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2019/2020



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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”

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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**

Lt-Gen. The Rt Hon. Sir Jerry Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, KStJ

## **President**

Hon. N.R.W.Davidson, QC

## **Past Presidents**

W.J.Mitchell (1994–2003)

Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM (2003–2019)

## **Founders**

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

## **Management Committee**

Hon. N.R.W.Davidson, QC (Chair)  
S.J.Davis  
B.L.Dormer  
P.D.Harris  
A.R.McRae  
A.J.Nuttall  
A.J.Sheard  
Mrs D.Woodward

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## **Life Members**

R.J.Cowles  
V.B.Cusack  
P.C.Devlin  
Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM  
R.D.Hayward  
Mrs J.McEwan  
P.E.McEwan  
Mrs I.McRae  
J.A.McRae  
W.J.Mitchell  
D.O.Neely, MNZM, MBE  
P.D.Rutledge  
A.J.Sheard  
J.G.Stringleman

## **Associated Clubs**

S.J.Davis  
A.J.Nuttall

## **Team Selection**

P.D.Rutledge  
Match Captains

## **Match Co-ordinator**

P.D.Rutledge

## **Youth Tour Co-ordinator**

P.E.McEwan

## **Hon. Secretary**

A.R.McRae

## **Hon. Treasurer**

A.J.Sheard

## **Membership Secretary**

Mrs I.McRae

## **Hon. Statisticians**

P.D.Harris  
W.J.Mitchell

## **Hon. Photographers**

C.K.Baker  
R.D.Hayward

## **Annual Report**

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

## **Webmaster**

V.Egyed

## **Hon. Chaplain**

Rev Fr B.G.Cummings, SM

## **Groundsman**

P.C.Devlin

# Membership

The members roll at 31 March 2020 stood as follows:

Playing	334
Non-Playing	252
Overseas	107
Honorary	82
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Total Membership	775

## Playing Members (334)

*Year of entry precedes name*

03	Abbott, R.E.	17	Clark, N.C.	19	Evans, M.L.
06	Agnew, T.W.	06	Coffey, S.T.	06	Farrant, M.D.
12	Allcock, M.J.	99	Coll, J.P.	14	Finnie, C.S.F.
97	Allott, G.I.	10	Collins, M.	14	Finnie, G.
03	Ambler, K.R.	19	Cooke, N.C.	18	Fitzgerald, C.
18	Andrew, W.	16	Cooper, S.	17	Fleming, B.D.
15	Arnold, C.J.	18	Cornelius, W.	18	Fletcher, N.
07	Barry, J.V.	17	Costello, R.S.	19	Foulkes, G.
07	Bartholomeusz, L.D.	06	Cowlishaw, A.J.	18	Foulkes, L.R.B.
13	Bayly, R.	98	Cunliffe, J.J.	16	Frew, J.
20	Beale, T.	14	Curnow, C.C.	15	Frew, R.M.
06	Belliss, C.J.	19	Curtis, O.	14	Frost, M.F.
13	Benton, J.A.T.	94	Cusack, D.R.	00	Fulton, D.H.
17	Beveridge, J.	11	Cutts, R.E.	16	Fulton, J.
95	Bisman, C.W.	98	d'Auvergne, P.G.	95	Fulton, P.G.
13	Blair, B.A.	98	Davidson, J.A.F.	17	Fulton, T.
16	Blake, G.	16	Davis, G.	09	Gale, A.J.
98	Bond, D.W.	94	Davis, S.J.	20	Germon, L.G.
02	Bond, S.E.	16	Davison, H.	18	Gibb, C.J.
17	Boorer, G.	13	Day, H.W.	15	Gilbert, S.
13	Boyle, J.C.T.	20	Derham, W.	17	Glynn, J.M.
19	Boyle, M.	08	Devine, P.B.	17	Graham, C.
19	Bradley, J.	16	Dickie, B.J.	18	Grant, S.
12	Braid, T.J.	13	Dickson, G.J.	11	Gray, A.H.
19	Bridgman, J.	15	Dickson, P.N.	04	Grigor, I.M.
95	Brooks, G.N.	16	Dobson, J.	09	Grocott, T.M.
18	Buckley, F.	13	Doherty, B.P.	12	Haig, A.D.
20	Buist, Z.	95	Doody, B.J.K.	11	Hamilton, R.J.V.
16	Bungard, M.	00	Doody, T.J.D.	17	Hamilton, W.
18	Bungard, Q.	94	Dormer, B.L.	09	Hampton-Matehe, T.
18	Bungard, R.	18	Drake, R.	19	Harper, L.
15	Burnett, A.	16	Drayton, A.	94	Harris, B.Z.
16	Burnett, S.	09	Duncan, J.D.	18	Harris, J.
17	Burns, K.	17	Dunlop, T.	94	Harris, P.D.
00	Burrows, D.L.	97	Dunne, R.M.	10	Harrison, T.
94	Burson, R.D.	18	Duston, W.D.M.	20	Hart, H.
20	Butler, J.A.	11	Eastlake, M.G.	17	Hartland, B.R.
20	Campbell, C.	16	Ebrahim, D.	19	Hastie, K.J.
16	Chapman, L.	99	Ellis, A.M.	00	Hastlow, A.J.
17	Chu, M.W.	01	Ellis, A.M.	01	Hawes, F.C.
16	Clark, L.	16	Entwistle, B.	16	Hay, M.J.

14	Hay, M.W.	95	McCarthy, P.B.	19	Redfern, A.
16	Heenan, A.	16	McCaw, R.H., <i>ONZ</i>	09	Reed, G.I.
18	Hemingway, J.	19	McClellan, T.E.	17	Reekers, D.J.
14	Hill, C.	12	McConnell, T.P.	08	Reese, A.
14	Hill, F.	16	McDonald, T.	16	Reid, M.
13	Hill, N.H.	19	McDuff, A.L.	03	Rennell, C.P.
09	Hinton, C.R.	08	McEwan, M.B.	16	Rennie, J.
16	Hooper, C.J.	94	McEwan, P.E.	19	Restieaux, F.
16	Hooper, R.	09	McEwan, R.P.	09	Richards, J.M.
15	Horne, P.	95	McFedries, A.G.	10	Robertson, H.S.
16	House, M.	14	McGuire, J.A.	16	Robson, C.
15	Howell, G.A.	98	McGuire, R.D.	16	Roddens, C.R.
95	Hudson, M.G.	16	McGuire, S.P.	18	Rohland, M.
19	Hughes, R.	12	McHardy, S.	06	Rowe, A.J.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	09	Rowe, M.P.
15	Hunt, K.	95	McRae, A.R.	19	Ruske, M.
20	Hunter, J.	14	Michel, B.	95	Rutledge, P.D.
94	Inglis, G.D.	19	Middlemiss, J.	15	Ryan, H.M.H.
11	Inglis, S.B.	19	Middleton, T.J.	15	Ryan, L.P.
20	Irvine, J.G.	16	Millar, M.	06	Ryan, P.D.
20	Johnson, N.	16	Miller, C.	18	Sail, H.
08	Johnston, L.H.	14	Miller, P.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.
01	Johnston, M.T.	19	Mockford, I.	14	Scott, K.B.
17	Johnston, T.	17	Mockford, J.	19	Sheahan, R.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	18	Mohammady, N.	14	Sheat, F.W.
16	Jordan, W.	06	Morgan, R.	19	Sherriff, S.E.
11	Kelly, D.P.	14	Mugford, C.	13	Shiple, H.
20	Kelly, J.G.	19	Muir, T.R.	19	Sidey, A.H.
11	Kelly, M.J.	19	Munro, M.	18	Sidey, C.
20	Khan, J.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	18	Singh, A.
18	Kinney, I.	16	Murray, L.	09	Singleton, M.J.
14	Kirk, H.S.T.	15	Music, T.	17	Smith, D.
16	Kneebone, M.	00	Nathu, A.	13	Stanley, D.D.
12	Knight, P.	16	Newton-Vesty, M.C.	19	Stayt, B.C.
05	Langrope, B.J.	10	Neynens, C.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
08	Latham, T.W.M.	08	Nicholls, H.M.	09	Stewart, G.J.
01	Leggat, J.E.	03	Noster, F.R.	20	Stoffiers, R.
20	Lidstone, N.	06	Noster, S.N.	17	Stove, L.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	01	Stretch, G.B.
18	Lieschke, J.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	13	Stretch, M.G.
17	Lockrose, B.N.J.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	09	Sutton, T.G.
01	Loe, H.F.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	11	Tait, M.J.
04	Lonsdale, W.M.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	09	Tapper, J.H.
15	Lyons, W.G.J.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	10	Taylor, R.J.
11	Mably, B.J.	17	O'Leary, C.I.H.	14	Taylor, T.C.
12	Mably, D.R.	19	Paltridge, M.	17	Tempero, R.P.
06	MacFarlane, B.S.	19	Paltridge, N.N.A.	99	Thompson, K.G.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	98	Parr, M.J.	00	Thornton, T.F.
16	Macfarlane, W.M.L.	06	Patel, M.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
11	Macgregor, A.J.	94	Pawson, J.D.	16	Turpie, R.
19	Mariu, R.	94	Pawson, S.J.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
12	Marsh, D.	02	Peacock, M.D.	11	Vann, D.B.
10	Marsh, N.E.	18	Petrie, R.G.	15	Vedder, D.W.
94	Masefield, R.V.	17	Prain, G.	12	Wakefield, D.J.
99	Masefield, T.J.	20	Price, M.	03	Walker, R.L.
16	Mauger, G.	16	Punselie, S.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	17	Rapley, P.	10	Ward, B.R.
18	Mayo, H.	17	Rapson, B.J.	95	Ward, J.
18	McBreen-Smith, L.	18	Ravenscroft, T.	19	Watson, J.
02	McCarthy, G.P.	15	Read, K., <i>ONZM</i>	09	Watson, J.M.
19	McCarthy, J.	00	Reardon, P.H.	20	Webb, C.

18	Webb, R.	14	Wilson, H.E.J.	10	Wiseman, P.J.
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.
19	Wheeler-Greenall, B.	16	Wilson, S.W.J.	99	Wright, H.G.
20	White, C.	19	Wilson, T.W.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
14	Williams, B.J.	16	Winchester, H.	08	Wright, H.J.
15	Williams, J.	16	Wingham, M.	05	Wright, N.H.
10	Williams, W.S.A.	16	Wingham, N.		
17	Wilson, A.D.	09	Winter, M.J.C.		

## Non-Playing Members (252)

06	Abbott, R.T.	04	Cosgrove, Hon C.J.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>
94	Aberhart, D.C.	17	Cotton, Ms K.D.	20	Gorton, M.
94	Adams, B.C., <i>QSM</i>	94	Cunliffe, S.M.	10	Gould, G.C.
94	Aldridge, B.L., <i>QSM</i>	17	Cushen, S.	01	Gourdie, A.J.
17	Allison, M.	95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	06	Gray, E.J.
94	Austin, G.K.	94	Davidson, A.F., <i>ONZM</i>	16	Grigg
15	Ave, M.J.	94	Davidson, Hon. Justice N.R.W., <i>QC</i>	96	Grocott, D.J.
14	Averill, C.E.W.	94	Devlin, P.C.	94	Guthrey, P.C.
94	Baker, C.K.	00	Dick, A.E.	94	Hadlee, B.G.
09	Ballantyne, R.M., <i>CNZM</i>	04	Dickey, G.E.	94	Hadlee, D.R.
03	Barnett, D.W.	01	Dickson, I.B.	94	Hadlee, M.J.
06	Barry, V.E.	94	Dolan, P.J.	19	Hall, R.
19	Barton, P.R.M.	94	Dormer, M.E.	95	Hamilton, B.G.
94	Bateman, S.N.	94	Dormer, P.E.	99	Hantz, J.L.H.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	11	Harper, R.G.F.
03	Beer, G.D.	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	15	Harris, Mrs C.
94	Bennett, J.	98	Durning, J.W.	15	Harris, N., <i>QSO</i>
07	Biddick, D.W.	05	Eaton, J.H.M.	15	Harris, Ms R.
94	Blair, K.R.	94	Ebert, R.J.	95	Harrison, R.J.
19	Bolt, B.	01	Eddington, W.L.	94	Hastilow, J.W.
00	Boock, S.L., <i>ONZM</i>	97	Ellis, M.J.	94	Hastings, B.F.
94	Boyle, J.G.	16	Entwistle, D.R.	95	Hastings, M.B.
97	Bremner, M.C.	10	Evans, K.W.	04	Hayward, R.D.
94	Bromley, R.C.	18	Evans, N.L.	02	Hayward, R.E.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	04	Evennett, D.C.	05	Healy, N.
95	Bruce, D.B.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	20	Henderson, J.
04	Buckenham, M.H.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	08	Henry, M.J.
08	Buist, G.T.	98	Fenton, W.R.	94	Hight, C.M.
06	Bull, A.J.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
94	Bull, C.L., <i>MNZM</i>	94	Fisher, M.A.	94	Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R., <i>QSO</i>
94	Bull, J.C.	94	Flanagan, S.P.	12	Howard, S.E.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	08	Fletcher, A.G.	95	Hudson, H.J.
03	Burrett, W.G.	20	Fletcher, R.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
99	Calder, B.L.	14	Ford, L.	94	Ikram, Professor H., <i>ONZM</i>
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	06	Fowler, H.M.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
95	Campbell, A.I.	94	Fox, D.O.	95	Irvine, B.S.
04	Carter, R.	94	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	99	Irving, J.D.
17	Cartridge, Mrs V.	97	Fuller, M.J.	10	Johnstone, N.A.
99	Chisholm, D.H.	98	Fulton, G.H.	06	Jordan, P.H.
00	Chisholm, Hon. Justice L.	98	Galloway, G.N.	98	Judson, R.E.
94	Clark, N.G.	94	Gardner, J.	11	Kennedy, C.P.
16	Clarke, C.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	15	Kennett, H.
20	Clarke, R.	02	Garland, S.P.	99	Kerr, L.H., <i>QSM</i>
03	Colvin, G.G.	20	Gearry, R.M.	10	King, R.H.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	09	Georgieff, R.	16	Kissock, Ms C.
94	Coop, T.A.	18	Gillman, Mrs E.	08	Kos, Hon. Justice J.S.
06	Cooper, Hon Justice M.L.S.	03	Goldstein, M.P.		

94	Lancaster, T.E.	06	Penlington, Hon. Justice P.	94	Stead, G.R.
19	Laughton, B.	94	Phillips, M.K.	19	Stevenson, R.D.
01	Lawson, R.A.	95	Pitcher, A.C.	95	Strack, D.J.
19	Leighton, Mrs C.M.	09	Pithey, R.J.	10	Stringleman, J.G.
09	Lester, S.J.	19	Pittman, T.J.	18	Stuthridge, D.
94	Loe, J.G.	10	Pope, C.D.	99	Taylor, B.J.
94	MacDonald, Mrs D.	19	Preece, R.	20	Taylor, I.
18	MacDonald, K.R.	97	Priest, M.W.	20	Taylor, S.
19	Macfarlane, T.O.B.	17	Prinsep, G.	09	Teale, H.W.
12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.	09	Pulley, D.F.	94	Thiele, C.H.
19	Macpherson, I.	95	Quested, D.M.	11	Thomas, S.T.
01	Malloch, B.E.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
12	Marsh, P.	04	Reid, D.W.	99	Townrow, W.B.
01	Martin, S.D.	95	Roberts, S.J.	07	Veale, J.H.
14	Matthews, Assoc Judge J.G.	98	Robinson, L.M.C., MNZM	94	Wait, E.P.
94	McCallum, Dr A.B.	18	Rose, J.	00	Wake, R.W.
03	McClellan, L.R.	14	Ross, J.L.	16	Wakefield, C.J.
05	McCone, R.J.	14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	17	Wakefield, S.
94	McCourtie, Mrs R.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	94	Wallace, P.E.
94	McDonnell, K.M., JP	09	Rowe, C.A.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
95	McHarg, R.L.	01	Rust, K.N.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
94	McKechnie, B.J.	94	Savill, C.M.	95	Watson, M.
99	McKendry, D.J.	06	Sawers, S.J.	95	Wells, G.R.
98	McKinlay, S.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	14	Whata, Hon. Justice C.N.
02	McRae, J.A.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	14	Whiteside, P.F., qc
95	Miller, G.A.	15	Scott, P.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
94	Mills, D.L.T.	95	Sharp, D.C.	14	Wilby, B.G.
12	Monk, G.B., ONZM	05	Sheard, A.J.	94	Williams, P.R.
05	Moore, G.R.	00	Shiple, A.J.B.	16	Wilson, S.J.
09	Murray, D.N.	20	Sim, R.H.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
03	Newell, M.L.M.	95	Skipper, H.L.	13	Woodward, Mrs D.
11	Newman, P.A.	06	Smail, D.J.R., OBE, TD, DL	97	Wright, J.G., MBE
18	Nichols, G.	95	Smith, G.B.	95	Wright, Dr M.J.
98	Nielsen, T.S.	13	Smith, G.J.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
10	O'Brien, P.D., ONZM	94	Smith, M.J.	19	Wynne, G.E.
14	Orsborn, I.A.	02	Snedden, M.C., CNZM	94	Yardley, K.J.
94	Parker, N.M.	06	Spear, B.G.		
94	Paton, G.C.J.	19	Stayt, P.D.		

## Overseas Members (107)

### AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R.J., AM
05	Barrat, R.
05	Bartholomeusz, C.G.
17	Bayliss-Smith, L.
20	Bettridge, R.P.
12	Boyte, M.R.
15	Burley, D.
15	Cavalier, R.
12	Close, E.M.
95	Davidson, A.K., AM, MBE
05	Deans, S.J.M.
94	Douglass, W.B., ASM
05	Eddington, Sir Rod
94	Eldershaw, J.M.
99	Fisher, T.D.L.
16	Hambleton, C.
15	Harris, R.J.

06	Havercroft, G.
15	Hodge, M.E.A.
17	Hodge, S.F.F.
06	Hodgson, T.L.P
02	Holt, D.W.
94	Innes, J.T.
06	Jones, Dr R.D.M.
12	Katter, Dr D.H., ADC (Hon)(Q), RANR
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.
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.

### CHINA

12	Boyle, D.J.
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### GERMANY

10	McCracken, A.J.
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### HONG KONG

20	Andrews, E.
01	Chandler, J.
06	Fisher, H.M.L.
09	Keir, J.

- 15 Lamplough, G.D.
- 00 Miles, R.J.
- 20 Rajah, T.
- 94 Stearns, N.
- 15 Styles, K.A.
- 17 Tandon, D.
- 15 Watkins, P.J.

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# President's Report

Hon. Nick Davidson, QC

## “Willowers All,”

This is my first report as President of The Willows and I am very conscious of the quarter century of fine Presidential service by John Mitchell and Sir John Hansen. Coming in at Number 3 my role is to guide the Club in transition, in what has become a testing time for sport and our entire way of life. There has been much for me to learn, having been at a distance for some time. My emphasis is on preservation of all that is good about The Willows and securing its future as a crop of dashing young members are padded up, ready to come to the crease.

## Acknowledgements

I thank the school principals, their coaches and cricket managers, with school families, for maintaining standards of performance on and off the field, which preserve the relationship

between their schools and The Willows. I also thank the boards of governors and trustees, for backing cricket when sports compete strongly for participation.

We depend on having enthusiastic and competitive playing members of The Willows and in this we are very fortunate. New members bolster our stocks. The Management Committee has decided that other than Honorary and Overseas membership, there will be one class of 'Membership', with playing members denoted as such, if available for Willows selection. The class of Associate Membership will convert simply to Membership, and thus all who support The Willows will have the same status. The support of all Members is critical to the Club's future, in a financial sense, and in other ways. I hope more Willowers will renew their links and take part in the collegial off field engagement at Jaguar Oval next summer.

Paul Rutledge has borne the brunt of match day selections over several years, a demanding and sometimes vexing position. This year the introduction of Match Managers who have responsibility for selection and management of teams has been tried successfully. They are vital to the future of The Willows as they will maintain the history of the Club and its traditions each match day. The calibre of the Match Managers this year, and those who have already committed to future years, means all games will be played in the same Willows' spirit and tradition.

I thank Isabel McRae our membership secretary, working with husband John. This is no easy task as the membership register attests. We will establish a database over the winter which will ease the load and allow integration of membership data with the accounting software.

Alistair Sheard, our Treasurer, is a great support, always on time with financial reporting. Rex Hayward our omnipresent photographer at The Willows, brings a great deal to the record of the Club, and in his enthusiasm each match day. Jim Stringleman writes our newsletters and is one of the crucial match day co-ordinators at the ground with Di Woodward, at the heart of match day when everything must be just right. Di also liaises with the schools and has established herself very quickly in this role. Peter Devlin is responsible for maintaining the first-class block and wicket and such quality is central to the future of The Willows.

I must thank the members of the Management Committee: Andrew McRae as secretary, Phil Harris who is a stalwart of the Club on and off the field in so many ways, Di Woodward (the first woman on the committee), and Ben Dormer who has brought a familial vitality to The Willows. Sam Davis is a core playing and touring member as is Andrew Nuttall. The committee has been assisted by Jim Stringleman, Adrian McFedries, and Paul Rutledge in co-opted and observer roles. We have taken difficult decisions this year, in particular our response to Covid-19 which we struck at the end of January when the Hong Kong Cricket Club was to play The Willows just as coronavirus was becoming a factor in our lives, but was still poorly understood. We made urgent

inquiries before making the call to play the game but informing our players, those who help at the ground, and schools with scheduled games, of our association with the touring party and its movements. The game proceeded on the principle that everyone involved would know the Hong Kong team's travel history, and all we knew at the time from official sources, taking a lead from schools.

I have learned how much effort and detail goes into the presentation of The Willows' beautiful ground. It is a twelve months labour of love. Peter Devlin is a tireless worker responsible for our excellent playing surface. We have the assistance of two local school pupils Riely and Brooklyn, who help early match day mornings and at the close of play. So much has depended over the years on Founder and "Assistant Groundsman" Mike Dormer (as he describes himself), to fulfil these roles and on occasions he has done so alone, which is a bridge too far. He has been at the ground as early as 6.30am and in the new season the committee will work to ensure that the necessary support is available throughout the long day from early morning until after close of play.

This season match day co-ordination has been shared between Mike Dormer, Di Woodward and Jim Stringleman, and we are looking for one or



▲ Nick Davidson with onlookers at the Old Tablelands XI match, a new fixture this season.



▲ St Hilda's Collegiate School 1st XI.

two others who will commit to this role, to maintain the very high standards of presentation of the ground and hospitality.

Sue Pritchard is our very special caterer each match day. Always cheerful and charming, even under pressure Sue has provided a first class lunch, which adds much to the day as we sit at the refectory tables under the trees. We are very grateful to Sue. Tash in The Pavilion and Wayne on the barbecue, are stalwarts too.

The umpires and scorers are vital to the standards established, and we are indebted to them. They add immensely to the day.

## Cricket

A particular highlight was the first women's game at The Willows between St Hilda's Collegiate of Dunedin and Christchurch Girls' High School. Hamish Loe was instrumental in arranging this, and his daughter Molly played for St Hilda's. These two leading New Zealand teams played excellent cricket, and were a credit to their schools on and off the field. Player of the day was Olivia Gain from St Hilda's. It was a delight to see many supporters from each school, on a fine day, and I hope this is the beginning of a relationship with women's cricket, central to the game worldwide. The presence of St Hilda's Old Girls, Winsome Dormer being one, added to the occasion with the first captain of the St Hilda's 1st XI, Helen Butterfield.

White Ferns captain Amy Satterthwaite and opening bowler Lea Tahuu were our guests, and kindly made the presentations with Sir Richard and Cran Bull.

The season came to an end after the 15 March match against Hutt International which regrettably meant we missed the Waimea College and the Umpires' fixtures.

Of the 23 games played against the schools and visiting teams, 16 were won by The Willows. There were four centuries, three by visiting First XI players, and four bowlers took five or more wickets during the season. The Shadbolt Trophy was awarded to Liam Andrews of Timaru Boys' High School and the '49ers cup was awarded to Christchurch Boys' High School. Well on the way to 2,000 career runs at The Willows are Dave Kelly (1,970) and Phil Harris (1,899), and we look forward to their reaching that milestone. Andrew Nuttall remains the leading wicket taker with 228 wickets and Richard McGuire has had a splendid season with 86 wickets now to his name.

The Kindred Cricket Competition involves more than a dozen clubs similar to The Willows throughout New Zealand. Players over 35 years play very competitive cricket against others of similar age and ability and reconnect with old playing mates and adversaries. Our team defended its Kindred title with outstanding results at the finals weekend in Wellington, including posting over 200 runs in all three T20 finals. Standout players in Wellington were Adam Hastilow and Chris Nicholson who were both selected in the tournament team. The team visited Sydney to play against old friends I Zingari, and new friends the Primary Club. The weather had its say, with torrential rain breaking a 3 year drought, but The Willows won the Primary Club game and great fun was had by all. There is something special about any cricket tour.

Old friends from the Hong Kong Cricket Club and new friends from the Old Tablelands Cricket Club in Martinborough played on two fine summer days. There is a proud tradition about these teams and they set high standards on and off the field. I was fortunate to meet the Hong Kong Cricket Club when touring long ago with many

other Willowers as part of the vaunted Long Hops team. The standard of cricket was high, and very competitive. Winsome kindly made the beautiful Dormer home available for the after-match barbeque.

A youth team represented The Willows against the Wanderers Wellington schoolboys' team on the test pitch at The Basin Reserve, where The Willows won on the last ball of the day, 9 wickets down. Evan Gray did a superb job to organise this fixture, not without difficulty, and we are very grateful to him.

Dan Vann brought a squad of years 7 and 8 boys to the ground including two from Greymouth whose mothers drove them over for the game, leaving at 7.00am. The game and occasion was an immense success.

## Other milestones

The 25th anniversary dinner at St Bede's was a spectacular night. The "founding fathers" were nearly all there, and some 246 attended. Michael Coward, that very distinguished sporting journalist and friend of The Willows spoke with fine mimicry of great commentators, and a wealth of cricket nuggets. He was followed by a tour de force when the Assistant Groundsman spoke for nearly one hour and mentioned every person with conceivable connection to The Willows. There were bravura performances, supported by exceptional musical items from Medbury School and St Bede's, and a special mention is made of music teachers Abi King and Chrissie Badger, and 10 year Oscar Stove.

The dinner was MC'd by Andrew Gourdie, a St Bede's Old Boy, who made for a lively occasion. There were many notable supporters of The Willows at dinner, including our First Willower, Sir Anand Satyanand, Lady Adrienne Stewart, The Hon Lianne Dalziel, and Bishop Paul Martin. Mike Dormer was presented with a sculptural piece entitled "Moving Mountains", which allows placement of a three piece mountain chain in bronze, according to the mountains to be climbed on any given day. That seemed to fit the man. Commemorative caps were presented to nine Willowers who played in excess of 50 games and Adrian McFedries has joined the list

with 51 games and we extend our congratulations to him.

The Children's Christmas Party was a standout on the Sunday before Christmas. There are many to thank for making this a very special day, for Riding for the Disabled, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and the Champion Centre. The overwhelming response from the children, their families and supporters, showed how significant this is for them each year, and in the life of The Willows. Donors help make this day work as it comes at some cost, and I hope there will be further support to keep this very worthwhile tradition alive and thriving. Watch this space.

## Matfen

The two Matfen scholars would have been the 35th and 36th to be hosted by Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett but they have not travelled because of the coronavirus restrictions. Josh McCarthy from St Bede's and Fraser Buckley from St Thomas' missed out on this opportunity, but mindful of that we will look for an opportunity to make up in some way for this disappointment.

## Cricket Live

The association with Alex Reese and Cricket Live is strong, and longstanding. Through cricket it enriches the lives and education of deserving children in Asia. The Willows will support Cricket Live in whatever way it can. 750 children in Sri Lanka need kitting out with their own much prized uniform each year. That costs \$20.00 per child and all Willowers can contribute in this way. I hope to assist Alex in my role as President over the next few years.

## Merrill Fernando

The association with Merrill Fernando and his family of Dilmah Tea fame was highlighted by Merrill's 90th birthday. During the year he received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Massey University, for his services to the global food industry and his close association with Massey. Several Willowers attended a celebratory dinner in Wellington. He sent a typically gracious note after we wrote to

congratulate him. There is a heartfelt association between the Fernando family and The Willows cemented in cricket and personal relationships.

## Sponsors

The sponsors listed on the back page of the Annual Report are crucial to The Willows' financial position. We are extremely grateful and I ask members to note, and support them. This year those sponsors have been supplemented by "match day sponsors" who make a major financial commitment over 3 years. They can attend a chosen fixture with their business and family supporters, to speak to those at the ground, and to be acknowledged. This is a very important component of The Willows' financial position and the initiative of Ben Dormer who made sure it worked as he said it would.

## Conclusion

This Report does not do justice to one year in the life of The Willows. The Report itself is the work of John Mitchell and Richard Cowles, and a great

credit to them. It is a time of transition where the burden that has been shouldered by a few over many years must be shared with others, and it is heartening that we have so many younger members prepared to take on these roles to ensure the continuity of the Club. A Willows Trust was established many years ago independent of the Management Committee, and it is very important in the backdrop to the Club, in an always demanding financial environment. We are based on the proposition that the quality of the cricket and fellowship at The Willows, whether at Loburn or on tour, will be set to the highest standards, and the coming season at The Willows on those seemingly endless summer days is a prospect to brighten all our lives. I hope we see many Willowers and supporters come out for the day. It is an enriching experience.

*Nick*

Nick Davidson  
**President**

▼ The Nelson College 1st XI is welcomed to Jaguar Oval in February.



# Match Reports 2019/20



▲ Beckham Wheeler-Greenall punishes a loose one.



▲ Andy McGregor is bowled.

## v King's High School 1st XI

13th October 2019

**Report by Phil Harris**

After a wet week in Christchurch it was a very green looking pitch and outfield that greeted us for our first game of the season against King's HS from Dunedin. Recent history suggested they would field a strong side, having won three of the last four encounters. This proved to be the case.

We won the toss and against normal protocol decided to field. The skip was confident the right decision was made. With a couple of useful quicks, three quality spinners and very good all-rounders what could possibly go wrong? To start with, nothing at all, as young Nawid picked up two wickets in consecutive balls in his third over to have King's rocking at 7/2. After nine overs Adrian McFedries came on and bowled what should have been a match winning spell only to see four chances go begging in his first 3 overs—how much bad luck could one player have in a day? As a result of these let-offs, a very useful third wicket partnership developed between Marno Potgieter and their captain Beckham Wheeler-Greenall putting on 79 runs. Beckham carried on with several other useful partnerships, growing ever more confident as

his innings progressed and finished retiring for a well-compiled 104.

As the scoring rate accelerated at the back end of their innings, King's eventually posted a very competitive 201 off their 50 overs. A challenge for sure; but if we too could build some good partnerships then I thought we had the talent to get at least close to the target. However that was not the case. King's held on to their catches and we were reduced to 63/6. Adrian's unfortunate day was capped off when he smashed a full toss only to be caught for a duck. Some useful rearguard contributions from Jeremy, Andrew and Nigel gave the scorecard some respectability but in the end we were 56 runs shy, and well beaten. It was a polished performance by the King's High School side.

### *The Willows lost by 56 runs*

#### **King's High School 201/7**

B. Wheeler-Greenall 104 ret, M. Potgieter 27, N. Mohammady 2/30, A. MacGregor 2/30

#### **The Willows 145**

J. Wilson 29, A. Nuttall 28, N. de Maine 23\*, B. Wheeler-Greenall 2/11, K. Hastie 2/16, B. Webber 2/28

#### **Umpires**

M. Wood and K. Cotton

# v Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

20th October 2019

**Report by Ben Dormer**

The Willows welcomed Otago Boys' High School on a lovely spring North Canterbury morning knowing the Club had a real challenge on its hands having only beaten the visitors once in the past eight seasons. With the toss won The Willows took first use with the ball and made full advantage of a pitch that rewarded bowlers for putting the ball in the right places. Canterbury Maori rugby rep Harry MacDonald opened the bowling with a tidy spell and was well supported by his father, former All Black fullback Leon MacDonald (2/15), Chris Mugford (1/20) and Paul Miller (2/16). However the real damage was done

by spinner Mike Peacock who claimed a five wicket bag cleaning out the tail and ending the Otago innings at 104 in the 32nd over.

Another former All Black fullback, Willows captain Ben Blair opened the batting and looked in fine touch before leaving it to current Auckland Blues coach, MacDonald senior (47 not out), to complete the run chase and a rare Willows victory against the boys from Otago.

**The Willows won by 4 wickets**

**Otago Boys' High School 104**

C. Elliot 25, M. Peacock 5/33

**The Willows 108/6**

L. MacDonald 47\*

**Umpires**

R. Wyeth and M. Rohland



▲ An Honours Board performance from Michael Peacock.



▲ The Willows opening pair of Ben Blair and Ben Dormer.



▲ Leon MacDonald at the bowling crease.



▲ Fraser Buckley attacks.



▲ Intense concentration in a tense match.

## v Wellington College 1st XI

27th October 2019

### Report by Paul Miller

Once again it was an honour to captain The Willows against Wellington College. I have played this fixture for the last few years and it is always one of the more challenging and enjoyable matches. Visiting skipper Hugh Morrison won the toss and decided to bowl, which I was more than happy with.

Max Rogers (35 off 31) started the innings in aggressive fashion riding his luck between some wonderful shots. Sam French, batting at three, made a well compiled 69 and held the middle order together. Oscar Jackson played well for his 51 also. Wellington College ended up on 206/8 off their 50 overs. Hugo Davison bowled very well for his 3/45 as did Tom McClean and I can't forget the evergreen and ever dependable Richard McGuire who bowled 8 overs for 15 runs.

At the innings break I thought 206 was a gettable target. Fraser Buckley and myself got The Willows off to a good start; losing Fraser for 25 with the score at 60 in the 12th over. Then unfortunately it was a middle order collapse going from 1 for 60 to 7 for 116. Lachie Stove and Tom McClean started a fightback with a

solid 45 run partnership. However with the loss of Tom at 179 we were in big trouble and ended up getting knocked over for 184. Wellington College bowled very well, with five bowlers all taking wickets. For me it a pleasure batting against Max Petrie, as I played against his father Richard when he was at Sydenham. I can say for sure Max had a little less to say between balls... Max is certainly a talent.

I would like to thank Tim Parlane and Dave Quested for umpiring; it is not often you get two gents of such a calibre standing in the middle. And thanks to Gail McGowan for scoring; she is a delight to have around. The other highlight was once again seeing Nigel de Maine using his 1980's era Duncan Fearnley Magnum cricket bat which was certainly older than all the boys in the Wellington College side and probably half of The Willows side. Well done to Hugh and his team on their victory.

### *The Willows lost by 22 runs*

#### **Wellington College 206/8**

S. French 69, O. Jackson 51, M. Rogers 35, H. Davison 3/45

#### **The Willows 184**

T. McClean 36, P. Miller 36, A. Chandler 3/40

#### **Umpires**

T. Parlane and D. Quested



# v St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI

3rd November 2019

Report by Mike Peacock

On what could have been the hottest day of the summer The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on a good home wicket. The STCC bowlers and fielders were all put to the test in 35 degree heat with the experienced Kelvin Scott and young Matfen batsman Michael Watts at the crease putting on an opening stand of 180. A century from Scott supported by Watts showcased some nice batting. Credit to the STCC bowlers for sticking at it and working hard as a team; very few bad balls were bowled. Opening bowler Nick Price being the most economical, 0/31 off his 9 overs.

Given the mercury hit the mid-thirties around the 20th over, the sprinklers around the block knew what was required in order to cool everyone off and decided to come on! By the time we were able to locate the key to the system to turn them



▲ Quick action required to keep the pitch dry.



▲ Not out!



▲ Kelvin Scott – one of three sixes in his century.

off we had a couple of wet umpires after doing their best to keep the water off the pitch and a match reduced to 45 overs.

Chasing 270 STCC had to get off to a good start. However The Willows opening pair, Nawid Mohammady and Tom Scott, bowled very well and applied the pressure early having them 2/17. The STCC batsman were not able to get going to form any decent partnerships and were all out for 116. STCC old boy Harry Mayo ended with the best bowling figures.

Thanks to all involved in putting the day together. It was great to have some old boys playing against their former school including a sibling battle between the Smail brothers. It was also a privilege to have two Matfen Cricket Club lads playing for The Willows. With such a strong connection between the two clubs it was great to be able to host Michael and Tom and show them what The Willows is all about.

**The Willows won by 154 runs**

**The Willows 270/1** (45 overs)  
K. Scott 100 ret, M. Watts 61 ret

**St Thomas of Canterbury College 116**  
H. Mayo 3/29

**Umpires**  
M. Hill and M. Kidd



▲ Perfect delivery – top of off!



▲ Another cheap Willows dismissal.



▲ Tom Scott picked up two quick wickets.

## v Ashburton College 1st XI

10th November 2019

### Report by Paul Rutledge

The Willows XI won the toss and elected to bat on a greenish wicket. We were soon in early trouble with both openers back in the pavilion with only 12 runs on the board. Wickets tumbled at a fast pace, and we never really recovered from the poor start. Some determined batting from Ryan Cutts and Michael Watts, our Matfen visitor, bought some hope of a middle/lower order revival. However, The Willows were dismissed for just 72 in the 26th over, a disappointing effort.

Bowling for the Mid-Canterbury side, the chief destroyer initially was captain Tom Middleton who took 3/22 and did much to put the The Willows thoroughly on the back foot. Middleton was well supported by Will Jemmett with figures of 2/17 and Angus Jemmett 2/6.

The target of 73 did not challenge the visitors. They made short work of it, getting home with 7 wickets and 38 overs to spare. The Ashburton College openers, D. Flannery and A. Jemmett put on 44 with Flannery finishing on 44 not out, setting up a very comfortable victory.

The rains came just as the match was completed, which was timely. A rained-off drawn fixture would have been unfair on the Ashburton College XI as they had completely out-played the The Willows and thoroughly deserved the victory. The College XI were a credit to their school, families and themselves.

### *The Willows lost by 7 wickets*

#### **The Willows 72**

M. Watts 20, T. Middleton 3/22

#### **Ashburton College 73/3**

D. Flannery 45\*

#### **Umpires**

A. Scott and M. Stapleton-Smith

# v Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI

17th November 2019

**Report by Matt Parr**

It was a pleasure to arrive at the Jaguar Oval on a warm and sunny morning to see the block and wicket looking reminiscent of the early Willows years. It was flat and firm. With a well-balanced and capable side, we were keen to make the most of the tinge of green early on. CBHS were inserted and the ball was singing. Opener Mackenzie Smith was slow but steady and got himself through to 34 before falling. It was tough going for the boys from Straven Road and when keeper-batsman Mitchell McMillan fell at 133/6, the Willowers were feeling optimistic they may have a chance at a rare win. A fantastic partnership by captain Archie Redfern (45) and Angus Sidey (47) salvaged things. They ran and played with intent that had been missing for much of the innings to get Boys' High through to 211/9 off their allotment.

The Willows wickets were taken by A. Nuttall and R. McGuire with useful spells from M. Hay, M. Parr and Paul Miller. A direct hit run out by



▲ Angus Sidey, guns blazing.



▲ Back cut from Archie Redfern.

Dan Vann also helped to dismiss the very dangerous Redfern.

At the break, The Willows side was confident that they would have the batting to chase down the modest total on a good wicket. An excellent opening stand of 85 between Mitchell Hay (58) and Paul Miller (35) made a good dent in the total before CBHS Master in Charge of Cricket, Mitchell Rodden (20) and Matt Hay (29) kept the momentum going. Boys' High hung in tough though. However, a colossal collapse of eight wickets for just 65 runs, squandered the chase and left the Willowers in a position where they managed to grasp a loss from the jaws of victory. Curtis Millard and Stan Ashwin did most of the damage to a frail middle to lower order and Boys' High walked away with a 25-run win and a continuation of a very long run of victories over The Willows.

Despite the disappointing effort from our men, it was great to spend time with familiar faces and old friends and the day was a very enjoyable occasion as usual. We will have another go in 2020. Perhaps a new decade might bring a change in fortune against the blue and black?

## *The Willows lost by 25 runs*

### **Christchurch Boys' High School 211/9**

A. Sidey 47, A. Redfern 45, M. Smith 34, R. McGuire 3/29, A. Nuttall 3/39

### **The Willows 186**

Mitch Hay 58, P. Miller 35, Matt Hay 29, M. Rodden 20, S. Ashwin 3/14

### **Umpires**

M. Wood and D. Miller

# v Northwest Schools XI

24th November 2019

## Report by Adrian McFedries

Northwest Schools XI won the toss and elected to bat in what is a popular fixture for the local combined schools team. The innings had a false start with A. McFedries removing the opener in the first over but then stiff resistance from G. Welford and J. Cowley added 42 runs to rebuild the innings. The Willows bowlers set to their work in the middle overs and five bowlers combined to pick up a wicket each. McFedries secured two run outs leaving Northwest at 90/7. The inevitable wag in the tail proved fruitful with A. Deb (29) and K. Stackhouse (20 not out) lifting Northwest to 138 all out.

The Willows commenced the chase after lunch with a strong opening partnership of 58 runs

between K. Challu and F. Buckley. Northwest Schools XI reacted well and had The Willows 73/3 and 96/4 but solid knocks from McConnell (23), G. Dickson (27 not out) and B. Williams (20 not out) secured victory for the home team.

The fixture was played in fine spirit and the combined Schools XI, under assertive coaching, played a strong game of cricket to challenge The Willows. It is a positive sign for cricket that leavers in the Schools XI will be playing at clubs after leaving school which is terrific for the game.

### *The Willows won by 6 wickets*

#### **Northwest Schools XI 138**

J. Cowley 28, A. Deb 29, A. McFedries 2/17

#### **The Willows 140/4**

F. Buckley 44, G. Dickson 27\*

#### **Umpires**

H. Fowler and A. Askari



▲ A cautious first outing at The Willows.



▲ The trophy remains in the pavilion.

▼ Chris Gibson drives from beneath a Proteas helmet.



## v London New Zealand Cricket Club

1st December 2019

**Report by Ben Dormer**

The London New Zealand Cricket Club was founded by Trevor Campbell at New Zealand House in London during 1951 with the objective of 'providing the opportunity for its members to play and enjoy cricket in the home of the game and to meet socially'. Many Willows members, including Club President, Nick Davidson, have enjoyed the experience of playing for LNZ over the years and The Willows as a result has recognised Trevor Campbell by naming our pavilion at Loburn in his honour.

This season's fixture against LNZ was an afternoon 40-over match preceded by a midday lunch. The Willows launched into a fine batting performance scoring 253 runs. James Richards led the way with an undefeated 79 and was well

supported by Ben Williams 42 and English county representative Gareth Wade with 58.

Richard Maguire then ripped the top out of the LNZ batting with three quick wickets in a lively opening spell. The other bowlers — including Jacob Wolt, Chris Gibson, Stan Woolliscroft and James Richards — all chipped in with further handy wickets and LNZ were finally dismissed for 165. Willower Matt Hudson was the pick of the LNZ batting performance with a very stylish 59 not out. Together with G. Campbell he added a valuable 44 runs in a defiant 8th wicket stand.

**The Willows won by 88 runs**

**The Willows 253/5** (40 overs)

J. Richards 79 ret, G. Wade 58\*,  
B. Williams 42 ret

**London NZCC 165**

M. Hudson 59\*, G. Campbell 25, R. McGuire 3/10

**Umpires**

B. Wellington and A. Scott

# v Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI

8th December 2019

Report by Adrian McFedries

The Marlborough Boys' fixture is always a well-respected one and it was good to welcome the young men from the north. Winning the toss, The Willows elected to bat and set a strong total to chase.

The innings was built on a foundation from K. Challu, a young Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI team member who scored a well-deserved 84. Marlborough bowled consistently led by J. Pannell who claimed both openers. By the close of the innings Challu was helped by solid partnerships with J. Middlemiss, J. Bridgman and M. Singleton all contributing around 20 runs each. We ended at 191/8 off 40 overs.

The post-lunch chase got off to a strong start for The Willows with opening bowlers A. McFedries

and A. Hastilow proving difficult to get away and knocking over both openers in the first two overs. This set the scene for what proved to be a difficult chase for Marlborough Boys' with Hastilow securing 4/8, J. Middlemiss 2/15, and R. Wilson 2/29. The visitors had a strong kick in the tail with a respectable last wicket partnership of 46 by J. Pannell and H. Ruffell but the team was all out for 78.

Wins for The Willows against the lads from Marlborough have been tough to secure so we're sure they will be back in strength next season.

## *The Willows won by 113 runs*

**The Willows 191/8** (40 overs)

K. Challu 84

**Marlborough Boys' College 78**

A. Hastilow 4/8, A. McFedries 2/15,

J. Middlemiss 2/12, R. Wilson 2/29

**Umpires**

D. Miller and M. Wood



▲ Kalhan Challu in dominant form.



▲ Jimad Khan – shot of the day.

# v Hawkswood Wanderers XI

15th December 2019

**Report by Sam Davis**

Over the last 25 seasons The Willows record against arch-frenemies Hawkswood can only be described as dreadful. With only six wins from 25 matches, over the winter The Willows committee decided that enough was enough, and hatched a plan to ensure a win in 2019!

Following the adoption of a new selection process, The Willows assembled a very competitive side to give Hawkswood a decent challenge. With a number of players flying in from various parts of New Zealand, it was a determined and committed Willows XI which took to the field.

Winning the toss The Willows elected to bat first. However, we did not anticipate young Will Prentice steaming in from the 30-yard circle, and dismissing in-form batsmen Kelvin Scott and David Wakefield in the first few overs. At twelve for two, the skipper did start to think that the plan may have backfired!

However, what followed was a number of good solid partnerships anchored by club stalwart Graeme Inglis (47). At 114/5 The Willows was ticking along nicely; that was until Tim McConnell entered the fray and scored a quick fire 38 including nine fours! Adrian McFedries also scored a rapid 38, and The Willows ended the innings with a solid 252/9. The pick of the Hawkswood bowlers was Eddie Norgate with 4/54, but it was an unusually wicketless Andrew Nuttall that was the most surprising.

Despite some good new ball bowling by Matt Parr and McFedries, Hawkswood started well, scoring at almost 8 an over until they lost their first wicket at 36. However, wickets continued to fall consistently with Hawkswood unable to cement any real partnerships, and they were eventually all out for 136 in the 28th over.

And so The Willows had its seventh win over Hawkswood and hopefully what will be the start of a long and successful period! Another great



▲ A rare event – Charles Wiffen having to hand back his trophy.



▲ Will Prentice in full flight.

fixture with our long-time friends from North Canterbury, and we look forward to what next season brings.

**The Willows won by 116 runs**

**The Willows 252/9**

G. Inglis 47, A. McFedries 38\*, T. McConnell 38, R. Dunne 33, G. Howell 22, E. Norgate 4/54

**Hawkswood Wanderers 136**

T. Macfarlane 37, S. Davis 5/20

**Umpires**

T. Medina and P. Williams

# v Southwest Schools XI

5th January 2020

**Report by Jacob Wolt**

It was a pleasure to host a competitive Southwest Schools side, with all but two players from Riccarton High School. The team was ably coached by parent, Paul Bridgman, who had a son in both teams. Furthermore, there were four former Riccarton 1st XI players in The Willows team. The first match after Christmas is not always an easy game to organise so full credit and thank you to the parents for deferring family Christmas holidays to enable their sons to play.

The Willows elected to bat and were soon two down for 11 runs. Tim Bridgman and Jonty Hunter then set about what proved to be a match winning partnership. As their confidence grew so the number of boundaries increased and, when separated, Bridgman was dismissed for a well-compiled 95 and Hunter 75. No other batsmen managed to get going and The Willows struggled to 235/9. Opener Blake Stocks, Riley Hunter and off spinner Nathanael Paltridge were the pick of the bowlers and full credit to the team for bowling, fielding and encouraging each other.

Southwest Schools also lost two early wickets but a patient third wicket partnership between Nathanael Paltridge and Josh Bridgman got them back on track at 80/2. Then enter Nawid Mohammady with the first of his two runouts, a brilliant side-on direct hit to dismiss danger man Paltridge for 56. Joel Lieschke and James Hamilton followed up with seven tight overs apiece and Southwest Schools were dismissed for 157.

The Dave Biddick Trophy was presented to the winning skipper by Dave himself. He coached the Riccarton 1st XI for fifteen years, after an illustrious career at the school. It was a pleasure spending time with him discussing the nuances of cricket and how it prepares young men for life.

**The Willows won by 78 runs**

**The Willows 235/9**

T. Bridgman 95, J. Hunter 75, B. Stocks 3/31,  
N. Paltridge 3/36

**Southwest Schools XI 157**

N. Paltridge 56, J. Bridgman 28, J. Lieschke 3/18,  
J. Hamilton 3/27

**Umpires**

D. Blackstock and D. Miller



▲ Tom McClean – spin exponent.



▲ Cheerful skippers – well done!





▲ Lachie Harper holds nothing back.

## v Christ's College 1st XI

12th January 2020

### Report by Gareth Reed

Batting first, opener Tim McConnell was in no mood to muck around, blasting a quick fire 43 to have The Willows off to a rollicking start. His wicket, caught down the ground by an absolute screamer by Sam Idiens, allowed the CC bowlers to catch their breath. The Willows run rate slowed dramatically thereafter, from 11 an over to less than a run a ball while the Paltridge brothers consolidated the innings. Two excellent and well-timed knocks by Lachie Harper (41) and Keryn Ambler (82), against his own students, carried The Willows through to 276.

The College reply never really gained momentum until the later stages. Senior statesmen Hugo Davison and Richard McGuire schooling their younger opponents with their

guile and experience. At 100/6 the game looked secure, however a captain's knock by Tom McClean (77) — including a six over the pavilion roof — gave his side hope. This followed his three wickets with the ball earlier. The nail in the coffin was delivered by Davison and McGuire, with their second spells ripping through the College tail.

Man of the Match went to Tim McConnell, for setting the tone with both bat and gloves, finishing the day with six catches.

### *The Willows won by 63 runs*

#### **The Willows 276/8**

K. Ambler 82, T. McConnell 43, L. Harper 41, M. Paltridge 34, T. McClean 3/61

#### **Christ's College 213**

T. McClean 77, S. Dixie 43, R. McGuire 5/23, H. Davison 3/32

#### **Umpires**

A. Scott and D. McIlraith



▲ Edge-of-the-seat action for St Bede's.



▲ Matt Boyle tries a wrong'un.

## v St Bede's College 1st XI

19th January 2020

### Report by Paul Miller

It was another blisteringly hot windy day at the Jaguar Oval. If I was a racing man, I would have said the track was fast and the penetrometer wouldn't have even gone down 0.5cm. St Bede's skipper Matt Boyle won the toss and batted.

St Bede's started in aggressive fashion with Riley Stirling and Conor Fyall playing some positive cricket. They put on a 107-run opening partnership. Matt Boyle strode to the crease and proceeded to dominate. Matt played wonderfully and scored all around the wicket and when I made changes to the field, he hit the gaps. It was a delight to watch. Matt made it to an unbeaten century. Stan Woolliscroft bowled his big turning leggies to bamboozle the St Bede's middle order to finish with 4/33. St Bede's ended up on an imposing 281. However, The Willows boys thought this was achievable as the ball went across the outfield like a piece of ice on glass.

It was also great to see Dave Qusted umpire his grandson Ben Trillo. It was ironic that Dave fired Ben LBW. One would suggest the next family gathering may have been a little tense ... I look

forward to seeing Ben and Dave next year! There could be some good banter between the two.

George Gunn and James McSweeney, the opening bowlers for St Bede's, had The Willows in trouble early at 2/32. Then Regan Sheahan and recent old boy Joe Bradley put on a 66-run partnership. Regan went on to make a very well compiled 72; he really missed out on emulating Matt Boyle's 100. Luke Germon also made a very attractive 27. Matt Boyle was the pick of the bowlers with 3/48. The Willows ended up being knocked over for 199.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable day especially for The Willows debutants Will Chun and Mat Burns. It is always an honour being asked to skipper The Willows. As always thanks to everyone who made the day special.

### *The Willows lost by 82 runs*

#### **St Bede's College 281/8**

M. Boyle 101 ret, C. Fyall 57, R. Stirling 57, S. Woolliscroft 4/33

#### **The Willows 199**

R. Sheahan 72, J. Bradley 40, L. Germon 27, M. Boyle 3/48

#### **Umpires**

D. Qusted and R. Combs

# v Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI

26th January 2020

Report by Andrew McRae

On another pleasant day at Loburn the toss was lost and TBHS inserted The Willows team. A solid start from Tim McConnell and Ben Stayt saw us through to 44 before McConnell was cut short. David Kelly came in and pushed on for a solid 41. Wickets were hard to come by for the TBHS team in batsman friendly conditions. The experienced duo of Nigel de Maine and Phil Harris added a partnership of 106 ensuring The Willows reached a respectable but certainly achievable total of 229.

In the field the TBHS team stuck to their task well restricting the flow of runs particularly in the final 10 overs; the true standout being McGregor Isbister with 2/28 from his 10 overs.

The Willows knew that a tidy bowling performance was required. Instead, TBHS played with courage and resilience. An excellent opening stand of 135 between Caleb Donaldson

and Liam Andrews left TBHS daring to believe. They had last won this encounter ten years prior. Liam Andrews brought up his century and retired shortly thereafter on 110. It was a superb knock that put The Willows to the sword and one for which we had no answer.

The excellent batting continued with Toby Clemett compiling a well-rounded 54 not out and victory was achieved in the 36th over. A resounding victory for the boys and one well deserved. Next season The Willows will be hungry to reclaim the Murray Parker trophy. On this performance this particular captain fears for his job but is eager for a chance at redemption.

## *The Willows lost by 8 wickets*

### **The Willows 229/4**

N. de Maine 54 ret, D. Kelly 41, P. Harris 40, T. McConnell 33, B. Stayt 31

### **Timaru Boys' High School 231/2**

L. Andrews 110 ret, T. Clemett 54\*, C. Donaldson 42

### **Umpires**

G. Fantastic and M. Shrivastava



▲ TBHS bowler toils on a batting day.



▲ Nigel de Maine, half century retired.

# v Hong Kong Cricket Club

31st January 2020

## Report by Hugo Davison

Hong Kong Cricket Club came to The Willows perhaps expecting a relatively gentle affair. The toss went their way (the only thing that did) and elected to bat on a good looking deck with a quick outfield.

The Willows were sporting a solid bowling line-up and opened with Scott and Mohammady, who between them tore out four batsmen in the first eight overs. At one stage we discussed taking our foot off their throats, but the merciless nature of the Willowers would not countenance giving any quarter. From there the remainder of the bowling attack shared the spoils as Hong Kong limped to 76 all out in the 24th over.

Nigel de Maine kept wicket superbly snaffling three catches.

Batting-wise, despite losing a wicket early, The Willows were never in trouble and cruised to the total in the 17th over with only three down. Phil Harris did a good job and carried his bat through to the win.

HKCC were sent home with tails between their legs. When we finally do tour there one would expect a pretty hostile welcome.

### *The Willows won by 7 wickets*

#### **Hong Kong Cricket Club 76**

B. Zandl 45, T. Scott 3/20, S. Davis 2/1

#### **The Willows 79/3**

P. Harris 31\*, E. Andrews 2/26

#### **Umpires**

D. Stuthridge and P. Williams



▲ Nice to have the HKCC flag grace the ground.



▲ Nawid Mohammady – opening up.



▲ Tom Scott on the money with the ball.



▲ Tom Agnew took 4/46.



▲ Nelson College well drilled in the field.

## v Nelson College 1st XI

2nd February 2020

**Report by Dave Kelley**

Welcome to Nelson. I enjoy playing the CD based teams as it maintains a connection to my old stomping ground. I saw some boys that look likely to reach higher honours if they are prepared to work at their game and play in the V. We commend coach Garry MacDonald for continuing to be so involved at a level of cricket we, as a club, feel NZ Cricket needs to invest more into.

The Willows batted first and mustered 269/7 against a well-balanced attack. Tom Dunlop was impressive scoring 70 with D. Kelly, M. Paltridge, A. Hastilow and C. Finnie all contributing around him. There was some notable bowling from

Restieaux and McKay but a couple of catches going to hand could have made the target a lot less imposing.

T. Agnew was superb running into a stiff breeze with enough cross current to allow his left arm pace to straighten. A. Hastilow also bowled quickly, R. McGuire was ageless and C. Finnie completed a good all-round performance.

**The Willows won by 102 runs**

**The Willows 269/7**

T. Dunlop 70, D. Kelly 53 ret, C. Finnie 32\*, A. Hastilow 31, M. Paltridge 28

**Nelson College 167**

R. Restieaux 48, F. Day 46, T. Agnew 4/36

**Umpires**

M. Dexter and A. Shipley



▲ Jordan Tooby, best bowling return for the season (6/41).



▲ Best seat in the house, the Peter Preston Scorebox.

## v Southland Boys' High School 1st XI

9th February 2020

### Report by Andrew Nuttall

It's a wonderful feeling being able to welcome our visitors from Invercargill to a beautiful morning at The Willows. It was great to see the boys well dressed and proud in their school uniforms and accompanied by a number of parents, grandparents and friends of the school.

The Willows batted first and progress was slow with the opening bowlers, Matheson and Jordan Tooby bowling with accuracy on a pitch that offered some early movement. At the twelve mark The Willows were in trouble at 45/4 and with a lightening quick outfield. However some solid batting from SBHS Coach, Hamish Skelt and Grant Dickson steadied the ship. Grant then combined with Jack Mockford, an old boy of SBHS. Mockford was finally dismissed to a superb caught and bowled by Jordan Tooby for 56. The Willows captain was pleased to observe a fine spell of left arm spin bowling by a young Aaron Hart and an excellent 6/41 by Tooby.

After another excellent Willows lunch the visitors batted well and lost their first wicket

at 67. They were always ahead of the required run rate with a display of attacking batsmanship. Standout was Braden Thomas (51) followed by a quick fire 68 by Benji Culhane. Josh McCarthy, the recipient of a Willows Scholarship to Matfen, bowled a fine spell and was unlucky not to gain a wicket, while Jack Mockford completed a good double taking 3 for 47. SBHS overtook The Willows' total in the 39th over. Our congratulations to them as they outplayed The Willows with both bat and in the field.

Our thanks to Southland for making the big trip north. It was a pleasure to be involved in a fixture with a fine group of young men who played with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Thanks also to Ian Mockford who was able to play with one son and against another and to Hamish Skelt for playing against the team he coaches.

### *The Willows lost by 5 wickets*

#### **The Willows 198/9**

J. Mockford 56, G. Dickson 36, H. Skelt 25, G. McCarthy 23, J. Tooby 6/41

#### **Southland Boys' High School 199/5**

B. Culhane 68, B. Thomas 51, J. Mockford 3/47

#### **Umpires**

M. Stapleton-Smith and A. Scott

# v St Andrew's College 1st XI

16th February 2020

**Report by Paul McEwan**

On what was thought to be the hottest day ever at Jaguar Oval, The Willows elected to bowl first on a new strip. With a little greenness in the pitch and a relatively strong bowling line-up the STAC boys struggled to put together any real partnerships. All The Willows bowlers — Adrian McFedries, Alex McDuff, James Tapper and Paul Miller — bowled with good pace, line and length but it wasn't until Luke Germon and Matt Parr were introduced to the attack that wickets really started to fall. Some of the boys got a start but no one went on to a big score. Only J. Frew (23) and A. Ongley (18) coped with the bowling.

STAC only managed 88. This score was reached with the loss of two wickets with Matthias Paltridge retiring on 43. All the STAC bowlers bowled well but with The Willows only needing 89 it was always going to be a difficult total to defend.

It was an early finish on a very hot day but a day that the Gillette National title holders will learn from.

**The Willows won by 8 wickets**

**St Andrew's College 88**

J. Frew 23, J. Tapper 2/6, A. McDuff 2/19,  
L. Germon 2/12, M. Parr 3/18

**The Willows 94/2**

M. Paltridge 43 ret, B. Ward 23

**Umpires**

A. Scott and O. Joshi



▲ St Andrew's tailender gone.



▲ Breakdancing on the boundary?



▲ Confident appeal from Southland Boys' High School.



▲ Willows 'keeper Nick Johnston keeps the opposition batsmen under pressure with great energy and technique.

## v Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI

23rd February 2020  
**Report by Tim Grocott**

It was another beautiful day at The Willows as Shirley Boys' High School won the toss and chose to bowl on a hard, green wicket. The Willows had a strong side with a number of old boys, so Shirley Boys' would have been pleased to get an early wicket and have The Willows at 9/1. However a good partnership of 75 between Craig Gibb and Jeremy Duncan turned things around. Gibb's dismissal for 29 brought Brad Entwistle to the crease to do battle against his brother Ryan. The older brother won that battle and with solid contributions from both Regan Sheahan and Fraser Hill saw The Willows through to 258. Tanurag Singh, Todd Ehau, Connor McLaughlin and young spinner Ekamjot Singh all bowled well but lacked penetration.

After lunch the Shirley Boys' Headmaster, Tim Grocott took the new ball alongside youngster Zac Buist. Zac applied the pressure from one end which the Headmaster benefitted from and managed to grab 3/22 at the other end which put

Shirley Boys' on the back foot. Nick Johnston with his 'keeping and Tom Music with his chat kept the pressure on behind the wicket. Connor Arnold and Dan Vann bowled well through the middle and despite solid batting from Connor McLaughlin and Alex Trowbridge they were not able to score enough runs and were eventually out for 137.

Thanks to umpires Gary Hall and Jim Stringleman, and also scorer Anne McLeod. Finally, a particular thanks to Mike Dormer who spoke very kindly at the beginning of the day in memory of John Grocott who had recently passed away. John was a great supporter of The Willows, Shirley Boys' High School, and cricket in general.

### *The Willows won by 121 runs*

#### **The Willows 258/3**

J. Duncan 70 ret, B. Entwistle 56 ret, C. Gibb 29, R. Sheahan 25, F. Hill 25\*

#### **Shirley Boys' High School 137**

C. McLaughlin 36, T. Grocott 3/22, C. Arnold 3/13, D. Vann 2/20

#### **Umpires**

G. Hall and J. Stringleman



# v Old Tablelands (Wellington) XI

26th February 2020

## Report by Hugo Davison

A rather groggy, weakened Tablelands XI emerged from the bus looking like their stable of vintners had done their worst the night before. Grant Elliott had apparently been called away on some coaching gig and wasn't snoring safely back at the hotel. Only half the Marshalls were available with James not making it due to filming commitments.

The toss was won by the Tablelands and they elected to bat first, which suited us as we could control the totals at play. It was agreed that a 35-over match would give us enough with batsmen retiring at 40.

The visitors started well until McCaw, having the umpire right under the thumb, appealed effectively for LBW against McHardy who was none too impressed as he 'smashed it' into his pad. Runs were drying up a bit and bowlers did well but Hamish Marshall eased through to his

retirement and would return later for a little plunder. With the score looking a little light the skippers agreed on a last man stands format to give Tablelands a chance of posting a total. They finished with 156.

The Willows boasted an impressive batting line-up, which performed quite miserably at the top finding the half-track deliveries all too much. Enter our ringer from Auckland, G.White, who anchored the innings at one end and helped guide the team to victory, which we achieved with three overs to spare and seven down.

The post-match libations were hosted by the Dormers who put on a cracking barbecue. It was a fantastic match and the Tablelands request our presence for a return match in the near future, vowing revenge.

### The Willows won by 3 wickets

**Old Tablelands 156** (35 overs)

H. Marshall 75\*, N. Cooke 3/14

**The Willows 157/7**

G. White 41 ret, N. Cooke 30\*

### Umpires

A. Scott and D. Stuthridge



▲ Willows fielders confident of a prized scalp.



▲ Di Woodward with Richie McCaw.



▲ Not looking hopeful.

# v Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI

1st March 2020

## Report by Nic Hill

The Waitakians' busy schedule—a Saturday match in Oamaru and further travel to Central Otago after the Willows match on Sunday—dictated a 40-over match being played.

This was a competitive match, played in great spirit, in hot conditions with a very fast outfield. Both teams did well bowling to contain their opposition to relatively low totals. The prodigious turn of spinner Quinn Wardle (3/22) was a feature of the Waitaki bowling. The Willows did bat deep and a number of useful contributions were made by N. Paltridge, R. Petrie, G. Dickson and B. Stayt.

The Willows bowling was opened with and dominated by spin. However, slow-medium pacers Ben Stayt and Joel Lieschke took three wickets each. Spinners Stan Woolliscroft and Andrew Nuttall were both economical for their two wickets apiece.

Old boy of Waitaki's great rival Timaru Boys', Ben Stayt, was The Willows man of the match.

### The Willows won by 44 runs

#### The Willows 210/7

N. Paltridge 50, R. Petrie 36, G. Dickson 41\*, B. Stayt 25, Q. Wardle 3/22

#### Waitaki Boys' High School 166

B. Martin 46, E. Johnson 30, J. Lieschke 3/19, B. Stayt 3/28

#### Umpires

M. Stapleton-Smith and O. Joshi



▲ One to win, last man in! The Don Neely scoreboard tells the story at the Basin Reserve, Wellington.



▲ Willows Youth XI players savour the moment after their nailbiting victory at the Basin Reserve.

## The Willows Youth XI v Wellington Wanderers Youth XI

5th March 2020 at the Basin Reserve

### Report by Lance Ryan

What a game at the Basin Reserve! In the last over Willows Youth required one to tie and two for that elusive away win and retention of the Don Neely Trophy. A last ball win was recorded much to the relief of coach, Dave Kelly.

Willows Youth were nine down with Nathanael Paltridge and Caleb Cottom showing great composure and steady nerves to see the team through. Maybe having two excellent opening bats at 10 and 11 was a masterstroke by Coach Kelly. Having ex-internationals Evan Gray and Ewen Chatfield on the sidelines added to the drama.

Wellington Wanderers won the toss, elected to bat and were bowled out for 205 in the 48th over. C. Montague played an excellent innings and got out chasing runs at the end when he ran out of partners. Nathanael Paltridge was our surprise package with the ball and Matt Boyle finished off the tail with some handy leg spin. Seven catches and two smart stumpings showed how talented the boys were in the field.

With our team stacked with nine batsmen and at 88/2 off 15 overs we were well on the way.

Despite a middle order collapse, Zac Foulkes remained unfazed and his innings of 83 was all class. It was a surprise when he holed out with a century beckoning at the Basin. Nic Cooke with 35 off 26 balls and the cool heads of Cottom and Paltridge saw us through. Drama in the last over included a scampered single for the tie, a dropped catch, three dot balls then the final ball hit for 4 through the covers.

Just to see the players race out from the new refurbished Ewen Chatfield Stand to congratulate their last two batsmen was worth watching and a real show of team unity.

Members of The Willows Youth XI were:

Sam Sherriff (Wanganui Collegiate), Zac Foulkes (St Andrew's College), Matt Boyle (St Bede's College), Tom McClean – captain and William Hocquard (both Christ's College), Matthias and Nathanael Paltridge (both home schooled), Nic Cooke (Christchurch Boys' High School), Devon Flannery and Tom Middleton (both Ashburton College), Josh Bridgman (Riccarton High School), and Caleb Cottom (Papanui High School).

### *The Willows Youth XI won by 1 wicket*

#### **Wellington Wanderers Youth XI 205**

C. Montague 74, P. Boner 40, M. Boyle 2/21, N. Paltridge 4/24

#### **The Willows Youth XI 209/9**

Z. Foulkes 83, N. Cooke 35, W. Hocquard 26, L. Bailey 3/29

# v Country Secondary Schools XI

8th March 2020

**Report by James Richards**

The Willows won the toss on a good batting surface. Nathanael Paltridge got the game off to a great start with a quick fire 31. He fell and with another quick wicket, young Jed Irvine came to the crease on his Willows debut. He batted beautifully for 48 and had a large partnership with Nathanael's brother Matthias, who anchored the innings with 60. Further contributions from Adrian McFedries, who belted 27 to give some momentum into the back end of our innings, along with Gareth Reed (25\*). The young Country side fought well with A. Prain the pick of the bowlers with 4/44.

The Willows bowling started well. Nawid Mohammady picked up a wicket with his first delivery and was virtually unplayable in his first seven overs taking 3/12. The bowling stocks

were tested after Adrian went down with a popped calf into his fourth over. Every bowler bowled well, with Stan Woolliscroft as impressive as ever. There were some handy contributions from the Country side throughout, with their captain Gideon Wellsford looking in great touch and J. Lewis keen to hit every ball to the boundary in an imposing display of hitting. The Willows side finished strong with Mikey Miller taking three wickets in one over to finish off the game.

**The Willows won by 97 runs**

**The Willows 236/8**

M. Paltridge 60, J. Irvine 48, N. Paltridge 31, A. McFedries 27, G. Reed 25\*, A. Prain 4/44

**Country Secondary Schools 139**

G. Wellsford 33, O. Sutherland 28, J. McIntyre 27, J. Lewis 25, N. Mohammady 3/12, M. Miller 3/31, N. Paltridge 3/28

**Umpires**

P. Williams and R. Notley



▲ Our photographer Rex captures the moment this excellent boundary catch was completed.



▲ Early missed chance for the Country XI.



▲ M. Miller – three wickets in an over!



▲ Hutt's Lachie Bailey played one of the best innings of the season, eventually falling for 98.

## v Hutt International Boys' School 1st XI

15th March 2020

**Report by Chris Mugford**

The Willows were pleased to welcome the Hutt International Boys' School for their first visit to Loburn. The Hutt team was young with the majority in Year 11 and 12, however they looked incredibly well-drilled during their warm-ups. The day was temperate, perfect for cricket and after three attempts at getting the correct toss result on camera, the visitors decided to bowl first.

Sporting two ex-first class cricketers and numerous current and ex-senior cricketers, The Willows team looked ominous. The Willows lost Phil Harris early but Dave Kelly looked in vintage touch and Josh McCarthy accumulated at will with him. The Hutt seamers were loose early but after ten overs started to hit their lines and lengths and were rewarded with a false shot from Kelly on 37.

With good safe batting McCarthy and Matthias Paltridge made it to lunch without further loss at 162/2 in the 35th. Over ham rolls and fruit salad captain Chris Mugford ordered reckless abandon for the remainder of the innings and soon after McCarthy left for 85 and Paltridge for 50. Mugford and Simon Wilson added valuable runs at the end and The Willows closed on 253/6.

The Hutt boys started their response well losing their first wicket at 35. A run-out induced a mini-collapse, leaving them precariously placed at 62/4 after 16 overs. Lacking seam options The Willows rotated its spin and slow bowlers but was powerless to stop a 123 run partnership between Lachie Bailey and J. Bamber. Josh McCarthy broke the partnership and then Nick Cooke started to make inroads with his leg spin. At 201/7 off 42 Hutt looked primed, especially with Bailey scoring freely. Unfortunately, when on 98, Cooke broke through with his wicket and the Hutt team fell short.

**The Willows won by 17 runs**

**The Willows 253/6**

J. McCarthy 85, M. Paltridge 50, D. Kelly 39, S. Wilson 33

**Hutt International Boys' School 236**

L. Bailey 98, J. Bamber 35, N. Cooke 4/48

**Umpires**

M. Wood and D. Henderson

## Cancellations due to weather

8 November 2019 v Peninsula Craz

## Cancellations due to Covid-19

22 March 2020 v Waimea College

29 March 2020 v Umpires XI

# Around the Ground



▲ Colonel Hastilow representing The Willows at the gran turismo at Art Deco week in Napier 2020.



▲ Johannesburg member Grant Morris heading to the Wanderers, Eng v SA.



▲ International umpire Dave Quested and grandson Ben Trillo.



▲ The Mockford family from Invercargill supporting Southland Boys' High School demolishing The Willows!



▲ Dessert and pinot gris at the St Bede's match.



▲ Cousins Matt Boyle and Callum Curnow.

# Around the Ground



▲ Presentation on balcony with Sky Sports camera team in attendance – Paul Rutledge congratulates Tom Middleton on being player-of-the-day.



▲ After-match book presentations – Willows captain Matt Parr congratulates CBHS players.



▲ A timely cold drink is well worth a high five in the McCarthy family.



▲ Umpires good to go – The Willows v Christ's College.

# NZ Sporting Personalities



**Clockwise from above:** Craig Cumming; Brian Hastings (31 Tests for NZ) out in the middle with the two current Wellington College openers and two first-class umpires, Tim Parlane and David Qusted; Leon MacDonald; Former CEO of NZ Rugby, Steve Tew, laces up his cricket boots while sitting with sporting stars Sir Richard Hadlee, Richie McCaw and Hamish Marshall.





# The Willows Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkswood Wanderers match on 15th December 2019. The Club welcomed new Waimakariri Mayor Dan Gordon along with families and children from the Down Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy Associations, the Champion Centre and Riding for the Disabled for this year's festivities.



## A lifetime of cricketing summers

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### **Anastasia Boyle**

*French language teacher at Burnside High School and sister of former Canterbury cricketers, David and Justin Boyle*

I was brought up in a cricketing family so you had to like it or lump it. But I loved the game from the start. My three brothers played cricket following in the footsteps of their father so the scene was set. Our house was littered with the paraphernalia of the game — bats, balls, thigh pads and pads with Mum trying to contain the spread by throwing gear into the respective ‘coffins’ which is not as morbid as it sounds but could have been.

Family bookshelves reveal a lot about a family; ours was full of cricketing biographies, Mozart and Shakespeare and maybe there is a connection in that musicians, writers and sports people all need time, patience, dedication, skill and passion to succeed in their craft.

Early memories of family holidays were travelling to Nelson to watch brother number one play for Canterbury and listening to the radio to hear he’d gone out for a duck, so Dad promptly turned the car around to head down to Alexandra to watch brother number two play. He hadn’t gone out yet and the bonus was eating luscious Roxburgh apricots in the sun while watching his exploits.

Practice makes perfect in any ‘field’ and the sound of the repetitive clunk of bat hitting ball in Mum’s pantyhose tied to the garage beam mirrored the scales and arpeggios practised on the piano, cello or violin. You can’t achieve the thrill of a century or the perfect score in a piano exam without hours of practice. So too the games in the drive at home encouraged the

brothers to hit straight as Mum would go crook when her beloved roses were decapitated and the guilty parties would try to prop up the dying plant to hide the evidence.

Sunlight soap was a weekly staple to scrub stains from the cricket whites which I suppose showed commitment to fielding and the importance of an impeccably white kit, not that the players did much of the scrubbing but everyone played their part in the family team.

After scrubbing the whites, dinner was served. This was a sacred family time beginning with grace and often ending with a mass exodus to the living room to watch cricket on the TV. Mum and I were left in blessed peace to do the dishes. At least we’d finished cleaning the whites!

More prayers were said while listening on the radio at their away games and nerves were appeased by cleaning the windows. When we were able to watch the brothers play often we would hide in the car park for fear of jinxing them to go out.

As a first year teacher I had no choice but to coach a cricket team knowing our family background and this was one of the best ways to get to know the students out of the classroom along with directing musicals and playing with them in the orchestra. Some of my best memories as a teacher have been supporting students in extra-curricular activities. Such as coaching a young and inexperienced Villa Maria College 1st XI to the finals of the Yoplait Cup, the women’s equivalent of the Gillette Cup. Although underdogs we held our own and together exceeded expectations.

From the North Island I moved to France and trying to explain the game to a Frenchman by translating “bowling a maiden over” and telling him that the batsman was in when he was out in the middle, or that he was out when he was walking back in, met with many bemused looks. “Ah ... le baseball” was his answer. Near enough!

To keep it all in the family my future sister-in-law needed some serious educating in cricket so one

summer we went to Nelson to watch her beloved play for Canterbury against Central Districts. She insisted upon buying a cooked chicken and some bubbles complete with a gingham tablecloth to spread on the grass. After many hours of educating her on googlies, wrong'uns, and the ever present maiden over a period of time I gave up explaining when she asked why the two men in white coats and black pants in the middle of the wicket were not moving around much. Needless to say the other sisters-in-law had no interest in the noble game but given the games allure, all three have a deepened understanding of cricket now. It must be love...

And so the cycle repeats and now our sons are playing cricket and we as parents are even more proud and nervous watching them play. One has benefitted from the Matfen Exchange offered by The Willows where he applied all the skills he had learned in life and importantly made friends for life and holds treasured memories of this time.

The youngest son is continuing his cricket career at secondary school and enjoys coaching tips from his older brother and uncles; it is really a family affair. As a cricketing mother the emotions are more intense, but the sunlight soap still works. I still hide in the car park and clean windows albeit more sporadically.

All our children have learnt numerous skills from their many sports, music, ballet, and other activities. It is so important to continue playing; to find the natural highs, to close the screens, to challenge yourself, to be selfless and to work together for the greater good of team and family.

Cricket. Oh well, it's only a game — yeah right.

#### ■ **Anastasia Boyle's** cricketing family:

Brother **David Boyle**, 69 matches for Canterbury

Brother **Justin Boyle**, 35 matches for Canterbury and Wellington

Nephew **Jack Boyle**, a current Canterbury player with 16 matches

Nephew **Matt Boyle**, who scored a brilliant century at The Willows (19th January 2020)

Son **Callum Curnow**, who holds the best ever Willows bowling figures of 8/21

## Honours

- The club congratulates **Roger Moses**, ONZM on being awarded the CNZM for services to education and **Kieran Read** on his ONZM for services to rugby in the recent New Year's Honours list.
- We also extend our congratulations to our immediate past president **Sir John Hansen**, KNZM on his appointment as Chairman of the Canterbury Hospital Board and **Major Campbell Roberts** (Salvation Army), CNZM on his appointment to the Parole Board.
- The club was delighted to learn recently of the appointment of Willower, **John Wright**, MBE, as President of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club. Best wishes in the role John.
- **Matfen Hall**, host to Willows scholars over many years, has won the gold award for the category of best large hotel of the year in the North East Tourism Awards announced in April 2020 — congratulations from all at The Willows.
- Finally, we were thrilled at the news that **Tom Latham** has won the Redpath Cup for the 2019/20 season. It is awarded to the best NZ batsman in first-class cricket, which includes Test performances. Well done Tom!



## 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.

J.W. (John) Grocott	1996	(obituary p.61)
R.S. (Rolie) Eveleigh	2001	
J. (John) Fairhall	2014	



# Welcome to our new president **Nick Davidson**

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A very warm welcome is extended to Nick who, following a very successful opening partnership of 25 between John Mitchell and Sir John Hansen, arrives at the middle, batting at number 3. This is a position which is considered by all cricketers to be testing and crucial!

Nick was educated at St Andrew's College Christchurch, where he was a boarder and displayed his strong Scottish heritage by playing as a drummer in the school pipe band. Schooling was followed by Canterbury University where he graduated LLB (Hons).

He opened the bowling for the First XI and later for the University team, for West University, BWU, Old Collegians, Valley of Peace, London New Zealand, and the vaunted Long Hops.

Following university, Nick worked for Duncan Cotterill then moved to RA Young Hunter where he developed an extensive litigation practice including professional indemnity, estate litigation, resource management and criminal law. He was a prosecutor for the Serious Fraud Office.

In 1988 he went to the Independent Bar. In 1996 he was appointed Queen's Counsel and in 2015 was appointed Christchurch's 5th resident High Court Judge, now retired.

On the international scene Nick has considerable experience. He is greatly respected for his professional skills and after representing the SFO at the Wine Box Inquiry in New Zealand, he played a significant role in the investigation of corruption in cricket, and within the world football body FIFA.

His involvement in sport is extensive. He was appointed a founding Deputy Chair of the New Zealand Sports Disputes Tribunal in 2003, National Commissioner for New Zealand Cricket, President of New Zealand Football and a member of the disciplinary structures within the SANZAR the IRB and FIFA where he was on the Investigatory Chamber at the time of tumultuous change arising from the awarding of World Cup hosting rights to Qatar and Russia.

After retirement from the Bench, Nick is involved as an arbitrator (Fellow of the Arbitrators' Institute), mediator, Deputy Chair New Zealand Sports Tribunal, and other tribunals, and in charitable work.

Youth development, and support for under-privileged youth is influential in Nick's daily life and he spends time in several areas helping those in need. The influence of working with and seeing those who suffer great disadvantage and unfairness was sheeted home to him on the Bench and working with Pike River families.

With Nick, we extend a very warm welcome to his wife Rosie who has had a successful international food business.

Nick, we wish you well as our new President and convey to you our utmost support at all times as we play in the V.

# A shot from the past



## **Honourable Artillery Company members play makeshift cricket during a rest period behind the lines on the Western Front, c. 1915.**

Each ANZAC Day in Australia and New Zealand we reflect on the terrible toll suffered during the Great War and later global conflicts. The scale and devastation of loss spared no nation. None more than in England. I read somewhere of a cricket club in the Sunderland area that lost 22 of their 83 cricketers between 1914 and 1918.

This is a shocking figure.

**David Horspool**, in his excellent article written for the MCC Magazine, further explains the human impact of the Great War:

“A Wisden writer later reflected that the Almanac ‘for four years was little more than a catalogue of death’.

“Reading through its obituary columns becomes a numbing and overwhelming experience. So many of the cricketers remembered were hardly cricketers at all, but promising schoolboys whose feats on the field would never be improved on or revisited in adulthood.”

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## Selfless acts and the virtue of unsung work in sport

**By Phil Holstein**

*Principal, Burnside High School*

Sport develops the balance of body, mind, and character. It is an important part of New Zealand's culture; and we expect to take on the world successfully, no matter the odds. Playing, coaching, and watching sport is a significant part of my life; and I am so impressed by the skills and efforts of people who have discovered their sporting gifts and talents, and have shown the courage and determination to pursue, use, and develop potential.

I like sport because, as it reveals and tests character, those who participate inevitably become better people. Those who achieve well in sport use their determination and perseverance to achieve well in other aspects of their lives. Sport can help people engage in wider society. It brings our diverse cultures together in communities to compete, celebrate and support. For Cantabrians who have lived through the earthquake and 15th March terrorist attack,

sport offers opportunities to develop physical, mental, and emotional strength, contributing to wellbeing. We can grow good young people through sport. Most importantly, sport is fun; and through it we can all aspire, achieve, and feel greatness.

I am interested in the virtue of selfless acts, the importance of the unseen efforts in sport. Whether in individual or team sports, not everyone can be the star. Can it also be the case that in successful teams, no one is *the* star?

John Eales, former Australian rugby captain said: "What's seen and celebrated is the cream, but the cream [can only] rise from the unseen, unheralded work in the background."

The unseen, unheralded work in the background John Eales spoke of, are the anonymous contributions from each participant before, during, and after an event. Contributions that may never be recognised, may be hard to measure, but are integral to all and any success. For individuals and teams, it is important to celebrate the seen and unseen, the selfless acts, the ability to put others before self. Service and contribution are valuable and valued.

The culture the Black Caps have developed under the leadership of captains Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson, has really impressed me. It's a culture that demonstrates their approach to the game and their respect for the game. They are drawing praise from the international cricketing world for their sportsmanship, humility and positive approach. Selfless individual acts are a regular feature and an integral part of their success. Some recent examples that come to mind involve Grant Elliot and Ross Taylor in the aftermath of nailbiting wins at World Cups (see overpage).

More recently, Kane Williamson, Black Caps captain, walked over to thank the 20,000 plus New Zealand supporters who had travelled to the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the 2019 Boxing Day Test, after his team was defeated by 247 runs on Day 4. This was a wonderful gesture!



▲ Grant Elliott, having hit the winning runs in the 2015 World Cup semi-final, helps Dale Steyn, the South African bowler.



▲ Ross Taylor consoles Carlos Braithwaite, West Indian batsman, after his dismissal ended the match.

The Black Caps team lets us see that the acts of both the high profile stars and super talents are as important as the thankless and sometimes unseen tasks. We also see that the individuals who are super stars one week can be flawed the next. This is why we are keen to follow and support the team. I believe that their culture is an example to us all.

I wish you all the very best in your sporting endeavours this year and beyond. Always remember that any success you have is dependent on both yourselves, and the support and contributions of others. Recognise the selfless acts of others and offer them yourselves. You may think they go unnoticed, and perhaps they will, but they do matter!

The question for us all is: Who takes the sausage at a team barbecue ... when there are only a limited number of steaks?

## Letter to the Editor

On behalf of the Waitaki BHS 1st XI Cricket Team, I would like to thank you for hosting us for the recent fixture between the two teams. Having never been to The Willows before, it was fascinating to read and hear of the history that has been created in such a short period of time.

The young men of the WBHS team are still talking about the game, they are talking about how wily the opening spin bowler was, how quick the wicket-keeper was and how impressed they were with both Mr Hill and Mr Nuttall and the way they spoke and interacted with the boys.

Thank you for what you do for cricket and for the traditions of cricket. So much of what these boys do now is around the T20 format so to get back to a traditional fixture and a traditional atmosphere surrounding the game — in sense as well as environment, is enlightening for us all!

We have handed out The Willows packs today and we will award the batting gloves at our end of season prize giving.

Thank you once again and we all look forward with anticipation to next year's fixture!

Yours in cricket,  
**Dan Keno**

## 50+ Caps

At the 25th Dinner, personalised Willows caps were presented to nine members who have played in excess of 50 matches for the club. We salute the following (with the number of games played in brackets):

A.J. Nuttall (122)	R.D. McGuire (62)
P.D. Harris (80)	T.P. McConnell (60)
P.D. Rutledge (77)	J.R.K. Wolt (56)
P.E. McEwan (70)	S.J. Davis (53)
G.D. Inglis (64)	

During the past season we are delighted to add the name of A.G. McFedries (51) to the above milestone and acknowledge that we have a number of others knocking on the door for inclusion into the 50-cap brigade.

## 25 seasons: Willowers gather to celebrate historic year

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### St Bede's College Gymnasium

17 August 2019

*The following are excerpts of the address given by **Mike Coward**, respected cricket writer and commentator. Mike grew up in Adelaide but has lived in Sydney for the past 35 years.*

On both a personal and professional level I am delighted and proud to be with you to celebrate The Willows Cricket Club's 25th Anniversary — silver in definition but golden in reality.

Cricket has provided me with a wonderful life as a writer and broadcaster and with so many friends and acquaintances — surely the game's greatest gift to us all. Like so many in this room, I had a "summer god" growing up — the incomparable South Australian and Australian batsman Les Favell who twice toured New Zealand and captained here in 1966/67.

And how fortunate I was to know him and to find he was the giant I always imagined him to be. He has been gone 32 years now but rarely is he out of my thoughts. Les was an inspiration to me and to so many of my generation growing up in South Australia. He taught me much about the game and its people, its humour and, above all, taught me that the game was always to be joyful; always to be celebrated.

He was a compulsive hooker and cutter and among the most thrilling and attacking batsmen of his generation. One of my proudest possessions is one of his sweat and Brylcreem-soaked South Australian caps. When he left the game, Les worked in public relations for *The Advertiser* newspaper in Adelaide and famously



conducted cricket clinics for schoolchildren throughout the state. How Les would have thrilled to the philosophy and exploits of The Willows Cricket Club. How he would have endorsed the mantra of the Club ... one where senior players, many from the first-class arena, provide emerging cricketers with a priceless insight into all aspects of the game. Also to learn of the game's rich history and its time-honoured values. And its etiquette. Tonight is a celebration of Club history; therefore cricket history.

And it comes at the very time the game's history is being diluted if not devalued, even discarded. Never has it been more important to talk loudly about the heritage of the game and its traditional virtues. And while many of us seniors have a role to play, it cannot just be left to us. So this becomes a rallying cry for you young men and women to get to the barricades and fight for the preservation of the pure game and its ethos.

Even in this fast-paced and often irreverent world of social media and instant gratification, is it too much to ask that respect be shown for what has gone before? In fact, today's technologies provide priceless tools for examining what has passed and must not be forgotten. There must be wholehearted resistance to the game's avaricious governors who care more about the bottom line than the welfare of the game and its foremost exponents.

The short forms have their place, no doubt but they must not be allowed to monopolise the conversation of the game. And, in my view, this



has been a blight on the game in recent years. Administrators have been seduced utterly by the frivolous T20 game. Indeed, the number of meaningless bilateral T20 and ODI matches jeopardises the overall welfare of the game. Hopefully, the world test championship which is now underway will help to right the wrongs and, in time, balance the ledger.

Since retiring as a touring cricket writer I have busied myself with archival and interview matters at The Bradman Museum and Hall of Fame at Bowral in New South Wales. It is one of the great repositories and research centres in cricket. But neither Cricket Australia nor, indeed, government, considers the museum a cultural institution so precluding it from any arts and cultural funding. And this, in a country, whose international identity, much like New Zealand's, largely has been forged by sporting lore and accomplishments. And at a time when Google, that monolith of the modern media, is investing heavily in filming precious artefacts. In time the museum and hall of fame will reach the world on the fantastic Google Arts & Culture site. When the work is complete you will be able to take a virtual walk through the museum and pause before the most priceless and telling of objects.

Last year I had the pleasure of speaking at a dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of Western Australia's first Sheffield Shield success as a full member of the Australian cricket family in 1967/68. While it was a night to celebrate cricket history there was, amongst the nostalgia, more than a tinge of sadness and regret at the shameful diminution of the Sheffield Shield. Once the world's pre-eminent domestic competition it is now little more than an irritant in the greater commercial scheme of things. Thankfully, there is a much more enlightened view in this country and I commend New Zealand Cricket for its decision to reinstate the Plunket Shield in 2009/10.

More significantly, the governors declared the naming rights for first-class cricket in this country are no longer for sale. To safeguard the future of the first-class game demonstrates a vision that should be applauded everywhere the game is played. It is a respectful nod to history.

Indeed, respect has become a by-word for the game in this country and it should be a rallying cry for cricket in the rest of the world. Its consistent winning of spirit of cricket awards and the grace with which Kane Williamson and his men accepted the injustice of the World Cup final will never be forgotten. Indeed, it shone a light on cricket in this country that will never be extinguished. More power to the Black Caps.

John Arlott said that cricket is a microcosm of society — whatever is happening in wider society is reflected in the game. And the pace of change in society has been mind-numbing and so it is in cricket. The established cricket world, the old world, has had to recalibrate. This is cricket's new world in the new century. Contrary to popular belief, cricket is not just a sport of the first world. It is a significant sport of the developing world.

Indeed, only four OECD countries play test match cricket — New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland which, with Afghanistan, recently was afforded Test match status. The other eight countries belong to the developing world. And I firmly believe that the international cricket community has failed to recognise this and its attendant responsibilities. Cricket is now a very rich sport and in a position to play a more socially significant role in its constituencies. In my view it should be far more conscious of issues well beyond the boundary — specifically in health, education and welfare. There is need for a more equitable, thoughtful and compassionate cricket world. The abuse of privilege among some of the constituents is damning.

Tonight's gathering is important for so many reasons. Not only does it celebrate a milestone for The Willows but it enables cricket fellowship and conversation. And we can celebrate so many of the game's values and give thanks for relationships the game engenders. It is a time for reflection and stories, some true, some apocryphal. The conversation and humour of the game is to be observed, hailed and treasured. This is a night for the Willows cricket family.

My partner I are very grateful for the invitation to spend this special time with you all and wish The Willows another prosperous 25 years. Long may The Willows flourish.

# The Willows 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner



**St Bede's College  
17 August 2019**



# A Toast to Sport

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**Hugh Morrison**

Wellington College

Sport is one of the most powerful vehicles to assist success in life.

It teaches key values, including integrity, teamwork and fair play. It has the power to celebrate the positive sides of humanity, regardless of backgrounds; we compete despite borders and boundaries, as friends.

Sport has played a vital role in my life. It has shaped my character and installed the aforementioned values to the betterment of my personality. As my cricket coach Duncan Murray would say “sport makes you into the best version of yourself”.

It is instrumental in the development of key life skills. We learn how to conduct ourselves in a team environment, and how to learn off and lead others. Sport can lift you up when you're down, helping build resilience.

It keeps us fit and healthy, offering a change from the repetitive nature of daily life. It is a rewarding means of entertainment and physical activity, giving us energy and strength.

Sport is a pathway to better mental and physical growth. We learn how to maintain mental balance, even in the midst of loss and despair. It develops team spirit and hones mental and physical toughness, leading to more positive wellbeing.

“A healthy mind lives in a healthy body.”

Sport makes us who we are, and allows us to stretch ourselves further than we thought possible.

Here's to sport!

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**Rev Fr Brian Cummings, SM**

Hon. Chaplain to The Willows

Let us pray:

God our Father, we thank you...

— for the gift that The Willows has been, and continues to be, in our lives,

— for the vision and perseverance of those who Founded the Club,

— for the contributions it has made to the game of cricket and to the development of young cricketers over these past 25 years.

We ask that our involvement with The Willows may make us better people; following the examples of such New Zealand sporting icons as Richie McCaw and Kane Williamson. May our attitudes always make us worthy opponents so that whenever we do well, may we remain gracious and never boastful. When we experience defeat, keep us from feelings of resentment. Remind us that cricket can help us to live our lives more fully, both as we compete and in the years after our playing days.

Let us see beyond the rules of cricket and catch their spirit. Grant us the wisdom to understand that cricket is not only about physical ability but strength of character as well. It is not only about achievement but enjoyment; and that competition is not only about winning but building relationships with others, regardless of which side they are on.

Let the mind of Christ inspire and guide our participation so that we never lose sight of the dignity and worth of every person. Give us grateful hearts for the 25 years of The Willows we celebrate today, and may the club and all associated with it continue to be blessed in the years to come.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## Q&A with Willows legend Paul McEwan

*Paul kindly shares his insights on cricket both as an auspicious player for Canterbury and New Zealand and manager of eight Willows youth tours, one to India and seven to Sri Lanka.*

### Q1. Most memorable game?

The Shell Trophy final match that secured the Trophy for Canterbury versus Auckland in Eden Park in March 1984 when I scored 155 out of a total of 293. I then followed up with a 50 in the second innings in 25 balls.



### Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

After getting a first ball duck in my innings in Zimbabwe I scored 153 in my second match in 270 minutes. This innings led to a New Zealand win.

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

As a young player at St Andrew's College I was mainly a bowler who batted number 10 but after a couple of years with 1st XI coach Geoff Tait not only could I bowl good outswing I was a capable batsman batting in the top four. After leaving school I went to Old Collegians Seniors and came under the guidance of the late Ian Cromb who encouraged me to keep playing shots. He also introduced some new ideas which I took on board. I did a lot of skill practice by myself.

### Q4. Advice for a current secondary school player who has a vision to play at the top level?

Compile a plan setting out what you believe to be your strengths and weaknesses. Then ask your coach and some good honest mates for their views of your skills. You might find that these people have quite a different view. Once this has been done then start working hard on your revised training plan.

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

Cricket is a difficult game and it will not be your day every time you play so it is important that you learn to celebrate the success of someone else and always strive for the team's success. If everyone in the team is doing this then as long as someone in the team has played a match winning performance all members of the team will have more fun. You will always make good lifelong friends from playing the game of CRICKET.

## Ken Rust: 'Mr Cricket' at Otago Boys' High School

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*This is the third in a series on our cricket coaches. The first was on Matt Parr (then Christchurch Boys' High School) and last season on Garry MacDonald (Nelson College). This year we focus on a great Southern man. The article is written by **Liane Topham-Kindley**, a parent of two young men who represented Otago Boys' High School's 1st XI during Ken Rust's tenure. Grateful thanks Liane.*

Turn up to any cricket ground with the Otago Boys' High School 1st XI over the past 20 years and the warm welcome extended to "Rusty" and his team was always evident.

OBHS master in charge of cricket Ken Rust, or Rusty as he is known to most people, is well known in the South Island cricket community. When he turned up to a game it was quite likely he had helped coach or manage many of the young men who always greeted him in the same affectionate manner: "G'day Rusty".

Head of cricket from 1997 until he retired last year, Ken has attended numerous interschool matches, club games and national secondary school tournaments over the years, pacing the boundary, always calm and collected, no matter what the state of play.

A natural people-person, Ken was relatable to his charges, their parents, the opposition and his colleagues, always making time to have a chat and always with a good dollop of humour.

One of the extraordinary things about Rusty was that he rarely showed any emotion on the sideline always providing a steady, consistent base



no matter how the game was faring. Not obviously caught up on the highs and the lows of cricket, perhaps this was the secret to Ken's positive aura over the decades.

The other side of cricket which many people didn't see — and which Ken rarely spoke about — was keeping the OBHS cricket road show on the straight and narrow for so many years. His efforts getting numerous teams on the paddock week after week, year after year, with last-minute phone calls from players who could no longer turn out on a Saturday morning, was no easy task.

Then, there were difficult decisions to make over selections and Ken had to face the music if parents were not happy about their son's placement in a team.

Ken also contributed to the overall strategy of cricket in Dunedin, attending numerous meetings run by the Dunedin Cricket Association, never afraid to voice his views or provide advice.

At least three of the current Volts players came under Ken's direction throughout their time at Otago Boys'. Former Black Cap Hamish

Rutherford says when he thinks about cricket and Otago Boys', the name Rusty goes hand-in-hand.

"When I think about cricket and Otago Boys', I think of Rusty. For as long as I can remember he has been Mr Cricket at the school."

One of the Volts' newest contracted players, wicket-keeper Max Chu graduated from Otago Boys' in 2017.

"Rusty was a fiercely loyal fellow and someone who always had your back," Max says.

"He was always pretty level around the cricket space, never let the good days get to our heads or the bad ones get us down."

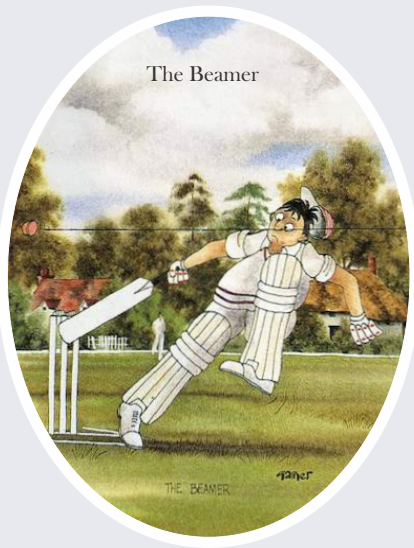
There have been a few star players in his time at Otago Boys', though one went on to excel in another sport — former All Black captain and head boy in his final secondary school year, Richie McCaw.

McCaw played one season for the first eleven in his last year at school in 1998 and was a handy left-arm bowler and a useful batsman who had a good defence, Ken recalls. He turned out for The Willows to play against his old school in 2017, his former coach the first person he spoke to when arriving at the ground on a hot Canterbury October morning.

Murray Bayly who spent a lot of time on the boundary with Ken, watching his two sons Rhys and Taine play in the first eleven sums it up well:

"By the time you had interschool cricket, practices, Saturday cricket, Gillette Cup, warm-up games, Willows trip and tours, I'm not sure if Ken did any teaching in the summer!"

On behalf of all of the players and their families who have paced the boundary with you Ken, it was an honour and a privilege. Thank you for your unwavering service and massive contribution to our sport and school.



## Lesson learned at The Willows

Here is the Riccarton High School 1st XI padding up for their next innings and displaying the "Play in the V" stickers they earned at The Willows for their ducks. Lesson learned? At least not forgotten any time soon!





# Gratitude

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*The Club's **Assistant Groundsman** acknowledges the many and varied contributions upon which the The Willows has been built over its first 25 years.*

By adopting the values and principles of the 1949 Walter Hadlee New Zealand led team to the United Kingdom, considerable success has been achieved by the Club over a period of 25 years.

The positive attributes and values of the '49ers have been a keystone in promoting the encouragement and development of youth cricket throughout 26 secondary schools/colleges in the South Island and lower North Island.

The Club is appreciative of the considerable assistance and support of Headmasters, Rectors, Principals and Coaches in these schools/colleges.

Thirty-six boys awarded scholarships have been hosted over a period of 18 years by Sir Hugh and Lady Anna Blackett in Matfen, Northumberland, UK.

Youth tours. The first to India, Oman and Sharjah and seven tours to Sri Lanka, selected and managed by Paul McEwan, have resulted in the team members learning different cultures whilst playing under conditions far different from those in New Zealand.

Seventeen dinners have been held at which all the protocols of grace, loyal toast, introduction of guest speaker, vote of thanks and a toast to sport have been undertaken by boys from the various schools.

Speakers at these dinners have included Ian Healy, former Australian cricketer; John Eales, former Wallaby captain; Frank Tyson, former England fast bowler; Mike Coward, current sports journalist and commentator; Sir Richard Hadlee, Sir Anand Satyanand, former Governor-General; Iain Gallaway, Professor Hamid Ikram, Joe Bennett, Chris Laidlaw, Sir Graham Henry, Andy Ellis, a former All Black scrum half; Andrew Ellis, current Canterbury Representative, John Wright and Shane Bond, former New Zealand representatives, Don Neely a New Zealand cricket historian, Bryan Waddle and others.

The first ten years were overseen by our first President John Mitchell, a former first class cricketer and former Divisional Principal of Burnside High School.

The next 15 years the Hon. Sir John Hansen, retired High Court Judge, whose cricket experience extends to Hong Kong where he acted as Master in the Courts. Sir John is also a member of the Kowloon Cricket Club and liaised closely with all members of the Hong Kong Cricket Club whilst he was there.

And now, entering the second 25 year period, the Hon. Nicholas Davidson QC, a retired High Court Judge and person involved in many aspects of New Zealand sport, is planning the way forward for the Club.



To celebrate 25 years a dinner was held on August 17th in the St Bede's College gymnasium attended by 246 members and guests where Mike Coward entertained the gathering with a thoughtful and humorous address. The Master of Ceremonies was Andrew Gourdie, a well known TV3 sports presenter, the Loyal Toast proposed by Beckham Wheeler-Greenall of King's High School Dunedin who subsequently was selected for the New Zealand Under-19 tour to South Africa, Grace written and delivered by Josh McCarthy of St Bede's College, Introduction of the Guest Speaker by Colby Allen of Otago Boys' High School, Vote of Thanks delivered by Lachie Harper of Christ's College and a Toast to Sport by Hugh Morrison of Wellington College. The evening concluded with an appropriate prayer from the Club's Chaplain Rev Fr Brian Cummings.

Expressions of gratitude were extended to many Club members in attendance for their individual and proactive participation in assuming responsibilities within the Club.

To our sponsors, listed inside the back cover of our Annual Report, we convey our utmost appreciation for their support for youth by contributing funds towards club operations and in providing youth tours to the subcontinent.

We are indebted for our association with the following cricket clubs: I Zingari Australia, the Forty Club (UK), the Hong Kong and Kowloon Cricket Clubs, CCI of India and the Wellington Wanderers Club.

The association with Dilmah Tea, Sri Lanka, has been significant with Merrill Fernando who together with his two sons Dilhan and Malik and their staff have forged friendships with many New Zealanders. This was highlighted with Merrill being awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Massey University in November. The evening was followed by a celebratory dinner in Wellington where the citation of the Award was read by Professor Paul Moughan and an acknowledgement of Merrill's achievements delivered by Sir Anand Satyanand.

The initial link with Dilmah and The Willows has been further strengthened by the vision of Alex Reese who founded Cricket Live Foundation.

Alex together with Dilmah has established three cricket-life skills academies in depressed areas of Sri Lanka. At present 700 young children are learning within their new and adjusted environments.

The headmaster of Moratuwa School south of Colombo advised that prior to Alex the exam pass rate within his school was 22.3%. Since the arrival of Alex and the establishment of the academy in his school the pass rate has increased to 53.3%.

Alex's vision has extended to India where he is working with the Tata Group in the establishment of the first two academies in Mumbai.

May the example set by Alex provide a "spark" to other young Willowers to reach out to others on the basis that it is much nicer to give than to receive.

The ethos of The Willows is to assist youth particularly in the development and encouragement of their cricket skills and whatever other benefits the youth have been able to attain through being associated with the Club is a bonus within their self development.

Whilst cricket is the main thrust of the Club let us not forget the children's Christmas party supported by the Police, Salvation Army Band and many others. This is an afternoon filled with fun and joy to children many of whom face challenges in their daily lives.

**To conclude, a message to all batsmen:** play in the V and build partnerships with the batsmen at the other end.

**And bowlers:** bowl line and length. Do not try and bowl six different balls each over.

**And finally for youth:** remember passion for the game, practice, persistence and a single-minded dedication to succeed will bring the desired results.

"Floreat Salices"  
("May The Willows Flourish")

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# Inaugural Women's Match



## St Hilda's Collegiate School 1st XI v Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI

Thursday 10th October 2019

**Report by Neil Rosenberg**  
(St Hilda's 1st XI coach)

To be invited to play at The Willows is a real privilege BUT to be the first girls/ladies team to play is extra special.

The wheels began to spin back in March when Hamish Loe used his club member influence (and charm) and coerced Mike Dormer to consider a game which would be a re-run of the 2018 New Zealand Secondary School Girls' national final.

Somehow, Mike agreed so on a warm Rangiora spring day, the first ever female game of cricket was played in the 25-year history of the club. Much planning had gone into the game not only from The Willows personnel but also the schools. As we never play in whites and seldom play "In the V" much work had to be done!

We arrived via the scenic route having stayed overnight at Methven to be warmly greeted. Mike explained a little about the history of the venue, the fact that it is a quarter of a century old now, and that it sits on rural property that he and his wife Winsome own. The game was that extra little bit special because Winsome is a St Hilda's Old Girl and she was hosting an old girls function in her beautiful adjacent garden. It was lovely to see the old girls come over in the final stages of the game and Winsome had her old school bags, some beautifully kept school books and lots of fond memories to share with the girls.

At the toss St Hilda's chose to field. History was made as the teams strode out to the wicket. Tight bowling by the southerners made runs hard to come by and Christchurch Girls' were 4/32 at the drinks break. Some rear guard action from Lily Collier (22 not out) saw CGHS through

to 81, all out in the 31st of 40 overs. Megan Meltzer was the main destroyer with four wickets for just 3 runs.

After a magnificent lunch under the oak trees, on white tabled clothed tables and comfortable chairs, the teams went through their warm-up routines. Olivia Gain and Megan Meltzer began in pursuit of the 82 runs required. The bowling was tight especially from captain Georgia Edge. Olivia and Megan batted effectively and lost the first wicket on 49 runs. Olivia anchored the innings and saw her team through to a seven wicket win and she finished on 43 not out (however the game did carry on after the victory was secured and Olivia was retired at 52, the first ever half century by a woman at The Willows).

The match was played in wonderful spirit with strong friendships established. It was lovely to have many members from The Willows Club present. As well, Sir Richard Hadlee, New Zealand cricket legend, current White Ferns

captain Amy Satterthwaite and White Ferns fast bowler Lea Tahuu spent the day in attendance and presented the awards. St Hilda's won the inaugural Willows Rosebowl trophy. Olivia Gain was Player of the Match, and Megan Meltzer and Georgia Edge were also acknowledged for their team contributions. Olivia presented The Willows President Nick Davidson with a St Hilda's "Baggy Blue" cricket cap to add to the collection across the rafters of the beautiful pavilion. I hope that it serves as a memento of the occasion and a talking point that girls have now officially graced the presence of the iconic club.

All in all, it was a splendid day. Over 20 supporters from Otago made their way north. Parents, grandparents and siblings of the girls had a wonderful day out. A great crowd enjoying the occasion. Thank you to everyone at The Willows for making this possible. We will cherish this game for ever. Special thanks to Mike and Winsome and Hamish for starting the ball rolling.



▲ Cap presentation before play.



▲ Coin toss and history is made.



▲ Two White Ferns in attendance – Amy Satterthwaite and Lea Tahuu.



▲ Winsome and Ben Dormer awaiting the start of play.

# Valued links with our 1st XIs Part 1

By John Mitchell

This is part one of a tribute to 1st XI cricket with a focus on those secondary schools who have an association and play regular matches at The Willows Cricket Club. Coverage is in alphabetical order (with a minimum of five games played). This first article extends from schools Ashburton to St Andrew's College; thereafter (St Bede's to Wellington Colleges) will feature in our next Annual Report.

For the past 26 years The Willows Cricket Club has been proud to foster the development of youth involved in secondary schools cricket. It has been an absolute pleasure to host in excess of twenty-five first elevens to our idyllic ground.

We are indebted to school principals, coaches, managers and supporters who have made this possible. Many travel long distances, from Auckland to Southland, to allow players to showcase their talent. It is a good time to celebrate the successes — and there have been plenty — school by school.



## Ashburton College

Ashburton College in the early seasons played with Mt Hutt College lads as Mid-Canterbury Schools XI. In both 2011 and 2019 it was indeed the Ashburton College 1st XI who recorded two demolition wins over The Willows. In 2011 we were thrashed by 127 runs in what proved to be a proud day for their coach, Denis Mably. That day a total of seven catches were snapped up in the slips cordon, four by his son Ben (at second slip) — two being absolute screamers. And in 2019, the less said the better, but we were again routed by seven wickets (grim details on page 16).



## Burnside High School

Burnside High School played in their own right until 2009 and then provided the bulk of a composite Northwest Schools XI which subsequently recorded two victories against the home club. The best individual performance by a Burnside player came in 2005 when medium-pacer Jeremy Sheaf took 6/37. This remains today as the second-best bowling statistic ever by a 1st XI player.

## Christ's College

Christ's College won three of their first five games (and one more since). Their stand-out back then was the future fine international batsman Peter Fulton; unsurprisingly, he scored 80\* in their 1996 victory. Key College players at the time included: Jonathan and Michael Davidson, Chris Bisman, Jeremy Innes, and Tom Fisher. In this year's match Tom McClean had an excellent return with both the bat and ball.



## Christchurch Boys' HS

Christchurch Boys' High School took ten games to notch their first win over the hosts. When it came, our skipper Cran Bull described the 2007 whitewash as "the mother of all hidings". Since 2013 The Willows have now lost seven matches on the trot, many of which coincide with Matt Parr being their coach "supremo" and their dominance in the national Gillette Cup competition. There has been a production line of high calibre players coming from the Straven stable, the latest being Archie Redfern who in 2018 took a good attack apart with a century.



## King's High School

King's High School similarly have performed impressively, winning five of their last six outings. In the best tradition of ex-student Brendon McCullum, King's have produced some excellent cricketers. None more so than the all-rounder Beckham Wheeler-Greenall, who was a stand-out player on the 2019 Willows Youth tour to Malaysia and Sri Lanka. He also scored an unbeaten century against us this season.



## Marlborough Boys' College

Marlborough Boys' College achieved a cluster of wins between 2005 and 2008. This would have pleased coach and long-term servant of the game Phil d'Auvergne. Key players from the era were the handy Joe Wheeler (later followed by younger brother and future Black Cap Ben) and Josh Poole.



## Otago Boys' High School

Otago Boys' High School 1st XI rank a clear No. 1 for victories recorded against their often hapless Willows opponents. They have won a phenomenal nine of their last 12 visits. The likes of Jack Hunter, Josh Finnie, Ben Lockrose, Blair Soper, Max Chu have gone on to play first-class cricket. In 2009 paceman Tom Rutherford recorded the best-ever figures for a 1st XI bowler of 7/20. He demolished a Willows side which included Phil Harris, Danny Dowds and Michael Peacock and bowled them out for a paltry 54 runs. This remains our lowest ever innings total in any cricket in 26 seasons.

## Nelson College

Nelson College is the alma mater of the assistant groundsman. Garry MacDonald has had a huge influence on their resurgence and their last two victories has his indelible stamp imprinted all over them. Players to shine were David and Tom Zohrab in 2017 and Josh Simpson with 79\* in their 2018 victory. All three have gone on to play for their province and continue the proud traditions in Hawke Cup cricket — where the bulk of the playing stock are ex-Nelson College lads.



## North Canterbury Country Schools XI

North Canterbury Country Schools XI comprise lads from High Schools in the Christchurch hinterland. Although they have yet to record a win the closest they came was a cliff-hanger in 2003. On that occasion Matthew Brine was caught at the wicket for 123 runs in the final over with only one run separating the teams. Two other Country lads with the honour of scoring a century at The Willows are S. Duncan in 2000 and Dylan Goldstone in 2010.

## St Andrew's College

St Andrew's College had intermittent victories before a golden period between 2016 and 2018. Players like Will Hamilton, Rhys Mariu, Jesse Frew and left-arm slows of Dominic Cornish have recently left a big impression. So far STAC have won a total of seven games and throughout the players have benefited from the wisdom and calm temperament of exceptional coach Mike Johnston.



# John Grocott reflections and tributes

## John Wesley Grocott

17 September 1937 – 18 January 2020

Fondly known as Groc, his recent passing was indeed a sad time for all that knew him. I first met Groc in our primary school days, in the Wellington suburb of Karori, as foes on both the cricket and rugby fields before ending up as team mates at Wellington College and forging a great friendship that became a lifelong one.

Groc had many attributes. He was a talented sportsman who was a member of the 1st XI and 1st XV at Wellington College, and while a tough competitor on the field, he always exhibited the highest standards of sportsmanship. Among his other great attributes were his unwavering positivity, no matter the circumstances; a passion for helping others as evidenced by his countless years in sports administration, notably in cricket and basketball; and his willingness to give his time to support a cause or need.

One of his great passions was Wellington College and together with a group of our old school mates, he was a regular attendee to the very end at the annual Quadrangular Rugby Tournament featuring the 1st XV's of Wellington College, Nelson College, Christ's College and Wanganui Collegiate. The tournament dates back 92 years and has provided our group with an annual opportunity to enjoy some wonderful camaraderie while producing many treasured memories.

In keeping with Groc's wide group of friends, I salute him for a life that was full of achievement and for all the admirable personal qualities he constantly portrayed. At the same time, I must express my good fortune to have enjoyed a valued friendship over more than 70 years.

**May you, Groc, rest in peace.**

– Ian Taylor (former NZ cricket selector/manager)



John joined the East Christchurch Shirley Cricket Club in 1956 and soon became immersed in the Club with playing, administrating and coaching. He played senior cricket from 1956 to 1982 as an opening batsman and ended his playing days in 2010 in Presidents grade. In senior cricket he formed a formidable opening partnership with Peter Coman, scoring 2,188 runs at 21.88.

John established junior cricket at East Shirley in 1958 and ran the Club's coaching programme from 1959 to 1971. Under his watch East Shirley were the first Club to adopt the NZ Cricket Have-A-Go programme. Rightfully, during the 2009/10 season John was awarded the Sir Jack Newman award for services to grassroots cricket.

Within the Club he had long stints in important administrative roles. In 1979 he was elected a Life Member and again in 2015 as a Life Member of the Canterbury Metro Cricket Association. Beyond the Club scene John had several terms as a selector for various Canterbury representative teams including the 1975/76 Plunket Shield side that won all the trophies.

Besides cricket John also gave a lot of his time to: Canterbury Basketball, Shirley Boys' High School, Sport Canterbury, the Christchurch Business Association and all this on top of running his own accountancy practice and looking after his family.

**A giant totara has fallen.**

– Roger Parlane (East Chch Club stalwart)

# Tim Rice: I left Lord's during that final to see The Lion King

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*Sir Tim has a lovely way of expressing his interest in cricket. The following article, written in July 2019, was published in The Spectator and we acknowledge correct permissions to reprint.*

As I left Lord's at around 3 o'clock in the afternoon to go to *The Lion King* European premiere I felt uneasy. Not because I doubted England's chances of overhauling New Zealand's apparently modest 241, but because I felt guilty at deserting Bairstow for Beyoncé, Morgan for Mufasa. There was no reason to suppose the remainder of the day's play would be anything out of the ordinary. I'd been to Lord's literally hundreds of times and more often than not left the ground simply contented to have spent time in its life-affirming surroundings; it had not really mattered whether the cricket itself had been memorable. Okay, this was a World Cup final — but the last one I had attended at Lord's had not been a gripper. Having to leave was a drag but I doubted that this was a misjudgement that would haunt me for the remainder of my days.

But duty called. My fault for writing the movie's songs with Sir Elton in the first place. The wise folks at Disney had clearly not factored the cricket into their plans for the London launch of their latest blockbuster. So by 5 o'clock I was standing in my dinner jacket in a line of A-listers (and lesser mortals) in an increasingly warm cinema foyer in Leicester Square, wishing I had instead attended the Los Angeles premiere a week earlier. My brother Jo was updating me with the score as Harry and Meghan were introduced to the team behind *The Lion King*, some of whom I had known and worked with for a quarter of a century, others new to me but, like Jofra Archer, clearly invaluable contributors to the enterprise they had recently joined.



By the time HRH got to me he was glad to be informed that Buttler and Stokes were turning things around, but it only began to be apparent that this was going to be one of the tightest finishes since W.G. Grace was a lad as we took our seats to be regaled with Lebo M's immortal opening chant to 'Circle Of Life'. Jo was still loyally sending me the score. With 24 needed off the last two overs, an alert usher — quite correctly of course — told me to switch off my phone. Nearly two hours later I learned what I had missed.

By extraordinary coincidence, my own cricket team, Heartaches CC, enjoyed only our third tied match in 47 seasons earlier this summer. Extraordinary because each side scored 241 (as had England and New Zealand). The opponents were The Authors CC, and at the end of an exhilarating day's play there was no call for a super over. Both sides were happy to leave things as the fates had decreed. Delighted though I was by England's triumph, I can't help feeling that at times the insistence that there must be a winner at the end of a titanic struggle is misguided, and all would have gone home even happier with honours shared.



Playing against The Authors is always a joy. Their team is awash with literary talent, sometimes coupled with immaculate cover drives or probing spin, courtesy of the likes of Sebastian Faulks, Richard Beard (who scored 126 against us), William Fiennes, Jon Hotten or Tom Holland. Supervised and licked into shape by author and literary agent Charlie Campbell, they continue the century-old tradition of maintaining the strong bonds between cricket and literature.

J.M. Barrie was a man of limited cricketing ability but devoted to the game. His famous amateur team the Allahakbarries, founded in 1887, was studded with literary giants of the age. H.G. Wells, Arthur Conan Doyle, Jerome K. Jerome, G.K. Chesterton, A.A. Milne and P.G. Wodehouse were among those who played for him. It really was a phenomenal line-up, the creators of Winnie the Pooh, Sherlock Holmes, Jeeves and Bertie Wooster and Peter Pan united in their love of the drama, excitement, literacy and intelligence of cricket. And at times by the stillness, the inaction, the torpidity, the languid progress of the game — aspects of life that cricket truly reflects amid our turbulent times and our desperate need for instant gratification. Some of these literary titans were seriously good

players, notably Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who actually played first-class cricket and once dismissed W.G. Grace. P.G. Wodehouse, a star fast bowler in his Dulwich College days, was pretty handy to have in the 11 too — and of course Wodehouse immortalised the Warwickshire fast bowler Percy Jeeves, an England prospect killed in the Great War, when he created English literature's most famous gentleman's gentleman.

I see a lot of myself in J.M. Barrie. Not, I hasten to add, in literary terms — nor in terms of size, for Barrie was barely five feet tall in his socks — but as a cricketer. His skills with bat and ball appear to be similar to mine. The less said about them the better I suppose, but when I bat, to be able to call 'wait' is a result. Barrie used to claim that he bowled so slowly that if he didn't like what he had delivered he had time to walk down the wicket and retrieve it before it reached the batsman. However, through the Allahakbarries he found great companionship, enjoyment and temporary escape from aspects of a wider imperfect world. How reassuring to feel, for a few hours every other summer weekend, that the most serious problems in life are within the boundaries of a cricket field. *Hakuna matata.*

## Medbury Preparatory School 1st XI

Winners of the National Primary Cricket Cup 2019





▲ The victorious Willows side after the final at Karori Park.

## Two-peat for over-35s at Kindred

By Sam Davis

Following our success in the inaugural season last year, The Willows entered the second season of the national Kindred Cricket Competition, determined to defend our title!

Involving twelve clubs throughout New Zealand similar to The Willows, the Kindred Cricket Competition consists of teams of over 35-year-olds playing three 'conference' matches throughout the season, followed by a finals weekend in Wellington at the end of February.

Prior to Christmas we managed to secure two wins from our three conference matches; against Nelson Ramblers (Nelson) by default and Hawkwood Wanderers (match report page 21). The loss came at the hands of United Country & Vineyards (Blenheim). We had done enough to secure a place in the finals weekend.

Thanks to some expat Willowers living in Wellington (Jimad Khan, Sam Foley, and Maulik Patel) we pulled together a strong Willows side.

In the Quarter Final we played Harberdashers CC (Wairarapa) who batted first posting 197 off their 20 overs, with their opener scoring a superb century. Chris Mugford was the pick of our bowlers. We reached the required total with one ball to spare, five wickets down, with runs from Sam Foley (70) supported by Jonathan Davidson and Tim McConnell. Unfortunately, we also lost our first player to injury with Hugo Davison pulling a hammy. Such is over-35s cricket!

In the semi-final we were up against Wellington Wanderers including ex-internationals Richard Petrie and Hamish Marshall. Batting first this time we posted 202/8 with runs from Adam Hastilow (75) with support again by Jonathan Davidson (53) and Tim McConnell (38). In what turned out to be a one-sided affair, Wellington was bowled out for 97, with wickets for Chris Nicholson (4/22), Chris O'Connell (3/18) and Maulik Patel (2/15).

And so the 2020 final was an all South Island affair against new rivals United Country & Vineyards, who had given us a hiding back in November. Despite early wickets, The Willows

middle order really fired, reaching over 200 for the third time in the tournament. Runs again for Adam Hastilow (56), Sam Foley (35) and Jonathan Davidson (42\*). We were again very good with the ball, and Vineyards were dismissed for 102, with wickets shared around.

And so The Willows went back-to-back in the Kindred Competition, with Adam Hastilow and Chris Nicholson deservedly making the Tournament Team. The trophy was once again paraded around Courtenay Place by the players in their Willows blazers well into the small hours!

Special thanks to Sam Foley who not only turned down a family wedding to play, but pulled both hammies in the process and turned up to the reception later unable to walk!

If anyone (over 35) is keen to be involved next season, please let the Club know. It's a lot of fun and a great chance for 'older' players to reconnect with old friends and play some competitive cricket against their peers and have a few beers and a laugh.

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## Rain curtails play in NSW

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**By Sam Davis**

This season The Willows travelled to Sydney to play two matches. It was to be our second match vs I Zingari at their home ground at Camden after touring NSW in 2017, and our first match against new friends, The Primary Club in Sydney. The Primary Club of Australia is a registered charity that raises money for people with disabilities through playing cricket, and with very close overall objectives to our own.

The Willows team assembled in Sydney early on the morning of Waitangi Day. We then travelled to the picturesque Birchgrove Oval for a twenty over match against The Primary Club. When we planned our tour, NSW had been in the grip of a severe drought with bush fires throughout the state. How ironic it was then that over Waitangi

weekend 2020 that Sydney received some of the heaviest rain in decades! Despite this, we did manage to sneak in a full match, and enjoyed some fantastic hospitality following the match in nearby Balmain.

Batting first The Willows got off to a tremendous start with Tim McConnell and Kelvin Scott despatching the ball to all parts of Birchgrove Oval, and eventually posted a challenging score of 138, despite losing five wickets for three runs in the middle overs! The Willows opening bowler (touring stalwart Hugo Davison, and debutant, Chris Nicholson), started very well and were almost unplayable on the damp Birchgrove surface, knocking the top off The Primary Club line up, from which they never recovered. However, while on the ropes, the clouds gathered over Sydney Harbour, and as rain started to fall it looked like the tourists may be denied a win on Aussie soil. Thankfully, it held off just enough time for The Willows to get through the overs. We were able to maintain our unbeaten overseas record, with The Primary Club only managing 98-9 from their overs.

The following day was a 'rest day' for the tourists and the plan was to play some golf at one of Sydney's top courses. However, as the rain continued (and in fact got heavier) we then resorted to shopping and indoor virtual golf, before convening for a long lunch in Woolloomooloo. Rain continued to fall in Sydney and not surprisingly our match against I Zingari on Sunday was abandoned. The tourists therefore quickly arranged a pleasant tour of the Hunter Valley wine region.

A great time was had over three rainy days in NSW. It was disappointing not get in a match against I Zingari, but we look forward to their tour of New Zealand in early 2021.

It was fantastic to meet some great people from The Primary Club, and we also look forward to their first tour to Christchurch later in 2020. Special thanks to Winsome Dormer for joining our tour, along with a number of supportive WAGs; their presence probably brought a degree of culture and decorum that would not have been experienced otherwise!



▲ Merrill Fernando after his award ceremony at Massey University with his NZ business partner John Burton (seated) and his sons Dilhan, on his right, and Malik on his left, November 29th 2019.

## Merrill Fernando honoured with DSc by Massey University

Citation read by **Professor Paul Moughan** on the occasion of the visit to Massey University by Merrill Fernando, the Founder of Dilmah Tea.

It is my very great pleasure to deliver a citation, for the award of an Honorary Doctor of Science, to Merrill Joseph Fernando. An honorary DSc is regarded as one of the University's highest honours. Such awards are given sparingly, and primarily to recognise the exceptional achievements of an individual. There is also, however, an element of offering a role model for our cohort of graduates.

Dear Graduates and Graduands, I can think of no better role model for you and your awakening careers, than Merrill Fernando. I urge you all to reflect upon this man's prowess, draw from it, and go forward from today adopting his ethos in developing your own professional lives.

Merrill Fernando is the Founder of Dilmah Tea, a Sri Lankan based company, that has become a world leader in tea production and marketing, quite against the odds I might add, and competing with the world's food conglomerates.

Merrill is well known to New Zealanders, with his now famous television ad for Dilmah tea: "Do Try It", and "his" is a familiar face in all New Zealand living rooms. He has been a great supporter of New Zealand business, and New Zealand science, having generously funded work at Massey University into the anti-oxidant and health properties of tea.

Merrill Fernando was born in 1930 into humble beginnings in the country then known as Ceylon. His first job was within an American Petroleum Company but soon he moved on to London,

where at Mincing Lane, he would learn the art of tea tasting and selection. Following this, Merrill returned to Ceylon and joined AF Jones and Company, a British tea business. He quickly made his way up to the position of Company Director, and eventually bought out the British shareholders to form his own company that would become Dilmah Tea. The story of his rise has been well documented, and the global brand, Dilmah, will be a lasting legacy.

In developing his company, however, Merrill became acutely aware of the gross exploitation of tea growers and workers in Sri Lanka, and how a premium food product was treated as a commodity by overseas buyers. He set about to rectify this, which is perhaps his greatest achievement. Merrill and Dilmah were using the terms “fair trade” and “ethical production”, years before they became mainstream. His business has become an international exemplar.

But Merrill went further, and once “on his feet”, established the MJF Charitable Foundation which diverts ten percent of Dilmah’s pre-tax profit to charitable aid. It also aids in both environmental and cultural preservation in Sri Lanka. The Foundation touches 10,000 people every year.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to paraphrase a quote from Merrill:

“We come into this world with nothing, we leave with nothing. The wealth some of us acquire is owed to the efforts of others. Let us, therefore, share the wealth so that goodwill and contentment may make our world a happier place”.

Quite understandably, Merrill has received many international accolades, including:

- The Oslo Business for Peace Award
- Sri Lankan of the Year
- The FIRST Award for Responsible Capitalism (other recipients of this prestigious award have been the Santander Bank, Unilever and Glaxo Smith Kline).
- And along with the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, recognition as one of the three most admired leaders in his country.

In short, ladies and gentleman, Merrill Fernando is an astute, humble, just, and philanthropic leader. He is a wonderful role model for all of us.

## Vignettes

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### **Phil Tufnell — once likened to Manuel (from Fawcety Towers) by captain, Mike Brierley**

No cricketer (nowadays, a media celebrity in Britain) has attracted as much mirth as Phil Tufnell (42 tests for England). As a spin bowler he took 121 test wickets but it is about other aspects of his game that countless stories abound.

#### **Tufnell, the fieldsman**

“The other advantage England have got when Phil Tufnell is bowling is that he isn’t fielding.”

— Ian Chappell, commentator

### **Tufnell, himself, on why he became a spinner**

You can’t smoke twenty a day and bowl fast.

### **Tufnell, the twelfth-man**

Tuffers was also known as “The Cat”, not for his supreme athleticism but because he slept through his twelfth-man duties when playing for Middlesex.

### **Tufnell, the target of crowd ribbing**

On tour an Aussie fan called out to him: “Hey Tufnell, can I borrow your brain? I’m building an idiot.”

### **And finally, Tufnell sledged by an umpire**

When Tuffers, playing his first test match at the MCG, innocently asked “How many left, ump?”

Australian umpire Peter O’Connell replied “count them yourself, you Pommy bastard!”

# Past Highlights

Another classic close encounter came on 4th February 2018 against **Nelson College 1st XI**.

Skipper Dave Kelly knows only one way to play cricket — bat first and apply maximum aggression all day. So we took first use of a track which started damp and slow. We struggled for runs, failed to bat for 50 overs, and ended with a sub-par total. The only batsman to shine was Dave Wakefield who compiled a stylish 49 runs, which included 9 fours. The Nelson lads bowled and fielded like Trojans.

However, the Nelson chase began disastrously. In less than an hour they were 21/6. Callum Finnie knocked three over immediately; one to a stunning catch by Fraser Hawes who at mid-off was parallel to the ground when grabbed it.

The fat lady sidled over to the fish pond to loosen up her vocal chords. An early finish seemed a

mere formality. But, we hadn't counted on two variables: (1) By tea, the wicket had levelled out, and (2) coach Garry MacDonald played his trump card. He held back his usual opening man, Josh Simpson, who came out to bat at the fall of the sixth wicket.

Josh, along with F. Hughes, staged a vital 122 run partnership as they threaded the ball through the attacking field settings maintained by The Willows skipper. The match came down to the wire. When Grant Stewart claimed wickets from successive balls we sniffed a chance. However, when the Nelson No. 11 walked in to join Simpson only 3 runs were required. He calmly wacked the second ball faced to the boundary and so gave his side a sensational victory. Josh was left unbeaten on 79 and won the plaudits of two knowledgeable cricket men — his coach and the wily Willows captain.

## The Willows

NC Clark	b Simpson	7
B Entwistle	b Simpson	2
CJ Wakefield	c Wilson b Aiken	25
DJ Wakefield	c Lund b D Zohrab	49
DP Kelly	c Wilson b D Zohrab	4
PN Dickson	c Wilson b Restieaux	21
WML Macfarlane	b Halsey	0
M Reid	b Lund	19
GJ Stewart	c Halsey b Restieaux	4
FC Hawes	lbw Lund	3
CSF Finnie	not out	0

Extras (1b, 11w, 1nb) 13

**Total (all out, 44.3 overs) 153**

	O	M	R	W
J Simpson	6	0	27	2
T Zohrab	6	2	9	0
C McKay	5	0	31	0
D Aiken	4	1	14	1
D Zohrab	7	1	32	2
S Halsey	9	3	17	1
F Restieaux	4	0	13	2
M Lund	3.3	0	7	2

## Nelson College 1st XI

D Endersdy	c Hawes b Finnie	2
M Lund	lbw Finnie	0
D Zohrab	c Clark b Finnie	4
F Restieaux	b Macfarlane	7
T Zohrab	lbw D Wakefield	1
F Hughes	c — b Stewart	37
J Barron	b Macfarlane	0
J Simpson	not out	79
D Aiken	lbw Stewart	0
P Wilson	c Macfarlane b Finnie	0
S Halsey	not out	4

Extras (4b, 12w, 4nb) 20

**Total (9 wickets, 47.3 overs) 155**

	O	M	R	W
G Stewart	10	2	22	2
CSF Finnie	8.3	2	25	4
WML Macfarlane	9	2	22	2
DJ Wakefield	10	3	20	1
FC Hawes	6	1	34	0
CJ Wakefield	2	0	18	0
DP Kelly	2	0	11	0

**Umpires:** J Rose and H Fowler **Scorer:** T Docherty **Result:** The Willows lost by 1 wicket

# Willows all-time XI chosen by our Hon Statisticians

After 26 seasons it is time to select a 'best of' Willows XI. To do so, Club statisticians (Phil Harris and John Mitchell) consult the cumulative statistics as printed at the back of the 2019/20 Annual Report.

The cut-off for team consideration was set at:

- 1000+ Club runs or if a NZ or Canterbury player averaging 60 per innings for The Willows.
- 43+ Club wickets or if a NZ or Canterbury player with in excess of 29 Willows wickets.

## The team (in possible batting order):

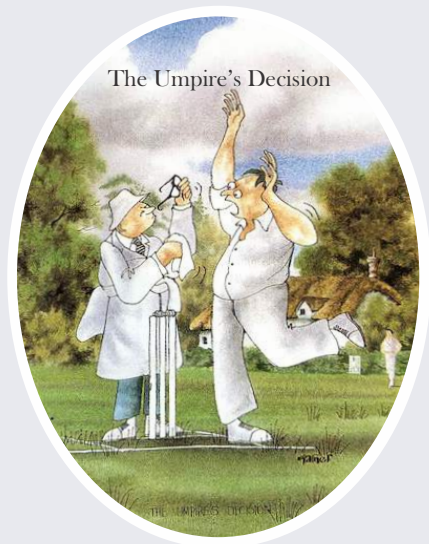
1. **Dave Kelly**  
1970 runs @ 75.8 / 46 wickets @12.1
2. **Tom Latham**  
483 runs @ 69.0
3. **Darin Cusack**  
1224 runs @ 37.1
4. **Paul McEwan** (c)  
1458 runs @ 25.6 / 60 wickets @ 21.0
5. **David Bond** (wk)  
1359 runs @ 38.8
6. **Phil Harris**  
1899 runs @ 31.1 / 51 wickets @ 23.0
7. **Andrew Nuttall**  
228 wickets @ 11.3
8. **Richard McGuire**  
86 wickets @ 19.0
9. **Grant Stewart**  
55 wickets @ 13.7
10. **Sam Davis**  
67 wickets @ 17.2
11. **Geoff Allott**  
30 wickets @ 14.2
12. **Michael Peacock**  
50 wickets @ 13.9

So that's our XI. Plenty of firepower and all loyal heroes of The Willows ideals. The 12th position was a close-run thing, finally given to Michael because of the extra spin option he would offer. The unlucky man was Graeme Inglis for the all-rounder spot at No. 6. Here we were at variance. Phil went for Graeme (1357 runs @ 26.1 and 33 wickets @ 23.1) ahead of himself, citing that Gingles "is technically very correct with the bat and offers a great bowling option". John went with Phil given his superior Club stats and pulled seniority in making the call.

Other seriously good Willows players who met the criteria and would proudly not look out of place above include:

Brad Doody	1057 runs @ 33.0
Tim McConnell	1425 runs @ 26.9
Jacob Wolt	54 wickets @ 26.9
Adam Hastilow	52 wickets @ 17.5
Wade Cornelius	37 wickets @ 14.6
Ryan Burson	29 wickets @ 12.6

We welcome your feedback! After all, what good are composite elevens if not to kick off a vigorous debate?



# In praise of **SLOW**

By John Mitchell

Google 'slowest test innings' and the name near the top of most lists is that of Willower Geoff Allott (10 tests and 31 ODIs for NZ). At the time, in 1999 v South Africa in Auckland, he batted 101 minutes and made 0 runs. He came in last to join another Willower Chris Harris, when 101 runs were needed to avoid the follow-on. Allott, defiantly, did everything he possibly could to support Harris and faced 76 balls without giving his wicket away and without scoring a run. On the 77th he was caught off the bowling of J. Kallis.

Tales of heroic defensive resistance and old-fashioned "dunny-dooring" abound in cricket. The earliest reference to a classic "stone-waller" that I could find dated back some two hundred years prior to Allott.

A certain Tom Walker (nick-named Old Everlasting) in the 1790's is recorded as facing 170 deliveries to score one run. Opponents bemoaned that "he was a tedious fellow to bowl at and the slowest runner between wickets ever seen". Does that remind you of anyone you ever played with? When an exasperated bowler had words to him, he merely remarked "I don't care what ee zays" and continued to plop each delivery calmly down in front of his defensive bat. A spectator's nightmare!

120-odd years after Tom came another of similar ilk. The obdurate batsman J.W.H.T. Douglas was christened Johnny Won't Hit Today, a play on his initials and so named by the Australian hecklers because of his defensive batting. Mind you, the Brits got their own back in the 1960's when the Australians toured with Ken Mackay, nicknamed Slasher, because that was exactly what he didn't do while batting. Both were noted for their wearisome approach to batting. One report reckons that a Mackay Ashes innings of 86\* was at such a dull rate that he was dropped due to public demand.

In the modern game we have been blessed with some wonderfully gifted attacking batsmen. Master-blasters like Nathan Astle, Sehwag, McCullum, Gayle, AB de Villiers and co who have all lit up the global stage.

But one of the most remarkable recent batting displays involved the last mentioned above. This was AB fighting to save a Test match and not one where he smashed the ball to all corners. It was at Delhi in 2015, 4th Test v India on a deck which looked every bit doctored to suit the home spinners. The ball turned sideways. Something must have got up the dander of the Proteas skipper because he and Amla had clearly had a gutsful, and together they plotted not to score runs and to resist everything. In a superb "cat and mouse" display they turned down runs and AB survived 354 minutes (for only 43 runs) in the most testing of conditions. It was TV sport at its best and proved it doesn't always have to be about big hits to captivate true cricket lovers.

Slow play, for whatever reason, and players like AB with seemingly endless time to execute their strokes seems to bring out the best in sports journalists and commentators. To quote two, from many, by way of example:

***He played a cut so late, as to be positively posthumous.***

– John Arlott

***It's difficult to be more laid back than David Gower without being actually comatose.***

– Frances Edmonds

Potato is the nickname of the next star who played the game in his unique way. He is also the man who broke the hearts of NZ cricket fans when he scored a brilliant 60 (off 37 balls; nothing slow about that) to sink our team from advancing to the finals of the Cricket World Cup in 1992. We refer, of course to the heavyweight former Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq.

Like Tom Walker, Inzi was not one for quick singles and possessed a relaxed demeanour as he went about his business. It is therefore appropriate to finish with an extract from Geoff Tibballs amusing book on cricket.



## The leisurely approach

Former Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq was renowned for his aversion to physical exercise. In 2000, when Pakistan were practising before a Test, Inzi stayed in the dressing-room while the rest of the team went out for their warm-up and fielding drill. As they moved to the nets, Inzi ventured outside, walking slowly to a large wicker chair that had been placed, caringly, for him alongside the nets. When it was his turn to bat he hauled himself slowly from his chair, dealt with each delivery with the minimum of effort, then returned to the dressing-room. Next day he scored a century.

I rest my case then — sometimes cricket trivia teaches us that faster isn't always better!

**Sources:** *Wikipedia, Cricket by B.J.W. Hill, pub Basil Blackwell, Oxford in 1960 and No-Balls and Googles by Geoff Tibballs, pub Michael O'Mara Books Ltd, London in 2013*

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## For the love of stats — NZ cricket trivia from Bert Walker

Cricket is naturally full of interesting statistical coincidences, quirks and oddities, here are just a few of them involving Kiwi players over the years:

What left-handed batsmen have achieved for New Zealand in Test cricket, is way beyond their proportional representation! As they have:

- provided four of the current top nine run scorers for NZ in Test cricket (Fleming, Wright, Vettori and Latham)
- provided three of the current top nine test century scorers for NZ in Test cricket (Wright, Latham and Fleming)
- scored New Zealand's first two double centuries in Test cricket (M. Donnelly 206, B. Sutcliffe 230\*)
- provided four of New Zealand's first seven centuries in Test cricket

- scored the first four centuries on debut in Test cricket by New Zealanders (J. Mills, B. Taylor, R. Redmond, M. Greatbatch)
- were the first 3 batsmen dismissed on 99 in Test cricket for NZ (J. Beck, R. Hadlee, J. Wright)
- as well as comprising seven of the nine unfortunate batsmen to be dismissed on 99 in Test cricket for NZ to date!

## Test scores for NZ

- In Test cricket for NZ, only twice has a batsman been dismissed on 188 — Martin Crowe both times (v WI and Aus). Also he was dismissed on 137 twice, among the seven NZ batsmen to make this score. While 107 is far and away the most common score over 100 by NZ batsmen, scored on 16 occasions (and yes, including by Crowe) to date. And only one NZ batsman has been out on the same score over 100 three times — Kane Williamson, on 113.
- The great all-rounder John R Reid played 58 Tests for New Zealand, coincidentally at the end of which his batting and bowling averages were almost identical — batting 33.28 (3428 runs) and bowling 33.35 (85 wickets).
- Strangely, no New Zealand bowler has finished with 8 wickets in a Test innings yet. Richard Hadlee took 9/52 v Australia, and on 16 occasions NZ bowlers have taken 7 wickets in a Test innings (including Hadlee, Chris Cairns, Lance Cairns and Vettori twice), but who will be the first one to achieve an 8-for?
- Shane Bond's first three wickets in his Test career for NZ made impressive reading: S. Waugh 0, M. Hayden 0, J. Langer 0.

## Gavaskar on the World Cup semi-final

I attended a pre-final breakfast included in our tour package. Obviously the organisers had expected India to be in the final, not New Zealand, as it was all India themed! This included entertainment from the "Totally Bollywood" and Sunil Gavaskar speaking. He did though get a big laugh when he said "the reason New Zealand beat India in the semi-final was because although we have a very good one day side at present, we are not so good at two day cricket!"



▲ C.Simpson playing in the V for Christchurch Boys' High School.



▲ Hugo Davison strikes! Batsman – some sound advice can be found in the caption above for next time.

# Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
Abbott, R.E.	12	2	199	19.9	-	129	22	518	18	28.8	1
Agnew, T.W.	18	6	181	15.1	-	157	21	571	33	17.3	1
Allott, G.I.	13	4	109	12.1	-	131	30	427	30	14.2	1
Ambler, K.R.	8	1	445	63.6	1	11	1	45	2	22.5	-
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.	18	2	568	35.5	-	34	3	147	4	36.8	-
Burrell, D.C.	29	11	834	46.3	3	112	10	514	15	34.3	-
Burson, R.D.	13	4	250	27.8	-	112	13	364	29	12.6	1
Clark, C.R.	6	1	65	13.0	-	48	8	180	15	12.0	-
Coffey, S.T.	14	3	529	48.1	2	14	2	67	2	33.5	-
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	-	236	22	583	30	19.4	1
Cornelius, W.A.	19	4	183	12.2	-	183	35	540	37	14.6	2
Courtney, L.	28	15	174	13.4	-	211	19	940	31	30.3	-
Curnow, C.C.	12	4	148	18.5	-	94	9	414	27	15.3	2
Cusack, D.R.	40	7	1224	37.1	1	10	1	45	1	45.0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	36	5	934	30.1	-	9	1	40	1	40.0	-
Davis, S.J.	40	14	397	15.3	-	306	48	1155	67	17.2	2
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.	25	9	481	30.1	-	96	0	420	15	28.0	-
Doody, B.J.K.	36	4	1057	33.0	2	30	1	148	12	12.3	1
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	-	144	7	605	24	25.2	1
Dormer, B.L.	19	2	430	25.3	-	10	0	53	2	26.5	-
Dowds, D.P.	31	4	975	36.1	1	95	4	495	14	35.4	-
Dunne, R.M.	21	8	733	56.4	-	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	-	175	37	523	30	17.4	1
Grocott, D.J.	16	9	178	25.4	-	147	35	361	24	15.0	-
Grocott, T.M.	5	3	36	18.0	-	110	1	378	15	25.2	-
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.	79	18	1899	31.1	3	287	36	1174	51	23.0	-
Harrison, T.	20	4	655	40.9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	30	6	573	23.9	-	222	25	911	52	17.5	1

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5WI
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.	30	10	803	40.2	-	165	20	666	26	25.6	-
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	-	117	24	350	23	15.2	-
Hill, F.	11	2	375	41.7	1	60	9	283	15	18.9	-
Hudson, M.G.	17	2	361	24.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	62	10	1357	26.1	1	183	22	761	33	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.	43	17	1970	75.8	7	166	20	558	46	12.1	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.	13	0	124	9.5	-	120	27	347	22	15.8	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.	35	2	438	13.3	-	65	1	327	16	20.4	-
McCarthy, P.B.	19	2	670	39.4	1	49	5	196	11	17.8	-
McConnell, T.P.	61	8	1425	26.9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	64	7	1458	25.6	2	293	27	1261	60	21.0	1
McEwan, R.P.	32	7	118	4.7	-	186	17	811	23	35.3	-
McFedries, A.G.	42	8	842	24.8	-	312	36	1278	39	32.8	1
McGuire, R.D.	46	23	718	31.2	-	414	41	1632	86	19.0	2
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	-	126	30	419	22	19.0	1
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.	29	2	779	28.9	1	119	9	453	25	18.1	-
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mugford, C.	18	3	506	33.7	-	86	11	317	14	22.6	-
Murray, F.D.J.	16	0	329	20.6	-	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.	77	36	959	23.4	-	944	226	2572	228	11.3	2
O'Connell, C.P.	10	4	167	27.8	-	73	7	313	18	17.4	-
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	12	3	359	39.9	2	54	6	234	5	46.8	-
Parr, M.J.	24	3	418	19.9	-	208	31	752	38	19.8	-
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	-	240	60	697	50	13.9	3
Reese, A.	20	5	210	14.0	-	174	11	673	27	24.9	1
Reid, M.	15	1	388	27.7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	18	4	367	26.2	-	61	9	253	9	28.1	-
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	2	91	17	273	8	34.1	-
Rutledge, P.D.	48	10	384	10.1	-	13	0	104	1	104.0	-

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	SWI
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	-
Scott, K.B.	13	1	356	29.7	1	69	6	279	10	27.9	-
Singh, A.	5	2	22	7.3	-	42	9	139	17	8.2	1
Singleton, M.J.	27	1	531	20.4	-	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	-	128	33	433	30	14.4	2
Teale, H.W.	16	4	542	45.2	1	78	6	414	16	25.9	-
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	-	118	17	438	16	27.4	-
Vann, D.B.	15	2	359	27.6	1	64	7	263	9	29.2	-
Vedder, D.W.	13	5	25	3.1	-	95	12	374	17	22.0	-
Wakefield, D.J.	20	3	517	30.4	-	124	16	457	22	20.8	1
Ward, J.	16	4	369	30.8	-	54	3	280	11	25.5	1
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.	37	5	573	17.9	-	45	1	270	9	30.0	-
Wilson, R.T.	26	8	424	23.6	1	107	7	514	17	30.2	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	25	11	60	4.3	-	341	38	1451	54	26.9	-
Woollicroft, S.P.	5	1	6	1.5	-	159	19	536	32	16.8	-
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	-	183	21	742	34	21.8	-



▲ Another CBHS victory over The Willows – 17 November 2019.

# Records

## Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	No Result
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	13	11	-	-
2017/18	25	15	9	-	-
2018/19	20	11	8	-	1
2019/20	23	16	7	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>

## 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
2019/20	23	4,494	195	156	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>118,889</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>27.1</b>

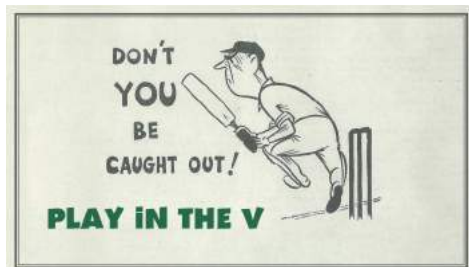
# Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	100 v Shirley BHS	27.02.05	G.A.Miller	100 v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
C.J.Anderson	100 v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	P.Miller	101 v Marlborough Boys'	24.03.19
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101 v St Bede's College	29.01.06	M.Newton-Vesty	102 v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101 v Timaru BHS	03.02.08	C.Neynens	101 v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
C.W.Bisman	100 v Nth Cauty Sec Schools	21.02.99	S.N.Noster	102 v Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
D.W.Bond	102 v Crusaders XI	17.03.01	S.N.Noster	101 v Christchurch BHS	12.09.08
D.W.Bond	100 v Nelson College	16.02.03	S.N.Noster	101 v Southland BHS	20.02.11
C.J.B.Burnett	101 v Gore High School	30.09.12	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101 v Christ's College	18.01.09
A.E.Burrell	100 v St Andrew's College	18.02.96	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102 v Christ's College	12.01.14
D.C.Burrell	102 v Ohoka Swamphens	28.01.96	B.R.Orton	102 v Otago BHS	29.10.06
D.C.Burrell	100 v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97	B.R.Orton	100 v Nelson College	10.02.08
D.C.Burrell	100 v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01	B.R.Orton	100 v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08
W.M.Burrell	100 v Nth Cauty Sec Schools	05.03.00	M.Patel	103 v Timaru BHS	07.02.10
S.T.Coffey	100 v King's College	24.01.07	J.D.Pawson	100 v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
S.T.Coffey	100 v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08	M.Reid	100 v King's High School	10.12.17
D.R.Cusack	100 v Burnside HS	30.11.03	I.A.Robertson	100 v Wellington College	27.10.02
P.C.Devlin	102 v Nth Cauty Sec Schools	11.03.01	I.A.Robertson	100 v South Canterbury XI	03.10.14
B.J.Diamanti	100 v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	<b>K.B.Scott</b>	<b>100 v St Thomas of C'bury</b>	<b>03.11.19</b>
B.J.K.Doody	100 v Christ's College	14.10.01	F.W.Sheat	101 v Marlborough Boys'	13.10.14
B.J.K.Doody	103 v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	H.W.Teale	100 v St Bede's College	30.01.11
D.P.Dowds	101 v Burnside High School	07.12.08	G.L.Thomson	100 v Medbury HM's XI	16.12.97
P.M.Duncan	101 v Christ's College	16.01.11	G.L.Thomson	100 v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
R.M.Dunne	100 v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	G.L.Thomson	100 v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
T.D.L.Fisher	102 v Christ's College	08.01.06	L.van Beek	101 v London NZ CC	25.03.07
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104 v Medbury HM's XI	20.03.05	D.B.Vann	102 v Northwest Schools XI	30.11.14
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101 v Combined Sec Schools	25.11.07	W.P.J.Walsh	100 v Northwest Schools XI	05.12.10
D.R.Hadlee	100 v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	B.R.Ward	100 v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
M.J.Hadlee	100 v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	B.R.Ward	104 v Christchurch BHS	19.11.17
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101 v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	W.S.A.Williams	101 v Shirley BHS	18.03.12
P.D.Harris	100 v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	R.T.Wilson	101 v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
P.D.Harris	102 v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	M.J.W.Wright	100 v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
P.D.Harris	104 v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	M.J.W.Wright	102 v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
T.Harrison	105 v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	B.A.Yock	106 v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
C.Hill	101 v St Bede's College	20.01.19	B.A.Yock	102 v London NZ CC	23.11.08
F.Hill	100 v Shirley BHS	15.03.15	W.Young	103 v Gore High School	02.10.11
O.R.Hutton	100 v Southland BHS	06.03.05	A.Yugaraja	104 v Christ's College	15.01.12
T.Huyser	101 v Nelson College	13.02.11			
G.D.Inglis	100 v Timaru BHS	25.01.04			
L.H.Johnston	100 v Otago BHS	28.10.07			
R.Jones	100 v Waimea College	24.11.13			
D.P.Kelly	101 v King's High School	11.12.11			
D.P.Kelly	101 v Bradley Nuttall XI	20.02.13			
D.P.Kelly	102 v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	10.03.13			
D.P.Kelly	100 v Country Sec Schools	02.03.14			
D.P.Kelly	104 v Marlborough Boys'	13.10.14			
D.P.Kelly	100 v Southwest Schools XI	08.01.17			
D.P.Kelly	100 v King's High School	29.01.17			
S.L.Langrope	100 v Timaru BHS	03.02.08			
R.T.Latham	100 v St Andrew's College	26.02.95			
T.W.M.Latham	101 v Burnside HS	02.12.07			
B.L.Laughton	105 v St Thomas of C'bury	12.02.14			
H.R.M.McCarthy	100 v Waimea College	27.11.11			
P.B.McCarthy	102 v St Bede's College	09.02.97			
T.P.McConnell	104 v Country Sec Schools	02.03.14			
P.E.McEwan	104 v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94			
P.E.McEwan	109 v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00			
M.N.M.McKenzie	100 v Millbrook XI	25.01.98			

## Most hundreds

7	D.P.Kelly
3	D.C.Burrell
3	G.L.Thomson
3	P.D.Harris
3	B.R.Orton
3	S.N.Noster



## Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

C.K.Curnow	8-21	v St Bede's College	08.02.16	J.H.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10	J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of C'bury	02.02.11
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12	W.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07	T.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02	<b>R.D.McGuire</b>	<b>5-23</b>	<b>v Christ's College</b>	<b>12.01.20</b>
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	T.G.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11	M.D.Peacock	5-25	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.05
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02	T.E.Lancaster	5-26	v London NZ CC	26.11.95
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12	W.A.Cornelius	5-27	v London NZ CC	19.12.99
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14	H.W.Day	5-27	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12	G.J.Stewart	5-27	v Umpires XI	16.03.18
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17	P.F.Youngusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02	A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04	M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago BHS	02.11.03
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98	R.D.Burson	5-30	v London NZ CC	14.12.14
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley BHS	05.03.06	B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	09.02.05	W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury HM's XI	12.03.00
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	10.03.10	R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Northwest Schools XI	04.12.11	I.Huston	5-33	v Wanganui Collegiate	26.10.97
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99	M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
A.Singh	5-13	v Waitaki BHS	04.03.18	<b>M.D.Peacock</b>	<b>5-33</b>	<b>v Otago BHS</b>	<b>20.10.19</b>
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Sec Schools	23.11.03	D.H.A.McMillan	5-36	v Hawkswood Wanderers	16.12.01
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru BHS	08.02.09	P.E.McEwan	5-37	v Christchurch BHS	06.12.98
F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru BHS	01.02.15	T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04	D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Country Sec Schools	11.03.07	C.K.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18
A.J.Macgregor	5-18	v Gore High School	28.09.14	A.J.Hastilow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
N.Wingham	5-18	v Emu CC (Australia)	15.01.16	J.Ward	5-43	v Ohoka Swamphens	18.01.98
C.J.Bellis	5-18	v Waimea College	26.11.17	B.J.K.Doody	5-46	v Mobil Oil XI	16.11.97
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95	W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru BHS	25.01.04
A.D.D.Reese	5-19	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.11	M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
S.J.Davis	5-20	v London NZCC	03.12.17	M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15
<b>S.J.Davis</b>	<b>5-20</b>	<b>v Hawkswood Wanderers</b>	<b>15.12.19</b>				

## Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

<b>For</b>	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
<b>Against</b>	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

<b>For</b>	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
<b>Against</b>	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

## Batting – 1,000 runs

<b>Season achieved</b>	
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

## Bowling – 100 wickets

<b>Season achieved</b>	
2005/06	A.J.Nuttall

## Bowling – 200 wickets

<b>Season achieved</b>	
2017/18	A.J.Nuttall



## 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
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>L.Andrews</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>v The Willows</b>

## '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
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>Christchurch Boys' High School</b>

## Visitor Honours 2019/20 Season

B.R.Wheeler-Greenall	104 ret	for King's High School
M.W.T.Boyle	101 ret	for St Bede's College
L.Andrews	110 ret	for Timaru Boys' High School
J.Tooby	6-41	for Southland Boys' High School

# Results

P = played W = won L = lost T = tied NR = no result

## Home Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	19/20
Albion CC	1	-	1	-	-	-
Arthur Pitcher's XI	7	4	3	-	-	-
Auckland Glimmer XI	4	2	2	-	-	-
Ben Harris XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Bradley Nuttall XI	5	3	2	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation (Aust)	1	-	1	-	-	-
Canterbury Emerging XI	1	-	1	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	2	1	1	-	-	-
Christ's College	22	18	4	-	-	W
Christchurch BHS	23	12	9	-	2	L
Christchurch BHS Colts	1	1	-	-	-	-
Clarrie Anderson's XI	15	8	7	-	-	-
Combined Schools XI	13	9	4	-	-	-
Craigengower CC (HK)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	7	4	3	-	-	-
Dunedin Cavaliers	12	8	4	-	-	-
Emu Cricket Club (Aust)	2	-	2	-	-	-
Flaxton Wanderers	8	4	4	-	-	-
Gore High School	4	4	-	-	-	-
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	2	-	1	1	-	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	25	7	17	-	1	W
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong CC	2	1	1	-	-	W
Hutt International School	1	1	-	-	-	W
I Zingari Australia	4	4	-	-	-	-
King's College	3	2	1	-	-	-
King's High School	14	7	6	-	1	L
Kristin School	1	1	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	21	11	9	-	1	W
Marlborough Boys' College	18	13	3	-	2	W
Marylebone CC (UK)	1	-	-	1	-	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	10	5	5	-	-	-
Mid Canterbury Schools XI	14	10	3	-	1	L
Millbrook XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Mobil Oil XI	6	5	1	-	-	-
Montana Wine XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Motueka Wekas	4	2	2	-	-	-
Mt Hutt College	1	1	-	-	-	-
Nelson College	18	14	4	-	-	W
North Cauty Schools XI	20	18	-	-	2	W
Northwest Schools XI	15	12	2	-	1	W
NZ Police XI	1	1	-	-	-	-

	P	W	L	T	NR	19/20
Ohoka Swampkens	6	4	2	-	-	-
Old Tablelands XI	1	1	-	-	-	W
Otago BHS	18	8	10	-	-	W
Peninsula Craz	23	13	9	-	1	-
Primary Club (Aust)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sacred Heart College	3	2	1	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	17	17	-	-	-	W
South Canterbury XI	7	6	1	-	-	-
Southland BHS	14	8	6	-	-	L
Southwest Schools XI	6	5	1	-	-	W
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI (SL)	1	-	1	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	24	17	7	-	-	W
St Bede's College	24	16	7	-	1	L
St Thomas of C'bury College	15	10	4	-	1	W
Suburban XI/Metro XI	18	6	12	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	1	1	-	-	-	-
The Forty Club (UK)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Timaru BHS	18	15	3	-	-	L
Umpires XI	3	2	1	-	-	-
Waimea College	6	5	1	-	-	-
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	16	11	4	-	1	W
Wanganui Collegiate	11	8	3	-	-	-
Wellington College	11	6	5	-	-	L
Wellington President's XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	3	-	2	-	1	-
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	3	-	3	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	9	7	2	-	--	-

## Away Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	19/20
Bradman XI (Bowral)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Flaxton Wanderers	7	1	4	1	1	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	1	-	1	-	-	-
I Zingari (Camden)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Birchgrove)	1	1	-	-	-	W
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