

27th
ANNUAL
REPORT
SEASON
2020/2021



 **The Willows** 
CRICKET CLUB
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.



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Patron in Perpetuity

W.A. Hadlee, *CBE, OBE* (1915–2006)

The Willows Cricketer

The Rt Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, *GNZM, QSO*

The Willows Opening Bowler

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Membership

The members roll at 31 March 2021 stood as follows:

Members	667
Life Members	14
Honorary Members	79
Total Membership	760

● = Playing List ● = Overseas Year of entry precedes name

Members (667)

- 03 Abbott, Mr R.E.
- 06 Abbott, Mr R.T.
- 94 Aberhart, Mr D.C.
- 94 Adams, Mr B.C., *QSM*
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- 05 Barry, Mr V.E.
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- 94 Bateman, Mr S.N.
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- 17 Bayliss-Smith, Mr L.
- 13 Bayly, Mr R.
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- 03 Beer, Mr G.D.
- 06 Belliss, Mr C.J.
- 94 Bennett, Mr J.
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- 00 Boock, Mr S.L., *ONZM*
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- 21 Bretherton, Mr W.B.
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- 18 Brown, Mr H.
- 95 Bruce, Mr D.B.
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- 18 Buckley, Mr F.
- 08 Buist, Mr G.T.
- 20 Buist, Mr Z.
- 06 Bull, Mr A.J.
- 94 Bull, Mr C.L., *MNZM*
- 94 Bull, Mr J.C.
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- 18 Bungard, Mr Q.
- 18 Bungard, Mr R.
- 15 Burley, Mr D.
- 15 Burnett, Mr A.
- 16 Burnett, Mr S.
- 17 Burns, Mr K.
- 03 Burrett, Mr W.G.
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- 21 Challu, Mr K.M.
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- 99 Chisholm, Mr D.H.
- 00 Chisholm, Hon Justice L.
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- 06 Cooper, Hon Justice M.L.S.
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- 98 Cunliffe, Mr J.J.
- 94 Cunliffe, Mr S.M.
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- 94 Cusack, Mr D.R.
- 17 Cushen, Mr S.
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- 00 Doody, Mr T.J.D.
- 94 Dormer, Mr B.L.
- 94 Dormer, Mr P.E.
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- 94 Dowling, Mr G.T., *OBE*
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- 17 Dunlop, Mr T.
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- 01 Ellis, Mr A.M.
- 97 Ellis, Mr M.J.
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- 94 Fairbairn, Mr W.R.T.
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- 08 Fearnley, Mr C.D.
- 98 Fenton, Mr W.R.
- 97 Fenwick, Mr C.R.
- 09 Fernando, Mr D.
- 09 Fernando, Mr M.
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- 06 Fisher, Mr H.M.L.
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- 12 Fleming, Mr C.W.
- 08 Fletcher, Mr A.G.
- 18 Fletcher, Mr N.
- 20 Fletcher, Mr R.
- 14 Ford, Mr L.
- 19 Foulkes, Mr G.
- 18 Foulkes, Mr L.R.B.
- 06 Fowler, Mr H.M.
- 94 Fox, Mr D.O.
- 94 Frahm, Mr R.J.F., *QSM*
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- 15 Frew, Mr R.M.
- 97 Fuller, Mr M.J.
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- 98 Fulton, Mr G.H.
- 95 Fulton, Mr P.G.
- 09 Gale, Mr A.J.
- 98 Gallaway, Mr G.N.
- 94 Gardner, Mr J.
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 ● 11 Kheraj, Mr S.
 10 King, Mr R.H.
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 16 Kissock, Ms C.
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 ● 09 Murray, Mr F.D.J.
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 14 Orsborn, Mr I.A.
 ● 12 O'Sullivan, Mr B.
 ● 19 Paltridge, Mr M.
 ● 19 Paltridge, Mr N.N.A.
 94 Parker, Mr N.M.
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 94 Paton, Mr G.C.J.
 ● 94 Pawson, Mr J.D.
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 21 Perry, Mrs W.
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 94 Phillips, Mr M.K.
 09 Pithey, Mr R.J.
 19 Pittman, Mr T.J.
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 ● 21 Prain, Mr A.
 ● 17 Prain, Mr G.
 19 Preece, Mr R.
 ● 19 Price, Mr M.

- 09 Pulley, Mr D.F.
 ● 16 Punselie, Mr S.
 95 Quested, Mr D.M.
 ● 20 Rajah, Mr T.
 99 Raphael, Mr S.H.E.
 ● 11 Ratnayake, Mr R.J.
 ● 18 Ravenscroft, Mr T.
 ● 15 Read, Mr K.
 ● 00 Reardon, Mr P.H.
 ● 19 Reardon, Mr A.
 ● 09 Reed, Mr G.I.
 ● 20 Reekie, Mr A.
 ● 08 Reese, Mr A.
 04 Reid, Mr D.W.
 ● 06 Reid, Mr H.
 ● 16 Reid, Mr M.
 ● 03 Rennell, Mr C.P.
 ● 16 Rennie, Mr J.
 ● 19 Restieaux, Mr F.
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 ● 01 Richards, Mr S.
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 ● 18 Rohland, Mr M.
 ● 01 Rose, Mr G.L.
 18 Rose, Mr J.
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 14 Ross, Mrs J.M.
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 09 Rowe, Mr C.A.
 ● 09 Rowe, Mr M.P.
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 ● 21 Russell, Mr P.
 01 Rust, Mr K.N.
 21 Rutledge, Miss A.L.
 ● 21 Rutledge, Mr. J.
 ● 15 Ryan, Mr H.M.H.
 ● 15 Ryan, Mr L.P.
 ● 06 Ryan, Mr P.D.
 ● 18 Sail, Mr H.
 ● 03 Salmon, Mr K.
 ● 99 Satterthwaite, Mr M.F.
 94 Savill, Mr C.M.
 ● 06 Sawrey-Cookson, Mr N.
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President's Report

Hon. Nick Davidson, QC

“Willowers All,”

The 2020/21 season was a watershed season for The Willows. The shadow of Mike's deteriorating health lay upon us, but he fought on to the end of the season, to close up the pavilion in style. His struggles were apparent only to those who knew him well, because in his inimitable way he carried on work for The Willows, and for the Salvation Army, as if his condition was no more than a distraction. When he realised the path ahead, he addressed the future of the Club, extracting assurances about delivery of coaching to schools, resumption of tours to the sub-continent, and developing scholarship relationships with English cricket clubs, which began with Matfen, extending to new discussions with Arundel and Tillside Cricket Clubs. He saw inter-club relationships in New Zealand and abroad as vital to camaraderie among Willowers.

He asked us to support Alex Reese and Cricket Live in Sri Lanka, and to foster the relationship with Merrill Fernando and his family, so close to his heart.

The Willows operates on tight financial margins and Mike wanted the Club to be relieved from the pressure which he felt keenly, to sustain it comfortably through sponsorship, donation, and subscription. In short, he wanted to ensure its financial wellbeing, and to recognise those who contribute in so many ways.

With his departure, it is apparent how much of his everyday life was taken up by The Willows. The Management Committee (now called 'the Board'), has identified the multiple roles which Mike carried out, and has delegated these to experienced members. While the unmistakable figure of “North Canterbury's Napoleon” (John Wright's memorable appellation) will not be marshalling us at Loburn, everything there will remind us of him, and what he created.

The deck chairs will be in the same position, with the sun umbrellas. The lunch will be to the high standard he required. The pavilion will be sorted out, in order to find the cricketing taonga, much of which he said, had “gone missing,” but is there somewhere.

During the off season I organised a gathering of the match managers who now select and manage teams for each match. They responded magnificently. Although Mike thought it would take many years to bed down, the system is in place, and working very well. We now have match managers dedicated to ensuring a high standard of selection and organisation of Willows teams, and Match Day hosts will in the same way now become closely associated with all of the annual fixtures. This will develop a strong sense of continuity for schools and clubs which come to Loburn each year.

In short, the Club's fundamental objective that first elevens play against experienced cricketers, in a country atmosphere, with families and friends present, will not change one jot, but there will be refinements. There will be a permanent reminder of Mike's legacy, when later in the year he joins his great friend Peter Nancarrow, resting peacefully and watchfully at the ground. This will be a Club Memorial Day. We will sustain and



▲ Andrew Nuttall bowls against Hawkswood with a conspicuous target parked at cow corner.

expand his legacy, and we are grateful for what Mike, Winsome, Ben and Pete have created.

Ben has been handed the keys to the pavilion as Mike's successor, and has the will, skill set, and the experience to take the Club forward. We congratulate him.

A challenging year

Covid-19 always threatened to strike at our season, but remarkably we did not lose a fixture.

Once again, the school principals, staff, coaches, and cricket managers, with more and more families in support, have backed what The Willows aims to provide on the day; competitive cricket played “In the V,” in a sociable country atmosphere. The links between individual schools and The Willows are such that they now have their own traditions, and regular attendees on the day. Not all schools have the same resources, but the standard of play, and conduct of the teams who come to The Willows is outstanding. We applaud them, and the dedication of those who stand behind the XIs.

Although Mike did not dwell on such matters, he was plainly not impressed by pre-Christmas results, with seven defeats including a 149 run loss to Christchurch Boys' High School. Galvanised to lift their game The Willows then won the next 14 games on end. The Willows should not win every game but should give the opposition something to aspire to. I am struck by the enthusiasm and ability of playing members who make themselves available on a regular basis, and whose positive influence is felt in every game, on and off the Oval.

Isabel McRae, with John, has the arduous task of ensuring our membership records are current. We welcome new members each week. There is an emphasis on an up to the minute website about fixtures, and other Willows events, and messaging apps will send out a steady flow of news.

I thank Alistair Sheard who year after year as Treasurer, provides instant financial records and analysis, (even if Mike had complete control of the cheque book, which I never succeeded in prising from him). I also thank the (former)



▲ Sam French of Wellington College on his way to 74.

Management Committee who have had to address the hard reality of life in Covid times and the inevitable transition. Andy Ellis is in New York and we look forward to his return.

There are those who are dedicated each match day to ensure everything is in order. Di Woodward and Jim Stringleman ensure all runs smoothly and Rex Hayward is our outstanding photographer, with umpires under Dave Stuthridge, and scorers under Howard Fowler.

Peter Devlin maintains the Oval with expertise, with its first-class block and wicket, crucial to the success of The Willows, and Ben as his father's designate now carries Board responsibility for the ground. At his own cost, with the help of John Gardner, he is putting water on the outfield for the first time, and is also installing a section of picket fencing. Ben is reviewing the extensive schedule of equipment which Mike was so fond of accumulating.

Riley and Brooklyn, long term loyal match day helpers, have moved on and their place taken by

Harry and Lauchie. In the pavilion Tash, and Wayne on the BBQ, are stalwarts.

All of the people mentioned have come under Mike's benign influence over the years hence the new division of responsibilities and the high expectations on those with weighty portfolios to maintain such standards. These delegations will be put on the website, with contact details.

Cricket

The bare bones of wins and losses are set out above, and there are highlights to mention. Dave Kelly and Phil Harris reached 2,000 runs and Andrew Nuttall 1,000 runs. Others are on the cusp. Andrew is far ahead in wicket taking with Richard McGuire, who seems like Andrew to become more threatening with each passing year, bustling in behind him.

A feature of the season is the Kindred Cup (over 35) team winning the national title for the third time in a row, under Sam Davis' captaincy. Performances of note are recorded separately. The relationship with the other Kindred Cup teams, Seddon CC, Wellington Wanderers CC, Queen Street CC, and North Shore CC develops each year. The Kindred team are excellent ambassadors for The Willows.

Evan Gray, Mike's great friend, brought his Wellington Youth XI to play a Canterbury Youth XI and Dan Vann (through Evolution Sport) ran a very successful Years 7 and 8 day at the ground, and a coaching clinic at Mainpower Oval.

We look forward to resumption of the exchanges with I Zingari in Sydney in September, and the return match at Loburn in February 2022. Please read the fixture list for games which interest you and on a good day come and enjoy the company at Loburn and watch excellent cricket.

The '49ers Cup

The cup remembers the '49ers, Walter Hadlee's great team in England. It goes to the school which exhibits grit, and determination, "playing in the V." This year St Andrew's College was awarded the trophy for chasing hard an imposing Willows score of 341, falling short, but never giving in. The day yielded over 600 runs.

Initiatives

Much of The Willows' historic activity has been on hold and may not resume for some time. The scholarship exchange to England may begin next English summer. Mike developed conceptually an exchange with India, involving schooling and cricket in Canterbury, and vice versa, much assisted by John Durning.

We have exciting and overdue initiatives for women's cricket. Mike became proud of the St Hilda's v Christchurch Girls' High School annual fixture and recognised the skills of, and very strong support for these teams. Slowly he was coming around to the first Women's Willowers team, playing an invitation team from the school XIs supported by experienced cricketers. This is planned for early 2022. A real first is that Molly Loe will play for The Willows against Otago Boys' High School, on October 17th this year.

Rebecca Rolls, double international in cricket and football, kindly wrote Commentary Corner for this report, which reflects in a telling way the aspirations of young women to enjoy the same experience of cricket as do boys, with the same facilities, coaching, camaraderie and support which together make for success. It is a real plus and privilege for The Willows to have Kirsty Bond join the Board, with her highly successful cricketing, coaching and teaching career to add to the life of The Willows.

Keith Yardley ran a very successful golf tournament at Coringa, now an annual event at the end of each season. We are very pleased that Hugo Davison is our first Club Captain, who will look after the interests of playing members and ensure the links with all members are developed. He is off to a flying start scheduling catch-ups on a regular basis, and will be on line with news.

The Christmas Party

The children's party on the Sunday before Christmas, on a match day, is a rewarding experience which I hope many more members will attend. The charities we support include Riding for the Disabled, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and the Champion Centre, and they all make it clear how important this day is for the

children, families and their supporters. It is also most important from our perspective, as Willowers. We see the joy in the faces of the children, and the pleasure of those who come with them and we will always maintain this annual 'fixture'. This was something which Mike committed as much time to as any element of club life. We need donations to make this work, as it comes at cost. I hope there will be those who read this report, who respond to help keep it going and enhance the day. Paul Rutledge has taken over responsibility, as Mike stipulated.

Finance

The Committee with reluctance has increased the annual subscriptions, a little. The Willows "gets by" and it costs to maintain the quality of the ground and the pavilion. There are those who wrongly believe the Club is well heeled, but the truth is that without the sponsors, including the new match day sponsors initiated by Ben (\$2,500 per game) we would be well shy of making ends meet. The loyal sponsors are recorded in this report, and I do ask Willowers to absorb their names, and support them. The match day sponsors are well recognised on their match day and attend the game with friends and colleagues. Some of these sponsors give the day to businesses and charities rather than their own.

The Willows Foundation Trust was established many years ago. It is not exactly replete, but remains an important background financial support. I hope it will be supplemented, to remain just that. The former trustees have resigned with new trustees Ben and Peter (Dormer), Andrew McRae and Phil Harris.

We no longer have Mike to bustle and cajole money for the Club, and the Board is addressing this. There will be more about this on the website, and I do hope those who read this report reflect on why and how they may help The Willows, which has long supported other elements of Canterbury cricket.

In conclusion

I end on very positive notes. Mike has for years been pressing New Zealand Cricket and the Canterbury associations, in increasingly forceful

terms, to ensure school coaching is enhanced. He wrote long treatises on the topic. I was concerned that his straight drive back at the bowler might undo his good intentions, but at a memorable meeting with Martin Snedden at 'headquarters' in Clyde Road Mike was left with a sense of optimism that his voice had been heard. The Willows will take its place in helping New Zealand Cricket by harnessing the immense human resources within the Club, and if we have funds available, then with those too.

I conclude with a report on the Close of Play for 2020/21, which I know for many who were there will resonate over the years. The last game on the fixture list was with Waimea College from Nelson. This immaculately turned-out and determined team, with its committed coaches and support, played on what is now "Club Day," the last game, which was and will be a picnic day for all Willowers each year. There was a wonderful turnout. Many knew of Mike's illness and came for what was his last fixture. He was as usual immaculate, proud of the new tuk-tuk with his name on it and pleased as Punch when Sir

Richard Hadlee and John Wright spoke with the Waimea team about what makes a successful cricketer, on and off the ground. Despite the fact he was running on empty, he stood up and addressed the Waimea boys in his usual direct and encouraging style, with spirit. It belied his true condition but reflected his courage, purpose, and intent behind the creation of The Willows Cricket Club. What a note for him to close on.

This report is written at a moment in time for The Willows, and already we are embarking on preparation for the next season and beyond, as the Founder and Assistant Groundsman expected. Thank you for the expressions of support and sympathy for the Club.

Best wishes to you wherever you all are, until and for the new season. Mātewā.

Nick

Nick Davidson
President



▼ John Wright and Sir Richard Hadlee address Waimea College players.

Match Reports 2020/21



▲ Logan Wilson of King's High School falls after a breezy 29.

v King's High School 1st XI

11th October 2020

Report by Phil Harris

The King's 1st XI have enjoyed considerable success at The Willows in recent years. I was determined we would field a strong side with plenty of youth and depth in batting and bowling.

On what began as a pleasant, windless day, Willows openers Fraser Buckley and Kyle Burns made a solid start, both passing 20. Then followed a mini collapse until Chris Mugford restored our fortunes with 35. He was supported well by Charlie Finnie and Andrew Nuttall. Unfortunately we failed to bat out our overs and were dismissed for 187 — 30 to 40 runs shy of a really competitive total. Still the old cliché applied: we had the runs on the board and they had to get them. We also had some inside knowledge from Kyle Burns and Kyle Hastie, two King's old boys playing for us.

Our opening bowlers Nawid Mohammady and Hastie both bowled tidy opening spells beating the bat outside off repeatedly without success. However, changes at both ends resulted in immediate wickets with Micah Campbell clean bowling their opener then Charlie nicking off

their captain (and NZ Under-19 rep) Beckham Wheeler-Greenall for a duck. Beckham scored a matching winning hundred against us last year so we were delighted that he was not going to repeat that in this game. By the drinks break we had secured two further scalps.

Their other opener Marno Potgieter continued to bat well after drinks bringing up his 50 in good time but on 62 he got a peach of a ball from Micah and skied a catch to Charlie who took it well at cover. Micah bowled out his 10 overs and finished with the superb figures of 5/35. Kyle Hastie, who bowled his first four overs into the wind, came back with the wind after Micah, and bowled with serious heat. He clean bowled the final two wickets to end the game with King's 42 runs shy of the target.

It was a great win to start the season, but more importantly an excellent game with both sides contributing with bat, ball and in the field.

The Willows won by 40 runs

The Willows 187

C. Mugford 35, C. Finnie 32, B. Webber 3/6

King's High School 147

M. Potgieter 62, L. Wilson 29, M. Campbell 5/35

Umpires

O. Joshi and K. Jagannathan

v Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

18th October 2020

Report by Ben Dormer

We were pleased to welcome Otago Boys' High to our ground a day earlier this year, allowing them the luxury to practise on grass on Saturday. Wet conditions at home have restricted them to use of artificial pitches thus far. This extra session gave them an additional 60 overs playing on grass wickets; something their coach — former NZ opener Craig Cumming — believes will be invaluable leading into the all-important schools Gillette Cup competition. They really made the most of a full weekend of cricket.

The home side won the toss and elected to bowl first in perfect conditions. The Willows were pleased to include three schoolboys in our side for this fixture, including Archie Reekie (fresh off 99 for the St Andrew's 1st XI the previous day), Josh Bridgman (Riccarton High School wicketkeeper) and all-rounder Jayden McIntyre from the country home schools. Similar to The Barbarians rugby team, The Willows like to include an "uncapped" schoolboy and two OBHS Old Boys (Andrew Haig and Lance Taylor) each week in our side to play alongside our experienced older players.

Arsh Singh and Paul Miller made good use of the new ball and within the first ten overs had reduced the Otago Boys' team to 47/4; a seemingly hopeless position for the schoolboy side. However as they say in the old adage "Cricket is a funny game". This rang true as the Southern lads showed some real grit to fight their way back. Stan Woolliscroft bowled a tidy ten over spell. Jayden McIntyre chipped in with three handy wickets as OBHS were bowled out for 215. The coach's sons Jacob (27) and Zack Cumming (43) contributed well with Jayden Miller who was last out for a well-compiled 79.

Brent Fleming and Matthias Paltridge opened the batting for The Willows against a well-disciplined new ball attack and we were soon in early trouble. Not even in-form Archie Reekie

could restrict the damage. Apart from Paul Miller and Arsh Singh the rest of The Willows line-up failed to capitalise on the good batting conditions. It proved a comfortable victory for the schoolboys who reclaimed the Frank Cameron trophy.

The Willows lost by 87 runs

Otago Boys' High School 215

J. Miller 79, Z. Cumming 43, P. Miller 3/41, J. McIntyre 3/35, A. Singh 2/24

The Willows 128

P. Miller 48, A. Singh 28, G. Holt 3/13

Umpires

D. Henderson and M. Rohland



▲ Safe hands.



▲ Full stretch.



▲ Sweetly timed by Sam French.

v Wellington College 1st XI

25th October 2020

Report by Richard McGuire

The match day weather was superb, with temperatures in the high twenties. Ironically, fog in Wellington delayed flights and the game was adjusted to a 40 over match. The Willows won the toss and elected to field.

The pitch was excellent; providing both good carry and movement early on. The Willows opening bowlers Matt Farrant and Tom Agnew bowled very well but did not receive the support in the catching department, as early opportunities were missed. The Wellington opening batsmen withstood the early pressure, and adjusted well to playing on grass for the first time this season. Peter Bonar made an outstanding 91 retired. He was ably supported by Sam French (74), Oscar Jackson and Jacob Vandenberg. Wellington were patient, and then displayed great power as well as sharp running between the wickets. The team amassed an impressive 261 for 8 from 40 overs. The pick of the bowlers for The Willows were Matt Farrant, Andrew Nuttall and Stan Woolliscroft.

In reply, The Willows benefitted from an early partnership between Nic Hill and Tim McConnell, and we were then treated to fine innings from Arsh Singh, with a swashbuckling 52. Tom Agnew scored a hard hitting 66, including a six which cleared the pavilion. Matt Farrant kept the home team's hopes alive with 29 at less than a run a ball, but The Willows tail failed to provide the necessary support. We fell well short, being all out for 204.

It was a pleasure to host the Wellington College team and support staff. Those new to the ground were fulsome in their praise for what a fantastic experience The Willows provides, with such an outstanding atmosphere, large ground and excellent pitch.

The Willows lost by 57 runs

Wellington College 261/8

P. Bonar 91 retired, S. French 74, A. Nuttall 3/30

The Willows 204

T. Agnew 66, A. Singh 52, M. Farrant 29,
K. Weerasundara 4/40, M. Sargentina 3/31

Umpires

D. Arps and D. McIlraith

v St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI

1st November 2020

Report by Mike Peacock

A gentlemen's agreement between captains saw The Willows bat first on a good wicket. After an early wicket, a good partnership between Tim McConnell and Fraser Buckley put pressure back on the bowlers and keeping a nice run rate. Then enter spinner Tyler Bruce, who was all of a sudden on a hat-trick. His hat-trick delivery was only 2cm away, after a very gutsy leave by the skipper, trusting the ball to miss the off stump. The St Thomas bowlers continued to bowl well and set tight fields. The Willows were all out for 162 from 38 overs.

STCC also lost their first wicket cheaply. But enter experienced veteran club premier batsman Ben Rapson who is also a teacher at the school. Opener Tyler Bruce and Ben put on a good partnership getting the team to 100/1. With Ben retiring the onus of scoring the final 63 runs



▲ Tyler Bruce – player of the day performance.



▲ Opening over – the sheep are unfazed.

went on the remaining batsmen. The Willows bowlers kept it tight with Stan Woolliscroft showcasing a master class spell of spin bowling but going wicket-less. Without being able to get any breakthroughs, STCC were looking comfortable to cruise to the total. However, a late flourish of wickets to coach Tim Muir came at the end. He picked up four quick wickets with quality leg spin bowling. Another 20 runs from The Willows and it might have been interesting. Tyler Bruce batted very nicely for his 87 and never gave a chance before getting dismissed with only four runs required.

A big thank you to all involved. It was a great day and congratulations to the St Thomas 1st XI for a well-deserved win.

The Willows lost by 4 wickets

The Willows 162

T. McConnell 31, M. Peacock 47, I. Redman 2/10, T. Bruce 2/41

St Thomas of Canterbury College 163/6

T. Bruce 87, B. Rapson 49 retired, Z. Buist 2/24, T. Muir 4/18

Umpires

D. Miller and O. Joshi

v Peninsula Craz XI

6th November 2020

Report by Hugo Davison

With the weather gods threatening to interfere yet again it was a relief to find it was raining everywhere but on the hallowed turf of The Willows. After a quick discussion with 'Scrumpy', my opposite number, it was decided that we would bat first, with 35 overs per innings and retirement at 35 runs.

We started with determined circumspection. Both the Craz opening bowlers were young and sprightly. A case of Manager Bob 'Loose with the Truth' Masefield renegeing on a promise of his team being made up solely of twilighters. Belligerent defence gave way to a flourish of runs from Davidson and Scott, supporting the theory it was a day for old age and guile. After Scott retired on 40* there was a late flurry of runs off the blade of Harris, Ingles and Drake. The Willows pushed through to 187 off their 35. A fair total and within sight of my expectation.

McFedries (who had left his girdle at home) and yours truly opened the bowling. We restricted the batsmen early until a sudden burst of runs forced a change. Enter the miserly S. Woolliscroft who bowled with great accuracy and he was well supported by Rusty Drake and Jingles. Wickets were hard to come by and with a light drizzle developing the ball began to resemble a bar of soap in a prison shower.

As the ball began slipping through our fingers so did the game as the Craz began to capitalise on the conditions. Catches were shelled, stump work fell off and ground fielding became more arduous in the greasy conditions let alone bowlers trying to maintain some level of control. In the end the visitors chased down the total with six wickets in hand and a couple of overs to spare.

Many thanks to my team for sticking it out in tough conditions and keeping a positive vibe all day. Post match libations were enjoyed at Winsome's house with Ben Dormer being the meat master.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 187/7

K. Scott 41 retired, P. Harris 34

Peninsula Craz 188/3

M. Johnston 35 retired, R Britmeyer 37 retired, T. Johnston 35 retired, J. Masefield 29*

Umpires

P. Williams and A. Scott



▲ Cheer up Craz boys – you have just recorded your 10th win over The Willows.



▲ Another one down – Skipper Hugo Davison (left) is unimpressed.



▲ Barry Hadlee and John Wright in attendance v CBHS.



▲ CBHS pile on the runs courtesy of Ollie Curtis.



▲ Aaron Mauger plays a bold hook shot.

v Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI

15th November 2020

Report by Matt Parr

Having recently qualified for yet another Gillette Cup Finals spot, the Boys' High side were in preparation mode for the December national tournament. A beautiful day at Loburn greeted the players. The School side had first use of a new deck which had a little bit to offer the new ball attack. Openers Robbie Foulkes and Mitchell McMillan started positively and CBHS were off to a flyer. The first wicket fell in the ninth over with the score at 51. Foulkes worked hard during a tight period of bowling from Nuttall, Scott and Parr, to later begin to accelerate and play with skill and freedom. The star of the innings was Stan Ashwin who pummeled the attack and left bowlers searching for answers. After easing into his innings, Stan smashed it to all parts and closed the innings perfectly with Callum Simpson and Ranaq Kapur who managed to go at 10 runs per over for the last ten. A chanceless knock, Ashwin finished on 109* off 65 deliveries with 13 fours and 2 sixes closing the innings at 305/4 – a mammoth total.

The Willows in reply, had a batting line up which could threaten. The deck had flattened out and was a very good batting surface. A solid start between Aarush Bhagwat and Kelvin Scott promised much but a flurry of wickets from

seamers Rocco O'Loughlin and Callum Simpson, saw The Willows reeling at 55/4. This soon became 78/8 as wickets continued to fall to good catching and good bowling. Simpson having a great spell with a return of 4/29. The only form of resistance came from Aaron Mauger who picked up a bat for the first time in four years and scored an excellent run a ball 51 showing great application. Mauger, with good support from Andrew Nuttall late in the piece helped get the Willows to 160 all out.

305 was always going to be a tall order, (particularly with five ducks) but it was wonderful to see the Christchurch Boys' team put together such a complete performance. Their dominance hammered home the realisation that it may be a very tough ask to ever win back the Walter Hadlee Trophy from the Straven lads.

It was an honour and pleasure to have four Hadlee members – Dayle, Barry, Martin and Sir Richard – along with John Wright and Craig McMillan in attendance for the afternoon's formalities.

The Willows lost by 149 runs

Christchurch Boys' High School 305/4

S. Ashwin 110*, R. Foulkes 78, M. McMillan 30, M. Parr 3/35

The Willows 156

A. Mauger 51, C. Simpson 4/29

Umpires

R. Wyeth and M. Wood



▲ Andy Ellis from the duck pond end.

v Northwest Schools XI

22nd November 2020

Report by Andy Ellis

The Willows were on a five game losing streak so when captain Andy Ellis arrived at a cold Willows ground on Sunday he was feeling the heat — especially with Mike Dormer waiting at the gate.

The Northwest XI won the toss and choose to bat. Openers Turner and Smith put on a hard fought 34 together before the fall of the first wicket. Willows bowlers Adrian McFedries and Taylor Holland hit good lengths and applied plenty of pressure. The former was rewarded with a wicket on the first ball to the new batsman whereupon McFedries was heard to say “not even Don Bradman could have played that”.

Soon after, rain interrupted play (and stopped some momentum). The umpires decided to take an early lunch. Thankfully the weather cleared and the match continued. All bowlers used did their thing sending the NW XI into the sheds around the 35th over mark for only 114 runs.

After a 10 minute cup of tea The Willows were ready to chase down the target. Darin Cusack was chomping at the bit to open so the skipper allowed this and paired him up with Kelvin Scott. This was the right choice — Cusack pushed for quick singles and fed the strike to outstanding player of the day Scott. Kelvin didn't miss a beat and his stroke play and power was impressive as he smacked a quick 81.

In all it proved a fantastic day with a great group of men. It was nice to see some ex-NW players playing against the new crop; connecting, rubbing shoulders and sharing the traditions of the game together. Another bonus was having Sir John Hansen in attendance to enjoy lunch and to share some stories also.

The Willows won by 7 wickets

Northwest Schools XI 114

T. Turner 42, H. Dick 26

The Willows 115/3

K. Scott 81, D. Cusack 20

Umpires

D. Arps and D. Reid

v St Kevin's College 1st XI

29th November 2020

Report by Wade Cornelius

Thanks to the ground staff for turning out such a great wicket. Being my first time as captain I was eager to start well. As it turned out, I lost the toss and the match and also my dignity.

St Kevin's elected to bat first in a match reduced to 45 overs. The plan started well with Zak Buist claiming our first wicket on his 3rd ball. At the other end Arsh Singh partnered him well. After this youthful start we brought on our experienced bowlers, Trevor Thornton and Lance Ryan, in a double change. Lance bowled with enticing flight and in his nine overs took 2/24. Harry Murphy batted with maturity to score 75 before falling trying to finish the innings with a boundary. In the field Ben Dormer pulled in three outstanding catches at long on. St Kevin's finished their overs on 179/5.

In the spirit of cricket we invited our 3rd ball scalp to come and bat for us. This was a master

stroke as Mr Valpy scored a well-paced 40. Contributions from Singh and McIntyre gave us hope, however we lost too many wickets regularly to threaten.

Finally, it is worth mentioning visiting coach Craig Smith and the contribution he is making with the first eleven. The team is well-drilled, focused and enjoying their cricket. The St Kevin's team have come a long way in three years; a testament to the young men, the leadership of Craig and the school for backing them.

We will be back. Probably not fitter, nor stronger. Certainly wiser.

The Willows lost by 51 runs

St Kevin's College 179/5

H. Murphy 75, J. Klemick 39*

The Willows 128

J. Valpy 40

Umpires

D. Reid and G. Hall



▲ Ben Scott in classic delivery stride.



▲ Solid shot to leg.



v Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI

6th December 2020

Report by Adrian McFedries

The annual fixture with the lads from the sunny north is always a great day and this year did not disappoint. The fixture was adjusted to 40 overs given the mammoth same day drive. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat which instantly backfired with The Willows 1 for 0. The ship steadied and Kelvin Scott built a terrific partnership with Jason Middlemiss to move the



▲ Our only centurion before Christmas — congratulations Kelvin Scott.

total to 120 for two with Kelvin retiring with a brilliant century. Seemingly, the rest of The Willows batting line up had been sitting inactive for a bit too long in the pavilion and we did a wonderful job of keeping Marlborough Boys' keen by finishing 198/8 — J Pannell collecting 4 for 31 in a fine bowling spell.

The chase got off to a similar start with the home team having Marlborough 1 for 0, 2 for 4, 3 for 5 and 4 for 10 with A Singh doing the early damage for The Willows. The game was at risk of finishing early with a total collapse imminent but young Collins battled away for a very patient 81 and the middle order support ensured 36 of the 40 overs were batted. Marlborough were all out for 154 but the real success was the recovery and tenacity shown to battle on and not give up. It got a lot closer than anyone in The Willows side had envisaged, and it took some tight bowling to bring the game under control.

As always it was a terrific day, plenty of fun was had and the drive back north would have been all the easier knowing the tenacity the team had shown. We look forward to next season.

The Willows won by 44 runs

The Willows 198/7

K. Scott 100 retired, J. Middlemiss 45,
J. Pannell 4/31

Marlborough Boys' College 154

C. Collins 81, A. Singh 3/11, A. McFedries 3/18

Umpires

M. Wood and A. Askari

v Hawkswood Wanderers XI

13th December 2020

Report by Sam Davis

With only seven wins from 25 years of matches against Hawkswood, this season presented The Willows with an opportunity to redress the ledger. A strong Willows side took the field made up mainly of over 35 year-olds who play in the annual Kindred Cricket competition.

Winning the toss and electing to bowl first, The Willows backed themselves to chase down any target set. When Hawkswood was 90/0 off 20 overs, we were starting to feel it could be 300 plus. However, through the middle overs The Willows dibbly-dobblers increasingly strangled Hawkswood as the pitch got lower and slower. When their last wicket fell at 186, we were quietly confident.

Openers Dave Wakefield and Adrian McFedries started positively and the runs flowed. While a couple of top order wickets fell in the first 25 overs, at the drinks break we were well positioned at 108/3. There was work to do, but with Adam Hastilow at the crease the runs continued to come.

Unfortunately, like Hawkswood, runs became tricky as the tweekers pulled back their pace and the ball didn't come onto the bat. Wickets fell and soon it was game on. So the pressure mounted, and when the last Willows pair took the crease, 30 was required off 36 balls. However, it wasn't to be. What looked like a very achievable total at the outset proved too much for a dejected Willows XI.

As always, it was a great day at Jaguar Oval and an exciting match with our friends from up the road. It was a disappointing result for The Willows, making it two losses from two matches in the Kindred Cup round robin. We will need to play much better in Wellington in February if we are to defend our Kindred title at the finals weekend.

The Willows lost by 8 runs

Hawkswood Wanderers 186

M. Brine 46, T. Bruce 45, M. Williams 25, S. Davis 4/22

The Willows 178

A. Hastilow 48, D. Wakefield 27, M. Brine 4/23, J. Robertson 3/41

Umpires

A. Scott and M. Dexter



▲ New acquisition at cow corner.

v Southwest Schools XI

3rd January 2021

Report by Dan Vann

The first match of 2021 saw Riccarton High School 1st XI take on The Willows on an unusually lush green outfield and slightly green damp pitch after a week of unseasonal weather. The Willows, batting first, were in big trouble early, losing Kalhan Challu and Jeremy Wilson in the second over for first ball ducks and then Tom Music for 3 with some accurate bowling from Blake Stocks and Riley Hunter. The middle order of Grant Dickson, recent Riccarton old boy Tim Bridgman and current Riccarton High 2nd XI player Dom Hasselberg led a recovery to get The Willows to 97/6. Leg spinner William Robb then came on and bowled superbly taking 4/30 to have the home team all out for 154. Nigel Marsh was left stranded on 22 not out. A good comeback after the poor start.

In reply, The Willows also made early inroads through the tall timber of Nigel Marsh and Dan Vann to have Riccarton struggling at 47/6. Then some defiant batting helped to lift the Riccarton score, especially the final wicket partnership of 30 between Jaynesh Patel and Sachin Negi. Willows leg-spinner Stan Woolliscroft bowled extremely well with a miserly 2/21 off 8!

Another great day at The Willows played amongst great people and in great spirit. All the best to the Riccarton leavers and the team for their upcoming school season.

The Willows won by 47 runs

The Willows 154

G. Dickson 31, D. Hasselberg 29, T. Bridgman 22, N. Marsh 22*, W. Robb 4/30, B. Stocks 3/33

Southwest Schools XI 107

D. Vann 3/8

Umpires

D. Blackstock and D. Miller



▲ One slips down leg.



▲ Nigel Marsh — keen as mustard.

v Christ's College 1st XI

10th January 2021

Report by Gareth Reed

Uncharacteristically for this fixture, the 2021 Willows v Christ's College match was played with a lush green outfield. Nevertheless, the Ben Cottrell Trophy was retained.

It should be noted that the scrum was screwed perhaps in the home side's favour before a ball was bowled. Christ's College head coach (and their annual tormentor in this fixture) Keryn Ambler appeared in The Willows line-up. His inside intel was further supported by another College coach, Adam Hastilow, and recent Old Boys Tom McClean and Will Greenslade.

Batting first, the home side set about building a total that would be beyond their younger opponents, with Hastilow in particular looking to bully the bowlers. At 111/4 nearing the half way point, College would have felt on top. However a 117 run partnership for the 5th wicket between Ambler (72) and skipper Gareth Reed (65) stole back the advantage. Hugo Davison came in at the end swinging for the fence, and on one occasion connected. The Willows ended their innings with a competitive 257/8.

In reply, The College innings never gained the momentum it needed. Davison was miserly, giving up only 15 runs in his opening seven over spell. He was ably supported at the other end by Will Greenslade, and the evergreen Richard McGuire. Ten overs each on the trot from Hastilow (who arrived at the ground complaining of a busted ankle), and Stan Woolliscroft maintained the pressure. Cody Campbell (who had been everywhere in the field all day) picked up three wickets towards the end. College batted out their overs but came up 30 odd short.

The crowd moment of the day was provided by Hastilow. Coming around the boundary from cow corner, he overran the ball, before sticking out one hand to take a waist high catch in the most casual manner seen – right in front of the pavilion crowd.

The Willows won by 32 runs

The Willows 257/8

K. Ambler 72, G. Reed 65, J. Barr 3/29

Christ's College 225/9

S. Dickie 58, J. Luxon 46, C. Campbell 3/52

Umpires

S. Kalyan and D. Stuthridge



▲ Runs on the leg side for skipper Gareth Reed.



▲ Hugo Davison livens things up.



▲ Presentation to Clare Kissock for services to sport at St Bede's College.



▲ Covid protocols with Paul Miller.



▲ Well flighted.

v St Bede's College 1st XI

17th January 2020

Report by Paul Miller

It was a weird start to the day at The Willows. We won the toss, decided to field and got off to a good start with a tidy good opening spell from Nawid Mohammady and Lachie Stove. When St Bede's were 2 for 30 it went from bright sunshine to a massive downpour. The game had to be halted for about an hour. After some horse-trading it was agreed the game would be shortened to 45 overs. Ben Trillo got things moving with a rapid 31. Thereafter, his team struggled through the middle overs but then entered Adam Poumaka. Adam walked out with a 1980s Gunn & Moore Maestro bat. He proceeded to prove that sometimes old things are just as good as new ones, as he smashed the ball to all parts of the ground including a fine six onto the roof of the pavilion. St Bede's ended on 194 for 6 off their 45.

The Willows boys thought this was a gettable total and so it proved to be the case. Kelvin Scott

got the innings off to an absolute flyer. His first five scoring shots were all fours. He made 45 off about 25 balls. At the other end Matthias Paltridge batted throughout the innings compiling a very elegant 57 not out. Enter Josh McCarthy who took over from where Kelvin left off and scored an entertaining 83 not out. The Willows reached the target in the 30th over. George Gunn was the pick of the St Bede's bowlers and he looks set to have a promising future in the game.

As always it was a very enjoyable day. Thanks to everyone who made the day special, in particular the St Bede's parents who came along. See you next year.

The Willows won by 8 wickets

St Bede's College 194/6

A. Poumaka 46*, B. Trillo 31, J. McCarthy 2/24

The Willows 196/2

J. McCarthy 83*, M. Paltridge 57*, K. Scott 45

Umpires

D. Quested and M. Dexter

v Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI

24th January 2021

Report by Nigel Marsh

The Willows went into the match under duress. Prior to the match a number of e-mails had circulated reminding the playing XI that The Willows had lost this fixture last year and back to back losses were simply not going to be tolerated! This duress certainly played out in the early part of the match as we quickly found ourselves under the pump at 23 for 3!

Thankfully the evergreen Phil Harris strode to the wicket and began to restore some order. This allowed Chris Mugford and Angus Smith to express themselves and once Angus left the crease The Willows were in a commanding position. Tim McConnell played a cameo of an innings towards the end which meant that our 253 was going to be tough to attain.

The Willows were able to pick up regular wickets thanks to some fine catching by yet again that man Harris. There were useful bowling contributions from Mark Evans, Craig Hinton, Mackenzie Smith and Jack Hilton, who was on

debut. The most spectacular catch of the day went to Craig Hinton who managed to get himself well out of position in the deep and he had to make significant ground back to his original position before diving one handed to pull off the catch. Tim McConnell backed his batting performance up with some sound glove work.

The boys were dismissed for 151 and The Willows players could all breathe a collective sigh of relief. A good team effort all round. Chris Mugford was awarded the MVP award for his brilliant knock of 91.

Gail kept the scorebook in immaculate condition all through the day while Omkar and Woodsie ran a tight ship out in the middle. It was pleasing to see both the Headmaster and Deputy Principal watch the entire game. Thank you for supporting your team.

The Willows won by 102 runs

The Willows 253/9

C. Mugford 91, P. Harris 39, T. McConnell 30, A. Smith 29

Timaru Boys' High School 151

T. Clemett 36, J. Williams 25, M. Smith 3/22

Umpires

M. Wood and O. Joshi



▲ An elegant left-hander.



▲ 2019/20 Shadbolt Trophy winner Liam Andrews.

v Nelson College 1st XI

31st January 2021

Report by David Kelly

Welcome Nelson College, the Alma Mater of our great leader. Hard and fast conditions were the order of the day and I had no hesitancy in invoking our time honoured tradition of batting first.

Liam Foulkes who is an immaculately presented cricketer anchored our innings with a brilliant 96. He was particularly harsh on anything short and wide. Together with the skipper (looking more and more like George Clooney these days -Ed.) they put on a snappy hundred run partnership. It was left to Andrew Nuttall and Ben Williams to take us through to a competitive total. In doing so Andrew achieved the unique milestone of 1000 runs and 200 wickets. Logan Andrews was the pick of the Nelson bowlers with 3/26.

The Willows bowling attack was a mix of youth, senior pros and over-60s greatness. Adam Hastilow took a wicket first ball of the innings and nothing went right thereafter for the visitors. Kelvin Scott was miserly and Dave Wakefield provided the flair to have Nelson all out for 135. The only resistance came from Rowan Restieaux.

My message never changes; any team that is prepared to do the hard yards and become a good reliable catching team has no limits to what they can achieve.

The Willows won by 95 runs

The Willows 230/5

L. Foulkes 96, D. Kelly 52 retired, A. Hastilow 31, L. Andrews 3/26

Nelson College 135

R. Restieaux 42, K. Scott 2/34, D. Wakefield 2/1

Umpires

D. Pulley and O. Joshi



▲ Adam Hastilow lashes out.



▲ Andrew Nuttall leads the ballet warm-ups.



▲ The imposing action of Gregor Rutledge.



▲ Paul Russell on his way to a fine century.

v Southland Boys' High School 1st XI

7th February 2021

Report by Andrew Nuttall

It was a beautiful day to host the visitors from Invercargill and wonderful to see so many parents travel with their sons and other family members to enjoy this cricketing occasion. It was also great to see two father and son combinations with the Ian and Jed Mockford and John and Jackson Garry.

The Willows batted first and despite some good opening bowling, John Garry and Paul Russell played well for an opening partnership of 53. This was followed by an 80 run partnership between Aarush Bhagwat and Paul in 11 overs. Later Jed Mockford attacked the bowlers and was left not out after a quick-fire 78. The last five

overs produced 50 runs with some good striking from Micah Campbell. Gregor Rutledge and Aaron Hart both grabbed a brace with the ball. The Willows ended on a very competitive 283 for six.

In reply, the Southland batsmen struggled against some very good opening bowling from Micah Campbell. Aaron Hart, however, batted very well for 55 as did Shaun Clapperton. While the match was a little bit lop-sided, it was nice for The Willows to take a win versus SBHS as we have been well beaten in earlier years.

The Willows won by 176 runs

The Willows 283/6

P. Russell 101 retired, J. Mockford 78*, J. Garry 27

Southland Boys' High School 107

A. Hart 55, S. Clapperton 23, M. Campbell 3/16

Umpires

D. Blackstock and J. Lidgett



▲ Oscar Wilson scored the season's fastest century.



▲ James Tapper in full flight.

v St Andrew's College 1st XI

14th February 2021

Report by James Tapper

It was another cracker day for the annual fixture against St Andrew's College with the ground looking a picture. Knowing that cricket at St Andrew's continues to go from strength-to-strength under Mike Johnston it was decided a strong Willows XI was necessary.

The Willows won the 'negotiation' (in absence of a coin toss) and opted to bat first. Out strode Oscar Wilson and Brent Fleming to see off the new ball. What followed was a phenomenal opening partnership with Oscar Wilson reaching his 100* before the 25th over. The St Andrew's bowlers toiled hard and beat the bat multiple times, but Wilson's power hitting was something to behold.

Fleming continued on the positive start to reach a brilliant 63* before declaring himself 'out of gas' after a series of hard run threes and opting to retire. With momentum well and truly going our way, Robbie Frew (whose son Jordie featured in the StAC XI) and James Butler finished the innings nicely. The Willows finished with a total of 340/4.

After lunch, Adrian McFedries got The Willows off to a strong start with the new ball, bowling a miserly spell and deserving more reward than he got. StAC were two down early, but a strong partnership between Ongley (36) and Janett (76) got them back in the match. It was left to two Canterbury Over-60s representatives to restore order. Mike 'Scrum' Johnston and Stan Woollicroft bowled beautifully in partnership. Unfortunately, a dislocated finger meant Scrum's spell was cut short, but The Willows managed to finish the job despite Janett's mature knock and Jordie Frew's impressive 38*. StAC finished with 267/8 and The Willows retained the John MacDonald Trophy.

Thanks to Mike Dormer who got a few of us out of jail on Valentine's Day by providing roses to present to our partners upon arrival home! It was a fantastic run-filled day with many friends and family present to enjoy the Willows experience.

The Willows won by 73 runs

The Willows 340/4

O. Wilson 100 retired, B. Fleming 63 retired, R. Frew 45*, J. Butler 44, L. Harper 30

St Andrew's College 267/8

S. Janett 76, J. Frew 38*, A. Ongley 36

Umpires

M. Hill and H. Fowler

The Willows Youth XI v Wellington Wanderers Youth XI

18th February 2021

Report by Lance Ryan

Drama before the first ball. The visitors sadly lost their captain Will Chandler with a broken thumb in the warm-ups. He had just won the toss and his team batted first on a sunny day at The Willows and reached a reasonable total of 243 off their 50 overs.

The innings was notable for a century for opening batsman Jake Jonas (Rathkeale College). Jake, a quiet achiever, went about his innings hardly noticed with ten fours but showed exceptional ball placement and running between the wickets. The dashing Oscar Jackson showed his class with an elegant 47. The pick of The Willows bowlers were Tyler Bruce, Will Anderson and George Gunn.

At lunch The Willows were satisfied that the target was achievable. After an opening stand of 79 and at 180/3 (off 34) we were well placed. Robbie Foulkes and Sam Idiens built the total. Devon Flannery, a Hawke Cup rep from Ashburton, had the game in hand until his departure at 196/4 and his own score on 52. After that The Willows struggled to kick on. Toby Clemett tried hard but with no partners we fell away to be 237/9 after the 50 overs.

The game was there for the taking. Hopefully eight Year 11 and 12 players will have learnt for next year's return to The Basin Reserve. Finally, a big shout out to former NZ skipper John Wright who addressed both teams before the match.

The Willows Youth XI lost by 6 runs

Wellington Wanderers Youth XI 243

J. Jonas 100 retired, O. Jackson 48, T. Bruce 3/48

The Willows Youth XI 237/9

D. Flannery 52, S. Idiens 46, R. Foulkes 42,
T. Clemett 38, L. Bailey 3/34

Umpires

A. Scott and D. Miller



▲ Wellington enjoyed excellent batting conditions.



▲ John Wright addresses both teams before the match.



▲ Century from Rathkeale batsman Jake Jonas.



▲ Well batted Brad Entwistle — one hundred retired.

v Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI

21st February 2021

Report by Tim Grocott

The Willows batted first and got off to a great start with Bradley Entwistle and Tom Music putting on 112 for the first wicket. Brad continued the momentum but the rest struggled to get going against some good bowling and fielding from Shirley Boys'. Brad eventually retired on 100, and a few lusty blows from Ryan Burson (26, runs not age) got us through to 230 all out in the final over. The best bowlers for Shirley Boys' were skipper Jayan Goldsworthy 3/30 and Benji Irvine 3/28.

The visitors got off to a good start thanks to the generous bowling from the Headmaster to which Mitch Gilmore took a liking. He went through to 45 before being caught behind off his Form

Tutor and Willows debutant Enoka Taufua (2/33). Nigel Marsh (2/28) bowled very well with ten on the trot and Ryan Burson showed glimpses of his first-class career, in between a couple of nine ball overs. Jayan Goldsworthy (68) held the innings together, until the headmaster and skipper 3/41 came on to clean up the tail. Shirley Boys' were all out for 193. An excellent game on a very hot day, and with a lot of support from the Shirley parents which was great to see.

The Willows won by 37 runs

The Willows 230/9

B. Entwistle 100 retired, T. Music 32, R. Burson 26*, J. Goldsworthy 3/30

Shirley Boys' High School 193

J. Goldsworthy 68, M. Gilmour 45, B. Prescott 24, T. Grocott 3/41

Umpires

D. McIlraith and D. Reid



v Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI

28th February 2021

Report by Nic Hill

The off field highlight of the day was the debut of the new tuk tuk drinks trolley, complete with subcontinental music, graphics of Merrill J. Fernando and named in honour of Mike Dormer. It was perhaps unfortunate that tuk tuk driver Ben Dormer decided to drive through the middle of the pitch at the end of the first drinks break.

The Willows won the toss and bowled first and experienced early success having Waitaki 38 for five after probing bowling from Micah Campbell, Grant Dickson, Charles Finnie and Will Bretherton. Wickets continued to fall steadily, however, a brutal 83 from player-coach and former Maori All Black, Blues, Hurricanes and Crusaders half-back Billy Guyton saw them post a challenging 175. Jason Mavor was the next best contributor with 30. Micah Campbell was under bowled and finished with 4/13.

A solid second wicket stand of 54 from Josh Bridgman (66*) and Riley Wilson (32) set up The Willows chase and Charlie Finnie hit a punishing 40 not out to get us home for a five wicket win and claim the Rollie Eveleigh Trophy. Quinn Wardle bowled superbly taking four Willows wickets, all LBW.

It was great to have Waitaki rector Darryl Patterson in attendance as well as Kelvin, the Waitaki groundsman of 25 years. Thank you to the caterers and officials including umpire Mike "Darrell Hair" Dormer who had a brief stint in the middle. *Floreat Waitakia.*

The Willows won by 5 wickets

Waitaki Boys' High School 175

B. Guyton 83, J. Mavor 30, M. Campbell 4/13

The Willows 176/5

J. Bridgman 66*, C. Finnie 40*, R. Wilson 32, Q. Wardle 4/45

Umpires

A. Shipley



▲ *Lochie Mavor thinking 'what have I done?'*



▲ *Service with a smile via our new tuk tuk.*



▲ *Sumptuous luncheon courtesy Country Feasts caterers.*



▲ James O'Gorman rolled the arm over v LNZZC.

v Country Secondary Schools XI

7th March 2021

Report by James Richards

After winning the toss, The Willows chose to bat first on a pitch that looked like it had something in it for the bowlers. However with rain forecast in the afternoon, The Willows did not want to take the field for 50 overs only to see the rain roll in after lunch.

The opening bowlers for Country Schools utilised the new ball well especially S. Stalker who kept an excellent line and length. The Willows were in trouble at 3/24 before a slight rebuild began. The fourth wicket fell at 92. From here, we were reduced to 122/7 steadied by a patient 51 from Sam Clarke. With the loss of Sam, it was left to the experience of Tim McConnell (64) and Adrian McFedries (47*) to get The Willows out of trouble and we finally managed a highly competitive score of 246.

Country Secondary Schools fell behind the run rate early due to some tight bowling from Ryan Hughes and Adrian McFedries. Driving the run rate up drew wickets, with Sam Clarke being the chief destroyer taking 5/22. He was denied a hat-

trick after a big LBW shout was not given — “robbed” even by the batsman’s own admission. For the second year running Michael Millar was employed to continue the pressure and again he cleaned up the tail with good wicket-to-wicket bowling taking 4/12.

Overall, it was a fantastic day, with plenty of talent on show for the combined schools side. The score did not reflect the talent they had taking on a strong Willows side.

The Willows won by 156 runs

The Willows 246

T. McConnell 64, S. Clarke 51, A. McFedries 47*

Country Secondary Schools XI 90

A. Prain 25, S. Clarke 5/22, M. Millar 4/12

Umpires

A. Achanta and M. Wood



▲ Hugo Davison takes the spoils.



▲ Synchronised cricket.



v London New Zealand Cricket Club

14th March 2021

Report by James O’Gorman

A Willows side that mixed a wealth of experience with a sprinkling of youth assembled to host the LNZCC XI which itself contained a number of Willowers. The Willows batted first.

The game was evenly balanced at 27/2, before a great partnership between Calvin Scott (68) and Tom Music (50) gave the innings real momentum. A typically fast outfield allowed the boundaries to flow as both batsmen played positively. The two half-centuries were well supported by some cameos. Lachie Harper’s unbeaten 39 and some energetic running between wickets by Hugo Davison helped us post a competitive 241 in 40 overs. The wickets were shared by LNZCC with Kyle, Richards and Middlemiss taking two apiece. During the innings Phil Harris managed seven runs, which saw him achieve the milestone of 2,000 runs for the club – only the second Willower to do so and an incredible achievement.

The second innings started with a tight spell from Willows openers Hugo Davison and Sam Davis (two wickets) building early run rate

pressure. The loss of our wicket-keeper saw Tom Music take the gloves, backing up his efforts with the bat and doing a sterling job behind the stumps. Later, this deservedly earned him the player of the match award.

The miserly bowling did not relent with Stan Woolliscroft spinning his magic and Hugh Symes bowling in tandem, taking two key wickets along the way. A strong partnership between Michael Singleton (40) and Matt Kyle (23) moved the score along but the required rate kept climbing. Graeme Inglis capitalised on this pressure taking three scalps in the final stages with the LNZCC side finally bowled out for 150.

It was a hard fought match in hot conditions. A fantastic after-match, hosted by the Dormers over at the cottage, was enjoyed by both sides, reiterating the special relationship between the two great clubs.

The Willows won by 91 runs

The Willows 241/7

C. Scott 68, T. Music 50, L. Harper 31*, J. O’Gorman 26

LNZCC 150

M. Singleton 40, J. Middlemiss 26, J. Richards 25, M. Kyle 23, G. Inglis 3/15

Umpires

D. Miller and D. Stuthridge

v Umpires XI

19th March 2021

Report by Hamish Wright

Days don't come much better. Under a bright blue autumn sky The Willows XI was invited to bat. It was a daunting prospect having to face 16 umpires and this year it appeared some youth had been injected into their side. Our team was as strong a batting side as could have been assembled and none disappointed. On a grassy wicket the openers laid the foundation, the middle order flourished, and the tail wagged — 295 in 40 overs and we all had a piece of the action.

The question was could the bowlers perform. Hugo Davison went back to his long run, Dave Kelly needed two wickets to reach 50 and the metronomic Andrew Nuttall was hungry. The catches stuck and after finally dismissing eleven umpires The Willows had continued their 2021 winning streak. The gallows were dispensed with. It had been an excellent game and we were fortunate to have very strong officiating including former international Brian Aldridge assisted by Colin Fenwick. Not an LBW in the whole match — now that's consistency.



▲ Dave Stuthridge comprehensively loses his leg stump.



▲ Stalwarts consider the form book.



▲ 'Twirlyman' Tim Fulton in action for the Umpires.

The Willows won by 199 runs

The Willows 295/4

D. Kelly 42 retired, N. de Maine 40,
P. Harris 41 retired, B. Fleming 41, P. Dickson 36,
H. Davison 26

Umpires XI 96

D. Arps 20, H. Wright 3/19

Umpires

B. Aldridge and C. Fenwick

v Whanganui Collegiate School 1st XI

21st March 2021

Report by Gareth Brooks

A stunning autumnal day greeted Whanganui Collegiate for the penultimate game of the season. With two O'Learys representing The Willows and two in the Collegiate side it was always going to be a willing encounter.

The Willows chose to bat first. J Simpson (41) timed the ball beautifully and combined for a 76 run partnership for the second wicket with H O'Leary who plundered 30 off 33. When A McFedries began to bludgeon the ball to all parts the dressing room started to reset expectations. However, the steady procession of batsmen from 'the arena' stemmed the flow of runs. An all-rounder heavy Willows line-up saw eight batsman make double figures which resulted in a tidy but not insurmountable total of 189. Wickets were shared amongst the Collegiate bowlers with O Mabin and J Allpress two to impress.



▲ A hard earned wicket for Whanganui.



▲ Wide down leg; hard for 'keeper Carter Hobbs to gather.



▲ O'Leary family (parents Shaun and Anna with sons (L-R) Tim, Hadleigh, captain Shaun and Connor (who went to Matfen in 2018).



▲ Anyone for punch?

Willowers' plates weren't overly stacked at lunch — a good indicator that there was still plenty of work to be done. The Willows opening bowlers took a wicket a piece. However, the run rate was still ticking along before two collegiate old boys came on at first change and they really set the visitors back. C Robson and C O'Leary took a brace apiece before S Woolliscroft cast his throw net well above the eyes resulting in two further wickets including the key one of C Hobbs who batted well through the middle order. Allpress and O'Leary combined in a tenth wicket stand of 31 before the innings was fittingly ended when T O'Leary pulled H O'Leary to square leg and C O'Leary took a screamer. Collegiate all out for 123 off 38 overs.

The Willows won by 66 runs

The Willows 189/9

J. Simpson 41, H. O'Leary 30, A. McFedries 24

Whanganui Collegiate 123

C. Hobbs 38

Umpires

G. Fantastic and D. Blackstock

v Waimea College 1st XI

28th March 2021

Report by Paul Rutledge

It was a very young, but nevertheless enthusiastic Waimea College side that arrived at The Willows for their fixture, with none of the boys having played here previously.

Waimea College won the toss, and asked The Willows to bat, on a typically evenly paced wicket. Two experienced Willowers in Dave Kelly and Adrian McFedries got us off to a good solid start, with Dave Kelly retiring on 54. Useful contributions from veterans Jonathan Davidson and Tim McConnell ensured a steady run rate. Then two young Willows players James Kelly (son of Dave) and Will Bretherton combined for a partnership of 76, with Will compiling a well struck 36. James Kelly showed a maturity beyond his years, and he finished on 49 not out – one short of what would have been a well-deserved half century. A late flurry allowed The Willows to reach 265 all out.

The target was always going to be a challenge for the visitors. Throughout the chase they showed some glimpses of real ability and as young players they will much better for the experience. A pleasing aspect of their innings



▲ Nawid Mohammady.



▲ Getting a helping hand with sunscreen.

was that no one threw their wicket away, and they did look to apply themselves. The bowling effort was consistent with the wickets shared around. James Kelly topped off a good day with 2/27 and a fine catch at slip. Two young left arm medium paced seamers in Jed Irvine and Will Bretherton bowled with accuracy.

The Waimea College team was supported by a large number of family and friends which was wonderful and epitomises The Willows values. The team was a credit to their School, families and themselves. Thanks also to team coaches Robbie Flowers and Jay Irving for developing an excellent group of players.

The Waimea team were delighted to have two of New Zealand's greatest ever cricketers, John Wright and Sir Richard Hadlee speak over the lunch break. They were able to share their vast experience and knowledge of the game; a memory that will last for years to come.

The Willows won by 142 runs

The Willows 265/9

D. Kelly 54 retired, J. Kelly 49*, W. Bretherton 36, B. Thurlow 2/36

Waimea College 123

A. Nuttall 2/16, J. Kelly 2/27, J. Irvine 2/22, D. Kelly 2/15

Cancellations due to weather

8 November 2020 v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI

Around the Ground

JR Reid and the '49ers remembered



- ▲ This photograph of the Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI plus dignitaries was taken on Sunday the 15th November 2020 to acknowledge the death of John R Reid, OBE. Reid was the youngest member of the successful 1949 cricket Tour to the UK, captained by the late Walter Hadlee, CBE. In attendance were Sir Richard Hadlee and his three cricketing brothers — Barry, Dayle and Martin — all of whom attended, like their father, Christchurch Boys' High School. Also in the photograph is the current Headmaster of the school, Mr Nic Hill. Sir Richard confirmed that the ethos of The Willows was based on the values displayed by the '49ers both during and after their tour. Walter Hadlee is the Patron in perpetuity of The Willows Cricket Club.

North v South Over-50s



- ▲ On 26th February 2021 The Willows hosted the first of two inter-island matches for Over-50s players. The South Island won a thrilling low-scoring match. Chasing just 113 runs they just scraped home for a two wicket victory. Top performances on the day came from Scott Mason (4/25) and Andrew Hore (40) for the South and from Adrian Dale (44) and Neil Ronaldson (5/29) for the North. Two days later the North squared the ledger at the Heathcote Club with a strong 7 wicket win. Over-50s honours were thereby shared after a busy weekend schedule.

Around the Ground

New drinks trolley



- ▲ In late February the Club took possession of its new acquisition, a tuk tuk ex-Sri Lanka. It was sourced by Ben Dormer from Tauranga. As an added bonus the previous owner was able to kindly transport it by trailer down to us negating a hefty freight cost. Appropriately, the Dilmah Tea logo and picture of their founder Merrill J Fernando adorn the side of the tuk tuk. We also acknowledge the wonderful support of Michael Watt, a long-time benefactor to New Zealand Cricket, in working with Ben to procure our new pride and joy! The only one like it in the country.



- ▲ St Kevin's connections: (L-R) Craig Smith, Old Boy, teacher and coach, Lance Ryan OB 1967-69, Bob Wills OB and 3+ years in 1st XI in 1940s, David Reid match umpire and OB 1971-74 and Trevor Thornton OB 1964-68.

The Willows Christmas Party

As is now our tradition, The Willows Christmas party was held during the Hawkwood Wanderers match on 13th December 2020. The Club welcomed 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.



Farewell MED: The Willows loses its marquee player after 27 glorious summers



By John Durning

Variably described as “a force of nature” or “the Napoleon of North Canterbury” Mike brought to all his dealings a wonderful blend of vision, charm, determination and obstinacy all the while adhering to the Christian principles of fairness and kindness.

He was, after all, a wicketkeeper, leaving the limelight to others, but quietly and skilfully directing the flow and pace of projects from behind the stumps — unnoticed, but undenied.

As Willowers, we know of the success of our piece of paradise in Loburn with its 592 matches over 27 seasons involving 370 school XIs, but what many may not realise was that Mike was aged 57 when The Willows Cricket Club was launched. He had already completed a lifetime of achievements, but cricket was in his DNA and

along with a never-ending list of projects, charities, businesses and individuals that needed nurturing, now was the time to roll the sleeves higher up the arm, not buttoned down (with cuff links of course) around the wrists.

Mike was born in Lower Hutt to Ruby and Orm Dormer to a household built on church, family, friends, being smartly dressed, and sport. Oh how the foundations determine the shape of a building.

Although living in Wellington and his father a staunch Wellington College old boy, a full house with both sets of grandparents living in the family home meant Mike went to secondary school at Nelson College as a boarder, where, unsurprisingly, he excelled. Able to work hard at his studies and even harder at his sport, he made the 1st XI as a fifth former and was captain the following year. For his seventh form year he was asked to be head prefect and captain of both the 1st XI and 1st XV, but work and family took precedence and he did not return to school for his final year.

Successfully mixing work, his accountancy studies, cricket and rugby plus a full social life, he continued to excel at cricket, twice being picked in the New Zealand Brabin Shield team (Under-19) as part of a strong Wellington side, alongside lifetime friend and well-known journalist Spiro Zavos.

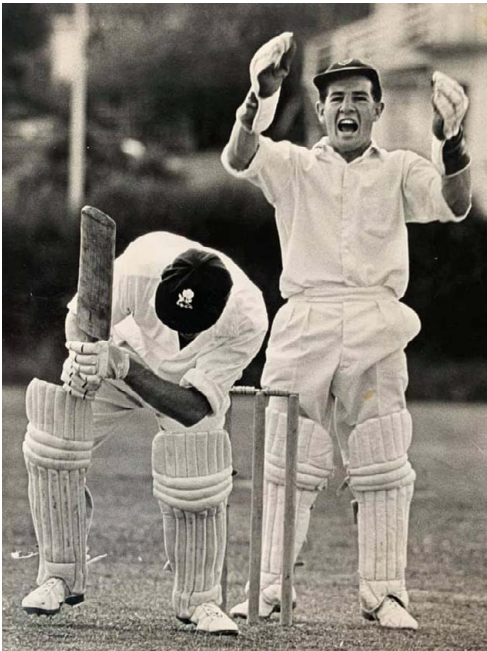
A move to Auckland proved pivotal in moulding Mike’s life. The cricket continued with inclusion in the Auckland representative side, the social scene went up a notch, but most important of all, an introduction to the Fisher family, where he trained as an in-house accountant. At the behest of Lou Fisher, Mike went abroad to learn more about business. While on a stop-over in Cairo, in true Mike fashion, he met a person who in conversation gave him an introduction that led Mike to join the Electrolux company on his arrival in London. While Electrolux was not a household name at that time, Mike was soon jetting about the globe as well as all over England.

Even in these heady times, cricket remained front and centre, with an enduring highlight being part of the London New Zealand team that played the touring New Zealand side at The Oval, in 1965, and keeping wicket to the great England off-spin bowler Jim Laker, who remains the only bowler in history to take 19 wickets in a test.

In the early 1970s Mike was sent to Adelaide to set up the national distribution for Flymo, inventors of the world's first hover mower. He was responsible for their marketing programme. Having met Winsome Edgar in Sydney in 1972, Mike left Flymo to take a position in Sydney as the Marketing Manager of Comalco. The couple were married in St Barnabas Christchurch on 3rd February 1973 and then returned to live in Neutral Bay, Sydney.

With the enormous rise in home unit buildings on the North Shore, Michael seized the opportunity and developed Edgar Home Unit Administration, a highly successful business managing hundreds of blocks.

Approached by a keen buyer and with the imminent arrival of his first child, Michael sold this business and the couple moved to



▲ Mike at the ground with his grandchildren in 2016.

Christchurch to be closer to family. This was 1977 and challenging times to be in business. With a young family to support, Mike, with his singular determination, again quickly settled into his business stride. ME Dormer Management Services was born out of opportunities to assist companies to adapt to the changing business environment. Many local companies benefited and lifelong friendships were established.

At this time his association with Independent Fisheries began and involved many business trips around the world with joint ventures and fish trading. Whether it was in Russia, Korea, Japan, China, Chile and India, they were able to achieve deals that worked for all parties. It was the Independent Fisheries way, and it was done with fairness and kindness.

Home life was as busy as work for Mike during the 1980s and into the 1990s. The same zeal that Mike invested in his school work and sport was passed to sons Peter and Ben — give everything 100%, help others, focus the weekend on sport with church and family time on Sunday.

By the end of the century, and with both sons following their separate paths of construction and study, new challenges awaited. These included a massive national fundraising

campaign for the Salvation Army leading to the *Brothers in Arms* initiative which promoted the work of the Salvation Army in 75 secondary schools in the South Island. Because youth was always a focus for Mike the Canterbury Youth Development Programme was next on the radar. This Trust provided opportunities and support for young people and their families. Mike, from the old school, could see how the NZ Army, and its emphasis on discipline and respect, could help these young people and was instrumental in the CYDP establishing a close relationship with them and the Burnham Military Camp. Many graduates from CYDP are thankful to the programme for getting their lives back on track.

The Willows and secondary school cricket will forever be the jewel in Mike's crown. During the late 2010s and into 2020 Mike, with his never-say-die attitude, had been a constant drum in the ear of New Zealand Cricket about the need for more coaching support for secondary schools. As his innings drew to an end, New Zealand Cricket has acknowledged this omission and has indicated that it will be one of their priority areas in the ongoing development of community cricket.

The Willows has lost a marquee player, but the game is bigger than the individual and while one batsman (never a batter) heads back to the pavilion, the rest of the batting order awaits. Ben is next man in and already he is planning his innings, having been nurtured by, and watched, the WG Grace of Loburn for so long. Winsome also has plans to further elevate The Willows experience, both, as always, supported by Peter.

In a letter to the family, Merrill J Fernando, founder and former CEO of Dilmah Tea said: "Mike's loss to his family, relatives, friends, well-wishers and to New Zealand, will be felt for several generations. I lost my greatest friend outside Sri Lanka. May his soul rest in peace in the arms of his Maker. Such men are no more."

Michael, rest in peace (if that is possible) and always, always remember to *Play in the V*.

■ *John Durning, a Willower, is a triple PR industry award winner with three decades in media and public relations.*



▲ Mike flanked by his old friend Bill Douglass (left) and Mark Hodge of I Zingari Australia, along with the rest of the touring party in 2017.



▲ Mike with Phil Jordan (centre) and NZ Cricket president Don Neely holding the '49ers Cup.



▲ A rare moment of relaxation beside the field of dreams.

I Zingari mourns an inspirational friendship

*Mike Dormer's involvement with I Zingari in Australia is in large part responsible for his vision of The Willows. **Mark Hodge** from IZ kindly penned this tribute.*

Michael Edmund Dormer became a member of I Zingari Australia in 1973 when living in Sydney. After returning to his native New Zealand a few years later, he and his wife Winsome continued to maintain their friendships with IZ members. During the three seasons he played for the club as a wicketkeeper-batsman, Mike scored 476 runs from 36 innings, with a top score of 63. In a match in Brisbane in April 1975, Mike volunteered to open the batting with WB Douglass against one JR Thomson, who had been persuaded to play for a Queensland Wanderers side against IZ, fresh from the 1974/75 Ashes series where he had tormented the English. The match report from that day records that Mike did not trouble the scorer to any great extent, but his acquiescence to open against 'Thommo' spoke to his character when one or two of IZ's usual openers had quietly moved themselves down the order.

Mike attended the club's centenary dinner in 1988 and was an enormous help to the IZ touring party during the Golden Oldies Festival in Christchurch in 1992, even playing for the club in one of its matches. Soon after, he brought teams to Camden Park from Christ's College in Christchurch in 1993 and 1994.

Meanwhile Mike's fondness for IZ began to germinate an idea in his mind. His wife's family had purchased some farmland in Loburn in North Canterbury, about thirty minutes drive north of Christchurch. After negotiating the relocation of the sheep flock from a particular paddock, in May 1994 Mike founded the The Willows Cricket Club, based upon his experience of IZ and a passion to help schoolboys learn from the game of cricket.

Today, The Willows is a significant part of New Zealand's cricket community with over 300 playing members. Its picturesque ground and facilities are immaculate. Every weekend during summer, school teams from across New Zealand come to Loburn to play against experienced cricketers, many of whom are present or past first-class cricketers. Matches are arranged to the highest standards and old-fashioned values are promoted. The Willows has also sent eight youth teams to Sri Lanka and India, several players from which have since gone on to play first-class and Test cricket.

Through his friendship with Bill Douglass, Mike had been pestering IZ for many years to make the trip across 'the ditch' to Christchurch. In 2008, his invitation was finally taken up with IZ undertaking its first tour to Christchurch and being hosted with typically generous Dormer hospitality at The Willows. Since then, IZ has been back to Christchurch on several occasions, with its next trip there planned for February 2022. Several members of The Willows have become IZ members as a result of the association between the clubs, and several IZ members are also members of The Willows. Mike was also instrumental in establishing IZ's long standing relationship with Christchurch Boys' High School, which has seen CBHS play at Camden Park many times on their pre-season tours to Sydney, and IZ being hosted at CBHS on each of the IZ tours to Christchurch.

Mike passed away earlier this week following a short illness. The club's thoughts are with Winsome, sons Ben and Peter, and their families. Mike's passion for the game and adherence to its traditions, together with his boundless energy and generosity will be sorely missed in the New Zealand and IZ cricket fraternities.

**We remember not the scores
and the results in after years;
it is the men who remain in
our minds, in our imagination.**

— *Neville Cardus*

Willowers reflect on memorable encounters

Alex Reese

Chairman of Cricket Live Foundation

The first one was a few years ago now, when I went through my first proper break-up. Mike rang me relentlessly over the course of a two week period when things were quite rough just to see how I was getting on. One piece of advice I treasured was “if you get kicked out, you can come and live above the garage”. He took me out for dinner on a number of these nights, alternating between Misceo and Chopsticks, just to talk and take my mind off things. At the end of one of these dinners, he handed me his credit card and said “take this for as long as you need, and just try and make yourself feel happy again. Take yourself to Sydney for the weekend if you need to”. Who else would do something like that other than Mike?

The second moment was a bit more recent, when we went to Sri Lanka together in 2019. We arrived on the early morning flight, getting to the hotel at about 2am. I was shattered and just wanted to go to my room to sleep. Mike on the other hand was on another planet — going around the hotel foyer talking to every hotel staff, asking them about their job, talking about cricket and even giving them an Annual Report each. We eventually got to bed and woke up for breakfast quite early. I went downstairs to find Mike sitting in the foyer (jacket and tie on) on his cell phone. We were staying at a hotel which looked out over a man-made lake in Colombo, which was a lovely sight. When I asked him what he was doing, he said he was trying to get hold of Lianne Dalziel (mayor of Christchurch), to tell her to get the council to replicate this man-made lake in the red zone of Christchurch so we can start to host rowing, sailing and all sorts of water sports in the central city! He'd only been in Sri Lanka for five and a half hours!

Richard Cowles

Editor of the Annual Report

I met Mike on his 50th birthday in 1987 when he picked Pete and I up from school. I think we were supposed to be doing homework and then I discovered a trove of cricket videos upstairs: Botham's Ashes, Australia in the Caribbean — all highly exotic stuff. I had spent the past year with my head buried in *Men in White* and was astonished that Mr Dormer was in fact good friends with its author, DO Neely. So that was the start of a great friendship with the family, firmly centred on cricket, playing alongside Ben in my last two years and including two tours to Australia which were fantastic. Mike was ever-present, organising and encouraging (when he wasn't crashing the tour van) and always urging 'keepers to get up to the stumps. “DON'T worry about byes!” still echoes loudly in my head whenever I don the gloves.

Ofisa (Junior) Tonu'u

Dual rugby (All Blacks, Samoa) and cricket (Samoa) international

In life you come across people that you just meet and instantly connect with. I had this experience with this man Mike Dormer who is the Godfather of The Willows Cricket Club. Like in every sports club, there is that person or people who are the custodians of a club. They know the history and share with you the etiquette of the club and sport, in this case The Willows.

An example of this is when I came off the pitch after fielding and I changed my helmet for my cap and I put my cap on backwards. Mike came up to me and said “Young man please wear your cap properly, this is a cricket game not baseball”. All I could say was “Yes, sir”. Thereafter, we bonded like a couple of old mates that hadn't seen each other for years. Mike would continue to share stories and tips on wicketkeeping which I've taken away and made notes on. He even gave me a book “Keeping Secrets” which is a good read.

I will miss you and our chats especially the advice on wicketkeeping. Thank you for your service to the game of cricket which we both love and

thank you for your friendship. The tie you gave me will have a special place and will always remind me of a couple of wicketkeepers giggling about stumpings in The Willows pavilion.

Will Burrett

Ex-NZRU rugby referee

Sometimes in life you meet people who have a profound influence on your pathway, for all the right reasons. Dad introduced me to Mike Dormer in 2002. Mike was the founder of the most incredible youth development cricket club, The Willows. I became a member in 2003. In 2004, Mike had heard of my head injury in rugby and single handedly inspired me to get out and blow the whistle to remain in the game and “because I’m mates with Paddy (O’Brien, 27 Test international rugby referee) and they need good decisive refs coming through the system ... but no pink boots!”

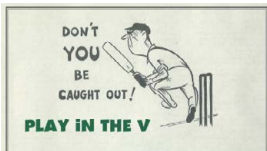
Mike followed my journey through reffing, always sharing the key milestones through my 11 years, that culminated in him joining me for my first division debut in Ruatoria in 2011. “I’ve had to get on and off two flights to get here so it better be a good performance”.

Mike was quite simply the most genuine, kind, selfless and distinguished human I’ve ever met. An incredible innings and legacy, Mike. Honoured to have had your guidance and friendship.

Jim Stringleman

Willows Match Manager

When my time comes and the umpire says ‘out’ I will await Mike’s call to join the Lord’s team in my tie and jacket, with socks up and shoes polished, hat on the right way, no earrings and be prepared to bat where I am told. I won’t back chat the umpire and say it was a bad decision that put me there. I will just thank him for the chance to be there with him again, playing in the V!



Club Day

28 March 2021



▲ Mike Dormer receives a community service award from Waimakariri District Mayor Dan Gordon.



▲ Peter Dormer (above) and John Wright (below) address the gathering in front of the pavilion.



Shifting the dial in sport



By Rebecca Rolls

Rebecca represented New Zealand in both cricket and football. In cricket, as a wicketkeeper batsman, she played 104 ODIs, two T20s and one Test match. She is in her 23rd year of a career in public service and was appointed in 2020 as a director to the board of New Zealand Cricket (NZC). She continues to play a pivotal role in our sport.

I was never supposed to play cricket, it was the strangest thing ever. There were none of the traditional influences in my life that would normally prompt a slightly chubby 7 year-old girl to be mad on a game that is often counter-intuitive and for some, an acquired taste. No brothers to try and keep up with, no old gear lying around, no multi-layered school academy system and definitely no friends who played.

In the winter for me it was football. Same deal, no way in the world was a childhood filled with muddy boots and stinky shinpads the most natural thing ever in my house. Yet there I was, convinced I would be part of an FA Cup final when I was older.

I loved it. Sport was all I wanted to do with every minute of my spare time. I was obsessed, my parents will vouch for that.

My years were sorted. October came, my father mowed a pitch of questionable dimensions at the park in the middle of our cul-de-sac and I did a stocktake of the gear I did have, figuring out what I could realistically put on the Christmas list and what I'd need before then.

Come the end of March, that was all put away in the garage and it came the time to see how much my feet had grown. We'd need to source a pair of second hand football boots at the Napier City Rovers clubrooms registration night, where I would pledge my allegiance once again, to the black and yellow of the mighty Tamatea Tigers.

What a life. What a relief for my parents too, happy for me to be outside on my own inventing drills and spending endless repetitive hours honing my skills. A small price to pay were my mother's pantyhose which also served as an excellent pendulum set up when a cricket ball was sitting in the foot of them. I tied them to the clothes line and hit the ball as it swung back towards me. I honestly thought they'd just need a wash before being able to be worn again but the resulting conversation made for a quick lesson in elasticity for me.

Or I'd change it up, having struck a deal with my younger sister to bowl to me (did have to be underarm for the sake of accuracy), or let me kick a football at her. Not surprisingly she never took up either game. The deals were always heavily weighted in my favour, it is fair to say I exploited my three years longer on the planet and her kind nature, on too many occasions.

This was in the 1980s though and the peculiarity of my passion for sport was not lost on others. Initially at least, it created awkwardness and resentment on a good day, on a bad day — tears and blatant rejection. What I didn't have that no amount of desire, passion and enthusiasm could counter, was automatic, normalised opportunity. Complete access to everything my team mates (all boys) did. Be it gear, facilities, acceptance or time on the park, I was often afforded that only if and when the boys had all had a crack or when

numbers to make up a team were needed. I went to a school with only ten boys in the class, you can do the math on that — I was grateful though!

I grew to learn that as amazing as sport is, the pathways in it are not the same for everyone. My 'difference' was gender, but you could replace that with socioeconomic status, geography, ethnicity and culture, disability to name a few, I've seen all of them manifest as barriers.

What I couldn't understand (and still can't) is why the grown-ups let that happen? The ones in charge — the ones who were in positions to make the right decisions, but they didn't always. Why were they limiting these really fun things and making them accessible to only half the kids? I couldn't see that it was that hard. Change took so long to come and frankly, for me only did because I was actually pretty useful and had amazing support from my family. Not everybody can say that, some people need more help.

What is created, are a couple of problems in my view. First, any selection is only from the parts of the population that fit traditional moulds or can navigate their 'differences', so we are limiting the pool. Secondly and importantly, not everyone gets to experience all the wonder sport has to offer. It is the best day ever on repeat in my view. If I try to imagine a life without sport for me, I'd be only a fraction of the person I am today.

Personally, it taught me resilience, work ethic, teamwork, collaboration, that it is okay to be nervous — it means something is important to you and to keep stretching yourself. Not to mention the health benefits of being outside and moving. You learn that you can work and achieve with people without necessarily needing to be close friends. Instead, you understand the value they bring and how that complements the palette of features across a group, to understand the blueprint that works best. It is the same in the corporate world, community projects, relationships, politics, everything.

The crucial role in shifting this dial is that of the coach. Depending on the level, this person plays so many additional roles — mentor, driver, quasi-parent, counsellor, but overall — player navigator and advocate. One person can make a huge difference in the life of an athlete, the potential

to move things in the right direction for someone is immense. To have people who are reliable and consistent, who have your interests at heart yet keep you grounded when you think you've had enough — cannot be overestimated. As we drift into a more professional environment, it is my hope that we never lose sight of the importance of this role for our tamariki and rangatira in sport.

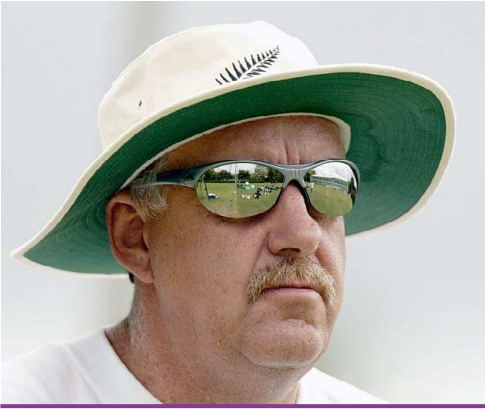
While there is still so much potential for progress, things have changed for the better since I used to sneak out and watch my (male only) cricketing heroes on free-to-air TV in the 80s. I truly feel like the luckiest person in the world. I had the support, encouragement and probably belligerence to find a way to play and had some amazing experiences. Three Cricket World Cups (winning in 2000), two Olympic Games and a FIFA World Cup. A charmed existence you could say. I'd agree. It didn't come about because of the challenges I faced, it was in spite of them.

Automatic, normalised opportunity. Accessibility. Can we say everyone has this now in cricket? Our collective challenge is to recognise when the door is shut — or even if it is open, when there is not enough warmth inviting everyone in. Let's share this amazing game.

When I reflect on what I gained from sport, my desire is that every kid can see and feel a clear path to the same experiences I did, or even some of the way. Not all will take it, develop the skills or even want to but I can only imagine how many didn't even get to try. The learning opportunity that is sport is surely something we want to be available for everyone. Give us more cricketers to pick from, it is the best (first equal with football) game in the world!

■ *Rebecca, Ngāti Porou, was the first player in ODI history to complete the double of 2,000 runs and 100 dismissals. She was a key member of the victorious 2000 White Ferns World Cup team. In football Rebecca was an international goalkeeper playing 11 internationals in the 1990s. After returning to football in 2011, she regained selection in the national side for another 11 caps. She attended the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada as well as the 2012 (London) and 2016 (Rio de Janeiro) Olympic Games.*

To succeed in cricket



By Denis Aberhart

Principal, Our Lady of Victories School, Christchurch

There would not be many more long-serving principals of a New Zealand school than Denis. He was first appointed as a principal in 1983 and has huge experience in education. As a young man he played 38 first-class cricket matches for Central Districts and Canterbury and then became a pre-eminent cricket coach. After working with the Canterbury team in the 1990s he went on to coach the Black Caps between 2001 and 2003. We are delighted to have Denis as our feature writer for this section of the 2020/21 Annual Report.

Sport provides many of the values, skills and attitudes that young people require to help them to be the best that they can be in adult life. We want our young people to be resilient, self-managing, critical thinkers, healthy, engaged and to have positive relationships. We want them to understand the importance of teamwork. We want them to be successful and to enjoy life. The list could go on but it is important they learn what they need to do to be the best that they

can be. To me sport is a wonderful vehicle for young people to learn how to do this. Team sport provides the most opportunities to learn and to grow as an individual. To learn how to get the best out of themselves and their team.

Cricket to me is the ultimate team and individual game all in one (and of course I am not biased). It is a game of individual against individual with the active support of teammates. The importance of batting and bowling partnerships supported by a switched on fielding unit provides so many opportunities to learn and develop life skills. The disciplines needed during practice and in matches will stand them in good stead in adult life. Cricket is game where people who work harder tend to be luckier. If you want to be the best you can be you need to be clear about what you want and be willing to do the hard work.

Competition is important as I believe that players play the game to win. We must ensure that young people know that there is nothing wrong with wanting to win or to be the best you can be.

Winning has many forms. It could in fact be finishing first or it could be doing the best you could possibly do. It is important that we celebrate those who are first and those who have done their best.

We must ensure that our great game caters for all so that it continues to thrive and carry out its vital role in developing key life skills in young people. Society has changed so we need to ensure that cricket changes with it. This could be in various forms such as the level of competition, length of the game or the day and time games are played. If we want to keep our game relevant to young people and in a salesperson's language have repeat business, then we need to:

- Provide a product that meets their needs.
- Is inclusive.
- Is well organized in coaching and delivery.
- Has quality facilities.
- Last but certainly not least is fun for all.

In recent years there has been some movement away from elite teams and the watering down of competition. If we want our young people to strive to be the best they can be and wish to play at the highest level, then we must encourage and support them in doing this. We need to emphasise that the key steps to success have not and will not change. The harder and smarter you work the better you will get. The quality and focus of your preparation will determine your performance. Your ability to review your performance and refocus will determine your ability to keep getting better. As I mentioned earlier there is nothing wrong with being the best. It is in fact what we should all strive to do.

We also need to ensure that young people:

- Respect the game.
- Respect their team mates.
- Respect the opposition.
- Respect the officials.

We need to help them cope with failures and to develop a growth mindset. For them to understand that getting it wrong is part of getting right next time. It is critical that enjoyment is always at the centre.

Kane Williamson is a wonderful role model for our young cricketers. He is at the top of the game and he is very understated. He is humble and his teammates are obviously very important to him. He is always looking to improve his game by doing the hard work. He shows a great respect for the game, his teammates, the opposition and officials. There is no better example to young people than Kane about being successful and getting the best out of yourself.

In summary, cricket provides a broad range of benefits to young people which they can take with them forever. We all need to do what we can to encourage them and support them to become involved in our great game. We must ensure that the experience meets their needs so that they continue to play the game. We must provide forms of the game that meet all the varied needs.

If like me they enjoy winning, then there is nothing wrong with that.

Stellar success for Stead and Fulton



Congratulations to two Willowers who have had outstanding seasons coaching at the highest echelons of our game.

Under coach **Gary Stead** the New Zealand team has enjoyed a wonderful summer. Not only are they now the number one ranked Test team in the world they recorded an 18-3 win loss ratio over four opponents, with the West Indies, Pakistan, Australia and Bangladesh all vanquished. Under Gary's leadership a rich pool of fresh talent has burst onto the scene and added real competition for places. This success has culminated in a deserved victory over India in the World Test Championship final at Southampton in late June.

Congratulations also to **Peter Fulton** on his successful first season coaching Canterbury. His dominant provincial side won both the Plunket Shield four day competition (easily, not losing a match) and also the Ford Trophy one-day competition. It is a testimony to Peter's outstanding work with the players that he has quickly transformed Canterbury into a domestic cricket powerhouse again. It is interesting to note that nine of the 11 Canterbury players on the park for the final match v Central Districts went on Willows tours to the sub-continent. Harry Chamberlain scored his maiden first-class hundred. Two of the CD team that match also went on tours and Ben Smith who toured on the first trip scored 111 not out for his team in the second innings. It would have been a great reunion post-match for the boys.

Milestones

Pre-season hit out

The oval provided an ideal setting for a warm-up match between the Lancaster Park CC Premier side and Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI. It proved an entertaining run-fest with both sides relishing an excellent playing strip. It was a pleasure to welcome back so many top players well known to Willowers from both previous tours and/or 1st XI matches.

CGHS turns the table in the Rosebowl match

To avenge their 2019 defeat in the inaugural women's match, Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI had a convincing start-of-season victory over arch-rivals St Hilda's Collegiate School (Dunedin) 1st XI.

On a bitterly cold October Thursday a rebuilding St Hilda's side were asked to bat first. They were soon in trouble and limped through to be dismissed for 69. J Meltzer (23) was the only player to reach double figures. Wickets were shared with three to A McKissock and a brace each for G Edge, M Martin and K Hastings. CGHS made short work of the chase, reaching the target just one wicket down, with C Liddington (34) and J Hull (29 not out) contributing.

At one match a piece it will be all on in 2021!



▲ CGHS take on St Hilda's in their second annual fixture.

Congratulations to Life Members

Julie and Paul McEwan were last year joint recipients of Rotary's premier award, a Paul Harris Fellow for their long-standing work and support for the Neonatal Unit Trust Fund. Together they formed a trust to support sick and premature babies, their families, nurse education and to purchase equipment for the unit at Christchurch Women's Hospital.

We also wish Julie and Paul well as they relocate to Wanaka and enjoy a new chapter together in the wonderful Lakes District. Their contribution to The Willows has been immense from the very start.

Umpires and scorers

Howard Fowler and Dave Stuthridge both work tirelessly to ensure we have a full quota of umpires and scorers respectively to meet our fixture needs. We are very well served and grateful for the full coverage provided. 28 different umpires have officiated during the season. Those on multiple occasions include: Omkar Joshi, Dave Miller, Tony Scott and Mark Wood (4 matches), David Reid, Dallas McIlraith, and Duncan Blackstock (3), Dean Arps, David Stuthridge and Mark Dexter (2).

Those who have done a wonderful job managing our score book on multiple occasions in 2020/21 include: Jim Henderson (5 matches), Tony Doherty (4), Tony Feely and Nicola Blue (3), Ann McLeod, Rob Seabourn and Sandra Steere (2).

Grateful thanks to all umpires and scorers who have given their valued service to the club. The players certainly appreciate it.

National champions

Congratulations to Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI who won the 2020 Gillette Cup and to Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI who won the 2020 Gillette Venus Cup. Both teams went through their national tournaments undefeated and won many matches by convincing margins.



Youth coaching clinics

We ended 2020 on a high with a two day coaching clinic run by club member Dan Vann from Evolution Sports Coaching at the fantastic facilities of Mainpower Oval. A fine group of 46 young men (12–16 year olds) made the most of the two days, working on both their physical skills and also their mental game. We were privileged to have the wisdom and knowledge of Former Blackcaps player and coach John Wright as well as a number of other excellent coaches (Dan Vann, Adam Hastilow, Alister Collins, Mike Johnston and Mitch Hay). Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to a bigger and better clinic in 2021!



Junior development match

We were fortunate and grateful to be able to play a junior development match at The Willows in December courtesy of Dan Vann. This was an opportunity for the boys to play at the ground, to showcase their skills and to learn about the game and its traditions. At The Willows cricketers from all walks of life and ability come together to play the game and help develop youth cricket. We had a range of ages from young Alex Yardley (filling in for a late withdrawal) who is only 9 playing with and against kids as old as 14 (with some careful bowling match-ups). It proved a memorable day.



▲ St Hilda's Collegiate and Christchurch Girls' High School players gather after the Rosebowl match in October.

Mike Johnston: coaching supremo

*Good cricket coaches are as scarce as hen's teeth. Here's one from the top drawer. The article is written by a man who should know – **Robbie Frew** who played 35 matches for Canterbury between 1995 and 2003 and scored three first-class centuries.*

You can hear this comment following the first Year 9 cricket trial, from an impressionable new student to the school, 'The guy running cricket, everyone calls him Scrumpp!'

Immediately the ice is broken. Well who is Scrumpp? Mike 'Scrumpp' Johnston is synonymous with St Andrew's College cricket. He has led the cricket programme there for the past 21 years.

The coaching philosophy of St Andrew's Cricket is to 'create an enjoyable environment in which athletes work hard, train smart, play fair and have fun.' The cricket programme is certainly built around these principles, as is Scrumpp, the driver of the programme. His advice and reasoning holds significant weight to the boys, both in the classroom and on the sports field. This go-between is a significant asset to St Andrew's College.

Scrumpp is passionate about cricket, but importantly he is able to create relationships around cricket and the wider school environment where the boys feel welcome, safe and they can relax. He enjoys seeing boys working hard to improve their skills and seeing the resulting successes, individually and as teams. From day to day Scrumpp's own personality is consistent. The boys know what you get with Scrumpp. By the time they reach year 12 the boys have created a real bond but he



is still able to maintain the ability to challenge and push the boys to achieve more. Testimony to the relationships Scrumpp builds, is the number of Old Collegians who pop into the College to visit from time to time, or when they are in Christchurch.

Scrumpp prides himself in providing for all boys at St Andrew's College outstanding playing and training facilities alongside coaching and support. The fields and pitches are always well prepared and among the best in Christchurch. The time and effort required to achieve this over the summer months should not be underestimated. Early starts and late finishes are the norm for Scrumpp as he prepares, marks and covers the three pitch blocks and training facilities at St Andrew's.

During Scrumpp's time at St Andrew's he has seen three players from the college progress to play international cricket and another 16 domestically for their province. There have also been many representative athletes from other sporting codes who have gone onto compete provincially and nationally who were members of cricket teams at St Andrew's. That's some record.

The team highlight for Scrumpp was the St Andrew's College 1st XI of 2019 representing Canterbury at the National Secondary Schools cricket finals for the first time in the college's history and winning the national title.

Leading from the front – and done on the same day!

Sunday 31st January 2021 can be etched in the annals of Willows history. On that same day, against Nelson College 1st XI, **David Kelly** became the first Willows player to score 2,000 runs for the Club and **Andrew Nuttall** became the ninth player to reach the 1,000 run milestone.

All Willows members will know the bowling prowess of Andrew, who with 238 wickets (at an average of 11.6) is our leading wicket taker by a long stretch. His nearest rival is a mere 149 wickets behind at the end of the season.

While Andrew may to some be lesser known as a batsman — in fact he will often bat down the order to allow younger ones a chance — he is actually a very competent and correct batsman. This was confirmed against Nelson College.

Many have had the privilege of batting with David Kelly over the years and he is our premier master batsman. With seven Willows hundreds already to his name, plus a couple against us when playing for Hawkswood he stands out in the batting statistics with a Bradmanesque average of 81.5. In recent matches too he has often retired his innings with a century beckoning in order to allow other players the chance to bat. Nothing has given him as much pleasure in recent seasons as playing alongside his son James, who with that pedigree, is also blessed with real cricket talent.

All members heartily congratulate Andrew and David. May there be many more runs and wickets to come.

Editor: Much of the above has been written by our statistician **Phil Harris**. What he failed to point out was that on 31 January 2021 he himself was only 12 runs short of a 2,000 aggregate of runs. He wanted to emulate the Kelly feat on his next outing against Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI. But would you believe it? On that day Phil was



▲ The Willows' two most prolific batsmen, David Kelly and Phil Harris, have now both passed 2,000 runs.

caught and bowled by the opposing captain for 11 runs. He would have to wait to score that solitary single run until his final game of the season, when he scored 41 retired against the Umpires XI. So a happy ending. The name Phil Harris can be added to the 2,000 club, his runs coming at an impressive average of 31.0 per innings. Well done Phil!

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.

N.G. (Nick) Clark	1994	
M.E. (Mike) Dormer	1994	Obit. p40
R.J. (Nook) Ebert	1994	Obit. p70
R.S. (Rolie) Eveleigh	2001	Obit. p71
I.W. (Iain) Gallaway, <i>QSO, MBE</i>	1994	Obit. p62
W.J. (Warner) Mauger	2006	
G.E. (Graeme) Nichols	2018	
A.C. (Arthur) Pitcher	1995	Obit. p71
J.R. (John) Reid, <i>CNZM, OBE</i>	1999	Obit. p69

“I wish my son would do something like that”

These are the words uttered by an Indian mother on an in-bound flight after finding out Alex Reese was 19 years of age and about to spend three months in 2010 in Mumbai, India.

Indeed Alex had just stepped outside his comfort zone. Months before he had decided after completion of high school he wanted a challenge. A gap year to develop his cricket sounded perfect. He had come upon GCS (Global Cricket School) in Mumbai and stepped off the plane ready to face the unexpected. He likened it to a “journey through a maze. The whole point is to get lost, and to find your way out — if you are scared about getting lost in it, don’t even try”.

What were the cricket challenges which took Alex outside his comfort zone in India?

The weather

■ The most obvious being the extreme heat and humidity. His first game was played in excruciating heat (35°C plus). He played throughout with a splitting headache he reckons due to mild heatstroke mixed with the constant yelling of encouragement from his teammates — which never seemed to stop.

■ One afternoon at training the heavens opened and the rain poured down. When Alex and his mate started putting away their gear to keep it dry one of the Indian boys said: “What do you think you’re doing? Put your gear back on and finish your session. It’s only rain.”

Playing conditions

■ There were some far from pristine playing surfaces. He likened one ground to a farm yard; in places like a gravel driveway and elsewhere covered in knee-high grass after recent monsoon rains. Whatever, a canny Alex soon learned not to dive for the ball as the chance of landing on a rock or broken bottle was high.

■ Keeping up the water intake was critical given the heat. Alex, after one slip-up, soon learned to be ultra-vigilant not to drink tap water. Quality bottled water is available so stock up. You can also resort to fresh lime soda or mango lassi (which he rates as a “nutritionist’s Powerade”) — both are delicious.

Training

■ Started at 7am on the dot. The pitch was still wet from overnight dew. When he batted Alex copped a few on the body and showed his frustration. The response of the GCS coach was simple — “If he couldn’t bat on a pitch like this, then he didn’t understand cricket at all”.

■ When it came time to bowl, the pitch had dried out and was a lovely surface to bat on. Bowling leg spin against Indian lads who had been brought up playing spin bowling on a flat deck was a challenge. The lesson Alex learned from training in India was that he needed to be out of his comfort zone at practice so that on game day he was as prepared as he could be.

■ Training lasted four hours in the heat. Then the coach asked the leg spinners to remain. Before they could leave they had to bowl a further 120 balls at a cone and see how many times they hit it. The rationale being that in India the competition for selection is so competitive that hundreds turn up to trial and a bowler may be allowed only a handful of deliveries to impress — those four or five balls must be absolutely perfect! So if you don’t bowl your 120 balls “the only person you are short changing is yourself”.

Alex’s story is there to motivate and encourage young cricketers to step outside their own comfort zones and try something they have never done before. Anything is possible in life.

■ *From the publication: ‘One Foot Forward’ by Alex Reese (2011). Alex is Chairman and Founder of Cricket Live Foundation which operates cricket-life skills academies in depressed areas of Sri Lanka and India. He is currently employed at sports marketing agency Wasserman and is also a Level 3 cricket coach. For further info:*

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Q&A with Hamish Marshall

We are delighted to have the popular and high-performing Hamish Marshall share his thoughts on his career and on the current state of our game. Hamish played a whopping 264 first-class matches from 1998 to 2018 for New Zealand (13 Tests and 66 ODIs), Gloucestershire, Northern Districts, and Wellington.

Q1. Most memorable game?

The first Chappell-Hadlee game in Melbourne in an enclosed stadium was my most memorable game. Mathew Sinclair took one of the great outfield catches to dismiss Matthew Hayden and the atmosphere at the ground felt like a Bledisloe Cup rugby match. We were chasing around 250 and got a solid start from Astle and Sinclair, then when the run rate went up some little cameos



from Cairns and Oram helped us get into a winnable position. Enter Brendon McCullum who smashed 20 from 13 balls to seal victory in the 50th over. The feeling in the changing room was “next level” having just come off a tough test series where Australia had dominated us.

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

It's hard to go past my first test century of 146 against Australia at Jade Stadium in 2005. Australia had an attack consisting of McGrath, Gillespie, Kasprovicz and Warne so it was relentless attack. It was a lovely batting wicket also which was a bonus.

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

I think playing relentless games of BYC when I was a kid with brother James ignited the love and passion for cricket. Growing up in Northland, where we had the likes of Karl Treiber and Robert “Jumbo” Anderson who did a lot of work with young batters. A lot went on to play for ND. In my latter years John Bracewell was not only a coach who challenged me but he was also a great mentor and friend.

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

Never stop learning and trying to get better. You see a lot of talented players who don't have the careers you thought they might have and it's often down to the attitude of wanting to be better (sometimes an injury can interrupt too).

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

That cricket is always played in the spirit expected. It is a competitive game which should be played to win but always in conjunction with respecting the game, its rules, traditions and to behave accordingly.

National champions again at Kindred Cup for our Over-35s

By Sam Davis

Our 2020/21 defence of the Kindred Cup started in a similar fashion to the previous two seasons, with conference losses to both United Country & Vineyards, and Hawkswood Wanderers. However, another dominant performance in Wellington at the finals weekend, saw The Willows team take out the national Kindred competition for the third consecutive season.

The Dave Clouston-led United Country & Vineyards made their first trip to Loburn this season after the 2019 match was abandoned due to rain. Batting first, The Willows scored a disappointing 130 off our 40 overs. Typically tight Vineyards bowling put us under too much pressure, and after a tidy start our middle order collapsed offering little resistance. Vineyards knocked our total off with only two down to draw first blood in the 2021 Kindred season.

After a very similar result against Hawkswood (see match report on p21), having won none of its conference matches, The Willows was fortunate that it qualified fifth for the Kindred Cup finals weekend, solely due to being the reigning champion. However, it was a determined and well-balanced side that turned out at Karori Park. First up on the Friday in what was essentially a knock-out quarter final, we played Greytown Cricket Club from the Wairarapa. Greytown are probably the most social of the Kindred teams; however, it was a magnificent 95 not out from Wellington based Jimad Khan followed up by 4/21 from the evergreen Stan Woolliscroft, that secured the win for The Willows.

In the subsequent semi final we were up against the North Bombay Cricket Club, led by Willower Matt Wright. Wright was the pick of the North



▲ One hand on the trophy — Sam Davis and opposing skipper Simon Muir before the Kindred Final in Wellington.

Bombay batsmen scoring 44 out of his teams 139. Pick of our bowlers was Chris Mugford with 5/33. We got off to a rollicking start scoring 88 of our first 11 overs, and reaching the North Bombay total in 18. Stylish knocks of 44 and 37 from Maulik Patel and Rob Dunne provided the backbone of our innings.

And so it was into our third consecutive Kindred final, an all South Island affair, against United Country & Vineyards once again. It was about now that in previous years we were scraping together eleven able bodied players still able to run; however, this year we were blessed with a large squad and it became a difficult decision who to leave out.

Winning the toss, Vineyards chose to bat first backing their bowlers to defend whatever total they put up. Fortunately, The Willows was up to the challenge and a great start by last years tournament team selections, Chris Nicholson and Adam Hastilow, had Vineyards 23/4 after only five overs. A middle order revival however saw them through to 139, a total that can be competitive in a final. However, The Willows openers did it again and we were 97 from nine overs before the first wicket fell. 52 from Maulik

Patel and 39 from Tim McConnell got us off to a great start and from there the win was in little doubt, passing Vineyards total in the 15th over.

Thanks should go to Kent Currie of Seddon Cricket Club for again organising a fantastic weekend, and to Karori Cricket Club for their hosting. Congratulations to Maulik Patel for his selection in the tournament team, and to all The Willows players who represented the club so well again this year, particularly those new to the club.

Inaugural Willows golf tournament

By Keith Yardley

A field of 44 took part in the first Willows golf tournament held at the Coringa Golf Club on Friday 30th April 2021 in fine but coldish late afternoon conditions. The course was picturesque in autumn splendour and the greens surprised many with their slick pace.

The format was Ambrose and scoring was competitive — not surprising as there were some powerful fours including three Hadlee brothers (Richard, Dayle and Martin), the Canterbury Over-60s cricket team, two teams arranged by Dan Vann and two teams organised by Ben Dormer. It was great to see Joe Bennett back in The Willows fold and his presence meant his four was the loudest if not the most successful.

The tournament was graced by the presence of our landlady Mrs Winsome Dormer who together with a long time Dormer family friend Angus Innes drove the drinks cart and ensured a constant supply of refreshments to players.

Dave Kelly is well known for his high scoring at The Willows but on this occasion low scoring was his forte and together with brother Louis, Ben Blair and Toby Giles this four won the tournament comfortably.

Competition for minor placings was closely contested with decimal points separating five teams. The Lee Robinson four finished second just ahead of one of the teams arranged by Dan Vann. Other prizes won on the day were closest to the pin (Ray Polson) and longest drive (Jim Stringleman).

The craic at the 19th was amplified by a generous bar tab donated by our chairman. This was further exemplified by a celebrated scribe announcing he was coming out of retirement and would be playing his 50th game for The Willows next season.

Winsome generously donated two spot prizes and the winners were Dayle Hadlee and Jarred McMillan.

It is the intention of the committee to make this an annual event, probably on the last Friday in April each year. Thanks are recorded to those who assisted on the day in so many ways – Nick Davidson, Winsome Dormer, Ben Dormer, Paul Rutledge, Di & Errol Woodward, Angus Innes and the staff at the Coringa Golf Club.



▲ Ollie Curtis, the Christchurch Boys' High School captain, with a copy of Men In White for his school library.

Valued links with our 1st XIs Part 2

By John Mitchell

The article on school first eleven cricket in the last annual report was well received by readers. This is the second in the series and looks at the remainder of our partner schools to highlight how well they have done over the years.

Nothing which has been accomplished over the past 27 years would have been possible without the involvement of so many cricket loving personnel who believe and support youth development in our game.



Other first elevens to play at Jaguar Oval are: 1996 Te Awamutu College, King's College (3 matches), Mt Hutt College, Kristin School, St Kevin's College (Oamaru) who were victorious on their debut outing in 2020, Gore High School (4 matches), Sacred Heart College (3 matches) and Hutt International Boys' School who played their debut game at The Willows in 2020 with an unlucky Lachie Bailey just missing a first-up ton.

St Bede's College

St Bede's enjoyed a period of dominance over The Willows between 1997 and 2007 when they recorded five wins in nine matches. The best individual effort came from Chris Seabourn who took 5/27 in 2002 and we had several fine performances from Aaron Johnstone, Wade Cornelius, the Cunneen and Bartholomeusz brothers and Matthew Teale. This good form was replicated in 2020 with another convincing victory where Matt Boyle scored a wonderful century and took three important wickets.



St Thomas of Canterbury College

St Thomas's has had no greater advocate and supporter than Keith Yardley, a former head boy who has cherished each of the five victories of his former XI. Tom Agnew was a star performer with bat and ball in their two initial wins over The Willows. Cricket is well-served at the school under the guidance of teachers Ben Rapson and Paul McCarthy. Both played regularly with the eleven in our annual fixture. It was not surprising that Ben and his protégé Tyler Bruce (87) led the charge to another great victory in 2020.





Shirley Boys' High School

Shirley Boys' surprisingly have yet to gain their first Willows scalp but it's not for want of trying. Whenever they come to play there is always a powerful list of old boys who opt to play so the battle has been fierce. The nearest they came to victory was in 2009 when future Canterbury rep Ken McClure scored a wonderful century and they fell short by only two runs. I'll let long-time coach David Grocott pick up the story: "The turning point of the game was Ken having to retire upon reaching his hundred as he was leading us to victory. A slightly embarrassed and apologetic (never!) Mike Dormer ensured this Willows custom was followed".



Southwest Schools XI

This team owes a great deal to the outstanding cricket administrator Dave Biddick. He was instrumental in developing a strong unit before passing the mantle to Paul Bridgman who continues to nurture a fine crop of young cricketers. Two excellent recent centuries have come from the bat of James Rennie and Matthias Paltridge — the latter steering his team to a well-deserved first win at The Willows in 2019.

Southland BHS

Southland Boys' have been one of the teams having furthest to travel to play. They have enjoyed some regular victories since their debut game in 2005, which for the record they won. On this occasion they chased down a score of 276/5. Tim McClean scored a stunning century off just 84 balls. You couldn't ask for a better start from an XI and so it has continued over the seasons. Their latest victory in 2020 was another crushing five wickets win and came on the back of some impressive quick bowling by Jordan Tooby who took 6/41.



Timaru Boys' High School

Timaru Boys' had a memorable recent win over The Willows in 2020 when in a run-fest Liam Andrews was the star and led from the front scoring 110 retired. Before that TBHS had chalked up wins in 2004 and 2007. The earlier match was a cliffhanger. It is remembered because the future international quick Hamish Bennett was man of the match and his side won in the final over. Ben McCord, who later represented Canterbury, and William Walsh (Auckland A) also played that day.





Whanganui Collegiate School

Whanganui Collegiate have a proud record at The Willows. Initially, with Dermot Payton as coach the team has always come with strong parental support plus the long-serving Bob Wake as scorer. No one keeps as fine a book anywhere. Of their three wins over The Willows the biggest margin came in the 2013/14 fixture. Stand-outs that day with half-centuries were skipper Charlie Robson (now plying his skill with the local Weedons CC) and Andre Halbert who also backed up with 5/22 with the ball.

Waimea College

Waimea outplayed The Willows for their only win in seven games in 2013. They won by a convincing seven wickets after an unbeaten partnership of 163 runs by M Weir and S Field. Latterly, the most heartening thing has been their willingness to induct capable Year 10 and 11 boys into their XI and also to see the huge number of parents and supporters who travel down for the match.



Waitaki Boys' High School

Waitaki combined with St Kevin's College in the early days. The best local product in recent years was former Waitaki captain and now Otago Volts player Nathan Smith. And the best individual performance being the hat-trick taken by Ben Paton in 2019. Cricket is well-served in Oamaru with good guidance provided by Hawke Cup players Francois Mostert and Jeremiah Shields.

Wellington College

Wellington College have enjoyed a royal trot since 2014 winning all five matches. This was the perfect send-off for long-serving principal Roger Moses who always travelled down with a loyal contingent to support the team. Another quality admired in the Wellington lads is their aggressive and attacking approach to the game. Two of their most recent stars are Devan Vishvaka, an all-round cricketer of exceptional ability, and Peter Bonar who set the 2020 match alight (see p14).



A shot from the past



▲ French Farm cricket eleven, 1882. From left, back row: Lambert Bowen, Arnold Williams, Guy Williams, Hugh Reeves, Heathcote Williams, Melville Jameson, Carlyle Studholm, AB Temple. Front row: Frank Courage, GH Slack, Wyvern Williams.

Early “Goat Herders” at French Farm, Banks Peninsula, 1882

Despite the isolation and transportation issues of the time there was no shortage of interest and enthusiasm for cricket in such rural areas. Nothing has really changed since. As one cricket historian wrote: “The pitches were rough, and the bowling ragged, the batsmen had one aim: to send the ball soaring over woolshed or plantation”. Sentiments head herder, Bob Masefield, would endorse 100% today!

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A shot from the coaching manual!



▲ Classic off drive from Robbie Foulkes of CBHS.

Iain Gallaway: The voice of cricket and rugby was a man of many talents



*Iain Gallaway's deeds in cricket, sports broadcasting and the law are well known nationally and also throughout the world. Here are two tributes – one from broadcaster and author **Jim Sullivan** and the other from Willower **Ken Rust**, long serving coach of the Otago Boys' High School 1st XI. We are especially grateful to Jim who has kindly given us permission to print his article which was published on 20 April 2021 in the Otago Daily Times.*

Iain Gallaway never made his century, but his 98 years leave us with fond memories and perhaps this column is the place for some light-hearted ones.

For a quarter of a century Iain was the Carisbrook voice of rugby and for an even longer time was the voice of cricket. It was a lonely job, ending in the winter dusk, but in the 1970s a change came

with the 4ZB's *Scoreboard*. Iain would come to the studio to summarise the day's play and was invited to join the "after match" at the Oriental Hotel. Pub-going was not his usual relaxation but among his *Scoreboard* team he felt at home. Avuncular towards the bevy of attractive young ladies who ran the control room and something of a hero to the broadcasters who wished they had his skills, Iain was great company and always supplied the crisps. His family later noted that he looked forward to those Saturday sessions as a change from the more formal times with the great and the good of the city.

Iain kept his own sporting achievements in the background, but in later times held his own in the commentary box when superb storytellers like Jeremy Coney were his colleagues. When asked about his own cricket career, Iain would say nothing of how close he came to being picked as a test wicketkeeper and instead told of the time he was applauded as he left the wicket at Carisbrook. "I followed Bert Sutcliffe after he had made his usual pile of runs, but so short was my stay at the crease, bowled first ball, that I returned to the gate hard on his heels and the applause for Bert was still ringing in my ears."

Iain had planned to be a journalist but, after a brief pre-war spell with the "Otago Daily Times", served in the army and navy before being persuaded to join the family law firm. His contributions to the profession and the Otago District Law Society are well-documented but in farewell mode we can turn to cricket which for Iain was "the game that's done/the game that's never done."

Here in Patearoa Iain will certainly be long remembered. From 1947 he played in the Easter cricket matches at Patearoa. Tom Fraser's XI, usually with a test player (often a Hadlee) and a crop of Plunket Shield players, would take on the Patearoa XI. The visitors socialised at the pub and various Maniototo homesteads where, as Iain recalled, "good wine and good conversation and song flowed until dawn had broken." The songs included "Dark Haired Marie" performed by 1930s All Black Joe Procter with "tears of passionate sentiment streaming down his cheeks." Some of us were privileged to witness

Iain in similar mood one hot summer's afternoon in the Patearoa pub when the talk turned to music and Iain volunteered that country singer Tex Morton was his boyhood favourite.

To our surprise this unassuming man then took centre stage and, with appropriate gestures, gave us all seven verses of "Old Shep". By the time he came to the last verse the tears of sentiment were flowing from us all:

*Now Old Shep is gone
Where the good doggies go
And no more with Old Shep will I roam
But if dogs have a heaven
There's one thing I know
Old Shep has a wonderful home.*

The Easter visits to Patearoa and Iain's own Maniototo connections led Iain to look for a holiday home in Patearoa, and in 1962 he bought the house once owned by the gold sluicing company, and the room used as an office from which the miners were paid, became a sitting room with a roaring open fire.

Soon he was called upon to speak at Patearoa sports clubs functions and give them pro bono legal assistance. In a foreword for the history of the Gimmerburn and Patearoa rugby clubs Iain revealed another connection. "In the early 1930s we spent our holidays at Linnburn or Puketoi. Knowing my childish passion for rugby, Billy Wilson, the cowman-gardener erected goal posts so that I could convert the countless tries I scored against an invisible opposition." On the Sowburn walkway the Gallaway bridge (damaged but a priority for restoration) remains just part of his Patearoa legacy.

To farewell Iain, perhaps a piece of cricket writing, Francis Thompson's "At Lord's" which captures the melancholy of transience and loss:

*For the field is full of shades
As I near a shadowy coast,
And a ghostly boatman
Plays to the bowling of a ghost,
And I look through my tears
On a soundless-clapping host
As the run stealers flicker
To and fro, to and fro.*

— Jim Sullivan

Like anyone who grew up in Dunedin listening to broadcasts from Carisbrook, the name Iain Gallaway was synonymous with cricket and rugby. Much has been written about his many qualities as a broadcaster, but he was equally impressive in person. Casual conversations on the boundary at Logan Park, Tonga Park, and even Littlebourne highlighted his genuine interest in young cricketers and anyone involved with the game.

On two more formal occasions, Iain was involved with cricket at Otago Boys' High School. In July 2010 he was one of the "heavyweights" (the others being ME Dormer and Sir John Hansen) who attended a special Cricket Blues Assembly. Iain presented Tom Rutherford (7/20 v Willows 2009) with the Shadbolt Trophy for the Best Performance against The Willows and the First XI with the '49ers Cup for the Most Meritorious Performance by a Secondary School.

Less than a year later, Iain was a special guest at a luncheon held on the first day of the annual Christ's College inter-school match. The luncheon was to mark 125 years since the first cricket inter-school was played between the two schools. As an Old Collegian and proud Otago supporter, Iain played the role of diplomat perfectly in his address about the enduring qualities of the game.

Seventy-two years earlier in 1939, Iain played in the annual inter-school won by Christ's College by eight wickets. Below is the short scoreboard:

Christ's College 199 (DW Monaghan 36, WN Wright 22, CR Morse 32, EG Rutherford 44, IW Gallaway 18, RP Partridge 4 for, TW Somerville 3 for) and 31/2

Beat **Otago Boys' High School** 91 (FK Rennie 29, B McSweeney 4 for, LJ Castle 3 for and IW Gallaway 2 catches) and 130

— Ken Rust

■ Iain Gallaway, *QSO, MBE* (1922–2021)
Honorary Member of The Willows (1994–2021)

How good was this guy?

By John Mitchell

In my playing days I can remember being involved in only one game where a player scored a double century. It was against us too. During the 2020 Covid-19 enforced lockdown a friend sent me a brilliant article written by Scott Oliver on Cricbuzz. It was about one of the legends of the game who scored two double-tons in the space of eight days — when only 20 years of age. Here is a summarised version of the story.

AB de Villiers was offered a professional contract in 2004 at the Carrickfergus Cricket Club, Northern Ireland. Carrickfergus play at a picturesque ground outside Belfast, a trip about half the distance we travel from Christchurch to The Willows. As a progressive Irish club they have always looked for an overseas “hired gun” to lead the charge in the NCU’s Ulster Bank Senior League. In appointing AB they procured a champion player.

The 2004 season was a couple of games old when the South African landed at Belfast Aldergrove Airport. Coincidentally, it was game day. Knowing their recruit was a swift car ride away the Carrick captain listed his name on the team sheet. AB duly arrived. After a quick introduction to key club members he was told to pad up. On the fall of the first wicket he wandered out to join the other opener. AB was greeted by the dulcet tones of a Kiwi accent.

The Kiwi, now resident and long-time player for Carrickfergus, was former Northern Districts batsman Barry Cooper (62 first-class matches for his province between 1980–1995). The gist of the conversation went something like this:

“Hi. How you doing? I’m Barry. We’ve got a bit of a task to do here. The wicket is not what you would be used to — wet and slow. They’ve got a Pakistani Test off-spinner — suggest we nurdle it around for a while, see if we can pick up 20-odd runs off his 10 overs and have a go at the others”.



▲ AB de Villiers at Carrickfergus in 2004 (©Cricbuzz).

Right! The 20 year-old had other ideas. After a mis-hit which nearly cost his wicket, he clouted Ijaz Ahmed Jr twice off consecutive balls back over his head for six. Barry quickly assessed the kid was something special. Both men scored in the 80s that day.

Later in the season AB scored the first of two double centuries. He totally dominated the day scoring an unbeaten 233 out of the Carrickfergus total of 308. This remains the highest individual score ever recorded in the league. To follow-up, the very next weekend, he got 208 not out to cap off a very satisfying double. AB finished the season with an average of 127.71 from the nine matches he played for Carrickfergus. The local committee had been repaid in spades by their “import”.

Statistics are one thing, but more important is the positive impact which AB left behind in the community. He stayed with Barry Cooper and during the three months a special bond established between them. AB had never been away from home before. It forced him to become independent which led to him grow in confidence as a person. As he acknowledges “it brought him out of his shell”. A bit like the Matfen experience has done for our 18 year-olds travelling to Northumberland.

Barry saw first-hand then in 2004 that AB de Villiers had the moral standing and integrity coupled with rare talent to go on to greatness in our game. AB wasn’t much into drinking or womanising according to his flatmate: “He was a professional cricketer. Very polite, well-read and well-behaved. He looked after himself”.

Letter from Matfen

“Our cricket season is just about to get underway as yours closes. Hopefully we won't be as interrupted as last year. The hotel have agreed to remain as main sponsors to the cricket club and I'm sure they will help out. We have done a ground share with a Newcastle club who are going to be playing their home games at Matfen this season. They play to a higher standard than our league and we have really improved the ground and have bought better machinery. One benefit of Covid is that there have been very generous grants to sports clubs and the club is now self-sufficient in equipment. We are a long way off The Willows but we can only dream!

I'm sure The Willows Scholarship will be able to resume next year and between me and the hotel we would love to entertain two more Kiwi boys. We will find them work and keep them busy on the cricket pitch. I follow the provincial cricket in New Zealand and I keep seeing familiar names in particular Will Williams and Peter Younghusband. How great for them that they have gone on to represent their province and who knows they might go even further. I suspect the Canterbury team are all members of the Willows and I guess most of the Test team will also have played there as well as all the Kiwi greats of the game? Hopefully we can get the Scholarship going again and we can welcome two more candidates in a year's time”.

Sir Hugh Blackett

Northumberland



Quirky bowlers

▼ *The moment of delivery. This is where the magic happens – that split second when only the bowler knows what's about to happen. Or at least he hopes he knows.*





700 for IZ's Hodge

In January 2021, Mark Hodge took his 700th wicket for I Zingari, Australia. The majority of his 700 wickets are a combination of skilful and well executed leg breaks. About 100 or so, though, can be attributed to long hops and full tosses, while another 100 are the result of top spinners, zooters and the underrated straight break.

Reaction this side of the ditch? Total admiration extended to Mark with two individual responses:

It will take me until I'm 125 years old to equal his feat.

— Andrew Nuttall, The Willows' top spinner

700 wickets? 300 LBWs, 300 full tosses, 100 all sorts we believe

— Assistant Groundsman MED

Deepest sympathies

Willowers, indeed all followers of cricket, extend their sympathies to Rev Mike Hawke, Dean of Nelson Cathedral, and his wife Patsy on a double tragedy suffered this year. It was with great sadness they lost their only son Peter in Sydney, then three weeks later their youngest daughter Sarah who died suddenly here in Christchurch. The two funeral services held at St Christopher's Church were attended by large numbers of friends to pay their respects. The outstanding Christian contributions of both Mike and Patsy extend over many facets within the South Canterbury, Christchurch and Nelson communities.

The power of sport

The following is an extract from a letter written on 15th February 2021 by MED to the Secretary of the I Zingari Cricket Club (Australia):

"The Willows Cricket Club wishes to express our grateful appreciation to the I Zingari Community. Specifically, our thanks to IZer Mark Hodge for his care and compassion given to the Hawke family in their time of tragedy. Mark stood shoulder to shoulder and assumed complete responsibility on behalf of the Rev Mike Hawke, Dean of Nelson Cathedral and his wife Patsy.

It was as a result of an aneurism that their son Peter, aged 42, died suddenly on returning to his apartment in Sydney. Medical assistance was rendered immediately but regrettably Peter passed away. For the family, this situation, happening in another country and with no support, is an unbearable thought.

Padded up within minutes of being asked, Mark and his team reacted spontaneously with utmost care and empathy for the Hawkes. No bureaucratic requirement was left unattended in getting Peter's ashes home.

Thank you Mark. May you face or bowl to Mike Hawke, himself a former rep cricketer for South Canterbury, when next IZ visit New Zealand."



New lights for Hagley Oval

We congratulate the Chair and Trustees of the Canterbury Cricket Trust for the wonderful acquisition of new lighting during the 2020/21 season at Hagley Oval. As is apparent from the photograph the facility is world-class. It now brings another day-night spectacle to Christchurch which will undoubtedly introduce the game to another sector of fans and supporters and fit in with their modern lifestyles.

We are grateful to the Trust for providing this additional information:

“With increased ICC and International Broadcasting standards The Trust determined six permanent light towers were necessary to meet these strict requirements. So began an application process through the Christchurch Earthquake Recovery legislation to support Christchurch’s bid for Women’s Cricket World Cup matches now to be held in 2022 (the tournament was delayed one year due to Covid-

19). The lights were made possible by financial support from the Christchurch City Council, Rata Foundation, a personal benefactor as well as Sport New Zealand. The light towers were officially turned on by the Honourable Grant Robertson, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on 15 December 2020 and at the same time it was announced Hagley Oval will hold the Women’s Cricket World Cup final and semi-final in late March 2022. The first ball bowled under lights was by Grant Robertson to Sir Richard Hadlee with Stephen Boock umpiring.”

The first cricket use of the lights occurred during the New Zealand v Pakistan January 2021 Test match to overcome bad light which enabled the match to continue contributing to the Black Caps total of 659 with Willows member Henry Nicholls 154 and Canterbury player Daryl Mitchell 102 not out along with Kane Williamson’s 238.

Canterbury Cricket Kings and Magicians played their T20 matches in January 2021 under Hagley Oval lights and on the 10th anniversary of the Christchurch earthquakes the Black Caps and Australia played the first international cricket match under lights watched by 9,000 spectators and 1.2 million local TV viewers.

Past Highlights

In our 21st season we had three cliff-hanger matches which could have gone either way. One which eluded our grasp was played on 19 October 2014 against a Ken Rust-coached **Otago Boys' High School 1st XI**.

The Willows stuttered at the start on a low and slow pitch losing two quick wickets. Then Fraser Hill and Chris Harris staged an admirable fight-back putting on 80 runs for the 3rd wicket. Both scored good half centuries and later Andy Macgregor chimed in with some useful runs. The Willows fell just short of what should have been an adequate total of 200.

Over the second innings our skipper Gareth Reed reckoned both sides showed how to win, and then lose, and then win and then lose a game of cricket. When the 7th wicket fell with over 50 runs still required it looked all ours but a few crucial lapses in the field and an aggressive Cameron McAuslan innings kept the southerners in it. Jeremy Benton was given the task to bowl the final over. The Willows requiring one wicket and OBHS just six runs — it was the bat which prevailed and the Otago lads headed home with the spoils and deservedly so!

(Cameron McAuslan made his One Day International debut for Hong Kong against Scotland on 22 January 2017 -Ed.)

The Willows

F Hill	b Kindley	59
PW Dobbs	b Angus	1
JAT Benton	b Angus	0
CZ Harris	c Tait b Angus	70
AD Haig	c Wood b Sua	13
AJ Macgregor	b B Buttar-Scurr	25
GI Reed	c D Buttar-Scurr b Angus	0
L Courtney	not out	14
A Reese	c Angus b B Buttar-Scurr	0
G Finnie	b B Buttar-Scurr	0
AH Gray	not out	2

Extras (4b, 6lb, 2w, 2nb) 14

Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) 198

	O	M	R	W
B Buttar-Scurr	8	0	25	3
S Angus	9	1	30	4
W Kindley	8	0	31	1
W Hunter	7	0	27	0
D Sua	7	1	27	1
J Finnie	6	0	15	0
C McAuslan	3	0	19	0
D Buttar-Scurr	2	0	14	0

Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

W Kindley	c Finnie b Courtney	10
J Taig	c Benton b Courtney	77
D Buttar-Scurr	b Benton	5
T Bayly	b Reese	24
M Williams	lbw Harris	2
J Finnie	b Reese	0
B Buttar-Scurr	lbw Harris	8
D Sua	c Benton b Courtney	12
G Wood	b Benton	12
C McAuslan	not out	29
S Angus	not out	1

Extras (11b, 2lb, 4w, 2nb) 19

Total (9 wickets, 49.5 overs) 199

	O	M	R	W
AJ Macgregor	8	0	31	0
L Courtney	7	1	31	3
AH Gray	6	1	24	0
JAT Benton	8.5	1	40	2
A Reese	10	0	36	2
CZ Harris	10	1	24	2

Umpires: L Elliot and D Blackstock

Scorer: A Campbell

Result: The Willows lost by 1 wicket

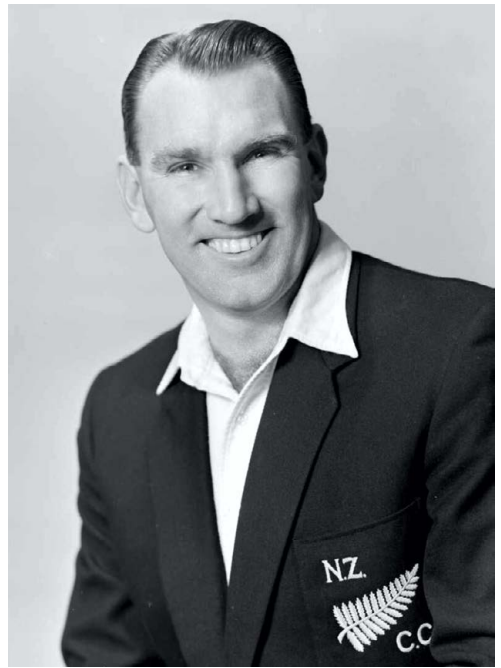
John Reid remembered

Bruce Murray describes the towering career of the greatest cricketer he ever played with, JR (John) Reid, CNZM, OBE (1928–2020).

As an eight or nine year old, I was well aware of John Reid. He was a local Hutt Valley lad, attended Waiwhetu School and then Hutt Valley High School (HVHS). I had arrived with my family in Epuni, Lower Hutt, from Napier at the beginning of 1947. I was the youngster in my family, but my brother Graeme (Bunter) enrolled at HVHS the year after John Reid had left it in 1946. HVHS was well-known in those days as a sporting school with very strong 1st XV's and 1st XI's. Jim Fitzgerald and Colin Loader became All Blacks; Don Jowett and Lionel Smith represented NZ in athletics (and gave great pace to the 1st XV backline), and Peter Osborne was a long-serving full back for Wellington. Even my brother had a few games for Wellington before injury abruptly ended his rugby days. But good and all as those players may have been, the king of both rugby and cricket at HVHS was John Reid.

In the early 1960s I commenced my teaching career at HVHS with numerous staff still at the school who remembered John well. In their collective view, they could see that he was certainly destined to play cricket for NZ (he was in the 1st XI from Form 3), but they were equally clear that he was an even better rugby player, and was certain to become an All Black. A half back or first five-eighth, he was low-slung, fast, broad-shouldered, and immensely strong. Sadly, rheumatic fever during his school days put an end to his rugby career, enabling him to concentrate on cricket.

His debut in first-class cricket came in 1947/48, at a time when a normal New Zealand first-class cricket season was of a maximum of three matches, or six innings, or even shorter if weather, injury, or a strong batting side only batted once in a match. Matches then were only of three days. (Australian cricketers always



▲ John Reid, New Zealand captain, in 1960.

played four-day matches and in English county cricket in 1947, teams each played up to 30 first-class matches in one season; 61 players scored 1,000+ runs, and of them, two players scored more than 3,000 runs; 14 more than 2,000; and 51 batsmen had more than 40 innings in that one season.) No wonder it took 26 years of Tests (1930–1956) for NZ to register its first win!

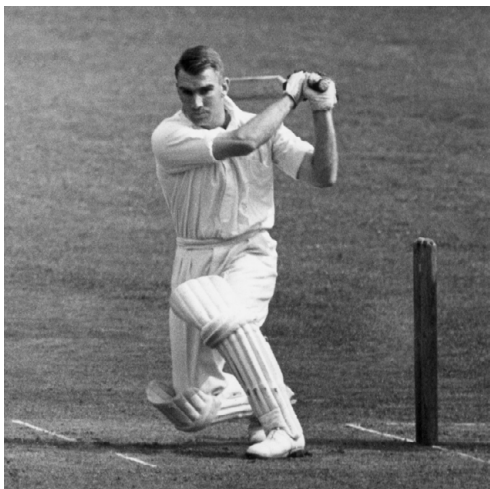
John Reid made an immediate impact in that season scoring over 200 runs at an average of 48, and in 1949 was selected, aged 21, to tour with New Zealand to England, as a batsman, a bowler, and the reserve wicketkeeper. He played 25 matches on that tour, scoring 1,448 runs in 40 innings at 41.33 (four centuries), and taking 13 wickets at 30.00. In fielding he took 26 catches and stumped six. After that most successful tour, Wellington was anxious to retain John's services as the leading cricketer he had already become, so arrangements were made to have him appointed to a coaching role for both the Wellington and Hutt Valley Cricket Associations. That led to my first meeting with John, for I was of one of a number of local lads selected to be coached by him for a season or two at the Hutt

Recreation Ground (and during school time!). So, aged 9 or 10, and in a state of high excitement, off I went to meet John Reid, my schoolboy idol.

Eight years later I was to again meet up with him, when selected, fresh out of HVHS in the 1958/59 season, to play for Wellington. Thereafter, I played under his captaincy of Wellington until he retired after the conclusion of New Zealand's tour of India, Pakistan and England in 1965. On reflection I have come to the view that he was the greatest cricketer I ever played with. His role in NZ cricket is unique, for he led NZ to its first Test win (over West Indies in 1956) and its first drawn Test series in 1961/62 in South Africa.

His 296 (including a world record 15 sixes) at the Basin Reserve in 1962/63 was astonishing; his 58 tests, 34 as captain, was a record at the time; his winning of both the Redpath and Windsor Cups in the same season (1954/55) was startling but well deserved; his 242 first-class appearances; his career record of 16,000+ runs at 41.83, and 445 wickets at 22.55; his outstanding fielding in any position; these all reinforce his reputation and his prowess. I am honoured to have known him for over 70 years, and to have spent about half my cricket career playing alongside him. I am grateful for every remembrance of him.

■ *Tribute to John Reid (pictured below) by Bruce Murray, QSO, opening batsman for Wellington 1958–1973 and New Zealand 1967–1971.*



RJ (Nook) Ebert 1941-2020

Nook's involvement with cricket began at an early age. He represented Hutt Valley as a batsman on six occasions including in three Hawke Cup fixtures. Upon moving to Christchurch he took up playing for the Merivale Papanui Club in the Senior Suburban competition. He had a successful senior playing career and was selected for the Christchurch Suburban Rep side for four seasons. Within the club he was on the Executive from 1977 to 1992 holding the positions of Club Captain and President before being elected a Life Member in 2003. Nook was heavily involved in the fundraising to build the splendid clubrooms Merivale/Papanui have to this day.

During his 37 years as a member of Canterbury Cricket Umpires Association Nook officiated in six first-class fixtures, two women's Test matches, one Under-19 Test and 12 Shell Cup one day fixtures. He served as Treasurer of the Association for many years before being elected President from 1993 to 1995, a Life Member 2003 and was Patron up until his death.

By career he was a Quantity Surveyor with Fletcher Building for over 40 years and former workmates spoke in glowing terms at his funeral of his ability in producing some of Christchurch's finest buildings. Nook always enjoyed his times spent at The Willows and will be sorely missed by all who were associated with him.

■ *Tribute by David Stuthridge, fellow umpire*

AC (Arthur) Pitcher 1945-2020

Arthur, a well-known identity in the Christchurch business community, was a Chief Executive with extensive experience in the leisure industry. He had a proven record in establishing and operating a range of successful new ventures in Europe prior to emigrating to New Zealand.

Arthur was a skilled negotiator with a flair for promotion, as well as having first class organisational and communication skills. Within the Christchurch community he hosted at the Christchurch Casino a number of sponsored dinners which through their respective guest speakers and auctions were able to raise a considerable amount of money for charity.

Arthur was also an avid cricket man. During his time at the casino he brought his invitation XI, often bolstered with several first-class players, on seven occasions to play at The Willows. All matches were played as Arthur lived life – with passion, intent and a modicum of levity.

The club has conveyed its condolences to Arthur's wife Averil and their family.

RS (Rolie) Eveleigh 1937-2020

Rolie Eveleigh will be fondly remembered by both his peers and the wider Waitaki Boys' High School family, as a much respected teacher (1970–2002) and first eleven coach for over 20 years. Rolie was also involved in selecting and managing various age group Otago teams and served as President of North Otago Cricket from 1998 to 2001. It was entirely fitting that The Willows trophy for the annual Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's fixture should be named in his honour.

Rolie had a great respect for the values and traditions that cricket espoused and he and his wife Wendy always enjoyed their visits to The Willows. He also enjoyed the 'ebbs and flows' of the traditional inter-school fixtures with Otago

BHS, King's, Timaru and Christchurch BHS where the connections and friendships established were greatly valued. Rolie well understood that the same qualities he promoted to his players of teamwork, preparation and resilience were equally applicable to both cricket and life in general. Consequently, several generations of first eleven players, including a number of first class representatives, both benefited and thrived from his encouragement, coaching expertise and fellowship.

Rolie will be warmly remembered as an absolute gentleman and a passionate supporter of the great game.

■ *Tribute by Kevin Ward, teaching colleague from Waitaki Boys' High School.*

NZ cricket trivia with Bert Walker

On 31st January 2021 when Adam Hastilow castled the Nelson College opener with his very first ball it triggered a spectator enquiry, "I wonder how many times this has happened – a wicket with the first ball of a Test match?"

It has happened four times in New Zealand and they are as follows:

- Ted Badcock for NZ v England at Lancaster Park, 1933
- Richard Hadlee for NZ v Australia at Eden Park, 1974
- Geoff Arnold for England v NZ at Lancaster Park, 1975
- Richard Hadlee for NZ v India at McLean Park, 1990

To date 32 bowlers have achieved this feat, the last being Jimmy Anderson in 2019. Others who have emulated Sir Richard in doing the feat twice are Geoff Arnold, Kapil Dev and Suranga Lakmal.

There is one bowler who has done it three times, Pedro Collins, who played 32 tests for the West Indies between 1999 and 2006. Remarkably, all three were against the same unfortunate batsman, Bangladeshi opener Hannan Sarkar!

Vignettes

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“Favourite Cricket Yarns” by Ken Piesse –
published by The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd, 2014*

Message from the rooms

Allan Lamb was walking in to bat one day against the New Zealanders at Trent Bridge and instead of heading directly for the crease, detoured left towards umpire Dickie Bird, explaining he'd accidentally walked out with his mobile phone and would he please mind it?

“Yes of course,” said Dickie

“Oh, thanks ... and Dickie, if it rings can you please answer it?”

Normally a free-flowing strokemaker, Lamb was this day struggling to hit it off the square. Bird was at square leg enjoying the contest when Lamb's phone rang. “Hello,” said Dickie in a whisper. “This is Dickie Bird on Allan Lamb's phone ... who's this?”

“This is Beefy,” said the unmistakable voice of Ian Botham. “Can you tell bloody Lambie to either play a few shots or get out!”

Not so subtle

Len Pascoe was sure Geoffrey Boycott had nicked a catch behind, but Boycott and umpire Dick French remained unmoved. “Marshy,” called Pascoe to wicketkeeper Rod Marsh, “before you give the ball back, would you mind removing the splinters?”

Windy welcome

Richard Hadlee was off his long run and bowling genuinely fast at Indian Anshuman Gaekwad, who in trying to avoid a lifter hit his stumps with his bat. To the unanimous appeal — and to everyone's amazement — the stand-in umpire, a Madras local, called “not out”. In explanation he said the wind was responsible for the leg bail falling.

At the end of the over, Hadlee furiously snatched his hat from the umpire, who immediately went

to Glenn Turner, New Zealand's captain to complain. “When he starts hitting you over the head with it, that's when you'd better start worrying,” said Turner.

Soon afterwards Hadlee bowled Gaekwad, his off stump breaking in two. “Bloody strong wind,” said one Kiwi fielder.

And one from Johnners

No cricket book on yarns would ever dare leave out something from the wonderful broadcaster Brian Johnston. Have you heard this one?

A small, terribly excited dachshund ran onto the pitch at Headingley one day. “He's a splendid little chap,” Johnners said, “he's wagging his tail like mad. And I can tell you he's a fast bowler because he's got four short legs and his balls swing both ways!”

Rex bamboozled

Not often our irrepressible club photographer Rex Hayward, aka Lord Lichfield, is left non-plussed. He was one match a season or two back. As you know, to do his job Rex will pop out on to the field of play, amid the action, beside the square-leg umpire or outside second slip to get the best vantage point for that ace shot.

It was during one school game (he conveniently cannot remember which one) when on the field of play he heard: “well done Diane”, “this one's yours, Amanda”. Strange, he thought the female 1st XI match was played back in October. So somewhat bemused he baled up the nearest lad to find out what's going on? The explanation was simple “We call each other by our girlfriends' names”.

Rex mulled this over for a while. He thought of all the cogitations that could result from this practice: what if you didn't have a girlfriend? what if you had a boyfriend instead? and what if you had multiple girlfriends? It all got a bit mind-boggling. Safer to stick to photography Rex.

Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Abbott, R.E.	15	12	2	199	19.9	-	129	22	518	18	28.8	1
Agnew, T.W.	20	19	6	247	19.0	-	163	21	616	33	18.7	1
Allott, G.I.	15	13	4	109	12.1	-	131	30	427	30	14.2	1
Ambler, K.R.	9	9	1	517	64.6	1	11	1	45	2	22.5	-
Bennett, J.	48	31	12	324	17.1	-	12	1	85	3	28.3	-
Bisman, C.W.	10	8	2	318	53.0	1	81	12	246	19	12.9	-
Bond, D.W.	42	42	7	1359	38.8	2	35	2	256	3	85.3	-
Brooks, G.N.	19	19	2	571	33.6	-	34	3	147	4	36.8	-
Burson, R.D.	16	14	4	276	27.6	-	119	14	393	30	13.1	1
Campbell, M	5	4	2	29	14.5	-	34	5	149	15	9.9	1
Clark, C.R.	6	6	1	65	13.0	-	48	8	180	15	12.0	-
Coffey, S.T.	14	14	3	529	48.1	2	14	2	67	2	33.5	-
Coll, J.P.	17	17	4	478	36.8	-	236	22	583	30	19.4	1
Cornelius, W.A.	30	20	4	187	11.7	-	185	36	544	37	14.7	2
Courtney, L.	31	28	15	174	13.4	-	211	19	940	31	30.3	-
Curnow, C.C.	17	12	4	148	18.5	-	99	9	421	27	15.6	2
Cusack, D.R.	46	41	7	1244	36.6	1	10	1	45	1	45.0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	39	39	5	982	28.9	-	9	1	40	1	40.0	-
Davis, S.J.	55	42	15	408	15.1	-	324	50	1206	73	16.5	2
Davison, H.	14	13	1	177	14.8	-	84	5	348	20	17.4	-
Day, H.W.	11	11	1	199	19.9	-	68	8	279	20	14.0	1
De Maine, N.	16	15	7	312	39.0	-	61	3	196	14	14.0	-
Devlin, P.C.	25	25	6	621	32.7	1	32	3	140	7	20.0	-
Dickson, G.J.	28	26	9	513	30.2	-	107	2	461	19	24.3	-
Doody, B.J.K.	36	36	4	1057	33.0	2	30	1	148	12	12.3	-
Doody, T.J.	16	11	5	32	5.3	-	144	7	605	24	25.2	1
Dormer, B.L.	26	22	2	456	22.8	-	10	0	53	2	26.5	-
Dowds, D.P.	31	31	4	975	36.1	1	95	4	495	14	35.4	-
Dunne, R.M.	21	21	8	733	56.4	-	87	12	303	14	21.6	-
Eddington, W.L.	12	8	1	148	21.1	-	96	13	366	21	17.4	2
Ellis, A.M. (Ex Burnside)	16	16	5	487	44.3	-	86	10	330	18	18.3	-
Ellis, A.M. (Ex SBHS)	14	13	4	424	47.1	-	60	20	168	8	21.0	-
Fisher, T.D.L.	6	6	4	431	215.5	1	16	2	77	4	19.3	-
Flanagan, S.P.	16	16	2	435	31.1	-	120	15	421	19	22.2	-
Fleming, B.D.	10	10	3	300	42.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	9	0	362	40.2	-	34	2	163	3	54.3	-
Gray, A.H.	16	11	4	20	2.9	-	175	37	523	30	17.4	1
Grocott, D.J.	23	16	9	178	25.4	-	147	35	361	24	15.0	-
Grocott, T.M.	17	6	3	42	14.0	-	118	1	419	18	23.3	-
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	15	15	1	547	39.1	1	6	0	27	1	7.0	-
Hantz, J.L.	14	14	0	354	25.3	-	19	1	88	7	12.6	-

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Harris, P.D.	87	86	20	2047	31.0	3	288	36	1175	52	22.6	-
Harrison, T.	20	20	4	655	40.9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	40	33	6	681	25.2	-	243	26	992	54	18.4	1
Hastings, M.B.	33	28	4	242	10.1	-	254	39	987	47	21.0	-
Hawes, F.C.	32	30	10	495	24.8	-	267	40	969	40	24.2	1
Hawke, M.J.	32	30	10	803	40.2	-	165	20	666	26	25.6	-
Hight, C.M.	23	16	7	242	26.9	-	117	24	350	23	15.2	-
Hill, F.	11	11	2	375	41.7	1	60	9	283	15	18.9	-
Hudson, M.G.	17	17	2	361	24.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	71	64	11	1392	26.3	1	192	22	799	36	22.2	-
Innes, J.T.	15	15	2	475	36.5	-	71	11	246	15	16.4	1
Johnstone, A.F.	25	25	4	351	16.7	-	30	3	113	6	18.8	-
Kelly, D.P.	48	46	20	2118	81.5	7	178	21	594	49	12.1	2
Kelly, M.J.	20	19	2	374	22.0	-	21	1	105	6	17.5	1
Latham, T.W.M.	9	9	2	483	69.0	1	15	3	56	1	56.0	-
Lonsdale, W.M.	13	12	2	97	9.7	-	115	23	375	25	15.0	-
Macgregor, A.J.	14	14	0	125	8.9	-	128	28	387	22	17.6	1
Marsh, N.E.	21	12	11	52	52.0	-	123	26	389	27	14.4	-
Masefield, R.V.	21	15	7	165	20.6	-	112	12	433	25	17.3	1
Masefield, T.J.	16	15	6	308	34.2	-	37	10	79	13	6.1	-
McCarthy, G.P.	38	36	2	446	13.1	-	68	1	338	17	19.9	-
McCarthy, P.B.	19	19	2	670	39.4	1	49	5	196	11	17.8	-
McConnell, T.P.	69	68	8	1626	27.1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	70	64	7	1458	25.6	2	293	27	1261	60	21.0	-
McEwan, R.P.	45	33	7	123	4.7	-	186	17	811	23	35.3	-
McFedries, A.G.	54	49	9	967	24.2	-	353	37	1477	48	30.8	1
McGuire, R.D.	65	48	24	727	30.3	-	425	41	1656	89	18.6	2
McMillan, D.H.A.	15	12	4	211	26.4	-	126	30	419	22	19.0	-
McRae, A.R.	38	29	7	728	33.1	-	85	9	343	12	28.6	-
Miller, G.A.	27	27	5	566	25.7	1	1	0	14	1	14.0	-
Miller, P.	32	30	2	827	29.5	1	126	9	494	28	17.6	-
Mitchell, W.J.	29	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mohammedy, N.	20	12	4	74	9.3	-	102	13	432	16	27.0	-
Mugford,C.	22	21	3	638	35.4	-	92	11	350	16	21.9	-
Murray, F.D.J.	16	16	0	329	20.6	-	8	0	45	1	45.0	-
Nathu, A.	19	19	1	484	26.9	-	14	0	87	1	87.0	-
Nielsen, T.N.	18	17	4	225	17.3	-	145	24	521	32	16.3	1
Noster, S.N.	17	12	2	459	45.9	3	68	10	268	6	44.7	-
Nuttall, A.J.	128	83	38	1041	23.1	-	995	233	2759	238	11.6	2
O'Connell, C.P.	12	12	5	183	26.1	-	81	7	350	20	17.5	-
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	13	13	3	385	38.5	2	58	0	249	6	41.5	-
Paltridge, M.	13	13	3	331	33.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parr, M.J.	27	26	3	436	19.0	-	226	33	816	41	19.9	-
Patel, M.	15	13	2	447	40.6	1	83	15	300	14	21.4	-
Pawson, J.D.	26	24	5	561	29.5	1	184	30	538	29	18.6	-
Peacock, M.D.	24	22	6	447	27.9	-	244	60	722	50	14.4	3

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Reed, G.I.	23	23	5	340	18.9	-	12	0	59	3	19.7	-
Reese, A.	21	20	5	210	14.0	-	174	11	673	27	24.9	1
Reid, M.	15	15	1	388	27.7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	19	19	4	392	26.1	-	61	9	253	9	28.1	-
Robertson, I.A.	12	11	3	498	62.3	2	91	17	273	8	34.1	-
Ruttlege, P.D.	80	50	11	388	9.9	-	13	0	104	1	104.0	-
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	19	0	364	19.2	-	5	0	30	0	-	-
Savill, C.M.	35	33	8	412	16.5	-	34	0	216	10	21.6	-
Scott, K.B.	19	19	2	641	37.7	2	87	9	361	12	30.1	-
Singh, A.	10	9	3	133	22.2	-	70	14	276	22	12.5	1
Singleton, M.J.	32	29	1	551	19.7	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Stewart, G.J.	39	30	6	413	17.2	-	217	30	756	55	13.7	2
Stretch, G.B.	8	8	2	373	62.2	-	44	0	213	10	21.3	-
Tapper, J.H.	23	17	3	345	24.6	-	135	33	468	32	14.6	2
Teale, H.W.	16	16	4	542	45.2	1	78	6	414	16	25.9	-
Thiele, C.H.	11	11	3	63	7.9	-	118	17	438	16	27.4	-
Vann, D.B.	21	18	2	388	24.3	1	74	9	308	12	25.7	-
Vedder, D.W.	15	13	5	25	3.1	-	95	12	374	17	22.0	-
Wakefield, D.J.	22	22	3	545	28.7	-	128	17	464	24	19.3	1
Ward, B.R.	9	9	2	395	56.4	2	2	0	12	1	12.0	-
Ward, J.	16	16	4	369	30.8	-	54	3	280	11	25.5	-
Weeds, M.G.	24	23	5	566	31.4	-	9	0	36	1	36.0	-
Williams, M.L.	24	23	3	383	19.2	-	73	2	298	14	21.3	-
Wilson, J.M.	46	39	5	583	17.1	-	46	1	272	10	27.2	-
Wilson, R.T.	29	28	8	459	23.0	1	114	7	548	18	30.4	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	57	25	11	60	4.3	-	341	38	1451	54	26.9	-
Woollicroft, S.P.	32	10	1	9	1.0	-	244	31	833	42	19.8	-
Wright, H.G.	35	26	5	249	11.9	-	135	19	582	17	34.2	-
Yardley, K.J.	27	13	8	21	4.2	-	183	21	742	34	21.8	-



▲ The Willows began 2021 with a victory over the Riccarton High School 1st XI on 3rd January in lush green conditions.

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	-	-
2020/21	24	17	7	-	-
Total	616	394	202	3	16

Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Avg Total	Wkts	Avg/Wkt
1994/95	13	2,702	207	105	25.7
1995/96	15	2,930	195	100	29.3
1996/97	16	3,007	187	106	28.3
1997/98	19	4,306	226	128	33.6
1998/99	17	3,584	210	134	26.7
1999/00	18	3,128	173	145	21.5
2000/01	22	5,149	234	162	31.8
2001/02	21	4,053	193	152	26.7
2002/03	21	4,304	204	134	32.1
2003/04	22	4,757	216	170	28.0
2004/05	22	4,525	206	162	27.9
2005/06	26	5,506	211	210	26.2
2006/07	25	4,410	176	210	21.0
2007/08	28	6,218	222	207	30.0
2008/09	25	5,688	228	180	31.6
2009/10	26	5,654	217	208	27.1
2010/11	24	5,309	221	176	30.1
2011/12	26	5,133	197	208	24.6
2012/13	26	5,780	222	196	29.5
2013/14	26	5,090	195	194	26.2
2014/15	26	5,654	217	197	28.7
2015/16	26	5,040	194	214	23.5
2016/17	24	4,238	176	166	25.5
2017/18	24	4,652	193	197	23.6
2018/19	20	3,578	178	160	22.3
2019/20	23	4,494	195	156	28.8
2020/21	24	4,998	208	184	27.1
Total	605	123,887	204	4,561	27.1

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Amblor	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.Neyens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty 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 Swampens	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 Canty 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 Canty Sec Schools	11.03.01	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	P.Russell	101	v Southland BHS	07.02.21
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	K.B.Scott	100	v St Thomas of C'bury	03.11.19
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	K.B.Scott	100	v Marlborough Boys'	06.12.28
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys'	13.10.14
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury HM's XI	16.03.97
B.Entwistle	100	v Shirley BHS	21.02.21	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury HM's XI	20.03.05	L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Sec Schools	25.11.07	D.B.Vann	102	v Northwest Schools XI	30.11.14
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	W.P.J.Walsh	100	v Northwest Schools XI	05.12.10
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
T.M.Hampton-Matewa	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	B.R.Ward	104	v Christchurch BHS	19.11.17
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley BHS	18.03.12
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	O.C.Wilson	100	v St Andrew's College	14.02.21
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	R.T.Wilson	101	v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
C.Hill	101	v St Bede's College	20.01.19	M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
F.Hill	100	v Shirley BHS	15.03.15	B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland BHS	06.03.05	B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
T.Huyser	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11	W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timaru BHS	25.01.04	A.Yugaraja	104	v Christ's College	15.01.12
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				

2,000 runs

Season achieved

2020/21	P.D.Harris
2020/21	D.P.Kelly

1,000 runs

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
2020/21	A.J.Nuttall

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
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley BHS	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	09.02.05
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Northwest Schools XI	04.12.11
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
A.Singh	5-13	v Waitaki BHS	04.03.18
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Sec Schools	23.11.03
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru BHS	08.02.09
F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru BHS	01.02.15
A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Country Sec Schools	11.03.07
A.J.Macgregor	5-18	v Gore High School	28.09.14
N.Wingham	5-18	v Emu CC (Australia)	15.01.16
C.J.Bellis	5-18	v Waimea College	26.11.17
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
A.D.D.Reese	5-19	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.11
S.J.Davis	5-20	v London NZCC	03.12.17
S.J.Davis	5-20	v Hawkswood Wanderers	15.12.19
J.H.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
S.Clarke	5-22	v Country Sec Schools	07.03.21
J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of C'bury	02.02.11
W.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
T.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
R.D.McGuire	5-23	v Christ's College	12.01.20
T.G.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.Peacock	5-26	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.05
T.E.Lancaster	5-26	v London NZ CC	26.11.95
W.A.Cornelius	5-27	v London NZ CC	19.12.99
H.W.Day	5-27	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
G.J.Stewart	5-27	v Umpires XI	16.03.18
P.F.Youngusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago BHS	02.11.03
R.D.Burson	5-30	v London NZ CC	14.12.14
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury HM's XI	12.03.00
R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
I.Huston	5-33	v Wanganui Collegiate	26.10.97
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Otago BHS	20.10.19
M.Campbell	5-35	v King's High School	11.10.20
D.H.A.McMillan	5-36	v Hawkswood Wanderers	16.12.01

P.E.McEwan	5-37	v Christchurch BHS	06.12.98
T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
C.K.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18
A.J.Hastilow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
J.Ward	5-43	v Ohoka Swamphens	18.01.98
B.J.K.Doody	5-46	v Mobil Oil XI	16.11.97
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru BHS	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15

200 wickets

Season achieved

2017/18 A.J.Nuttall

100 wickets

2005/06 A.J.Nuttall

Most 5-wicket bags

3	M.D.Peacock
2	W.A.Cornelius
2	W.L.Eddington
2	J.H.Tapper
2	A.J.Nuttall
2	D.P.Kelly
2	C.K.Curnow
2	G.J.Stewart
2	S.J.Davis
2	R.D.McGuire

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	356/3	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
	354/6	v Combined Country Schools XI	02.03.14
Against	324/4	by Clarrie Anderson's XI	04.11.13
	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	305/5	by Christchurch Boys' High School	15.11.20

Lowest Team Scores

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

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
2019/20	L.Andrews	110	v The Willows
2020/21	B.Entwistle	100	v Shirley Boys' High School

'49ers Cup

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

1998/99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Wanganui Collegiate School
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College
2008/09	Shirley Boys' High School
2009/10	Otago Boys' High School
2010/11	Christ's College
2011/12	Ashburton College
2012/13	Nelson College
2013/14	Waimea College
2014/15	Christ's College
2015/16	Waitaki Boys' High School
2016/17	St Andrew's College
2017/18	King's High School (Dunedin)
2018/19	Southland Boys' High School
2019/20	Christchurch Boys' High School
2020/21	St Andrew's College

Visitor Honours 2020/21 Season

S.Ashwin	110*	for Christchurch Boys' High School
J.M.G.Jonas	100 ret	for Wellington Wanderers Youth XI

Results

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

Home Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	20/21
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	23	19	4	-	-	W
Christchurch BHS	24	12	10	-	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	26	7	18	-	1	L
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong CC	2	1	1	-	-	-
Hutt International School	1	1	-	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	4	4	-	-	-	-
King's College	3	2	1	-	-	-
King's High School	15	8	6	-	1	W
Kristin School	1	1	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	22	12	9	-	1	W
Marlborough Boys' College	19	14	3	-	2	W
Marylebone CC (UK)	1	-	-	1	-	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	10	5	5	-	-	-
Mid Canterbury Schools XI	14	10	3	-	1	-
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	19	15	4	-	-	W
North Canty Schools XI	21	19	-	-	2	W
Northwest Schools XI	16	13	2	-	1	W
NZ Police XI	1	1	-	-	-	-

	P	W	L	T	NR	20/21
Ohoka Swampkens	6	4	2	-	-	-
Old Tablelands XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Otago BHS	19	8	11	-	-	L
Peninsula Craz	24	13	10	-	1	L
Primary Club (Aust)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sacred Heart College	3	2	1	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	18	18	-	-	-	W
South Canterbury XI	7	6	1	-	-	-
Southland BHS	15	9	6	-	-	W
Southwest Schools XI	7	6	1	-	-	W
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI (SL)	1	-	1	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	25	18	7	-	-	W
St Bede's College	25	17	7	-	1	W
St Kevin's College	1	-	1	-	-	L
St Thomas of C'bury College	16	10	5	-	1	L
Suburban XI/Metro XI	18	6	12	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	1	1	-	-	-	-
The Forty Club (UK)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Timaru BHS	19	16	3	-	-	W
Umpires XI	4	3	1	-	-	W
Waimea College	7	6	1	-	-	W
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	17	12	4	-	1	W
Wellington College	12	6	6	-	-	L
Wellington President's XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	3	-	2	-	1	-
Whanganui Collegiate	12	9	3	-	-	W
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	3	-	3	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	9	7	2	-	-	-

Away Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	20/21
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	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	2	1	1	-	-	-



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