



30th  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
SEASON  
2023/2024



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Loburn, North Canterbury, New Zealand

FOUNDED  
1st MAY, 1994

## Our motto

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



## Our objectives

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



## Why was The Willows formed?

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





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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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E.J. Nuttall

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W.J. Mitchell

**Annual Report**

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# Membership

The members roll at the end of the 2023/24 season stood as follows:

Members	522
Life Members	12
Honorary Members	75
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>609</b>

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

## Members (522)

- 03 Abbott, Mr R.E.
- 06 Abbott, Mr R.T.
- 94 Aberhart, Mr D.C.
- 94 Adams, Mr B.C., *QSM*
- 06 Agnew, Mr T.W.
- 18 Aitken, Mr B.
- 02 Aitken, Mr R.J., *AM*
- 97 Allott, Mr G.I.
- 03 Ambler, Mr K.R.
- 23 Andrews, Mr B.
- 20 Andrews, Mr E.
- 24 Andrews, Mr G.
- 08 Archer, Mr M.
- 94 Austin, Mr G.K.
- 94 Baker, Mr C.K.
- 09 Ballantyne, Mr R.M., *CNZM*
- 05 Barrat, Mr R.
- 07 Barry, Mr J.V.
- 05 Barry, Mr V.E.
- 19 Barton, Mr P.R.M.
- 94 Bateman, Mr S.N.
- 05 Bayliss, Mr R.T.
- 17 Bayliss-Smith, Mr L.
- 13 Bayly, Mr R.
- 03 Beer, Mr G.D.
- 94 Bennett, Mr J.
- 13 Benton, Mr J.A.T.
- 20 Bettridge, Mr R.P.
- 94 Bisman, Mr J.C.
- 11 Blackett, Mr H.
- 21 Blackstock, Mr A.
- 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
- 13 Blair, Mr B.A.
- 94 Blair, Mr K.R.
- 16 Blake, Mr G.
- 98 Bond, Mr D.W.
- 21 Bond, Ms K.E.
- 02 Bond, Mr S.E.
- 08 Boock, Mr J.W.E.
- 00 Boock, Mr S.L., *ONZM*
- 17 Boorer, Mr G.
- 12 Boyle, Mr D.J.
- 13 Boyle, Mr J.C.T.
- 19 Boyle, Mr M.
- 12 Boyte, Mr M.R.
- 21 Breitmeyer, Mr B.J.
- 97 Bremner, Mr M.C.
- 21 Bretherton, Mrs F.
- 21 Bretherton, Mr S.
- 21 Bretherton, Mr W.B.
- 19 Bridgman, Mr J.
- 23 Bristowe, Mrs I.
- 23 Bristowe, Mr P.
- 94 Brooke, Mr H.D.E., *QSM*
- 95 Brooks, Mr G.N.
- 19 Brotherton, Mr J.
- 18 Brown, Mr H.
- 95 Bruce, Mr D.B.
- 04 Buckenham, Mr M.H.
- 94 Bull, Mr C.L., *MNZM*
- 94 Bull, Mr J.C.
- 18 Bungard, Mr R.
- 15 Burley, Mr D.
- 16 Burnett, Mr S.
- 00 Burrows, Mr D.L.
- 99 Calder, Mr B.L.
- 95 Campbell, Mr A.I.
- 22 Carrodus, Mr S.J.C.
- 04 Carter, Mr R.
- 17 Cartridge, Mrs V.
- 15 Cavalier, Mr R.
- 01 Chandler, Mr J.
- 99 Chisholm, Mr D.H.
- 00 Chisholm, Hon Justice L.
- 17 Chu, Mr M.W.
- 16 Clarke, Mr C.
- 20 Clarke, Mr R.
- 12 Close, Mr E.M.
- 24 Clouston, D.H.P.
- 99 Coll, Mr J.P.
- 17 Collis, Mr A.D.
- 98 Compton, Mr M.R., *QSM*
- 08 Conyngham, Mr J.
- 19 Cooke, Mr N.C.
- 23 Coombes, Mr W.
- 94 Coop, Mr T.A.
- 06 Cooper, Hon Justice M.L.S.
- 04 Cosgrove, Hon C.J.
- 17 Cotton, Ms K.D.
- 06 Cowlshaw, Mr A.J.
- 23 Craik, Mr C.T.
- 98 Cumbes, Mr J.
- 22 Cumming, Mr C.D.
- 22 Cumming, Mr J.M.
- 22 Cumming, Mr Z.
- 14 Curnow, Mr C.K.
- 94 Cusack, Mr D.R.
- 17 Cushen, Mr S.
- 11 Cutts, Mr R.E.
- 22 Dagg, Mr I.J.A.
- 12 Dalmia, Mr A.
- 98 Darke, Mr M.
- 23 Darling, Mr J.A.D.
- 98 d'Auvergne, Mr P.G.
- 98 Davidson, Mr J.A.F.
- 94 Davidson, Hon N.R.W., *KC*
- 94 Davis, Mr S.J.
- 16 Davison, Mr H.
- 13 Day, Mr H.W.
- 22 de Silva, Mr S.
- 99 Deans, Mr R.M.
- 05 Deans, Mr S.J.M.
- 16 Dickie, Mr B.J.
- 13 Dickson, Mr G.J.
- 01 Dickson, Mr I.B.
- 15 Dickson, Mr P.N.
- 13 Doherty, Mr B.P.
- 94 Dolan, Mr P.J.
- 95 Doody, Mr B.J.K.
- 00 Doody, Mr T.J.D.
- 94 Dormer, Mr B.L.
- 94 Dormer, Mr P.E.
- 94 Douglass, Mr W.B., *ASM*

- 97 Dunne, Mr R.M.
- 98 Durning, Mr J.W.
- 05 Eaton, Hon Justice J.H.M., kc
- 01 Eddington, Mr W.L.
- 05 Eddington, Sir Rod
- 12 Eged, Mr V.E.
- 94 Eldershaw, Mr J.M.
- 22 Elliotte, Mr H.
- 22 Elliotte, Mr T.
- 99 Ellis, Mr A.M.
- 01 Ellis, Mr A.M.
- 97 Ellis, Mr M.J.
- 16 Entwistle, Mr B.
- 16 Entwistle, Mr D.R.
- 20 Entwistle, Mr R.
- 10 Evans, Mr K.W.
- 19 Evans, Mr M.L.
- 04 Evennett, Mr D.C.
- 94 Fairbairn, Mr W.R.T.
- 21 Falls Anderson, Mr H.A.R.
- 06 Farrant, Mr M.D.
- 08 Fearnley, Mr C.D.
- 98 Fenton, Mr W.R.
- 97 Fenwick, Mr C.R.
- 09 Fernando, Mr D.
- 09 Fernando, Mr M.
- 18 Finnie, Mr C.S.F.
- 14 Finnie, Mr G.
- 06 Fisher, Mr H.M.L.
- 94 Fisher, Mr M.A.
- 99 Fisher, Mr T.D.L.
- 21 Fitzgibbon, Mrs R.
- 94 Flanagan, Mr S.P.
- 21 Flavell, Mr T.
- 17 Fleming, Mr B.D.
- 12 Fleming, Mr C.W.
- 18 Fletcher, Mr N.
- 20 Fletcher, Mr R.
- 24 Fookes, Ms A.J.
- 18 Foulkes, Mr L.R.B.
- 06 Fowler, Mr H.M.
- 94 Fox, Mr D.O.
- 15 Frew, Mr R.M.
- 97 Fuller, Mr M.J.
- 00 Fulton, Mr D.H.
- 98 Fulton, Mr G.H.
- 95 Fulton, Mr P.G.
- 98 Gallaway, Mr G.N.
- 94 Gardner, Mr J.
- 06 Gargiulo, Mr F.J.
- 02 Garland, Mr S.P.
- 21 Garry, Mr J.G.
- 06 Garry, Mr J.R.
- 24 Garry Mr L.
- 09 Gatting, Mr M.W.
- 20 Gearry, Mr R.M.
- 23 Georgieff, Mr N.
- 09 Georgieff, Mr R.
- 18 Gibb, Mr C.J.
- 21 Gibb, Mr N.C.
- 18 Gillman, Mrs E.
- 10 Gould, Mr G.C.
- 06 Goulding, Mr M.J.
- 01 Gourdie, Mr A.J.
- 21 Graham, Mr I.
- 11 Gray, Mr A.H.
- 06 Gray, Mr E.J.
- 16 Grigg, Mr P.
- 96 Grocott, Mr D.J.
- 09 Grocott, Mr T.M.
- 20 Gungadurdoss, Mr W.
- 21 Gunn, G.
- 94 Hadlee, Mr B.G.
- 94 Hadlee, Mr D.R.
- 94 Hadlee, Mr M.J.
- 23 Haines, Mr J.
- 20 Hall, Mr G.
- 19 Hall, Mr R.
- 16 Hambleton, Mr C.
- 95 Hamilton, Mr B.G.
- 08 Hammond, D.P.W.
- 09 Hampton-Matehe, Mr T.
- 23 Hanafin, Mr J.
- 99 Hantz, Mr J.L.H.
- 19 Harper, Mr L.
- 11 Harper, Mr R.G.F.
- 94 Harris, Mr B.Z.
- 15 Harris, Mrs C.
- 94 Harris, Mr P.D.
- 15 Harris, Mr R.J.
- 22 Hart, Mr G.G.
- 03 Hart, Mr R.
- 19 Hastie, Mr K.J.
- 00 Hastilow, Mr A.J.
- 94 Hastilow, Mr J.W.
- 94 Hastings, Mr B.F.
- 95 Hastings, Mr M.B.
- 06 Havercroft, Mr G.
- 16 Hay, Mr M.J.
- 14 Hay, Mr M.W.
- 02 Hayward, Mr R.E.
- 20 Henderson, Mr J.
- 08 Henry, Mr M.J.
- 22 Heron, Mr M., kc
- 22 Hiatt, Mr D.C.
- 22 Hiatt, Mr H.A.R.
- 22 Hiatt, Mr L.
- 94 Hight, Mr C.M.
- 23 Hiini, Mr B.C.
- 14 Hill, Mr F.
- 13 Hill, Mr N.H.
- 09 Hinton, Mr C.R.
- 15 Hodge, Mr M.E.A.
- 17 Hodge, Mr S.F.F.
- 24 Hodgkinson, Mr J.
- 06 Hodgson, Mr T.L.P.
- 94 Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R., qso
- 02 Holt, Mr D.W.
- 08 Horner, Mr M.
- 22 Horsley, Mr N.K.W.
- 15 Howell, Mr G.A.
- 95 Hudson, Mr H.J.
- 95 Hudson, Mr M.G.
- 19 Hughes, Mr R.
- 95 Hughes-Johnson, Mr A.C., KC
- 94 Hutton, Mr B.
- 94 Hutton, Mr O.
- 94 Hutton, Mr R. A.
- 94 Ikram, Professor H., ONZM
- 94 Inglis, Mr G.D.
- 11 Inglis, Mr S.B.
- 21 Innes, Mr A.
- 94 Innes, Mr J.T.
- 94 Innes, Mr R.T.J.
- 99 Irving, Mr J.D.
- 01 Johnston, Mr M.T.
- 20 Johnston, Mr N.
- 22 Johnstone, Mr N.
- 10 Johnstone, Mr N.A.
- 06 Jones, Dr R.D.M.
- 06 Jordan, Mr P.H.
- 16 Jordan, Mr W.
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- 20 Kelly, Mr J.G.
- 11 Kelly, Mr M.J.
- 11 Kennedy, Mr C.P.
- 22 Kennedy, Mr J.K.
- 99 Kerr, Mr L.H., QSM
- 10 Khan, Mr M.
- 12 Kheraj, Mr N.
- 11 Kheraj, Mr S.
- 10 King, Mr R.H.
- 16 Kissock, Ms C.
- 12 Knight, Mr P.
- 08 Kos, Hon Justice J.S.
- 23 Laing, Mr B.
- 15 Lamplough, Mr G.D.
- 94 Lancaster, Mr T.E.
- 17 Larsson, Mr L.
- 08 Latham, Mr T.W.M.
- 21 Leete, Mr A.
- 01 Leggat, Mr J.E.
- 07 Leicester, Mr J.
- 19 Leighton, Mrs C.M.
- 18 Lieschke, Mr J.
- 17 Lockrose, Mr B.N.J.
- 01 Loe, Mr H.F.
- 94 Loe, Mr J.G.
- 21 Loe, Miss M.
- 98 Lorimer, Mr A.A.
- 01 Lucas, Mr B.J.
- 23 Lyons, Mr D.J.
- 15 Lyons, Mr W.G.J.
- 94 MacDonald, Mrs D.
- 19 Macfarlane, Mr T.O.B.
- 16 Macfarlane, Mr W.M.L.
- 11 Macgregor, Mr A.J.

- 12 Mackenzie, Mr D.C.C.  
 19 Macpherson, Mr I.  
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 01 Malloch, Mr B.E.  
 ● 19 Mariu, Mr R.  
 ● 94 Marsden, Mr W.  
 22 Marshall, Mr W.A.H.  
 01 Martin, Mr S.D.  
 ● 00 Martin, Mr S.G.D.  
 ● 94 Masefield, Mr R.V.  
 ● 99 Masefield, Mr T.J.  
 14 Matthews, Mr J.G.  
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 ● 98 Maw, Mr P.A.C.  
 94 McCallum, Dr A.B.  
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 ● 09 McEwan, Mr R.P.  
 ● 95 McFedries, Mr A.G.  
 ● 14 McGuire, Mr J.A.  
 ● 98 McGuire, Mr R.D.  
 ● 16 McGuire, Mr S.P.  
 95 McHarg, Mr R.L.  
 94 McKechnie, Mr B.J.  
 98 McKinlay, Mr S.  
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 ● 02 McQueen, Mr D.  
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 ● 00 Miles, Mr R.J.  
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 ● 22 Mirfin, Mr R.  
 ● 19 Mockford, Mr I.  
 ● 17 Mockford, Mr J.  
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 ● 06 Mollitt, Mr R.  
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 ● 06 Morgan, Mr R.  
 ● 14 Mugford, Mr C.B.  
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 ● 21 Murphy, Mr M.B.J.  
 23 Murray, B.A.  
 09 Murray, Mr D.N.  
 ● 09 Murray, Mr F.D.J.  
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 ● 00 Nathu, Mr A.  
 ● 01 Neaves, Mr T.C.  
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 98 Nielsen, Mr T.S.  
 ● 94 Nuttall, Mr A.J.  
 ● 09 Nuttall, Mr E.J.  
 ● 05 Nuttall, Mr H.A.  
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 06 Penlington, Hon Justice P.  
 21 Perry, Mrs W.  
 ● 18 Petrie, Mr R.  
 94 Phillips, Mr M.K.  
 ● 16 Pope, Mr E.J.  
 ● 21 Prain, Mr A.  
 19 Preece, Mr R.  
 ● 19 Price, Mr M.  
 09 Pulley, Mr D.F.  
 95 Qusteded, Mr D.M.  
 ● 20 Rajah, Mr T.  
 99 Raphael, Mr S.H.E.  
 ● 11 Ratnayake, Mr R.J.  
 ● 15 Read, Mr K.J., *ONZM*  
 ● 09 Reed, Mr G.I.  
 ● 20 Reekie, Mr A.  
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 ● 01 Richards, Mr S.  
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 ● 15 Robinson, Mr J.R.  
 98 Robinson, Mr L.M.C., *ONZM*  
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 18 Rose, Mr J.  
 14 Ross, Mr J.L.  
 03 Rowberry, Mr J.M.  
 ● 21 Rowe, Mr A.  
 09 Rowe, Mr C.A.  
 ● 23 Rufey, Mr J.  
 ● 21 Russell, Mr P.  
 01 Rust, Mr K.N.  
 21 Rutledge, Miss A.L.  
 ● 15 Ryan, Mr H.M.H.  
 ● 15 Ryan, Mr L.P.  
 ● 06 Ryan, Mr P.D.
- 03 Salmon, Mr K.  
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 94 Savill, Mr C.M.  
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 97 Scott, Mr A.D.L.  
 ● 22 Scott, Mr B.  
 95 Scott, Mr D.W.G.  
 ● 14 Scott, Mr K.B.  
 15 Scott, Mr P.  
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 ● 21 Sim, Mr J.  
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 95 Smith, Mr G.B.  
 13 Smith, Mr G.J.  
 94 Smith, Mr M.J.  
 ● 95 Smith, Mr R.  
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 19 Stayt, Mr P.D.  
 94 Stead, Mr G.R.  
 ● 98 Stearns, Mr N.  
 19 Stevenson, Mr R.D.  
 95 Strack, Mr D.J.  
 ● 01 Stretch, Mr G.B.  
 ● 13 Stretch, Mr M.G.  
 18 Stuthridge, Mr D.  
 ● 15 Styles, Mr K.A.  
 ● 12 Sundarjee, Mr M.  
 ● 12 Sundarjee, Mr P.  
 ● 09 Sutton, Mr T.G.  
 ● 17 Tandon, Mr D.  
 ● 09 Tapper, Mr J.H.  
 21 Tavendale, Mr M.J.  
 ● 07 Teale, Mr M.D.  
 ● 94 Thiele, Mr C.H.  
 ● 00 Thornton, Mr T.F.  
 99 Townrow, Mr W.B.  
 ● 21 Turner, Mr G.  
 ● 04 Turner, Mr T.J.H.  
 ● 06 Vallance, Mr J.A.F.  
 ● 09 van Woerkom, Mr T.F.  
 ● 11 Vann, Mr D.B.  
 07 Veale, Mr J.H.  
 ● 15 Vedder, Mr D.W.  
 94 Wait, Mr E.P.  
 ● 12 Wakefield, Mr D.J.  
 17 Wakefield, Mr S.  
 ● 11 Wakeford, Mr G.D.  
 ● 03 Walker, Mr R.L.  
 ● 06 Walls, Mr K.A.

- 10 Walsh, Mrs K.M.
- 10 Walsh, Mr P.M.J.
- 06 Walsh, Mr W.P.J.
- 10 Ward, Mr B.R.
- 21 Ward, Mr C.
- 15 Watkins, Mr P.J.
- 20 Watson-Webb, Mr R.
- 20 Webb, Mr C.
- 24 Weeds, Mr M.G.
- 95 Wells, Mr G.R.
- 05 Wheeler, Mr N.
- 20 White, Mr C.
- 14 Whiteside, Mr P.F., *KC*
- 94 Wiles, Mr E.G.
- 14 Williams, Mr B.J.
- 94 Williams, Mr P.R.
- 10 Williams, Mr W.S.A.
- 17 Wilson, Mr A.D.
- 10 Wilson, Mr R.T.
- 16 Wilson, Mr S.W.J.
- 95 Winnicott, Mr A.G.
- 01 Wolt, Mr J.R.K.
- 13 Woodward, Mrs D.
- 11 Woolcott, Mr E.B.
- 16 Woolliscroft, Mr S.P.
- 13 Wright, Mr E.T.Q.
- 99 Wright, Mr H.G.
- 08 Wright, Mr H.H.A.
- 97 Wright, Mr J.G., *MBE*
- 05 Wright, Mr N.H.
- 19 Wynne, Mr G.E.
- 94 Yardley, Mr K.J.
- 02 Zavos, Mr S.B.

## Life Members (12)

- 94 Cowles, Mr R.J.
- 94 Devlin, Mr P.C.
- 94 Hansen, Hon Justice Sir John, *KNZM*
- 04 Hayward, Mr R.D.
- 94 McEwan, Mrs J.
- 94 McEwan, Mr P.E., *MNZM*
- 02 McRae, Mrs I.J.
- 02 McRae, Mr J.A.
- 94 Mitchell, Mr W.J.
- 95 Rutledge, Mr P.D.
- 05 Sheard, Mr A.J.
- 10 Stringleman, Mr J.G.

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- 17 Allison, Mr M.
- 15 Barber, Mr M.
- 14 Barber, Mr R.H.T.
- 07 Becroft, His Honour Judge A.J., *QSO*
- 18 Benton, Mrs A-M.
- 03 Blackett, Sir Hugh
- 94 Boyle, Mr J.G.
- 94 Burdon, Hon P.R.
- 98 The Rt Hon The Lord Butler of Brockwell, *KG, GCB, CVO, PC*
- 09 Catley, Mr D.H., *MNZM*
- 06 Chatfield, Mr E.J., *MBE*
- 15 Clarke, Mr C.E.
- 13 The Rt Hon The Viscount Cobham
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- 13 Cooke, Hon Justice F.M.R., *KC*
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- 17 Crick, Mr D.J.
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- 15 Donaldson, Comm R.W. (*Salv Army*)
- 94 Dormer, Mrs DW., *OM (Poland)*
- 15 Eales, Mr J., *AM*
- 01 Elley, Mr J.C.
- 04 Farr-Jones, Mr N.C., *AM*
- 03 Fry, Mr C.A.
- 09 Glenn, Sir Owen
- 14 Griffith, Mr D.
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- 95 Henderson, Mrs E.M.
- 13 Henry, Sir Graham
- 21 Hockley, Ms D.A.
- 18 Howard, Mr P.
- 04 Johnson, Professor B.F.S.
- 20 Joshi, Mr A.
- 14 King, Mr D.J.
- 03 Knight, Mr R.DV., *OBE*
- 10 Laidlaw, Mr C.R.
- 03 Larsen, Mr G.R.
- 19 Macfarlane, Mrs N.
- 17 Marshall, Mr H.J.H.
- 17 Marshall, Mr J.A.H.
- 16 Martin, Mr J.
- 18 Martin, Archbishop P.G., *SM*
- 15 Mateparae, Lt-Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry, *GNZM, QSO, KSTJ*
- 94 McDonnell, Mr K.M., *JP*
- 17 McSweeney, Mr E.B.
- 15 Mills, Mr H.M.
- 20 Morkane, Mr C.C.
- 04 Moses, Mr R.J., *CNZM*
- 06 Murray, Rev Canon W.R.C.
- 02 O'Neill, Mr J.A., *AO*
- 23 Palmer, Mr C.D.
- 24 Peck Mr I.
- 17 Prinsep, Mr G.
- 24 Ramsay, Mr J.
- 17 Ramsden, Mr H.
- 14 Reddix, Mr D.
- 03 Rice, Sir Tim
- 03 Roberts, Major A.C., *OF, CNZM (Salv Army)*
- 96 Rosser, Dr M.J.
- 07 Satyanand, The Rt Hon Sir Anand, *GNZM, QSO, KSTJ*
- 08 Scott, Mr N.A.
- 14 Seal, Mr B.D., *MNZM*
- 18 Smith, Mr G.
- 02 Snedden, M.C., *CNZM*
- 17 Stedman, Mr W.S.
- 12 Stewart, Mr J.H.
- 03 Stoop, Dr G.C.
- 14 Thomson, Mr J.J.
- 17 Thorne, Mr R.
- 12 Waddle, Mr B.A., *MNZM*
- 07 Watt, Mr M.H., *ONZM*
- 10 Woutersz, Mr J.F.



# President's Report

Hon. Nick Davidson, KC

## "Willowers All,"

This is my last Report after committing to five years as President and (initially) Chair. I write on the 30th anniversary of the Club's Founding in May 1994, and reflect on how the Club has built on its traditions, and to recognise those stalwarts who have served it so well in these challenging recent years.

## The Oval at Loburn

Development over two years has reset the cricket experience, with a new block, outfield, picket fencing, bunding and extension of The Pavilion with its rich historical treasures. Ben Dormer, in his drive and generosity, and Alan Gilmour with his world class skills as Head of Grounds, (former elite New Zealand athlete) have been instrumental in this development, and deserve particular recognition.

Alan produced a true, hard wicket of pace, and had the outfield in pristine condition by September 2023. With its open sunny aspect and the lie of the land at Loburn, cricket was played while others were indoors.

Peter Fulton brought his Canterbury squad with some of the St Bede's College 1st XI for a hit-out before the first scheduled match on 1st October 2023, against Otago Boys' High School. Three games were completed before a wet spring, and four cancellations.

The evidence of a bumper season for the bat reflects in more centuries than ever, 14 (10 in the 2002/03 season), three centuries in the match against I Zingari which as a stat reaches back to the 1998 match with Millbrook Cricket Club, and the average innings of 246, the best ever. The bowlers toiled, with only three 5 or 6 wicket bags.

"Firsts" included a double century by 15-year-old Harry O'Loughlin (CBHS), and the first by a schoolgirl, Abby Fookes of Wakatipu High School. Harry took apart a strong Willows attack, in an unbeaten eighth wicket stand of 203. 630 runs were scored off 100 overs, on a pitch used for the fifth time. There were centuries by Willowers Brent Fleming, Greg Stretch, Nick Gibb, Chris Mugford, Matthew Hocquard, Paul Knight and North Otago's Liam Dineen, and seven visitor centurions, Abby Fookes, Harry O'Loughlin, Duncan Anderson (UCBC), Matthew



Brine (Hawkwood Wanderers), Connor Rees (Wellington Wanderers Under 17) and I-Zingari's Phillip Booth and Ben van der Merwe. Kelvin Scott hit a purple patch of 369 runs at an average of 33.55, the 13th player to score 1,000 runs for the Club.

Ageless Andrew Nuttall keeps on keeping on, taking his 250th wicket and a feature of New Zealand Masters' Cricket. I can see him mesmerising batters for decades ahead. The best bowling figures came from former St Andrew's cricketer, Connor Higgs with 6 for 49, Chris Mulcock 6 for 52 for Hawkwood Wanderers and Niall McLeod for Nelson College, 5 for 35.

In short, The Willows played 24 matches, winning 17 with losses to Christ's College, Christchurch Boys' High School, Timaru Boys' High School, Nelson College, St Thomas of Canterbury College, Hutt International Boys School and I Zingari. There were two Youth XI games against Wellington Wanderers Under 17 (lost) and Cobham Youth Under-17 XI at Whangarei (won).

The Shadbolt Trophy for the best performance by a junior Willower went to Harry O'Loughlin and the Winsome Dormer Cup for special achievement by a schoolgirl player went to Abby



▲ Willows wicketkeeper Mark Reid watches Harry O'Loughlin of Christchurch Boys' High School on his way to 208 not out.



▲ Abby Fookes, the first female cricketer to score a century at The Willows – from just 76 balls playing for Wakatipu High School against Waimea College.

Fookes. The '49ers Cup for the most meritorious performance by a Secondary School XI went to Christ's College.

In December, the year finished on a high with Paddianne Neely and three of her family opening the fine Don Neely Library in the extended Pavilion, a schoolgirls game between Wellington Wanderers and a Willows XI on 5th December, and the President's XI match bolstered by a number who travelled to add so much to the occasion. Joey Yovich came from Whangarei to captain the XI and Bradley Scott from Dunedin. In all that day there were 385 first-class and 415 List A caps – which speaks to the quality of the teams, and from another setting, former All Black, Andy Ellis, the first Willower to spend a season in the UK.

The Neely family has given cricket taonga of photos, prints, even an important part of Sunil Gavaskar's kit. Our gratitude to and bond with the family is enduring and very strong. This is the right place to mention Steve Wakefield, President of Old Boys Collegians Cricket Club (OBCCC) for giving a defibrillator and electronic scoreboard. Congratulations to OBCCC on being made Club of the Year at the NZC 2024 Awards ceremony.

## What it takes

I acknowledge with gratitude Paul Rutledge (Ruts) who took over from me as Chair mid-term. He has been at the core of the redevelopment, and in the direction of travel by the Club, working with schools, other clubs, Canterbury and Metro Cricket, and New Zealand Cricket to enhance the game at all levels. He is a man of great integrity, devoted to the Club and the coaching and support of young people.

The organisation behind each game should be understood. Living at a distance I have had regrettably little physical part, but a flood of communications each week. Ruts is at the helm of all things, communication with the visiting teams, the Match Managers and Match Day hosts, caterers, the constant weather review to make the best game decisions, tweaking at the ground according to the conditions.

The standard and turnout of all who come to The Willows to play is a great credit to their schools and Clubs. While there is always reference in speeches on match day to the honour felt by those coming to The Willows, in truth The Willows is honoured to have such committed and enthusiastic teams to play against, their schools and their communities. Anyone visiting Loburn would feel that New Zealand is in good heart with the quality of those young people who come to play and those who support them. These are fine young men and women, from fine schools and clubs.

I want to set aside the misapprehension I hear often that The Willows is exclusive and elitist. Yes, it is traditional, but it is open to all and reaches well beyond the gates for its growing charitable works with young people. There are no barriers at The Willows, rather a welcome to all who love the game.

## The chaplain

The Reverend Mike Hawke took over from the late, much loved Father Brian Cummings. Mike is a Willower, a great supporter and a delight to have at the ground. He describes his role as “faith and sausages”, turning his hand to both as needs may be and his message is delivered in a robust, good, humoured way, with much wisdom. When times are hard, he offers much comfort.

After the President's XI game the dinner discussion at Winsome's cottage with Mike, Sir Anand Satyanand, our esteemed Willows Cricketer, Joey Yovich, Ben and Winsome was highly illuminating, to reflect on how much cricket, and sport in general means to young people, often so disadvantaged in their home and educational settings. Joey, with Andrew Golightly and others, is deeply involved in meeting this challenge in Northland, and The Willows has a special link. Our association with Tamai Sports and the Epic Sports Project, run by White Fern Bernadine Bezuidenhout, is entirely in keeping with the object of the Club to provide the opportunity for young cricketers to play at a



▲ Players and guests gather before The Willows President's XI v Willows Youth XI match on Sunday 10th December.



▲ Board member Kirsty Bond addresses the teams at the Willows Schoolgirls XI v Wellington Wanderers match.

skilled level, to find and coach young cricketers. There are so many who do not have the wherewithal or support to play cricket, nor other sports, and Tamai and Epic Sports are instrumental in responding to this. We must also acknowledge the coaching work done by Dan Vann at Evolution Sports, which complements our community programmes, in a very positive way. I mention the Queen Street Cricket Club, committed in the same way. All these links are deepening. The Willows has much to offer at the ground, in its human resources, and commitment. I make particular mention of The Wanderers Cricket Club, in Wellington and their excellent team committed to youth cricket, including Chair Willie Marshall and his brothers Hamish and James. For me, getting to know these people and becoming aware of our mutual interest has been reward in itself. The link with I Zingari, Mark Hodge, Craig Hambleton, and Bill Douglass is long and close and I hope we can extend that to underage games in Australia and Canterbury.

## Women's cricket

A condition of my becoming President was that women's cricket be introduced to The Willows, and I had not fully understood the extent to which it would contribute to the overall health of the women's game and the wellbeing of the Club. The growth of the women's game has been boosted by Kirsty Bond's stewardship, as she works with schools throughout the South Island

and elsewhere. The Willows has had a real part in the introduction of a league for schoolgirl cricketers in Christchurch, and it is heartening to learn of the recent trip to Dubai of a South Island XI, managed by Kirsty and Amanda Hardy from St Margaret's College, for a superbly run Under 15 tournament. I have mentioned Abby Fookes' wonderful century and hope that the status of women's cricket is reflected in weekend cricket at The Willows if the calendar and space allows, so parents, family and school supporters can attend.

## Kindred

This Willows Kindred team is highly successful, and I have backed it strongly, as it allows strong competition and wonderful camaraderie with many Clubs of shared values. It is a very important part of the Club's makeup, keeping Willowers in the game, as several have told me.



▲ Willowers in Taupo for the Kindred tournament.

## Touring/Exchanges

The tradition of touring the sub-continent has been in abeyance because of Covid, and transition with Mike's passing. He insisted it should continue and so it will. I strongly support two underage Willows selections, school girls and school boys, travelling to Australia pre-season, as some schools already do, to play a week of competitive cricket under the stewardship of experienced coaches. These are early days, but it is viable and, in my view, would expose young cricketers to the rigours of playing in Australia. A link with the Sydney Cricket Ground Club is established, Robbie Deans a member. As a Club we are increasingly offered exchanges, and the Board will work out with whom we liaise, perhaps to have young cricketers from overseas live and play in Canterbury. We depend entirely on voluntary support, and many elements of hosting are needed. Our experience with two young cricketers from the BACA Academies in the UK has taught us much.

## Financial

The core cost of maintaining the ground lies in the Match Day sponsorship, and our erstwhile and loyal sponsors. Please note and support all our sponsors. It has always been debatable how fair the subscriptions are. Like others, non-playing, I will pay my subscription as a Member because I wholeheartedly support the Club in its endeavours and will visit whenever I am able to do so. For others that may be a burden, and the incoming Board will once need to address subscriptions. For a playing member, it is, in my view, a privilege and the subscription modest.

Donations are largely ad hoc but Brent Fleming and the Ellison family have been extremely generous each year and others such as Chris and Leonie Morkane with the Eliza White Trust support the children's Christmas Party on a regular basis. I hope potential sponsors recognise the opportunity through the active website now in place, created by Richard Cowles, a Founding Member, to whom the Club is grateful for his very generous contribution. See [thewillows.nz](http://thewillows.nz)



▲ Club Captain Ed Nuttall

## Club Captain

Ed Nuttall's appointment as Club Captain is a milestone, further cementing the immense legacy of his family including Andrew and Jo, at The Willows. His status as a first-class cricketer will appeal to younger members of the Club and visiting cricketers. I think it is a superb appointment. Ed was a Willows tourist to Sri Lanka in 2009.

## Recognition of others

I have mentioned some critical cogs of The Willows' wheel above. The Board members are all dedicated, and have guided the Club through some challenging years. There are fresh faces at the Board table and Loburn, and some stepping back including Rex Hayward, our talented photographer.

Our Treasurer, Alistair Sheard has an onerous duty as we are a charitable body which requires exact accounting and I thank him for all his work.

There have been many hard-working foot soldiers over my time, including Darcy Palmer, John Gardner, Jim Stringleman and Di Woodhouse, whose presence in preparing for games and at the ground has meant so much.

Others I mention, in part at a personal level. On most occasions I have been at the ground, one or more of Sir Richard, John Wright, Cran Bull, Barry Hadlee or Dave Kelly have been present, bringing their commitment and their presence which means a great deal to young cricketers, their families and school supporters.

Winsome has been through change and loss, but her strong support for the Club, her lease of the ground and her personality and hospitality at her enchanting cottage at Loburn, make up a good part of what is so special about The Willows. It is a club, and people who come to Loburn are warmly welcomed just as Mike did over so many years.

## Congratulations

The Willows congratulates Scott Weenink in his role as CEO (NZC). There are long held personal connections with him. I also congratulate Cran Bull whose service to cricket is remarkable, and continues as new Chair of Canterbury Cricket.

## In closing

I have often leant on the knowledge of John Mitchell, the first of only three Presidents of The Willows over 30 years, Sir John Hansen my immediate predecessor, and John McRae, my old STAC colleague. In different ways they are at the core of the Club.

My plea is that many more Members/friends come to the ground to enjoy the day but also support the cricketers, and the Club. I have seen some of the best cricket in my time this past season, in perfect conditions. I have enjoyed the very best of company and met many new friends. More people should come simply to enjoy the Oval, greet and meet, and schools should follow



▲ Sandra Bull with Dayle, Barry and Sir Richard Hadlee at the Christchurch Boys' High School match.

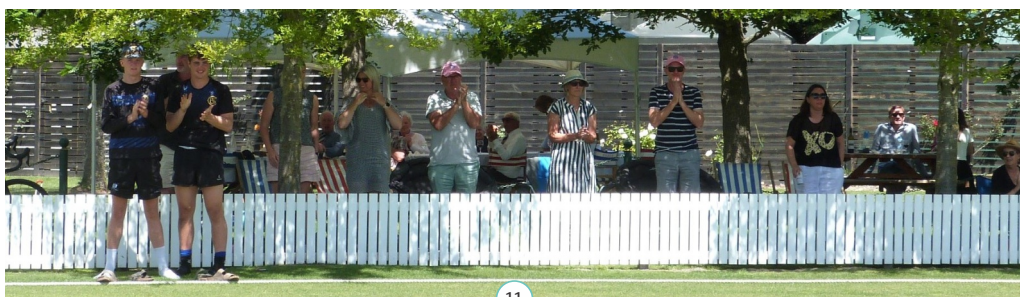
the lead of those who make the annual fixtures a pilgrimage and reunion for their former XIs and their schools. These should be anticipated occasions, with lunch under the trees, excellent cricket, and become an annual diary entry.

I believe The Willows has a very important role to play in Canterbury and New Zealand cricket at all levels. In what has been sometimes a testing five years I have been struck by the dedication of those involved, not just to maintain the spirit of the Club, but to take it forward, emphasising coaching as Mike wished, and Ruts has taken forward. I will continue to support the Club in whatever way I can and wish you all well, with especial gratitude to those who have educated and worked with me. I welcome the promise of a new President, new ideas and incentives but hold on to traditional standards as firmly as ever.

Mā te wā.

*Nick*

Nick Davidson  
**President**



# Match Reports 2023/24



▲ Captains Zac Cumming and Max Chu get the new season underway.

## v Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

**1st October 2023**

The first game of the season was played in great spirit on a sunny but brisk spring day. The home team (featuring six alumni) skipper Max Chu won the toss and opted to bat first. The innings got off to a quick start, aided by a fast outfield and the Otago Boys' opening bowlers not afraid to bang it in short. Hunter Kindley, coming off a duck in last year's fixture, was the glue to The Willows innings, with a beautifully compiled 98. He was particularly strong with shots square of the wicket. Strong partnerships with Ben Lockrose and James Richards looked certain to take The Willows north of 300 with ten overs to go but the schoolboys fought back well in the final phase, with the last five wickets falling for just 26. The spinning pair of Hamish Wilson and Zac Cumming were the pick of the OBHS bowlers. Both extracted turn out of the wicket and used good variation in speed. 254 all out, was a decent early season score.

The chase started off with a hiss and a roar, 16 taken off the first two overs from The Willows seamers. However after Chris Nicolson broke the stand, through a skied leading edge, our bowlers then applied the pressure. Kelvin Scott was miserly in his opening spell and wickets regularly fell. The southerners impressed with their ball striking, but only Zac Cumming (49\*) could remain set at the crease. Otago Volts spinner Ben Lockrose did the damage through the middle. OBHS bowled out for 157 in the 36th over. Thanks to some wayward radars, The Willows also contributed 40 extras to OBHS total. In all, it was a great day, with special thanks to match manager Ken Rust, and to the grounds team for producing such quality conditions so early in the season.

**The Willows won by 97 runs**

**The Willows 254**

H. Kindley 98, J. Richards 37, M. Chu 32,  
H. Wilson 4/41, Z. Cumming 3/46

**Otago Boys' High School 157**

Z. Cumming 49\*, B. Turnbull 26, B. Lockrose 3/21

**Umpires:** R. Wyeth and M. Hill

**Scorer:** J. Henderson



▲ OBHS on the attack.



## v King's High School 1st XI

**8th October 2023**

After a wet Saturday it was a relief to be at The Willows on Sunday with bright and sunny conditions.

Captain John Garry opened the batting with his eldest son Jackson. On a fast and bouncy pitch, they safely negotiated a fiery spell from the King's quicks and put on 114 runs before John was out for a well compiled 70. Jackson and Kelvin Scott added another 71 runs before Kelvin fell. Jackson was next out, top-scoring with 76. We then went through a period where we lost quick wickets but Tim Hampton-Matehe dug inscoring 60 in great style. The King's team did a fine job at the back end taking wickets and restricting the run rate. 282 all out was always going to be a very competitive score.

As well as the experience of our side, we had real firepower in the young bowling attack. Charley Ward impressed early with genuine pace taking 2/19 off his 6 overs, and Rhys Watson-Webb was equally as impressive with 3/19 off his short spell. It was then the Garry show with Jackson 2/2 and younger brother Louie 3/28 mopping up the tail to dismiss King's for 116 in 31 overs. In the end it was a comfortable win for The Willows against a young southern team that will only be better for the experience.

***The Willows won by 166 runs***

### **The Willows 282**

Jackson Garry 76, John Garry 70,  
T. Hampton-Matehe 60, T. McCleery 3/43

### **King's High School 116**

R. Watson-Webb 3/19, L. Garry 3/28

**Umpires:** T. Parlane and B. Littmoden

**Scorer:** J. Henderson



*Jack Middleton works up good pace*

## v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI

**29th October 2023**

The Willows batted first with openers Paul Knight and young Jordan Sim able to put the visitors under early pressure. Knight, in particular, played some glorious cover drives as well as an enormous hook shot into the next area code. Sim looked solid for his 28 before snicking off. Adam Hastilow and Knight continued to accumulate with the introduction of spin. This suited Paul as he brought up his maiden Willows ton and Adam continued the fireworks as we amassed a sizeable innings total.

In reply, Mid-Canterbury got off to a tough start before a superb fightback from their middle order offered a glimmer of hope. Lachie Jemmett playing shots all around the ground and he was well supported by Jack Middleton. Riley Wilson bowled well to secure 3/49 and Hastilow accounted for the tail. Mid-Canterbury all out for 150. Thanks to our match day sponsor Taverdale and Partners and all the supporters for making this another memorable day at the 'field of dreams'.

*The Willows won by 153 runs*

**The Willows 303/6**

P. Knight 100 retired, A. Hastilow 73, M. Lye 3/46

**Mid-Canterbury Youth XI 150**

L. Jemmett 46, J. Middleton 30, A. Hastilow 3/0, R. Wilson 3/49

**Umpires:** K. Cotton and V. Patel

**Scorer:** S. Steere



▲ Paul Knight – first century of the season.





Dan Vann lets one rip.

## The Willows won by 14 runs

### The Willows 227/3

B. Fleming 100 retired, K. Scott 67,  
N. Fletcher 24\*

### Wellington Wanderers XI 213

A. Prain 36 retired, M. Everest 32

**Umpires:** D. Herber and A. McLeod

**Scorer:** A. McLeod



▲ Brent Fleming in dazzling form.

## v Wellington Wanderers XI

### 10th November 2023

Brent Fleming and Kelvin Scott put us in the box seat with a 121 opening stand in this Over-50s match. Brent in particular paced his inning beautifully. Slow at the start, while Kelvin bludgeoned the visitors bowling, but once Brent got the pace of the wicket he too put his foot down. In fact with the first 30 balls faced he scored only 7 runs but in his last 30 he scored 50 runs to complete a lovely century. His ability to caress the ball through gaps was special. 227 off 40 overs was a good return.

Then with the ball Hugo Davison and Kelvin Scott started well. Both were incredibly tight, going at around three an over, and picking up wickets in the process. The Wanderers were reduced to 91/6 and a long way to go but Dan Brown, Steve Hewson and Simon Wallace had other ideas. At 208/7 things were looking grim but trusty Dan Vann made two crucial breakthroughs to dislodge the stumbling blocks. A win – but more than that, it was a great game with “cricket the winner on the day” and friendships fostered.



▲ Happy skippers – Mike Singleton and Scott McHardy.



▲ Harry O'Loughlin celebrates his double century.



▲ Matt Farrant impresses early.

## v Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI

**12th November 2023**

No one could have seen this coming. An amazing day of cricket which saw 630 runs, 100 overs and only 4 runs separating the two teams at the end. Harry O'Loughlin stole the show with an incredible 208 not out from 144 balls! The innings included 22 fours and 6 sixes at a strike rate of 144 – such was Harry's dominance. There was one other 200 too; the eighth wicket partnership between him and Jack Dry. Jack played an excellent role, coming in when CBHS were in trouble at 114/7 in the 22nd over, and with Harry they put on a further unbeaten 203 runs. What's more this was achieved in the face of a strong Willows bowling attack led by Harrison Cox, Matt Farrant, Matt Parr and co and some good energy in the field.

It was great to have seven CBHS Old Boys in The Willows XI – with two All Blacks, and many past CBHS 1st XI players. Our valiant heroes in the unlikely quest for victory were: Aaron Mauger

who scored a classy 91 (3 sixes), Colin Slade a solid 42, Jeremy Benton, 2013 CBHS 1st XI captain and previous NZ U19 player, scored a run a ball 64 and a similar score from Scargill's finest, Chris Nicolson. Indeed Jeremy and Chris nearly stole the show with a 117 run partnership which was only broken in the penultimate over. Chris scored 65 (3 sixes) from only 46 balls, to go with three wickets earlier, in what proved a great all-round day for him. Then with a superb piece of death bowling Nick Smith removed the charging Benton in the final over. CBHS prevailed by the narrowest of margins.

There was much to celebrate after what had been our greatest days cricket – ever!

### **The Willows lost by 4 runs**

#### **Christchurch Boys' High School 317/7**

H. O'Loughlin 208\*, J. Dry 39\*, C. Samson 30, C. Nicolson 3/40

#### **The Willows 313/8**

A. Mauger 91, C. Nicolson 65, J. Benton 64, C. Slade 42, N. Smith 3/33

**Umpires:** S. Kalyanaraman and B. Littmoden

**Scorer:** S. Steere

# v St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI

**16th November 2023**

This rescheduled 40 over encounter was closely contested throughout. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat. However, the St Thomas bowlers wasted no time in asserting their dominance with some fine seam bowling. Connor Messervy backed up by Gus Wiseman and Harry Hatton had The Willows reeling at 5/55. Facing adversity, the lower-order batsmen managed to accumulate another 100 runs, pushing the team's total to a semi-competitive 150.

In response, St Thomas also found themselves in a precarious position at 5/45. Micah Walther, after a stunning return catch, went on to take a

further three wickets with some accurate seam bowling. The visitors refused to crumble under pressure. Their number three, Finn Roberts, held things together with a fine unbeaten half century and with Pat Ross and Flynn McKendry, guided the team to victory. With the win St Thomas reclaimed the Brother Bill Dowling Trophy – testament to their resilience and teamwork.

## *The Willows lost by 4 wickets*

### **The Willows 150**

M. Peacock 39, C. Messervy 4/23,  
G. Wiseman 3/21

### **St Thomas of Canterbury College 152/6**

F. Roberts 56\*, P. Ross 38, F. McKendry 29\*,  
M. Walther 4/15

**Umpires:** D. Stuthridge and D. Miller

**Scorer:** S. Steere



▲ Michael Peacock top scored for The Willows with 39.



▲ Michael Peacock hands over the Br Bill Dowling Trophy.



▲ Kelvin Scott drives imperiously.



▲ Micah Campbell – a textbook straight six.



▲ 250 wickets at The Willows for Andrew Nuttall.



▲ Congratulations Liam Direen – great century.

## v St Kevin's College 1st XI

**19th November 2023**

After the loss of an early wicket, Kelvin Scott and Brent Fleming showed their class against an attack which gave little away. Kelvin in particular working the ball nicely through the point and cover regions. The match was evenly poised at the 25 over mark, The Willows 98 for 1. The second half of the innings proved a different story with a noticeable increase in the run rate. Unfortunately both Kelvin and Brent missed out on their hundreds but it did bring the SKC player/coach and Otago U-19 representative Liam Direen to the crease. He immediately made his mark, put the bowlers to the sword, and propelled us to a score of 330 for 6. To their credit the SKC bowlers toiled hard.

The visitors lost a wicket in the first over, and it was left to Jack Kelly and Hunter Growcott to

settle in and play some nice shots. With the introduction of the experienced pair of Andrew Nuttall and Craig Direen key wickets fell as no-one could kick on and make a big contribution. Andrew picked up his 250th wicket for The Willows, the most by any Willows cricketer by a significant margin. His guile and variations were apparent as he finished with three wickets, as did Micah Campbell. Oscar Waldron fought hard down the order, as SKC were eventually dismissed for 175.

**The Willows won by 155 runs**

**The Willows 330/6**

L. Direen 100 retired, K. Scott 91, B. Fleming 84

**St Kevin's College 1st XI 175**

H. Growcott 36, O. Waldron 30,  
M. Campbell 3/20, A Nuttall 3/31

**Umpires:** D. Reid and V. Patel

**Scorer:** T. Feely

# v Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI

26th November 2023

The day belonged to Marlborough cricketing stalwart, Greg Stretch, who scored a dominant unbeaten century to lead The Willows to a convincing 134 run win. After snaring the prize wicket of representative cricketer Matt Stretch (Greg's son), Stretch senior was joined by captain and fellow Marlburian Mason Robinson. The pair then added 132 for the fourth wicket and the platform was set for a good score. For MBC, Luke Pannell bowled well at the top of the innings and Archie Cornelius bowled a lovely spell of out-swingers through the middle overs.

With 271 runs posted, Robinson could afford to attack the young visiting batters. Adam Hastilow and Will Bretherton bowled with accuracy and

good movement. Adam eventually picked up four wickets including a spectacular diving slips catch by the younger Stretch. Luke Holdaway played some fluent and confident shots in his innings and Lachlan MacNeill showed fight at the end. Special mention should go to young leg-spinner Thisum Lawrance who with lovely line and flight extracted considerable turn – a player to watch. Well done to him and the fine bunch of Marlborough students who represented their College proudly.

**The Willows won by 134 runs**

**The Willows 271/6**

G. Stretch 103 retired, M. Robinson 77,  
L. Pannell 3/36

**Marlborough Boys' College 137**

L. MacNeill 34\*, L. Holdaway 29,  
A. Hastilow 4/24

**Umpires:** D. Stuthridge and B. Townrow



▲ One of several tall young quicks in the Marlborough side.



▲ Congratulations Greg Stretch on a Willows century.



▲ Keeper Mason Robinson is up to the task.

# v Don Neely Development XI

**3rd December 2023**

Appropriately, Andrew Nuttall was invited to lead a young Development XI. He duly won the toss and elected to bat. After ten overs they were 50 without loss with James Hoskin and Harry Hiatt batting well. Unfortunately the run rate was not maintained and following the fall of the first wicket the Development XI struggled to score in the face of some tight bowling. Jason Pawson was particularly accurate and demanding, however, James Richards was most effective with three and Otis Neely two wickets each.

The Development team was all out for 154 in the 42nd over – a score which the home team were

able to chase down within 25 overs. The highlight of the innings was Jarrod Ward's 79 off 85 balls. For the lads Ryan Withell and Ashan Wanasinghe were the pick of the bowlers. After the BBQ and there were some lovely words from Paddianne Neely who acknowledged the long-term friendship between her late husband Don and MED; and their love and support of The Willows since its inception. For Andrew it was "one of the most memorable matches that I have been involved with at the Club since 1994".

## *The Willows won by 5 wickets*

### **Don Neely XI 154**

J. Hoskin 29, H. Hiatt 38, J. Richards 3/25

### **The Willows 158/5**

J. Ward 79, R. Withell 3/15

**Umpires:** D. Miller and D. Botha



▲ Jason Pawson and James Richards all concentration.



▲ James D'Arcy looking good.



▲ Paddianne Neely officially opens the Don Neely Library.



▲ Post-match indoors.



▲ Jonathan Davidson scored a half century.



▲ Hugo Davison.



▲ Jubilation – first ton for UCVCC's Duncan Anderson.



▲ Wicket ball – Chris Mugford.

## v United Country & Vineyard Cricket Club

### 8th December 2023

UCVCC visited The Willows for the first game of their 2023 Canterbury tour. They won the toss and after the long drive decided to stretch the legs and put the home team into bat. Jon Davidson and Nick Gibb got The Willows off to a fantastic start, and it became obvious early that this was a great batting track and fast outfield. Gibb departed for 47 and Davidson hit the ball extremely well on his way to 77. Dan Vann kept the momentum going with a hard hit 73 and Robert Dunne added a handy unbeaten half century. At the end of 40 overs The Willows were 274 for 3.

While a big chase conditions were great for batting. The evergreen Chris Nicholson was a handful for UCVCC bowling eight overs straight

and spiked the required run rate. UCVCC were in real trouble at 4/57 until Chris Bartholomeusz was joined by Duncan Anderson and proceeded to put together a 110-run partnership. Bartholomeusz rotated the strike effectively and Anderson was brutal on any bad bowling. He cut the last ball of the match to the boundary to bring up his ton; a brilliant effort. It was an outstanding day at Loburn, The Willows taking the victory but the home side aided by some youth in this over-35 fixture so perhaps an asterisk should go against the win!

### *The Willows won by 43 runs*

#### **The Willows 274/3**

J. Davidson 77, D. Vann 73, R. Dunne 51\*, N. Gibb 47

#### **United Country & Vineyard CC 231/7**

D. Anderson 102\*, C. Bartholomeusz 50, K. Heagney 28, C. Mugford 4/31

**Umpire:** D. Palmer

# v The Willows Youth XI

**10th December 2023**

The players were honoured by the presence of former Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand and President Nick Davidson, who took the time to meet each player before the match and throughout the day. After some early rain, we had a slightly delayed 40-over fixture. The Youth XI openers of Kavya Shukla from Christ's College and Lachie Munro from Timaru Boys' High got off to a strong start. Then Jack O'Rourke, the 16-year old St Andrew's student, displayed his talent by top-scoring with an unbeaten 58. Hamish Caird from Timaru Boys' High School was the pick of the President's XI bowlers.

In reply, the President's XI got off to a solid start with Kelvin Scott impressively scoring 50 runs. Captain and Northern Districts legend Joey Yovich also played some fantastic shots, contributing 35 runs to the chase. There were good spells from Will Bretherton, Andrew Ellis, Ryan Withell but again the talent of Jack O'Rourke shone through with four wickets.

With the President's XI needing 34 runs to win off seven overs, Andrew Nuttall joined Canterbury representative Matt Hay for the final partnership. It was Hay (20\*) and Nuttall (13\*) who calmly finished the job off the penultimate ball, securing victory in a nail-biting finish.



▲ The impressive sight of Joey Yovich on debut.



▲ Players introduced to The Willows Cricketer, The Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand along with Joey Yovich and President Nick Davidson.



▲ Opener Kavya Shukla has a Devon Conway-like free stroking style.

The presence of current and former domestic and international players, including Andrew Ellis, Matt Hay, Nick Horsley, Bradley Scott, and the exceptional leadership of Joey Yovich, added to the grandeur of the occasion. The young players had an incredible opportunity to mingle with such experienced cricketers and to gain valuable insights from them, which is what Willows cricket is all about.

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

### **The Willows Youth XI 206/5**

J. O'Rourke 58\*, L. Munro 55\*, K. Shukla 29

### **The Willows President's XI 208/9**

K. Scott 50, J. Yovich 35, O. Linton 27,  
J. O'Rourke 4/24

**Umpires:** J. Stringleman and D. Hesketh

**Scorer:** G. McGowan



# v Christ's College 1st XI

17th December 2023

Congratulations to a young College side on a stunning come from behind victory. The Willows, mainly through Kelvin Scott, peppered the picket fence early and when he was joined by Nick Gibb they put on 80 for the second wicket. Nick was rarely troubled and with coach Keryn Ambler added a further 105 runs. They produced a masterclass and when both retired College clawed back into the game. They contained The Willows to 309, when at one stage a score of 350 plus looked on.

College opener Kavya Shukla took up the challenge hitting four 4s from the second over. He made 42 off 24 balls in a nice palindromic fashion. But wickets to Will Bretherton, Adam Hastilow and Andrew Nuttall turned the tide and at 99 for 6 College were in trouble. Fortunately the lower order were up to the challenge. Some quality partnerships involving Jackson Garry, Finn McCormack-Young, Frankie Meates and Gus Eglinton swung the game. However the WASP percentage still favoured The Willows with the last pair needing 32 from 6 overs. The 49th over bowled by Adam Hastilow was the telling one. His first two balls went for singles, then a wide, then 5 wides and a couple of balls later 5 more! College got to the end of the over and had 2 to win. A full-blooded snick over slips by Eglinton brought up the victory in a most remarkable match – with over 600 runs scored in the day and the best possible way to go into the Christmas break.

## The Willows lost by 1 wicket

### The Willows 309/7

N. Gibb 101 retired, K. Ambler 56 retired, K. Scott 50, F. Holdem 3/27, F. McCormack-Young 3/36

### Christ's College 312/9

F. McCormack-Young 52, J. Garry 48, F. Meates 46, K. Shukla 42, G. Eglinton 35\*, A. Nuttall 3/57

**Umpires:** D. McIlraith and M. Wood

**Scorer:** J. Henderson



▲ Crucial coin toss.



▲ Keryn Ambler in fine form.



▲ Evasive action taken by Kelvin Scott.



▲ Brayden Woodgate top scored for Riccarton.

▼ Player of the Day James Biddick winds back the clock



## v Riccarton High School 1st XI

**14th January 2024**

This annual fixture was held with a heavy heart as we honoured the memory of Riccarton High School and Willows devotee, Dave Biddick with the support of wife Elizabeth, daughter Anna and son James.

The Willows batted first. Kelvin Scott who has been farming runs all season, nicked off for a royal duck to promising young pacer, Hamish Lindsay. Soon The Willows were 2 for 3. The young Riccarton team were thirsting for their second win in the last 3 years, however James Biddick who had been helping them in the last three months, carefully compiled a well crafted 50. He was supported by Zane Yates, Josh Bridgman, Will Bretherton and Ashan Wanasinghe to pull The Willows to a competitive 247. Brayden Woodgate and Bhavil Patel took two wickets each and bowled economically.

The Riccarton innings started cautiously. It took eight overs for the first breakthrough and then wickets fell regularly. Brayden Woodgate batted stoically but the weight of wickets around him took their toll. For The Willows, Chris Mugford wound back the clock with his 3 for 6 and Ashan Wanasinghe dazzled with his spin and bounce with 3 for 21. Riccarton eventually succumbed for 77. James Biddick sealed his man of the match performance with a couple of screaming catches and some unflattering outfield sprints. As usual the Riccarton High School community supported the day wonderfully.

**The Willows won by 170 runs**

**The Willows 207**

J. Biddick 50, A. Wanasinghe 44\*,  
W. Bretherton 25

**Riccarton High School 77**

B. Woodgate 30, C. Mugford 3/6,  
A. Wanasinghe 3/21

**Umpires:** P. Williams and D. Boyle

**Scorer:** J. Patel

# v St Bede's College 1st XI

**21st January 2024**

It was nice to welcome back former Canterbury representative players Iain Robertson and Brandon Hiini. Openers Mark Reid and DJ Lyons got The Willows off to an excellent start with the latter being particularly aggressive. St Bede's bowled well and had The Willows on the edge at 94 for 5 before Josh Coll entered the frame, batting 7, and he scored a brilliant 83. His innings was a mixture of elegance and power. The lower order batters all did well as we scrambled to a score of 252.

Jack Haines and Cameron Harvey bowled well up front for The Willows and the SBC top order were soon under run-rate pressure.

Enter Brandon Hiini, the experienced all-rounder, who asked plenty of questions and was rewarded with 3/14 off 5 overs. At the other end young Joey Pawson was also a handful and he deserved his three wickets. At the end we were treated to some quality spin bowling from Iain Robertson and Stan Woolliscroft. Plus the Willowers had had a great time in field. We hope the St Bede's lads likewise enjoyed their day, because they certainly did their school proud.

**The Willows won by 92 runs**

**The Willows 252**

J. Coll 83, DJ Lyons 40, C. McKey 2/12

**St Bede's College 160**

C. McKey 53, B. Hiini 3/14, Joey Pawson 3/36

**Umpires:** D. Miller and A. Manickavasagam

**Scorer:** R. Seabourn



▲ Iain Robertson caught from full-blooded shot.



▲ Nathel Wijemuni of St Bede's, tidy shot for runs.



▲ Elegant drive Paul Miller.



▲ Josh McCarthy left high and dry.

# v I Zingari Australia

27th January 2024

The Willows won the toss and batted on a pitch ripe for runs. Singleton and Inglis combined for a solid opening stand of 48. After they fell it brought the key partnership of Jason Pawson (55) and Chris Mugford (100 retired) together. Both players compiled their innings without chance and accelerated toward the end. Chris was particularly aggressive when he peppered the pavilion, and longest boundary, with a series of huge sixes. The visitors worked hard in the heat and restricted The Willows to a competitive 262 for 6. The best of the I Zingari bowlers was Lachlan Bayliss-Smith with 3 for 37.

I Zingari's reply started with a flourish from the Booth father and son opening pair. Charlie Booth was unlucky to receive one of the few unplayable deliveries of the day from Mark McGoldrick and fell to a sublime off cutter which took the castle. Thereafter Ben van der Merwe and Philip Booth put on a match winning partnership. Both scored superb centuries with Philip managing to do so



▲ The evergreen Andrew Nuttall.



▲ I Zingari Australia.



▲ Congratulations Chris Mugford – TON on the bat and on the scoreboard.

with a broken bone in his foot! The Willows bowlers worked hard in 29°C heat, but apart from the evergreen Andrew Nuttall were guilty of too many four balls. Bat certainly dominated ball on a beautiful pitch, and with three centuries in a match it certainly was history-making. It was an absolute pleasure to host I Zingari and their extended touring party. They were wonderful company throughout.

## The Willows won by 8 wickets

### The Willows 262/6

C. Mugford 100 retired, Jason Pawson 55, M. Singleton 45, L. Bayliss Smith 3/37

### I Zingari 264/2

P. Booth 103\*, B. van der Merwe 102 retired

**Umpires:** J. Stringleman and D. Lewis (I Zingari)

# v Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI

28th January 2024

What a day at The Willows – hot sun, and a competitive game versus TBHS for the Mark Parker Memorial Trophy. No surprise that The Willows won the toss, batted first and got off to a good start with Nathan McNichol scoring a well struck 50. This made way for former New Zealand Black Stick and first-class cricketer Hayden Shaw and he showed some real class hitting a well-constructed and powerful 85. He was supported by a hard hitting Todd Elliotte and Harrison Horsley. The partnership between a young 14 year old Horsley and Shaw was 90 runs for the seventh wicket which set up a competitive total of 258 runs. The pick of the TBHS bowlers was James Honeybone.

TBHS got off to a solid start compiling 118 for 3 against a lively McNichol. They then went about their work chasing down the total with patience and maturity. Flynn Brookland (73) and Harry Elliotte (77 not out) looked good at the crease, and guided their team to victory in the second to last over. It was a great day enjoyed by a number

of spectators that made the trip north to support their respective teams.

## *The Willows lost by 6 wickets*

### **The Willows 259**

H. Shaw 85, N. McNichol 50, J. Honeybone 3/32

### **Timaru Boys' High School 261/4**

H. Elliotte 77\*, F. Brookland 73, L. Munro 45

**Umpires:** B. Littmoden and D. McIlraith



▲ A visiting legspin exponent.



▲ Hayden Shaw cuts with authority during his innings of 85.



▲ Eli Kears drives sweetly.



▲ The Willows on the attack against the Mid Canterbury XI on 29th October.

## v Nelson College 1st XI

**4th February 2024**

The Nelson College fixture is a match that is always highly anticipated, for many reasons, but mainly because Nelson College is our founder Mike Dormer's alma mater. The Willows won the toss, elected to bat and were soon in early trouble. It was only a sixth wicket partnership of 107 between Louie Garry and Micah Walther that added respectability to The Willows scorecard. The balance of The Willows' batsmen were guilty of not applying themselves on a favourable pitch. The standout bowler for Nelson College was Niall McLeod who bowled superbly for his 5/35 – his effort in essence set up the Nelson victory. He was ably supported by George Aerakis who picked up three wickets cheaply.

185 was never going to be enough to defend on an excellent batting surface. Nelson College made a strong start with a 77-run opening partnership, with Jarryd Nicholls scoring 78, and Ward Hogan supporting with a bright and breezy 54. This set up the victory, for the second year running, with ten overs to spare. It was a thoroughly commanding performance by a well-drilled and impressive unit.

### *The Willows lost by 6 wickets*

#### **The Willows 185**

L. Garry 51\*, M. Walther 51, H. Hiatt 27,  
N. McLeod 5/35, G. Aerakis 3/22

#### **Nelson College 186/4**

J. Nicholls 78, W. Hogan 54, D. Kelso 31\*,  
L. Garry 3/33

**Umpires:** D. Miller and A. Manickavasagam

**Scorer:** T. Feely



▲ Photos from the Nelson College match by thxmasdesign.com

# v St Andrew's College 1st XI

**18th February 2024**

The Willows started strongly with a toss win and an election to bat first. It was a strong start with Kelvin Scott and Tom Mušič quickly getting the score through to just under 100 for the first wicket. However, some unbelievable bowling from the StAC third and fourth change bowlers put the screws on. After 20 overs the ball decided to swing and it proved challenging to gain further momentum. That was until Matt McEwan came to the crease and quickly realised he wasn't as agile as he once was, so boundaries were the only option. Balls were flying all around the WCC on his way to 67 off 55, not without his fair share of luck. It was a thrill to see both McEwan brothers batting together – a family



▲ Vintage Matt McEwan – a straight six.



▲ Top of off – Paul Miller gone!



▲ Tom Mušič, high stepping it.

that has given a lot to the club over the years. A couple of cameos from James Richards, Connor Higgs and Ryan McEwan helped the score to 241.

The Willows started well with the ball, making inroads at crucial times, just as the College boys got themselves in. However, with some real grit from Toby Smith and Jonty Davidson, the score was within touching distance, needing 7 RPO with 15 overs to go. However, the experience of Matt McEwan proved tough to get away. In saying this the pick of the bowlers was Connor Higgs, a College leaver from 2023, who took 6/49 in a tremendous spell on a very flat wicket. StAC came close, all out for 208.

## **The Willows won by 33 runs**

### **The Willows 241/9**

M. McEwan 67, T. Mušič 46, K. Scott 40

### **St Andrew's College 208**

T. Smith 46, J. Davidson 45, C. Higgs 6/49

**Umpires:** S. Maher and T. O'Loughlin

**Scorer:** P Mayell



▲ Nick Cooke – right arm off-spin.



▲ Matt Brine scored his second century at The Willows.

## v Hawkwood Wanderers XI

**23rd February 2024**

Willows v Hawkwood games are always special affairs and 2024 was no different with the Hawkwood team wearing black armbands to recognise the immense contribution of Charles Wiffen. His wife Sandi was also in attendance. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat on another great track. Although Ethan Hobbs and Kelvin Scott made early inroads, Matt Brine made his intentions clear from the get go. With some powerful striking he went on to score an excellent century, with good support from his middle order. Some tight bowling through the middle from Nick Cooke, Mark Evans and John Garry pegged them back but a quick 50 from Will Inch took the Hawks through to a respectable 250/8 off their 40 overs.

The Willows got off to a solid start with good knocks from John Garry and Aaron Mauger carrying on his good form. However an excellent

spell of accurate bowling from Chris Mulcock (6/56) backed up with sharp catching saw the wheels fall slightly off leaving The Willows 116/7 at the halfway mark. Nick Cooke swung the pendulum back in The Willows favour and enjoyed a partnership of 70 with captain Michael Singleton. With 65 still needed when Cooke fell, Hawkwood were back in the box seat but Singleton (41\*) and Kim Smyth (25\*) were able to see it through against some demanding bowling from Brent Findlay and ex CBHS 1st XI bowlers Toby Robinson and Alex Kirkland. That left Sandi the final act to present the Charles Wiffen Trophy to the winning Willows side.

**The Willows won by 2 wickets**

**Hawkwood Wanderers 250/8**

M. Brine 101\*, W. Inch 50, W. Anderson 35, K. Scott 3/73

**The Willows 251/8**

J. Garry 50, A. Mauger 48, M. Singleton 41\*, N. Cooke 40, C. Mulcock 6/52

**Umpires:** D. Stuthridge and J. Stringleman

**Scorer:** N. de Maine



# v Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI

**25th February 2024**

This has always been a popular event for the Shirley community – students, alumni, staff, parents and supporters. The Willows won the toss and opted to bat on a green wicket which seamed around early. The openers faced some demanding bowling from the Shirley Boys' seamers. Will Davis in particular bowled very well, moved the ball around and troubled the batters. Tom Mušič batted very patiently and formed a number of good partnerships, putting on 80 with Josh Smith (48). Englishman Harry Passenger, making his Willows debut batted very powerfully, playing shots all around the ground getting to 70 off 32 balls, before being retired. Tom carried on and was eventually caught behind for 93 off 95 balls. Shirley Boys' toiled well in the field as the home team amassed 330/8 off their 50 overs.

Shirley Boys' started solidly. Opener Jake Wilson batted a long time for 35 and later on Josh McIlraith displayed some clean hitting with three fours and two sixes in his 30. Seth De Rose came in with his retro style bat towards the tail to entertain everyone, and did so with a couple of big hits, including losing a ball in the hedge from



▲ Captains Tim Grocott and Will Davis at the toss.



▲ The Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Willows' cordon fully focused.



▲ A lively SBHS seamer.

a six over midwicket. Shirley Boys' High School were all out in the 50th over for 206. They acquitted themselves well, looked fantastic and totally entered into the spirit of the day.

## **The Willows won by 124 runs**

### **The Willows 330/8**

T. Mušič 93, H. Passenger 70 retired, J. Smith 48

### **Shirley Boys' High School 206**

J. Wilson 35, J. McIlraith 30, A. Frost 3/50

**Umpires:** A. Shipley and D. Grocott

**Scorer:** A. McLeod



▲ Visakan Ramesh – a top young spinner for Hutt International Boys' School.

## v Country Schools XI

**10th March 2024**

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat first on a pearler of a day. The home side started strongly with Jake Darling rocketing the score early from some loose bowling and was dismissed for 31 off as many balls. Debutant Alex Grogan looked incredibly good until he chopped on and then Oliver Linton and Michael Singleton combined for a 100 run stand. Ollie batting with confidence, pinged them round the ground with complete force and Michael was “Mr Reliable” and carried the side on his back. The Country Schools XI bowled exceedingly well from here on in as the last 7 wickets fell for 31 runs.

The Willows knew their score of 191 was well below par. However, they had Harrison Cox (Canterbury A) who proved far too quick early on, followed by tight spells from Patrick Smith, Harry Passenger and Corbyn McClurg. It was a thrill to watch them perform. The bowling strength of The Willows CC proved too strong in the end, dismissing the visitors for 132. Brayden McLeod was again their best with both bat and ball.

**The Willows won by 57 runs**

### **The Willows 191**

M. Singleton 74, O. Linton 51, J. Darling 31, B. McLeod 3/17, L. McKenzie 3/24

### **Country Schools XI 132**

B. McLeod 39, C. McClurg 4/36

**Umpires:** D. Herber and G. Cutts



▲ High bounding country quick.



▲ Michael Singleton in good nick.

# v Hutt International Boys' School 1st XI

17th March 2024

A young Willows XI was comprehensively outplayed by the Hutt International Boys' School 1st XI. Willows skipper Tom Mušić elected to bat first and his side was soon in trouble on the "new couch grass strip". Only Harry Passenger offered any form of resistance in a disappointing batting display. 119 was never enough as two bowlers in Visakan Ramesh and Ollie Saunderson held sway. The only blight on the HIBS bowling effort was the 28 wides bowled; an area which the coaching staff will want to work on.

The loss of two early HIBS wickets gave The Willows a glimmer of hope. One fell to an outstanding slip catch by Harry Passenger off the bowling of Corbyn McClurg. However, an

unbeaten partnership between Lewis Jeffreys and Connor Gatward put the result beyond doubt.

It was a pleasure to have the HIBS Principal Mr Tom Gordon at the ground for the day, as well as a keen group of parents and supporters. Rest assured cricket at HIBS is in good heart. Special thanks to Lewis Jeffreys who presented The Willows with a special plaque which he had personally made to commemorate the visit and one which will forever hold pride of place in our visitors changing room.

## The Willows lost by 8 wickets

### The Willows 119

H. Passenger 25, D. Saunderson 4/22,  
V. Ramesh 3/10

### Hutt International Boys' School 120/2

C. Gatward 52\*, L. Jeffreys 39\*

**Umpires:** D. Miller and K. Padmanaban



▲ Straight from the coaching manual.



▲ Lewis Jeffreys presents the plaque he made to commemorate the fixture to Willows captain Tom Mušić.



▲ Tom Mušić does the honours with HIBS captain Connor Gatward.



## v Peninsula Craz XI

**21st March 2024**

Our annual enjoyable fixture with long-time friends the Peninsula Craz got underway on a beautiful late March afternoon. The Craz' decision to bat looked to have backfired slightly after the loss of a couple of quick wickets. Hamish Matheson and Richard Breitmeyer then began to rectify things after an accurate opening spell from John Stewart and Sam Emerins. As it does, age intervened and suddenly Richard was batting on one leg with a runner. This didn't slow the pair down as they put on 100 before Hamish was dismissed for a well compiled 69. Breitmeyer fell next for a gutsy 52 and late flurry from the lower middle order, including a well struck 46 from Michael Wilson, saw the Craz post a challenging 225 for 8 off their 40 overs.

Willows openers Matt Brine and Amandeep Singh set off at a rollicking pace before both were dismissed to the tight bowling of Andy Thin who was starting to get the new turf to work in his favour. Another quick wicket saw The Willows floundering, before Matt Hocquard (superbly uplifted by Ben from the Craz line-up) and Oliver Linton joined together in an impressive 157 run partnership. Ollie was first to go for 42 before Matt retired with a very well crafted 101. Brent Fleming and George Newell saw The Willows through to a 6 wicket win. The early finish allowed time for an enjoyable post game drink and chat with a great bunch of men.

*The Willows won by 6 wickets*

**Peninsula Craz 225/8**

H. Matheson 69, R. Breitmeyer 52, M. Wilson 46,  
B. Cross 3/33

**The Willows 229/4**

M. Hocquard 101 retired, O. Linton 42



▲ *A chance for the gloveman.*



▲ *An extravagant shot from opener Amandeep Singh.*

# v Waimea College 1st XI

24th March 2024

Captain Mike “Courageous” Singleton elected to bat first on the couch grass pitch and promptly promoted himself to lead The Willows out to battle. The top order of Singleton, Hastilow, Neynens and Hore successfully saw the shine well and truly removed, and enjoyed some healthy partnerships. Both Connor and Max retired to give others a bat as we got through to a solid 260. Brin Thurlow finished with a very respectable 2/29 from 10.

According to our ace batter and match manager Dave Kelly “it doesn’t matter if it’s tiddly winks or marbles – if both sides have a chance of winning it’s good to watch especially when boys start hooking good length balls for 6”. Such was the rollicking start by Quinn (33) and Thurlow (53) until their dangerous partnership was broken by Chris Mugford. Corban Field continued the momentum and blasted a quick 80 with Waimea looking odds on for victory. Then up stood

Andrew Nuttall, who was recently spotted in India with rumours circling of an Over-60s IPL contract, and Adam Hastilow to mop up the tail. Sadly Waimea retreat to the white sands of Tasman Bay and ponder how close they came to getting the deserved “W”.

**The Willows won by 15 runs**

**The Willows 260/7**

A. Hastilow 52, C. Neynens 50 retired, M. Singleton 43, M. Hore 35 retired

**Waimea College 245**

C. Field 80, B. Thurlow 53, C. Quinn 33, A. Hastilow 4/45

**Umpires:** D. McIlraith and D. Stuthridge

**Scorer:** R. Seabourn

## Cancellations due to weather

- 22 Oct v Wellington College 1st XI
- 5 Nov v Northwest Schools XI
- 11 Feb v Southland Boys' High School 1st XI
- 15 Mar v London New Zealand CC



▲ Jake Darling comprehensively bowled.



▲ Another expansive shot from Adam Hastilow.



▲ The end of a top innings by Corban Field for Waimea.

# Around the Ground



▲ Messrs S. Kalyanaraman and B. Littmoden



▲ Men at work – post-match preparation.



▲ Seal of approval from coach Kate Ebrahim.



▲ Captains Maggie Martin and Neha Ramanathan (Wellington Wanderers) at the toss.

# Around the Ground



▲ The Willows v Otago Boys' High School post-match.



▲ The first time an Oldsmobile Delta Royale has been used as drinks trolley.



▲ Joe Bennett.

# Amateur sport is battling – but it's a struggle worth pursuing

*We are thrilled to have New Zealand's leading sports journalist **Phil Gifford** as the writer of our lead article this season. In a stellar career Phil has seventeen book titles to his credit, won multiple radio awards but the recognition of an ONZM in the 2024 New Year honours will come as a personal highlight. The sporting fraternity, the length of the country, salutes you Phil.*

Six decades reporting on sport hasn't made me cynical or jealous. I have no issue with, for example, Kiwi Daryl Mitchell being auctioned in Dubai to Indian cricket sides, and emerging with a \$2.69 million pay packet for about two months of play in the IPL.

But I'd be lying if I didn't say I feel some nostalgia for the days of my childhood when if you were in Lyttelton you could have your accounts done by an All Black captain, Bob Duff, or be taught at Christchurch Boys' High by another, Pat Vincent, or buy your curtain fabric from a shop in Dominion Rd in Auckland, and be served by the owner, an Olympic 5,000 metres champion, Murray Halberg,

The golden days of amateur sport were once summed up for me by a great All Black hooker, Dennis Young, a key man in Canterbury's 1953–56 Ranfurly Shield era. "In those times we really were the players of the people," he told me in 2004. "We all had jobs. I was a cabinetmaker. It wasn't a manufactured relationship between the players and the public. I'm not being critical, but with professional rugby now you have to manufacture times and situations for the public



to have some contact with the players. This was the real thing. You were out there, listening to everything that people had to say about you. I'd go to play in a club game and my boss at work would be on the bank yelling out, 'rattle your dags.' On the Monday he'd ask if I'd heard him. I certainly did".

"For a game we'd go straight from home to the ground. At no stage did we go to a hotel the night before. A few times we met for lunch at a hotel, but that was it."

In the streams of people coming down Ferry Road, or jostling into Stevens Street to get to Lancaster Park, some would be carrying small kitbags. They were the players. There was no inching into the park on a bus, stopping at a guarded gate, and vanishing into the depths of the stand.

Instead there were two strands. One group in overcoats and hats headed towards the bank, or the stands. The men with the bags, containing boots, a towel and a jockstrap, were the players. "We'd emerge out of the crowd," says Young,



“where there were people saying, ‘how do you think you’ll go?’ and ‘good luck’ as you headed into the park.”

The great beauty of amateur sport, and why I’ll forever applaud the men and women who devote their time, energy and kindness to it, is not only the sheer pleasure it gives even casual competitors, but also the way it can give so many kids the chance to express themselves, to find hidden strengths and talents, and to display their character in a way they may not have found possible in a classroom.

A perfect example of hidden depths emerging through sport was provided by Dame Yvette Corlett, who won a gold medal in the long jump at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. As Yvette Williams, she was a shy Dunedin woman who as a teenager had to hide the fact from her mother that as well as being the Otago long jump champion, she had also won the shot put title. Her mother thought the shot was unladylike.

Her first competition overseas was at the Olympics in ‘52. Interviewing her in 1977, she was almost embarrassed when I asked her how she dealt with competing in front of 40,000 people packed into the Olympic Stadium. “It’s a funny thing,” she said, “but I wasn’t nervous. In fact I loved being in front of so many people. The crowd didn’t make me feel intimidated. Instead I actually felt uplifted”. When she went on break the world long jump record in 1954, she was happy for the crowd in Gisborne to be allowed onto the ground, to line each side of her run to the long jump pit.

Why I believe every shivering Saturday morning at a netball court cheering on primary schoolchildren, or a sunny Sunday afternoon at a cricket ground, applauding as a teenager makes a diving catch in the slips, is so worthwhile, is that sport at the amateur level can give so much to everyone involved.

I’m thinking about the life lessons that can be provided on a grassy field, an all weather asphalt court, or an indoor basketball court.

When your livelihood doesn’t depend on it, sport can often demonstrate that as overblown as the words of Rudyard Kipling, “If you can meet with

Triumph and Disaster, and treat these two imposters just the same” can feel, there’s a huge element of truth in them.

Sport offers a chance to learn how to control tempers, to find energy you didn’t know you had, to accept reverses, and, what may be the most valuable thing of all, to discover the pleasures of shared effort.

It’s a well established military technique that to bond a group, having to endure hardship together is highly effective. Whether it’s track and field athletes training as a squad, cricketers working together in the nets, or a rugby team enduring a session of gut busting sprints, friendships formed when sweat’s pouring and muscles are aching, have a remarkable power to endure.

Professional sport is an inevitable consequence of massive television contracts, and the discovery by companies that association with sport is a commercial bonus.

But while I’m not remotely advocating a return to the days when the English played an annual Gentlemen (amateur players) versus Players (professionals) cricket match at Lord’s, which somehow lasted until 1963, I devoutly hope that amateur sport holds to its values, and doesn’t just become a conduit for the most talented to make a living playing a game.

It won’t be easy as the 21st century runs on. But losing the delights of playing for the fun of it would be a blow for everyone, from kids starting out in cricket, or football, or netball, to adults changing ends on a bowling green.

To those Willowers who may not have been out to play recently, I strongly suggest you get out there to enjoy what is on offer – it is hard to beat!

– Matt Parr after this season’s record-breaking CBHS match

## Carl Huyser: a coach who has tasted success here and abroad

*Few among us can equal the feats of the BWUCC's **Carl Huyser**. In as many years he has led the premier side, either as captain or coach, to five trophies – three One-Day Championships and two consecutive Two-Day titles. As well he is just the second player in the Club's history to chalk up over 300 premier games and sits third on the all-time runs aggregate. Not bad credentials to lead his young charges. Add to the mix his quiet, unassuming and performance driven manner and it is no wonder success follows.*

If anyone ever asks me about playing cricket abroad I will certainly encourage it. The lessons you will learn about yourself and your game will be invaluable. The pressure of being an overseas player can be very unique and can certainly bring the best and worst out of players. The expectations to perform and win games for your club are huge. It is the perfect mental challenge to take your game to the next level. Learning the art of playing or controlling the swinging ball and with different pitch conditions in the UK can be one of the biggest learning curves. The development and growth opportunities certainly don't stop on the cricket pitch. Being out of your comfort zone with new flat mates, on a tight budget on the other side of the world will equip you with some important life skills and friendships to last a lifetime. From a coaching point of view, a returning players fitness and conditioning will tell you a lot about the players discipline and accountability. Willows scholarship recipient for 2023 Nick Gibb came back fitter, stronger and with a new maturity about him. His



performance and continuous improvement in the premier men's competition is the perfect advertisement for a stint abroad.

Something I found very interesting with opportunities to play and coach in South Africa, England, Scotland, Pakistan, Australia and NZ is certainly the mindset vs the resources. It was amazing to see some skill acquisitions from players in Pakistan who rarely get an opportunity to have a net practice with the lack of facilities. The financial need to potentially have a career in cricket gave them a mindset where there was certainly no space for excuses. The differences on how the game gets played technically and tactically can hugely impact a players growth as well. Helping individuals find the best way for them to be effective can look very different in a player led self discovery journey in NZ or England compared to Pakistan or South Africa with limited resources and when they do get coaching it can be very prescriptive with a cookie cutter approach. On the other hand some of the very best players in the world can quite often be very far away from what the coaching manual

suggests. As coaches it is our responsibility to use an individualistic approach, with natural talent in a specific area being the guide to continue developing players but not going away from what will make a certain player special. Raising awareness of growth areas but transferring accountability back to the player would be my ideal way to see sustainable growth.

I think our strength in New Zealand is our coaching community and our willingness to

share knowledge. We are very lucky to have some of the world's most successful sports teams and coaches on our doorstep. It would be silly not to look at what makes these teams successful. If you are looking for some reading over the winter look no further than *Belonging* by Owen Eastwood. It has had a big impact on my coaching journey and was suggested to me by Stephen Fleming. All the best for the 2024/25 season.

## Children's Christmas Party 2023

Our annual Christmas Party took place on Sunday 17th December, with over 100 children from the Down Syndrome Association, Riding for the Disabled North Canterbury, Champion Centre and Conductive Education – all enjoying a great day out with their families and caregivers.

The Club would like to thank Chris Morkane and the Eliza White Trust, the Foodstuffs South Island Community Trust and Rangiora New World for making the day possible.

And from TV One News on Christmas Day: "Giving back is what The Willows is all about. Every Christmas they also host local charities

who work with disabled children for a festive fun day. Bouncy castles, balloons, the Salvation Army band, face painting, pony rides and, of course, presents.

'It's very special,' said Vicky Lynch, from the Canterbury Down Syndrome Association.

'To be able to come here and relax as a family and have food put on for our children with special needs as well as their siblings. It's amazing.'

And it wouldn't be a cricket Christmas party without Santa invading the pitch for a lolly scramble."



## Tim Grocott: benefits of school sport for youth

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*The Grocott name remains synonymous with the East Christchurch-Shirley CC for the last half century. In 2017 **Tim Grocott** became President of the Club and three years later was appointed Headmaster of Shirley Boys' High School. Both at work and in sport he has devoted a lifetime nurturing the growth and development of young people. We greatly appreciate his words below.*

In New Zealand, our passion for sport runs deep, and for many people, sport is more than just a pastime – it's a way of life. However, as sport continues to evolve, questions arise about its impact on grass roots participation, particularly among our young people. Before I delve into this further, I want to acknowledge The Willows Cricket Club for providing an excellent perspective on sport. I applaud The Willows for promoting winning as an important outcome of the game of cricket. But while winning is important, it is not the only thing and Ben Dormer and all of the other volunteers who support The Willows and their philosophy, are to be applauded for the attitude that they bring each Sunday and the other days that they provide cricket.

Cricket is not just merely about winning trophies or accolades; it's about fostering camaraderie, promoting healthy lifestyles, and instilling values of discipline and teamwork from a young age. In my view, The Willows Cricket Club does this well. There is a trophy for each game, there are players of the match, and good performances are acknowledged above others. But once that is all done, there is also a celebration of the people



who played and a sense of enjoyment about what happened on the field. And when I go to work on Monday after having the played the Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI, I either cop it from the boys or I dish it out to them depending on how we all went.

We have a good enough relationship through playing against each other and my support of them throughout the year, that none of this is taken too seriously. This is why I think that participation in sports at school level serves as a cornerstone for holistic development. It offers avenues for physical fitness, mental resilience, and character building. Moreover, it cultivates crucial life skills like perseverance and leadership that go beyond the boundaries of the cricket field and are invaluable in navigating the complexities of adulthood.

However, the increasing profile of secondary school sport can pose challenges to this foundational aspect of sport. The allure of being streamed online, being seen by a talent scout and potentially creating a career in sport are incredibly exciting, but they also carry a level of

risk. Sometimes that risk is not created by the young people, but by the adults who surround their chosen sports. They look to create an environment of high-performance sport that suggests that secondary school sport will be the pinnacle of their sporting achievement.

High-performance sport epitomises the peak of athletic achievement at the highest level. It is on the national or international stage, amongst other outstanding athletes where everyone is motivated and capable of pushing the boundaries of human potential, and being the best. In New Zealand there are approximately 800 high performance athletes, and they are supported by organisations like Sport New Zealand who are incredibly well resourced.

This does not reflect secondary school sport, even at the highest level. Secondary school sport plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of high-performance athletes. The New Zealand Cricket teams would not be as successful without strong school cricket programmes, but players do not go straight from school to play for the Black Caps or White Ferns. Schools are where the raw talent is discovered and nurtured; where boys and girls learn the values of teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship; and they have the opportunity to participate and flourish amongst people in their own age group.

High-performance sport is tough and unforgiving, while school sport provides a far more supportive and inclusive environment. Schools are places of learning and school sport reflects this. It encourages young people to ask questions about their performance. Why did you drop that catch, hit that ball in the air, or bowl that crucial wide? The more people ask those questions of themselves or others the better they will be. However, you need to learn how to do that, and school sport provides that opportunity. This also helps develop a competitive edge and this crucial in order to win.

This is why I love what The Willows provides for secondary school cricket up and down Aotearoa. High-performance sport serves as an inspiration and an aspiration for our young cricketers, inspiring them to dream big and reach for the stars. There are different levels of performance

each week at The Willows Cricket Ground, and very few, if any would be classed as truly high-performance. But the environment in which the boys and girls are playing and learning is excellent and gives them a sense of what it would be like to play on a higher stage.

Playing on an outstanding surface, with a well prepared and true wicket; emerging from a beautiful and well cared for pavilion; having umpires and scorers; and playing against knowledgeable and skilful cricketers helps create a landscape that nurtures talent, fosters excellence, and enriches the lives of young cricketers. For some this will be the best cricketing experience they will have.

Most of all it is an enjoyable day. Both sides want to win, and there is great prestige in lifting the trophy, but the memories will go beyond that. In years to come, friends and former team mates will most likely not remember the result, but they will remember the great catch, the hundred they scored or being bowled by the Headmaster who was in his early fifties.

If we continue to embrace the ideals of learning, development, competition and winning in school sport, we can be confident that the opportunities for some athletes to be involved in high-performance sport will happen. However, we can still embrace those ideals and enjoy playing secondary school sport.

**We need to continue to be welcoming to all those who feel a connection with cricket and it's our job and the job of everyone in the game to ensure that numbers are as broad and diverse as our population.**

*— Kate Ebrahim, White Fern*

## Further ground improvements

As soon as stumps were drawn for the final time to end the 2023 season more ground renovations kicked into action. Under the direction of Willows Head of Turf Alan Gilmour 200kg of Soprano rye grass (same as the Adelaide Oval) was sown, followed by 150 tonne of Frew's topsoil spread onto the outfield by Roger Morgan's team at Ready Lawn. Finally, more WACA clay from the banks of the Harvey River was applied onto the playing block itself. With a clay content of 73% we are guaranteed pace and bounce for the upcoming season. Thanks to all for this generous support of The Willows and in keeping MED's dream alive.

The proof was in the pudding – all this good work by Alan's team meant that while other clubs were booking pre-season indoor net facilities we had our first match played outside in pristine conditions on Sunday 1st October 2023 – and The Willows took full advantage to score 254 runs to usher in the new season. And then only four days later we were pleased to host Peter Fulton and the members of his Canterbury team. They played a friendly game which included local secondary schoolboys. This experience provided



▲ Willows Groundsman Alan Gilmour.



▲ The refurbished Cricketers Arms.

a learning opportunity for the school players to interact with and to gain insights from the professionals. The whole Canterbury squad had another couple of days of in-house training over the summer as preparation for the Super Smash series. We convey a huge thanks to Peter, his players and staff for their availability. The good news came in February when the team went on to defeat Auckland in a cliff-hanger to add the 2024 Ford Trophy to the silverware cabinet. This after a tight run-chase, led by Tom Latham and Cole McConchie, after rain and a DLS adjustment. Another triumph for Peter's side.

The extension of the pavilion was also completed during the winter months. We now have a second changing room for visitors, aptly named the Don Neely Changing Room and Library, additional toilet and shower facilities, a Club office and some modifications completed to the Long Room and hospitality areas. We acknowledge the work put in by D'Arcy Palmer and Jarrod Ward in maintenance and landscape work on the pavilion surrounds. Another key innovation is the new electronic scoreboard which was kindly gifted to the Club by the Wakefield family. Members certainly would have noticed these significant improvements on their first outing for the season.

# Supporting schools with coaching

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The Willows community coaching programme is now in its second year. Through our investment in coaching resources and the goodwill of schools we have been able to make an impact on secondary schools' cricket. This season The Willows has supported:

- **Christchurch Girls' High** – Paul Knight Coach
- **Shirley Boys' High** – Year 9/10 programme
- **St Bede's College** – Year 9/10 programme
- **Riccarton High** – 1st XI and 2nd XI
- **Ashburton College** – 1st XI, 2nd XI and junior programmes

The key objective has been to empower schools and help them build their own coaching resources. We hope to include more schools next season.

The club has partnered with Coaching Solutions, Mandie Godliman, Don Lough and Richard Lough to help deliver this coaching and they have been instrumental in supporting schools. In addition, our long-time Club member Dan Vann and Evolution Sports Coaching NZ have assisted by working with Riccarton High School and Shirley Boys' High School focusing on specialist areas of cricket skill development.

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## Helping Tamai youth

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Through our partnership with Tamai Sports, we have also completed the second year of the "Learn To Play" programme. The main objective here is to involve 8-11 year-olds from the earthquake-hit eastern suburbs of Christchurch, and to bring these young cricketers up to a level where they can confidently participate in competitive matches.

We now have 75 children engaged in the programme, with the goal being to build this to 100 participants and to encourage these young

cricketers into organised Saturday cricket. As a charity, The Willows funds this programme completely, so children can play at no cost to their families. Not only are they kitted out in new gear but again coaching sessions are run by Dan Vann's awesome team from Evolution Sports Coaching NZ.

This is an important involvement for The Willows and one which smacks right to the core of our founding principles. Best summed up by one parent after the first training night who said:

"Thank you for looking after my boy. He looks smart and said he wants to go back again next week."

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## ... and more for primary school youth

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Prior to Christmas the Club was pleased to host two special events. First, was a junior development match organised by the skilled coaches from Evolution Sports Coaching NZ. The young participants had an epic day. Not only did they enjoy the cricket match but also the traditions and beauty of the venue where friendships were enhanced. A few days after this the Canterbury v Country primary school rep teams squared off in a pre-tournament friendly match.

Dan Vann's team were at it again in January before the new school year commenced with a two-day skills camp. This was done through Willows funding and gave these young people the opportunity to work with quality coaches and at the great facilities of Mainpower Oval and St Andrew's College. The first day was focused on three phases of batting (getting in, accumulating, and the death) with the batters and bowlers asked to adapt to each situation and how they would execute their plans/skills. There was also a focus on mental skills and how to work under pressure. Day 2 was similar plus a fielding session on technique and how to dive safely and effectively. Thanks to all involved in these initiatives.



▲ Wakatipu High School salute the first ever female centurion at The Willows, Abby Fookes.



▲ St Margaret's College players warming up before their match against Otago Girls' High School.

## Schoolgirl cricket – a kaleidoscope of colour and skill

During the past season we have had more female matches than ever before. This has brought added interest and a special dimension which can only be good for the game.

Home and away fixtures with Wellington Wanderers Youth XIs are fast becoming the jewel in both clubs' fixture lists. The first played in December between schoolgirl XIs started with a dash of colour. Nineteen different school blazers were noted as the teams assembled. MED's play in the V badges looking good on their lapels. Two players had even travelled from Waitaki Girls' High School for the game – a long day for them.

The local team was invited to bat first and they made the most of the excellent conditions. Niamh McKenzie (79) and Edie Maslin (48) were in awesome form as The Willows rattled on 225/8. For the visitors Jessica Robinson had good reward with 3/19. In reply the Wanderers only managed 115 runs. Three batters Heha Ramanathan, Nell Laracy McCrystal and Bree James got to twenty but unfortunately were unable to push on. Edi Maslin (4/7) was

desperately unlucky not to pick up a 5-for and become the first female name on our honours board.

There is something special about a female fixture, specifically in the way both teams interact, sit together, share friendships, experiences and laugh. What's more, the visitors gave every one of their girls a bowl when in the field. Thanks to umpires D'Arcy Palmer and Stu Dickson and Sandra Steere who kept the book.

Then in January we welcomed two new schools to The Willows. Waimea College and Wakatipu High School played a highly competitive (and close) match which saw the first ever century by a female player. That honour went to Otago Under-19 rep player Abby Fookes, with 101 runs off 76 balls, to lead Wakatipu to nail-biting victory. She was particularly severe on anything slightly wayward. Proudly her name will be the first female name to adorn the honours board and to recognise the feat Abby will be the first recipient of a new trophy, The Winsome Dormer Cup, which will be awarded every season for the most special achievement by a female player. Congratulations Abby.

This was followed at the end of February with a 30 over double header between four schools familiar with The Willows. First up was the Rose Bowl Trophy clash where Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI prevailed over St Hilda's Collegiate



School 1st XI. Chasing the CGHS target of 123 runs, it came down to the last two overs with the southerners needing 19 runs from 12 balls. Unfortunately, the St Hilda's girls couldn't quite manage to pull it off. The next match for the Satterthwaite-Bates Trophy was won by St Margaret's College 1st XI over a youthful Otago Girls' High School 1st XI. The stand-out individual players on the day were Sophie Deerness (St Hilda's) who scored 41 and the St Margaret's pair of Ciara Hartland and Lexie Boon who took three wickets each with the ball.

Another highlight was a spectacular caught and bowled effected by the CGHS opening bowler, Lilah Cowan in the first match.

It was wonderful to have a number of Year 9 girls on their first visit to the ground and for all players to mingle with some of the greats of the New Zealand women's game in NZC President Lesley Murdoch, Kirsty Bond, Kate Ebrahim and Amanda Hardy. A special thank you to Lesley and Amanda on being match managers. We very much look forward to next time.



▲ NZC President Lesley Murdoch doing the honours.



▲ OGHS and St Margaret's teams at lunch.



▲ Wellington Wanderers XI at the Basin Reserve.



▲ Great anticipation from Willows wicketkeeper Darcy-Rose Prasad.



▲ The Willows Development XI hosted Seddon CC in a sea of pink.

## North Island interchanges

2024 kicked in with a Willows Development XI heading up to Cobham Oval, Whangarei to compete for the inaugural Bill Fenton Trophy. This would not have been possible without the commitment and support of Joey Yovich and his team at the Cobham Cricket Club, Northland. The two teams for this Under-17 50-over clash involved players selected across the wider regions of both Northern Districts and our catchment of schools from Wellington College to Waitaki Boys' High School. The result proved a crushing win for our boys but five days later our lads were brought back down to earth at home with a much closer encounter against a similar U17 side from the Seddon Cricket Club, Hamilton. Again Joey accompanied them south along with international player Lou Vincent and fellow ND greats in Mark Bailey and Michael Parlane. Links between the three Clubs continues to only get stronger as we share a common ethos of giving back to the game – the next thing is to have female matches and trips between us.

The Willows player of the day in Whangarei was Brayden McLeod (Northwest Schools XI). There wasn't a player of the day for the Seddon match

as proceedings came to a rather abrupt end. The police closed us down with wildfires destroying nearby Loburn property and vegetation. Smoke, sirens and the buzz of helicopters forewarned the players something was happening in the vicinity. Prior to all this we were thrilled to have Sir Richard Hadlee and John Wright join the players over the lunch break. Their unending support for youth is always apparent. Wrighty also entertained the lads with some great stories about life on the IPL circuit!

The final match of the season was an U17 one in which a Wellington Wanderers Youth XI dominated a Willows Youth XI at Loburn. The Willows were in a deep hole at 61/6 before a partnership between Lloyd Fellowes (40) and Josh Wedlake (55) salvaged the rot. 163 all out was never enough as the classy Wanderers side piled on 319 runs. The highlight was a wonderful century by the Whanganui Collegiate's 1st XI captain Connor Rees – an innings appreciated by the likes of John Wright, Hamish Marshall, Peter Holland and David Kelly who were in attendance.

The Willows were put back in but survived to stumps at 6pm. It was a real bonus to have the presidents of both clubs, William Marshall and Nick Davidson present to see the depth of talent on display and to address the players. All agreed it was a fantastic end to the season.

# World Cup honours

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Willowers featured strongly in national teams across the age range. One of the youngest was Zac Cumming (Otago Boys' High School old boy) selected in the New Zealand Under-19 cricket team to play in the ICC Under-19 World Cup held early 2024 in South Africa. Leg-spinner Zac is also more than handy with the bat so it was good to see him playing on the international stage.

Congratulations to Adam Hastilow, Nick Horsley and James Marshall chosen in the New Zealand team which came second in the IMC Over-40s World Cup. This tournament was played in Cape Town, South Africa in February 2024.

Another very skilful group of Willowers made up the bulk of the New Zealand Over-60 team which came third in their World Cup in India. Flying the flag were Craig Gibb, Tony Gray, Graeme Inglis, Mike Johnston, Chris Kennedy and Andrew Nuttall. There were some outstanding performances from within this group.

And let's not forget the Over-50s. While not involved in a World Cup, there was a further healthy sprinkling of Club members in the two NZ teams that played in Blenheim in March in a Quad series with Australia and USA.

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## Vintage years

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This past season we had a record fourteen centuries scored at the ground. This eclipsed the previous best of 10 from the 2002/03 season. It is fitting to acknowledge those earlier Willowers who achieved the milestone.

Interestingly, five played first-class cricket in their time, namely Carl Anderson (17 games for Canterbury), Brendon Diamanti (27 for CD and 1 ODI for NZ), Iain Robertson (27 for Canterbury and Otago), Phil d'Auvergne (5 for Canterbury) and Ben Yock (2 for Canterbury). Another three Club stalwarts in David Bond, Matthew Wright and Jason Pawson joined Tim McClean (LNZCC) and Matthew Brine (North Canterbury Schools) to reach reach three figures back then.



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## Ed Nuttall appointed new Club Captain

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Heartiest congratulations to current Canterbury player Edward Nuttall on his appointment as the new Club Captain of The Willows. With 102 appearances for Canterbury, along with being a Willows tourist to Sri Lanka in 2009, it is an absolute privilege to have Ed in this role.

With his boundless energy, knowledge of the game and the enduring support from his parents Jo and Andrew, we know he will have a big impact in the role. Ed will certainly appeal not only to our visiting schoolboys and girls but to everyone involved with the club as he has a vast cricket knowledge to share.

Our mission is to develop schools' cricket within Canterbury and New Zealand and with Ed there is no better man to be the face of the future. His excitement for this role has been refreshing and the prospect of having him and other current first-class cricketers accompanying him out to the ground on a regular basis is going to be something special. It is an exciting new chapter for the Club.



## Highlights of Nick Davidson's term as Willows President

By John Mitchell (President 1994-2003)

Just as Nick Davidson's sure hands snared four catches in his first match at The Willows in 1995 we have had the benefit of those same safe hands as our Club President for the past five seasons. Nick has steered us through some challenging times and ensured a smooth transition after the void left by the passing of our Founder MED. It is timely to reflect on the achievements and the wisdom he has brought to the role since 2019.

Nick's stellar career in law is widely known. He is a King's Counsel, and had retired in December 2018 from the High Court bench and brought this skillset and those high standards to, and for the benefit of The Willows Club and Board.

After family and law, sport played a huge role in his life. Cricket has long been his summer sport of choice. Since days as an opening bowler for St Andrew's College 1st XI, Nick has enjoyed competitive play with a host of clubs both here and overseas. Time spent with the English club Tillside CC, located as far north as one can get before the Scottish border, resulted in a meeting with Sir Hugh Blackett of Matfen Hall.

Sir Hugh, mindful that his local cricket club was in serious jeopardy of folding, was keen to recruit a Kiwi player or two to boost the playing strength. Nick facilitated a link to Michael Dormer and so our Matfen partnership was born.

Many qualities of Nick, the man, have ensured the period of his presidency have been memorable. First his loyalty. Specifically his loyalty to Mike. Nick ensured a smooth transition after the death of MED. Totally dedicated to promises made to Mike at the end of his life to drive The Willows forward. He is also very professional to work with. Nick treats the position seriously and has kept abreast of all Club issues even whilst domiciled north of Auckland city. Nick admires punctuality, courtesy and hard work from within the Board, as well as being a stickler for good grammar and accuracy of data in all formal writing.

His commitment to youth has been undeniable and long-standing. Nick is a Trustee of 180 Degrees Trust which works with at risk youth, 13-18 year olds, in providing mentoring and outdoor experiences in the hope to turn their lives around. He has proactively supported The Willows to expand with youth cricket trips and coaching programmes, such as the Tamai Sports for "red zone" primary age youngsters to access sport. His time has seen improved gender representation and diversity with more females on the Board and more female members and matches. This past season we hosted a record



▲ President Nick Davidson (centre) oversees the toss between the captains Yovich and Benton in December.

six girl's cricket XIs – from Waimea to Wakatipu – plus a composite female match v Wellington schoolgirls. In 2023 Nick was instrumental, with the Board, in getting two school leavers (Maggie Martin and Nick Gibb) across to Arundel Castle CC and in reinstating Matfen Scholarships.

Other initiatives under Nick's leadership include: the Club Day on the final playing Sunday of the season, Golf Days at Christchurch Golf Club and through his background on NZC, NZRFU, ICC, SANZAR he has brought some important new contacts into the Club – people like Rebecca Rolls, Steve Hinds and Michael Heron KC.

It has been a huge pleasure to have Nick Davidson at the helm. In his safe hands we have prospered. We acknowledge the time and effort he has devoted to fulfil Mike's dream and to ensure that our little field of dreams at Loburn remains a jewel for all cricket lovers.

## Letter

Dear Editor,

My sincere personal thanks to Nick Davidson for his outstanding leadership of The Willows since 2019. Nick played and scored in the inaugural Willows game in 1994. He and Mike had great respect and admiration for each other working on various business and legal projects. No one could have been a better choice at the time, than Nick for his leadership of the Club. He followed from John Mitchell and Sir John Hansen who had both made magnificent contributions in varying ways to the esteem of The Willows.

My deep appreciation to Nick on a personal level for his support to the Club and particularly myself during this highly challenging transition phase without MED. Your empathy, support, kindness and thoughtfulness throughout the whole period has been sincerely valued. You leave The Willows with the structures required to forge ahead in the future and to continue on leading the way in providing opportunities for youth to flourish in cricket.

— *Winsome Dormer*

## Hawkswood rivalry turns 25

Our old friends from Cheviot have now been visiting Loburn for 25 years and are one of the few teams to have dominated The Willows (won 18, lost 8). With The Willows having won only twice in the past decade, the Hawkswood boys arrived this year with a specially made Runners Up trophy. The result? An inspired Willows run chase and the Runners Up trophy heading straight back to Cheviot.



## Record aggregate

When 15 year-old Harry O'Loughlin (Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI) created history with a phenomenal double-century on November 2023 it wasn't the only record created. A total of 630 runs (from 100 overs) scored in the day eclipsed the 619 runs scored in a masters game played 25 January 1998 against the MCC. The MCC on this occasion was the Millbrook Cricket Club (Arrowtown). Millbrook 309 v The Willows 310/2 with centuries by Phil Harris and Marcel McKenzie and for the southerners one by James Bennett. Our very own ex-NZ international Brian Hastings, "hired gun" for Millbrook chipped in with 55 runs. Memories that go back that far remember two things about the day: temperatures topped 35°C throughout and the word used to sum up the bowling from both sides – "tempting". Not so when Harry went ballistic.

# Don Neely legacy includes 'Lord's Silk'

Grateful thanks to Paddianne, Jason and Sean Neely who have gifted multiple cricket memorabilia items for the pavilion extension. Foremost of which was the framed original "Lord's Silk" presented to ML (Curly) Page for his Test century against England in 1931. This rare item has the match scorecard printed in blue on white silk and has assumed pride of place in the pavilion. Amongst the other raft of treasures from Don's personal collection are a wonderful watercolour of the Southern Recreation Ground, Dunedin in 1864 (now the Test venue at University Oval) and a framed photograph of the "Demon" Fred Spofforth (1853-1926). We thank the Neely family for these precious acquisitions – how MED and Don would have loved having them on display for cricket aficionados to enjoy.

On Sunday 3rd December we were blessed to have Paddianne, both sons and grandson Otis (Auckland Grammar) down to officially open the Don Neely Library – a very special moment for the Club. And two of them, Sean (a former Wellington secondary schools rep) and Otis both donned the whites and played for The Willows XI.



*A gift to Don Neely from  
M.L. (Curly) Page. Vice Captain NZ  
1931. Captain NZ 1937.  
His 'Lord's Silk' received his Test  
Century at Dunedin in 1931. A rare  
item and much treasured by  
many generations to be  
awarded here.  
Gifted to The Willows by Don Neely.*

*Curly Page is recorded as saying  
"the most memorable occasion of  
his cricketing career was the winning  
of the match of Don's Men in White  
at Ebenezer Racecourse, Auckland  
Jan 12, 1930. He was thrilled to be  
remembered after all these years."*



▲ The Don Neely Changing Room and Library.

# 30 years on and still going strong

During the season (our 30th) there were a number of members still able and fit enough to strut their stuff in the middle just as they did for Mike in that very first Willows season of 1994/95.

Heading the list are two men who are legends in the Club and both played in the first ever game v Christ's College in October 1994. Andrew Nuttall, our most-capped player and leading wicket-taker by a proverbial mile, made an immediate impact back then with figures of 4/16 in the second match v CBHS. In his first match back after a medical time-out in 2023 he took 3/31

against St Kevin's College 1st XI and in the process passed his 250th wicket for us. Alongside Nutts is the immensely popular specialist wicketkeeper Joe Bennett who somehow has also put the tribulation of increasing age behind him – although he admits he mightn't get as low in position as in the halcyon days, but he is still as excitable as ever when he snares that edge off the bat. And he doesn't drop many either.

Others who graced the oval this season who go back to the start include: Jason Pawson, Ryan Burson, Graeme Inglis and Sam Davis. Two others, Phil Harris and Wade Burrell, missed games through injury. Jason was back again to utilise the new ball (3/36 v St Bede's) and then scored a half century opening the batting in January.

# Nick Gibb's Arundel experience

*Nick enjoyed considerable success in his time in England playing club cricket for Middleton Cricket Club in the Sussex League and also in games for the Duke of Norfolk's XI, London NZCC and I Zingari. In all Nick compiled an impressive 790 runs (at 56) for Middleton, including two centuries and collected 27 wickets with his off-spin in the 2023 season. Here is a piece on how he settled at the start of his time.*

After I had settled into my residence near Bognor Regis I enjoyed a variety of work at the Arundel Castle Cricket ground both with the Club and the Foundation. This included working in the bar, helping with the grounds, and of course working with disadvantaged children. I learned a lot and have grown as a person through this work experience. With the Foundation we have had visually impaired children from a North London school, children with autism and special needs from Watford and others with behavioural issues from London. I have also taken a number of tours through Arundel Park and to Littlehampton beach which the kids and staff seem to enjoy.

As well as playing at the Middleton CC, where fellow Cantab Fraser Sheat was their "visiting Pro", I have done a few sessions with the club juniors, who range from 8 to 15 years. They are an enjoyable bunch who love their cricket. With the Arundel Castle Cricket Club I have had some great opportunities, like in June training with the Indian cricket team and then scoring 50 on debut for the Duke of Norfolk's XI in a fairly competitive fixture against the UK Services XI.

I had use of a manual hatchback, kindly loaned for the duration by a cricket teammate. However, as I had only previously driven automatic transmission vehicles, learning to drive a manual did prove slightly stressful. After numerous stalls and bunny hops I finally got the hang of it. Visits to the Oval in June for the World Test Championship final and a day at each of the Ashes Tests played at Lord's and Headingley (Leeds) rank right up there as trip highlights.

# Carrying the torch in the UK

With the return of scholarships in 2022/23 it was important and fitting that first Winsome Dormer, then son Ben and finally President Nick Davidson headed over to England during the last northern summer. Not only did they catch up with dear friends but they met key partners and saw first-hand grounds and facilities over there. In doing so, important ties were further fostered.

For instance, Winsome was able to visit Sir Hugh Blackett and Lady Anna at Halton Castle, Sir Rod Aldridge and Shona Nichols at the Brighton Academy, and then to take in a days cricket at both Arundel Castle and the second day of the Ashes Test at Lord's. She met people responsible for the exchanges from both the Sussex County and Arundel Castle Cricket Foundations. Winsome even made time to speak with cricket groundsmen, men like Lorenzo at the Trinity College cricket ground in Dublin and Eddie Scott at the Matfen CC. Indeed Eddie had visited The Willows with his son and he spoke so proudly and fondly of the long association between both clubs. He was also very complimentary about our last two lads over there.

**Creating an environment that encourages individuals of calibre to give back, not only on the field but more significantly in the administrative aspects around the game, is crucial.**

*— Joey Yovich, Regional Connector Sport Northland and ND cricketer 1996-2013*

# Young guns take out golf day

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The Willows Cricket Club was hosted by the Christchurch Golf Club for its annual golf day in April. A field of 88, many of whom were returning for their third year, enjoyed some pre-match hospitality, before getting down to the serious business of golf. We as a Club appreciate the support shown.

Conditions were perfect for golf, with no wind to speak of, and temperatures at a very comfortable level. Vaughan Fleming's four, as playing through champions, were very keen to repeat their success from last year, but it was not to be. It was The Willows Tourists, all now first-class cricketers – consisting of Ed Nuttall (captain), Rhys Mariu, Matt Boyle and Mitch Hay who showed their class, this time with the golf clubs, in taking out the honours for the day.

The Willows CC puts on this day to raise funds for its community coaching programme, and we greatly appreciate the support of the following golf day sponsors:

- The Oxford Group (Max Bremner) – Course Sponsorship and Post-Match celebrations
- Ryan McRae Builders – Hole Sponsorship
- CheckHome Canterbury (Tom Cunningham) – Hole Sponsorship
- ASB Bank – Hole Sponsorship
- Hazlett Rural Insurance – Hole Sponsorship

# CBHS claim Gillette Cup

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Huge congratulations to Christchurch Boys' High School who claimed the Gillette Cup following an exciting 14 run win over Westlake Boys' in December. This win continues the excellent results that Christchurch schools have achieved in the competition over recent years with CBHS

having won the most titles, with Christ's College and St Andrew's also recent winners.

Both CBHS and Westlake Boys' were unbeaten going into the final match so it was winner-take-all. CBHS batted first scoring 241/8. Westlake were in the hunt right until the last few overs but were bowled out 14 runs short in the second to last over. Alex Kirkland took three wickets including the final one thanks to an outstanding catch on the boundary by Harry O'Loughlin.

# 21 years between tons – and both for the losing team

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In March 2003 a young secondary school lad playing for North Canterbury Schools XI (combined Kaiapoi and Rangiora High Schools) by the name of Matthew Brine, as mentioned above, nearly single-handedly led his team to an historic first-ever win over The Willows. Set 267 to win, Matthew opened the batting and batted right through the innings until the penultimate ball. With his team score at 266 he had strike, with just two more required, but nicked off – his personal score at 123 runs. Last man out and so close. Willows captain James Shipley said Brine that day was simply “outstanding as he farmed the bowling and dominated proceedings”.

Advance to February 2024. The same Matthew Brine, this time for Hawkswood Wanderers, scored an equally as impressive century against The Willows. Our captain Michael Singleton lauded his “powerful striking” from ball one.

Matthew has been a stalwart of North Canterbury Cricket. Since leaving school he has been a prolific run-scorer for multiple clubs, initially Fernside-Ashgrove CC (now defunct), Southbrook CC, Kaiapoi CC and now the Hawks.

So, two entries on our honours board, 21 years apart, for two high quality innings – sadly both times when on the losing side. Isn't that just how this game pans out sometimes? Anyhow, well done Matthew.





## Injuries derail Over-35s' chances

By Chris Mugford

The Willows Over-35s travelled to Taupo in February to regain its lost title at the annual Kindred tournament hosted by the Seddon Cricket Club. This year's tournament expanded to 12 teams championing all things that make cricket enjoyable on and off the field. The format was T20 over two days.

In Pool B the first game was against the new Bay of Plenty team Kaimai. The wicket was sticky from overnight rain but after a cautious start The Willows gained momentum and peppered the boundary amassing 163/2. Jimad Khan scored a scintillating 91 supported by skipper Robert Dunne and Dan Vann. The total was too much and Kaimai were humbled for 72 with Paul Miller and Stan Woolliscroft getting 2 each. The only downside was we had two hamstrings and one calf blow, severely impacting the effectiveness of our 12 man squad.

The second match was against Clifton County Club from Hawke's Bay. The Willows scored 133/5 with Michael Davidson getting 54 and Dan Vann another 26\*. Clifton put pressure on with their running and with dropped catches and limited fielding resources The Willows suffered an upset with Clifton winning with two balls to spare.

The loss meant we went into the Trophy round the next day. Friday night was enjoyed thoroughly and we arrived early the next day to

meet Wellington Wanderers in the semi. Again batting first, The Willows scored 166/4 with Jimad Khan getting 71 and Blair Miller 55\*. The Wanderers without an injured Hamish Marshall couldn't match the pace and were all out for 85. Chris Mugford and Stan getting 2-fors.

The final game saw us play the Trophy final vs Greytown. Greytown toiled against tight bowling getting to 91. Stan Woolliscroft and Michael Davidson again foiled them with 2 wickets each of spin. Despite a slow start which saw The Willows at 47/4 after 11, Robert Dunne and Dan Vann with 30\* each saw the team to a consolation win.

The tournament was eventually won by Clifton County who beat Seddon in the final. Clifton are now holders of both the Kindred Cup and Chatfield Shield.



## Q&A with Haidee Tiffen

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*Haidee Tiffen MNZM is currently Deputy Principal at Rangiora High School, our nearest neighbouring school. As an all-rounder she played 117 ODIs for New Zealand between 1999 and 2009. She was then head coach of the national women's team from 2015 to 2019. We are delighted to have Haidee's input this year – we could not have got a more qualified, talented and experienced contributor.*

### Q1. Most memorable game?

The World Cup final in the year 2000 at Bert Sutcliffe Oval. We played Australia in the final in a very exciting close match. We won! We made 184 runs batting first. Australia was expected to reach the target however, they fell four runs short. It was such a special team and we all remain in touch and all treasure the special bond we made and what we achieved together.

### Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

I scored my maiden ODI hundred versus Pakistan in the 2009 World Cup held in Australia. Suzie Bates (168 runs) and I put on a partnership of 262. The team went on to post 373 for 7 in 50 overs and then bowl Pakistan out for 150 to record a win by 223 runs and qualify for the final against England.

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

My auntie, who has sadly passed away. She loved cricket and we used to go to NZ games together and watch them on TV when I was younger. She would drive me to Christchurch from Timaru each week for training and always encouraged me. Debbie Hockley, Katrina Keenan, Catherine



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Campbell and Emily Drumm were all White Ferns that I looked up to when I was starting my cricket journey as a teenager. All amazing people, amazing cricketers and I was fortunate enough to play for the White Ferns with them and win a World Cup together!

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

As my Dad would say “always give it your best shot!” It is important you are open to learning and growing and you want to be better. Work on your game and yourself. It is important to understand that cricket will bring highs and lows as does life and cricket is just a part of who you are. You are more than being a cricketer. Aim high, challenge yourself and have a group of people around you that support you.

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

We need to keep being inclusive of difference, be kind to one another and continue to understand that supporting and investing in grass roots cricket is where we get our future White Ferns and Black Caps from.

# Umpires and scorers enrich our game

The Willows is always the better for having umpires and scorers for every game. The person who coordinates this is Dave Stuthridge and to him we are hugely indebted. Howard Fowler is an able assistant in the appointment process but will be standing down next season after a number of years great service. Their job has got increasingly difficult with the proliferation of cricket offered, from girls/boys age group to Masters tournaments and the conflicting demands of modern living. We appreciate just how difficult it is in juggling people around to meet demand.

A feature of the 2023/24 season at The Willows has been the sheer number of officials we have welcomed over the summer: some thirty umpires and nine scorers. A number of promising new umpires, which included Deon Botha, Graeme Cutts, Darren Boyle, Arun Manickavasagam and Kaushik Padmanaban stood for the first time and we hope to see more of them in the future. Davern Lewis was here officiating with the I Zingari touring team from Australia, while others like Barry Townrow travelled from Westport for his match.

For every match Dave provided a pen-portrait on each official. For instance, that Kim Cotton is rated one of the top women's umpire in the world. She has stood in two Women's World Cup Finals – the One Day Final Melbourne and T20 Final in Christchurch as well as being the first woman ever to stand in a Men's T20 match. Another, Vibhuti Patel in her second year of umpiring has recently been added to Women's development panel in NZ and she did two games for us.

Experienced first-class umpires like Tim Parlane and Peter Williams have joined men like Brent Littmoden in his second season and others.



▲ Umpires Dallas McIlraith and Dave Stuthridge who stood in Waimea College match on Club Day in March.

Brent was the recipient of the Most Promising Trophy at last season's Canterbury cricket awards. Similarly, Life Member Matthew Hill was awarded the prestigious Fred Goodall Trophy for services to umpiring by the NZ Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association. And just as team selections try to reflect alumni links it is the same with umpire appointments. For example, Roger Wyeth, a former Deputy Head Boy of Otago Boys' High School, and cricket 1st XI and rugby 1st XV player in his time, stood for the annual OBHS fixture this season. Coincidentally, Roger umpired his first match at The Willows back in 2008. Dave Miller with six matches topped the umpires tally for us.

Similarly, to our loyal band of cricket scorers we convey our thanks. Your service to the game is appreciated and certainly when you are not available there is often variance in balancing the book when players step into the role. Tony Feely and Jim Henderson with three games each headed the list in 2023/24. During the season, it was a pleasure to meet Arun Manickavasagam through The Willows and again at Hagley Oval where he was an official scorer for the Australia v NZ Test in March 2024. Keeping the other book for the Test was Gail McGowan who scored at The Willows pre-Christmas.

It has been a busy season at The Willows, but one enriched by each and every one of you and the time and skill you bring to our game.

# 7 memorable moments from the past decade at The Willows



▲ Callum Curnow's 8/21 in 2016 stands supreme.

**By John Mitchell**

*The Willows – ‘the place where dreams come true’ – quote John Kinsella from 1989 movie Field of Dreams. Here are seven great moments to treasure; they come in no particular order:*

## 1. Premier batsman

King's High School (Dunedin) must have been sick of the sight of former CD and ND player Dave Kelly back in the day. Not only does Dave top all Club batting statistics, he has often blitzed the King's lads over the years. Two (in 2011 and 2017) of his six Willows centuries have been at their expense. And to round out his skill set he sits third on the best all-time bowling list (with 6/16) in 2012 again against the southerners. They must have dreaded seeing him rock up with blade at the ready.

## 2. First female century

Abby Fookes in her final year at Wakatipu High School achieved the feat in January 2024 against Waimea College 1st XI and so becoming the first schoolgirl to have her name on the Club honours board. Her century came in 76 balls with 16 fours and one six. Abby grew up playing cricket in boys teams but now the 17 year-old is a member of the Otago U19 women's team. Credit to her parents who drive her regularly to Dunedin for rep training and for the guidance of esteemed Queenstown coach Emma Campbell in her development.

## 3. Best bowling return ever

In over 700 games played at The Willows the performance by Callum Curnow in February 2016 stands supreme above all others with the ball. That day he took eight wickets against his old school, St Bede's College in a dazzling display. His full analysis that day was 10 overs, 2 maidens, 21 runs and 8 wickets. In a straight spell he zeroed in on the stumps, bowling his last five victims with blistering yorkers and thunderbolts. Two years later, in 2018, Callum returned a 5-for against the same opposition.

## 4. Wicketkeeper in the limelight

Over the years The Willows have been blessed with many quality glovemen. Men like Joe Bennett, Paul Rutledge, David Bond and Aaron Johnstone being among the finest exponents. Regretfully, our statistics over time on catches and stumpings are incomplete but in the 2023 match versus St Andrew's College we were treated to a snappy display of glove-work by Kelvin Scott. That day he effected six dismissals behind. Then the versatile Kelvin went out and scored a century to see us home.

## 5. Smashing the double century ceiling

Everyone in attendance in November 2023 will not forget the blazing 208\* scored by Harry O'Loughlin for CBHS against a strong Willows bowling attack – the first double century ever at The Willows. Missed on zero, Harry never put a

foot wrong thereafter and blazed his double century in 144 balls with 22 fours and six sixes. Harry was part of the victorious CBHS team that went on to win the national Gillette Cup and to star in the Canterbury U17 team which also won the national title in January 2024. In a crucial match v ND Harry scored big again with 126 runs (off 111 deliveries). So he is already carving his niche in the game.

## 6. Schoolboy prodigy delivers

No-one who watched Rachin Ravindra in his formative cricket years would be slightly surprised that he was destined to set alight the 2023 ODI World Cup in India. We had the privilege to see him at Loburn, first-hand, as a gifted 15 year old, in March 2015 when he scored an unbeaten century against The Willows. He

paced himself beautifully throughout an innings of 102 retired (11x 4's). Selected in Year 9 for the Hutt International Boys' School 1st XI this prodigious talent is fast becoming the next star of the modern game.

## 7. Wizard with the ball

When Andrew Nuttall dismissed Campbell Fowler (St Kevin's College, Oamaru) it was his 250th wicket for The Willows – the next highest wicket-taker in the Club sits well in his wake with 93 wickets. The match played in November 2023 was the first one back for Andrew after a medical clearance post-heart surgery and testament to his fitness and skill. As fellow Masters tourist Brent Fleming said “his heart may have skipped a beat, but his bowling hasn't”. Not bad for a 66 year-old with no stopping in sight. 300th next?



## A shot from the past

This classic photograph was taken on 21 February 1986. Sir Richard Hadlee successfully appeals for leg-before-wicket and Allan Border is dismissed on the first day of New Zealand's Test against Australia at the Basin Reserve. The match was drawn but New Zealand won the series 1–0. Sir Richard was then at the height of his powers and confirming his status as New Zealand's greatest bowler of all time. When he finished his career he had captured a total of 431 Test wickets, which at the time was the world record. The umpire on this occasion was the late Fred Goodall, a man who carried himself with a military bearing in the middle and on this particular occasion was noted for holding his out signal pose for some time.

# Past Highlights

Captain Hamish Wright saved from the gallows by a last over wide. One from the annals versus Christ's College 1st XI played on 13th January 2019.

A stunning day started with an insertion by the aforesaid captain. College to bat first. They rattled on a useful innings total with their best player Lachie Harper scoring a fine half century. Doing the damage for The Willows with the ball were Hugo Davison (with a 4-for) and the parsimonious Richard McGuire.

The Willows chase began with a flurry. Ben Dickie smashed 30 off 17 balls and almost everyone else chipped in. However, at the back end we still required to go at around eight an over. Up stepped Tim McConnell who in typical fashion brought us home at better than run a ball.

The match came down to the final over. The match tied and College bowled a wide. We had snuck home by two balls! Another Willows triumph but only after a finish which had skipper Wright sweating.



▲ The Willows survive a tense moment in the chase.

## Christ's College 1st XI

T Beale	c Macfarlane b McGuire	26
G Anderson	c Dickie b Davison	7
TE McClean	lbw McGuire	30
N Lidstone	c S McGuire b Ambler	1
C Manson	c & b de Maine	28
L Harper	b Davison	56
T Graham	not out	16
W Greenslade	c — b Davison	7
T MacFarlane	c Macfarlane b Davison	3
O Rees	not out	8
W Prentice		

Extras (15b, 3lb, 25w) 43

**Total (8 wickets, 50 overs) 225**

	O	M	R	W
A Hastilow	5	0	26	0
H Davison	9	1	29	4
R McGuire	7	1	14	2
K Ambler	6	1	24	1
W Macfarlane	10	3	31	0
N de Maine	9	1	44	1
H Wright	4	0	20	0

## The Willows

BJ Dickie	c Beale b Greenslade	30
SP McGuire	c Harper b Averill	31
J Dobson	s Beale b Graham	41
W Macfarlane	b McClean	5
J Murray	c Greenslade b Gunn	13
KR Ambler	c MacFarlane b Gunn	30
N de Maine	b Greenslade	11
AJ Hastilow	c Rees b Gunn	2
TP McConnell	not out	30
H Davison	c Prentice b Greenslade	13
RD McGuire	not out	2

Extras (3b, 5lb, 7w, 4nb) 19

**Total (9 wickets, 49.4 overs) 226**

	O	M	R	W
W Prentice	3	0	27	0
W Greenslade	9.4	3	36	3
T MacFarlane	3	0	24	0
S Averill	5	3	6	1
T McClean	8	1	35	1
L Harper	7	1	37	0
L Gunn	8	2	19	3
T Graham	5	0	33	1

**Umpires:** J Rose and M Dexter    **Scorer:** J Henderson    **Result:** The Willows won by 1 wicket

# Our Matfen chapter – farewell for now

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After the challenges of a global pandemic and then the sale of Matfen Hall in 2020, the sad news came through that the Matfen scholarship cannot continue beyond 2023. The link established at Matfen over 20 years ago between Sir Hugh Blackett and Mike Dormer has been a huge success and indeed a jewel in The Willows' crown.

Sir Hugh wrote to the Club prior to the season to explain the rationale behind the decision. He could not have done any more to change the outcome. Embedded are the memories of those wonderful 36 young Kiwis whose lives the Blacketts have enriched. For each their Matfen experience has been life changing. Here, is a précis of Sir Hugh's communication:

"I write today with rather a heavy heart as with huge regret we have concluded that The Willows scholarship can't continue for 2024. It really comes down to accommodation and employment. Before I sold the hotel, we had 4 staff houses in the village and one in particular was reserved for seasonal staff including the Kiwi boys. This worked really well as they had a five minute walk to the hotel and a five minute walk to the cricket ground. There was plenty of work for them and plenty of cricket.

Unfortunately, the new hotel ownership has not been able to provide the employment as in the past; so Archie and Angus have found work in a local pub in the neighbouring village.

Accommodation this time has been through the generosity of Eddie Scott (whose son Tom came to NZ a few years ago) but this is not viable looking forward. Efforts to find an alternative for 2024 scholars have proved almost impossible in the area and also might have involved having to provide them with a car. This would have presented further difficulties with insurance as it is so expensive for young drivers.

It is really disappointing that this has come about but hopefully we can keep the door slightly ajar in case circumstances change. The positives of The Willows connection for Matfen have been immense over the last 20 years. We now have a thriving club with girls' teams, boys' teams and two senior teams. My very brief conversation all those years ago with Mike proved incredibly rewarding and has given great life experience to the boys in question as well as a huge boost for our club. Matfen CC was very close to folding 20 years ago and I am so grateful for all the help and support we have had from The Willows".

Sir Hugh concludes by thanking Mike Peacock, James O'Gorman and Callum Curnow for their work in finding the 2023 candidates and in re-establishing the scholarship post-Covid.

It is fitting that we express our sincere thanks to Sir Hugh and Lady Anna for the wonderful contribution they have made to The Willows over a very long period.



## In Memoriam

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We deeply regret to record the death of the following members during the past year. The year in brackets denotes entry to the Club.

**D.W. (Dave) Biddick** / 1947-2023  
Member (2007), Obit p62

**R.C. (Richard) Bromley** / 1946-2024  
Founding Member (1994), Obit p62

**A.F. (Andrew) Davidson**, ONZM / 1944-2024  
Member (1994), Obit p63

**Br W.H. (Bill) Dowling** / 1939-2024  
Member (1994)

**M.J. (Merrill) Fernando** / 1930-2023  
Honorary Member (2009), Obit p64

**B.A. (Brian) McCrorie** / 1942-2023  
Member (2022)

**R.W. (Bob) Wake** / 1942-2024  
Honorary Member (2000)

**A.G.C. (Charles) Wiffen** / 1949-2023  
Member (1997), Obit p63



## Dave Biddick

1947-2023

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David was Sports Co-ordinator at Riccarton High School for 18 years and coached and managed cricket for 25 years. He ran the administration of sport with dedication, finesse and firm set of principles. If a job was worth doing, it was worth doing well. He always worked beyond the hours he was paid for because the job had to be done and it had to be done properly.

Saturdays saw him with his broad brimmed hat on checking that all the teams were being looked after as the easterly ruffled the temperature. At the end of the season he would repair the pitches – heavy rollers hired, scarifiers, top soil, seeding. All aspects of cricket were a labour of love for him, including producing event programmes which allowed the players to see their names in lights and also meant parents felt secure with the information they needed.

A sports co-ordinator has many rather thankless tasks but David dealt with them with aplomb – finding billets, organising after-match functions, issuing and collecting uniforms, booking transport and tapping into various trusts for money for new sets of uniforms.

David died on 30 November and we farewell an absolute gentleman. Someone who gave so much but did not ask for anything in return.

– *Tribute by Phil Holstein, former Principal of both Riccarton and Burnside High Schools*



## Richard Bromley

1946-2024, Founding Member

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Richard died in Christchurch in July 2024 and will be much missed and fondly remembered by a generation of Christ's College cricketers, and cricketing friends around the world.

He was a talented left-handed batsman who played for the Christ's College 1st XI and later as a wicketkeeper for Cambridge University before returning to New Zealand to begin a long teaching career at Christ's. Here, as a popular Deputy Head and Acting Headmaster, he was a positive influence on many young lives, often bringing a light touch to a difficult job.

He was in charge of a successful 1st XI for many years, along the way clocking up thousands of miles jogging around the boundary in between short, sharp pep talks ("you won't be scoring many runs back in the hutch, now play straight!"). He had little hesitation in selecting younger players and throwing them in at the deep end to test their talent. Among these was 15 year-old Ben Dormer and it was on the team's Australian tour in 1993 that seeds were sown for what would become The Willows Cricket Club the following year, with Richard a founding member.

Richard and his wife Jill travelled extensively after retirement, often linking up with cricketing friends in faraway places. He was a genial and intelligent presence who gave a huge amount of his time to young people, very much embodying the spirit of the Club.





**Andrew Davidson, ONZM**  
1944–2024

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Andrew loved his cricket. On game day he did everything from batting, bowling, scoring and even the speeches. With wonderful handwriting he wrote the batting list in the scorebook for every match. He liked to attend the toss before a game. If captain, he would say on winning the toss, “we will bat – *long pause* – after you” which brought much laughter and delight.

His sense of humour always shone through. He was fond of tours to Central Otago where he was once given explicit instructions by the hostess not to hit the ball into the blackberry bushes as there was a rottweiler in there. Andrew proceeded to hit four 6s into the bush. After another tour, John’s wife Diana asked him how far it was from Oturehua to Ranfurly. He said, “Two beers, a bottle of whiskey and a bottle of rum”.

His long association with Canterbury Country Cricket and allied clubs was extensive. Andrew started with Swannanoa and also played for Flaxton, Hawkswood, Valley of Peace, Honest Trundlers and of course The Willows.

In business as the MD of McAlpines he was outstanding. Under his direction the company sponsored the Rangiora Pipe Band for more than 60 years, and the CCCA and clubs previously mentioned. Andrew’s good humour, drive to assist others and his love of his family and sport will be fondly remembered.

– *Tribute by John Gardner*



**Charles Wiffen**  
1949–2023

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Last winter we were saddened by the death, after a long illness, of Charles, a long-standing friend and supporter of the Club. Whether in farming, wine-making, conservation, community service or with family Charles lived life to the full and certainly enhanced the lives of those around him.

His love of cricket extended back to his boyhood backyard days in Edgware, Christchurch. Then, after 30 years playing for the Cheviot seniors and being a foundation member of the Hawkswood Club, Charles thrived in the administrative side of the game. Not only becoming a life member of those clubs but from 2017, until his death, he was President of the Canterbury Country Cricket Association where his input was immense.

Charles was the consummate front man at events. Over the years he ensured we were most generously supplied with Charles Wiffen Wine for big occasions and for post-match in the pavilion. Indeed, his final project in life was to initiate fund-raising for a new pavilion at his beloved Cheviot ground. Fittingly, the 600 attendees at his funeral service were invited to make donations for this cause in memory of Charles. Our deepest condolences extend to Sandi, her family and to all his many friends in cricket and farming.



## Merrill J Fernando

### 1930–2023, Honorary Member

■ *Tribute by Winsome Dormer and from Dilmah Tea news releases*

Tea has always had a special significance with our Dormer family. Mike's Dad, Ormond Edmund "Ormy" Dormer was a tea taster and trader – he learned his skills with the Bell Tea company in Dunedin. We have his scales and tasting cups to this day.

When Mike had the pleasure of meeting Merrill he had such delight in showing Merrill his father's buying manuals showing purchases from the Ceylon Tea Trading Company; and even discovered Merrill's name on some of the documents. And so a wonderful friendship developed between Mike and Merrill. Both men visited each other in Sri Lanka and New Zealand. Merrill, with family and friends, visited The Willows on many occasions and with him he brought the Dilmah tea and cups which add a very special dimension to the hospitality offered at the Club. Merrill also visited our office of Independent Provedoring in Lyttelton. He sat with us and shared his passion for working

together and subsequently Dilmah tea is the tea of choice for our customers too.

The legacy of Merrill is huge. In 1988 he launched Dilmah as a "genuinely ethical, sustainable, farmer owned" brand. As well as a world famous tea brand Merrill founded the MJF Charitable Foundation in 2022. The aim of the Foundation was to support youth, first-time entrepreneurs, community organisations, incarcerated people and war widows in Sri Lanka. 15% of pre-tax profits from Dilmah fund this work. In 2019 Merrill received an honorary doctorate from Massey University, an acknowledgement of his life-long commitment to ethical business.

His relationship with The Willows Cricket Club has been equally treasured. Merrill and his sons Dilhan and Malik have helped provide financial and logistical support for nine Willows Youth Tours to Sri Lanka and the sub-continent, as well direct support to Alexander Reese and the formulation of the Cricket Live Foundation (CLF) in 2014. The aim of which is to offer "life through cricket" and in 2024 alone will enrich the lives of over 1620 girls and boys in Sri Lanka. This year CLF celebrates its 10th anniversary and over that period 17 Willows coach educators have had direct input into the programme established by Sanjewa Silva and his team over there.

Another great initiative which stemmed from the Fernando and Dormer families came in the final years of both men. In 2021 the Mike Dormer Annual Awards were created in Sri Lanka as a tribute to Mike's dedication to developing youth, especially those requiring a helping hand in life. The recipients (two girls, two boys) each receive: a financial contribution to their savings account; educational materials including "dry rations for nutrition"; and cricket equipment. In March each year the winners are presented. And as Dilhan says "I have no doubt that Mike and my father will be watching from Heaven, while sipping on some fine tea and appreciating the opportunity that these young boys and girls will receive as a result of their efforts".

Merrill was a kind and humble man with a gentle encouraging manner. Thank you Merrill – you succeeded in making the world a better place.

# Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	<b>M</b>	<b>Inn</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>5W</b>
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.	11	11	2	603	67.0	1	15	1	72	2	36.0	-
Bennett, J.	55	32	13	331	17.4	-	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.	20	20	2	586	32.6	-	34	3	147	4	36.8	-
Campbell, M	9	8	5	89	29.7	-	61	10	235	23	10.2	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.	18	18	4	561	40.1	-	239	23	603	31	19.5	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	-
Cowley, S.C.	15	14	2	258	21.5	-	98	10	367	31	11.8	2
Curnow, C.C.	19	14	4	184	18.4	-	102	9	440	31	14.2	2
Cusack, D.R.	46	41	7	1244	36.6	1	10	1	45	1	45.0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	44	44	5	1113	28.5	-	9	1	40	1	40.0	-
Davis, S.J.	56	43	15	409	14.6	-	332	51	1237	74	16.7	2
Davison, H.	17	14	2	213	17.8	-	98	5	422	24	17.6	-
Day, H.W.	11	11	1	199	19.9	-	68	8	279	20	14.0	1
De Maine, N.	20	17	7	321	32.1	-	67	4	239	15	15.9	-
Devlin, P.C.	25	25	6	621	32.7	1	32	3	140	7	20.0	-
Dickson, G.J.	32	30	9	522	24.9	-	111	2	475	20	23.8	-
Doody, B.J.K.	37	37	4	1059	32.1	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.	27	23	2	456	21.7	-	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.	24	24	9	826	55.1	-	92	12	348	15	23.2	-
Eddington, W.L.	12	8	1	148	21.1	-	96	13	366	21	17.4	2
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-Burnside)	17	17	5	518	43.2	-	88	11	332	19	17.5	-
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.	21	21	5	620	38.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	9	0	362	40.2	-	34	2	163	3	54.3	-
Garry, J. (John)	15	15	1	519	37.1	-	37	0	188	8	23.5	-
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.	21	9	5	53	13.3	-	147	5	514	22	23.4	-
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	21	21	1	704	35.2	1	16	2	60	6	10.0	-

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Hantz, J.L.	14	14	0	354	25.3	-	19	1	88	7	12.6	-
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.	50	42	7	1192	34.1	1	252	26	1040	56	18.6	1
Hastings, M.B.	33	28	4	242	10.1	-	278	44	1100	57	19.3	-
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	-
Hiini, B.C.	12	12	2	295	29.5	-	75	16	249	15	16.6	-
Hill, F.	12	12	2	385	38.5	1	60	9	283	15	18.9	-
Hudson, M.G.	18	18	2	369	23.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	77	69	11	1423	24.5	1	207	25	861	38	22.7	-
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.	51	49	21	2179	77.8	7	189	22	624	50	12.5	2
Kelly, M.J.	23	22	2	426	21.3	-	27	1	135	6	22.5	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.	16	16	0	139	8.7	-	136	30	408	23	17.7	1
Marsh, N.E.	24	15	12	57	19.0	-	140	27	463	30	15.4	-
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.	39	37	2	447	12.8	-	71	1	362	18	20.1	-
McCarthy, P.B.	19	19	2	670	39.4	1	49	5	196	11	17.8	-
McConnell, T.P.	78	77	9	1756	25.8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	71	65	7	1458	25.1	2	293	27	1261	60	21.0	-
McEwan, R.P.	51	38	9	209	7.2	-	196	19	857	26	33.0	-
McFedries, A.G.	59	54	10	1085	24.7	-	382	40	1595	54	29.5	1
McGuire, R.D.	70	50	24	754	29.0	-	449	42	1785	93	19.2	2
McMillan, D.H.A.	15	12	4	211	26.4	-	126	30	419	22	19.0	-
McRae, A.R.	39	30	7	728	31.7	-	85	9	343	12	28.6	-
Miller, G.A.	27	27	5	566	25.7	1	1	0	14	1	14.0	-
Miller, P.	39	37	2	943	26.9	1	136	11	555	32	17.3	-
Mitchell, W.J.	29	25	3	439	20.0	-	50	8	156	9	17.3	-
Mohammedy, N.	24	14	4	84	8.4	-	131	17	527	19	27.7	-
Mugford, C.	34	32	5	971	36.0	1	135	15	553	27	20.5	-
Murray, F.D.J.	16	16	0	329	20.6	-	8	0	45	1	45.0	-
Mušič, T.	29	24	2	423	19.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nathu, A.	20	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.	144	89	41	1090	22.7	-	1079	250	3067	257	11.9	4
O'Connell, C.P.	14	14	5	210	23.3	-	86	7	383	21	18.2	-
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	14	13	3	385	38.5	2	58	0	249	6	41.5	-
Paltridge, M.	13	13	3	331	33.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parr, M.J.	31	28	4	463	19.3	-	236	36	866	44	19.7	-
Patel, M.	15	13	2	447	40.6	1	83	15	300	14	21.4	-

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Pawson, J.D.	31	28	6	678	30.8	1	208	35	631	35	18.0	-
Peacock, M.D.	29	26	7	508	26.7	-	256	64	760	53	14.3	3
Reed, G.I.	28	27	6	372	17.7	-	12	0	59	3	19.7	-
Reese, A.	21	20	5	210	14.0	-	174	11	673	27	24.9	1
Reid, M.	17	17	1	407	25.4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	26	25	4	583	27.8	-	69	10	289	9	32.1	-
Robertson, I.A.	12	11	3	498	62.3	2	91	17	273	8	34.1	-
Rutledge, 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.	37	33	4	1180	40.7	3	139	16	584	23	25.4	1
Singh, A.	10	9	3	133	22.2	-	70	14	276	22	12.5	1
Singleton, M.J.	40	35	3	790	24.7	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Stewart, G.J.	39	30	6	413	17.2	-	217	30	756	55	13.7	2
Stretch, G.B.	10	9	3	476	79.3	2	47	1	229	11	20.8	-
Tapper, J.H.	25	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.	28	22	3	513	27.0	1	92	9	412	17	24.2	-
Vedder, D.W.	15	13	5	25	3.1	-	95	12	374	17	22.0	-
Wakefield, D.J.	23	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.	50	39	5	583	17.1	-	46	1	272	10	27.2	-
Wilson, R.T.	33	33	9	539	22.5	1	125	7	622	21	29.6	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	58	26	12	62	4.4	-	342	38	1461	54	27.1	-
Woollicroft, S.P.	47	12	2	14	1.4	-	283	34	990	52	19.0	1
Wright, H.G.	37	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 players head for a well earned post-match drink after The Willows v Development XI match on 3rd December 2023.

# 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	-	-
2021/22	20	15	5	-	-
2022/23	21	14	5	-	2
2023/24	28	18	8	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>

## Aggregate Innings Totals

(For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Avg Total	Wkts	Avg/Wkt
1994/95	13	2,702	207	105	25.7
1995/96	15	2,930	195	100	29.3
1996/97	16	3,007	187	106	28.3
1997/98	19	4,306	226	128	33.6
1998/99	17	3,584	210	134	26.7
1999/00	18	3,128	173	145	21.5
2000/01	22	5,149	234	162	31.8
2001/02	21	4,053	193	152	26.7
2002/03	21	4,304	204	134	32.1
2003/04	22	4,757	216	170	28.0
2004/05	22	4,525	206	162	27.9
2005/06	26	5,506	211	210	26.2
2006/07	25	4,410	176	210	21.0
2007/08	28	6,218	222	207	30.0
2008/09	25	5,688	228	180	31.6
2009/10	26	5,654	217	208	27.1
2010/11	24	5,309	221	176	30.1
2011/12	26	5,133	197	208	24.6
2012/13	26	5,780	222	196	29.5
2013/14	26	5,090	195	194	26.2
2014/15	26	5,654	217	197	28.7
2015/16	26	5,040	194	214	23.5
2016/17	24	4,238	176	166	25.5
2017/18	24	4,652	193	197	23.6
2018/19	20	3,578	178	160	22.3
2019/20	23	4,494	195	156	28.8
2020/21	24	4,998	208	184	27.1
2021/22	20	3,862	193	164	23.5
2022/23	21	4,480	213	150	29.8
2023/24	24	5,905	246	185	31.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>138,134</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>27.2</b>

# Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Amblor	100	v Shirley BHS	27.02.05	P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06	G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru BHS	03.02.08	P.Miller	101	v Marlborough Boys'	24.03.19
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	21.02.99	<b>C.B.Mugford</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>v I Zingari</b>	<b>27.01.23</b>
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01	M.Newton-Vesty	102	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03	C.Neyens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
T.J.Bruce	100	v St Thomas of C'bury	04.12.22	S.N.Noster	102	v Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12	S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch BHS	12.09.08
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96	S.N.Noster	101	v Southland BHS	20.02.11
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swampheens	28.01.96	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01	B.R.Orton	102	v Otago BHS	29.10.06
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	05.03.00	B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College	24.01.07	B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08	M.Patel	103	v Timaru BHS	07.02.10
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside HS	30.11.03	J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	11.03.01	M.Reid	100	v King's High School	10.12.17
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
<b>L.T.Direen</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>v St Kevin's College</b>	<b>19.11.23</b>	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	P.Russell	101	v Southland BHS	07.02.21
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	K.B.Scott	100	v St Thomas of C'bury	03.11.19
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	K.B.Scott	100	v Marlborough Boys'	06.12.20
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	K.B.Scott	103	v St Andrew's College	19.02.23
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys'	13.10.14
B.Entwistle	100	v Shirley BHS	21.02.21	<b>G.B.Stretch</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>v Marlborough Boys'</b>	<b>26.11.23</b>
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	M.G.Stretch	103	v Marlborough Boys'	05.12.21
<b>B.D.Fleming</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>v Wellington Wanderers</b>	<b>10.11.23</b>	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury HM's XI	20.03.05	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury HM's XI	16.03.97
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Sec Schools	25.11.07	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
<b>N.C.Gibb</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>v Christ's College</b>	<b>17.12.23</b>	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	D.B.Vann	102	v Northwest Schools XI	30.11.14
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	W.P.J.Walsh	100	v Northwest Schools XI	05.12.10
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	B.R.Ward	104	v Christchurch BHS	19.11.17
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley BHS	18.03.12
A.J.Hastilow	101	v Waimea College	26.03.23	O.C.Wilson	100	v St Andrew's College	14.02.21
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	R.T.Wilson	101	v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
C.Hill	101	v St Bede's College	20.01.19	M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
F.Hill	100	v Shirley BHS	15.03.15	M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
<b>M.L.Hocquard</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>v Peninsula Craz</b>	<b>21.03.24</b>	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				
<b>A.P.Knight</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI</b>	<b>29.10.23</b>				
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				

## 1,000 runs

### Season achieved

2004/05	P.D.Harris
2005/06	D.W.Bond
2005/06	D.R.Cusack
2006/07	P.E.McEwan
2008/09	G.D.Inglis
2015/16	D.P.Kelly
2016/17	B.J.K.Doody
2016/17	T.P.McConnell
2020/21	A.J.Nuttall
2021/22	J.A.F.Davidson
2021/22	A.G.McFedries
2022/23	A.J.Hastilow
<b>2023/24</b>	<b>K.B.Scott</b>

## 2,000 runs

### Season achieved

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

## 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
3	K.B.Scott

# Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

C.K.Curnow	8-21	v St Bede's College	08.02.16	R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10	F.M.Fairbairn	5-32	v North Canty Sec Schools	13.03.22
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12	I.Huston	5-33	v Whanganui Collegiate	26.10.97
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Whanganui Collegiate	21.10.07	M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02	M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Otago BHS	20.10.19
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	M.Campbell	5-35	v King's High School	11.10.20
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11	D.H.A.McMillan	5-36	v Hawkwood Wanderers	16.12.01
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02	A.J.Nuttall	5-36	v Wellington College	23.10.22
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12	P.E.McEwan	5-37	v Christchurch BHS	06.12.98
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14	T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
W.B.Bretherton	6-36	v Otago BHS	16.10.22	D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12	C.K.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18
A.J.Nuttall	6-45	v Christchurch BHS	14.11.21	A.J.Hastilow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17	J.Ward	5-43	v Ohoka Swampens	18.01.98
<b>C.Higgs</b>	<b>6-49</b>	<b>v St Andrew's College</b>	<b>18.02.24</b>	B.J.K.Doody	5-46	v Mobil Oil XI	16.11.97
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02	S.C.Cowley	5-46	v Riccarton High School	15.01.23
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04	W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru BHS	25.01.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98	M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley BHS	05.03.06	M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	09.02.05	<b>200 wickets</b>			
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	10.03.10	<b>Season achieved</b>			
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Northwest Schools XI	04.12.11	2017/18	A.J.Nuttall		
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99	<b>100 wickets</b>			
A.Singh	5-13	v Waitaki BHS	04.03.18	2005/06	A.J.Nuttall		
S.P.Wooliscroft	5-14	v Riccarton High School	16.01.22	<b>Most 5-wicket bags</b>			
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Sec Schools	23.11.03	4	A.J.Nuttall	2	C.K.Curnow
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru BHS	08.02.09	3	M.D.Peacock	2	G.J.Stewart
F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru BHS	01.02.15	2	W.A.Cornelius	2	S.J.Davis
A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04	2	W.L.Eddington	2	R.D.McGuire
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Country Sec Schools	11.03.07	2	J.H.Tapper	2	S.C.Cowley
A.J.Macgregor	5-18	v Gore High School	28.09.14	2	D.P.Kelly		
N.Wingham	5-18	v Emu CC (Australia)	15.01.16	<b>Highest Team Scores (50 overs)</b>			
C.J.Bellis	5-18	v Waimea College	26.11.17	<b>For</b>	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95		356/3	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
A.D.D.Reese	5-19	v Whanganui Collegiate	23.10.11		354/6	v Combined Country Schools XI	02.03.14
S.J.Davis	5-20	v London NZCC	03.12.17	<b>Against</b>	324/4	by Clarrie Anderson's XI	04.11.13
S.J.Davis	5-20	v Hawkwood Wanderers	15.12.19		317/7	by Christchurch Boys' High School	12.11.23
J.H.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08		312/9	by Christ's College	17.12.23
S.C.Cowley	5-21	v Northwest Schools	13.11.22	<b>Lowest Team Scores</b>			
S.Clarke	5-22	v Country Sec Schools	07.03.21	<b>For</b>	54	v Otago Boys' High School	01.11.09
J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of C'bury	02.02.11		62	v Sri Lanka Under-21	14.11.09
W.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11		63	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
T.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14	<b>Against</b>	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
R.D.McGuire	5-23	v Christ's College	12.01.20		46	by St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
T.G.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07		51	by Christ's College	14.10.01
M.D.Peacock	5-25	v Whanganui 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				
K.B.Scott	5-27	v St Thomas of C'bury	31.10.21				
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				



## 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 Country Schools XI
1999/00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkswood Wanderers
2000/01	A.F.Johnstone	93*	v The Willows
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 BHS
2005/06	C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v Whanganui Collegiate
2006/07	S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College
2007/08	S.N.Noster	102	v Country Schools XI
2008/09	T.W.M.Latham	76	v Burnside HS
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 BHS
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 BHS
2018/19	A.Redfern	115*	v The Willows
2019/20	L.Andrews	110	v The Willows
2020/21	B.Entwistle	100	v Shirley BHS
2021/22	H.W.M.Witt	6-8	v The Willows
2022/23	W.B.Bretherton	6-36	v Otago BHS
<b>2023/24</b>	<b>H.O'Loughlin</b>	<b>208*</b>	<b>v The Willows</b>

## '49ers Cup

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

1998/99	North Canterbury Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Whanganui 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
2021/22	Timaru Boys' High School
2022/23	Wellington College
<b>2023/24</b>	<b>Christ's College</b>

## Winsome Dormer Cup

Awarded each year for Best Performance by a female Willower.

<b>2023/24</b>	<b>A.J.Fookes</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>for Wakatipu HS v Waimea HS</b>
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## Most Capped Players

Minimum 50 matches.

144	A.J.Nuttall
87	P.D.Harris
81	P.D.Rutledge
78	T.P.McConnell
77	G.D.Inglis
71	P.E.McEwan
70	R.D.McGuire
59	A.G.McFedries
58	J.R.K.Wolt
56	S.J.Davis
55	J.Bennett
51	D.P.Kelly
<b>51</b>	<b>R.P.McEwan</b>
50	J.M.Wilson
<b>50</b>	<b>A.J.Hastilow</b>

## Visitor Honours 2023/24

H.O'Loughlin	208*	for Christchurch BHS
D.A.Anderson	102*	for United Country & Vineyard CC
A.J.Fookes	101	for Wakatipu HS
P.Booth	103*	for I Zingari Australia
B.van der Merwe	102	for I Zingari Australia
M.Brine	101*	for Hawkswood Wanderers
C.G.Rees	100*	for Wellington Wanderers Youth XI
N.McLeod	5-35	for Nelson College
C.J.Mulcock	6-52	for Hawkswood Wanderers

# Results

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

## Home Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	23/24
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	25	20	5	-	-	L
Christchurch BHS	26	13	11	-	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	28	8	18	-	2	W
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong CC	2	1	1	-	-	-
Hutt International School	2	1	1	-	-	L
I Zingari Australia	5	4	1	-	-	L
King's College	3	2	1	-	-	-
King's High School	18	11	6	-	1	W
Kristin School	1	1	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	24	13	9	-	2	-
Marlborough Boys' College	21	16	3	-	2	W
Marylebone CC (UK)	1	-	-	1	-	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	10	5	5	-	-	-
Mid Canterbury Schools XI	17	13	3	-	1	W
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	21	15	6	-	-	L
North Canty Schools XI	24	22	-	-	2	W
Northwest Schools XI	19	15	3	-	1	W
NSW Veterans XI	1	1	-	-	-	-

	P	W	L	T	NR	23/24
NZ Police XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Ohoka Swampens	6	4	2	-	-	-
Old Tablelands XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Otago BHS	22	10	12	-	-	W
Peninsula Craz	27	15	11	-	1	W
Primary Club (Aust)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Riccarton High School	1	1	-	-	-	W
Sacred Heart College	3	2	1	-	-	-
Seddon CC	1	-	1	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	21	21	-	-	-	W
South Canterbury XI	7	6	1	-	-	-
Southland BHS	16	9	7	-	-	-
Southwest Schools XI	9	8	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI (SL)	1	-	1	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	28	21	7	-	-	W
St Bede's College	27	19	7	-	1	W
St Kevin's College	4	2	2	-	-	W
St Thomas of C'bury College	19	12	6	-	1	L
Suburban XI/Metro XI	18	6	12	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	1	1	-	-	-	-
The Forty Club (UK)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Timaru BHS	22	17	5	-	-	L
Umpires XI	4	3	1	-	-	-
United Country & Vineyard	1	1	-	-	-	W
Waimea College	10	9	1	-	-	W
Waitaki BHS	18	13	4	-	1	-
Wellington College	14	6	8	-	-	-
Wellington President's XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	4	1	2	-	1	W
Whanganui Collegiate	13	10	3	-	-	-
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	3	-	3	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	9	7	2	-	-	-

## Away Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	23/24
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	-	-	-	-
Seddon CC (Hamilton)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	2	1	1	-	-	-

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