



16th
ANNUAL
REPORT
SEASON
2009/2010



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our Motto

“Floreat Salices”
 (“May the Willows Flourish”)



*DEDICATED TO BOY CRICKETERS WHO
KEEP ALIVE THE TRADITIONS OF THE
GAME THROUGH GENERATIONS*



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.



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

PATRON in PERPETUITY

W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

THE WILLOW CRICKETER

His Excellency, The Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand,
GNZM, QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand

PRESIDENT

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM

Immediate Past President

W.J.Mitchell (1994-2003)

Life Members

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V.B.Cusack
P.C.Devlin
W.J.Mitchell
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D.O.Neely, MBE

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C.L.Bull
R.J.Cowles
B.L.Dormer
M.E.Dormer
P.E.Dormer
R.J.R.Fairbairn
W.R.T.Fairbairn
B.G.Hadlee
P.D.Harris

Committee

Founders plus:
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S.D.Gibson
P.E.McEwan

Hon. Secretary

A.R.McRae
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Team Selection

C.K.Baker
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W.J.Mitchell

Match Secretaries

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P.D.Rutledge

Membership Secretaries

Mrs I.McRae
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K.Evans
R.D.Hayward

Hon. Statisticians

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W.J.Mitchell

Annual Report

R.J.Cowles
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Webmaster

J.D.Hammond
(Beck & Caul Ltd)

Hon. Chaplain

Vicar Provincial Rev Fr
B.G.Cummings, SM

Square Supervisor

V.B.Cusack

Groundsman

P.C.Devlin

Hon. Gardener

Mrs E.M.Edgar

MEMBERSHIP

The members roll at 31 March 2010 stood as follows:

Playing	247
Associate	237
Overseas	91
Honorary	57
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Total Membership	632

Playing Members

(Year of entry precedes name)

03	Abbott, R.E.	97	Cornelius, C.J.	98	Galloway, G.N.
06	Agnew, W.T.	95	Cornelius, W.A.	94	Gardner, J.
97	Allott, G.I.	06	Cowlshaw, A.J.	06	Garry, J.R.
03	Ambler, K.R.	09	Croft, M.	94	Germon, L.K.
08	Andrews, E.J.	98	Cunliffe, J.J.	94	Gibson, S.D.
05	Astle, A.M.	94	Cusack, D. R.	09	Gibson, T.R.
04	Astle, T.D.	03	d'Auvergne, N.R.	03	Goldstein, M.P.
07	Barringer, T.G.	98	d'Auvergne, P.G.	96	Grocott, D.J.
07	Barry, J.V.	94	Davidson, A.F.	09	Grocott, T.
05	Barry, V.E.	98	Davidson, J.A.F.	06	Hall, C.J.
05	Bartholomeusz, C.G.	94	Davis, S.J.	00	Hamel, M.J.
07	Bartholomeusz, L.D.	05	Deans, S.J.M.	08	Hammond, D.P.W.
09	Barton, H.	08	Devine, P.B.	09	Hampton-Matehe, T.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	94	Devlin, P.C.	94	Hansen, The Hon.
08	Bellamy, B.D.	00	Diamanti, B. J.		Sir John, <i>KNZM</i>
06	Belliss, C.J.	95	Doody, B.J.K.	99	Hantz, J.L.
94	Bennett, J.	00	Doody, H.A.	00	Harding, S.C.
00	Bennetto, C.R.M.	00	Doody, T.J.	94	Harris, B.Z.
07	Bishell, R.E.R.	05	Dowds, D.P.	94	Harris, C.Z.
95	Bisman, C.W.	09	Duggan, J.D.	94	Harris, P.D.
98	Bond, D.W.	06	Duncan, P.M.	00	Hastilow, A.J.
02	Bond, S.E.	97	Dunne, R.M.	01	Hawes, F.C.
00	Boock, S.L.	08	Earl, G.H.	02	Hayward, R.E.
97	Bremner, M.C.	01	Eddington, W.L.	05	Healy, N.
94	Bull, C.L.	01	Ellis, A.M.	09	Henderson, M.J.
94	Bull, J.C.	99	Ellis, A.M.	08	Henry, M.J.
94	Burrell, D.C.	97	Ellis, M.J.	94	Hight, C.M.
94	Burrell, W.M.	07	Fahey, B.J.	00	Hiini, B.C.
00	Burrows, D.L.	06	Farrant, M.D.	06	Hills, G.
94	Burson, R.D.	06	Fisher, H.M.L.	09	Hinton, C.R.
01	Cameron, B.S.	99	Fisher, T.D.L.	06	Horrell, A.H.
00	Cameron, B.W.J.	94	Flanagan, S.P.	95	Hudson, M.G.
08	Cartwright, I.	02	Forde, L.J.	06	Humphris, L.A.
03	Chambers, A.S.T.	08	Franklin, B.M.	02	Hutchison, P.J.
06	Clark, C.R.	04	Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	94	Inglis, G.D.
02	Clark, H.G.	00	Fulton, D.H.	09	Ireland, A.P.
06	Coffey, S.T.	95	Fulton, P.G.	97	James, C.D.
99	Coll, J.P.	08	Gajanayaka, C.	05	Johns, A.M.
03	Colvin, G.G.	09	Gale, A.J.	08	Johnston, L.H.

01	Johnston, M.T.	03	Newell, M.L.M.	08	Sethi, P.
06	Johnston, N.M.	03	Newton, B.I.P.	05	Sheard, A.J.
06	Johnston, T.G.	08	Nicholls, H.	09	Singleton, M.J.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	06	Nicholson, A.J.	08	Smith, B.
06	Kain, M.O.	06	Noster, S.	09	Soper, B.E.
07	Laffey, M.R.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	94	Sparks, L.C.
97	Landon-Lane, M.E.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	94	Stevens, S. D.
04	Langrope, S.L.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
07	Latham, M.T.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	09	Stewart, G.J.
94	Latham, R.T.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	05	Stone, B.W.
07	Latham, T.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	01	Stone, C.J.
09	Lawson, S.J.	08	Orton, B.R.	01	Stretch, G.B.
01	Leggat, J.E.	94	Owens, M.B.	09	Sutton, T.G.
09	Lester, S.	98	Parr, M.J.	09	Tapper, J.H.
01	Loe, H.F.	06	Patel, M.	09	Teale, H.W.
04	Lonsdale, W.M.	94	Pavey, H.T.	07	Teale, M.D.
01	Lucas, B.J.	94	Pawson, J.D.	99	Thompson, K.G.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	02	Peacock, M.D.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
06	Malcolm, H.G.	95	Pitcher, A.C.	00	Thornton, T.F.
03	Marsh, J.D.	05	Pitcher, S.M.	99	Townrow, W.B.
94	Masefield, R.V.	09	Pithey, R.J.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
99	Masefield, T.J.	06	Polson, A.H.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
02	Maw, D.J.	09	Poole, J.	09	Varma, R.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	97	Priest, M.W.	07	Vaughan, Dr J.T.C.
95	McCarthy, P.B.	06	Pullar, G.P.	03	Walker, R.L.
09	McConchie, C.M.	00	Reardon, P.H.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
05	McCone, R.J.	09	Reed, G.I.	95	Ward, J.
08	McEwan, M.B.	08	Reese, A.	09	Watson, J.M.
94	McEwan, P.E.	02	Reid, R.B.	09	Ward, S.A.
09	McEwan, R.P.	03	Rennell, C.P.	94	Weeds, M.G.
06	McFarlane, B.S.	09	Richards, J.M.	06	Wellington, B.
95	McFedries, A.G.	95	Roberts, S.J.	08	Wheeler, B.M.
98	McFedries, S.E.M.	04	Robertson, C.D.	08	Winchester, J.S.
06	McGoldrick, C.P.	00	Robertson, I.A.	09	Winter, M.J.C.
09	McGoldrick, T.B.	06	Rowe, A.J.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
98	McGuire, R.D.	09	Rowe, M.P.	04	Wood, P.
08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	95	Rugg, P.J.	06	Wraight, S.J.
95	McRae, A.R.	08	Rutherford, T.R.	99	Wright, H.G.
95	Miller, G.A.	95	Rutledge, P.D.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
94	Mills, D.L.T.	06	Ryan, P.D.	08	Wright, H.J.
08	Moore, L.R.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.	05	Wright, N.H.
05	Muir, T.M.	02	Sawers, A.J.	00	Yock, B.A.
09	Murray, F.D.J.	09	Scanlon, T.M.	06	Younghusband, P.F.
00	Nathu, A.	95	Scott, D.W.G.		

Associate Members

06	Abbott, R.T.	94	Baker, C.K.	95	Blake Fr P., <i>SM</i>
94	Aberhart, D.C.	09	Ballantyne, R.M.	00	Boock, S.L.
94	Adams, B.C.	06	Bannan, G.J.	94	Boyle, J.G.
06	Alabaster, G.D.	03	Barnett, D.W.	94	Bromley, R.C.
94	Aldridge, B.L.	94	Bateman, S.N.	03	Brook, B.P.
94	Anderson, C.J.	03	Beer, G.D.	94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>
95	Anderson, C.W.	07	Biddick, D.W.	95	Brooks, G.N.
04	Astle, T.D.	02	Billcliff, J.S.	95	Brownlee, E.T., <i>QSM</i>
94	Austin, G.K.	94	Blair, K.R.	95	Bruce, D.B.

04	Buckenham, M.H.	04	Fogarty, J.G.	04	Macdonald, R.G.
08	Buist, G.T.		The Hon. Justice	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.
06	Bull, A.J.	06	Fowler, H.M.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	94	Fox, D.O.	03	McClellan, L.R.
94	Burrell, A.E.	98	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	05	McClellan, M.J.
03	Burrett, W.G.	97	Fuller, M.J.	05	McClellan, T.M.
99	Calder, B.	98	Fulton, G.H.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.
00	Cameron, D.J.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	02	Garland, S.P.	95	McFedries, B.G.
95	Campbell, A.I.	09	Georgieff, R.	06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.
94	Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>	95	McHarg, R.L.
04	Carter, R.	06	Goodman, J.H.	94	McKechnie, B.J.
98	Cederman, R.W.	01	Gourdie, A.J.	99	McKendry, D.J.
06	Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i>	94	Graves, A.C.	98	McKinlay, S.
00	Chisholm, L.	06	Gray, E.	01	MacLeod, A.L.L.
	The Hon. Justice	04	Grigor, I.M.	00	McMillan, D.H.A.
94	Clark, L.A.	96	Grocott, J.W.	02	McRae, J.A.
94	Clark, N.G.	09	Gubbins, D.R.W.	01	Malloch, B.E.
01	Coates, N.F.	00	Guillen, S.C.	01	Martin, S.D.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	94	Guthrey, P.C.	00	Martin, S.G.D.
98	Cook, P.S.	94	Hadlee, B.G.	03	Miller, G.M.
94	Coop, T.A.	94	Hadlee, D.R.	05	Moore, G.R.
06	Cooper, M.L.S.	94	Hadlee, M.J.	06	Morgan, R.
	The Hon. Justice	95	Hamilton, B.G.	99	Munn, R.W.
94	Cooper, R.T.	04	Hansen, T.	97	Murray, A.J.
04	Cosgrove, C.J.	06	Harman, A.B.	09	Murray, D.N.
94	Cottrell, H.C.	95	Harrison, R.J.	99	Nevin, J.H.
98	Crean, G.T.	94	Hastilow, J.W.	98	Nielsen, T.S.
95	Crocker, L.M.	94	Hastings, B.F.	98	Nixon, B.M.
94	Cunliffe, S.M.	95	Hastings, M.B.	03	Noster, F.R.
97	Currie, D.S.	04	Hayward, R.D.	03	O'Donnell, P.M.
95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	99	Heslop, J.H.	95	Page, R.J.
94	Davidson, N.R.W., <i>QC</i>	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.	94	Parker, N.M.
00	Dick, A.E.	94	Holderness, D.J.R.	94	Paton, G.C.J.
04	Dickey, G.E.		His Honour Judge	94	Pawson, S.J.
01	Dickson, I.B.	02	Hooper, W.P.	99	Payton, D.H.
94	Doig, J.R.	98	Howell, J.H.	06	Penlington, P.
95	Doig, C.K., <i>OBE</i>	95	Hudson, H.J.		The Hon. Justice
94	Dolan, P.J.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>	04	Pettet, C.M.
94	Dormer, P.E.	94	Ikram, Professor H.	94	Phillips, M.K.
94	Dowling, Br W.H.	94	Innes, R.T.J.	09	Pulley, D.F.
94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBE</i>	95	Irvine, B.S.	95	Quested, D.M.
98	Durning, J.W.	99	Irving, J.D.	99	Raphael, S.H.E.
05	Eaton, J.H.M.	94	James, P.M.	01	Ratray, P.J.
94	Ebert, R.J.	06	Jordan, P.H.	04	Reid, D.W.
05	Evans, G.R.	94	Joyce, Professor P.R.	96	Reid, J.F.
01	Eveleigh, R.S.	98	Judson, R.E.	98	Robinson, L.M.C.
04	Evennett, D.C.	99	Kerr, L.H.	00	Rodgers, P.J.
94	Fairbairn, C.J.R.	94	Keys, K.F.	03	Rowberry, J.M.
94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	08	Kos, J.S., <i>QC</i>	09	Rowe, C.A.
94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	94	Lancaster, M.J.	94	Runacres, A.M.
03	Farrant, D.G.	94	Lancaster, T.E.	01	Rust, K.N.
06	Feary, T.W.	05	Langrope, B.J.	94	Savill, C.M.
04	Felton, G.E., <i>QSM</i>	03	Larkins, W.N.	06	Sawers, S.J.
98	Fenton, W.R.	01	Lawson, R.A.	97	Scott, A.D.L.
97	Fenwick, C.R.	04	Lawson, W.G.	05	Seabourn, C.R.
94	Fisher, M.A.	95	Lennon G.P., <i>ONZM</i>	01	Shackleton, D.A.
98	Flanagan, C.W.	99	Lischner, J.A.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.
08	Fletcher, A.G.	94	Loe, J.G.	95	Sharp, D.C.

95 Sharpe, M.F.
00 Shipley, A.J.B.
00 Shrimpton, M.
07 Sinclair, B.W.
95 Skipper, H.L.
95 Smith, G.B.
94 Smith, M.J.
94 Smith, P.R.
02 Snedden, M.C.
99 Sowden, R.J.S.
06 Spear, B.G.
94 Stead, D.W.
94 Stead, G.R.

01 Stone, M.B.
95 Strack, D.J.
99 Taylor, B.J.
94 Thiele, C.H.
94 Ussher, C.P.
94 Wilson-Pyne, Dr J.E.
07 Veale, J.H.
01 Wadeson, C.
94 Wait, E.P.
00 Wake, R.W.
94 Wallace, P.E.
01 Ward, K.A.
95 Watson, M.

95 Wells, G.R.
94 Whittington, Mrs J.A.
97 Wiffen, A.G.C.
94 Williams, P.R.
07 Williams, R.
01 Wilson-Pyne, R.N.
95 Winnicott, A.G.
97 Wright, J.G.
02 Wright, M.J.E.
95 Wright, Dr M.J.W.
99 Wyllie, D.I.
94 Yardley, K.J.

Overseas Members

AUSTRALIA

02 Aitken, R.
05 Barrat, R.
06 Bouilly, P.C.
01 Chandler, J.
99 Chisholm, D.H.
95 Davidson, A.K., *AM, MBE*
99 Deans, R.M.
94 Douglass, W.B., *ASM*
94 Eastment, B.A.
05 Eddington, Sir Rod
94 Eldershaw, J.M.
02 Fairbairn, N.J.G
06 Havercroft, G.
00 Hensman, J.
06 Hodgson, T.L.P.
02 Holt, D.W.
06 Horsell, R.E.
94 Innes, J.T.
97 Jones, B.S.
03 Mackrell, G.L.
02 Marshall, A.J.
02 McQueen, D.
01 Neaves, T.C.
01 Richards, S.
96 Rixon, S.J.
01 Rose, G.L.
94 Ryan, M.L.
03 Salmon, K.
98 Silver, M.J.
06 Smit, M.N.
95 Smith, R.
08 Spalding, S.
06 Walls, K.A.
94 Wiles, E.G.
02 Zavos, S.B.

FIJI

09 Glenn, O., *OMNZ*

GERMANY

08 Werner, Dr H-J

HONG KONG

06 Eanes, M.
06 Jones, Dr D.A.
09 Keir, J.
00 Miles, R.
98 Stearns, N.
01 Walsh, M.

INDIA

01 Apte, A.

SINGAPORE

08 Horner, M.

SOUTH AFRICA

04 Fox, P.J.
01 Fotheringham, B.

SRI LANKA

09 Fernando, M.
09 Fernando, D.

THAILAND

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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

08 Archer, M.
94 Bisman, J.C.

UNITED KINGDOM

95 Bazalgette, C.
06 Betteridge, J. & L.
03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.

09 Brearley, M., *OBE*

98 Brierley, R.H.
03 Buckton, S.J.
08 Conyngham, J.
98 Cumbes, J.
98 Dodds, V.
94 Dormer, B.L.
08 Fearnley, C.D.
09 Gatting, M.W.
06 Goulding, M.
03 Hart, R.
94 Hatley, B.
94 Hutton, B.L.
94 Hutton, R.A.
94 Hutton, O.R.
03 Hyde, A.R.
06 Lander, C.
98 Lorimer, A.A.
03 McGrath, D.E.T.
98 Marsden, W.
06 Mollitt, R.
94 Munn, R.G.
07 Naidoo, Urvasi
94 Openshaw, C.F.
06 Reid, H.
94 Roebuck, P.M.
06 Sawrey-Cookson, N.
06 Sims, G.
06 Smail, D.J.R.
06 Vallance, J.A.F.
05 Wheeler, N.
09 Wright, P..

UNITED STATES

06 Wardwell, E.A

Honorary Members

94	Barber, R.T.	95	Gallaway, Miss A.S.G.	94	Neely, D.O., <i>MBE</i>
07	Becroft, His Honour Judge A.J.	94	Gallaway, I.W., <i>QSO, MBE</i>	02	O'Neill, J.A., <i>AO</i>
03	Blackett, Sir Hugh	99	Graham, D.J., <i>CBE</i>	03	Pope, R.C.
99	Brierley, Sir Ronald	94	Hadlee, Sir Richard, <i>MBE</i>	99	Reid, J.R., <i>OBE</i>
95	Burdon, Hon. Philip	96	Hawke, The Venerable Archdeacon M.J.	03	Rice, Sir Tim
98	The Lord Butler of Brockwell, <i>KG, GCB, CVO</i>	98	Henderson, Mrs E.M.	03	Roberts, Major A.C., Salvation Army
09	Catley, D.H.	04	Hunt, Rt Hon. Jonathan, <i>ONZ</i>	96	Rosser, Dr M.J.
09	Coleman, B., <i>OBE</i>	04	Johnson, Professor B.F.S.	06	Satyanand, The Hon. Sir Anand, <i>GNZM, QSO</i>
99	Coney, J.V.	99	Johnston, P.	08	Scott, N.
04	Conway, R.W.	03	Knight, R.D.V., <i>OBE</i>	03	Seay, A.
06	Coward, M.J.	10	Laidlaw, C.R.	07	Smith, Canon R.H.
94	Cowles, R.J.	03	Larsen, G.R.	03	Stoop, Dr G.C.
94	Cummings, Rev Fr B.G., <i>SM</i>	95	Macfarlane, R.M.	05	Tyson, F.H.
94	Cusack, V.B.	98	McLisky, T.H.	07	Watt, M.
94	Dormer, Mrs D.W.	06	Mauger, W.J.	08	Weerasekera, S.
94	Edgar, Mrs E.M.	94	Mitchell, W.J.	10	Woutersz, J.
01	Elley, J.C.	04	Moses, R.J., <i>ONZM</i>	04	Wright, A.G.L.
04	Farr-Jones, N.C., <i>AM</i>	01	Murray, B.A.G., <i>QSO</i>	95	Wright, Sir Allan, <i>KBE</i>
08	Fernando, M.J.	06	Murray, The Venerable Archdeacon Canon W.R.C.		
03	Fry, C.A.				



▲ Parents watch their sons in action during the match against the Mid-Canterbury Youth XI.

“Willowers All,”

Cricket at The Willows ended on a spectacular note. A warm autumn led to the final game against the Governor General's XI. We were graced by the presence of His Excellency the Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, who was delighted to see his team triumph over the former New Zealand representatives, representing The Willows. The Beige Oldies were well on track with a score of 7/109, but then an outstanding partnership of 152 between Tim Muir, the Captain of the Youth Team, and Peter Young-Husband saw the Governor General's Team achieve a total of 261.

Despite runs from Nathan Astle and an elegant knock from Evan Gray, we fell well short. The evening before, a splendid dinner was held at the Christchurch Club, attended by His Excellency, Lady Susan Satyanand and all the players.

Overall, The Willows enjoyed an extremely successful season. However, we did suffer a crushing defeat at the hands of my old school, Otago Boys' High School. This was due to the best bowling ever against The Willows by Tom Rutherford (son of Ken) who took 7 for 20!

The Willows' members are a diverse and talented group. Our team, that fronted against King's High School from Dunedin, was typical. A farmer, a sales executive, young men studying engineering, commerce, electronics, animal implant science, medicine and law comprised our side. The Captain was Cambridge Graduate Joe Bennett.

Once again, the club was beholden to our sponsors, Dilmah, ASB, Mobil, Vero and Tony Runacres and Associates. Their continued and generous support enables the club to continue to flourish. In particular, the continued sponsorship of Dilmah enabled The Willows to tour Sri Lanka, and a Sri Lankan team to visit New Zealand.

A personal highlight for me was the fact that The Willows hosted warm-up games for the Under 19 World Cup. I was fortunate to be present when Hong Kong took on the USA for probably the first time ever at any level. I was delighted that Hong Kong won and that three of their team were sons of former teammates or opponents during my stint in Hong Kong. It was even better that two of them performed with distinction.

The work of Vincent Cusack and Peter Devlin enhanced the reputation of our pitch that brings a rich bounty of runs every year, but gives accurate and skilful bowlers every opportunity. Once more we were blessed by the willing sacrifice of many umpires who stood at the ground throughout the season. My gratitude also extends to Tony Campbell and Rod Abbott the scorers. I said last year that it is easy within cricket in New Zealand to take umpires and scorers for granted, and I repeat that all players should value the input of these important participants.

Once more there were two lucky Willowers who were graciously hosted by Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett at Matfen, and this opportunity is one that is highly prized by young cricketers. Our support from New Zealand Cricket and Canterbury Cricket has been unwavering, and we have a great relationship with Canterbury Country Cricket. We are fortunate for the level of assistance we receive.

Last year I recognised the outstanding support we received from all the schools that play at the ground, their coaches and Principals. It was a delight to be able to host and recognise a number of them at a biennial dinner at St Bede's. We were informed and entertained by our guest speaker, Chris Laidlaw, and by the question and answer session between Garth Gallaway and Nathan Astle.

Recently I was fortunate enough to attend four days of the Basin Reserve test against Australia. The occasion was organised by that Willower

extraordinaire, Don Neely MBE. Due to the generosity of another Willower, Sir Ron Brierley, there were a number of former New Zealand and Australian players present. Many were Willowers. It was a privilege to meet the likes of Alan Davidson, Neil Harvey, Bobby Simpson and Ashley Mallett and to chat with Barry Jarman and the two batsmen who featured in that extraordinary tied game against the West Indies, Ian Meckiff and Lindsay Kline. The runout as they tried to scramble a win led to the first tie in history. These former players who were present

at the Basin Reserve all represented the very best traditions of the game.

My personal thanks to the membership, both playing and non-playing, for their sterling support of the Club. It is support that is never forgotten, and we look forward to welcoming you to Loburn next season, and of that continued support.

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM
President



▲ Tom Latham.



▲ Lee Germon and Evan Gray.



▲ Matt McEwan.



▲ A beautiful North Canterbury day for the Christchurch Boys' High School match.

COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI takes the field.



▲ Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI.



▲ The Ashburton High School 1st XI.



▲ The St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ The Kristin School 1st XI.

COLLEGE XI's



▲ The St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ The Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The St Bede's College 1st XI.

COLLEGE XIs



▲ The King's High School 1st XI.



▲ The Burnside High School 1st XI.



▲ The Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Mid-Canterbury Youth XI.



▲ The Otago Boys' High School 1st XI, led off by Tom Rutherford whose 7/20 are the best figures by any bowler at The Willows.

✓ CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

11th October 2009

Report by Andrew Nuttall

Following three days of dreadful weather, we were all blessed with an outstanding day. There was no wind, the sky was clear, the pitch perfect, the outfield dry, and sheep and snow-covered mountains in the background provided a perfect backdrop.

The Willows won the toss and batted first. Initial scoring was slow due to Boys' High steady left arm opening attack of Daniel Fleming and Edward Nuttall. However, Chris McGoldrick batted very soundly for 63, and formed a second wicket partnership with Alex Rowe of 65.

Scoring momentum increased with a solid 39 off 29 balls from Matt Parr, and a handy contribution towards the end of the innings by Fraser Hawes of 27 off 21.

In reply, the Christchurch Boys' High team started the chase well, however the promising opening partnership of 31 came to an end when Fraser Hawes had the outstanding batsman, Tom Latham, caught at mid-wicket for 13. The Boys' High team was then well restricted by a very steady bowling attack and was dismissed in the final over for 189 runs.

Of particular note was Richard McGuire's contribution in the field, taking three catches. Once again, 'catches win matches'.

The Willows won by 14 runs

The Willows 203/7

C. McGoldrick 63, M. Parr 39, F. Hawes 27, T. Van Woerkom 3/43, G. Gibbons 3/52

Christchurch Boys' High School 189

G. Roux 47, M. Rowe 32, A. Nuttall 4/27, R. McGuire 2/34

Umpires

J. Wood and R. Wyeth



▲ Robert Dunne, Sports Director at Boys' High cutting.



▲ Edward Nuttall from the duck pond end.

V WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST XI

25th October 2009

Report by Declan McKeefry

Christchurch turned on a balmy day for the fixture which promised to be a tight one. The Willows side comprising of several promising Canterbury youth players, won the toss and chose to bat.

After a steady start from openers Coffey and Hampton-Matehe, Coffey was out LBW. This brought Lyons to the crease who with Hampton-Matehe formed a solid second wicket partnership. Both batsmen scored fluently around the ground but weren't really rewarded for shots as well as they should have been due to a slow October outfield. With both batsmen settled, Collegiate found the breakthrough they wanted and Lyons was run out from a sharp piece of fielding. The Willows continued their momentum with various cameos from batsmen, in particular Hyser who scored a quick fire 38 off half as many balls.

At the change of innings, The Willows had notched a very competitive 210 for 5 from their 50 overs.

In reply, Collegiate lost an early wicket and from there the wickets fell at regular intervals. Several batsmen made starts but were unable to convert, undone by tight economical bowling by The Willows side. The match looked comfortably in the bag for The Willows with the score at 117 for 9 but a fighting 10th wicket partnership from Collegiate saw the score up to 149 before the last wicket fell.

A good bowling and fielding display by The Willows was headed with Tapper, Andrew Nuttall and Lyons claiming two wickets each. Collegiate showed a fighting spirit throughout the match, however The Willows were too strong on this occasion.



▲ The opening bowler for Wanganui Collegiate.



▲ Good shot – Ted Haggas.

The Willows won by 61 runs

The Willows 210/5

T. Hampton-Matehe 70, T. Hyser 38,
W. Lyons 32, A. Middleton 2/29

Wanganui Collegiate School 149

T. Haggas 33*, J. Tapper 2/17, W. Lyons 2/21,
A. Nuttall 2/25

Umpires

J. Elley and G. Evansly

✓ OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

1st November 2009

Report by Greig Pullar

With a quick gaze at the track and a handshake the toss was secured and The Willows were batting first.

From the first ball of the day the wickets tumbled. Tom Rutherford of Otago Boys' took 7/20 off his 10 – the most wickets ever taken by a visiting student.

With a very modest 54 the opening attack of Lonsdale and Peacock put pressure on Otago Boys' High and at 3 for 16 we believed we might be in with a chance. A partnership ensued and steadily Otago Boys' made its way to a comfortable victory after 30 overs.

Given this early finish we set up an afternoon of cricket in which the home team performed to a much better standard.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 54

T. Rutherford 7/20

Otago Boys' High School 55/3

G. Croudis

Umpires

R. Wyeth and J. Henderson



▲ Tom Rutherford who demolished The Willows with 7/20.



▲ Fraser Hawes drives in compiling 61.

✓ PENINSULA CRAZ XI

8th November 2009

Report by Colin Hight

The Willows won the toss and batted first with opener Graeme Inglis making 57. Fraser Hawes scored a very stylish and brisk 61 in the middle order and found excellent support from Jack Nuttall who scored a very good 40. The Willows ended up posting 230 all out on the last ball of the 50 overs. Chris Johnston was the pick of the Craz bowlers with a very good 10 over spell taking 5 for 30.

The Craz were in trouble early with some very good bowling from The Willows attack. Ben Langrope was the stand out batsman and was undefeated at the conclusion of the innings with 38 not out and the Craz were all out for 125. The wickets were evenly shared with Andrew Nuttall being the pick of The Willows bowlers.

The Willows won by 105 runs

The Willows 230

F. Hawes 61, G. Inglis 57, J. Nuttall 40, C. Johnston 5/30

Peninsula Craz XI 125

B. Langrope 38*

Umpires

M. Hill and D. Pulley

v SRI LANKA U-21 DEVELOPMENT TEAM

14th November 2009

Report by Andrew Nuttall

We were all greeted with a magnificent day to play cricket which was in sharp contrast to the previous day when the touring team had been welcomed by a cold southerly storm which swept Canterbury.

It was agreed that the touring team bat first and they started briskly being 52 without loss at the end of eight overs.

The Willows opening bowlers Matt McEwan and Edward Nuttall tightened their line and length and the bowlers who followed maintained the pressure and at lunch the visitors were 143 after 34 overs. A highlight of the morning's play was an outstanding catch at fine leg by Richard Pithey.

The Willows team were very pleased with the lunch time score having captured 5 Sri Lankan wickets but there must have been something in Anup Nathu's curry and after lunch the Sri Lankan team rattled on 114 runs in the remaining 16 overs to reach a very competitive total of 257.

There were some delightful shots and hard hitting from Pathirana who scored 64 not out having combined with Nishan in a 75 run partnership at more than a run a ball.

In reply The Willows batting line up struggled with the pace attack and were dismissed for 62 runs in 16 overs and Thisara was left with the fine figures of 6 for 26.

All the Willowers enjoyed the opportunity to play against an overseas team of quality players and will follow with interest members of the touring party, some of whom will no doubt play for the Sri Lankan National side in the near future.

The Willows lost by 195 runs

Sri Lanka U21 Development Team 257/8

Dilshan 35, Ashan 33, Nisham 37, Pathirana 64, Matt McEwan 3/52

The Willows 62

Thisara 6/26

Umpires

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton



▲ The Sri Lankan coach and manager.



▲ The Sri Lankan Under-21 Development XI.



▲ The tourists enjoy some local attractions.

V MID-CANTERBURY YOUTH XI

15th November 2009

Report by Grant Stewart

The Willows batted first and started in excellent fashion on another superb Loburn pitch.

Tim Barringer and Brad Gordon combined for an opening partnership of 112 before the latter departed for a well made 38. Barringer continued to score freely and was 2nd to fall for an excellent 71. The other Willowers offered little resistance other than a free flowing 23 from Paul McEwan, who is still a treat to watch at the crease. The Willows limped to a total of 215, bowled out with almost 2 overs to spare.

The Mid Canterbury Youth XI toiled well in the field in what turned out to be a very hot start to the day's play. Youngsters B. Mably and T. Bird bowled well taking the bulk of the wickets to fall 3 and 4 scalps respectively.

The Youth XI set about their total in determined fashion but lost wickets at regular intervals.

Mably capped off a fine day reaching 54 before succumbing to one of three well taken run outs by the home team.

The pick of the Willows bowlers were Richard Abbott and Ryan McEwan who both bowled unchanged spells into a strong blustery wind.

A good win to The Willows on the back of two heavy defeats.

Again, a huge thank you to the umpires and caterers for giving up their spare time and contributing to another enjoyable day playing the best game in the world.

The Willows won by 36 runs

The Willows 215

T. Barringer 71, B. Gordon 38, T. Bird 4/30,
B. Mably 4/34

Mid-Canterbury Youth XI 179

B. Mably 58, S. Clarke 34, G. Stewart 3/19,
R. McEwan 2/25

Umpires

L. Kerr and H. Fowler



▲ Brad Gordon hooks.



▲ The opening bowler for the Mid-Canterbury XI.

✓ LONDON NEW ZEALAND CC XI

22nd November 2009

Report by Simon Harding

The Willows eleven gathered on a gloomy morning to introduce themselves before battle commenced with the London NZ selection. Our Commander in Chief again bluntly explained the importance of this fixture which initially looked to be a forlorn prospect given that The Willows side had lost both an opening bowler and captain from last year's fixture. The opposition on the other hand contained a hardened and experienced line-up ranging from dentists to former All Blacks. Our young skipper Greig Pullar realised that we had exactly five bowlers and six batsmen so promptly won the toss and asked LNZ to field.

Losing our Skipper early did nothing for our collective confidence but we then witnessed a sublime top order batting display. Maulik Patel stroked the ball with exquisite timing, Justin Murray fresh from meetings in Argentina, shrugged off his jet lag to craft a highly polished 68, while Ben Yock continued to prove why he graced The Willows calendar this year by driving, pulling and cutting his way to 74. Chris Kennedy was the pick of the LNZ bowlers claiming 4 wickets of excellent off-spin. The Willows staggered to make 258 at the end of the 49th over.

Defending 259 The Willows could ill afford a repeat of last year's opening bowling debacle. Thankfully some young blood in the form of Adam Hastilow completed his opening over with no extras and on time so that The Willows could set about their work with renewed confidence. After a couple of early wickets the game was nicely poised for a close finish until young Peter Younghusband was introduced to the bowling crease. After settling in for two overs (costing 19) he then took 5/11 off the next 8 overs bowling his leg-spin with considerable maturity, skill and cunning. The game was effectively over by the



▲ Daniel Burrows with his 'offies'.



▲ On the line is OUT – well stumped Joe Bennett.

time that he had taken his fifth wicket but you cannot keep a champion out of a game for too long and the tail was duly polished off by Brendan Fahey who delighted in perplexing Leon MacDonald with the slowest ball of the day.

A large win for The Willows didn't distract from the enjoyment of a keenly contested days cricket. The Trevor Campbell trophy is safely secured for another year.

The Willows won by 163 runs

The Willows 258

M. Patel 49, J. Murray 68, B. Yock 74,
C. Kennedy 4/38

LNZCC 95

P. Younghusband 5/28

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose

V COMBINED SECONDARY SCHOOLS

29th November 2009

Report by Barry Townrow

What is it that turns a good looking wicket into a living nightmare for one team but fails to do so for the side batting second. This was the question asked after The Willows won the toss and batted against the Secondary Schools side that had been on the Sri Lanka/Singapore tour (with some added older members).

Getting to 58/1 from 12 overs was a promising start, before the spinners weaved their magic for the Schools side who ran through a bemused opposition to have them all out for 116 in the 50th over.

Only opener Tom Latham, with 42, saved The Willows' blushes as he compiled a respectable score.

Chasing this meagre total the Schools side was in early trouble at 48/4 before Max Winter and Hamish Teale saw them home comfortably in the 26 over to win the Graham Dowling Trophy.

This was a real pasting for the home team who had certainly fancied their chances, but did enjoy the after match celebrations.

Special mention to our umpires, Eddie Brownlee and Peter Koppes, and scorer Tony Campbell for another splendid day at The Willows.

As General Douglas McArthur said, "We will return".

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 116

T. Latham 42, T. Van Woerkom 4/12

Combined Secondary School XI 121/4

M. Winter 45*, H. Teale 28*

Umpires

E. Brownlee and P. Koppes

V KING'S HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

13th December 2009

Report by Joe Bennett

Windy day, belter of a track, Willows chose to bat, lost a wicket in the first over, then raced ahead. Les Humphris top scored, playing wonderfully straight and through the covers and a bit less wonderfully past gully's ears.

256 was always going to be enough. Tom Agnew took early wickets, pretty well everyone else chipped in with one or two more, and only field placings reminiscent of the Bodyline tour allowed King's to get within sight of us. The boys represented themselves admirably but we, with a few exceptions, were far younger than most Willows teams, ergo far too good.

The Willows won by 20 runs

The Willows 256/6

L. Humphris 98, S. Coffey 78, M. Weeds 37

King's High School 236/9

J. Cambridge 47, F. Page 46, A. Pauling 37*, T. Agnew 3/33

Umpires

C. Fenwick and T. McLisky



▲ Shaun Coffey – a typical off drive.



▲ James Stevenson looking menacing on his way to 3/22.



▲ Father Christmas at the Hawkwood match.

V HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

20th December 2009

Report by M.E. Dormer

On what was a bright Sunday morning, The Willows won the toss and elected to bat with the objective of posting a score of 250 plus, which was considered adequate against the Hawkwood XI who had supplemented their farming contingent with the Wallaby Rugby Coach Robbie Deans, a senior Willower Andrew Nuttall, and their respective sons Sam and Henry who are both University students.

The excellent opening partnership by James Watson and Justin Vaughan was supported with two good innings by Mike Singleton and Sam Davis but alas once again, a score of 157 looked far too inadequate.

Fine food including fruit salad was accompanied by threatening skies so much so that the arrival of Father Christmas and his two fairies came a little earlier than anticipated with many children enjoying the sweets, drinks, ice-creams and of course the presents which were distributed by the man himself. Between hosting the children on his knee in the pavilion, the donkeys, ponies and horses were actively engaged in providing rides for other children whilst The Willows claimed just one wicket until the thunder and

rain came tumbling down with Hawkwood at 1 for 24.

A quickly arranged Willows Committee Meeting was held at which it was pronounced that under such climatic conditions the team who posted the highest first wicket score would be declared the winner. Mr Deans, on behalf of the Hawkwood Wanderers, objected most strongly and stated The Willows next morning would see the trophy firmly ensconced in the home of their patron Roger Macfarlane!

The Salvation Army were most appreciative for the presents brought to the ground by visiting children to be distributed to those less fortunate.

The Willows will ensure the team to meet Hawkwood in December 2010 will be sufficiently strong to provide an upset – humiliation has been all too frequent over the past 16 seasons.

The Willows appreciated greatly the number of supporters from both sides who attended the day's festivities.

Match drawn

The Willows 157

J. Watson 40, S. Davis 27*

Hawkwood Wanders 24/1

Umpires

R. Ebert and B. Hamilton



▲ Jack Hammond batted nicely for Burnside scoring 37.



▲ John Mitchell (DP) with Warwick Maguire (Principal, Burnside High) and David Grocott, coach of the Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Major Evelyn Millar with Willows Chaplain, Rev. Father Brian Cummings.



▲ Aaron Johnstone looking confident.

v BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

6th December 2009

Report by David Grocott

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on a rather green wicket. Batting in the early stages proved difficult against the demanding Burnside bowlers and Andrew Johnstone had to work hard to score his 36. At one stage The Willows were 106 for 8 and a low score looked inevitable. However a cameo innings from Phil Harris, who scored an unbeaten 41 off 35 balls, saw The Willows score a respectable 178. A shower of rain in the middle of The Willows innings shortened the game to 43 overs.

In reply, Burnside struggled after losing three early wickets and were eventually bowled out for 96. Matt Latham and James Boock were the best of The Willows bowlers, both capturing 3 wickets. J Hammond was the pick of the Burnside batsmen.

The Willows won by 82 runs

The Willows 178/9

P. Harris 41*, A. Johnstone 36,
A. Lothian 3/30

Burnside High School 96

J. Hammond 37, J. Boock 3/11,
M. Latham 3/17

Umpires

J. Elley and D. Henderson

v SUBURBAN XI

10th January 2010

Report by Paul Rutledge

Fortunately the fickle Canterbury weather behaved itself for long enough to allow the first fixture of the New Year at The Willows to get underway. The Willows, as is their custom, won the toss and elected to bat.

The Willows upper and middle order conspired to produce good starts to their innings, without any one really going on. Liam Bartholomeusz, Tiggy Dalley, Tim Harrison, Rajeev Varma and Brendon Wellington all made useful contributions towards The Willows final score of 199 all out. The Suburban XI bowling attack was led by Dann Vann who took 5 wickets from his 9.2 overs.

A defendable enough total, and with the Suburban XI 19 for 2 early in their innings, things looked promising for The Willows. However an outstanding batting display by Ben Williams ensured the Suburban XI were always

going to reach the target of 200. Ben was well supported by the Suburban XI Captain Greig Pullar with the Suburban XI reaching their target with 6 wickets and 11 overs to spare. Their win was thoroughly deserved.

Our thanks to Roger Georgieff and the Suburban XI, for ensuring the relationship between The Willows and Suburban Cricket remains strong.

Our thanks also to our umpires for the day Phil Harris (Willows and Suburban stalwart) and John Elley, our scorer Tony Campbell, and of course all The Willows members who help to make each day at The Willows a memorable one for all.

The Willows lost by 6 wickets

The Willows 199

L. Bartholomeusz 36, B. Wellington 38,
D. Vann 5/41

Suburban Youth 201/4

B. Williams 83*, G. Pullar 42*

Umpires

J. Elley and P. Harris



▲ Brad Doody in form.



▲ Sam Noster from the duckpond end.

v AUSTRALIAN CRUSADERS XI

21st January 2010

Report by Bert Walker

After being asked to bat the Crusaders made steady progress, before increasingly heavy drizzle stopped play on several occasions. An early lunch was taken, the match shortened to 40 overs and after lunch the weather improved considerably. The Crusaders innings of 198/5 was due to consistent scoring by the majority of their batsmen.

The Willows team, whose ages ranged from 18 to 69, performed well overall with Sam Noster bowling at a hostile pace and beating the bat frequently. Sam was well supported by Hamish Teale with his off spinners who also took an outstanding running and diving catch at full length at mid wicket off the bowling of Alistair Sheard, who had earlier belied his age by holding onto a very sharp caught and bowled chance himself. Barry Townrow from Buller bowled an accurate and economical spell. What a great capture it was to have the former New Zealand captain Lee Germon behind the stumps. His 'keeping was flawless and immaculate which certainly inspired The Willows team in the field.

In reply The Willows lost two early wickets however due to an excellent 3rd wicket stand between Hamish Teale and Brad Doody, the score was advanced to 131. Once this partnership was broken The Willows required 67 off the last 10 overs, and with 7 wickets left The Willows were obviously in a very challenging position. Regretfully Brad was out soon after and the following batsmen, all short of batting in recent times, struggled. The Crusaders two off spinners put a stranglehold on The Willows batting, backed by very keen fielding which kept the run rate climbing. The combined bowling figures of the two off spinners were 11 overs for 5 wickets for 33 runs which unfortunately strangled The Willows challenge resulting in a 36 run win to the visitors.



▲ Thomas Agnew in action.



▲ Play straight young man!

The Crusaders were a very well drilled team of pleasant young school lads from Victoria playing the last match of their annual five match tour against The Willows for the Bradman Trophy. They were a real credit to themselves, their coaches and to the schools from whence they came, and in particular their captain Tom Peter-Budge stood out for his all-round efforts with the bat and ball. Mention must be made of Hamish Teale playing for The Willows who had an excellent all round game and he is another with a very bright future.

The Willows lost by 36 runs

Australian Crusaders XI 198/5

L. Higgins 45, T. Peter-Budge 40,
A. Sheard 2/28, H. Teale 2/30

The Willows 162/7

B. Doody 59, H. Teale 53, T. Peter-Budge 3/19,
M. Rampling 2/14, A. Shanks 2/21

Umpires

J. Elley and G. Evans

V DUNEDIN CAVALIERS XI

24th January 2010

Report by Grant Stewart

The players were greeted by a rather cold and dull day with many thinking the game would not be completed. The Willows batted first and started cautiously on a damp and green pitch.

The Willows lost a couple of early wickets but Danny Dowds and ex-Otago and New Zealand Tourist, Aaron Gale combined for an excellent partnership of 103 for the 3rd wicket. The partnership was broken when Gale was dismissed for a very well made 51 in what turned out to be very bowler friendly conditions.

Dowds was the last batsman to fall for 49 before a "rapid fire" end to the innings courtesy of a 54 run partnership off 35 deliveries between Adam Hastilow and the ever green Chris Dockerill. The Willows innings was completed reaching a very competitive 205.

The best of the Cavalier bowlers were G. Martin and H. Martin who had returns of 2/11 and 2/39 respectively.

The Cavaliers XI started briskly in their chase and reached 51 for 3 at the tea interval, well up with the required run rate.

The resumption in play brought about the introduction of young Durham professional, Scott Borthwick to the bowling crease. His next 16 deliveries of accurate leg spin effectively ended the hopes of the visiting team, claiming 6 wickets including 3 LBW decisions.

The Cavaliers were bowled out for 81, collapsing to lose 7 wickets in 23 minutes after tea to finish the match.

The pick of the bowlers being the young Englishman who had the added disadvantage of bowling with a very wet ball.

The Willows won by 124 runs

The Willows 205

A. Gale 51, D. Dowds 49, A. Hastilow 39*, G. Martin 2/11, H. Martin 2/39

Dunedin Cavaliers XI 81

H. Green 39, G. Stewart 3/7, S. Borthwick 6/14

Umpires

B. Hamilton and B. Malloch



▲ Danny Dowds plays fine.



▲ Adam Hastilow – If not with bat then with ball.



▲ Anup Nathu “of old”.



▲ Grandfather Bruce Watson, daughter Kris and grandson James.

✓ KRISTIN SCHOOL 1 ST XI

27th January 2010

Report by Mitchell MacDonald

Kristin School 1st XI were a visiting team from the North Shore in Auckland. It was their first time to The Willows and it was great to see another school team arrive and immediately appreciate what The Willows has to offer secondary schools cricket. It would be fair to say they were very impressed with the setup and opportunities visiting teams receive when playing at Loburn.

The Willows team was made up of some older hands as well as some very talented younger ones coming through. The Willows won the toss and elected to bat.

There were two fifties in the match ranging from the younger Joel Abraham to the more experienced Peter Devine and Archdeacon Mike Hawke who finished on 49.

Kristin's young bowling attack looks set to succeed in the future with a talented Zac Watson leading the way.

Kristin batsmen struggled against a young and talented paced attack of Sam Noster and James Tucker who took instant control of the game, followed by young Scott Borthwick from Durham, England who bowled 8 overs of outstanding leg spin and in my view will one day play for England, unless he meets a nice girl and remains in New Zealand!

Kristin enjoyed the experience of playing against the young and old Willowers and we now look forward to seeing them achieving good results on their return to Auckland.

The Willows won by 148 runs

The Willows 264/6

J. Abraham 56, P. Devine 51 rtd, M. Hawke 49

Kristin School 1st XI 116

J. Tucker 4/25, S. Borthwick 3/23

Umpires

J. Elley and G. Evans

V ST BEDE'S COLLEGE | ST XI

31st January 2010

Report by Aaron Johnstone

A side full of youthful exuberance was assembled under blue skies for the annual St Bede's fixture and after seeing that the pitch looked its usual self, we were confident of batting first and setting a good total. That confidence was soon shaken when The Willows slumped to 6 for 61 after a demanding opening spell from James Tucker and Hagen Schulte. The Willows loan player Jack Boyle along with Matt Henry, then restored the innings. Jack fell just short of his half century while Matt went on to make a very good 70. The icing on the cake was applied via some late innings hitting from Alex Rowe and

James Tapper to get The Willows through to a very competitive 232.

St Bede's got off to a good start with Matt Vanner and Hamish Teale adding 70 for the second wicket with Hamish run out just short of his half century. Edward and Andrew Nuttall then applied the brakes with the ball and St Bede's weren't able to keep up with the rate eventually finishing their 50 overs at 191 for 7.

The Willows won by 41 runs

The Willows 232

M. Henry 70, J. Boyle 45, A. Rowe 31,
H. Schulte 3/41

St Bede's College 191/7

M. Vanner 38, H. Teale 46, A. Nuttall 3/24

Umpires

G. Evans and D. Pulley



▲ James Tucker, St Bede's quickie.



▲ Jack Boyle through midwicket.



▲ Hagen Schulte drives.

v TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

7th February 2010

Report by Andrew McRae

The Willows were defending the Parker Trophy on what was an uncharacteristically green Willows ground for February. This year, fittingly, The Willows team was made up of a strong South Canterbury and Mid Canterbury contingent including Craig Hinton, Les Humphris, Maulik Patel, Richard Pithey and Simon Ward.

The Willows won the toss and, predictably, elected to bat. A solid start was provided by Simon Ward ex-Timaru Boys' High School and James Richards from Christchurch Boys' High School. With the loss of Ward, Maulik Patel then came to the crease where he played with patience and skill compiling a very well constructed 103 off 86 balls. Maulik showed his class in the innings that formed the backbone of The Willows score and was ably supported by Richards, Humphris and Teale, as The Willows compiled an impressive 301.

Of note was a spirited resurgence from the Boys' High side following the lunch adjournment as they took 6 Willows wickets for only 90 runs with Sam Porter excelling.

Timaru Boys' High commenced their innings against quality seam bowling from Craig Hinton and Les Humphris followed by excellent spin bowling from Matthew Teale resulting in wickets being lost on a regular basis with the innings terminating at 124 in the 35th over.

Boys' High were a young side full of enthusiasm and a credit to the School in the manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the field. Many of whom will return to The Willows next season.

The Willows won by 177 runs

The Willows 301/9

J. Richards 45, M. Patel 103*, L. Humphris 42, M. Teale 33, S. Porter 5/50

Timaru Boys' High School 124

S. Porter 30

Umpires

P. Koppes and E. Sanders



▲ Eye on the ball, young man!



▲ Maulik Patel drives on his way to century.



▲ Watchfully played young fellow.



▲ Matthew Marquet hooks for four.



▲ Did 'keeper Cameron effect a stumping?



▲ Danny Dowds with the Herb McGirr Trophy.

v NELSON COLLEGE 1st XI

14th February 2010

Report by Danny Dowds

Nelson College won the toss and after a relatively slow start the innings gained momentum with a very good third wicket partnership of 81 between the captain, Willis Scott and Matthew Macquet. Both boys batted sensibly with the opener Willis Scott being the last person out for a well compiled 78. The Willows bowling attack of Nuttall and Hastilow was both accurate and at times menacing with both bowlers taking 7 wickets between them. Young Gibbons from Christchurch Boys' High School bowled impressively for The Willows.

Needing a total of 174 to win The Willows opens Cameron and Gibbons began positively putting on 95 for the first wicket. Both Cameron and Gibbons compiled half centuries and whilst the Nelson XI bowled well they were unable to restrict The Willows openers from reaching a platform which enabled the target to be achieved within the 25th over.

The Willows won by 6 wickets

Nelson College 173

W. Scott 78, M. Macquet 48, E. Nuttall 4/14,
A. Hastilow 3/31, G. Gibbons 3/26

The Willows 175/4

B. Cameron 54, G. Gibbons 51

Umpires

R. Kandula and S. Edwards

✓ SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

21st February 2010

Report by Paul Rutledge

A greenish wicket presented plenty of early challenges for The Willows XI, who elected to bat after winning the toss. Graeme Inglis and George Earl expertly guided The Willows to 101 for the first wicket with some very skilful batting, Earl in particular striking the ball freely on his way to a well compiled 85. Useful contributions from Ben Bellamy and Tom Rennie playing in his first match for The Willows, allowed The Willows to compile a competitive total of 260 for 6 from its 50 overs. The Southland bowling was steady with the wickets being shared.

Early wickets spelt early trouble for Southland Boys' High, and at 14 for 3 things looked grim. An outstanding partnership between O'Brien and Burns of 134 runs put Southland in with a chance. Burns with 53 and O'Brien with 97 (unluckily run out) and thoroughly deserving a century, were both innings of the highest quality.

The Willows XI managed to keep their nerve and record a win, due in the main to good fielding, and some excellent bowling by Tom Agnew and Andrew Harris from Christchurch Boys' High School, who bowled extremely well at the death.

A very competitive game of cricket which in many ways exemplified one of the primary objectives of the Club, to provide good quality cricket, and encourage Secondary School players. It was a pleasure to play Southland Boys' High and we look forward to an equally competitive match next season.

Thanks to our umpires Graeme Evans and Howard Fowler, and ever present scorer Tony Campbell, for helping make it a memorable day.

The Willows won by 17 runs

The Willows 260/6

G. Inglis 36, G. Earl 85, B. Bellamy 44

Southland Boys' High School 243

H. O'Brien 97, H. Burns 53, G. Mulvey 32, T. Agnew 3/26, A. Harris 3/48

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Graeme Inglis in form.

V ARTHUR PITCHER'S XI

24th February 2010

Report by Joe Bennett

Faultless weather greeted us and a track you could play snooker on. Noting that at the time of tossing all four of The Willows players who had so far turned up were wrapping themselves around a substantial lunch, The Willows captain deftly won the toss, told his noble foursome that he was aiming for a 40-over total of 227, sent the two least bloated in to open and settled down to a snooze. When he woke for tea he discovered not only that he now had eleven players but that they had amassed precisely the total he'd requested. "That should be ample," he said over celebratory fruit cake.

It was not ample. Pitcher's collection of ring-ins and not very ex ex-professionals, never looked like falling short. The ball went hither and yon to be fetched from various quarters of rural North Canterbury by dogs, small boys and weary Willowers while Pitcher gloated through his beard from the pavilion. Ah well.

The Willows lost by 8 wickets

The Willows 227/6

M. Hawke 50*, H. Wright 49*, M. Bremner 46, S. Carter 3/28

Arthur Pitcher's XI 230/2

W. Wisneski 56*, S. Borthwick 52*

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler



▲ Harry Simmons to Greg Hills.



▲ Where's the ball?



▲ Tim Connell on the front foot.



▲ After match discussion with Andrew Nuttall, Paul Rutledge and the Wanganui Collegiate boys.



▲ Les Humphris pulling for four.



▲ Dilhan and Merrill Fernando of Dilmah Tea.



▲ Maulik Patel at the bowling crease.



▲ What a team! – The Peninsula Craz.



▲ Jacob Barry in action against King's School.

V ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE | ST XI

28th February 2010

Report by Paul McEwan

A well fought match where St Andrew's College chased down 276 with an excellent innings by Ben Ward who was snared by keeper Tom Latham off Ryan McCone for 97 and a well compiled 40 from Chris Johnston, the coach's young son.

The Willows, as is customary, batted first with good showings from Paul Duncan, Mike Hamel and Jacob Barry supplemented by father and son Rod and Tom Latham who contributed 28 and 72 respectively. James

Tapper his usual dependable self and Tom Henderson bowled well securing two wickets a piece.

This annual fixture is always well attended by parents who this year were accompanied by Christine Leighton, Rector of St Andrew's and her husband Gavin, proudly watching their son who claimed 1 for 14.

The Willows won by 41 runs

The Willows 276/9

T. Latham 72, M. Hamel 35

St Andrew's College 235/5

B. Ward 97, C. Johnston 40

Umpires

T. McLisky and G. Evans



▲ Chris Johnston through midwicket.



▲ Tod Henderson watched by umpire McLisky.



▲ Freddy Anderson nearly succeeds against Justin Murray.



▲ Paul Duncan shows how it's done.



▲ Oh, Fraser!



▲ Well stumped Tim Harrison.



▲ Captain Hugh Wright guides one through point.



▲ Dillon Goldstone on his way to an excellent 119.

v COMBINED SECONDARY SCHOOLS XI

7th March 2010

Report by Hugh Wright

After winning the toss The Willows chose to bat and the first 20 overs could be compared to watching the highlights on Sky TV. This set the tone to a rewarding and hard day's cricket played on a beautiful autumn day. Wakefield, Patel and Cowlshaw dominated the Combined Schools attack and after 25 overs The Willows had scored 180. Brad Doody and Hugh Wright kept the score moving to reach a competitive total of 329/6.

Goldstone and Norris were the pick of the Combined bowlers, who, as a side, in hot dry conditions, never gave up.

The Combined batting was dominated by a brilliant century by Goldstone who punished The Willows bowlers to all parts of the ground. Well supported by Paterson and Dwyer, the combined team kept The Willows bowlers honest, but the dominating start by The Willows batsmen was always going to be a challenge to a well polished Combined Schools team.

The Willows won by 64 runs

The Willows 329/6

M. Patel 46, D. Wakefield 56, A. Cowlshaw 72, B. Doody 49*, Z. Norris 2/48, H. Paterson 2/33

Combined Secondary Schools XI 265/7

D. Goldstone 119, M. Dwyer 39, H. Paterson 26, M. Patel 2/41

Umpires

J. Elley and A. Campbell

V ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY I ST XI

10th March 2010

Report by Julian Marsh

After initially being postponed due to wet weather, we were greeted by hot sunny conditions for the rescheduling of this fixture. The St Thomas's captain, Tom Scott, won the toss and asked The Willows to take first use of the pitch.

In testing early conditions Paul McCarthy and Tom Agnew scored 47 for the first wicket with McCarthy especially aggressive after last year's performance of being bowled first ball by his students! McCarthy was followed by Richard Taylor and Agnew continued before his retirement for a well compiled 57.

The Willows batsmen set the platform for the late onslaught which was carried out very effectively by Matthew McEwan and Chris O'Connell carrying The Willows through to a healthy 239/5, which was always going to be a

testing score for the College lineup to achieve. For St Thomas's, Fraser Austen bowled aggressively and was always at the batsmen.

In reply St Thomas's were never in it after a dazzling opening spell by Constable Grant Stewart who claimed 5 early wickets being well supported by Messrs O'Connell, McEwan and Julian Marsh. The failure of the St Thomas's batsmen really highlighted the platform set by The Willows early batsmen McCarthy, Agnew and Taylor who all withstood the new ball which made things much easier for the latter batsman. The St Thomas's boys were encouraged to embark on a programme to bat "time" and to build partnerships throughout the innings.

The Willows won by 193 runs

The Willows 239/5

T. Agnew 57 rtd, P. McCarthy 36, R. Taylor 31, M. McEwan 35

St Thomas of Canterbury College 46

G. Stewart 5/10, M. McEwan 3/2

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ James Tapper on the spot.



▲ Fraser Wilson against his old school.

v WAITAKI BHS / ST KEVIN'S XI

14th March 2010

Report by Ben Harris

This annual match for the Roly Eveleigh Trophy is a highly anticipated affair and there have been some very close encounters over past years.

Batting first The Willows mustered an impressive 288/7 with young Tim Hampton-Matehe scoring a cultured 101. There were good supporting roles from Messers Wilson and Satterwaite and some good old fashioned slogging from the skipper at the end of the innings. The Combined team toiled manfully with their bowling supported in the field where their endeavours could not be questioned.

Chasing the imposing total the team from Oamaru were never in the hunt and ended up being dismissed for 124 with only young O'Malley showing the sort of application that was required.

James Tapper from St Andrew's ensured the game was one sided with a devastating spell of fast bowling ably backed by classy spin bowling from Fraser Wilson. The disappointing feature of the Combined innings was the lack of ability to rotate the strike and it literally was a block bash mentality which The Willows certainly does not encourage. As the great Australian Coach, Bobby Simpson said, the teams that win one day cricket are not the teams that score the most boundaries but the teams that score the most singles.

The other highlight of the innings was a very sharp slips catch by Garth Gallaway of which Bobby Simpson himself would have been proud.

Grateful thanks for the organisation of the match, for the umpiring and the catering which was up to the usual high Willows standard, as was the pitch which was a Vince Cusack special.

Thank you to the loyal band of Waitaki Boys' High School / St Kevin's College parents and to



▲ Trevor Thornton plays to leg.



▲ Mike Satterthwaite on the pull.

the boys themselves for the six hour round trip to play the game.

The Willows won by 164 runs

The Willows 288/7

T. Hampton-Matehe 101 rtd, B. Harris 62*,
P. O'Malley 2/40, B. Duckworth 2/70

Combined Waitaki/St Kevin's XI 124

P. O'Malley 42, J. Tapper 6/30, F. Wilson 3/42

Umpires

D. Pulley and L. Kerr

V SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

21st March 2010

Report by Ashley Cowlshaw

In the last game of the year against school teams, The Willows, batting first, were struggling at 115/5. The innings was resurrected by a very good 121 run partnership between Josh Reeves and Tim Johnston, followed by an excellent 53 by the Lincoln College student Ryan Banks. At 218/5 after 40 overs it looked as though 300 could be well on the cards but to the credit of the Shirley bowlers, they bounced back with three of their bowlers claiming 3 wickets each and they restricted The Willows to 286.

In reply, the Shirley run chase got off to a rather poor start however two partnerships of 50 odd steadied the innings but The Willows total was beyond the Shirley Boys' due to some very economical spin bowling from Michael Peacock, an ex-Shirley student.

The Willows won by 131 runs

The Willows 286

R. Banks 53, T. Johnston 53, J. Reeves 91

Shirley Boys' High School 155

B. Hanham 37, M Peacock 5/33

Umpires

B. Hamilton and J. Rose



▲ Umpires' Day.



▲ Well stumped Nick Johnston.



▲ Tim and David Grocott.



▲ Tim Gooday at delivery.

PAST NEW ZEALAND XI v GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S YOUTH XI

28th March 2010

The Teams:

Past New Zealand XI **Governor-General's Youth XI**

<i>Ervin McSweeney (c)</i>	<i>Tim Muir (c)</i>
<i>Lee Germon</i>	<i>Tom Latham</i>
<i>Geoff Allott</i>	<i>Sam Noster</i>
<i>Nathan Astle</i>	<i>Mitchell Croft</i>
<i>Mark Priest</i>	<i>Hamish Teale</i>
<i>Paul Wiseman</i>	<i>Maulik Patel</i>
<i>Justin Vaughan</i>	<i>Matthew McEwan</i>
<i>Evan Gray</i>	<i>Peter Younghusband</i>
<i>Rod Latham</i>	<i>Edward Nuttall</i>
<i>Stu Roberts</i>	<i>Theo van Woerkom</i>
<i>Anup Nathu</i>	<i>Tim Johnston</i>

A bitterly cold, damp morning and a greenish pitch awaited the teams on their arrival at the ground with the game commencing at 10.30am.

Latham and Patel began confidently with an opening partnership of 53 but on the arrival of The Governor-General, His Excellency The Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand, batsmen were removed by excellent seam bowling from Allott, Vaughan and the ever dangerous Astle who "seamed out" the middle order. At 109 for 7 the innings was resurrected by captain Tim Muir and the Nelson Hawke Cup player Peter Younghusband who manoeuvred the innings to 261 with an excellent 152 run partnership.

The New Zealand XI showed many glimpses of past year's success with solid starts from most of their players. The Youth XI used the conditions to their best advantage with six obtaining Past New Zealand scalps.

At the conclusion of the game Sir John Hansen, President of The Willows, acknowledged and thanked His Excellency for his encouragement of

such a fixture and for his presence not only at the dinner held at the Christchurch Club the night before, but throughout the day at Loburn. Don Neely presented a copy of his recent excellent publication "50 Tests at The Basin Reserve" to all the Youth XI and the Governor-General presented his special tie to each member of his Youth XI.

The Governor-General's Youth XI won by 78 runs

Governor-General's Youth XI 261/8

T. Muir 83, P. Younghusband 65*,
N. Astle 3/19, G. Allott 2/24

Past New Zealand XI 189

N. Astle 30, P. Wiseman 31, E. Gray 33

Umpires

E. Brownlee and G. Evans

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v Gore High School 1st XI	4th October
v Marlborough Boys' 1st XI	18th October
v Clarrie Anderson's XI	2nd December
v Christ's College 1st XI	17th January



▲ Don Neely, former President of NZC with former New Zealand captain Lee Germon



▲ The teams with the Governor-General and umpires Eddie Brownlee and Graeme Evans.



▲ The Governor-General is welcomed by The Willows President Sir John Hansen and Past President John Mitchell.



▲ Winsome Dormer with the Governor-General.



▲ Peter Younghusband using his feet.



▲ Justin Vaughan shows his wares.



▲ Members of the Governor-General's XI at dinner on the eve of the match.



▲ Tim Muir on the drive.



▲ Lady Ann Hansen, The Governor-General and Winsome Dormer at the dinner.



▲ Paul Wiseman on the drive.



▲ Ervin McSweeney, Trevor Barber and Sir John Hansen.



▲ Evan Gray with his lefties bowling to Tim Muir.



▲ Geoff Allott opening the attack.



▲ Nathan Astle at the crease.



▲ Erv McSweeney with a sharp legside take.

Opportunities for youth who are prepared to do the hard yards

By **Rt. Hon. John Key**, *Prime Minister*

Judging by most of the young people I meet, New Zealand's future looks bright. As I travel around the country I'm constantly impressed by the enthusiasm and energy of our youth. They're ambitious for themselves and they make me optimistic for New Zealand.

I believe that the future of a country, especially a young country like New Zealand, is built on its youth. Young people are the lifeblood of any community. They have enthusiasm, energy, a willingness to get things done – and the courage to try different approaches to old problems.

But those who get knocked back or get the wrong messages during the crucial early years can quickly lose confidence.

Sports clubs are a great way of guarding against that. On the sports field, anyone can achieve if they're willing to work hard. Bowl out that crack lefthander, and you might be man of the match. Hit a century and the accolades will come your way.

I believe sport has a huge role to play in the development of our youth. Sport teaches us mental and physical resilience. Not everything that happens on the sporting field will be a success – one day you might drop an easy catch and feel embarrassed. It's how you pick yourself up after the experience that counts.

Sport keeps us fit and energetic. It teaches us teamwork, gives us the chance to prove ourselves and build self-confidence, and most of all, helps us develop strength of mind.



▲ **Prime Minister John Key**

I'm passionate about the potential of New Zealand's young people and I'm pleased to hear that experienced cricketers at The Willows Cricket Club are helping to support the young players and spur them on. It's a great mix.

Education, the great liberator

When I think about what creates opportunities for our young people, education is always at the front of my mind.

I believe education is a liberator. It is the single most important rung on the ladder of opportunity.

Kids who have a strong education will be able to make choices in their lives.

We know that some kids get more from pulling an engine apart than studying Macbeth, so my Government is working on creative ways to make education more relevant to the needs of our young people and their futures.

For example, I know some students are more motivated in an environment other than a

classroom, and it's important that we push those people to achieve. That's why we're working to implement the Youth Guarantee to ensure that 16 and 17-year-olds who might otherwise slip through the cracks have work, education or training opportunities.

I'm determined to ensure our youth have the opportunities they need to deliver on their potential, both at school and in the workforce.

And in return, I want them to put in the effort to better themselves.

Core values

New Zealand is a great country for young people to grow up in.

This is a country where we back our young people and we're acutely interested in the next generation. Everywhere I go, people express views to me about how we can help young people better themselves.

I believe in some core values that guide me as Prime Minister. Central to this is that with hard work, personal responsibility and big dreams, we can all make more of ourselves.

Lack of work – and money – reduces people's security and choices.

During last year's recession 18- to 24-year-olds became the fastest-growing age group on the Unemployment Benefit: young people wanted to work but many couldn't get jobs.

I know how damaging a long period of unemployment can be for people starting out. Confidence and self-esteem evaporate. Bad habits (and bad company) move in to take their place.

That's why I'm working hard to get the economy revving up again – so we can give young New Zealanders the opportunity to reach their potential. If we don't, we risk blunting the potential of an entire generation.

And that's something I won't accept.

Over to you

As you can see, I'm passionate about the next generation. We owe our young people the opportunities they need to deliver the very best of themselves. And I believe they owe us their very best efforts in return.

It won't be easy. Few people have an unhindered road through life. Achievement, whether in sport, school or the workforce, takes commitment, determination and hard work.

But I believe every single one of us can achieve if we choose to. The task ahead of my government is to provide the opportunity.

The determination and hard work are up to you.



▲ Tim Muir hits out.

Kiwi kids: making tomorrow today

Major Campbell Roberts

Salvation Army

It's said that the future of a nation depends on its children. Translated into contemporary New Zealand this means that whether or not our country has a strong future is dependant on the quality of life we give our children and grandchildren, the young people living in New Zealand.

For Kiwi kids to contribute to the future of New Zealand, they need healthy childhood and youthful experiences today that will build strong, positive and hopeful attitudes for tomorrow. Sadly, the evidence is that for some young Kiwis such foundational experiences are not the norm.

In its analysis of the latest Household Economic, the Ministry of Social Development highlights some disturbing social realities:

- 20% of New Zealand children (or around 216,000 people) are estimated to live in relative poverty based on 60% of NZ's median wage
- 49% of single-parent households are judged to be living in relative poverty (according to the same measure)
- 10% of children living in households with one or more full-time workers were said to be living in relative poverty, as were 61% of children in households without a full-time worker and 69% of children living in 'workless' households

I live in one of New Zealand's poorer communities. A pair of roller blades sits on my front door. Kids from my neighbourhood who can't afford their own roller blades come every day to use my roller blades. Those who borrow them are characteristic of a subset of New



▲ Major Campbell Roberts

Zealand children who, in New Zealand terms, are living in poverty.

Theirs is a poverty characterised by overcrowded living conditions or where housing costs mean the family moves frequently. It's not uncommon for some poor families to move house four or five times within two years. We can imagine the sense of disconnection that this leads to for young lives. But stepping back to look at the big picture, this instability—rooted in poverty—frustrates the achievement of social good that we desire for all New Zealanders.

Educational achievement is another social good some Kiwi kids miss out on. Children in lower-income communities typically encounter educational environments where early childhood education facilities are scarce and where primary classrooms include large numbers of children with significant social needs, including those for whom English is a second language.

In poorer communities, kids often experience minimal parental contact because both Mum and Dad need to work, sometimes over a 24-hour 7-days-a-week period, or because a single-parent has to balance all the demands of parenthood with working. Too often this leads to children not being adequately supervised, with flow-on effects that can include bullying, abuse or the unwelcome attention of gangs or criminal elements. Kids get bored without adequate

parental interest and stimulation, and that sometimes ends in petty crime and the destruction of property.

But youth problems are not only confined to the poor end of town. In more affluent neighbourhoods, another youth time bomb is ticking.

Ironically, in wealthier New Zealand communities, affluence and the relative ease with which kids access money creates problems. Parents trying to maintain demanding careers in busy workplaces find they are not able to spend as much time with their children they would like. They attempt to compensate for this lack by giving their children money and expensive consumer products. Such abundance is leading to unsupervised use of high-powered cars, binge drinking, unsupervised and risky relationships, and an absence of relationships of trust where children can safely share problems. Access to money and a search for meaning in life makes this group of kids easy prey to those who would introduce them to high-risk drug use and dangerous methamphetamines in particular.

Of course, this isn't the whole picture. Many Kiwi kids are living relatively normal lives with good prospects for the future. But we do need to be concerned for those of our young people who are not going so well. Their stories claim our attention when the media reports on binge drinking, youth suicide, violent and criminal behaviour, drug use and family violence. These children are part of our future, and our children's and grandchildren's futures too.

Concern at a crisis among our young people has been a focus of community leaders, politicians and government agencies in recent years. The answers have often been seen as more government-funded community initiatives targeting troubled youth. Such initiatives are useful, providing programmes where concerned New Zealanders provide activities, support and mentoring for youth whose lives are misdirected. They are, however, a last resort when things have gone wrong. The turnaround is often painfully slow and difficult to achieve.

Increasingly, it is recognised that the more effective approach is to invest within the normal activities of families and community, while our kids are young.

One of these useful investments is involving young people in sporting activities. Sports provides an activity where adults can encourage children through mentoring, role modelling and coaching, helping them to accept winning and losing as they learn life skills of self-discipline and team building.

The Willows provides a solid example of this support through its annual programme of weekly matches that encourage and develop young New Zealanders in the skills and disciplines of cricket.

We know that sport makes a lasting difference on young lives. But imagine the difference if this supportive interest could be extended so that every adult would take a similar helpful and specific interest in the lives of other New Zealand kids. If every person over 20 was prepared to 'adopt' four kids—two within their family framework and two outside the family—a substantial difference could be made across our nation.

Ideally, each adult would provide mentoring, coaching, time, encouragement, listening and love to their 'adoptee' children. If every adult New Zealanders would offer this degree of interest in four kids, then every New Zealand child would potentially have eight adults supporting them. We could reach some of our more vulnerable kids before trouble develops. Such a community care approach would secure a better future for all New Zealanders.

By giving focused attention to four kids each, we can make a lasting difference in their lives. To do that, though, we need to be prepared to put aside some of our time, our self-interest, money making, and even work commitments. But if we can make that investment then the rewards to ourselves and our nation will be greater than we can even begin to imagine. The future is ours for the making.

Test cricket is more than greatest hits



Test cricket is like Mozart. Twenty20 is the Bee Gees.

I once had a neighbour whose idea of a fun Sunday was to play the Bee Gees' Greatest Hits on repeat at high volume with the windows open. I'd happily

have shot him. The music was tuneful enough (I don't mean that. I'm just trying to be kind.) but when you'd heard it once you'd heard it all.

When you'd heard it twice you never wanted to hear it again. When you'd heard it three times you'd glimpsed hell. When it started for the fourth time you reached for the revolver.

What's wrong with the Bee Gees? Everything as far as I am concerned, beginning with the teeth. They're too big, too obvious, too white. They've stopped being dentition and become a marketing gimmick. Like Twenty20 cricket.

At the time of writing the Indian Twenty20 competition has just begun. There's loud music between overs and coloured uniforms and ludicrous team names and fireworks and dancing girls on podiums who are paid to fake enthusiasm and enormous crowds held in cages just as at a Bee Gees concert. Every available scrap of wall or screen is draped in advertising. This isn't a game of cricket. It's a transparent exercise in making money. And it works.

It works because it aims low. It aims at the young who are famously gullible and it aims at the simple emotions, the base emotions, the emotions that have been with us since the species evolved and which are of little use in an

advanced civilisation except to foster war, racism, myopia, the Bee Gees and Twenty20.

Twenty20 aims to please by emphasising the exciting bits of cricket and omitting the dull bits. But the thinking is fallacious. Exciting bits exist solely because of and in distinction to the dull bits. Twenty20 is like a photograph with only the bright colours printed. Without the dull background, without the contrast, the photo is lost.

Cricket is a game of balance between bat and ball. Twenty20 shifted the balance in favour of the bat. It shortened the boundaries, restricted the fielders, allowed bowlers only four overs while allowing batsmen to bat as long as they wished, and by shortening the match it took the premium off taking wickets. The bowling, frankly, might as well be done by a machine.

The result is that every game is like every other game just as every Bee Gees song is like every other Bee Gees song. One team scores between 120 and 220 and so does the other team. When you've seen one game you've got the hang of it. When you've seen two you've seen enough. When you've seen three you've sniffed the future of commercially driven cretinism. And if you've bothered to watch a fourth game, well frankly you are beyond redemption.

The Bee Gees, of course, are squillionaires. Aiming low pays. But will they swim down the gutter of time? Will they endure as Mozart has endured? I doubt it. Mozart may have died a pauper with bad teeth, but they're still playing his music because in its infinite variety and its infinite subtlety and its infinite human complexity it approaches the rarefied condition of test match cricket.

Joe Bennett

Freedom lives on fields of dreams

Richard Boock

Sunday Star-Time, 17 January 2009

Sport faces some increasingly strident questions. Does it continue to view itself as a delightful irrelevance; enjoyable and entertaining perhaps, but the sort of nonsense that should never be risked in the world's political hot-spots? Or does it instead reaffirm its role as a small but important celebration of life; an expression of freedom all the more significant for its triviality? At the very least, a statement of intent for the generations who follow?

Simply put, will sport fight for the right to have fun? Will the spirit of play, surely one of homo sapiens' loftiest achievements, be used to help defy those who would otherwise oppress us? Or will it become one of the first casualties of the battle; mothballed and stored in the attic until the shooting dies down? A volatile international landscape demands some fast answers: What is sport worth? What is its value? And how much are we prepared to suffer on its behalf?

Pakistan is already a no-go zone for sporting teams outside the subcontinent, particularly since the lethal attack on the Sri Lankan cricketers in Lahore last year. Their Aussie counterparts haven't visited since 1998. India is considered highly vulnerable following the 2008 Mumbai bombings in which 166 perished. Last week's fatal attack on the Togo football team bus during the African Cup of Nations in Angola left three dead. Safety is a fluid concept.

Fears for this year's World Cup in South Africa are increasing. Never mind the 2012 London Olympics, already fingered as an enormous opportunity for the disaffected. The New Zealand men's hockey team is about to travel to Delhi in

what might be described as an interesting security experiment in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games in the same city. Recent reports claimed the event carries an unacceptable level of risk.

Australia's Indian Premier League cricketers were last week told by radical right-wing Hindu party Shiv Sena that they shouldn't play in the state of Maharashtra, which includes the teeming city of Mumbai, on account of the recent attacks on Indians living in Australia. Easy to discount, maybe, except for the small point that eight people were killed by an insurgent bomb blast in Jaipur during the inaugural IPL season in 2008.

World sport is at the crossroads; that much we understand. And if the past decade is any guide, it will only become an increasingly attractive target for insurgents. It is a dark and bewildering irony that the trifling delight it brings to our lives, the sheer irrelevant pleasure of it all, represents the very essence of what groups such as the Taliban and al Qaeda hate most about it. Sport is a privilege, a luxury, an indulgence. A perversion.

In other words, sport is quickly becoming relevant; in so much as it stands for everything that distinguishes our communities as free and progressive. Just as music, theatre and dance continue to challenge and oppose fundamentalism, so does sport laugh in its face. Soldiers once played football on the western front at Christmas. Frivolous? Maybe, but that's what sport is; a pleasure of life, a *joie de vivre*, just one of the many reasons why getting up in the morning still seems so worthwhile.

I know, the temptation must be to accept the line that sportsmen and women aren't soldiers (apart from Israelis, of course), and therefore shouldn't be expected to endanger themselves for the sake of, what, after all, is merely a game. Not that this issue concerns only the athletes. One of those

killed in the Togo attack last week was the team's media liaison officer. Whatever else, it emphasises how everyone is in the same boat: players, management, media, spectators.

Let's be clear, no one in their right mind would want athletes blundering into palpably unsafe regions or ignoring any specific or tangible threats. Quality security assessment remains an essential part of today's sporting world, as does common-sense and compassion. No athlete should be forced to choose between safety concerns and selection concerns; no one should be compelled go anywhere against their own good judgement.

But, having said that, you have to wonder about those who advocated retreating in the aftermath of the Togo attack. As Arsenal football manager Arsene Wenger responded, to simply abandon events is to not only reward the perpetrators, but to encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Invoking the spirit of the 1972 Munich Olympics, he pointed out that if sport was to be forsaken whenever trouble flared, we all might as well pack up and head home now.

And he's right, you know. Life is one big risk, from the moment we boil the kettle in the morning. We can't simply lie low and batten down the hatches as the trinkets of life are crushed by fear and intimidation. Better to celebrate choice and liberty; that is, to participate in world sports events as athletes, as spectators, as administrators and as volunteers. More lives will be lost; of that we can be certain. But, in the most horrific way, it will still be worth it.

We know sport is many things: an escape, a recreation, a thrill, a laugh and a challenge. It's an ever-changing story; a romance one day, a thriller the next, a drama the day after that. It's a vehicle for promoting health, social wellbeing and a sense of community. And now it's something else again: something a small band of malcontents wants to take away from us. The question is, do we let it go quietly without a fight, on the basis it doesn't matter?

Or do we protect it jealously because, as recent attacks have shown, it really does matter?

In Memoriam

Willowers who passed to the great pavilion in the sky this year:

R.Q. (Quentin) Macarthur-Stanham, Sydney

D.J.E. (David) Evans, United Kingdom

W.M. (Michael) Curtis, Wellington

A.B. (Brian) Harman, Christchurch

R.C. (Bob) Pope, Wellington



▲ **Michael Curtis**



▲ **Bob Pope**

At a big match in Australia, the late "Johnny" Douglas was hit on the leg by a ball, and the umpire, believing it to be lbw, gave him out. This was not the opinion of Douglas, nor indeed the spectators, but the umpire had made his decision, and without any parley the batsman left the wickets.

On his way out, however, as he passed the umpire, Douglas asked: "Where's your dog?"

"Dog!" said the umpire, "what do you mean Mr Douglas?" "Well", said Johnny with concentrated anger, "you're the first blind man I've seen without his blinking dog".

Jerry Rowberry Sports Scholarship Dinner

Speech by Simon Leese, Headmaster
Christ's College, 17th March 2010

I am delighted to have the opportunity to welcome Jerry and his family to this special evening, and to be the first to thank you all for supporting it.

This evening is not, of course, an opportunity to cash in on the high regard in which Jerry is held. On the contrary, it is an opportunity to recognise the contribution which Jerry has made to sport and physical education at Christ's College, and to go somewhat towards ensuring his stature within the school remains accessible to those who will come later. Jerry would certainly be one of the staff members of this College whose tenure has spanned a significant period of change, growth and indeed improvement within the school.

Every school has its stories of masters gone by, often revered for behaviours which were of their time, but which would be irrelevant, and for some, even unacceptable, today. There is a tendency for older schoolmasters to look back to the 'good old days' and bemoan the changes which have overtaken them. Today's young men are often seen as lacking the qualities of their forebears, to have it too easy, to not value their opportunities, and so it goes on. We hear it often, but not always.

Today we recognise the exception, which is Jerry Rowberry; I will not anticipate or dilute the reflections you will hear about him as the evening progresses. On a personal level, I have enjoyed Jerry's steadfast loyalty to the school, and his support and his friendship, and I thank him for that. It is appropriate that a lasting



▲ **Simon Leese with Jerry Rowberry.**

association with Jerry should be in the form of a scholarship fund to enable a deserving young man with sporting potential to benefit from what Christ's College has to offer.

The intention and integrity of sports scholarship opportunities has been debased in the public perception by the shallow ambition of some schools simply to win. Any scholarship provision with which this College is associated will be about opportunity, and service. No student should come to Christ's College just because he can make the big tackles, or bowl a good length, or throw a distance. Many boys can never contemplate access to Christ's College, and yet would offer a great deal to it. Our sports scholarship recipients are boys who have a genuine desire to attend the school above others, who have the motivation and tenacity to work in the classroom, and who in all respects will be a credit to the school and a role model for others. The status of a scholarship with Jerry Rowberry's name attached to it will never be undermined by the cynical acquisition of a sporting talent who does not meet such wider expectations.

Jerry is not about rugby – though it is a game he loves, amongst others. Jerry is about sport and sportsmanship. He may not remember an

afternoon when we leant on the wall at QEII watching athletics, and he invited me to look around the arena and note the age of the volunteers who were running the event. The point was well made. Jerry is from a generation of volunteering, serving schoolmasters ready to give up whatever time was needed, week in week out, year in year out, to ensure young people can flourish and develop in their chosen sports. That generation is retiring, and not being replaced. At Christ's College we are fortunate that Jerry is certainly not the last, but the future for school sport in many codes is far from secure in many schools. The amateur, capable, willing male sportsman-schoolmaster is an endangered species. I look back to covering maths lessons for

Alan Old, the English fly-half who left work on Thursday for weekend international duty, and was back in the classroom on Monday. Andy Robinson, England coach, was on teaching practice in my classroom. Education has always been a breeding ground and a supportive environment for elite sportsmen, indeed the reason why many chose the profession in the first place. In this age of professionalism, that relationship, that common and motivated association, is increasingly rare.

Occasionally, school sport retains throughout, a man of outstanding calibre, experience and dedication. Tonight we recognise Jerry Rowberry.



▲ The Hong Kong and USA Under-19 World Cup squads who played at The Willows.



▲ Young boys playing cricket in a refugee camp in Nepal.

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.”

– Gandhi

“Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things.” – Robert Brault

“The best and most beautiful things in life cannot be seen, nor touched, but felt in the heart.” – Helen Keller

The Willows Youth Tour to Sri Lanka March-April 2010

By **Richard Hayward**

*Director of Coaching & Development,
Canterbury Cricket*

For the second consecutive year, a team of 13 Under 17 year old schoolboys representing The Willows Cricket Club toured Sri Lanka for 16 days in late March/early April playing a total of 8 matches against a selection of school and combined representative teams.

The team was selected mainly from performances at the National Under-17 Tournament of players who attend schools that play annual or biennial fixtures against The Willows. Seven players were selected from Canterbury schools, two each from Nelson and Wellington, one from Marlborough and Otago.

The management team comprised of Paul McEwan (Manager), Richard Hayward (Coach) and Andrew Nuttall (Assistant Coach).



▲ The team had the opportunity to ride elephants and take photos at an elephant orphanage on the way to Kandy.

The tour was again made possible by the generosity of Merrill Fernando at Dilmah Tea and Sir Ron Brierley who sponsored the tour and to Sri Lanka Cricket who facilitated and sponsored all the match arrangements and logistics.

The accommodation at Colombo, Kandy and Galle was outstanding and the players much appreciated the facilities particularly the magnificent swimming pools which greatly assisted with post match recovery.

The team was escorted everywhere we went by four people:

1. Shereen Hussein – the tour liaison officer who worked for Sri Lanka Cricket and had previous experience as liaison officer for major international tours to Sri Lanka. Shereen proved invaluable with his contacts and knowledge of grounds we played at and the teams we played against. Any issues, including the provision of suitable food at each ground we played at, were quickly and efficiently dealt with.

2. Kamal – a professional tour guide, who provided us with commentary everywhere we went. This was a real bonus for the players and management who consequently learned a huge amount about Sri Lanka on the trip.

3. The bus driver

4. The co-driver/baggage man

The tour proved to be very demanding in terms of the climate, culture, playing conditions, and playing schedule. Unlike last year, the fixtures were arranged against players of similar age which made for more enjoyable and even contests on the field.

It was a tremendous experience to play on challenging surfaces at most grounds (we played 3 of the games at two test venues) and play against very capable spinners and aggressive, highly talented batsmen.

Most of the opposition teams opened the bowling with two medium pacers and then turned to 4 or 5 spinners of all varieties. The opposition spinners bowled an 'adult' pace and all had the ability to turn the ball. Most of the spinners at this age in New Zealand tend to 'roll' the ball and give the ball more air. In Sri Lanka our batsmen struggled initially to use their feet against the spinners and found it hard to rotate the strike.

In sharp contrast the Sri Lankan batsmen played aggressively, used their feet and regularly hit over the top back past all the bowlers. All their batsmen played with uninhibited flair and looked to score at 6+ an over from the first ball. They played shots all around the wicket but were particularly strong on anything wide or on their pads. They played the spinners straight down the ground and rarely allowed our bowlers to settle on to a length. Despite their obvious ability against spin surprisingly few of their batsmen played the sweep shot.

We managed to achieve one of our main goals for the tour which was to improve our play against spinners by the end of the tour. This was highlighted by two of our youngest players, Ben Ward and Ken McClure, sharing a stand of 120 at 6 runs an over against quality spinners to chase down a demanding total in the last match in Galle.

Our players fought hard and never gave up throughout the tour. They were committed in the field and showed great determination throwing themselves around the outfielders that were generally very rough. The opposition was however, on the whole, more athletic than our players and one glaring deficiency in our players was their lack of throwing power and technique.

This year as well as playing matches in Colombo and Kandy, we played two matches in Galle, a delightful holiday resort that featured a fort built when the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka. This destination was a very worthwhile addition to the tour itinerary.

Match Details and Highlights:

March 28:

v Nalanda College, Colombo

Nalanda College 232 (Neynens 5-42)

Willows 215 (Collins 79, Neynens 55)

Nalanda College won by 17 runs

March 29:

v Alanda College, Colombo

Willows 219-9 (Collins 52, Neynens 31)

Alanda College 196 (Robertson 3-34)

Willows won by 23 runs

March 31:

v Trinity College, Kandy

Trinity College 110 (Williams 3-13, Pope 3-30)

Willows 114-3 (McClure 47, Collins 38*)

Willows won by 7 wickets

April 1:

v Kandy District Under-17 XI

Willows 199-8 (Collins 107)

Kandy District 201-4

Kandy District won by 6 wickets

April 2:

v Dharmaraja College, Kandy

Dharmaraja College 234 (Robertson 4-31)

Willows 206 (Ward 57, Neynens 40)

Dharmaraja College won by 28 runs

April 4:

v Royal College, Colombo

Willows 229-6 (McClure 91, McCracken 43)

Royal College 35-0

Rain – draw

April 6:

v Foundation of Goodness, Galle

Willows 302-7 (Ward 155*, Gordon 30,

Robertson 30*)

Foundation of Goodness 28-0

Rain – draw

April 7:

v Galle District Under-17 XI

Galle District 222

Willows 224-4 (McClure 80*, Gordon 47, Ward 43*)

Willows won by 6 wickets



▲ The Willows Youth Team at Galle International Stadium before their game against Galle District U-17.

Tour Record:

Played 8 / Won 3 / Lost 3 / Drawn 2

The Chairman of Dilmah Tea, Mr Merrill Fernando, his assistant David Colin-Thome, and the Sri Lanka Cricket Board ensured we were well looked after wherever we went. On our days off, sightseeing tours were arranged including visits to an elephant orphanage, a tea factory, a cricket shop, temples, various sights that were devastated by the tsunami on Boxing Day 2004 and various markets for shopping. One of the many moments to remember was when every member of the team rode an elephant and was then unceremoniously drenched by the elephant in the river. Much fun was had bartering with the locals and I think it's fair to say some of the boys didn't quite get the bargains they thought they had negotiated!

At the elephant orphanage we stood mesmerised as 60 or so elephants made their way past us along a narrow lane down into a scenic river to bathe and wash. I'm not sure there is anywhere in the world where you can get so close to fully grown elephants moving at a reasonable speed. I don't think OSH would allow it in New Zealand!

On two occasions we had a police escort which shortened the lengthy journeys considerably by allowing us to drive freely on both sides of the road which the police car had cleared for us.

One of the highlights was an evening hosted by Mr Fernando at an outstanding restaurant when we met Merrill and his sons' families. The boys performed a memorable haka which was very much appreciated by our hosts.

The hospitality afforded the tour party was fantastic. Every effort had been made to make our tour a memorable one and we are grateful to Mr Fernando and the Sri Lanka Cricket Board for giving us the experience of a lifetime.

Sri Lanka is a wonderful place for a cricket tour with its challenging climate (around 30 degrees and 100% humidity every day) and proliferation of spin bowlers. Sri Lankans are a very friendly people and I know this tour will be fondly remembered by all the tourists.

After each game Paul made a thank you speech and presented the opposition coach with a plaque after which our players presented each of the opposition with a Willows cap.

The trip home was very long and protracted (I calculated that we had been awake for 50 hours from when we woke on our last morning in Colombo to when we touched down at Christchurch airport). However, it was the trip of a lifetime for the boys and I know they are all very grateful for the opportunity provided by The Willows. A fabulous experience.



▲ The Willows boys enjoy a photo with some of the younger kids in Galle.

Willows Biennial Dinner

28th August, 2009

The seventh Willows Dinner was held in the Showgate Lounge, Riccarton Race Course on Friday August 28th where a sumptuous meal was served. In attendance were 145 Willowers and friends who were well entertained by Joe Bennett, the well known writer and columnist for the local and overseas media.

Joe's ability to keep everybody on their toes with his humour was outstanding, particularly as no notes were used but that Joe spoke from the heart calling on all his experiences and idiosyncrasies to keep everybody entertained for the evening.

Pre dinner entertainment was provided by the Linwood College Jazz Combo; the MC, the specialist Malcolm Ellis, Executive Director, Canterbury Law Society and Sports Radio Host Newstalk ZB; the Welcome delivered by John Mitchell, a Past President of The Willows substituting for the Hon. Sir John Hansen who was otherwise engaged with legal matters; the presentation of the Shadbolt Trophy for the outstanding performance in 2008/2009 season was made to Tom Latham who himself at the end of the evening proposed a Toast to Cricket. Matthew McEwan, St Andrew's College 1st XI said Grace, whilst Ryan McEwan, St Andrew's College – Drum Major of the Pipe Band proposed a Loyal Toast; Vote of Thanks to Joe was delivered by Phil Harris a founding member of The Willows, and in conclusion Kevin McDonnell eloquently delivered a Vote of Thanks to the MC.



▲ Joe Bennett – guest speaker.



▲ Malcolm Ellis – The Willows MC.



▲ Trevor Thornton promoting Hagley Park Oval as a prospective test match venue.



▲ Tom Latham receiving the Shadbolt Trophy for *Most Improved Junior Player*.

Toast to cricket

By Tom Latham

Christchurch Boys' High School

Cricket, for the young to the old. From test cricket to one day cricket and through to Twenty20. For the serious to the not so serious.

The game that has entertained people for hundreds of years. The traditions, the fun, the excitement, the rewards and the friendships that all come from being involved in the wonderful game of cricket.

Waking up on the morning of any game of cricket should bring a smile to your face. The game that has so many wonderful traditions through to spectacular finishes. Starting the morning off by having the toss formally done in whites and blazers and finishing by clapping the man who has done his team proud at the close of play. These are just two things that will keep the game alive for many years to come.

Driving out to the lovely country area, and the amazing location of the Willows cricket ground is something special. All of you here tonight will agree with me that we are so lucky as a Club to have this facility out at Loburn. Starting off the morning with a cup of tea and some crackers is somewhat a tradition of the Willows Cricket Club, the Willows side always batting first no matter what the conditions are like so they can wait for the rest of the team to arrive, who are a bit shaky after an eventful Saturday night. The fantastic lunches at one o'clock always bring the families out in their numbers. The lovely Dilmah tea at the ring of the bell at four o'clock. Then finally through to the finish of the game, the Captain of the Willows giving the school students a rundown of what happened and a few tips that may help them succeed. While this is going on the Willows team are putting their number one's on, to try to look respectable after a hot day in that lovely Christchurch sun. Then finally

concluding with the speeches and presentations. The boys getting their wee pack which includes some information about how to set a bank account up at the ASB, a proud sponsor of the Willows Cricket Club. Then the handing over of the trophy to the winning side whether it is the Willows side full of many wise heads or the young and exciting school kids.

These are many wonderful things that happen out at the Willows Cricket Club and they usually happen after any Club game, except the cup of tea turning to a can of beer, the lunches turn to a pie or a bag of chips and after the game turns into a social gathering. All of these traditions are something that should never leave the game, they keep the game intact and that is why cricket is an ever growing game.

This is seen through the new game of 20twenty cricket. It is fun, exciting and is over in a couple of hours, it is wonderful for the crowds and fun for the players, but is it taking over the other forms of the game like one day and test cricket? The IPL has seen many players stop playing for their country due to the money on offer, but do they think that the ultimate prize in New Zealand is to play for the country or try to make as much money as they can, where has the loyalty gone? We have to take into account that Twenty20 cricket is now going to be a popular form of cricket, and maybe Mike could introduce Twenty20 cricket to the Willows.

So this leads to the point that cricket is a rapidly evolving sport and without the help of the volunteers, coaches, players, clubs and of course the umpires, we wouldn't be where we are today. We all love cricket otherwise we wouldn't be here tonight, so with everyone's help in the different areas we can help continue move the game forward in the right direction.

So I hope you all have a great evening, and could you please stand now and charge your glasses for a toast to cricket – **TO CRICKET!**

Youth Dinner at St Bede's College

The fifth Youth Dinner was held in the Chanel Hall at St Bede's College on Tuesday the 27th October, attended by 220 from 17 colleges incorporating 1st XI / 2nd XI cricketers, 11 Headmasters/Rectors and 28 Coaches.

Garth Gallaway was Master of Ceremonies who, after the National Anthem which was sung by Jordan Toa of St Bede's College followed by the St Bede's Barbershop Quartet, welcomed the assembled gathering.

Mr Justin Boyle, Rector of St Bede's, together with the Hon. Sir John Hansen, President of The Willows, extended a hearty welcome followed by Grace said by Matthew McEwan, St Andrew's College 1st XI and the Loyal Toast proposed by Tawera Waru of Shirley Boys' High School 1st XI.

A three course sumptuous dinner was provided by Thomas Frey from Burnham followed by a musical item from the Burnside High School Bel Canto Choir under the baton of Mr Atlas. As always this top New Zealand choir performed magnificently.

Dr Justin Vaughan, CEO of New Zealand Cricket, enlightened the gathering to the vision of NZC for the future and he was followed by the introduction of the guest speaker by Tom Bruce from Wanganui Collegiate, who introduced Christopher Laidlaw the former All Black scrum half, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and Diplomat.

Christopher gave a most enlightening address based on his experience playing for the All Blacks and presented his opinions and thoughts on professional sport as it relates to the current and future generations of youngsters wishing to make sport their main objective in life.

Nathan Astle the well known cricketer, was introduced by Tom Scott from St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI and was then interviewed by Garth Gallaway which provided a most interesting and entertaining finale to the evening.

A Vote of Thanks to all speakers was given by Tom Latham, Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI followed by a Toast to Cricket proposed by Ben Ward from Ashburton College 1st XI.

Finally Dr Justin Vaughan presented batting gloves to all 1st XI cricket captains who were present and this was followed by a Vote of Thanks to the MC by the Hon. Peter Penlington CNZM.



▲ Justin Vaughan presenting batting gloves to all the 1st XIs.



▲ Justin Boyle, Headmaster of St Bede's College with Lt Col Grant McMillan, Headmaster of Ashburton College.

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▲ Nathan Astle presenting the '49ers Trophy to Tawera Waru, captain of Shirley Boys' High.



▲ Ryan Duffy, Matthew McEwan, Henry Nicholls and Tom Latham with Paul McEwan.



▲ Justin Vaughan and Garth Gallaway.



▲ Sir John Hansen, Willows President, with Trevor Barber, former NZ representative.



▲ Former All Black, Chris Laidlaw, guest speaker.



▲ Burnside High School's Bel Canto Choir entertaining the guests.

Christchurch Boys' High School wins Gillette Cup

By **Andrew Nuttall**

In December 2009 Christchurch Boys' High School was one of eight teams to compete in the Gillette Cup finals in Palmerston North.

2009 was the 20th year of the competition which is run by New Zealand Cricket and sponsored, since its inception, by Gillette. It is keenly contested and many participants have progressed to play first class cricket.

Over the first three days of section play CBHS comprehensively outplayed St Patrick's Silverstream by 133 runs and Whangarei Boys' High School by four wickets before playing, what became the semi-final, against the highly favoured home team of Palmerston North Boys' High School.

The rain affected match was reduced to 32 overs. CBHS scored 175 for 7 with major contributions from Matt Rowe 65 off 54 balls and Jordie Gibbons 24 off 15 balls including consecutive sixes from the final three deliveries of the innings.

In reply the PNBH batsmen struggled against three CBHS spin bowlers and were dismissed for 111. This win qualified CBHS for the final against Hamilton Boys' High School.

CBHS bowled first and struggled to a modest 142 off 48 overs. Matt Rowe again top scored with 31 and was well supported by Alex Hodgson 28 and Jordie Gibbons 22. In reply Hamilton Boys' High School found runs hard to get as the CBHS policy of opening with spin was once again successful and at the half way point were 71 for 5.

The Hamilton batsmen fought hard and with 10 overs remaining and still with 4 wickets in hand, required only 18 runs to win. CBHS never gave up and with tight bowling, good captaincy supported by excellent fielding, created pressure with the last 4 wickets falling for 7 runs.

The ongoing success of Christchurch Boys' High School at Gillette is due to a number of factors: team spirit, hard work, positive expectation, enthusiasm, fun and good captaincy. Whilst Boys' High success was very much a team effort it was great to see Matt Rowe selected as player of the tournament. Our congratulations to Robert Dunn the coach and Matt Parr, Manager and The Master in Charge of Cricket.

Christchurch Boys' High School has now won the Gillette Cup four times in the last five years.

Final Scoreboard:

Christchurch Boys' High School 142

Rowe 31, Hodgson 28, Gibbons 23, Sauter 2/23, Thomas 2/27

Defeated Hamilton Boys' High School 135

Bococh 43, Burnett 3/9, van Woerkom 2/25, Nuttall 2/24, Rowe 2/32



▲ **Matt Parr, Christchurch Boys' High School coach in action at The Willows.**

Report from Matfen

By Declan McKeefry

April the 1st 2009: Josh Poole and I stepped off the plane in Newcastle. It was amazing. We had been travelling for over a day yet it was still the same date we had left! It was a very strange feeling indeed.

We were greeted by a smiling friendly gentleman waving across the terminal. It was of course Sir Hugh Blackett. Although we had never met, it must have been easy to tell who we were, the only people in the terminal with baggage for Africa and fatigue tattooed across our faces. We were hit by a sharp cold breeze as we left the airport and as I looked up at the dark overcast sky I remember thinking: "I thought it was summer?" Then I remembered we were in England.

We stayed at the Blacketts' house for several nights whilst we found our feet and Lady Blackett and Sir Hugh were very hospitable. During our stay we were fortunate enough to go to an English Premiership football match. It was an amazing atmosphere and unlike anything I had ever been to before.

We moved into our accommodation not long after. We had several 'house mates' throughout the 6 month period but to most people, the house was known as the 'Kiwis house'. We began work at Matfen Hall Hotel, a respectable four star hotel and Josh and I were to work in the Restaurant. In the past the previous New Zealanders had worked in the Bar or the Keeper's lodge so this was a first. We worked a lot of hours at times but learnt a fantastic array of skills that will hold us in good stead for the future. One day I even worked as the Hotel Porter which was really good fun and a bit of a laugh as well.

The cricket season started off with a hiss and a roar with a first up win against Allendale. Josh



▲ Two Willows Scholars, Josh Poole and Declan McKeefry

and I made good debuts, particularly Josh who scored a hundred and took four wickets. We spent most of the first half of the season lingering at the top of the table but unfortunately as the season wore on we suffered more and more losses. It was a disappointing season in that respect however Josh's and my personal performances were very successful with both bat and ball. It was interesting to learn that it was the first year in which both New Zealand players have scored hundreds for Matfen so from that perspective it was pleasing.

In our down time we played a lot of golf, made good use of the leisure facilities and did plenty of travelling. We were both fortunate enough to travel around Europe and I also managed to see a lot England itself as well.

We made plenty of good friends in our time at Matfen, who we were sad to leave but hopefully one day we will catch up with again. This opportunity gave us so many chances to meet new people and learn a lot more about how to live independently. I would like to thank The Willows for the fantastic opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Matfen and I hope to go back to visit one day. I feel very privileged to have been awarded the Scholarship and I hope that it continues to allow others to experience what I did and present opportunities I was fortunate enough to have this year.

An extract from “Changing Pace”

Sir Richard Hadlee’s latest book
“*Changing Pace*” published by Hodder Moa

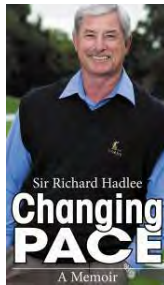
My taste in music never sat comfortably with some of my team-mates, but I loved listening to songs that had nice harmony and good instrumental backing. The Carpenters and, later, folk singers Peter, Paul and Mary, among others, recorded a song (originally by folk singer Tim Hardin) called ‘Reason to Believe’. That little phrase was integral to my success: I had reasons for doing what I did. I was a highly motivated sportsperson and I have to thank my primary and secondary school days for that. In those days, teachers were actively involved as coaches or managers and they took a great interest and pride in their teams’ and individual performances. Today, although some teachers are still very involved in coaching and mentoring, there are many who haven’t got the time to be involved in sports because of increased workloads in other areas. It would be fair to say that many teachers do not have the interest or the skills in their delegated sport or want to be involved anyway. Today it is increasingly up to sporting bodies, local associations, clubs and parents to get involved in coaching school teams and individual athletes.

During the 1960s the New Zealand education system rewarded ability, effort and success with a School Certificate of achievement. The average student had to work hard to pass exams. Everyone had to work hard to pass their School Certificate or gain their University Entrance. Today, it seems to me that nearly everyone passes. It all seems too easy, and we are becoming a soft nation. It is as though there are no losers, and mediocrity, which is second rate,

is rewarded. I have always believed that schools should prepare students for the outside world. When students leave school they enter a very competitive environment and therefore they need to have experienced competition in the classroom and on the sports field. Classroom placings in exams were a true indicator of where I was at and what I needed to do to get to the top in a subject. Very rarely did that happen, but on the sports field it was a different matter, because I knew that I had some skills and a love for sport that gave me a better opportunity and chance of finishing near the top.

In those days school sport was compulsory. Every student had to play some sort of sport whether he was talented or not, whether he could play sport or couldn’t, whether he liked to or didn’t, or whether he had a physical handicap or not. If the student wanted to be excused from training or a match for some obscure reason, he needed to have a letter from his parents or a doctor. They were tough days.

I was often inspired by a slightly overweight and physically handicapped athlete who competed year in and year out in the school 100-yard dash. He would always finish last, but that did not matter. Parents, teachers and students alike understood what this boy was going through and what he was trying to achieve. With tears in their eyes, everyone would stand and applaud as they spurred him on to finish the race some 10 or more seconds behind the rest. Winning for him was getting past the post and finishing the race. He always had a smile on his face and when he passed the finishing line his arms were upraised as though he had won. He had given his best and achieved one small goal that was appreciated by so many. Even the winners acknowledged his competitive spirit as they congratulated him for finishing. They admired his attitude and knew that he was not embarrassed or ashamed of competing in a league beyond his means. In my



view, this person was a real winner and a hero and an inspiration for many students.

Sport taught me a great deal. I learned more about myself and other people by competing in a sport than I ever did in a classroom. I learned how to win and how to lose. The best way to learn was by making mistakes and finding that failure was not a nice option. There were emotions of joy, but also of heartbreak, frustration, disappointment and failure. I enjoyed success, but I accepted defeat graciously and applauded the winners. I found out what I had to do to get better. I had a very simple philosophy – every day that I missed training, it would take me a day longer to improve, and I knew that if I perfected my skill, there was a very good chance that I would be selected in sporting teams.

Sport rewarded my success, it taught me to be competitive and that winning was important. To be part of just fun, fair play and participation – very much the catch phrase today – was not good enough for me. I wanted to know whether the team I played in had won or not, and whether as an individual I had failed or succeeded.

Some years ago Netball New Zealand made a decision not to tell their young netballers the results of their games. I found that extraordinary, although typical of the attitude that the result of the match was not important and everyone was a winner. With that approach there is a great danger that an individual with exceptional ability won't be recognised and won't be inspired to progress; they may even give the game away at an early age through disillusionment and frustration. And in fact the greatest problem and challenge sports face today is retaining 16 to 18 year olds.

Sport taught me how to be a team player – to encourage the team to perform and acknowledge the team contributions – but it also taught me to recognise individual talent. It helped me develop self-belief and confidence, even though there were times of self-doubt. I also learned how to prepare physically, technically and mentally. All these things made me a better person because I was doing something with my life instead of drifting aimlessly through the days and years with little to show for it. Achieving goals was a significant motivating force in my life.

Cricket

Author Unknown

Cricket is a science, the study of a lifetime in which you may exhaust yourself but never your subject.

It is a contest, a duel or a melée calling for courage, skill, strategy and self control. A contest of temper, a trial of honour and reveal of character.

It affords the chance to play the man and act the gentleman.

It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry.

It includes a companionship with friends, social intercourse and opportunity for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent.

A statement for youth to observe

Brian Dyson, former Vice Chairman of Coca Cola, delivered the commencement address at Georgia Tech in 1996. In it he said, "Imagine life as a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You name them; work, family, health, friends and spirit. You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it will bounce back. But the other four balls – family, health, friends and spirit – are made of glass. If you drop any of these they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life".

How cricket can conquer the world

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The Independent

One of the problems with being married to a Canadian is that I so often have to defend the sport of cricket. “What is the deal?” asks my ice hockey loving brother-in-law. “You’re seriously telling me that you can watch a match that lasts five days and ends in a draw?” I attempt to fight my corner but it’s a difficult thing to do when faced with complete ignorance. So imagine my surprise as I was cycling around Stanley Park in Vancouver and came across a game of cricket.

The fact that I was cycling was a big enough surprise – Vancouver has that effect on you. Everyone is rollerblading or jogging or cycling – on their way to a hike or a 10 mile swim or a touch of zip-lining. Anyway, I cycle round a corner admiring the city skyline over the bay when I come across the surreal scene of a cricket match. This isn’t some weird one-off set up by gung-ho tourists. It’s a proper pitch with two proper teams playing a proper match. I make some enquires and it turns out that Vancouver has a huge community from the subcontinent and they are all mad keen on the game.

Now, I’ve played cricket in some weird places – on a salt lake in the middle of the Syrian Desert, on a lava field in Iceland, I even visited the venue where the one and only game of cricket ever played in North Korea took place (a match just outside Pyongyang between a club from Shanghai and a mixture of ex-pats and bemused locals). I never, however, expected to see a game in Canada.

Cricket is having a bit of an international resurgence right now with the rise of Twenty20 and the IPL.

According to the powers-that-be the second biggest market in the world for the game is ... America. Obviously it is up against powerful established sports like basketball, baseball and American football but the Indians think that the simplicity of Twenty20 – ‘basically you go out and try to hit the ball hard’ might just work in the US. There is cricket already played in the States – there are over 20 million people from the subcontinent, the West Indies etcetera who have the game in their blood. I dread to think what the TV networks would do to it if the game ever did take off.

“Here comes the next batterman – this guy’s going to have to pull some super-sixes out of the bag if he wants to help the Seattle Sloggers. Meanwhile Biff, what do you think about the Texas Tonkers pulling in some close catchers on this new batterman? They’ve got a Stupid Point and a Short-Ass Leg – this guy is going to have to feel some pressure here...”

Cricket’s international resurgence doesn’t stop there however. When I was at the Beijing Olympics I got talking to an official who told me that cricket was something that could really work in China and that they were actively trying to get the game going in the country. Given their record in making things like this happen I wouldn’t put it past them. Cricket is already played extensively in Hong Kong so the seed is already sown. Just imagine the scene in 20 years’ time when the Chinese team are kicking our butts in a three-way series with the US? Imagine the shame when even more countries around the world start to add to our summers of disappointment.

Another surprise addition to the world cricket scene is Afghanistan. Refugees from the war there ended up in Pakistan and got the cricketing bug. They brought it back to the country and it’s taken off like wildfire with them only narrowly missing out on a place in the last World Cup. If the international powers-that-be thought there were security issues in Pakistan, imagine the

trouble with a Test series in Afghanistan. “You join us at the Helmand Oval where play has been suspended due to a mortar attack. This gives me time to have a chat with Beefy who has been out and about in a Hijab with Ross Kemp today. Beefy, how was it?”

Back in Stanley Park we lay our bikes on the grass and sit down in the scorching sun to watch a bit of the cricket. It’s only a matter of minutes before some Canadians stop next to us and start asking questions: “Is it true you can play for five days and still get a draw?” Here we go again.....

Atherton on the Ashes

Extracts from article by Michael Atherton
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There were mementoes to pick up. Four pieces of memorabilia gifted by MCC were waiting to be collected, one to Andrew Flintoff on his five wickets in the second innings at Lord’s, one to England captain Andrew Strauss for his first-innings hundred there and framed pictures of Matt Prior and Graham Onions shaking hands with the Queen.

Dotted around was the detritus of a sportsman’s life. The good-luck messages, spare tickets, sunglasses and sponsors’ gear and the messages written on walls designed to inspire. A quote from Thomas Jefferson was on one wall: “Nothing on earth can stop the man with the right mental attitude from reaching his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

T E Lawrence’s words were on another: “All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity; but the

dreamers of the day are dangerous men for they may act their dream with eyes open, to make it possible.” England dared to dream and they were dangerous.

In the back room, where Andy Flower and his staff had plotted and no doubt retired occasionally to bite nails to the quick, the notice board had a list of that most clichéd of sporting crutches, the controllables and non-controllables. Can control: desire, respect, passion, commitment, patience, discipline, consistency, focus, preparation and trust. Can’t control: weather, pitch, umpires, nets, schedules and, last of all, the Ashes.

In a way it was true that neither side were good enough to control the Ashes or their destiny. Neither team were quite good enough to get into a winning position and hold steady. Small things mattered – Monty Panesar’s batting in the first test in Cardiff, the toss and the pitch at the Oval, the run-outs measured in nanometres – almost more than anything...



▲ Nathan Astle batting at The Willows.

England v Australia

Day 5 of the Fourth Test at Old Trafford

July 26th to 31st, 1956

Excerpt from *Picture Post*

There was nothing to show that it was going to be the most amazing day in the history of Test cricket. No comets. No lunar rainbows. No shooting stars. Rain fell till five in the morning, but groundsman Bert Flack's special mopping-up device of laying down sawdust and then jumping on it extracted the moisture from the pitch. After the ritual captains' disagreement, the umpires convened that play should start at 11.40. Before a sprinkling of people Bailey began by finishing his uncompleted over from the Stretford end. He bowled to an attacking field with seven men behind the wicket.

The Warwick Road end was entrusted to Laker, bowling to his usual leg-trap, with three men on the off-side. The moribund wicket gave him no help whatever. The first cheer of the day came when Craig adventurously hooked Bailey for four.

The most significant feature of the early play was Laker's decision in his second over to bowl round the wicket. He clearly expected the ball to turn and soon made one lift and beat the bat.

After half an hour Lock came on for Bailey at the Stretford end. He was not able to make the ball turn, and Craig with his classic straight bat and McDonald with his canny, two-eyed defence defied our attack.

About an hour before the lunch interval Oakman came on for Laker, and Craig gloriously hooked him to the boundary to put the hundred up. Oakman's off-breaks did not look intimidating.

By a quarter to one, with the new ball due and 101 up, Statham was brought up from the deep

field to bowl in Lock's place. With the new ball, half-way through the over, he beat Craig with an inswinger that lifted from the pitch. But he flattered only to deceive. No wicket fell before lunch, when the score was 112. McDonald had made 40; Craig 37: admirable batting on a dead wicket by men with only a draw to hope for.

After lunch the sun shone for England, and the wicket immediately showed that it was amenable to spin. It was the sun that did it: that gave Laker his chance of immortality! After twelve minutes he broke through, an excellent ball forcing Craig to play back with his legs in front of the wicket. A hundred and fourteen for 3 wickets, and Craig had batted 264 minutes for his 38 runs which included five boundaries.

May packed Lock's offside field to the left-handed Mackay in a half-hoop from slip to silly mid-off, with two men close in on the on-side. It was well established that Mackay was not at home on this type of wicket. Meanwhile McDonald, with a flourishing hook for four off Lock, reached his half-century in about four hours. Immediately afterwards Mackay fell as if by predestination to Laker. Once again it was Oakman who splendidly snapped up the catch at second slip.

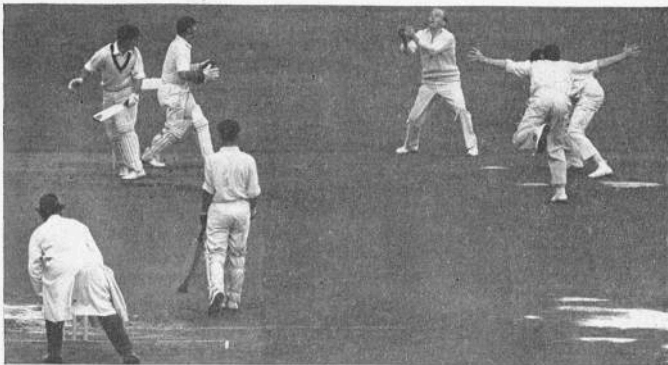
Two thirty-five and 124 for four, last man nought: and Miller walking in to a storm of applause from the 6,000 strong crowd. He looked ripe for death at any moment against Laker's spin. It would be sadly true to say of him that on this occasion he seemed against Laker an outside right-handed Mackay. He played almost everything with his pads, getting the benefit of an lbw decision only to plunge over a fatal yorker.

Laker the superman was now turning the ball prodigiously in the cold, bright sunlight, the second ball Archer played was a great off-break that the batsman pushed away into Oakman's quickly diving hands in the leg-trap. One

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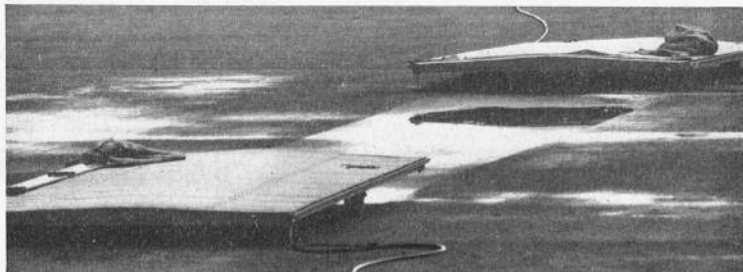


Archer has one moment of glory, a cover-drive for four. But when he attempts another big hit, he is consummately stumped—one of the only two Australians to lose their wickets while attempting to use their feet. *Right:* The scoreboard tells the story. Before Archer falls, Benaud has been caught attempting to hit Laker for six. Then, with six runs added, Maddocks and Johnson are bowled in the same over. What the scoreboard doesn't tell is that Laker has taken 9 wickets for 37 runs off 16.4 overs. He has four times taken two wickets in an over. The innings ends at five o'clock; and there is still time for further bad news for Australia, who follow on 175 runs behind.



On this second day there is time for England to strike one more blow. McDonald and Burke begin confidently against Statham and Bailey, who get no help from this wicket. But then McDonald, with a wrenched knee, has to retire hurt; the luckless Harvey takes his place at the wicket, and is caught at once, hitting a full toss to Cowdrey at silly mid-off. On Friday night and Saturday rain does its best for Australia. There is only time on the third day for Australia to raise the score from 53 for one to 59 for two wickets. Play begins at 2.10 with Statham and Lock bowling to Burke and Craig. When Laker comes on an appeal against the light is turned down. Two balls later Burke touches an off-break to Lock in the leg trap and the second wicket has fallen at fifty-nine.

Saturday's play ends in a downpour, with pools everywhere except where the ends of the wicket are covered. On Sunday night there is a drenching rain. Already the battle is between England and the rain; with Australia almost a non-combatant. There are a great many people—not all of them Australians—ready to remember that there hasn't been a decisive result at Manchester in an England-Australia Test since 1905.



hundred and thirty for 6 wickets: and Laker with an analysis of 4 for 1 run since lunch.

The unruffled batting of McDonald called for the highest admiration. His hooking of Lock whenever that bowler spun one short suggested a great master dominating a comfortable match; and his square cutting was also praiseworthy. He found in Benaud the best partner he had enjoyed since Craig. This swashbuckling batsman restrained himself grandly, scoring only a couple of quite incidental runs in his first half-hour, and then lashing Oakman for two boundaries in an over.

When Laker was rested for a while, Lock – taking his place with four men in the slips – immediately made the ball lift and turn.

At tea the score was 181 for six wickets, and you could say that Australia still had a chance – just a chance! Two balls after tea you wouldn't have given much for that chance, for Laker established himself as for ever incomparable by taking his sixteenth wicket of the match – more than any man had ever taken in an England-Australia Test Match before. His victim was McDonald, the hope of his side. He fell to a neat catch by Oakman in the leg-trap. The seventh wicket fell at 181. McDonald had batted for 337 minutes and hit nine boundaries. He was particularly severe on Lock, rarely failing to swish his long-hops to the leg boundary. The square cut, his other favourite, was more easily blocked; but he executed it finely and frequently.

In a crescendo of excitement Laker took his seventeenth wicket of the match and eighth of the innings at five o'clock. His off-break completely bamboozled the valiant Benaud who had barely finished his stroke before he heard his bails rattle down. A few breathless overs stole by before Lock made a subtle catch in the leg trap to send back Lindwall. The batsman stood his ground for some bewildered moments before an appeal to the umpire brought him the bad news.

There was, of course, only one question at issue now as Maddocks, the last man, walked in. Would Laker take the tenth wicket, to set up the

greatest bowling feat in the history of cricket? There were many heartbeats missed as Maddocks gallantly survived the last four balls of his over, and Ian Johnson played out a maiden over from Lock. And then it happened. Maddocks made a batsman like stroke into the covers off the first ball. To the second he scuttled in front of his stumps, lbw if ever a man was lbw in the long history of cricket.

England had won by an innings and 170 runs. Laker (who had taken 10 wickets in an innings against the Australians for Surrey) had now performed this unique feat – of the stuff of which fantasies are made – in a Test Match. He had also taken 19 wickets in the game. How long will it be before that record is broken?

And – almost incidentally – England had won the first Test to be finished at Old Trafford for fifty-one years, and retained the Ashes.



▲ Rod Latham batting against the Governor-General's Youth XI at The Willows.

Stephen Fry's speech at the Lord's Test Dinner

Australia v England, July 16th, 2009

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Thank you ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much indeed. It is an honour to stand before so many cricketing heroes from England and from Australia and at this, my

favourite time of year. The time when that magical summer sound comes to our ears and gladdens our old hearts, the welcome sound of leather on Graham Swann.

I have been asked to say a few words - well more than a few. "You've twenty minutes to fill," I was firmly told by the organisers. 20 minutes. Not sure how I'll use all that time up. Perhaps in about ten minutes or so Andrew Strauss would be kind enough to send on a physio, that should kill a bit of time.

Now, many of you will be wondering by what right I presume to stand and speak in front of this assembly of all that is high and fine and grand and noble and talented in the world of cricket, and to speak too in this very temple of all that is historic, majestic and ever so slightly posterous and silly in that world?

I certainly can't lay claim to any great cricketing achievements. I can't bat, I can't field, I bowl off the wrong foot. That sounds like a euphemism for something else, doesn't it? "They say he bowls off the wrong foot, know what I mean? He enters stage left. Let me put it this way, he poles from the Cambridge end of the punt." Actually as a matter of fact, although it is true in every sense

that I have always bowled off the wrong foot. I have decided, since Sunday, to go into the heterosexual breeding business. My first three sons will be called Collingwood Fry, Anderson

Fry and Monty Fry. That's if their mother can ever get them out, of course.

But back to the original question you so intelligently, if rhetorically, asked. If I can't play, what can I do? I can umpire, I suppose, after a fashion. A fashion that went out years ago around the time of those two peerless umpires, perhaps some of you are old enough to remember them, Jack Crapp and Arthur Fagg. I remember them. I remember them every morning, as a matter of fact: Crapp and Fagg. Though now, sadly, the law says we can no longer do it in public places. And I believe that may even apply to smoking too.

Anyway. We were on the subject of why I'm speaking to you. I don't play. I'm not even a cricketing commentator, journalist or writer. I suppose the only right I have to be amongst you, the cricketing elite, might derive from my being said to represent, here in the Long Room, all those who have spent their lives loving the game at a safe distance from the square. It is love for the game that brings me here.

In the forty-five years that I have followed cricket, I have seen it threatened from all sides by the horrors of modern life. The game has been an old-fashioned blushing maiden laid siege by coarse and vulgar suitors. A courtship pattern of defence, acceptance, capitulation and finally absorption has followed.

When I started watching, A.R. Lewis played for and captained England as an amateur. The game could never recover surely, from being forced, against the will of many of those who ran this place, being forced to become solely a professional sport?

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I am just old enough to remember too the Basil D'Oliveira affair in all its unsavoury nastiness: the filth of racism and international politics was beginning to stain the pure white of the flannels.

The one-day-game appeared, shyly at first. The balance of bat and ball, essential for cricket to make any sense as a sporting spectacle, became threatened, everyone agreed, by the covering of wickets which would privilege batsman, and then that necessary equipoise was threatened the other way by the arrival of extreme pace and the pitiless bouncer. The look and style of cricketers was apparently forever compromised by helmets and elastic waisted trouserings hideous to behold. Cane and canvas pads were replaced by wipe clean nylon fastened by Velcro.

Kerry Packer arrived and sowed his own blend of discord. The continuing rise and mutation of one day cricket caused panic from Windermere to Woking as white balls and coloured pyjamas threatened the sanity of Telegraph readers everywhere. Rogue South African tours caused alarm and frenzy. Pitch invasions marked an end of the days when schoolboys could lie on their tummies by the boundary-rope filling in a green scoring book, until they got bored which they inevitably did, all except the specky swatty ones who were laughed at and are now running the world.

The rest of us were too busy asking the man in the Public Announcement tent to put out a message for our lost friends Ivor Harden, Hugh Janus, Seymour Cox and Mike Hunt.

One turbulent decade began with John Snow getting barracked and bombarded with tinnies and ended with batsmen getting bounced and sledged. Cameras and microphones got closer and closer to the action to overhear the insults and demystify the bowling actions. The art of spin had disappeared, forever, some believed. Cricketers wives wrote books about the overseas tours. Reverse swing seemed to arrive out of nowhere: "Not only does he bowl off the wrong foot. They say he swings it the other way." Ball

tampering became a matter of dinner party chat from Keswick to Canterbury.

Clever 3-D images were painted on the grass round about the long stop area advertising power generation companies no one had ever heard of. Advertising was not only to be seen on the grass, but on the clothes, Vodafone and Castlemaine were stitched bigger and brighter on the shirts than the three lions and the wallabies and that mysterious silver feather that Kiwis seem so unaccountably fond of.

The county game was rent asunder into leagues and divisions that no one really understands; the politics and governance of cricket, with its contracts and coaches, its bloated fixture lists and auctions of broadcasting rights caused hand-wringing too, though many would rather it were neck-wringing.

Meanwhile, drugs, drinking binges, embarrassing text messages and other scandals continued to erupt like acne on a teenager.

South Africa returned to the fold as other countries entered the club of test playing nations. Kenya, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh.

Two of those specky boys who used to score at the sidelines got their revenge, their names were Mr Lewis and Mr Duckworth.

To the dictionary of acronyms and initials were added ODI, T-20 and IPL. Power plays and baseball style pinch-hitters were swept in. The old lady of cricket was getting a right duffing up.

Yet, amazingly, none of these changes, professionalism, the covered wickets, helmets, day-night games, confirmed the dire prognostications of those who believed each one might hammer a stump into cricket's fragile heart. For this same period of my cricket watching life saw some of the greatest matches in the game's history. The 1981 and 2005 Ashes series, the Tied Test; a new aggression and boldness of stroke play that no one could disapprove of. Scoring rates went up and great

batsmen emerged: Lara, Tendulkar and Ponting amongst many others. And miraculously, to keep the game balanced, Warne and Murali showed that far from being dead, spin bowling was supremely alive; even providing a new ball in the form of the doozra. Huge crowds and rising popularity in fresh territories confirmed cricket's health. Levels of fitness and standards of fielding rocketed.

And all the while, the game's greatest expression, the 5 Day Test Match, led the way, providing the greatest entertainment, the most excitement and the deepest commitment from the players. All those mournful predictions had come to nothing. The greatest of games had triumphed again.

But now, now, in the age of the internet, just as the great, great players of the past ten years have one by one started to play their farewell matches and leave the field for ever, hideous new forces have been at work. The newly emerged South Africa became mired in scandal, intrigue and misery as the new disease of spread-betting lived up to its name and spread, spread like cholera through a slum. Grotesque emails from professional umpires hit the headlines; allegations of systematic cheating and match-fixing have become commonplace, a dismal and lamentably organised Shop Window for international cricket, its 2007 World Cup seemed to lay the game low: an incomprehensible and dreadful tragedy in the death of Bob Woolmer its ghastly and unforgettable legacy. As if that weren't enough we were more recently treated to the embarrassing spectacle of cricket's governors cosyng up to a Texan fraudster with a helicopter and a bigger mouth than wallet.

A new kind of bitterness has entered some quarters of the game as ex-players become commentators, columnists and journalists and begin to turn on their erstwhile teammates, dispraising the current players, pouring scorn on their technique and deprecating their tactical nous. We have video of course and can see that these pundits know what they were talking

about: historical archive reveals that Boycott, Botham, Gower, Atherton, Willis, and Hussein were never out playing a false shot, never shuffled across, never missed a captaincy trick, never dropped a catch, never posted a fielder in the wrong place and never bowled off line or off length in the entire course of their careers.

The benefits and the drawbacks of broadcast technology bewilder us. Hotspots and Hawkeye, referrals and replays, umpires have never been more pressured and exposed and greater more seismically structural questions have never been asked about the meaning and spirit of the game. The rewards are greater, the stakes are higher, the price of failure more public and humiliating.

So a hundred years on from cricket's Golden Age of C.B. Fry here is another Fry, searching for a way to toast a game that appears to have become ... well, toast.

We could choose to believe that and retreat into memories of an apparently innocent and gilded past. We could wash our hands of it all, or we could choose to continue to believe in the game. Not necessarily in its administrators, nor even its players, though most of them in all divisions of the game are proud and gifted. We could choose to have faith in cricket. I for one do truly believe that the game itself, as first played by shepherds in the south of England, the game that spread to every corner of the world, the supreme bat and ball competition, the greatest game ever devised, will continue to provide unimagined pleasures, that true drama will once more come centre stage, booting into the wings the tragedy and farce we have witnessed over the past decade in particular.

There will be new scandals of course: that you can depend upon. Undreamt of debacles, imbroglios, furores, brouhahas, crimes, rows, walk-outs and embarrassments are waiting around the corner, quietly slipping the horseshoe into the boxing-glove and preparing to give the goddess Cricketina a sock in the jaw. But new geniuses, new historic last ball climaxes, new

unimaginable heights of athletic, tactical and aesthetic pleasure await us too. It is up to the players to believe in the game and the cricketing administrators to believe in the players.

But most of all it is up to us to keep the faith and be unashamed, be proud of our love of cricket. Here, in the very place that is so often called cricket's Mecca, cathedral and temple, is the place for us all to pledge that faith. I do so happily as I raise a glass in toast, on behalf of cricket lovers everywhere to Andrew Strauss in his Benefit Year and his wonderful Team, to Ricky Ponting and his fine tourists and to cricket itself. For, to misappropriate Benjamin Franklin, Cricket is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy. So then: raise your glasses, to Strauss, England, Australia and cricket.

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▲ Justin Vaughan bowling against the Governor-General's Youth XI at The Willows.



▲ A damp afternoon at The Willows.

Connection with the past – Godfrey Evans

By Arthur Pitcher

I recently came across a Godfrey Evans book written early in his career which fitted in with the stories my uncle had told me about the early career of Godfrey Evans.



I remember watching Evans “keep” wicket at Canterbury (the English one) in the early fifties when Kent's star bowler was our next door neighbour Doug (DVP) Wright. Wright jumped the air as he sent down his medium paced leg spin and

Evans credits Wright with his being picked for England as he was about the only 'keeper who could read Wright's bowling.

My uncle told me that he sparred with Evans at the Doddington Boxing Club and Evans had three professional fights, he won all three but in the third his nose was broken. On his return to Kent cricket at Canterbury he explained how he got the broken nose and was told in no uncertain terms that he had to pick his sport and that was the end of his boxing career.

Evans credits his ability to stand up to the lively fast medium paced Alex Bedser to his boxing training and his ability to duck and swerve very quickly as you would if a punch or cricket ball was coming at your face. The late swing Bedser could get accounted for the great Donald Bradman on several occasions.

In the early fifties Evans would line us up for autographs and then run round the outfield at Canterbury. He would eventually stop and sign our autographs books but was always a bit of a prankster.

I met Godfrey in Northamptonshire many years later when I was involved in Geoff Cook's testimonial year. His sight was not good but his humour was still as sharp as ever.

In praise of cricket

Extracts from “In Praise of Cricket”

Compiled by John Aye 1946

The Story of Cricket

Cricket is an ancient pastime; it ripened sweetly, it has endured nobly. Ten thousand victories and defeats are chronicled in the game's history, and the smoke of battle never fades from the green field where men and lads have striven with all their skill and strength for the supremacy of bat or ball; but no historian finds himself surveying a more bloodless past than he who writes of cricket. Keen and stirring though it may be in action, so that great crowds of onlookers are often uplifted to a height of well-nigh intolerable excitement, the clash is the clean white clash of warriors who can come together and laugh as comrades when all is over, not the frowning combat with a sequel of death and destruction, wrought among enemies. Happy, enviable historian of a world in which rivalry and its attendant envy and jealousy are so fleeting, and everything that is accomplished challenges only joy 'twixt two fresh-flannelled ranks – “making for summer beauty in the mind, and life's good game when this game's left behind.” Small wonder if those that join in the bloodless conquests of a world whose name is Cricket are inspired with a love and devotion deep enough to astonish the stranger

Thomas Moulton

From “Bat and Ball”

The postman evidently spoke feelingly when, in answer to a fellow parishioner's remark that “The new parson has a good delivery”, he replied, “Aye, and he keeps a good length”.

Through New Zealand Eyes



The smell of oiled bats comes down to me from an age when I was not much taller than the bat itself, and from a place where wickets were so venomous that ten was a good individual score. In our distant outpost of England we were brought up to regard cricket as part of the whole duty of man. Some of us in our teens could have challenged any English boy in our knowledge of cricket history and our reverence for the Olympians. Unlike Mr J.C. Snaith's heroine, none of us cherished a strand of the Old Man's beard, but that was

due only to lack of opportunity. Many a time we boys talked the sun down the sky with comparisons between our heroes, while sisters and cousins and aunts scoffed (it is a most serious defect in women that few of them really understand and love cricket) and our parents suggested that there might be more serious things in life – home lessons for example. With what awe we listened to the elder who remembered having seen Southerton – bowling with incredible slowness – “go through” Gloucestershire in – never mind what year, and the great Jupp late-cut somebody for five down to the elm tree – was it an elm? – at the Oval. Among the sacred places in England was Lord's, where, we imagined – lest they should incur the wrath of a black-bearded giant, the spectators walked on tiptoe and spoke in whispers. We should have expected even a suggestion of incense. Young as we were, we had a dim idea of the truth that cricket is more than a game. It is a frame of mind, an institution, a philosophy of life. If you doubt this, try to explain the game to a foreigner.

Alan Mulgan

From “Home”

“The Sharing of The Willows”

By Gary Dodd

*In its
own environ,
snuggled behind
some trees,
lies
an institution.*

*Made of
folk
from
all walks
of life.*

*Entrepreneurs,
politicians,
businessmen,
and other folk
like you and me.*

*From
nearby
to far away,
they come
like wisps
of wind.*

*To enjoy
a sport,
to enjoy
camaraderie,
to enjoy
the connection.*

*Through one,
through all,
they share
their passion.*

*They share it
with you,
with me,
with everyone.*

*They especially
share it
with our
younger
generations.*

*Instilling
values,
tradition,
history,
and a love
for the game.*

*For like
its sport
of cricket,
life is also,
a game.*

*A game
for one,
a game
for all.*

*Be it sport,
be it life,
share in it
with one
and all.*

*Whatever
you do,
share a day
or two
with the folk
of the Willows.*



CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

(Minimum of 5 innings / 10 overs)

	Inn	NO	Runs	Avg	O	M	Runs	Wkt	Avg
Abbott, R.E.	10	2	155	19.4	113	18	446	14	31.9
Agnew, T.W.	10	4	115	19.2	93	10	372	14	26.6
Allott, G.I.	10	3	94	13.4	109	27	350	26	13.5
Ambler, K.A.	5	1	235	58.8	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	118	30	319	11	29.0
Bartholomeusz, C.G.	3	2	219	219.0	2	1	12	0	-
Bennett, J.	30	12	324	18.0	9	1	53	3	17.7
Bisman, C.W.	8	2	318	53.0	81	12	246	19	12.9
Blakely, J.E.	7	1	201	33.5	57	7	159	6	26.5
Bond, D.W.	38	6	1331	41.6	25	1	207	1	207.0
Boock, S.L.	5	2	19	6.3	84	16	252	14	18.0
Bromley, G.R.	11	1	267	26.7	34	2	136	6	22.7
Brooks, G.N.B.	12	2	486	48.6	29	2	111	4	27.8
Bull, C.L.	19	4	206	13.7	22	2	103	2	51.5
Burrell, A.E.	13	1	296	24.7	14	1	46	2	23.0
Burrell, D.C.	29	11	834	46.3	112	10	514	15	34.3
Burrell, W.M.	28	6	650	29.5	128	22	491	24	20.5
Burson, R.D.B.	6	2	148	37.0	65	7	171	15	11.4
Cameron, B.W.J.	6	1	59	11.8	74	10	273	14	19.5
Clark, C.R.	5	0	64	12.8	34	6	120	11	10.9
Coffey, S.T.	13	3	524	52.4	9	0	60	2	30.0
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	236	22	583	30	19.4
Colvin, G.G.	7	3	136	34.0	67	9	220	12	18.3
Coop, T.A.	9	1	207	25.9	7	0	42	0	-
Cornelius, C.J.	12	1	258	23.5	70	12	248	13	19.1
Cornelius, W.A.	19	4	183	12.2	183	35	540	37	14.6
Cusack, D.R.	38	7	1198	38.6	2	0	20	0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	12	2	339	33.9	4	0	14	0	-
Davis, S.J.	22	7	290	19.3	173	30	652	29	22.5
Deans, R.M.	4	0	220	55.0	15	1	59	2	29.5
Devlin, P.C.	25	6	621	32.7	32	3	140	7	20.0
Doody, B.J.K.	7	1	239	39.8	18	1	78	8	9.8
Doody, T.J.	9	4	31	6.2	126	5	503	24	21.0
Dormer, B.L.	9	1	201	25.1	2	0	12	0	-
Dowds, D.P.	13	3	418	41.8	27	0	164	7	23.4
Duncan, P.M.	7	1	207	34.5	19	0	103	2	51.5
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	96	13	366	21	17.4
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-Burnside)	12	4	359	44.9	68	8	258	12	21.5
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-SBHS)	13	4	424	47.1	60	20	168	8	21.0
Fielding, M.D.	21	3	618	34.3	106	18	381	22	17.3
Fisher, T.D.L.	6	4	431	215.5	16	2	77	4	19.3
Flanagan, S.P.	16	2	435	31.1	120	15	421	19	22.2
Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	18	2	681	42.6	13	1	54	0	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	0	362	40.2	34	2	163	3	54.3
Germion, L.K.	9	3	318	53.0	5	0	50	1	50.0
Gibson, S.D.	30	1	579	20.0	140	17	545	13	41.9
Grocott, D.J.	12	7	144	28.8	118	32	261	20	13.1
Hadlee, D.R.	9	4	256	51.2	70	19	196	12	16.3
Hadlee, M.J.	6	1	224	44.8	34	10	111	5	22.2
Hadlee, R.J.	4	0	212	53.0	27	5	63	4	15.8
Hamel, M.J.	14	1	353	27.2	79	9	380	10	38.0
Hantz, J.L.	9	0	261	29.0	14	1	72	4	18.0
Harding, S.C.	6	1	81	16.2	46	9	182	11	16.5
Harris, B.Z.	12	2	300	30.0	76	8	267	13	20.5
Harris, P.D.	55	15	1499	37.5	279	35	1142	51	22.4
Hastilow, A.J.	15	3	245	20.4	119	15	477	21	22.7
Hastings, B.F.	10	3	235	33.6	9	2	23	1	23.0
Hastings, M.B.	28	4	242	10.1	254	39	987	47	21.0
Hawes, F.C.	16	7	269	29.9	164	30	526	26	20.2
Hawke, M.J.	22	8	703	50.2	124	18	489	20	24.5
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	117	24	350	23	15.2
Hiini, B.C.	11	2	276	30.7	70	15	235	12	19.6
Hudson, M.G.	9	0	156	17.3	80	5	349	15	23.3
Humphris, L.A.	6	0	234	39.0	34	0	194	4	48.5

	Inn	NO	Runs	Avgc	O	M	Runs	Wkt	Avgc
Hutton, O.R.	6	1	239	47.8	36	9	140	7	20.0
Ikram, H.	5	2	56	18.7	83	5	374	14	26.7
Inglis, G.D.	45	9	1134	31.5	119	12	521	21	24.8
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	71	11	246	15	16.4
James, C.D.	19	0	479	25.2	7	0	46	2	23.0
Johns, A.M.	8	1	286	40.9	17	2	61	4	15.3
Johnston, M.T.	11	4	222	31.7	42	5	142	8	17.8
Johnston, T.G.	8	0	166	20.8	83	12	382	16	23.9
Johnstone, A.F.	17	1	288	18.0	3	0	23	1	23.0
Landon-Lane, M.E.	16	4	361	30.1	35	3	128	3	42.7
Langrope, S.L.	7	2	222	44.4	-	-	-	-	-
Latham, R.T.	14	3	266	24.2	53	9	175	10	17.5
Latham, T.	9	2	483	69.0	15	3	56	1	56.0
Lonsdale, W.M.	8	2	46	7.7	78	16	227	18	12.6
Marsh, J.D.	7	0	127	18.1	60	8	201	12	16.8
Martin, S.G.D.	4	0	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
Masefield, R.V.	11	3	105	13.1	88	11	319	18	17.7
Masefield, T.J.	10	3	248	35.4	12	0	25	3	8.3
Maw, P.A.C.	8	0	246	30.8	23	3	94	1	94.0
McCarthy, G.P.	17	1	220	13.8	36	1	191	12	15.9
McCarthy, P.B.	14	2	499	41.6	42	5	160	11	14.5
McCone, R.J.	7	1	46	7.7	43	12	100	11	9.1
McEwan, P.E.	45	5	1213	30.3	229	26	930	52	17.9
McFedries, A.G.	23	2	641	30.5	199	24	786	29	27.1
McGuire, R.D.	24	11	421	32.4	242	24	963	39	24.7
McIntyre, B.S.M.	9	0	203	22.6	67	10	247	14	17.6
McKenzie, M.N.	11	2	387	43.0	88	10	374	12	31.2
MacLeod, A.L.L.	5	1	69	17.3	38	5	157	11	14.3
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	126	30	419	22	19.0
McRae, A.R.	22	5	522	30.7	85	9	343	12	28.6
Miller, G.A.	26	4	466	21.2	1	0	14	1	14.0
Miller, R.M.	10	3	386	55.1	52	8	174	8	21.8
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	50	8	156	9	17.3
Morgan, R.	9	2	259	37.0	32	9	113	7	16.1
Nathu, A.	17	1	403	25.2	10	0	58	1	58.0
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Noster, S.	4	1	225	75.0	24	3	106	1	106.0
Nuttall, A.J.	45	20	557	22.3	586	152	1453	141	10.3
Orton, B.	9	5	567	141.8	5	2	15	4	3.8
Parr, M.J.	8	1	162	23.1	60	7	205	10	20.5
Patel, M.	8	1	330	47.1	54	12	200	10	20.0
Pawson, J.D.	21	5	443	27.7	155	28	460	24	19.2
Peacock, M.D.	19	5	275	19.6	200	50	588	38	15.5
Priest, M.W.	7	2	176	35.2	108	21	391	13	30.1
Reid, J.F.	6	2	205	51.3	16	0	65	1	65.0
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	91	17	273	8	34.1
Rutledge, P.D.	37	6	332	10.7	13	0	104	1	104.0
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	0	364	19.2	5	0	30	0	-
Savill, C.M.	33	8	412	16.5	34	0	216	10	21.6
Sawers, A.J.	8	2	269	44.8	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, D.W.G.	11	5	77	12.8	37	1	216	11	19.6
Sparks, L.C.	19	6	164	12.6	209	44	720	37	19.5
Stevens, S.D.	13	5	75	9.4	154	14	749	23	32.6
Stewart, G.	5	1	51	12.8	39	2	113	13	8.7
Stone, C.S.	7	0	222	31.7	14	2	38	4	9.5
Stone, M.B.	10	0	134	13.4	65	7	320	10	32.0
Tapper, J.	5	2	57	19.0	66	17	214	18	11.9
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	118	17	438	16	27.4
Thomson, G.L.	29	4	935	37.4	14	0	81	1	81.0
Thorn, L.D.A.	13	2	229	20.8	18	0	106	3	35.3
Townrow, W.B.	10	4	59	9.8	88	10	311	13	23.9
Ward, J.	12	3	268	29.8	52	3	265	11	24.1
Weeds, M.G.	10	3	247	35.3	4	0	16	0	-
Wolt, J.R.K.	12	5	43	6.1	199	25	837	32	26.2
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	0	72	5	14.4
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	183	21	742	34	21.8
Yock, B.A.	15	3	688	57.3	14	1	79	1	79.0
Younghusband, P.F.	6	2	58	14.5	48	13	122	17	7.2

RECORDS

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
1994/95	13	12	1	-	-
1995/96	17	12	4	-	1
1996/97	17	10	6	-	1
1997/98	21	14	6	1	-
1998/99	18	10	7	-	1
1999/00	19	9	10	-	-
2000/01	23	17	6	-	-
2001/02	21	15	4	2	-
2002/03	21	16	5	-	-
2003/04	22	15	7	-	-
2004/05	22	13	8	-	1
2005/06	26	14	12	-	-
2006/07	26	13	13	-	-
2007/08	27	19	7	-	1
2008/09	25	21	4	-	-
2009/10	26	19	6	-	1
Total	344	229	106	3	6

Aggregate Innings Totals (For home games by Willows teams)

	Inns	Runs	Wkts	Avg/Wkt	Avg Total
1994/95	13	2,702	105	25.7	207
1995/96	15	2,930	100	29.3	195
1996/97	16	3,007	106	28.3	187
1997/98	19	4,306	128	33.6	226
1998/99	17	3,584	134	26.7	210
1999/00	18	3,128	145	21.5	173
2000/01	22	5,149	162	31.8	234
2001/02	21	4,053	152	26.7	193
2002/03	21	4,304	134	32.1	204
2003/04	22	4,757	170	28.0	216
2004/05	22	4,525	162	27.9	206
2005/06	26	5,506	210	26.2	211
2006/07	25	4,410	210	21.0	176
2007/08	28	6,218	207	30.0	222
2008/09	25	5,688	180	31.6	228
2009/10	26	5,654	208	27.1	217
Total	336	69,921	2,513	27.8	208

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	331/5	v Nelson College	10.02.08
	330/6	v Woodbank Wanderers	22.03.98
Against	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	303/8	by Suburban XI	06.01.08
	302/6	by Flaxton Wanderers	26.11.00

Lowest Team Scores

For	54	v Otago Boys' High School	01.11.09
	62	v Sri Lanka Under-21	14.11.09
	69	v Christ's College	27.10.96
Against	46	by St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Amblar	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06
L.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	21.02.99
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	28.01.96
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	05.03.00
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98
T.M.Hampton-Mateh	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timary Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
T.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
S.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
S.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
B.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
B.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
G.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas College	10.03.10
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley Boys' High School	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas College	09.02.05
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Secondary Schools	23.11.03
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru Boys' High School	08.02.09

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A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	11.03.07
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
J.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
T.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.Peacock	5-25	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.05
T.E.Lancaster	5-26	v London NZ CC	26.11.95
W.A.Cornelius	5-27	v London NZ CC	19.12.99
P.F.Younghusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	12.03.00
R.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10

Batsmen – 1,000 runs milestone

Season

2004/05	P.D.Harris
2005/06	D.W.Bond
2005/06	D.R.Cusack
2006/07	P.E.McEwan
2008/09	G.D.Inglis

Bowlers – 100 wickets milestone

Season

2005/06	A.J.Nuttall
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Shadbolt Trophy

(Awarded each year for Best Performance by a Junior Willower.)

1994/95	S.J.Davis	3-19	v Ben Harris XI
1995/96	N.Perkins	68	v Motueka Wekas
1996/97	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College
1997/98	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers
1998/99	C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools
1999/00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkwood Wanderers
2000/01	A.Johnstone (wk)	104	v Woodbank Wanderers
2001/02	A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College
2002/03	R.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College
2003/04	M.Fielding	86	v Combined Schools XI
2004/05	K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School
2005/06	C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v Wanganui Collegiate
2006/07	S.T.Coffey	101	v London NZ CC XI
2007/08	S.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools XI
2008/09	T.Latham	76	v Burnside High School
2009/10	T.A.Rutherford	7-20	v The Willows

49ers Cup

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

1998/99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Wanganui Collegiate School
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College
2008/09	Shirley Boys' High School
2009/10	Otago Boys' High School

Visitor Honours 2009/10 Season

119	D.Goldstone	5-24	C.Johnston
7-20	T.A.Rutherford	5-41	D.Vann
6-26	T.Thisara	5-50	S.Porter

RESULTS

W = win L= loss D = draw T = tie

Home Games

	94-5	95-6	96-7	97-8	98-9	99-0	00-1	01-2	02-3	03-4	04-5	05-6	06-7	07-8	08-9	09-10
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	-	W	-	W	L	-	W	W
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	D
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W	W	W
Ohoka Swamphens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	W	W
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	-	-	-	-
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peninsula Craz	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	L	W	L	L	-	W	W	W
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W
Motueka Wekas	-	W	-	L	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canterbury Emerging XI	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mobil Oil XI	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wellington President's XI	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Te Awamutu College	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wanganui Collegiate	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	L	-	W	-	W	-	W
NZ Police XI (Christchurch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Millbrook XI	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suburban XI	-	-	-	W	L	L	W	-	L	L	-	W	W	L	W	L
South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W	-	W	-
Marlborough Boys' College	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	D	L	L	L	D	L	-
King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	L
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	L	L
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	W	W
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Burnside High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Former NZ Rep XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	-	W	-	W	-
St Thomas of Canterbury College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	L	W	W	W
Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	W	W	W	L
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	W	L
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W
Kings High School (Dunedin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W
Canterbury Country Sec Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W

Away Games

Flaxton Wanderers	-	L	L	T	L	-	L	-	D	-	W	-	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

International Games

XL40 Club (UK)	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	W/L	W	W	-	-	-	-	L	W	L
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-
MCC Club XI (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craigengow CC (Hong Kong)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L



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Peter Younghusband goes over the top for the Governor-General's Youth XI against the Past New Zealand XI played at The Willows on 28th March 2010. Ervin McSweeney looks on from behind the stumps.

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