	W
M.Stronach	6	0	15	0
R.Davidson	5	1	10	0
D.Bulman	6	0	16	0
T.Johnston	10	1	34	2
R.V.Masefield	5	0	13	1
C.Sowden	8	4	10	3
M.Hutchinson	1	0	6	0
B.Hutchinson	4	0	14	1
S.Witherford	5	0	30	2

Peninsula Craz XI

D.Bulman	c Nuttall b Davis	4
M.Hutchinson	b Davis	0
T.A.Coop	c & b Nuttall	17
C.Sowden	not out	68
C.Pettet	c Hight b Wolt	4
B.Hutchinson	c Loe b Nuttall	4
T.Johnston	b Nielsen	13
S.Witherford	c Bennett b Loe	16
R.Davidson	c Davis b Loe	0
M.Stronach	c Bennett b Davis	0
R.V.Masefield	not out	8
Extras (5lb, 21w)		26
Total (9 wickets, 47.5 overs)		160

	O	M	R	W
S.J.Davis	6.5	0	30	3
J.R.K.Wolt	10	0	40	1
A.J.Nuttall	10	3	14	2
H.F.Loe	10	1	34	2
T.S.Nielsen	10	0	30	1
P.Wood	1	0	7	0

Umpires: T.McLisky and O.Christiansen

Scorer: A.Campbell

RESULT: The Willows lost by 1 wicket

National “Kindred” Champions

By Sam Davis

This season The Willows took part in the inaugural Kindred Cricket Competition (KCC). This national competition for over 35 year olds, involved 12 like-minded clubs from around New Zealand, who played three local matches, before meeting in Wellington for a weekend of finals in February.

Our local 'conference' included annual foes Hawkwood, plus teams from Blenheim (United Country & Vineyards) and Nelson (Nelson Ramblers). Unfortunately our match against Blenheim was rained out, and our match against Nelson was called off with both teams struggling to field a team in January. So our only conference match was against Hawkwood which was a severe loss for The Willows Over-35s.

As such, we took very few points into the finals weekend in Wellington, hosted by Karori Cricket Club, and were seeded toward the bottom of the table. With only eight teams travelling to Wellington, the finals weekend consisted of three 20/20 matches over two days.

In our first match we played Greytown CC. With little 20/20 experience in our Over-35s team we were not really sure how it would go. However, we restricted Greytown to 98 with some fine slow bowling from Tony Gray (3/13) and Graeme Inglis (3/10). The Willows then chased down the total in 12 overs, with Kelvin Scott (29) and Nigel Fletcher (35*) doing the damage.

And so to the semi-finals against United Country & Vineyards from Blenheim. It was an early start and it was pretty clear that The Willows had enjoyed the Wellington night life more so than the Blenheim boys! Somewhat blurry eyed we staggered to 100 off our 20 overs; however, this could have been a lot less if it hadn't been for some rear-guard action from Hugo Davison, swotting 40 not out.

Not content to settle for a bronze medal, The Willows fired up for the defence and bowled and



fielded like men half their age. The bowlers all chipped in and United were bowled out for 83.

And so into the final against competition organisers Kaipaki CC from Hamilton. Batting first it was the Kelvin Scott show, scoring an undefeated tournament top score of 84*. Supported by Glynn Howell (35), The Willows posted 145/2, their highest score of the finals weekend. To be fair, the Kaipaki boys had sampled the Wellington nightlife even more than we did!

Again the Willows bowlers stepped up and Kaipaki were bowled out for 129. Another great effort in the field, all the more astounding as by this stage there were only about eight able bodied players on the field! We may have snuck home, however we are the inaugural Kindred Cricket Competition national Champions! What followed was a great night of prize giving and celebrations! Congratulations to Kelvin Scott, Tony Gray and Graeme Inglis for deservedly being selected in the tournament team.

Thanks must go to Karori CC for hosting the finals, and organiser Kent Currie from Kaipaki CC. We will certainly be re-entering next year to defend our title!

Postscript: No mention of Hawkwood I hear you say? Sadly no. Hawkwood somehow managed to book flights for the wrong weekend! I'm sure they will be back next year to try and steal our trophy!



Life in cricket – 60 years on

By Phil Harris

Now at 61 (not out) years of age it could be argued that my best playing days are well behind me.

The truth is, however, today there is more cricket available to me as an over 60 year old, than at any other time in my playing career. The big challenge is to keep match fit, so my body is able to do all the things that my brain still tells me I can.

Playing at The Willows six or so games each year is only a small part of my season these days. On Saturday I still play 40 over club cricket for Heathcote 4th Division; and yes I am considerably older than my team mates but as long as I am scoring runs they seem happy enough.

In February each year the Honest Trundlers (Australia) turn up for their annual South Island tour, which could involve playing two to six games for them. A few weeks earlier there is the Over-60 Provincial Tournament in Wellington, playing four more games (if selected) and hopefully defending our title. A good showing here could also result in selection for the New Zealand side to compete in a tournament in Australia later in the year.

Then there are the away tours, last year to Singapore, UK and Holland for a 30 day tour with several other Willows players, and this year to Queensland with the Heathcote Travellers.

So the motivation to keep playing has never waned and as I close in on two milestones, namely 2,000 runs for The Willows and 10,000 runs for Heathcote there are ample incentives to stay playing.

While reaching these targets will be personally satisfying it is only a small factor in why I continue to play. It is much more about the wonderful characters we play with and against and the life-long friendships made - that is the real gold.

Involvement at The Willows also provides an opportunity to give something back. We can hopefully teach the next generation of players some skills and lessons that will improve their game while keeping the spirit of cricket alive.

When The Willows was formed in 1994 I was only a couple of years away from finishing my cricket career. I remember fellow Willower John Gardner giving me some great advice – “Phil as you get older and struggle to play in your current grade, if you wish to keep playing and remain competitive, simply drop down a grade”.

So here I am, 25 years on, loving the game as much as ever. While playing the youth sides at The Willows can be a major struggle some days, it is still great fun and hopefully I can continue in the game for a few more years at least.

NZ Over-50s v Riverina (NSW) at The Willows

It was with pleasure that The Willows Club was able to host the above two teams. This fixture formed part of the New Zealand Over-50s warm-up for the pending and inaugural Over-50s World Cup to be held in Sydney from mid-November to early December 2018. It was also the first occasion that pink balls had been used at The Willows.

Players were welcomed on a northwest day and our visitors were quite surprised with winds rising to in excess of 100kms an hour by mid-afternoon and then dropping to zero within a matter of moments.

It was agreed that the New Zealand team would bat first and at the conclusion of the allowed 45 overs they were 185 for 9. Noteworthy

partnerships exceeding 50 were produced by Robbie Kerr and Nigel Fletcher, and then Robbie with Dave Fulton. Richard Petrie also batted well towards the end of the innings scoring 21 off 16 balls.

In reply, the Riverina team struggled against a very steady bowling attack. A highlight for visiting player Peter Stimpson, an ex South Sydney Rabbitohs rugby league representative, was hitting Willows member, Andrew Nuttall, for two huge sixes. One carried the pavilion from the far side of the block. An estimated shot exceeding 100 metres. Despite this excellent innings Riverina were dismissed in the 40th over for 132. Left arm spinners Hamish Kember and Andrew Nuttall dominated the dismissals.

New Zealand Over-50s 185/9

Craig Gibb 20, Nigel Fletcher 20, Robbie Kerr 55, Dave Fulton 33, Richard Petrie 21, Ian Grigg 4/25

Riverina 132

Pete Stimpson 45, E Koetz 21, T Willis 29, Andrew Nuttall 4/31, Hamish Kember 3/9



The Willows well represented at the Over-60 Provincial Cricket Tournament

*Petone Recreation Ground, Wellington
3rd – 7th February 2019*

Report by Phil Harris

The Willows were well represented with eleven members in the Canterbury Over-60 side playing in the 4th edition of this event. Canterbury had previously won the title in 2017 and 2018, and with what looked like an even stronger squad this year it was no surprise we were expected to perform well again.

The format of the event is that each team plays three other provinces in round robin games, who plays who decided on rankings from the previous year, with the two top sides playing a final.

First up Canterbury played Central Districts, and when Skip Masefield won the toss he had no hesitation in batting first. On the back of our top 3 batsmen all reaching their 40 retired we amassed a very useful 228 runs in our 40 overs. The bowlers then did their job as we restricted CD to 179.

Langrope, Inglis, Harris all 40 retired, Hugh Wright 29 and Langrope 3-14, Ryan 3-31, Masefield 2-31.

Game 2 was against Otago (last year's beaten finalist) in what we expected to be our strongest opposition. However when their captain won the toss and asked us to bat the game was effectively over. Danny Langrope powered to his 40 in very quick time setting up the platform and all that followed kept the momentum going. We amassed a very impressive 280 in our 40 overs. Our bowlers were tidy again as we strangled the Otago batting line up and they could only manage 165.

Langrope, Harris, Deans, Wilson all 40 retired, Hamish Wright 31 and Gray 1-21.

Game 3 then was against a strong Northern Districts team, and when Bob Masefield won the toss again it was no surprise we batted. Danny Langrope was dominant again opening, supported brilliantly by Hugh Wright with another solid effort from Harris as we posted a competitive 230 in 40 overs. While the ND side had a powerful batting line up we managed to secure vital wickets at crucial times and restricted them to 179; to secure our 3rd straight final appearance.

Langrope, Hugh Wright, Harris all 40 retired, Nuttall 37 and Gray 2-18, Wilson 2-18.

With two teams, Otago and Northern Districts, each with two wins there was some delay in announcing that the other finalist would be ND qualifying by 0.4 of a run on a count-back. So in a repeat of the game just played, we met them in the final to decide the Champion.

We remained confident and kept to our game plan. The Skip won the toss and we batted first. However an injury from the previous day meant Danny Langrope was unable to open the batting so a quick shuffle saw Mike Mehaffey promoted to start with Hugh Wright. Despite this late change both men reached the 40 retired as did Harris at No.3 – a good foundation was laid. ND however stuck to their task, took wickets late in our innings, and we ended on 220 – a score we thought was 10-20 runs light. Still runs on the board in a final are key so it was “game on”.

Their opening bat promptly put our opening bowlers to the sword scoring a very fast 40, and in doing so set up ND to be on parity with our scoring rate throughout their innings. Others followed suit. While our slow bowlers, especially Tony Gray and Andrew Nuttall, did a superb job of slowing the run rate with just two overs to go ND only needed 13 runs to win. In our favour they were effectively eight down so whatever happened it was going to be close. Trevor Thornton was charged with bowling the penultimate over which he did with great control and calmness as ND scored just five singles. So 8 to win and 7 to tie off the last over – given to Robbie Deans – a pretty useful guy to have in a real pressure situation.

Their number eight drove his first ball into a gap to secure two runs but was cleaned bowled next ball to expose their last batsman. A single off the next two balls, the second ball being a dropped catch, left them 4 to get off two balls. Robbie bowled a pearler, swing and a miss bringing us to the last ball. 4 required to win or 3 to tie. A big swipe across the line saw the ball fall into a gap at mid-wicket. By the time the throw got to the bowler the batsmen were crossing for a third. Although Robbie could have walked two paces to the wicket and run the batsman out by half the length of the pitch – in the heat of the moment he threw the ball to our keeper Hugh Wright, and despite requiring a jump to collect Robbie's throw, was able to do so and run the batsman out by a metre.

Final score then - 220 v 219. Another title to Canterbury, in a game then none of us will ever forget.

Hugh Wright, Mehaffey, Harris all 40 retired, Nuttall 30 n.o. and Thornton 2-35.

The tournament will be hosted in Christchurch in 2020, with games to be played at Hagley Oval and surrounding grounds. It was due to the excellent efforts of Lance Ryan and the support of CCA that our bid to host was accepted.

The Willows were represented by the following players, an asterisk (*) represent those selected for the New Zealand squad to play in Adelaide in November 2019: Robbie Deans*, Tony Gray*, Phil Harris*, Graeme Inglis*, Bob Masefield*, Andrew Nuttall*, Lance Ryan, Craig Thiele, Trevor Thornton, Jeremy Wilson, Hamish Wright* and Hugh Wright*.

Congratulations to all involved and to those receiving national selection.

Long lost Straggler found after 53 years

By Andrew Nuttall

The Assistant Groundsman played in London in 1965 when he was working for the Electrolux group launching an air cushioned lawn mower. He played for Southgate and was based at the delightful Walker ground, as well as London New Zealand Cricket Club.

Mike was invited to join the Stragglers and played two or three games before being transferred to Australia. He very much enjoyed his games which were fiercely fought and felt that he was invited because, at the time, the Stragglers were short of a wicket-keeper. Mike has felt very privileged to hear of the progress of the Stragglers over the decades.

The Stragglers were founded in India in the 1920s by the British Army, the original qualification being to have played cricket "East Of Suez".



▲ Stragglers tie presented to Mike Dormer by Andrew Nuttall in November 2018.

An awe-inspiring feat of endurance

In 1938 at the tender age of 22 years, Sir Len Hutton made the then record Test score of 364 runs against Australia at The Oval. One of the accounts of the marathon innings (over 13 hours at the crease) comes from journalist Rob Bagchi written in *The Cricketer* (August 2018).

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Managing Editor Huw Turbervill has kindly given permission to print extracts from the Bagchi article.

Background

- This was the fifth Test of the series; previously there had been two draws, an abandonment and an Australian win at Headingley
- It was a timeless Test match, played on plumb wicket and it commenced on Friday 19 August 1938.
- Batting first, England scored 903 for 7 (from 336 overs) and bowled out Australia twice to win by an innings and 579 runs

Now Rob Bagchi picks up the story of the Hutton innings:

"It is true that the pitch favoured the team batting first, and so did Don Bradman's wager on winning the toss by selecting just three frontline bowlers. Injury deprived him of his only genuine quick hence he relied on his wrist-spinning strikeforce of the master, Bill O'Reilly and the more capricious Chuck Fleetwood-Smith.

Once he had called incorrectly, Australia's captain must have feared the worst, but even the most abject pessimist could not have conceived what was to follow. It was a gloomy August morning and the ground was a shade over half-full on the first day of the football season. Hutton, back in the team after breaking his



finger, opened with Bill Edrich, who was trapped leg-before by O'Reilly playing across the line for 12. Enter Maurice Leyland, in his first Test for 18 months. There was no time limit on the game and the pitch had been prepared accordingly. Audacious batting and entertaining the crowd brought no extra dividend so Hutton and Leyland grimly set about their business.

When Hutton had made 40, Fleetwood-Smith's flight lured him down the pitch, but the ball skidded past his edge and he was stranded a year out of his ground. Had the wicketkeeper, Ben Barnett, not fumbled his take and missed the

stumping on 40, Hammond's unbeaten 336 from Auckland in 1933 would have survived as the best Test score.

After tea on the Saturday, when Hutton had made 140, he skipped down the track again and lofted O'Reilly over mid-on for four. Immediately Hammond walked on to the balcony and told him, using the universal language of mime, to rein it in (Sunday was the rest day).

A much bigger crowd, not put off by heavy skies nor the newspapers' palpable distaste, gathered on Monday morning to watch Hutton and Leyland turn the screw.

Leyland batted on for 100 minutes before falling for 187, Hammond attacked briefly then played himself in after lunch when the new ball was taken and although he never explicitly told Hutton to carry on playing cautiously, the admonition from Saturday night was unambiguous and there was no discussion of raising the tempo. In the final session, before bad light stopped play, Hutton first passed Tip Foster's 287 from 1903, the previous England best in an Ashes Test, and then brought up his triple-century.

There were almost three hours more to go on the Tuesday, and first he gingerly passed the 334 Bradman made in 1930 at Headingley by cutting Fleetwood-Smith for four, and then surpassed Hammond's record. "Thank God that's over," Hutton reported the umpire 'Fanny' Walden saying, and admitted he felt like adding "Amen to that". Someone had brought a cornet into the ground and played 'For he's a jolly good fellow' and the crowd sang along. Every Australian shook his hand.

He was finally out at 2.30pm, caught at cover, and was met at the top of the steps by Leyland, who led him through the Long Room to the bar and ordered two bottles of champagne, "one for me and one for thee". He doesn't record whether he drank all or any of it, because he was back on the field a couple of hours later where, with Jack Fingleton and Bradman unable to bat, England bowled Australia out twice in 86 overs to complete the annihilation".

Hellenic superstriker

Enjoying some backyard cricket at her home in Athens, Greece is 7-year old Isabella Hutton. Her batting stance indicates much promise.

Isabella's cricket pedigree is legendary with both her grandfather and great-grandfather playing cricket for England. The latter being none other than Sir Len Hutton (79 tests, 6,971 runs at an average of 56.67). See page opposite for the story of his record innings against Australia in 1938.



Vignettes

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Advice for Managers

"Being the manager of a touring team is rather like being in charge of a cemetery – lots of people underneath you, but no one listening."

– Wes Hall (48 test caps for the West Indies)

For Captains

"I absolutely insist that all my boys are in bed before breakfast."

– Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie explaining how Hampshire won the County Championship under his captaincy

For Opening Batsmen

"Get a single down the other end and watch someone else play him."

– Geoffrey Boycott (108 tests for England), when asked how best to deal with Glenn McGrath

For Off-Spinners

"When you're an off-spinner there's not much point glaring at a batsman. If I glared at Vivian Richards he'd just hit me even further."

– David Acfield, 420 first-class games

Classic Johnners

For nearly fifty years Brian Johnston (nickname Johnners) was the voice of cricket on BBC television and radio. Famous for such audio clips as *The 'Legover' Giggle*; *The Bowler's Holding, the Batsman's Willey*; *Illingworth Relieving Himself*; and *Turner and One Ball Left* here are a couple more gems about the ultimate sports journalist...

An Idea for the Scorers

Brian suggested on Test Match Special that if batsman and wicketkeeper missed a ball from that fine Indian spinner Bishen Bedi, any runs should be recorded as 'Bedi byes'.

The Cake Prank

On one occasion Brian set up colleague Alan McGilvray beautifully. "Have a piece of this delightful chocolate cake, McGillers", Johnston said on air in his famously informal way. Then, as McGilvray was happily chewing a large mouthful, Johnston announced: "Now, for a description of that last dismissal, I hand you over to Alan ...".

Another Johnners Set-Up

Jonathan Agnew was asked once to do a live ten-minute television interview with Fred Trueman and Jack Bannister about England's dearth of fast bowlers. Bannister was distinctly uncooperative while Trueman started rambling on about damp courses and salmon fishing. Agnew was perspiring freely as the head of BBC TV cricket yelled in his earpiece that it was the worst interview he had ever seen. It was only afterwards that Agnew learned that the whole episode had been a practical joke lovingly arranged by Johnners.

A Lesson from the Australians

At the 1993 Oval Test against Australia, Graham Gooch fielded at short leg for the first time in years. After England had batted first, Gooch stifled Australia's reply by catching both Michael Slater and David Boon in that position. Afterwards Gooch said to Boon: "I'm glad that you blokes fielded first because I didn't know where to stand. But your footprints were out there, so I stood exactly where you did. I didn't even have to move – you hit it straight to me!"

A Brief Encounter

After getting the wicket of Craig McDermott in the 1991 Perth Test, Phil Tufnell heard the Australian fast bowler snarl, "You've got to bat on this in a minute. Hospital food suit you?" When Tufnell nervously came out to bat with England in disarray, he faced a monster ball from Merv Hughes that reared up from a length, caught him on the top of the thumb and went through for a catch. To Tufnell's horror, the umpire seemed on the point of rejecting the appeal, so Tufnell wailed, "Ow, my thumb. I think I've broken my thumb". The umpire took the hint and raised his finger, allowing Tufnell to return to the safety of the pavilion 'not a moment too soon'.

Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	SWI
Abbott, R.E.	12	2	199	19.9	-	129	22	518	18	28.8	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.	7	1	363	60.5	1	11	1	45	2	22.5	-
Bartholomeusz, C.G.	5	3	272	136.0	1	8	3	23	2	11.5	-
Bartholomeusz, L.D.	5	1	175	43.8	1	4	0	16	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.	42	7	1359	38.8	2	35	2	256	3	85.3	-
Brooks, G.N.	17	2	562	37.5	-	34	3	147	4	36.8	-
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.K.	11	4	144	20.6	-	84	9	371	26	14.3	2
Cusack, D.R.	40	7	1224	37.1	1	10	1	45	1	45.0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	34	5	916	31.6	-	9	1	40	1	40.0	-
Davis, S.J.	39	13	397	15.3	-	295	43	1134	60	18.9	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.	22	7	377	25.1	-	85	8	375	14	26.8	-
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.	17	2	417	27.8	-	10	0	53	2	26.5	-
Dowds, D.P.	31	4	975	36.1	1	95	4	495	14	35.4	-
Dunne, R.M.	20	8	700	58.3	-	87	12	303	14	21.6	-
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.	73	17	1816	32.4	3	287	36	1174	51	23.0	-
Harrison, T.	20	4	655	40.9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	28	5	541	23.5	-	209	24	869	47	18.5	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	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	SWI
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	-	117	24	350	23	15.2	-
Hill, F.	10	1	350	38.9	1	54	9	253	15	16.9	-
Hudson, M.G.	17	2	361	24.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	60	10	1310	26.2	1	176	21	740	32	23.1	-
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.	39	16	1819	79.1	7	164	20	551	46	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.	11	0	112	10.2	-	106	24	295	20	14.8	1
Marsh, N.E.	9	8	18	18.0	-	98	22	312	22	14.2	-
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.	52	7	1244	27.6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	62	7	1445	26.3	2	293	27	1261	60	21.0	-
McEwan, R.P.	32	7	118	4.7	-	186	17	811	23	35.3	-
McFedries, A.G.	36	5	760	24.5	-	272	30	1141	32	35.7	1
McGuire, R.D.	40	19	665	31.7	-	376	36	1501	71	21.1	1
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	-	126	30	419	22	19.0	-
McRae, A.R.	29	7	728	33.1	-	85	9	343	12	28.6	-
Miller, G.A.	27	5	566	25.7	1	1	0	14	1	14.0	-
Miller, P.	20	2	695	38.6	1	92	6	354	21	16.9	-
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mugford, C.	16	2	462	33.0	-	72	9	273	10	27.3	-
Murray, F.D.J.	15	0	322	21.5	-	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.	74	36	928	24.4	-	908	222	2425	221	11.0	2
O'Connell, C.P.	10	4	167	27.8	-	73	7	313	18	17.4	-
Parr, M.J.	22	3	405	21.3	-	190	27	675	33	20.5	-
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.	20	5	210	14.0	-	174	11	673	27	24.9	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.	47	10	384	10.4	-	13	0	104	1	104.0	-
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	0	364	19.2	-	5	0	30	0	-	-
Savill, C.M.	33	8	412	16.5	-	34	0	216	10	21.6	-
Singleton, M.J.	26	1	507	20.3	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Stewart, G.J.	30	6	413	17.2	-	217	30	756	55	13.7	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	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Vann, D.B.	14	2	357	29.8	1	54	4	221	7	31.6	-
Vedder, D.W.	13	5	25	3.1	-	87	11	339	16	21.2	-
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.	34	5	527	18.2	-	45	1	270	9	30.0	-
Wilson, R.T.	24	8	422	26.4	1	98	7	464	15	30.9	-
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	-



▲ Before February.



▲ After February.

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	-	-
2018/19	20	11	8	-	1
Total	569	360	189	3	16

Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Avg Total	Wkts	Avg/Wkt
1994/95	13	2,702	207	105	25.7
1995/96	15	2,930	195	100	29.3
1996/97	16	3,007	187	106	28.3
1997/98	19	4,306	226	128	33.6
1998/99	17	3,584	210	134	26.7
1999/00	18	3,128	173	145	21.5
2000/01	22	5,149	234	162	31.8
2001/02	21	4,053	193	152	26.7
2002/03	21	4,304	204	134	32.1
2003/04	22	4,757	216	170	28.0
2004/05	22	4,525	206	162	27.9
2005/06	26	5,506	211	210	26.2
2006/07	25	4,410	176	210	21.0
2007/08	28	6,218	222	207	30.0
2008/09	25	5,688	228	180	31.6
2009/10	26	5,654	217	208	27.1
2010/11	24	5,309	221	176	30.1
2011/12	26	5,133	197	208	24.6
2012/13	26	5,780	222	196	29.5
2013/14	26	5,090	195	194	26.2
2014/15	26	5,654	217	197	28.7
2015/16	26	5,040	194	214	23.5
2016/17	24	4,238	176	166	25.5
2017/18	24	4,652	193	197	23.6
2018/19	20	3,578	178	160	22.3
Total	558	114,395	205	4,221	27.1

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	100	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	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	P.Miller	101	v Marlborough Boys' College	24.03.19
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07	M.Newton-Vesty	102	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08	C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
P.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03	S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
D.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canterbury Secondary Schools	11.03.01	S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02	S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05	J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07	M.Reid	100	v King's High School	10.12.17
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys' College	13.10.14
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
C.Hill	101	v St Bede's College	20.01.19	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



▲ Presentation after the Christ's College match.

Honours – Bowling (Maximum 10 overs)

C.K.Curnow	8-21	v St Bede's College	08.02.16
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley Boys' High School	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	09.02.05
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Combined North-West Schools XI	04.12.11
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
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.Younghusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
R.D.Burson	5-30	v London NZ CC	14.12.14
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	12.03.00
R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
C.K.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18
A.J.Hastlow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	01.03.15

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

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

Lowest Team Scores

For	54	v Otago Boys' High School	01.11.09
	62	v Sri Lanka Under-21	14.11.09
	63	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
Against	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
	46	by St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01

Batsmen – 1,000 runs

Season achieved

2004/05	P.D.Harris
2005/06	D.W.Bond
2005/06	D.R.Cusack
2006/07	P.E.McEwan
2008/09	G.D.Inglis
2015/16	D.P.Kelly
2016/17	B.J.K.Doody
2016/17	T.P.McConnell

Bowlers – 100 wickets

Season achieved

2005/06	A.J.Nuttall
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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.K.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
2018/19	A.Redfern	115*	v The Willows

49ers Cup

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

1998/99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Wanganui Collegiate School
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College
2008/09	Shirley Boys' High School
2009/10	Otago Boys' High School
2010/11	Christ's College
2011/12	Ashburton College
2012/13	Nelson College
2013/14	Waimea College
2014/15	Christ's College
2015/16	Waitaki Boys' High School
2016/17	St Andrew's College
2017/18	King's High School (Dunedin)
2018/19	Southland Boys' High School

Visitor Honours 2018/19 Season

A.Redfern	115*	for Christchurch Boys' High School
M.Paltridge	108 ret	for Southwest Schools XI



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