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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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W.A. Hadlee, *CBE, OBE* (1915–2006)

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Membership

The members roll at the end of the 2024/25 season stood as follows:

Members	510
Life Members	12
Honorary Members	73
Total Membership	595

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

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● 03 Abbott, Mr R.E.	● 21 Breitmeyer, Mr B.J.	04 Cosgrove, Hon C.J.
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94 Baker, Mr C.K.	● 24 Brotherton, Mr B.	17 Cushen, Mr S.
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94 Bateman, Mr S.N.	94 Bull, Mr J.C.	● 23 Darling, Mr J.A.D.
05 Bayliss, Mr R.T.	● 18 Bungard, Mr R.	98 d'Auvergne, Mr P.G.
● 17 Bayliss-Smith, Mr L.	● 15 Burley, Mr D.	● 98 Davidson, Mr J.A.F.
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● 94 Bennett, Mr J.	● 00 Burrows, Mr D.L.	● 16 Davison, Mr H.
● 13 Benton, Mr J.A.T.	99 Calder, Mr B.L.	● 13 Day, Mr H.W.
● 20 Bettridge, Mr R.P.	95 Campbell, Mr A.I.	● 22 de Silva, Mr S.
● 94 Bisman, Mr J.C.	04 Carter, Mr R.	● 99 Deans, Mr R.M.
● 11 Blackett, Mr H.	● 15 Cavalier, Mr R.	● 05 Deans, Mr S.J.M.
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● 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.	99 Chisholm, Mr D.H.	01 Dickson, Mr I.B.
● 13 Blair, Mr B.A.	00 Chisholm, Hon Justice L.	● 15 Dickson, Mr P.N.
94 Blair, Mr K.R.	● 17 Chu, Mr M.W.	● 13 Doherty, Mr B.P.
16 Blake, Mr G.	16 Clarke, Mr C.	94 Dolan, Mr P.J.
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● 19 Boyle, Mr M.	● 23 Coombes, Mr W.	01 Eddington, Mr W.L.
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 ● 94 Eldershaw, Mr J.M.
 ● 22 Elliotte, Mr H.
 ● 22 Elliotte, Mr T.
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 ● 01 Ellis, Mr A.M.
 97 Ellis, Mr M.J.
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 16 Entwistle, Mr D.R.
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 ● 21 Flavell, Mr T.
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 ● 18 Fletcher, Mr N.
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 ● 15 Frew, Mr R.M.
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 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.
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 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.
 ● 20 Hall, Mr G.
 19 Hall, Mr R.
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 95 Hamilton, Mr B.G.
 08 Hammond, D.P.W.
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 ● 03 Hart, Mr R.
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 ● 00 Hastilow, Mr A.J.
 94 Hastilow, Mr J.W.
 95 Hastings, Mr M.B.
 ● 06 Havercroft, Mr G.
 ● 16 Hay, Mr M.J.
 ● 14 Hay, Mr M.W.
 02 Hayward, Mr R.E.
 ● 24 Hazlett, Mr J.E.H.
 20 Henderson, Mr J.
 08 Henry, Mr M.J.
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 22 Hiatt, Mr D.C.
 ● 22 Hiatt, Mr H.A.R.
 22 Hiatt, Mr L.
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 94 Holderness, His Honour Judge D.J.R., qso
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 ● 08 Horner, Mr M.
 ● 22 Horsley, Mr N.K.W.
 95 Hudson, Mr H.J.
 ● 95 Hudson, Mr M.G.
 95 Hughes-Johnson, Mr A.C., kc
 ● 94 Hutton, Mr B.
 ● 94 Hutton, Mr O.
 ● 94 Hutton, Mr R. A.
 ● 24 Iggo, Mr J.
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 ● 94 Innes, Mr J.T.
 94 Innes, Mr R.T.J.
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 22 Johnstone, Mr N.
 10 Johnstone, Mr N.A.
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 98 Judson, Mr R.E.
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 ● 20 Kelly, Mr J.G.
 ● 11 Kelly, Mr M.J.
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25	McCracken, Mr K.P.	09	Pulley, Mr D.F.	95	Smith, Mr R.
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94	McKechnie, Mr B.J.	06	Reid, Mr H.	18	Stuthridge, Mr D.
98	McKinlay, Mr S.	16	Reid, Mr M.	15	Styles, Mr K.A.
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 ● 16 Wilson, Mr S.W.J.
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 ● 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.
 24 Yardley, Mr D.
 24 Yardley, Mrs J.
 94 Yardley, Mr K.J.
 ● 02 Zavos, Mr S.B.
 ● 25 Zohrab, Mr D.

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 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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 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
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 09 Catley, Mr D.H., *MNZM*
 06 Chatfield, Mr E.J., *MBE*
 15 Clarke, Mr C.E.
 ● 13 The Rt Hon The Viscount Cobham
 ● 99 Coney, Mr J.V., *MBE*
 13 Cooke, Hon Justice F.M.R., *KC*
 24 Cottrell, Mr S.
 ● 06 Coward, M.J., *AM*
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 ● 17 De Maine, Captain N. (*Salv Army*)
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 94 Dormer, Mrs D.W., *OM (Poland)*
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 17 Marshall, Mr J.A.H.
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President's Report

Paul Rutledge

"Willowers All,"

It is with a heavy heart that I furnish my first report as President of The Willows Cricket Club. The sudden passing in March of our immediate past president the Hon. Nicholas Davidson KC was a shock to us all and he is sorely missed. Our hearts go out to Rosie and Nick's family, at a time when he was enjoying family and a well-earned retirement.

Nick's contribution to The Willows is difficult to sum up in a few words; other than to say he was instrumental in setting the direction of our club after the passing of Mike Dormer. Through Nick's vision and wisdom, he provided a blueprint to follow and his unwavering support for me personally will never be forgotten.

The Ground at Loburn

The ground at Loburn continues to be the jewel in The Willows CC's crown with the quality of the playing surface, outfield and facilities very much

the envy of clubs around NZ and beyond. Our grounds team is headed by Alan Gilmour, whose skill and expertise ensures that every week players get to play on a genuine first-class wicket. He is well supported by Ben Dormer and Darcy Palmer both of whom put in countless hours ensuring that the ground is always at the highest standard.

Such is the demand for teams wanting to come and play at The Willows we are in the unenviable position of sadly having to turn teams away as we simply don't have the capacity to accommodate everyone. Peter Fulton's Canterbury XI played an early season fixture at the ground and a number of his players commented on the quality of the surface at such an early stage in the season, again a testament to Alan and his skills.

Once again this season, the bat tended to dominate the ball which of course we would expect. Chris Mugford, an ageless Willower, recorded his one thousandth run for the Club

– a wonderful achievement. For the record The Willows recorded 18 wins and 5 losses this season with four games washed out due to poor weather.

This season we again welcomed The Seddon Cricket Club Under-17 team from Hamilton. Our relationship with this Club is growing all the time, and they do fantastic work promoting youth cricket and opportunities within their region.

We also welcomed the Sydney Cricket Ground Cricket Club for the first time, based out of the famous SCG. They share similar values to The Willows in providing opportunities for younger cricketers and this too is a connection that we hope to develop, in order that one day The Willows may be able to travel to Sydney and play at the famous ground.

Another first was a visit by the Ocean Beach Cricket Club from the Hawke's Bay, a club established by Andy Lowe, a well-known local figure who has made a very big contribution to both sport and conservation in his region. This was our first time hosting Ocean Beach who had previously very generously hosted a Willows XI at their ground.

Whilst we didn't manage to play fixtures against our sister club the Wanderers Cricket Club this season, we maintain a strong relationship with



▲ Willows cordon looking sharp. Opposite: Xavior Nortman, playing for the Country Schools XI, frees the arms, with Brad Gordon looking on.



▲ Keryn Ambler congratulates Felix Huston on reaching his century.

the Wanderers who are expertly run by William and James Marshall and Jeremy Dean. Both boys' and girls' fixtures are planned for next season as we look to continue this long-standing relationship.

Kindred and Masters Cricket

The Kindred section of the Club continues to blossom, and this group of committed cricketers are very much part of the fabric of The Willows CC. This past season, we saw several fixtures and tournaments played. Notably The Willows Kindred XI defended the Chatfield Shield in Marlborough, with all teams being wonderfully hosted by Dave Clouston at his Black Cottage ground.

In addition to the Kindred tournament The Willows were invited by The Wanderers CC in Wellington to play in a 20 over tournament at The Basin Reserve, with other Kindred Teams, thus creating another valuable connection. Over the same weekend The Willows were hosted by The Old Tablelands Cricket club, in a lovely vineyard setting in the Wairarapa. For the record Old Tablelands avenged their previous loss to The Willows.

The Club

We all understand what it takes to run a club such as The Willows and to continue to make it a successful organisation. This year I have been supported by the Board and in particular Alistair Sheard, our treasurer, Phil Harris, Kirsty Bond who runs the women's section of our club, James Richards, Richard McGuire, Michael Peacock and Jeremy Benton; all of whom make valuable contributions and ensure things run smoothly.

Over the course of the season The Willows has focused strongly on providing good quality opposition for our school teams to play against. This in no small part is due to the commitment of our match day managers and hosts who seek to enhance connection with our player base and to provide opportunities for old boys and old girls of a particular school to play.

I am delighted with the relationships built up with our partner schools. This too is crucial to the ongoing development of the club as the schools are at the heart of everything we do. Our objective every week is to make it the best possible experience for the players, their coaches and families at The Willows.

As a club we remain unashamedly traditional in values in our approach to the game ensuring that we preserve Mike Dormer's legacy and provide young cricketers with the opportunity to play the game the way it was intended.



▲ Flynn Brookland and Harry Elliotte at the ready for TBHS.

Awards

Each year the club awards three trophies for outstanding or meritorious performances at The Willows. This season we were delighted to award the '49ers Trophy for the most meritorious performance by a secondary school XI to Shirley Boys' High School, who after many years of trying secured their first victory over The Willows.

The Shadbolt Trophy for the best schoolboy player performance went to Flynn Brookland from Timaru Boys' High School, whose 97 set up a fine victory for the school – their second in succession.

Girls' Cricket

We continue to make great progress in offering opportunities for young female cricketers in the region. This season we had our traditional fixtures between Christchurch Girls' High School against St Hilda's Collegiate School and Otago Girls' High School against St Margaret's College.

In a departure from the norm these fixtures were played on a Sunday which proved to be a winning formula as parents and supporters were able to come to the ground and support the players. In addition, we played a fixture between a Nelson girls selection which included girls from Waimea, Motueka, Nelson Girls' and Garin Colleges against Craighead Diocesan School from Timaru.



▲ St Margaret's seam bowler Jemima Nation.



▲ Paddy Ryan takes the long handle to Joe Chapman, *The Willows v Christ's College*.

The Club wishes to acknowledge the work that Kirsty Bond puts in, along with Amanda Hardy to further develop the girls' game. We were very proud and privileged to have Nicki Turner, former New Zealand player, assisting at the ground, and her wealth of knowledge and experience is something that, as a club, we wish to embrace going forward.

The Willows in conjunction with the Canterbury Cricket Association once again ran the secondary schoolgirls' competition on Thursdays post-Christmas. We provide sponsorship of cricket balls for the tournament, and it is proving a popular and important vehicle for the girls' game in the region.

The Community

The Willows continues to provide support for activities in the community including coaching and of course the annual Christmas party. This is the highlight for many youngsters, who come out to the ground to see Santa and participate in a happy carefree day.

Financial

The cost of running The Willows Cricket Club is ever increasing and we are grateful to our club supporters and sponsors, for without whom we simply would not have a club.

I wish to acknowledge the following supporters of our club: Mark Allison, Brent Fleming, Chris and Leonie Morkane, and our suite of match day sponsors who make a financial contribution that collectively makes the difference. We are indebted to these major sponsors who are acknowledged at the end of this report.

Subscriptions for non-playing members remain at a modest level of \$75 per year. The reality is subscriptions do not come close to covering our costs for any given season. We rely on members to pay subscriptions, and for those who do so we thank you. This year we are looking at further initiatives to support the club in its vision of delivering quality cricket at The Willows and quality coaching in the community.

As grant funding is becoming harder to obtain, we must consider other ways of maintaining and growing our revenue, while at the same time keeping tight fiscal control on our costs. The Club maintains a steady financial position. My thanks go to Alistair Sheard who manages and administers the accounts, in what is an increasingly complex environment.

Coaching

Coaching remains a core focus of the club, and this season we have seen increased investment in the community game at secondary school level to further support schools that need the resource to help them continue with their school cricket programmes.

In addition, we continue to run our Tamai cricket programme, which would not be possible without the support of Chris White and his team at the Queen Street Cricket Club. Each year they make a significant financial contribution towards this



▲ Harry Middleton at the bowling crease for the Country Schools XI.

project, which has greatly assisted in delivering cricket to school children who simply otherwise would not have the opportunity.

The importance of such programmes cannot be underestimated. Coaching and development for young cricketers and young people is the backbone of the game, and without it we run the real risk of losing young people from the game.

The Willows Cricket Club now has effective partnerships with coaching providers in the community. These relationships are constantly developing, and will help us deliver on our mission to provide coaching for as many schools as possible. Another first this season was the support of Bernadine Bezuidenhout for her Girls' Academy which ran for several weeks across the season. We were able to help her deliver this programme.

We also thank Dan Vann at Evolution Sports for the coaching provided and running specialist clinics and coaching forums across the season. Thank you also goes to Mandie Godliman and her team at Coaching Solutions, for the support they provide the club in the youth space.

Recognition

There is a danger in writing an Annual Report that one may omit people who deserve recognition for the support they provide to the club. I include in this list Jarrod Ward who offers his services to the club whenever needed, and John McRae who is unfailingly loyal in assisting with database and subscription matters and providing his legal expertise in areas if required.

I also include Dave Kelly and John Wright, who make themselves available to be at the ground to provide support and advice to young cricketers. We owe a lot to Winsome Dormer to help us to carry on Mike's dream at her beautiful property at Loburn. Her generosity and hospitality are legendary and carry on a tradition from which we all benefit. Her cheerful personality and ability to get things done is something to behold.

Thanks also go to Di Woodward who has elected to "hang up her apron" as the pavilion host after several years of dedicated service. Thank you, Di.

A special mention must be made of John Mitchell, a past Willows President. John is primarily responsible for the wonderful world-

class publication that you are now reading. John spends countless hours compiling this report and making sure it fits with our club values and ethos. On a personal note, John has been a tower of strength for me personally as I have come to grips with the demands of running a cricket club such as ours. His experience and knowledge are invaluable, and I owe him a debt of gratitude.

The Final Over

As we reflect on the season past, we all have much of which to be proud. The Club continues to thrive because of the involvement of the members and contributing schools. We must consider their views to ensure that we are meeting their needs.

Whilst this report is tinged with a degree of sadness with the recent loss of Nick Davidson, I feel both he and Mike will be watching over us, nodding in appreciation, but asking us to strive to be better.

Floreat Salices

Paul Rutledge
President





▲ OBHS take the field to kick off the season.

v Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

6th October 2024

We couldn't have asked for a better morning to kick off the season. The ground looked a picture and would rival any other in the country. Skipper Richie McCaw won arguably the most important coin toss of his career and elected to bat first.

The first star of the day was James Richards, who turned back the clock to his peak form, with a classy 81. OBHS coach Hunter Kindley showed his players why he was worth listening to, scoring the first century of the season. With a strong foundation set, current New Zealand representative Zak Foulkes added a quick-fire 54, with Ben McCormack making a rapid 64. We ended with a record-breaking innings score of 380 — a true reflection of the quality of Alan Gilmour's Willows pitch.

The Otago boys had to negotiate a tough opening spell from old boy McCaw, who demonstrated his fitness by bowling eight overs on the trot. The pressure from the run rate proved too much, especially with the squeeze applied by spinners Andrew Nuttall and debutant Zack Croft through the middle. Notable mentions to Ashton Hansen, Luke Marsh and Toby McClean, who showed promise with the bat. In all, it was a fantastic day to kick off the season. Special thanks to the whole OBHS contingent, including Rector Richard Hall, for making the trip up after severe flooding in Dunedin.

The Willows won by 177 runs

The Willows 380/6

H. Kindley 100*, J. Richards 81,
B. McCormack 64, Z. Foulkes 54, J. Benton 31*

Otago Boys' High School 203

A. Hansen 49, L. Marsh 49, T. McClean 46,
H. Kindley 3/18

Umpires: D. Henderson and A. Askari

Scorer: A. Kumaron



▲ Richie McCaw and his team in jovial mood before the start of play.



▲ Five happy faces head out for drinks in the tuk-tuk.



▲ Winsome Dormer with Kelvin Scott, Andrew Nuttall and Tim Grocott with the playing kit donated by Black Cap Matt Henry.

v Northwest Schools XI

19th October 2024

The visiting NW team, which had already created a record with the composition of their team crossing nine different local high schools, won the toss and elected to bat. Aditya Tiwari and Harrison Dick looked in superb nick. They, plus Austin Earl and skipper Brayden McLeod batted with confidence as they rattled on 184/8 in 40 overs. Stand-out bowlers were Kelvin Scott who snapped up the top order and Isaac Daly who polished off the tail. It was feared that NW's 184 was twenty light.

The Willows openers of Kelvin Scott and Arsh Singh relished the perfect batting strip and ripped into it from the get-go. The breakthrough took a while but CBHS lad Isaac Daly, coming in at number three, continued the onslaught. The

Willows were well ahead of the run rate with a cruise to the end ahead but as is often the case, wickets tumbled with more quick exits. There was mayhem in the pavilion as the NW sniffed a chance. Finally, after a streaky skied mis-hit fell safely, The Willows limped home.

Most importantly, 22 players had had a damn good afternoon's romp, enjoying themselves at the best cricket wicket in the province, by a mile! POD awards went to Sam Carell (NW) for his '3 wickets for spit' and Isaac Daly (CBHS) for a handy double.

The Willows won by 2 wickets

Northwest Schools 184/8

H. Dick 41, A. Earl 41, B. McLeod 35, K. Scott 3/18, I. Daly 3/24

The Willows 185/8

K. Scott 72, A. Singh 43, I. Daly 40, S. Carell 3/6



v Ocean Beach County CC

1st November 2024

Andy Lowe, founder of the Ocean Beach County Cricket Club, arrived down with his team and put the Challenge Cup up for this inaugural home fixture. The Willows, termed the Southern Barbarians on this not insignificant trophy, proved no match for the northern visitors.

The gents from Ocean Beach were suitably impressed with the pristine state of the Loburn pitch and outfield; but alas the only negative was a sub-par performance from The Willows XI. After a cautious start The Willows openers of Tudehope and Dobson put on an opening stand of 55 runs before an inevitable mid-order collapse. However Jim Hazlett batted well and righted the ship as we scraped together a total of 161/7 off 40 overs. Brad Clark recorded the best bowling figures of the match.

In reply, Ocean Beach made short work of the chase, passing our score in 29.1 overs. Openers Ritchie and Smith put on 94 runs before we broke through but by then the die was cast.

The Challenge Cup was well and truly safe for the visitors, to be contested again in twelve months time. The final act was to invite Andy Lowe to become a member of The Willows and to look forward to our next meeting up.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 161/7

J. Hazlett 39*, J. Dobson 30, B. Clark 3/7

Ocean Beach County CC 164/4

A. Ritchie 47, D. Smith 35

Umpires: R. Pentecost and A. McLeod



▲ Matt Holden and Brad Clark pay homage to MED.

v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI

3rd November 2024

Play got underway at Loburn on time despite some overnight rain and a soggy block. The Willows openers Paul Knight and Josh Bridgman got the home team off to a flyer. Josh hit some sublime drives in his 64. A middle order slump was arrested by a bright knock from Nigel Collins who soon deposited the ball over the rope. The team managed a respectable total of 253 runs. Mt Hutt College's seamer Tyler Maher was their best bowler and he thoroughly deserved his four wicket return.

The visitors could only sit on the deck and take notes as Micah Walther dismantled their top order. His ten overs on the trot reaped the outstanding figures of 6/15! Great fight was shown by John Stanway and Toby Grant who staged a late seventh wicket come-back to see their side through to three-figures at the end. It left enough time for captain Adam Hastilow and the experienced Paul Knight to sit down with the Mid Canterbury XI to share a few positives and work-ons for over the season.

The Willows won by 151 runs

The Willows 253

J. Bridgman 64, N. Collins 61, T. Maher 4/49

Mid-Canterbury Youth XI 102

T. Grant 34, J. Stanway 32, M. Walther 6/15

Umpires: G. Cutts and S. Maher

v Peninsula Craz XI

8th November 2024 (at Tai Tapu)

The Willows, captained by Brent Fleming, were hosted by the Craz at Tai Tapu Domain this season. After a meet and greet with lunch at midday, the skip won the toss and elected to bat first on a greenish pitch.

We had a youngish top order, followed by an experienced middle and a seasoned tail against a solid Craz line-up. After the loss of a couple of early wickets Harry Passenger, Hugo Davison and Brent Findlay steadied the ship. Harry plundered 30 runs off his final 10 balls to get us up to 211 for seven off 40 overs.

The Craz run chase started like ours, losing two wickets early, but youngsters Archie Prain and Ben Breitmeyer provided a flurry of quick runs. However when Brent Findlay dismissed both in quick succession the threat quickly subsided. Lance Ryan then did the damage with his flight and guile as he picked up 4/12. The Craz crashed to 71 all out. We enjoyed a BBQ with our hosts and the great relationship between the two clubs was acknowledged and appreciated.

The Willows won by 140 runs

The Willows 211/7

H. Passenger 73*, H. Davison 44 retired, B. Findlay 40 retired

Peninsula Craz 71

L. Ryan 4/12





v Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI

10th November 2024

The ground was looking a picture as The Willows welcomed the most successful cricketing school in the country Christchurch Boys' High School out for the day.

The Willows have an uncanny knack of winning the toss and today was no different. The home side took first use of yet another test standard pitch prepared by Willows head of turf Alan Gilmour. The Willows got off to a solid start, albeit a touch slow as the CBHS bowlers, led by big Ben Forrest, proved difficult to get away. Wickets fell at regular intervals. James Richards held the innings together with support from Angus Sidey, Colin Slade and Jeremy Benton. The Willows fell circa 70 runs shy of par at 231. This could have been a lot less if it wasn't for a quickfire 40 from Man of the Match Robson Foulkes. Sam Frame led the wicket tally with a well bowled 3/36.

The Willows bowlers were on strict instructions not to eat too much as they needed to prepare well to defend the total. It could not have gone any better having both openers out in two overs leaving CBHS 2/2. An incredibly well played 82 from captain Callum Samson kept the hammer on The Willows. However the spinners bowled well causing poor shot decisions from the CBHS batsmen as the run rate rose. We were able to restrict them to 196/8 after 50 overs. It was great to have eleven former Old Boys play in the team and to have current Canterbury representative and former 1st XI captain Ed Nuttall to present the awards.

The Willows won by 35 runs

The Willows 231

J. Richards 68, R. Foulkes 40, C. Slade 28, S. Frame 3/36

Christchurch Boys' High School 196/8

C. Samson 82, T. Williams 34, A. Redfern 3/37

Umpires: D. Boyle and B. Littmoden

Scorer: R. Seabourn

v St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI

17th November 2024

On the best day of Show Weekend, STC won the toss and sent the home team into bat. The extensive fielding warm-up paid immediate dividends after a Gus Wiseman direct hit accounted for Tyler Bruce, run out for 0. Then Kelvin Scott and Max Smail played positively in a 115 run partnership to set the team up nicely at 119/2 after 28 overs. However, the next twelve overs were complete carnage as The Willows collapsed to 161 all out. All STC bowlers deserved credit particularly Ethan Burns with his four wickets.

The skipper Tom Mušič, in a throwback to the Dipak Patel days, opened with spin. Thomas Bird crafted a superb innings, dispatching even good

deliveries to all corners of the ground. A faint nick through to the keeper accounted for him short of what would have been a highlight-laden century. Ethan Burns and James Jacques saw them home in just the 22nd over. It was apt that the match was completed with a six.

This was St Thomas' second victory in a row. Match host Keith Yardley noted the vast improvement seen in the side over recent years; a credit to Andrew Cavill and the STC coaching staff.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 161

M. Smail 66, K. Scott 51, E. Burns 4/45

St Thomas of Canterbury College 164/2

T. Bird 84, J. Jacques 46*, E. Burns 29*

Umpires: P. Williams and B. Townrow



▲ Kieran Charlton – flight and guile.



▲ Thomas Bird (84) looking to up the tempo.

v St Kevin's College 1st XI

24th November 2024

The teams acknowledged the passing of Bob Wills, for whom the match trophy is named, by having the flag at half mast and a moment's silence before play. We were also fortunate to have his grandson Jamie to present the trophy at the end of the match. The Willows won the toss and decided to have a bat on a wicket that had plenty of pace and bounce. Rhys Petrie made a positive start to the innings contributing 42, while the momentum was continued by overseas player Ross Whitfield who made a stylish 51. The batting innings was in the balance after the top 4 were dismissed but past players Campbell Fowler and Jesse Valpy steadied the ship with Campbell hitting a quickfire 81 and Jesse making 53. The Willows made 279 for 7 in their allotted 45 overs, with the wickets shared around.

The SKC innings got off to a rocky start as Liam Dieren bowled with good pace and Jacob Fowler was as accurate as ever. Experienced pair Jack Kelly and Hunter Growcott got some momentum into the SKC innings before Jack fell for a well compiled 51. Hunter continued to rotate the strike well but some tight bowling from The Willows restricted SKC to 200 all out. Hunter was unlucky not to make a well-deserved hundred falling for 92 in the last over.

The Willows won by 79 runs

The Willows 279/7

C. Fowler 81, J. Valpy 53*, R. Whitfield 51, R. Petrie 42

St Kevin's College 200

H. Growcott 92, J. Kelly 51, H. Passenger 3/27

Umpires: D. Reid and D. Arps



▲ Don't take on the Tyler Bruce arm.



▲ Stand-out players for St Kevin's – Hunter Growcott and Jack Kelly.



v Queen Street CC XI

27th November 2024

The Willows proved too strong for the Queen Street Cricket Club (Auckland) on their first visit here. The visitors elected to bowl first with former New Zealand spinner Will Somerville looking to extract turn from another quality surface. He bowled a tidy spell but The Willows batsmen relished the conditions. Runs from Harry Passenger, Tom Mušić, Hugo Davison, Richard Breitmeyer and Ben Burrowes ensured a healthy total. Harry's knock was particularly savage with all but four of his runs coming from boundaries (three sixes and six fours).

In reply after a patient start by opener Harrison it was fitting that Chris White offered great

resistance and he batted beautifully. Ben Burrowes with his 4-for completed a tidy double while NZ Over-50s keeper Matthew Everest showed his class effecting two snappy stumpings. Grateful thanks to Chris and all his club members who generously support The Willows schools coaching programme on a yearly basis.

The Willows won by 124 runs

The Willows 264/4

H. Passenger 46 retired, H. Davison 44 retired, R. Breitmeyer 41 retired, T. Mušić 40, B. Burrows 38*

Queen Street CC 140

C. White 49, B. Burrowes 4/34

Umpires: M. Hill and R. Glover



▲ SBHS openers Will Davis and Jake Wilson primed and ready to go.

v Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI

8th December 2024

The decision to bat first did not look good when The Willows lost their first three wickets for 9 runs. However, an excellent partnership of 64 runs between Kelvin Scott and Ryan Burson looked to have us back on track. When both fell in quick succession, none of the tail provided any resistance and we were bowled out for 99 in the 28th over. The Shirley captain Will Davies was the chief destroyer with 4/18. All his wickets were clean bowled, a testament to his speed and accuracy.

While The Willows had great bowling options available it was going to be difficult to defend such a low total. Although we did take wickets regularly, opener Jake Wilson batted with great patience and skill to bring the boys home. So it was an outstanding win for the Shirley Boys' team, their first win in 22 games at The Willows. Many congratulations to the team and their coaching staff on a great result.

The Willows lost by 4 wickets

The Willows 99

K. Scott 42, R. Burson 33, W. Davis 4/18

Shirley Boys' High School 101/6

J. Wilson 43*

Umpires: M. Wood and A. McLeod

Scorer: A. McLeod

The last time The Willows failed to post three figures was 10 November 2019 v Ashburton College 1st XI – some 121 games ago. On that day we scraped together a miserable 72 all out.



▲ Threesome from SBHS standing with trophy celebrating their first win over The Willows.

v Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI

15th December 2024

Congratulations to the Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI on back-to-back wins against The Willows. The home side batted first and amassed a total of 218 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. There were excellent performances from two promising young players, namely Jack Kelly and Harrison Horsley, representing St Kevin's and St Andrew's Colleges respectively. Another youngster, Jonty Iggo from Singapore, contributed a solid 33 proving his skill in New Zealand conditions. TBHS had a lively opening bowler in Hamish Caird as both he and Luke O'Connor claimed three wickets each.

The visitors got off to a difficult start losing two early wickets. However, the impressive Flynn Brookland showed class as he compiled an

excellent 98 runs to anchor a strong chase. He fell, unfortunately, two runs short of a well-deserved 100. He was ably supported in a match winning partnership by Hamish Caird.

One shining light with the ball for The Willows was South Canterbury stalwart Craig Hinton with a return of 2/35 from his 10 overs. Victory came in the 47th over with only 7 down; and with it the Parker Trophy was deservedly retained.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 218/9

H. Horsley 59, J. Kelly 44, J. Iggo 33,
H. Caird 3/24, L. O'Connor 3/29

Timaru Boys' High School 220/7

F. Brookland 98, H. Caird 50*

Umpire: D. McIlraith and J. Davies



▲ Runs for Craig Hinton.



▲ Delivery by TBHS Year 12 student James Honeybone.

v Christ's College 1st XI

22nd December 2024

A new look College 1st XI, with eight playing either their debut or second 1st XI match, took to the field. Runs started to flow with old boys Felix Huston and Lachie Harper quick to deposit anything short or off-target to the boundary.

Next in, was the Canterbury player Harry Chamberlain who looked equally as ominous. While the introduction of spin brought further wickets, Felix kept motoring along and Keryn Ambler took the spinners, hitting them all over the place with multiple fours and sixes. By this stage Felix had reached a brilliant century, Keryn his 50, and Louie Garry claimed his fourth wicket after a couple of classy outfield catches and a stumping.

Lunch was taken. The College lads knew they were up against it. They struggled to get going

and despite their best efforts, the bowling attack of Ben Breitmeyer, Chris Nicolson, Adam Hastilow and Paddy Ryan proved to be far too good. Even after some lusty blows by Archie Huston, batting at number seven, the team came up well short. Team management felt, despite the large margin, that the boys could take some solid learnings from the game and move forward knowing they are the better for the experience.

The Willows won by 242 runs

The Willows 315/9

F. Huston 100 retired, K. Ambler 61, L. Harper 43, H. Chamberlain 34, L. Garry 4/49

Christ's College 73

A. Hastilow 3/4

Umpires: D. Stuthridge and D. Boyle

Scorer: Z. Dalton



▲ John Garry coping with steeping bounce.



▲ Jackson Garry stumped by Fynn Harrington from the bowling of Louie Garry (brother).



▲ College hunting for the opening wicket v The Willows.



▲ Henry Hiatt loses his leg pole to Ben Breitmeyer.



The Willows Youth XI v Seddon Under-17 XI

17th January 2025

Players representing seventeen different high schools spread from Northland to North Otago assembled for this wonderful opportunity to match skills. The Seddon XI batted first. After the loss of three cheap wickets, the middle order of Cohen Stewart (Rotorua), Zac Laing (Whangarei) and Thomas Cutforth (Whangarei) batted well and retrieved the situation. They amassed a score of 197 runs. The Sydenham CC opening bowlers of Cadell Durdin and Potiki Hamilton-Morrison were tight and economical in their spells. Potiki, a strong local lad, struck early and deserved his three wickets. Later, Harry Passenger chimed in with a 3-fer.

The Willows chased down the total for the loss of seven wickets. Opener Jack Kelly (St Kevin's) top-scored with a tidy half century and useful contributions with the bat came from Harry Passenger, Jake Wilson (Shirley BHS), Jesse Jones (CBHS) and Thomas Borcoskie (St Bede's).

The match was enhanced by having two former Black Caps and Northern Districts stalwarts in Matthew Hart and Mark Bailey travel down with their team and offer help and encouragement to all involved.

The Willows Youth XI won by 3 wickets

Seddon Under-17 XI 197

Z. Laing 59, T. Cutforth 30,
P. Hamilton-Morrison 3/21, H. Passenger 3/25

The Willows Youth XI 198/7

J. Kelly 57

v St Bede's College 1st XI

19th January 2025

The Willows batted first on a wicket that had a bit of spice early. Immediately, the St Bede's seamers had us reeling at 4/41. To the rescue stepped up Josh McCarthy who first put on a 74 run stand with Mark Reid and then a further 75 runs with Joey Pawson. Josh went on to score his maiden Willows hundred, an innings with a mix of aggressive stroke play and working the field. The upshot was The Willows ended up with 232/6 off 50. The SBC bowlers stuck to their game plan well and they were supported in the field with a couple of screamer catches.

In response SBC got off to a flyer, with multiple boundaries. Things tightened with the entry of Joey Pawson and Lachie McLeod. Sam Chapman held the top of the innings together with a well

compiled 59. When Max Boyle was dismissed (28) out strode the SBC skipper Joseph Whalley, who with Sam put on an excellent partnership of 106. This put SBC right back in the hunt at 179/5.

Later Dylan Cox hit a couple of 'bombs' but the run-rate was a bit too steep and the boys fell agonisingly short in another enthralling game of cricket at The Willows. Thanks to Matthew Hill and his son Robert who officiated the match. Young Robert was about to sit his umpire's exam and we hope to see a lot of him in coming years.

The Willows won by 7 runs

The Willows 232/6

J. McCarthy 102 retired, J. Pawson 51*

St Bede's College 225

S. Chapman 59, J. Whalley 59, J. McCarthy 3/36

Umpires: M. Hill and R. Hill

Scorer: R. Seabourn

v Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI

26th January 2025

There was a strong ex-MBC contingent in The Willows team that welcomed the young Red Devils to this year's clash. With thunderstorms forecast for late in the day the match was shortened to 40 overs.

The Willows won the toss, and decided to bat, allowing the father-son combination of John and Jackson Garry to open together. The younger Garry batted exceptionally well to compile a classy 71. Mark Hampton, on debut, also batted positively and ended up on 70 not out with a team score of 223. Luke Holdaway was the pick of the bowlers.

In reply MBC lost early wickets to be all out for 61. Young Englishman Harry Passenger showed his class and made the MBC batsmen work hard with some tight seam bowling. This was followed by accurate and cunning spin from the experienced and talented trio of Tim Petrie, Matt Stretch and NZ Over-50s stalwart Andrew

Nuttall. It was a real thrill for the former pupils to catch up with the current crop of MBC cricketers and to appreciate the special coaching job being done by Greg Logan and Mark Mason.

The Willows won by 162 runs

The Willows 223/7

Jackson Garry 71, M. Hampton 70*, G. Stretch 27

Marlborough Boys' College 61

T. Petrie 3/16

Umpires: B. Littmoden and D. Stuthridge

Scorer: Z. Dalton



▲ Well played Jackson Garry – 71 runs.



▲ Tim Petrie (3/16) bowling against Marlborough Boys' College as Umpire Stuthridge looks on.



▲ Former first-class players Andrew Ellis and Stephen Murdoch reunite. MED's 1954 Nelson College 1st XI cap in foreground.

v Nelson College 1st XI

2nd February 2025

Match manager Dave Kelly managed to bring together a Willows side with a good mix of youth and experience, including two former first-class players in Andrew Ellis and Steven Murdoch. After electing to bat, openers Todd Williams and James Anderson got us off to a nice start. Todd was quick to pounce on anything loose on his way to a well-compiled half century. When Murdoch and Ellis came to the crease they showed their class. Anything overpitched was hit straight and hard down the ground, unsettling the schoolboys' lengths. Late cameos from Henry Hiatt (25 not out) and Simon Grant (19 not out) saw us through to 244/6.

In response, Nelson College openers Tommy Moloney and Jarryd Nicholls got the visitors off to a decent start with the pair sharing a 50 run partnership. After the first wicket the brakes were applied, and Nelson's required run rate climbed. Jarryd made a patient 51, backing up the fifty he scored in the fixture last year. Wickets continued to fall and the boys were eventually dismissed for 177 in the 49th over. It was another enjoyable day for all.

The Willows won by 67 runs

The Willows 244/6

T. Williams 55, A. Ellis 51, S. Murdoch 42

Nelson College 177

J. Nicholls 51, T. Moloney 30

Umpires: T. O'Loughlin and T. Fulton

Scorer: W. Ward

v St Andrew's College 1st XI

6th February 2025

The StAC captain won the toss and elected to bat. The two openers Liam Costeloe and Connor Sharp set a good platform with a 70 run partnership with Sharp going on to make 51. Jack O'Rourke was patient in building his innings of 80 and showed some of the batting skills he possesses. Ryan Bond also chipped in with a solid 27. Harry Passenger (3/27) bowled his off spinners with guile and Ghofran Shasawar proved a handful with his pace taking 3/32. The StAC boys got through to 207.

A slow start saw The Willows in trouble at 3/20 but the Horsley father and son partnership of 71 got us back on track with dad Nick making a very well compiled 52 and Harrison 22. The loss of another three wickets put the pressure on our

batsmen but Chris Mugford showed all his experience. He steadied the ship and kept the run rate ticking with a very good 71 not out and was backed up with a solid 25 from Ghofran Shasawar. The match did go to the last over with 3 runs required and one wicket, but Mugford hit the winning runs. The StAC bowlers were accurate and responded well under pressure. Liam Hall with his leggies was challenging. In all, it was a good day with the StAC parents really enjoying the occasion.

The Willows won by 1 wicket

St Andrew's College 207/9

J. O'Rourke 80, C. Sharp 51, R. Bond 27,
H. Passenger 3/27, G. Shasawar 3/32

The Willows 209/9

C. Mugford 71*, N. Horsley 52, G. Shasawar 25,
L. Hall 3/46

Umpires: D. Boyle and K. Padmanaban

Scorer: R. Seabourn



▲ Jack O'Rourke finds the sweet spot again in a beautiful innings.

v Southland Boys' High School 1st XI

9th February 2025

It was a clinical all-round performance from The Willows in this match, captained by Sam Noster back on holiday from Vancouver.

The home side got off to a blistering start, thanks to some aggressive stroke play from Harry Passenger and Harry Southgate. Both players, from Devon County, showcased their class with some powerful hitting. However a middle-order collapse was righted by a sensible innings from Tobias Delahunty. Sam Collinson was the standout bowler, finishing with figures of 3/51 off his eight overs.

As the teams switched innings, the weather took a turn for the worse, and with a modest total on

the board, The Willows' bowlers came out firing. Quicks Micah Walther and Will Bretherton ripped through the top order, leaving the opposition in trouble. Despite a valiant effort from number eight batter Ben Cocker, who top-scored with 21, Southland Boys' never recovered from the early collapse. Thanks to the large number of parents who made the long journey up to support the team.

The Willows won by 88 runs

The Willows 184

T. Delahunty 47, H. Passenger 32,
H. Southgate 27, S. Collinson 3/51

Southland Boys' High School 96

M. Walther 3/15

Umpires: R. Notley and G. Cutts



▲ Skipper Sam Noster goes aerial – a fielder is lurking!



▲ Vintage Sam Noster.



▲ Will Bretherton in full flight.



▲ Tom Mušič – disappointed with his dismissal.



▲ The Riccarton boys celebrating another Willows scalp.

v Riccarton High School 1st XI

16th February 2025

A very well organised and presented Riccarton High School 1st XI turned up ready to play. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat and found ourselves two down for not many after a fiery opening spell from captain Hamish Lindsay (3/31). This brought Willows debutant Reuben Love to the crease and from the get-go he pressured the bowlers and fielders running hard between the wickets and putting away the bad ball. Mikael Hansrod, Zane Yates, and Chris Mugford all made starts and supported Rueben well on his way to a very impressive 101 not out. The Willows posting a competitive 226 all out in the 37th over. A testament to how well Riccarton stuck at the bowling on a pretty flat wicket.

In reply, Riccarton made a steady and positive start putting on 37 for the first wicket. After the loss of a few quick wickets the middle to lower order fought back. Cameron Craik (57 not out), Simon Lim (29) and Hamish Lindsay (27) played well to keep them in the hunt. Isaac Harrington, a left-arm leg spinner from the West Coast, bowled magnificently to take four key wickets.

He was supported by a tidy spell from Isaac Russell to wrap up the innings. Riccarton eventually finished their 40 overs 205/8. A great game of cricket on a beautiful day.

The Willows won by 20 runs

The Willows 226/9

R. Love 101*, H. Lindsay 3/31

Riccarton High School 206/8

C. Craik 57*, S. Lim 29, I. Harrington 4/33

Umpires: A. Shipley and L. Watkin

Scorer: Z. Dalton



▲ Unwise to take on the arm of Zane Yates.

v Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI

2nd March 2025

On a 30°C day The Willows fielded a side containing a mix of youth and experience against a young Waitaki Boys' High School 1st XI who had only one Year 13 player and the majority Year 11. Waitaki won the *Spirit of Cricket* award at the national Under-15 tournament in 2024, and this has carried through into their 1st XI.

Waitaki batted first on a true pitch with a green outfield. Jacob Wilson, a promising fast bowler from CBHS, struck early removing Waitaki Assistant Rector and current North Otago Coach Jordan Horrell to a good catch at fine leg by Brian Griffiths. Waitaki opener Archie Haywood provided a solid foundation for Angus Isbister and captain Billy Wilson to combine for a solid partnership. However, tight bowling from The Willows kept the pressure on as they restricted

Waitaki to 184 for 9. Wilson took two wickets and Fynn Dalton (Year 12 CBHS) and Fraser Hill three each.

Willows openers Jordan Sim and Fraser Hill laid a solid foundation that was capitalised on by Rhys Petrie, Riley Jones (Year 11 CBHS) and Adam Hastilow. Adam retired when he reached his 50 and the target was reached with four down. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day. It was great to have Waitaki Rector Darryl Patterson with us for the day.

The Willows won by 6 wickets

Waitaki Boys' High School 184/9

B. Wilson 48, A. Isbister 44, A. Haywood 30, F. Hill 3/27, F. Dalton 3/35

The Willows 187/4

A. Hastilow 51 retired, R. Petrie 38, R. Jones 34

Umpires: D. Reid and A. McLeod

Scorer: A. McLeod



▲ Riley Wilson – LBW appeal affirmed.

v Country Schools XI

9th March 2025

What was an incredibly sad day for the Club with the sudden passing of Nick Davidson.

The Willows won the toss on arguably the flattest wicket in the country, batted, and had a good opening partnership. Gideon Welford was the mainstay with a fine 88 anchoring the innings, supported nicely by James O'Gorman, Brad Gordon and Tobias Delahunty. Some sharp fielding led to the Country Schools XI staying in the fight, ultimately restricting The Willows to 256. Country Schools had two stand-out bowlers in Harry Middleton and Kaden Fraser.

The Willows started well with the ball, with 15 year-old Baxter Bretherton the pick of the bowlers. He took 4 for 28 off ten overs and has a bright future in the game. His excellent line and length proved to hard to play, and he deserved a five wicket bag. Good tight bowling built dot ball pressure which meant Country Schools could not get going and lost wickets regularly. Catching, or rather mis-catching, was a talking point from the day with Brad Gordon and Micah



▲ Micah Walther again in the wickets.

Walther both dropping simple ones. Country keeper Xavier Nortman had showed how it was done when he snaffled five earlier in the day. In all, it was a great day.

The Willows won by 141 runs

The Willows 256/7

G. Welford 88, J. O'Gorman 29, B. Gordon 29

Country Schools XI 115

B. Bretherton 4/28, M. Walther 3/24

Umpires: G. Baxter and R. Dalley

Scorer: A. McLeod



▲ Good bowling action from Lachie McLeod (Rangiora HS).



▲ Hunter Lithgow, 64 not out and man of the match performance. Top: Victorious Whanganui team.

v Whanganui Collegiate School 1st XI

16th March 2025

The Willows faced off against a young, but talented, Whanganui Collegiate side in a keenly contested match for the Dermot Payton Trophy. Batting first, The Willows were met with disciplined bowling and sharp fielding from the Whanganui side, who showcased an excellent team culture and strong work ethic. Their relentless pressure in the field restricted The Willows to a modest total of 112 all out. The top scorer for the Willows was Tom Mušić with 35. The best of the bowlers for Collegiate were Seth Bodill and Josh White with three wickets apiece.

Although the odds were severely stacked in favour of Collegiate, The Willows side managed

to put on the pressure and claim early wickets. At 48/3 The Willows were gaining momentum, but were stopped in their tracks by Hunter Lithgow who batted through scoring 64 not out and securing the win for Whanganui Collegiate. Hunter's innings was made at a rate better than a run a ball and contained ten fours. Overall it was a good day with the game played in the manner it should. The skill, spirit, and sportsmanship displayed by the young Whanganui team, both on and off the field, was very impressive.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 112

T. Mušić 35, S. Bodill 3/17, J. White 3/18

Whanganui Collegiate 117/3

H. Lithgow 64*

Umpires: G. Fantastic and M. Wood

Scorer: Z. Dalton

v Waimea College 1st XI

23rd March 2025

An impressive century by Callum Hill was a nice way to conclude the 2024/25 season. Always good to watch Callum was at his belligerent best. Coming in at number five he shared two strong partnerships; the first with his father Fraser and then one with Sam Frame. The Willows posted an imposing 282/8.

The chase by Waimea did not start well. Englishman Will Melhuish, supported by Baxter Bretherton demolished the Waimea's top-order. They were aided by some smart glove work from Callum Hill who picked up three tidy catches and a stumping to cap off a dream day. Rhys Elmiger put up some strong resistance with the bat but it was a case of too little, too late. Waimea College 1st XI are always a pleasure to host and they fully contributed to a perfect final day of the season.

The Willows won by 173 runs

The Willows 282/8

C. Hill 100 retired, S. Frame 43, F. Hill 42, J. Mollett 3/43

Waimea College 109

R. Elmiger 32, W. Melhuish 4/15, B. Bretherton 3/29

Umpires: D. McIlraith and J. Haskett

Scorer: R. Seabourn

Cancellations due to weather

- 13 Oct v King's High School 1st XI
- 27 Oct v Wellington College 1st XI
- 22 Feb v Sydenham Youth XI
- 5 Mar v Westlake Boys' High School 1st XI
- 21 Mar v Hawkswood Wanderers (away)



Children's Christmas Party 2024

Held on 15 December – in support of the Canterbury Down Syndrome Association



Around the Ground



▲ Dave Kelly holds forth at the Nelson College post-match.



▲ Former international umpire Gary Baxter (right) with Regan Dalley.



▲ Board member Richard McGuire and son Sam on the Northern Tour.

Around the Ground



▲ Willows Gold Key member Brent Fleming.



▲ Shirley Boys' High School secured their first win over The Willows.



▲ Junior development match held at The Willows in December 2024 run by Evolution Sports.



▲ Captains Chris White (Queen Street CC) and Mike Singleton at the toss.



▲ TBHS blazers in the Don Neely dressing room.



▲ Thank you to our scorers! Here is Ann McLeod.

James Biddick: a Kiwi in US college athletics

James Biddick is a proud Riccarton High School old boy, who was a provincial under-age rep in both cricket and hockey while at school. He went on to gain a double degree and for the past ten years has been living in the USA. A trained lawyer, James now works at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana as a student athlete career development program manager. Whenever home, over summer, James is quick to strap on the pads and show his class in the middle. We are delighted to have him as our 2024/25 Commentary Corner writer.

Nearly a decade ago, I left New Zealand for the United States with two guiding ambitions: to work in sports and to help others. Looking back, I realise I had little understanding of the world I was stepping into. My first year was spent in a small college town, completing a one-year Master of Sports Administration at Ohio University. It was at OU that I was intimately exposed to the world of college athletics and student-athletes. Even now, I remain in awe of the sheer scale of college sports and the opportunities available to those who participate. That fascination, combined with my own winding career journey, led me to my current role at the University of Notre Dame, where I've spent the past seven years as the Student-Athlete Career Development Program Manager. Essentially, I support our 750 student-athletes (across 26 different sports) in navigating life off the field and preparing for careers beyond Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is a truly special place, best captured by legendary football coach Lou Holtz's famous quote: "For those who know Notre Dame, no explanation is necessary. For those who don't,

no explanation will suffice." The university is a rare blend of elite academics and top-tier athletics. For example, Notre Dame holds the all-time record for NFL draft picks (522) and, at the 2024 Paris Olympics, was represented by 16 current and former student-athletes who brought home a school-record 10 medals – six gold, one silver, and three bronze.

Whenever you visit a different country, it's natural to compare what's "normal" back home to the systems in place elsewhere. The three key areas I want to compare and contrast between the US and New Zealand models are the emphasis on professionalism, the role of sports as a pillar of community, and the invaluable intangibles gained through athletic participation. My intention isn't to advocate for one over the other but to spark thought and reflection.

Sports in the US are structured with a clear pathway toward professionalism. While participation is an option, the primary focus of time, resources, and funding is on identifying and developing elite talent for the next level. If an athlete doesn't reach the collegiate level, their competitive sports career typically ends after high school. Similarly, those who don't transition from college to professional sports often find their playing days over by the age of 22 or 23. Unlike New Zealand, where club sports provide lifelong opportunities for participation, there is no equivalent system in the US. I was initially baffled to learn that athletes in peak physical condition often retire from sports so young. Equally, my American friends were just as confused when I explained that in New Zealand, it's completely normal for a 45-year-old to be playing third-division club cricket for eight hours on a Saturday afternoon simply for the love of the game.

In recent years, college athletics has undergone a dramatic transformation due to lawsuits and legislative changes. Student-athletes, once restricted by strict amateurism rules, can now legally profit from their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL). Additionally, direct compensation

has become a reality, particularly in football and basketball, with universities able to distribute up to \$22 million a year under a soft salary cap. The result of this is that the collegiate model is steadily shifting toward a more professional structure, with top athletes now earning seven-figure incomes.

The prevailing mindset is that if an athlete can't make a living playing sports, it's time to transition into the traditional workforce. For many, this marks the end of their athletic journey, leaving fandom as the primary way to stay connected to the sports they once played. This leads to my second point of comparison: community.

In the US, "community" in the sporting context then becomes your college or professional team – that is where your time, effort and money are spent. Notre Dame for example hosts six home football games each year, seating almost 80,000, with the stadium selling out every home game (except one) since 1976; with thousands more tailgating for hours leading up to the game outside of the stadium. For Notre Dame, and other universities, football programmes are so prominent that many fans of the team never in fact attended the university or perhaps even set foot on campus. Notre Dame fans who fit these criteria are known as "Subway Alumni".

In contrast, New Zealand's sporting community revolves around local clubrooms on a Saturday, sustained by a dedicated network of volunteers. The day starts with kids playing in the morning, followed by older players and adults competing later in the day. Afterward, everyone gathers in the clubrooms for speeches, food, and camaraderie – a hallmark of grassroots sports in New Zealand. This approach to sport creates a lifelong connection to participation rather than fandom alone.

Due to visa-related issues, I had to be outside the US from August 2023 to January 2024. However, life has a way of working out. This unexpected time back in Christchurch allowed me to be with my family and support my dad, David Biddick, through his health challenges and passing. It also gave me the opportunity to step into his role as coach for the Riccarton High School cricket team, where he had coached for 25 years.



▲ James Biddick (left) with Cameron Craik (cricket coach at Riccarton High School) at the Notre Dame stadium in Indiana.

Coaching my alma mater for the first half of the 2023/24 season reminded me of what truly matters in sport – yes, winning is important; but it's also about growth, development, and using sport as a vehicle for personal growth. That's something Dad never wavered on, and it's a lesson I'll carry forward in my own career and life.

Having lived in both New Zealand and the United States, I've gained a unique appreciation for how sport is structured, supported, and valued in different cultures. While the US focuses on elite development and fandom, New Zealand fosters lifelong participation and community connection. Neither system is superior – they simply reflect different philosophies on what sport should be. But at its core, sport is about more than just competition – it's about who we become because of it. And that, no matter where you are in the world, remains universal.



ODT Files

Kate Ebrahim: tips from the best

Former White Fern **Kate Ebrahim** (70 ODIs and T20Is for NZ) coached the St Hilda's Collegiate School 1st XI from 2020 to 2023. Kate coaches cricket with the same energy, passion and commitment she showed as a player. She is also a perceptive analyst of the game, a realist and one fully into the psyche and priorities of her youngsters. She is the first to acknowledge the chaotic nature of their world at times and hence the need for patience when working with them.

Through a busy match schedule Kate wanted to generate “fun, enjoyment and memories” for them. She worked on each girl's individuality and encouraged all to thrive in the team space. She wanted to develop:

#1 – Curiosity – to ask questions, whenever and wherever

#2 – Competitive mindset – eg. to be the girl to score the match-changing runs, or to take the match-changing wickets, catches, etc.

#3 – The three Bs – be Brilliant at the Boring Basics! ie. to work at the basic fundamentals of the game.

At the 2023 match at The Willows, Kate left the following whiteboard message for her team. It is classic. Clearly, advice which should be replicated by every coach, the length of the country, when working with young people (and the not so young for that matter!).

St Hilda's v CGHS

- Have fun, laugh and enjoy
- Embrace the moments
- Every ball is an event

Bowling

- Full and straight
- 3 dot-ball strings (x15)
- 30 overs, 6 overs per bowler

Batting

- Bat full 30 overs
- Looking to score off each ball
- Communication – what they bowl, who can throw

We asked Kate to expand on the whiteboard message. She first provided this preamble:

“You'll notice on my whiteboard it's only a couple of key words under each sub-title. We have discussed these measurables a lot during training. Therefore, important when it comes to game time, what they hear is nothing new or a surprise, only small reminders are used so they don't get overwhelmed or mind cluttered before the match. Keep it simple!”



General

Have fun, laugh and enjoy – enjoy each other's company and success.

Embrace the moments – Willows fixtures do not happen for all schools. Therefore, I want the girls to embrace the moments, the people, the surroundings and even the changing rooms, which are filled with history and stories!

Every ball is an event – this is a trigger tool. Learning how to switch-on, switch-off between balls while fielding. Wanting the ball to come to you every time. Trying to create an understanding that everyone is involved in every ball bowled during the innings.

Bowling

Full and straight – bowl the ball full, bowl the ball straight to bring in as many modes of dismissal as possible. Set your field accordingly.

30 Overs, 6 over per bowler – this was again a simple reminder as our girls never play 30 over cricket.

3 dot-ball strings (x15) – As a bowling unit I've always coached the how! We hear too often from coaches.. "if we create pressure wickets will come, opportunities will come..." We need to teach/coach/help with the how! Therefore, this Willows match I challenged the girls to bowl 3 dot balls strings (3 dot balls in a row) 15 times!, which is 45 dot balls! This is one way to keep

them engaged as fielders, supporting the bowling, working together to achieve such a simple goal within the game and of course dot balls creates pressure as a batter. A simple way to keep building their game awareness.

Batting

Bat full 30 overs – getting the girls to understand that if they bat the full 30 overs, they will face 180 balls. We talk about a run a ball.

Looking/wanting to score off each ball – work our way down from either scoring a 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 off each ball. This is to create intent and energy into our batting innings. And being OK within yourself if you do only score 1 run off a ball, it is still 1 run contributing to the overall total. We always talk about scoring off 180 balls. So that would be doing a 6 RPO, which can be done in many different ways. 6 runs, could simply be a boundary and 2 singles, or three 2s. Creating deeper thinkers of the game is part of my coaching toolbox as well.

Communication – what they bowl, what fielders have good arms, how far the keeper stands back, wind direction, outfield slopes, etc.



▲ St Hilda's Collegiate 1st XI 2024.

The man behind the Timpson's Tigers

*Known as 'Chub' to all his friends, **Brian Hays** is a legend within teaching and rugby circles in our city. His long teaching career at Burnside, Cashmere and Rangiora High Schools (where he was Deputy Principal) matched an equally impressive playing and coaching career in rugby. In the code his pinnacle as player came with selection in the NZ Universities team and then as an assistant coach of the NZ Women's Rugby team (Black Ferns) which won the Barcelona World Cup in 2002. Brian is also a Life Member of the University of Canterbury Rugby Football Club (UCRFC). For this article he has interviewed the former Rangiora High School Principal, 94 year old Colin Macintosh, a very highly respected educationalist in New Zealand in his time.*

Colin Macintosh is the oldest living Tiger and remembers well the early days. The iconic Timpson's Tigers team at UCRFC was the very first social rugby team in NZ. It was formed by its namesake, the late Tony Timpson (Life Member UCRFC) in 1952. Colin was on the steps of the UC Geography Dept (town site campus, Arts Centre today) the day Tony put the team together and both played in the first game. The team played in the famous jersey with the upturned tiger as its logo and was mainly made up of second and third year students who were "studious" and therefore didn't have the time to commit to a team that trained regularly.

Original Tigers "Rules"

- (1) Had to be in the back bar of the Clarendon Hotel – closest bar to UC—at 5.30pm on a Friday to be selected.
- (2) The team did NOT train ... but did have two

basketball teams in a YMCA competition (opposite UC).

(3) There is NO washing of your playing gear.

(4) The first time the team entered the opposition 25-yard line (today's 22) you had to try to drop a goal.

The unofficial team game plan "if all fails, put up an up and under". They played quite a "zany" style of rugby in the schools' 1st XV grade (v CBHS, St Andrew's, Christ's et al). In one game they were up 18-0 at halftime v CBHS and got beaten 21-18. Some Fridays Tony Timpson would stand up in lectures and ask "do you play rugby?" – if a positive reply the student would get the message to "be at the Clarendon at 5.30pm". One game in North Hagley by Nancy's hotel the team only had 11 players. Some hostel students were biking on the adjacent cycle path, Tony stopped them, "do you have boots?", and by halftime the team had 15.

Zane (Zombie) Dalzell (Christ's College Biology master) and long serving Canterbury lock played many games for the Tigers when he had a free Saturday but was eventually disqualified as rep players were not permitted to play down the grades.

Naturally the social side was high on the agenda of the young men. Colin recalls one particular party in Swanns Rd at Tony Timpson's hall, the players had to attend in dress suits and then Tony made everyone swim in suits in the nearby Avon River (on a very cold June night). Another night they went to the Sumner RSA dance (as you did in the '50s). There was no seawall in those days and the RSA flooded at high tide. The lads had to roll up their trousers and carry the girls out in their dresses – all in a day's work.

The team had a real sense of identity (as it does today) with a blazer pocket and tie (narrow) with the upturned Tiger on both. Colin recalls his mate Tony Timpson ONZM, who died in 2013, as a "larger than life" person. Tony trained as an accountant and then went on to co-found the highly successful business of Cavalier

Bremworth. As well, he was a more than useful senior cricket player who played for Canterbury B and NZ Universities. In a senior career from 1956 to 1965 with West Christchurch University Cricket Club (as it was called then) Tony took 250 wickets at 16.7 as a left-arm spin bowler. Names like Graham Dowling and Brian Hastings, even

John Wright much later, have donned the jersey. At a Tigers reunion in the '90s at UCRFC you could almost field a NZ Cricket XI from the attendees on that Friday night.

It is great that the TIMPSON'S TIGERS live on at UCRFC. Long may it continue.

Inside the Trevor Campbell Pavilion



New president appointed

The big news during the off season was the appointment of Paul Rutledge as Club President to replace Nick Davidson in the role. It is fair to say Paul has been the heartbeat of The Willows for several decades now. It is customary for players to be greeted by Paul on arrival at the ground. He has been the one to ensure the operational side runs smoothly and thereby enhance the whole experience.

In his time Paul has done it all at The Willows. As a player with 81 games he is third on the all-time list. He has also been responsible for team selection and match coordination since 2009, on the Management Committee since 2011 (latterly as Chair), and since 2008 even donned the false beard and red and white kit to be a jovial Father Christmas at our Christmas Party for young people with special needs. Paul is also the man behind the “play in the V” badges and the revitalisation of the Club’s Golf Day.

Paul is greatly respected as a person of high integrity, devoted to the Club and loyal to the ideals set by Mr Dormer. Mike wanted to do more

for cricket coaching in schools and here Paul has taken up the baton on his behalf. Paul has developed strong links with schools and clubs to further this. In partnership with Tamai Sports, and their “Learn To Play” programme, together they have targeted 8-11 year-olds from the earthquake-hit eastern suburbs of Christchurch to introduce young cricketers to the game. The youngsters are kitted out in new gear and have coaching sessions. Paul has strong empathy with families who do not have the wherewithal or support to play sport. He is one of those absolute stars who gives so much back to the game.

We wish him well as President and know he can rely on the goodwill of members and all who visit our piece of cricket paradise.

Third time lucky for Hunter

With a century on opening day, no one deserves an honours board entry more than Hunter Kindley. This after his 100 retired against OBHS 1st XI in October having come agonisingly close with 98 last year.

Hunter, deputy head boy at OBHS in 2017, has been their Director of Cricket since 2020. He has been on the fringe of making the Otago Volts team for a while now.

A handful of Willowers have matched Hunter’s feat with a ton on first outing of the season. This select group includes: Iain Robertson (Canterbury and Otago) in 2004; Sam Noster (NZ U19) with a 92 ball century v his old school CBHS in 2008; Black Caps batsman Will Young and Cheviot’s own Chris Burnett against Gore High School in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

So, five Willowers have started their season with a century at Loburn. It certainly makes those pre-season net sessions worthwhile and is a positive way to commence the new season.



Ever-present photographer missed this season

Twenty years ago Rex Hayward became a regular fixture as the official photographer of The Willows. A role he sadly and reluctantly had to forego at the end of last season and so we lost his bright, enthusiastic and frothy demeanour. He got huge enjoyment from seeing young men and women leave high school and go on to carve wonderful careers in the professional game. Rex is a character, full of anecdotes and acumen, who loved to joke and interact with the players and spectators. Armed with his camera he would pop up on the field of play to get close to the action seeking the perfect shot.

Since growing up in Timaru cricket has been his dominant summer activity. When he moved to Christchurch he joined the St Albans CC and mixed with some of the great characters in cricket – men like Sam Guillen, Zin Harris, John Howell and Noel McGregor who all played some President's grade cricket together at the end.

Rex had a 40+ year career in radio and television. In that time he performed many and varied roles, including: director of programmes with over a thousand live Mainland Touch screenings, outdoor broadcasts at numerous Commonwealth Games and telethons, and freelance work with Sky TV on sports productions. So after a fascinating working life Rex has never really stopped. Now in his seventies he is still involved as tour guide in the cruise ship industry as well as having a hands-on role at his daughter's dog kennels. On top of this he has a 1.5 acre property at Oxford to maintain. One has to wonder where he gets the time, energy and inclination to be always so bright and breezy when about people.

His absence this season has left a big hole. For one thing, we did not get the usual photographic coverage of every match and his engaging presence was sorely missed. Thank you Rex for a superb job at The Willows.



More coaching opportunities

True to our charitable status we have offered more than ever before this season in the way of coaching young players and support for coaches.

It started with two coaching camps run in conjunction with *Evolution Performance*. The first was a conference for current and aspiring coaches, followed by a two-day youth training camp in October. We were fortunate to have the services of Dan Vann, Theo van Woerkom, Shane Bond and Matthew Bell to run interactive and specialist skills sessions. The initiative was seen as an important way to upskill local coaches, allowing them to learn from the “best in the business” and network with other coaches.

Since then a further five separate skills clinics have been held. The first, a pace bowling masterclass was again a co-venture between the Club and Evolution Performance and was taken by two superb coaches in Dayle Hadlee and Shane Bond. Players from various schools were selected to take part. The session covered fundamentals of pace bowling mechanics/technique, safety, how to effectively warm up, developing a rhythmical and efficient run up, as well as individual coaching. Clinics on: spin bowling, batting against spin, wicketkeeping and T20 batting were equally as successful.

Through the kind support of The Queen Street Cricket Club (Auckland) and the generosity of several of our own Club members we have funded the work of Cam Craib to coach girls and boys at Riccarton High School.

Canterbury XI share skills with secondary school players

It has been a recent tradition to host the Canterbury Plunket Shield team for a “friendly” with invited secondary schoolboys. This year we had six international stars amongst the mix as all players relished the perfect track and outfield. Runs flowed at a clip of five per over with handy innings from: Robbie Foulkes, Chad Bowes, Henry Nicholls, Matthew Boyle and Kyle Jamieson. Most bowlers took a bit of tap in the benign conditions.

Schoolboys from Marlborough to Timaru enjoyed their outing with the stars. Both keepers Aarush Bhagwat (CBHS) and Flynn Brookland (TBHS) acquitted themselves well and Tim Petrie (Marlborough Boys’ College) picked up the POD for his double of 38 runs not out and a return of 2/2 with the ball.

It is always such a good day and our thanks go to Coach Fulton and his splendid band of men.



▲ Kyle Jamieson – stand and deliver.



▲ Ex-TBHS quick Ollie Linton in full flight.



▲ Matthew Boyle in blazing form.



▲ Henry Nicholls with a safe pair of hands.

Congratulations

The Club heartily congratulates **Graham Dowling** OBE and **Lee Robinson** MNZM who have both been made Life Members of New Zealand Cricket. This is wonderful recognition for years of service to our game and the high esteem with which both are held in cricket circles.

Also, our warmest congratulations to Willowers **Mitch Hay** and **Rhys Mariu** for their selection for New Zealand during this season, honours they richly deserve. For Mitch at the end of the season he scored a career best ODI score of 99 not out against Pakistan plus took a hatful of catches behind the stumps. Both have supported The Willows from their formative days and look set for further international success.

A further shout-out to another Willower and great stalwart of the game in Dunedin. Well done to **Craig Cumming** who mid-season was appointed Head Coach of the Blaze, based at Trent Bridge, Nottingham. Craig was a Volts player 2000–2012 as well as a New Zealand representative 2003–2009. He has been successful Head Coach of the Sparks since 2022. All the best Craig in an important move off-shore.

On the Club playing front, a personal milestone was achieved when **Chris Mugford** who brought up his 1,000 runs for the Club. Chris not only is a fine all-round player but we are grateful for his lead in Kindred cricket.



▲ Chris Mugford and David Clouston enjoy a catch-up at the Kindred tournament.

In true MED spirit...

A shout-out to **Matt Henry**, Black Cap #266 and Willows tourist to India and Sri Lanka, for his wonderful philanthropic gesture at the start of the season.

For a match last October, Andrew Nuttall arrived, looking as immaculate as ever, toting not one but two cricket coffins. Both chocka to the brim. It transpired that one, with Lucknow Super Giants inscribed, belonged to Matt and which he had kindly donated to The Willows. President Paul saw immediately that the gear bag would be ideal to store Tamai sports equipment for their programme with children aged 9-13 years from the Eastern suburbs of Christchurch. The multiple Black Caps playing strips and Lucknow IPL shirts would make perfect PoD prizes.

So cricket lovers, over this past summer, if you have seen a proliferation of merchandise personalised with HENRY on the back, you know they came from The Willows courtesy of the generosity of a very special Bedean product, in Matt Henry.

Appreciation from CDSA

“On the penultimate Sunday in December some of our Canterbury Down Syndrome Association families had an absolute blast at the annual Willows Cricket Club’s Christmas party at Loburn. Once again, there was so much to enjoy including pony rides, a bouncy castle, balloon sculptures, drinks, sausages, face painting and of course, the man himself Santa! Every child who attended received a lovely gift and lollies from Santa. Some were very happy to sit on his knee.... others not so much, but everyone had fun. We are extremely grateful to the Dormer and Rutledge families as well as The Willows Cricket Club for their amazing generosity in putting this event on year after year for disabled children and their families”. (See photos on page 37)



Top female 1st XI players on show

This season the double-header girls' XIs matches were played for the first time on a Sunday and they lived up to the hype. The presence of two former New Zealand players in Nicki Turner and Kirsty Bond added to the significance of the day and they were able to share advice and encouragement to members of each team. We thank both Dunedin schools for making the long trek north to play. The teams decided on 30-overs each per innings.

In the first game Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI batted first. After the loss of two early wickets there was a strong recovery led by Lilah Cowan (24) and half centuries to both Lily Rumball and Elise Dill-Russell before retiring. CGHS finished 198/4 off their 30 overs. The St Hilda's openers began positively but when Pip Ussher secured the breakthrough further wickets ensued. The visitors' innings was largely held together by Megha Senthilkumar who finished on 42*. Bowling for CGHS Pip Ussher, Abi Moore and Lily Rumball each bagged a brace as St Hilda's were all out for 116 in the 27th over.

St Margaret's 1st XI held the upper hand in the second match versus Otago Girls' High School 1st XI. After being invited to bat first Ciara Hartland (74*) and Lily Young (38) shared a strong 2nd wicket stand. Ciara punished any wayward deliveries and helped St Margaret's to 154/2. OGHS lost a key wicket in the first over and from there regular wickets continued to fall.

Credit to Emily Aubin, who not only took a spectacular catch earlier in the field, but at #3 she batted through the remainder of the innings for a fine 47*. OGHS were all out for 96 with Lily Young finished with the best figures for the day of 4/5.

Players of the day were: Emily Aubin (OGHS), Lily Young (St Margaret's), Lily Rumball (CGHS) and Megha Senthilkumar (St Hilda's). A big thank you to umpires Alyson Shipley and Graham Cutts who officiated for both games.

Rosebowl Trophy

Christchurch Girls' HS v St Hilda's Girls' College

2024 CGHS

2023 CGHS

2022 St Hilda's

2021 CGHS

2020 CGHS

Bates-Satterthwaite Trophy

St Margaret's College v Otago Girls' HS

2019 St Hilda's

2024 St Margaret's

2023 St Margaret's

2022 St Margaret's

Then in March we welcomed another new school to the ground; this time the Craighead Diocesan 1st XI from Timaru to play Waimea College 1st XI. Craighead batted first and posted 132/3 off their 30 overs. Opener Sophie Kelly (44) and Camryn Linton (50 not out) were the main contributors



▲ Waimea College 1st XI.



against some accurate Waimea bowling. In reply, Waimea openers Petra Cederman and Madison Greenaway started positively putting on 32 for the first wicket. Once both were out, regular wickets fell before Grace Mathewson and Ashleigh Sixtus came together for the 8th wicket and took their team to within 20 runs of the target. Craighead held their nerve and picked up the final Waimea wickets winning by 16 runs.

We were thrilled to have White Fern #81 Nicki Turner as the match host. As well as playing six Tests and 28 ODIs between 1982 and 1991, Nicki was the first woman in NZ to be awarded a Level 3 coaching certificate and to become the first professional women's coach. So her presence made the day that much more special.

... and primary school players

At the end of every school year the Club, together with Dan Vann and friends at Evolution Performance, host a number of cricket events for junior players. Several well-patronised coaching camps, which started with a pre-season one and culminated in a junior development match prior to Christmas. For the match twenty enthusiastic 11–12 year olds, from all over Canterbury, should feel proud of their performances and how they carried themselves. The result itself was exciting with 210 runs chased down with last batter, last man standing, Finley Smith (Sydenham) scoring 55 not out. His skilful and smartly played innings capped off a good day.



▲ Cricketers from Craighead Diocesan School on their first visit to The Willows.



▲ Action from the junior development day in December.

Our dedicated umpires and scorers

The umpire at cricket is like the geyser in the bathroom: we cannot do without it, yet we notice it only when it is out of order!

— Neville Cardus, 1934

It is time to acknowledge and thank the women and men who are the adjudicators and recorders of our fine game. Without their dedication and skill there would be no game. We are particularly indebted to both David Stuthridge and Jim Stringleman for the rostering of umpires and scorers at The Willows over the season.

We have welcomed some excellent new umpires to the ground, people like Rose Pentecost, John Davies, Robert Hill, Lucas Watkin, Regan Dalley and Richard Glover. Richard hailed from the Edenfield Cricket Club in Lancashire and had landed in the country the day before to follow the England tour. He presented his club plaque and spoke with fondness of his experience at The Willows, saying the day would be his favourite memory of the trip. John has been umpiring regularly this season after returning to Christchurch from Timaru. He is a former North and South Canterbury Hawke Cup player, handy with both bat and ball in his time. Lucas is a student at Lincoln University and is the grandson of former international umpire Evan Watkin, under whose tutelage he has umpired a number of games in Wellington. Robert was inspired into umpiring by his dad Matthew who stood first back in December 2005 and has been a regular for us since. And Regan is a promising new addition to the Country umpire ranks.

Others, like Scott Maher (Ashburton) and Barry Townrow (Westport) have travelled long distances to help. In all, a total of thirty umpires

have stood at The Willows this season and we are grateful to each for that.

It is also timely to remember two umpires who passed away during the season. They are: Test umpire Dave Quested and the popular David Herber. An obituary for Dave, kindly written by David Stuthridge, can be read on page 67. Umpire Herber officiated at The Willows for the Canterbury Plunket Shield squad match held in October 2024; ten weeks before his sudden passing. He was always keen to do the match against his old school St Andrew's College. We remember and honour these two for their many, many years of great service to our game.

It has proved even more difficult to get official scorers for each match. Without scorers available we have had to rely on players / parents to step up. However, we do have a loyal band who make themselves available to ensure the numbers balance and to them we are also indebted.

Those with multiple appearances this season at The Willows include: Ann McLeod, Rob Seabourn and Zoe Dalton. Zoe was a first time scorer this season and has been team scorer for her son's CBHS team on Saturdays. Ann and Rob have been long-time regulars, with Rob also scorer for the Canterbury Country Hawke Cup team.

Another Ford Trophy in the bag

In March Canterbury beat Auckland by six wickets in Dunedin to win back-to-back Ford Trophy titles. In fact, this was Canterbury's third title in five seasons which reflects the hard work and superb preparation that has gone in. The Press summed it up best saying "it speaks volumes about the depth of talent in the region and the work of Peter Fulton and his coaching staff". Congratulations to all involved.

So it is hard to go past Peter and Cole McConchie being respectively coach and captain of the year in national List A cricket.

National title #13 for CBHS

Heartiest congratulations to the Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI on being national champions again – for the 13th time. This is another outstanding honour to a team which continually sets the benchmark in NZ secondary school cricket. Again to all the team, including captain Callum Samson and coaches Rob Smith, Denis Aberhart and Nick Cooke it was a brilliant campaign, skilfully orchestrated throughout.

Christchurch Girls' High School 1st XI was runner-up in their 2024 national title quest. Another commendable result from a talented side coached by Willower Paul Knight. The highlight coming in the final match of the tournament when captain Sacha Arnold scored 103* off 60 balls in a dominant batting display.

For departing seniors in both teams it was a great way to finish their high school cricket journey.



Captaincy is 90 per cent luck and 10 per cent skill. But don't try it without that 10 percent.

— Richie Benaud

Fickle Canterbury weather!



“We’ll bowl first, skip”

19th August 2024



“We’ll bat first, skip”

6th October 2024



Northern tours cement strong relationships between clubs

Late in the season two teams of mostly Over-40s Willows players represented the Club with distinction on separate northern tours.

The first, captained by Brent Fleming, took part in a tri-series at the Basin Reserve, Wellington against Ocean Beach CC and two Wellington Wanderers teams. There were two games, one featuring The Willows, before rain stopped the third match. Unfortunately, The Willows came second on this occasion to Ocean Beach CC, but what a privilege to play on the Basin. The next day the team moved to Martinborough for a 35 over match v Old Tablelands and were pipped in this game too, by 23 runs. Our player of the day was Chris White with three wickets and 40 not out, which included three consecutive sixes over long-on. Valuable runs were scored by Tom Lancaster at the top of the order and Willie Lyons retired with 36 to his credit. Captain Fleming did well juggling the bowling options with a maximum of four overs each.

The North Island tour would not have been possible without the magnificent organisation of Willower, now resident in the capital, Tom

Lancaster, and hosting par excellence from The Wanderers and Rob Morrison's Old Tablelands. Another bonus was the presence of our late Past-President Mr Nick Davidson who spoke beautifully as ever at the aftermatch. It was excellent to have so many wives present; thanks to Rosie, Liz, Liz, Clare, and Nicki for coming along and making the trip that much better. On the final evening Rob completely outdid any reasonable expectation with a fully catered meal being enjoyed by all. The loss was much easier to swallow with some of the beautiful wines we were treated to from his cellar.

Success did come a week or so later when a determined Kindred team, captained by Robert Dunne, travelled to Blenheim and won the 12-team national Kindred Cup title – for a fourth time. The festival was hosted by United Country & Vineyards at their beautiful Black Cottage Cricket ground and at Horton Park.

In the first match against the Queen Street Cricket Club, Paul Miller and Dan Vann rescued a middle order Willows collapse and bullied 125 off the last ten overs to set 205. Dan Vann scored a brutal 118* off 58 balls. Queen St couldn't get away and toiled to 67 all out in 15 overs with Sam Davis getting four wickets.

Old Haberdashers from Manawatu were the afternoon's foe. Batting first they got off to a strong start but the bowling started to strangle and they finished on 122/7 with Chris Mugford claiming three and Sam Davis and Michael

Davidson going at under 5's. With Jimad Khan getting a golden duck in the first game, the Haberdashers bowlers wore the fury and he punished 79* and the game was done in 13 overs.

After a wonderful evening at the Cottage including a marathon Jeremy Coney ramble, The Willows backed up at Horton Park early the next morning for their semi-final vs Wellington Wanderers. The Wanderers were the form team of Day 1 with Hamish Marshall recording a remarkable 100. Today The Willows batted first and guided by captain Robert Dunne with 86* and some heavy hitting from Johnny Davidson a score of 198/6 felt competitive. The Wanderers fell behind the rate early and once Paul Miller nabbed Marshall the game was sealed. The Wanderers rallied but fell for 174. Michael Davidson claimed four wickets.

The final game was a late affair under the eyes of the well-watered also-rans at the Black Cottage. Aerobic shows, brass bands and streakers were all in attendance as The Willows took on North Shore CC. The Willows bowled first and once they removed Brad Cachopa, the wheels fell off and North Shore limped to 108/9. Hugo Davison with 3-fer. The lubricated crowd were then in for a show with Dan Vann and Jimad Khan pelting 6's into the vines running down the target in 13 overs with Jimad scoring 55. The night ran long and many yarns were had with all the teams and many friendships made and rekindled. In all, it was a massive weekend wonderfully hosted and managed by the Vineyards, with thanks to David Clouston and his team for organising such a special event.

Both these trips reiterate the importance for The Willows to maintain these connections, and in so doing offer a good level of cricket for our "more experienced" members.

In mid March, Willie Lyons captained another side to a good win over the touring Robbie Deans' Sydney Cricket Ground Trust XI – a highly anticipated fixture played in true cricketing spirit. SCG XI won the toss and elected to bat first, but The Willows' disciplined bowling attack kept them in check, restricting the visitors to 132 runs. Nigel De Maine was the standout performer with the ball, claiming an impressive four wickets. In

response, openers Tom Lancaster and Willie Lyons setting a solid foundation. Willie with a well-crafted 44* led us home. Post match players and supporters were wonderfully hosted to a generous spread at Brent Fleming's nearby home. Bonhomie, laughter and cricket banter rounded off a fantastic day.



▲ A privilege for this Willows XI to play at the Basin.



▲ Willie Lyons in dashing form at the Basin Reserve.

Brennan and Will off to Sussex

The Dormer Melliush Scholarship is back in full swing after a brief hiatus in 2024, continuing its mission of providing young cricketers with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This year, two talented scholars have been selected to represent The Willows Cricket Club – Brennan Matla, an off-spinning all-rounder from Christchurch Boys' High School, and Will Davies, a top-order batsman and seam bowler from Shirley Boys' High School. Both players will embark on their journey in late April, heading to the UK to play in the Sussex League, with Brennan joining Aldwick CC and Will representing Worthing Chippingdale CC.

Their six-month stint in the UK will not only help refine their cricketing skills in different playing conditions but also provide invaluable life experiences. Alongside their club commitments, both scholars will have the opportunity to work at the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation, coaching and mentoring children from underprivileged backgrounds. This marks the



▲ Arundel Castle Cricket Ground.

second set of scholars sent overseas following the success of Maggie Martin and Nick Gibb in 2023. In return, two UK cricketers from Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) will be selected in the coming weeks and will arrive in New Zealand in September for our next cricket season, further strengthening the scholarship's exchange programme and its commitment to fostering young talent and providing once in a lifetime experiences on both sides of the world.

Let's not forget the Over-60s

Their big day came with a home match for a Canterbury Invitational Over 60 XI against a World XI comprising mainly UK players and a sprinkling of Aussies. They were on a seven game tour, having won all four previous matches. Skip John Garry had no hesitation in batting first on a hard fast track, but Canterbury were soon in early trouble. We were rescued by two Ohoka players Eugene Archer and John Hamilton both scoring 51 retired. Then Jeremy Wilson (31) and Graeme Johnson (27*) saw us through to 193/3 in 40 overs; maybe 20 runs shy.

With the Rest of World at 40/2 it seemed we had gained parity at least. But they too had two players, Dave Walton and Robin Yates, who retired on 50 and they got home, with 4 down in the 38th over. And so their winning streak preserved. The large group of supporters in attendance enjoyed a fabulous day with all aspects of the venue very much appreciated by our mainly UK visitors.

In the final game of the season NZ Over 60's went down to Australia Over 60's and like the UK team earlier they were blown away by everything at The Willows. Winning their third game against NZ no doubt made the team and supporters even happier. Thanks to Phil Harris for hosting the two overseas Veterans teams, in a busy fortnight in March but both were excellent days.

And so both Kindred and Masters cricket is alive and well and a win-win for the global cricketing fraternity.

Successful IZA function in Sydney

By Winsome Dormer

To have been invited to be an Honorary Floreant Salices Member of I Zingari Australia is deeply cherished.

When Mike and I were married in 1973 we lived in Neutral Bay Sydney until Peter was born in 1977 when we returned to Christchurch. During these times the I Zingari games at Camden in the home ground on the historical Camden Park estate provided myself, the country girl at heart, a wonderful balance in my new Sydney city life and I treasured times there; the camaraderie with the players and their wives especially the opportunity to form what have become life long family friendships.

When the notice of the 136th AGM on 29 August 2024 arrived in the mail, along with the invitation to attend the 2024 winter reunion dinner my flight to Sydney and acceptance of the invitation were immediate! We met together at The Emery Room, Shore War Memorial Playing Fields for dinner then the AGM. It was an impressive meeting superbly conducted by the re-elected President Ern Pope. Members spoke with great wit and acumen about the Club.

The function also marked a major milestone, with the IZA Patron in Perpetuity, the ageless WB Douglass at 97 years of age, in attendance. This was Bill's 78th attendance at an AGM, his first being in 1946.

... and an important correction

On page 26 of the last Annual Report the wrong team, viz The Willows, was credited with an 8 wicket victory over the visiting I Zingari team from Australlia. The result was indeed the other way round. This caused consternation across the ditch and necessitated the following editorial apology to our sister Club:

Dear Winsome, Mark and indeed all members of the I Zingari CC (especially the January 2024 tour party) —



▲ IZ Australia legend Bill Douglass with Winsome Dormer.

Red faces here! With the realisation of fake accreditation of victory to the home side when we were comprehensively outplayed in our last fixture. I know how the mistake occurred but I am too embarrassed to burden you with it.

And to Winsome – for unwittingly putting you in the awful situation of having to face an irate IZ AGM in Sydney baying for fair play. A bit like going out to bat to face Lillee and Thompson on a crook wicket!

At least Mark the right team was credited with the “W” on page 72 so I wasn’t doubly complicit. And please inform Ben and Philip that both their names have gone up on the Honours Board to record their memorable batting exploits on the day; along with the century scored by our very own Chris Mugford.

My humble apologies for the maelstrom caused by my incompetence. MED looking down from heaven’s pavilion would see it as another fiendish Willows plot to burgle a favourable result and on a par with his desire to buy in the services of Sachin Tendulkar to arrest a string of perennial losses to the Hawks.

Yours in cricket, Editor



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Q&A with Joey Yovich

MED would have loved to have worked closely in both cricket and business with our featured player. A proud Northlander with deep Croatian roots, Joey Yovich is now the Regional Sports Connector for Sport Northland, where he works directly to provide sporting opportunities for all across the region. He is also the co-founder of the ReSport Charitable Trust, an initiative that distributes new and gently used sports gear and equipment throughout Northland, removing financial barriers. Mike would have certainly endorsed this mission as well as Joey's strong work ethic, loyalty, and no-nonsense approach.

Joey finished his playing days as an accomplished opening batsman, having debuted against Canterbury at Lancaster Park in 1996.

He began his career as a tearaway quick before evolving into a respected and successful allrounder for Northern Districts. Spanning 17 seasons from 1996 to 2013, he was an integral part of ND's golden era, contributing to 11 championship titles across his career, including four Plunket Shields and achieving the rare milestone of 100 First-Class and 100 List A appearances for the association. His contribution was formally recognised with a Northern Districts Life Membership, a reflection of both his service and standing in the game. In recent seasons, we've been fortunate to enjoy Joey's support and presence at Loburn. He currently serves as the Deputy Chair of the Seddon Cricket Club and has captained the President's XI in our annual fixture against the Willows Youth XI. Imposing in stature and presence, Joey leaves a lasting impression on everyone he meets and epitomises all the qualities which MED lauded. We value his contribution here.

Q1. Most memorable game?

Whenever you win a championship title, it's always something special and I was fortunate to be involved in a few during my career. The 1999/2000 Plunket Shield, back then known as the Shell Trophy, win against Auckland at Owen Delaney Park in Taupō brings back some fond memories. Getting out for 99 is something I'm still reminded about to this day! Watching the lads pop the champagne and seeing some of the younger players introduced to cigars by our gnarly veterans is a classic memory that's well and truly stuck with me.

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

While it's hard to single one special moment there were always those where individual performances contributed to team success. One milestone I'm particularly proud of is reaching both 100 First-Class matches and 100 One-Day matches for the same province. My 100th First-Class match was played at the Basin Reserve



▲ At the toss, with Nick Davidson and Jeremy Benton.

against Wellington and we came away with an outright win. In the following match, back at Cobham Oval in Whangārei, I was honoured to be presented with a special Kauri plaque to mark the occasion, surrounded by players, administrators, supporters, and my family. That same game was my 100th domestic one-day match, this time against Central Districts. Another proud moment.

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

My late father, Frank, was the key influence in my cricketing journey. He gave me the support, platform, and environment to grow, without ever being a “helicopter parent”, which I’m extremely grateful for. Through my club, City Cricket Club, based at Cobham Oval, I developed a lifelong love for the game. Within that club environment, I was fortunate to be surrounded by a range of inspiring individuals. Each one helped shape and influence me, not just as a player, but as a person.

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

Back yourself, and work hard and be smart — be specific, focused, and especially committed when no one’s watching and never give up. Stay open to learning and always strive to be the best version of yourself. The great players are curious, consistent, and problem solvers – experts with

beginners’ minds. Surround yourself with good people, embrace the tough moments, that’s where real growth and magic happen and always keep the game fun. Finally, never underestimate the value of balance, having interests outside of sport is key to long-term success and wellbeing.

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

As past players, I believe we must never forget where it all began, especially as the game continues to evolve and grow in professionalism. Grassroots cricket, local clubs, communities, and kindred clubs like the Willows and Seddon Cricket Clubs, etc who proudly maintain their own unique identity, remain an essential part of the wider cricketing fabric. They are vital to the future of the game and deserve ongoing support.

Coaching is critical and should be a top priority. That is why it’s so important for both past and present players to find meaningful ways to give back. Also connecting with the opposition, whether it’s players, administrators, officials, or supporters and building friendships through the game is something we must never lose.



▲ Joey Yovich with Sir Richard Hadlee.

Past Highlights

In recent years we have copped our fair share of thumpings in matches against Christchurch Boys' High School. Although we sneaked a W this season we go back to a Willows victory on the 14th November 2021. The game was played in overcast conditions on a fresh wicket. The Willows opted to bowl first. Ollie Curtis (now a Bay of Plenty rep) removed the CBHS ace Kalhan Challu with a peach when Rob Dunne snared a sharp chance at third slip. Robbie Foulkes, not for the first time, led the fight-back. He enjoyed his battle with stalwart Andrew Nuttall. Unfortunately, no one stuck around with him, many falling to injudicious shots or being bamboozled by Andrew's lethal arm ball. Andrew's 6/45 were his second best ever figures for The Willows.

At lunch, the heavens opened and on went the covers. However, as quick as it came, it cleared, so play could continue without loss of overs. The Willows in quest for 176 runs. David Wakefield and Rob Dunne started well against a new ball which was doing plenty. They put on 36 runs and when Rob was run out, after a terrible mix-up, The Willows teetered. However, up stood Jack Harris with a match-winning innings that included a massive six that sent the ball inside the pavilion on the full – luckily no one was hit and nothing broken!

A win – a rare one – in the penultimate over against the Straven Road supremos.

Christchurch BHS 1st XI

KM Challu	c Dunne b Curtis	5
R Foulkes	b Nuttall	74
T Robinson	lbw Dunne	37
C Swan	c Howell b Curtis	2
S Harris	st McConnell b Nuttall	9
E Stocks	b Cooke	4
M McMillan	b Nuttall	3
R Kapur	c Dunne b Nuttall	0
H Forrest	lbw Nuttall	0
N Smith	b Nuttall	3
J Lough	not out	0

Extras (6b, 8lb, 25w) 39
Total (all out, 42.2 overs) 176

	O	M	R	W
OD Curtis	10	1	25	2
Z Hedgecock	5	3	8	0
MJ Parr	6	3	13	0
KB Scott	3	0	22	0
AJ Nuttall	9.4	0	45	6
NC Cooke	6	0	22	1
RM Dunne	3	0	33	1

The Willows

RM Dunne	run out	40
DJ Wakefield	c Lough b Smith	19
KB Scott	c Kapur b Smith	11
GA Howell	lbw Swan	4
OD Curtis	c Cartwright b Swan	7
BJK Doody	c Lough b Swan	2
JT Harris	not out	47
TP McConnell	c Forrest b Lough	4
NC Cooke	b Lough	6
MJ Parr	not out	12
Z Hedgecock		

Extras (7lb, 16w, 3nb) 26
Total (8 wickets, 49 overs) 178

	O	M	R	W
L Cartwright	8	0	36	0
R O'Loughlin	4	0	12	0
H Forrest	3	0	9	0
N Smith	8	0	24	2
R Kapur	7	0	32	0
C Swan	10	0	35	3
R Foulkes	4	2	7	0
J Lough	5	0	21	2

Umpires: M Wood and D McIlraith

Scorer: J Henderson

Result: The Willows won by 2 wickets

Rivalry remains undampened after 30 years

We always look forward to our annual battle against our old friends from Cheviot – a rivalry that is deep rooted! Although this season's match was rained off.

The Hawkswood Wanderers cricket team was founded in 1968 when members of the Cheviot Cricket Club planned a team trip to the Nelson region. They used the Hawkswood name (an area north of Cheviot), as they thought if they got into any trouble on the trip it wouldn't reflect badly on the Cheviot Club and that no one would know where Hawkswood was! Roger Macfarlane was the manager on the team's first tour. Charles Wiffen, Don Wyllie, Murray Dickson and David Anderson were original members of the team. Another tour under the Hawkswood name went to the Wairarapa in the 1970s, then in the late 1980s when golden oldies world tournaments were popular they entered in the 1988 Brisbane tournament. At that time Hawkswood also started playing annual games against London New Zealand, VOP, Flaxton and of course The Willows.

Roger Macfarlane continued to manage and support the team. He particularly enjoyed The Willows match, turning up to ensure his beloved team put on a worthy performance. Over time he formed a close bond with Mike Dormer and the pair loved sparring over who had the better team. On one occasion after Hawkswood had won the game three years in a row, Mike insisted that as the winner, Roger should pay for the trophy engraving. The following year when the trophy was presented once again to Hawkswood, Roger told Mike he already had it engraved for the following year as it was cheaper to get it done in blocks of five! This added a wee bit more pressure to the Hawkswood boys to win again the following season ... which they invariably did!

Roger had himself been a talented batsman, representing Canterbury Under-18. He was a powerful driver and renowned hooker of the ball. Once asked what his secret was to being so good at hooking, he replied "get your head in line with the ball, if you miss it it'll hit you between the eyes", a good incentive not to miss!

Sadly these great men – Mike, Roger and Charles have passed away in recent times, however they are still with us in spirit ensuring the Hawkswood Mafia continue to hold the upper hand over The Willows! Mike and Roger used to love the contest and camaraderie of the fixture – although one would leave with a bigger smile with plotting well underway for revenge.



Remember this gem is like no other

By John Mitchell

I have much to owe my friend Michael Dormer. His inspiration and legacy remains strong and I miss the old bugger like crazy. When diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2021 he refused to let that detract from completing a successful 27th season at The Willows. Although by then a sick man he kept running his Club with the same immaculate, precise attention to detail through to the very last game in March against Waimea College. Less than four weeks later Mike was dead.

There are so many vivid memories from his final days. Like the magical Saturday afternoon I spent with him and son Ben in the family lounge, consuming wine and roaring with laughter at the wonderful cricket yarns from the "Johnners" audio tapes. A short time later when he moved to the hospice the cricket fraternity rightfully descended to pay their respects. First the bulk of Peter Fulton's Plunket Shield lads followed by a Wellington group of his oldest and dearest cricket mates who had specially flown down. A section from the Salvation Army band brought joy to his final weekend, by playing old favourites in the courtyard outside his resting place.

It was all so positive right to the very end. Mike faced his final innings as he played the game – with strength, courage and at peace knowing he had given it his best shot. So there is much to admire and celebrate as I reflect on over 30 years' association with Mike and our little cricket club on Round Hill Road.

The game has changed for the better in the intervening years. We have seen the growth of the women's game and we have done our part in welcoming schoolgirl XIs from secondary schools, from Waimea to Wakatipu and composite female sides from Wellington to play

local teams. These have been joyous occasions well supported by former White Ferns.

Another global trend has been the increased diversity in the cricket playing ranks. Who would have thought even ten years ago that the 2024 T20 World Cup would see nations like Papua New Guinea, Oman, Namibia and Uganda playing against the big guns in the world game? And for Afghanistan to knock over both New Zealand and Australia en route to the semi-finals. That diversity is very apparent in the composition of school 1st XIs who grace our ground every Sunday of the season.

To our marquee players we are indebted to their support. Peter Fulton is a loyal Willows man – willing to take every opportunity to get his charges out to the ground for some intense pre-season training sessions and to release players from time to time to play for us. Likewise Otago Cricket in releasing the likes of Max Chu, Ben Lockrose and others to play in the annual OBHS fixture. These lads, plus Internationals, like Tom Latham and Matt Henry, our present Club Captain Ed Nuttall and countless others go back to those early tours to Sri Lanka and India which Mike and the McEwans so wonderfully masterminded. These stars of the modern game have never forgotten this opportunity and the important cricket learnings made. Personally, I am in awe of the way people like Tom and Matt, who for them the cricket world is their oyster, remain so wonderfully humble, respectful and



▲ Former Willows Presidents Nick Davidson (2019-2024) and John Mitchell (1994-2003).

cognisant of how lucky they are to play in the professional era where they can enjoy such a good lifestyle playing the game they love. But it comes after plenty of hard work. I recall many an interview when they acknowledge how fortunate they are. Hats off to them!

One more thing, while on about the international game. I applaud the way the aforementioned players and their teams are being such good role models. The benefit of multifarious global T20 tournaments and the mixing of international stars has seen improved sportsmanship and less aggro between individuals. To such an extent that the role of match referee is now largely redundant as such high standards are apparent to the casual spectator.

Whether directed to a player or a spectator on what is the greatest pleasure about a day at The Willows the most common answer will hark back to the peace and beauty of this setting for cricket. For this we are indebted to Ben and Alan Gilmour (wicket supervisor) for some wonderful recent improvements in playing conditions. While the players may rejoice at the bounce and carry of the wicket for the spectator it is the beauty of the bunding down to the wild flowers, shade trees, carpet-like outfield and the total ambience of its rural surroundings. Perfection.

For me, after over a decade out of the game, becoming an inaugural Willower was a real thrill. Playing in that first ever match versus Christ's College 1st XI was great but even bigger was just catching up with former players and mates, some going back to when I was a mere boy. No other game forges friendships quite like cricket, given the hours and days teams are together. Bonds made are life-long. Back in The Willows fold again enabled me to meet up with the likes of the late Don Neely and Bill Fenton, who go back to the 1960s when playing at Seddon Park and in the New Zealand Under 23 team respectively. On another occasion in 2002 sharing a couple of sessions with Mike and that old warhorse Phil d'Auvergne, watching Nathan Astle destroy England, scoring 222 at Lancaster Park. Talk about wind the clock back.

Throughout our Club's history we have rightfully been able to acknowledge the contribution and

give due regard to many outstanding servants of our game. This tradition goes back to the start with people like Mr Hadlee, Clarrie Anderson, Iain Gallaway and on through to the likes of Lee Robinson, Trevor Thornton and Peter Devlin for their role in creating world-class venues at Hagley and Mainpower Ovals.

Mike Dormer was a great advocate for youth. He was a mentor to many. He bristled with pride how young Alex Reese, after a life-changing tour, returned to establish multiple Cricket Live academies in Sri Lanka. Mike would hugely endorse the Club's recent focus on cricket coaching and support for disadvantaged youth and non specialist cricket schools.

Another great pleasure has been the Matfen link, which sadly ended when Sir Hugh sold up. But that was a wonderful experience for our brightest and best who were lucky to go across. But where there is a will, others have found their own way across – Maggie Martin, Nick Gibb, Matt Boyle to name a few – to England and Regan Sheahan in Holland last winter to play cricket. It is a thrill to see them succeed. It must give their parents immense satisfaction - it certainly does to an old-timer who would have loved the chance. For instance, in 2024 Matt Boyle had a great season playing in the Sussex first division league. His club had the best live video feeds (with action replays) of play and I kept harking back to the joy this might have brought Justin and Genevieve (and uncle David in China) watching Matt regularly slaughter opposition bowlers and then bamboozle them with his leg spin.

So many fond memories for me courtesy of The Willows. As each season ticks over, one does feel a bit more remote from the modern player but it is refreshing to go out to meet the latest up-and-comers in the game. And also to know that they are in good hands, well nurtured and learning from some of the best people. Remember this gem is like no other; grounded on high standards, cricket etiquette and fair play. Finally, it goes without saying that when required we need you as Club members "to roll the sleeves up, step up, and offer your unsolicited time and expertise for its betterment".



Epiphany – calling it a day while fielding at third man

*As an NZC Level 3 High Performance cricket coach **Nigel Fletcher** has many friends in cricket, particularly in Auckland and Canterbury. Early on, he played premier / first grade cricket in Yorkshire, Queensland and NZ. And perhaps his finest moment came in 2018 when he captained the first New Zealand Over-50 side to a World Cup, with a true highlight being asked to play for a Bradman XI on the Bradman Oval at Bowral on that trip. Here he talks about his final match as a player.*

Whilst playing at Loburn on 10 November 2023 v Wellington Wanderers Over-50s, I made a decision to stop playing cricket. The moment occurred while fielding at third man, with about 30-45 minutes of play to go, and the BBQ emitting great aromas, the weather sublime, the setting and the cricket being simply outstanding. I had flown down for the game and it was all so worth it. However, on that day, at that moment, in that setting, surrounded by people I consider to be some of the best people I have met in cricket, with hearts and heads for the good of the game, I realised it was just not going to ever get better for me.

I had said to my wife just a month or so earlier that this season would likely be my last. I have just turned 58, and whilst I know there are many older cricketers than I, that is also one of the issues for me. I live in the wrong part of New Zealand to continue playing. If I lived in Christchurch I would be a regular participant for some time to come. Cricket at The Willows is perfect cricket.

I trained for my last Willows outing in November, because to not do so would have been unfair on my team mates. I thought at the time my training was for the season. But standing at third man, walking back to my fielding position between balls, I had an epiphany – something that before that moment I probably didn't believe existed. I just came to a very obvious conclusion that it was not going to get better than that moment for me.

I don't remember learning the game, I just know I have played it for as long as my memory goes back, so 50 years plus. I have played in some wonderful teams at some amazing grounds around the world, and had some fantastic life experiences on and around the cricket field. I am a Level 3 Coach, follow the game intensely, and will always love it. I will find a way to continue to give back to the game that teaches us so much about life, and am a very keen advocate for mentoring youngsters – a reason I am so taken by what you do at, for and with The Willows.

Having made the decision I did on that day at third man at The Willows, I spoke it out loud to myself to make it real. I then kept it to myself for a day or so to test whether I really meant it. I did, and feel that by finishing on my own terms it was the right thing to do. It is time to pursue other physical interests.

The reason for writing is several fold. Firstly, to let you know that I am now a non-playing member. Secondly, to hopefully illustrate to you that by providing an environment where someone who was raised in Yorkshire, played and coached around the world, and now lives in and is proud to have represented New Zealand, chooses to call time on playing the great game is testament to what you have. In my view there is no equal, and what you do will continue to be

supported by me. I will also be sure to attend any game day that finds me in the area.

In the meantime, I reflect fondly and with gratitude on the 81 I scored in my first match for The Willows (succumbing to a lazy shot to be bowled off my pads), and a wonderful weekend in Wellington early in 2019 as part of the first victorious Willows Kindred Cup team. That latter weekend showed me what a great bunch of

people Willowers are. I have got to know quite a few Willowers, and do feel part of something special. You have built on Mike's original vision in an outstanding way and I take my hat off to you for having done so.

Thank you again for doing what you do, and at a very personal level, providing an environment where I honestly believe I found the perfect place and time to pull stumps on my playing.



A shot from the past

This photograph was taken on 24th April 1965 during a warm-up game (a one-dayer) played at the Oval, London, between the touring NZ team and the London New Zealand Cricket Club.

It shows future Willowers (and good mates) Artie Dick (Otago, Wellington and 17 Tests for New Zealand) batting with Michael Dormer (Auckland) keeping wicket for LNZCC. Artie is playing freely to a delivery from Bryan Ashbridge (born Wellington) – the principal ballet dancer of the Royal ballet (Sadler's Wells). Also invited to play

for LNZCC on the day was Jim Laker (46 Tests for England) and the man who returned match figures of 19/90 in 1956 at Old Trafford versus Australia.

Mike was not required to bat but he did catch behind the New Zealand captain John Reid and conceded no byes in an innings of 49 overs, something he would have been most proud given his preference to stand up to all bowling, quicks included. Plus, he also had the best seat on the day to watch Laker display his skill.



Nick Davidson, KC 1948–2025, Past President

It is with much sadness and shock that we learnt of the sudden passing of our past President on 8 March.

Nicholas was our respected and highly valued President from August 2019 until the AGM last year, August 2024. He stepped into the big shoes vacated by Sir John Hansen and took on the role with aplomb, charisma and dedication.

Nick's history with cricket is a long one. He was the National Code of Conduct Commissioner between 1992 and 2015 and on a number of occasions re-wrote the Code of Conduct rules for New Zealand Cricket's first-class and national cricket competitions in New Zealand.

He was also appointed to an International special committee to investigate corruption in cricket in the early millennium and he was also a member of the ICC Code of Conduct Commission Panel. Nick dealt with many disciplinary appeals in cricket, and in fact in rugby, and like his role in all other aspects of the law he exhibited an ability to listen and an understanding of the issues that comforted all those who were before him.

Nick was a senior member of the Bar and was appointed a QC (now KC) in 1998 and appointed as a High Court Judge in 2015. He presided over

many well known cases including the Winebox inquiry in the 1990s and represented the families in the Pike River disaster from 2010-2015. Nick will be sadly missed, not only by many members of the legal fraternity but the communities in cricket, rugby and in many areas where he excelled with his mediation, adjudication and social skills.

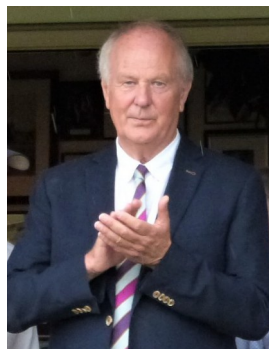
He was a long time stalwart of Akaroa, assisting in setting up the Akaroa Health Hub facility there 10 years ago. He was always a valued and highly contributing member of that community.

Thank you Nick for all you have done for so many sectors of our community; thank you for being a lead in the continuing development of The Willows Cricket Club.

– Tribute by Lee Robinson

A further reflection from our Club Chaplain Rev. Michael Hawke: "The last conversation I had with Nick was at the Club AGM, and we talked about the recent sudden death of a young cricketer. This led Nick to reflect on the deeper things in life. Nick impressed me with his profound faith, his quiet and unpretentious manner, and his expression of life through others, he was a God honouring man."

This was perhaps best exemplified in Nick's work as a trustee at 180 Degrees Trust who work to help and support under-privileged youth. Here targeted youth are challenged out in the natural environment both physically and emotionally. Nick himself summed it up best when he said of the Trust that "it is a core provider to rangatahi who have needs which reflect severe trauma and those who otherwise need steerage and mentoring at a very sensitive time in their lives". He also continued this work right up to his death with the Springboard Trust in Warkworth.





Br Bill Dowling with the St Thomas's College 1st XI in 1993. The team had recently won a 24-team Christian Brothers tournament in Brisbane, winning six out of six matches. Among the team's star batsmen was future All Whites captain Ryan Nelsen (front left).

The Press

Br Bill Dowling 1939-2024

Br Bill Dowling was like no other and due to his uniqueness, he will never be replaced and his loss has impacted so many people locally and all over the world.

He was such an inspirational man and he moulded the lives of many St Thomas men not just through sport but in their lives as a whole. He had a positive impact on people, took an interest in who they were and had an encyclopaedic knowledge of people's backgrounds that came through St Thomas of Canterbury College. Due to this, many would say he made St Thomas a place where they felt accepted and part of the College Community.

He had a massive passion for sport, specifically cricket and he gave up thousands of hours of his time to train players during the week and be there for the entire game on a Saturday. This included tours for inter-college matches and the iconic Nudgee Cricket Festivals which St Thomas won for the only time in 1993. In Australia at a tournament one year, he was so convincing that he even talked his way out of a speeding ticket after a cop with a radar gun captured him at excessive speeds at the bottom of a hill. Let's say his coaching was superior to his driving of the team van!

Back in the day, he was seen regularly in full light blue three striped Adidas tracksuit with his leather duffel bag of training balls. On a couple of

occasions, he was on the receiving end of some massive blows by batsman in the nets, notably getting knocked out on one occasion and on another getting a broken jaw. He wasn't one who wanted any fuss and carried on into his work. In the early days that included being on the tractor preparing pitches and the grounds on the far field.

He also coached to a high Canterbury Under-18 level and brought through many very good cricketers such as the Boyles, Fleming, Astle etc. He maintained important core values for players under his watch such as integrity, honesty, punctuality, appropriate dress and sportsmanship and these were non-negotiables. Conduct on the field of play was important to Br Bill and you'd have some explaining to do if you breached that at any time.

The closest we heard him swear was his legendary 'Flaming Heck Man!' call which, to be honest, we heard quite a bit in response to the teenage 'brain explosions' on the cricket field - such as guys giving their wicket away.

Br Bill, sadly your time is done on this earth with us after doing God's work and influencing so many people. Rest in Peace Bruv, our hero, our legend and our mentor - we will miss you. Your spirit and memory will live on at The Willows through the Br Bill Dowling Trophy and through the people you came into contact with during your life.

- Tribute by Chris O'Connell, a student of Br Bill from 1988-92



Brian Hastings

1940–2024

Brian learnt his early cricket by playing ‘Test’ matches with his brothers on a 10x4 metre concrete and trellis area at the front of their Wellington house. He also improved his eye–ball coordination by throwing a golf ball at the wall and trying to hit it with a cricket stump on return.

At Wellington College he excelled in cricket, rugby, basketball and athletics, with some predicting he might be an All Black. While still at school he played in the Wellington Brabin Cup team, already noted for his confidence, competitiveness and strong drive.

Hasto made his first-class debut for Wellington at 17, played one season for Central Districts, then transferred to Canterbury for work. Brian was an elegant, fluent right-handed batsman, a delightful timer of the ball, characterised by firm driving and crisp square-cutting, and always quick to hook or clip pace bowlers off his legs. He was a fine fielder, outstanding at gully with quick reactions and sure hands.

He was a key member of the strong West Christchurch Club, later Burnside West University, playing for 21 years in 147 matches, scoring nearly 7,500 runs with 13 centuries and a top score of 153. He remains the second-highest run scorer in the club’s history. As an administrator he helped secure its future by supporting the move from Hagley Oval to Burnside Park, creating opportunities for university and school-aged players.

In total Brian played 163 first-class games, scoring over 7,500 runs with 15 centuries and taking 112 catches. Eleven years after his debut he finally convinced the national selectors of his international class. In 1969 he debuted against the West Indies, scoring 62 not out in the Second Test to take New Zealand to their fifth Test victory, then 117 not out in the next match for the first of his four centuries. His 872 runs that season were the second-highest ever by a New Zealander, earning him the Redpath Cup.

From then until 1975 Brian was a fixture in the New Zealand top order. Highlights included vital contributions in New Zealand’s first Test victories over Pakistan (1969) and Australia (1974), centuries in the West Indies and at the Basin Reserve, and a world-record tenth-wicket partnership of 151 with Richard Collinge against Pakistan in 1973. That feat still ranks third in Test history. Across 31 Tests he scored more than 1,500 valuable runs, until a knee injury against India in 1976 ended his career.

Cricket writer Dick Brittenden observed: “It was of particular significance that Brian played at least a dozen innings which were not just good – they were of absolute vital importance. Time and again he played his best cricket when it was most needed.” Those who saw him recall the style, spirit and colour of his cricket.

Brian had a strong moral compass, shown in both business and cricket. He was an ICC Match Referee in 10 Tests and 18 ODIs, and served two terms as President of Canterbury Cricket. For his considerable contribution he was awarded honorary membership of NZC. His was an innings truly well played.

– *Tribute by former NZ Test player Dayle Hadlee*

David Quested

1946-2024

After success in the Linwood High School 1st XI as a right arm medium fast bowler and left handed batsman, Dave played for the Woolston WMC before going on to represent Christchurch Suburban and NZ Police and Combined Services. He had joined the NZ Police in 1967 rising to the rank of Detective Sergeant and retired 32 years later, before working for the Youth Justice system.

He joined the umpiring ranks in the 1980s and made his international ODI debut in 1992. His Test debut came in 1995 and he continued standing in Test matches through until 2001. He umpired the memorable Women's World Cup final in 2000 between Australia and New Zealand. After retirement Dave became a match referee and a mentor to many new umpires. His contribution as president of both the local and regional Umpires and Scorers Associations was immense. At the time of his death he was a Life Member and Patron of both.

His long-time friend Dave Stuthridge remembers a St Bede's game when Dave was filling in for a colleague who was late. He came out wearing a long white coat as they did in times past.



Probably couldn't find his umpiring gear. I said to him, "Dave they will probably think you're the ice-cream man". "No they won't, my grandson is playing."

Indeed in one of his final outings at The Willows v St Bede's 1st XI he adjudged his grandson Ben Trillo out LBW – so typical of this scrupulously fair and hugely respected man. So with Dave's passing, we have lost a great friend but so too have his wife Jan, their children and grandchildren. We will miss you Plod.

– Tribute by David Stuthridge



▲ Brian Hastings in action for New Zealand.

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Bob Wills

1931–2024

Each year The Willows play St Kevin’s College (Oamaru) for the Bob Wills Trophy. We honour a man who not only attended the school but one who spent his lifetime fostering young people and cricket in his community. Willower Trevor Thornton visited Bob shortly before his passing and found him very engaging. Trevor also provided this tribute for the SKC community:

“Bob Wills was at St Kevin’s College in the late 1940s and in the 1st XI in all three years he was at the College. He was also in the 1st XV in his final year. In 1948 the school closed for six months due to the polio epidemic so Bob did not return. Representing Southland against the touring West Indies cricket team Bob took a severe blow on his shin when Everton Weekes clipped a ball to short leg. Whilst an accomplished sportsman Bob was also a gifted musician, winning the New Zealand Under-18 cornet title, and regularly supporting touring musicians who visited Invercargill. When the Marist Invercargill Cricket Club had their centenary Bob was one of the players selected in their team of the century”.

Robert Wake

1940–2024, Honorary Member

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Honorary Member Bob Wake in May 2024. Bob was an identity and iconic figure at Whanganui Collegiate School cricket for 50 years. Due recognition for his service to cricket came at a special luncheon in 2021 when he was awarded with his Honours Tie. Fellow Old Boy and Central Districts great, Dermot Payton, made the presentation to Bob with many of his former 1st XI teammates in attendance.

During his time at WCS Bob was a talented all-rounder playing in both the 1st XI cricket and 1st XV rugby teams of 1959/60. From 1974 to 2001 he was the umpire for the 1st XI. Being a great man for statistics Bob asserted he only missed

one game in that period, notching up 121 two day matches with only 18 LBWs adjudged. Bob was appointed the 1st XI manager in 1994 and was team scorer from 2001 to April 2024. Bob’s handwritten scorebooks were a work of art – a masterpiece of coloured penmanship.

He leaves a huge legacy. Multitudes of current and past players fondly remember Bob and thank him for donating them the scorecard after a notable performance or for his affirming words after a day’s play. It will not be the same without Bob’s presence at future Willows matches or indeed wherever his beloved WCS XI play.



In Memoriam

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

- B.C. (Brian) Adams**, *QSM* / 1940-2025
Member (1994)
- R.G. (Ron) Dalley**, *QSM, JP* / 1942-2024
Member (1995)
- Hon N.R.W. (Nick) Davidson**, *KC* / 1948-2025
President 2019-24 (1994), Obit p64
- J.C. (John) Elley** / 1931-2025
Honorary Member (2001), Umpired 66 matches
- R.P. (Roger) Georgieff** / 1963-2024
Member (2009)
- B.F. (Brian) Hastings** / 1940-2024
Member (1994), Obit p66
- J.G. (Graeme) Loe** / 1936-2024
Member (1994)
- Hon P.G.S. (Peter) Penlington**, *CNZM, KC*
1932-2025, Member (2006)
- D.M. (David) Qusted** / 1946-2024
Member (1995), Obit p67
- M.J. (Max) Rosser** / 1941-2025
Honorary Member (1996)
- J.J. (John) Thomson** / 1946-2025
Member (1994-2003)
- A.R. (Bob) Wills** / 1931-2024
Member, Obit p68

Cumulative Statistics

Minimum of 300 runs / 15 wickets

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
Abbott, R.E.	15	12	2	199	19.9	-	129	22	518	18	28.8	1
Agnew, T.W.	20	19	6	247	19.0	-	163	21	616	33	18.7	1
Allott, G.I.	15	13	4	109	12.1	-	131	30	427	30	14.2	1
Ambler, K.R.	12	12	2	664	66.4	1	15	1	72	2	36.0	-
Bennett, J.	56	32	13	331	17.4	-	12	1	85	3	28.3	-
Benton, J.A.T.	9	8	3	322	64.4	-	84	9	205	13	15.8	-
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	-
Bretherton, W.	21	14	2	123	10.3	-	115	20	397	22	18.0	1
Bridgman, J.	14	13	2	347	31.5	-	3	1	11	1	11.0	-
Brooks, G.N.	20	20	2	586	32.6	-	34	3	147	4	36.8	-
Burson, R.D.	18	16	5	319	29.0	-	134	16	458	33	13.9	1
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.	19	19	4	564	37.6	-	244	23	630	31	20.3	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.	21	18	4	329	23.5	-	108	7	484	28	17.3	-
Day, H.W.	11	11	1	199	19.9	-	68	8	279	20	14.0	1
De Maine, N.	21	18	7	331	30.1	-	69	4	255	15	17.0	-
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.		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.	23	23	5	642	35.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	9	0	362	40.2	-	34	2	163	3	54.3	-
Garry, J. (John)	17	17	1	547	34.2	-	37	0	188	8	23.5	-

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
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.	23	11	5	54	9.0	-	147	5	514	22	23.4	-
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	21	21	1	704	35.2	1	16	2	60	6	10.0	-
Hantz, J.L.	14	14	0	354	25.3	-	19	1	88	7	12.6	-
Harris, P.D.	88	87	21	2049	31.0	3	288	36	1175	52	22.6	-
Harrison, T.	21	21	4	655	38.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	53	45	8	1243	33.6	1	256	26	1044	60	17.4	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.	15	15	2	453	34.8	1	70	9	330	17	19.4	-
Hudson, M.G.	18	18	2	369	23.1	-	123	8	557	24	23.2	-
Inglis, G.D.	78	70	11	1423	24.1	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.	24	23	2	431	20.5	-	31	1	156	7	22.3	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.	17	17	0	145	8.5	-	141	32	420	23	18.3	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, J.	7	7	2	342	68.4	1	44	3	217	8	27.1	-
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.	52	39	9	210	7.0	-	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.	71	51	24	756	28.0	-	454	42	1798	93	19.3	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.	40	38	2	944	26.2	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.	37	35	6	1075	37.1	1	143	16	599	29	20.7	-
Murray, F.D.J.	17	17	0	336	19.8	-	9	0	57	1	57.0	-
Music, T.	34	29	2	481	17.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.	18	13	2	480	43.6	3	69	10	274	6	45.7	-
Nuttall, A.J.	148	90	42	1090	22.7	-	1101	251	3146	262	12.0	4

	M	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	100	O	M	R	W	Ave	5W
O'Connell, C.P.	14	14	5	210	23.3	-	86	7	383	21	18.2	-
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	15	14	3	414	37.6	2	58	0	249	6	41.5	-
Paltridge, M.	13	13	3	331	33.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parr, M.J.	32	29	4	463	18.5	-	236	36	866	44	19.7	-
Passenger, H.	11	10	3	278	39.7	-	63	10	222	18	12.3	-
Patel, M.	15	13	2	447	40.6	1	83	15	300	14	21.4	-
Pawson, J.D.	31	28	6	678	30.8	1	208	35	631	35	18.0	-
Peacock, M.D.	30	27	7	512	25.6	-	266	67	782	55	14.2	3
Reed, G.I.	29	28	7	387	18.4	-	12	0	59	3	19.7	-
Reese, A.	21	20	5	210	14.0	-	174	11	673	27	24.9	1
Reid, M.	19	9	1	447	55.9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	29	28	4	738	30.8	-	72	10	296	9	32.9	-
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.	42	38	4	1369	40.3	3	149	17	627	26	24.1	1
Singh, A.	11	10	3	176	25.1	-	74	14	304	22	13.8	1
Singleton, M.J.	43	38	3	823	23.5	-	3	0	21	0	-	-
Stewart, G.J.	39	30	6	413	17.2	-	217	30	756	55	13.7	2
Stretch, G.B.	11	10	3	503	71.9	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.	31	25	3	531	24.1	1	103	11	452	18	25.1	-
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.	51	40	5	585	16.7	-	46	1	272	10	27.2	-
Wilson, R.T.	36	36	10	548	21.1	1	139	7	677	24	28.2	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	58	26	12	62	4.4	-	342	38	1461	54	27.1	-
Woolliscroft, S.P.	49	13	2	14	1.3	-	292	35	1040	54	19.3	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	-

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
2024/25	23	18	5	-	-
Total	708	459	225	3	20

(For home games by Willows teams)

Aggregate Innings Totals

	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
2024/25	23	5,110	222	180	28.7
Total	693	143,244	206	5,240	27.3

(All retired)

K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley BHS	27.02.05	T.P.McConnell	104	v Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06	P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru BHS	03.02.08	M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	21.02.99	G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01	P.Miller	101	v Marlborough Boys'	24.03.19
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03	C.B.Mugford	100	v I Zingari	27.01.23
T.J.Bruce	100	v St Thomas of C'bury	04.12.22	M.Newton-Vesty	102	v Southwest Schools XI	10.01.16
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12	C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96	S.N.Noster	102	v Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	28.01.96	S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch BHS	12.09.08
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97	S.N.Noster	101	v Southland BHS	20.02.11
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01	J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	05.03.00	J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College	24.01.07	B.R.Orton	102	v Otago BHS	29.10.06
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08	B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside HS	30.11.03	B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Sec Schools	30.11.08
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Sec Schools	11.03.01	M.Patel	103	v Timaru BHS	07.02.10
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys'	20.10.02	J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
L.T.Direen	100	v St Kevin's College	19.11.23	M.Reid	100	v King's High School	10.12.17
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01	I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
B.J.K.Doody	103	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15	I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
P.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08	P.Russell	101	v Southland BHS	07.02.21
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11	K.B.Scott	100	v St Thomas of C'bury	03.11.19
R.M.Dunne	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98	K.B.Scott	100	v Marlborough Boys'	06.12.20
B.Entwistle	100	v Shirley BHS	21.02.21	K.B.Scott	103	v St Andrew's College	19.02.23
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06	F.W.Sheat	101	v Marlborough Boys'	13.10.14
B.D.Fleming	100	v Wellington Wanderers	10.11.23	G.B.Stretch	103	v Marlborough Boys'	26.11.23
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury HM's XI	20.03.05	M.G.Stretch	103	v Marlborough Boys'	05.12.99
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Sec Schools	25.11.07	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
N.C.Gibb	101	v Christ's College	17.12.23	G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury HM's XI	16.03.97
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97	G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98	G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10	L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95	D.B.Vann	102	v Northwest Schools XI	30.11.14
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98	W.P.J.Walsh	100	v Northwest Schools XI	05.12.10
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01	B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
A.J.Hastilow	101	v Waimea College	26.03.23	B.R.Ward	104	v Christchurch BHS	19.11.17
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13	W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley BHS	18.03.12
C.A.S.Hill	101	v St Bede's College	20.01.19	O.C.Wilson	100	v St Andrew's College	14.02.21
C.A.S.Hill	100	v Waimea College	23.03.25	R.T.Wilson	101	v Waitaki BHS	05.03.17
F.Hill	100	v Shirley BHS	15.03.15	M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
M.L.Hocquard	101	v Peninsula Craz	21.03.24	M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
F.J.Huston	100	v Christ's College	22.12.24	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				
H.R.W.Kindley	100	v Otago BHC	06.10.24				
A.P.Knight	100	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	29.10.23				
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				
R.Love	101	v Riccarton HS	16.02.25				
H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11				
P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97				
J.R.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	19.01.25				
				1,000 runs		2,000 runs	
				Season achieved		Season achieved	
				2004/05	P.D.Harris	2020/21	P.D.Harris
				2005/06	D.W.Bond	2020/21	D.P.Kelly
				2005/06	D.R.Cusack		
				2006/07	P.E.McEwan		
				2008/09	G.D.Inglis		
				2015/16	D.P.Kelly	7	D.P.Kelly
				2016/17	B.J.K.Doody	3	D.C.Burrell
				2016/17	T.P.McConnell	3	G.L.Thomson
				2020/21	A.J.Nuttall	3	P.D.Harris
				2021/22	J.A.F.Davidson	3	B.R.Orton
				2021/22	A.G.McFedries	3	S.N.Noster
				2022/23	A.J.Hastilow	3	K.B.Scott
				2023/24	K.B.Scott		
				2024/25	C.B.Mugford		

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

C.K.Curnow	8-21	v St Bede's College	08.02.16
S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
M.A.J.Walther	6-15	v Ashburton College	03.11.24
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Whanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14
W.B.Bretherton	6-36	v Otago BHS	16.10.22
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12
A.J.Nuttall	6-45	v Christchurch BHS	14.11.21
M.Newton-Vesty	6-46	v Christ's College	15.01.17
C.Higgs	6-49	v St Andrew's College	18.02.24
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley BHS	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	09.02.05
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of C'bury	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Northwest Schools XI	04.12.11
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
A.Singh	5-13	v Waitaki BHS	04.03.18
S.P.Woollicroft	5-14	v Riccarton High School	16.01.22
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Sec Schools	23.11.03
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru BHS	08.02.09
F.W.Sheat	5-16	v Timaru BHS	01.02.15
A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canty Sec Schools	07.03.04
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Country Sec Schools	11.03.07
A.J.Macgregor	5-18	v Gore High School	28.09.14
N.Wingham	5-18	v Emu CC (Australia)	15.01.16
C.J.Bellis	5-18	v Waimea College	26.11.17
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
A.D.D.Reese	5-19	v Whanganui Collegiate	23.10.11
S.J.Davis	5-20	v London NZCC	03.12.17
S.J.Davis	5-20	v Hawkswood Wanderers	15.12.19
J.H.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
S.C.Cowley	5-21	v Northwest Schools	13.11.22
S.Clarke	5-22	v Country Sec Schools	07.03.21
J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of C'bury	02.02.11
W.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
T.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
R.D.McGuire	5-23	v Christ's College	12.01.20
T.G.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.Peacock	5-25	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.Younghusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago BHS	02.11.03
R.D.Burson	5-30	v London NZ CC	14.12.14
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07

W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury HM's XI	12.03.00
R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
F.M.Fairbairn	5-32	v North Canty Sec Schools	13.03.22
I.Huston	5-33	v Whanganui Collegiate	26.10.97
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Otago BHS	20.10.19
M.Campbell	5-35	v King's High School	11.10.20
D.H.A.McMillan	5-36	v Hawkswood Wanderers	16.12.01
A.J.Nuttall	5-36	v Wellington College	23.10.22
P.E.McEwan	5-37	v Christchurch BHS	06.12.98
T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
C.K.Curnow	5-38	v St Bede's College	21.01.18
A.J.Hastilow	5-39	v Christ's College	18.01.15
J.Ward	5-43	v Ohoka Swampheims	18.01.98
B.J.K.Doody	5-46	v Mobil Oil XI	16.11.97
S.C.Cowley	5-46	v Riccarton High School	15.01.23
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru BHS	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04
M.J.Kelly	5-50	v Country Sec Schools	01.03.15

200 wickets

Season achieved

2017/18 A.J.Nuttall

100 wickets

2005/06 A.J.Nuttall

Most 5-wicket bags

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

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	380/6	v Otago Boys' High School	06.10.24
	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	356/3	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
Against	324/4	by Clarrie Anderson's XI	04.11.13
	317/7	by Christchurch Boys' High School	12.11.23
	312/9	by Christ's College	17.12.23

Lowest Team Scores

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

Shadbolt Trophy

Awarded each year for Best Performance by a Junior Willower.

1994/95	S.J.Davis	3-19	v Ben Harris XI
1995/96	N.Perkins	68	v Motueka Wekas
1996/97	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College
1997/98	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers
1998/99	C.W.Bisman	100	v 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
2023/24	H.O'Loughlin	208 *	v The Willows
2024/25	F.P.G.Brookland	98	v The Willows

'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
2023/24	Christ's College
2024/25	Shirley Boys' High School

Winsome Dormer Cup

Awarded each year for Best Performance by a female Willower.

2023/24	A.J.Fookes	101	for Wakatipu HS v Waimea HS
2024/25	Not awarded		

Most Capped Players

Minimum 50 matches.

148	A.J.Nuttall
88	P.D.Harris
81	P.D.Rutledge
78	T.P.McConnell
78	G.D.Inglis
71	P.E.McEwan
71	R.D.McGuire
59	A.G.McFedries
58	J.R.K.Wolt
56	S.J.Davis
56	J.Bennett
53	A.J.Hastilow
52	R.P.McEwan
51	D.P.Kelly
51	J.M.Wilson

Results

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

Home Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	24/25
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	26	21	5	-	-	W
Christchurch BHS	27	14	11	-	2	W
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	-
Honest Trundlers XI (Aust)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong CC	2	1	1	-	-	-
Hutt International School	2	1	1	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	5	4	1	-	-	-
King's College	3	2	1	-	-	-
King's High School	18	11	6	-	1	-
Kristin School	1	1	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	24	13	9	-	2	-
Marlborough Boys' College	22	17	3	-	2	W
Marylebone CC (UK)	1	-	-	1	-	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	10	5	5	-	-	-
Mid Canterbury Schools XI	18	14	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	22	16	6	-	-	W
North Canty Schools XI	25	23	-	-	2	W
Northwest Schools XI	20	16	3	-	1	W
NSW Veterans XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
NZ Police XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Ocean Beach County CC	1	-	1	-	-	L

	P	W	L	T	NR	24/25
Ohoka Swampphens	6	4	2	-	-	-
Old Tablelands XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Otago BHS	23	11	12	-	-	W
Peninsula Craz	27	15	11	-	1	-
Primary Club (Aust)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Queen Street CC	1	1	-	-	-	W
Riccarton High School	2	2	-	-	-	W
Sacred Heart College	3	2	1	-	-	-
Seddon CC	2	1	1	-	-	W
Shirley BHS	22	21	1	-	-	L
South Canterbury XI	7	6	1	-	-	-
Southland BHS	17	10	7	-	-	W
Southwest Schools XI	9	8	1	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI (SL)	1	-	1	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	29	22	7	-	-	W
St Bede's College	28	20	7	-	1	W
St Kevin's College	5	3	2	-	-	W
St Thomas of C'bury College	20	12	7	-	1	L
Suburban XI/Metro XI	18	6	12	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	1	1	-	-	-	-
The Forty Club (UK)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Timaru BHS	23	17	6	-	-	L
Umpires XI	4	3	1	-	-	-
United Country & Vineyard	1	1	-	-	-	-
Waimea College	11	10	1	-	-	W
Waitaki BHS	19	14	4	-	1	W
Wellington College	14	6	8	-	-	-
Wellington President's XI	1	1	-	-	-	-
Wellington Wanderers XI	4	1	2	-	1	-
Whanganui Collegiate	14	10	4	-	-	L
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	3	-	3	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	9	7	2	-	-	-

Away Games

	P	W	L	T	NR	24/25
Bradman XI (Bowral)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Flaxton Wanderers	7	1	4	1	1	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	1	-	1	-	-	-
I Zingari (Camden)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craz	1	1	-	-	-	W
Primary Club (Birchgrove)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Seddon CC (Hamilton)	1	1	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	2	1	1	-	-	-

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