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HINTS ON FIELDING.

Fielding is a part of our most noble English game, which although not less important than the other two branches, is generally esteemed so, and especially in schools where to excel with the bat is thought most of to the detriment of fielding, which is less cultivated than either batting or bowling. To bat and bowl well are certainly great things, but no one could be called a finished cricketer who could not field, and to field well one must begin early. As this branch of the game requires persevering practice with more smartness than is generally developed by mere love of the game, it is a great thing to have been made to fag well when young, and will be found of great use in after years. This system of fagging for cricket at schools, if fags are *made* to do their work, does more to turn out good fieldsmen than any way. A first-rate field is often of a great deal more use to an eleven than a first-rate bat, the latter may be "run out," or be unlucky in many ways, but the former is always sure and reliable, so no man ought to be in an eleven who cannot field. A bad fieldsman is a loose screw in the machinery of your eleven, and a good ball will soon find him out and make good use of one of his deficiencies in this branch. The essence of good fielding consists in running forward to meet the ball directly it has left the bat, and *not stopping for picking it up*, then by one continuous action to throw it sharply up to the wicket, at the level of the bails. Throw in a catch if you can, but if too far off for that, send the ball in so as to reach the wicket at the first bound, and above all do not waste time in "winding up" before throwing, nor in throwing high up in the air. The very worst throw up, and the most difficult to the wicket keeper, is one that just pitches off his feet. Always throw the ball up to the wicket keeper, unless in cases where the bowler may call for it, or you can perceive a better chance the other end. You should pay great attention to the study of running in to meet the ball, this requires a practice of its own, and is a charming operation when you can do it, for the same impetus with which you run in assists the quickness of your return, so never stop before you reach the ball, practice alone will make you perfect in running in, only run with your hands near the ground so as not to have to stoop suddenly, and keep your eyes well

on the ball. In fielding, as in batting, you must practice the different kinds of balls, such as tices, half volleys, and different lengths. Anticipating the ball and getting the momentum on the right side is everything in fielding. Always stand easy, and in a position whence you can most readily spring to action *any* way; study sharpness rather than style in fielding. A man who can field well often prevents the batsmen from attempting to run by the assurance they have of his sharpness; he often also confuses them by returning even sharper than they expected. He thus does an immense amount of good to his side both by keeping the bowlers in good heart, keeping the runs down on the other side, and by helping to dispose of perhaps troublesome batsmen when well set and beginning to knock up a score. Thus far as to stopping; now as to catching, and a very few words will suffice. A fine fieldsman must be able to catch surely, with either hand or both hands, his hands must be on the rat trap principle, taking everything in, letting nothing out. Practice all sorts of catches, high, low and running, on either side with either hand. To excel in catches one must practice; practice alone can make a fieldsman. In catching too, you must look out for a spin, for balls usually spin off the bat, especially to the near fields. By habit, brought about by practice, hands and eye will go together, and you will in time judge difficult catches perfectly sure, and allow for all spin or twist which the ball may have. Another thing in fielding is greatly neglected, that is *backing up* a throw from the other side; there should never be less than *two* backing upon the opposite side of the wicket keeper from wherever the ball may be thrown up. Be always watchful and ready; long on and off should be ever careful to watch; when the wicket keep, seeing the batsman backing up too sharply, shies at the opposite wicket, the bowler often does not expect it, and is not ready for it, so the long fields should back up well for such a throw. It is very important that young players should practice throwing, remembering always to throw in straight to the bails and not *at* the wicket. There is something really enjoyable in being a good field, one knows one is sure for any catch or hit within reach, and a commanding fieldsman, as I have said, always intimidates the batsmen. Don't try any of the dodges of fine fieldsmen till you have entirely mastered the rudiments, and above all *never funk the ball*, you will never succeed in fielding if you do. Now, having given these few general rules, I will pass on to places in the field. In the first place never grumble at where you are placed, but do your best cheerfully and you will be all right. Never be down-hearted at missing a catch or letting a ball go, but run after it sharp, not waiting to express your disgust by dumb show; also be careful not to unnerve your fellow fieldsmen, say a word of encouragement rather than jeer at them when they miss a ball.

Wicket keeping must be well done in every eleven, and it requires great practice, a good eye and sharp hands. But as posture has a great deal to do with success in this place, study the attitude of some good wicket keep, and imitate the excellencies of his style as nearly as is convenient and easy to yourself. This is undoubtedly one of the most difficult places; persevereing practice before all else, as in all fielding is indispensible.

Point is another of the most difficult places in the field. The great aim of point is to anticipate the direction of the ball before it is struck and thus stop many a good cut; this place requires a safe pair of hands, good judgment and large covering of ground. Point should vary his position to the pace of the bowler and style of the batsman. "The great fault of point is that if he stands near he stands too near, and if far off not far enough off," so says a high authority, "to stand too near with wild bowling is absurd."

Short Leg is often a hardly-used personage, expected to save runs that seem easy but are really impossibilities. The great difficulty is, as with point, the correct position suited to the style of the bowler and batsman; this place requires a most active field; no other in the field gives more scope for displaying talent.

Long Leg.—This place wants a man who can run well, catch well and throw well. Balls hit to leg generally twist in, just as balls cut to the off also have a tendency to curl to the left.

Long Slip is seldom well placed; he should either stand to save one or save two, and must be very active in backing long stop to swift bowling.

Cover Point is something of the same sort of a place as the last, the balls come to both so fast and curling as often to puzzle the best men, as great watchfulness and activity is indispensible in both. Cover is the place for brilliant fielding, but few covers stand deep enough.

Long Fields,—on or off.—These places want men who are good judges of high catches, and can throw well and run fast. All long fields should cover a lot of ground and be very sharp in returning the ball.

Long Stop.—This field gets the most work; he should be sure and sharp in picking up the ball and returning it to the wicket keep. It is good practice for an eleven to make every man take a turn in this place.

Third Man is a place in the field between point and long slip, and for fast bowling is very useful. It is a very difficult place and the remarks on *point* will apply here as well.

Mid Off and On have no fixed places, they may have to stand deep, almost as long fields, or close in as near fields, in the former case the remarks on the *long fields* will apply, in the latter they will have an immense amount of work to do in places where difficult catches and hard hits abound.

In conclusion, as fielding is the most neglected branch of cricket, it is the most necessary for young players to practise. Therefore practise "running in and stopping," "catching," and "throwing," and in a short time you will find you will have made great improvement.

PROFESSIONAL.

TIPS FROM ALFRED MERRITT, THE FIRST CRICKET PROFESSIONAL AT THE SCHOOL 1874-7, HIRED AT £2 PER WEEK FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OF OXFORD

Cricket XI 1869

L-R BACK ROW	F.E. Long, H.S. Chesshire (Captain)
L-R CENTRE	H.E. Potter, A.M. Champion, G.R.E. Bonsall, J.V.H. Simpson
L-R SEATED	F.B. Endell, I. Smith, C.L. Palmer, G.H. Huntingdon, C. Preedy, J.A. Dockray

Photograph taken at New Inn Hall Street, Oxford

Fixture List

Played 0 Won 0 Drawn 0 Lost 0

No Record Survives - unlikely any match against outside competition was played

In the School's earliest days at New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, use had to be made of any public available space to play football and cricket. Port Meadow was a favoured venue for both winter and summer sport and was well remembered by Kenneth Grahame who attended the School 1868-1875. Years later he wrote the following:-

'The sole advantage of Port Meadow as a cricket pitch was the absence of boundaries. If an ambitious and powerful slogger wanted to hit the ball as far as Wolvercote, he could do so if he liked; there was nothing to stop him and the runs would be faithfully run out. The chief drawback was that the City Burgesses used the Meadow for pasture of their cows – graminivorous animals of casual habits. When fielding 'deep', and frequently cries of 'Throw her up!' reached one from the wicket, it was usually more discreet to feign a twisted ankle or a sudden faintness, and allow some enthusiast to recover the ball from where it lay'.

It was not until 1870 when Algernon Simeon was appointed Headmaster, that more suitable arrangements were made whereby the University grounds were leased near the railway station during their holidays. Later still in 1871 the School procured the use of the White House Ground beyond Folly Bridge

Cricket XI 1871

Squad M. Humble (Captain), H.E. Harper, I. Smith, J.A. Dockray, A.D. Chapman, E.H. Champion, R. Moseley, C.L. Palmer, C.W. Cornish, C. Preedy, W.G.D. Sewell

The above photograph was taken in 1870 at New Inn Hall Street, Oxford showing the Headmaster (Later Warden) Algernon Simeon in the centre with Kenneth Grahame at his feet. Grahame played for the School's Rugby XV in 1874 and 1875 and was the scorer for the Cricket XI at the same time. The rest of the cricket squad are in this picture but cannot be accurately identified

Fixture List

Played 0 Won 0 Drawn 0 Lost 0

No Record Survives - unlikely any match against outside competition was held

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL CRICKET SIDE 1871

Clockwise from the top left:-

John Dockray , Charles Cornish, Carey Palmer, Andrew Champion, Irton Smith, Edward Champion and Arthur Chapman

All these pictures were taken when they entered the School when they were aged between 10 and 12 years old

Cricket XI 1872

L-R BACK ROW G.L. Dickinson, P.C. Hoggins, G.T. Cornish

L-R CENTRE C.D. Tyler, C. Preedy, R. Moseley, F.R. Borrow, H.W.R. Bencraft

L-R SEATED J.A. Dockray, H.E. Harper (Captain), A.S. Gardner

Photograph taken at New Inn Hall Street, Oxford just prior to the move to North Oxford

Fixture List

Played 0 Won 0 Drawn 0 Lost 0

No Record Survives - unlikely any match against outside competition was held

Profiles of The School Cricket Side of 1872

Herbert Edward Harper (Captain) was at the School 1870-4 entering at the age of 13. He was the first Senior Prefect after the move to North Oxford in 1873/4 and captained both the School's Cricket and Rugby XV sides. He was also an accomplished athlete winning the High Jump, Open 100 Yards and the Hurdles in his final year. He became the Managing Director and Editor of the 'Wine Trade Journal' and died in his office in June 1904 following a fit, during which he hit the floor hard and died later in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, aged 47 years. His younger brother Frederick was also at the School.

Henry William Russell Bencraft was at the School 1872-8 at the age of 13. He was the Senior Prefect in1877/8 as well as captaining the School Cricket and Rugby XVs. He continued to concentrate on cricket and in 1876 he first played from Hampshire C.C., a club of which he was a founder member. He was also continued playing rugby football representing the Trojans Club based in Southampton. He qualified as a doctor and practiced in Southampton and became one of the city's most respected citizens gradually spending less time on medicine and more in business interests, eventually being appointed Director or Chairman of the three largest businesses in the city; he even found time to be a Magistrate (which he continued for 48 years). His foremost love and interest was sport in Hampshire, primarily cricket and he served the County Cricket Club for 60 years in every capacity possible ending up as Chairman. He persuaded other OSE including Edward Wynyard to join him at the club as well . He never lost interest in the School and was delighted to open the then new Cricket Pavilion in 1933. He was a Vice-President of the School's Society and the first President of the Martyrs. He died in 1944 at the age of 85.

George Lowes Dickinson attended St. Edward's 1872-3 entering at the age of 16, in his single year at the School he was a member of both the Cricket and Rugby teams. On leaving he went up to Durham University where he gained an MA. He was ordained in 1883 and appointed a Rector in High Bray, Devon in 1896 and was Vicar in Sourton, Devon 1917-25. He died in June 1952 aged 94 years.

Percy Clive Hoggins was at the School 1872-3 entering at the age of 13. Apart from being a member of the Cricket side little else is known of him. He became a schoolmaster and died in 1892 aged 34 years.

George Tucker Cornish was 12 years old when he joined the School where he stayed 1872-6. He trained to become a banker but died very soon after leaving the School in 1878 aged only18 years. He was the middle of three brothers who attended the School.

Charles Preedy was the second oldest of six brothers who all attended the School. His years at the School were 1866-73 - he was 11 years old when he arrived. In his long career he was Senior Prefect 1872/3 and played in both the Cricket XI and Rugby XV. He left just before the School moved to North Oxford. He went up to St. Edmund Hall (MA) and was then ordained Priest in 1879 and held curacies in Wolverhampton, Birchington, Nottingham and Huddersfield; from 1900-31 he was Vicar of Stailsfield, Faversham, Kent. He died in January 1936 aged 81 years.

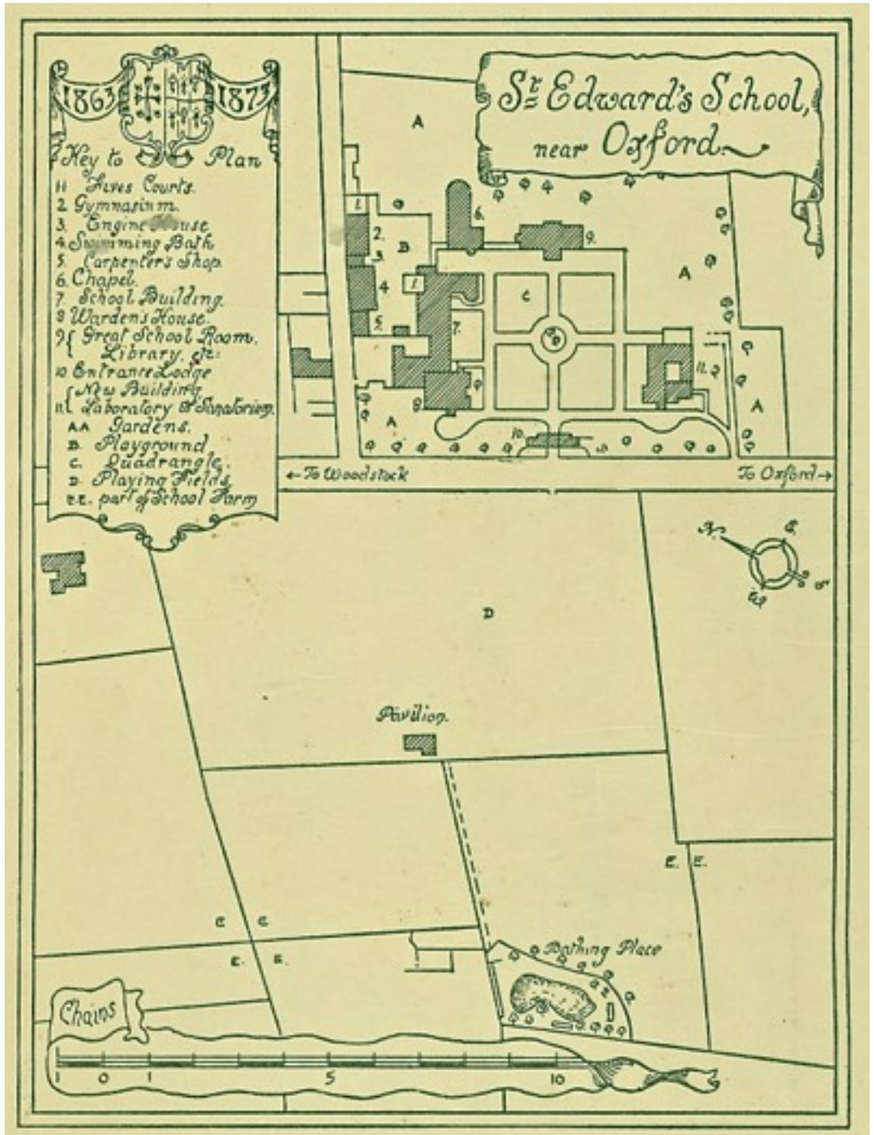
Reginald Moseley was at the School 1870-2 entering at the age of 14 years. He was Senior Prefect in 1872 and also played for the School's Cricket and Rugby sides. After gaining his degree at Worcester College, Oxford he joined the forces and took part in the Sudan Campaign in 1898. Later on he was ordained and appointed Chaplain to the forces between 1889 and 1918, this included a spell at Chelsea Hospital in London, by which time he was a Colonel. In 1918 he was a Hospitaler at St. Bartholomew's Hospital also in London then was appointed Vicar of St. Matthew's in Denmark Hill. He died in 1937 aged 81 years.

Frederick Ronald Borrow a student at the School 1871-4 joining at the age of 14 years. His main claim to fame was his involvement with the Cricket XI . After leaving he joined the 81st Foot, North Lancashire Regiment and fought in the Sudan Campaign of 1887. He attained the rank of Captain and was awarded the D.S.O. and The Order of Osmanieh and Mejidieh and left the army in 1888. He died in 1892, aged 34 years.

J*ohn Arthur Dockray* joined the School in 1866 aged 9 years and left in 1873. He was an early Prefect at the Summertown Site and a member of the Cricket XI. Little else is known of him except that he died in Llananno, Radnorshire in 1925 aged 66 years.

Alfred Sidney Gardner arrived at the School in 1872 and left in 1873. He represented the School both at Cricket and Rugby during his short spell. He came from a wealthy family and in time owned the Eaglebrush Ironworks in Neath, Wales. He held a variety of posts in his local area including Justice of the Peace for Glamorgan and Brecon, Deputy Lieutenant and commanded the 1st GlamorganVolunteer Artillery and obtained the Volunteer Decoration. During the Great War he was a Colonel with his regiment until he fell from his horse and badly injured himself and forcing him out of front line action, although he remained with his Territorial duties. He never recovered full health and died in September 1917, aged sixty-two. For some unknown reason he was not included in the School's Roll of Honour. He had married in 1882 and had one son, Cyril (also OSE) who was badly wounded serving with the Royal Flying Corps.

Cecil Dacre Tyler was at the School 1871-7 joining at the age of 11 years, the second of four Teddies brothers. He was a School Prefect and played in both the Cricket and Rugby Football teams. Nothing else is known of him except his death date in 1904 aged 45 years.



Cricket XI 1873

Squad H.E. Harper (Captain), E.W.L. Stradling, H.W.R. Bencraft, H.P. Croft, W.R.W. Tyler, F.R. Borrow, E.H. Jenkins, H.F.D. Sewell, F.W.P. Holton, J.D. Bulloch, C.D. Tyler, T.M. Chambers

Harper, Bencraft, Borrow are shown in the 1872 group, Stradling, Croft, Bulloch, Holton, Chambers are in the1875 group.

The illustration above is a map of the School and grounds in 1873 showing the position of the Keble College Cricket Pavilion. At this time the grounds were owned by the Duke of Marlborough's Estate and leased to Keble College who in turn allowed the School to sometimes use it for home matches during holiday periods. The rest of the time cricket was played on the 'Meads' (Today's Quadrangle)

Fixture List

Played 6 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 2

v Summertown XI - lost by 25 runs
(Home)
v North Moreton - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Summertown XI - won by 69 runs
(Away)
v Workmens' XI - won by an innings & 1 run
(Home)
v Mr. Kelly's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Mr. Kelly's XI - lost by an innings & 19 runs
(Home)

"Colours of black and blue were first worn by the 1st XI in 1873 and in the following year the 2nd XI were privileged to wear a cerise coloured ribbon on their hats.

During 1873 and 1874 cricket was played in the Quad, though most home matches took place on the Keble College ground (on the opposite of the Woodstock Road). It is sad to relate that in the latter year, the School, in a match with North Moreton, were all dismissed for 7 runs. 1874 was also noteworthy for being the first year in which the School played against an Oxford College - H.W.R. Bencraft took 28 wickets for 3 runs in 1873 and had a batting average of 24 in 1874."

H.C. Brooke Johnson (St. Edward's 1885-1889)
SHOWN RIGHT

FIRST AWAY FIXTURE HELD AT SUMMERTOWN C.C.

FRANCIS HOLTON TAKES FIRST 6 WICKET HAUL FOR THE SCHOOL

HERBERT HARPER THE CAPTAIN HEADS THE BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES - HE SCORES A TOTAL OF 78 RUNS IN THE SEASON (A THEN RECORD)

RUSSELL BENCRAFT TAKES 26 WICKETS IN THE SEASON (THEN A RECORD)

HERBERT HARPER TAKES 12 WICKETS OVER TWO INNINGS AGAINST WORKMEN XI.

AVERAGES FOR THE PAST YEAR.

The averages at the bottom of the eleven are rather low this year: this may be accounted for by the wet weather we have had. H. E. Harper gained the bat, and R. Bencraft the ball.

Bowling.

H. Harper	$3\frac{2}{15}$
R. Bencraft	$3\frac{5}{16}$
T. Holton	$2\frac{10}{11}$
E. Stradling	$1\frac{4}{6}$

Batting.

H. E. Harper	14
R. Bencraft	$9\frac{8}{9}$
E. Stradling	$6\frac{5}{14}$
E. Jenkins	$3\frac{4}{11}$
F. Borrow	$3\frac{1}{12}$
W. Tyler	$2\frac{1}{2}$
F. Holton	$9\frac{10}{11}$
J. Bullock	1
H. Sewell	$2\frac{1}{11}$
C. D. Tyler	2
T. Chambers	4

Fixture List

Played 8 Won 1 Drawn 0 Lost 7

v St. Catherine's Coll - lost by an innings & 1 run
(Home)
v North Moreton - lost by 90 runs
(Away)
v Keble college - lost by 82 runs
(Away)
v Williams's XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v Philip & James C.C. - lost by an innings & 11 runs
(Home)
v A Scratch XI - lost by 40 runs
(Home)
v Philip & James C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Mallam's XI - lost by 55 runs
(Away)

Cricket XI 1874

Squad H.W.R. Bencraft (Captain), H.E. Harper, E.A.A. Stradling, F.R. Borrow, F.W.P. Holton, H.F.D. Sewell, E.H. Jenkins, W.R.W. Tyler, J.D. Bulloch, C.D. Tyler, F.T. Lynch-Blosse, T.M. Chambers, W.G.D. Sewell, E.O. Owen

Photographs show Eldred Owen (left) a member of the School Cricket XI 1874-6 sides and on the right Russell Bencraft who was a member of the XI 1872-5 sides and captain in 1874. Bencraft was later involved with Hampshire County Cricket for 60 years during which he occupied every office at the club, eventually being appointed President. He was knighted in 1924 and died in 1943

season :—

1. H. E. Harper.
2. R. Bencraft, *Captain.*
3. E. Stradling.
4. F. Borrow.
5. F. Holton.
6. H. Sewell.
7. E. H. Jenkins.
8. W. Tyler.
9. J. D. Bulloch, *Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.*
10. C. D. Tyler.
11. F. Lynch-Blosse.
12. T. M. Chambers. 13. W. Sewell.

Umpire, F. C. Carter. *Scorer*, K. Grahame.

The Second Eleven for this season is as follows :—

1. F. C. Carter, *Captain.*
2. T. C. Chambers.
3. W. D. Sewell.
4. H. P. Croft.
5. K. Grahame, *Hon. Sec.*
6. P. Lewis.
7. S. A. Stradling.
8. Owen, mi.
9. E. Harris.
10. H. Chesshire.
11. Harper, mi.
12. A. Veness. 13. Adams, ma.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST A COMMON ROOM XI

FIRST MATCH AGAINST AN OXFORD COLLEGE - KEBLE COLLEGE

RUSSELL BENCRAFT SCORES THE FIRST HALF CENTURY FOR THE SCHOOL XI - 51 NOT OUT VERSUS SS PHILIP AND JAMES SCHOOL

EDWARD STRADLING TAKES A SEVEN WICKET HAUL AGAINST ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE STRADLING FAMILY WOULD PLAY CRICKET FOR THE SCHOOL BETWEEN 1873-1882

Correspondence.

CRICKET.

To the Editor of "S. Edward's School Chronicle."

SIR,

Now that we are just on the verge of the Athletics, we think very little of the coming season of cricket—the most important of all. Of course its all very well to say we will play on the "Keble Ground" when the Undergraduates go down. Well, when that time comes it will be all very well; but before that where are we to play? We must not surely abstain from that healthy sport until the ground is vacant. We should be behind everybody like the "cow's tail." The grass on the meads does not look very promising, I must say. And if it is not going to quicken its pace faster than it is now, we shall have to wait two or three years before we can play on it.

The best plan would be to knock our heads together and get it sodded. I feel quite sure the parents would be most happy to contribute towards "S. Edward's Cricket Ground."

Hoping this will meet the eyes of the Head Master,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

CRICKISTICUS.

*** [We are happy to learn that a very good cricket-field has been secured, so we are released from the "sod" necessity suggested by our correspondent. Still we heartily endorse his appeal "*ad parentes*," as the rent is by no means the whole of the expense entailed by a well-ordered cricket ground.]

Cricket XI 1875

L-R BACK ROW	E.A.A. Stradling, W.A. Brewerton, E.E. Scott, H.P. Croft
L-R SEATED	J.D. Bulloch, W.G.D. Sewell, F.W.P. Holton (Captain), T.M. Chambers
L-R ON GROUND	H.F.D. Sewell, E.O. Owen, W.R.W. Tyler

Fixture List
Played 9 Won 4 Drawn 0 Lost 4 Tied 1

v King's Sutton C.C. - won by 7 runs
(Home)
v St. Mary's Hall - lost by 25 runs
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 79 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - lost by an innings & 22 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 90 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v St Paul's School, Stony Stratford - match tied
(Away)
V Magdalen College School - won by 9 runs
(Away)
v St. Paul's Sch, Stony Stratford - lost by 36 runs
(Home)

S. E. S. CRICKET CLUB.

On Wednesday, April 14th, a meeting, consisting of the old members of the Eleven and the Prefects, was held in the Library, the Head Master in the chair. It was then decided that the Head Master should be *ex officio* President of the Club. Mr. Sealy was elected Vice-President, and it was resolved that the Prefect highest up in the First Eleven should be Captain. These three were to settle any disputed points which might arise. The Rules which appeared in the last Number of the *Chronicle* were then considered. Rule No. 2 of the General Regulations was altered as follows:—"That the subscriptions be as follows: Upper Game, 5/.; Middle Game, 4/.; Lower Game, 3/." It was also considered best that the subscriptions be paid by the first week of term instead of month. K. Grahame was then elected Secretary.

There is still one place vacant in the Eleven which will not be filled up just yet, as report says there is a new boy coming who is said to be a genius, let us hope that fickle rumour will not disappoint us.

Our ground is now in better order, owing to constant rolling which is improving it wonderfully. Regular practice has begun and we have a fair prospect of a good season.

The 2nd Eleven is in an unsettled state, owing to there being so many candidates for the vacant place in the 1st.

The New Pavilion has been begun about a week ago, sufficient subscriptions having been paid in to allow of its commencement. It will be finished with fittings complete very shortly.

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS - ABINGDON SCHOOL, MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL AND ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, STONEY STRATFORD

FIRST MATCH VERSUS THE O.S.E. (CALLED 'THE PAST') - WON BY THE SCHOOL BY 7 WICKETS

WILLIAM BREWERTON TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 5 RUNS AGAINST KING'S SUTTON

FRANCIS HOLTON TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 6 RUNS VERSUS ABINGDON SCHOOL

FIRST 'PROPER' PAVILION BUILT AND OPENED DURING GAUDY 1875 WITH A TRICOLOUR FLAG OF BLACK, BLUE AND YELLOW ON THE FLAG POLE NEW RIBBONS AND TURBANS DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SCHOOL AND TWO LOWER XIs. 'EQUAL BANDS OF BLACK, YELLOW AND BLUE, WITH ALTERNATE NARROW STRIPES OF BLACK AND YELLOW AT EQUAL DISTANCES APART'

RARE PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL CRICKET PAVILION BUILT IN 1875 AND EVENTUALLY DEMOLISHED IN 1907

Cricket XI 1876

L-R BACK ROW	E.E. SCOTT, W.G.D. SEWELL, MERRETT (THE PROFESSIONAL), H.P. CROFT, P.J.B.W. FFOULKES
L-R SEATED	R.H. TALBOT, E.O. OWEN, E.A.A. STRADLING (CAPTAIN), G.T. CORNISH, J.R.S. ROBERTSON
L-R ON GROUND	F.W. TERRY, W.R.W. TYLER, R.A.B. STRADLING

THE BLAZERS WERE BLUE, BLACK AND GOLD STRIPED. THE PROFESSIONAL WAS THE FIRST OUTSIDER TO BE SO INVOLVED PAID £2 PER WEEK.
THIS YEAR THE FIRST SCHOOL CRICKET PAVILION WAS BUILT IN THE FAR SOUTH-EASTERN CORNER OF THE KEBLE GROUNDS

Fixture List
Played 8 Won 2 Drawn 4 Lost 2

V ST. EDMUND HALL - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
V ST. MARY'S HALL - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V CHAMBERS' XI - WON BY AN INNINGS & 2 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. MARY'S HALL - LOST BY 50 RUNS
(AWAY)
V A.H. LEGAT'S XI - WON BY 11 RUNS
(HOME)
V O.S.E. XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, S'Y STRATFORD - LOST BY 164 RUNS
(AWAY)
V ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, S'Y STRATFORD - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)

EARLY CRICKET COACHES
A.H. LEGAT (TOP) & H.A. SEALY

"THE OLD BOYS' MATCH."

JUNE the 17th, the day appointed for the "Old Boys' Match" at last arrived, and with it eleven old faces.

The prospects of a fine day were far from encouraging in the early morning, nor did they brighten as the day wore on, in fact at about 11.30 it began a steady downpour, which increased to damp our spirits as well as the ground. However, at about 12.30, setting our faces against the weather we began play. As the match will be seen in another column I will not detain our readers with a second account.

At 2 p.m. we retired from the field of battle to the hall, where a sumptuous repast awaited us, and I cannot refrain from saying that we did justice to the viands.

The more substantial part having been removed, speeches began in the usual way, by the Head Master proposing the Church and State, which he said he hoped would alway be readily responded to at St. Edward's, and if one may rightly judge from the cheers which followed his speech he was not very far wrong in his calculations. After that the healths of Mosely and Bencraft (old Captains), Stradling (present Captain), Mr. Sealy and Mr. Legat (who by their combined efforts at St. Edward's have proved themselves able coaches for the eleven), and Robertson (Head Prefect), who in his turn proposed the Head Master's health which was drunk amid loud cheers, followed by the health of Mr. Cowie (second master). After which we once more returned to the Cricket Field, where as will be seen by the score the Present again vanquished the Past; though we had some of our old Captains to do battle against. Thus ended the Old Boys' Match of 1876.

D.B.C.

THE Pavilion is being improved in various ways, and the new professional, A. Merrit, seems to give every satisfaction both in keeping the ground and forwarding the colts.

CRICKET ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

Date.		£	s.	d.
Easter, 1876.	Balance from Athletic Sports Fund	1	14	4
	Donation from "Shop" ...	20	0	0
	School Subscriptions ...	19	3	0
	J. P. Clarke	0	7	6
	J. D. Bulloch	0	10	0
	T. M. Chambers	1	1	0
	Rev. C. B. Tyrwhitt	2	0	0
	Rev. A. T. C. Cowie ...	0	10	0
	A. H. Legat, Esq.	1	0	0
	W. C. Hopton. Esq.	1	0	0
	H. A. Sealy, Esq.	0	10	6
	Stradling, for bat	0	5	0
	Deficit	8	1	8
		£56	3	0

(Given by Rev. E. F. Letts, and not included in the accounts, Awning and Iron supports, £1 16*s.* 6*d.*)

EXPENDITURE.

Date.		£	s.	d.
March 11th, 1876.	Simmons' Bill	2	12	0
	Printing Rules	0	10	0
	Boy on ground	0	7	6
	Merrett	28	0	0
	Merrett's Bill	12	0	0
	Three smaller accounts ...	3	11	6
	To Burborough for rolling ...	9	2	0
		£56	3	0

Examined and found correct by
A. B. SIMEON, *President.*
E. J. A. STRADLING, *Captain.*

THE SECOND XI IN 1876
A RARE EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S MINOR TEAMS, WITH THE CURRENT CAPTAIN OF CRICKET, EDWARD STRADLING, SITTING IN THE CENTRE

Cricket XI 1877

L-R BACK ROW	W.T. GIBBES, W.R.W. TYLER, R.A.B. STRADLING, A.C. INGLE, C.E.O. WILKINSON
L-R SEATED	E.G. WYNYARD, E.A.A. STRADLING, P. COATES (CAPTAIN), W.G.D. SEWELL, F.W. TERRY
L-R ON GROUND	S.A. STRADLING

EDWARD WYNYARD WOULD LATER PLAY COUNTY CRICKET FOR HAMPSHIRE AND WOULD BE THE FIRST O.S.E. TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND (VERSUS AUSTRALIA IN 1896), IN ALL HE WOULD WIN THREE CAPS. FRANCIS TERRY WOULD LATER PLAY COUNTY CRICKET FOR SOMERSET

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 9 Drawn 1 Lost 3

V ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE - LOST BY 4 WICKETS
(AWAY)
V ST. ALBAN'S HALL - WON BY 12 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. CATHERINE'S C - WON BY AN INNINGS & 12 RUNS
(HOME)
V KEBLE COLLEGE - WON BY 2 RUNS
(HOME)
V O.S.E. XI - WON BY AN INNINGS & 71 RUNS
(HOME)
V FORGET-ME-NOTS XI - LOST BY 32 RUNS
(HOME)
V ORIEL COLLEGE, WON BY 170 RUNS
(HOME)
V FORGET-ME -NOTS XI - WON BY 54 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE - WON BY 1 RUN
(HOME)
V THE OLD CARTHUSIANS - WON BY 106 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL - LOST BY AN INNINGS & 55 RUNS
(AWAY)
V ALL SAINTS SCHOOL BLOXHAM - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
V SUMMERTOWN XI - WON BY 162 RUNS
(HOME)

FIRST AWAY FIXTURE AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL (ALL SAINTS SCHOOL, BLOXHAM)

STRONG SIDE WITH 9 MATCHES WON. SIDE INCLUDES THREE MEMBERS OF THE STRADLING FAMILY

FIRST MATCH AGAINST ST. MARK'S SCHOOL, WINDSOR

EDWARD STRADLING TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 3 RUNS AGAINST ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD (A SCHOOL RECORD). IN ALL HE TAKES 74 WICKETS AT AN AVERAGE OF 4 RUNS EACH IN THE SEASON IN HIS FIFTH YEAR IN THE SIDE

THE CAPTAIN WYNDHAM TYLER IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE SIDE

FRANCIS TERRY SCORES 74 AGAINST THE PAST XI - THE HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE TO DATE, THIS IS QUICKLY OVERTAKEN BY EDWARD WYNYARD'S 87 NOT OUT AGAINST ORIEL COLLEGE

THE OSE DEFEATED FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER BY THE XI

BATTING ANALYSIS.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
P. Coates (Capt.).....	13	17	191	81	4	14.9
E. J. A. Stradling.....	12	16	201	35	4	12.9
W. G. D. Sewell	10	14	61	18	0	4.5
W. R. W. Tyler	11	14	75	25	3	6.9
F. W. Terry	13	18	346	74	5	26.6
E. G. Wynyard	12	16	243	87	1	16.3
R. A. B. Stradling ...	11	13	19	8	1	1.7
C. E. O. Wilkinson ...	9	11	25	9	3	3.1

Of the colts who at times filled the remaining places, W. Gibbes played in three matches, made 16 in one innings, and had average of 5.2; A. Ingle, in three matches, with average of 5.1; H. S. Gill and S. Stradling in four with 0.2; V. Pack in one match with average of 2.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Maiden Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average run per Wickets.
E. J. Stradling ...	1105	84	317	74	4.21
F. W. Terry.....	727	50	217	34	6.13
P. Coates.....	447	30	184	20	9. 4
W. Sewell	237	20	61	7	8. 5

The average bat was therefore won by Terry, and the ball by Stradling max., both with exceptionally good averages.

Cricket Etiquette.

BEYOND, and in many respects superior to, the mere muscular training developed in athletic exercises, there is in all contests or matches an excellent moral training, resulting from the strict obligation of a regular adherence to justice, impartiality, and good temper. As a rule, perhaps, it is in Football that players are more especially apt to lose their tempers, and more inclined to dispute a doubtful point; for in Cricket the presence of two regularly appointed umpires with supreme power is generally sufficient to check anything beyond a privately expressed opinion that someone was 'leg before,' and that another had his bat down in time to save the 'run out.' But recent experience has shewn us that unfortunate disputes may arise even in Cricket, and we take this opportunity of reminding our readers how necessary it is to be as thoroughly just in play as in business, and to be perfectly impartial in one's conduct even if the result be mortifying for the time being.

A full account of the Bloxham Match is given elsewhere: we need only say here, that it was played almost throughout in a drizzling rain, that, when we wanted six runs to win, and had six wickets to fall, (with the consent of our batsmen who were at the time well set), the game was adjourned for a few minutes. After this, although for some time the rain was not heavier, no arguments could induce our opponents to resume play, and the match was therefore left in this most unsatisfactory condition, when another five minutes would have concluded the whole. Under any circumstances, as it appears to us, the more satisfactory and equitable game would have been to play the match out; still more so, seeing that the rain was not so heavy but that spectators could afford to stand out in it. We well remember an instance of two schools playing a match, when, although the rain was really heavy, and the time all but over, yet the losing side insisted on playing on for the extra ten minutes, rather than save a match by such doubtful means; in the present instance the rain was very slight and an hour and a-half remained for play. But this point of courtesy was increased into an absolute duty by the fact that our batsmen had,—to their own disadvantage and under no necessity,—retired in compliance with the request of the Bloxham Captain, who, by the way, vanished at once from the field and was not seen again till time was over. The polite conduct of our batsmen should undoubtedly have been reciprocated, and we much regret that this final passage of arms with a school, that has on more than one occasion been none too courteous to us, should have found them so wanting in impartial fair-play.

In concluding this most disagreeable subject, we would offer our sincere congratulations to our Eleven for their conduct under such aggravating circumstances, and on their well-earned victory over a school which has not been defeated by a boys' eleven for four seasons.

Cricket XI 1878

L-R BACK ROW	V. Packe, H.S.D. Gill, W.T. Gibbes, H. Fawcett
L-R SEATED	F.W. Terry, C.E.O. Wilkinson, W.R.W. Tyler (Captain), P. Hutchinson, E.G. Wynyard
L-R ON GROUND	A.C. Dornford, S.A. Stradling

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 5

v St. Alban's Hall - lost by 10 runs
(Away)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 193 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - lost by 24 runs
(Home)
v Forget-Me-Nots XI - lost by 34 runs
(Away)
v Exeter 'Non-Descripts' XI - won by 68 runs
(Home)
v University College - won by 51 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 4 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 68 runs
(Home)
v St Catherine's College - won by 11 runs
(Home)
v Hertford College - lost by 61 runs
(Home)
v St. Paul's Sch Stony Stratf'd - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - won by 99 runs
(Away)

and definitely the characteristic features of our Gaudy Days. There will be a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., and at evensong the anthem and special hymns will be sung, and a sermon will follow. After dinner one toast will be proposed, viz., "St. Edward's," and immediately afterwards the Latin "Carmen," composed by Mr. Legat, and set to music by Mr. Morris, which we print elsewhere, will be sung by the choir. No doubt some entertainment, such as a concert, will naturally suggest itself on the evening of these days, but this we must leave to the zeal and enterprise of the leading spirits in each successive generation.

The Cricket Ground.

NO one can be ignorant of the work which is going on for the improvement of the Cricket Ground, and although the laurels which the fifteen are winning, probably absorb the immediate interest of most of us, yet all can still afford to look forward to next summer, and estimate the advantages which we hope to be in store for us. If the whole work, which is now in progress, is carried out, we shall in a few months' time find ourselves the possessors of a first-rate ground, with plenty of room for play throughout the whole school, and sufficient space for lovers of lawn tennis to enjoy themselves without interfering with, or being interfered with, by those who are engaged with cricket. The extent of the ground will be about seven acres, and the advantage which this will afford for obtaining good courses for the long races in the Athletic Sports, is obvious to all. There ought to be nothing to prevent us from shewing as good time in our races, or from producing as good an eleven as any public school in England. Hitherto the Lower School has been obliged to accept whatever ground could be spared by the members of the first and second elevens; in future they will be able to cultivate their cricketing powers with equal advantages as regards quantity and quality of ground with their seniors. The possession of such a ground may fairly justify us in prophesying as good success in cricket, as we have already won in football, and we may justly expect that many who love the game, but have not extraordinary natural powers of excelling in it, will gladly embrace the opportunities of improving themselves, and will probably find that they are worth more than they have thought they were. In short, we feel sure that next summer, every single boy will be conscious of a very decided addition to his previous enjoyment, in consequence of the additions and alterations which are now going on.

But whether the whole design is carried out at present, or whether it shall be left to posterity to complete, and therefore fully enjoy it, must depend, to a great extent, upon the immediate liberality and action of the school.

The estimate, which has been prepared by the Contractor, amounts to no less than £305 14s., towards which, however, it is possible that Keble College may contribute £80 19s., in return for the surplus soil which they need for enlarging their ground. Subscriptions have been already invited, and the result is, from one point of view, successful, *i.e.*, about £30 have been paid in by 22 members of the school. We cordially thank these active co-operators for their liberality, and invite all to follow their example. We think that we may fairly expect, that when the list of subscribers is closed, not one single name will be wanting. All will, no doubt, feel that they ought to subscribe towards a work which will be of undoubted benefit to each individual, and to the school as a body. But it may be said—and with justice—that the burden of a work like this ought not to fall entirely upon the present generation, but ought to be borne to some extent by those who will succeed. And we grant this, and the cricket club has already arranged to borrow £100 at 5 per cent., and to repay the capital with interest in the course of a few years. We want, and we confidently expect to receive, at least, £100 more, *i.e.* we want an average of £1 subscription from every boy, and we do not doubt that this will be readily and cordially subscribed. Those who can afford to do so, will, no doubt, follow the good example which has been set them, and give more than £1, and thus prevent the cricket club from being crippled in its resources. After the Christmas holidays, the question must be settled in proportion to the way in which our appeal is responded to, whether the work shall, or shall not, be carried out in its entirety this year.

THE REVEREND H.A. DALTON
THE SCHOOL'S THIRD HEADMASTER 1877- 1883.
A KEEN CRICKETER, HE BOTH COACHED AND PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
F. W. Terry	1333	382	72	5 22-72
A. C. Dornford.....	520	132	22	6.
P. Hutchinson	1130	382	55	6 52-55

Terry bowled 18 wides, Hutchinson 3 wides.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Total Runs.	Innings.	Not Out Innings.	Average
E. G. Wynyard	304	15	2	20 4-15.
H. S. Gill	43	5	—	8 3-5.
A. C. Dornford	64	12	3	5 4-12.
W. R. W. Tyler.....	76	15	1	5 1-15.
F. W. Terry	86	17	—	5 1-17.
C. E. O. Wilkinson ...	38	12	2	3 2-12.
P. Hutchinson	40	14	1	2 12-14

Of those who did not gain their colours
H. Fawcett made 49 in 9 innings (2 not out).
S. A. Stradling made 35 in 6 innings (5 not out).
W. Gibbes made 21 in 9 innings (1 not out).
V. Packe made 15 in 7 innings.
A. P. Troughton made 3 in 4 innings (2 not out).

EDWARD WYNYARD SCORES 88 AGAINST MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL - JUST BEATING HIS RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR

FRANCIS TERRY TAKES 72 WICKETS IN THE SEASON AT A COST OF 5 RUNS EACH

WYNDHAM TYLER CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS SIXTH IN THE SIDE (A RECORD) STARTING AT 12 YEARS OF AGE.

Cricket XI 1879

L-R BACK ROW	V. Packe, A.C. Dornford, W.T. Gibbes, A. MacBean, H.S.D. Gill, S.A. Stradling
L-R SEATED	F.W. Terry, E.G. Wynyard (Captain), P. Hutchinson
L-R ON GROUND	F.H. Gibbes

Fixture List
Played 19 Won 15 Drawn 3 Lost 1

v Exeter 'Non Descripts' XI - won by 67 runs
(Home)
v Hertford College - won by 43 runs
(Away)
v Oriel College - won by 209 runs
(Home)
v The Queen's College - won by 145 runs
(Home)
v University College - won by 86 runs
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - won by 47 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Forget-Me-Nots XI - won by 25 runs
(Home)
v Isonians C.C. - won by 20 runs
(Away)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v J. Marsham's XI - won by 69 runs
(Home)
v North Oxford C.C. - lost by 2 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Reading School - won by an innings & 166 runs
(Away)
v St. Paul's Sch, Stony Strat'd - won by 211 runs
(Home)
v North Oxford C.C. - won by 37 runs
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - won by 40 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Military College - won by 9 runs
(Away)

THE ELEVEN.

The first XI. for this year with the individual characters, and the bowling and batting averages are as follows :—

**E. G. Wynyard*, Captain. By far the best all round cricketer that has ever been at St. Edward's. Unsurpassed as a bat; very fine field with a sharp return; a good slow bowler breaking both ways. Owing to his excellent management the XI. have experienced a far more successful season than they could possibly have hoped for, and mainly through his exertions cricket throughout the school has materially improved.

**F. W. Terry*. A very fast and difficult bowler, on his day quite unplayable. As a bat always likely to score heavily, drives and hits to leg exceedingly well and has a strong defence. Has kept wicket in first rate form throughout the season. Should be the mainstay of the XI. next year.

**P. Hutchinson*. Has very much improved in every department of the game; a very straight bowler with a difficult break from the off, is seldom hit. A very safe and pretty bat especially strong on the off side, but does not hit with his bat quite straight. Fine field with quick return, and safe catch.

**A. C. Dornford*. Has fallen off in batting. At the beginning of the season promised well as a bowler but has fallen short of the expectations formed of him. Slow in the field.

**H. S. D. Gill*. A very steady bat, greatly improved since last year. Long-stops splendidly. Very safe catch.

H. Fawcett. Fields well at long leg and long off and always throws magnificently. A very hard hitter but not always to be depended on for runs. Most useful change bowler with difficult break from leg.

S. A. Stradling. Always gets his runs in good form, seldom makes a mistake, promises to make a very good bat next season. Very smart and active in the field, picks up and returns well. An accident has prevented him from playing the latter part of the season, when his loss was much felt.

W. T. Gibbes. Bats in very promising form and has shown on trying occasions both nerve and steadiness, has also plenty of hit but is rather inclined to put the ball up when playing forward. Has fielded most brilliantly at point throughout the season.

A. MacBean. His batting has been consistently steady throughout the season. Always does his best, but is rather slow in the field at times.

V. Packe. A most promising bat and has played some very good innings though rather deficient in nerve. Has fielded excellently throughout the season.

F. H. Gibbes. Hits well but lacks defence. Brilliant field, very safe catch.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkt.	W.	N-b.	Av'ge.
E. G. Wynyard	498	34	184	34	0	1	5.453
P. Hutchinson	1371	92	460	80	2	2	5.8
H. Fawcett ...	288	15	125	22	6	0	5.954
A. C. Dornford	734	48	278	43	9	0	6.677
F. W. Terry ...	1478	139	473	65	55	0	8.123

It will be seen by the above that Wynyard carries off both the average bat and ball, a feat never before accomplished here.

EDWARD WYNYARD (LATER FIRST OSE TO WIN INTERNATIONAL CAP) CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HE HEADS BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES SCORING 773 RUNS WITH A HIGHEST SCORE OF 95 - HE MAKES SEVEN FIFTIES IN TOTAL AND TAKES 34 WICKETS FOR 184 RUNS

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST READING SCHOOL AND THE OXFORD CITY C.C.

THE BOWLING ATTACK IS PARTICULARLY STRONG WITH WYNYARD'S CONTRIBUTION ALSO PHILIP HUTCHINSON'S 80 WICKETS (FOR 6 RUNS AVERAGE),AND FRANCIS TERRY 65 WICKETS (FOR 8 RUNS AVERAGE)

BARKER THE PROFESSIONAL WAS PRAISED FOR HIS 'UNFLAGGING IN THE GROUND, AND HAS WORKED THE ELEVEN WELL'

PHILIP HUTCHINSON LATER PLAYS TWO TESTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ENGLAND IN 1889

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	No. of Matches.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
E. G. Wynyard	18	20	2	773	95	98	$42\frac{17}{18}$
F. W. Terry ...	19	22	1	578	88	88	$27\frac{11}{21}$
P. Hutchinson	19	21	0	218	39	67	$10\frac{8}{21}$
H. S. D. Gill...	18	20	1	165	24	24	$8\frac{13}{19}$
S. A. Stradling	11	12	2	81	17	17	$8\frac{1}{10}$
H. Fawcett ...	19	21	3	127	36*	36	$7\frac{1}{18}$
W. T. Gibbes	17	17	2	89	16	21	$5\frac{14}{15}$
A. MacBean ...	17	17	0	96	26	26	$5\frac{11}{17}$
F. H. Gibbes...	16	17	5	66	17	17	$5\frac{1}{2}$
A. C. Dornford	17	18	0	86	24	24	$4\frac{7}{9}$
V. Packe	18	18	4	66	30*	30	$4\frac{6}{7}$

Cricket XI 1880

L-R BACK ROW	C.S. KNIGHT, F.H. GIBBES, F.J. LECHMERE, R.T. PRIOLEAU. J.A.L. SUTTON, C.H. WEST, V. PACKE
L-R SEATED	P. HUTCHINSON, F.W. TERRY (CAPTAIN), H.S.D. GILL
L-R ON GROUND	W.T. GIBBES

Fixture List
Played 19 Won 10 Drawn 2 Lost 7

V THURSTON'S XI - LOST NO RECORD SURVIVES
(HOME)
V HERTFORD COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
V KEBLE COLLEGE - LOST BY 53 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE - LOST BY 27 RUNS
(HOME)
V BALLIOL COLLEGE - WON BY 101 RUNS
(HOME)
V EXETER 'NON DS' XI - WON BY AN INNINGS & 4 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. EDMUND HALL - WON BY 5 RUNS
(HOME)
V BICESTER C.C. - LOST BY 15 RUNS
(HOME)
V ORIEL COLLEGE - LOST BY 88 RUNS
(HOME)
V WADHAM COLLEGE - WON BY 106 RUNS
(HOME)
V WORCESTER COLLEGE - LOST BY 6 RUNS
(HOME)
V G.R.H. COLLIS'S XI - WON BY AN INNINGS & 72 RUNS
(HOME)
V CORPUS CHRISTI COL - WON BY AN INNINGS & 14 RUNS
(HOME)
V ST. PAUL'S SCH, STONY STRATFORD - WON BY 81 RUNS
(AWAY)
V OXFORD MILITARY COLLEGE - WON BY 38 RUNS
(AWAY)
V MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL - WON BY 62 RUNS
(AWAY)
V J. MARSHAM'S XI - WON BY 61 RUNS
(HOME)
V NORTH OXFORD C.C. - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V NORTH OXFORD C.C. - LOST BY 40 RUNS
(AWAY)

BOWLING AVERAGES FOR 1880.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Wides.	No-Balls.	Runs per Wkt.
P. Hutchinson...	454	152	829	118	2	1	7.05
J. A. Sutton.....	112.1	23	296	44	1	2	6.79
F. W. Terry ...	211.3	61	373	38	20	0	10.34
W. T. Gibbes ...	107.2	16	255	29	1	0	8.79

BATTING AVERAGES FOR 1880.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
F. W. Terry ...	22	29	635	63*	5	26.45
P. Hutchinson	22	25	251	62	2	11.82
H. S. Gill	15	16	235	94*	1	15.8
W. T. Gibbes...	22	24	128	34	1	5.3
V. Packe	22	25	331	41	1	13.2
F. H. Gibbes ...	22	24	150	40	3	7.42
J. A. Sutton ...	17	17	106	21	1	6.58
F. J. Lechmere	22	29	348	43	5	14.08
C. H. West ...	22	21	108	33*	6	7.2
R. T. Prioleau	10	10	34	12	2	4.25
C. J. Knight ...	20	19	63	16*	3	3.93

* Not out.

PHILIP HUTCHINSON TAKES AN ALL TIME SCHOOL RECORD OF 118 WICKETS IN ONE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 7 RUNS FOR EACH

EDWARD WYNYARD (OSE) NOW PLAYING FOR THE MILITARY COLLEGE, OXFORD DISMISSED FIRST BALL VERSUS THE SCHOOL XI!

St. Edward's School

Cricket Club.

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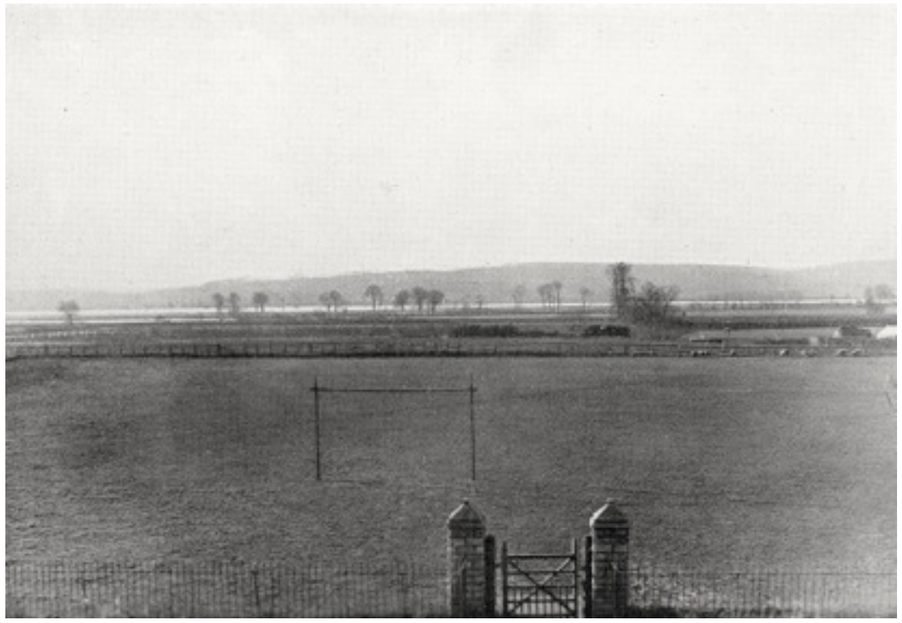
THE 'KEBLE FIELDS' CIRCA 1879. PICTURE TAKEN FROM THE LODGE



The Past Cricket Season.

WE often, in common with many other people, wonder what there is in Cricket to provoke the enthusiasm of all kinds of people, of all ages, and in all classes of life. Sitting, as we did, squeezed and crowded, hot and very uncomfortable, in the front row of the crowd at Lord's Ground when the Oxford and Cambridge match was being played, we wondered more than ever. Many men there were Cricketers, many were University men, but an enormous number were clearly neither: and yet not only did they enjoy it, but they metaphorically hugged to themselves their favourites, and in some strange way claimed the triumphs of the players as their own. An enthusiastic light-blue partizan near us was full of the most intense admiration for the Hon. Ivo Bligh. Refusing to see any merit in Fowler's big leg hits he ceaselessly shouted "*Look* at Ivo! look at his legs! he'll stop it!" and so he usually did. We do not think we mean that the enthusiasm for Cricket in the School is very great, as indeed it ought to be, and we often have a select and critical ring of admirers outside the school. We can hardly compare them to the ring of spectators at Lord's, but they are decidedly enthusiastic for us, and rejoice in our victories. We think most of them find employment (when not watching our matches) in the neighbouring brickfields. We think that we have given our friends some very fair Cricket to look at. Let us take the position of a spectator, and give our impressions of the season now past.

Our first impression is, that to take the number of matches lost and won is not a fair test of our strength by itself. We wish our eleven as it is could play the eleven as it was the first month. If it were possible to play in this way a literal "Past *v.* Present," we confidently affirm that the Past would not be in the game at all. The improvement in individual members of the game has been marvellous. We would be even bold enough to say that our present eleven would beat our last year's celebrated and victorious team, and for this reason: we have not the batting of Wynyard it is true, who is gone to gain fresh glory in his county's behalf: but however much we feel his loss, we have this great element of strength—an eleven which is good throughout. Until we are all out, we are still dangerous: our sting is often in our tail—a position naturally fitted for it. Last year, if two or three wickets were down, it was hopeless. This year it is different. West at Bicester and F. H. Gibbes against Magdalen School, are only examples of the pluck with which our eleven has always played. The next feature of the season we notice is the bowling of Hutchinson, which is far above the average. His analysis in the matches against Mr. Collis' eleven, Magdalen School, and Stony Stratford is remarkably good. We fear we are egotistical, and also dull. But our excuse is that we are writing for Cricketers, past, present, and to come; and to cricketers, all cricket is interesting.

We must next notice Terry's fine batting, good bowling, and judicious management, and although it is difficult to make selections where all have improved so much, we cannot but congratulate Lechmere, W. Gibbes, and F. H. Gibbes on their success with the bat, while Sutton has proved a useful bowler. The fielding, though not faultless, has been very fair: Terry at the wicket, and V. Packe and W. Gibbes perhaps call for special mention. On the whole, we have every reason to be satisfied with our success: we have had some very good and very pleasant matches; the ground has been very good, the weather tolerable, and the eleven has worked harmoniously and kept well together. The Pavilion (for which we owe the Warden our best thanks), has been very convenient; while much of our success is owing to the efforts of our professional, Barker. We take leave of the Summer Term with regret and with pleasure. With regret because we own to a preference for Summer over Winter, with pleasure, because we hope all to enjoy our holidays, and we are conscious that at least in Cricket, we have increased our reputation, and satisfied ourselves and our friends. We have seen with great satisfaction the care the authorities have taken of the junior and middle divisions. There is plenty of material for the future. We daily see the efforts and successes of our future representatives, and to judge from present appearances, we may feel sure that the future Cricket of St. Edward's will add fresh laurels to the victories of the past.

Cricket XI 1881

L-R P.S. Irwin, R.W.C. Hunt, V. Packe, J.A.L. Sutton, C.S. Knight, H.S.D. Gill (Captain), H.E.D. Hammond, E.W.L. Stradling, F.H. Gibbes, R.T. Prioleau, E.H. Packe

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 11

v Lincoln College - lost by 110 runs
(Home)
v Worcester College - lost by 81 runs
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - lost by 33 runs
(Away)
v Jesus College - won by 52 runs
(Home)
v H.W.R. Bencraft's XI - lost by 188 runs
(Home)
v The Queen's College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Magdalen College - won by 108 runs
(Away)
v Oxford Military College - lost by 48 runs
(Away)
v Keble College - won by 1 run
(Away)
v Wadham College - lost by 78 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 98 runs
(Home)
v St. Paul's Sch stony stratf'd - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v North Oxford C.C. - lost by 150 runs
(Away)
v Deddington C.C. - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Deddington C.C. - lost by 10 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - match drawn
(Away)

HENRY GILL CAPTAINS THE SCHOOL XI, HIS FIFTH YEAR IN THE SIDE

RUSSELL BENCRAFT BRINGS A STRONG SCRATCH XI INCLUDING THE TWO CURRENT OXFORD UNIVERSITY FAST BOWLERS TO FACE THE SCHOOL AND WIN EASILY - BENCRAFT MAKES 86 NOT OUT

EDWARD STRADLING (THE YOUNGER) TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 8 RUNS VERSUS DEDDINGTON C.C.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST DEDDINGTON C.C.

F.G.G. JELLICOE, EARLY SCHOOL CRICKET COACH 1881-90, ALSO LAST TEACHER TO ACTUALLY PLAY IN THE XI

To the Editor of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIR,

I enclose the account of our Cricket Match with Magdalen College School which appeared in their chronicle *The Lily*. I think that as this has been an annual match for some years and as it has always provoked considerable interest on both sides, that we have a right to expect to see, not only the full score, but also such an account of the whole match as always appears in our *Chronicle*. This is not the first slight, I may say insult that we have received at their hands, nor have we yet forgotten how they published an account of our Football Match with them in *The Field*, when it had been distinctly agreed that no account of this match should appear in any newspapers until a disputed point had been settled, and how grossly incorrect that account was. We have, I think, put up with as much as we can well be expected to endure and have tried to avoid a quarrel but I think it is about time we ceased to have any further dealings with them, and my opinion is shared by a large majority of the school.

[Extract from *The Lily*, vol. II., No. 12, p. 60.]

"The School *v.* St. Edward's School.—Played at Summertown on June 18th. Score, M.C.S. 55 (R. Hitchings 17, C. J. Godfrey 10); St. Edward's 173 for seven wickets (H. Gill 38, C. H. Sutton 37)."

I am, dear Sir, truly yours,

QUOUSQUE TANDEM.

Cricket XI 1882

L-R BACK ROW	R.W.C. Hunt, H.R. Webb-Ware, L.N. Gibbes, P.S. Lamb, W.J. Ogden, H.M. Ingledew, L.C. Wilkinson
L-R SEATED	E.W.L. Stradling, R.T. Prioleau (Captain), P.S. Irwin
L-R ON GROUND	G.B. Kerr

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 3 Drawn 0 Lost 7

v Lincoln College - lost by 109 runs
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - won by 49 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 1 run
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - lost by 54 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - lost by 37 runs
(Home)
v Worcester College - won by 3 runs
(Home)
v Deddington C.C. - lost by 10 wickets
(Away)
v Leamington College - lost by 33 runs
(Away)
v St. Paul's Sch, Stony Stratford - lost by 85 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 142 runs
(Away)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE

FRANCIS TERRY (OSE) LATER PLAYS COUNTY CRICKET FOR SOMERSET (1885) AND CAPTAINS THE CANADIAN CRICKET TEAM

A NEW CRICKET PROFESSIONAL BY THE NAME OF HUTCHINSON HIRED - A 'REMARKABLY STEADY BOWLER WHOSE PRIORITY IS NET PRACTICE'

St. Edward's School,

Oxford.

1882.

Captain
R. T. PRIOLEAU.
Hon. Sec.
L. C. WILKINSON.

EARLY CRICKET ON THE "KEBLE FIELDS' IN THE 1880S

THE XI. OF 1882.

**R. T. Prioleau.* Has filled the responsible office of Captain with judgment. A pretty but unlucky bat, has not come up to last year's expectations. Played well at the beginning of the season. A moderate field; is persevering at the wicket.

**E. W. Stradling.* Has bowled through the whole season extremely well. Combines a good pitch with a fair break from the off. As a bat lacks determination in defence. At times fields well, though uncertain.

**P. S. Irwin.* Bats in a style peculiar to himself, would do well to remedy the fault of being too eager to make big hits; though at times his hitting has been extremely useful. Has longstopped very steadily and well throughout the season.

R. W. C. Hunt. A very variable and uncertain bat; punishes loose bowling severely, but lacks nerve and patience in defence. Slow in the field.

W. J. Ogden. Bats well at times, with good defence, wanting in judgment. Smart field with good return. Sure catch.

H. W. Ware. A rather disappointing bat, hits hard, but is very uncertain; a brilliant point and sure catch in the long field. A very good change bowler on a wet wicket.

L. C. Wilkinson. A stiff but straight bat; shews great patience in defence; should learn to judge his runs. Weak in the field.

G. B. Kerr. A fair and promising bat, has greatly improved, plays well on the off, but has a poor defence. A very fair cover point, and sure catch.

P. S. Lamb. Bats with great perseverance. Owes his place to his good fielding at long leg. Safe catch.

L. N. Gibbes. Bowled well at the beginning of the season, but has fallen off. A poor bat with no signs of improvement; would do well to exert himself more in the field.

H. M. Ingledew. A fair slow bowler on his day. His batting is very uncertain and weak, and wanting in determination. A sleepy field.

Cricket XI 1883

L-R BACK ROW	P. Fielding, E.W.T.L. Brewer-Williams, H.H. Morrell, P.S. Lamb, H.M. Ingledew
L-R SEATED	W.J. Ogden, R.W.C. Hunt (Captain), H.R. Webb-Ware
L-R ON GROUND	H. Packe, A.M. de Labat, G.B. Kerr

Fixture List

Played 11 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 8 Abandoned 1

v Highgate Wan's - lost by an innings and 13 runs
(Away)
v University College - lost by 89 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 42 runs
(Away)
v Jesus College - lost by 38 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 48 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 106 runs
(Away)
v Trinity College, Stratford - won by 3 runs
(Home)
v Deddington C.C. - abandoned due to rain
(Away)
v Leamington College - lost by 205 runs
(Home)
v Deddington C.C. - lost by 74 runs
(Away)
v Lord Jersey's XI - match drawn
(Home)

THE LAST SEASON IN WHICH A MEMBER OF THE COMMON ROOM (F.G.G. JELLICOE - A FORMER OXFORD BLUE) IS INCLUDED IN THE XI

FREDERICK JELLICOE (CR) TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 49 RUNS FOR THE SCHOOL VERSUS THE HIGHGATE WANDERERS C.C.

To the Editor of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIR,

It was with much regret that I noticed last year that the part of the pavilion set apart for the use of the two Junior Divisions was converted into a receptacle for broken nets, poles, and old canvas screens. The consequence was that the Middle and Junior Divisions were obliged to keep their bats in the Senior part of the pavilion, thereby causing much inconvenience to those privileged to use it. Hoping that this may meet with the attention of the Captain of Cricket,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

THE FIRST OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND CRICKET XI 1894

ANDREW DE LABAT (O.S.E.) IS SHOWN ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE ON THE GROUND. HE WOULD PLAY FOR THE SIDE UNTIL 1897

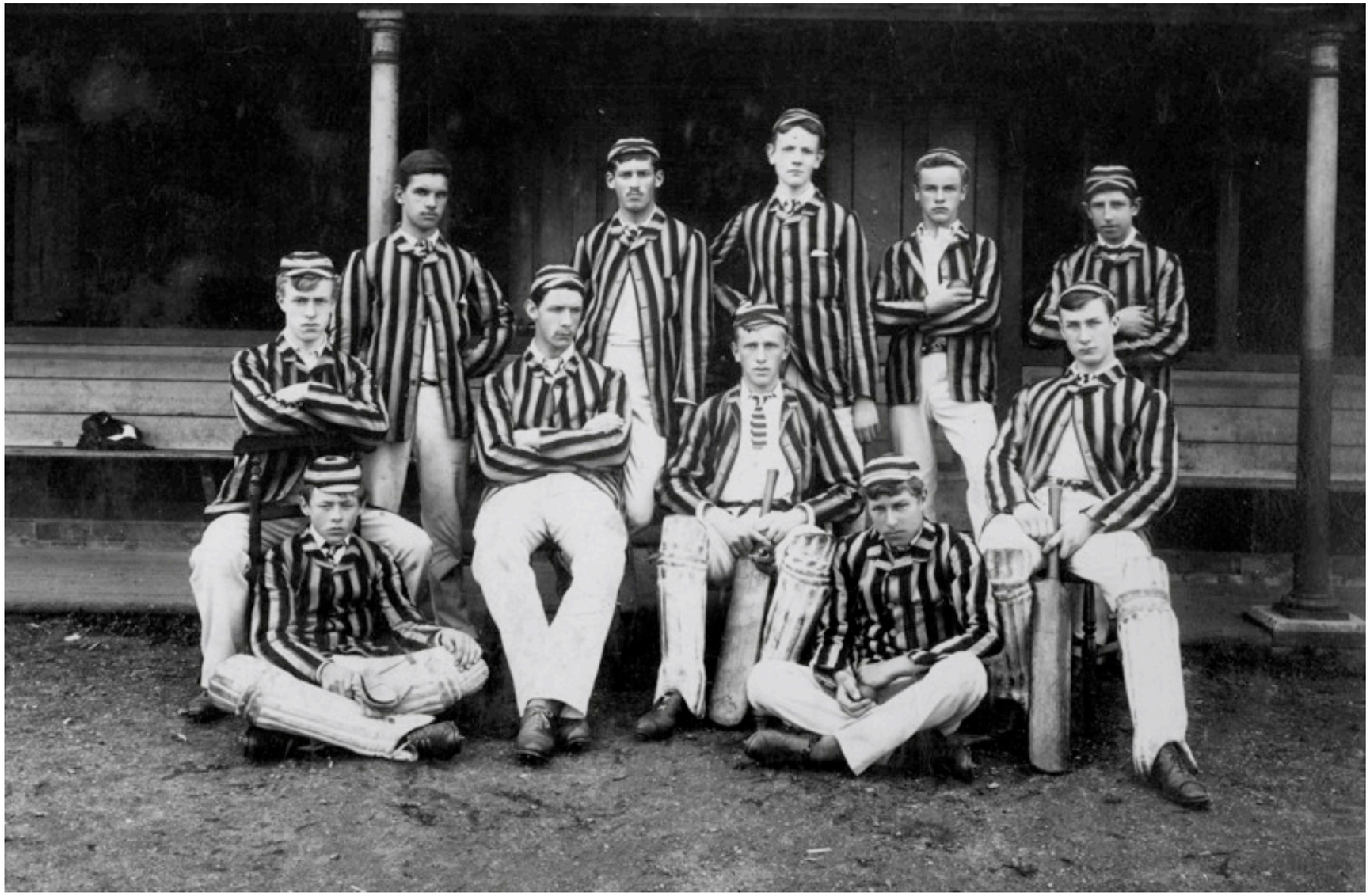
BOWLING AVERAGES 1883.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Wides.	No-Balls.	Runs per Wkt.
A. M. Labat	150.1	34	381	28	1	0	$13\frac{17}{28}$
H. M. Ingledew	75	8	200	13	0	2	$15\frac{5}{13}$
H. Packe	29	6	77	4	0	0	$19\frac{1}{4}$
R. W. C. Hunt	14	3	45	2	0	0	$22\frac{1}{2}$
W. J. Ogden...	16	0	46	2	0	1	23
E. Ll. Brewer	7	1	24	1	0	0	24
H. R. W. Ware	33	2	106	4	1	0	$26\frac{1}{2}$

Wilkinson and Frampton also bowled for the XI., the former bowling 16.1 overs, 0 maidens, 6 wickets, 69 runs; and the latter 4 overs, 0 maidens, 7 runs, 0 wickets.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
R. W. C. Hunt	11	15	156	49	0	$10\frac{8}{5}$
W. J. Ogden...	11	15	55	13	1	$3\frac{13}{14}$
H. R. W. Ware	11	14	82	13	0	$5\frac{6}{7}$
G. B. Kerr ...	10	14	189	83†	2	$15\frac{3}{4}$



Cricket XI 1884

L-R BACK ROW	H.M. Ingledew, H.H. Morrell, E.W.T.L. Brewer-Williams, A.M. de Labat, P. Fielding
L-R SEATED	H. Packe, H.R. Webb-Ware, R.T. Prioleau (Captain), G.B. Kerr
L-R ON GROUND	K.H. Marsham, W.J. Frampton

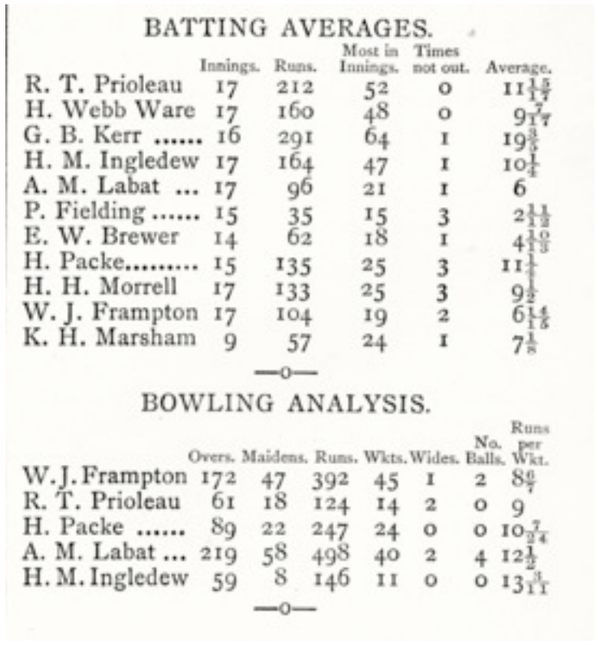
Fixture List
Played 13 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 5

v W.B. Hawkin's XI - lost by 29 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - lost by 26 runs
(Home)
v Old Shirburnians - won by 33 runs
(Away)
v Jesus College - lost by 96 runs
(Home)
v H.D.S. Gill's XI - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Wadham College - won by 2 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v University College - lost by 73 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v Oxford Military College - won by 35 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 42 runs
(Away)
v Leamington College - won by 9 runs
(Home)
v Lord Jersey's XI - won by 46 runs
(Away)

RICHARD PRIOLEAU CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE SIDE

FIRST MATCH AGAINST LORD JERSEY'S XI, LATER NAMED 'MIDDLETON PARK' , A FIXTURE WHICH SURVIVED UNTIL THE GREAT WAR

RICHARD PRIOLEAU COACHED THE SIDE AS WELL AS MANY OTHER DUTIES, SINCE BEING TAKEN ONTO THE SCHOOL STAFF



BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
R. T. Prioleau	17	212	52	0	11 15/17
H. Webb Ware	17	160	48	0	9 7/17
G. B. Kerr	16	291	64	1	19 3/5
H. M. Ingledew	17	164	47	1	10 1/4
A. M. Labat ...	17	96	21	1	6
P. Fielding	15	35	15	3	2 1/12
E. W. Brewer	14	62	18	1	4 10/13
H. Packe.....	15	135	25	3	11 1/2
H. H. Morrell	17	133	25	3	9 1/2
W. J. Frampton	17	104	19	2	6 14/15
K. H. Marsham	9	57	24	1	7 1/8

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Wides.	No. Balls.	Runs per Wkt.
W. J. Frampton	172	47	392	45	1	2	8 8/9
R. T. Prioleau	61	18	124	14	2	0	9
H. Packe	89	22	247	24	0	0	10 7/24
A. M. Labat ...	219	58	498	40	2	4	12 1/2
H. M. Ingledew	59	8	146	11	0	0	13 3/11

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HUGH INGLEDEW, A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET TEAM 1892-4, WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL'S RUGBY XV. HE WOULD BE THE FIRST O.S.E. TO GAIN AN INTERNATIONAL RUGBY CAP FOR WALES IN 1890. HIS CLUB WAS CARDIFF

EDMUND BREWER-WILLIAMS WHO PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1883-1884. LATER DONATED THE BREWER-WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE SCHOOL

Cricket XI 1885

L-R BACK ROW K.H. Marsham, W.J. Frampton, W.J. Marsham, H.S. Nicholl

L-R SEATED A.M. de Labat, C.L'E de B de Labat, G.B. Kerr (captain), H. Packe, H.T. Kerr

L-R ON GROUND A.A. MacNab, L.M. Crofts

Both De Labat brothers would play for New Zealand in the 1890s. Walter Marsham represented the Gentlemen of India versus England in 1911

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 5

v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v University College - lost by 17 runs
(Home)
v Old Marlburians - won by 15 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - lost by 23 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 49 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - won by 180 runs
(Home)
v St. Mary's Hall - won by 124 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 24 runs
(Away)
v Bradfield School - won by 20 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v Leamington College- lost by 124 runs
(Away)
v Lord Jersey's XI - lost by 55 runs
(Away)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE - WON BY 20 RUNS AT BRADFIELD. CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 12 RUNS IN SECOND INNINGS

THE FIRST OSE CRICKET CLUB FORMED - WINNING THE FIRST FIXTURE VERSUS CULHAM BY ONE RUN

CRICKET.

Hurrah ! for the coming summer !
Hurrah ! for the bat and the ball !
Cricket ! who loves not cricket ?
We answer at once, one and all.

Cricket ! we all love cricket,
As every good cricketer ought.
Hurrah ! for the season's cricket,
The regular true summer's sport.

R.A.C.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

**G. B. Kerr* (20). Has proved himself a most energetic and painstaking captain; the result has been a satisfactory season; is a good steady bat, with great hitting powers. An excellent field and shews considerable promise as a wicket-keep.

**A. M. Labat* ($14\frac{9}{14}$). Bowled admirably throughout the season, and was also successful with the bat, but is too fond of cutting at straight balls. Active and ubiquitous in the field.

**H. Packe* ($20\frac{1}{8}$). Has been invaluable to the eleven this season, generally making runs when wanted; has a good eye and not being troubled with nerves can hit most bowlers; a capital field and good change bowler.

* Honour Sash.

W. J. Frampton ($4\frac{4}{13}$). Was not so successful with the ball as last year, and has not made much advance with the bat, though he has got runs on occasions and can hit well to leg. Is a good field and a capital thrower.

K. H. Marsham ($8\frac{2}{3}$). Though improved, has hardly come up to expectation; is a neat and steady bat with some good fancy strokes, but plays too much off his balance and does not keep in his ground. Fields better than he did.

A. A. Macnab ($10\frac{2}{3}$). Plays with a good straight bat and has proved useful for breaking the bowling, but lacks power and is inclined to force his forward play, especially against slows. Is a fair field.

C. E. Labat ($17\frac{10}{11}$). Came on wonderfully as a cricketer; has been uniformly successful in getting runs, and is a good field and change bowler.

W. J. Marsham ($17\frac{9}{14}$). A most useful member of the team; a decidedly promising bat; hits well on the off-side, but has a weak defence on the leg-stump, playing back too near the wicket. A good field and catch.

H. S. Nicholl ($6\frac{1}{13}$). At the beginning of the season played steadily and with a straight bat, but fell off toward the end, having developed a tendency to hit across at straight balls. Has a good idea of fielding at point.

L. M. Crofts (16). Plays most patiently, with a very straight bat, and shews great promise; must cultivate back play and try and be more agile in the field.

H. T. Kerr ($7\frac{5}{8}$). Has adopted a cautious style in batting and ought to turn it to good account, but must learn to play more in his ground.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	No. of Inn.	Times not out.	Most in Inn.	Average
G. B. Kerr	240	12	3	54	20.
A. M. Labat.....	205	14	1	58	$14\frac{9}{14}$
H. Packe	242	12	1	39	$20\frac{1}{8}$.
W. J. Frampton	56	13	0	20	$4\frac{4}{13}$
K. H. Marsham	130	15	0	24	$8\frac{2}{3}$.
A. A. Macnab ...	128	12	3	34	$10\frac{2}{3}$.

	Runs.	No. of Inn.	Times not out.	Most in Inn.	Average.
C. E. Labat.....	197	13	2	43	$17\frac{10}{11}$.
W. J. Marsham	247	15	1	57	$17\frac{9}{14}$.
H. S. Nicholl ...	79	14	1	20	$6\frac{1}{13}$.
L. M. Crofts ...	16	3	2	16*	16.
H. T. Kerr	61	8	0	20	$7\frac{5}{8}$.

Cricket XI 1886

L-R BACK ROW	H.M. Johnson, A.D. Clarke, W.J. Marsham, R. Conner
L-R SEATED	A.M. de Labat, H.S. Nicholl, K.H. Marsham (Captain), C.L'E de B de Labat, H.T. Kerr
L-R ON GROUND	G.C. Higgs, R.E. Neale

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 5

v University College - match drawn
(Home)
v Marcian C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Jesus College - won by 38 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 85 runs
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - won by an innings & 81 runs
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - lost by 4 runs
(Home)
v Leamington College - won by 143 runs
(Home)
v W.B. Hawkin's XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v H. Packe's XI - won by 64 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 32 runs
(Away)
v Leigh Pemberton's XI - won by 164 runs
(Home)
v Lord Jersey's XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Streatham C.C. - won by 63 runs
(Home)

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	No. of Inn.	Times not out.	Most. in Inn.	Aver.
K. H. Marsham	216	13	0	54	$16\frac{8}{13}$
*A. M. Labat ...	336	13	1	89	28
C. E. Labat ...	130	13	0	29	10
W. J. Marsham	127	13	1	53	$10\frac{7}{12}$
H. S. Nicholl ...	49	12	0	12	$4\frac{1}{12}$
H. T. Kerr	94	13	0	32	$7\frac{3}{13}$
A. D. Clarke ...	147	12	1	34†	$13\frac{4}{11}$
H. M. Johnson	114	11	1	19	$11\frac{2}{5}$
R. Conner	79	10	2	22	$9\frac{7}{8}$
R. Neale	48	9	1	13	6
G. C. Higgs ...	24	9	0	9	$2\frac{2}{3}$

* Average Bat. † Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
*A. M. Labat ...	289	96	538	59	$9\frac{7}{59}$
C. E. Labat ...	227	58	513	43	$11\frac{40}{43}$
W. J. Marsham	96	30	179	10	$17\frac{9}{10}$
K. H. Marsham	25	5	54	4	$13\frac{1}{2}$
H. T. Kerr	27	2	88	5	$17\frac{3}{5}$

* Average Ball.

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

As cricket is now in full swing and two matches, up to time of writing, have already been played, I would take this opportunity of making one or two suggestions which may commend themselves to the notice of the eleven.

There may be a general impression that we have not started the season in a very brilliant fashion. Personally, though I feel that we ought to have done much better, I think there is some excuse to be made for our ill-success so far. It cannot be denied that a slough of despond does not afford much encouragement to any one for practising upon, be he batsman or bowler, veteran or novice: hence we have been placed at a disadvantage to start with, while on the other hand the 'Varsity have had all the advantage of the fine weather and were able to get into trim before the rains and tempests set in. Therefore I would say "nil desperandum"; the season is yet young and we have plenty of time before us and ten matches or so to win: what we want is a little fine weather, as it is impossible to practise properly when the ball pops up and stares you in the face.

Since fortune has only favoured us with one innings so far it would be unfair to criticise the batting. I believe that batting talent does exist in the eleven and that more may be unearthed yet: suffice it to say for the present that playing forward at short balls is not a safe course to pursue on a slow wicket, and that the old adage still holds good, "take care of your wicket and the runs will take care of themselves." If our batsmen could learn to play in a match as they often play at the nets we might score many a win yet.

Now for the bowling: this ought to be our strong point but I have no hesitation in saying that it has not been up to the mark so far; it is not easy of course to bowl on a sloppy wicket with a slippery ball, but at any rate it is not difficult to keep a good length, the most difficult consummation to realize under the said disadvantageous conditions being accuracy of direction. In a word the bowling has been terribly *short*: now this defect must be remedied, because short-pitched bowling is not only the easiest ot all bowling to hit but also gives the batsman plenty of opportunity of getting his eye in. Therefore I say it is better to over-pitch than to pitch short; you may by this means achieve a lucky yorker or two, and, on a sticky wicket especially, over-pitched bowling is more likely to produce catches.

Next as to fielding: in this department I don't think we need have anything to fear: all the old members of the team shew decided promise in this respect and there is no reason why two or three should not turn out really brilliant.

The Australians have taught English teams how a good fielding side can work wonders and win many a hard-fought match. One member of the eleven sets an excellent example which those especially who are trying to gain their colours would do well to follow. When not bowling he is ready to field anywhere, is active and energetic and always plays the game, can throw a mile when required and even keep wicket when occasion demands. Now this is the kind of spirit which must pervade every good team; the object is to win matches, not to get the best batting or bowling average. Let the bowlers or captain see that the field is properly set and if necessary changed about before each ball is delivered if the batsmen happen to change ends, when one of them is a hitter and the other not. The importance of this latter point cannot be over-estimated. It is one of the most characteristic features of first-class cricket, and if this is the case, how much more ought a school eleven, which presumably is aiming at a high standard, endeavour to imitate the example set by those who excel in the game and yet are always trying to learn something fresh? I would also again urge the absolute necessity of the deep fields standing out far enough and that when there is a boundary, say at long-leg, the fieldsman if he is supposed to be long-leg must stand back to it to save the four and not the single; it also occurred to me the other day while watching one of the matches that the running between wickets was not good: always run the first run hard if there is the slightest chance of getting a second: it bustles the field and may produce an overthrow. Then again at the nets, coach one another; any one who has been coached knows the golden rules of batting and it is easy enough to see how a ball ought to be played though it isn't always so easy to do it.

By the time this appears in print something probably will have been done to carry into effect one or two other proposals I wish to make. More must be done this year to bring out our younger cricketers; we have to think now of next year and the year after: a bowler they say "nascitur, non fit": it is not so with batsmen. Given a new net, then, I would suggest (1) that 30 boys if possible should have the benefit of net practice and coaching. (2) That Monday afternoons be devoted to coaching 15 boys who are not playing in the senior game. (3) That the professional always be on the spot to bowl, the senior game to provide their own umpires. (4) That the captain or one or more members of the old eleven be also present if no one of the masters is able to put in an appearance. (5) That the process might be repeated when possible on another afternoon in the week. (6) That two middle division games a week is an ample allowance. (7) That the play in the middle division games be watched by some one in authority. (8) That a slow bowler be unearthed for the eleven and one for the second eleven. (9) That a side be made up occasionally in which those who have got their colours stand out. (10) That all left-hand bowlers practise vigorously. (11) That no one bowl in practice without cricket shoes. (12) That the eleven bowlers do not bowl before dinner on match days.

In wishing the eleven all success for the season I will only add that, considering we have this year a card of fixtures which many a large school would envy, it is only right and courteous to our opponents, many of whom will come from long distances, that we make it our earnest endeavour to work ourselves up to their standard, and if we cannot win, at any rate to give them as much sport as possible.

I remain, faithfully yours,

F. G. G. JELLICOE.

May 31st, 1886.

THE TWO DE LABAT BROTHERS TAKE 102 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM, BOWLING 77% OF THE TOTAL OVERS

WALTER MARSHAM (OSE) PLAYING FOR ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE AGAINST THE XI TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 4 RUNS INCLUDING A 'HAT TRICK' IN A WIN OVER THE SCHOOL BY 4 RUNS

ANDREW DE LABAT SCORES 89 THEN TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 34 RUNS IN AN EASY VICTORY OVER LEAMINGTON COLLEGE, HE THEN TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 45 RUNS VERSUS W.B. HAWKIN'S XI. PLAYING IN A THIRD MATCH IN 4 DAYS. HE TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 49 RUNS AGAINST H. PACKE'S XI

AGAINST THE OSE XI DE LABAT TAKES 8 WICKETS IN THE FIRST INNINGS THEN IN THE SECOND DONS THE WICKET KEEPER'S GLOVES AND ACHIEVES TWO STUMPINGS!

AS WELL AS WALTER MARSHAM, HIS BROTHER KEITH ALSO IN THE SIDE - IN ALL THERE WERE FOUR MARSHAM BROTHERS WHO, IN THEIR TIME, ALL PLAYED FOR THE SCHOOL XI

BETWEEN 1886 AND 1896 FIVE NEALE BROTHERS PLAYED CRICKET FOR THE SCHOOL

Cricket XI 1887

L-R BACK ROW	R.E. Neale, G.C. Higgs, A.D. Clarke, A.H. Douglas, E.W. Page
L-R SEATED	C.L'E de B de Labat, A.M. de Labat (Captain), H.S. Nicholl
L-R ON GROUND	E.H. Wilgress, C.M.C. Marsham, W.P. Webb-Ware

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 8 Drawn 2 Lost 6

v L.V. Lester's XI - won by 63 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - lost by 93 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 70 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 113 runs
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - won by 27 runs
(Home)
v The Earl of Dalkeith's XI - lost by 11 runs
(Home)
v Jesus College - won by 60 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. won by 90 runs
(Away)
v F.G.G. Jellicoe's XI - lost by 12 runs
(Away)
v E.R. Hawkin's XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's School, Windsor - won by 35 runs
(Away)
v Leamington College - won by 25 runs
(Away)
v E.R. Hawkin's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Lord Jersey's XI - won by 103 runs
(Home)
v Leigh Pemberton's XI - won by an inns & 16 runs
(Home)

ANDREW DE LABAT APPOINTED CAPTAIN IN HIS FIFTH YEAR IN THE XI - HE MAKES 308 RUNS AND TAKES 77 WICKETS IN THE SEASON INCLUDING 8 FOR 25 VERSUS F.B. HAWKIN'S XI

VERSUS ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD THE DE LABAT BROTHERS TAKE ALL THE WICKETS FOR THE SCHOOL - BUT STILL LOSE THE MATCH

THE TWO DE LABAT BROTHERS RIP THROUGH THE ST. MARK'S SCHOOL WINDSOR SIDE TAKING 8 WICKETS FOR 27 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

REPORTS OF XI.

**A. M. Labat.* As captain may fairly congratulate himself on the season's results, which are in a great measure due to his excellent all-round cricket and indomitable energy. Has bowled better than ever; his batting, though uncertain at times, has been invaluable; while as a field he has set an example which the younger members of the team would do well to follow.

**C. E. Labat.* Has much improved as a bat. Plays steadily, with good defence and hitting power; as a bowler has become more erratic though successful at times. Good in the field.

**H. S. Nicholl.* A good run-getting bat, with great hitting powers, though rather unsteady at times. An excellent point.

A. D. Clarke. Has hardly come up to expectation; should learn to play back more, and not trust so much to his forward play. Lacks energy in the field.

**R. E. Neale.* A good straight bat, with excellent cutting and driving powers. Always makes runs when most required. Has improved greatly in the field.

G. C. Higgs. Has vastly improved as a bowler. A steady bat, with good defence. An excellent cover-point, with good return.

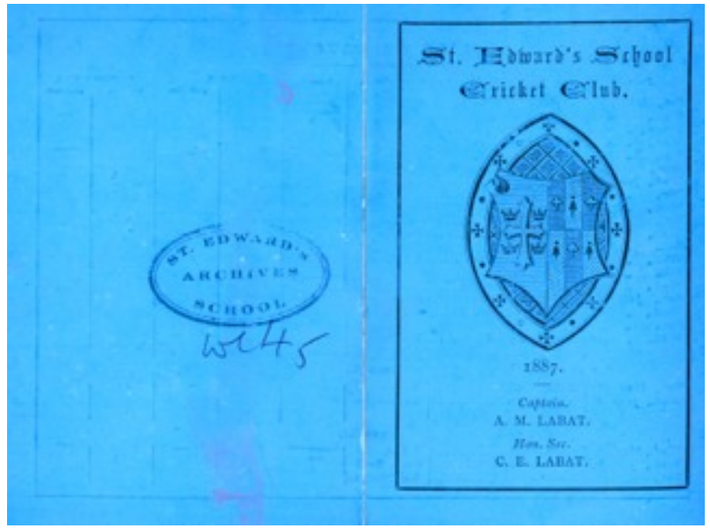
E. W. Page. Showed great promise at the beginning of the season, but seems to have lost all idea of playing steadily to the on side. An uncertain field: should use both hands more.

A. H. Douglas. Bats in a style peculiar to himself, though he generally manages to get a few runs. Has kept wicket fairly, though clumsy at times.

E. H. Wilgress. Plays with a straight bat, and will be useful next year, if he will learn to stand up to leg-balls aud use his wrists more; should exert himself more in the field.

W. W. Ware. A steady bat, but lacks strength, especially in cutting. Fair field, would do well to attend more to the game.

C. M. C. Marsham. An uncertain bat; should learn to play steadier and hit less. Ought to be of use as bowler in time. A sleepy field.



BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Most in innings.	Runs.	Average.
A. M. Labat	18	0	59	308	17 1-9.
C. E. Labat	16	0	48	225	14 1-16.
*H. S. Nicholl	18	2	78	417	26 1-16.
A. D. Clarke	18	1	22	154	9 1.17.
R. E. Neale	17	0	66	228	13 7-17.
G. C. Higgs	14	1	27	99	7 8-13.
E. W. Page	19	2	33	99	5 14-17.
A. H. Douglas	16	4	17	111	9 1-4.
E. H. Wilgress	6	0	13	32	5 1-3.
W. Ware	14	3	18	75	6 9-11.
C. M. Marsham	14	6	15	56	7.

*Average bat.

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

*A. M. Labat, 311 overs, 1573 balls, 110 maidens, 1 wide, 1 no ball, 533 runs, 77 wickets—Average 6 71-77.

G. C. Higgs 248 overs, 1254 balls, 36 maidens, 0 wide 1 no ball, 588 runs, 47 wickets—Average 13 24-47.

* Average ball.

C. E. Labat, 156 overs, 790 balls, 30 maidens, 16 wide, 1 no ball, 350 runs, 26 wickets—Average 14 8-13.

C. Marsham, 54 overs, 273 balls, 12 maidens, 0 wide, 1 no ball, 142 runs, 9 wickets—Average 15 7-9.

N.B.—The following have bowled for the team:—

Lea 5 wickets for 32 runs.
Clarke 3 wickets for 18 runs.
Miller 1 wicket for 17 runs.

Cricket XI 1888

L-R BACK ROW	C.H. Lea, W.P. Webb-Ware, E.H. Wilgress, C.M.C. Marsham, E.W. Page
L-R SEATED	G.T. Miller, C.L'E de B de Labat (Captain), G.H. Brooks
L-R ON GROUND	H.S. Nicholl, B.S. Miller, J.H.B. Mace

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 7 Drawn 3 Lost 6

v A.D. Clarke's XI - won by 112 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - won by 54 runs
(Home)
v Lord George Scott's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 3 runs
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by an innings & 16 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 22 runs
(Home)
v L.V. Lester's XI - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v W.D. Llwelwyn's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - won by 17 runs
(Away)
v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Leamington College - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Jesus College - lost by 29 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 22 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v North Oxford C.C. - won by 87 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's School, Windsor - won by 2 runs
(Away)

CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE SIDE

CLEMENT LEA TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 30 RUNS INCLUDING A 'HAT TRICK' IN THE WIN VERSUS A.D. CLARKE'S XI - DURING THE SEASON HE BOWLS 208 OVERS AND TAKES 54 WICKETS FOR 465 RUNS

HENRY NICHOLL SCORES THE FIRST EVER CENTURY FOR THE SCHOOL XI - 102 VERSUS W.D. LLEWELYN'S XI, THE MATCH IS DRAWN

JOHN MACE TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 18 RUNS VERSUS ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.

EDWARD WILGRESS TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 17 RUNS AGAINST WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD IN A DRAWN MATCH

EDWARD WILGRESS AND JOHN MACE TAKE 9 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE BUT STILL LOSE OUT AS THE SCHOOL XI ARE ALL OUT FOR 11 IN THEIR FIRST INNINGS!

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. Innings.	Times not out.	No. Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
C. E. Labat ..	19	2	216	37*	12 12-17.
†H. S. Nicholl	18	1	262	102	15 7-17.
E. W. Page....	19	1	153	27	8 1-4.
E. H. Wilgress	18	2	139	27	9 5-16.
W. Webb-Ware	19	2	163	24	10 3-16.
C. Marsham ..	16	1	83	20	5 1-3.
G. H. Brooks ..	18	0	227	58	12 11-18.
J. B. Mace	17	2	159	23	10 3-5.
C. H. Lea	14	5	38	8	4 2-9.
B. S. Miller....	14	3	125	32*	11 4-11.
G. T. Miller ..	8	1	32	11	4 7-9.

†Average bat. * Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

*C. H. Lea, 208 overs, 1056 balls, 0 wide, 2 no balls, 465 runs, 55 maidens, 54 wickets—Average 8 35-54.

E. H. Wilgress, 52 overs, 269 balls, 2 wides, 0 no ball, 120 runs, 12 maidens, 14 wickets—Average 8 5-7.

J. B. Mace, 159 overs, 796 balls, 0 wide, 0 no ball, 381 runs, 36 maidens, 29 wickets—Average 13 4-29.

W. Webb-Ware, 56 overs, 280 balls, 4 wides, 0 no ball, 137 runs, 12 maidens, 9 wickets—Average 15 2-3.

C. Marsham, 72 overs, 360 balls, 0 wide, 0 no ball, 193 runs, 8 maidens, 9 wickets—Average 21 4-9.

C. E. Labat, 161 overs, 806 balls, 9 wides, 0 no ball, 464 runs, 27 maidens, 16 wickets—Average 29 9-16.

THE THREE MARSHAM BROTHERS - ALL OF WHOM PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI. LEFT KEITH MARSHAM (1884-1886 CAPTAIN IN 1886), CENTER CYRIL MARSHAM (1887-1888) AND RIGHT WALTER (1885-1886)

Rules of the O.S.E. Cricket and Football Club.

1. That the name of the Club be "The Old St. Edward's Cricket and Football Club."
2. That the number of members be unlimited.
3. That the affairs of the Club be a conducted by a President, an Honorary Treasurer and Secretary, and a Committee consisting of these officers and four members. Three members of Committee, one of whom shall be an officer, to form a 'quorum.'
4. That the President be the Warden.
5. That the Secretary and Treasurer and Members of the Committee be elected annually, at a general meeting to be held in Oxford, at the end of the University Summer Term.
6. That the Masters be "ex-officio" members.
7. That the election of members devolve upon the Committee alone, who shall also choose a captain for cricket and football at the beginning of each season.
8. That every candidate for admission to the Club send in his name to the Honorary Secretary previous to his leaving the School.

RICHARD PRIOLEAU, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1880-1882 CAPTAINING IN 1892. HE TAUGHT AT THE SCHOOL 1888-90 AND ALSO COACHED THE XI

THE O.S.E. CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB.

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

It has been brought to my notice that there are certain doubts in the School as to the objects, and even as to the existence, of the above Club. I think if you will kindly find space for this letter, and the Rules (a copy of which I enclose), any possible misconceptions will be removed. The Club was originally started some four years ago, with the object of keeping together Old Boys, chiefly at Oxford, by means of cricket and football teams. For a time this object was carried on with a fair amount of success, but when the original promoters went down, and no one came forward to take their places, our appearances in public as a club ceased. It is owing probably to this fact that members of the School have begun to think that the O.S.E. colours may be worn by any Old Boy. This idea is, of course, erroneous, as the Club still exists, and its colours are private property, the only title to them being membership, according to the Rules. I do not think it will be necessary for me to say anything more, as the Rules themselves very clearly show all that could be said on the subject. I may add that very strong efforts will be made to have a football team in the field next term, and I would remind all present members of the School, especially those who are just going up to the 'Varsity, that the future success or failure of the Club lies in their hands, as it is impossible for those who have gone down to give it very active support.

I am, Sirs,
Yours truly,
R. T. PRIOLEAU.

Cricket XI 1889

L-R BACK ROW	H.C. Brooke Johnson, T.H. Page, J.R. Neale, A.E. Buchanan, M. Wade-Smith, N.P. King
L-R SEATED	W.P. Webb-Ware, E.H. Wilgress (Captain), J.H.B. Mace
L-R ON GROUND	C.O. Brutton, C.P.F. Bartholomew

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 5 Drawn 3 Lost 7

v A.D. Clarke's XI - lost by 33 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 97 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 63 runs
(Away)
v Jesus College - won by 56 runs
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 21 runs
(Home)
v L.V. Lester's XI - lost by 25 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Catherine's College - match drawn
(Home)
v A.C. Adair's XI - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v University College - lost by 40 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's School, Windsor - won by 79 runs
(Home)
v J. Marsham's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Leamington College - lost by 51 runs
(Away)
v North Oxford C.C. - won by 9 runs
(Home)

Correspondence.

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To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

There are one or two points in connection with the school cricket this term on which I should like to make a few remarks. There is no doubt that we are placed at an unusual disadvantage to start with: we expect, of course, at the end of a season to lose many of our veterans, but we do not expect to lose our recruits: now the latter in 1888 were an exceptionally promising lot: only one remains to us for 1889: hence it is obvious that we have got our work cut out for us if we are going to turn out a team in any way equal to those of the last two years. Now I have no hesitation in saying that we have not begun well. There is a certain section of the community whom nature has endowed with either a total indifference to the game or a superabundance of wit and humour. During the first week of term the net practice was selected by them as an excellent opportunity for the display of these unusual gifts: the natural result followed: the whole thing degenerated into a farce. The same spirit has existed in the school before now: only then it was the spirit of the majority: some five or six years back I had occasion to indulge in a tirade on this subject in the School Chronicle. There was then a set of boys who simply ruined the cricket for two seasons by their inane performances at net practice and in matches. It was considered a remarkable achievement for the School to get 30 runs in an innings, and the attitude assumed by their friends in the pavilion was as facetious and sympathetic as that of our rustic gallery on the other side of the palings. Now I do not wish to imply that we are in such a case now, as we are fortunate in living in better times. I merely wish to point out the danger that exists if the slack, the frivolous and the indifferent are allowed to have full play. They must be weeded out; they never will be missed as they only hinder progress. There is plenty of patriotism in the majority to stem the torrent and prevent the contagion from spreading. I take it we look on ourselves as a public school and I conclude we wish to be courteous to our opponents: we shall be neither, if practice is regarded as a bore, and failure as a joke. One or two field practices will very soon show who's worth anything.

Since the above was written, I am glad to notice that steps have been taken in the right direction, though plenty more remains to be done.

At present there are only two bats in the school, but there is plenty of material to work upon and competition is sure to develope more: something unexpected always crops up: rumours of a century in a junior game have reached me: may it lead to many more—against bowling outside the school.

At present nearly every one will play out of his ground or swipe blindly at all balls on the leg stump regardless of pitch, pace and everything else. Anybody can play out to a ball fairly well up: the thing to learn is to smother a ball on the "blind spot" without moving the right leg. All other details can only be learnt at the nets: preaching in print is useless.

But even if the batting fails, which I don't think ought to be the case, what a lot can be done with good bowling and fielding! Now I think that a great point ought to be made of the practice before dinner. Only those should be allowed to bowl then who have reached a certain standard or who are, so to speak, on trial. It is then as a rule that the best bats should have their practice so that they may get the best bowling opposed to them. The bowlers can have their turn with the willow on certain afternoons, though far be it from me to imply that bowlers need not and cannot learn to bat as well: the latter art is mainly a matter of good eyesight, and nowadays the all round cricketer is preferred everywhere: and while I am on this point *do* let us see everybody in flannels when possible, *minus* coats (even beautiful blazers) and *plus* cricket shoes.

We *must* also have a wicket-keep. One is being tried and has gained a lovely black eye in the cause of honour and glory: let us hope he will not be daunted by this mishap: some one at any rate must aspire to fill this all-essential post with credit and renown, not forgetting that he must learn to bat as well.

Field practices are a *sine qud non*: they bring out the keen and expose the useless as I remarked above.

The practice of hitting up catches is an excellent one: it is a regular institution at Winchester where they are not too proud to take any amount of pains to improve their fielding.

Lastly a word to the small boys:—when your names are put down for a net, whether to bat or bowl, remember it is to see what you are worth, and some one in authority is always, or ought to be always, watching your performances. Esteem it an honour and come down in flannels and shoes.

I think it is certainly a matter for congratulation that the competition for places in the eleven, whether as bats or bowlers, is likely to be excessively keen. There is a fine opportunity for the latter, as I cannot see that anyone is very much better than another: there are about half a dozen boys all much of a muchness, one or two quite young: these must be well coached at the net practice before dinner as they are by no means wanting in promise and only want to be shewn the tricks of the trade.

Given then five bats, three all-round cricketers, two bowlers and a wicket-keep, I think we may make a fair show this season: we have an excellent list of fixtures, one or two being such as any school might be proud of. Let us prove then that we *are* a public school by showing public school spirit both in practice and matches.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

F. G. G. JELLICOE.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	No balls.	Wides.	Runs.	Wkts.	Ovs.	Mdns.	Av.
W. Webb-Ware	11	12	392	53	238	77	$7\frac{21}{53}$
C. O. Brutton...	3	1	270	30	147.2	36	9
J. H. Page	12	1	398	35	161.1	18	$11\frac{13}{35}$
E. H. Wilgress	0	0	105	6	46	18	$17\frac{1}{2}$
M. Wade-Smith	1	1	98	4	46	11	$24\frac{1}{2}$
J. B. Mace	0	0	165	5	67	11	33
J. R. Neale	0	0	7	0	4	2	
N. P. King	0	0	11	0	5	0	
The following also bowled for the XI.—							
C. E. Newton...	6	1	201	16	95	26	$12\frac{9}{16}$
H. J. Bartholomew	0	0	24	3	13	2	8
E. G. Read.....	9	0	18	0	9	2	

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL ARCHIVES

FIRST CRICKET CUP COMPETED FOR BY THE TUTORIAL SETS - PRESENTED BY THE OSE AND COMMON ROOM JOINTLY

WALTER WEBB-WARE TAKES 53 WICKETS AND SCORES 392 RUNS DURING THE SEASON INCLUDING 7 WICKETS FOR 25 RUNS VERSUS KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD. HE TAKES A FURTHER 12 WICKETS FOR 54 RUNS IN A TWO INNINGS MATCH VERSUS LEAMINGTON COLLEGE WHICH IS LOST BY 50 RUNS

Cricket XI 1890

L-R BACK ROW C.P.H. Bartholomew, A.C. Adair, J.N. Hughes, A.E. Buchanan, C.O. Brutton

L-R SEATED M. Wade-Smith, E.H. Wilgress (Captain), T.H. Page

L-R ON GROUND E.G. Read, W.G.P. Wright, J.F. Foulkes

Ernest Read would later play county cricket for Hampshire in 1893 and 1903 and then for Sussex in 1904. Thomas Page would also play county cricket for Hampshire in 1900

Fixture List
Played 11 Won 4 Drawn 1 Lost 6

v Jesus College - lost by 80 runs
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 131 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 161 runs
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - won by 132 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - lost by 36 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 30 runs
(Home)
v Leamington College - won by 79 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's School, Windsor - match drawn
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 62 runs
(Home)

EDWARD WILGRESS CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE SIDE (TWICE AS CAPTAIN)

CYRIL BRUTTON TAKES 14 WICKETS IN THE FIRST TWO MATCHES OF THE SEASON FOR A TOTAL OF 51 RUNS AGAINST JESUS AND PEMBROKE COLLEGES, THE FIRST DRAWN THE SECOND WON. AGAINST ST. EDMUND HALL HE TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 32 RUNS IN AN EASY VICTORY. DURING THE SEASON HE TAKES A TOTAL OF 52 WICKETS FOR 8 RUNS EACH

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
E. H. Wilgress ...	12	0	59	142	$11\frac{5}{6}$
M. Wade-Smith ...	10	0	42	108	$10\frac{4}{5}$
T. H. Page	10	1	18*	40	$4\frac{4}{9}$
A. E. Buchanan ...	13	0	55	120	$9\frac{3}{13}$
C. O. Brutton	10	0	48	169	$16\frac{9}{10}$
C. P. Bartholomew	12	1	30	113	$9\frac{5}{12}$
G. Wright	12	4	28*	137	$17\frac{1}{8}$
A. C. Adair	10	0	59	158	$15\frac{4}{5}$
J. N. Hughes	10	4	25*	78	13
E. G. Read	11	1	34	106	$10\frac{3}{5}$
J. Foulkes	10	1	19	40	$4\frac{4}{9}$

* Signifies "not out."

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Wides.	No Balls.	Runs.	Wkts.	Overs.	Mdns.	Average.
C. O. Brutton	0	12	438	52	210·1	58	$8\frac{17}{26}$
T. H. Page ...	0	0	306	30	138	32	$10\frac{1}{5}$
E. H. Wilgress	0	0	110	10	50	19	11
J. N. Hughes	1	0	164	11	60	8	15
M. Wade-Smith	0	0	167	8	58	11	$20\frac{7}{8}$
E. G. Read ...	0	0	104	5	43	9	$20\frac{4}{5}$

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

In your last number a letter appeared with reference to the junior games at St. Edward's, but the writer did not endeavour to make any suggestions which might help to improve them. This I shall try to do. The junior games are supposed to be begun at 4.15 on whole school days and 2.15 on half-holidays when there is no match. As the gymnasium classes are in the afternoon, it is impossible to expect every one to turn up at the appointed time, and as it is especially important, at this critical time of the school's year for every boy to be well grounded in the rudiments of cricket, might I ask the Warden if the gymnasium classes which interfere very much with cricket can be held between 12 and 1 instead of the afternoon? This will of course cut out the 12 o'clock bathing, but is it not better to forego the opportunity of bathing then and be content with a bathe after cricket instead of at 12? This arrangement would allow the Captain to choose sides from nearly the whole school and cause him less trouble than he has had this term. It would also be a capital thing if some member of the XI. always superintended the junior games and gave the fellows (many of whom are very promising in every respect) a little coaching in batting, bowling, and fielding. This would cause some little trouble to the coach, but I am sure we should soon see a great improvement in their play if this was done. Fielding is a great thing for a cricketer to learn, as a good field may stop a batsman from running in case the ball is thrown in sharply, and besides, there is nothing prettier than seeing a clean field. Also if our matches were in future limited to one a week, it would enable the cricket throughout the School to be more thoroughly practised.

Next year, although many of our XI. are leaving, the cricket ought to be fairly good, if only great care is taken while practising and no slackness of any sort allowed.

Your last correspondent wrote about the middle games, but my aim is to take them both in one, as the two are generally united.

Hoping that these remarks will not be overlooked by any they may concern,

I remain,

Very faithfully yours,

A MEMBER OF THE XI.

THE ELEVEN.

E. H. Wilgress ($11\frac{5}{6}$). Has again filled the post of Captain satisfactorily: his batting has considerably improved and will probably develope still further: is also a useful change bowler, and understands how to work a field very fairly.

M. Wade-Smith ($10\frac{4}{5}$). Has improved his batting but has hardly fulfilled expectation. Is a good field and safe catch.

T. H. Page ($4\frac{4}{9}$). As a bowler meets with great success on his own wicket. Has not much improved in batting.

A. E. Buchanan ($9\frac{3}{13}$). Has hardly come up to last year's promise. Should hit with more confidence. Slow field.

C. O. Brutton ($16\frac{9}{10}$). Has improved greatly as an all-round cricketer. Has bowled well all through the season. Frequently making runs; good field.

C. P. Bartholomew ($9\frac{5}{12}$). Has a very good idea of cricket, but has not met with much success. Fields well at point.

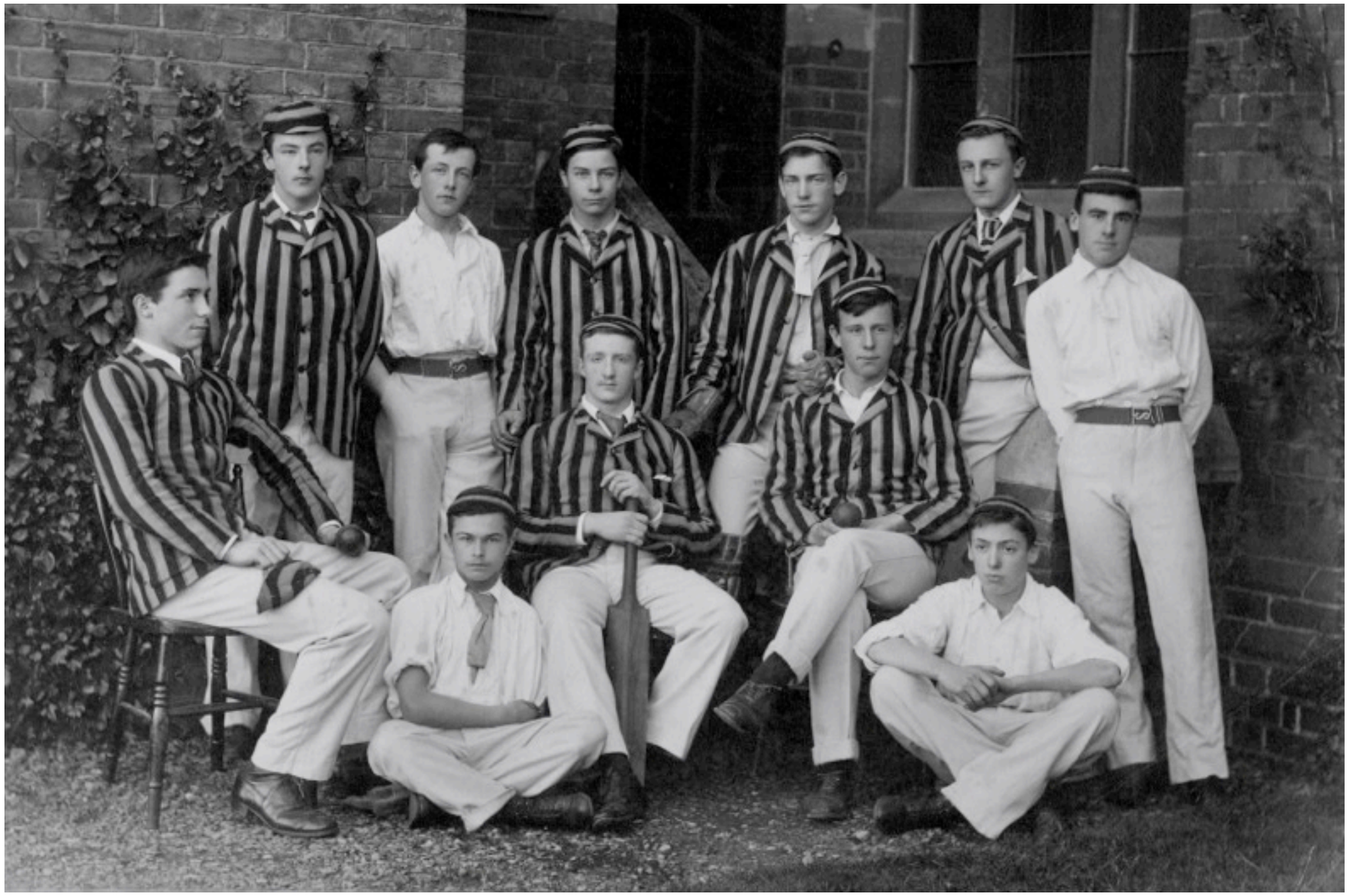
G. Wright ($17\frac{1}{8}$). A hard hitter, frequently making runs. If he learns the art of defence should prove very useful. An erratic bowler and good field.

A. C. Adair ($15\frac{4}{5}$). A useful run-getter, with a style of his own, and fair field.

J. N. Hughes (13). Has improved both in fielding and batting, and would be still better if he would use his wrists and play in a less cramped style.

E. G. Read (5). Has improved in batting during the season. Is a lazy field. His bowling has not met with success. Next year he ought to turn out a good all-round cricketer.

J. Foulkes ($4\frac{4}{9}$). Has fallen off in his batting since the beginning of the season. Has kept wicket with fair success, but must learn to be sharper.



Cricket XI 1891

L-R BACK ROW	N.F. Stallard, E.L. Wheelwright, A.C. Mace, W.P. de W. Kitkat, A.J. Arkwright, H. Hamshaw
L-R SEATED	CO. Brutton, M. Wade-Smith (Captain), E.G. Read
L-R ON GROUND	A.J.M. Bacon, J.W. Neale

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 7 Tied 1

v St. Catherine's College - won by 43 runs
(Home)
v Jesus College - lost by 9 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 77 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - lost by 63 runs
(Home)
v A.C. Adair's XI - match tied
(Home)
v University College - lost by 2 runs
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - lost by 43 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 83 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's Sch, W'r - won by an in'gs & 101 runs
(Home)
v C.G. Stirling's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Leamington Coll - won by an in'gs and 94 runs
(Away)
v North Oxford C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 26 runs
(Away)

FREDERICK READ APPOINTED PROFESSIONAL TO THE SCHOOL XI - A POST HE WOULD HOLD FOR 34 YEARS. RAISED IN SOUTHAMPTON HE HAD PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT THE HYTHE & FAWLEY CRICKET CLUBS

CYRIL BRUTTON TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 15 RUNS AGAINST ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD IN AN EASY WIN. AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE HE TAKES 11 WICKETS OVER TWO INNINGS AN TOPS THE BOWLING AVERAGES AGAIN WITH 76 WICKETS AT A COST OF 5 RUNS EACH

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Aggregate.	Most in an inns.	Average.
M. Wade-Smith	12	1	217	62	$19\frac{8}{11}$
C. O. Brutton ...	16	1	215	74*	$14\frac{1}{3}$
E. G. Read	17	2	192	72	$12\frac{4}{5}$
W. P. Kitcat	16	1	178	36	$11\frac{13}{15}$
E. L. Wheelwright	11	4	71	18	$10\frac{1}{7}$
N. Stallard	11	2	85	24*	$9\frac{4}{5}$
A. J. M. Bacon.....	10	2	60	32	$7\frac{1}{2}$
A. T. Arkwright ...	14	3	78	13*	$7\frac{1}{11}$
A. C. Mace	17	0	96	17	$5\frac{11}{17}$
H. Hamshaw	4	0	17	12	$4\frac{1}{4}$
J. W. Neale	9	2	23	9	$3\frac{3}{7}$

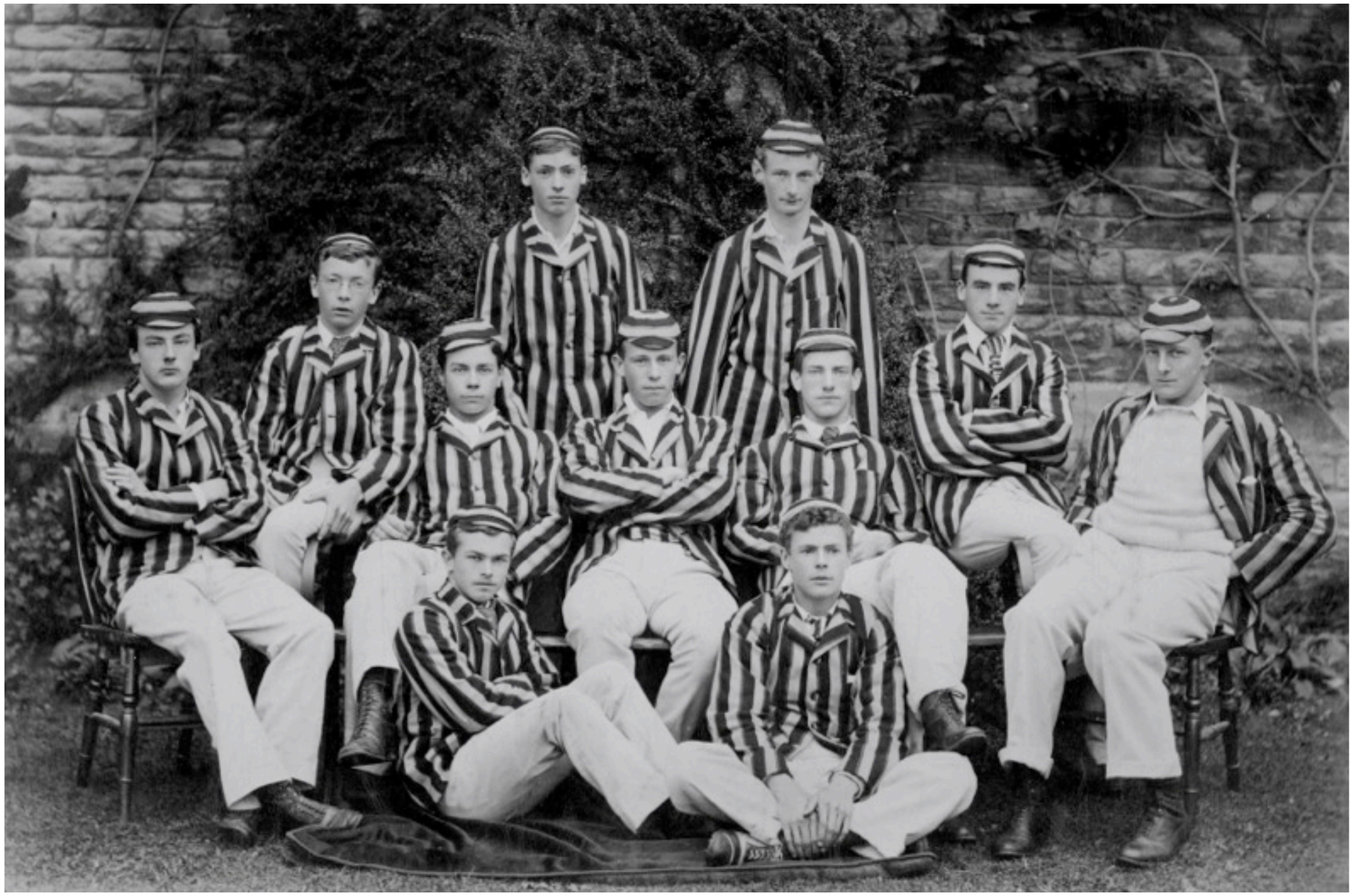
BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.	W.	N.B.
C. O. Brutton	256·3	94	426	76	$5\frac{23}{38}$	2	9
A. C. Mace ...	29·2	10	57	10	$5\frac{7}{10}$	0	0
M. Wade-Smith	9.2	4	16	2	8	0	0
N. Stallard ...	91·2	23	189	22	$8\frac{13}{22}$	0	0
E. G. Read ...	206·2	50	415	37	$11\frac{8}{37}$	0	2

RECORD OF MATCHES.

Won	4
Lost	6
Drawn	2
Tied	1
	13

CRICKET ON THE 'KEBLE FIELDS' IN THE 1890S



Cricket XI 1892

L-R BACK ROW	J.W. NEALE, J.H.F. WILGRESS
L-R SEATED	N.F. STALLARD, A.C. MILLER, A.C. MACE, E.G. READ (CAPTAIN), A.J.M. BACON, W.P. DE W. KITCAT, H. HAMSHAW
L-R ON GROUND	A.J. ARKWRIGHT, R.G.L. HORTON

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 8 Drawn 1 Lost 3

v Common Room XI - won by 28 runs
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 64 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - won by 47 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 71 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 24 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v W.K. Stride's XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v St. Mark's Sch, W'r - won by an innings & 26 runs
(Away)
v Leamington College - won by 69 runs
(Home)
v A.K. Lewis's XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 6 runs
(Away)

ERNEST READ (103 NOT OUT) AND WALTER KITCAT (77) INVOLVED IN AN OVERALL SCHOOL TOTAL OF 238-3 AGAINST A SCRATCH XI - MADE IN TWO HOURS. READ'S CENTURY IS ONLY SECOND IN THE SCHOOL'S CRICKET HISTORY

CHARLES STALLARD TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 10 RUNS AGAINST ST. EDMUND HALL; AGAINST ST. MARK'S SCHOOL, WINDSOR HE TAKES 15 WICKETS FOR 17 RUNS (RECORD) IN A TWO INNINGS MATCH VICTORY

ARTHUR MILLER TAKES 13 WICKETS FOR 60 RUNS AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE IN AN INNINGS VICTORY

AVERAGES OF THE XI.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Inns.	Not out.	Aggregate.	Highest score.	Average.
W. P. Kitcat	11	13	2	317	77	28.9
A. C. Mace	11	11	0	224	41	20.4
E. G. Read (Capt.)..	11	12	1	177	103*	16.1
A. C. Miller.....	11	10	5	76	30*	14.3
R. G. L. Horton....	11	11	1	120	36	12
A. G. Arkwright	11	10	0	115	29	11.5
H. Hamshaw	10	12	1	96	29	8.8
J. W. Neale.....	11	12	1	94	27	8.6
A. N. Stallard.....	11	10	0	76	29	7.6
J. H. F. Wilgress ..	8	8	3	36	11	7.1
A. J. M. Bacon	11	10	1	54	27	6

Kingsford, 3, 2, 1, 6, 5, 6, and Marsham, 2, 2, 0, 6, 5, 3 also played for the team.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Md'ns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
A. N. Stallard	175.2	63	334	48	6.46
E. G. Read	100.1	29	242	29	8.10
R. G. L. Horton	184	64	331	35	9.16
A. C. Miller	47	8	133	7	19

A. C. Mace, 11.2, 1, 37, 4, Av. 9.1, and A. J. Arkwright 1, 0, 6, 1, Av. 6, also bowled for the team.

Cricket Prospects.

THE prospects of the coming season cannot at all events be regarded as gloomy: for we have nine left who played for the team last year. We have indeed lost Wade-Smith and Brutton, the latter of whom we shall especially miss in the bowling department, and the want of the former's hitting powers will also be felt: but still we have with us Read, who takes Wade-Smith's place as captain, and Stallard, and these two ought to prove a formidable pair of bowlers to begin with. Read, as far as we can see, has not lost any of his skill as a bowler, and has already shown great improvement as a bat in the few games we have had, and ought to score considerably in the matches. Stallard has also improved in batting, and is likely to prove a useful man at a critical moment: his bowling was not so good at the beginning of this term as at the end of last season, but he is steadily improving and we hope soon to see him once again at his best. Mace does not seem to have improved much in batting at present, though he has played one good innings: however his fielding at point is as good as ever, and we hope his batting will improve later on. Kitcat plays as determinedly as ever, and ought to be of great service to the team: moreover his wicket-keeping shows some improvement since last year. Arkwright has also improved since last season, being strong on the leg side, and, if he learns to play harder on the off, ought to make runs. Neale, Hamshaw, and Bacon, who played last year but failed to get their colours, ought with careful attention to coaching and keenness in games to get their places in the team. Horton, who also played for the team last year, seems to have improved considerably in batting since he has given up attempting to "slog," and taken to playing more carefully: he might also be of some use as a bowler if he could learn not to bowl too fast, which seems to be the prevalent mania among young bowlers. Among others, who at present show promise in batting, Marsham, Miller and Kingsford are the best of rather a poor lot, and in bowling, Miller alone seems to be really likely to be of use to the team. But it is not only batting and bowling that win a match, a good fieldsman is of great value to his side: and we know from experience a run saved is often a match won. We are sorry to say that the fielding with two or three exceptions is much below the standard it ought to reach: and schools always ought to excel in that department of the game. It is to be hoped that now the matches are coming on the team will show that, although the bowling of their opponents may be too good for them, they can be smart in the field at any rate. In conclusion we hope that all the members of the eleven will back up their captain: if they do this we may confidently look forward to a successful season.

FREDERICK READ THEN THE LONGEST SERVING PROFESSIONAL/GROUNDSMAN IN THE SCHOOL'S CRICKETING HISTORY, 1893-1927

Cricket XI 1893

L-R BACK ROW	W.G. Wade-Smith, F.C.W. Grigson, H.W. Marsham, R.A. Bartholomew
L-R SEATED	J.H.F. Wilgress, R.G.L Horton, E.G. Read (Captain), A.C. Miller, A.B. Kingsford
L-R ON GROUND	R.C.P. Blyth, E.S. Willes

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 8 Drawn 1 Lost 5

v Common Room XI - lost by 90 runs
(Home)
v E.H. Wilgress's XI - lost by an innings & 29 runs
(Home)
v Draconian C.C. - won by 16 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 60 runs
(Home)
v University College - won by 28 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 78 runs
(Home)
v Balliol College - won by an innings & 99 runs
(Home)
v Lord Jersey's XI - lost by 95 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 134 runs
(Away)
v A.K. Lewis's XI - won by an innings & 55 runs
(Home)
v Leamington College - won by 34 runs
(Away)
v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Draconian C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Away)

NEWLY DESIGNED 1ST XI CRICKET CAP (RED AND WHITE VELVET) INTRODUCED

THIS SEASON MARKED THE START OF A SPELL OF GOOD CONSISTENCY UP TO 1900 - THIS YEAR, THERE WERE CENTURIES FOR ARTHUR MILLER AND REGINALD HORTON

BEST SEASON SINCE 1879 - WITH BIGGEST WIN OVER THE MILITARY COLLEGE, OXFORD BY AN INNINGS AND 15 RUNS, WITH HORTON TAKING 10 WICKETS FOR 15 RUNS AND MILLER 9 FOR 18 RUNS

ERNEST READ CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR - IN ALL HIS FOURTH IN THE SIDE

CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT (OSE) TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 37 RUNS FOR THE PAST XI VERSUS THE SCHOOL IN A DRAWN MATCH

ARTHUR MILLER SCORES 84 AGAINST BALLIOL COLLEGE, OXFORD AND TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 27 RUNS AGAINST THE DRACONIAN C.C. IN AN EASY WIN

REGINALD HORTON TAKES 61 WICKETS FOR THE SEASON AT A COST OF 9 RUNS FOR EACH

ARTHUR MILLER WAS ONE OF THE BEST ALL-ROUND SPORTSMEN EVER SEEN AT THE SCHOOL. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI FOR FOUR YEARS, CAPTAINING TWICE. IN HIS CAREER HE SCORED 1390 RUNS AND TOOK 152 WICKETS.

TWO OF HIS THREE TEDDIES BOTHERS ALSO PLAYED FOR THE XI

Correspondence.

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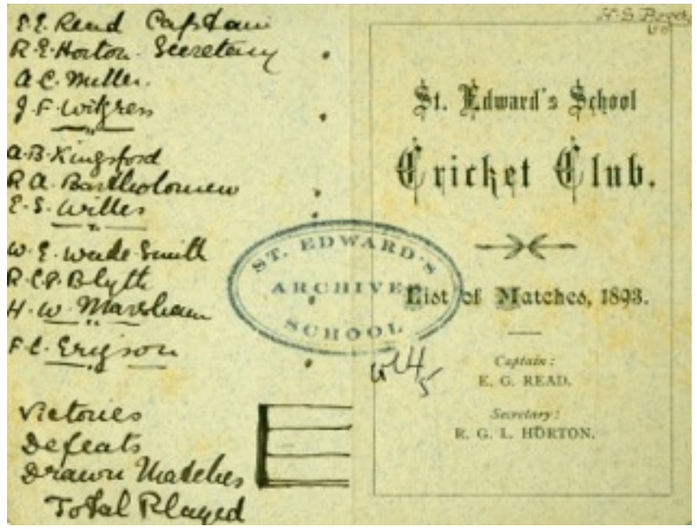
To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

Would it not be an improvement to the appearance of the Cricket Field if the bare flag-staff on the Pavilion were ornamented on match days with a flag of the School Colours, as it formerly used to be? The cost would not be very great. Moreover it would make the match look of far greater importance, instead of looking like an ordinary game. I sincerely hope that my proposal will be carried out by next term, as a flag would look very well at Football Matches.

Yours truly,

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.



BATTING AVERAGES.

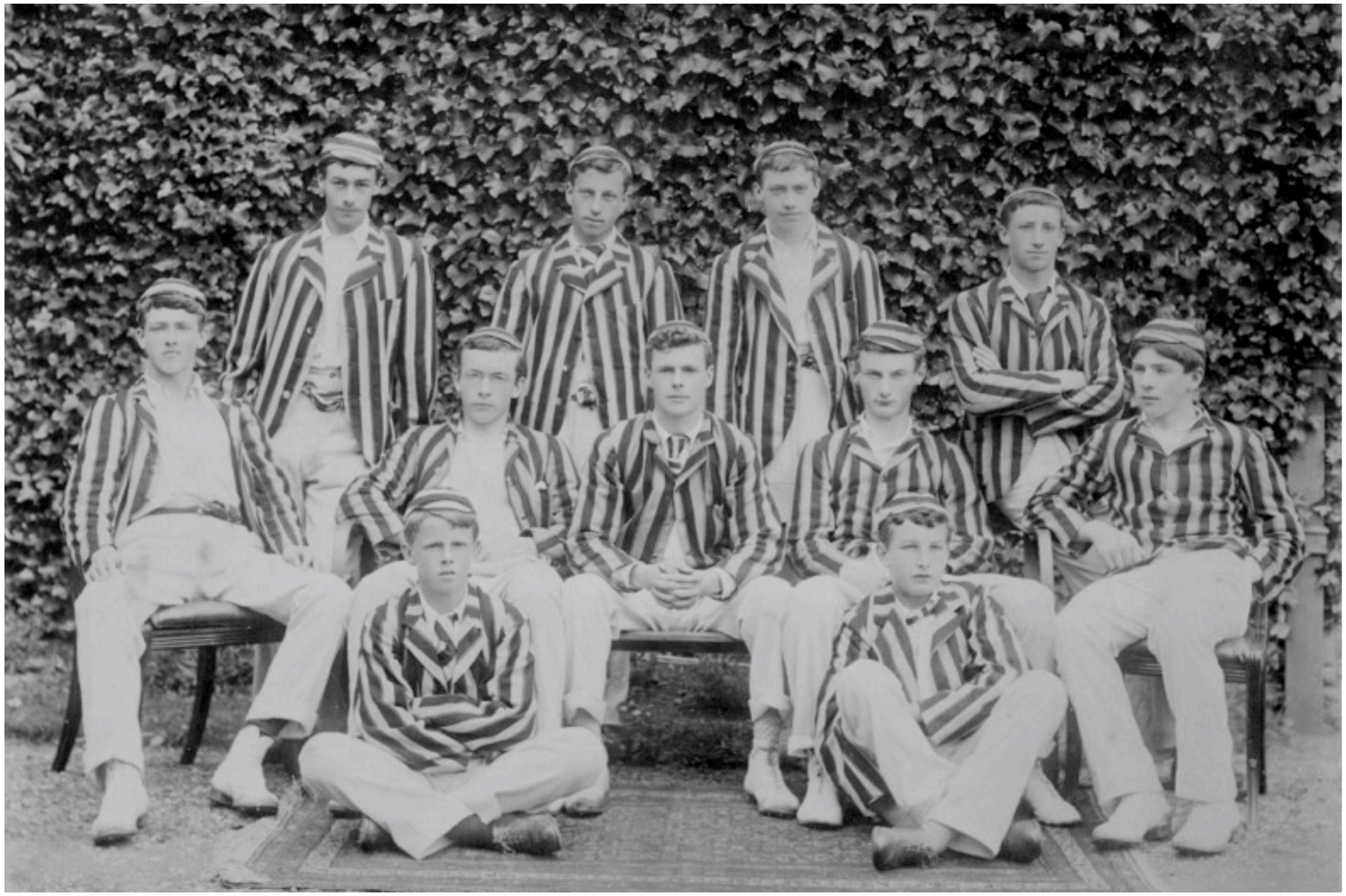
Name.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest Score.	Total.	Aver.
A. C. Miller	18	3	84	342	22.12
E. G. Read	18	4	69	300	21·6
R. G. Horton	18	1	43	246	14·8
A. B. Kingsford	15	3	39*	131	10·11
R. A. Bartholomew	16	1	32	134	8·14
J. H. F. Wilgress	18	0	28	156	8·12
H. W. Marsham	15	1	34	123	8·11
R. C. P. Blyth	13	3	18	64	6·4
W. G. Wade-Smith	14	3	15	60	5·5
E. S. Willes	12	3	19	46	5·1
F. C. W. Grigson	3	1	3*	4	2

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Name.	Overs.	Md'ns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
A. C. Miller	177·3	57	417	51	8·9
R. G. Horton	229·2	76	506	61	8·18
E. G. Read	43	7	119	7	17
W. G. Wade-Smith	103	23	321	18	17·15
E. S. Willis	94·2	17	318	14	22·10

Horton bowled 3 wides, Willes bowled 1 wide.



Cricket XI 1894

L-R BACK ROW	B.L. Hall, L.S. Collett, R.W. Neale, W.G. Wade-Smith
L-R SEATED	A.B. Kingsford, A.C. Miller, R.G.L. Horton (Captain), J.H.F. Wilgress, R.A. Bartholomew
L-R ON GROUND	C.R. Wetherall, A.N. Medd

Fixture List
Played 11 Won 7 Drawn 3 Lost 1

v Common Room XI - won by 25 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Worcester College - won by 100 runs
(Home)
v Oxford M'ly Coll - won by an inni'gs & 215 runs
(Away)
v Leamington College - won by 20 runs
(Home)
v Draconian C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v A.K. Lewis's XI - match drawn
(Away)
v Lord Jersey's XI - lost by 84 runs
(Away)

SCHOOL SCORE 253-4 VERSUS THE OXFORD MILITARY COLLEGE - THE HIGHEST INNINGS TOTAL TO DATE

ARTHUR MILLER TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 37 RUNS AGAINST THE COMMON ROOM XI - DURING THE SEASON HE TAKES 60 WICKETS FOR 458 RUNS

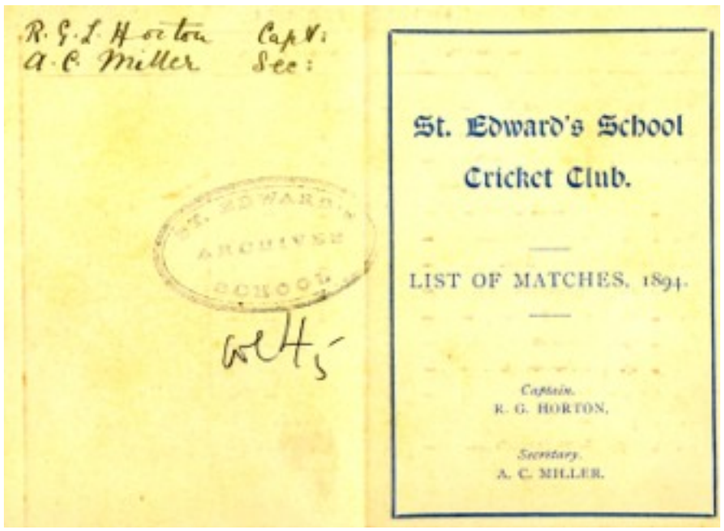
ARTHUR MILLER AND REGINALD HORTON ACCUMULATE OVER 600 RUNS EACH DURING THE SEASON. MILLER SCORES 106 NOT OUT VERSUS LEAMINGTON AND HORTON 102 NOT OUT VERSUS BICESTER C.C.

REGINALD HORTON SCORES 96 VERSUS LORD JERSEY'S XI AND TAKES 10 WICKETS FOR 15 RUNS IN A WIN OVER THE OXFORD MILITARY COLLEGE

EDWARD WYNYARD (OSE) SCORES THREE SUCCESSIVE FIRST CLASS CENTURIES FOR HAMPSHIRE

THIS YEAR'S SIDE FELT TO BE ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY TO DATE

ROBERT BARTHOLOMEW WHO PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1893-1895



The Past Cricket Season.

THE following details with regard to last term's cricket have been sent to us by a correspondent, and will doubtless be appreciated by many:—

"Will you allow me a word or two of comment on the most successful cricket season we have had since 1879, and the two most brilliant performances of individual cricketers that have ever been witnessed at St. Edward's.

"The best season we have ever had was in 1879 under the captaincy of E. G. Wynyard: matches played 19; won 15; lost 1; drawn 3—a fine performance on the face of it, which improves on examination. The defeat was a matter of 2 runs only, and the club which won, (the then powerful North Oxford Club), was thoroughly beaten afterwards. Of the drawn matches, one was a certain victory, in another the School had made 82 for 2 wickets, a good beginning at any rate; in the third our opponents were all out for 108. In both the last rain stopped play. Now I am not going to say that Horton's season was as brilliant as that, but it was considerably better than any others. The record of 1894 is:—matches played 12; won 7; lost 1; drawn 4. The total number is smaller than that of 1879 and moreover the draws do not analyse so well, for of them, though one was practically a victory, two were practically defeats. Still the fact that we avoided actual defeat, except in one instance, makes it quite reasonable to compare the two seasons, acknowledging fully the superiority of 1879.

"When we come however to individual performances, the scale of 1879 kicks the beam. The best of 1879 was the captain's, Wynyard, who won both the Average Bat and Ball. The next best was F. W. Terry. Both have since proved themselves cricketers above the ordinary level. Let us place side by side the records of the two years:—

		Inns.	Runs.	Highest score.	Not out.	Average.
1879.	Wynyard..	20	773	95	2	42·94
1894.	Miller	15	613	106*	3	51·08
1879.	Terry	20	578	88	1	27·52
1894.	Horton ..	15	623	102*	1	44·5

Even counting 'not out' innings as completed, Miller's average is better than Wynyard's, while the fact that Miller invariably went in first, while Wynyard went in second or third wicket down greatly enhances the comparative value of all the former's scores. Similarly Horton's average is superior not merely to Terry's, with whose it should fairly be compared, but even to Wynyard's, in every point. Horton also always went in first. It remains merely to mention two 'not out centuries' in one season. Miller, like Wynyard, won both the Average Bat and Ball. The details are:—

		Overs.	Md'ns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
1879.	Wynyard..	99·3	34	184	34	5·45
1894.	Miller	237·2	92	458	60	7·63

"It will be seen that Wynyard was really a change bowler (Hutchinson and Terry shared the real work of the bowling in 1879), while Miller bowled nearly twice as many overs as any other member of the 1894 team. His average therefore may well stand side by side with Wynyard's, though it is not as good as Hutchinson's, whose figures were O. 274·1; R. 463; W. 80; Av. 5·8, and who really deserved the Average Ball of 1879, which was actually awarded to him in 1880, though his average was in that year also not as good as that of one of the change bowlers."

BATTING AVERAGES.

Batsman's Name.	No. of Innings.	No. of Runs.	Highest Score.	Times not out.	Av.
A. C. Miller	15	613	106*	3	51·1
R. G. L. Horton	15	623	102*	1	44·3
W. G. Wade-Smith	13	205	68*	3	20·5
R. A. Bartholomew ..	15	257	47	1	11·5
A. B. Kingsford	11	180	28*	1	18
R. W. Neale	10	83	29	1	9·2
J. H. F. Wilgress....	13	84	21*	3	8·4
L. S. Collett	10	54	13*	9	6·6
C. R. Wetherall	8	33	21	5	6·3
B. L. Hall	7	28	10*	2	5·2
A. N. Medd	7	27	11	1	4·3

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	No. of Overs.	No. of Maidens.	No. of Runs.	No. of Wickets.	Average per Wkt.
A. C. Miller.....	237·2	92	458	60	7·38
R. G. L. Horton..	130	30	348	23	15·3
B. L. Hall	81	24	200	13	15·5
W. G. Wade-Smith	142	51	309	17	18·3

Wade-Smith bowled 2 no-balls.

Cricket XI 1895

L-R BACK ROW	C.R. WETHERALL, A.N. MEDD, B. USSHER, H.S. ADAIR
L-R SEATED	R.W. NEALE, R.A. BARTHOLOMEW, A.C. MILLER (CAPTAIN), R.C.P. BLYTH, L.S. COLLETT
L-R ON GROUND	E.H.U. DRAPER, F.B. PEEL

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 3 Drawn 0 Lost 7

v Common Room XI - won by 124 runs
(Home)
v Worcester College - lost by 37 runs
(Away)
v Hertford College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 43 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v M.C.C. & Ground C.C. - lost by 142 runs
(Home)
v Leamington College - won by 137 runs
(Away)
v Lord Jersey's XI - Lost by 11 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

SIRS,

May I, in the hope of this catching the delinquent's eye, draw attention through your columns to the fact that as yet no photograph of last year's XI. has appeared in the Library?

This is, I think, the first time such an omission has taken place; moreover, though our last year's XI. record may not have been a brilliant one, yet it seems a pity to destroy the sequence of photographs now in the Library. Hoping that the gentleman whose business it is will at once take steps to remedy this omission,

I am, etc.,
R. C. P. B.

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

Can you inform me why there are no 2nd XI. Matches now? In former years, up to, I believe, 1891, there used to be an annual fixture with the 2nd XI. of some other school, generally with that of Radley or Leamington. Why cannot this custom be revived? If a match with one of these Schools could not be arranged, would not one of the masters, or an old boy, bring up a team?

Hoping that this suggestion may meet the approval of the authorities.

Believe me, yours truly,
2ND. XI.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an inns.	Average.
A. C. Miller.....	11	1	359	119*	35·9
C. R. Wetherall	11	0	225	78	20.4
R. A. Bartholomew	11	0	220	75	20
R. C. P. Blyth	11	0	168	61	15.2
A. N. Medd.....	11	0	146	39	13.2
L. S. Collett	11	0	117	40	10.6
F. B. Peel	11	2	88	21	9.7
B. Ussher	12	1	95	19*	8.6
E. H. U. Draper ..	4	1	26	25	8.6
R. W. Neale	11	0	93	43	8·4
H. S. Adair.....	9	1	64	28	8
A. S. Wetherall	11	6	20	14	4

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average.
A. C. Miller	212.3	56	572	34	16.8
R. A. Bartholomew	110.3	15	476	22	21.6
E. H. U. Draper ..	24.1	5	97	4	24.2
B. Ussher	194.2	42	653	25	26.1
A. N. Medd	39	7	174	4	43·5

FIRST RE-FORMED HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET XI 1895

RUSSELL BENCRAFT AND EDWARD WYNYARD (BOTH O.S.E.) ARE SHOWN SEATED, THE FORMER IN THE CENTRE IN HIS CAPTAIN'S ROLE WITH THE LATTER ON HIS RIGHT.

HAMPSHIRE FINISHED 10TH OUT OF 14 TEAMS, THE WINNERS BEING SURREY

ARTHUR MILLER SCORES A FURTHER CENTURY (119 NOT OUT) AGAINST THE OSE. HE CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE SIDE

CHARLES WETHERALL SCORES 78 RUNS AGAINST BICESTER C.C.

RUSSELL BENCRAFT CIRCA 1895. STALWART OF HAMPSHIRE CRICKET OVER A SIXTY YEAR PERIOD, ALSO A SOCCER PLAYER OF NOTE. HE WAS KNIGHTED IN 1924 FOR SERVICES TO HAMPSHIRE IN GENERAL AND SOUTHAMPTON IN PARTICULAR

Cricket XI 1896

L-R BACK ROW	A.S. Wetherall, D.R.Y. Moore, H.S. Adair, A.N. Medd, F.T. Neale
L-R SEATED	B. Ussher, R.W. Neale, R.C.P. Blyth (Captain), C.R. Wetherall, E.H.U. Draper
L-R ON GROUND	A.H. Wilkinson, B.V.V. Edwards

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 5

v Corpus Christi College - won by 6 runs
(Home)
v W.H. Ferguson's XI - won by 119 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 42 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 63 runs
(Home)
v Cygnets C.C. - won by 56 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 38 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v W.H. Ferguson's XI - lost by 108 runs
(Away)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 124 runs
(Away)
v Reading School - won by 44 runs
(Away)
v A.C. Adair's XI - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Leamington College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)

REGINALD BLYTH AND CHARLES WETHERALL BOTH SCORE 125 RUNS IN OPENING PARTNERSHIP OF 216, AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE ALL IN LESS THAN 3 HOURS (THEN A RECORD)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE CYGNETS

REGINALD NEALE SCORES 77 RUNS AGAINST THE CYGNETS IN JUNE, IT IS HIS FOURTH INNINGS OVER FIFTY RUNS

PLAYING FOR THE PAST XI VERSUS THE SCHOOL, WALTER KITCAT (OSE) SCORES 112 AND REGINALD HORTON (OSE) 106 IN A HIGH SCORING DRAW

EARDLEY DRAPER TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 64 RUNS AGAINST MIDDLETON C.C.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of innings.	No. of times not out.	Highest Score in innings.	Total runs.	Average.
R. W. Neale	13	1	77	406	33.83
C. R. Wetherall	13	0	125	386	29.69
R. C. P. Blyth ..	13	0	125	288	22.66
B. Ussher	13	2	44	185	16.81
F. T. Neale	12	1	62	156	14.18
D. Moor	8	5	19*	41	13.66
B. V. Edwards	10	2	25*	98	12.25
A. S. Wetherall	12	1	26	107	9.72
A. H. Wilkinson	9	3	28*	52	8.66
H. S. Adair	10	1	28*	74	8.22
E. H. U. Draper	11	0	13	50	4.54

BOWLING.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Average.
C. R. Wetherall ..	243	133	13	12	11.08
R C. P. Blyth.....	437	320	19	23	13.91
B. Ussher	888	432	58	28	15.42
E. H. Draper	715	528	35	32	16.25
R. W. Neale	357	268	16	13	20.61

WILLIAM FERGUSON IN 1896 SOON AFTER JOINING THE SCHOOL AS ORGANIST AND MUSIC TEACHER. A KEEN CRICKETER HE TOOK OVER COACHING THE 1ST XI THE SAME YEAR. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ORGANISATION OF O.S.E. CRICKET TOURS WHICH BEGAN IN 1898. HE WAS EVENTUALLY APPOINTED AS THE SCHOOL'S FIFTH WARDEN IN 1913.

EDWARD WYNYARD CARICATURED IN 1898 BY "SPY" (LESLIE WARD) FOR THE 'VANITY FAIR ' MAGAZINE.

IN 1896 HE PLAYED FOR ENGLAND VERSUS AUSTRALIA - THE FIRST O.S.E. TO WIN AN INTERNATIONAL CAP. HE PLAYED TWICE MORE FOR HIS COUNTRY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN 1905-6 AND CAPTAINED THE M.C.C. TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND 1906-7

REGINALD BLYTH, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1895-1896 CAPTAING THE SIDE IN 1896. HE WAS KILLED IN THE DARDANELLES 1915.

Cricket XI 1897

L-R BACK ROW	R.L. Turner, C.R. Gillett, C.S. Gillett, P.B. Hawtin
L-R CENTRE	F.T. Neale, B. Ussher, C.R. Wetherall (Captain), E.H.U. Draper, A.S. Wetherall
L-R SEATED	A.M. Wallace, H.R.P. Dickson

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v Common Room XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Away)
v Exeter College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v King Edward Sch, Warwick - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Wadham College - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 74 runs
(Home)
v University College - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v C.M.C. Marsham's XI - won by an in'gs & 146 runs
(Away)
v Cygnets C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Leamington College - won by 2 wickets
(Away)

CHARLES WETHERALL SCORES 163 NOT OUT AGAINST CUDDESDON COLLEGE - THEN A RECORD, ESPECIALLY MERITABLE AS THERE WERE VERY FEW BOUNDARIES INVOLVED!

WETHERALL SCORES 101 NOT OUT AGAINST LEAMINGTON COLLEGE HE TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 33 RUNS AGAINST C. MARSHAM'S SCRATCH XI AND SCORES 83 AGAINST KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, WARWICK

WETHERALL CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE XI

FIRST MATCHES VERSUS KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, WARWICK AND BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

BEVERLEY USSHER AVERAGES 52 RUNS PER INNINGS FOR THE SEASON WITH HIS HIGHEST EFFORT BEING 153 AGAINST CUDDESDON COLLEGE (THEN A RECORD)

SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE ABOVE INNINGS USSHER SCORES 79 NOT OUT AGAINST EXETER COLLEGE, OXFORD

USSHER SCORES 150 FOR HIS SET (KERRY'S) AGAINST WILLISON'S IN THAT YEAR'S TUTORS MATCH FINAL, HE THEN PROCEEDS TO TAKE 7 WICKETS!

WETHERALL AND PHILIP HAWTIN SHARE A THIRD WICKET STAND OF 138 RUNS FOR THE SECOND WICKET (THEN A RECORD) AGAINST KING EDWARD SCHOOL, WARWICK

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

I believe that there is a main water pipe in the road; couldn't a pipe be laid on to the cricket field, with a place where a hose could screw on, as the way the pitches are watered at present is far from satisfactory, the water having to be fetched from the Bath, and then poured on anyhow? Hoping this will be put right by next Term,

I remain, yours truly,

CRICKET.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
B. Ussher	10	2	417	153*	52·12
C. R. Wetherall (capt.)	11	1	451	163	45·70
P. B. Hawtin	11	2	253	74*	28·11
C. S. Gillett	6	3	67	26	22·33
C. R. Gillett	11	3	138	53*	17·25
A. S. Wetherall ..	9	0	146	37	16·22
A. M. Wallace	8	1	107	52	15·28
E. H. Draper	6	0	78	52	13·00
F. T. Neale	11	3	63	17	7·87
H. R. P. Dickson	7	3	20	8*	5·00
R. Ll. Turner	6	0	16	9	2·66

G. M. G. Gillett batted in 3 innings, 4, 8, 0.

BOWLING.

	Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
B. Ussher.....	10	128·2	36	318	24	13·25
C. R. Wetherall	10	91·3	22	244	18	13·55
F. T. Neale	2	8·1	2	43	3	14·33
A. M. Wallace..	8	65	7	172	9	19·11
P. B. Hawtin ..	11	84·3	19	249	9	27·66
E. H. Draper ..	9	90	7	292	10	29·20
C. R. Gillett ..	4	14	2	71	2	35·50

THE following statistics may prove interesting:—

Matches played, 11; won, 4; lost, 2; drawn, 5.

Exactly the same number of wickets (81) fell during the innings both of the School and their various opponents.

The School scored 1,980 runs, average 24·44 per wicket.

Their opponents scored 1,634 runs average 20·17 per wicket.

The following scores above 100 were made:—

SCHOOL.

C. R. Wetherall, 163, *v.* C. Marsham's XI.
B. Ussher, 153* *v.* Cuddesdon.
C. R. Wetherall, 101* *v.* Leamington College.

(Above 50).

C. R. Wetherall, 83 *v.* Warwick School.
B. Ussher, 79* *v.* Exeter College.
P. B. Hawtin, 74* *v.* Warwick School.
P. B. Hawtin, 73* *v.* Keble II.
B. Ussher, 63 *v.* Keble II.
C. R. Gillett, 53* *v.* C. Marsham's XI.
A. M. Wallace, 52 *v.* University College II.
E. H. U. Draper, 52 *v.* Middleton.

OPPONENTS.

W. S. Marsham, (O.S.E.), 117 for O.S.E.
F. B. Monro, 116 for Wadham.

(Above 50).

W. P. de W. Kitcat, (O.S.E.), 78* for Cuddesdon.
W. H. Arundell, 72* for Exeter College.
H. T. Baines, 67 for Warwick School.
F. Dallin, 56 for Cygnets.
L. E. Turner, 55 for Wadham.
G. Jenner, 52 for Cygnets.

* Not out.

The following were the best bowling performances for the School:—

C. R. Wetherall, 7 wickets for 23 runs *v.* Warwick School.
B. Ussher, 7 ,, ,, 33 ,, *v.* C. Marsham's XI.
C. R. Wetherall 5 ,, ,, 9 ,, *v.* Leamington Coll.
E. H. U. Draper 4 ,, ,, 18 ,, *v.* University XI.
F. T. Neale 3 ,, ,, 22 ,, *v.* C. Marsham's XI.
B. Ussher 3 ,, ,, 32 ,, *v.* Middleton (in an innings of 130 runs, in which only 3 wickets fell.)

Cricket XI 1898

L-R BACK ROW	C.R. GILLETT, R.L. TURNER, C.S. GILLETT, L.Q.T.T. DE O.P.T. TOLLEMACHE
L-R SEATED	P.B. HAWTIN, F.T. NEALE, B. USSHER (CAPTAIN), A.S. WETHERALL, A.M. WALLACE
L-R ON GROUND	G.M.G. GILLETT, H.R.P. DICKSON

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 4

v Common Room XI - lost by 22 runs
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 17 runs
(Home)
v University College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Exeter College - match drawn
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 76 runs
(Home)
v C.A. Edward's XI - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Cygnets C.C. - won by 50 runs
(Away)
v E.D. Compton's XI - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v J.W. Neale's XI - lost by 101 runs
(Home)

O.S.E. Cricket Tour.

AS it is hoped that this Tour may become an annual fixture, an account of the first of the series will have some historic interest. Its organisation was due to the enterprise and perseverance of Mr. Ferguson. That the Team which ultimately went on tour was not quite that originally intended is no fault of his. Owing to refusals at the last moment, it was necessary to include two Masters, a couple of boys still at School and, in some of the matches, one or two who had no immediate connection with the School. So it was not exactly a representative O.S.E. Eleven, still less was it what the local press persisted in calling us, "The St. Edward's School XI."; but perhaps as we did not do so badly, the Eleven will forgive us!

P. B. Hawtin	10	1	190	49	21·1
C. R. Gillett	9	0	186	50	20·6
L. Q. Tollemache ..	7	3	76	40*	19
A. M. Wallace	9	3	96	26*	16
H. R. P. Dickson ..	8	2	83	37*	13·8
R. Ll. Turner	7	2	49	25*	9·8
G. M. G. Gillett....	10	0	93	32	9·3
C. S. Gillett	4	1	13	10*	4·3

The following also batted:—B. Turner, 0, 2, 15, 0, 0, 7; G. B. Ford, 0, 17, 2, 0, 1*; H. F. G. Hall, 4, 4*, 3*; W. A. F. Platts, 5*; S. Ussher, 8, 0; F. Lambert, 0; J. G. Bussell, 9.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
B. Ussher.....	8	131·1	27	293	33	8·8
P. B. Hawtin ..	11	145·3	43	361	28	12·8
C. R. Gillett....	8	58	8	180	7	26·5
A. M. Wallace..	8	78	9	264	7	37·7

The following bowled in three innings:—S. Ussher, 36, 4, 146, 7; B. Turner, 10·2, 0, 58, 0. In two innings:—F. T. Neale, 7, 1, 29, 0; F. Lambert, 5, 2, 23, 2; and in one innings:—R. Ll. Turner, 2, 0, 14, 0; G. M. G. Gillett, 4, 1, 16, 0.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE GILLETT FAMILY IN THE SIDE INCLUDING GEORGE GILLETT (AGED 15)

FIRST OSE CRICKET TOUR ORGANISED BY WILLIAM FERGUSON (A FUTURE WARDEN) WHO SCORES THE FIRST EVER CENTURY FOR THE SIDE - 100 NOT OUT AGAINST F.W. STOCK'S XI

BEVERLEY USSHER CAPTAINS THE TEAM IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE XI AND SCORES 91 NOT OUT AGAINST WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD - WON BY 6 WICKETS

USSHER SCORES 108 AGAINST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD THEN TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 28 RUNS IN A CONVINCING VICTORY, HE TAKES 7 FOR 39 AGAINST KEBLE COLLEGE

ARTHUR WETHERALL SCORES 103 NOT OUT VERSUS EXETER COLLEGE, OXFORD

HAROLD DICKSON SCORES 120 NOT OUT FOR KERRY'S SET AGAINST SING'S SET

First O.S.E. Cricket Tour XI 1898

L TO R (BACK) C.R. WETHERALL, D. WYNNE-WILSON (CR).
J. WILLSON (GUEST), W. STOCKS (CR)
L TO R (SEATED) B. USSHER, W.H. FERGUSON (CR),
J.R. NEALE, C.P.F. BARTHOLOMEW, J.W. NEALE
ON GROUND H.R.P. DICKSON (LEFT), A.S. WETHERALL (RIGHT)

OSE XI - Whit Monday 1898

L TO R (BACK) P.E. MILLARD, H.S. ROGERS, J.W. NEALE, B. NUNN
L TO R (STANDING) L.Q. TOLLEMACHE, B.V.V. EDWARDS, A.N. MEDD
F.A.G. MEDD, H.E. GOAD
L TO R (SEATED) B. USSHER, C.V. EDWARDS, R.E. NEALE
R.A. BARTHOLOMEW, H.A. NEALE, L.B. WELDON
L TO R (ON GROUND) C.V. RAWLENCE, B. TURNER, W. PLATTS,
R.W. NEALE

Cricket XI 1899

L-R BACK ROW	S. USSHER, G.M.G. GILLETT, H.P.R. DICKSON, L.Q.T.T.DE O.P.T. TOLLEMACHE
L-R SEATED	C.S. GILLETT, A.S. WETHERALL, F.T. NEALE (CAPTAIN), A.M. WALLACE, R.L. TURNER
L-R ON GROUND	B. TURNER, W.A.F. PLATTS

WILLIAM PLATTS WOULD LATER PLAY CRICKET FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE 'GENTLEMEN'

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 5 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Exeter College - lost by 52 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 193 runs
(Home)
v King Edward's Sch, Warwick - won by 112 runs
(Away)
v University College - won by 23 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 97 runs
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - won by 81 runs
(Away)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 1 wicket
(Away)
v M.C.C. and Ground C.C. - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Cygnets C.C. - won by 150 runs
(Away)
v Middleton Park C.C. - match drawn
(Away)

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
F. T. Neale (Capt.)	12	1	333	71	30·27
A. S. Wetherall	13	0	258	84	19·84
G. M. G. Gillett....	13	0	205	49	15·76
H. R. P. Dickson ..	9	1	123	27	15·37
L. Q. Tollemache ..	13	3	122	45*	12·2
C. S. Gillett.....	11	1	120	45	12
A. M. Wallace	13	1	138	62	11·5
S. Ussher.....	10	3	69	18*	9·85
R. Ll. Turner	12	1	102	26	9·27
W. A. F. Platts	13	1	106	28*	8·83
B. Turner	12	3	48	12*	5·33

The following also batted:—G. B. Ford, 7, 28; C. R. Maude, 4, 14; J. G. Bussell, 0, 6*, 4; H. F. Hall, 9, 12.

* Not out.

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
H. R. P. Dickson	28·4	1	132	11	12
L. Q. Tollemache	24	5	87	7	12·42
S. Ussher	183·1	46	496	36	13·40
A. M. Wallace	144·1	24	404	26	15·53
G. M. G. Gillett	79	16	193	9	21·44
B. Turner	123·3	24	365	13	28·07
W. A. F. Platts.....	22	5	101	3	33·66

FIRST MATCH AGAINST BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL IN WHICH ARTHUR WETHERALL SCORES 84 FOR AN EASY VICTORY

STEPHEN USSHER TAKES SEVEN WICKETS FOR 9 RUNS VERSUS BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

HAROLD DICKSON (SLOW SPIN) TAKES 12 WICKETS FOR 11 RUNS IN THE SEASON YET ONLY BOWLS 28 OVERS IN TOTAL, WHILE THE TWO MAIN FAST BOWLERS BOWL OVER 300 OVERS EACH!

O.S.E. Tour Party 1899

L TO R (BACK) F.T. NEALE, C.R. GILLETT, E.H. MONTAUBAN (CR) J.H.WILGRESS, P.B. HAWTIN
L TO R (SEATED) W. FERGUSON (CR), C. DE LABAT, R.WETHERALL D.A. WYNNE-WILSON (CR), T.H. PAGE
ON GROUND A. WETHERALL, A. BACON

THE O.S.E. TEAM HAD A GOOD TOUR THIS YEAR AS ARE INDICATED IN THE AVERAGES - FOR SOME REASON BOWLING AVERAGES WERE NOT MADE AVAILABLE!

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Average.
Rev. C. de Labat..	3	1	61	127	63·50
A. S. Wetherall ..	4	0	109	145	36·25
F. T. Neale	5	1	46*	89	22·25
C. R. Gillett.....	5	0	24	100	20·00
W. H. Ferguson ..	4	0	31	75	18·75
C. R. Wetherall ..	4	0	30	73	18·25
A. J. Bacon	4	0	32	69	17·25
J. H. Wilgress....	5	0	52	73	14·60
T. H. Page	5	1	17	51	12·75
P. B. Hawtin	5	2	31	37	12·33
E. H. Montauban..	3	0	11	14	4·66
D. A. W. Willson..	5	0	8	19	3·80

* Not out.

Our opponents scored 1202 runs for 60 wickets, we 1045 for 50, an average of 20·03 for them per wicket and of 20·09 for us.

One innings of over 100 for O.S.E.
A. S. Wetherall, *v.* Buckingham, 109.

Nine innings of over 50.
O.S.E. (4).

J. W. Neale *v.* Reigate	64
Rev. C. de Labat *v.* Mr. Tubb's XI...	61
Rev. C. de Labat *v.* Oxford City	56*
J. H. Wilgress *v.* Mr. Tubb's XI.....	52

Opponents (5).

Rev. G. M. Thompson for Marlow ..	95
T. H. G. Welch for Reigate	94
Capt. G. H. Neale for Reigate	74
Capt. Lidner for Marlow	66
H. E. Bull for Buckingham	53

In conclusion we must express our gratitude to the School and also to the Central Committee for their kind grants in aid of expenses, to Mr. Ferguson for the trouble he took in getting up the Tour (we hope that though he has left us, he will long continue to help us in these Tours which he inaugurated), to Mr. Tubb for his hospitality at Chesterton, to Mr. and Mrs. Neale for their kind entertainment of so many of us at Reigate, and to all who took part for their unfailing keenness, good play and good humour all of which combined to make the Tour of 1899 the great success it undoubtedly proved. W.

Cricket XI 1900

L-R BACK ROW	E.C. Bullmore, J.C de M. Malan, A.E. Churcher, W.E. de C. Williams, A.H. Murray
L-R SEATED	A.M. Draper, G.M.G. Gillett, H.R.P. Dickson (Captain), G.R. Arkwright
L-R ON GROUND	A.H.T. Andrew, C.R. Maude

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 2 Drawn 5 Lost 7

v Common Room XI - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 98 runs
(Away)
v Exeter College - lost by 120 runs
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - lost by 87 runs
(Away)
v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 23 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v Keble College - lost by 4 runs
(Away)
v University College - match drawn
(Away)
v St. Catherine's College - match drawn
(Home)
v G.R. Wood's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v King Edward's Sch, Warwick - won by 69 runs
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - won by 11 runs
(Home)

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
A. H. T. Andrew ..	3	4	2	61	33*	30.50
†G. M. G. Gillett ..	13	16	2	348	109	24.85
H. R. P. Dickson..	13	15	1	260	56	18.57
A. M. Draper	13	14	0	249	75	17.78
G. R. Arkwright ..	11	12	3	143	51*	15.88
J. Malan.....	12	12	4	104	17	13.00
E. C. Bullmore ..	13	13	1	115	32	9.50
C. R. Maude	12	11	0	92	33	8.37
A. E. Churcher....	10	8	2	43	21*	7.16
A. E. Murray	7	5	1	26	10	6.50
W. E. Williams ..	13	10	2	42	17	5.25
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F. G. Carroll	9	6	0	17	6	2.83

The following also played 5 innings,
Martyn ma , 0, 0, 1, 0, 2.

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
A. E. Murray	15	1	78	7	11.14
‡G. M. G. Gillett ..	184.1	49	508	45	11.28
H. R. P. Dickson....	166.1	22	653	37	17.65
C. R. Maude	50	4	202	11	18.37
A. E. Churcher	28	4	136	6	22.66
W. E. Williams	52	5	195	7	27.85
J. Malan	21	2	114	4	28.50

The following have also bowled:—G. R. Arkwright 7, 2, 9, 1; A. M. Draper 3, 1, 7, 0; A. S. Gillett 4, 0, 21, 1.
E. C. Bullmore, 7 caught, 5 stumped.
C. R. Maude was awarded the fielding prize.
† Wins the average bat. ‡ Wins the average ball.

GEORGE GILLETT SCORES 109 AGAINST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD - HE ALSO TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 52 RUNS AGAINST WARWICK SCHOOL

FIRST MATCH AGAINST WARWICK SCHOOL

HAROLD DICKSON CAPTAINS THE XI IN HIS FOURTH SEASON

FIRST WIN AGAINST MIDDLETON PARK

'STIVVY' THOMPSON & COMPANION
HEAD GROUNDSMAN 1879-1919.

JUNIOR CRICKET SIDE
1900

CRICKET GROUP 1900
SECOND PAVILION IN BACKGROUND

Cricket XI 1901

L-R BACK ROW	A.B. Woodgate, F.J. Welsh, A.H.T. Andrew, A.S. Gillett
L-R SEATED	W.E. de C. Williams, A.E. Churcher (Captain), A.H. Murray
L-R ON GROUND	J.M.S. Culbertson, H.R. Peel, C.M. Smith, L.M. Smith

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 1 Drawn 2 Lost 11

v Common Room XI - lost by 169 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 175 runs
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by an innings & 150 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - lost by 145 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v University College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Rev C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - lost by 41 runs
(Home)
v Cygnets C.C. - lost by 206 runs
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)

BATTING.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	High-est score.	Total number of runs.	Average per innings.
†C. M. Smith	10	4	120*	350	58·33
A. H. Murray	12	1	71*	252	22·90
A. H. Andrew	12	1	47	193	17·54
F. J. Welsh	6	1	22	83	16·60
A. E. Churcher.....	11	1	61*	127	12·70
W. E. Williams	13	0	43	141	10·84
J. M. S. Culbertson....	7	1	14*	51	8·51
A. B. Woodgate	13	0	27	98	7·53
H. R. Peel.....	12	1	26	82	7·47
Harvey	11	2	29*	67	7·44
L. M. Smith	7	1	10	27	4·5
Also batted :—					
A. S. Gillett	3	2	15*	22	22·00
Hay	1	0	16	16	16·00
Martyn	2	1	8*	12	12·00
Dyson ma.....	6	0	15	22	3·66
McMurdo	6	1	5	12	2·40

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maid-ens.	Total runs.	No. of wkts.	No balls.	Wides.	Aver-age.
‡A. S. Gillett	46	7	219	12	0	0	18·25
C. M. Smith	57·4	6	236	11	0	0	21·45
L. M. Smith 125		10	540	20	2	0	27·00
J. M. S. Culbertson	43·2	1	246	9	0	0	27·33
W. E. Williams ..133·1		8	524	12	2	0	43·66
A. H. Murray	76.2	1	429	9	2	2	47·66
A. E. Churcher....	29·1	1	191	4	1	0	47·75
Also bowled :—							
Dyson ma.	12·4	1	56	1	1	0	56·00
Hay	2	0	13	0	1	0	—
A. H. T. Andrew ..	1	0	14	0	0	0	—
H. R. Peel	2	0	19	0	0	0	—

†Average bat. ‡Average ball. Fielding Prize not awarded.

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STATISTICS.

Results of Matches :—

Played, 13 ; won, 1 ; lost, 10; drawn, 2.

Bowling performances :—

L. M. Smith, 6 wickets for 58 runs *v.* Ch. Ch. Warrigals.
C. M. Smith, 2 wickets for 2 runs *v.* Bicester.
A. S. Gillett, 4 wickets for 76 runs *v.* Middleton.
A. S. Gillett, 4 wickets for 40 *v.* Rev. C. de Labat's team.
A. S. Gillett, 4 wickets for 66 *v.* Cygnets.
W. E. Williams, 4 wickets for 54 *v.* Exeter.

Batting Performances :—

Centuries " for " C. M. Smith, 120 not out *v.* Wadham.
„ " against " G.M.G. Gillett, 125 not out for O.S.E.
„ „ F. T. Neale, 103 not out for O.S.E.

To the Editors of " St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

Would it not be possible to arrange more than one match for the 2nd Eleven? Surely it would not be difficult to arrange matches against the 2nd Elevens of K.E.S., Warwick, or Magdalen College School. Do you not think that the keenness on Cricket in the School would be increased if others besides the 1st eleven played matches?

Yours faithfully,

CRICKETER.

CECIL SMITH AVERAGES 58 RUNS FOR THE SEASON, INCLUDED ARE AN INNINGS OF 120 NOT OUT AGAINST WADHAM COLLEGE, 82 NOT OUT AGAINST CUDDESDON AND 83 NOT OUT AGAINST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

IN THE ANNUAL PRESENT V PAST XIs MATCH THE OSE DECIMATE THE SCHOOL, WINNING BY INNINGS WITH GEORGE GILLETT (OSE) SCORING 125 NOT OUT AND FREDERICK NEALE (OSE) MAKING 103

CECIL SMITH HITS A FAST 125 NOT OUT AGAINST THE OSE - HIS AVERAGE AT SEASON'S END IS 55 RUNS PER INNINGS

ALFRED ANDREW SCORES 128 RUNS FOR COWELL'S SET VERSUS WRIGHT'S SET IN THE TUTORS' CUP

LAWRENCE BLENCOWE (AGED 14) PLAYS THE FIRST OF SIX SEASONS IN THE SCHOOL SIDE (A RECORD)

Some rules about fielding, which K. S. Ranjitsinhji lays down in his Jubilee Book of Cricket, are well worth mentioning here :—

(1) Keep the legs together when the ball is hit straight to you and while you are picking it up.
(2) Always back up the man who is receiving the ball at the wicket, when it is thrown in, but not too close.
(3) Always try for a catch, however impossible it may seem.
(4) Always be on the look out and ready to start.
(5) Use both hands whenever possible.

OSE CRICKET TOURING PARTY 1901

L TO R (BACK) H.S. NICHOLL; H.A. LOWE, H.F. WILGRESS, A.S. WETHERALL R.E. NEALE, A.BARTHOLOMEW

L TO R (SEATED) J.W. NEALE, T.H. PAGE, R.W. NEALE, C.R. WETHERALL, C. DE LABAT

ON GROUND F.T. NEALE, A.J.M. BACON

G.G. STOCKS WHO COACHED THE CRICKET XI 'IN THE NETS' 1900-1912

Cricket XI 1902

L-R BACK ROW	N.P. DRAPER, L.F. HARVEY, J.C. HUTSON, E.N. YOUNG
L-R SEATED	F.J. WELSH, H.R. PEEL, A.H. MURRAY (CAPTAIN), A.S. GILLETT, J.E. DYSON
L-R ON GROUND	L.C. BLENCOWE, A.N. HARE

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 2 Drawn 4 Lost 8

v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - lost by 101 runs
(Home)
v University College - lost by 87 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - lost by 92 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Warwick School - match drawn
(Away)
v Reading School - won by 3 runs
(Home)
v W.H.O. Reade's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v E.H.U. Draper's XI - lost by 71 runs
(Home)

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest in Inns.	Average.
†A. H. Murray	12	0	340	99	28·3
N. P. Draper	3	1	51	38*	25·5
‡H. R. Peel	12	1	276	80	25.1
L. C. Blencowe	7	3	74	33*	18·5
A. N. Hare	9	1	102	28	12·75
F. J. Welsh	8	0	89	26	11·12
J. E. Dyson	12	0	115	28	9·6
L. F. Harvey	6	0	55	15	9·16
J. C. Hutson	10	1	79	43*	8·77
A. S. Gillett.....	11	0	68	21	6·2
E. N. Young	9	2	25	8	3·42
Also batted :—					
Merivale	4	0	14	11	3·5
Hay	8	0	30	9	3·75
Stack	7	4	6	2*	2

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Total Runs.	No. of wickets.	Average.
A. N. Hare	44	0	216	14	15·42
‖A. S. Gillett	168·2	42	583	34	17·14
J. C. Hutson	55	5	266	11	24·18
J. E. Dyson	157	22	573	20	28·65
A. H. Murray	7	0	75	2	37·50
H. R. Peel	31	2	140	0	—
Also bowled :—					
Hay	28	0	173	9	19·2
Stack.....	38	1	184	9	20·4

Gillett bowled 6 no-balls and Peel 1.
Dyson bowled 4 wides, Peel 1, and Hutson, 1.
† Average Bat. ‡ Fielding Prize. ‖ Average Ball.

To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

May I occupy a few lines of your valuable space in laying before the "C.C." some information which I think will be useful. Why couldn't there be a few more 2nd XI. matches? At present I think I am right in saying there is generally only one, which is against Bloxham 2nd XI. It would make the 2nd XI. take much more trouble and interest about their cricket than they do now. And why couldn't the 2nd XI. be provided with a blazer? They have a sort of cap but no coat. It is bad luck to have an unequal number of things. So let them have a blazer, and then they will have good luck. Hoping this will receive some attention,

I am, yours truly,

B2.

GEORGE GILLETT SCORES 100 AGAINST THE OSE XI

ARTHUR MURRAY SCORES 99 VERSUS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND STILL ENDS UP ON THE LOSING SIDE

FOR THE OSE TOURING SIDE ARTHUR WETHERALL SCORES 147 AGAINST BEXHILL C.C., AVERAGING 51 OVER 4 INNINGS PLAYED DURING THE TOUR

LAWRENCE BLENCOWE PLAYS HIS FIRST SEASON OF FIVE FOR THE 1ST XI, AGED 14 YEARS, HE ALSO PLAYS FOUR SEASONS FOR THE RUGBY XV

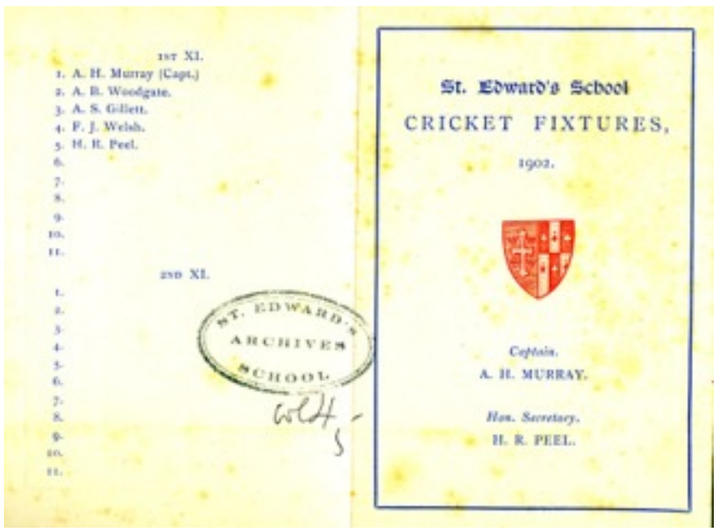
O.S.E. CRICKET TOURING XI 1902

L TO R (BACK) A.S. WETHERALL, J.H.F. WILGRESS, R.W. NEALE, C DE LABAT
L TO R (SEATED) R.A. BARTHOLOMEW, W.H. FERGUSON (C.R.), T.H. PAGE, C.R. WETHERALL, R.E. NEALE
ON GROUND F.B. PEEL (LEFT), A.J.M. BACON (RIGHT)

CRICKET RETROSPECT.

WE have not had much success upon which to congratulate ourselves. Out of thirteen matches there are seven losses and four draws, but only two wins. However one of these was the Reading match. It seems improbable too that our score of 120 at Warwick would have been beaten, as the wicket was in a terrible condition. We now have to look at the Eleven and discover the cause of so many failures. The chief one is perhaps the want of a really reliable bowler who may be depended on to take wickets. A bowler's accessories are of course good fielders, and I am afraid we all in our inner consciences feel we are guilty of many offences in this line. The fielding during the latter part of the term was a very distinct improvement on that of the first, indeed no words could have been too strong for the fielding in the University and Exeter matches. A little pluck and resolution are essential to good fielding, and it should be remembered that a ball can always be stopped, and that a miss should be as rare as a blue moon. Catching is more of an art, but is learnt by steady practice. In the bowling line Gillett has been distinctly useful. He bowled moderately at the beginning of the term, badly in the middle, and best at the end. His performance against Reading School was excellent. Dyson can bowl some excellent balls but seem to have bad luck, and Hare has shown himself an excellent change bowler, though he should learn to vary his balls more. Peel played some good innings at the beginning of the term and has been useful all through the term. I should very much like to see a little more resolution in the members of the Eleven when they go out to bat. They seem to think that the chances are that they will come out, instead of the other way on. Some too, might do a little more hitting, especially when the wicket is hard. But the last word must be as usual about the fielding, for the Eleven will never be really successful until the bowlers can rely on the fielders to accept the catches.

A. H. M.


1ST XI.
1. A. H. Murray (Capt.)
2. A. B. Woodgate.
3. A. S. Gillett.
4. F. J. Welsh.
5. H. R. Peel.
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ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL ARCHIVES

St. Edward's School
CRICKET FIXTURES,
1902.

Captain.
A. H. MURRAY.

Hon. Secretary.
H. R. PEEL.

Cricket XI 1903

L-R BACK ROW	D.H.N. WELLS, P. MERIVALE, W.H. BLEADON, C.N. CHADWICK
L-R SEATED	L.C. BLENCOWE, J.E. DYSON, H.R. PEEL (CAPTAIN), A.S. GILLETT, J.C. HUTSON
L-R ON GROUND	G.A. BROUGHAM, V.C.H. DEARDEN

Fixture List

Played 11 Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 8 Tied 1

v University College - lost by 71 runs
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - match tied
(Home)
v O.S.E XI - lost by 141 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - won by 24 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Reading School - lost by 91 runs
(Away)
v A.S. Wetherall's XI - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Mr. Baines's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v King Edward's Sch, Warwick - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

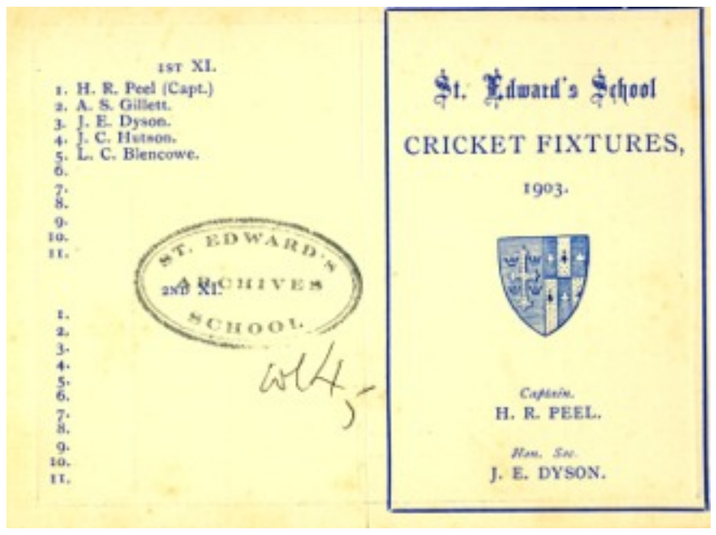
	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest in Inns.	Average.
†J. C. Hutson	11	0	261	64	23·72
V. C. H. Dearden	11	3	139	21	17·37
W. H. Bleaden	11	2	142	31	15·7
G. A. Brougham	6	2	62	17	15·5
D. H. N. Wells	3	0	34	21	11·3
‡L. C. Blencowe	11	0	117	32	10·63
J. E. Dyson	11	0	105	27	9·63
P. Merivale	9	0	73	36	8·1
H. R. Peel	10	0	67	16	6·7
C. N. Chadwick	6	2	27	12	6·75
A. S. Gillett	11	1	47	13	4·7
Also batted :—					
Carse	5	1	37	18	9·25
May ma.	7	0	26	10	3·41

† Winner of Average Bat. ‡ Winner of Fielding Prize.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
†J. C. Hutson	102	16	391	22	17·77
H. R. Peel	47	6	176	7	25·14
A. S. Gillett	157·5	32	422	13	32.46
J. E. Dyson	181	24	646	25	25·84
C. N. Chadwick	22	4	91	0	—
Also bowled :—					
D. H. N. Wells	4	0	23	1	23·
Stack	5	0	31	5	6·2
Carse	82	2	74	6	12·3

Gillett bowled 1 no-ball.
Carse bowled 1 wide.
† Winner of Average Ball.



TUTORIAL SET A CRICKET XI

WINNERS OF THE 1903 TUTORS CRICKET CUP. 1ST XI COLOURS WEAR THEIR STRIPED BLAZERS AND INCLUDE D.H.N. WELLS (BACK ROW) AND SEATED (LEFT TO RIGHT) G.A. BROUGHAM, A.S. GILLETT, C.N. CHADWICK

O.S.E CRICKET TOUR 1903

THOUGHT TO SHOW THE O.S.E. AND THEIR BOURNEMOUTH OPPONENTS, PLAYED ON 5TH AND 6TH AUGUST. THE HOME TEAM WAS FORCED TO FOLLOW ON, MADE A HUGE 2ND INNINGS SCORE OF 349 FOR 8 THUS SAVING THE MATCH. AVERAGES FOR THE TOUR SHOWN ON RIGHT.

ERNEST READ (OSE) PLAYS HIS FIRST COUNTY CRICKET GAME FOR HAMPSHIRE. HE WOULD ALSO PLAY FOR SUSSEX IN 1904 AND 1906

ARTHUR WETHERALL (OSE) SCORES 137 AGAINST THE SCHOOL WHILE PLAYING FOR THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI

WILFRED BLEADEN (AGED 15) MAKES HIS FIRST APPEARANCE FOR THE 1ST XI

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
C. R. Wetherall	7	0	301	73	43.00
A. S, Wetherall	4	0	169	98	42.25
J. W. Neale	7	1	245	105*	40.83
Rev. C. de Labat	6	3	90	54*	30.00
Rev. W. H. Ferguson	4	0	70	51	17.50
R. W. Neale	6	0	99	58	16.50
F. C. W. Grigson	5	3	33	16*	16.50
R. A. Bartholomew	3	0	45	45	15.00
F. B. Peel	7	1	87	34*	14.50
T. H. Page	6	0	42	25	7.00
N. F. Stallard	1	0	6	6	6.00
H. A. Lowe	5	1	14	10*	3.50
A. J. M. Bacon	4	1	10	5*	3.33
F. T. Neale	3	0	8	7	2.66

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
A. J. M. Bacon	14.2	3	33	4	8.25
R. W. Neale	90	27	177	14	12.64
T. H. Page	136	10	488	36	13.55
Rev. W.H. Ferguson	126.5	41	279	12	23.25
C. R. Wetherall	27	5	90	2	45.00
Rev. C. de Labat	24	4	82	0	—
N. F. Stallard	15	3	28	0	—
J. W. Neale	6	1	27	0	—
R. A. Bartholomew	5	1	26	0	—

A.J.M.B.

Cricket XI 1904

L-R BACK ROW	R.G. THOMPSON, T.W. HEALE, E.R. COLLISSON, B.S. THOMPSON
L-R SEATED	H.C. DRAPER, L.C. BLENCOWE, W.H. BLEADEN (CAPTAIN), J.C. HUTSON, C.N. CHADWICK
L-R ON GROUND	O.C. BLENCOWE, H.B. THOMPSON

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 0 Drawn 1 Lost 9

v Cuddesdon College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v University College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 131 runs
(Home)
v Corpus Christi College - lost by 82 runs
(Home)
V Wadham College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - lost by 70 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - lost by 55 runs
(Home)
v Cygents C.C. - lost by 188 runs
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)

AVERAGES OF THE XI.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total Runs.	Average.
W. H. Bleaden	10	0	36	142	14·20
†J. C. Hutson	9	0	69	204	22·66
L. C. Blencowe	10	1	52	130	14·40
C. N. Chadwick	10	0	17	38	3·80
H. C. Draper	10	0	23	74	7·40
T. W. Heale	10	1	19	59	6·55
E. R. Collisson	10	2	21*	78	9·75
O. C. Blencowe	5	2	4	12	4·00
B. S. Thompson	10	0	10	35	3·50
§H. B. Thompson	5	0	8	23	4·60
§R. G. Thompson	5	1	11	15	3·75

* Signifies not out. § Have not got 1st XI. colours.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
*W. H. Bleaden	113	11	428	15	28·5
†J. C. Hutson	94	11	403	19	21·2
C. N. Chadwick	119	14	448	11	44·3
O. C. Blencowe	30	4	101	10	10·1
B. S. Thompson	79	1	320	14	22·8
H. B. Thompson	21	1	131	3	43·4

† Average Bat. ‡ Average Ball. * Fielding Prize.

A JUNIOR CRICKET CUP DONATED BY THE SCHOOL DOCTOR (DR. WHITELOCK)

WORST SEASON TO DATE WITH NO VICTORIES AT ALL IN 10 MATCHES

ARTHUR WETHERALL (OSE) CAUSES MORE DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOL XI MAKING 126 FOR THE PAST VERSUS THE PRESENT SIDES

Cricket.

PROSPECTS.

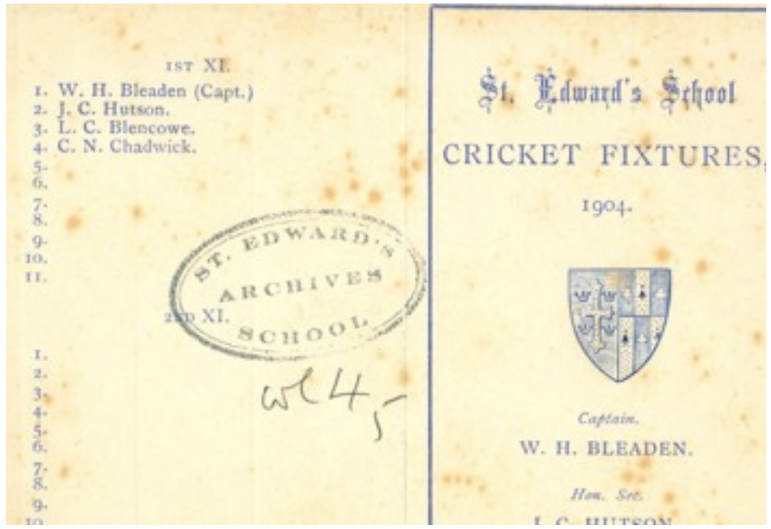
WE must begin with the same old story and say again that if the School is going to have a successful season the fielding must be improved. So far, however, the fielding has been much better than it was last season, but there is still room for improvement.

But the reason why the "colts" seldom make any runs is because they go in with the thought "I'm sure to make a duck," and get into such a funk that of course they do nothing when they get to the wickets. If they went in with the thought that they were going to make 50, and that the bowling was the easiest they had ever had to face in their lives the result would probably be much better.

We have found a good wicket-keeper in Heale, but we want some good bowlers.

On the whole the team ought to be quite as good as last year and if the fielding goes on improving, it will be decidedly better.

W. H. B.



'TOMMY' ONE OF THE FIELD HORSES WHO PULLED THE MOWERS OVER THE CRICKET FIELDS. THE 1875 PAVILION IS IN THE BACKGROUND. RIDER UNKNOWN BUT PROBABLY A PUPIL

Cricket XI 1905

L-R BACK ROW	E.N. MEDD, T.E. TATHAM, B.S. THOMPSON, R.G. THOMPSON
L-R SEATED	T.W. HEALE, L.C. BLENCOWE, W.H. BLEADEN (CAPTAIN), C.N. CHADWICK, O.C. BLENCOWE
L-R ON GROUND	H.B. THOMPSON, C.H. JENNER

Fixture List

Played 11 Won 5 Drawn 1 Lost 5

V COMMON ROOM XI - WON BY 65 RUNS
(HOME)
V BICESTER C.C. - LOST BY 157 RUNS
(AWAY)
V WADHAM COLLEGE - WON BY 78 RUNS
(HOME)
V CHRIST CHURCH WARRIGALS - WON BY 5 WICKETS
(HOME)
V ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE - WON BY 4 WICKETS
(HOME)
V O.S.E. XI - LOST BY 67 RUNS
(HOME)
V KEBLE COLLEGE - LOST BY 3 WICKETS
(HOME)
V WORCESTER COLLEGE - LOST BY 2 WICKETS
(HOME)
V BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL - WON BY 2 WICKETS
(HOME)
V WELLS THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - LOST BY 3 WICKETS
(HOME)
V MIDDLETON PARK C.C. - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	No. of Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
†W. H. Bleaden	14	1	464	101	34·15
L. C. Blencowe	14	0	163	34	11·06
C. N. Chadwick	10	0	95	27	9·50
T. W. Heale.....	13	0	99	24	7·61
O. C. Blencowe	12	1	73	22	6·63
B. S. Thompson	13	1	180	51*	15·00
H. B. Thompson.....	12	1	158	100*	15·27
C. H. Jenner	13	2	118	30*	10·72
T. E. Tatham	11	2	79	33	8·77
R. G. Thompson	4	4	36	33*	36·00
E. N. Medd	6	1	9	3*	1·40
Also batted—					
Blencowe mi.	3	2	5	3	5·00
Bleaden mi.	6	1	11	4*	2·20
Robinson	3	0	10	7	3·33
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	—
Iremonger	3	1	7	5*	3·50
Barnes mi.....	1	0	2	2	2·00

* Signifies not out. † Average bat.

WILFRED BLEADEN SCORES 101 AGAINST THE CHRIST CHURCH WARRIGALS AND TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 55 RUNS AGAINST THE OSE XI

BLEADEN ALSO SCORES 87 AGAINST BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL AFTER TAKING 5 WICKETS FOR 20 RUNS IN THEIR INNINGS

HARRY THOMPSON SCORES 100 NOT OUT VERSUS ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

BLEADEN HEADS BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES - SCORING 464 RUNS AT AN AVERAGE OF 34 AND TAKING 39 WICKETS FOR 14 RUNS EACH - EASILY THE BEST ALL ROUND FIGURES FOR YEARS

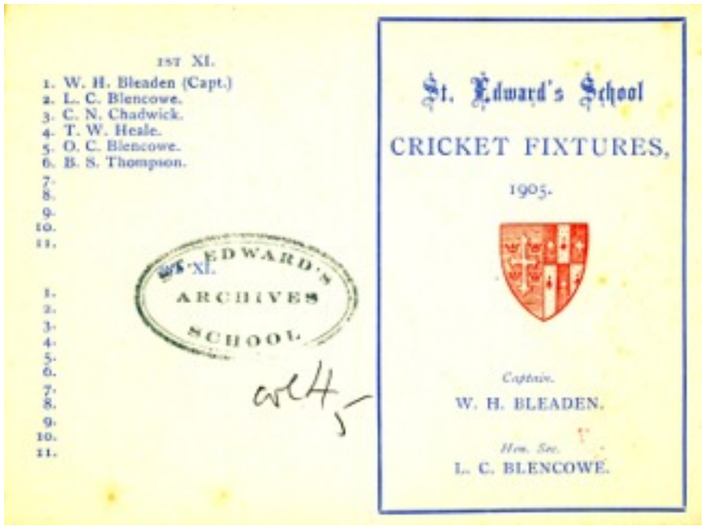
O.S.E. Cricket Tour.

THE prospects of this year's tour were probably brighter than those of any previous one. Places of interest, new to most of us, were to be visited; strong teams were to be met, stronger possibly than any of former years. Two splendid cathedrals, a fine historic castle, and the atmosphere of the first Test Match! What more could be desired by the keenest archæologist or the most enthusiastic cricketer? Moreover, what a lovely summer we had been enjoying, or rather looking forward to enjoy, when released for a short spell from our respective labours. It was on a splendid day that we assembled at Lincoln and began our first match most auspiciously by making a good score and getting our opponents out cheaply. Still further were we encouraged by making a satisfactory start in our second innings. Nothing but rain could rob us of victory; and who could think of rain in the midst of such lovely weather? Alas! the impossible happened: next morning it was raining hard, hopelessly, pitilessly hard. The only thing to do was to go up to the ground, lunch, and pack our bags for an earlier train to Nottingham.

On arriving at Nottingham we found that we had secured comfortable quarters at the Victoria (Station) Hotel, where we changed places with the Uppingham Rovers, who had been playing the Notts Amateurs, and were to play Lincoln Lindum the next day. We certainly gained by the exchange, as the Lincoln hotel was by no means an unqualified success. It shall therefore be nameless here! The cricket at Nottingham was practically a repetition of what had happened at Lincoln, except that the draw was an even one. After a good day's cricket the rain again came down to disappoint us on Saturday. We therefore started early in the afternoon for our various week-end homes to meet again on Monday at Leamington where we were most comfortably housed at the Regent Hotel. B. S. Thompson had left us and R. A. Bartholomew and F. C. W. Grigson joined our forces. The ground was some distance from the Hotel, but it was a pleasant drive, affording us a lovely peep of Warwick Castle, rising sheer from the waters of the Avon and surrounded by glorious trees. We had an excellent game here, which we lost after having by no means the best of the luck, though we won the toss. There were several little things that went against us. Labat was late owing to Bank-Holiday eccentricities on the part of the trains, and did not turn up till after luncheon. His steadiness might easily have made a considerable difference. As it was, he went in last and had only a few balls. Gillett was unwell, and, besides not being able to do himself justice with the bat, could not bowl till late in the afternoon. The way he finished off their innings made us regret his indisposition all the more. Finally the wicket improved a bit towards the end of the day, but a shower in the early morning made it nasty for us before lunch again, and it was at its best in their second innings. However, we were fairly and squarely beaten after a jolly good game. In any case it was a treat to have a finish. It was the only one we had, as at Worcester rain prevented any play after lunch the first day, and the match there never had any prospect of a definite result. Here Dr. F. W. P. Holton made his *début* on our tour, and a most successful one, too. Before finishing with Warwick we must mention the fact that we had the great pleasure of seeing the Warden, who spent most of the day on the ground. Also, Mitchell was there at the end of the first day's play.

Well, Worcester was the end of our trip. By Thursday evening most of us had dispersed with the sincere hope of meeting again next year. It is by no means a certainty that these tours will not come to an untimely end, unless we bestir ourselves. Apparently the difficulty in getting the team together has been increasing of late years, and this year it nearly reached its climax. A prodigious number of letters had to be written by our hard-working Secretary. The answers were in many cases belated,—one has not yet arrived!—and practically all were refusals. The result was that we were one short in our first two games. Comment is needless and the danger must be obvious to us all. Probably next year the tour will be in the second week in August, so as to try to suit more of us.

The chief features in the cricket demand a little space. J. W. Neale played the highest and best innings, his 82 at Lincoln and 52 at Worcester being both finely-hit scores. Holton played an excellent innings at Worcester, and we hope to see many more such scores from him in years to come. Labat was as steady as ever, fairly surpassing himself at Warwick. C. R. Wetherall batted most consistently and also bowled well, probably better than in any previous tour. Gillett was also consistent, but continually disappointed us by getting out just as we thought he was going to give us a big performance. His bowling was good; but he was obviously not quite fit, or he would have done us still more yeoman service. A. S. Wetherall had his least successful tour, but he played one very good innings, when runs were very difficult to get, at Warwick. His wicket-keeping was as good as ever, which is sufficient praise for anyone. R. T. S. Neale is full of promise and we shall look to him for scores in future years. B. S. Thompson had no luck in batting, but his fielding was keen and good, his catch at Lincoln being very nicely judged and taken. Ferguson never got going with the bat till the last afternoon, and he had not much luck with his bowling, which he changed to leg-breaks. The fielding this year was quite satisfactory; the usual brilliance was lacking from want of opportunity, though Bartholomew was quite himself at Worcester. The umpiring was always good, Upton being with us again. Once more we most cordially thank C. R. Wetherall for all the trouble he has taken. The best way to show our gratitude is to give him less trouble in getting up the team next year. This year Peel was our skipper, and he proved himself a veritable Jackson in winning the toss every time.



O.S.E. CRICKET TOUR 1905

L TO R (BACK) R.A. BARTHOLOMEW, F.C.W. GRIGSON, G.M.G. GILLETT, C. DE LABAT

L TO R (SEATED) A.S. WETHERALL, J.W. NEALE, F.B. PEEL, C.R. WETHERALL, W.H. FERGUSON

ON GROUND A.J.M. BACON (LEFT), R.T.S.. NEALE (RIGHT)

Cricket XI 1906

L-R BACK ROW	C.L. Bleaden, E.N. Medd, C.E.E. Cockey, F.C.A. Cleeve
L-R SEATED	H.B. Thompson, T.W. Heale, L.C. Blencowe (Captain), O.C. Blencowe, C.H. Jenner
L-R ON GROUND	R.G.B. Barrett, A.H. Blencowe

Fixture List

Played 9 Won 1 Drawn 2 Lost 6

v University College- lost by 102 runs
(Home)
v Exeter C.C. - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Worcester College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 46 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 25 runs
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - lost by 47 runs
(Home)
v King Edward's School, Warwick - match drawn
(Home)
v Wells Theological College - lost by 58 runs
(Home)
v Cygnets C.C. - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)

LAWRENCE BLENCOWE CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE SEASON AND HIS SIXTH IN THE SIDE

BLENCOWE MAKES 85 NOT OUT AGAINST THE OSE - BUT ENDS UP ON THE LOSING SIDE; HE ALSO MAKES 73 AGAINST THE CYGNETS C.C.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE BLENCOWE FAMILY IN THE SCHOOL 1ST XI, TWO BROTHERS AND ONE COUSIN

CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT (OSE) LEAVES HIS COACHING ROLE WITH THE SCHOOL AFTER SEVERAL YEARS INVOLVEMENT

LAWRENCE BLENCOWE CARRYS HIS SCHOOL FORM ONTO THE TUTORS' CUP SCORING TWO IDENTICAL SCORES OF 134 FOR GILLETT'S SET

AVERAGES, 1906.

BATTING.

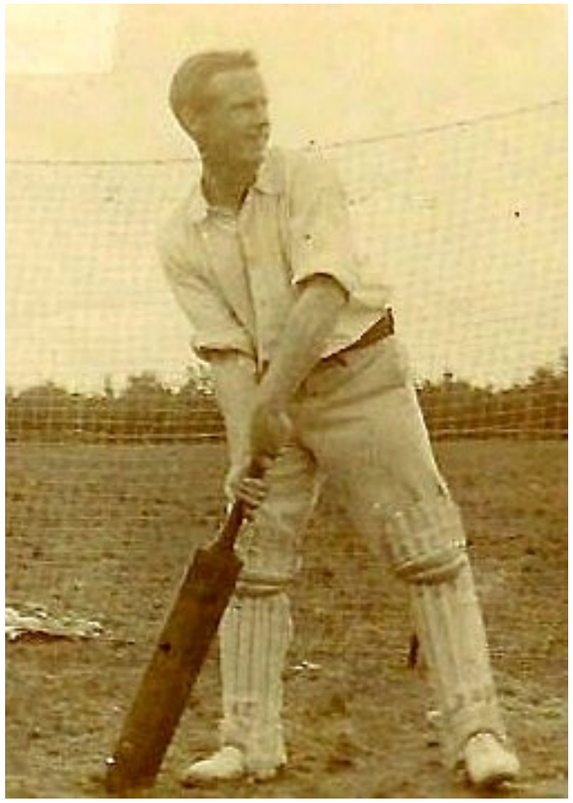
	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	No. of Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
L. C. Blencowe † ‖	9	1	302	84*	37·7
C. E. E. Cockey	9	0	145	58	16·1
H. B. Thompson	9	0	86	33	9·5
C. H. Jenner.....	9	0	82	29	9·1
O. C. Blencowe	7	1	57	19*	8·5
R. G. B. Barrett	1	1	57	19*	8·4
E. N. Medd	8	1	55	28	7·8
T. W. Heale.....	9	0	70	37	7·5
C. L. Bleaden	7	1	32	16	5·3
A. H. Blencowe	6	2	15	15	3·7
F. C. A. Cleeve	1	0	0	0	—
Also batted—					
Coope	1	0	7	7	7·0
Higgs	2	1	6	4*	6·0
Robinson	7	1	33	12*	5·5
East	3	1	8	4*	4·0
Reckitt	1	0	0	0	—

* Signifies not out. † Average bat. ‖ Fielding prize.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
L. C. Blencowe.....	16	2	70	8	8·7
‡R. G. B. Barrett....	30	4	135	14	9·6
O. C. Blencowe	55	5	256	17	15·1
H. B. Thompson	76	9	407	16	25·4
T. W. Heale	63	9	277	10	27·7
E. N. Medd	109	27	391	13	30·07

‡ Average ball.



CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT, WHO PLAYED IN THE CRICKET XI FROM 1885-1888, CAPTAINING THE SIDE IN HIS LAST YEAR. HE WAS REPUTED TO BE ABLE TO THROW THE CRICKET BALL 100 YARDS. HE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL AS A TEACHER 1898-1906, DURING WHICH TIME HE COACHED CRICKET THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL. HE PLAYED FOR THE O.S.E. TEAMS UP TO THE GREAT WAR

LAWRENCE BLENCOWE, PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1902-1907, CAPTAINING IN 1906 AND 1907. HE WAS ALSO A RUGBY PLAYER OF NOTE, GAINING TWO OXFORD RUGBY BLUES 1907-8. KILLED IN THE GREAT WAR

Correspondence.

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To the Editors of "St. Edward's School Chronicle."

DEAR SIRS,

Would it be impossible to have Junior Tutors' Matches in Football as well as in Cricket? The latter have been very successful in their object of increasing keenness and interest and there seems to be no reason why the same result should not be obtained by football matches on a similar plan. They would have this advantage over the cricket matches, that they can be played quite easily on whole-school days and only take an hour from start to finish. The teams might be chosen from the Middle and Junior Games and the badges now awarded might possibly be made to have some special meaning with regard to the Junior teams chosen to represent their Set. Possibly there is some serious difficulty in the way of starting such matches which you will be kind enough to let me know through your columns.

Yours obediently,
PHILAGON.

Cricket XI 1907

L-R BACK ROW	F.C.A. CLEEVE, J.P. HIGGS, G.H. BICKLEY, J.S. DOUGLAS
L-R SEATED	C.E.E. COCKEY, C.H. JENNER, O.C. BLENCOWE (CAPTAIN), H.B. THOMPSON, R.G.B. BARRETT
L-R ON GROUND	L.A. STRANGE

JAMES DOUGLAS WOULD LATER PLAY MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET FOR BERKSHIRE

Fixture List

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 3

v Wadham College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Exeter Busters - match drawn
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 30 runs
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - won by 3 runs
(Home)
v R.G. Thompson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - lost by 105 runs
(Away)
V C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Reading School - match drawn
(Home)

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Average.
O. C. Blencowe	10	4	187	31·16
C. H. Jenner	10	1	196	21·7
H. B. Thompson	10	1	169	18·77
C. E. E. Cockey.....	7	0	131	18·7
R. G. B. Barrett.....	10	0	207	20·7
F. C. A. Cleeve	6	1	20	4·
C. L. Bleaden.....	3	0	3	1.
J. S. Douglas	6	1	112	22·4
L. A. Strange	3	0	26	8·6
J. P. Higgs	3	3	59	—
G. H. Bickley	4	0	16	4·

BOWLING.

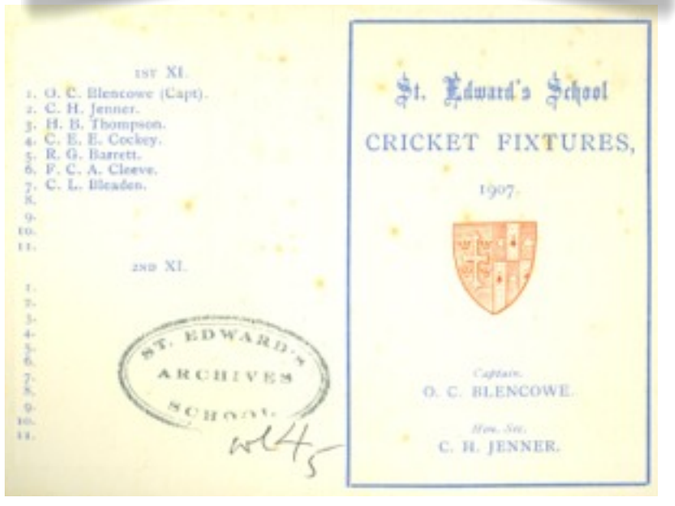
	Runs.	Overs.	Wickets.	Average.
O. C. Blencowe	378	194	30	12·6
H. B. Thompson	186	47	11	16·9
J. S. Douglas	336	127	29	11·5

The following also played for the XI. :—Cleeve mi., Dart, Dashwood, Hughes, Reynolds.

NEW CRICKET PAVILION ERECTED - AND PROMPTLY BROKEN INTO

OSWALD BLENCOWE CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE SEASON AND HIS FIFTH IN THE XI

BLENCOWE TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 50 RUNS AGAINST THE CHRIST CHURCH WARRIGALS



TWO VIEWS OF CRICKET IN 1907 THE ABOVE SHOWS THE 1ST XI IN ACTION AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE AND ON THE LEFT, THE SAME MATCH TAKEN FROM ANOTHER ANGLE AND SHOWING THE NEW PAVILION IN THE BACKGROUND

CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

O. C. Blencowe (Captain). Very much improved both in batting and bowling; played some very good innings and did a great deal of useful work with the ball; captained the team successfully: but might, perhaps, try a change of bowling sooner.

C. H. Jenner. His batting was much more vigorous than last year and his strokes far more powerful. Good field.

H. B. Thompson. He can be a very good, and very straight bat when he takes the trouble, though he has just lately been playing very crooked, chiefly through a desire to hit everything. His bowling has on occasions been good. A very good field.

C. E. E. Cockey. A very careful, straight bat; though he scores very slowly. He has played some very good innings: is much too sleepy in the field.

R. G. B. Barrett. A very straight and promising bat, his off strokes being extremely good. Has batted well all through the season. His bowling has been very disappointing; he seems to have lost all last year's promise of becoming a very fair left-hand bowler. His fielding is very good.

C. L. Bleaden. His wicket-keeping this season has been a great success, though he had very bad luck in only being able to play in a few of the matches. His batting is poor.

F. C. A. Cleeve. His batting has been disappointing this season, which is chiefly due to an unnecessary flourish at the beginning of each stroke. If this fault were conquered he could become a very fair bat. His fielding in the deep is good.

J. S. Douglas. A very promising and fair paced bowler, who when once he found his length sometimes seemed difficult to play. His batting is fair, but he must learn to stand still when playing back.

L. A. Strange. A very promising bat: has shown excellent form on more than one occasion.

Cricket XI 1908

L-R BACK ROW	G.H. Bickley, J.P. Higgs, C.E. Cleeve, J.R. Dashwood
L-R SEATED	R.G.B. Barrett, C.E.E. Cockey, O.C. Blencowe (Captain), C.L. Bleaden, J.S. Douglas
L-R ON GROUND	A.G. Sherwell, K. Harding

Kenneth Harding would later play County Cricket for Sussex

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 6

v C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v All Saints School, Bloxham - won by 168 runs
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Wadham College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 61 runs
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - won by 98 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - match drawn
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 25 runs
(Home)
v G.H.R. Wood's XI - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Wells Theological College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v C.L'E de B. de Labat's XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 62 runs
(Home)

RALPH BARRETT SCORES 82 AGAINST ALL SAINTS SCHOOL, BLOXHAM AND THEN 110 AGAINST WADHAM COLLEGE THREE WEEKS LATER

OSWALD BLENCOWE MAKES 66 AND GEORGE BICKLEY 59 NOT OUT IN THE VICTORY OVER THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI

DURING THE OSE TOUR THERE ARE TWO MORE CENTURIES - WILLIAM FERGUSON 112 AND CHARLES WETHERALL'S 141 NOT OUT AGAINST THE BLUE MANTALS C.C.

AVERAGES, 1908.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	No. of Runs.	Highest score.	Aver age
R. G. Barrett	10	0	321	110	32·1
O. C. Blencowe	11	0	309	66	28·0
K. Harding	7	3	88	29*	22·0
G. H. Bickley	11	3	175	65*	21·8
J. P. Higgs	9	0	169	67	18·7
C. E. E. Cockey	10	0	185	53	18·5
J. S. Douglas	11	0	169	51	15·3
J. R. Dashwood	7	1	86	44	14·3
C. E. Cleeve	8	3	70	29*	14·0
C. L. Bleaden	8	2	73	27*	12·1
A. G. Sherwell	8	0	75	27	9·3

*Signifies not out.

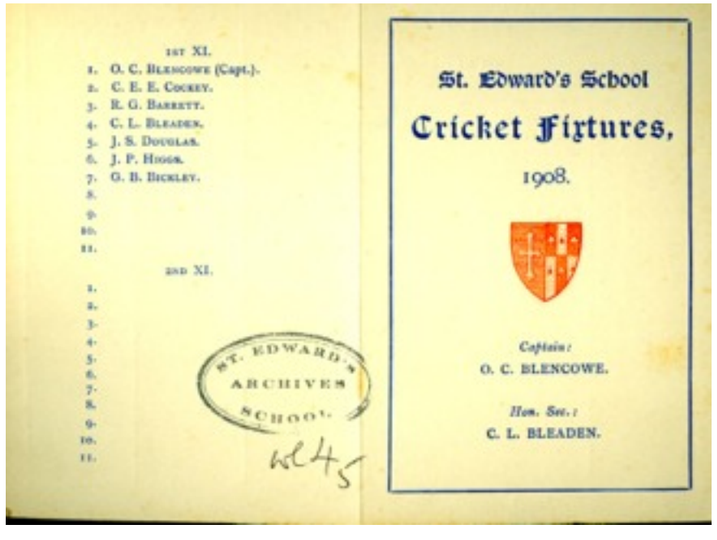
BOWLING.

	Overs.	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
Douglas	165	34	485	14·2
Dashwood	43·2	11	175	15·9
Blencowe	136	30	531	17·7
Bickley	77·1	19	351	18·4

Cricket Prospect.

WE have already played three matches, and as far as can be seen the success of the season is going to depend upon smartness in the field. The batting is, even at this early period, as good as last season, and promises to be much better later on, though perhaps a little more trouble might be taken in practice at the nets. Bowlers are fairly plentiful, but at present are too erratic; if only bowlers would use their heads more and try and make 'length' their one ambition, I am sure it would result in a great improvement, and wickets would fall more quickly. As regards the fielding, which is going to have everything to do with the success of the season, a great improvement must be looked for; at present it is all terribly slow, and the throwing in especially erratic. On fast wickets, such as we are now having, unless everyone is on the move actually *before* the ball is hit, it is absolutely impossible to get near it. If this can be remedied we ought to do well.

O.C.B.



KENNETH HARDING WHO PLAYED IN THE CRICKET XI IN 1908. HE WAS LATER HEADMASTER OF ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE WHO MOVED TO ST. EDWARDS 1940-5 UNDER FEAR OF GERMAN INVASION. HE PLAYED 3 TIMES FOR SUSSEX C.C. IN 1928

Cricket XI 1909

L-R BACK ROW	G.H. Bickley, C.E. Cleeve, E.F. Burn, A.G. Sherwell,
L-R SEATED	J.S. Douglas, C.E.E. Cockey, C.L. Bleaden (Captain), R.G.B. Barrett, J.P. Higgs
L-R ON GROUND	A.H. Hudson, P.R. Goldingham

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 9 Drawn 4 Lost 1

v L.C. Blencowe's XI - won by 65 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v G.E. Fawcus's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 67 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College- match drawn
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - won by 71 runs
(Home)
v Exeter Busters - won by 44 runs
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - won by 30 runs
(Home)
v G.E. Fawcus's XI - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - match drawn
(Away)
v C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - won by 26 runs
(Away)
v F.P. Long's XI - won by 2 wickets
(Home)

Cricket Prospect.

OF last year's XI. there are still eight left and of these Sherwell has come on considerably since last year and so far has made a good score in every match. Of last year's bowlers Douglas and Bickley still remain with us; the former has shown much promise on a hard wicket, but is inclined to be erratic. The consistent bowling of Blencowe will be sadly missed, but Burn has filled his place with some success. The fielding at present is not up to last year's standard. This is a serious matter, since we have to rely on three bowlers who must needs be discouraged when they are not backed up by good fielding. A catch however impossible it may seem can often be caught if the fielder is on the look out and ready to start. One cannot exaggerate the importance of always keeping on the move. Every fielder should be ready for every ball to come his way; very often its direction can be anticipated by watching the bowler's delivery. If all these points were observed, there would be a marked improvement in the fielding. There are now only two places left vacant in the team and it is impossible to foretell who will fill them. Practice in the nets should be taken more seriously both in batting and bowling. In the latter it is important to remember that good length balls do far most good to both batsman and bowler.

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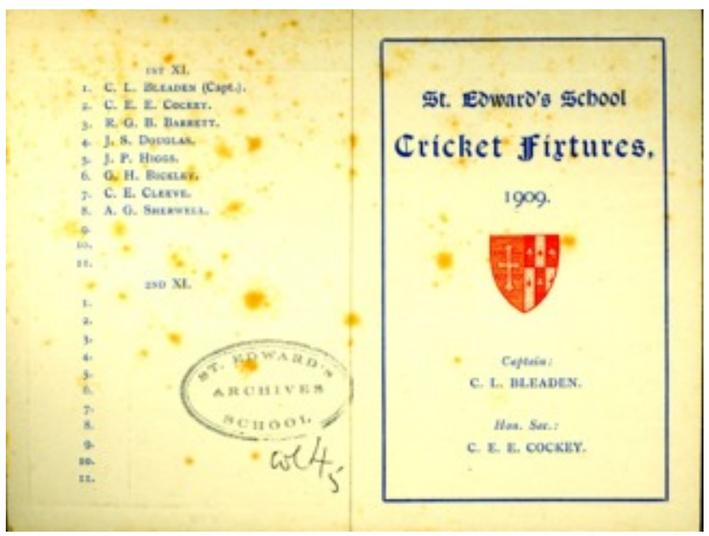
BATTING AVERAGES, 1909.

	Inns.	Runs.	Not out.	Most in Inn.	Average.
A. G. Sherwell†	13	439	4	73*	48·7
R. G. B. Barrett	14	410	1	121	31·5
J. S. Douglas	9	112	1	55	14·0
G. H. Bickley	10	109	0	29	10·9
C. L. Bleaden	11	92	2	28	10·2
C. E. Cleeve	13	119	0	24	9·1
C. E. E. Cockey	13	114	0	34	8·7
A. H. Hudson	6	32	2	11	8·0
J. P. Higgs	10	69	0	31	6·9
P. R. Goldingham	11	58	2	20*	6·44
E. F. Burn.....	9	45	2	15	6·42

† Average bat. * Not out.

ALAN HUDSON, SON OF A PREVIOUS WARDEN, A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI IN 1909. HE WAS KILLED IN THE GREAT WAR



BEST SEASON FOR A LONG TIME, LOSING ONLY ONE MATCH (BY ONE WICKET)

ARNOLD SHERWELL AND RALPH BARRETT BOTH MAKE IN EXCESS OF 400 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

CYRIL BLEADON CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS FOURTH IN THE XI

ARNOLD SHERWELL TAKES TWO 6 WICKET HAULS IN TWO CONSEQUTIVE MATCHES AGAINST WADHAM COLLEGE AND BICESTER C.C.

JAMES DOUGLAS TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 43 RUNS AGAINST MIDDLETON C.C.

RALPH BARRETT SCORES 121 AGAINST THE REVEREND F.P. LONG'S XI (BARRETT WAS AT THE SCHOOL FOR 11 YEARS, ONE OF THE LONGEST EVER SCHOOL CAREERS)

ERIC BURN (AGED 19), A LATE ARRIVAL AT THE SCHOOL AND THERE FOR ONLY ONE YEAR, TAKES 42 WICKETS IN THE SEASON

'THE BEST SIDE WE HAVE HAD IN GENERATIONS' (CHRONICLE)

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1909.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
R. G. B. Barrett	4	1	2	10	5·0
J. S. Douglas†	104·3	24	36	292	8·1
A. G. Sherwell	116·4	23	30	326	10·8
E. F. Burn.....	175	36	42	477	11·3
G. H. Bickley	22	0	5	105	21·0

† Average ball.

Cricket XI 1910

L-R BACK ROW	L.E. EYRES, F.R.C. HAMMOND, G.P. MORRIS, Q.E.M.A. KING
L-R SEATED	J.W.E. GEGG, A.G. SHERWELL, G.H. BICKLEY (CAPTAIN), P.R. GOLDINGHAM, R.O.C. BUSH
L-R ON GROUND	S.B.H. ESCOURT, H.M. BEST

Fixture List

Played 16 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 7

v Keble College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 3 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - won by 63 runs
(Home)
v Exeter College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v The Aesculapians - won by 46 runs
(Home)
v The Queen's College - won by 120 runs
(Home)
v J.G. Fawcus's XI - lost by 54 runs
(Home)
v C.L'E de B. de Labat's XI - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v L.F. Cass's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 2 wickets
(Away)
v F.P. Long's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Middleton park C.C. - lost by 121 runs
(Away)
v H.E. Butler's XI - match drawn
(Home)

SCHOOL ACQUIRES OPTION TO PURCHASE LAND, PREVIOUSLY RENTED, FROM DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH'S ESTATE

GEORGE BICKLEY AMASSES A TOTAL OF 526 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 35 PER INNINGS AND TAKES 53 WICKETS FOR 11 RUNS EACH HE SCORES 76 AGAINST CUDDESDON COLLEGE, 80 AGAINST BRASENOSE COLLEGE HORNETS AND 60 VERSUS THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE

BICKLEY ALSO SHOWS HIS BOWLING PROWESS BY TAKING 7 WICKETS FOR 40 RUNS AGAINST EXETER COLLEGE AND 6 WICKETS FOR 43 RUNS AGAINST THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE. HIS BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES ARE HOWEVER 8 WICKETS FOR 70 RUNS AGAINST J.G. FAWCUS'S XI & 8 FOR 120 VERSUS THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI

ARNOLD SHERWELL TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 53 RUNS AGAINST THE OSE XI

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Not out.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
G. H. Bickley †	17	2	80	526	35·06
A. G. Sherwell	17	1	96	338	21·12
P. R. Goldingham ..	17	0	39	197	11·58
J. W. E. Gegg	15	4	30	96	8·72
R. O. C. Bush	11	2	36*	125	13·88
Q. E. M. A. King ..	14	2	52*	159	13·24
F. R. C. Hammond ..	13	3	44*	114	11·4
G. P. Morris	14	3	28	121	11
L. E. Eyres	13	2	29*	118	10·72
H. M. Best	9	2	12	41	5·85
S. B. H. Estcourt	1	0	32	32	32

† Average Bat.

The following also batted :—

Coates mi.	3	2	4*	4	4
Hudson	6	0	17	23	3·8
Wareing	3	1	3*	7	3·5
Seymour ma.	8	0	4	7	·86

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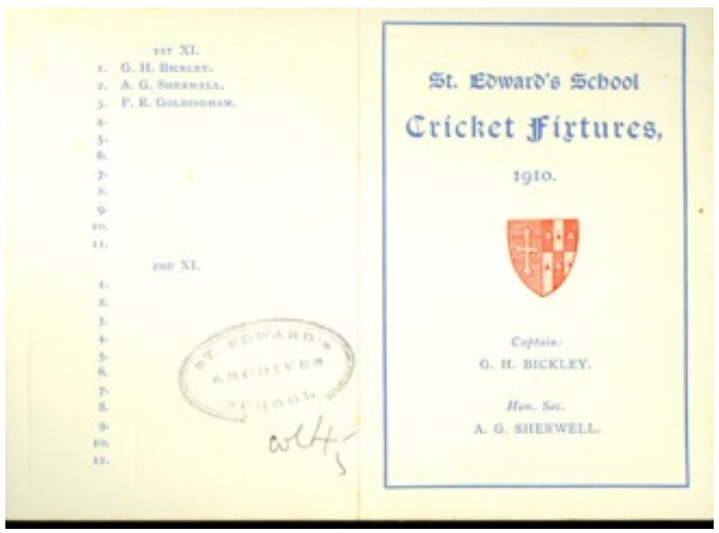
BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
G. H. Bickley †	146·5	10	587	53	11·07
A. G. Sherwell	140	21	483	24	20·12
J. W. E. Gegg	140	17	477	23	20·73
F. R. C. Hammond ..	14	0	50	6	8·33
G. P. Morris	73	7	340	14	24·28
P. R. Goldingham ..	10	1	35	1	35
Q. E. M. A. King ..	3	0	24	0	—
H. M. Best	1	0	21	0	—

† Average Ball.



O.S.E. Cricket touring XI 1910

L to R (back) A.G. Sherwell, G.M.G. Gillett, Unknown, T.H. Hudson, H.C. Brooke Johnson
L to R (seated) W.P. Kitcat, J.W. Neale, C. de Labat, R.W. Neale, R.G. Barrett
On ground F.W.P. Holton (left), C.R. Gillett (right)

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in an innings.	Aver. age.
J. W. Neale	8	2	245	94*	40·83
Dr. F. W. P. Holton	4	0	136	68	34·00
C. R. Gillett	7	1	121	54	20·16
R. G. Barrett	7	0	128	51	18·28
Rev. W. P. Kitcat ..	3	0	53	33	17·66
C. R. Wetherall	6	0	103	33	17·16
G. M. G. Gillett	5	0	83	34	16·60
H. C. Brooke-Johnson	7	2	77	26	15·40
T. H. Hudson	7	3	49	25*	12·25
A. G. Sherwell	5	0	52	30	10·40
G. H. Bickley	5	2	31	13	10·33
R. W. Neale	3	0	28	18	9·33
Rev. C. de Labat....	7	0	41	22	5·85

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	No. of Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
C. R. Wetherall	327	17	19·23
G. M. G. Gillett.....	384	16	24·00
R. G. Barrett	275	7	39·28

The following also took wickets :—C. R. Gillett 4, G. H. Bickley 4, R. W. Neale 3, A. G. Sherwell 3, Dr. F. W. P. Holton 2, J. W. Neale 2, Rev. C. de Labat 1.

Tour averages 1910

Cricket XI 1911

L-R BACK ROW	R.L. Owen, R.F. Halcomb, L.T. Seymour, N.B. Hudson
L-R SEATED	L.E. Eyres, Q.E.M.A. King, G.H. Bickley (Captain), G.P. Morris, S.B.H. Estcourt
L-R ON GROUND	C.P. Coates, J.R. Bullen

Fixture List

Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 7 Lost 5

v Wadham College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Home)
v Queen's Quondams - won by 74 runs
(Home)
v T. Stacey's XI, Buckingham - match drawn
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
V Exeter College - won by 98 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 8 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v C.E.E. Cockey's XI - won by 101 runs
(Home)
v The Aesculapians - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v F.P. Long's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v C.L'E de Labat's XI - won by 30 runs
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 1 wicket
(Away)
v Sutton Courtney C.C. - match drawn
(Home)

FREEHOLD OF UPPER FIELD (19.5 ACRES) SECURED

QUENTIN KING TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 54 RUNS VERSUS BRASENOSE COLLEGE ANS SCORES 122 VERSUS REVEREND C de LABAT SCRATCH XI

GEORGE BICKLEY HAS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SEASON MAKING 444 RUNS AND TAKING 39 WICKETS - IN AN INTERNAL SET GAME HE MAKES 227 - AN ALL TIME RECORD BY A SCHOOL PLAYER

BICKLEY CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE SEASON, HIS FIFTH IN THE XI AND TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 52 RUNS AGAINST THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI

THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THE MOST OUTSTANDING FIELDING SIDE EVER PRODUCED BY THE SCHOOL TO THAT TIME

GEORGE BICKLEY SCORES 83 NOT OUT AGAINST QUEEN'S QUONDAMS, 74 AGAINST THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI, 97 VERSUS KEBLE COLLEGE & 100 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

LAWRENCE EYERS SCORES 70 NOT OUT AGAINST EXETER COLLEGE AND 79 NOT OUT AGAINST C.E.E. COCKEY'S XI

QUENTIN KING TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 54 RUNS AGAINST THE BRASENOSE COLLEGE HORNETS AND SCORES 122 AGAINST THE REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI

LEWIS SEYMOUR TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 22 RUNS AGAINST C.C.E. COCKEY'S XI

GEORGE MORRIS TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 68 RUNS AGAINST BICESTER C.C.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL CRICKET FIELD FUND.

THE Subscribers to this Fund will be glad to learn that their generous help has been successful in putting the School in possession of the playing fields, and in averting the serious danger with which the School was threatened.

The whole of the sum subscribed—amounting to nearly half the purchase price of the land—has been paid to the Duke of Marlborough.

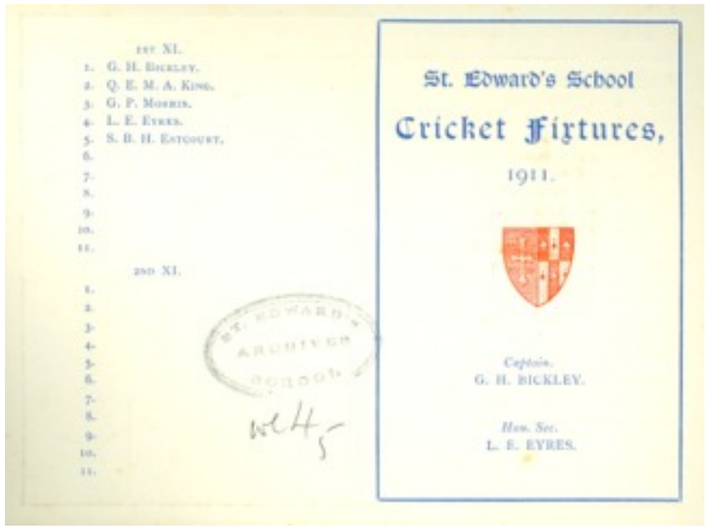
Other subscriptions have been promised, and the Fund is to be left open for some time to come.

September, 1911.

NOTHING has appeared in recent numbers of the *Chronicle* on the subject of this Fund; but we are now in a position to state that the sum collected from all sources amounts to £3000. Though this sum falls far short of the total required for the purchase of the land, it is enough to secure the fields to the use of the School; and, all being well, the Freehold of the land will shortly pass into the possession of the Trustees.

The first payment in respect of the land must be made before the next *Chronicle* appears, and it is much to be desired that this payment should be as large as possible. We make bold therefore to ask all who have promised or who are intending to help the Fund, to send their contributions during the next few weeks.

The Fund will of course remain open for further contributions, and we are hopeful that it will only be a matter of time to pay off the whole sum. Even when the title-deeds of the land have changed hands, no better service can be rendered the School than to help in reducing the outstanding debt.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St. Edward's School

Cricket Fixtures,

1911.

Captain.
G. H. BICKLEY.

Hon. Sec.
L. E. EYRES.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inn.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Runs.	Av.
G. H. Bickley‡	12	1	100	444	40.36
L. E. Eyres.....	15	3	79*	368	30.66
Q. E. M. A. King	13	1	122	323	26.91
N. B. Hudson.....	14	2	45*	251	20.91
S. B. H. Estcourt	13	3	57*	203	20.30
L. T. Seymour	9	1	44	107	13.37
R. F. Halcomb	7	0	63	82	11.71
R. L. Owen.....	11	3	28	93	11.62
G. P. Morris	8	1	18	62	8.85
C. P. Coates	9	4	5*	18	3.60
J. R. Buller.....	1	0	3	3	3.0

‡ Average Bat.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
G. H. Bickley*	91.3	4	441	39	11.30
Q. E. M. A. King	117.2	7	480	41	11.70
L. T. Seymour	81.4	5	400	22	18.17
G. P. Morris	99	9	440	18	24.44
C. P. Coates	90.4	13	325	12	27.08

* Average Ball.

Cricket XI 1912

L-R BACK ROW	H.G. Williamson, T.W. Snow, A.H. Seymour, C.P. Coates
L-R SEATED	R.L. Owen, Q.E.M.A. King, N.B. Hudson (Captain), L.T. Seymour, R.F. Halcomb
L-R ON GROUND	H.B. Kidd, A.E.S. Crosse

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 9 Drawn 1 Lost 4

v Cuddesdon College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 38 runs
(Home)
v Lincoln College - lost by 8 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 2 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Christ Church Warrigals - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v T. Stacey's XI - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v L.F. Cass's XI - won by 43 runs
(Home)
v North Oxford C.C. - won by 9 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 92 runs
(Home)
v C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - won by 52 runs
(Away)

QUENTIN KING AND LEWIS SEYMOUR HEAD A STRONG BOWLING ATTACK AND BETWEEN THEM TAKE 100 WICKETS IN THE SEASON

KING SCORES 133 AGAINST TRINITY COLLEGE AND TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 62 RUNS AGAINST THE OSE XI

SCHOOL DEFEAT THE OSE SIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1898, ALSO RECORD THE FIRST WIN OVER MIDDLETON PARK AFTER TWENTY SEVEN ENCOUNTERS - THIS FIXTURE ENDS IN 1915

LEWIS SEYMOUR TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 20 RUNS AGAINST THE BRASENOSE COLLEGE HORNETS

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inn	No. of Runs.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Av.
Q. E. M. A. King†	14	372	1	133*	28.62
T. W. Snow	11	118	3	31	14.75
R. F. Halcomb	14	144	0	42	10.29
C. P. Coates	10	61	4	20*	10.17
A. H. Seymour	13	120	1	34*	10.00
N. B. Hudson.....	12	119	0	26	9.92
R. L. Owen	13	129	0	28	9.92
A. E. S. Crosse	11	84	2	24	9.33
H. B. Kidd	9	65	2	19*	9.29
H. G. Williamson	13	98	1	19*	8.17
L. T. Seymour	12	91	0	25	7.58
There also played:—					
Bush.....	1	18	0	18	18.00
Cooke	5	51	1	28	12.75
Martyn.....	6	31	2	11*	7.75

† Average bat. * Signifies not out.

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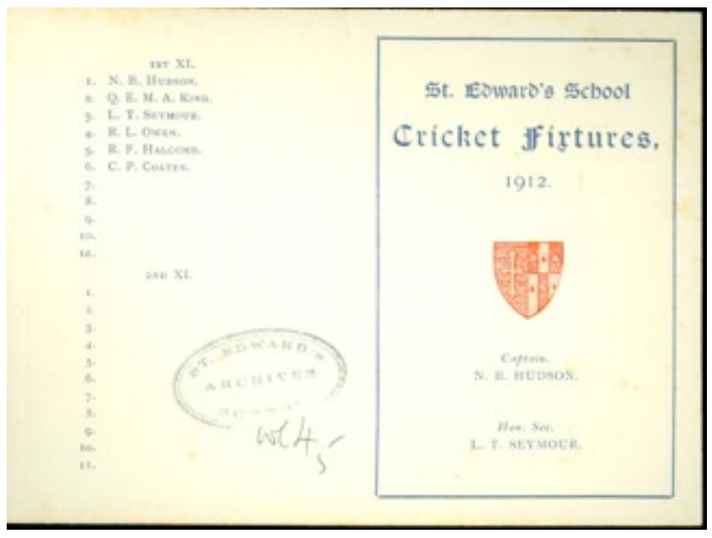
BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
H. B. Kidd	22.2	3	92	11	8.36
T. W. Snow	61.2	17	138	16	8.62
L. T. Seymour†	158.4	33	444	47	9.45
Q. E. M. A. King	158.1	17	514	53	9.69
C. P. Coates	55.4	7	186	10	18.60

Coates bowled 6 no balls, King 3.
† Average Ball.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St. Edward's School
Cricket Fixtures,
1912.

Captain.
N. B. HUDSON.

Hon. Sec.
L. T. SEYMOUR.

Notes.

THE Cricket Season has ended with a satisfactory balance of five matches to the good. Since of the games we did not win, two were lost by very small margins (2 runs and 8 runs) and one was drawn much in our favour, this may fairly be set down as well above the average. It stands on about the same level as 1909, and then we must go back to 1898 to find another parallel.

HUDSON has proved himself a very competent Captain. He has had fortune on his side in the sense that this has been a bowler's year, the very opposite of last season, and that he has had an unusual choice of bowlers—four good men, to say nothing of a fifth.

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THE Bowling Averages are worth notice. It has probably not happened before, that the School has had four bowlers with an average under ten. The Average Ball rewards a very excellent performance on the part of L. T. Seymour. But King's record is only fractionally behind it, while those of the two change bowlers, show even lower averages. Indeed Snow's bowling, which is always straight and keeps low, and Kidd's deceptive slows contributed not a little to the winning of matches at critical moments.

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Cricket XI 1913

L-R BACK ROW	C.A. Francis, L.J.D. Standen, B. Kennedy-Cooke, C.H. Martyn
L-R SEATED	H.G. Williamson, T.W. Snow, A.H Seymour (Captain), H.B. Kidd, A.E.S. Crosse
L-R ON GROUND	R.T. Hett, J.C. Hyde

Fixture List

Played 15 Won 4 Drawn 2 Lost 9

v Worcester Colts - lost by 45 runs
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - lost by 43 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 8 runs
(Home)
v North Oxford C.C. - won by 6 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 34 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Lincoln College - match drawn
(Home)
v L.F. Cass's XI - lost by 109 runs
(Home)
v F.P. Long's XI - lost by 24 runs
(Home)
v T. Stacey's XI - lost by 17 runs
(Home)
v C.L'E de B de Labat's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 125 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 8 runs
(Home)
v Imperial Staff College - won by 146 runs
(Home)
v Middleton Park C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE IMPERIAL SERVICES COLLEGE, WINDSOR

THE OSE DEFEAT THE SCHOOL AT THE JUBILEE EVENT - WITH SEVEN EX CAPTAINS IN THE SIDE. BEVERLEY USSHER SCORES 120,AN INNINGS DESCRIBED BY THE WARDEN AS 'BREATH-TAKING'

THOMAS SNOW (AGED 15) TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 31 RUNS AGAINST NORTH OXFORD C.C. AND SCORES 94 AGAINST LORD JERSEY'S XI

ALMERIC SEYMOUR SCORES 111 AND HAROLD WILLIAMSON MAKES 66 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE TO HELP THE SCHOOL TO AN INNINGS TOTAL OF 315 AND AN EASY WIN

SEYMOUR (84) AND SNOW (60) COMBINE TO ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO DECLARE AT 186-1 AGAINST THER REVEREND CHRISTOPHER DE LABAT'S XI AND A CONVINCING WIN

JAMES HYDE TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 26 RUNS AGAINST IMPERIAL SERVICE COLLEGE

DURING THE OSE TOUR KENNETH HARDING SCORES 150 AGAINST THE HITTITES - THE HIGHEST SCORE TO DATE FOR THIS TEAM

IN THE SENIOR TUTORS CUP HAROLD WILLIAMSON SCORES 136 FOR HIS SET BUT ENDS UP ON THE LOSING SIDE FOR WHOM CLIVE MARTYN HIT 168

Past v. Present at Cricket.

We subjoin a list of these matches as far as they are recorded in our pages. It is interesting to note that the earliest was played in the Captaincy of Dr. Holton, whom we hope to see in the field on Tuesday. We have been unable to find any record of the match in 1880 and 1882.

	Captain.	*Present.*	*Past.*	*Result.*
1875	F. W. P. Holton	70 & 61 for 4	66 & 81	Pres. 6 wkt.
1876	E. J. A. Stradling	120	63	Pres. 57 runs.
1877	P. Coates	147	51 & 25	Pres. Inn. & 71 runs.
1878	W. R. W. Tyler	33 & 40 for 7	37 & 32	Pres. 3 wkt.
1879	E. G. Wynyard	83 for 2		Drawn.
1880	F. W. Terry			
1881	H. S. D. Gill	47	145	Past. 98 runs.
1882	R. T. Prioleau			
1883	R. W. C. Hunt	48	96	Past. 48 runs.
1884	R. T. Prioleau	164	82 for 3	Drawn.
1885	G. B. Kerr	153	104	Pres. 49 runs.
1886	K. H. Marsham	153	62	Pres. 91 runs.
1887	A. M. de Labat	97	167	Past. 70 runs.
1888	C. de Labat	76 & 55	167	Past. Inn. & 36 runs.
1889	E. H. Wilgress	116 for 4	168 for 8 (decl.)	Drawn.
1890	E. H. Wilgress	123	128	Past. 5 runs.
1991	M. Wade-Smith	63	140	Past. 77 runs.
1892	E. G. Read	145	121	Pres. 24 runs,
1893	E. G. Read	144	84	Pres. 60 runs.
1894	R. G. L. Horton	125	120	Pres, 5 runs,
1895	A. C. Miller	240	197	Pres. 43 runs.
1896	R. C. P. Blyth	225 for 8	288 for 9	Drawn.
1897	C. R. Wetherall	136	210	Past. 74 runs.
1898	B. Ussher	105	88	Pres. 17 runs.
1899	F. T. Neale	53 & 51	246	Past. Inn. & 142 runs.
1900	H. R. P. Dickson	82 245 for 8 (decl.)		Past. 163 runs.
1901	A. E. Churcher	19 277 for 3 (decl.)		Past. 255 runs.
1902	A. H. Murray	166 for 8 299 for 6 (decl.)		Drawn.
1903	H. R. Peel	88	229	Past. 141 runs.
1904	W. H. Bleaden	148	279	Past. 131 runs.
1905	W. H. Bleaden	54	121	Past. 67 runs.
1906	L. C. Blencowe	166 212 for 9 (decl.)		Past. 46 runs.
1907	O. C. Blencowe	144 for 3	205 for 8 (decl.)	Drawn.
1908	O. C. Blencowe	133	194	Past. 61 runs.
1909	C. L. Bleaden	71	138	Past. 67 runs.
1910	G. H. Bickley	140	143	Past. 3 runs.
1911	G. H. Bickley	168 for 9	245	Drawn.
1912	N. B. Hudson	165	130	Pres. 35 runs.

Present 12. Past 17. Drawn 7.

THE 1913 O.S.E. CRICKET TOUR. PICTURE TAKEN AT "THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, HOLT, NORFOLK" BEFORE THE HIGH SCORING DRAWN MATCH VERSUS THE HOLT HITTITES IN AUGUST.

L TO R (BACK) G.P. HARDING, R.W. NEALE, Q.E.M.A. KING, G.H. BICKLEY
L TO R (SEATED) A.S.. WETHERALL, A. GREAVES, J. SING (WARDEN), C.R. WETHERALL, C DE LABAT
L TO R (ON GROUND) A.G. SHERWELL, J.S. DOUGLAS, K. HARDING

S.E.S. BATTING AVERAGES, 1913.

	Inn.	Runs.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Av.
A. H. Seymour†	14	370	1	111	28.46
T. W. Snow	14	324	1	94	24.92
H. G. Williamson	13	205	0	66	15.76
L. J. D. Standen	11	68	6	27*	13.60
C. H. Martyn	13	149	2	50*	13.55
H. B. Kidd	14	173	0	47	12.36
B. K. Cooke	11	109	2	25	12.11
C. A. Francis	12	113	2	19*	11.30
R. T. Hett..	12	135	0	40	11.25
J. C. Hyde	4	20	2	8*	10,00
A. E. S. Crosse	12	103	1	21*	9.36
Also batted.					
Bampfield	2	13	0	9	6.50
King ma.	7	7	1	4	1.66
Bartrum	1	0	0	0	—

† Average Bat.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
J. C. Hyde	38	7	119	13	9.16
T. W. Snow†	127	33	406	37	10.97
L. J. D. Standen	145	28	474	33	14.36
A. H. Seymour	91	9	383	22	17.40
H. B. Kidd	59	4	286	10	28.60
C. A. Francis	9.1	1	43	1	43.00
Also bowled.					
King ma.	26	2	133	3	44.33

† Average Ball.

Cricket XI 1914

L-R BACK ROW	E.A.P. STONEX, R. BAMPFIELD, W.Y. THOMSON, R.W.M. HALL
L-R SEATED	C.H. MARTYN, T.W. SNOW, A.E.S. CROSSE (CAPTAIN), R.T. HETT, J.C. HYDE
L-R ON GROUND	H.T. EYRES, C.S. RANSON

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 7 Drawn 1 Lost 5

v St. John's College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Cuddesdon College - match drawn
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 104 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 71 runs
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - won by 37 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 15 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - lost by 46 runs
(Home)
v F.P. Long's XI - won by 50 runs
(Home)
v L.F. Cass's XI - won by 17 runs
(Home)
v T. Stacey's XI - lost by 176 runs
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - lost by 126 runs
(Away)
v Middleton Park C.C. - won by 18 runs
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)

THOMAS SNOW TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 7 RUNS AGAINST THE IMPERIAL SERVICES COLLEGE - A SCHOOL RECORD

SNOW MAKES 375 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 34 RUNS PER INNINGS AND TAKES 55 WICKETS FOR 9 RUNS EACH. HE ALSO TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 36 RUNS AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, 7 WICKETS FOR 14 RUNS AGAINST ST. EDMUND HALL AND SCORES 82 AGAINST LORD JERSEY'S XI

SNOW'S IMPRESSIVE SUMMER IS CARRIED OVER TO THE SENIOR TUTORS MATCHES WHERE HE HIT 266 RUNS IN ALL (INCLUDING ONE CENTURY) BUT WHOSE SIDE LOSES IN THE FINAL

PHILIP MERIVALE A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI IN 1903. LATER AN ACTOR OF DISTINCTION IN LONDON AND HOLLYWOOD. SEEN HERE PLAYING FOR A ENGLISH ACTORS XI ON A MATTED PITCH IN CALIFORNIA CIRCA C. 1914

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	No. of runs.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Average.
T. W. Snow†	13	375	2	85*	34.09
C. H. Martyn	13	175	1	79*	14.59
A. E. S. Crosse	12	149	0	37	12.42
R. Bampfield	13	157	0	40	12.08
W. Y. Thomson	11	108	2	22	12.00
E. A. P. Stonex	7	36	4	16*	12.00
H. T. Eyres	9	93	0	36	10.33
C. S. Ranson	11	76	3	26*	9.50
R. W. M. Hall	12	95	1	22	8.64
R. T. Hett	13	105	0	22	8.08
J. C. Hyde	8	28	3	16	5.66
There also batted :—					
Dore	7	50	2	16*	10.00

†Average Bat. *Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
T. W. Snow*	158.1	32	461	55	8.38
C. S. Ranson	58.2	14	198	13	15.23
J. C. Hyde	89.1	15	366	24	15.25
E. A. P. Stonex	60	10	174	11	11.87
R. W. M. Hall	26	0	138	8	17.25
R. Bampfield	20.3	1	108	4	27.00
H. T. Eyres	32	5	123	4	30.75
W. Y. Thomson	12	0	68	2	34.00

*Average Ball.

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Cricket.

AN easy win in the first match coupled with a creditable draw with Cuddesdon in the second have given the side a confidence which should go far to make the season a successful one.

The fresh talent which has so far been shown, if not very extensive, is certainly of good quality, and both in batting and bowling there are indications of a general improvement.

In the matter of fielding there must, as usual, be a good deal of practice, if we are to attain to the high standard which should always be found in a School side not too well supplied in the other departments of the game.

A.E.S.C.

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LEO QUINTUS (ETC) TOLLEMACHE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1898 AND 1899

KILLED IN ACTION FLANDERS 1 NOVEMBER 1914

Cricket XI 1915

L-R BACK ROW	A.W. DOLBY, C.F. MOYKOPF, G.J. STRANGE, C.F.G. LLOYD
L-R SEATED	H.T. EYERS, R. BAMPFIELD, C.S. RANSON (CAPTAIN), R.W.M. HALL, G.B. HETT
L-R ON GROUND	A.H. TOD, E.D. MACKAY

Fixture List

Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 2

v KEBLE COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
v ISIS C.C. - LOST BY 57 RUNS
(HOME)
v WARDEN'S XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
v KEBLE COLLEGE - WON BY 7 WICKETS
(AWAY)
v WARDEN'S XI - LOST BY 6 WICKETS
(HOME)
v ISIS C.C. - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
v 138TH BATTERY R.G.A. - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
v CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL - WON BY 3 WICKETS
(HOME)
v 138TH BATTERY R.G.A. - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
v F.P. LONG'S XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
HEYTHROP HUNT C.C. - WON BY 50 RUNS
(AWAY)

LORD JERSEY, WHO RAISED A STRONG SCRATCH SIDE TO PLAY AGAINST THE SCHOOL EVERY SUMMER FROM 1883 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1915 AT HIS MIDDLETON PARK ESTATE. THEREAFTER THE SCHOOL PLAYED EITHER MIDDLETON PARK OR C.C.THE HEYTHROP HUNT UNTIL 1928 ON THE SAME GROUND.

YOUNGEST EVER CRICKET XI TO PLAY FOR THE SCHOOL DUE TO WAR DEMANDS ON MANPOWER - AVERAGE AGE 16

FIRST FIXTURES VERSUS CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL AND A WARDEN'S SCRATCH XI

RICHARD BAMPFIELD SCORES 97 NOT OUT AGAINST KEBLE COLLEGE AND 101 NOT OUT AGAINST D COY, 6TH OFFICERS BATTALION

RUSSELL HALL SCORES 52 AGAINST THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

ALAN DOLBY MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1915.
HE ENLISTED A YEAR LATER (AGE 17) AND SURVIVED THE GREAT WAR

RICHARD
CONNER

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1886

DIED UNDER SURGERY
LONDON
7 SEPTEMBER 1915

WALTER JOHN
FRAMPTON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1884 AND 1885

DIED OF HIS WOUNDS
DARDANELLES
5 MAY 1915

BEVERLEY
USSHER

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1895-1898
CAPTAIN IN 1898

KILLED IN ACTION
DARDANELLES
14 JUNE 1915

REGINALD CROMMELIN
POPHAM BLYTH

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1893-1896
CAPTAIN IN 1896

KILLED IN ACTION
DARDANELLES
4 JUNE 1915

EDWIN READ
COLLISSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1904

KILLED IN ACTION
LOOS
13 OCTOBER 1915

ALEXANDER MOULTRIE
WALLACE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET
XI 1898 AND 1899

KILLED IN ACTION
NEUVE CHAPELL
12 MARCH 1915

Cricket XI 1916

Squad R. Bampfield (Captain), C.F. Moyfopf, C.F.G. LLoyd, A.H. Tod, J.B.P. Phillips, H.A. Fitt, E.D. MacKay, R.P.R. Carpenter, A.T.E. Marsh, G.A.F. Gillmor, G.T. Turner

No group picture of the 1916 XI has ever been found and maybe was never taken. The above photograph was from three years earlier before the Past v Present cricket match during the School's Jubilee celebrations. The Alumni team was particularly strong and easily defeated the School XI by 125 runs. Included were no less than eight former Captains of Cricket - back row (3rd from right) H.R. Peel (1903), first standing row (4th from right) R.C. Blyth (1896), seated (2nd from left) C.R. Wetherall (1897), (centre) H.W.R. Bencraft (1874), (3rd from right) C.L'E de B de Labat (1887/8), on ground (2nd to 4th from left), N.B. Hudson (1912), G.H. Bickley (1910/11), B. Ussher (1896). Blyth, Ussher and Bickley were killed in WW1

Fixture List

Played 8 Won 4 Drawn 2 Lost 2

v Army Ordnance Corps, Didcot - match drawn
(Home)
v City of London School - lost by 56 runs
(Home)
v Army Ordnance Corps, Didcot - match drawn
(Home)
v 'D' Co, 6th Officers Batt - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v 'D' Co, 6th Officers Batt - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Isis C.C. - won by 1 run
(Home)
v 'D' co, 6th Officers Batt- won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Isis C.C. - lost by 4 runs
(Home)

HENRY EYERS MAKES 55 NOT OUT AGAINST THE 138TH BATTERY, ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	No. of Runs.	Highest Score.	Times not out.	Average.
R. Bampfield.....	8	213	101*	1	30.4
Turner	3	20	14*	2	20.
A. H. Todd	8	137	38	0	18.1
C. F. G. Lloyd.....	8	116	39	1	16.6
J. B. P. Phillips	8	110	41	0	13.8
C. F. Moykopf.....	7	74	37	1	10.5
Gillmor ma.	3	21	13	1	10.5
H. A. Fitt.....	6	35	18	0	8.6
Mackay ma.	5	18	6*	2	6.
Marsh.....	4	16	10	1	5.3
Foulkes	4	15	10	1	5.
Carpenter	2	—	—	—	—

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BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
C. F. G. Lloyd	67.2	17	194	22	7.91
C. F. Moykopf	65	9	171	14	12.21
R. Bampfield.....	38	7	159	9	17.66
J. B. P. Phillips	31.4	3	130	3	43.33
Also bowled—					
Carpenter	17	3	36	7	5.14
Mackay ma.	9.4	2	44	2	22.
H. A. Fitt	7	1	32	1	32.

THE Captain of Cricket has only two First XI. Colours beside himself for the nucleus of a team. It will be remembered that Colours were not given for the last two places in 1915. There are four Second XI. Colours.

HAROLD GODWIN WILLIAMSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1912 AND 1913

KILLED IN ACTION SOMME 1 JULY 1916

ROLAND THORSTEN HETT

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1913 AND 1914

KILLED IN ACTION SOMME 26 OCTOBER 1916

LEWIS THIERRY SEYMOUR

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1911 AND 1912

KILLED IN ACTION SOMME 13 AUGUST 1916

OSWALD CHARLES BLENCOWE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1904-1908 CAPTAIN IN 1907 & 1908

KILLED IN ACTION SOMME 7 OCTOBER 1916

GEORGE MAURICE GERALD GILLETT

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1898-1900

KILLED IN ACTION SOMME 16 SEPTEMBER 1916

Cricket XI 1917

L-R BACK ROW	H.V. Crowder, J.R.C. Stock, F.I.S. Gill, C.N. Sharples
L-R SEATED	F.L. Foulkes, H.A. Fitt, A.H. Tod (Captain), E.D. MacKay, R.P.R. Carpenter
L-R ON GROUND	R.E.L. Tuckey, B.S.C. Knowles

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 4

v Officer Cadet Batt (Keble) - match drawn
(Home)
v Army Ordnance Corps, Didcot - match drawn
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Hertf'd) - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Magdalen) - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (St. Jhn's) - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Trinity) - lost by 63 runs
(Home)
v 'E' Coy, Officer Cadet Batt - lost by 99 runs
(Home)
v Army Ordn'nce Corps, Did't - won by 10 wick's
(Home)
v Isis C.C. - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Worcester) - match drawn
(Home)

FORTESCUE FOULKES SCORES 61 AND FRANCIS GILL 58 TO WIN THE MATCH AGAINST A.O.C. DIDCOT

CHARLES SHARPLES TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 21 RUNS AGAINST ISIS C.C.

BATTING AVERAGES 1917.

	Innings.	Not Out.	Runs.	Average.	Order by Av.
A. H. Tod	13	1	195	16.25	2
H. A. Fitt	13	0	65	5.00	9=
E. D. Mackay	11	4	60	8.57	6
F. L. Foulkes	13	0	271	20.84	1st.
R. P. R. Carpenter..	13	2	130	11.81	4
F. I. S. Gill.....	13	0	193	14.84	3
J. R. C. Stock.....	11	1	110	11.00	5
C. N. Sharples	7	4	20	6.66	7
Crowder, H. V.	12	2	54	5.4	8
Tuckey, R. E. L. ..	10	1	37	4.11	11
Knowles, B. S. C. ..	4	2	10	5.00	9=
Also batted—					
Smith mi.....	5	0	19	3.8	

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
E. D. Mackay.....	90.6	22	242	20	12.1
R. P. R. Carpenter..	85	9	343	26	13.19
F. I. S. Gill.....	65.5	9	283	16	17.68
J. R. C. Stock.....	32	8	92	10	9.2
Crowder, H. V.	28	2	133	8	16.6
C. N. Sharples	62	6	231	18	12.8

THE Eleven is left with two colours, the Four without one. There seems plenty of material of a sort, but all very young and unformed.

HARRY BLUNDELL THOMPSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1904-1907

KILLED IN ACTION LANGEMARCK 2 OCTOBER 1917

ALFRED SIDNEY GARDNER

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1872

DIED FROM WAR INJURIES NEATH 13 SEPTEMBER 1917

CHARLES SHERRIFF RANSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1914 AND 1915 CAPTAIN IN 1915

KILLED IN ACTION HOOGE 16 AUGUST 1917

LAWRENCE CAVE BLENCOWE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1902-1906 CAPTAIN IN 1906

KILLED IN ACTION BOIS GRENIER 29 JUNE 1917

ARTHUR HENSLEY HUDSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1909

KILLED IN ACTION HOOGE 31 JULY 1917

GEORGE HOWARD BICKLEY

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1907-1911 CAPTAIN IN 1910 & 1911

KILLED IN ACTION ZONNEBEKE (PASSCHENDAELE) 4 OCTOBER 1917

Cricket XI 1918

L-R BACK ROW	E.J. SMITH, H.V. CROWDER, R.E.L. TUCKEY, B.S.C. KNOWLES
L-R SEATED	F.I.S. GILL, F.L. FOULKES, H.A. FITT (CAPTAIN), R.P.R. CARPENTER, J.R.C. STOCK
L-R ON GROUND	H.B.S. WILD, C.P.B. SOUTH

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 5

v Officer Cadet Batt (Wadham) - match drawn
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Bal'ol) - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (St. John's) - match drawn
(Home)
v Isis C.C. - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (New Coll) - lost by 80 runs
(Home)
v R.A.F. Wolvercote - won by 7 runs
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Trinity) - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Warden's XI - won by 27 runs
(Home)
v Officer Cadet Batt (Wadham) - lost by 64 runs
(Home)
v Isis C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Dover College - lost by 84 runs
(Home)
v Army Ordnance Corps, Didcot - match drawn
(Home)
v Warden's XI - match drawn
(Home)

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	Ins.	Highest Sc.	Av.
F. L. Foulkes....	306	11	93	30.5
F. I. S. Gill	327	12	102*	29.8
H. A. Fitt	189	10	50	18.9
R. E. L. Tuckey..	184	10	33	18.4
R. P. R. Carpenter	195	11	53	17.7
J. R. C. Stock ..	46	9	11*	5.6

*Not out.

The other places were not filled up. Smith ma. (7.2), South (7), Knowles (5.1), Crowder (5), and Sharples also batted.

Bowling Averages—F. L. Foulkes, 11.1; F. I. S. Gill, 15.7; R. E. L. Tuckey, 16.6; J. R. C. Stock. 17; R. P. R. Carpenter, 23.5; also bowled South 12.13; Crowder 13.3; Wild 18; Sharples 19.

THE Captain of the XI has five of the old colours, besides himself, out of the eight who held them last year, Tod and Mackay being the only losses. He has as well all three Second XI men who played last year. A wicket-keep and a new bowler have been found. A very long programme of matches has been arranged, and the result of the first was very encouraging. It only needed another quarter of a hour to make it a decisive win. Though the bowling was perhaps not at its best and the ground fielding not quite so clean as we were accustomed to last year, the team looked well and the only three batsmen who got an innings showed excellent form.

FIRST FIXTURE VERSUS DOVER COLLEGE

FORTESCUE FOULKES SCORES 71 NOT OUT AGAINST WADHAM O.C.B. AND 93 VERSUS A.O.C. DIDCOT

HENRY FITT SCORES 53 AGAINST DOVER COLLEGE, HIS THIRD HALF CENTURY OF THE SEASON

FRANCIS GILL SCORES 102 NOT OUT AGAINST THE WARDEN'S XI

JOHN PHILIP HIGGS

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1907-1909

DIED FROM HIS WOUNDS AMIENS 14 APRIL 1918

JOHN HENRY FARQUHAR WILGRESS

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1892-1894

DIED FROM WAR SERVICE ELTHAM 12 JUNE 1921

GILBERT JOHN STRANGE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1915

KILLED IN ACTION SHOT DOWN OVER FRANCE 24 SEPTEMBER 1918

HENRY TARRANT EYRES

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1915

KILLED IN ACCIDENT RETURNING FROM ACTION ST. ERNE 9 NOVEMBER 1918

REVEREND ARTHUR MACNAMARA (LEFT) AND ROBERT MORTIMER (O.S.E), BISHOP OF EXETER. MACNAMARA JOINED THE COMMON ROOM STAFF 1919-1959, DURING WHICH TIME HE HELPED COACH THE CRICKET XI 1919-1925 AND WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR 'CARE OF THE PITCH'.
MORTIMER WAS A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1920-1921. PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1963

Cricket XI 1919

L-R BACK ROW	C.D. Round-Turner, J.W.M. Fletcher, J.L. Hawkins, C.M Thorman
L-R SEATED	B.S.C. Knowles, R.E.L. Tuckey, H.V. Crowder (Captain), C.P.M. South, B.E. Moody
L-R ON GROUND	J.H. Hamilton, R.B. Page

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 3 Drawn 1 Lost 10

v Lincoln & Jesus Colleges - match drawn
(Home)
v New College - lost by 60 runs
(Home)
v Balliol College - won by 54 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - won by 54 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 62 runs
(Home)
v Lincoln & Jesus Colleges - won by 24 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - lost by 100 runs
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 2 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 114 runs
(Home)
v Dover College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v All Saints School Bloxham - lost by 14 runs
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 94 runs
(Home)
v Imperial Services College- lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Dover College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)

CHARLES SOUTH ENDS THE SEASON WITH 50 WICKETS AT A COST OF 13 RUNS EACH

COACHING DUTIES TAKEN OVER BY COMMON ROOM MEMBERS TREVOR JAMES, ARTHUR TILLY, BRUCE GOLDIE AND ARTHUR MACNAMARA (WHO ALSO SUPERVISES THE CARE OF THE FIELDS)

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Ins.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest Sc.	Av.
H. V. Crowder	12	0	150	40	12.5
R. E. L. Tuckey ..	14	0	290	53	20.7
C. P. B. South.. ..	12	3	26	7	2.9
B. S. C. Knowles..	14	0	98	32	7.8
B. E. Moody	14	3	153	34	13.9
J. L. Hawkins	11	2	75	28	8.3
J. W. M. Fletcher	10	6	15	4*	3.8
C. M. Thorman ..	9	0	92	27	10.2
Round-Turner ma.	14	1	96	34*	7.3
Hamilton ma.	13	1	84	17*	7.8
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* not out.

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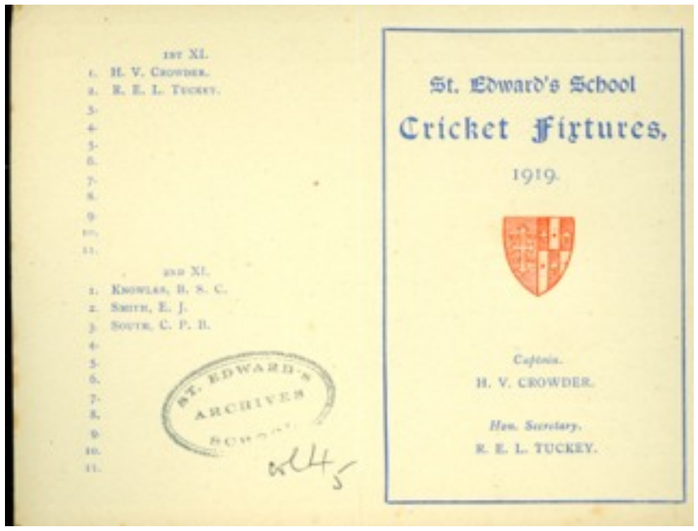
BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
C. P. B. South	178.1	24	652	50	13.04
J. L. Hawkins	115·3	9	467	19	24.5
H. V. Crowder	73.4	12	241	14	17.2

R. E. L. Tuckey (4 wkts. av. 44.7), B. E. Moody (3 wkts. av. 53.3), and Page (4 wkts. 47.7) also bowled.

Result of Season.—Matches played, 14; won, 2; lost, 10; drawn, 2.

The last 3 places in the XI. were not filled up.



Cricket XI 1920

L-R BACK ROW	A.D. Hamilton, W.L. Cox, R.C. Mortimer, R.C. Lawson
L-R CENTRE	R.D. Allen, B.E. Moody, C.M. Thorman (Captain), J.W.M. Fletcher, H.B.S. Wild
L-R SEATED	J. Keymer, N.H.L. Round-Turner

Fixture List
Played 8 Won 2 Drawn 3 Lost 3

v O.S.E. XI - lost by 92 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Away)
v Wadham College - won by 79 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Home)
v All Saints School Bloxham - lost by 70 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - lost by 71 runs
(Away)
v Senior Common Room XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)

BATTING AVERAGES, 1920.

	Runs.	Innings.	Not out.	Av.
C. M. Thorman	161	8	1	20.1
H. B. S. Wild	136	7	2	19.4
R. C. Lawson	40	3	—	13.3
R. D. Allen	96	9	—	10.6
B. E. Moody	77	8	—	9.6
W. L. Cox	60	7	1	8.5
J. W. M. Fletcher	33	6	1	5.5
N. H. Round-Turner	29	6	1	4.8
A. D. Hamilton	38	8	1	4.7
R. C. Mortimer	23	6	1	3.8
J. Keymer	5	2	—	2.5

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BOWLING AVERAGES, 1920.

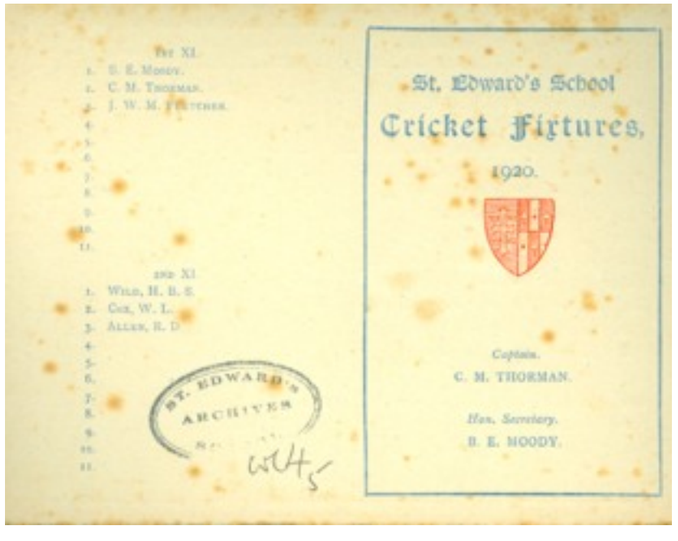
	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
B. E. Moody	74.1	237	17	13.9
R. D. Allen	83.0	237	13	18.2
H. B. S. Wild	35.9	185	11	16.8
J. Keymer	11.0	40	3	13.3
A. D. Hamilton	18.0	94	4	23.5

Result of Season. Played 8, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 2.

THE TRADITIONAL OSE SUMMER TOUR REPLACED BY A 'CRICKET WEEK' HELD AT THE SCHOOL IN AUGUST

CHRISTOPHER THORMAN SCORES 76 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

FIRST EVER 2ND XI MATCH AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL - RADLEY COLLEGE, THE FIRST EVER CRICKET FIXTURE AGAINST THE OLD ENEMY



The O.S.E. Cricket Week.

THE O.S.E. Cricket Week of 1920 will always be remembered by those who took part in it. By those, who had not played for the O.S.E. because it was their first appearance and by those who had played together before because they can feel that a bridge has been drawn across the years of the war and that the tradition of an O.S.E. cricket tour has not been allowed to die.

We were not blessed by fine weather but Bank Holiday, some hours of which we spent in the Pavilion, gave us all an opportunity of looking forward to the day when a stroke of fortune might enable one of us to build a new one.

As far as the matches were concerned, we lost them all, but winning or losing games is a side issue, and all the games were thoroughly enjoyable.

The best match of the three was the last. We were up against very strong opponents and the practice of the previous games enabled the team to show to better advantage, although the result was a heavy defeat. We were certainly handicapped in the second innings by the accidents to our captain J. W. Neale and James.

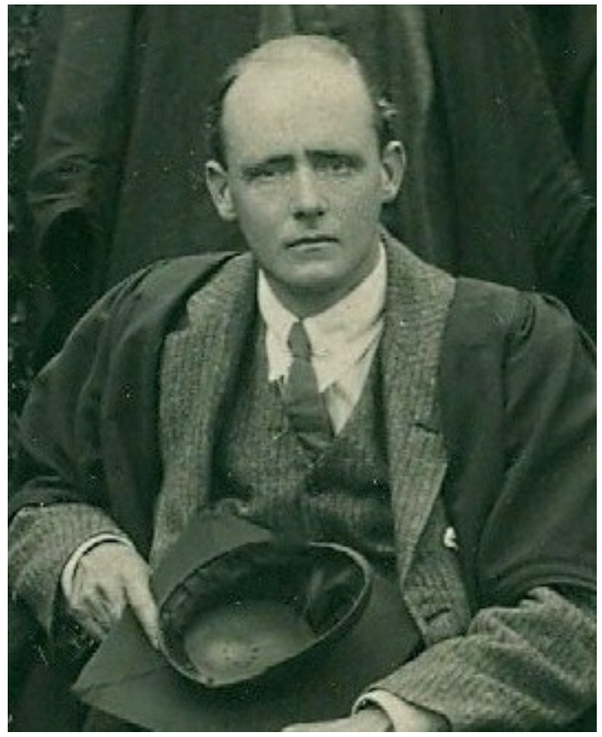
The catching of the side was not good and the chief offenders were the younger members of the side. One pitied the bowlers in the match against Oxford City, though J. W. Neale brought off a very fine catch in the deep.

We had the satisfaction of seeing the ball hit out of the school ground four times, twice into the road by J. W. Neale and James and twice into the Keble ground by Shelmerdine who appears to have been doing the same sort of thing for the Incogniti in America.

It may be invidious to mention individual performances but we should have been badly off in batting without Gillett who in five innings scored 197 runs when runs were not easy to get. A. S. Wetherall, too, behind the wickets, saved us very many runs and the way he stumped Wells in the first game would have done credit to Strudwick. King, indefatigable as bowler or in any position on the field, never let us forget how really good it is to be alive.

Looking back on the week as a whole we are confident that O.S.E. cricket has taken on a new lease of life, but its future must depend to a great extent on the younger generation of O.S.E., and, although we hope that, for some years, the giants of past O.S.E. cricket teams will be available, it is up to the younger generation to allow them to retire feeling that the continuance of the O.S.E. cricket tour is ensured.

We cannot be sufficiently grateful to the Warden for all his hospitality and the trouble he took to make the week a success. Arthur Jeffrey, a very faithful friend, remembered each one of us and looked after our bodily wants as only he can do. Last, but by no means least, are we indebted to C. R. Wetherall who had the most thankless task of all, the organisation of the team. We only hope that he will continue in the good office of Hon. Secretary, as we could never hope for a better. A. H. S.



TWO CRICKET COACHES OF THIS TIME FROM THE COMMON ROOM. TOP IS BRUCE GOLDIE AND BOTTOM IS ARTHUR TILLY. GOLDIE WAS INVOLVED FROM 1920-25, TILLY 1920-1945

Cricket XI 1921

L-R BACK ROW	J. KEYMER, R.C. LAWSON, G.D. RISIEN, F.W. HARDING-NEWMAN
L-R SEATED	A.D. HAMILTON, R.C. MORTIMER, H.B.S. WILD (CAPTAIN), R.D. ALLEN, F.H. POLLARD
L-R ON GROUND	R.D. MOORE, W.T.H. RUTTER

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 1 Lost 6

v J.A.B. Davies's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 81 runs
(Home)
v J.A.B. Davies's XI - won by 120 runs
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Merton College, lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v St. John's College - lost by 35 runs
(Home)
v Wadham College - won by 80 runs
(Home)
v All Saints School Bloxham - won by 199 runs
(Home)
v Imperial Services College- lost by 66 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 140 runs
(Home)
v A. Macnamara's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Senior Common Room XI - won by 184 runs
(Home)

BATTING AVERAGES, 1921.

	Ins.	Not out.	Rns.	H. score.	Av.
J. Keymer	8	2	187	67*	31.17
H. B. S. Wild	13	0	335	87	25.77
A. D. Hamilton	13	0	245	70	18.85
R. C. Mortimer	13	0	224	108	17.23
R. D. Allen	13	1	195	71*	16.25
W. T. H. Rutter	12	2	137	24	13.70
R. D. Moore	9	4	59	18*	11.80
F.W.A.Harding-Newman	12	4	65	42	9.29
G. D. Risien	6	1	30	18*	6.00
F. H. Pollard	13	2	50	16*	4.15
R. C. Lawson	6	0	20	10	3.33

BOWLING AVERAGES, 1921.

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
R. D. Moore	24.4	2	94	8	11.75
R. D. Allen	140.2	25	463	39	11.87
F. W. A. Harding-Newman	140.1	26	453	34	13.32
W. T. H. Rutter	43.5	1	211	13	16.23

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RESULT OF SEASON, 1921.

Played 12; Won 5; Lost 6; Drawn 1.

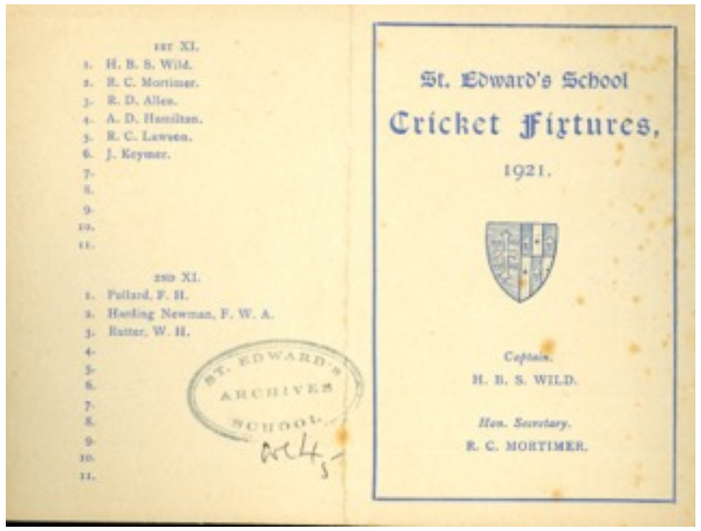
The season has been the best since 1914. The Captain H. B. S. Wild, has done very well both as a Captain, a bat, and behind the stumps. R. C. Mortimer's batting has been excellent, though he has not come off in the last match or two. R. D. Allen's bowling has been the mainstay of the attack and the fielding in general has been very smart, Hamilton and Lawson particularly distinguishing themselves by their running, clean picking up and excellent throwing in, while Risien and Rutter have brought off many excellent catches. The latter has also played several valuable innings at critical moments.

HUGH WILD SCORES 87 AGAINST J.A.B. DAVIES'S XI AND 56 VERSUS WADHAM COLLEGE, OXFORD

ARCHIBALD HAMILTON SCORES 70 AGAINST BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

ROBERT MORTIMER SCORES 108 AGAINST ALL SAINTS SCHOOL, BLOXHAM

JOHN KEYMER SCORES 67 AGAINST THE REVEREND A. MACNAMARA'S XI


1ST XI.
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2. R. C. Mortimer.
3. R. D. Allen.
4. A. D. Hamilton.
5. R. C. Lawson.
6. J. Keymer.
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2ND XI.
1. Pollard, F. H.
2. Harding Newman, F. W. A.
3. Rutter, W. H.
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ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL ARCHIVES

St. Edward's School

Cricket Fixtures,

1921.

Captain.
H. B. S. WILD.

Hon. Secretary.
R. C. MORTIMER.

TWO COMMON ROOM CRICKET COACHES OF THE TIME.

ARTHUR MACNAMARA (ABOVE) WAS OFFICIALLY COACH AND GROUND KEEPER 1920-1925, BUT ALWAYS TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN SCHOOL CRICKET THROUGHOUT HIS LONG 40 YEAR CAREER.

E.T. JAMES (RIGHT) WAS INVOLVED BETWEEN 1920-25

Cricket XI 1922

L-R BACK ROW	R.G. Watson, H.T. Hopkinson, R.D. Moore, S.T. Hutchinson
L-R CENTRE	R.C. Lawson, G.D. Risien, F.H. Pollard (Captain), F.W. Harding-Newman, W.T.H. Rutter
L-R SEATED	I.D.H. Helby, W.S des Forges

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 4

v Hertford College - lost by 166 runs
(Home)
v A. Tilly's XI - lost by 120 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Away)
v Keble College - lost by 89 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oriel College - won by 10 runs
(Home)
v Bedford Modern School - won by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 13 runs
(Away)
v Senior Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)

BIGGEST WIN AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL SIDE - BY 9 WICKETS AT BEDFORD

HIGHEST NUMBER OF AWAY FIXTURES IN A SEASON - 5 OUT OF 13 MATCHES

GEORGE RISIEN SCORES 72 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

HENRY HOPKINSON MAKES 85 VERSUS THE OSE, IN THE SAME MATCH FRANCIS HARDING-NEWMAN TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 56 RUNS. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR SINCE 1912 THAT THE SCHOOL IS VICTORIOUS OVER THE OSE

DEATH OF ANDREW DE LABAT AGED 53 - PLAYED FOR THE SCHOOL XI FOR 5 YEARS STARTING OUT AT AS A 14 YEAR OLD.

THE TRADITIONAL LORD JERSEY/ MIDDLETON PARK FIXTURE REVIVED AS THE HEYTHROP HUNT C.C. - AND MAINTAIN A VERY HIGH REPUTATION AS A HARD SIDE TO BEAT

THE 2ND XI PLAY THREE FIXTURES

THE THIRD CRICKET PAVILION OPENED

Cricket.

The XI, so far as made up, is F. H. Pollard (Capt.), F. W. A. Harding-Newman, R. C. Lawson, W. T. H. Rutter, G. D. Risien (Sec.), R. D. Moore, H. T. Hopkinson, R. G. Watson, S. T. Hutchinson.

The first six are last year's colours.

The result of the Seaeon is:—Matches played 13; Won 4; Lost 4; Drawn 5.

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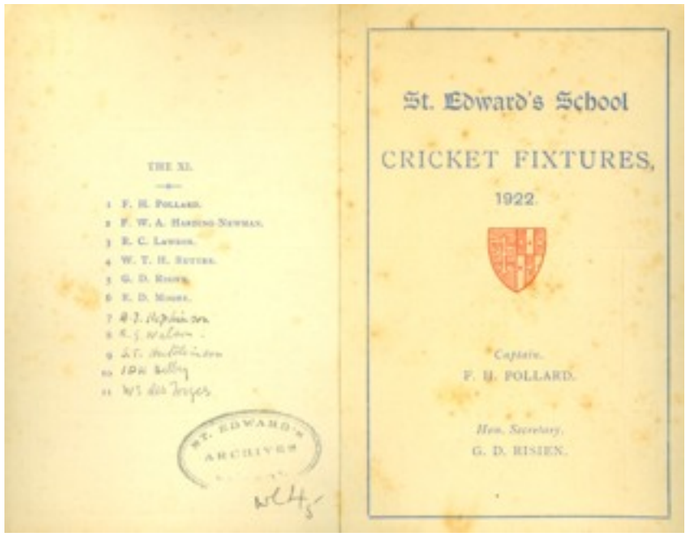
BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
H. T. Hopkinson....	12	1	258	85	23.4
G. D. Risien	12	1	239	72	21.7
R. C. Lawson	10	3	118	32	16.85
W. S. des Forges ..	3	0	42	16	14.0
S. T. Hutchinson ..	8	1	94	40	13.4
F. W. A. Harding-Newman.....	11	0	136	36	12.36
R. G. Watson	10	2	93	25	11.62
F. H. Pollard	8	2	56	26	9·3
R. D. Moore	10	0	84	18	8.4
W. T. H. Rutter	10	1	51	10	5.6
I. D. H. Helby.....	5	5	19	12*	?
The following also batted:—					
Wright, N. M.	4	1	16	8	5.3
Redpath, K.	3	0	12	8	4.0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average
F. W. A. Harding-Newman	169.4	21	629	39	16.13
R. D. Moore.....	120.3	22	408	23	17.74
R. G. Watson....	35	5	161	9	17.9
S. T. Hutchinson	25	4	102	5	20.4
W. T. H. Rutter..	34.1	3	187	8	23.4
Wright, N. M.....	28.3	1	134	5	26.8

THE new Pavilion has risen like the Phœnix from the ashes of the old one. It looks at first sight much the same, but is larger, and it has a balcony! also a large store for goal posts, &c., a lavatory, and a much better room for the professional. It is not yet quite finished internally. It has been paid for by the Shop Funds, for that notable institution which now supplies practically all the clothing a boy needs, as well as what it did before, has recovered, thanks to Mr. Stanton and Miss Johnson, from the great difficulties of War time, and is beginning to be a great help to the hard-pressed Central Fund. Even a venerable school like Westminster has found it necessary to appeal for help, personal and financial, to get its cricket ground in order.



ANDREW DE LABAT (O.S.E.) DIED THIS YEAR. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL CRICKET XI 1886-1887, CAPTAIN IN 1887. HE RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE NEW ZEALAND AFTER THE GREAT WAR AND PLAYED CRICKET FOR HIS COUNTRY 1890-1897

Cricket XI 1923

L-R BACK ROW	E.J.B. Langhorne, R.H. Griffiths, G.B. Ingham, J.C. O'Dwyer, H.R. Nicolls
L-R Seated	K. Redpath, W.T.H. Rutter, H.T. Hopkinson (Captain), S.T. Hutchinson, R.V. Thomas
L-R ON GROUND	H.M. Chubb

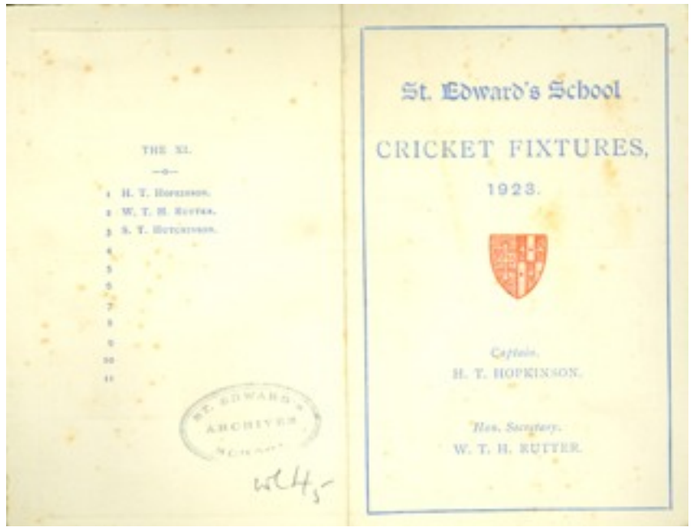
Fixture List
Played 14 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 3

v J.A.B. Davies's XI - lost by 13 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Imperial Services College- won by 50 runs
(Away)
v All Saints School Bloxham - won by 201 runs
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - match drawn
(Away)
v Bedford Modern School - lost by 10 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Common Room XI - won by 2 wickets
(Home)

ROBERT MORTIMER SCORES 108 BEFORE LUNCH AGAINST ALL SAINTS SCHOOL BLOXHAM

IN A VERY CLOSE MATCH VERSUS THE OSE THE SCHOOL XI WIN BY I WICKET - WITH WILLIAM RUTTER MAKING 65 NOT OUT, HENRY HOPKINSON 58 - FOR THE OSE RAYMOND ALLEN SCORES 106 NOT OUT

KENNETH REDPATH SCORES 400 RUNS FOR THE SEASON


THE XI.

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1 H. T. Hopkinson.
2 W. T. H. Rutter.
3 S. T. Hutchinson.
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ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL ARCHIVES

St. Edward's School

CRICKET FIXTURES,

1923.

Captain.
H. T. HOPKINSON.

Hon. Secretary.
W. T. H. RUTTER.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	Innings.	Not out.	Average.
K. Redpath	456	14	1	35.08
H. T. Hopkinson	414	12	0	34.50
W. T. H. Rutter	296	14	5	32.88
S. T. Hutchinson	155	10	2	19.37
G. B. Ingham	110	10	4	18.33
H. M. Chubb.....	85	8	3	17.00
R. H. Griffiths	173	11	0	15.72
R. V. Thomas	161	11	0	14.54
J. C. O'Dwyer	191	14	0	13.64
R. H. Nicolls	27	4	2	13.50
E. J. B. Langhorne	113	5	2	[37.66]
Also batted.				
Murray ma.....	16	2	1	16.0
Buchanan, L. M.	22	4	0	5.50
Saffery	20	5	0	4.00

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets	Average.
G. B. Ingham ..	37.2	3	166	10	16.6
W. T. H. Rutter	85.0	10	327	19	17.2
K. Redpath	85.1	10	371	19	19.5
S. T. Hutchinson	126.4	13	507	20	25.3
H. M. Chubb....	114.5	10	543	19	28.6

HOPKINSON has only two first XI colours, Rutter and Hutchinson for his nucleus of a team, but there are four second XI colours, a wicket-keeper and plenty of good batting material. The first match was quite promising, and was only lost by a few runs made by the last wicket.

THE WARDEN AND SCHOOL PREFECTS 1922

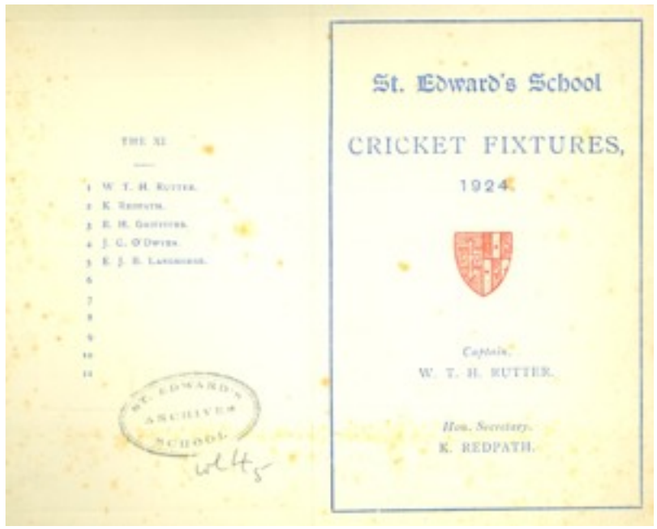
AMONGST THOSE ALSO IN THE CRICKET XI WERE R.G. WATSON, F.W. HARDING-NEWMAN (CENTRE LEFT AND RIGHT BACK ROW) AND I.D. HELBY, F.H. POLLARD (CAPTAIN) AND G.D. RISIEN (SEATED FIRST AND SECOND LEFT AND FAR RIGHT OF SEATED ROW)

Cricket XI 1924

L-R BACK ROW	P.A. Jackson, C.Dodgson, L.C. Weatherley, P. Hopkinson
L-R SEATED	J.C. O'Dwyer, K. Redpath, W.T.H. Rutter (Captain), R.H. Griffiths, E.J.B. Langhorne
L-R ON GROUND	G.B. Fox, J.P. Murray

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 5 Lost 2

v J.A.B. Davies XI - match drawn
(Home)
v W.T. Stallybrass's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Away)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - won by 32 runs
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 100 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - won by 36 runs
(Away)
v Bedford Modern School - match drawn
(Away)
v A. Tilly's XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)



FIRST SEASON WHEN COLTS COLOURS WERE AWARDED

VERY HIGH SCORES IN INTERNAL TUTORIAL SET MATCHES WITH FIVE CENTURIES RECORDED IN ONE MATCH WHEN A TOTAL OF 1566 RUNS WERE SCORED OVER 4 INNINGS

WILLIAM RUTTER (NOW AGED 19) CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE XI - HE SCORES 60 NOT OUT AND 58 NOT OUT IN SUCCESSIVE INNINGS AGAINST ORIEL COLLEGE AND KEBLE COLLEGE

KENNETH REDPATH SCORES 108 NOT OUT AND WILLIAM RUTTER 66 NOT OUT HELPING THE SCHOOL TO A TOTAL OF 225-2 AGAINST C.F. DAVIES'S XI

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STRONG SIDE - CONSIDERED THE BEST SINCE THE WAR

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	N.O.	Runs.	Highest.	Average.
‡K. Redpath	12	2	343	108*	34.20
‡W. T. H. Rutter ..	10	2	258	66*	32.25
‡J. C. O'Dwyer	10	1	280	65	31.11
‡E. J. B. Langhorne	12	3	264	58*	29.33
‡R. H. Griffiths	12	0	265	56	22.09
†C. Dodgson	9	0	108	56	12.00
†P. A. Jackson	2	3	70	26*	11.66
†P. Hopkinson	8	1	59	27	8.43
Fox, G. B.....	7	1	42	18	7.00
†L. C. Weatherley..	7	4	5	9	3.00
Also batted—					
Murray, J. P.....	1	0	1	8	8.00
Brooks, G. E. K. C.	5	0	28	14	5.60
Buchanan, L. M...	4	0	18	17	4.50

* Not out.

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BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
‡K. Redpath	97	15	309	25	12.36
‡W. T. H. Rutter	124	20	327	19	17.22
†L. C. Weatherley	114	21	348	19	18.32
†P. A. Jackson ..	72	13	228	8	28.50
Fox, G. B.	32.5	1	143	4	35.75

J. C. O'Dwyer, R. H. Griffiths, L. M. Buchanan, G. K. C. Brooks, also bowled.

‡ Old Colours. † New Colours. The rest are 2nd XI Colours.

The Season's Record (W. T. H. Rutter, capt.) is—Played 12, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 5.

2nd XI Colours beside the above:—D. R. S. Bader, V. R. Saffery.

Colts' Colours:—Bader, Benison, Spurway.

For the coming cricket season the prospects of the XI are by no means brilliant. The Captain has four old colours and four 2nd XI colours left, but unfortunately both of last season's fast bowlers have left, and what is still more serious is the loss of Nicolls, last season's wicket keeper. The XI should be quite strong in batting judging from last season's results; the bowling is decidedly the weak point, but there are some bowlers of promise who with continued practice may improve. So far the weather has been a considerable hindrance, preventing fielding practices and nets.

The first match, as well as a trial game, has tended to justifiy the above forecast, written a week or so ago.

Redpath's second 'century' in a foreign match brings him up into the *primi ordines*, where his fellow centurions are R. G. B. Barrett and Q. E. M. A. King. But the *primipilus* is still C. R. Wetherall (125, 101 not out, and 163) and Redpath has still something to do to be *phaleratus* like that.

The Captain of Cricket reminds us that we omitted in our last number to record his grateful thanks for assistance in coaching last term to the Warden, the Rev. A. Macnamara, Mr. G. H. Segar, Mr. H. M. Ching, Mr. Goldie, and Mr. Dingwall.

GERRY SEGAR (O.S.E.) ABOVE, COACHED THE CRICKET XI IN THE TWENTIES AS DID WALTER DINGWALL (LEFT)

Cricket XI 1925

L-R BACK ROW	V.R. Saffrey, D.R.S. Bader, G.B. Fox, G.E.K.C. Brooks
L-R SEATED	L.C. Weatherley, J.C. O'Dwyer, R.H. Griffiths (Captain), E.J.B. Langhorne, P.A. Jackson
L-R ON GROUND	R.A.L. Ford, M.V. Spurway

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 6 Drawn 4 Lost 4

v Keble College - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v King Edward's Sch Warwick - won by 136 runs
(Away)
v Christ Church Warrigals - match drawn
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 166 runs
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Away)
v Imperial Services College - match drawn
(Away)
v J.P.S. MacPherson's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Leamington College - lost by 57 runs
(Away)
v H.G.C. Mallaby's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - lost by 42 runs
(Away)
v University College School - won by 42 runs
(Home)

DOUGLAS BADER (AGED 14) SCORES 439 RUNS AND TAKES 41 WICKETS FOR SCHOOL XI. HE PLAYS A SUCCESSION OF NOTABLE INNINGS INCLUDING 63 AGAINST KING EDWARD SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM AND 83 VERSUS THE OSE

MICHAEL SPURWAY MAKES HIS DEBUT IN THE XI - HE WOULD LATER PLAY COUNTY CRICKET FOR SOMERSET

BEST SEASON FOR VICTORIES SINCE 1914

GILLESPIE O'DWYER SCORES 344 RUNS IN THE SEASON AND EADWARD LANGHORNE 324

PHILIP JACKSON AND DOUGLAS BADER TAKE 75 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM AT A COST OF 10 RUNS EACH

THE REVEREND A. MACNAMARA AND BRUCE GOLDIE RELINQUISHES THEIR CRICKET COACHING DUTIES AFTER SIX YEARS

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	*N.O.*	*Runs.*	*Highest*	*Aver.*
D. R. S. Bader	14	1	439	83	33.77
J. C. O'Dwyer	14	1	344	61*	26.46
G. E. K. C. Brooks	8	2	150	42*	25.00
E. J. B. Langhorne	14	1	324	63	24.92
V. R. Saffery	14	2	283	51*	23.58
R. H. Griffiths	13	3	221	39*	22.10
L. C. Weatherley	9	7	25	11*	12.50
R. A. L. Ford	3	1	22	10	11.00
G. B. Fox	13	0	131	21	10.08
P. A. Jackson	11	1	84	30*	8.40
M. Spurway	9	1	40	12	5.00
ALSO BATTED :					
Benison, J. B.	7	0	44	17	6.29
Murray, J. F.	3	0	18	12	6.00
Stillingfleet	1	0	2	2	2.00

**Not out.*

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	*M.*	*R.*	*W.*	*Aver.*
D. R. S. Bader	142.3	46	354	41	8.63
P. A. Jackson	156.3	36	479	34	14.09
G. B. Fox	16	4	73	5	14.60
L. C. Weatherley	113	12	365	17	21.47
R. A. L. Ford	17	1	69	3	23.00
G. E. K. C. Brooks ...	23	3	96	3	32.00
ALSO BOWLED :					
Benison, J. B.	42	7	162	5	32.20

The result of the season is this :—Played 14, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 4. Of the drawn matches, three were practically won ; a few minutes more time would have made them fairly easy wins. The season is thus very

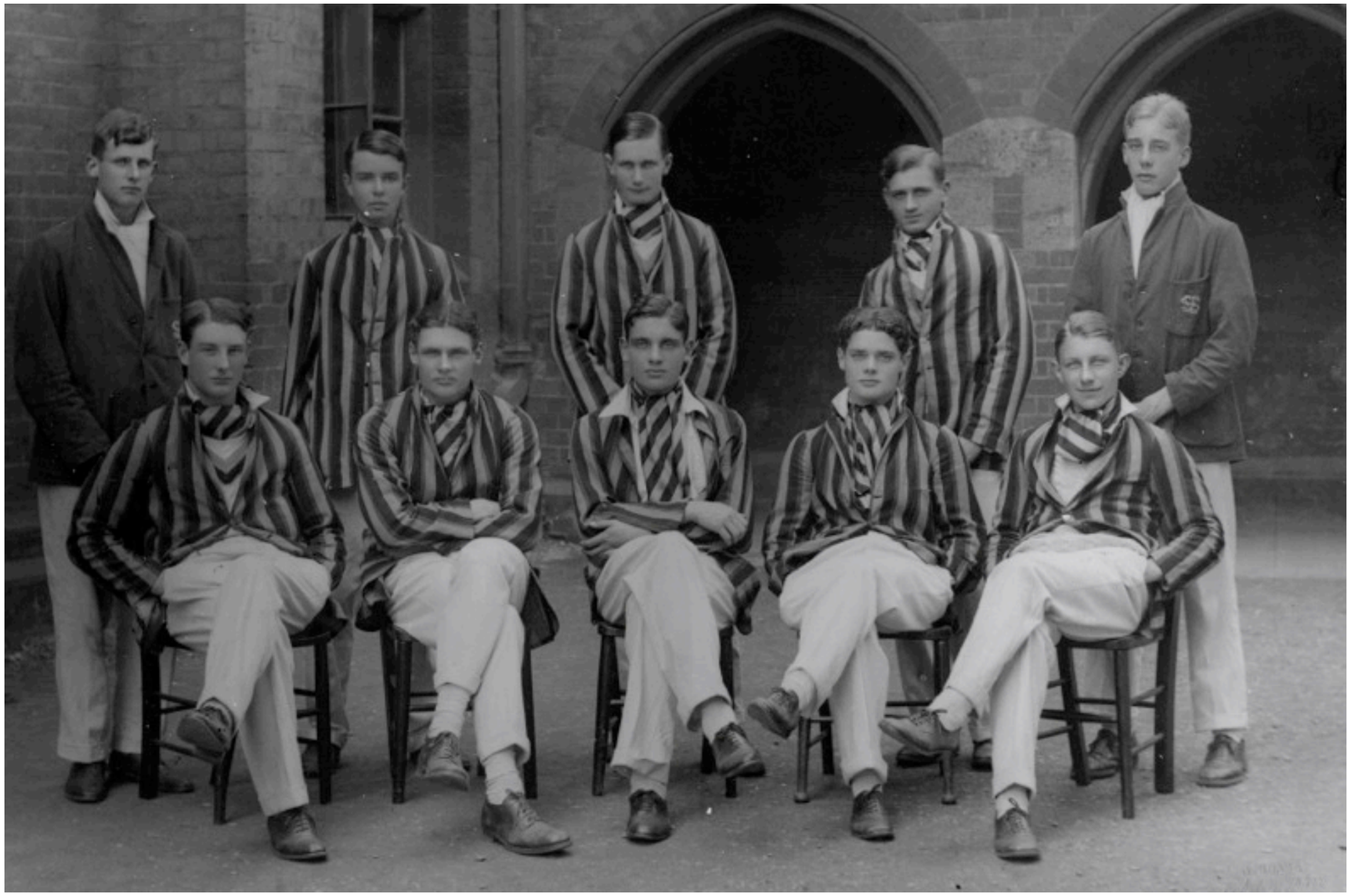
Griffiths, the new Captain of Cricket, has four Colours besides himself for a nucleus, and some good bats, good fields, and a very promising wicket-keeper among the Colts to select from. The team should be strong in batting and fielding, though, as last year, the bowling seems likely to be the weaker side.

MICHAEL SPURWAY A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1925-1926. LATER PLAYED COUNTY CRICKET FOR SOMERSET IN 1929 AS A WICKET-KEEPER/BATSMAN. ALSO A CONSUMMATE SUPPORTER AND PARTICIPATOR OF O.S.E./ MARTYR CRICKET IN THE INTER WAR YEARS.

HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED 'SLOGGER SPURWAY'

DON BRADMAN SIGNING BATS IN 1925. STANDING BEHIND HIM, SECOND LEFT, IS 10 YEAR OLD ERIC 'BUDGE' DIXON - FUTURE NOTABLE CRICKETER AT THE SCHOOL AND OXFORD UNIVERSITY

DOUGLAS BADER PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1925-1928, CAPTAINING IN 1928. SHOWN HERE IN 1936 WITH RICHARD LAWSON (LEFT) AND EDWARD 'HEWE' HEWITSON (RIGHT) DURING CRICKET WEEK



Cricket XI 1926

L-R BACK ROW W.E.N. Northcote-Green, R.H.J. Brooke, J.B. Benson, E.V. Stillingfleet, D. Abbott

L-R SEATED G.B. Fox, E.J.B. Langhorne, J.C. O'Dwyer (Captain), D.R.S. Bader, M.V. Spurway

Michael Spurway would later play for Somerset in 1929

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 5 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v Merton College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v New College - lost by 54 runs
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v A. Tilly's XI - won by 109 runs
(Home)
v University College School- lost by 15 runs
(Away)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - lost by 126 runs
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Away)
v Banbury C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bicester C.C. - match drawn
(Home)

O.S.E. Cricket Week.

This summer it is proposed to revive the O.S.E. Cricket Week. Three two-day matches are to be played at the School on July 30th and 31st, August 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th. Names of opponents will be announced later. Accommodation will be provided for O.S.E. at the school.

It would greatly assist the organisers if O.S.E. who are willing to play would write to J. S. Douglas, Pembroke House, Hampton, Middlesex (Telephone, Molesey 392), and say on what days they could play and whether they bat (right or left hand), bowl (fast, medium, slow, spin, etc.), wicket-keep.

Cricket

FIRST XI AVERAGES, 1926.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Aggr.	Aver.
E. J. B. Langhorne	14	4	120*	374	37.40
E. V. Stillingfleet	13	2	63	237	21.55
R. H. J. Brooke	12	1	45*	235	21.36
G B. Fox	13	1	77	240	20.00
J. C. O'Dwyer	11	1	41	168	16.80
D. R. S. Bader	5	0	48	76	15.20
O'Hagan, F. S. P.	6	2	21*	53	13.25
J. B. Benison	10	2	29	83	10.38
Green, W. E. N.	9	2	17	68	9.71
M. Spurway	11	0	40	100	9.09
Abbott, D.	5	1	7	12	3.00

Also batted: Sargeaunt, 0, 6, 0,* 1,* 13; Perrott, 0,* 0, 8*; Boyson. 3; Wetherall, 3; Foster, 1,* 1; H-Newman, 0, 0.

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
D. R. S. Bader	240	26	9.23
R. H. J. Brooke	259	17	15.24
J. B. Benison	565	34	16.62
G. B. Fox	410	21	19.52

Also bowled: Boyson, 5 for 33; Sargeaunt, 8 for 130; O'Dwyer, 1 for 28; O'Hagan, 0 for 74; Foster, 0 for 31.

Bader and O'Hagan were disabled for the greater part of the season.

Apsley has two small cricket pitches in use, and a third has been made on the new field below Field House. With one on the Middle Field, and two possible on the Upper Field (besides the match pitch) this gives us six, but we want seven. When the field by Field House is levelled up, this may possibly be found there.

The match against Mr. Masterman's very strong team was memorable for the re-appearance on the School field of E. G. Wynyard, the captain of by far the most successful XI we have had. The XI of 1879 played 19 matches, won 15, drew three, and lost one. Making all allowances for the fact that two masters played in two of the matches, and for the rather lower level of skill of the teams they played, this was a wonderful performance. The team contained, besides its captain, three cricketers of outstanding merit, to say nothing of the rest. The old captain—he is sixty-six—not only bowled the craftiest of lobs, but scored 45 in the most perfect style, and only retired for fear of consequences, as he had not played for a very long time. Our best thanks are due to Mr. Masterman for giving us the opportunity of seeing so distinguished a cricketer.

CRICKET (SENIOR).

The cup was presented in 1889 for Form matches by several O.S.E.

1893	D.	1910	A.
1804	B.	1911	A.
1895	C.	1912	E.
1896	C.	1913	B.
1897	D.	1914	C.
1898	D.	1915	B.
1899	C.	1916	E.
1900	A.	1917	A.
1901	A.	1918	A.
1902	D.	1919	Draw, D and E.
1903	A.	1920	E.
1904	D.	1921	D.
1905	D.	1922	B.
1906	E.	1923	D.
1907	E.	1924	A.
1908	D.	1925	A.
1909	D.		

CRICKET (JUNIOR).

Cup presented by Dr. R. H. A. Whitelocke, 1904.

1904	D.	1915	A, C, E, drawn
1905	D.	1916	E. (league).
1906	D.	1917	E.
1907	A.	1918	C.
1908	A.	1919	B.
1908	D.	1920	D.
1910	C.	1921	D.
1911	D.	1922	F.
1912	B.	1923	D.
1913	B.	1924	D.
1914	B.	1925	C.

EDWARD WYNYARD (OSE), AGED 66, PLAYS FOR A SCRATCH SIDE VERSUS THE SCHOOL AND MAKES 45 (RETIRED) AND TAKES 2 WICKETS FOR 21 RUNS WITH HIS 'CRAFTY LOBS'

ARTHUR TILLY NOW THE MAIN COACH HELPED BY EDWARD HEWETSON, ALLEGEDLY 'THE FASTEST BOWLER IN THE COUNTRY' (FORMERLY AN OXFORD BLUE AND WARWICKSHIRE PLAYER)

DOUGLAS BADER CANNOT PLAY THE ENTIRE SEASON AFTER INJURING HIMSELF - HE ONLY MANAGES 6 GAMES. IN HIS FINAL GAME, WHEN FIT, HE TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 41 RUNS AGAINST U.C.S.

EADWARD LANGHORNE SCORES 120 NOT OUT AGAINST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, LONDON INCLUDING 14 BOUNDARIES

IN THE ABSENCE OF BADER, JAMES BENISON AND GERALD FOX BOWL 975 OVERS BETWEEN THEM TAKING 72 WICKETS AT AN AVERAGE OF 17 RUNS EACH

OSE v W.S. Dingwall's XI played during the Cricket Week 1926

L TO R (BACK) H.S. ROGERS, L.C. WETHERLEY, J. MACMICHAEL (C/R), A. CORNAH, E.T. JAMES, D.G. LEADLEY, P. BLUNT
L TO R (STANDING) C DE LABAT, W.H.A. COWELL (C/R) W.H. FERGUSON (FORMER WARDEN), H.E. KENDALL (WARDEN), J.M. SING (FORMER WARDEN), J.C. O'DWYER R.C. LAWSON, I. RICHTER
L TO R (SEATED) C.R. WETHERALL, W.S. DES FORGES J.W.M. FLETCHER, J.S. DOUGLAS (O.S.E. CAPT), C.P.B. SOUTH A.D. HAMILTON, L.H. BUCHANAN
L TO R (ON GROUND) W.T.H. RUTTER, S.F. CLAIR, P. HOPKINSON, R.H. GRIFFITHS, R.D. HUDSON, K. REDPATH
DINGWALL'S SIDE WON BY 17 RUNS

Cricket XI 1927

L-R BACK ROW J.F. Mayo-Perrott, J.N.C. Holland, F.S.P. O'Hagan, V.R.A. Denne, D. Abbott, J.H. Bailey

L-R SEATED W.E.N. Northcote-Green, D.R.S. Bader, E.V. Stillingfleet (Captain), R.H.J. Brooke, J.H.A. Barnes

Richard Brooke gained an Oxford Cricket Blue in 1932 and played minor county cricket for Buckinghamshire

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 6

v Keble College- match drawn
(Away)
v University College - match drawn
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Away)
v Christ Church Warrigals - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - lost by 17 runs
(Away)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 31 runs
(Home)
v New College - lost by 51 runs
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v University College School - won by 26 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 54 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 100 runs
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Away)

O.S.E. Cricket Week

As our match against the Old Bromsgrovians showed us at our best, it is reported in some detail.

The O.S.E. batted first on a slow wicket, losing two wickets for 7 runs. Griffiths and Boyson then took the score to 41, when the latter was bowled. After that there was a collapse, eight wickets being down for 52, but Douglas, playing a real captain's innings, with the assistance of Bridson and Rutter, enabled the O.S.E. to put together the respectable score of 146. The Old Bromsgrovians started badly, half the side being out for 57, of which Huins made 24. Then Gray and Oswell, by courageous if lucky batting, put on 70 runs, but the whole side was out for 142. Once again the O.S.E. started badly, but Rutter, Griffiths and Buchanan improved matters. The later batsmen did little, but Rutter had time to complete a good century, in which he hit 11 boundaries. The innings was declared closed at 239 for 8 wickets, leaving the O B.'s two and a half hours to get 244. They made a plucky effort to force a win and failed only by 20 runs when only five minutes remained for play. Huins and Gray each got 50 runs, hitting hard and making victory possible for their side, but apart from Brownsdon and Walker the later batsmen offered little resistance to Douglas' bowling. Douglas in the match took 10 for 97.

The remaining matches speak for themselves. We were outbatted and outbowled. Our only excuse is that Douglas and Harding-Newman strained themselves and were unable to bowl properly for the three matches in which we were so heavily defeated. We also lacked a wicket-keeper, though Dodgson gallantly filled the breach. In the Radley Rangers match alone did we again come into our own, when we did well to get a strong side out for 141. We hope that younger generations of cricketers will come to our support, and make up their minds to keep O.S.E. week every year, and to come to it in good practice with bat and ball. We now have an excellent fixture list, and it is up to us to live up to the standard of the teams we play.

For the social side of the week our thanks are due to the Warden, Mr. Macmichael, Nurse Laurie and all those who so kindly looked after us. The 'gin-palace' of last year was replaced by a super-sports model with what sounded like an aeroplane engine, and many an excursion did we enjoy in it. Music there was, bridge there was, and other games of skill and chance. Those of the visiting teams who stayed with us thoroughly entered into the spirit of everything, and undoubtedly enjoyed themselves. One of the Stragglers told us to look out for him in 1931! Can praise go higher?

Once again we all found it a difficult task to say Au Revoir to St. Edward's and Apsley and all they mean to us.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	*Times not out.*	*Runs.*	*Most in Innings.*	*Average.*
Brooke	14	2	325	80	27.08
Stillingfleet ...	14	0	323	61	23.07
Wetherall	13	2	240	105*	21.09
Barnes	14	0	285	54	20.34
Green	15	1	274	59	19.15
Holland	10	6	51	11	12.75
Denne	11	2	98	31	10.88

Also batted: Hoare, 3-0-27-14—9.0; O'Hagan, 8-0-63-20-7—7.8; Rawlinson. 1-0-7-7—7.0; Way, 2-0-12-12—6.0; Abbott, 8-1-44-13—5.5; Houghton, 2-0-10-10—5.0; Perrott, 10-2-36-11—4.5; Bailey, 9-2-38-13—4.22.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	*Maidens.*	*Runs.*	*Wickets.*	*Average.*
Denne	62	6	289	24	12.04
Brooke	185	39	568	41	13.85
Perrott	42	—	217	13	16.60
Green	146	22	541	18	30.05
Bailey	75	7	243	8	30.27

Also bowled: Barnes, 14-2-75-7—10.71; O'Hagan, 18-1-82-5—10.4; Stillingfleet, 17-1-72-4—18.0.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE (ALBEIT THEIR 'A' SIDE)

SIDE CAPTAINED BY THE 'THIRD CHOICE' EDWARD STILLINGFLEET IN THE ABSENCE OF BADER AND SPURWAY, BOTH OF WHOM FAIL TO APPEAR AT ALL DURING THE SEASON DUE TO INJURY

THEODORE WETHERALL SCORES THE ONLY CENTURY OF THE SEASON AGAINST CHRIST CHURCH WARRINGALS

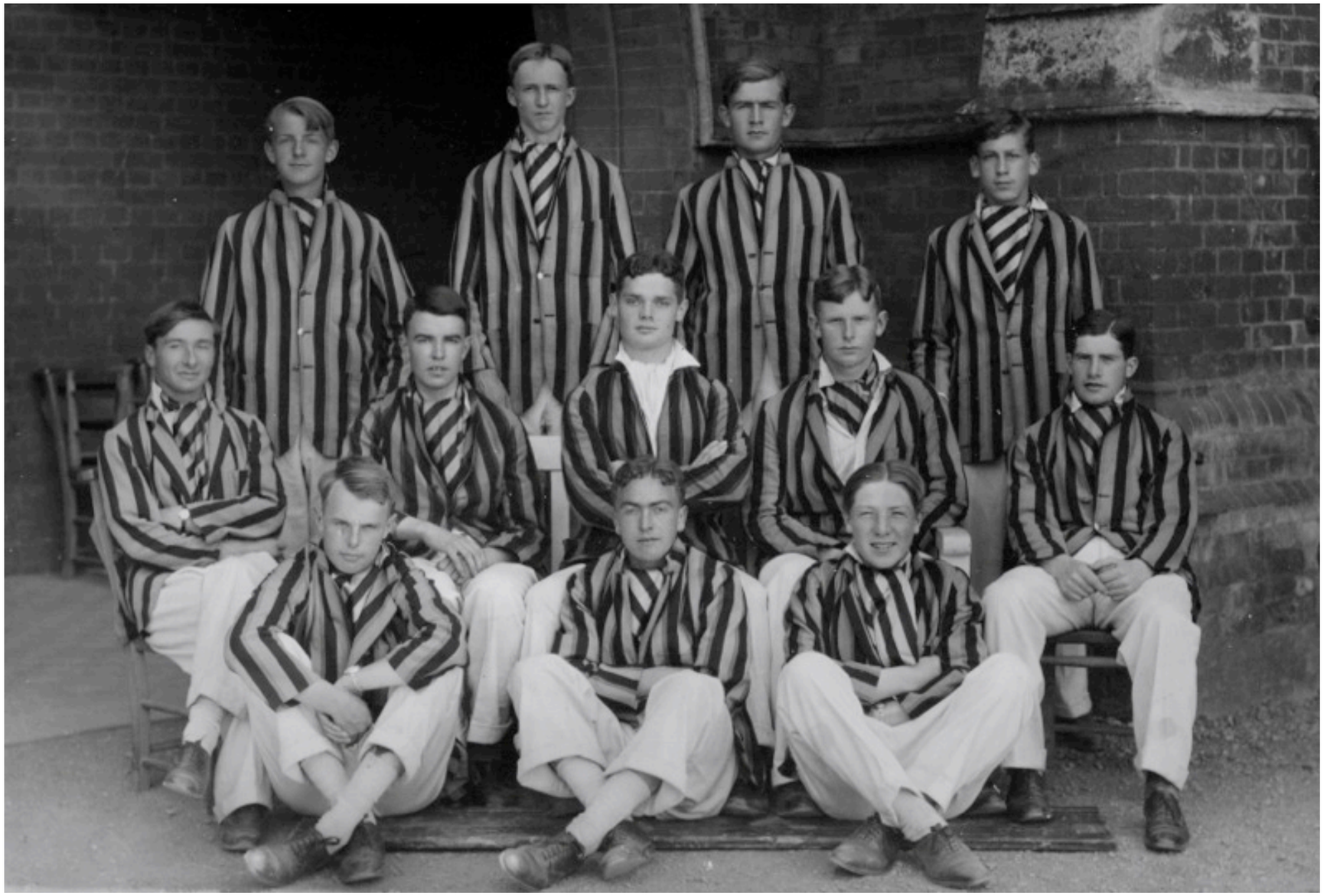
O.S.E. XI VERSUS OLD BROMSGROVIANS DURING CRICKET WEEK 1927

L TO R (BACK) W.S. DES FORGES, L.C. WETHERLEY, E.J.B. LANGHORNE, J.T.H. BOYSON C. DODGSON,

L TO R (SEATED) L.M. BUCHANAN, W.T.H. RUTTER, J.S. DOUGLAS (CAPT), C.P.B. SOUTH, R.H. GRIFFITHS

L TO R (ON GROUND) F.W. HARDING-NEWMAN, S.F. CLAIR

OLD BROMSGROVIANS WON BY 2 WICKETS



Cricket XI 1928

L-R BACK ROW	J.A.H. Sargeaunt, A.H.M. Hoare, A.G.P. Way, K.J. Veitch
L-R SEATED	F.S.P. O'Hagan, R.H.J. Brooke, D.R.S. Bader (Captain), J.H.A. Barnes, V.R.A. Denne
L-R ON GROUND	T.S. Wetherall, P. Grove, J. Hudson

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 4 Tied 1

v Keble College - match tied
(Home)
v Oriel College- lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by an innings & 59 runs
(Home)
v New College - Match drawn
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 179 runs
(Home)
v Brasenose College- lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Away)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - won by 9 runs
(Home)

LOWER 1 FIELD LEVELLED FOR CRICKET PURPOSES

FREDERICK READ, THE LONG-TIME PROFESSIONAL, NOW LEAVES HIS JOB DUE TO ILL HEALTH AND IS REPLACED BY 'PARTON' A SLOW MEDIUM BOLWER WHO HAS PLAYED FOR OXFORDSHIRE

THE NEW PROFESSIONAL IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR 'FINER WICKETS AND A BETTER OUTFIELD'

DOUGLAS BADER AT LAST TAKES THE CAPTAIN'S ROLE AFTER RECOVERING FROM LONG TERM INJURY

RICHARD BROOKE, A KEY ALL ROUNDER, IS INJURED MID SEASON AND DOES NOT PLAY AGAIN. HE STILL HEADS THE BATTING WITH A REMARKABLE 138 AVERAGE FOR THE INNINGS PLAYED!

BILL VEITCH (AGED 16) IN HIS FIRST SEASON IN THE SIDE ALSO BADLY DAMAGES HIS HAND TAKING A RETURN CATCH AND IS OUT OF THE SIDE FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON!

THREE CENTURIES ARE SCORED DURING THE SEASON , BY BADER, ANDREW WAY AND VERNON DENNE

THE OSE ARE TROUNCED BY AN INNINGS WITH THE SCHOOL MAKING 341 - THE HIGHEST EVER SCORE AS WELL AS THE BIGGEST DEFEAT OF THE OLD BOYS TO DATE

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Average.
R. H. J. Brooke .	4	2	276	111	138
A. H. M. Hoare ..	9	–	438	102	38·5
D. R. S. Bader ...	12	–	432	104	36
F. S. P. O'Hagan	11	2	308	71*	34
K. J. Veitch	8	1	226	87	32·2
Gibb	4	–	76	31	19
J. H. A. Barnes ...	12	–	155	45	12·8
A. G. P. Way	9	3	69	17*	11·6
V. R. A. Denne ..	11	2	99	38	11
J. A. H. Sargeaunt	7	3	43	12	10·75
T. S. Wetherall ..	10	–	96	47	9·6
J. Hudson	6	2	33	13	8·2
P. Grove	7	2	19	10	3·8

Also batted :—Rooke, 1-0-7-7-7 ; Montague, 1-0-4-4-4.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
K. J. Veitch	42	3	122	8	15·25
P. Grove	18	1	77	5	15·4
D. R. S. Bader	163	44	540	30	18
A. G. P. Way	115	28	338	18	18·67
J. H. A. Sargeaunt	75	13	249	12	20·7
V. R. A. Denne ...	102	4	441	18	23·39
R. H. J. Brooke ...	35	8	128	4	32

Also bowled :—F. S. P. O'Hagan, 3-1-10-1-10 ; Woodroffe, 5-0-10-0-0 ; Gibb, 3-0-6-0-0 ; Barnes, 1-0-5-0-0.

SECOND XI.

The following have been awarded their 2nd XI Colours : Montague, L. ; Beale, G. M. ; Durrant, R. W. F. ; Swatman, P. S. ; Watson, W. E.

The following have also played :—Gibb, Gittings, Rooke, Woodroffe, Kendall, Oxley, Watts, Burrough, Carlyon, Evan-Jones, Monahan, Dewar.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
5	2	2	1

v. KEBLE COLLEGE 2ND XI. Keble, 181 for 3 (P. E. Goldie 55, D. R. Ifor-Jones 54 not out) ; S.E.S., 123 for 7 (Swatman 31, Ifor-Jones 2 for 16).

v. IMPERIAL SERVICE COLLEGE 2ND XI. I.S.C., 93 (Beale 4 for 17) ; S.E.S., 211 for 6 (Durrant 60, Sargeaunt 58, Rooke 24).

v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL. City of Oxford Sch., 108 ; S.E.S., 85.

v. CHELTENHAM COLLEGE 2ND XI. S.E.S., 123 ; Cheltenham, 174 for 3 (Evans 55, Higson 78).

v. WARDEN'S XI. S.E.S., 187 for 9 decl. (Gittings 32, Durrant 40) ; Warden's XI, 64 and 112 for 4.

v. STOWE. Stowe, 53 (Watts 4 for 6) ; S.E.S., 56 for 6 (Gibb 32, Bennett 5 for 18).

v. MR. MALLABY'S XI. S.E.S., 180 (Green mus. 44) ; Mr. Mallaby's XI, 182.

v. BRADFIELD COLLEGE. Bradfield, 161 for 6 (Bathurst 81, C. Stephan 31) ; S.E.S., 142 for 7 (Beale 65).

A review of the results of matches shows that, on the whole, the cricket season has been highly satisfactory. On a hard wicket the odds are in favour of one-day matches ending in draws. Yet by no means all the matches were indecisive, and the majority of the drawn games ended with the School in a strong position. In a dry summer it is essential for a side to have one of two, if not both, match-winning qualities—quick scoring and strong bowling. At the beginning of the season both these qualities were present. But by the time the team had got into its stride Brooke had been lost, so that the bowling could never be called strong, while the further absence of Veitch's steadiness with the bat made a low score likely if the hitters failed. Of the batting, Brooke, Barnes and Veitch were the stayers, Bader, Hoare, O'Hagan and, occasionally, Denne were the quick scorers, and the rest were more or less potential run-getters. Only once did they fail to take the score into three figures, and that was against a side that contained one or two Varsity bowlers. In bowling, Brooke was badly missed, so that, though Denne started off well but lost his length in the latter half of the term, the brunt of the attack was shouldered by Bader, Way and Sargeaunt, who all performed their tasks manfully. The ground fielding throughout the term was of a very high standard, and the catching, except in one match, was equally good. Hudson, behind the stumps, improved steadily as the term went on. Mention must be made of Parton, the pro. and groundsman, who in his first season has produced finer wickets and a better outfield than have been seen here for some time.

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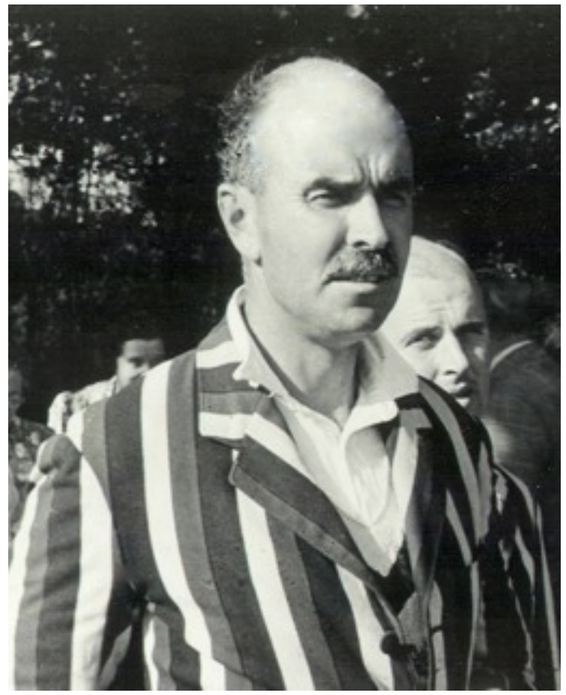


RICHARD BROOKE PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1926-1928. FIRST O.S.E. TO GAIN A CRICKET BLUE AT OXFORD IN 1931/2. HE ALSO PLAYED FOR SEVERAL MINOR CRICKET CLUBS AND THE FREE FORESTERS

The cricket season opens with good promise. Bader is restored to health, and has a very good second-in-command in Brooke. As they are both good bowlers and strong bats, though of very different style, this is important. There are three other old colours, Barnes, O'Hagan and Denne, and of second colours, Wetherall and Bailey ma. There is besides plenty of excellent material both in bowling and batting. The opening match, a most exciting tie with Keble, on the stroke of time, was an encouraging opening of the season.

Cricket XI 1929

L-R BACK ROW	P.A. Gibb, G.M. Beal, T.S. Wetherall, C.M.C. Woodroffe
L-R SEATED	A.G.P. Way, A.H.M. Hoare, J.H. Barnes (Captain), K.J. Veitch, J.A.H. Sargeaunt
L-R ON GROUND	R.G.H Green, J.P. Richardson

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v The Queen's College - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 62 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 11 runs
(Away)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Away)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - lost by 86 runs
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 136 runs
(Home)

JAMES SARGEAUNT AND GORDON BEAL TAKE 71 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM BUT EXPENSIVELY

THE HIGHEST SCORES OF THE SEASON BY THE CAPTAIN JOHN BARNES - 81 AGAINST E.P. HEWETSON'S XI FOLLOWED BY 63 VERSUS OXFORD CITY C.C.

29TH JUNE 1929 IS A KEY DATE IN SCHOOL CRICKET HISTORY - WITH THE 1ST, 2ND AND COLTS XIS ALL WINNING FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. FOR THE COLTS PETER CRANMER SCORES 177 NOT OUT

IN THE SENIOR HOUSE CUP, JOHN BARNES SCORES TWO CENTURIES IN TWO INNINGS VERSUS APSLEY, WHILE BATTING FOR TILLY'S, BUT STILL LOSES THE MATCH - IN ALL 1149 RUNS ARE SCORED!

PAUL GIBB (AGED 15) MAKES HIS DEBUT AS WICKET-KEEPER FOR THE SCHOOL SIDE - LATER TO PLAY FOR ENGLAND, YORKSHIRE AND ESSEX

June 22nd was a fine day for School cricket. The XI beat Bromsgrove by eight wickets; the Second XI beat Radley 2nd at Radley by five wickets; the Colts, after accumulating a huge score, including 177 not out by a boy under 15, just failed to get the last two wickets of the Bradfield Colts, and had to be content with 'drawn in favour.' The evening ended with a race against the clock. The XI beat it, the Colts just failed; but the Chapel bells had a ring of triumph in them.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Times not out.	Av.
J. H. A. Barnes	13	321	81	2	29.18
P. A. Gibb	11	212	62*	1	21.20
T. S. Wetherall	11	201	54	1	20.10
K. J. Veitch	12	198	37	0	16.50
R. G. H. Green	9	96	36	2	13.71
C. M. C. Woodroffe	11	135	69*	1	13.50
A. H. M. Hoare	13	156	41	0	12.00
J. A. H. Sargeaunt .	7	58	28*	2	11.60
A. G. P. Way	10	72	19	3	10.29
G. M. Beal	8	30	9	0	3.75

The following also batted: Richardson, 2.16.0.8*; J. Hudson, 1*.0*.0*4; Durrant R. F. W., 3.3; Evan-Jones, 0*.0.2*.11.0; Oxley, 9; Green mus., 0.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
C. M. C. Woodroffe .	46.4	12	107	12	8.92
G. M. Beal	129.2	22	372	27	13.78
J. A. H. Sargeaunt .	103.4	20	358	23	15.57
K. J. Veitch	108.3	14	367	21	17.48
A. G. P. Way	78.4	8	305	12	25.42

The following also bowled: A. H. M. Hoare, 12 1 49 3 16.33.

It is clear from the averages that the batting of the First XI has been disappointing. Barnes alone has been really consistent, and he only in the latter half of the season. Wetherall and Gibb have played some useful innings at critical moments, Wetherall's knock on a nasty wicket at Windsor, and after a disastrous opening, being especially worth recording. Veitch and Hoare, from whom much was expected, have never run into form. Though Veitch has made several useful 30's, he has never reached anything like his true form. Hoare generally opens with a most confident four, which leads him on to rashness and disaster; while Fortune, so kind to him last season, has shamefully deserted him. For the rest, Green mi. is an improved batsman and Woodroffe has played one good innings. The out cricket of the side has been, in most matches, its strong point. The bulk of the bowling has fallen upon Beal, Sargeaunt and Veitch, and they have rarely bowled badly. Sargeaunt bowls too many no-balls, but he gets life and pace into his bowling; Beal is too fond of bowling outside the leg stump, but he never looks very easy to play and his nip off the pitch has had many batsmen in trouble. Veitch keeps a good length with his off-breaks and gets considerable spin on the ball. Woodroffe and Way have lent some useful aid at different times. The fielding has been good: catches have at times been dropped, but the ground fielding is generally safe. Gibb ma. has come on well as a wicket-keeper. Both school matches have been won, and there have been good performances against two or three strong sides. Barnes has captained the side well and made the most of his material.

O.S.E. and The Stragglers of Asia Elevens Cricket Week 1929

Included in this group are:-
Back row - S.T. Hutchinson (far left), W.T.H. Rutter (4th from left), J.F.W. Eardley (5th from left)
Standing - W.H.A. Cowell (2nd form left), D.G. Leadley (3rd from left), H.E. Kendall (2nd from right)
Seated - R.H. Griffiths (far left), E.T. James (3rd from right), A.H. Seymour (2nd from right)
On Ground S.R. Clair (2nd from left), D.R.S. Bader (center), J.W.M. Fletcher (2nd from right), M.V. Spurway (far right)
The Stragglers won by 4 wickets

Cricket XI 1930

L-R back row P. Cranmer, R.F. Berry, R.J. Northcote- Green, C.A. Evan-Jones, J. Porritt

L-R seated G.M. Beal, A.H.M. Hoare, H.H.A. Barnes (Captain), C.M.C. Woodroffe, R.G.H. Green

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 6 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v Keble College - won by 16 runs
(Home)
v The Queen's College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 64 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 60 runs
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 117 runs
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - won by 33 runs
(Away)
v Imperial Services College - lost by 45 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Cowley St. John C.C. - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell College Belfast - match drawn
(Home)

BILL VEITCH SCORES 635 RUNS IN A SEASON (THEN A RECORD) INCLUDED ARE TWO CENTURIES (139 AND 134) AND A 92 NOT OUT - HE ALSO TAKES 28 WICKETS IN THE SEASON

FIRST MATCH VERSUS CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BELFAST

JOHN BARNES CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE SEASON, HIS FOURTH IN THE SIDE

IN A JUNIOR MATCH AGAINST OXFORD BOYS - THE TWO SIDES SCORE 447 RUNS IN 4 HOURS - WITH THE SCHOOL WINNING, THANKS TO CENTURIES FROM ARTHUR PATON (112) AND PAUL COOKE (109)

PETER CRANMER PLAYS HIS FIRST SEASON FOR THE SCHOOL XI (AGED 15) - HE WILL LATER PLAY COUNTY CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WAR

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

WON 6, LOST 5, DRAWN 4.

We were stronger than usual in both batting and bowling this year. In matches against Oxford Colleges the side generally did well, but in the matches against I.S.C. Windsor and Bromsgrove, both of which were lost, the batting broke down for no apparent reason. Veitch was the steadiest bowler, and was well supported by Berry, who proved very useful as a fast-medium bowler. During the second half of the season many wickets were taken by the slow left-hand bowling of Northcote-Green. Barnes, whose captaincy all through left nothing to be desired, and Veich were the most consistent of the batsmen. Throughout the term the fielding, which was uniformly good, both in the air and on the ground, contained no weak spots.

FIRST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Times not out.	Total.	Highest Score.	Av.
K. J. Veitch	14	1	635	139	48.84
J. H. A. Barnes	14	3	378	75*	34.36
R. G. H. Green	11	1	224	69	22.40
Cranmer, P.	7	0	149	65	21.29
Montague, J. C.	6	0	127	59	21.17
C. M. C. Woodroffe ...	9	3	118	32	19.66
R. J. Northcote-Green .	11	3	156	42	19.50
Evan-Jones, E. C. A. ..	12	2	185	57	18.50
A H. M. Hoare	9	1	141	76	17.63
G. M. Beal	8	3	50	18*	10.00
J. Hudson	6	1	50	23	10.00
R. F. Berry	7	0	28	12	4.00

The following also batted :—Watts, R. W. L., 18* and 17*; Kendall, P. C., 2 and 8; Arundell, J. H., 14; Porritt, J., 0, 2 and 0.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
R. J. Northcote-Green .	71	4	334	23	14-52
R. F. Berry	147-5	26	451	25	18.04
K. J. Veitch	157.1	19	515	28	18.39
C. M. C. Woodroffe ...	93	14	370	11	33.64
G. M. Beal	85	14	331	9	36.78

The following also bowled :—Watts, R. W. L., 8—2—30—1; Kendall, P. C., 2—0—11—0.

Note.—These figures do not include the match against Campbell College, Belfast, to be played on Monday, July 28th.

Cricket.

The prospects for 1930 are brighter even than those of the previous year. There are eight old Colours left, all of whom have already shown considerable promise and improvement in the opening match of the season. The batting should prove stronger, and certainly more solid, than last year. The same may be said of the bowling. There is the usual full programme of matches in May and June.

O.S.E AND OXFORD CITY C.C. ELEVENS - CRICKET WEEK 1930

THE O.S.E WON BY 4 WICKETS

ROBERT BERRY MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1930-1933 AND THOUGHT BY ARTHUR TILLY TO HAVE BEEN THE FASTEST BOWLER EVER TO THAT DATE, IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY

Cricket XI 1931

L-R BACK ROW A.G. Butterworth, R.W.L. Iremonger-Watts, J.C. Montague, T.G. Gibb, J.W. Butterworth, R.T. Baldwin

L-R SEATED R.F. Berry, G.M. Beal, K.J. Veitch (Captain), P.A. Gibb, J. Hudson

Paul Gibb would later play County Cricket for Yorkshire (1937-49) and Essex (1950-6) and for England 1937-47, including tours to South Africa (1938/9) and Australia (1946/7). Richard Iremonger-Watts would later play minor county cricket for Dorset

Fixture List
Played 17 Won 7 Drawn 8 Lost 2

v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v The Queen's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Merton College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 155 runs
(Home)
v Heythrop Hunt C.C. - won by 125 runs
(Away)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v J.S. Masterman's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 35 runs
(Away)
v Brasenose College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Pembroke College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford & Bucks Light Infa'ry - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Wrekin College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cowley St. John C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)

PAUL GIBB CONSIDERED 'THE BEST WICKET KEEPER EVER SEEN AT THE SCHOOL EVEN STANDING UP TO THE FAST BOWLERS'

GIBB ALSO SCORES 630 RUNS FOR THE SEASON IN A STRONG BATTING SIDE WHOSE TOP SEVEN BATSMEN SCORE 2381 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

FIRST MATCH VERSUS WREKIN COLLEGE

BILL VEITCH CAPTAINS THE TEAM, HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE XI

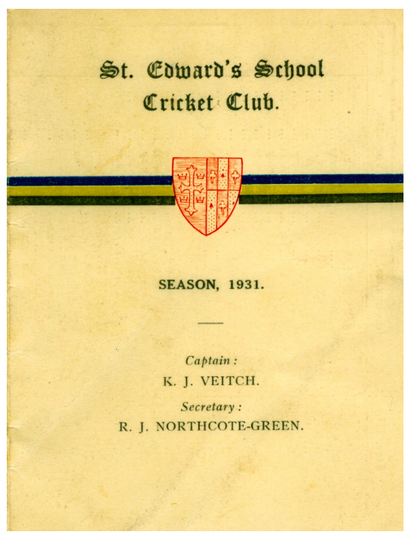
PETER CRANMER PLAYS ONLY FOUR INNINGS (AVERAGING 40 RUNS) BEFORE BEING INJURED

ROBERT BERRY CONSIDERED THE FASTEST BOWLER EVER AT THE SCHOOL TO DATE

PAUL GIBB (SHOWN HERE WITH LEN HUTTON IN 1938) WAS IN THE SCHOOL XI 1929-31 AND CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FINEST WICKET KEEPER/ BATSMEN EVER AT THE ST. EDWARD'S. HE LATER WON 8 ENGLAND CAPS AND PLAYED 287 FIRST CLASS COUNTY CRICKET GAMES.

O.S.E AND STRAGGLERS OF ASIA ELEVENS - CRICKET WEEK 1931

INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP ARE J.H.A. BARNES (BACK 3RD FROM RIGHT) R.G.H. GREEN, T.S. WETHERALL, A.G.P. WAY, H.G.C. MALLABLY (C/R) BACK 2ND FROM RIGHT), W.W. INGE, J. SHOLTO DOUGLAS, N.R.S. SEDDON, E.P. HEWETSON (C/R), S.F. CLAIR (ON GROUND LEFT), G.H. SEGAR (STANDING 4TH FROM RIGHT) THE STRAGGLERS WON BY 27 RUNS


St. Edward's School
Cricket Club.

SEASON, 1931.

Captain:
K. J. VEITCH.

Secretary:
R. J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Not outs.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Av.
P. A. Gibb	17	3	630	85*	45.00
G. M. Beal	10	4	210	53*	35.00
J. Hudson	15	4	317	57	28.82
J. C. McC. Montague	17	0	463	104	27.24
R. T. Baldwin	9	2	180	75	25.71
J. Butterworth	16	3	278	35	21.38
K. J. Veitch	17	2	302	56	20.13
R. W. L. Watts	9	3	69	28*	11.50
A. G. Butterworth	12	3	85	25	9.44
R. F. Berry	8	2	34	16*	5.67

Also batted:—P. Cranmer, 5—0—204—75—40.80; R. J. Northcote-Green, 2—0—19—15—9.50; T. G. Gibb, 1—0—27—27—27.00; Arundell, J. H., 2—1—10—7*—10.00; Harrison, J. V., 6—0—63—29—10.50; Hutchinson, D. W., 7—0—24—16—3.43.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
R. F. Berry	156.1	34	405	37	10.95
R. W. L. Watts	153.1	49	381	27	14.11
J. Butterworth	99.3	27	282	18	15.67
G. M. Beal	104.3	14	454	25	18.16
K. J. Veitch	104.4	17	311	15	20.73

Also bowled:—T. G. Gibb, 12—5—20—2—10.00.

Cricket XI 1932

L-R BACK ROW	P. Cooke, P.V.B. Hayes-Gratze, T.G. Gibb, R.M.A. Lawson
L-R SEATED	A.G. Butterworth, J. Butterworth, P. Cranmer (Captain), R.F. Berry, R.T. Baldwin
L-R ON GROUND	E.J.H. Dixon, A.M. Reid

Fixture List
Played 18 Won 9 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v New College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Keble College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v The Queen's College- lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 151 runs
(Home)
v Brasenose College - match drawn
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 74 runs
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford & Bucks Light Inf'ry - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v A Musicians XI - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Wrekin College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell College, Belfast - won by 7 wickets
(Home)

FIRST SCHOOL MATCH AGAINST EASTBOURNE COLLEGE

SCHOOL XI CONSIDERED THE BEST TO DATE WITH PETER CRANMER SCORING A THEN RECORD OF 911 RUNS FOR THE SEASON, INCLUDING FOUR CENTURIES

CRANMER CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME (AGED 17), HE SCORES 156 BEFORE LUNCH AGAINST WREKIN COLLEGE, HE ALSO MAKES A 'DELIGHTFUL' 116 AT BROMSGROVE

RICHARD BROOKE (OSE) BECOMES THE SCHOOL'S FIRST CRICKET BLUE AT OXFORD - HE PLAYED ONLY 4 INNINGS DUE TO INJURY AVERAGING 138 OVERALL

ERIC 'BUDGE' DIXON AND ARTHUR REID MAKE THEIR CRICKET DEBUTS FOR THE SCHOOL, BOTH AGED 16 AND 'VERY SMALL'

PAUL COOKE, ALSO 16 YEARS OF AGE, MAKES HIS DEBUT FOR THE TEAM

THE FIXTURE LIST OF 18 MATCHES IN ALL IS THE LONGEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY

AFTER A SLOW START THE SIDE WIN 8 TIMES AND DRAW TWICE IN A SUCCESSIVE RUN

THE BUTTERWORTH BROTHERS (ALFRED AND JOHN)), BOTH ALL ROUNDERS, SCORE 819 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

FIRST MENTION OF 'FATHER NEALE' INVOLVED WITH GROUNDSMAN/ UMPIRING DUTIES HE WOULD SERVE THE SCHOOL FROM 1925-60

PATRICK HAYES-GRATZE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF THE BOWLERS TAKING 40 WICKETS AT A COST OF 13 EACH

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name.	Inns.	Not outs.	Highest score.	Runs.	Av.
P. Cranmer	16	2	156	870	62 78
A. G. Butterworth	14	6	108	390	48.75
J. Butterworth	16	0	99	429	26.81
R. F. Berry	8	5	21	75	25.00
T. G. Gibb	16	1	58	324	21.60
P. Cooke	14	3	35	220	20.00
R. M. A. Lawson	11	1	33	162	16.20
R. T. Baldwin	12	1	41	150	13.63
A. M. Reid	12	4	28	96	12.00
V. P. B. Hayes-Gratze	9	4	19	55	11.00
E. J. H. Dixon	13	0	35	118	9-07

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name.	Overs.	Mdns.	Wkts.	Runs.	Av.
R. T. Baldwin	140	35	27	342	12.66
V. P. B. Hayes-Gratze	179	36	40	525	13.14
R. F. Berry	153	25	24	431	17.96
J. Butterworth	161	30	25	496	19.92
P. Cranmer	78	9	10	288	28.80
E. J. H. Dixon	56	2	7	351	50-14

(These averages do not include the match v. Campbell College.)

O.S.E. CRICKET WEEK 1932, BEFORE THE MATCH VERSUS ROBERTSON GLASGOW XI.

INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP ARE - J.F. MAYO-PERROTT (2ND FROM RIGHT IN BACK ROW). S.T. HUTCHINSON (FAR LEFT), H.G.C, MALLABY (C.R CENTER) & J.H.A. BARNES (2ND FROM RIGHT IN FIRST STANDING ROW). G.P. MORRIS (FAR LEFT), J.S. DOUGLAS (2ND FROM LEFT), R.J.H. BROOKE (THIRD FROM RIGHT), J.C.O'DWYER (FAR RIGHT)IN THE SEATED ROW. R.G.H. GREEN (FAR LEFT) AND J.C. MONTAGUE (2ND FROM RIGHT) ON THE GROUND

THE ERECTION OF THE 1933 CRICKET PAVILION IN THE FOREGROUND WITH ITS 1922 PREDECESSOR TO THE RIGHT

Cricket XI 1933

L-R BACK ROW R.M.A. Lawson, R.W.W. Howell, P. Cooke, E.J.H. Dixon, E.F. Bennett, A.M. Reid

L-R SEATED R.T. Baldwin, R.F. Berry, P. Cranmer (Captain), J. Butterworth, A.G. Butterworth

Peter Cranmer would later play County Cricket for Warwickshire 1938-47

Fixture List
Played 17 Won 9 Drawn 4 Lost 4

v Keble College - lost by 20 runs
(Home)
v The Queen's College - won by 23 runs
(Home)
v St. John's College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 122 runs
(Away)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - won by 162 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - lost by 76 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - won by 131 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Wrekin College- won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 158 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell Coll, Bl'st - won by an innings & 1 run
(Home)

SCHOOL CRICKET NOW CONSIDERED TO BE IN A 'GOLDEN AGE' - FOUR BATSMEN SCORE OVER 400 RUNS EACH DURING THE SEASON

PETER CRANMER ACCUMULATES 636 RUNS IN HIS SECOND YEAR AS CAPTAIN, INCLUDED IS AN INNINGS OF 152 VERSUS BRASENOSE COLLEGE NOTCHING UP 6 SIXIES AND 18 FOURS

NEW CRICKET PAVILION OPENED AT THE GAUDY BY SIR RUSSELL BENCRAFT (OSE)

BUSY FIXTURE LIST WITH NINE GAMES CRAMMED INTO A FOUR WEEK PERIOD IN JUNE DURING AN EXTENDED HEAT WAVE

CONSIDERED AN ATTRACTIVE TEAM TO WATCH WITH BATTING GOING DOWN TO THE NINTH BATSMAN - THE BUTTERWORTHS, DIXON AND REID ALL SCORED MORE THAN 400 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

ARTHUR REID AND ERIC DIXON NOW REGULARLY AND VERY SUCCESSFULLY OPENING THE INNINGS

ALL THE FIXTURES AGAINST PEER SCHOOLS ARE WON

THE BOWLING ATTACK IS CENTRED AROUND THREE BOWLERS - RADFORD HOWELL, JOHN BUTTERWORTH AND ROBERT BERRY WHO BETWEEN THEM TAKE 111 WICKETS FOR AN AVERAGE 11 RUNS FOR EACH

ALL THE SCHOOL CRICKET SIDES HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON; THE JUNIOR XI UNBEATEN IN SEVEN MATCHES WITH RICHARD JELLARD SCORING OVER 300 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

SIR RUSSELL BENCRAFT (O.S.E.) OPENS THE NEW CRICKET PAVILION AT GAUDY IN 1933

FIRST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Highest score.	Not out.	Av.
A. G. Butterworth	15	517	94	2	39.76
P. Cranmer	18	636	152	0	35.30
J. Butterworth	18	426	61	1	25.05
E. J. H. Dixon	17	390	65	1	24.37
R. T. Baldwin	13	137	37	6	19.10
P. Cooke	17	233	35	4	17.90
R. M. A. Lawson	16	203	65	3	15.61
A. M. Reid	16	203	47	2	14.50
R. W. W. Howell	9	74	18	2	10.57
E. F. Bennett	11	94	39	0	8.21
R. F. Berry	10	17	7	4	2.83

Also batted:—Woodroffe I. K., 14, 3, 0, 17, 11, 1, 6, 3, 0; Leeper T. F., 3; Yoshimoto D. P., 0; Maclaurin mus., 8.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
R. F. Berry	175	51	385	35	10.14
J. Butterworth	223.2	53	563	47	11.98
R. W. W. Howell ...	139.2	23	404	29	13.94
P. Cranmer	101.3	21	277	19	14.61
E. J. H. Dixon	37	2	201	11	18.27
R. T. Baldwin	162	41	421	21	20.04

O.S.E. XI V THE STRAGGLERS OF ASIA - CRICKET WEEK 1933

INCLUDED IN THE GROUP ARE A.G.P. WAY (SECOND LEFT) R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN (FOURTH FROM LEFT), P.V.B. HAYES -GRATZE (CENTRE), J. EARDLEY (FOURTH FROM RIGHT) AND J. HUDSON (FAR RIGHT) IN THE STANDING ROWS.
IN THE SEATED ROW S.T. HUTCHINSON (FAR LEFT), J.H.A. BARNES (FOURTH FROM RIGHT), W.A.F.. PLATTS (SECOND FROM RIGHT) C.M.C. WOODROFFE (LEFT) ON THE GROUND

L TO R - A.M. REID, R.T. BALDWIN, R.W.W. HOWELL, R.F. BERRY J. BUTTERWORTH

Cricket XI 1934

L-R back row E. Holley, A.W. Paton, H.B. Coulthurst, E.F. Bennett, R.W.W. Howell, I.G. MacLaurin

L-R seated E.J.H. Dixon, R.M.A. Lawson, J. Butterworth (Captain), P. Cooke, A.N. Reid

Fixture List

Played 18 Won 6 Drawn 9 Lost 3

v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v The Queen's College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Imperial Services College - won by 49 runs
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Magdalen College - match drawn
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gentlemen C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 202 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 66 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 28 runs
(Away)
v Campbell Coll, Be'fst - won by an in'gs & 17 runs
(Home)

ERIC DIXON AND ARTHUR REID FORM THE HIGHEST SCORING OPENING PARTNERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY - BOTH AVERAGE 40 RUNS PER INNINGS FOR THE SEASON

PETER CRANMER'S FIRST SEASON PLAYING COUNTY CRICKET FOR WARWICKSHIRE, HE WOULD BE APPOINTED CAPTAIN IN 1938 AND PLAYED ON AFTER THE WAR UNTIL 1947

JOHN BUTTERWORTH SELECTED TO PLAY FOR THE REST VERSUS THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT LORDS. HE CAPTAINS THE SIDE HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE XI

WITH THE FORMIDABLE OPENING PARTNERSHIP OF DIXON AND REID GIVING THE SIDE SO MANY GOOD STARTS THIS USUALLY PROVIDES A FOUNDATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL SCORES

ARTHUR REID SCORES 76 AGAINST ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE FOLLOWED BY 121 NOT OUT AGAINST NEW COLLEGE IN A OPENING STAND WITH DIXON (49) OF 141 ALLOWING THE SCHOOL TO DECLARE AT 229-2

AGAINST EASTBOURNE COLLEGE DIXON AND REID PUT ON 158 FOR THE FIRST WICKET (DIXON 122) - THEN A RECORD

ONLY AGAINST THE OSE (INCLUDING CRANMER, BADER, O'DWYER AND BROOKE) DO THE SCHOOL REALLY STRUGGLE AND ARE LUCKY TO END UP WITH A DRAW

TOP FOUR BATSMEN SCORE 2458 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM WERE AGAIN UNBEATEN A RECORD HELD SINCE 1932

AVERAGES, 1934.

Batting.

	Inns.	Not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Aver.
1. A. M. Reid ...	17	1	121*	785	49.06
2. J. Butterworth ...	18	1	110*	690	40.58
3. E. J. H. Dixon ...	15	0	122	589	39.26
4. I. G. Maclaurin ...	16	2	75	418	29.57
5. P. Cooke	11	4	54	189	27.00
6. E. F. Bennett ...	16	1	36	203	13.53
7. R. M. A. Lawson	13	2	30	144	13.09
8. H. B. Coulthurst	4	0	25	45	11.25
9. A. W. Paton ...	10	3	28	70	10.00
10. R. W. W. Howell	9	7	4*	16	8.00
11. E. Holley	4	0	13	21	5.25

Also batted. — Willans, R. I., 0*, 0, 10, 14; Deane, E. F., 2, 1; Yoshimoto, D. T., 2, 4; Woodin, G. B., 2; Richards, R. M., 2, 29*, 0, 7*, 10; Sale, G. E., 6*, 12*, 11, 26, 0.

Centuries. — E. J. H. Dixon (two), 122, 111; A. M. Reid, 121; J. Butterworth, 110*.

(* Signifies not out.)

Bowling.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
R. W. W. Howell ...	202	33	582	40	14.55
H. B. Coulthurst ...	62.4	6	248	14	17.71
J. Butterworth	276.2	44	803	44	18.25
A. W. Paton	106	12	410	20	20.50
E. F. Bennett	52	5	211	8	25.15
E. J. H. Dixon	71	3	401	12	33.42
E. Holley	41	7	135	4	33.75
I. G. Maclaurin ...	43	2	201	5	40.20

NEW CRICKET PAVILION 1934.

EDWARD HEWETSON

TRIPLE OXFORD CRICKET BLUE AND WARWICKSHIRE. HE COACHED THE CRICKET XI 1926 - 1936

Cricket

The Cricket XI, favoured as they have been by this wonderful summer, have enjoyed an excellent season. Out of a total of seventeen matches, they have won five, in which number are included all the inter-school matches. The hard wickets which have prevailed throughout have favoured the batsmen, who seldom failed to take advantage of their chances. Scores of well over 200 have been more the rule than the exception, for which they have mainly to thank Dixon and Reid, the opening batsmen. Four times they topped the century mark before being separated, and altogether averaged between fifty and sixty for their opening stand. Though somewhat slow in starting, they never failed to quicken their pace as the score mounted, and, taken as a whole, it cannot be said that they were a tedious pair. The soundness of Dixon's defence was an admirable foil to the more debonair methods of Reid. The School was indeed lucky to have as their following batsman one of Butterworth's type. Naturally a forcing player, he was given ample opportunity to exploit his scoring facility, so much so that the remainder of the team had, as it were, to take turns in getting a knock. Maclaurin has developed a soundness in his defence which will stand him in good stead in years to come, and Cooke and Lawson gave us several attractive and useful innings.

In a season such as this the wickets have been heart-breaking for bowlers, especially when they have toiled all day and their fieldsmen caught nothing. Such, fortunately, has not been the fate meted out to the XI. In Butterworth and Howell they have had bowlers well above the average, who have triumphed over the circumstances which have beset them. These two are mainly responsible for the wickets that have fallen. Dixon's leg-breaks were not called on quite so much as in the previous season, chiefly owing to the advent of Coulthurst, another bowler of very similar type. Bennett's off-breaks did not show their true worth until that sensational over which finished off the Bromsgrove match.

In the fielding, one thinks first of Lawson's high consistency behind the stumps. Here is a wicket-keeper who has improved steadily ever since he first put on the gloves, and he deserves no small measure of praise for the successes that our bowlers have achieved. Besides in some cases covering up the looseness of the bowling by keeping down the toll of byes, by his sureness behind the stumps he gave the bowlers that additional confidence that makes such a difference. The fielding generally was of an adequately high standard, though it did not perhaps reach the peak attained by last year's side. It is certainly true to say that there were no weak spots in the team, and among a very level lot one might perhaps single out Butterworth, Cooke, Reid and Maclaurin as the best.

Altogether the XI's cricket has reached the standard that has been maintained by previous teams, and they can claim it as a fitting climax to a successful season that their Captain has been selected to play for the Rest against the Lord's Schools.

Cricket XI 1935

L-R BACK ROW E. Holley, T.H. Little, H.C.L. Farrar, T.C. Henderson, E.T. Greaves, V.G.T. Godley

L-R SEATED I.G. MacLaurin, R.M.A. Lawson, E.J.H. Dixon (Captain), A.M. Reid. A.W. Paton

Eric 'Budge' Dixon would later win Oxford Cricket Blues in 1937-39 (Captain in 1939) and play County Cricket for Northamptonshire in 1939. Arthur Reid would play minor county cricket for Cheshire

Fixture List

Played 19 Won 11 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v The Queen's College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Keble College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 101 runs
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v St. John's College, won by 171 runs
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 83 runs
(Away)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gen'men C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Eastern Canadians C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v The B.B.C. Corporation C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell College, Belfast - won by 156 runs
(Home)

THE DIXON/REID OPENING PARTNERSHIP GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH - ONLY IN ONE MATCH OUT OF 18 DO THEY FAIL TO SCORE LESS THAN 50 RUNS FOR THE FIRST WICKET

BOTH ARTHUR REID AND ERIC DIXON SCORE TWO CENTURIES AND FIVE FIFTIES DURING THE SEASON - THEY PUT ON 114 RUNS FOR THE FIRST WICKET AGAINST BROMSGROVE

BY SEASON END ERIC DIXON HAS SCORED 869 RUNS (AVERAGING 58) AND ARTHUR REID 687 RUNS (AVERAGING 40)

ERIC DIXON CAPTAINS THE TEAM HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE XI

FIRST MATCH AGAINST A TOURING SIDE - THE EAST CANADIANS CRICKET CLUB

THE LONGEST FIXTURE LIST (19) ON RECORD OF WHICH 11 WERE WON AND 3 DRAWN - INCLUDED A CONSECUTIVE RUN OF SEVEN VICTORIES

A NEW BOWLING ATTACK OF HARRY FARRAR AND TERRANCE HENDERSON (A LEFT HAND/RIGHT HAND COMBINATION) PROVES VERY EFFECTIVE

IAN TREVOR, THEN NOT IN THE SCHOOL'S 1ST XI, SCORES 133 FOR FIELD HOUSE IN THE HOUSE MATCHES

ERIC DIXON (LEFT) AND ARTHUR REID, PROLIFIC OPENING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN 1932-1935. DIXON CAPTAINED THE SIDE IN 1935.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Runs.	Aver.
E. J. H. Dixon	17	2	131*	869	57.9
A. M. Reid	18	1	104	687	40.4
H. T. Little	14	4	47*	227	22.7
E. T. Greaves	11	2	60	195	21.6
I. G. Maclaurin	15	3	50*	231	19.25
E. J. Holley	6	0	24	93	15.5
A. W. Paton	12	0	48	164	13.6
T. C. Henderson	6	3	11	18	6.0
R. M. A. Lawson	7	0	17	37	5.28
H. C. L. Farrar	6	1	3	8	1.6
V. G. T. Godley	3	3	23*	37	—

(* Signifies not out.)

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
V. G. T. Godley	97.1	25	211	23	9.1
T. C. Henderson	163.4	29	425	33	12.8
E. J. H. Dixon	57.1	1	257	17	15.1
A. W. Paton	140.4	33	410	24	17.08
E. J. Holley	60.3	11	209	12	17.4
H. C. L. Farrar	192.3	27	569	31	18.5
I. G. Maclaurin	38	6	116	4	29.00

FIRST MARTYRS XI & SCHOOL XIS MATCH - GAUDY 1935

L TO R (BACK ROW) E.T. GREAVES, H.B. COULTHURST, E. HOLLEY
P. COOKE, B. KENNEDY-COOKE, T.C. HENDERSON, YOSHIMOTO
L TO R (CENTER ROW) T.H. LITTLE, G. MACLAURIN, A.W. PATON,
R.W.W. HOWE, A. BUTTERWORTH, H.C.L. FARRAR, J. BUTTERWORTH
L TO R (SEATED) S.T. HUTCHINSON, R.M.A. WALSH
R.H. GRIFFITHS, E.J.H. DIXON, K.J. VEITCH, A.M. REID

FIRST MARTYRS CRICKET WEEK, MATCH AGAINST R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN'S XI

INCLUDED ARE T.S. WETHERALL (3RD FROM LEFT), G.E.K.C. BROOKS (FIFTH FROM LEFT), J.H.A. BARNES (FOURTH FROM RIGHT), E.W. EARDLEY (THIRD FROM RIGHT), E.J.H. DIXON (FAR RIGHT) IN STANDING ROW. E.J.B. LANGHORNE (FAR LEFT) S.T. HUTCHINSON (2ND FROM LEFT), A.G. BUTTERWORTH (FOURTH FROM LEFT), R. BAMPFIELD (FIFTH FROM LEFT) R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN (FIFTH FROM RIGHT), R.H.G. GREEN (2ND FROM RIGHT)

Cricket XI 1936

L-R back row J.L. Churcher, R.G. Jellard, R.I. Willans, A.N.E. Waldron, I.F. Trevor, M.J. Tobin

L-R seated V.G.T. Godley, T.C. Henderson, E.T. Greaves (Captain), T.H. Little, H.C.W. Ironside

Fixture List
Played 17 Won 5 Drawn 7 Lost 5

v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v The Queen's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oriel College - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Brasenose College - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v O.S.E. XI - won by 22 runs
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v St. John's College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 15 runs
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gentlemen C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - lost by 172 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v Campbell College Belfast - match drawn
(Home)

FIRST XI AVERAGES, 1936.

BATTING.

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Av.
E. T. Greaves	16	3	374	85*	28.7
A. N. E. Waldron .	14	1	289	65	21.7
J. L. Churcher	15	5	196	41	19.6
H. C. W. Ironside	15	1	257	63	18.4
I. F. Trevor	12	1	180	38	16.3
R. G. Jellard	16	1	243	62	16.2
H. Little	17	1	229	52	14.3
R. I. Willans	12	0	146	41	12.2
V. G. T. Godley ...	10	1	78	17*	6.7
T. C. Henderson ...	8	3	25	11*	5.0
M. J. Tobin	10	2	31	11	3.9

Also batted: Thursfield P. S., 52—12—8*—14—0—9—10—2; Crickmay M. B., 27*—0*—3; Bell D. H. A., 2—0.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.		
V. G. T. Godley ...	194.3	21	533	46	11.6
T. C. Henderson ...	173.3	33	588	29	20.3
H. Little	22	2	86	4	21.5
J. L. Churcher	89.5	7	391	13	30.1
R. G. Jellard	109	12	364	8	45.5
A. N. E. Waldron .	30	2	136	1	136.0

Also bowled: E. T. Greaves, 4—0—19—1; Thursfield P. S., 24—2—82—5; Crickmay M. B., 1—0—2—0.

MAJOR E. G. WYNYARD

A GREAT GAMES PLAYER

We regret to announce that Major E. G. Wynyard, the former Hampshire and England cricketer, died yesterday at his home at Knotty Green, Beaconsfield. He was aged 75.

Edward George Wynyard was born on April 1, 1861, and was the son of William Wynyard, of Hursley. He entered Charterhouse in 1874 and played in the Football XI. In 1877 he went to St. Edward's School, Oxford, but a few years later he played for the Old Carthusians when they won the Association Cup.

Wynyard joined The King's Liverpool Regiment in 1883 and served with distinction in the Burmese Expedition of 1885-87. He was twice mentioned in dispatches and was appointed D.S.O. for his conduct in that campaign; he was later awarded the medal of the Humane Society. In 1890, with the rank of captain, he joined The Welch Regiment. He was Adjutant to the Oxford University Volunteers in 1899 and Instructor in Military Engineering at Sandhurst from 1900 to 1902. He retired from the Army in 1903, but the outbreak of war in 1914 brought him back to his first regiment, The King's Liverpool Regiment, with the rank of major. He was attached for duty with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps in May, 1915, and for the ensuing three years was Commandant of the Thornhill Labour Camp. He had been appointed to The Middlesex Regiment in 1916, and finally retired from the Army in 1919.

"Ted" Wynyard was one of the greatest all-round athletes of his generation. Apart from football for the Old Carthusians and the Corinthians, he played hockey for Hampshire. He was a brilliant tobogganist, winning in 1899 the International Toboggan Race at Davos. He founded his own private golfing society, the Jokers, of which he was "Chief Joker," mostly composed of cricketers of some fame. He was elected an honorary member of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.

But his greatest achievements were at cricket. He captained the Hampshire XI from 1897 to 1899, and was invited by Stoddart in 1898 to join the All-England XI to play against Australia, but had to decline on account of his Army duties. He captained the M.C.C. team against New Zealand in 1906, and was invited to captain the M.C.C. Australian team in 1907, but again had to decline, this time for family reasons. He went to America with the M.C.C. team in the same year. He represented the South African Cricket Association in England during 1908, and from 1920 to 1924 served on the M.C.C. Committee.

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A QUIETER SEASON THAN OF LATE, BUT NOT AN UNSUCCESSFUL ONE, WITH 5 VICTORIES AND 7 DRAWS IN 17 MATCHES

VICTOR GODLEY TAKES 46 WICKETS IN 200 OVERS WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY ACTION LIKENED TO 'REMOVING HIS SHIRT BEFORE DELIVERING THE BALL'

THE DEATH OF EDWARD WYNYARD, THE SCHOOL'S FIRST CRICKET INTERNATIONAL, AGED 75

EDWARD WYNYARD, A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1877-1879, CAPTAINING IN 1879. SHOWN HERE CIRCA 1900.

MARTYRS V R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN'S XI 1936

INCLUDED IN THE PICTURE ARE A.G. BUTTERWORTH (FAR LEFT), E.J.H. DIXON (2ND FROM LEFT), E.J.B. LANGHORNE (3RD FROM LEFT) IN THE BACK ROW, R.G.H. GREEN (FAR LEFT) , J.H.A. BARNES (2ND FROM LEFT), G.E.K.C. BROOKS (3RD FROM RIGHT) IN THE CENTER ROW STANDING R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN (FAR LEFT), S.T. HUTCHINSON (2ND FROM RIGHT) IN THE SEATED ROW

CRICKET X1 V MARTYRS, GAUDY 1936

L TO R BACK ROW H.C.L. FARRER, P.V.H. CAMP, E.F. BENNETT
H.B. COULTHURST, RM.A. LAWSON, D.T. YOSHIMOTO, A.W. PATON
R.G. YELLAND
L TO R SEATED T.C. HENDERSON, V.G.T. GODLEY, J. BUTTERWORTH
E.T. GREAVES, A.G. BUTTERWORTH, T.H. LITTLE, A.M. REID
E.J.H. DIXON
L TO R ON GROUND I.F. TREVOR, A.N.E. WALDRON, J.L. CHURCHER
M.J. TOBIN, H.E.W. IRONSIDE, D.H.A. BELL

Cricket XI 1937

L-R BACK ROW P.S. Thursfield, A.D. Lewis, D.H.A. Bell, M.B. Crickmay, A.N.E. Waldron, R. George

L-R SEATED J.L. Churcher, T.C. Henderson, E.T. Greaves (Captain), T.H. Little, M.J. Tobin

Dudley Bell (Hertfordshire), Peter Thursfield (Oxfordshire) and Martin Tobin (Cornwall) would all play minor counties cricket

Fixture List

Played 17 Won 3 Drawn 10 Lost 4

v The Queen's College - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Oriel College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Magdalen College -match Drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 24 runs
(Away)
v St. John's College - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - match drawn
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gentlemen C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v The B.B.C. Corporation C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell College - won by 210 runs
(Home)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE MARTYRS

THE SCHOOL SCORE 316-4 AGAINST CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BELFAST (THEN A RECORD)

BOTH PAUL GIBB AND ERIC DIXON GAIN CRICKET BLUES FOR CAMBRIDGE AND OXFORD RESPECTIVELY - ARTHUR REID IS PLAYING MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET FOR CHESHIRE

EDWIN GREAVES IN HIS SECOND YEAR AS CAPTAIN AND HIS THIRD IN THE SIDE

INCLUDING THE CAPTAIN, THOMAS LITTLE AND HUMPHREY BELL ACCUMULATE 1000 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

Cricket XI v Martyrs Gaudy 1937

L to R back row M.B. Crickmay, P.S. Thursfield, D.H.A. Bell, J.L. Churcher, R.M.A. Lawson, A.N.E. Waldron, R.G. Jellard, R.I. Willans, H.B. Coulthurst A.W. Paton, T.I. Wilson-Hird

L to R seated A.D. Lewis, A.M. Reid, A.G. Butterworth, T.C. Henderson, E.J.H. Dixon, E.T. Greaves, J. Butterworth, T.H. Little, R.J. Northcote-Green, M.J.Tobin

FIRST XI AVERAGES.

Batting.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	Highest score.	Total runs.	Av.
E. T. Greaves	18	4	44	374	26.70
D. H. A. Bell	15	4	51	283	25.72
H. T. Little	18	1	120*	426	25.05
A. D. Lewis	13	3	58*	174	17.40
A. N. E. Waldron .	16	1	81	246	16.40
J. L. Churcher	18	0	73	287	15.94
P. S. Thursfield	13	5	25	125	15.75
M. B. Crickmay ...	18	1	52	245	14.41
T. C. Henderson ...	6	1	17	47	9.40
M. J. Tobin	8	3	9	22	4.40

Also batted:—R. George, 13,* 20; Phillips, P. C., 2,* 0, 0; Wilson-Hird, T. I., 21, 8, 4,* 27, 11, 5,* 11, 7, 1.

* Signifies not out.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
D. H. A. Bell	125.5	22	395	25	15.88
T. C. Henderson .	166.1	35	575	30	18.63
J. L. Churcher	99	13	376	17	22.11
H. Little	29	3	130	3	43.33
P. S. Thursfield ...	54	6	222	5	44.40
A. N. E. Waldron	119	17	402	8	50.25
Also bowled :—					
R. George	14	2	50	6	
Pickles, J.	3	0	12	0	
M. B. Crickmay ..	17	1	90	2	
E. T. Greaves	5	0	38	0	
Phillips, P. C.	7	0	27	1	
Wilson-Hird, T. I.	24	3	80	3	

Peter Cranmer in the School side from an early age 1930-1933, captaining in 1932 and 1933. In 1932 he scored 911 runs in the season - a School record which lasted over seventy years. He played county cricket for Warwickshire 1938-1939 & 1946-1947. A formidable rugby player he won two Oxford Blues and 16 international rugby caps for England

Three stalwarts of School and Martyrs Cricket in the 1930s. Left to right - John Butterworth, Roger Northcote - Green and Alfred Butterworth

Cricket XI 1938

L-R back row M.W. Henderson, G. Hollis, R. George, T. Abrahamsen, A.G. Langdon, M.W.E. Parker

L-R seated P.S. Thursfield, J.L. Churcher, T.C. Henderson (Captain), A.N.E. Waldron, A.D. Lewis

Alan Waldron would later play County Cricket for Hampshire in 1948

Fixture List

Played 17 Won 9 Drawn 2 Lost 6

v Keble College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v The Queen's College- match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College -won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 132 runs
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 5 runs
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 55 runs
(Home)
v New College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gentlemen C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gypsies C.C. - won by 16 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v The B.B.C. Corporation C.C. - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Campbell College, Belfast - won by 1 wicket
(Home)

SPORTS GOSSIP — By THE TWELFTH MAN

1,000 Runs in Varsity Cricket

P. A. Gibb's chance of performing a rare feat ∴ Changes in Hockey Rules

THE great feat of scoring 1,000 runs in a season in University cricket is rare. As a matter of fact the last Cambridge man to do this was J. H. Human, the Light Blue skipper of 1934, who, in that season, had an aggregate of 1,160 runs. Now Cambridge have another player in P. A. Gibb who may complete his 1,000 runs in the Varsity season. Up to date Gibb has scored 799 runs for the University, and there is plenty of time to go yet.

P. A. GIBB

More Than H. T. Bartlett

IN all first class matches Gibb has hit 872 runs, but 73 of these were for the Gentlemen of England against the Australians. Even so, his aggregate for the University, with only just half the season gone, is more than such a hitter as H. T. Bartlett made in a whole Varsity season of 1935.

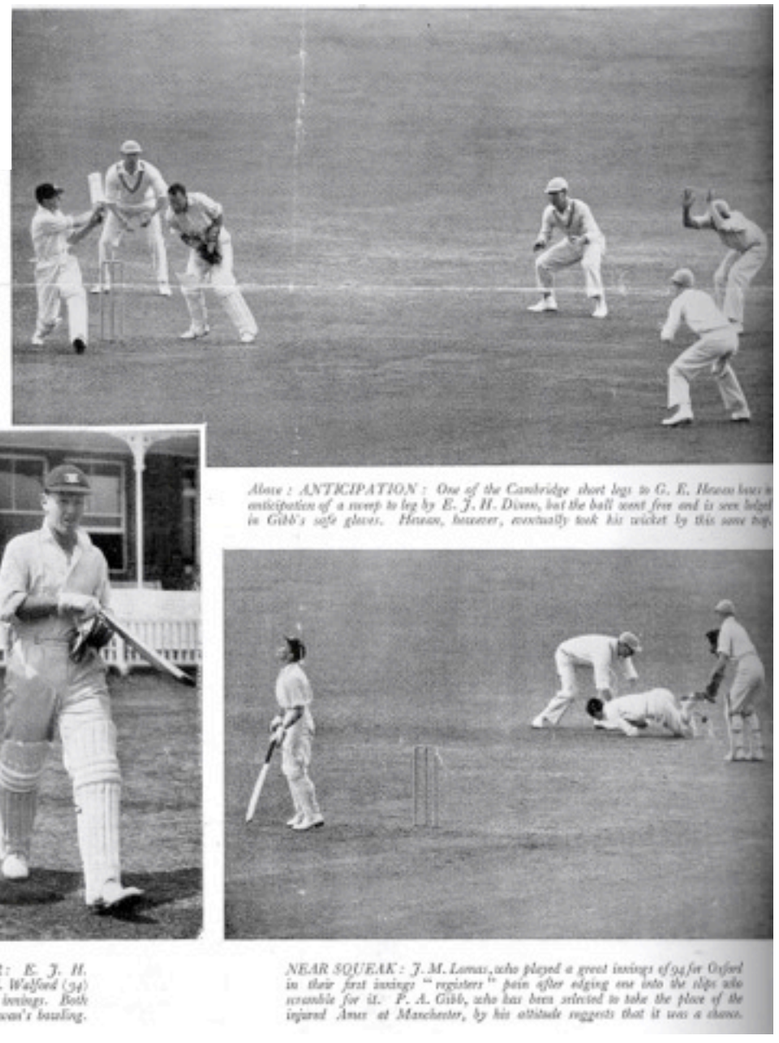
Bartlett headed the Cambridge averages then with a total of 700 runs. In Human's great season another Cambridge man, R. de W. K. Winlaw, almost succeeded in getting the 1,000, ending up with a total of 977.

For Yorkshire

GIBB is a wicket-keeper batsman whose fine form may one day bring him Test honours. His county is Yorkshire, but last season he was unable to command a regular place in the team. Now the Yorkshire batting is not so strong, and it seems that Gibb will obtain a place in the side without much difficulty.

The Universities at Lord's

A Drawn Match



Above: ANTICIPATION: One of the Cambridge short legs to G. E. Heseltine leaves in anticipation of a sweep to leg by E. J. H. Dixon, but the ball went free and is seen lodged in Gibb's safe glover. Heseltine, however, eventually took his wicket by this same trick.

OPENING PAIR: E. J. H. Dixon (73), M. M. Walford (34) open Oxford's first innings. Both were caught by Heseltine's bowling.

NEAR SQUEAK: J. M. Lomas, who played a great innings of 94 for Oxford in their first innings "registers" pain after edging one into the slips who scramble for it. P. A. Gibb, who has been selected to take the place of the injured Amos at Manchester, by his attitude suggests that it was a chance.

FIRST XI AVERAGES.

BATTING.

Name.	Inns.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Av.
A. N. E. Waldron ..	14	4	372	98	37.2
R. George	13	1	397	102	33.1
A. G. Langdon	13	2	233	55	21.2
T. Abrahamsen	7	1	104	64*	17.3
T. C. Henderson ...	8	3	83	25	16.6
A. D. Lewis	12	1	180	54	16.4
J. L. Churcher	14	2	181	57*	15.1
P. S. Thursfield	12	3	97	29	10.7
G. Hollis	11	1	85	29*	8.5
M. W. Henderson ..	7	1	42	22*	7.0
M. W. E. Parker ...	7	2	14	11	2.8
Wailes R. F.	4	0	77	62	19.2
Elwell P. G.	4	1	31	15	10.3
Dawson D. H. Y. ..	8	0	64	22	8.0
Walker R. B.	4	0	19	11	4.8
Pitt M. W.	1	0	0	0	0

BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
A. N. E. Waldron ...	156.3	30	461	42	10.97
G. Hollis	35.1	9	133	11	12.01
R. George	67.1	2	255	17	15.00
T. C. Henderson	173.6	36	557	30	18.60
J. L. Churcher	106	19	359	17	21.10
M. W. Henderson ...	34	1	195	8	24.40
A. G. Langdon	21	3	93	3	31.00
P. S. Thursfield	14	1	53	1	53.00
ALSO BOWLED :—					
Walker R. B.	6	2	32	2	16.00

THIS YEAR MARKED THE SEVENTH SEASON WHEN THE ST. EDWARD'S XI WERE UNDEFEATED AGAINST OTHER SCHOOL SIDES. FULL RECORD - PLAYED 28 WON 24 AND DRAWN 4

TERRANCE HENDERSON CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE XI

ERIC DIXON WINS SECOND OXFORD BLUE AND IS NOW HON SECRETARY

THE CAPTAIN AND ALAN WALDRON FORM A SUCCESSFUL OPENING BOWLING ATTACK AND TAKE 72 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM

NOT A STRONG BATTING SIDE, THE MAIN SCORES MADE ARE WALDRON'S 98 AGAINST BROMSGROVE SCHOOL AND RICHARD GEORGE'S CENTURY AGAINST THE MARTYRS

THE LAST SEASON OF EDWARD HEWETSON'S REIGN AS THE PROFESSIONAL, TO BE SUCCEEDED BY MARK TINDALL THE RECENT CRICKET CAPTAIN OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

MICHAEL PITT SCORES A CENTURY FOR THE 2ND XI AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER HIGH SCORES BUT NEVER MAKES THE 1ST XI!

Cricket XI 1939

L-R back row C.F. Deacon, J.E. Halliday, R.B. Walker, D.A.B. Borger-Wooldridge, D.H.Y. Dawson

L-R seated T. Abrahamsen, A.G. Langdon, R. George (Captain), M.W. Henderson, M.W.E. Parker

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 3

v Keble College - match drawn
(Home)
v The Queen's College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v W.T. Stallybrass's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield School - lost by 161 runs
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v OrielCollege - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v E.P. Hewetson's XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Leicestershire Gentlemen C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v M. Tindall's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Gloucestershire Gent'men C.C. - won by 71 runs
(Home)
v The B.B.C. Corporation C.C. - won by 27 runs
(Home)

RICHARD GEORGE IS THE NEW CAPTAIN IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE. HE TOPS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 435 RUNS (AVERAGING 40)

MICHAEL HENDERSON AND RICHARD WALKER ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BOWLERS TAKING 72 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM IN THE SEASON

ERIC DIXON WINS HIS THIRD OXFORD CRICKET BLUE AND CAPTAINS THE VARSITY SIDE

BATTING.

Name.	Inns.	Not outs.	Runs.	Highest score.	Av.
R. George	15	4	435	64*	39.6
D. A. Borger-Wooldridge	5	3	56	18	28.0
T. Abrahamsen	15	0	391	72	26.1
R. B. Walker	6	3	70	20	23.3
A. G. Langdon	14	1	291	48	22.4
J. G. Cranmer	14	2	211	50	17.6
Deacon C. F.	9	1	103	25	12.9
M. W. Henderson ..	7	1	64	34	10.7
D. H. Y. Dawson ..	10	2	61	15	7.6

The following also batted: M. W. E. Parker, *0, *0, *0, 0, 0; J. W. Halliday, 0; Barber D. S., *4, 0, 0, 9, 3, 16; Palau G. B., 1, *56, 7; Elwell P. G., *8; Ensor B. R., 7, 4; Ray M. B., 11; Tatham, 4; Howell, 0, 16.

* Not out.

BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
J. W. Halliday	28	4	96	10	9.60
R. B. Walker	129.4	12	495	26	19.04
M. W. Henderson ..	94.2	12	425	22	19.32
D. H. Y. Dawson ..	118.4	7	462	23	20.09
R. George	36	5	126	4	31.50
A. G. Langdon	88	11	362	10	36.20
J. G. Cranmer	20	2	76	2	38.00
Also bowled:					
Powell	5	0	17	1	17.00
Rogers D. A.	22	5	77	4	19.25
Barber D. S.	12	1	54	2	27.00
Ray	39	7	137	5	27.40
Butterworth	18	2	62	1	62.00

CRICKET XI V MARTYRS GAUDY 1939

L TO R BACK ROW G. HOLLIS, M.W. PITT, ABRAHAMSEN, R.M.A. LAWSON, B.R. ENSOR
P.S. THURSFIELD, D.A. ROGERS, R.B. WALKER
L TO R SEATED H.J. PICKLES, M.W.E. PARKER, P.C. PHILLIPS, R. GEORGE
R.J. NORTHCOTE-GREEN, J.S. DOUGLAS, A.G. LANGDON, M.B. CRICKMAY, T.C. HENDERSON
L TO R ON GROUND J.G. CRANMER, B.T. TATHAM, D.H.Y. DAWSON, C.F. DEACON
M.W. HENDERSON

ERIC 'BUDGE' DIXON BATTING FOR OXFORD IN THE 1939 VARSITY MATCH AT LORDS

Cricket XI 1940

L-R BACK ROW C.F. Deacon, B.G. Ferguson, M.B. Ray, M.B. Rogerson, B.T. Tatham, J.G. Hopkinson

L-R SEATED D.A.B. Borger-Wooldridge, A.G. Langdon, M.W. Henderson (Captain), J.G. Cranmer, J.W. Halliday

John Cranmer would later play minor counties cricket for Cheshire 1948-51

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 8

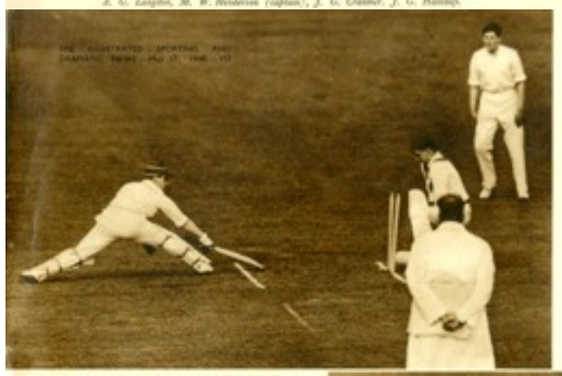
v Keble College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v G. Hollis's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Magdalen College - lost by 17 runs
(Home)
v J.C. Masterman's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Oriel & Hertford Colleges - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Malvern College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Queen's/St. Edmund Hall - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v C. McFerran's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v 35th Anti-Aircraft Reg, R.A. - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 149 runs
(Away)
v Marlborough College - won by 6 runs
(Home)

THE ATTRACTIVE SCHOOL GROUND, where the match was played, will be the scene of all the St. Edward's First XI. games this season, except home—Radley and Eastbourne are to be visited. The Cryptics, O.U.Authentics, Gloucestershire Gipsies, and the B.B.C. are among the sides to be entertained.

St. Edward's Win

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, Oxford, made a most encouraging start to the season by beating Keble College by six wickets, the scores being 113 and 117 for four. An outstanding all-round performance for the

ST. EDWARD'S: (Standing, l. to r.) C. F. Deacon, M. B. Ray, C. B. Palau, J. Richard, A. Powell, B. T. Tatham; (front) D. A. Bryer-Wooldridge, A. G. Langdon, M. W. Henderson (captain), J. G. Cranmer, J. G. Halliday.



A. G. LANGDON'S glorious innings came to an end when, after hitting two sixes off successive balls, he tried for another and was bowled. He had scored all but three of his 37 runs from boundaries—three 6's and four 4's. Langdon's feat in also taking four cheap wickets is all the more creditable because the soft pitch gave no help to his fast deliveries.

Their First Match

School came from A. G. Langdon, who took four wickets for 23 runs and then, in a whirlwind innings, scored 37 in twenty minutes. On this first showing it would seem that the School has a very promising side.

J. G. HALLIDAY, one of the School's medium bowlers.

H. R. SAVAGE, the Keble captain and wicket-keeper, dodges a hit by C. F. Deacon. Savage is a useful forcing bat and hit 23 out of the first 30 runs scored for the College.

M. TINDALL, cricket master at St. Edward's, captained Cambridge in 1935 and has made several appearances for Middlesex. He is an Old Harrovian.

ST. EDWARD'S is famous for its Rugby products, and three of the cricket XI.—(l. to r.) M. W. Henderson, the captain, A. G. Langdon, the secretary, and G. B. Palau—are also members of the First XV. The fourth member of the group is Mayston, the Rugger captain.

J. G. CRANMER, a slow left-hand bowler, is a cousin of Peter Cranmer, who was also at St. Edward's. He is regarded as a promising all-rounder.

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST RADLEY COLLEGE (1ST XI), MALVERN COLLEGE, MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE, THE CRYPTICS AND STOWE SCHOOL

MICHAEL HENDERSON CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE TEAM

Cricket

AVERAGES, 1940.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Runs.	Not outs.	Highest score.	Average.
C. F. Deacon ...	14	419	3	75*	38.19
A. G. Langdon ...	12	274	—	62	24.91
J. G. Cranmer ...	15	249	1	66	17.78
M. B. Rogerson ...	5	34	3	15	17.00
B. T. Tatham ...	14	197	2	46*	16.42
M. W. Henderson ..	11	93	4	25*	13.28
J. W. Halliday ...	7	53	3	14	13.25
B. G. Ferguson ...	9	89	2	46	12.71
D. A. B.-Wooldridge	15	111	1	23	7.93
M. B. Ray	8	41	1	24*	5.86

Also batted:—J. G. Hopkinson, 14; Rochard, E. B., 0, 4, 34, 11; Coop P. O., 14, 4, 3; Palau G. B., 6, 7.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
J. W. Halliday ...	166.3	30	450	33	13.63
J. G. Cranmer ...	23	4	109	8	13.63
M. B. Rogerson ...	88.5	18	280	19	14.73
A. G. Langdon ...	139	26	484	22	22.00
M. W. Henderson	73	3	382	12	31.83
M. B. Ray ...	95	19	345	5	69.00

Also bowled:—Rochard E. B., 11, 0, 59, 1.

PAUL COOKE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1932 -1934

KILLED IN ACTION BELGIUM 1940

RODNEY WATSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1922

KILLED IN ACTION FRANCE 1940

Cricket XI 1941

L-R back row D. Henderson, J de B. Shrosbree, E.B. Rochard, H. George, R.L. Yorke

L-R seated M.V.O. Williams, J.W. Halliday, C.F. Deacon (Captain), J.G. Hopkinson, W.B. Stevenson

Christopher Deacon would win a wartime Cricket Blue for Oxford in 1942 and also played minor county cricket for Cheshire

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 6 Drawn 2 Lost 7

v Queen's/St. Edmund Hall- lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Corpus Christi/Pembroke Colls - won by 13 runs
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 66 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 6 runs
(Away)
v Hertford/Oriel Colleges - lost by 30 runs
(Home)
v Magdalen College - won by 37 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Malvern College - lost by 124 runs
(Away)
v A.T. Barber's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 74 runs
(Home)
v Wellington College- lost by 167 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 4wickets
(Home)
v K. Harding's XI - won by 165 runs
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Away)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST WELLINGTON COLLEGE

CHRISTOPHER DEACON CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE TEAM - HE HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 616 RUNS SCORED AT AN AVERAGE OF 47 PER INNINGS

DEACON SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST K. HARDING'S XI

TWO 15 YEAR OLDS, DEREK HENDERSON AND JOHN SHROSBREE, MAKE IMPRESSIVE DEBUTS IN THE SIDE

SCHOOL FIRST XI AVERAGE 17 YEARS OF AGE DUE TO WARTIME DEMANDS ON MANPOWER

Cricket

FIRST XI.

With a single school match won, two drawn and three lost, the season has been far from successful. The lack of a good slow bowler and erratic spells by the quicker experts prevented our attack from attaining the excellence for which we had hoped. Though the fielding improved considerably after the first month, it did not reach the high standard that should be achieved by any school side. Our real weakness was, however, in batting; collapses were the rule rather than the exception. A fatal tendency to attempt leg-glides off straight balls at the beginning of an innings was epidemic, and efforts to play what were intended to be correct strokes absorbed the energy that should have been used in scoring runs. This was evident in the number of wickets lost through half-hearted shots.

It must, however, be remembered that the side was young, and therefore should look forward to a good measure of success next year. Experience has been gained and opportunity given of learning from mistakes. Deacon captained a difficult side well; he never rattled them in the field, and set a meritorious example, unfortunately not followed, of hard and clean hitting when our turn came to bat. The wicket-keeper, too, deserves a word of praise for the improvement he made by hard practice.

Batting. FIRST XI AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest.	Average.
C. F. Deacon -	15	2	616	126*	47.43
H. George - -	12	2	149	55	14.90
E. B. Rochard -	15	1	184	44	13.14
W. B. Stevenson -	15	2	169	45*	13.00
J. G. Hopkinson -	15	–	157	28	10.47
J. W. Halliday -	11	–	107	23	9.73
M. V. O. Williams	13	2	88	25*	8.00

Also batted:—J. de B. Shrosbree, 6—1—7—4; R. L. Yorke, 2—0—1—1; D. Henderson, 10—3—22—13*; Snell J. D. B., 3—0—40—35; Coop P. O., 12—1—62—12; Street D. G., 6—0—40—14; Burbidge R. W., 1—0—6—6; Hewat C. McL., 1—0—1—1; Powell, 2—0—0—0; Burtt, 5—3—16—8*; Alabaster A. G. A., 1—0—31—31; Gabb A. M., 6—1—32—14.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
J. W. Halliday -	195.1	56	432	39	11.08
J. de B. Shrosbree	104.5	33	245	17	14.41
R. L. Yorke - -	45	7	129	8	16.12
D. Henderson -	76	20	222	13	17.08
E. B. Rochard -	115.2	25	350	15	23.33
H. George - -	71	10	295	9	32.78

Also bowled:—C. F. Deacon, 11—1—67—2; Street D. G., 13—3—40—1; Burtt, 15—0—79—0.

The following have played for the First XI:—C. F. Deacon, J. W. Halliday, J. G. Hopkinson, M. V. O. Williams, W. B. Stevenson, E. B. Rochard, H. George, J. de B. Shrosbree, R. L. Yorke, D. Henderson, Snell J. D. B., Coop P. O., Street D. G., Burbidge R. W., Hewat C. McL., Burtt, Powell, Alabaster A. G. A.

ERIC 'BUDGE' DIXON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1932-1935 (CAPTAIN 1935) KILLED IN ACTION OFF COAST OF LIBYA 1941

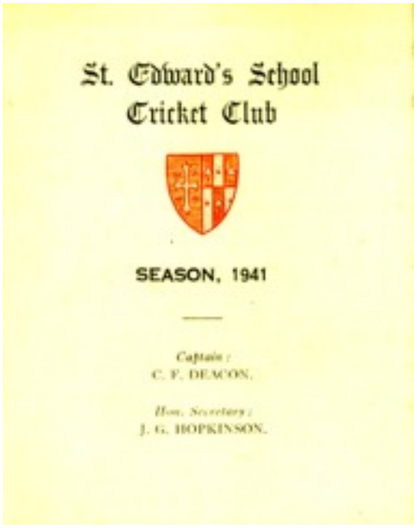
RICHARD GEORGE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1937-1939 (CAPTAIN 1939) DIED OF PNEUMONIA DURING MILITARY TRAINING 1941

RONALD GRIFFITHS

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1923 - 1925 (CAPTAIN 1925) KILLED IN ACTION HONG KONG 1941

CHRISTOPHER DEACON PLAYED FOR THE CRICKET XI 1939-1941, CAPTAINING IN 1941. HE PLAYED IN AN UNOFFICIAL VARSITY MATCH FOR OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1942. HE SUPPORTED MARTYRS CRICKET OVER MANY YEARS AND PLAYED MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET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SEASON, 1941

Captain:
C. F. DEACON.

Hon. Secretary:
J. G. HOPKINSON.

Cricket XI 1942

L-R BACK ROW	D.G. STREET, D. HENDERSON, J DE B. SHROSBREE, R.W. BURBIDGE, G.C. POWELL
L-R SEATED	H. GEORGE, J.W. HALLIDAY, J.G. HOPKINSON (CAPTAIN), M.V.O. WILLIAMS, W.B. STEVENSON

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 4

V QUEENS/ST. EDMUND HALL - WON BY 5 WICKETS
(HOME)
V CHRIST CHURCH/BRASENOSE COLLS - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V BRADFIELD COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V ORIEL/HERTFORD COLLS - WON BY 44 RUNS
(HOME)
V TRINITY COLLEGE - WON BY 5 WICKETS
(HOME)
V OXFORD UNIV AUTHENTICS - LOST BY 5 WICKETS
(HOME)
V R.C. MORTIMER'S XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V C.F. DEACON'S XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V RADLEY COLLEGE - LOST BY 84 RUNS
(AWAY)
V EASTBOURNE COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V STOWE SCHOOL - LOST BY 6 WICKETS
(HOME)
V CHELTENHAM COLLEGE - LOST BY 3 WICKETS
(AWAY)

CHRISTOPHER DEACON (OSE) REPRESENTS OXFORD UNIVERSITY IN A WARTIME VARSITY MATCH

REDUCED NUMBER OF FIXTURES (12) DUE TO WARTIME CONDITIONS

SEVENTEEN PLAYERS ARE TRIED OUT FOR THE FIRST XI - WITH LITTLE SUCCESS

Cricket

THE XI

Though this season must be reckoned more successful than last, the standard of cricket attained was not often high. Occasionally, however, against quite strong opponents, as for example, the Oxford University Authentic side, the XI played well. The fielding improved considerably as the term went on, though the same cannot be said of the batting. There was a lack of determination to score runs, and indifferent bowling was often treated with surprising respect. Loose balls were played hesitatingly, and sometimes quite gently into the hands of the neighbouring fieldsman. As last season, the side was easily frightened out, and generally run-getting was looked for with faint hope, and even a meagre score greeted as a triumph. Two really good first bowlers with two more than adequate changes assisted us in most matches to keep our opponents' total within attainable limits, had our batting been less timorous. The low scoring in the first seven matches was undoubtedly partly due to the wet and drying wickets, but the comparatively small number of boundaries hit even when the wickets became faster is a justification of the above criticism.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING.

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest.	Average.
D. G. Street	11	1	286	50*	28.60
R. W. Burbidge ...	12	3	172	46*	19.11
M. V. O. Williams ...	6	–	112	62	18.67
W. B. Stevenson ...	11	2	164	58	18.22
D. Henderson	9	2	98	26	14.00
G. C. Powell	7	1	63	17	10.50
J. G. Hopkinson ...	11	2	92	25*	10.22

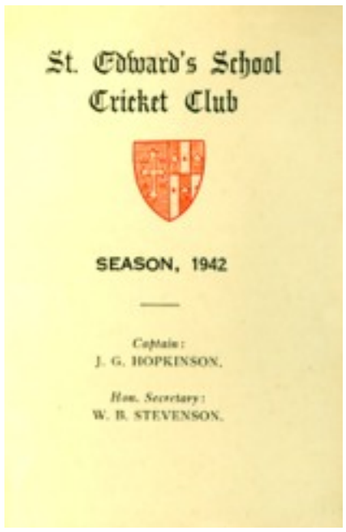
Also batted:—J. W. Halliday, 8—0—42—15; H. George, 9—1—42—25; J. de B. Shrosbree, 7—3—8—3*; Coop P. O., 2—0—5—4; Hewat C. McL., 2—1—15—11*; Bowles C. B., 4—0—62—33; Gabb A. M., 1—0—9—9; Hossell C. H., 3—0—38—31; McKenzie, 7—2—49—26*; Burgon, 1—0—0—0.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
J. W. Halliday ...	141.2	55	285	30	9.50
J. de B. Shrosbree	133.4	34	373	29	12.86
H. George ...	51	6	218	12	18.17
D. Henderson ...	82.5	15	283	9	31.44

Also bowled:—D. G. Street, 21—1—83—5; McKenzie ma., 24.3—3—74—5; Hossell C. H., 1—0—8—0.

The following have played for the First XI:—J. G. Hopkinson, J. W. Halliday, M. V. O. Williams, W. B. Stevenson, H. George, J. de B. Shrosbree, D. Henderson, D. G. Street, R. W. Burbidge, G. C. Powell, Coop P. O., Hewat C. McL., Gabb A. M., Bowles C. B., Hossell C. H., McKenzie ma., Burgon.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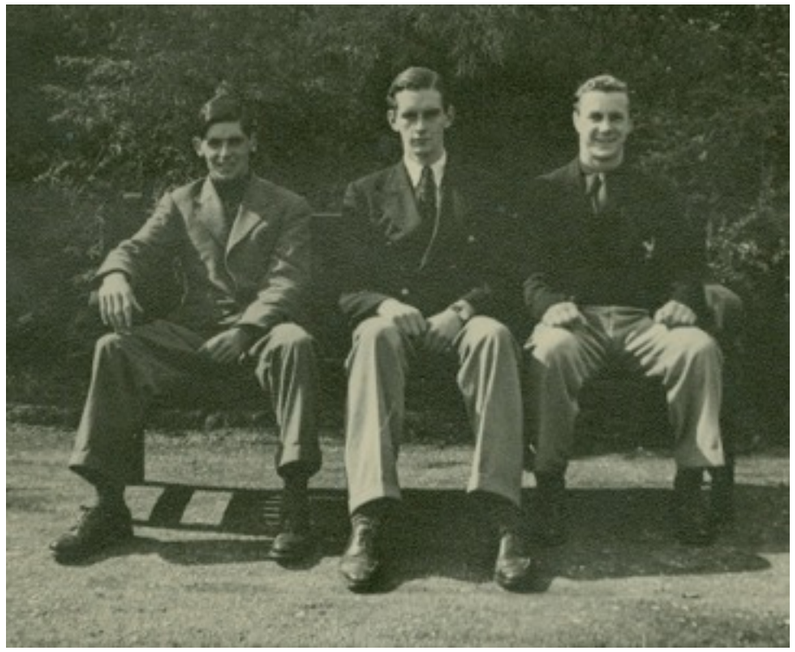


THREE NOTABLE O.S.E. AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY AT THE SAME TIME IN 1939. FROM THE LEFT, ERIC DIXON O.U.C.C. 1937-9 (CAPTAIN IN 1939), ARTHUR SLEMECK O.U.B.C. 1939-40 (PRESIDENT IN 1940) AND GERALD HOLLIS O.U.R.F.C. 1938-40 (CAPTAIN IN 1939-40)

MICHAEL ROGERSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1940

KILLED IN ACTION FRANCE 1942

VICTOR GODLEY

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1935 - 1936

KILLED IN ACTION FRANCE 1942

Cricket XI 1943

L-R back row I. MacDonald, A.M. Gibb, C.C.B. Nicoll, C.H. Hossell, R.D. Fox, J.H.J. Greenish

L-R seated D.J. McKenzie, J de B. Shrosbree, W.B. Stevenson (Captain), D. Henderson, M.T.D. Womersley

Michael Womersley would later win a wartime Oxford Cricket Blue in 1944/5 and play minor counties cricket for Oxfordshire

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 1

v Brasenose/Christ Church Col - won by 118 runs
(Home)
v Queen's/St. Edmund Hall - won by 88 runs
(Home)
v An Oxford University XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - won by 32 runs
(Away)
v Trinity College - won by 16 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Wellington College - lost by 15 runs
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 120 runs
(Home)

SCHOOL FIRST XI AVERAGE 17 YEARS OF AGE DUE TO WARTIME DEMANDS ON MANPOWER

ONLY ONE MATCH LOST OUT OF TEN PLAYED

Cricket

THE XI

The XI had a comparatively successful season, winning seven matches and losing one. The fielding of the side improved greatly as the season progressed, and rarely did the batting completely break down, as so often happened last year. Four really useful bowlers made the attack adequate, though a slow leg-breaker or a left-hander would have been an advantage. The running between the wickets improved too as time went on, but still needs that fast first run and quick turn; matches are often lost by 'lazy' runners, as may be deduced by simple calculation. In the last match the batting showed that aggressiveness and confidence which deserves success. The team was well led.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest.	Average.
W. B. Stevenson -	10	1	265	54*	29.44
D. J. McKenzie -	9	2	184	58*	26.3
C. H. Hossell - -	10	2	165	62*	20.63
D. Henderson - -	9	1	154	33	19.25
A. M. Gabb - -	10	1	154	37	17.11
R. D. Fox - -	8	1	88	54*	12.57
J. de B. Shrosbree -	5	2	32	10*	10.66

Also batted:—J. H. J. Greenish, 10—0—84—36; I. Macdonald, 6—1—38—17*; M. T. D. Womersley, 6—1—29—22; C. C. B. Nicoll, 5—5—32—16*.

Bowling

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
D. Henderson -	91.5	12	235	27	8.7
J. de B. Shrosbree	111.1	20	269	27	9.96
M. T. D. Womersley	87.1	26	174	16	10.87
C. H. Hossell -	19	4	59	5	11.8
D. J. McKenzie -	68.3	12	184	15	12.27

Also bowled:—R. D. Fox, 14—5—66—1; C. C. B. Nicoll, 8—1—29—0.

The following have played for the First XI:—W. B. Stevenson, J. de B. Shrosbree, D. Henderson, D. J. McKenzie, M. T. D. Womersley, A. M. Gabb, C. H. Hossell, C. C. B. Nicoll, R. D. Fox, J. H. J. Greenish, I. Macdonald.

Cricket XI 1944

L-R back row J.C. Woodcock, T.P. Sailsbury, J.H.J. Greenish, J.E. Kitchin, C.S. Graham, I.F. McKenzie

L-R seated C.H. Hossell, D.J. McKenzie, D. Henderson (Captain), M.T.D. Womersley, R.D. Fox

Derek Henderson would later win an Oxford Cricket Blue for Oxford University in 1950 and play County Cricket for Sussex

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 7 Drawn 5 Lost 2

v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v R.A.F. Abingdon - match drawn
(Home)
v Brasenose/Christ Church Cls - won by 104 runs
(Home)
v Queen's/St. Edmund Hall - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v An R.A.F. XI - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v An R.A.F. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 121 runs
(Home)
v R.C. Mortimer's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 87 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - won by 94 runs
(Away)

DEREK HENDERSON CAPTAINS THE SCHOOL XI IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE SIDE AND PLAYS IN BOTH PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES AT LORDS

AGAIN A VERY YOUNG SIDE PROVE COMPETANT AND ABLE WITH STRONG BATTING PROWESS

NO PEER SCHOOL MATCHES ARE LOST

CHARLES HOSSELL SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST RADLEY COLLEGE - THE FIRST AT THE SCHOOL SINCE 1937 AND THE FIRST AGAINST THE 'OLD ENEMY'

THE CAPTAIN PROVES HIMSELF ONE OF THE BEST ALL ROUNDERS EVER AT THE SCHOOL COMING SECOND IN BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES

HENDERSON AND MICHAEL WOMERSLEY BOWL OVER 300 OVERS TOGETHER EACH TAKING 40 WICKETS AT AN AVERAGE OF 9 RUNS

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

	Inns.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest score.	Aver.
C. H. Hossell	14	0	443	107	31.64
D. Henderson	13	2	316	68	28.73
R. D. Fox	11	2	152	51	16.88
J. E. Kitchin	10	0	167	45	16.7
M. Womersley	11	2	150	85	16.66
D. J. McKenzie ...	14	4	166	53	16.6
J. H. J. Greenish ..	9	0	121	44	13.44
J. C. Woodcock ...	11	2	118	33	13.11
Salisbury T. P. ...	9	0	106	47	11.77
I. F. McKenzie	7	5	17	7	8.5

Also batted: Colven P. A., 6—2—34—17*; Graham C. S., 2—1—6—5*; Lowe T. J., 3—1—12—5; Geekie P. G., 1—0—2—2.

(* Signifies not out.)

Bowling

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
M. Womersley ...	155.4	38	356	42	8.4
D. Henderson	161.4	36	422	41	10.29
C. H. Hossell	14	1	35	3	11.66
Graham C. S.	16.1	5	38	3	12.66
I. F. McKenzie ...	49.1	5	188	13	14.46
D. J. McKenzie ..	42	2	155	7	22.14

Also bowled: Colven P. A., 14—3—49—1; J. E. Kitchin, 17—2—69—0; R. D. Fox, 3—0—19—0.

The following played for the First XI: D. Henderson, D. J. McKenzie, M. T. D. Womersley, C. H. Hossell, R. D. Fox, J. H. J. Greenish, J. E. Kitchin, I. F. McKenzie, J. C. Woodcock, Salisbury T. P., Graham C. S., Lowe T. J., Colven P. A.

Cricket

FIRST XI

Played, 14; won, 7; lost, 2; drawn, 5.

The policy of last year's captain in filling up his side with young and promising cricketers who had the faults of their years, was amply justified this season. We won five out of six school matches, drawing the sixth. We made a good show, too, against the O.U. Authentics, two R.A.F. teams, and Canon Mortimer's XI — all of them strong sides and, for these days, very strong.

The XI was difficult to get out and on occasions batted really well, while the bowling was unusually strong, with two good opening fastish bowlers supported by some useful slows, though only one of medium pace. The weakest point was the fielding, which only rarely reached a good standard, though we were fortunate in having some good slips.

Perhaps the best batting achievement of the year was against an R.A.F. side, when, set over 200 to get in 1¾ hours, we went for the runs and scored 160 odd for 7; while the bowling against the other R.A.F. side, who beat us by two wickets, reached a high level.

D. Henderson finished a very successful cricket season by playing in both the Public Schools matches at Lord's. He is the first representative we have had in the Public Schools' XI. He also played for Sussex.

BRYAN FERGUSON

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1940

DIED OF WOUNDS ENGLISH HOSPITAL 1944

MICHAEL CRICKMAY

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1937

KILLED IN ACTION FRANCE 1944

Cricket XI 1945

L-R BACK ROW	M.J.R. Herdon, J.I. Lattey, M.C.P. Livingston, C.S. Graham, L.S. Rutherford, W. Gaskell
L-R CENTRE	C.W. Hick, J.E. Kitchin, I.F. MacKenzie (Captain), J.C. Woodcock, J.T. Lowe

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 4 Drawn 3 Lost 7

v Queen's/St. Edmund Hall - match drawn
(Home)
v G. Bolton's XI - won by 31 runs
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 119 runs
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Brasenose/Christ Chu'ch Colls - lost by 38 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 30 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v R.C. Mortimer's XI - lost by 4 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v R.A.F. Chipping Norton - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v R.A.F. Little Rissington - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 79 runs
(Home)

A VERY YOUNG SIDE PRODUCES AVERAGE RESULTS BUT MANAGES TO DEFEAT BRADFIELD COLLEGE AND BROMSGROVE SCHOOL AMONGST OTHERS

TWO 15 YEAR OLDS, WILLIAM GASKELL AND JOHN LATTEY, ARE KEY MEMBERS WITH BAT AND BOWL RESPECTIVELY

ARTHUR TILLY'S LAST SEASON AS CRICKET COACH AFTER 25 YEARS

COLIN HICK, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1945 & 1946.

Cricket

THE XI

In days of peace the start of a season with only three old Colours remaining would have foreshadowed a gloomy season; if to this were added the almost complete disappearance of the previous Second XI, the prospect would have seemed well-nigh hopeless. In war-time such handicaps have, however, become a commonplace, and the 1945 XI struggled manfully with the difficult task of emulating last year's side. Reckoning solely wins and losses would, however, give a wrong impression of their worth, for defeats such as those against Radley and Cheltenham might well with a little fortune have been turned into victories, and we have only ourselves to blame for losing one match where at a critical moment four catches were dropped off five successive balls.

The bowling, though lacking a slow spinner, was above the average of even peace-time sides, but the batting depended too much on one or two players, and was apt to collapse lamentably. The fielding was patchy, though not often have we been so fortunate in good slip-catching. Another season, were that only possible, might turn the team into a really good one.

AVERAGES

BATTING

	Innings.	Not out.	Runs.	Highest.	Average.
J. E. Kitchin - -	13	2	275	74	25.00
C. W. Hick - -	13	–	236	66	18.15
J. C. Woodcock -	13	1	209	59	17.41
M. J. R. Herdon -	8	5	43	15*	14.33
W. Gaskell - -	13	1	154	39	12.83
L. S. Rutherford -	8	2	72	24	12.00
I. F. McKenzie -	11	–	110	31	10.00
Livingston M. C. P.	7	–	69	27	9.85
T. J. Lowe - -	11	2	81	29*	9.00
Graham C. S. -	7	1	53	18	8.83

Also batted:—Adams D. K., 8—1—32—8; Lattey J. I., 7—2—7—6; Pollett P. G., 2—1—3—2*.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
L. S. Rutherford -	25	5	59	9	6.55
Lattey J. I. - -	86.3	22	194	19	10.22
J. E. Kitchin -	140.1	27	443	41	10.80
I. F. McKenzie -	128.2	30	264	24	11.00
M. J. R. Herdon	67.5	17	168	14	12.00
Graham C. S. -	44	1	206	7	29.43

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL, EASTBOURNE CRICKET XI 1945. DURING THE WAR YEARS THIS SCHOOL SHARED THE ST. EDWARD'S FACILITIES WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR OWN SET OF FIXTURES

JOHN WOODCOCK PREPARING TO BAT FOR THE MARTYRS AFTER THE WAR. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1944 & 1945. THE REVEREND ARTHUR MACNAMARA IS ON THE RIGHT

ROGER NORTHCOTE-GREEN (LEFT) COACHED THE SCHOOL XI IN 1946. HE HAD BEEN IN THE SIDE IN 1930 & 1931.
HE WAS A REGULAR PLAYER FOR THE MARTYRS WHO HE OFTEN CAPTAINED. ON THE RIGHT IS ARTHUR TILLY, CRICKET COACH 1920-1945

PATRICK
HAYES-GRATZE

MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1932

KILLED IN ACTION

1945

Cricket XI 1946

L-R BACK ROW	C.J. Turner, R.W. Perry, M.C.P. Livingston, M.J. Wood, J.G. Everton
L-R SEATED	M.J.R. Herdon, C.W. Hick, J.E. Kitchin (Captain), W. Gaskell, J.I. Lattey
ON GROUND	D.G. Backhouse

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 6

v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v C.F. Deacon's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v R.J. Northcote-Green's XI - lost by 9 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST AN M.C.C. XI

FIXTURE LIST EXPANDED TO 15 MATCHES

CAPTAINED BY JOHN KITCHIN IN HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE SIDE AND WHOSE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES GAIN HIM A SELECTION IN THE REST XI VERSUS THE LORD'S SCHOOLS AT LORDS

COLIN HICK AMASSES 400 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AND THE BOWLING LAURELS GO TO THE CAPTAIN (48 WICKETS) AND JOHN LATTEY WITH A FURTHER 27

RESUMPTION OF THE CRICKET WEEK IN AUGUST

AVERAGES

Batting

	Inns.	Not out.	Aggregate.	Highest.	Aver.
J. E. Kitchin	16	2	404	111*	28.84
C. W. Hick	17	3	310	71	22.14
J. G. Everton	14	2	182	51	15.17
M. J. Wood	14	2	165	36	13.75
W. Gaskell	16	4	164	29	13.66
M. C. P. Livingston	17	1	217	47	13.56
C. J. Turner	7	2	59	24	11.80
R. W. Perry	10	2	86	29	10.75
M. J. R. Herdon	8	4	43	15*	10.75

Also batted: J. I. Lattey, 7—1—20—12; D. G. Backhouse, 2—0—3—3; Keen M. J. C., 4—1—37—10; Thompson D. B., 1—0—4—4; Bartleet D. H., 2—1—6—6* Bown, 3—0—1—1; Campbell, 1—0—2—2.

(* Signifies not out.)

Bowling

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
D. G. Backhouse	69	20	137	13	10.54
J. E. Kitchin	247.1	37	659	48	13.73
J. I. Lattey	193	54	399	27	14.78
M. J. R. Herdon	64	14	178	10	17.80
M. J. Wood	63	11	206	9	22.89

Also bowled: W. Gaskell, 16—1—39—1; M. C. P. Livingston, 5—1—12—2; Bartleet D. H., 15—0—73—3; Pitt D. A., 10—3—38—0; Bown, 11—2—51—0.

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

'Just as one good fielding eleven breeds another, so does one good individual fielder cause improvement in the rest of his side. Nothing promotes good fielding more than the influence of example, and the same may be said of bad fielding. . . . Any one boy with a genuine interest in Cricket, decent health, and ordinary gifts of eye and hand, can, if he likes, become a very useful fielder.' So wrote Ranjitsinhji.

Averages show deeds done with the bat and with bowling, but not the runs saved by good fielding. I wonder how many runs have been saved this season by good catching and good fielding.

The Eleven has at times looked good in the field—especially against the M.C.C. We must strive to attain the very highest standard of fielding on the square and throughout all the games.

In School matches we have, on the whole, done well. Bromsgrove and Eastbourne were defeated; Cheltenham, but for rain, we might well have beaten; the match against Radley was very equal, but we only just avoided a defeat by Stowe; Bradfield just managed to defeat us in a low scoring game.

The season has been one of great interest, mainly because the pace of the wicket varied so much. Kitchin captained the side soundly and with skill. More than once he had to bat after the opening pair had failed and thus never became sufficiently at ease 'to make mediocre bowling look tripe.' He bowled admirably at times, and when he has learnt to reduce the number of the loose ones should prove a very good bowler.

Every member of the Eleven had his day. Apart from the Captain, Hick, with the bat, and Lattey, with the ball, proved the most consistent. Everton's fielding was exemplary.

Runs were not easy to get owing to the wet wickets and to the 'austerity mown' outfield. Nevertheless, in almost every match we lost many runs by weak running between the wickets. Scarcely any batsman seemed able to judge a short run; there was that second's hesitation which turned a very possible single into a stifled groan from the Pavilion! Take cheer. Running in House matches seems to have improved.

STEWART PETHER WHO COACHED THE CRICKET XI 1947-51. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY WON OXFORD BLUES AND HALF BLUES FOR CRICKET, RUGBY AND GOLF

SCHOOL XI VERSUS M.C.C. - JUNE 1946

L TO R (BACK) "DOUG" (UMPIRE), D.G. BACKHOUSE, R.G. GRANT-FERRIS C.J. TURNER
A.F.T. WHITE, M.C.P. LIVINGSTONE, R.W. BARTON, J.G. EVERTON, E.W. SWANTON
M.J. WOOD, H.F.D. GILLETT, R.W. PERRY, R.A.C. FITZGERALD, UMPIRE
L TO R (SEATED) R.C. ROBERTSON-GLASGOW, M.J.R. HERDON. A.P. SINGLETON, C.W. HICK
J.C. MASTERMAN, J.E. KITCHIN, P.A. GIBB, W. GASKELL, B.W. QUAIFE, J.I. LATTEY
M.C.C. WON BY 6 WICKETS

Cricket XI 1947

L-R BACK ROW RJ.S. Smith, D.H. Bartleet, T.E.S. White, D.P. Bown, D.B.T. Lattey, P.H. Russell-Smith

L-R CENTRE C.R.H. Sweeny, R.W. Perry, J.I. Lattey (Captain), D.G. Backhouse, H.C. Oldland

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 2 Drawn 3 Lost 9

v Trinity College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Brasenose College - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - lost by 23 runs
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)
v A,T, Barber's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 80 runs
(Home)
v R.J. Northcote-Green's XI - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 33 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)

CAPTAINED BY JOHN LATTEY FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE SIDE, JOINED THIS YEAR BY HIS BROTHER DEREK

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SCHOOL'S CRICKET HISTORY NO BATSMAN SCORES A HALF CENTURY

FOUR BOWLERS INCLUDING THE CAPTAIN, DAVID BACKHOUSE, CHRISTOPHER SWEENY AND DAVID BOWN BOWL 550 OVERS ALL TOLD AND CAPTURE 90 WICKETS TOGETHER

IN A DISAPPOINTING SEASON THE WICKET KEEPING OF RICHARD PERRY IS CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONAL THROWERS ON SHOW

COACHES THIS YEAR INCLUDED STUART PETHER AND ROGER NORTHCOTE-GREEN (OSE) NEWLY RETURNED FROM THE WAR

DAVID BACKHOUSE TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 56 RUNS AGAINST M.C.C.

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

We started this season with three colours—two bowlers and a wicket-keeper—and our main task has been to find batsmen. Runs have been difficult to get although the hard wickets should have helped us. The fact is that not once did a player make 50, and as a rule J. I. Lattey, the Captain, was faced with having to get the opponents out for a meagre total if we were to win. Our bowlers often did remarkably well, but the lack of runs in the side too often led to the over-bowling of the stock bowlers and prevented the Captain exploiting the little spin bowling at his call.

It was a pity that D. G. Backhouse took six weeks in finding his form. His bowling in the M.C.C. match, in which he took 6 for 56, must be one of the best spells of bowling seen on the ground for some years. J. I. Lattey, erratic at times, bowled his heart out on more than one occasion, and the good length bowling of J. S. Smith was of great assistance to him. C. R. H. Sweeny varied his pace well but was inclined to bowl his 'slower one' too often.

The Captain, very wisely, has endeavoured to build a side for the future, and next season we shall have five old colours who should be able to make plenty of runs.

The fielding has been sound and at times R. W. Perry kept wicket really well. The throwing-in has been consistently good.

The running between the wickets has improved, as well it might. Far too many runs were wasted early on by poor judgement as to what was and what was not a reasonable run.

Mr. Jack Guilfoyle (Oxfordshire) has given us great assistance as professional, and we look forward to seeing him fit and well next season. With his help the new score-board—the generous gift of R. E. Neale (O.S.E.)—may well advertise our ability to make more runs.

AVERAGES

Batting

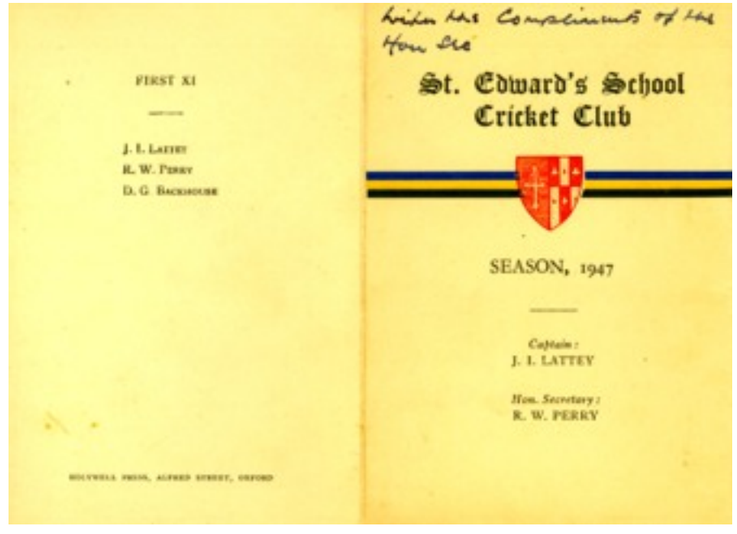
	No. of innings	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Aver.
H. C. Oldland	15	0	48	224	14.93
D. B. T. Lattey	8	0	27	118	14.75
D. P. Bown	17	3	38	202	14.43
J. S. Smith	13	4	25*	125	13.89
D. H. Bartleet	5	0	30	67	13.4
P. H. Russell-Smith	17	0	27	217	12.77
J. I. Lattey	16	2	29	159	11.36
T. E. S. White	13	0	41	143	11.0
R. W. Perry	17	2	18	124	8.27
C. R. H. Sweeny	15	5	8	47	4.7
D. G. Backhouse	13	3	22	44	4.4
Moss K. D.	7	3	11*	40	10
Armstrong J. C.	10	0	43	92	9.2
Kershaw J. M.	3	0	15	17	5.67
Smith M.	2	0	4	8	4
Alabaster J. E. S.	5	0	7	14	2.8

(* Signifies not out.)

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
J. S. Smith	38.3	9	121	9	13.44
J. I. Lattey	194.4	41	550	31	17.74
C. R. H. Sweeny	89.4	8	346	18	19.22
D. G. Backhouse	156.3	39	493	25	19.73
D. P. Bown	99	25	301	15	20.67
Also bowled:					
Moss K. D.	30	1	164	6	27.33
D. B. T. Lattey	25	3	80	2	40.0

Catches were held by: R. W. Perry, 6; H. C. Oldland, 5; J. I. Lattey, C. R. H. Sweeny, D. H. Bartleet, 3; D. G. Backhouse, P. H. Russell-Smith, J. S. Smith, T. E. S. White, Armstrong J. C., 2; D. B. T. Lattey, 1.



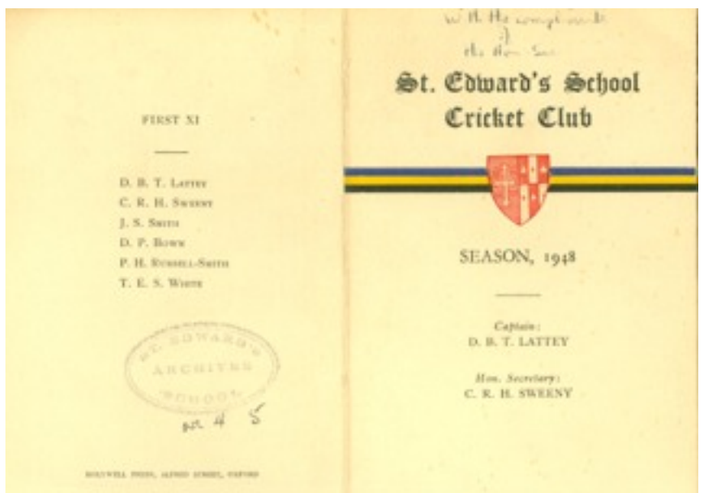
Cricket XI 1948

L-R BACK ROW D.K. Gardiner, P.R. Shortt, T.E.S. White, S.P. Powell, D.S. Gilbert-Smith, A. Brockman

L-R SEATED J.S. Smith, D.P. Bown, D.B.T. Lattey (Captain), C.R.H. Sweeny, R.H. Russell-Smith

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 2 Drawn 6 Lost 4

v New College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 135 runs
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 30 runs
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)



M.J. BOWER PLAYING FOR RADLEY COLLEGE SCORES 207 NOT OUT AGAINST THE SCHOOL - THE HIGHEST EVER TO DATE FOR A VISITING SIDE

FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS

ALAN WALDRON (OSE) PLAYS COUNTY CRICKET FOR HAMPSHIRE

PROMISING NEWCOMERS TO THE TEAM ARE DAVID GILBERT-SMITH (AGED 16) AND ANDREW BROCKMAN (AGED 15) - BOTH FUTURE CAPTAINS

AS WELL AS THE COMMON ROOM COACHING, THE PROFESSIONAL HELP COMES FROM JACK GUILFOYLE

CHRISTOPHER DEACON (OSE) SCORES 55 NOT OUT FOR THE FREE FORESTERS AGAINST THE SCHOOL

WATCHING CRICKET ON THE LOWER FIELDS 1948

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 12, Won 2, Drawn 6, Lost 4.

It was our hope when the season began that School cricket, and that of the XI in particular, would reach once again a reasonably high standard. Our hope for the XI was based upon the six Old Colours and a successful Colts XI from the 1947 season. As the season progressed in the most unkind weather, this hope of ours receded and finally disappeared. The Old Colours were most disappointing, making very few runs and with their bowling sadly inaccurate, and a sense of resignation to their indifferent performances rather than of enthusiasm and determination to better them. The remainder of the side included four of our younger players who should have at least two more seasons and who, having clearly shown their worth as batsmen or bowlers, also realize to the full that failure at either can, and must, be atoned for by the excellence of their fielding.

Our bowling we feared would be weak, but would, on any occasion, the batsmen give them a reasonable total with which to play? D. B. T. Lattey (Captain), J. S. Smith, D. P. Bown, P. H. Russell-Smith and T. E. S. White were all expected to make runs, but, with the exception of a good innings here and there, they have not been getting runs on this season's wet wickets. D. S. Gilbert-Smith and A. Brockman are two of the more promising younger bats who will surely make many good scores for the XI in the future, after failing to fulfil their early promise this year. P. R. Shortt has played several good innings; he is not afraid to hit the ball but will not run. The calling and running between wickets has been rather uncertain all through the side and has lost us many runs.

The bowling available for the Captain has really had little desirable variety. D. B. T. Lattey, D. P. Bown and S. P. Powell have been our new-ball bowlers, but have all too often shown little control over length and direction—the first requirements of any bowler. A second, and almost equally important rule, is to bowl the new ball at the stumps and not harmlessly past on either side. The spin side of the bowling has been built around C. R. H. Sweeny; he has a number of wickets to his credit, but is lacking in accuracy too often and consequently rather expensive. J. S. Smith can bowl well-flighted leg breaks and the 'googly,' but is sometimes reluctant to do so; while D. K. Gardiner has, as yet, had little chance to show his bowling.

In the field we have all too often looked a very ordinary side. D. S. Gilbert-Smith has kept wicket admirably, but the fielding generally has been a tale of dropped catches — too many of them — and rather uncertain groundwork. As with so many things, practice makes perfect, and we do hope that no School cricketer will ever feel too shy to include fielding in his voluntary practices.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
P. H. Russell-Smith	9	1	71*	138	17.25
P. R. Shortt	10	0	33	145	14.5
J. S. Smith	11	5	37*	81	13.5
D. S. Gilbert-Smith	14	2	73	159	13.25
T. E. S. White	5	0	32	65	13.00
C. R. H. Sweeny	12	1	32	143	13.00
S. P. Powell	7	2	33	63	12.60
A. Brockman	7	2	21*	56	11.20
D. P. Bown	12	3	37*	99	11.00
D. B. T. Lattey	12	1	29	116	10.56
D. K. Gardiner	3	0	12	23	7.67

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
T. E. S. White	7	1	4	30	7.5
D. K. Gardiner	11.5	2	2	27	13.5
J. S. Smith	83.4	8	19	307	16.25
C. R. H. Sweeny	111.1	9	20	428	21.5
D. B. T. Lattey	99	19	14	315	22.5
S. Powell	91.1	22	13	337	25.9
D. P. Bown	105.4	23	13	344	26.5

ALSO BATTED

	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Runs	Average
Armstrong J. C.	7	1	51*	141	23.50
Jackson mi.	3	0	17	28	9.33
Kershaw J. M.	2	0	13	16	8.00
Moss K. D.	4	1	7	8	2.66

ALSO BOWLED

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
Moss K. D.	13	0	0	87
Kershaw J. M.	2	0	0	17

CATCHES

†D. S. Gilbert-Smith	7
C. R. H. Sweeny	5
P. R. Shortt	4
D. P. Bown	4
D. B. T. Lattey	3
Armstrong J. C.	2
P. H. Russell-Smith, S. P. Powell, A. Brockman, D. K. Gardiner and Jackson	1 each

* Not out. † Wicket-keeper.

Cricket XI 1949

L-R back row D.C. Thorne, A. Brockman, H.E. Lucas, D.K. Gardiner, R. Lock, M.E. Thorne

L-R seated P.R. Shortt, J.S. Smith, D.B.T. Lattey (Captain), D.S. Gilbert-Smith, T.E.S. White

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 4 Drawn 8 Lost 3

v New College - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - won by 84 runs
(Away)
v Bradfield College - won by 38 runs
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 32 runs
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 11 runs
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Wellington College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 15, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 8.

In bare figures this season does not appear to have been one of more than ordinary success in School Cricket, and in the Eleven in particular, but this is not so. Have we not had the joy of such lovely cricket weather as few can recall, a Second XI undefeated, and, not least, the formation of the Wagtails Cricket Club by the Rev. Macnamara with their own private ground on Lower 1? The Wagtails Club was planned originally to provide games for those not able to win places in their House League sides — now its popularity is such that League players almost strive to become Wagtails.

The Eleven, a young side of whom nine should be here next season, have had a good season which must have resulted in more matches actually won had they been blessed with a little stronger batting and more generous use of our bowling. The number of matches won, however, is of little importance when compared with the excitement and pleasure of games such as we had with A. T. Barber's XI, Cheltenham, and Bromsgrove, to mention but three of many exciting matches this term with varying results.

The success of the side was due more to the bowling than batting. In R. Lock, H. E. Lucas, and D. C. Thorne we have a trio of most promising bowlers, one right-arm medium pace and two left-arm slow; R. Lock in particular bowling very steadily and intelligently. To complete the variety of bowling usually demanded of the complete cricket side, D. K. Gardiner bowls right-arm off spin and J. S. Smith slow leg-breaks, but neither with great success this year. We expect better of them in 1950.

The batting has depended too much on the captain, D. B. T. Lattey, and, earlier in the term, D. K. Gardiner. D. B. T. Lattey was the most successful bat, but too often appeared to get himself out and so failed to make any really high scores. The rest of the side had their moments but seldom in the same match. However, it is reassuring to have been told by several of our opponents that right down to Number 11 we do play along the line of the ball, and so surely runs must come more plentifully next year.

It is customary to finish this account by denouncing the School fielding. This year it would be most untrue to do so as the ground fielding has often been very good but the catching still rather uncertain. D. S. Gilbert-Smith has become a very sound wicket-keeper, and together with A. Brockman at cover and R. Lock in the slips has set an excellent example to School cricket.

DEREK LATTEY CAPTAINS THE XI FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING

RICHARD LOCK TURNS IN THE BEST BOWLING AVERAGE WITH 43 WICKETS AT AN AVERAGE OF 12 RUNS EACH

CRICKET XI VERSUS MARTYRS GAUDY 1949

L TO R (BACK) D.K. GARDINER, R. LOCK, J.R.A. BAMPFIELD, K.J. VEITCH, D. HENDERSON, H.E. LUCAS, A. BROCKMAN

L TO R (MIDDLE ROW) 'FATHER' NEALE, U/K, S. PETHER, J. GREENISH, J.S. SMITH P.S. THURSFIELD, J.P. SMITH, H.J. PICKLES, J.E. KITCHIN, 'DOUG'

L TO R (SEATED) P.R. SHORTT, D.S. GILBERT-SMITH, P.A. GIBB, D.B.T. LATTEY R.J. NORTHCOTE--GREEN, T.E.S. WHITE, J.C. WOODCOCK, J.D. BRYARS

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Runs	Aver.
D. B. T. Lattey ...	16	0	58	425	26.5
M. E. Thorne	2	1	15*	25	25
D. K. Gardiner	15	1	81	310	22.1
P. R. Shortt	13	4	42*	180	20
D. S. Gilbert-Smith	16	1	36*	238	15.3
D. C. Thorne	11	1	27*	150	15
A. Brockman	16	1	45	202	13.4
T. E. S. White	16	0	42	195	12.1
R. Lock	14	4	34	119	11.9
J. S. Smith	13	3	31	114	11.4
H. E. Lucas	8	2	7*	19	3.1

* Not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Aver.
R. Lock	216.4	61	43	525	12.2
D. C. Thorne	51	9	10	178	17.8
H. E. Lucas	136.4	35	20	405	20.5
D. K. Gardiner ...	120	26	17	393	23.1
D. B. T. Lattey ..	79.1	16	11	285	25.9
J. S. Smith	37.4	0	4	231	57.7

	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Runs	Aver.
Smith J. P.	3	1	23	48	24
Woodhouse	3	1	13*	16	8
Bampfield J. R. A.	5	0	8	15	3
MacCaig J. N.	1	1	7*	7	—
Charles-Jones W. S.	1	1	0	0	—

* Not out.

ALSO BOWLED

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Aver.
MacCaig J. N.	13	5	3	29	9.6
Smith, J. P.	17	3	3	45	15
Charles-Jones W. S.	11	0	0	43	—
Currey J. D.	1	0	0	18	—

CATCHES

R. Lock, 7; †D. S. Gilbert-Smith, 6; D. B. T. Lattey, 4; T. E. S. White, 4; D. C. Thorne, 3; P. R. Shortt, D. K. Gardiner and H. E. Lucas, 2 each; J. S. Smith and M. E. Thorne, 1 each.

† Wicket-keeper.

Cricket XI 1950

L-R back row D.C. Thorne, J.S. Woodhouse, J.N. MacCaig, J.D. Currey, P.W.H. Jackson, M.E. Thorne

L-R seated D.K. Gardiner, J.S. Smith, D.S. Gilbert-Smith (Captain), A. Brockman, R. Lock

Fixture List

Played 15 Won 3 Drawn 8 Lost 4

v New College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 118 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 68 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 75 runs
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 25 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Wellington College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 137 runs
(Away)

SCHOOL SIDE INCLUDE THE THORNE TWINS, DAVID AND MICHAEL, WHO SCORE TWO THIRDS OF THE TOTAL RUNS FOR THE SEASON - EACH ALSO BOWLS, ONE LEFT HANDED THE OTHER RIGHT

DEREK HENDERSON (OSE) WINS OXFORD CRICKET BLUE AND LATER PLAYS FOR SUSSEX

DAVID GILBERT-SMITH CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON

MICHAEL THORNE AND PETER JACKSON FORM A SOLID AND RELIABLE OPENING PAIR - THE FIRST FOR SOME TIME AT THE SCHOOL

ANDREW BROCKMAN HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 369 RUNS SCORED AND MAKES 67 NOT OUT AGAINST WELLINGTON COLLEGE

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON IS THE MATCH VERSUS THE MARTYRS (INCLUDING CRANMER, GIBBS, SPURWAY - ALL COUNTY PLAYERS) RESULTING IN A DRAW IN A TWO INNINGS MATCH

A COMMON ROOM XI PLAY A EMERITI XI ON THE CHRIST CHURCH GROUND WHERE THE 1948 TOURING AUSTRALIANS HAD MADE 431! THE RESULT IS A DRAW DESPITE THE EMERITI BEING 19-8 EARLY ON!

DURING THE MARTYRS CRICKET WEEK DEREK HENDERSON (OSE) AND JOHN WOODCOCK (OSE) HAVE AN OPENING STAND OF OVER 100 VERSUS THE CRYPTICS.

WILLIAM TOMLINSON (CAMBRIDGE BLUE AND DERBYSHIRE PLAYER) HELPS TO COACH THE IST XI

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inns.	*N.O.*	*Runs*	*H.S.*	*Ave.*
A Brockman	16	2	369	67*	26.36
R. Lock	14	2	266	60*	22.17
D. S. Gilbert-Smith	14	4	217	46*	21.7
J. S. Smith	13	3	198	26	19.8
M. E. Thorne	16	0	313	45	19.56
D. K. Gardiner	15	1	226	58*	16.14
P. W. H. Jackson ...	16	0	243	39	15.19
D. C. Thorne	15	5	127	23*	12.7
J. N. MacCaig	8	2	54	21	9.0
J. S. Woodhouse	6	1	32	14*	6.4
J. D. Currey	4	1	3	1*	1.0

Also Batted

	Inns.	*N.O.*	*Runs*	*H.S.*	*Ave.*
Temple, D.	3	2	17	9*	17.0
Beard, J.	3	1	22	13	11.0
Smith, J. P.	2	1	4	4*	4.0
Evans, A. F.	1	0	1	1	1.0
Martin, R. K. J.	1	0	1	1	1.0

* Not out

BOWLING

	Overs	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
J. D. Currey	129	24	334	25	13.36
J. N. MacCaig	160.3	29	473	30	15.77
M. E. Thorne	15	3	37	2	18.5
D. K. Gardiner ...	134	14	402	18	22.33
R. Lock	141	27	442	17	26.0
J. S. Smith	90	15	359	12	29.97
D. C. Thorne	79.1	7	349	8	43.63
A. Brockman	3	1	7	0	—

Also Bowled

	Overs	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
Smith, J. P.	16	0	94	2	47.0
Martin, R. K. J. ...	2	1	10	0	—
Temple, D.	5	1	45	0	—

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 15, Won 3, Drawn 8, Lost 4

We have again had this often unsatisfactory, and inevitably indecisive, result drawn in more than half of the matches played by the Eleven. The truth is that our opponents batted first no less than eleven times to our four and, besides lacking a really aggressive opening bowler, neither R. Lock nor D. C. Thorne settled down to bowl left arm slow as well as we had hoped. Thus we seldom got our opponents out either cheaply or sufficiently quickly to give an average batting side the chance to get enough runs at their limited rate of scoring.

J. N. MacCaig and J. D. Currey settled down as our opening bowlers and have been the most successful. J. N. MacCaig, with rather a laboured action, has been our main seam bowler, whilst J. D. Currey's medium paced left arm inswing bowling has worried the best of batsmen and got him many good wickets. They both obviously enjoy every moment of their bowling and have that great virtue of putting everything into it, but not worrying unduly if things do not go right at first. D. K. Gardiner had several good spells in the Bromsgrove game, but must learn soon the importance of length and direction in bowling.

It must be unusual for any School to have been able to play the same opening pair of batsmen in every match, but this we were lucky to do this season. M. E. Thorne has batted correctly and delightfully freely to help give the side a good start in nearly every game. P. W. H. Jackson has determination but few shots; he played his part well. A. Brockman has been the most successful in run getting; he is still an alarmingly shaky starter, but once set plays with delightful ease and style. J. S. Smith can play as well as any, R. Lock got quite a lot of runs in a way unmistakeably his own and D. S. Gilbert-Smith settled down to play several invaluable fighting innings at No. 8.

The all round fielding of this side has been splendid. We play nearly all our matches at home, and this season we have had to contend with the after effects of House rugger matches which left both Upper I and II very bumpy and grassless. Despite this the ground fielding and throwing have been commendably clean and accurate, with D. S. Gilbert-Smith keeping wicket very well indeed. His leg side stumping of the Cheltenham Captain and catch to dismiss Peter Cranmer were outstanding.

Having tried to give praise where praise is due it would be wrong not to mention one or two of the side's faults. Two in particular stand out to one who has watched every match. The first to come to mind is the deplorable standard of calling and running of nearly every-one in the Eleven; it is impossible to say just how many runs were lost through this but, besides others, M. E. Thorne and J. S. Smith were both run out three times. The other observation is that captains and bowlers must know the sort of field to set and do so quickly; so often a lot of time was wasted doing this and the bats-man unnecessarily interrupted by sudden last minute changes in field placing during the over.

Cricket XI 1951

L-R BACK ROW J.K.M. Carlyon, M.E.J. Woods, B.T. Fell, J.A.T. Beard, D.W. Temple, J.P. Smith

L-R SEATED J.S. Woodhouse, D.C. Thorne, A. Brockman (Captain), M.E. Thorne, M.P. Rohde

David Thorne would later play minor counties cricket for Norfolk

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 1 Drawn 8 Lost 6

v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 4 runs
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - lost by 25 runs
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - lost by 26 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 123 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
V Martyrs - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)

MICHAEL THORNE SCORES 125 VERSUS STOWE SCHOOL WITH HIS CENTURY COMING UP BEFORE LUNCH - HE TOPS THE YEAR END AVERAGES WITH 425 RUNS

ANDREW BROCKMAN CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE SIDE

THE THORNE TWINS, PETER AND MICHAEL, SCORE TWO THIRDS OF THE TOTAL RUNS PRODUCED BY THE SCHOOL

A WEAK FIELDING SIDE IS PARTLY SAVED BY THE EXCELLENT WICKET KEEPING OF JAMES WOODHOUSE

IN THE JUNIOR SIDE ZIADDIN FUAD (AGED 14) SCORES 368 RUNS IN TOTAL WITH THREE SCORES OVER FIFTY - DESPITE HIS BEING AN APPALLING RUNNER BETWEEN THE WICKETS!

DURING A VERY WET MARTYRS CRICKET WEEK CHRISTOPHER DEACON STILL MANAGES TO SCORE TWO CENTURIES

STEWART PETHER LEAVES HIS COACHING POST

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inns.	*N.O.*	*Runs*	*H.S.*	*Ave.*
M. E. Thorne	15	1	425	125	30.36
D. C. Thorne	14	1	344	63	26.46
D. Temple	12	5	158	31	22.57
B. T. Fell	7	2	95	33	19.00
J. P. Smith	10	1	167	44	18.56
A. Brockman	14	0	252	59	18.00
J. S. Woodhouse	13	1	125	29	14.17
J. A. T. Beard	14	1	183	42	14.08
J. K. Carlyon	10	5	68	29*	13.60
M. P. Rohde	14	2	119	20	9.92
M. E. J. Woods	5	2	22	13*	9.33

ALSO BATTED

	Inns.	*N.O.*	*Runs*	*H.S.*	*Ave.*
Hick, P. W.	5	1	59	30	14.75
Utin, T. D. J.	4	1	18	8	6.00
Evans, A. F.	2	0	8	6	4.00

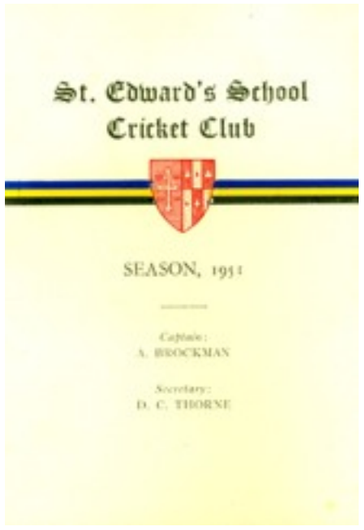
* Not out

BOWLING

	Overs	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
D. C. Thorne	175.3	46	449	26	17.21
J. K. Carlyon	143.3	31	419	24	17.46
M. E. J. Woods ...	104	22	310	17	18.23
A. Brockman	22.4	6	61	3	20.33
M. E. Thorne	186.4	26	574	27	21.29
J. P. Smith	30	7	86	1	86.00

ALSO BOWLED

	Overs	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
Hick, P. W.	13	1	33	0	—
Utin, T. D. J.	3	0	15	0	—



CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 15, Won 1, Drawn 8, Lost 6

This has been a disappointing season, with the side showing rather indifferent form as a whole. They played particularly poorly in some School matches and then, as if to show that this really was too bad to be true, they did very well against the M.C.C., St. Edward's Martyrs and Stowe. One often felt about the side that there was lacking the spirit of England's No. 11 batsman in a fairly recent Test Match in South Africa. 1 run to win, 1 ball to go, England's last batsman walking to to the wicket and pausing to speak to the South African Captain those memorable words, 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man,' and then scoring the run for victory. We too had our chances but did not make the best of them.

The batting has not been in the least convincing, with too much depending on D. C. and M. E. Thorne, who together scored about two thirds of all our runs. D. C. Thorne played some delightful innings, always attacking the bowling, but sometimes unduly rashly. M. E. has been our most successful bat and scored a magnificent hundred before lunch against Stowe. He excels in leg side play, but must eliminate some indifferent off-side strokes.

A. Brockman captained the side but did not have the best of luck himself this season. Fundamentally one cannot find much fault with his batting when he does get runs; perhaps a more determined approach to his innings during the first few overs would enable him to settle down and get the runs which all feel sure he is capable of doing. J. A. T. Beard supported M. E. Thorne well as an opening bat, but can be dismally slow. D. Temple and B. T. Fell improved immensely and should get many runs in the future.

The bowling prospect at the beginning of the season was not too hopeful as none of the more successful bowlers of last season remained. J. K. Carlyon and M. E. J. Woods played the part of opening bowlers, but neither is more than medium pace at present. J. K. Carlyon is the more likely to be able to step up his bowling speed but must decide now what sort of a swing bowler he wants to be. M. E. J. Woods started indifferently but has developed a late outswing and, above all, reasonable control of length and direction. The Thornes were in fact our most successful bowlers and, fortunately, refused to remain like twins by bowling with different arms. Variety was added by spasmodic appearances of A. Brockman and J. P. Smith.

In the field we have not always backed up the excellent wicket-keeping of J. S. Woodhouse. He had missed a season's practice in 1950 but quickly settled down and improved with every game. The ground fielding of A. Brockman, D. Temple and J. P. Smith was particularly good. There is no excuse for bad fielding by any school side; too often it is the result of momentary inattention or simply not watching the ball and I sincerely hope that all the younger School cricketers will remember that failure with the bat or ball may always be forgiven, but never slack fielding.

Cricket XI 1952

L-R BACK ROW D.J. Cole, S.T.W. Anderson, R.B. Hadlee, M.E.J. Woods, C.T. Shaw, R.A. Cranmer

L-R SEATED B.T. Fell, M.P. Rohde, M.E. Thorne (Captain), J.K.M. Carlyon, J.A.T . Beard

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 3 Drawn 7 Lost 5

v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 40 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 10 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 50 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

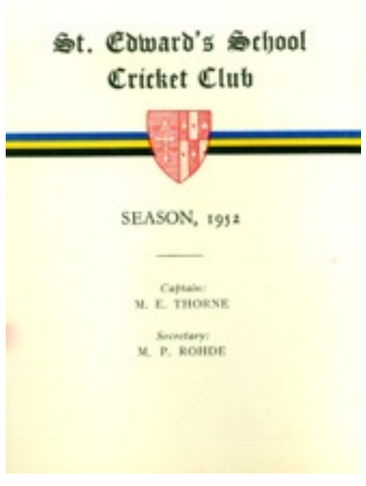
MICHAEL THORNE CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE XI

MUCH DEPENDS ON THE HARD HITTING BATTING OF JAMES BEARD WHO TOPS THE AVERAGES MAKING 459 AT AN AVERAGE OF 30

CHRISTOPHER SHAW SCORES 91 NOT OUT AGAINST RADLEY BUT STILL ENDS UP ON THE LOSING SIDE

A LONG SEASON FOR THE BOWLERS - THE CAPTAIN ONLY USES FIVE WHO BOWL 795 OVERS WITH ONLY 112 WICKETS TO SHOW FOR THEIR EFFORTS!

DEREK HENDERSON TAKES OVER AS COACH


St. Edward's School
Cricket Club

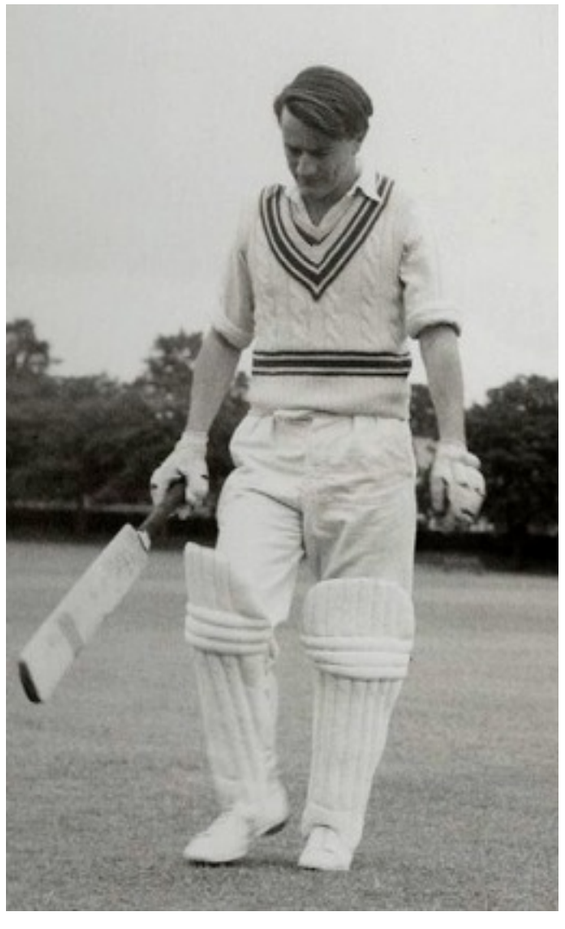
SEASON, 1952

Captain:
M. E. THORNE

Secretary:
M. P. ROHDE

DEREK HENDERSON (O.S.E. AND C/R) COACHED THE CRICKET XI 1952-61. HE HAD PLAYED FOR THE SCHOOL 1941-1944, CAPTAINING IN 1944. HE WON A CRICKET BLUE AT OXFORD IN 1950 AND ALSO APPEARED FOR SUSSEX C.C.

ARTHUR TILLY MEMORIAL PAVILION OPENED IN 1952 BY DOUGLAS BADER (O.S.E.), OVERLOOKING THE LOWER CRICKET FIELDS.



CRICKET

FIRST XI, 1952

Played 15, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 7

The XI have yet again experienced a disappointing season. After getting off to a good start with a fine win over Cheltenham College we finished on a sorry note, not winning another match after June 7th.

When the term started everything pointed to a good side being built around the six old colours. Thorne, the captain, was enjoying his fourth season in the eleven — a rare distinction — and he was lucky to have both the previous season's opening bowlers to call upon. In addition there were three batsmen, Beard, Rohde and Fell, who surely must do better than they did in 1951, and a strong contingent of ex-Colts. However, things rarely work out in practice as they do in the imagination and 1952 was to be no exception.

To take the batting. For the first half of the season everything depended upon Beard. He alone decided that the ball was there to be hit. He played splendid innings against Bradfield and the Free Foresters scoring 86 on each occasion and had useful scores in many other matches. Not unnaturally he took time off in the middle of the season, but came again to bat well against Oundle. What was wanted was another opener and some reliable batting at least as far as No. 6. This we never managed. Thanks to a tail that wagged vigorously on numerous occasions our scores were raised to respectability, but the number of times the score-board read 70—5 merely showed the lack of spirit in the so called batsmen of the side. Where was the Thorne who once scored 100 before lunch in a school match? He made little or no effort to conquer his failing of moving his head away from the line of the ball. Either the front foot or the head must be to or over the ball, preferably both, but when neither is there you cannot expect success. With the exception of a successful slog against Eastbourne he did not have any. Perhaps 200 overs of slow off spin drained him of his concentration: something certainly happened to his technique. Fell and Rohde had their moments, the latter, with as good an innings ever seen on the square, against M.C.C. But he never did it again. Fell wound himself up in so much theory that he usually succeeded in talking himself out before he had even taken guard! The one thing that is gratifying about our batting is the excellent young material coming on. Shaw's 91 against Radley should give him the necessary confidence for many future big scores, and one hopes he will receive good support from Cole, Cranmer and Anderson.

Our bowling, though never good, was adequate, Carlyon gave of his best once and won us our first school match. He has a beautiful action, but must learn more control of length and direction. One really good ball per over does not make up for three long hops. Woods toiled away and sometimes got some one out while Hadlee improved no end as a leg spinner. It was a pity the Captain did not share the Coach's faith in leg spin bowling. Cranmer often filled up one end successfully: he bowled really well against Oundle and believe it or not bowled left arm as well as right (in both senses) against Stowe. Thorne took 34 wickets at an average of 17 in 200 odd overs. His future in cricket lies in his ability to bowl rather than bat. Never afraid to toss the ball right up he usually kept a splendid length and really turned the ball. This season he has developed what might be described as a 'leg roller' and this variation has added to his success. With more experience (and experiment) he may well become first class.

And lastly fielding. All school first elevens should field well and I doubt whether this school has ever had a side that fielded quite so well as against Bromsgrove and Oundle on the first day. It reflects credit or discredit upon the captain if the fielding is good or bad. We achieved, this season, a standard below which we should never sink. We must aim much higher yet.

Taking all in all, our failures and disappointments this term must not dampen our hopes for the future. The standard in the Colts and Juniors is coming along well and everything points to a real revival in the seasons to come.

SING'S, WINNERS OF THE SENIOR CRICKET HOUSE TROPHY 1952

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

Name	*Inns.*	*N.O.*	*Runs*	*H.S.*	*Ave.*
J. A. T. Beard	16	0	459	86	28.89
B. T. Fell	15	1	309	66*	22.07
M. E. Thorne	16	1	310	53	20.67
C. T. Shaw	16	2	259	91*	18.5
D. J. Cole	12	2	167	62	16.7
M. P. Rohde	16	0	266	77	16.63
S. T. W. Anderson	11	5	93	42	15.5
M. E. J. Woods	11	4	105	36	15.0
J. K. M. Carlyon ...	12	0	134	28	11.17
R. A. Cranmer	15	3	131	27	10.93
R. B. Hadlee	8	5	32	13*	10.67

BOWLING

Name	*Overs*	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
M. E. Thorne ...	209.2	42	590	34	17.35
R. A. Cranmer ...	127.5	28	379	20	18.95
M. E. J. Woods	156.1	40	433	21	21.62
R. B. Hadlee ...	147.2	31	377	16	23.56
J. K. M. Carlyon	155.1	28	510	21	24.29

First XI: M. E. Thorne, M. P. Rohde, J. K. M. Carlyon, J. A. T. Beard, B. T. Fell, M. E. J. Woods, S. E. W. Anderson, R. B. Hadlee, R. A. Cranmer, D. J. Cole, C. E. Shaw.

Also played: Wilson mus., Walker A, Bostock.

Cricket XI 1953

L-R back row D.J.S. Herd, R.J. Hope, D.J. Cole, C.T. Shaw, J.D.B. Gardiner, J.R. Friend

L-R seated S.T.W. Anderson, R.B. Hadlee, M.E.J. Woods (Captain), B.T. Fell, R.A. Cranmer

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 6

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 1 wicket
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - won by 6 runs
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - lost by 41 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 6 runs
(Home)
v Oxford City C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 185 runs
(Away)

CRICKET

FIRST XI

Played 15, Won 3, Lost 6, Drawn 6

To start this account by stating we have experienced a disappointing season is merely to repeat what has been said so often in recent years and to state the obvious. Briefly we won three matches, lost six and drew six. We failed to win a match after May 23rd and the season ended with a crushing and humiliating defeat at the hands of a very good Radley XI. Why are we bad at cricket? It is difficult to explain. Everything here is in our favour. From the Juniors up to the First XI we enjoy grounds and pitches of a standard that few other schools can boast: the nets are there in increased numbers and further than that we have the great help of Jack Guilfoyle who toils untiringly in the nets. The answer lies in the fact that we have no tradition of doing well in this great game. We give up too easily and sometimes commence a match defeated before the first ball is bowled. Captaincy plays a great part when such an attitude exists. This year Woods has tried his hardest to show the way with both bat and ball. That he failed with the latter and improved out of all recognition in the former should have encouraged the younger members of the XI to realise batting is not so impossible as they sometimes think. He often bowled well but never received any reward for his endeavours. With six Old Colours and himself to build upon, he rightly entertained high hopes for a successful season. In May things went well. We beat the Cryptics in a highly exciting finish; lost to M.C.C.; lost to Cheltenham, when to win or lose did not really matter in such a close finish, and followed this up with an extraordinary win over Eastbourne in a two-day game. Wanting seven runs to win in the last over with four wickets in hand, Eastbourne had a sensational collapse and lost the game off the last ball. Cranmer had an over of a lifetime that will surely remain a memory!

Then came June and still our record was far from bad. The Bradfield game was drawn. We fought back from 9 for 3 to 191 for 4. This was really good cricket with Shaw playing the sort of innings that he always promises to play but so seldom does, and Cole giving him great support. Our declaration was too long delayed and our bowling was inadequate to remove careful batsmen. A dull draw was the answer. The next day we held at bay a strong side brought by A. T. Barber. A very strong Free Foresters XI made runs at a great pace and lost few wickets in doing so but left us plenty of time. Only Woods, No. 9, and Herd, No. 10, had sufficient courage to put bat to ball. Surely one had the right to expect runs from Fell, now in his third year in the team! His performance about now was very poor. He was always being 'given out', or so he said. A bad habit to criticise decisions. Use the bat and not the pads is the answer. The Authentics should have been beaten, but Gardiner and Cranmer, having batted so well, let the side down badly by both getting out to village green shots. All they had to do was to carry on the good work against steady bowling, but they chose the other course and came back to the Pavilion with a 'well we've done our bit' attitude. For once Woods failed too; improvisation sometimes is caught out. The weakest ever Martyr side won the next game.

And so we moved to the final and most important part of the season: four School matches. We lost two and drew two, the Oundle game alone showing to our advantage. Accounts of these games appear below.

With young players coming up from the Colts, it is essential for the Old Colours to show the way at first. No one expects success every time but courage and determination there must be. Woods alone showed courage and determination in adversity. The others seemed to give up after a succession of poor starts.

Of individuals Shaw is our outstanding batsman. He is good enough to be classed with the very best schoolboy batsmen. But until he learns to concentrate and really get down to the task in hand I fear he will not be a prolific scorer. Cranmer, with plenty of material ability, bowled well throughout the term. He is really a stock bowler and not an opener. That he acted as the latter emphasises our lack of choice in this department. His batting can be a delight to watch with his graceful off-driving, but an astute captain quickly sees his fear of fast bowling. One step backward, march, seemed to be the order of the day then. Friend, Hope, Gardiner and Anderson (injured for most of the season) remain for next season.

The fielding was always of a high standard and here alone we more than held our own with our rivals. Hope and Herd near the wicket, and Cole at cover were outstanding, while the Captain at mid-off got in the way of some stinging drives. Let us hope that the batting and bowling will soon excel the fielding.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Ave.
C. T. Shaw ...	15	1	96	412	29.43
J. B. D. Gardiner	6	–	45	151	25.43
R. A. Cranmer ...	16	2	64	322	23.00
M. E. J. Woods	14	3	77	238	21.64
D. J. Cole ...	16	1	94	318	21.20
B. T. Fell ...	14	–	54	266	19.00
D. J. S. Herd ...	14	3	51	182	16.55
S. T. W. Anderson	14	–	56	226	16.14
R. J. Hope ...	12	2	25	124	12.40
R. B. Hadlee ...	13	6	28*	86	12.29
J. R. Friend ...	14	–	36	142	10.14
Also batted					
Walker, A. ...	5	–	23	66	13.2
Spence, M. H. ...	4	2	6*	16	8.0

Russian, T. P. 3, Skilbeck, R. S. 1*, Dobson, C. F. 1*, 0, 0*.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
C. T. Shaw ...	52.1	9	176	10	17.60
B. T. Fell ...	25	6	73	4	18.25
R. A. Cranmer ...	231.2	50	643	31	20.74
D. J. S. Herd ...	88.4	11	315	15	21.00
R. B. Hadlee ...	190.1	38	557	21	26.52
J. R. Friend ...	97	9	383	12	31.92
M. E. J. Woods ...	162.1	26	608	12	50.67

DAVID COLE, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1952 & 1953

MICHAEL WOODS, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1951-1953, CAPTAIN IN 1953

SCORING IN THE TILLY PAVILION 1953

RICHARD CRANMER TAKES 4 WICKETS IN THE LAST OVER VERSUS EASTBOURNE COLLEGE TO WIN THE MATCH

'A DISAPPOINTING SEASON AND A REPEAT OF SO MANY IN THE RECENT PAST' (CHRONICLE)

NO MATCHES ARE WON AFTER 23RD MAY

HEAVY DEFEAT BY RADLEY COLLEGE FOR WHOM TED DEXTER (LATER CAPTAIN OF ENGLAND) SCORES 71 RUNS IN 21 STROKES WITH ONE SIX CARRYING OVER 100 YARDS

'EVERYTHING HERE IS IN OUR FAVOUR, FROM JUNIORS TO THE XI, WE ENJOY GROUNDS AND PITCHES OF A STANDARD FEW OTHER SCHOOLS CAN BOAST - WHY ARE WE SO BAD AT CRICKET'? (COACHES)

DAVID COLE AND CHRISTOPHER SHAW SHARE A 176 PARTNERSHIP FOR THE 4TH WICKET (A RECORD) AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE , COLE SCORES 94 AND SHAW 96

Cricket XI 1954

L-R BACK ROW H.I. Sutherland, B.P. Burnard, C.E.L. Balmer, M. Oldaker, M.H. Spence, Z.M. Fuad

L-R SEATED J.D.B. Gardiner, J.R. Friend, C.T. Shaw (Captain), S.T.W. Anderson, R.J. Hope

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 3 Drawn 7 Lost 5

v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 105 runs
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by an innings & 47 runs
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 92 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 10 runs
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 10 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

This season we have succeeded in winning three School matches—a number not achieved in the last ten years—and this fact alone raises the level of achievement above that of recent years. However, this small success, encouraging as it is, must be seen in its right perspective. A quick glance at the score book will show that on eleven occasions the hundred has not been raised by the fall of the sixth wicket and on six of these occasions it has not come until the fall of the eighth wicket! Clearly, then, we are very weak in batting. Not once throughout the summer has anyone suggested that he could, and in a crisis would, dominate an innings. In short, we do not possess a single reliable batsman. Shaw, the captain, a batsman of undoubted promise, has been a sad disappointment in this respect and he has limited his good innings to two this year, his match-winning 72 against Stowe and a 63 against the Cryptics. The playing of one or two good innings in a season just does not begin to measure up to the requirements of a First XI batsman, especially when we have seven School matches and such strong Club games as M.C.C., Free Foresters, the Authentics and A. T. Barber's XI.

The bowling has been quite good. On the advice of no less a personage than E. W. Swanton, Spence changed from round to over the wicket for his quick left-arm deliveries. He has a good natural ability to run the ball away from the bat, and whenever Shaw placed himself in the slips the catching was always (dare I say it?) sure. (The score sheets will show that Spence did not spurn this good advice, especially when the great correspondent was at the 'receiving end'!) Balmer, the other opening bowler, has improved out of all recognition, not only in bowling but in his batting and fielding. Towards the end of term he tried to bowl too fast, became erratic and far less effective. Of the other bowlers most interest centred on Friend, a genuine leg spinner with a good wrong 'un. But, alas! Friend is one of those bowlers who cannot be convinced that he is good. He never expects to get anyone out and consequently he seldom did until he changed his attitude (after a few harsh words) and arrived at Stowe with a determination to bowl well. His batting that day got him 'in the mood' and when at last given the ball he finished off the Stowe innings in eleven overs, taking 6 for 31. He bowled that day as he used to in the Juniors, where, as he put it himself, 'nothing mattered'. Burnard was unfortunately kept out of the side for most of the season through injury. He overcame his handicap just in time to find a place in the side. He is a real thinker, Burnard. He throws the ball well up, varies his flight and really turns his off-breaks. Oldaker is a real trier but as yet is not economical enough to be described as a stock bowler. He has taken some very useful wickets, but bowls far too many balls nearer his own toes than the batsman's. When he stops doing this he will be very useful.

Space in this issue is at a premium, so no accounts of the separate matches appear below. We deserved to lose against Cheltenham because we only made 85, and that is not a winning score. This game invariably produces a result, due to its being played so early and this partly explains the low scoring; but, in truth, our batting was awful. The Eastbourne match, won for the third successive year, was notable for a very fine innings from Gardiner. Sixth out at 155, he made 98 in two hours, twenty-five minutes and hit 12 fours. Hard wickets suit Gardiner for he plays his off side shots with his left foot placed firmly down the wicket with a consequent enormous gap between bat and pad. This is a great pity for he plays the forward defensive shot better than any School batsman has done for years. Apart from 35 against Bradfield on a turning wicket, he did not make another score worthy of mention. Our batting collapsed in the second innings, but so did Eastbourne's, and we were left winners by 105 runs.

The game against Bradfield was ruined by rain when the Bradfield score stood at 1 for 1. We were fortunate in being able to rearrange this fixture and lost it quite convincingly the second time. No one, Gardiner apart, could master the guile of Lewis, slow left arm, who bowled well on a helpful pitch. Burnard might have saved us, but he was absent and so Bradfield won easily by seven wickets. We beat Bromsgrove by eight wickets. Spence, Balmer and Oldaker shared the wickets in bowling Bromsgrove our for 74. It was as well that they did for we had no slow bowler with us. Burnard was still injured and Friend was the victim of the 'A' level examination.

Against M.C.C. we fared none too well, losing by an innings in a one-day game—quite an achievement! It was an exceptionally strong Club side, well led and, in fact, too good for us. But we gained in experience. The match against Stowe was an excellent game. Six wickets down for 90 was a poor but usual start on a lovely wicket. It rained very hard during lunch and when the game was eventually resumed the wicket was far from easy. Shaw and Friend, batting very well, remained together for a vital period of thirty to forty minutes, pushing the score along in ones and twos. Thereafter the wicket eased and Shaw unleashed a series of beautiful strokes. Friend, too, realised that there is something in this 'moving the feet business' and batted in his best vein. A score of 177 by tea time was better than one had once believed possible. Stowe were left with 2¼ hours in which to get the runs, a rate of roughly 77 an hour. They went for them from the word 'go' and came very nearly to success. Shaw was guilty of overbowling his pace bowler and delaying any sort of change. When a change did come it was Oldaker rather than Friend, and he allowed the former to give away 19 runs in four overs before he at last brought out his spinners. When he did this the game was promptly won. Burnard, at the other end, was allowed but two overs, despite a 'sitter' going down in the slips, Oldaker once again being preferred. It is so easy to be wise after the event, but slow bowlers have to be hit to the boundary, whereas off the quicker ones the ball tends to 'fly' there—a fact a captain might well remember when the other side is chasing after the runs.

We have only ourselves to blame for losing to Oundle by 10 wickets. At lunch time on the second day we were 20 odd runs behind, with nine wickets in hand—a good position with the advantage of third innings on a wicket inclined to 'do' things. After lunch, however, we played our worst cricket for years. Some gremlin refused to allow our batsmen to strike the ball. Sixty-three was a very dismal score. The excitement that remained was provided by the elements. It got darker, colder and more windy every minute. Undeterred, Holland and Taylor knocked off the runs. They succeeded with about two minutes to spare, for then the heavens opened and it simply poured. Oundle, quite rightly, were not denied a victory.

Our last game was with Radley. They were put in on a fast and true wicket. All their batsmen went for the bowling, and how well they succeeded. The snick high over slip's head was much in evidence. This Radley XI (they will excuse my saying so, for they have set themselves a high standard in recent years) was distinctly agricultural in method, but they all had one great asset: they swung up and down the line of the ball, and, fortune favours the brave. In reply to 238 for 7 declared we could make only 157 and that for eight wickets. Gardiner started off the right way but was then foolishly run out. Friend batted well but was then drawn miles down the wicket. Had he waited the ball might never have arrived! As it was, Wilson, almost apologetically, removed a bail as Friend passed mid-wicket on his way to the pavilion. Wickets now fell at frequent intervals until Hope bravely came in to bat. He had received a very nasty crack on the chin when fielding at short leg. Still rather groggy he came in and put a stop to our steady decline. Wisely shielding Spence, he played out time.

From these brief accounts it will be seen that our batting has been far from good. For the future there are situations vacant for those who can hit the ball. Let us hope there are some applicants for the job.

FIRST XI AVERAGES, 1954

BATTING

	Inns.	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Ave.
C. T. Shaw ...	17	2	303	72	20.2
C. E. L. Balmer ...	14	3	221	46	20.1
R. J. Hope	17	2	293	58	19.6
J. D. B. Gardiner	15	1	253	98	18.1
M. H. Spence ...	12	4	114	59	14.25
H. I. Sutherland ...	4	0	57	28	14.25
Z. Fuad	9	2	87	34	12.4
S. T. W. Anderson	14	1	147	45	11.3
M. Oldaker ...	11	2	98	33	10.9
J. R. Friend ...	13	1	121	26	10.1
B. P. Burnard ...	5	3	3	2*	1.5
Also batted:					
Walker, A. ...	5	0	53	32	10.6
Yeo, D. J.	5	1	26	14*	6.5
Skilbeck, R. S. ...	7	0	37	10	5.3

Sprague, R. J. C., 24, 13; Hosie, D. L., 0, 2; Francis, S. A. C., 1, 0; Powell-Harper, B. G., 3.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
M. Oldaker ...	115	31	262	22	11.9
C. T. Shaw ...	52	9	208	11	18.0
J. R. Friend ...	122	16	463	25	18.5
C. E. L. Balmer	160.2	33	548	23	23.8
M. H. Spence ...	131.3	28	459	18	25.5
B. P. Burnard ...	55	4	253	6	62.2

Also bowled:
Skilbeck, R. S., 15-1-65-0; Francis, S. A. C., 3-0-29-0.

Catches.—C. T. Shaw 8, R. J. Hope 7, C. E. L. Balmer 6, J. D. B. Gardiner and J. R. Friend 4, M. H. Spence and M. Oldaker 2, S. T. W. Anderson, Z. Fuad, B. P. Burnard, Yeo, D. J., and Skilbeck, R. S. 1.

Stumpings.—S. T. W. Anderson 7.

CRICKET

It is still difficult to get First XI blazers. If there are any O.S.E. who have no further use for theirs the School would be very grateful to receive them. Please send them to the Hon. Sec., St. Edward's School Society.

A MUCH IMPROVED SEASON AND THREE PEER SCHOOL SIDES ARE DEFEATED (THE FIRST TIME FOR A WHILE!)

CHRISTOPHER SHAW, A VETERAN OF THREE SEASONS, IS THE CAPTAIN

JOHN GARDINER SCORES 98 AGAINST EASTBOURNE COLLEGE IN A RARE VICTORY

MICHAEL SPENCE CHANGES HIS BOWLING TECHNIQUE FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM E.W. SWANTON AND BOWLS HIS FAST LEFT ARM OVER THE WICKET INSTEAD OF ROUND WITH IMPROVED RESULTS

JOHN FRIEND IS A RARITY BEING A GENUINE LEG SPINNER - HE HEADS THE SEASON'S BOWLING AVERAGES WITH 25 WICKETS

CHRISTOPHER SHAW, CAPTAIN OF THE XI IN 1954

SEGAR'S HOUSE, WINNERS OF THE CRICKET SENIOR CUP 1954

Cricket XI 1955

L-R BACK ROW J.E. Sainsbury, R.J.C. Sprague, B.G. Powell-Harper, D.L. Hosie, C.F. Dobson, H.J.E. Emson, E.A. Appleby

L-R SEATED M. Oldaker, C.E.L. Balmer, J.R. Friend (Captain), J.D.B. Gardiner, M.H. Spence

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 7 Drawn 6 Lost 2

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v D. Henderson's XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Away)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 26 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)

FOUNDATION OF THE CORFE CRICKET CLUB UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF F.H. PRITCHARD, H.D. WILLIAMS AND B.H. GALE, ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMON ROOM

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL XI FOR A DECADE LOSING ONLY 2 FIXTURES, HELPED BY THE INCLUSION OF SIX NEW YOUNG AND TALENTED PLAYERS

THE SEASON STARTS WITH THREE SUCCESSIVE WINS INCLUDING A RARE AWAY VICTORY AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

CHARLES BALMER, A KEY FAST STRIKE BOWLER, INJURES HIMSELF DURING THE CHELTENHAM MATCH AND TAKES NO FURTHER PART IN THE SEASON

IN A HIGH SCORING SIDE, CHRIS DOBSON AND DAVID HOSIE ARE A RELIABLE OPENING PAIR SCORING 800 RUNS BETWEEN THEM FOR THE SEASON

HUGH EMSON HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGING 44 PER INNINGS

CHRIS DOBSON HAS AN OUTSTANDING SEASON BEHIND THE WICKET

'CRICKET IS ON THE UPGRADE AND THE 1955 XI IS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCES. NEXT YEAR WE INTEND TO DO BETTER'. (CHRONICLE)

FIRST XI

The XI have had a good season. They won 7 matches, drew 6 and lost 2. But for a debacle against Radley in the last match, their record would have been excellent. The strength of the XI has not lain in the particular brilliance of any one player: rather every member of the side has done something at various times and this accompanied by good captaincy, has achieved much. Last year in these notes the writer advertised situations vacant for those prepared to hit the ball; it is gratifying that there have been applicants. Indeed, two matches were won brilliantly against the clock and in one other a 50 was scored in 20 minutes. In our last match Radley showed us that we still have a lot to learn about hitting the ball hard so the advertisement must be renewed this year.

The side took time to settle down but in doing so won its matches. The first 3 games ended in victory. It was far too long, however, before the fielding reached the required standard. Practice makes perfect in this department of the game and this can, and must, be done in spare moments. It was noticeable that very few this year practised on their own. However, we did eventually field well and our catching was very good.

To take the School matches first. Against Cheltenham we had a story book finish. It was a cold windy day and on winning the toss Friend put Cheltenham in. 114 for 3 at lunch suggested that his policy might fail. However, after lunch Balmer and Spence bowled very well and we got Cheltenham out for 186. I think his effort on this day ruined Balmer's back for the term and thereafter he scarcely bowled again. This was cruel luck both for the School and himself, for he was developing into a very first class opening bowler; his batting was useful and his fielding in a class of its own. As a side we could ill afford to lose him. 170 for 4 to 186 all out shows how well these two bowled. We had 3 hours in which to get the runs, but never really got on terms with the clock. Friend played very well and patiently for his 57 and Powell-Harper kept us 'almost there' by his good innings. Then they were both out quickly. The orders now were to play for a draw and this Oldaker thought he had achieved, but to his and to many other's amazement, another over was given. It had the right effect on Oldaker. The first ball was a six over mid-wicket. (The pulled drive for numbers 1 to 4; the cow shot for the rest). The second hit firmly to the sight screen for 4. The third cut to where third man was not—4. Four to win in 3 balls and someone's nails were being chewed. But Oldaker needed one ball only. It was a repeat stroke of the first ball and it counted the same. Twenty in 4 balls was a great effort duly acknowledged by the Cheltenham crowd. Furthermore the XI decided from that moment on they would try to win their matches.

Eastbourne was ruined by rain. Hosie made a very stubborn 72 out of 137 and alone stood his ground while others failed through lack of experience when playing on wet wickets. I rate this the best innings of the term. He pushed away on the on for singles, hit 5 fours and 2 very good sixes. His concentration never relaxed. Eastbourne took 34 minutes to score their 14 runs and even had it not rained, were too far behind the clock to really place the School in danger.

Bromsgrove was the next school match. We put them in: got them out for 92 and made these runs for 6 wickets. Our batting was bad, except for Friend. Had he got out anything might have happened.

One got the impression that against Bradfield neither side would risk losing. Bradfield batted for 3 hours 40 minutes and then declared at 203 for 8. In the hour after lunch Spence and Oldaker bowled very well and kept the scoring down to under 40. The School were left 2 hours 35 minutes in which to score the runs. We finished 46 short with four wickets in hand. We never looked like winning: nor did Bradfield.

Stowe were beaten by 5 wickets. They were a rather poor batting side and were out before lunch for 119. When we batted Friend played well but the other batting was patchy. One realised when Friend was batting what a very good No. 4 he was. He so often held the innings together. His late cut and off drive brought him most of his runs. Captaincy brought the best out of him as a batsman: but not as a bowler!

The Oundle game was a magnificent struggle with the honours perhaps favouring Teddies. We won the toss and batted. Dobson and Hosie put on 42 for the opening partnership and we continued to score freely with Hosie supplying the backbone of the innings. Two and three-quarter hours at the wicket brought him 88 runs. He had batted in his usual determined fashion. This was followed by a great bit of hitting by Emson who scored 55 in 27 minutes. He has a good eye, ignores the rules but makes the runs! We were eventually out for 255. With Oundle 102 for 6 it looked as though we would have a big lead but Doubleday batted very well for 133. One feels certain that had Appleby been allowed to bowl to him overnight he would have taxed his patience too far. But the captain, like so many others, had no faith in the very slow leg spin. Appleby eventually had Doubleday, but by then the damage was done. In our second innings the order was altered and Gardiner was sent in with orders to get on or get out. He did both. This was a gem of an innings and the sort that Gardiner should always play. He is never at his best when playing for keeps. This innings and the one he played against the Free Foresters were examples of what he could do when attacking the bowling. (His off-side strokes were a joy to see and one in particular off the back foot lingers in the memory. It flashed to the boundary.) Emson again played his part well and we were able to declare at ten to three, leaving Oundle 3 hours and 10 minutes in which to score 233 to win. The last ball before tea the Oundle score stood at 33 for 2. When the ball had been bowled the score should have been 33 for 3. Had this chance been held we would have won. As it was, Lawry was dropped in the slips before he had scored. At 6.30 he was 104 not out. Cricket is a game of chance. Appleby was doing his stuff this innings. He invited the batsmen to hit him, but in doing so two were caught and one stumped. Then he had 4 fours struck off him in one over and off he came. Here again was this attitude of not daring to lose. He should have stayed on for Oundle had a long way to go. They still needed 100 in the last hour when Appleby was taken off. Had they got it, well, good luck to them. As it was the match was drawn. One's memory recalls Dobson's wicket-keeping. Bowlers usually bowl so much better when they are well supported behind the stumps. This has very much been the case this year. Against Oundle Dobson was at his best and a very good best it was too.

And so to Radley with our tails up. We played disappointing cricket and we lost easily. Every side always has one bad match and yet one cannot be too critical of a side that scores 206. We kept on getting on top of the bowling only to lose a wicket and with it any advantage. We really did give our wickets away and this criticism must apply to Dobson despite the fact he made 82. ('I could have got back', he remarked on returning to the pavilion after being stumped, 'but I have no nails in my boots so I could not turn.') He had batted exceedingly well and is a good example to all those who languish at the tail end of the batting order of what keen practice can achieve. Never before this season has he really been considered anything other than a No. 10 or 11. It is no mean achievement to score 82 in a school match in your first season as an opening bat. The Radley opening pair put on 100 in 55 minutes and the match was as good as won. Having seen 5 of his own side fall to a slow leg-break bowler the captain did not see fit to try Appleby to see whether he could perform the same feat. He was not given an over. As this was the very mistake he had made against Oundle on the first day of that match (a mistake that did not go without criticism) it was difficult to comprehend his reasons for again not bowling Appleby.

Space does not permit reports on Club matches but it is only fair to mention that we drew against the usual strong M.C.C. side and brilliantly won for the first time against the Free Foresters. Gardiner's batting in this latter match was at its very best.

It has been a good XI and one that Friend has brought on well with his fine example with the bat and in the field. Hosie batted in a manner he has for so long promised. His concentration was good and on the advice of an eminent cricketer he allowed himself to forgo the drive, so often his downfall. In the field he chases after the ball with terrific speed and in general he must be described as the most improved cricketer in the side. We never succeeded in finding a reliable No. 3, but with the hitting power of Gardiner, Emson and Oldaker and the sound batsmanship of Powell-Harper, this did not really matter. Oldaker bowled with unflagging zeal and not always with much luck, while Spence started well but eventually became stale and far less effective. And the memory of the long hops down the leg side should (but will not) give him sleepless nights for years! But they were a good opening pair of bowlers—as good as the School has had for many a long day. Had Balmer been there, there would have been the necessary support, but he was not and that was that. Friend was, alas, hopelessly inaccurate with his leg spinners and Appleby only came into the side late and was used sparingly.

Cricket is on the up grade and the 1955 XI are to be congratulated on their good performances. Next year we intend to do better.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

	Inns.	Times not out	Total	Ave.
H. J. E. Emson	10	5	220	44.00
D. L. Hosie	15	0	464	30.93
J. R. Friend	16	3	375	28.84
J. D. B. Gardiner	16	0	398	24.87
B. G. Powell-Harper	13	2	246	22.36
C. F. Dobson	16	0	304	19.00
M. Oldaker	11	3	110	15.71
J. Sainsbury	6	2	52	13.00
Sutherland, H. I.	10	3	81	11.57
R. J. C. Sprague	11	1	111	11.10
Francis, S. A. C.	4	3	9	9.00
M. H. Spence	5	1	20	5.00
C. E. L. Balmer	6	2	20	5.00
Appleby, E. A.	2	1	3	3.00

Bowling

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
M. Oldaker	207.5	55	622	36	17.27
M. H. Spence	209	42	712	35	20.34
C. E. L. Balmer	60	13	204	10	20.40
J. R. Friend	101	17	428	15	28.40
B. G. Powell-Harper	76.1	11	249	8	36.62
Also bowled:					
Appleby, E. A.	27.3	7	120	5	24.00
J. E. Sainsbury	23	6	74	3	24.66
Francis, S. A. C.	7	0	24	0	—
H. J. E. Emson	3	1	7	0	—
R. J. C. Sprague	1	0	9	0	—

Catches.—M. Oldaker 9, J. R. Friend 8, J. D. B. Gardiner, C. F. Dobson 6, R. J. C. Sprague 3, Sutherland H. I., D. L. Hosie, B. G. Powell-Harper, H. J. E. Emson, J. E. Sainsbury, M. H. Spence, Appleby E. A. 2, Francis S. A. C. 1.

Stumpings.—C. F. Dobson 6.

Cricket XI 1956

L-R back row J.H. Fletcher, H.J.E. Emson, J.E. Sainsbury, E.A. Appleby, J.N. Tyake, J.D. Davis

L-R seated H.I. Sutherland, C.F. Dobson, M. Oldaker (Captain), B.G. Powell- Harper, M.A. Trotman

Fixture List
Played 17 Won 6 Drawn 7 Lost 4

v Oriel College - lost by 13 runs
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 23 runs
(Home)
v Warden's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bradford Crammer School - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - won by 10 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v A.T. Barber's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Common Room XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

CRICKET

FIRST XI

The XI won 6 matches, lost 4, and drew 5. They were certainly the strongest XI to represent the School for the last five years. Had fortune smiled on them a little more than she did they might have doubled their number of wins.

At the beginning of the season it seemed on paper that we would be able to get other sides out, but where the runs were coming from was difficult to see. After our first two matches this judgement seemed all too correct but thereafter, by dint of hard practice and an increase in concentration in our earlier batsmen, we were only let down really badly in our batting on one occasion; and on that occasion the collapse was complete!

Powell-Harper looked the most polished player and played one or two innings of great charm and grace: his innings against Oundle was really good. But in temperament he is no Yorkshireman and often he brought about his own downfall with exceedingly careless strokes. Sutherland regained his place in the side as an opening batsman but he will never really satisfy the needs of his side or himself until he decides to put bat to ball. He looks every inch a batsman of class (for timeless tests): unfortunately for him these are no longer needed! However he has, along with Dobson, often given us a good start upon which our more adventursome batsmen were able to build. Trotman, Davis, Fletcher and Sainsbury formed the middle batting and they all improved as the season progressed. As they will all be here next summer we should be an exceedingly strong batting side then. They should however remember that they have a lot to learn and big scores will not come until elementary faults in batting technique are ironed out.

The bowling has really depended upon the Captain, Sainsbury and Tyacke. Useful support has at times been forthcoming from Appleby and Emson. What we really lacked was a good off-spinner. Oldaker took more wickets than anyone else against the Schools: this is understandable as he does more with the ball than do the others. If only he would cure himself of the dreadful habit of pitching short! At least four balls an over from him were too short. This quite spoilt his chances of being a really excellent team bowler. His variation in pace brought him many good wickets. Sainsbury, who took the most number of wickets, never really looked dangerous in School matches. In some of the Club games ageing cricketers found his pace too quick. This was not the case against 'in practice' School cricketers. He has a bad action, being too front-chested at the moment of delivery, and constant attempts to improve this were frustrated by his insistance that his comfort was being upset. His great strength allows him to sling the ball down with a goodish velocity: with a good action, fully cocked before delivery, he could be devastatingly dangerous.

Tyacke shows great promise for the future. He does a little either way but as yet lacks control. This will come with more experience and no doubt he will bear the brunt of the bowling next summer. He also fails to get himself sideways on before delivery.

Appleby, Francis and Emson have supplied leg breaks of varying intensity and accuracy but have all taken useful wickets. Appleby is still too slow through the air: he can be reached on the fall. He must try to push it through a little quicker. Emson's breaks turned hugely, enough usually to beat bat, wicket, wicket-keeper and slip. He had his moment against Eastbourne.

In general our bowling has disappointed through lack of accuracy; it had great potential but this failed to materialise.

We were, however, exceedingly well served behind the stumps by Dobson. He draws the best out of bowlers when he is on form. He has had a very good season, rightly rewarded by his selection for the 'Rest' Schools against the Southern Schools at Lord's. For the past two years and on occasions two years before that—four in all—Dobson has been a tower of strength to the First XI. Unfortunately the fine example he has set, not only in wicket-keeping, but in keenness and tidiness in turnout, has not been followed by younger members of the School. Next year our bowlers will learn to realise how lucky they have been this summer in having such an expert to back them up behind the stumps.

The individual matches do not require much comment. In School matches we beat Cheltenham and Bromsgrove. We put Cheltenham in on a good wicket and bowled them out for 187. This we achieved for the loss of 5 wickets. Trotman batted with great courage at a crucial moment. Coming in at 98 for 4 he and Sainsbury (who was totally out of touch) stayed together until the score was 173. Trotman finished off a fine display by hitting the already much hit Wichers into the Woodstock Road. It was difficult to believe then that he is only 15. Against Bromsgrove we did our best to lose to an exceedingly weak side. Only level headed batsmanship by Powell-Harper and Davis saved our faces from appalling disgrace. Bradford Grammar School set us a problem or two. Having made 305 for 6 wickets in 3 hours, 5 minutes, they immediately set a defensive field and bowled widish of the off stump. We did not find an adequate answer to this and all in the end blamed 'Father' for making the wicket too easy!

We made Eastbourne follow on, 263 to 143, and then failed to get them out a second time. Instead we watched a painfully slow exhibition from Watt, their captain, who eventually made a century. In our only innings our batting was both bright and purposeful. With instructions to get on or get out we made 263 in rather under 4 hours. In the past 5 years we have only had one result against Bradfield. This year we failed to reach a definite decision for various reasons. Firstly we won the toss and put them in on a batsman's paradise. This having misfired, Bradfield proceeded to bat too long for too many and the result was a dullish draw. Sainsbury batted exceedingly well in a defensive role after Powell-Harper had shown the best batting of the day during a stay of one hour for 45 runs. He used his feet to the great Lewis with such effect that that bowler had his worst day for quite some time. Next year we must endeavour to play attacking cricket against Bradfield. We are just as much to blame for the failure in recent years to get more results in this game.

The Oundle match was a draw. We batted first and collapsed and so did they. We were twenty or so on over night with one wicket down. On the second day, aided by many missed chances, we made 253. Powell-Harper batted extremely well for 80. His off-driving was technically correct and practically remunerative to a degree. This was his best innings of the season and a very fine 'best' it was, too. Our bowlers could not give us the victory. Oldaker relied too much on Sainsbury. He should have bowled more himself and kept Francis and Emson and Trotman (before he was hurt) on at the other end. We might have won then.

We chose Stowe for our debacle of the season. Without wishing to detract from the excellence of Stowe's performance ours was deplorable. We dropped eight catches before lunch; we bowled long hop after long hop; the Captain never once set a defensive field—the whole thing was awful! And when our turn came to bat (after a most generous declaration) we did everything that we knew we should not. We hit 'across it'; we played back when we should have played forward; we lifted our heads; we left our courage in the pavilion. Needless to add we recorded our biggest beating of the season. Unfortunately we could not atone for our sins by beating Radley as the rains came on that day.

Of the Club games I should like to mention the M.C.C. game. We won the toss and batted and almost immediately were in trouble. 0 for 1, 2 for 1, 3 for 17, did not give rise to much hope. However both Sainsbury and Davis batted extremely well. This was the type of cricket that we have lacked in recent years. Two batsmen saying to themselves 'I am not going to get out'. It was courageous cricket. Sainsbury was unfortunately adjudged l.b.w., but Davis went on to make a first-class 71 and thereby ensure an exciting finish. The M.C.C. were fortunate to have the promising S. Pether to come in at No. 11 and make the 12 runs necessary for victory. This was a good game and the School acquitted themselves well. Apart from F. F. Fisher's XI the other Club matches were disappointing. Weak opposition were unable to keep their wickets intact against Sainsbury and were beaten quite easily.

To sum up. This was a good XI, keen and difficult to beat. Their fielding was good, a fine example being set by the Captain and Powell-Harper. We are steadily building up and after two good seasons we look forward to even more success next year.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting

	Inns.	Times not out	Highest score	Total	Ave.
B. G. Powell-Harper ...	16	1	80	410	27.3
M. A. Trotman	14	4	84	256	25.6
H. I. Sutherland	17	1	61	409	25.5
J. D. Davis	16	3	71	275	21.2
J. I. Fletcher	15	4	50*	187	17.0
J. E. Sainsbury	16	1	48*	252	16.5
C. F. Dobson	16	0	55	275	15.9
H. J. E. Emson	16	2	40*	219	15.6
Also batted					
E. A. Appleby	8	6	20*	70	38.5
M. Oldaker	7	1	26	64	9.2
Crowson, R. C. M.	3	–	9	18	9.0
Francis, S. A. C.	3	1	10	18	9.0
Rider, J. J.	2	–	14	14	7.0
J. N. Tyacke	7	1	8	25	4.2
Brett, T. W.	1	–	0	0	0

*Not out.

Bowling

	Overs	Mds.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
M. Oldaker	178	52	434	23	13.1
H. J. E. Emson	23	4	99	6	16.5
J. E. Sainsbury	280	67	765	37	20.7
J. N. Tyacke	163	45	703	31	22.6
E. A. Appleby	96	8	436	19	23.1
M. A. Trotman	85	11	277	9	30.2
J. H. Fletcher	17.4	3	71	2	35.5
B. G. Powell-Harper ..	6	0	24	0	0
H. I. Sutherland	1	1	0	0	0
Also bowled					
Francis, S. A. C.	31	6	98	5	17.8
Crowson, R. C. M. ...	29	3	96	3	32.0

Catches.—C. F. Dobson 18, J. N. Tyacke 8, E. A. Appleby 7, H. I. Sutherland 6, J. E. Sainsbury 6, J. H. Fletcher 6, J. D. Davis 5, M. Oldaker 4, M. A. Trotman 4, H. J. E. Emson 4, B. G. Powell-Harper 3, Francis S. A. C. 3, Rider J. J., 1.

Stumpings.—C. F. Dobson 3.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST BRADFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WICKET KEEPER CHRIS DOBSON PLAYS FOR THE REST XI VERSUS THE SOUTHERN SCHOOLS AT LORDS - DURING THE SEASON HE TAKES 18 CATCHES

A STRONG SIDE LOSE ONLY 4 TIMES IN 17 MATCHES

BRYAN POWELL-HARPER ' LOOKED THE MOST POLISHED PLAYER AND PLAYED SOME INNINGS OF GREAT CHARM AND GRACE' (CHRONICLE) - HE TOPS THE AVERAGES WITH 410 RUNS

15 YEAR OLD MIKE TROTMAN PLAYS HIS FIRST OF THREE SEASONS IN THE XI. TOGETHER WITH TWO OTHER 16 YEAR OLDS, JOHN DAVIS & JOHN FLETCHER, THESE THREE YOUNG PLAYERS AMASS OVER 700 RUNS

THE BOWLING ATTACK IS SHARED, WITH JOHN SAINSBURY BEING 'TOO FAST FOR THE AGEING CRICKETERS IN THE CLUB GAMES' (CHRONICLE)

Cricket XI 1957

L-R BACK ROW D.G. Davies, J.D. Davis, C.H. Shirley, J.D.C. Hancock, E.A. Appleby, J.H. Fletcher

L-R SEATED J.N. Tyake, M.A. Trotman, H. Dale (Captain), T.W. Brett, A.R.N. Appleby

Fixture List

Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 8 Lost 4

v Cryptics XI - lost by 64 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Warden's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Trinity College - won by 6 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College- won by 31 runs
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v R.M. Stow's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 75 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)

CRICKET

FIRST XI, 1957

Played 16, won 4, drawn 8, lost 4.

Looking back upon the season, long after the last appalling decision given in a Second League House match has been forgotten, one is forced to believe that the season has been disappointing. If we ponder over our results it will be found that of the four matches won, two were against weak sides, Bromsgrove and R. M. Stowe's XI, that against Eastbourne was won in the nick of time by really superb fighting cricket after earlier foolishness had all but thrown the game away; and the other was an exciting win in an afternoon game against Trinity College. We must face facts over this: our record is really rather bad. With half our matches drawn the obvious and correct conclusion to deduce is that we had no penetrating bowling to give us the victory and with four matches lost, two against schools, again to state the obvious, we had no dependable batting. All this gives a rather bleak impression of what appears to have been a bad XI. But in fact that is far from the case. Looking at it from a more cheerful point of view. We lost to the Cryptics early on—in fact our first match—and anything can happen then. The Authentics were too good for us and there is no disgrace in that. Stowe swamped us and somehow one knew we were having our worst day: and we all but beat a strong Radley XI in an exciting finish; we lost by 2 wickets. A few 'ifs' and 'buts' and the season was a success!

What success we did achieve and which ever way you look at it, all praise for it must go to a very outstanding schoolboy captain—H. Dale. He had no First XI experience behind him, for he was appointed from the Second XI, and he would be the first to admit that his batting capabilities were no more than average. But for sheer guts when he went to the wicket and for really magnificent fielding we have not had the like of him for many a long day. It was a great effort on his part and he deserves the congratulations and backing that his XI gave him.

Before a general account of the matches is given it might be useful to comment upon one or two aspects of our play. Dale was quite outstanding in the field. It is not often that catches are taken at mid-off when the fielder has to take off and catch the ball when still in the horizontal position. Dale brought off two such as this and his example was infectious for Trotman, too, held one catch that bordered on the miraculous. These were great happenings in a side whose fielding was above average. They were all triers and, as a result, they improved. One could mention nearly every member of the team in this connection and one does mention J. D. Davis in particular for he does not find fielding easy at the best of times, but by the end of the season he was as good as anyone. Good fielding and a general atmosphere of alertness in a side is a sure sign of a good team spirit. We had that this year, thanks to Dale. In bowling we expected Tyacke to be the most successful and E. A. Appleby to be the most effective against the schools. Our expectation in both cases did not materialise. Tyacke was far too inaccurate and bowled down the leg side too often. He is too square chested at the time of delivery and does not make full use of body swing. If only he would practice these things he might become a very first class bowler. Appleby's leg-spin bowling developed into non-leg-spin 'tosh' and he regained his place in the XI more as a very good number 9 batsman who was often called upon to save difficult situations. He matched his Captain in application.

Davis and Trotman, slow left arm and off-spin both bowled well and next season they should do well. Shirley was the surprise choice. He only came into the side as a substitute against Bromsgrove and proceeded to take eight wickets before lunch. He would not be kept out after that! And lastly batting. We had our first century since 1950 made by Brett, and we have a most promising performer in Trotman. He alone of the batsmen might be described as a class player. Next year will prove whether this opinion is correct. The writer has no doubts about the matter! Brett made runs well and quickly in the first half of the season: his concentration then left him and probably accompanied him to the classroom instead. In the last five matches he was very disappointing and consequently the innings never got off to a good start. Trotman's performance was steady. So often when a Colt gains a place in the XI he seems to fail in his second year. Fortunately this did not happen to Trotman who at times played really well—especially against Cheltenham and Oundle. In each case his innings were in a defensive role. J. D. Davis took a long time to warm up but when he did, at Gaudy, he hit the ball superbly hard and always scored his runs quickly. It was a pity he got out against Bradfield when going really well. Had he stayed we might have won that game. Fletcher got going once or twice but apart from that he filled himself with ridiculous theory and failed accordingly.

Cheltenham was our first school match and we started the day badly by losing the toss—it was a good one to win as it had rained hard in the morning and the pitch was always likely to get worse as the day wore on. This in fact happened. We could not bowl them out on the soft wicket and when the declaration came so did the sun. Brett, fresh from his triumphant century against Oriel, gave us a good start but once he went—caught off a long hop—we were soon in trouble. When the score stood at 80 for 6 Trotman was joined by Davies an dtogether they stayed for a vital hour. The ball was turning a lot but both were equal to the occasion. Trotman was out with five minutes to go but by then the game was safe.

Eastbourne we beat in the last over. That the game was exciting was due to our deplorable second innings, and Eastbourne's failure to exploit to the full their favourable situation on the first evening. We were all out for 222, of which Brett made 60. As the score-sheet will show five others made scores of over 20 and all managed to get themselves out when well set. With forty minutes left for play Eastbourne were 180 odd for 3 and in those forty minutes they added only another 29 runs and lost 4 wickets. That really lost them the game. They declared over-night and quickly had us in trouble. We were bundled out for 115, leaving Eatbourne 125 to win with 2 hours and 20 minutes remaining for play. In that time we played our best cricket of the summer. The fielding was first-class; the bowling hostile and over all Dale captained the side excellently. Eastbourne were all out on the fourth ball of the last over for 93. A. R. N. Appleby took 5 for 19—an excellent performance—and Tyacke 3 for 57. Between them they bowled 41 overs of the 49 overs that the innings lasted. Eastbourne have only themselves to blame for losing this match but our performance in the field during their second innings was very good.

Bromsgrove were rather weak and could do nothing with Shirley. His considerable in-swinging had all their batsmen pushing out only to be caught in the leg trap. He finished with 8 for 50. We tried to have them out again, having made 235 in reply to Bromsgrove's 89, but their batting was much more determined in the second innings.

We played our customary drawn game with Bradfield. They asked us to make in 2½ hours what had taken them 3½ hours and against good bowling we could not do it. You need a good start in order to make runs against the clock and this we did not get. It was left to Dale and after him Appleby to defend for all they were worth. We finished 69 short of our target with two wickets standing. Bradford scored their runs in 79 overs and bowled 59 to us: a big difference.

We also drew our two day game with Oundle. In this match neither side ever got on top of the bowling and consequently on the second day we struggled for survival and Oundle made no attempt to score 140 in 85 minutes. We batted first and got off to quite a good start. 184 all out was rather disappointing, having been 80 for 2 earlier in the day. Oundle were about 30 short of our total overnight and they were not able to resume their innings until after one o'clock because of rain. Presumably their policy should have been to build a big lead and then hope to bowl us out cheaply thereby leaving themselves a small target in the last innings. In fact they only got ahead by 28 runs. Trotman saved us from disaster in the second innings: this was by far his best innings and he hit 7 fours in our innings lasting 2½ hours. We got two quick wickets in the Oundle innings and rather later a third. And that was that! A draw was a fair answer.

We failed badly against Stowe, losing by 76 runs. On a good wicket we got them out for 179 and had 3 hours in which to make the runs. We never looked like achieving this, our batting being very disappointing. And so to our last match, against Radley. We lost by 2 wickets, but only after a very good struggle. Yet again the batting proved totally inadequate against steady bowling. The only one who really seemed comfortable was Havell, playing in only his second game for the XI. His was an encouraging performance and he should do well next year. Brett, Hancock, Davis and Davies were all going well only to lose patience and their wickets. Brett, in particular, should curse himself for years to come for the manner in which he got himself out. Such strokes as his last one are seldom seen in Second League Cricket. In the field our cricket was seen to better advantage. The fielding was good and rare excitement was reached when the Radley seventh and eighth wickets fell with the score at 156. However Wigley, no. 10 for Radley, was then presented with 4 runs by an unnecessary overthrow and that seemed to clinch matters. It was a good game and had just one batsman played a responsible innings we would have won this match.

So there it is: the results are disappointing but the outlook is quite good. No praise can be too high for the way Dale led the side and without him we might well have been in a mess. With luck he may be here next year when, assuredly, he will lead a successful side.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

Name	*Inns.*	*Not out*	*Total*	*score*	*Ave.*
J. N. Tyacke	10	7	111	27*	37.0
J. D. Davis	18	2	425	85	26.56
T. W. Brett	18	0	469	101	26.05
E. A. Appleby	15	7	194	50*	24.25
M. A. Trotman ...	18	0	419	64	23.27
H. Dale	18	0	345	72	19.26
J. H. Fletcher	15	0	246	71	16.4
D. G. Davies	16	2	193	37	13.79
J. D. C. Hancock	15	1	156	28	11.14
C. H. Shirley	3	0	15	15	5
A. R. N. Appleby	8	5	5	3*	1.66
Also batted:					
Maclachlan, A. ...	10	2	100	36*	12.5
Davies, J. E. G.	7	1	56	18	9.66
Howell R. O. W.	2	0	34	29	17
Rutherford, S. D.	1	0	21	21	21
Huston, J. C. M.	1	0	0	0	0

Runs for, 2,960; 147 wickets.

Average, 20.14 runs/wicket.

BOWLING

Name	*Overs*	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
A. R. N. Appleby ...	231.4	33	347	22	15.79
D. G. Davies	158.2	41	553	27	20.72
C. H. Shirley	117	23	336	15	22.4
J. N. Tyacke	200.5	37	584	24	24.33
M. A. Trotman	142.3	16	481	18	26.72
E. A. Appleby	112.2	11	391	14	27.85
Also bowled:					
J. H. Fletcher	22	4	86	4	20.66
Maclachlan, A.	59	10	153	6	25.5
White, R. L.	3	0	25	0	0

Runs against, 3,141 for 135 wickets.

Average 23.27 runs/wicket.

Wicket Keeper (T. W. Brett): 9 catches, 6 stumpings, 119 byes.

Catches.—H. Dale 9, J. D. C. Hancock 8, E. A. Appleby 7, D. G. Davies 6, J. N. Tyacke 5, J. D. Davis 4, M. A. Trotman 4, J. H. Fletcher 3, A. R. N. Appleby 3, C. H. Shirley 2, Maclachlan, A. 2, Rutherford, S. D. 1.

TIMOTHY BRETT SCORES THE FIRST CENTURY (101) FOR THE SCHOOL IN SIX YEARS AGAINST ORIEL COLLEGE - HE SCORES 469 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

HENRY DALE IS THE SURPRISE CAPTAIN OF THE SIDE 'BEING PLUCKED FROM 2ND XI OBSCURITY' - TURNS OUT TO BE AN INSPIRED CHOICE

CHARLES SHIRLEY IS ANOTHER SURPRISE SELECTION WHO COMES INTO THE SIDE IN MID JUNE AS A SUBSTITUTE AND PROMPTLY TAKES 8 WICKET FOR 50 RUNS IN HIS FIRST MATCH V BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

ANTHONY APPLEBY TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 35 RUNS AGAINST TRINITY COLLEGE. OXFORD

RICHARD BEST TAKES 6 WICKETS IN ELEVEN BALLS FOR NO RUNS AGAINST OUNDLE

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L-R back row R.W.O. Howell, J.C.M. Huston, M.T.W. Hart, P.D.R. Bond, P.N.G. Shenfield, R.L. Best

L-R seated R.A. Maclachlan, J.N. Tyake, M.A. Trotman (Captain), D.G. Davies, R.L. White

Michael Trotman would later play minor counties cricket for Suffolk

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 7

v Common Room XI - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 30 runs
(Home)
v Warden's XI - lost by 35 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v R.M. Stow's XI - won by 32 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 42 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)

RICHARD BEST (AGED 14) PLAYS THE FIRST OF HIS FIVE SEASONS IN THE SIDE - A LEG BREAK BOWLER OF HIGH POTENTIAL

MIKE TROTMAN CAPTAINS THE SIDE HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE

A POOR SEASON ENSUES WITH ONLY TWO MATCHES WON IN A FIXTURE LIST OF 16 GAMES

TO SUPPORT BEST THERE WERE TWO OTHER VERY COMPETENT SPIN BOWLERS IN THE SIDE, ROBERT WHITE AND DAVID DAVIES

IN ONE OF BEST'S OVERS VERSUS CHELTENHAM HE TAKES TWO WICKETS, HAS ANOTHER APPEAL TURNED DOWN, ONE DROPPED CATCH, ONE BOUNDARY AND ONE DOT BALL!

THE DEFEAT BY RADLEY COLLEGE MEANS THAT THE SCHOOL HAVE ONLY BEATEN THEM TWICE IN NINETEEN MATCHES

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 16, won 2, lost 7, drawn 7.

The First XI have not done well this season: they defeated the Common Room and R. M. Stowe's XI at Gaudy, but these games apart they never really looked like winning a match, nor for that matter did their cricket deserve greater success. We came close to defeating Eastbourne, but Eastbourne came close to defeating us. Yet, despite everything, a young side has gained in experience and our hopes are high for the future.

It was always likely that this year would see a slump in our cricket: now that events have justified our darker thoughts we are disappointed. If we were to win matches it was essential that we bowl out the opposition for a score never in excess of 150; then with our limited batting resources, that should not prove too great a target. In any event the batting would revolve around Trotman; so long as he was there one felt all would be well. Statistics show, however, that in fifteen innings he was dismissed for under 20 on no less than eleven occasions. No unkindness is meant by drawing attention to his comparative failure (not many of us can boast a 76 and a 98 in School matches) but his failure meant the XI's failure and therein lay our real weakness. Trotman is a fine cricketer whose best days lie ahead of him, and that is bad news for our opponents in 1959! Let me say at once that he has captained the side in a difficult year very well and along with Tyacke, the Vice-Captain, he shares the credit for the XI maintaining their cheerfulness in adversity and their keenness throughout the season.

Howell, Maclachlan and Shenfield are all batsmen of promise, but at present they do not realise their potential or responsibility. So often they were in only to lose their wicket in a moment of rashness consequent upon a pause in their concentration. None of them know what it is to play an innings. There is not enough of the 'over my dead body' approach; too often do they expect to get out and are rather surprised when they see the scoreboard registering 25 against their name. The surprise usually proves fatal. Three times only did Maclachlan get beyond 20 and on those occasions he played as though he had been born with a bat in his hand. He was courageous and skilful and his cricket gave delight by its power and individuality. Alas! nine of his other innings did not total 100 runs, and this from our number 4 batsman! These observations do not concern just the above three names, they concern the batsmen of the School. Where are the batsmen in this School? Where is the success that breeds the all important confidence? It will come, it must come, but only through the efforts of the players. Coaching can only help.

We have had a useful bowling side. Tyacke has bowled well without even realising his promise of two years ago and White and Davies, left-hand, have been very steady. Best, 14 years old, turns his leg breaks a shade too much; at present he aims at the off stump and the turn beats the bat completely. He must endeavour to alter his point of attack to the leg stump. His promise is exceptional; it was a pity that so many low scores meant he was too often used sparingly and sometimes not at all. His flight at present lacks guide but this is more than offset by his keeping an immaculate length.

The fielding improved steadily and at times was of a high standard. We never found a slip fielder of any class and innumerable catches were not accepted. This was a pity as the bowlers needed all the breaks coming their way.

The story of our Club matches is soon told. We failed against M.C.C. by 4 wickets. To our credit the Club had to fight for their 99 runs, with White and Trotman bowling very well. All who watched the Free Foresters were rewarded by an innings of great power by F. R. Brown. It was the best piece of batting seen here all summer. How well he hits the loose ball! We struggled valiantly when it was our turn to bat and saved the game. The fielding in this game was excellent, Bond and White both catching very hard chances. Against the Cryptics, Warden's XI and Authentics we just could not make the required number of runs, although in the latter game a patient innings by Maclachlan saved our record a little: a 'D' instead of an 'L'!

In our first School match against Cheltenham, we batted first and at 2.20 our score stood at 116 for 4 wickets. Twenty minutes later we were all out for 126. Davies, in a typically chancy innings, saved us from desperate failure. Davies throughout the season scored his runs by attempting chops through the slips. Frequently he gave the opposition catching practice; somehow they would not accept his generosity. Suffice it to say he gave more chances yet made more runs than anyone else in the XI!

Cheltenham won, thanks to a good attacking innings by their Captain, Brain. Had we got him out early we would definitely have won. And what effect might this have had upon the remainder of the season? Best's first over in First XI cricket is worthy of mention. He dropped a catch and bowl first ball, then had a catch taken at the wicket with the next. The third failed to convince the umpire that a fate similar to his predecessor had befallen the new batsman; the fourth ball saw a catch dropped on the square leg boundary and counted four runs and the last saw Maclachlan take the catch of the season in the covers. Interesting! Best promises so much. He must not be disappointed if his leg breaks desert him in the years that lie ahead: they so often do, for his promise as a batsman matches the excellence of his achievement as a slow leg break bowler.

Eastbourne failed to beat us when the game was theirs for the asking. In an undistinguished match between two weak batting sides the bowling was always on top. In Eastbourne's second innings Tyacke bowled beautifully. There are so many 'ifs' and 'buts' in cricket: spare the writer just one (more!). If Tyacke had bowled like this . . . never mind, curse the thought!

Bromsgrove beat us and many a moan went up. That they were a better side mattered little. This was a School match played to Headmasters' rules: a late start and a late finish, a half-day game with the hours of play, from a duration point of view, as little altered as possible. Five hours ten minutes as compared with six and a half hours. The game turned dramatically when Trotman was out to a superlative catch under the trees by the subway. A six all the way until a left hand shot up and plucked the ball from the air. Trotman had hit five boundaries in his score of 21. It was bad luck on Trotman, it won the game for Bromsgrove. We disintegrated after this, making a futile effort to score runs quickly. We failed but we learnt a lesson.

Having put Bradfield in to bat we dropped four catches behind the wicket in the first twenty minutes; they then amassed a sizeable score. It was a joy to see Bradfield and a quarter hours remained. We had to play for a draw. On a slow wicket and slow outfield Trotman came into his own. Reid, Stevens and Davison had hit our bowling hard and often. Trotman did likewise. He batted seven minutes under two hours and apart from a difficult catch at the wicket—the ball kept very low—he never gave a chance. He would do well to remember this innings and better to imitate it, often. In the last over of the day he drove Eacersall to the off boundary as though to say 'no one can get me out'. It was a great stroke.

And so to Oundle, Stowe and Radley. The first abandoned after fifty minutes play on the first day, the second drawn and the last resulting in a crushing defeat.

We played safe against Stowe who really were rather good. In doing so we scored more runs than any other school side did against Stowe this year. That we did this was due to Trotman and Stowe's bad fielding. He made 98: they dropped him four times. It is difficult to be critical of someone who makes 98, but it was not a good innings, it was too lucky. Stowe, despite the length of our innings had time to win but Best bowled extremely well and had them in some trouble. In the end a draw was all that was possible.

Our playing record against Radley is as bad as it could be. In nineteen engagements we have won two. This year play could not begin until just after 2.15 owing to rain. We won the toss and compiled a miserable 103, Davies alone, as he has done so often this season, standing between disgrace and mere collapse. Miracles can happen and had it not been for some very bad wicket keeping one might have occurred. Radley could have been 40 for 5 had two easy stumpings been achieved. They were missed and that was that. Radley won by 6 wickets.

Not since 1946 have we done as badly as this. Whether this season has achieved anything will be seen next year. But we will fail again then unless our senior cricketers remember and realise their potential and responsibility. Time will tell.

BOWLING

Name	*Overs*	*Mds.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
R. L. White	179	42	418	26	16.07
J. N. Tyacke	215	68	501	27	18.5
D. G. Davies	83.2	27	232	11	21.09
R. L. Best	63	8	223	9	24-7
M. A. Trotman	117.1	17	416	15	27-73
Appleby, A. R. N. ...	90.4	14	321	8	40.12
A. Maclachlan	41	10	132	3	44.0
Also bowled:					
Downing, F. A.	6	0	34	2	17.0

Catches.—M. A. Trotman 11, D. G. Davies 8, R. L. White 6, Appleby, A. R. N. 6, A. Maclachlan 5, J. N. Tyacke 4, J. C. M. Huston 2, R. L. Best 2, Rutherford, S. D. 1, Davies, D. I. R. 1, Bond, P. D. R. 1.

Wicket-keeping.—P. G. N. Shenfield: 15 matches, 12 catches, 4 stumpings, 94 byes. J. C. M. Huston: 1 match, 3 catches, 0 stumpings, 1 bye.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

Name	*Inns.*	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Ave.*
D. G. Davies	16	1	397	72	26.46
M. A. Trotman	15	1	328	98	23.42
A. Maclachlan	12	1	192	53	17.45
R. W. O. Howell	16	1	245	44	16.3
J. C. M. Huston	12	0	185	36	15.41
J. N. Tyacke	13	3	136	48	13.6
R. L. Best	10	4	74	18	12.3
P. G. N. Shenfield	14	0	156	25	11.14
Appleby, A. R. N.	10	4	53	22*	8.83
Davies, D. I. R.	9	1	58	15	7.25
R. L. White	11	4	31	16*	4.42
Downing, F. A.	6	1	97	44	19.4
Lillicrap, G. K.	2	0	15	15	7.5
Bailey, J. F.	2	0	12	10	6.0
Rutherford, S. D.	3	0	16	12	5.3
Bond, P. D. R.	3	0	12	10	4.0
Hart	4	1	8	7*	2.6

The following played for the First XI: M. A. Trotman, J. N. Tyacke, D. G. Davies, R. W. O. Howell, A. Maclachlan, R. L. White, R. L. Best, J. C. M. Huston, P. G. N. Shenfield, Bond, P. D. R., Appleby, A. R. N., Davies, D. I. R., Lillicrap, G. K., Rutherford, S. D., Downing, F. A., Bailey, J. F. and Hart.

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L-R BACK ROW D.I.R. Davies, N.R. Phelps, J.F. Bailey, C.F. Schnadhorst, S.D. Rutherford, J.E. Bishop, J.L. Wallace

L-R SEATED R.W.O. Howell, R.L White, D.G. Davies (Captain), A. Machlachlan, R.L. Best

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 7 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 113 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Warden's XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Away)
v MC.C. XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v R.M. Stow's xi - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 75 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Canadian Schools XI - won by 4 wickets
(Home)

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 16, won 7, drawn 4, lost 5.

The Eleven played very good cricket up to Gaudy; thereafter they disintegrated into a poor side, losing four matches on the trot and thus spoiling what might have been an excellent record. The one redeeming feature of the latter half of the season was the bowling of Best, a truly remarkable young cricketer.

This year conditions for batting have been near to perfect throughout the term. And to our credit we made good use of them early on. Davies, the Captain, ugly but determined; Howell, a sound left-handed opening bat; Maclachlan, at least, fulfilling earlier run promise, were all in the runs. And the habit was infectious. Schnadhorst, tall and angular, batted with discretion and gained in experience, while Bailey struck a rich vein and was an invaluable, hard hitting No. 5 bat. We fielded quite well, and we bowled the opposition out. And so we started to win matches and really looked like an efficient XI, ably controlled by an astute captain. At Gaudy we had suffered but one defeat and that a technical one. One hoped now that success would breed more success, but alas! it had the reverse effect. Our caps would no longer fit upon our heads; we contravened basic principles of batsmanship; we dropped twenty-four possible catches in four matches; we lost all our remaining school matches, including being tumbled out before lunch for 71 against Stowe—on a glorious Saturday the game was finished at ten past three—and we possessed absolutely no one who would show some determination in adversity. It was really spineless. It is worth mentioning that it was thanks to a newly promoted Colt that we saved the follow-on against Oundle; it was thanks to the same Colt that we reached three figures against Radley; and it was due to Best, a fifteen year old, that the defeats we suffered by these two schools were not humiliating. Best is a leg break bowler, a genuine wrist spinner, who took 51 wickets in this lovely summer, which is, as far as our records show, the highest number anyone in the XI has achieved this century. Unlike so many others he practices hard and strives for greater success.

In Club matches the highlight of the season was the defeat of the M.C.C. This is the first time that we have achieved this distinction. Maclachlan batted quite beautifully for his 82 and was undefeated at the end. The M.C.C. declared at 221 for 5, leaving the School just under three hours to get the runs. Davies and Howell got us off to a good start putting on 88 for the first wicket. Davies was batting very well until he hit across a short one and was l.b.w. Howell was taking time to settle down. After Davies' departure Maclachlan proceeded to attack the bowling and with a really great innings, saw us safely home with 15 minutes to spare. With his capabilities and bearing in mind the hard wickets, he should have done so much more this season. He made well over half his total number of runs in the matches that were not against other schools. He was far and away the best fielder and had his moments as an opening bowler. It is all there except the temperament and in this he is not alone! We beat the Cryptics and the Warden's XI quite comfortably, rather scraped home against the Martyrs and later lost to the Free Foresters.

In the school games we beat Cheltenham and Bromsgrove; all but beat Eastbourne and then, without much difficulty, lost to Stowe, Radley and Oundle. We also lost to Bradfield in an excellent game of cricket and as it was our best school match for a long time it will be dealt with first.

We won the toss and batted, and at twenty to three our first wicket fell. Davies and Howell put on 181 against some rather indifferent bowling. Davies batted well but should have been caught when he was in the thirties—a costly mistake for Bradfield. Howell was not batting well and although we had 130 on the board by lunch it should have been more. The running between the wickets was not good. It seems a bit hard to criticise an opening partnership like this, but nevertheless it must be recorded that we missed at least 30 runs before lunch by indifferent running between the wickets. By comparison, in this department, Bradfield were brilliant and they would have had 50 more in the time! Davies went to his century and with the others hitting out and getting out, we declared for 241 for 3 wickets at 17 minutes past 3 o'clock. It was a generous declaration and gave Bradfield five minutes under 3 hours in which to get the runs. They did this with five minutes to spare, thanks to some excellent batting, some really wonderful running, some dropped catches (two off two successive balls —horror!) and some annoying drizzle which greased the ball and reduced Best's spinning ability virtually to nothing. It was strange that the Captain failed to ask for sawdust. It was a pulsating game to watch and one in which as much credit went to the losers as to the winners. A statistical point of interest was that Bradfield bowled 57 overs in our innings and in fifteen minutes less time we bowled 59 overs in their innings. The frequent and sometimes prolonged field placings were the only bit of adverse criticism that must be levelled at the Bradfield Captain. I wonder, had we been set a similar challenge, whether we would have achieved the target? At this stage of the season undoubtedly we would have tried; three weeks later it would have been absurd to suggest it. Such was our cataclysmic decline. One must say more about this game: if more school captains (and coaches!) would throw open a challenge as Davies did to Bradfield, and more school sides would accept as Bradfield did and perhaps be beaten because of it, then results would be in their proper place—second to the game. This was a memorable school match.

We had ten minutes to get the last pair out on the second day against Eastbourne. Best was too good for Eastbourne until then, but in the closing overs Maclachlan's long hops, full tosses, beamers and bouncers would probably have done the trick! We outplayed Eastbourne completely and the batting of Davies 89 and Maclachlan 49 in our first innings and Bailey 57 in our second innings was very good. Just about this time Davies was enjoying a 'purple patch'. We fielded very well in this match and memory recalls a beautifully taken catch at backward short leg by Maclachlan off Bishop. Throughout the season Maclachlan rarely made a mistake in his fielding. We needed him everywhere. Howell, too, deserves special mention for the way he turned himself into a very reliable slip-fielder and Schnadhorst caught them there too. In this respect the combination of Best, Bailey and the slip fielders was a source of strength to the XI.

AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inns.	*Not out*	*Highest score*	*Runs*	*Ave.*
A. Maclachlan ...	18	3	85	564	37.6
D. G. Davies	18	1	118*	542	31.9
R. W. O. Howell	18	1	87	462	27.2
S. D. Rutherford	13	4	36	196	24-5
N. R. Phelps	5	1	35	94	23-75
J. F. Bailey	16	2	57*	279	21.5
C. F. Schnadhorst	17	2	39	304	20.3
R. L. Best	12	5	35*	117	16.7
Davies, D. I. R. ...	8	2	25	88	12.6
R. L. White	9	2	22	68	9.7
Hart, M. T. W. ...	6	2	6	20	5.0
J. E. Bishop	6	2	12	12	3.0
Wallace, J. L. ...	2	1	2	3	3.0

* signifies not out

BOWLING

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Ave.*
R. L. Best	244	53	854	51	16.75
D. G. Davies ...	128	36	325	19	17.1
J. E. Bishop	256	74	685	35	19.05
A. Maclachlan ...	154	26	413	20	20.65
R. L. White	192	52	539	13	41.6

FIRST VICTORY OVER THE M.C.C.

IN THE MATCH VERSUS BRADFIELD COLLEGE DAVID DAVIES (118 NOT OUT) AND ROBIN HOWELL (87) PUT ON 181 RUNS FOR THE FIRST WICKET

DAVID DAVIES CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE XI

A RARE TOURING TEAM MATCH SEES A VICTORY FOR THE SCHOOL BY 4 WICKETS OVER THE CANADIAN SCHOOLS XI 'WHO PLAYED THE GAME WITH REFRESHING VIGOUR'

'OUR CAPS NO LONGER FITTED OUR HEADS, WE CONTRAVENED BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BATSMANSHIP, WE DROPPED 24 CATCHES IN 4 MATCHES AND ENDED UP BEING OUT FOR 71 BEFORE LUNCH AT HOME' (CHRONICLE)

DEREK HENDERSON LATER STATES THAT RICHARD BEST WAS THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF ALL TEDDIES CRICKETERS OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, PLAYING FOUR SEASONS - TWO AS CAPTAIN

'LET US HOPE THE CRICKETERS OF TOMORROW SHOW MORE SPIRIT AND ENTERPRISE THAN WE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR. LET THEM REMEMBER ALSO THAT WE HAVE A GOOD FIXTURE LIST AND WANT TO KEEP IT" (CHRONICLE)

'THE STATE OF TEDDIES CRICKET IS ALARMINGLY LOPSIDED WITH THE TOP SIDE NOT CUTTING THE MUSTARD, YET LOWER TEAMS SHOWING EXCELLENT RESULTS' (CHRONICLE)

VICTORY OVER M.C.C. ESPECIALLY MERITABLE WITH SCHOOL SCORING 222 RUNS NEEDED IN JUST UNDER 3 HOURS

Cricket XI 1960

L-R BACK ROW C.G.H. Dreyfus, J.G. MacWhannell, P.C.H. Wood, W.R.M. Hunt, R.G. Hyslop, M.T.W. Hart

L-R SEATED J.E. Bishop, R.L. Best, J.F. Bailey (Captain), C.F. Schnadhorst, N.R. Phelps

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 6

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 53 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford Univ Authentics lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - won by 6 runs
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Warden's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v R.M. Stow's XI -lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 68 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Home)
v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 147 runs
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 23 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 50 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

WATCHING CRICKET ON THE SQUARE C.1960S

Radley's captain, I. L. J. Stevens, hits a four during his innings of 27

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CRICKET

ST. EDWARD'S v. RADLEY

St. Edward's, playing at home, take the field at the start of the match

Our results are, yet again, disappointing. Had we possessed but one reliable batsman we might be congratulating ourselves on an excellent season. It is frustrating to think that only one side scored 200 runs against us this year and we only won three matches.

Against the Schools we beat Cheltenham and Eastbourne, lost to Bromsgrove, Oundle and Stowe and drew with Radley and Bradfield. In the Club games we beat the Cryptics, drew with M.C.C. and the Warden's XI and lost to the Free Foresters, the Authentics, R. M. Stow's XI and the Martyrs.

The XI depended upon three very good cricketers. Bailey, Captain, wicket-keeper and our best batsman; Best, who took 66 wickets with his leg spinners; and Bishop, left arm opening bowler who took over 40 wickets. Without these three, we would have had difficulty in beating the 1st VIII, strengthened by Messrs. Hill, Arundel and Vernon. On occasions Schnadhorst and Phelps batted as they should, especially the former who made a good 50 against Cheltenham and 72 against Bromsgrove. But as the season wore on Phelps lost all confidence and in all scored only 105 runs in seven School matches. We needed him to succeed if Bailey was to receive any support. Alas! he had a bad season and only the excellence of his fielding kept him in the side. Schnadhorst started well but could not keep it up: despite his failure with the bat he, too, was good in the field. Against Eastbourne and Bradfield he caught two superlative slip catches.

Cheltenham could not cope with Best who took 7 for 46. We had to make 135 and did this for the loss of three wickets. This was a good start and was shortly followed by a narrow win over Eastbourne. This was a game between two bad batting sides and we were lucky to win. Eastbourne had the game in their pocket but somehow contrived to be perfect guests and not offend their hosts.

We beat Eastbourne on May 28th. It was the last success we had.

Bradfield have only themselves and Bailey to blame for not defeating us with something to spare. They batted too long and in the end had to be content with a draw. A score of 5 runs for 3 wickets after only seven balls when we needed 212 to win, necessitated our playing for a draw and thanks to a splendid innings from Bailey we achieved this.

Bromsgrove beat us by 28 runs. Bishop bowled exceptionally well in taking 7 for 48. We had just over three hours in which to get 186 and apart from Schnadhorst no one stayed for long. Our batting was characterless and lacked courage: we did not deserve to win.

We went to Oundle determined upon success but after one hours play our score stood at 22 for 6 and that really was that! Best bowled us back into the match by taking 7 for 48 and we were only 22 behind on first innings. To think (weeks later) about the batting in our second innings makes one hot under the collar—it is better to forget it! We won the toss against Stowe and put them in to bat. This seemed good tactics when they were all out for 129. Best taking 6 for 64 and Bishop 4 for 50. However, 129 by this time was a big score for us and so it proved when our total was only 78. And against Radley we drew. This game was fully reported in the 'Field'.

Best was selected for the Southern Schools at Lords and was further chosen for the Public Schools XI versus the Combined Services. In both games he did well. This School has never produced a finer bowler.

Bailey has been cheerful in adversity. He has set an outstanding example and, entirely due to him, the XI have been a cheerful one. They have tried hard in every match.

And, Bishop, along with Best has bowled and bowled and bowled!

We always hope for better things. Next year Best and Bishop remain but there will be no Bailey. It is almost impossible to think of the first two bowling without the third to catch and stump.

Best, we hope, will lead a stronger XI than has been Bailey's lot and we have in Wood a young cricketer who in performance may well revive memories of Cranmer, Dixon, Read and Deacon. Time will tell.

RICHARD BEST AND JOHN BISHOP TAKE A JOINT 93 WICKET HAUL DURING THE SEASON BOWLING 550 OVERS

BEST TAKES SEVEN WICKETS IN AN INNINGS THREE TIMES IN THE SEASON AND IS SELECTED FOR THE SOUTHERN SCHOOLS XI AND PUBLIC SCHOOL XI AT LORDS

SIDE DEPENDS ON THREE EXCELLENT PLAYERS, THE CAPTAIN JONATHAN BAILEY, RICHARD BEST AND JOHN BISHOP - 'WITHOUT THESE THREE WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY BEATING THE 1ST VIII'! (CHRONICLE)

BEST TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 88 RUNS AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

COACHES AGAIN QUOTED AS BEING 'VERY DISAPPOINTED' (CHRONICLE)

'FATHER' NEALE RETIRES AS HEAD GROUNDSMAN AFTER 35 YEARS - HE IS SUCCEEDED BY JIMMY JACQUES WHO WILL BE 25 YEARS IN THE ROLE.

ARTHUR MACNAMARA, FORMER SET TUTOR, HOUSEMASTER AND CRICKET COACH IN THE 1920S WATCHING CRICKET ON THE LOWER FIELDS IN THE 1960S

Cricket XI 1961

L-R BACK ROW H.C. Drake, C.J. Butterworth, R.H. Stanley, N.J.A. Kane, R.G. Hyslop, J.G. MacWhannell, G.K. Bell

L-R SEATED P.C.H. Wood, J.E. Bishop, R.L. Best (Captain), N.R. Phelps, G.D. Hudson

Fixture List
Played 17 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 8

v Common Room XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 89 runs
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Warden's XI - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 56 runs
(Home)
v R.M. Stow's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 67 runs
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 119 runs
(Away)
v Canadian Colts - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Away)

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Played 17, won 4, lost 8, drawn 5

The Eleven have had a season of mixed fortunes. In school matches we beat Stowe, Cheltenham and Radley; we lost to Bradfield, Bromsgrove and Oundle. The game with Eastbourne was left drawn. Against the clubs our only win was against M.C.C.

At the start of the season it was reasonable to suppose that Best and Bishop would bowl most of our opponents out—as they had in the previous season. Runs were going to be our problem. However, here there was good reason to hope that Phelps and Wood would fulfil earlier promise and that they would get useful support from the less experienced players.

We started the season by just saving the game against the Common Room and then losing easily to the Cryptics. On each occasion the batting broke down. However against Oriel College we did well, scoring 170 for 4 wickets. Hudson batted extremely well for his 80 not out. This performance gave the side confidence for the first school match against Cheltenham.

Cheltenham won the toss and chose to bat. They were soon in trouble to Bishop and Kane and after on hour's play their score stood at 16 for 6. They never recovered from this bad start and despite some cheerful hitting by Coley who made 42 (he was missed by the wicket-keeper second ball) they were all out for 82 just before lunch. Bishop bowled extremely well. Kane gave him excellent support with the new ball and Best also bowled well. When the School batted Stanley was soon out but then Hyslop and Hudson saw us through to a nine-wicket victory.

The Warden's Eleven, an afternoon game, gave us useful practice. Hudson again batted well, but we were unable to make a sufficient number of runs quickly enough seriously to extend a formidable batting side. Then came the Authentics and against a really strong side we did extremely well. In reply to 243 for 7 we made 220 for 6. The Authentics had two bowlers from the University side, Potter, an opening bowler, and Piachaud, an off-spinner. Hyslop, Stanley, Wood and Best all made good scores. It really did seem at this stage of the season that the batting, after all, would prove adequate to the task.

Bradfield was our next school match. We were all out for 159 having batted for just over three hours. Against steady bowling only Wood played with any real confidence. It was an extremely disappointing performance after the Authentics match. It was difficult to understand, when Bradfield batted, why Best used only three bowlers. Kane was allowed only four overs before the Captain put himself on. He and Bishop bowled for the most of the Bradfield innings. Runs came steadily and Bradfield won by six wickets with 20 minutes to spare. Murphy batted very well for 74 not out. Bishop bowled with unflagging zest for nearly 2¾ hours!

We beat the M.C.C. In this game Stanley made a century. His concentration and application are far in excess of his natural ability as a batsman. It was an extremely fine performance on his part to keep going for so long. When the M.C.C. batted, Best rang the changes with his bowlers and they all took wickets. The fielding was quite magnificent and Stanley completed a great day with two superlative slip catches.

The Gaudy matches followed, neither of which we won and then came our first real debacle against Bromsgrove. Bromsgrove made 159, Bishop taking 5 for 35. St. Edward's made 92, Black, their opening bowler, taking 5 for 24 in 21 overs. Our batting was very, very bad. Butterworth going in at No. 9, showed that the bowling was very ordinary. He was in no trouble at all and his innings lessened the severity of our defeat. This was a really depressing game from our point of view, and the cricket we played was listless throughout. One's fears at the beginning of the season over our batting were fully realised. And now we proceeded to collapse in our next three innings. Firstly against the Free Foresters and this was followed by two failures against Oundle.

On a lovely day we were fortunate to win the toss against Oundle. But this advantage was soon thrown away and we were all out for 103. No one batted with any degree of authority. Oundle gained a first-innings lead of 112. Bishop, now in top gear, took 6 for 41. Apart from Stanley who made 66, and, to a lesser degree, Hudson, we failed again in our second innings and Oundle were left with only 41 to make.

In our last three school matches the Eleven played very much better cricket. We beat Stowe by 7 wickets, having bowled them out before lunch for 78. Bishop was bowling quite beautifully and took 8 for 33. He is a fine bowler who gives nothing away.

We beat Radley for the first time since 1949. Having been put in to bat we recovered from 63 for 6 to 229 all out. This was due to a very fine innings from MacWhannell. He batted for 2½ hours hitting eleven fours and a six. He received excellent support, firstly from Best, followed by Butterworth and Bishop. He was last out having a 'go' caught in the covers five runs short of his century. In the forty minutes before tea Radley lost two wickets for 29. After tea Best wisely opened up the game by putting the spinners on. Four more wickets fell quickly. Despite a seventh-wicket stand which doubled the score, we were not to be denied, and we won by 119 runs with nearly an hour to spare.

The last game was against Eastbourne. Again we were put in and our innings got off to a remarkable start when Phelps, chancing his arm, made 50 fortuitous runs. He gave six chances, none of them very difficult. 107 for 3 went to 107 for 5. Crisis! But Ball and Drake batted sensibly and we were eventually all out for 220. Eastbourne, in the person of Thwaites made 41 in the first 30 minutes of their innings. He was then out. From four o'clock until 'stumps' they tried to save the game and in this they were successful. It is a long way to go to play in this sort of match and one hopes that Eastbourne will exert themselves rather more in the future. The result must not matter so much as to preclude the opportunity for boys to enjoy playing this great game.

Our recovery at the end of the season was due in the main to two things. The continued good bowling from Bishop and the vast improvement in Best as a Captain. Should he be here in 1962 we really can look forward to an excellent season. But we will only win matches if we can make runs. This year in school matches only and excluding the Canadian Colts our batting has been far from convincing. Phelps in 7 innings made 115 runs; Wood made 83 runs, also in 7 innings; Hudson got 174 in 8 innings; Hyslop, 94 in 6 innings; Best 100 in 6 innings and MacWhannell 108 in 2 innings. Nearly all these totals might be achieved in a single innings. And next year there will be no Bishop! Sixty wickets at an average of 14 is something of which he can be truly proud.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
G. D. Hudson	19	4	484	80*	32.27
J. G. MacWhannell	5	0	158	95*	31.60
R. G. Hyslop	15	1	398	125	28.43
Bell, G. K.	5	1	79	33*	19.75
R. H. Stanley	19	0	363	108	19.11
R. L. Best	15	0	259	40	17.27
P. C. H. Wood	18	3	243	54	16.20
C. J. Butterworth	12	5	113	24	16.14
N. R. Phelps	18	1	264	50	15.53
Drake	11	1	142	27	14.20
J. E. Bishop	16	2	144	36	10.29
N. J. Kane	10	4	31	8	5.20
Stephens M. K.	10	1	39	8	4.33
Wilson R. G.	2	0	6	6	3.00
Blair R.	3	1	5	4	2.50

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Average*
J. E. Bishop	304.5	70	852	60	14.2
N. J. Kane	142.5	31	485	23	21.9
R. L. Best	232.0	27	921	33	27.9
C. J. Butterworth	78.0	17	253	9	28.1
R. H. Stanley	61.0	13	221	7	31.6
Totals	818.4	158	2732	132	

RICHARD BEST CAPTAINS THE SIDE

ROGER HYSLOP SCORES 125 VERSUS THE MARTYRS. ROBERT STANLEY SCORES 108 IN AN EXCELLENT VICTORY OVER THE M.C.C.

RICHARD BEST AND JOHN BISHOP NOW IN THEIR FOURTH AND THIRD SEASONS IN THE SIDE - TOGETHER THEY TAKE 93 WICKETS AVERAGING 18 RUNS FOR EACH IN 550 OVERS

NICHOLAS KANE TAKES 23 WICKETS IN 143 OVERS

RADLEY COLLEGE BEATEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 12 YEARS

JOHN BISHOP TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 33 RUNS AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL

DEREK HENDERSON'S LAST SEASON AS CRICKET COACH AFTER NINE YEARS

Cricket XI 1962

L-R BACK ROW M.J. Hodson, C.J. Butterworth, J.N.C. Easter, N.J.A. Kane, H.C. Drake, G.M. Towney

L-R SEATED G.K. Bell, N.R. Phelps, R.L. Best (Captain), P.C.H. Wood, G.D. Hudson

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 6 Drawn 5 Lost 3

v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Oriel College - match drawn
(Home)
v Warden's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 138 runs
(Home)
v Oundle School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 93 runs
(Home)
v Eastbourne College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)

CRICKET

THE ELEVEN

Won 6, lost 3, drawn 5

This has been an interesting season and nearly all matches have been well worth watching. It has been very strange to me that with an XI batting attractively and doing well the number of spectators has been almost negligible. It should be a pleasant pastime in good weather to watch a school side that in five games averaged over 85 runs an hour, and I know the XI felt strongly the lack of support. Early on it is true, the weather was appalling—the norm being a sea-mist alternating with a bitingly cold wind. Under such foul conditions the side still managed to play attractive fighting cricket, but with the sun the season truly started.

Before the season began it seemed likely that there would be batting in depth, and this fact was amply borne out. The ball has been struck firmly, the running between wickets has been intelligent, and on the rare occasions of early failure (with the notable exceptions of Bradfield and Radley) recovery has been both sure and belligerent. The bowling it was thought would be tidy and efficient, and at times it has been this, but only against the Free Foresters and in Oundle's second innings has it acted as a faceful unit. At other times there have been too many loose balls. The fielding has usually been sound, but only on a few occasions has it raised itself to the highest level of which a school side should always be capable. Best, Phelps and Townley have always fielded well; the throwing of the XI has been very good and often commented upon by visitors; few catches were dropped until the Eastbourne game; but there have been occasions when too many mistakes on the ground have been evident.

Cricket is a game to be enjoyed, though concentration must not lapse, and the ball is there to be hit. The XI has throughout taken note of these maxims. Best, the Captain, must take much credit for the success of the team. With few exceptions he has changed the bowling well, and his experience in field placing was shown during the season. He may not have had the best of luck with the ball, but he made up for this in his approach to the game, a factor seen very clearly at Oundle.

After a few experiments the opening pair settled down and Wood and Bell did most of what was required. It has been libelously suggested that both have secured the destruction of the 'spider' run charts of their innings, so efficiently made by the excellent scorer, Winkley. There is as little truth in this as in the idea that Wood did not score a four through the covers before the end of June. They put on between 48 and 130 on five occasions, Wood had seven innings over 40 and was rarely outpaced, placing the ball skilfully. Bell, not a stylist, watched the ball well, played some vital innings, and despite having the right hand well down the handle moved out to drive all bowlers with equal determination. Both cut often and effectively and were particularly efficient on fast wickets, but both must beware of cutting at balls that are too close to the body or without moving the feet. Hudson early in the season looked very good with a sound defence and increased power. After the Bradfield match he ran into a succession of low scores and lost all certainty. It was good to see him bat so well against Oundle, his 95 not out on a dusty wicket was an innings of the highest class. Phelps at No. 4 this year joined his native aggressive and hitting power to a more commonsense application. A player who hits the ball so well and with such well-formed strokes has no need to resort to crudity or senseless hitting across the line. The admonition 'to keep your head down', which even Arnold Palmer admitted to forgetting at Troon in the preliminary rounds, is applicable in both attack and defence at cricket. Drake batted most sensibly throughout the season; sound in crisis he also showed the ability to hit the ball hard. Both qualities were seen to the full at Stowe when he scored 96 after going in with the score at 31 for 4. Best played some valuable knocks, forceful striking against the Foresters and experienced defence againsst Stowe and Eastbourne among the best; and Townley and Hodson gained very useful experience in the XI, the former's innings at Oundle and the latter's against Stowe and Eastbourne promised well for the future. The bowlers get little mention for their batting, but when called upon always inspired confidence. Easter with application and practice could be a useful all-rounder, Butterworth's alternating phlegmatic defence and violence, and Kane's confident belief that a fifty was there for the taking—all provided an XI of Manx-like qualities.

Of the bowling less good can be written though all bowled very well on occasions. Kane headed the averages and proved capable of bowling very good balls (two he bowled to Maclachlan stand out in the memory) but for a medium-pacer he lacked accuracy. Having altered his run some readjustment was bound to be necessary; much practice and this year's experience should produce good results in 1963. Easter bowled very tidily. He learnt a great deal during the year and added much variation by use of the crease, change of pace and swing, and but for a tendency to bowl short at times did well. These two should make a good opening pair next year if the former can increase in accuracy and the latter use his body more in the delivery stride, for they shared 64 out of the 97 wickets that fell. Best rarely hit a length this year and though bowling good balls put in too many of uncertain length. At Oundle before dislocating a finger and at Stowe he looked more the very good leg-spinner of former years. Butterworth, a quietly efficient secretary, who was rather underbowled was tidy in length throughout the season and possesses a most deceptive flight that gained him many wickets. Townley, who improved much in flight and length this year, bowled better than his figures suggest, and has gained valuable experience for next season.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	*Innings*	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
H. C. Drake ...	14	5	405	96	45
P. C. H. Wood	14	2	446	68*	37.16
N. R. Phelps ...	12	–	318	77	26.5
G. K. Bell ...	15	1	360	76	25.714
G. D. Hudson	15	1	335	95*	23.9285
J. N. C. Easter	8	3	95	36	19
G. M. Townley	13	5	137	43	17.125
M. J. Hodson ...	8	1	115	39	16.4285
R. L. Best ...	14	–	229	55	16.3571
MacWhannell ...	8	–	65	15	8.125
N. J. A. Kane ...	6	4	15	5*	7.5
C. J. Butterworth	9	3	42	16*	7
Pickford ...	1	–	0	0	0

* not out

G. D. Hudson had 19 victims behind the stumps.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	*Overs*	*Mdns.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Average*
N. J. A. Kane ...	210.5	59	563	31	18.16129
J. N. C. Easter ...	225.4	54	600	33	18.1818
C. J. Butterworth ...	172	44	492	19	25.897
G. M. Townley ...	71	10	219	5	43.8
R. L. Best	148.5	19	649	12	54.083
Also bowled					
N. R. Phelps ...	13	1	41	2	20.5
Pickford	24	7	59	0	

RICHARD BEST CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS FIFTH IN THE XI - A RECORD ONLY MATCHED BY 3 OTHERS AT THE SCHOOL IN 99 YEARS!

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF DISAPPOINTING SEASONS IN THIS YEAR 'THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS HAS BEEN ALMOST NEGLIGIBLE' (CHRONICLE)

A STRONGER BATTING SIDE SEES HUGH DRAKE'S 96 AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL AND 84 VERSUS THE FREE FORESTERS AS WELL AS GIDEON HUDSON'S 95 NOT OUT AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL FOR A RARE AWAY WIN

NICHOLAS KANE AND JOHN EASTER (IN HIS FIRST SEASON OF THREE) WADE IN WITH 60 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM AT A COST OF 18 RUNS EACH

NIGEL PHELPS PROVIDES A LASTING MEMORY, KNOCKING THREE ENORMOUS SIXES AGAINST BROMSGROVE - ONE OVER THE WOODSTOCK ROAD AND ANOTHER INTO THE QUAD - HE WAS OUT FOR 47

MYLES ARKELL TAKES OVER AS COACH

MICHAEL HODSON,
MEMBER OF THE
CRICKET XI 1962 & 1963

MYLES ARKELL (C/R)
COACHED THE CRICKET
XI 1962-1973

Cricket XI 1963

L-R back row G.M. Townley, R.B. Pickford, M.J. Hodson, J.N.C. Easter, D.J. Miller, C.J. Drake

L-R seated N.J.A. Kane, H.C. Drake, G.K. Bell (Captain), G.D. Hudson, C.J. Butterworth

Fixture List
Played 16 Won 4 Drawn 11 Lost 1

v Cryptic C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Eastbourne College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Sth African Nuffield Touring XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Canadian Colts - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Stowe School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Cranleigh School - match drawn
(Away)

CRICKET

FIRST XI RETROSPECT 1963

Won 4, lost 1, drawn 7, abandoned 4

One would not have been considered over-optimistic if at the beginning of the season one had had visions of the scoreboard ticking merrily as the School batsmen scored heavily. Of the accredited batsmen last year, only Phelps and Wood were missing and the XI topped 200 eight times in completed innings then. The first two matches produced centuries by Hodson and Hudson and although the bowlers had toiled for eight wickets at nearly sixty runs apiece, it seemed likely that there would be few moments of worry for watchers during the season. There followed a depressing period when the matches against Eastbourne and the Authentics were abandoned without the XI batting, though the bowlers showed improved form; and with further wet weather the School had not batted in anger for a fortnight. Luckily St. Edmund Hall obliged by coming at short notice and although the batting was poor the bad strokes were out of the system, and on a good wicket against a useful M.C.C. bowling side, 277 runs for 4 wickets were amassed. The termly heat-wave followed but there was only one match, though in this Bradfield was beaten. Then followed a whole series of wet wickets and batting became more of a chore as the ball began to seam. Not only this, but now a further three matches were abandoned without result, and by 18th July the XI had only played 7 matches with any hope of result. I have gone into this at length for it explains why a potentially very strong batting force produced only just above average results. If ever an XI needed fast wickets this one did, and when they occasionally came, shots were always in evidence and high scores likely. That the side could have realised its potential, was seen by the way the bowling improved immensely in variety, venom and accuracy; and the general excellence of the ground fielding and throwing. Although a fair number of catches went down in the slips (proof of the bowler's skill) elsewhere they were caught safely, and a number brilliantly, and the rest of the fielding was always highly praised by visitors.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST CRANLEIGH SCHOOL

EXCELLENT SEASON WITH ONLY ONE LOSS IN SIXTEEN MATCHES PLAYED - SADLY THE ONLY DEFEAT IS AGAINST RADLEY COLLEGE!

MICHAEL HODSON, GIDEON HUDSON AND HUGH DRAKE ACCUMULATE OVER 1000 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

CENTENARY MATCH AGAINST THE MARTYRS ENDS IN A DRAW WITH THE OLD BOYS 16 SHORT OF VICTORY WHEN NIGHT FALLS!

STOWE SCHOOL 126-1 AT LUNCH ARE DISMISSED FOR 172 WITH CHRISTOPHER BUTTERWORTH TAKING 6 WICKETS FOR 23 RUNS. THE XI WIN BY 6 WICKETS IS ALSO THANKS TO 98 NOT OUT BY GIDEON HUDSON

HUDSON MAKES 'A TOWERING 113' AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

TWO TOURING SIDES, THE CANADIAN COLTS XI AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN NUFFIELD TOURING XI ARE DEFEATED AND DRAWN WITH RESPECTIVELY

BRADFIELD COLLEGE ARE BEATEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 14 YEARS THANKS TO A SEVEN WICKET HAUL FROM NICHOLAS KANE

JOHN HODSON SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST THE CRYPTICS SEASONTHE SEASON

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Innings	Not out	Total runs	Highest score	Average
H. C. Drake ...	15	3	437	71	36.42
G. D. Hudson ...	14	1	423	113	32.54
M. J. Hodson ...	13	2	337	101	30.64
N. J. A. Kane	6	3	87	42	29.00
G. K. Bell ...	14	2	303	72	25.25
J. N. C. Easter	10	4	93	17*	15.50
G. M. Townley	14	1	200	63	15.38
D. J. Miller ...	12	3	126	28	14.00
C. J. Drake ...	11	2	99	26	11.00
C. J. Butterworth	8	2	38	16	6.33
R. B. Pickford ...	5	2	18	6*	6.00

Also batted: Wilson R. G., 2; Bishop, 6.*

*not out

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Bishop H. C. ...	24.5	5	96	8	12.0
C. J. Butterworth	175.5	56	485	29	15.6
N. J. A. Kane ...	133.1	40	353	22	16.0
J. N. C. Easter ...	236	59	658	28	23.5
R. B. Pickford ...	112.4	29	348	10	34.8
G. M. Townley ...	87.4	17	351	9	39.0

Also bowled: H. C. Drake, 4-0-23-1; Mawle, J. E., 9-0-53-0; M. J. Hodson, 7-1-26-0; G. K. Bell, 1-1-0-0.

THE XI ABOUT TO TAKE THE FIELD 1963

SCHOOL XI VERSUS THE MARTYRS AT THE CENTENARY OF THE SCHOOL 1963

L TO R (BACK) P.J. MILLER, C. SCHNARDHORST, R.B. PICKFORD
E.T. GREAVES, T. BRETT, J.E. BISHOP, C.J. DRAKE, A. MACHLACLAN
L TO R (STANDING) N.J.A. KANE, N.R. PHELPS, G.M. TOWNLEY
R.L. WHITE, J.N.C. EASTER, C.F. DOBSON, M.J. HODSON, UMPIRE
L TO R (SEATED) C.F. DEACON, G.D. HUDSON, R.H.M.A. ARKELL,
R.L. BEST, B.K. BELL, H.C. DRAKE, D.HENDERSON
C.J. BUTTERWORTH
MATCH WAS DRAWN

Cricket XI 1964

L-R BACK ROW P.J. Whitehead, N.D. Tonkinson, R.A. Haig, M. Gibb, D.E. Radcliffe, P.W. Pitt-Brown

L-R SEATED D.J. Miller, G.M. Townley, J.N.C. Easter (Captain), H.C. Bishop, C.J. Drake

John Easter would later win an Oxford University Cricket Blue in 1967/8

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 4 Drawn 6 Lost 3

v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 102 runs
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 1 wicket
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - won by 161 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Cranleigh School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)

CRICKET 1964

The season produced four wins, three losses and six draws; but these bare figures give no clue to the interest of the cricket and the improvement of the XI. The team struggled early on because on damp, slow wickets the batting looked uncertain, but by dint of determination they suffered only two losses, the second to Bradfield by one wicket. Up till Gaudy the established batsmen, Drake, Miller and Townley, had not dominated, though the latter always seemed the most likely high scorer, and so the team had relied on tidy and sometimes forceful bowling to cover up its limitations. During this period of four draws and two losses most changes had been aimed at producing a first class fielding side to back up the bowling strength, and one had felt that once confidence was gained the batting could become a force. At Gaudy a strong Martyrs' side inexplicably collapsed and with the first victory achieved the season underwent a complete change and three more wins were recorded over Oundle, Radley and Cranleigh, in the two draws the opposition were decidedly worsted, and Stowe alone dented the new-found confidence. The out-cricket during this period was of the highest class, the close catching being better than usual and the throwing and ground fielding of a very high quality. Much of the praise for the good performance of the XI must go to the Captain, J. N. C. Easter, who when the team was in its early unsuccessful phase, instilled determination not to lose and made them practise and concentrate on their weaknesses, and then led with belligerence and confidence when the team realised its potential in the second half of the term.

It seemed likely before the season began, and the 'A' XI games confirmed the opinion, that the batting would lack depth but that the bowling would be stronger than usual. Easter was in his third year in the XI and was a first-rate opening bowler with great control of length and direction, and the ability to move the ball a little either way off the pitch and in the air: he took 36 wickets and deserved more. D. E. Radcliffe established the right to share the new ball by virtue of his accuracy and tenacity; he doesn't move the ball much in the air but has a whippy delivery with definite movement off the pitch—he will get many wickets in his school career. The two orthodox spinners picked themselves. G. M. Townley bowled his off-spinners with far greater control of flight and length than formerly, and he really spun the ball: his bowling under pressure at Bradfield was exemplary—almost Lakerish. H. C. Bishop bowled less well at the end of the season than he had early on, but he turns the ball more than most slow left-handers and once he had conquered his tendency to vary his speed and flight too heavily he bowled very well on occasions: dragooned willingly into opening the batting he found his bowling suffered a little in consequence. One more bowler was needed and Boyd with leg-breaks and googlies appeared the most likely. However, he was expensive in his few appearances and with the uncertain batting didn't fit into the defensive pattern. A third seamer was therefore preferred and the work was shared by P. Pitt-Brown who also improved much as a bat and N. D. Tonkinson who was chosen as a slip specialist, work he performed excellently.

The batting in the first matches was frighteningly vulnerable and two makeshift openers were eventually chosen. Both Bishop and Pitt-Brown were determined if not stylists, and watched the ball carefully. Rarely were the stroke players required to face a ball with any shine left on it. Caution tended to be the keynote early on, but as runs slowly but surely came against good Club bowling, confidence grew till at and after Gaudy the scoring became almost prolific: in the last three matches 206 for 7, 240 for 7 and 200 for 4 were scored in 2½, 3 and 2 hours respectively. Townley batted attractively but made only one 50; with all the shots he was still prone to lose patience and get out when set. Miller was always elegant but on wet wickets drove with his head away from the line and got out too often in the teens. He, like Drake, who hit the ball very powerfully, scored over 400 runs and batted as well as one could have wished on the hard wickets in July, his on-driving being particularly good. Both scored centuries of high class and their stand of 95 in under the hour against Radley was schoolboy batting at its best. Easter always batted well when runs were most needed and drove very strongly; and the remaining places went to Haig, Whitehead and Tonkinson, each of whom contributed useful innings and fielded wholeheartedly. It was in the field that the XI showed the most improvement

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Innings	Not out	Total runs	Highest score	Average
C. J. Drake ...	11	2	422	104	46.65
D. J. Miller ...	12	1	409	141	33.55
P. J. Whitehead ...	6	3	77	25	25.66
G. M. Townley ...	13	1	290	55	24.17
H. C. Bishop ...	12	2	224	60	22.4
J. N. C. Easter ...	11	3	173	45	21.62
P. W. Pitt-Brown ...	13	1	210	57	17.5
R. A. Haig	11	2	123	33	13.65
M. Gibb	5	2	38	24	12.66
N. D. Tonkinson ...	5	3	23	11	11.5
D. E. Radcliffe ...	5	1	9	4	2.25

Also batted: Rivett 6, 0, 51; Boyd 2; Palau 8, 8, 8; Hutchinson 0.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	Overs	M'dens	Runs	W'kts	Average
J. N. C. Easter ...	224	56	601	36	16.7
G. M. Townley ...	192	54	465	27	16.95
P. W. Pitt-Brown ...	61	15	175	9	19.45
H. C. Bishop ...	135	30	361	18	20.06
D. E. Radcliffe ...	157	32	373	15	24.9

Also bowled: Boyd 4:0:30:0; N. P. Tonkinson 11:2:29:0.

JOHN EASTER CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE

A POOR START IS TURNED ROUND MID SUMMER WITH AN 8 WICKETS DEFEAT OF THE MARTYRS

HUGH DRAKE MAKES 104 IN THE SECOND INNINGS AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL IN A RARE VICTORY ON THEIR GROUND

DAVID MILLER SCORES A SUBSTANTIAL 141 AGAINST THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AMATEURS

CHRISTOPHER DRAKE HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 422 RUNS AT AN AVERAGE OF 47 PER INNINGS, JOHN EASTER HEADS THE BOWLING AVERAGES WITH 36 WICKETS AT 17 RUNS EACH

BRIAN EDRICH'S (GLAMORGAN AND OXFORDSHIRE) FIRST INVOLVEMENT WITH SCHOOL CRICKET AS THE PROFESSIONAL

PAVILION 1964

BRIAN EDRICH JOINS THE COACHING STAFF IN THIS YEAR AND REMAINED UNTIL 1987

Cricket XI 1965

L-R BACK ROW R.C. Rivett, R.A. Purdon, M. Gibb, R.B.W. Boyd, G.E. Bennett, T.A. Kirkpatrick

L-R SEATED P.J. Whitehead, P.W. Pitt-Brown, C.J. Drake (Captain), D.E. Radcliffe, N.D. Tonkinson

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 4

v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - lost by 86 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 84 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - lost by 30 runs
(Away)
v Bedford School - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Haarlem C.C. Youth - won by 146 runs
(Home)

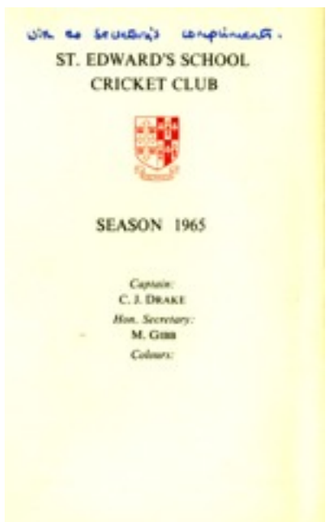
FIRST MATCH AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL

A GOOD BOWLING ATTACK NOT SUPPORTED BY THE BATTING

16 YEAR OLD RICHARD RIVETT HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES AND IS THE ONLY PLAYER TO TOP 300 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

THE CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER DRAKE IS HANDICAPPED WITH A KNEE INJURY AND ONLY PLAYS FOR PART OF THE SEASON - HE DOES HIT 64 RUNS IN THE DRAWN GAME WITH RADLEY COLLEGE

ANOTHER TOURING TEAM HAARLEM C.C. YOUTH ARE DEFEATED BY 146 RUNS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ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL
CRICKET CLUB

SEASON 1965

Captain:
C. J. DRAKE
Hon. Secretary:
M. GIBB
Colours:

CRICKET—1965

Won 5 : Drawn 5 : Lost 4

This might have been a disastrous season for after the false hopes from a win over a poor Cheltenham batting side, and a high score off uncertain Forester bowling, the batting began to show that frightening vulnerability that was to be its hallmark for all but the last few weeks of the season. However after the unhappy month of June when four successive matches were lost, recovery came and the collapse of Bedford heralded a period when of seven matches played by the 1st or 'A' XI's five were won and none lost. During this time the batting began to show more discipline and the heart notably lacking in June, and with the confidence of success and the growing form of Drake, the XI moved towards a useful season in which three schools (Cheltenham, Bedford and Oundle) were beaten against two losses, and our most dangerous opponents of former years, Bradfield and Radley, were met in indecisive encounters.

The averages tell the tale of a below standard batting eleven. Early on only Pitt-Brown showed the determination necessary to overcome slow wickets, though Rivett flattered with a ton against the Foresters—and in June the side collapsed five successive times losing five wickets in the space of ten runs each time. It was doubly unfortunate at this crisis period that the School should meet some of the best bowling sides of the season (Stowe and the Authentics) but the collapses were more a sign of lack of character and confidence than of technique. In the Stowe game Tonkinson batted very sensibly and showed that ability he was to display more and more often in the remaining matches. He drives pleasantly straight and is not afraid to hit the ball : the Canadian match was an exciting climax to his season. Whitehead was never overawed by an occasion though his technique was often bound to let him down; and Purdon, again with technical limitations, driving with his foot away from the ball and favouring the back-foot slash to balls of too full a length, improved much and by the end was looking a more convincing player. Rivett scored the most runs and has abundant talent which will mature once he can discipline himself. He is difficult to contain and if he grows in concentration and learns from his mistakes he may well score many runs another season. Radcliffe played a number of sensible innings in difficult situations and has only to be unafraid of making large scores to succeed in the future. The captain, Drake, fighting to overcome the physical disabilities of his knee injury, failed to make runs until the Radley game. He was often out to his first bad shot, but after his innings at Radley he looked more his old self in scoring twenty-six in eighteen minutes against Oundle. Bennett always learnt from his mistakes and gained invaluable experience for next year.

The bowling very rarely let the XI down, though it failed to make the most of a green wicket in the Bradfield game. Radcliffe was always the most hostile and dangerous partly because he rarely gave away runs by loose bowling. Any batsman who knows he will get four an over from a full toss or long-hop will be content to score at 80 runs an hour and concentrate on defence for five balls every over : Boyd, Pitt-Brown and Kirkpatrick all bowled well at times, beating the bat often, but there were too many loose balls. Radcliffe has a lively action and whippy delivery and he was aided by some sound close catching in the short leg area particularly by Purdon and Rivett : the Bedford match turned on three such catches. Boyd has as much technical talent as any leg-spinner on the school circuit, but in the middle lacks the necessary confidence : his first few overs are often inaccurate and so he loses that ascendancy over the batsman's mind so essential to every slow bowler. Kirkpatrick came into the side late and improved immensely; in the last few matches he deserved wickets, bowling a fuller length and better direction than earlier on.

The ground fielding and throwing were not up to the high standard of previous years though Radcliffe was always a joy to watch, and a number of individuals including Tonkinson and Whitehead threw well. Fielding should be the most demanding, enjoyable and full-hearted effort of the game, and it was not until the Bedford and Radley games that one could enthuse about this department of the game for it was often below the athletic standard expected of school sides.

Of the matches—five were won, five drawn and four lost. At CHELTENHAM Radcliffe and Pickford bowled accurately to dismiss a very vulnerable batting side, and the School stumbled to victory with painstaking batting by Pitt-Brown and Rivett. The eleven scored well but patchily against the FREE FORESTERS and contained the opposition with accurate seam bowling. BRADFIELD, one of the more successful sides of 1965 were allowed to escape through bad catching and inaccurate slow bowling on a soft wicket, and the bid for victory foundered after a sound opening stand that failed to quicken its scoring rate after the initially correct consolidation period. The CRYPTICS escaped from 21 for 3 again through bad catching, and the batting except for Pitt-Brown's could not break out. During the month of June the matches against the AUTHENTICS, STOWE, MARTYRS and BROMSGROVE were all lost almost entirely because of difficult batting, the bowling each time giving us a chance of victory. The relief on all faces at a quarter to three on 26th June at Bedford was obvious, for Radcliffe and Boyd had bowled finely aided by some belligerent close catching and Whitehead had ensured victory by half an hour's hard hitting ofter the initial panic of 6 for 2. The depth of the batting was proved against the M.C.C. though the middle batting collapsed. At RADLEY the School were denied by a century fourth wicket stand after early hopes at 21 for 3, and Radley remembering last year's famous victory and Drake's innings declared too late for this season's capabilities and 11 for 3 made nonsense of the XI's hopes of victory for the second year. OUNDLE batted long and slowly but declared to give us a chance of victory, the runs being scored in only just over half their number of overs. The season was brought to a happy conclusion by the defeats of the two touring teams, the Dutch side HAARLEM and the CANADIAN COLTS. The latter was a most exciting game for 106 were needed in just over an hour with the score standing at 47 for 5 : Tonkinson ably supported by Pitt-Brown, Radcliffe and Kirkpatrick brought victory by three wickets with one over to go—a fitting game to end the season.

R.H.M.A.

The following made up the XI: C. J. Drake, D. E. Radcliffe, P. W. Pitt-Brown, P. J. Whitehead, R. B. W. Boyd, R. C. Rivett, N. D. Tonkinson, R. A. Purdon, M. Gibb, G. E. Bennett and Kirkpatrick T. A.

The following also played: Pickford A. J., Barnett R. D., Torrance W. P., Garne A. J., Northcote-Green C. S.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	*Innings*	*Not out*	*Total runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
R. C. Rivett	14	1	357	100	27.5
N. D. Tonkinson ...	11	4	185	51*	26.4
P. W. Pitt-Brown ...	12	1	244	63	22.3
R. A. Purdon	10	1	166	45	17.1
P. J. Whitehead ...	14	1	214	36*	16.4
C. J. Drake	14	2	190	64	15.8
D. E. Radcliffe ...	13	3	144	26*	14.2
G. E. Bennett	12	2	108	29	10.8
R. B. W. Boyd ...	6	2	36	24	9.0
M. Gibb	4	1	1	1	0.3

Also batted: Kirkpatrick 20*, 12*; Torrance 2; Northcote-Green 7, 8, 5, 0; Pickford 1, 6*, 0*; Garne 0.
*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES

Name	*Overs*	*M'dens*	*Runs*	*W'kts*	*Average*
D. E. Radcliffe ...	214	53	494	36	13.7
R. B. W. Boyd ...	121	18	307	19	16.1
Pickford A. J. ...	72	11	228	11	20.7
N. D. Tonkinson ...	107	20	302	13	23.2
P. W. Pitt-Brown ...	104	18	333	13	25.5

Also bowled: R. A. Purdon 28:7:91:2:45.5; Kirkpatrick T. A. 32:9:80:1:80.0; Torrance 6:1:18:1:18.0.

Cricket XI 1966

L-R BACK ROW T.A. Kirkpatrick, T.W. Kyle, C.S. Northcote-Green, A.W. Boyd, S.A. Baldwin, P.R. Thackeray, J.E.D. Hodson

L-R SEATED R.C. Rivett, R.A. Purdon, D.E. Radcliffe (Captain), G.E. Bennett, R.D. Barnett

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 3

v Cheltenham College - lost by 21 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 6 runs
(Away)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 1 wicket
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 132 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)

SPORTS AND GAMES

CRICKET 1966

FIRST XI,

Won 6: Drawn 4: Lost 3.

As the Eleven passed through Northampton on the way home after the fine win over Oundle, past the Cobblers' floodlights and with the news of Brazil's exit from the World Cup they had dominated for eight years, the evening was tinged with sadness as well as pleasure: the cricket season was over. The enjoyment of the last two weeks with wins over Stowe, Radley and Oundle was still something to savour and the Eleven who early on had started with high hopes buttressed by success against the Colleges but who had sunk to close but disappointing defeat in the first two school matches could now feel they had done as well as any post-war team by winning four school matches. The 1966 season, then, had ended with six wins—over Bromsgrove, Stowe, Radley, Oundle, Free Foresters and Martyrs—but also with three defeats. If only the two defeats by Cheltenham (23 runs) and Bradfield (6 runs) had been reversed as we all felt they ought to have been.

If only: the Eleven had much talent, but with its youth and occasional batting vulnerability, it never quite reached the heights we had perhaps hoped for. This was perhaps best seen in the field where though they were usually competent, they rarely inspired despite Radcliffe's example, and helped by Barnett's clean and neat wicket-keeping—always of a high standard.

As it turned out the bowling was the strongest department, for every school but Bedford (who had only an hour's batting in a rain-ruined match) were bowled out—the scores being 136, 111, 132, 115, 80, 189, 113. The main wicket takers were Radcliffe and Purdon, both of whom were extremely accurate and economical. I had felt before the season started that Radcliffe could be a candidate for the Public Schools team and if he had bowled throughout as he did in the last four matches this would have been no false hope. Early on, however, delighted with his speed, he bowled too short on the good wickets and wasted his undoubted skill. At Stowe and afterwards he kept a fuller length and was unlucky to record only sixteen wickets in the last four games with his accurate cutters at a brisk pace. Purdon never bowled badly; his length and direction were impeccable and many of his victims were clean bowled. His average of 32 wickets at 11.8 was just reward for some very accurate seam bowling. The supporting bowlers were less sure though Kirkpatrick early on when he bowled a full length, and Baldwin later on when given a full quota of overs (his analysis against Radley and Oundle was 50 overs, 5 wickets for 57) gave sound backing. Kyle suffered somewhat from dropped catches but lost his rhythm and direction too easily at times; and Boyd had the misfortune to split a finger in the fourth game and was not match fit until the Oundle game.

All the batsmen had good scores, but rarely except against ordinary club bowling and latterly against Oundle did they score as a unit. Purdon was in turns phlegmatic and vicious (the straight six at Oundle down-wind was an immense buffet), and became even more watchful and correct as the season went on. Thackeray, in his first season in the XI as a colt, did very well to head both the averages and the runs-total. But for some weaknesses on the leg-stump and some faulty timing when pressing, he is technically efficient and has the urge to score runs and not get out that augurs well for the future. Rivett was more responsible in his batting this year, and though out of touch early on he played some sensible innings against the clock (as against the Foresters and Martyrs) and was increasingly reliable. Bennett played one innings of immense watchfulness and authority at Bradfield, and latterly some hard-hitting scores that swung the game as against Radley and Oundle. The right hand was too much in evidence for the purists but when he learnt to hit straight this did not matter. Radcliffe was at the centre of every recovery, and Hodgson and Northcote-Green gained invaluable experience whilst Barnett and Baldwin in their different ways were very useful.

So to some of the tales of the season. CHELTENHAM were well placed at 111 for 4 but lost wickets quickly to Boyd and Purdon to be all out for 136. The School batting after a useful start proved remarkably fragile, but for Thackeray who made 51 last out, in his first school match, and the match was lost. BRADFIELD had more than fifty for the first wicket but Radcliffe and Purdon went through them in the drizzle for another sixty. All seemed set for a win, but at 23 for 5 defeat seemed inevitable; Bennett and the lower order batsmen struggled bravely but we ended six short. Against the Schools, now all was success. BROMSGROVE were easily defeated, Purdon and Thackeray scoring heavily and Radcliffe taking four wickets. The other three wins were all exciting in some way. STOWE were 59 for 1 yet all out 115 (Radcliffe 3 for 37; Purdon 7 for 27). At tea taken at 71 for 2 all was relaxation and smiles; many grey hairs and 29 runs later the ninth wicket fell with sixteen still needed—Kyle proved too much for Black, and with Baldwin moved to a victory which was never in doubt (they said afterwards!). RADLEY lost wickets regularly to the usual two and were all out for 80 which Bennett proceeded to smash almost on his own in just over the hour. OUNDLE seemed ready for a draw from the first day yet in awful blustery weather belligerent batting, thrustful bowling and catching on the second day served to gain another victory five minutes from time. Of the Club games, the M.C.C. match is perhaps best forgotten as the XI capitulated to some fiery fast bowling; but good wins were gained over the FORESTERS (Baldwin and Rivett batting sensibly against the clock to reach 201 for 4) and the MARTYRS in a match of fine batting in which Brett scored a hundred for the seniors whilst Thackeray (65) and Rivett (71) had an unfinished stand to reach 214 for 2 and victory.

The following made up the Eleven: D. E. Radcliffe, R. A. Purdon, P. R. Thackeray, R. D. Barnett, R. C. Rivett, G. E. Bennett, S. A. Baldwin, T. A. Kirkpatrick, T. W. Kyle, J. E. D. Hodson, C. S. Northcote-Green.

The following also played: R. B. W. Boyd, B. J. Hutchinson, A. R. J. Sykes.

R.H.M.A.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	*Innings*	*Not out*	*Highest score*	*Total runs*	*Average*
P. R. Thackeray ...	14	3	65*	366	33.2
R. A. Purdon ...	13	2	85*	357	32.4
R. C. Rivett ...	13	3	71*	261	26.1
G. E. Bennett ...	13	1	55	300	25.0
C. S. Northcote-Green	5	2	40*	70	23.3
R. D. Barnett ...	8	3	30*	100	20.0
D. E. Radcliffe ...	10	2	21*	145	15.1
S. A. Baldwin ...	9	1	71	109	13.7
J. E. D. Hodson ...	11	3	44	105	13.1

Also batted: T. A. Kirkpatrick 5, 6, 2, 0; T. W. Kyle 1*, 11*, 4*; R. B. W. Boyd 6, 0*, 5; B. J. Hutchinson 0, 15.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Mdns.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Average*
R. A. Purdon ...	151.3	35	377	32	11.8
D. E. Radcliffe	217.4	53	483	28	17.3
S. A. Baldwin	109.2	37	236	13	18.2
T. A. Kirkpatrick	95	17	292	10	29.2
R. B. W. Boyd	49	2	193	6	32.1
T. W. Kyle ...	94	19	326	10	32.6

S.E.S. v. KEBLE COLLEGE

Played at Keble on 12th May
Match drawn

S.E.S. 141 for 4 (Thackeray 48, Bennett 31, Purdon 36 n.o.).

KEBLE 104 for 7 (Hitchcock 29).

A MUCH IMPROVED SIDE, CAPTAINED BY DAVID RADCLIFFE IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE

ROSS BARNETT FELT TO BE ONE OF THE BEST WICKET KEEPERS EVER AT THE SCHOOL

THE CAPTAIN AND RICHARD PURDON ARE THE MAIN WICKET TAKERS WITH 60 WICKETS DURING THE SEASON BETWEEN THEM

15 YEAR OLD PETER THACKERAY (STILL A COLT), RICHARD PURDON AND GEOFFREY BENNETT ALL SCORE MORE THAN 300 RUNS IN THE SEASON

16 YEAR OLD CHRISTOPHER NORTHCOTE-GREEN MAKES HIS DEBUT IN THE SIDE

MAJOR SCALPS INCLUDE RADLEY COLLEGE, OUNDLE SCHOOL, BROMSGROVE SCHOOL AND STOWE SCHOOL

RICHARD PURDON SCORES 85 NOT OUT AGAINST BROMSGROVE - HE ALSO TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 25 RUNS VERSUS RADLEY COLLEGE

PHILIP DAVIES, PLAYING FOR THE UNBEATEN JUNIOR SIDE, SCORES 352 RUNS IN TEN INNINGS AS WELL AS TAKING A LARGE HAUL OF WICKETS

Cricket XI 1967

L-R BACK ROW P.R. Thackeray, T.W. Kyle, A.R.J. Sykes, R.D. Drake, A.T. Greaves, T.A. Fitzpatrick

L-R SEATED J.E.D. Hodson, R.C. Rivett, R.A. Purdon (Captain), C.S. Northcote-Green, S.A. Baldwin

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 1

v Cheltenham College - won by 1 wicket
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford University Authentics - lost by 55 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Canadian Colts - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)

NIGEL PHELPS (LEFT), MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1959-1962 AND TIMOTHY BRETT (RIGHT) 1957, PREPARING TO BAT FOR THE MARTYRS IN THE 1960S.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	Innings	Total	Highest Score	Not Out	Average
J. E. D. Hodson ...	11	357	70	4	51.0
P. R. Thackeray ...	10	305	87*	2	38.13
C. S. Northcote-Green	11	406	83	0	36.9
R. C. Rivett ...	10	280	74	0	28.0
R. D. Drake ...	10	221	68	2	27.68
A. R. J. Sykes ...	9	181	44*	2	25.8
R. A. Purdon ...	9	56	22*	3	9.33
S. A. Baldwin ...	6	23	7*	2	5.75
A. T. Greaves ...	5	17	7	2	5.66

Also batted: T. W. Kyle 0, 0, 5*, 2; Torrance W. D. 3*; Bland I. M. 0; Southorn A. T. 10; T. A. Kirkpatrick 3.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Average
R. A. Purdon ...	142	22	484	24	20.17
T. W. Kyle ...	117.2	29	375	17	22.06
A. T. Greaves	74	15	250	10	25.00
S. A. Baldwin	145	39	378	15	25.20
T. A. Kirkpatrick	57	10	191	6	31.83

Also bowled: A. R. J. Sykes 11.4:1:58:4; R. D. Drake 21:6:61:3; Torrance W. D. 6:0:44:0; Bland I. M. 8:4:20:1; R. C. Rivett 1:1:0:1.

CRICKET IN THE 1960S

ONLY ONE DEFEAT IN 12 MATCHES PLAYED - CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST SIDES EVER TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AND ONE OF THE MOST COMPETANT FIELDING SIDES EVER

JOHN HODSON, PETER THACKERAY AND CHRISTOPHER NORTHCOTE-GREEN SCORE A JOINT 1100 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

RICHARD PURDON CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON

IN THE SEVEN PEER SCHOOL MATCHES, RESULTS ARE THREE WINS, FOUR DRAWS AND NO DEFEATS - THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED SINCE 1944

JOHN HODSON AVERAGES OVER 50 RUNS PER INNINGS FOR THE SEASON

PETER THACKERAY SCORES 87 NOT OUT IN AN ABANDONED MATCH AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL

TIMOTHY KYLE TAKES A WICKET WITH THE FIRST BALL OF THE INNINGS FOUR TIMES IN THE SEASON

FIVE BATSMEN SCORE MORE THAN 200 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

Cricket XI 1968

L-R BACK ROW S.M. Mischler, P.M. Davies, A.T. Greaves, S.P. Gasper, C.M. Broadbent, E.M.J.K. Davis

L-R SEATED R.D. Drake, C.S. Northcote-Green, P.R. Thackeray (Captain), J.E.D. Hodson, A.R.J. Sykes

Peter Thackeray would later win an Oxford University Cricket Blue in 1974

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 5 Drawn 5 Lost 0

v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - Match drawn
(Home)
v Wellington College - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

On Thursday, 11th July, at 00.01 hours, the first day of our three-day end-of-term festival I trudged through three inches of water or Upper I as I moved from the Pavilion to the Subway and down to the even wetter basement of Mac's: it seemed we were back where the term started—with RAIN. Fantastically enough cricket was played that day and the two days following also, though not with the successful festival spirit we had envisaged. Of the three days it is best to remember the last, though this game against Radley, drawn like the others, was like the others lacking real fire; and remember the stroke-play of Thackeray just picked for the Schools' Trial at Lord's (as I write he has just finished scoring his second century in three days for the Martyrs), the authority of Drake and the rising talent of Davies scoring a half-century not out after lunch.

It is better to forget the bad things of 1968—the frustrations of May with four consecutive wet Saturdays, the four inconclusive draws of July—and remember the very real pleasures of the season. The team, one of many talents, was potentially the strongest batting side for years, and despite several pedestrian movers was a lively fielding side capable of making some startling catches, with the brilliance of Sykes, Drake and Davies, spearheaded by Thackeray, unleashed from behind the stumps, making ten catches and covering two fielders' ground in the field. (Mischler, the wicket-keeper, became very competent and rarely missed the important chance.) The team, including six elder statesmen, was always a pleasure to be with—be it for nets, where they were willing and attentive in practice, or for fielding practice or a chat during the matches: and considering the disappointment of the weather and the proximity of exams there were grounds for unrest and dissatisfaction.

May saw four matches concelled (most disappointing of all, a new fixture with Harrow) but June blazed and four school matches were played and won: Bradfield, Cheltenham, Stowe and Bedford all fell to useful bowling and able batting. At the beginning of the year, dreaming of hard wickets and warm days, in my imagination I basked in the pleasure of runs galore and lack of worry; the truth was harsher, every match gave cause for a few more grey hairs—most finishing in the last few minutes of time. We were usually called upon to score our runs rather faster than the opposition had scored theirs, but it wasn't until the end of the season that our habit of putting others in and batting second misfired and we fielded for far more than our share of the game against the Cryptics and Wellington. Perhaps we would have been wiser to bat first occasionally, though the first four matches all won batting second, and the drawn match against Radley when we batted first, showed why we didn't.

Thackeray captained strongly and fielded magnificently: he also scored the finest schoolboy hundred I can remember (against the M.C.C.) and pulverised the Radley attack on the last day of term. Northcote-Green looked elegant always but only batted at his best twice—against Cheltenham and the Cryptics—he needs the hard wickets and alas all too rarely had them. Drake was slow to reach form (he bowled well throughout) but persevered until the hundred that nearly beat the Martyrs was followed by fine innings against Cryptics, M.C.C., Wellington and Radley. Sykes, a highly talented all-rounder, headed the bowling averages and looked capable of winning matches with the bat as he did at Stowe and so nearly did against the Cryptics. Hodson was never his belligerent, relaxed self at the crease, and only once gave fulfilment of the promised long innings. New boys Davis and Davies batted most promisingly at times whilst next season's bowling looks in good hands with Greaves, Broadbent and Gasper, though none had quite the work they deserved this year.

So another unbeaten season was past and is now but a pleasant memory. It seems ungrateful to say five wins and no losses was not enough: players and coaches felt it could have been more with sun and hard wickets to cheer. The players were never given the chance to fulfil their obvious potential—every match was played on a different-paced wicket—and the keeping of morale during the ugly month of May was a tribute to the team and its captain.

R.H.M.A.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not out	Total	Highest score	Average
P. R. Thackeray ...	11	1	325	128*	32.5
R. D. Drake ...	11	0	342	112	31.1
P. M. Davies ...	9	4	143	61*	28.6
A. R. J. Sykes ...	11	2	227	48*	25.4
C. S. Northcote-Green	11	1	245	73*	24.5
E. M. J. K. Davis	10	2	178	63	22.25
J. E. D. Hodson ...	10	1	198	71*	22.0
S. M. Mischler ...	5	3	22	9*	11.0
A. T Greaves ...	8	4	38	15*	9.5

Also batted: P. Tyson 8, 0, 28,*; S. P. Gasper 2, 0,* 5,*; P. A. Radcliffe 12.

G. Garfield Sobers, the world renowned West Indian batsman plays a memorable innings during the International Cavaliers and Oxford University Past and Present on the School's Upper 1 in May 1968.

In front of 3000 spectators. Sobers's contribution is a century made in 57 minutes

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Average
A. R. J. Sykes ...	141.4	37	370	24	16.25
S. P. Cooper ...	62.1	11	188	10	18.80
C. M. Broadbent	79.4	14	285	15	19.00
P. M. Davies ...	84.4	23	206	8	25.50
A. T. Greaves ...	101.4	24	285	10	28.50
R. D. Drake ...	178	44	521	16	32.56
P. R. Thackeray	42	15	113	3	37.67

Also bowled: C. S. Northcote-Green 1:1:0:0; J. G. D. Hodson 1:0:8:0; E. M. J. K. Davis 1:0:8:1.

Catches: S. M. Mischler 15 (+1 stumping); P. R. Thackeray 9; R. D. Drake 5; J. E. D. Hodson 4; C. S. Northcote-Green 4; E. M. J. K. Davis 4; P. M. Davies 3; P. Tyson 3; C. M. Broadbent 2; S. P. Gasper 2; A. R. J. Sykes 1; A. T. Greaves 1; P. A. Radcliffe 1.

FIRST EVER ST. EDWARD'S CRICKET XI TO GO THROUGH A SEASON UNDEFEATED

CAPTAIN PETER THACKERAY SCORES 128 RUNS AGAINST THE M.C.C.

ANDREW MACLACHLAN (OSE) SCORES 103 FOR THE MARTYRS AGAINST THE SCHOOL TO WHICH ROBIN DRAKE RESPONDS WITH AN INNINGS OF 112

GARFIELD SOBERS, FORMERLY CAPTAIN OF THE WEST INDIES TEST TEAM, SCORES A MAJESTIC CENTURY IN 57 MINUTES IN A MATCH PLAYED ON THE SCHOOL CRICKET SQUARE

NOW TWO YEARS SINCE ANY OTHER SCHOOL HAS BEATEN ST. EDWARD'S

THE BATTING CONSIDERED THE BEST EVER FROM THE SCHOOL, THE FIELDING OF A VERY HIGH STANDARD WITH THE CAPTAIN TAKING NO LESS THAN 10 CATCHES

THE CAPTAIN SCORES MORE THAN 300 RUNS INCLUDING ONE OF THE FINEST SCHOOLBOY HUNDREDS EVER SEEN AT THE SCHOOL - VERSUS M.C.C.

ROBIN DRAKE SCORES 112 VERSUS THE MARTYRS WHEN THE LAST SCHOOL PAIR HOLD OUT FOR A DRAW

ANTHONY SYKES, 'A HIGHLY TALENTED ALL-ROUNDER' TOPS THE BOWLING AVERAGES AND SCORES 227 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

PETER THACKERAY, NOW AN OSE, MAKES 145, 126 AND 80 FOR THE MARTYRS DURING THE MARTYRS CRICKET WEEK IN AUGUST

Cricket XI 1969

L-R BACK ROW J.G. Morgan, H.A.G. Lee, S.P.B. Badger, S.V. Boyd, R.A.C. Sears, R.H.T. Kenyon

L-R SEATED S.P. Gasper, A.T. Greaves, S.M. Mischler (Captain), P.M. Davies, A.J. Graham

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v St. Catherine's College - won by 88 runs
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 147 runs
(Home)
v Oxford University Authentics - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 63 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 52 runs
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Hjorring (Denmark)- won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics - lost by 43 runs
(Home)
v Wellington College - won by 110 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 5 runs
(Away)

Sport

CRICKET

FIRST XI

The XI played 11 matches, won twice, drew three times, and lost five times. This poor record suggests a none too successful season, but the members of the side enjoyed themselves and their cricket most of the time, and without exception improved considerably as cricketers. They started out under the shadow of the powerful batting sides of the last few years, and while they could not match the depth of those teams, some fine deeds were accomplished: Greaves and Davies put on fifty or more for the first wicket five times out of eight; Davies struck nineteen off the over before tea at Radley; Gaspar and Morgan made 48 for the ninth wicket in 23 minutes to beat the Free Foresters. These and others helped to cheer what could have been a depressing season.

The poor weather early in the season meant that an inexperienced batting side was not allowed to gain confidence, and two 'A' XI games were lost to the weather. Somehow belting plastic balls around a squash court is no real substitute for batting in the middle. However, the bowling and fielding both began to look promising with four seamers of very different sorts, Graham and Davies left-arm, Greaves and Badger right-arm; two spinners, Gasper and Kenyon, off-spinner and orthodox left-arm, and the captain, Mischler, who handled them sensibly and kept wicket pretty well too. But throughout the season a lack of experience and confidence in their own and each other's batting made the difference between winning and losing, and failing to win at Radley, though only just, for five runs were needed off the last five balls of the match, after bowling and fielding quite well, summed up the limitations of the XI.

The M.C.C., the School's first opponents, batted very well and bowled too well for some rather nervous batsmen, although Morgan and Sears, two of last year's Colts, played encouragingly. The XI played better altogether against the Authentics but no attempt was made to score at the four runs per over required for victory. The first inter-school match, against Bradfield, showed up all the School's failings. Gasper, not as consistent as an off-spinner should be but capable of bowling really well on a helpful wicket, had an off day, and only Badger of the seamers bowled a respectable line and length. The tentative batting allowed an inexperienced slow left-arm bowler to take 6 for 23 to win the match. The weather interfered with the next two games, a loss to Stowe and a draw at Cheltenham. The batting was improving slowly and we had enjoyed two good starts from Davies and Greaves, but still wickets were given away unnecessarily at all too regular intervals. The final blow came on a rain-affected pitch at Oundle. In forty hostile overs the bowlers, led by Gasper, trimmed Oundle out for 74, but after another forty overs we had been bowled out for 42, and scarcely a blow struck in anger. But then came the Martyrs and the sun. A charitable declaration and a beautiful pitch allowed the School a win by 8 wickets, and seven members of the side discovered for the first time what it was like to be in a team that scored 200 runs.

So to Bedford, where some steady bowling and fielding put us in a winning position, but once again the batting lacked that vital confidence and a slow left-arm bowler was allowed to bowl nine maidens in a row, so ruining what had been very genuine hopes of victory. There followed two exciting games with the School now batting far better. First the Foresters were beaten after all had seemed lost at 169 for 8, then a thrilling chase for runs against the Cryptics ended in rather sudden disaster. Finally we were guests at Radley's Gaudy and proved most polite visitors. The story was the same again, with the batting failing to capitalize on the bowling and fielding, but Sears's 62 bodes well for the future, as does the fact that seven of the eleven will be here next season, together with the experience they have gained.

Thanks are due to all those masters who so readily and so ably give up time to the coaching of all teams, to Brian Edrich for his tireless enthusiasm and invaluable know-how, and to Jim Jaques and his staff for the attractive and well-kept grounds.

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
A. T. Greaves	10	1	263	87*	29.22
P. M. Davies	11	0	297	53	27.00
S. M. Mischler	11	1	236	56*	21.45
R. A. C. Sears	11	0	198	62	18.00
S. V. Boyd	9	1	132	34	16.50
S. P. B. Badger.....	10	2	120	34*	15.00
G. Morgan	10	1	116	27	12.88
S. P. Gasper	8	3	37	23*	7.4
A. J. Graham.....	10	0	72	30	7.2
H. A. G. Lee	8	1	34	12	4.85
R. H. T. Kenyon ...	7	3	7	4*	1.75

Also batted: Boult 1; R. M. Burgess 14*

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
S. P. B. Badger ...	110.2	16	359	20	17.95
A. J. Graham ...	108.5	32	265	12	22.08
S. P. Gasper	88.3	12	356	14	25.42
R. H. T. Kenyon	61.3	3	261	10	26.10
A. T. Greaves ...	97	20	320	10	32.00
P. M. Davies.....	68	8	224	5	44.80

OPENING PARTNERSHIP OF PHILIP DAVIES AND ANDREW GREAVES SCORE MORE THAN 50 RUNS FOR THE FIRST WICKET IN 5 MATCHES OUT OF 8

WITH MOST OF THE UNBEATEN 1968 XI NOW HAVING LEFT, THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN STEPHEN MISCHLER HAS A LARGELY UNTRIED XI

THE SCHOOL EXPERIMENT WITH THREE 'A' XI'S EARLY IN THE SEASON - ANOTHER TWO SUCH MATCHES ARE RAINED OFF

STEPHEN GASPER TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 23 RUNS AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

ANDREW GREAVES SCORES 87 NOT OUT AGAINST THE MARTYRS

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 7 Drawn 2 Lost 4

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Oxford Univ - Authentics - lost by 109 runs
(Home)
v Bromsgrove School - won by 128 runs
(Home)
v Harrow School - won by 21 runs
(Away)
v Bradfield College - lost by 5 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - won by 26 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 90 runs
(Home)

Cricket XI 1970

L-R back row S.R. Williams, G. Morgan, A.P.T. Strubell, Coach, N.P.A. Boult, R.H.T. Kenyon, S.R. Northcote-Green

L-R seated R.A.C. Sears, P.M. Davies, S.P. Gasper (Captain), S.P.B. Badger, R.M. Burgess

CRICKET

Won 7; Lost 4; Drawn 2.

1970 was almost a season to end seasons. It might have been so if Bradfield had been beaten, as seemed certain; and if we hadn't batted abysmally badly and out of character against ordinary Oundle and Radley XIs, who took the opportunity given most gladly. Still, 7 wins and 11 results out of 13 matches played showed a willing and adventurous spirit. Steven Gasper's side was never dull, often exhilarating, sometimes depressing—but always positive. There were five matches which were decided in the last over, two of them off the last ball; there was the one-wicket win over the Cryptics and the 5 runs loss to Bradfield; and perhaps to cap all, the exciting win at Harrow, where exciting seam bowling restricted and destroyed the strong Harrow batting for a win by 21 runs.

Many things stand out in the memory—ranking highest were two superlative attacking innings: the first by Philip Davies at Bradfield, where he made 129 out of 148 in 90 minutes; and the second by Richard Sears, scoring 140 against Cheltenham. Simon Northcote-Green was always elegant and Jim Badger made several useful innings, as at Stowe and Cheltenham. The bowling often relied on the steadiness of Steve Gasper, as it did above all in the Bedford game, but he was extremely well supported by three seamers, Badger, Davies and Nigel Boult, who, especially early on, as at Harrow, bowled with life and bounce; and by leg spinner Steven Williams, who has only to control his temperament to become a very good cricketer. The fielding was often superb—some great catches were held (one by Robert Burgess, an improving wicket-keeper, to dismiss Needham of Harrow, off a leg glance, remains most in the memory); the throwing was strong and the ground fielding good.

Steven Gasper captained a side full of character with sense and skill. His field placing and bowling changes were sound, and he used his varied attack always well. His batting in a crisis was reliable in a side that sometimes got itself into trouble by over-exuberance. What more need be said? Seven wins, plenty of excitement, sunshine all the time and a cheerful XI, who were: S. P. Gasper, P. M. Davies, S. P. B. Badger, R. A. C. Sears, R. M. Burgess, S. K. Northcote-Green, N. P. A. Boult, R. H. T. Kenyon, G. Morgan, A. P. J. Strubell, S. R. Williams.

Results

The School beat: Bedford, Bromsgrove, Cheltenham, Harrow, Cryptics, Free Foresters, and Martyrs.

Lost to: Bradfield, Oundle, Radley and Authentics.

The matches against M.C.C. and Stowe were both drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
R. A. C. Sears	13	1	499	140	41.58
P. M. Davies	13	0	432	129	33.23
S. R. Northcote-Green	13	0	400	63	30.77
S. P. B. Badger	13	1	243	45	20.25
S. P. Gasper	8	3	98	31	19.60
S. R. Williams	5	1	48	15	12.00
R. M. Burgess	12	2	119	26	11.90
R. H. T. Kenyon	9	5	46	14*	11.50
A. P. T. Strubell	9	3	63	18	10.50
N. P. A. Boult	9	1	72	31	8.50
G. Morgan	13	0	103	23	6.92

CATCHES

Burgess 16; Northcote-Green 6; Badger 6; Gasper 5; Davies 4; Strubell 4; Morgan 3; Sears 2; Boult 2; Williams 2; Kenyon 1; Total 51.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
Gasper	162	36	454	29	15.66
Williams	72	13	197	12	16.42
Davies	154	40	395	22	17.95
Boult	96	9	298	16	18.63
Badger	139	32	372	18	20.67
Kenyon	90	21	271	8	33.88

WICKET-KEEPING

Burgess: 16 catches; 3 stumpings; 70 byes.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST HARROW SCHOOL - WON ON THEIR GROUND

PHILIP DAVIES SCORES 129 RUNS AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE OUT OF TOTAL INNINGS SCORE OF 148 IN 90 MINUTES

CONSIDERED A VERY GOOD SIDE WHOSE RESULTS COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER WITH SOME VERY CLOSE CALLS - 5 MATCHES ARE DECIDED IN THE LAST OVER

PHILIP DAVIES SCORES 129 NOT OUT AGAINST BRADFIELD OUT OF A TOTAL OF 148 IN 90 MINUTES

RICHARD SEARS SCORES 140 VERSUS CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

STEPHEN WILLIAMS (AGED 16) TURNS OUT TO BE A VERY VALUED AND RARE MEMBER OF THE BOWLING ATTACK - BEING A LEG SPINNER

STEPHEN GASPER CAPTAINS A SIDE FULL OF CHARACTER WITH SENSE AND SKILL' (CHRONICLE)

Cricket XI 1971

L-R BACK ROW P.G. Fairhurst, E.W. Thom, S.D.G. Williams, S.R. Gidman, A.J. Snow, W.H. Allum, J.R. Burchfield

L-R SEATED S.R. Williams, R.A.C. Sears, R.M. Burgess (Captain), S.R. Northcote-Green, J.N. Lawton-Smith

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 1 Drawn 8 Lost 3

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)

FIRST MATCH AGAINST RUGBY SCHOOL

A YOUNG TEAM WHICH STRUGGLES FOR VICTORIES BUT GAINS 8 DRAWS AND IS ONLY BEATEN 3 TIMES

OPENING BOWLING ATTACK IN THE CAPABLE HANDS OF JULIAN LAWTON-SMITH AND STEPHEN WILLIAMS WHO TAKE 43 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM AT AN ECONOMIC RATE

No season in which only one match was won and three were lost can be called a good one, but somehow one felt it might have been altogether different if a run had been scored off the last ball of the match to beat Bradfield, and if Stowe, one of the better equipped sides we played, had been beaten, as seemed possible at one stage. After this, when the XI batted well, as at Bedford and Rugby, they bowled and fielded as if they wanted their opponents to win; when they bowled efficiently and held catches, as against Oundle and Radley, the batting was diffident and unsure.

There were many good things during the season: Northcote-Green's elegant hundred *v.* the M.C.C.; Sears' violent 98 (*v.* Stowe); Burgess' competent captaincy, sure keeping and useful batting, as at Cheltenham. S. R. Williams looked a class leg-spinner, especially when he didn't push the ball through too quickly, and batted brightly; whilst Lawton-Smith bowled venomously at times and was sensibly supported in the opening attack by Snow. All the others at one time or another played well and fielded enthusiastically.

As a postscript we should like to record our pleasure at Simon Gidman's recovery; his absence for most of the season was just one more blow that turned a hopeful season into a disappointing one.

R.H.M.A.

BATTING AVERAGES

*not out

	Innings	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
S. R. Northcote-Green	12	1	363	123*	33.00
S. R. Williams	12	2	286	56*	28.60
J. Lawton-Smith	7	1	164	61	27.33
R. M. Burgess	11	4	172	62*	24.57
R. A. C. Sears	11	1	245	98	24.50
S. D. G. Williams	5	3	48	17*	24.00
A. J. Snow	4	3	18	16*	18.00
W. H. Allum	8	0	124	33	15.50
P. J. Fairhurst	12	1	158	33	14.36
E. W. Thom	5	3	25	9*	12.50
J. Burchfield	8	1	80	21	11.43
S. R. Gidman	4	0	31	23	7.75

Also batted: P. J. Richards 24, 0; R. P. Matters 4; C. E. M. Womersley 6.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
A. J. Snow	106.3	24	264	16	16.50
J. Lawton-Smith	172.4	32	497	27	18.41
S. R. Williams	176	44	517	26	19.88
S. R. Gidman	11	6	40	2	20.00
S. R. Northcote-Green	48.5	10	158	7	22.57
R. A. C. Sears	16	2	76	3	25.33
E. W. Thom	62.2	9	224	6	37.33

Also bowled: C. E. M. Womersley 16-1-62-1.

WICKET-KEEPING

R. M. Burgess 12 catches, 5 stumpings, 52 byes.

Cricket XI 1972

L-R BACK ROW J.G. Sears, C.M. Sexton, H.D. Cocke, T.T. Channell, J.H. Mainwood, B.M. Hughes

L-R SEATED A.J. Snow, S.R. Northcote-Green, R.A.C. Sears (Captain), S.R. Williams, E.W. Thom

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 2 Drawn 6 Lost 2 Abandoned 3

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Bradfield College - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 59 runs
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - won by 25 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

CRICKET 1972

Won 2; Lost 2; Drawn 5; Abandoned 3.

1972 was a slightly disappointing season in that the XI did not register the expected wins, but most encouraging for the future as the younger players improved and did well. We had potentially a high scoring side and, with two leg spinners plus left arm and seam to exploit this, we badly needed a dry summer and luck with the toss. Unfortunately we were rewarded with neither, the wickets were consistently wet and slow and we fielded first in all but three matches. This made it extremely difficult for Richard Sears to use to advantage his, at times, expensive leg spinners. The bowling generally was good and was only once 'collared'—this against Cheltenham, the strongest and hardest hitting side that we have met for many seasons. The fielding improved out of all recognition and later in the season the side looked well drilled and very keen. The batting, apart from the Cryptics match when Simon Northcote-Green and the Captain put on 182 for the second wicket, was always slightly laboured, the openers failing to give us the start that we needed. Richard Sears played very well latterly and was the season's highest scorer. Unfortunately Chris Sexton was injured (playing soccer), when keeping wicket and batting very well, and missed several important matches. This was critical for, although Northcote-Green took over competently behind the stumps one feels that it was to the detriment of his batting. We also missed the runs that Sexton would surely have amassed.

The School had exciting wins against Bradfield (at long last) and a rolling, typically Williams', catch from Snow's bowling won the Oundle match in the last over. Against Bedford we couldn't quite clinch it, having four balls at the last man with everyone around the bat. Our one School defeat by Stowe was no disgrace. The side, having done well to dismiss the opposition for 119 were caught on a drying wicket and bowled out by high-class spin bowling.

The side who worked very hard at their game, and who were always cheerful and willing, consisted of: R. A. C. Sears, S. R. Northcote-Green, S. R. Williams, A. J. Snow, T. T. Channell, E. W. Thom, C. M. Sexton, J. H. Mainwood, B. M. Hughes, H. D. Cocke, J. G. Sears.

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
C. M. Sexton	4	2	130	44*	65.00
A. J. Snow	6	5	47	21*	47.00
R. A. C. Sears	9	1	305	98	38.12
S. R. Northcote-Green	9	1	200	108*	25.00
S. R. Williams	8	0	183	59	22.87
E. W. Thom	7	3	63	26*	15.57
B. M. Hughes	7	0	108	39	15.42
H. D. Cocke	9	0	127	32	14.11
J. H. Mainwood	8	2	70	25*	11.66
T. T. Channell	3	2	2	2*	2.00
J. G. Sears	2	0	2	2*	1.00

CATCHES: R. Sears, Mainwood, 4; Williams, Cocke, Hughes, 3; Snow, Thom, 2; Channell, J. Sears, 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
A. J. Snow	57.2	17	179	14	12.78
S. R. Williams	106.4	34	295	20	14.75
S. R. Northcote-Green	35.0	11	95	6	15.83
J. G. Sears	75.3	19	249	13	19.15
E. W. Thom	30.0	5	88	3	29.33
T. T. Channell	31.0	3	152	4	38.00

WICKET-KEEPING

C. M. Sexton 3 catches, 4 stumpings; S. R. Northcote-Green 3 catches, 2 stumpings.

THE CAPTAIN RICHARD SEARS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT LOSES THE TOSS, SO THE SCHOOL SIDE FIND THEMSELVES FIELDING FIRST IN NINE OUT OF THE TWELVE MATCHES

A SOCCER INJURY TO CHRISTOPHER SEXTON MEANS THE XI IS WITHOUT THEIR FIRST CHOICE WICKET KEEPER AND LEADING BATSMAN - HE STILL AVERAGES 65 IN THE FEW INNINGS HE PLAYS

A THIRD WICKET STAND OF 182 BETWEEN THE CAPTAIN AND SIMON NORTHCOTE-GREEN AGAINST THE CRYPTICS ALLOWS THE XI TO DECLARE AT 206-1 BUT THE MATCH IS STILL LOST BY 3 WICKETS!

SIMON NORTHCOTE-GREEN AND HIS BROTHER CHRISTOPHER TOGETHER WOULD PLAY SIX SEASONS IN THE 1970S FOR THE SCHOOL XI

Cricket XI 1973

L-R BACK ROW	S.H. Lawton-Smith, A.C. Murton, M.A. Fletcher, D.J. Maxfield, S.J. Farrar, J.H. Mainwood
L-R SEATED	J.G. Sears, H.D. Cocke, E.W. Thom (Captain), C.M. Sexton, B.M. Hughes

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 7 Lost 2

v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 33 runs
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - won by 45 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 31 runs
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Rugby School - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)

Sport

CRICKET 1973

Won 3; Lost 2; Drawn 7; Abandoned 1.

With six colours back and five good all-rounders to complete the side we had hopes for a successful season. It was so nearly a great one, only the lack of a genuine pace bowler robbing us of victory in several drawn games.

We commenced the season with an excellent win against the Foresters. This was achieved by fine attacking batting, backed up by tight bowling and high-class fielding. For a team with no obvious stars this did a lot for morale and against Oundle we again played good positive cricket, just failing to force the win. Edward Thom tried all that he knew to winkle out the tail-enders, but in spite of our bowling 29 overs in the last hour, they managed to hang on. Our depth in batting ensured a good total against Harrow but rain came to thwart us as they struggled to 57 for 4. Bradfield came next and once more, having completely out-played them, we just fell short. At 76 for 8 wickets chasing 161 they were in shocking trouble, but without a real 'quickie' we could not complete the job. Cheltenham was a high-scoring draw with Cocke and Sexton putting on 149 for the 3rd wicket. Then came wins against Stowe and Martyrs, with Sears taking important wickets, including that of his brother Richard in the latter match. This was the team's high-water mark for the season. After this our cricket lost a little of its edge, vital catches were dropped and the batting was not nearly so prolific. Bedford was a draw. Cryptics (or should it be S.E.S. Common Room) beat us in a good match. Abingdon, a new fixture, another draw in our favour. Rugby beat us because they had the pace bowling to exploit a hard fast wicket. We did not learn quickly enough to get on the front foot. Radley was a disappointing match in which they batted 3 hours 40 minutes to score 192 for 6 wickets. After losing 2 wickets in the first over and 5 for 24 we had no chance to score this total in the time remaining. The Captain and Farrar saved us with a stand of 56 and we drew the match at 100 for 7 wickets.

To sum up, it was an exciting and most enjoyable season. The XI did themselves much credit, playing positive and at times inspired cricket. Edward Thom did wonders in moulding the side, who were great triers. Hughes' dash to Radley after a 3-hour exam and then 19 overs and nearly 4 hours fielding, is an example of the way the entire side were prepared to fight. Early in the season I asked them to try to speed up the game. The response was to bowl an average of 22 overs an hour in all matches, batsmen always crossed and the fielding was exciting and very energetic. They were essentially a 'team'.

The XI, which went through the season unchanged, were: E. W. Thom, C. M. Sexton, H. D. Cocke, B. M. Hughes, J. G. Sears, J. H. Mainwood, M. A. Fletcher, S. J. Farrar, A. C. Murton, D. J. Maxfield, and S. H. Lawton-Smith. Scorer: S. D. Lumsden.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Averages*
S. J. Lawton-Smith ...	56.1	25	99	9	11.00
B. M. Hughes	113.2	28	211	17	12.41
D. J. Maxfield	66.2	21	182	13	14.00
J. G. Sears	180.5	84	347	19	18.65
E. W. Thom	92.4	22	322	15	21.46
S. J. Farrar	59.0	13	183	7	26.14
C. A. Murton	115.0	31	280	8	35.00

WICKET-KEEPING

C. M. Sexton: 17 catches, 6 stumpings.

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*Not out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
A. C. Murton	8	7	87	36*	87.00
C. M. Sexton	12	0	392	86	32.66
H. D. Cocke	12	1	337	83	30.63
E. W. Thom	12	1	223	45*	20.27
B. M. Hughes	12	1	201	69*	18.27
J. H. Mainwood	12	0	206	44	17.16
S. J. Farrar	9	1	128	39	16.00
M. A. Fletcher	10	2	91	27	11.37
S. H. Lawton-Smith ...	11	3	85	32*	10.62
D. J. Maxfield	5	2	30	15	10.00
J. G. Sears	6	1	39	14	7.80

Catches: Sears 6; Fletcher, Maxfield, Thom 4; Farrar, Mainwood 3; Lawton-Smith 2; Cocke, Hughes, Murton 1.

AN EXPERIENCED SIDE CONTAINING NO LESS THAN 5 GOOD ALL-ROUNDERS - THE LACK OF A GENUINE OPENING FAST BOWLER IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD RATHER THAN A GREAT SIDE

EDWARD THOM IN HIS THIRD SEASON 'DID WONDERS IN MOULDING A SIDE WHO WERE ALL GREAT TRIERS'

THE YOUNGER BROTHER THOM, PETER, WOULD LATER CAPTAIN BOTH THE 1976 AND 1977 SIDES; TOGETHER THE TWO BROTHERS WOULD PLAY SIX SEASONS FOR THE SCHOOL XI

16 YEAR OLD ANDREW MURTON, ADDED TO THE SIDE IN THE HOPE OF ADDING PACE TO THE ATTACK, BUT INSTEAD HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 87 RUNS PER INNINGS!

BENJAMIN HUGHES JUST MAKES THE AWAY RADLEY MATCH AFTER A 3 HOUR EXAMINATION, HE THEN BOWLS 19 OVERS AND FIELDS FOR 4 HOURS

IN THE VICTORY OVER THE MARTYRS JAMES SEARS HAS THE SATISFACTION OF REMOVING HIS ELDER BROTHER RICHARD (OSE)!

THE FIRST MATCH AGAINST ABINGDON SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS RESULTS IN A DRAW

Cricket XI 1974

L-R BACK ROW — K.E. Halstead, N.W. Mainwood, G.M.T. Barnes, J.H.C. Johnstone, R.A. Wilson, H.T. Thursfield, C.W. Mackaness

L-R SEATED — D.J. Fawcus, S.H. Lawton-Smith, A.C. Murdon (Captain), D.J. Maxfield, C.J.A. Pulteney

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 5

v M.C.C XI - lost by 60 runs
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Bradfield College - won by 6 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - lost by 71 runs
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 86 runs
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Away)
v Rugby School - lost by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 24 runs
(Home)

CRICKET 1974

Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 6.

With eight colours, who included all the batsmen, missing from last year's XI it was expected that runs this season would be at a premium. This proved the case, and so often the side were fighting for every run in the effort to reach a worthwhile total. Murton, who scored 256 and headed the batting averages, and Fawcus, with 225 were the only batsmen to score 200 runs in a full season on good wickets. The seam bowling was generally extremely good, with Thursfield, injured and unable to bowl in several matches, taking 21 wickets costing 10.14 runs each, and Pulteney, 30 wickets for 13.03, the most successful. Murton and Lawton-Smith also bowled well and Johnstone's off-spin, although used infrequently was effective. The ground fielding improved as the season progressed and became sound, if not exciting. Vital catches were held and fine throws, resulting in run-outs, swung a couple of matches.

The School were beaten in the first match by M.C.C., largely through the efforts of a young professional who scored 139 not out and then took three early wickets. Draws against South Oxford Amateurs and the Free Foresters followed, and then an exciting game against Oundle. In a fluctuating match the opposition reached 129 for 9 attempting to score 134 for victory. On a bad wicket at Harrow we were dismissed for 70 and beaten by 8 wickets. Next Bradfield, and our usual cliff-hanger, bowled out for 80 we had little chance and with our opponents scoring 23-0 off six overs the result seemed a foregone conclusion. At this stage Murton took 3 wickets for 1 run and with Pulteney getting in the act we had them 48 for 7 and were winning. A stand to 68 and only 13 needed and then a splendid catch by Halstead, two clean bowled by Lawton-Smith, and the match was ours by 6 runs. Stowe was a dull draw, with our fragile batting we could not achieve the high scoring rate required and settled for a draw at 120-7 against 172 by Stowe. The Martyrs beat us very easily with Simon and Chris Northcote-Green scoring the bulk of their 154 runs, we could only manage 83 in reply. Then a defeat by the Cryptics for whom Chris Sexton scored 63 and Malcolm Watson took 6 for 38. Bedford for the second year running batted far too long leaving us only 2 hours 21 minutes to score 182. This was not possible after losing 4 wickets for 21 and we played out time for a draw. Against Cheltenham, Thursfield with the excellent figures of 13:3:17:4 and Pulteney with 8:5:6:4 bowled beautifully to dismiss them for 87 and with Murton scoring 48 not out we won by 5 wickets. Abingdon was a drawn match in their favour and then came a tremendous contest against Rugby. We scored 110 and at 39 for 0 in reply they were in complete command. At this stage the seamers broke through and at 46 for 5 and then 61 for 6 the match was poised. Sound batting took them to 86 before Pulteney bowling well took 3 wickets, and at 93 for 9 the match should have been ours. Rugby however are made of sterner stuff and 10 and 11 batting sensibly, scored the 18 needed. Radley, always a difficult side to beat, were our next and final opponents. We had another bad start but Fawcus with a dour, grafting, but vital innings of 53 well supported by Maxfield 28 and Murton 23 helped raise the score to 153. Against a strong batting side this should not have been enough; but accurate and sustained fast bowling and three run-outs from direct strikes on the stumps gave us a memorable victory by 24 runs. A wonderful climax to the season.

Charles Murton did well with an XI who, although lacking the ability of past sides, used all that they had to good affect. Very keen and always cheerful they worked hard at their game. Always desperately short of runs and lacking a left arm orthodox bowler, the side were committed to seam bowling and on occasions, defensive tactics. However, there were many close and exciting finishes and the last home matches against Rugby and Radley will long be remembered.

The XI was selected from the following: A. C. Murton; S. H. Lawton-Smith; D. J. Maxfield; D. J. Fawcus; G. J. A. Pulteney; K. E. Halstead; J. H. C. Johnstone; N. W. Mainwood; H. T. Thursfield; G. M. T. Barnes; R. A. Wilson and C. W. Mackaness.

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*Not Out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
A. C. Murton	13	1	256	48*	21.33
D. J. Fawcus	13	0	225	53	17.30
H. T. Thursfield	11	2	135	43	15.00
D. J. Maxfield	7	0	91	28	13.00
S. H. Lawton-Smith	13	0	138	32	10.61
C. W. Mackaness.....	5	0	40	22	8.00
A. Peploe-Williams ...	8	2	48	24	8.00
K. E. Halstead	13	0	100	24	7.60
C. J. E. Pulteney	9	4	37	10	7.40
R. A. Wilson	7	0	52	14	7.28
C. Pimlott	2	0	14	14	7.00
G. M. T. Barnes	11	3	54	20	6.75
J. H. C. Johnstone ...	11	4	39	10	5.57
N. W. Mainwood ...	12	2	42	18*	4.20

CATCHES: Halstead, Lawton-Smith, Pulteney 6; Murton, Thursfield, 5; Mainwood, Maxfield, 3; Johnstone, Mackaness, Peploe-Williams, 2; Barnes, 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
H. T. Thursfield ...	109	30	213	21	10.14
C. J. A. Pulteney...	125.2	27	391	30	13.03
J. H. C. Johnstone	64.1	9	198	11	18.00
A. C. Murton ...	115	20	367	19	19.31
S. H. Lawton-Smith	142.5	24	434	19	22.84
G. M. T. Barnes ...	109	18	339	6	56.50

Also Bowled D. J. Maxfield 1:0:8:0

WICKET KEEPING

D. J. Fawcus 12 catches

APART FROM THE CAPTAIN ANDREW MURTON AND ONE OTHER PLAYER THIS WAS A COMPLETELY NEW SCHOOL XI

THE BOWLING ATTACK PROVES THE STRONGEST FOR SOME YEARS WITH CLIVE PULTNEY TAKING 30 WICKETS FOR THE CAMPAIGN, WELL SUPPORTED BY THE CAPTAIN AND SIMON LAWTON-SMITH

HUGH THURSFIELD HEADS THE BOWLING AVERAGES DESPITE BEING INJURED EARLY ON

Cricket XI 1975

L-R BACK ROW S.A. Hammond, A.I.F. Miscampbell, G.M.T. Barnes, G.P. Boult, D.H. Cowap, P.W. Thom, P de V. Buckingham

L-R SEATED G.M.T. Barnes, C.J. Pimlott, H.T. Thursfield (Captain), C.W. Mackaness, R.A. Wilson

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 4 Drawn 4 Lost 4

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 66 runs
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 23 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by63 runs
(Away)
v Bedford School - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Abingdon School - lost by 124 runs
(Home)
v Rugby School - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)

Cricket 1975

Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 3, Abandoned 2

'When we were good we were very, very good, but when we were bad we were 'orrid'; not quite the correct quotation but if applied to this year's XI most appropriate. In the School matches there was no middle path, we either won or lost convincingly. In early season nets and A XI matches it became obvious that the batting yet again would be the problem and this proved the case. The fast bowling was very good in early School matches and Stowe, Bradfield and Cheltenham were put to the sword. Barnes who headed the bowling analysis with 29 wickets for 15.02 runs each was the chief architect of these wins. At this stage with 17 wickets in 3 matches he was lethal but later lost his edge. Thursfield, who topped the batting averages with 23.90 also bowled well but this year luck was absent. Pimlott a fine team man made himself a sound wicket-keeper and played some good innings.

We started the season against M.C.C. for whom Alan Day scored the immaculate century that we have come to expect. This ensured a total beyond our means and we settled for a draw, as we were forced to do in the Foresters match which came next. Again an excellent hundred, by N. Pocock, a fine player, and 217 needed for victory. This time however we batted much better and with Thursfield scoring 52 not out and good support from Boult, Pimlott and Cowap we finished 44 short with 4 wickets in hand. Both the Oundle and Harrow matches were abandoned because of rain and then came Stowe and our first School win. Barnes (5 for 45) and Thursfield (4 for 31) bowling unchanged, and supported by good fielding, dismissed them for 78. After losing 4 wickets for 17 we eventually won by 2 wickets. Bradfield came next and our second win. In a long 'grafting' innings the School reached 143 for 8 declared with Thursfield 75, and Thom 30, the main scorers. Bradfield, immediately in trouble against our 'seamers' managed only 77 with Barnes taking 4 for 19 and Buckingham 5 for 24. Facing a total of 192 for 7 declared against the Cryptics and having lost 4 wicket for 19 runs we played out time for a draw. Martyrs, with Simon Northcote-Green scoring a magnificant century set us 183 to win in even time. They won by 23 runs with Edward Thom (5 for 47) and Steve Williams (4 for 66) doing the damage. After Exeat we journeyed to Cheltenham College and in a fluctuating match beat them by 63 runs. Batting first we were in severe trouble at 53 for 6 but Boult with 42 and Wilson with 29 took the score to 113 and we reached 132 all out. This should have been an easy proposition for Cheltenham but accurate and hostile fast bowling by Barnes who took 8 for 38 in 20 overs and superlative catching enabled us to dismiss them for 69. At Bedford after another bad start we reached 151 for 9 declared, thanks to a fine innings of 69 by Mackaness and 35 from the Captain. The strong Bedford batting found this target no problem and they cantered to a 9 wicket win with 4 overs to spare. For the second year running the School put up an abysmal performance against Abingdon. Set to score 192 for victory after a lethargic showing in the field in which the one bright spot was Miscampbell's first long bowl, we collapsed against pace bowling on a good wicket and were 'shot out' for 67. Only Cowap with 24, reached double figures. After two severe thrashings and the consequent lowering of morale the outlook was not auspicious for the next match at Rugby. On a turning wicket which got progressively worse, Miscampbell bowled beautifully to take 6 for 52 in 20 overs. We were set to score 153 for victory on a wicket now turning square. After our recent batting failures this was a daunting task, however, thanks to an innings of tremendous character from Pimlott who scored 64 and useful support from Mackaness, Cowap and Boult we won by 3 wickets. This our first defeat of Rugby was to my mind the best performance by the School for many seasons. After the champagne, the small beer! Against Radley our next opponents we were back to our very worst. This time we at least got away to a reasonable start and were going nicely at 52 for 2 after an hour's play. We seemed poised for a useful score but a caught and bowled off a rank long hop, a ridiculous run out, several shots best forgotten and all back in the 'hutch' for 76. Radley took a bit of batting practice to win by 9 wickets and the match was over at a quarter to four.

An unpredictable side! Looking so very good when attacking and on top, so awful when things started to go wrong. Hugh Thursfield tried desperately to inspire by personal performance but perhaps, conscious of the dearth of runs, relied too much on his fast bowling. In the event 4 wins and 3 losses in School matches was a fine accomplishment and a good return for much hard work at fielding and net practice. We would certainly have settled for these results before the season commenced but, oh for a 'Thackery' in the middle order, who knows what might have been achieved.

I found the eleven a pleasant and happy group to work with and, it was I think, an enjoyable season for all concerned.

B.R.E.

The XI: H. T. Thursfield, C. W. Mackaness, G. M. T. Barnes, C. J. Pimlott, R. A. Wilson, D. H. Cowap, P. W. Thom, P. de V. Buckingham, G. P. Boult, A. I. F. Miscampbell, and S. A. Hammond.

HUGH THURSFIELD CAPTAINS THE SIDE WHO, TOGETHER WITH GARETH BARNES, PROVIDES EXCELLENT FAST BOWLING - ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

THE SIDE REMAIN UNDEFEATED UNTIL THE EIGHTH MATCH AGAINST THE MARTYRS FOR WHOM CHRISTOPHER NORTCOTE-GREEN (OSE) SCORES A CENTURY

GARETH BARNES TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 28 RUNS AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

THE CAPTAIN AND CHRISTOPHER MACKANESS SHARE A FIFTH WICKET 100 RUN STAND AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL, WHICH IS LOST IN THE END

FIRST EVER WIN AGAINST RUGBY SCHOOL AND ON THEIR OWN PITCH AS WELL

BOB BOWERMAN TAKES OVER AS HEAD GROUNDSMAN A POSITION, HE STILL HOLDS TODAY

BATTING AVERAGES

* not out

	Innings	*Not Out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
H. T. Thursfield	11	1	239	75	23.90
C. W. Mackaness	11	0	199	69	18.09
C. J. Pimlott	12	1	194	64	17.60
G. M. T. Barnes	9	6	50	19*	16.66
P. W. Thom	11	1	155	44	15.50
D. H. Cowap	11	1	152	24	15.20
G. P. Boult	11	2	131	42	14.56
P. de V. Buckingham	5	2	40	23	13.33
R. A. Wilson	11	0	96	29	8.72
A. I. F. Miscampbell	4	2	9	5	4.50
R. G. Thompson	9	0	39	14	4.33
S. A. Hammond	5	2	7	4	2.33

Also Batted W. H. G. Higgins 2

CATCHES: Thursfield 5; Thom, Wilson, Cowap 4; Mackaness, Hammond, Buckingham 2; Thompson 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Maidens*	*Runs*	*Wickets*	*Average*
G. M. T. Barnes	155	33	438	29	15.02
A. I. F. Miscampbell	78.2	16	257	12	21.58
H. T. Thursfield	143.1	37	378	13	29.07
G. P. Boult	32	6	138	4	34.50
P. de V. Buckingham	85	16	273	7	39.0

Also bowled: S. A. Hammond 1:0:8:0; R. A. Wilson 1.5:0:7:0.

WICKET KEEPING

C. J. Pimlott, 7 catches

Cricket XI 1976

L-R BACK ROW N.B. Karim, H.T. Rogers, J.M.J. Ford, M.F. Maudsley, N.R. Chaumeton, M.S. Scragg

L-R SEATED W.H.G. Higgins, C.W. Mackaness, P.W. Thom (Captain), A.I.F. Miscampbell, S.L.B. Gill

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 1 Drawn 7 Lost 5

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Away)
v Rugby School - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)

Cricket 1976

Won 1; Lost 5; Drawn 7

The above statistics make sorry reading, but the 1976 side was not really as bad as this, for the results give no indication of much good cricket played. We had expected to start the season with four colours but injury and illness robbed us of two of these for early matches and one subsequently never regained his form. Injury to Miscampbell also deprived us of our most prolific wicket-taker at a critical stage. The side thus lacked the necessary experience and this proved vital when pressure was on. The batting was the soundest for some seasons but the bowling was short of real pace and lacked penetration on good wickets. Maudsley, still a colt, scored consistently to head the batting averages with 450 runs averaging 34·6, his innings against Bedford being a classic. However, better judgement of the run would have enabled him to reach his century before lunch. The Captain also scored well and with the first eight all making runs we usually managed a worth-while total. Unfortunately the bowling and occasionally the fielding did not match up to the batting and we lost three matches having set the opposition a target. Ford, who graduated to the XI from first the "Pickles-Ford net marathon" and then the 3rd XI, added variety to the attack and headed the bowling averages with 12 wickets costing 18·6 runs each. Karim and Miscampbell also bowled well at times, but it is ironic that in a season when not an hour's match cricket was lost through weather the latter did not have one spinner's wicket to bowl on.

The early matches against M.C.C. and the Free Foresters were drawn with honours about even. Gideon Hudson returning to play against the school for the premier side, scored a superb 140 not out, already exposing the limitations of our attack. However, the batting looked reasonable, with depth, and the XI left for Oundle with high hopes. Against very good pace bowling on a "seamers" wicket the side fought back to reach 147—8 declared leaving the opposition 2 hours 20 mins. to get the runs. At 75—5 victory seemed ours but sensible hitting by their number six swung the match and we were beaten by three wickets, with an over to go. Stowe next, with the batting again performing pretty well enabling 171 to be set in 2 hrs. 40 mins. This Stowe achieved very easily against poor bowling and uninspired fielding. Harrow after two defeats were a daunting prospect and we were again beaten. At 76—2 with Maudsley (40) and Thom (24) going well, we were well placed, but a collapse ensued and the side could muster only 96 and Harrow knocked these off for one wicket. The Cryptics were our next opponents and at last the elusive victory. Set 185 in even time the School won an exciting game in the last over with Gill 65 not out and Chaumeton 45 not out the main scorers. In a low scoring match against the Martyrs we just failed to reach the 114 needed, scoring 110—8, dour cricket this with bowlers always on top. Against Cheltenham, having bowled them out for 199 we were coasting to a win with Maudsley (86) going very well and with time in hand. Four wickets then fell for 15 runs and we finished with 184—8. Splendid batting by Maudsley (102), Higgins, Gill and Thom against a strong Bedford side enabled the School to declare at 193—3. Unfortunately although having them in dire trouble at 111—7 we could not force the win. The Abingdon match was a dull draw. Attempting to score 206 runs in 2 hrs. 30 mins. we lost early wickets and got behind the clock, eventually scoring 142—4. Maudsley and Thom again batted well against Rugby and with Chaumeton striking a quick 41 the XI were able to declare at 183—9, leaving 2 hrs. 50mins. to get the runs. This Rugby managed by sound batting helped by catching and fielding errors. After last year's debacle against Radley we approached this, our last match, with some trepidation. Our worst fears were realised for we collapsed against good seam bowling and were dismissed for 63. Radley thrashed these off in 10.5 overs thus crushing us for the second year running.

In spite of the lack of success the XI stayed in good heart and were a joy to work with. Possibly the youngest side ever to represent the School they worked hard at their game and deserved better fortune However, with nine returning for 1977 the future looks extremely rosy.

B.R.E.

The XI were: P. W. Thom, C. W. Mackaness, A. I. F. Miscampbell, W. H. Higgins, S. L. B. Gill, M. F. Maudsley, N. B. Karim, H. T. Rogers, N. R. Chaumeton, J. M. J. Ford, and M. S. Scragg.

The School beat Cryptics; lost to Oundle, Stowe, Harrow, Rugby and Radley; drew with M.C.C., Free Foresters, Bradfield, Martyrs, Cheltenham, Bedford and Abingdon.

AGE OF SCHOOL IST XI AVERAGES 16 YEARS - A RECORD OUT OF WAR TIME. NO LESS THAN NINE OF THE PLAYERS WILL STILL BE AT THE SCHOOL IN 1977

A SIDE HIT BY INJURY AND ILLNESS STILL PLAY ATTRACTIVE AND ATTACKING CRICKET

GIDEON HUDSON (OSE) SCORES A MAGNIFICENT 140 NOT OUT FOR THE M.C.C. AGAINST THE SCHOOL

MATCH SCHEDULING DOES NOT HELP THE CAUSE OF THE XI WITH FOUR CONSEQUTIVE AWAY FIXTURES (ONE DRAWN AND THREE LOST) EARLY IN THE SEASON

MICHAEL MAUDSLEY SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
M. F. Maudsley	13	0	450	102	34·61
P. W. Thom	13	3	309	68*	30·90
H. T. Rogers	10	5	123	30	24·60
S. L. B. Gill	13	1	275	65*	22·91
N. R. Chaumeton	7	2	108	45*	21·60
W. H. Higgins	13	0	231	54	17·76
C. W Mackaness	10	0	126	53	12·60
M. S. Scraggs	9	3	70	34*	11·66
C. D. Wellings	2	0	18	18	9·00
D. Mackay	5	0	34	22	6·80
J. M. J. Ford	3	1	10	6	5·00
A. I. F. Miscampbell	6	2	14	6	3·50
D. F. R. Lee	2	0	7	4	3·50
E. J. C. Fry	2	0	5	5	2·50
N. B. Karim	5	3	2	1*	1·00

*not out

Also batted: R. Grimsdale 0

Catches: Chaumeton 7, Miscampbell 5, Mackaness 4, Rogers 3, Higgins 2, Scragg 2, Thom 2, Karim 2, Maudsley 1

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Averages
J. M J. Ford	73·3	13	224	12	18·66
N. B. Karim	131·4	25	344	15	22·92
A. I. F. Miscampbell	133·0	19	481	20	24·05
N. R. Chaumeton	74·5	18	193	7	27·57
H. T. Rogers	57·0	11	206	6	34·33
J. Edwards	27·2	1	131	3	43·66
M. F. Maudsley	100·0	20	325	7	46·42

Also bowled: Scragg 3–0–15–0; Buckingham 8–2–19–0;

Wicket keeping: S. L. B. Gill: 9 catches, 6 stumpings

Cricket XI 1977

L-R BACK ROW H.W. Blackett, E.J.C. Fry, N.R. Chaumeton, A.H. Munsey, C.A.M. Reid, H.T. Rogers

L-R SEATED S.L.B. Gill, A.I.F. Miscampbell, P.W. Thom (Captain), M.F. Maudsley, J.M.J. Ford

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 3

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 35 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 94 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Away)
v Radley College - won by 69 runs
(Away)

Cricket

Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 5, Abandoned 2

This was a season of mixed fortunes, starting badly with defeats by Oundle and Harrow but finishing well with outstanding wins against Cheltenham, Bedford and Radley. The matches against Bradfield, Abingdon and Rugby were drawn. The early season injury of Maudsley our key batsman robbed the XI of his services for the first four matches; but on his return and with the inclusion of Munsey the batting took on a new dimension. The latter, who added much needed stability to the middle order topped the averages with 45·5. Ford, a great trier headed the bowling averages with 37 wickets costing 10·43 runs apiece. Chaumeton, Rogers and Miscampbell also bowled very well on occasions. The fielding improved out of all recognition as the season progressed, with the catching, in later matches of a very high standard, contributing much to the better results. Gill as always was his safe and competent self behind the stumps but was not the force with the bat.

Rain was the winner in April and early May causing cancellation of the "A" XI practice matches and out first ever fixture with Eton. We did manage half a match against M.C.C. when the bowlers performed well, as they did against the Free Foresters a week later, when a full contest was possible. Dismissing a strong batting side for 153 the XI were in a strong position at 104 for 3 with Chaumeton in full flow. Wickets then fell, and against high-class bowling we were fortunate to survive at 135 for 8. Oundle next, was a disaster, the batting collapsing on a slow wicket, with only Blackett, 39, and Gill reaching double figures. Oundle scored the 71 needed in 24 overs for the loss of 2 wickets. On yet another slow, wet wicket, Rogers bowled superbly with good support from Miscampbell to dismiss Harrow for 100. This however proved too many, for our out-of-form batsmen who could manage only 65.

Bradfield set us 180 to win in two hours 55 minutes but after losing 3 wickets for 11 runs and getting well behind the clock we had to settle for a draw at 140 for 8. Blackett with 46 and Maudsley, returning after injury, were the main scorers. Cryptics came next, and at last the victory that we so badly needed. The batting at last came good, and with Blackett 58, Maudsley 41 and good supporting innings from Chaumeton, Rogers and Munsey, a declaration was possible at 209 for 8. Splendid bowling by Ford 6 for 50, and Chaumeton 4 for 42 backed up by good fielding and catching dismissed Cryptics for 115.

In great spirits the side next took on Cheltenham, who on winning the toss were bowled out for 196, leaving us 2 hours 20 minutes to get the runs. This looked a formidable task, but after a magnificent opening stand of 116 between Maudsley and Fry and a typical plundered 28 by Chaumeton to put us ahead of the clock. Gill struck the winning blow with 3½ overs left. A strong Martyrs side put the XI to the sword at Gaudy scoring 181 for 6 dec. and then exploiting their known weakness against leg spin to dismiss them for 87. Over the years S.E.S. XI's have spent many hours in the field watching Bedford grind on to large totals. It did our hearts good this season to see Ford, in a wonderful spell of attacking, fast bowling, demolish their batting with 7 wickets for 22 runs in 19·1 overs. With Chaumeton taking 2 for 24 and a run-out, Bedford were shot out for 79 and these were knocked off for the loss of 4 wickets.

Abingdon, our next opponents, made no attempt to score the 196 set them after Munsey 67, Gill, Chaumeton, Scragg and Fry had contributed to a total of 195 for 8 declared. The match was drawn with Abingdon 83 for 4. Winning the toss against Rugby the batting recovered from 19 for 3 to reach 180 for 8 declared with Munsey 46, Thom 35, Gill 26 and a swash-buckling 33 by Scragg providing the bulk of the runs. After 4 hours 45 minutes in the field the understandably weary Rugby batsmen were assaulted and decimated by hostile fast bowling and superb catching (Munsey's 4 in the slips were breath-taking), Chaumeton taking 6 for 23 in 15 overs and Ford 3 for 40 in 18 overs. However, at 62 for 9 with 13 overs left the "quickies" tired and the last pair, batting sensibly stayed together and robbed us of the victory so richly deserved.

Although heavily defeated in the two previous seasons, the side travelled to Radley with tails up, confident that this trend would be reversed. Batting first, we reached 164 by sound, if uninspired tactics with most of the batsmen chipping in. Yet again, the pace-men were on target and with the spinners coming on to wrap up the tail, Radley were convincingly thrashed by 89 runs. A wonderful way to finish the season and we were sorry that it had ended.

1977 was an enjoyable and successful season with the XI finishing in great form to register 3 wins and 2 moral victories in the last 5 School matches. All members of a hard working and happy side contributed to this success but the bowlers, the pace men especially, were the cutting edge that clinched our victories. Peter Thom struggling with injury and loss of personal form, handled the side well, fought hard and must take much of the credit for the way the XI came back after a shattering start. Finally, many thanks to our efficient scorers, and to the hard working and conscientious secretary Andy Miscampbell.

B.R.E.

The XI were: P. W. Thom, A. I. F. Miscampbell, S. L. B. Gill, M. F. Maudsley, H. T. Rogers, N. R. Chaumeton, J. M. J. Ford, M. S. Scragg, H. W. Blackett, E. J. C. Fry, and A. H. Munsey.

The School beat Cryptics, Cheltenham, Bedford and Radley; lost to Oundle, Harrow and Martyrs; drew with Free Foresters, Bradfield, Abingdon, Rugby and M.C.C. The matches against Eton and Stowe were abandoned.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest score	Average
A. H. Munsey	6	2	182	67	45·5
M. F. Maudsley ..	8	1	254	96	36·2
H. W. Blackett	10	0	187	58	18·7
N. R. Chaumeton ..	11	0	205	54	18·6
M. S. Scragg	7	2	82	33	16·4
S. L. B. Gill	11	1	135	31	13·5
E. J. C. Fry	9	0	121	44	13·5
H. T. Rogers	10	3	93	24*	13·2
P. W. Thom	9	0	94	35	10·4
A. I. F. Miscampbell ..	7	4	17	8*	5·6
J. M. J. Ford	5	1	5	3	1·25

Also batted: M. P. Mallalieu 3–0–6–6–2, C. A. M. Reid 2–1–10–10–10, J. A. Scott 3–0–18–9–6, N. B. Karim 2–2–0–0–0.
**Not out.*

Catches: Blackett 6, Miscampbell 5, Munsey 5, Chaumeton 4, Maudsley 3, Rogers 3, Thom 3, Fry 3, Karim 2, Scragg 1, Mallalieu 1, Ford 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
J. M. J. Ford	160·1	47	386	37	10·4
N. R. Chaumeton ..	103·2	33	230	18	12·7
C. A. M. Reid	22	6	47	3	15·6
H. T. Rogers	115·2	35	237	13	18·2
A. I. F. Miscampbell ..	100·3	27	250	13	19·2
M. F. Maudsley ..	34	8	91	4	22·7
N. B. Karim	22	4	67	2	33·5

Also bowled: M. P. Mallalieu 6–1–26–0, M. S. Scragg 2–0–9–1, E. J. C. Fry 2–0–2–0, A. H. Munsey 2–0–12–0, H. W. Blackett 1–0–4–0.
Wicket keeping: S. L. B. Gill: 10 catches, 5 stumpings.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST ETON COLLEGE - HUGH ROGERS TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 39 RUNS BUT THE MATCH IS STLL LOST

PETER THOM CAPTAINS THE SIDE FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING - AGAIN NOT HELPED BY INJURIES

JULIAN FORD LEADS THE ATTACK AND ENDS THE SEASON WITH 37 WICKETS FOR 10 RUNS APIECE. IN THE MATCH AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL HE TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 22 RUNS

MICHAEL MAUDSLEY(96) AND EDWARD FRY (44) SHARE A 116 OPENING STAND AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE IN A HARD FOUGHT VICTORY

ANTHONY MUNSEY TAKES 4 SLIP CATCHES IN THE MATCH AGAINST RUGBY SCHOOL

Cricket XI 1978

L-R BACK ROW J.A. Lyons, S.A. Talbot-Williams, W.P.D. Walter, P.R.J. Smith, C.G. Lawless, C.D.V. Isard

L-R SEATED C.A.M Reid, N.R. Chaumeton, H.T. Rogers (Captain), H.W. Blackett.M.P. Mallalieu

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 1 Drawn 7 Lost 4

v Eton College - match drawn
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(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - lost by 63 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - lost by 111 runs
(Away)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)

Cricket

Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 7, Abandoned 1

As the results show, this was a disappointing season, with both the batting, at times short of character and resolution, and the bowling, which lacked penetration, contributing to the dismal record. There was a wonderful period in early season when runs came freely and Chaumeton scored two superb not out centuries in four days against Stowe and Oundle. However, 297 runs in the season for so talented a player was a comparative failure and he was headed in the averages by Heeley, who joined the XI for the last four matches to add some stability to the brittle middle order. Talbot-Williams always looked good but consistently got himself out when the big score was there for the taking. Hugh Rogers as well as captaining efficiently did very well in the other departments playing some fine innings, but the rest of the batting too often failed and thus we were usually short of runs. The bowling was just not good enough, and when one considers that only once in a full season were the opposition bowled out, there is little wonder that more matches were not won. Chaumeton headed the averages but was not the force that we had hoped for after his performance with the ball last season. The ground fielding was good with Blackett in the covers out-standing and the catching sound. Isard, behind the stumps, was competent and as the season progressed learned to concentrate and work at his game.

Rain yet again, robbed us of the M.C.C. match and the first ever clash with Eton was played in appalling conditions, good practise for the season to come. Rogers bowled very well in this match taking 5 for 27 in 27 overs to help restrict Eton to 123 for 8 in 3 hrs. 57 mins. batting. With the outfield saturated the only real chance of a win was an assault by Chaumeton, and when this failed the match fizzled out with the score 46 for 5. Harrow our next opponents, declared at 197 for 5 leaving us 2 hrs. 53 mins. to get the runs. A win looked possible at 104 for 4 with Rogers (61 not out) and Smith (24) going well, with Chaumeton to come, but wickets fell and we finished at 157 for 8. Against Bradfield with Rogers (40) again playing well and good support from Mallalieu (45) Lawless (22) and Talbot-Williams (26) the school declared at 188 for 8, leaving the opposition 3 hrs. to make the runs. No real effort was made and the match was drawn with Bradfield 148 for 5. Stowe came next, and having won the toss our batsmen really cut loose. Chaumeton (107 not out) and Talbot-Williams (61) put on 113 for the second wicket and the School declared at 211 for 6 after 3 hrs. 6 mins. Stowe, having looked at one time likely winners, scored 178 for 4 in 3 hrs. 11 mins. against some extremely friendly bowling. The long trip to Oundle did not deter our batsmen for once again they were in tremendous form. Chaumeton (103 not out) Lawless (41), Talbot-Williams (34) and Reid (27 not out) hammered the Oundle attack for 2 hrs. 53 mins. enabling a declaration to be made at 257 for 7. The pace bowlers then struck, and had Oundle reeling at 45 for 5, but a marvellous innings of 131 by G. Leivers, a hard-hitting right hander, not only brought them back into the game but at 206 for 7 with seven overs left, a chance of a memorable victory. However, Leivers was caught at this stage and with the ninth wicket falling immediately the last pair were left to bat out time, which they accomplished successfully. Very disappointing for the XI but a truly wonderful game of cricket. At Gaudy the bowlers performed well to dismiss the Martyrs for 145, but this proved too large a target when Edward Thom, with his beautifully flighted leg-spin, cast his net. After the seamers had made early in-roads he ran through the middle and late order to finish with figures of 6 for 20 in eight overs, to emphasise what a high class spinner he has become. The batting failed again when electing to take strike against Cheltenham. On a good wicket we collapsed and were bundled out for 95 with only Chaumeton (43) offering resistance. Cheltenham passed this total after early alarms when four wickets went down for 37 but the fifth wicket pair added 62 and that was that. Very rarely do we get a sticky wicket at St. Edward's but this occured after over-night rain for the match against Bedford. Unfortunately they read the conditions and having won the toss put us in and with a combination of off and leg-spin bowled us out for 80. The very competent Bedford batting knocked these off in 36 overs for the loss of two wickets. The Cryptics, our next opponents, set us the very fair target of 160 in 2 hrs. 50 ins. after a promising bowl by Nigel Friend who took 2 for 36 in 15 overs in his first match for the XI. Rogers (86 not out) and Heeley (29 not out) also making his debut), in a stand of 112 took us to comfortable win with seven overs to spare. Abingdon having won the toss scored 227 in 3 hrs. 23 mins. against an attack in which only Chaumeton (7 for 77) and Friend looked 1st XI bowlers. The batting collapsed yet again after the long grind in the field and we were dismissed for 116. The Rugby match was a disappointing draw with the opposition making little effort to score the 168 left them after we had been put in, with Heeley scoring 65 of this total. Rugby finished at 102 for 4. In the last match Radley batted very well to score 218 for 4 leaving us 2 hrs. 44 mins. to score the runs. After losing three wickets for 56 runs, Rogers (64) and Heeley (36), in a stand of 81 gave us hope of an exciting victory, but when they were separated, wickets fell quickly and we were lucky to survive at 162 for 9.

It would be fair to say, that the XI were just not good enough. The batting before Gaudy was adequate and enough runs were scored to have won us matches had we a Ford and Miscampbell in the attack. After Gaudy with Chaumeton's purple patch ended, runs were at a premium, but it is bowling that wins school matches and it was in this department that we were sadly lacking. Hugh Rogers tried very hard throughout a trying season and handled the side well but he could not perform miracles. Although short of success no XI in recent years has practised harder and they always remained cheerful and a pleasure to work with.

Thanks finally to Andrew Peregrine for scoring so efficiently and for the mass of hard work put in on averages, etc., and helping compile the following

B.R.E.

The XI were: H. T. Rogers, N. R. Chaumeton, H. W. Blackett, M. P. Mallalieu, C. A. M. Reid, C. G. Lawless, S. A. Talbot-Williams, C. D. V. Isard, M. A. Heeley, P. R. J. Smith and J. A. Lyons.

Results:

The School beat Cryptics; Lost to Martyrs, Cheltenham, Bedford and Abingdon; Drew with Eton, Harrow, Stowe, Oundle, Bradfield, Rugby and Radley. The match against M.C.C. was abandoned.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest score	Average
M. A. Heeley	4	1	140	65	46·7
N. R. Chaumeton ..	10	2	297	107*	37·1
H. T. Rogers	12	2	323	86*	32·3
N. S. Friend	3	2	30	15*	30·0
S. A. Talbot-Williams ..	12	0	290	61	24·2
C. A. M. Reid	9	2	123	37*	17·6
M. P. Mallalieu ..	8	0	103	45	12·9
C. G. Lawless	12	0	132	41	11·0
H. W. Blackett	11	0	89	23	8·1
P. R. J. Smith	11	2	53	24	5·9
J. A. Lyons	9	1	26	7	3·25
C. D. V. Isard	6	3	5	3*	1·7

Also batted: W. P. D. Walter, 2–1–1–1*–1, T. J. Rogers 2–2–1–1*– –, S. K. Lewis 2–0–0–0–0, S. E. F. Powell 1–1–1–1*– –, H. H. M. Arkell 1–0–0–0– –.

**Not out*

Catches: Rogers H 9, Smith 6, Lawless 5, Reid 4, Lyons 3, Chaumeton 3, Walter 2, Mallalieu 2, Blackett 1, Rogers R. 1, Talbot-Williams 1, Heeley 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
N. R. Chaumeton ..	123	32	333	19	17·5
W. P. D. Walter ..	31·5	.. 6	75	4	18·75
H. T. Rogers	147	57	307	15	20·5
N. A. Friend	43	14	107	5	21·4
C. A. M. Reid	126·2	21	355	10	35·5
T. J. Rogers	24	2	72	2	36·0
M. P. Mallalieu ..	65	9	212	5	42·4
P. R. J. Smith	44·5	10	146	3	48·7

Also bowled: S. E. F. Powell 3–2–5–1, N. H. M. Arkell 9–2–28–2, C. G. Lawless 4–0–30–1, S. K. Lewis, 13·5–2–48–1, H. W. Blackett 2–0–6–0.

Wicket keeping: C. D. V. Isard: 8 catches.

HUGH ROGERS CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON - HE SCORES 61 AGAINST HARROW SCHOOL

OVERALL BATTING STANDARD FELT TO BE 'BRITTLE'

NIGEL CHAUMETON SCORES TWO NOT OUT CENTURIES AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL AND OUNDLE SCHOOL - BOTH MATCHES ARE DRAWN

MARK HEELEY HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES DESPITE ONLY PLAYING IN THE FINAL 4 MATCHES TO PLUG SOME GAPS. HIS AVERAGE IS 47 FOR EACH INNIGS PLAYED

Cricket XI 1979

L-R BACK ROW J.A. Lyons, S.A. Talbot-Williams, P.R.J. Smith, N.H.M. Arkell, S.E.F. Powell, W.J. Armstrong

L-R SEATED M.A. Heely, N.A. Friend, C.G. Lawless (Captain), C.D.V. Isard, S.K. Lewis

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 4 Lost 4 Tied 1

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Oundle School - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bedford School - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v Rugby School - match tied
(Away)

Cricket

S.E.S. v. M.C.C.

1st XI REPORT 1979 SEASON

Played 12, won 3, lost 4, drawn 5, Abandoned 1.

The 1979 Season began in some of the most wintry conditions imaginable which made the mere thought of playing cricket somewhat foolish. Nevertheless despite the elements only one match had to be cancelled due to the weather. As a result of the wet conditions wickets were never hard and true and consequently some low scoring games were inevitable. It was not until the latter part of the season when some recognizable summer weather arrived that better wickets were possible.

The first match against an ageing M.C.C. side was still a good test for the new XI. Conditions were passable and the habitual appearance of one A. R. Day for the opposition meant the M.C.C. would probably muster enough runs. As usual the opposition batted first and as usual A. R. Day batted competently to come to lunch 67 not out. The first ball after lunch was a "long hop" which he kindly hit towards cover where N. A. Friend made an extremely good catch. As he reached the pavilion mutterings were heard "Failed again Day." After 3 hours batting and some good bowling by N. Arkell (5—36) the M.C.C. were bowled out for 147. After losing two or three wickets in the 30's the chase was not really on and survival was the necessary action. J. Lyons (52) batted extremely well to save the game.

In the match against Eton the weather intervened. In many ways we were lucky to play at all because of some heavy overnight rain. The wicket was inevitably very wet and we were duly "inserted." We only managed to muster 54 runs which Eton made for the loss of two wickets. They also did not find making runs at all easy as they took over two hours to make the required score.

The match against Oundle was actually played in good conditions and some good cricket was seen from both sides. Oundle made 172 mainly due to C. Longbottom (67) who ran himself out which rather changed the game. In our innings the honours went to N. A. Friend (55) and S. K. Lewis (58) who batted extremely well to make victory possible by 5 wickets. It was a good all round performance, especially the fielding.

We went into the match against Harrow feeling reasonably confident and hoping for a good result. This was not to be so. Having been put in by Harrow on a very good wicket we found ourselves 27 for 5 after 40 minutes. However M. Heeley (57) and P. Smith (48) managed to steer the ship out of trouble and we reached a respectable score of 157. The Harrow openers were in fine form and both batted superbly to make the score level whereupon the Captain C. J. Lawless decided to bowl and, what is more, he was successful! Nevertheless the inevitable occured and Harrow were worthy victors by 9 wickets.

The match against Bradfield resulted in a very dull draw due to a poor declaration by the opposition who made 220—5. There was never enough time to make the runs and we concluded at 163—6, with S. Talbot-Williams, S. K. Lewis and M. Heeley all batting competently.

The result of the season was undoubtedly against Radley who were beaten by 5 wickets. Again the weather intervened but we managed to play on a reasonable wicket. Radley batted first and in fairness they did not bat at all well and were bowled out for 101 with P. Smith taking 6—32, his best return of the season. After a sound start it was left to M. Heeley (44 n.o.) to play a fine innings to win the match by 4 wickets.

At Gaudy yet again the weather intervened and a 40-over limited over match was agreed. Inevitably the scores were low with the Martyrs making 104 and the School 94—9. Some accurate bowling by H. Thursfield and J. Lawton-Smith never allowed the school batsmen to take command.

At Cheltenham College we finally came across a true hard wicket but we did not take advantage of the conditions. Cheltenham made 181 with N. A. Friend producing a fine bowling analysis of 17—2—58—7. We could not however achieve a high enough scoring rate and consequently the game ended in a tame draw.

At Bedford some very heavy overnight rain again influenced play. We did not bat at all well against some good seam bowling by J. D. Cook (6—24) and consequently we only made 99 runs with S. K. Lewis (36) making the highest contribution. The bowlers stuck to their task and managed to take 6 Bedford wickets before they passed into three figures. If we only had scored another 30 or 40 runs the result could well have been different.

The match against the Cryptics (i.e. the Common Room) saw some entertaining cricket. We bowled efficiently, possibly luckily, to dismiss the opposition for 171 after a fighting innings by J. J. McPartlin (26). The second innings was dominated by S. A. Talbot-Williams who made 103 not out. He batted extremely well and showed what a potentially very good batsman he is. He was ably supported by J. Lyons (31) and M. Heeley (28) and we won by seven wickets.

The last two games against Abingdon and Rugby were probably the most traumatic of the season. The age old adage of "Cricket's a funny game" could well be applied to both these matches. Against Abingdon we lost by one run a game we should have won easily. We dismissed them for 163 which was well within our capability. We were going very steadily at 133—4 when S. Talbot-Williams was out for 60. From then on things went from bad to worse and we were finally bowled out for 162. The gallery watched in disbelief, but that's cricket.

The match against Rugby yet again saw S. A. Talbot-Williams continuing his fine run of scores. He failed by one run to score his second hundred of the season. At lunch we were 170—1 which quite astounded everyone, particularly the opposition. We declared at 241—7 with C. J. Lawless making a fine 67. Rugby began their innings in much the same way as we had begun ours and A. R. G. Barnard batted very fluently to make 121. Rugby kept up with the required run rate and with two overs to go needed 14 runs with plenty of wickets in hand. Incredibly they only achieved 13 runs and the game ended in a tied draw. We were lucky to escape save for a bizarre run out incident in which their Captain D. Cutler (40) was probably given out when in fact his partner was out. If the Captain had remained for those last two overs I am sure that Rugby would have won.

Despite the very disappointing performance against Abingdon and the earlier games against Eton and Harrow it was a very enjoyable season. The side was well led by C. J. Lawless who certainly fielded by example. The fielding on occasions was of a high standard with some notable incidents—several good catches by N. Friend, one extremely good catch by N. Arkell at Bedford, a leg-side stumping by C. D. V. Isard, and a bizarre run out at Bedford involving T. Rogers. Thanks go to Brian Edrich who again was tireless in his coaching as well as producing some excellent net wickets.

The following were awarded their colours:—C. J. Lawless, S. A. Talbot-Williams, M. Heeley, S. K. Lewis, N. A. Friend, J. A. Lyons, C. D. V. Isard, P. J. R. Smith, N. H. M. Arkell, S. E. F. Powell and W. J. Armstrong.

Also played:—T. J. Rogers and N. J. Gates.

P.G.B.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	*Not Out*	*Runs*	*Highest score*	*Average*
S. A. Talbot-Williams	12	1	395	103*	35·90
M. A. Heeley	12	2	221	57	22·10
S. K. Lewis	10	0	218	58	21·80
C. G. Lawless	10	1	150	67	16·66
J. A. Lyons	12	1	183	52*	16·63
N. A. Friend	10	0	148	55	14·80
P. R. J. Smith	12	4	115	48	14·37
S. E. F. Powell	10	4	36	11	6·00
W. J. Armstrong	5	3	12	5*	6·00
N. H. M. Arkell	6	2	13	6	3·25
C. D. V. Isard	6	1	14	5*	2·80
Also batted—					
T. J. Rogers	2	0	14	10	7·00
N. J. Gates	2	0	5	3	2·50

* *Not out*

Catches: Heeley 7, Lyons 5, Arkell 5, Powell 4, Lawless 4, Friend 4, Smith 3, Talbot-Williams 2, Lewis 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	*Mdns.*	*Runs*	*Wkts.*	*Aver.*
N. A. Friend	161·1	29	290	20	14·50
S. K. Lewis	70	15	189	11	17·18
N. H. M. Arkell	144	32	377	19	19·84
P. R. J. Smith	115·1	19	308	14	22·00
W. J. Armstrong	110·3	27	269	10	26·90
S. E. F. Powell	42·5	9	131	4	32·75
Also bowled:					
C. G. Lawless	13	1	55	3	18·33
T. J. Rogers	8	2	19	1	19·00
M. A. Heeley	10	3	35	1	35·00
J. A. Lyons	8	1	29	0	—
N. J. Gates	2	0	7	0	—

Wicket keeping: C. D. V. Isard: 7 catches, 4 stumpings, 40 byes, number of matches played 12.

PETER BADGER TAKES OVER AS MASTER I/C CRICKET, ASSISTED BY BRIAN EDRICH AS THE PROFESSIONAL

CHRIS LAWLESS CAPTAINS THE SIDE

SIMON TALBOT-WILLIAMS SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST THE CRYPTICS AND 99 AGAINST RUGBY SCHOOL

SCHOOL USE 11 DIFFERENT BOWLERS OUT OF A SQUAD OF 13 DURING THE SEASON

NIGEL FRIEND AND NICHOLAS ARKELL BOWL OVER 300 OVERS BETWEEN THEM AND JOINTLY TAKE 39 WICKETS

THE CORFE CRICKET CLUB REACH THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE OXFORDSHIRE CUP (MUCH TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE!)

Cricket XI 1980

L-R BACK ROW S.J.H. SMITH, J.D. ADAMS, N.J. GATES, D.J.E. ARKELL, H.B. GRIFFIN, J.C.P. VERNON-POWELL, T.J. ROGERS

L-R SEATED N.A. FRIEND, P.R.J. SMITH, J.A. LYONS (CAPTAIN), N.H.M. ARKELL. W.J. ARMSTRONG

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 1 Drawn 6 Lost 3

V M.C.C. XI - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V ETON COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V OUNDLE SCHOOL - LOST BY 5 WICKETS
(AWAY)
V STOWE SCHOOL - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
V HARROW SCHOOL - LOST BY 7 WICKETS
(AWAY)
V RADLEY COLLEGE - LOST BY 4 WICKETS
(HOME)
V CHELTENHAM COLLEGE - WON BY 2 WICKETS
(HOME)
V CRYPTICS C.C. - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)
V ABINGDON SCHOOL - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
V RUGBY SCHOOL - MATCH DRAWN
(HOME)

Sport

CRICKET

1st XI

Played 11, Won 1, Drawn 7, Lost 3, Abandoned 3

As can be seen from the results this was a disappointing season. In many of the matches however we were not outplayed but rather did not play to our potential. The exception to this was Harrow, where we were beaten by a better side even though they were made to fight every inch of the way. Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the match against Eton in which two centuries were scored by J. A. Lyons (captain) and N. A. Friend. This was truly a remarkable piece of batting, particularly in the session after lunch when they scored 150 runs in 80 minutes. As Frank Spragg commented in the "Sunday Telegraph," it was some of the most exhilarating schoolboy cricket he had seen for some time. During the season there were other good individual performances, notably P. J. R. Smith who scored a fine century against Stowe and also batted fairly soundly throughout. S. H. Smith came back into the XI in the latter half of the season and batted extremely competently for a young player. N. H. M. Arkell bowled with a great deal of determination but never really looked like bowling a side out. The spin attack comprised N. Friend (13 wickets), T. Rogers (14 wickets) and W. J. Armstrong (8 wickets). They all bowled quite well and it was a pity that Armstrong did not find his form or his enthusiasm for the game until later on in the term, because he began to bowl very well. D. J. E. Arkell, a young player who shows much promise, never produced his potential this season. He tried hard with the new ball but his future as a cricketer is with the bat; with application and concentration he could make a lot of runs next season. J. C. P. Vernon-Powell added colour to the side. He kept wicket with his usual tenacity and style and when batting one was always prepared for something to happen and more often than not it did.

One can rarely write a cricket report without mentioning the weather and it did play quite a part in the season's activities, causing three games to be abandoned. May was unusually dry but not very warm and some hard wickets resulted with some high scoring games. The latter half of the term was mostly wet and miserable and not really conducive to enjoyable cricket.

D. J. E. Arkell opens the bowling against Stowe

1st XI Averages, 1980

BATTING

Name	No. of Inn.	Not Out	Runs	High. Score	Aver.
J. A. Lyons	11	3	400	*107	50.00
N. A. Friend	9	1	288	*100	36.00
P. R. J. Smith	11	1	319	*102	31.90
S. J. H. Smith	6	1	154	*75	30.80
N. J. Gates	10	1	171	76	19.00
H. B. Griffin	6	0	93	54	15.50
T. J. Rogers	11	2	123	31	13.60
N. H. M. Arkell	8	2	64	21	10.67
J. C. P. Vernon-Powell	8	0	69	27	8.62
D. J. E. Arkell	8	1	58	25	8.29
W. J. Armstrong	3	1	8	8	4.00
J. D. Adams	4	1	4	3	1.33
Also batted:					
A. C. H. Valentine	3	2	34	33	

BOWLING

Name	Overs	Maid.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
T. J. Rogers	92.4	24	250	13	19.23
N. H. M. Arkell	160	37	406	21	19.33
N. A. Friend	114	24	277	14	19.79
W. J. Armstrong	96	31	190	8	23.75
J. A. Lyons	41	10	121	4	30.25
J. D. Adams	55	17	137	4	34.25
D. J. E. Arkell	100	19	393	9	43.67
P. R. J. Smith	15	3	47	0	

WICKET-KEEPING

J. C. P. Vernon-Powell Caught 10, Stumped 3, Byes 21

The following colours were awarded:—
J. A. Lyons, N. A. Friend, P. J. R. Smith, N. H. M. Arkell, N. Gates, W. J. Armstrong, D. Arkell, T. J. Rogers, J. C. Vernon-Powell, S. H. Smith, A. Valentine.

Also played:—
H. Griffin, J. D. Adams.

OUTSTANDING FIXTURE LIST INCLUDING AGAINST SUCH ILLUSTRIOUS NAMES AS ETON, HARROW, OUNDLE, STOWE, RADLEY, ABINGDON AND RUGBY

JAMES LYONS CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON. HE SCORES A NOT OUT 107 AGAINST ETON COLLEGE IN A STAND OF 150 WITH NIGEL FRIEND (100 NOT OUT) MADE IN 80 MINUTES

PATRICK SMITH SCORES 102 NOT OUT AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL

SCHOOL GROUND STAFF CIRCA 1980

Cricket XI 1981

L-R BACK ROW P.D. Blanchard, R.J. Mitchell, C.A. Watts, J.D. Adams, D.A. Soper, P.J.A. Bishop

L-R SEATED S.J.H. Smith, N.J. Gates, N.A. Friend (Captain), D.J.E. Arkell, A.M.A. Lamb

Fixture List
Played 11 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 2

v M.C.C. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 36 runs
(Home)
v Abingdon School - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)

Cricket

1st XI

"It never rains but it pours"

This quotation sums up the appalling weather conditions that were forced upon us, particularly during May. Now that exams are coming earlier and earlier into the Summer term, May has become the month in which the bulk of the cricket fixtures must take place. In fact it was extremely fortunate that only two block fixtures, against Radley and Bradfield, were cancelled. Despite the inclement weather conditions, few practice days were lost, due to the main net area draining so efficiently.

In general this season has been not only an enjoyable one but also a reasonably successful one and this includes not just the XI but other school sides such as the 3rd XI who pulled off some remarkable victories.

The XI's strength lay in its batting which was certainly anticipated before the start of the season. This soon became apparent in the first school match against Eton early in May. Eton batted first and made 204—3 on a very wet wicket. The target, to be made in 145 minutes, was achieved with some remarkable batting from everybody. The openers Alastair Lamb (50) and David Soper (32) gave the side a sound start. Nick Gates (34), Nigel Friend (38 n.o.) and David Arkell (43 n.o.) all contributed to a victory much against the odds. The bowling on both sides was of a poor standard but Eton must be severely criticized for not bowling their two spinners.

The MCC match proved to be a day for batsmen as well. Lamb (38) and Soper (53) again batted well to give a sound basis for a good total. Friend, Simon Smith, Gates and Arkell all contributed enabling the declaration to be made at 196—4. The MCC were not really in the game until Mark Williams (O.S.E.) made a very quick 43 and enabled them to win in the last over. In all, a good game of cricket.

The match against Oundle ended in a tame draw, neither side bowling well enough to force a victory. The batting was sound, with Philip Blanchard (57), Lamb (44), Soper (28) and Friend (65) helping to reach a total of 219—6. Oundle were never really in the hunt and finished at 144—7. In league parlance this is often described as a "winning draw" or a moral victory.

Harrow were probably the best balanced side of all our opponents. Their opening bowling attack was certainly the best. As usual their batting was very competent, and having been put in they made a respectable total of 184—7, their captain making a fine 74. Wickets were lost in the pre-tea session and the game ended in a very tame draw with the total at 70—4. Lamb again batted throughout, unbeaten on 34.

At Gaudy, Julian Lawton-Smith produced a strong side and the bowlers did well to contain them to a total of 139, Tony Sykes contributing a solid 48. Unfortunately the Martyrs' bowling was just a little too strong but even so there were only two runs separating the sides at the end. Lamb (57) provided the mainstay of the School's innings with good support from Robert Mitchell (23 n.o.) who could not quite bring off victory in the last overs.

At Cheltenham our victory at Eton was instrumental in causing a delayed declaration that left too little time to make the required 203. Cheltenham batted far too slowly and our bowling was hardly penetrating. Consequently neither side deserved to win and a rather dull draw resulted. Soper (65) batted extremely well and showed potentially what a good player he is.

At Bedford yet again it was the batsmen who were on top for most of the game. On a very "flat" pitch and on one of the few summer days it was inevitable that the batsmen were in command. Our total of 223—3 included an excellent innings from S. Smith (62 n.o.) and an opening stand of 125 (Lamb 66, Soper 58). Bedford were never up with the asking rate and the bowling again was incapable of winning the match, which was not surprising on such a good wicket.

The Cryptics (alias the Martyrs) produced a very good game of cricket. Their bowlers were always in command in the form of N. Chaumeton and M. Ford. The visitors made 205—7 declared and the reply was 171 all out, but the last wicket fell in the last over. Lamb (84) again formed the main individual score of the total.

The match against Abingdon produced the second victory of the season, an exciting game won on the fifth ball of the last over. Lamb (96) batted maturely with the others all contributing a few runs. It was finally left to Paul Bishop, who had rarely batted in earnest, and Peter Hood in his first game in the XI, to make the last 14 runs.

At Rugby, on a wicket suited to every kind of bowler, runs were hard to come by. It was a struggle to reach 147 but Lamb (57) continued his fine form and without a valuable ninth wicket partnership of 23 runs by Mitchell and Adams things might have been different. Rugby also found batting difficult, particularly against the bowling of Friend (2—23) and Mitchell (3—19). After losing seven wickets for 94 they decided to "put up the shutters" and settle for a draw and closed at 107—8.

The final match against Stowe was the only cricket "disaster" of the season. Again the "unfortunate" win over Eton was in part the cause of a very late declaration by Stowe. They made 269—5 with Lester (capt.) making a fine century. With only two hours 20 minutes to reach the vast total the chase was never really on. The innings closed at 163—3 with Smith making a very sound 77 not out. Both sides had poor bowling attacks and hence found it difficult to force a result.

My thanks go as always to Brian Edrich for all his efforts both on the wickets and in the ners. Without his advice, experience and anecdotes the season would not be the same. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jacques for their hard work in the pavilion.

In conclusion my thanks go to Nigel Friend who captained the side in a mature and responsible manner and certainly led the fielding by example. Being captain of a cricket side is rarely easy and I am sure he has learnt a lot about the job in the past term. Alastair Lamb emerged as a formidable scorer of runs. He is not always elegant but has tremendous concentration and that "Boycott" desire to occupy the crease. David Soper showed unending enthusiasm for the game in all departments but as a batsman he bridged the gap between Colts and 1st XI impressively. He has great potential and hopefully only the tip of the iceberg has been seen. Simon Smith began to bat well in the later part of the season and next year his real ability will come to the fore. The bowling was limited but there were signs that Robert Mitchell might be a force next season.

A MUCH IMPROVED SEASON, UNDER CAPTAIN NIGEL FRIEND A VETERAN OF THREE SEASONS, WITH ONLY 2 DEFEATS IN 11 MATCHES

A STRONG BATTING SIDE IS COUNTERBALANCED BY A WEAKISH BOWLING ATTACK

A DRAMATIC WIN OVER ETON COLLEGE (THE SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION) IS LED BY A HALF CENTURY FROM ALISTAIR LAMB, OVERCOMING A CHALLENGING TOTAL OF 206

16 YEAR OLD DAVID SOPER DRAFTED IN FROM THE COLTS SCORES WELL WITH TWO HALF CENTURIES

ANOTHER 16 YEAR OLD, DEBUTANT ROBERT MITCHELL, A BOWLER THOUGH TO HAVE PROMISE AND 'SHOULD BE A FORCE NEXT YEAR'

Cricket XI 1982

L-R back row R.N.C. Franklin, P.D. Blanchard, T.J.C. Rayne, T.R. de Putron, R.J. Mitchell, D.A. Cane, A.E.G. Lewis

L-R seated P.J.A. Bishop, D.J.E. Arkell, S.J.H. Smith (Captain), A.M.A. Lamb, D.A. Soper

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 8 Lost 2

v M.C.C. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School -match drawn
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 120 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Rugby School - won by 107 runs
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)

Cricket

1st XI

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 6, Abandoned 2

In retrospect this XI did not fulfil its true potential, particularly regarding the batting. Several established players from last year did not produce the quantity of runs or wickets expected of them. It is always difficult to win at this level and many would agree that to win four or five matches means a very successful season. This season, only three matches were won (M.C.C., Rugby and Cheltenham College) but a moral victory was achieved against Eton. The match against Stowe was affected by rain but if the side had batted anywhere near their potential then we might have gained another victory. However, "ifs" are of no value, particularly in a game like cricket which often produces remarkable results. No doubt one or two members of the side would quote the adage "cricket's a funny old game!" Nevertheless, with a bit of luck things could have been different, but that was not to be the case.

The opening match against an M.C.C. side managed by Edward Thom (O.S.E.) contained several old boys, including G. Hudson who batted rather well to enable a fair declaration to be made at 210—6; the out-cricket was reasonable with Rayne (3—34) and Franklin (3—56) sharing the wickets. The batting was anchored by Soper (64), ably supported by Arkell (49), Cane (29) and P. Bishop (29), and the target was reached with a few overs to spare.

The Eton match was extremely exciting and they were fortunate to hold out at 127—8 chasing a solid total of 200—8 declared (Soper 49, Blanchard 49). The Eton batsmen found the chinaman/googly bowling of Franklin difficult to cope with and he finished with fine figures of 5—47.

At Bradfield on a fine sunny day the home team batted first and a very good hundred from their captain was the stumbling block: having been dropped at a critical stage, he made 114 out of 186—8, with the next top scorer being 18. After a tremendous start to the innings (Lamb 25, Soper 38) the middle order failed disastrously and from then on we could only salvage a draw, finishing at 128—7, Cane making a sound 20 not out.

At Harrow, we won the toss and elected to bat yet again, but with the exception of Soper (47), the senior batsmen failed, mustering only 22 runs between them. At 90—6 things looked fairly black, but a remarkable recovery was made by Bishop (31) and Mitchell (29) who rallied the score to a respectable 181. The Harrow batsmen were never in much difficulty but they could not score quite fast enough and, attempting to accelerate, they lost both wickets and momentum, and settled for a draw 30 runs short.

Stowe visited us on one of the rare wet days in May. They struggled to 81—6 not very impressively and one sensed that if the game had reached a conclusion we ought to have won.

The local Derby against Radley was the low point of the season: this was the only match in which we were truly outclassed, in particular by their two fast opening bowlers (L. George and A. Moss). Radley batted first, reaching a good total of 209 with no one player dominating. We were dismissed for 89 with the pace bowling being just too much for all concerned.

At Gaudy the Martyrs mustered a very useful side. The School batted first making 194—9 declared, with Lamb (77) at last finding some form, and Soper contributing well with 33. Some mean bowling by S. Northcote-Green (5—55) kept the total under 200. The Martyrs could only find one batsman in form, G. Hudson again, who made an attractive 57. He had little support except from A. Sykes (32) and they finished at 174—9.

The victory over Cheltenham was the best of the season because they had been enjoying a very good season. We managed to bowl them out for 131, and Soper, having been promoted to opening bowler, finished with 5—24. At last the captain S. Smith found some form by scoring 57, and a victory by six wickets was comfortably achieved.

The match against Bedford was abandoned after a tremendous thunderstorm completely flooded the square in mid-afternoon. We had struggled to 156 all out with de Putron making a solid half-century. Bedford were 22—1 when the heavens opened.

The Cryptics match produced 450 runs altogether, and a superb hundred by H. Rogers (O.S.E.) plus some hard hitting at the end by C. Mackaness (O.S.E.) and D. Drake-Brockman, enabled the captain, J. J. McPartlin, to declare at 241—6. De Putron (58) and Soper (60) formed the basis of the innings but the target of 241 was always a little too much and a draw became inevitable.

The match at Marlborough was the first at this level for many years. The wicket was green and not very hard and hence batting was never easy. However, the Marlborough openers put on 89, and then followed a remarkable collapse to 110—9. The last pair put on an invaluable 24 runs before Arkell on his return to the bowling arena completed the rout with figures of 5—19. We started very slowly and only de Putron (31) made any headway. Runs were hard to come by and though the threatened rain had held off for most of the day it finally ruined an exciting finish. We were 123—8 with four overs left, so it could have gone either way.

The victory against Rugby proved to be something of a capitulation. Batting first, we made a solid 199—5 declared, with de Putron (62), Smith (43) and Arkell scoring the bulk of the runs. Rugby in reply had no answer to the bowling of Franklin (6—45) and they were all out for 92 in 46 overs.

The final match against Oundle was nothing short of disaster. We could only make a modest 164 all out, with Arkell (58) batting extremely well. Oundle's innings started with a wicket in the first over but the game was dominated by a young player, A. Townsend (96 not out), who batted with maturity to see them home by three wickets. Arkell again bowled tidily to take 3—32.

In conclusion, the season could have been very good, but the outcome was somewhat disappointing, especially after sound performances early in the season against such sides as Eton and Harrow.

Finally, I would like to thank all those involved with the cricket but in particular Brian Edrich for his invaluable coaching and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques for all their work, especially on match days.

P.G.B.

Colours were awarded to: S. J. H. Smith (capt.), D. J. E. Arkell, D. A. Soper, A. M. A. Lamb, P. D. Blanchard, T. de Putron, P. J. A. Bishop, R. J. Mitchell, T. J. C. Rayne, D. A. Cane, R. N. C. Franklin. Also played: A. E. G. Lewis.

BATTING AVERAGES:

	Innings	Not out	Total runs	Highest score	Average
de Putron	7	0	263	62	37.6
Soper	12	0	360	64	30.0
Mitchell	8	5	84	29	28.0
Arkell	12	1	224	58	20.36
Smith	12	1	217	57	19.72
Lamb	12	0	213	77	17.75
Cane	10	2	121	29	15.1
Bishop	10	2	115	29	14.4
Blanchard	12	2	126	49	12.6
Lewis	3	1	21	16	10.5
Franklin	5	4	8	4	8.0
Rayne	11	2	61	11	6.7

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Lamb	18	5	55	6	9.2
Arkell	33.3	11	87	8	10.88
Rayne	134.5	38	348	23	15.13
Franklin	185.2	35	570	31	18.38
Soper	75	18	233	11	21.2
Mitchell	102.4	28	273	10	27.3
Lewis	63	16	193	6	32.2
		Also bowled:			
Cane	10	2	39	0	–

A RESILIENT SEASON WITH 8 DRAWS IN 13 GAMES BUT ONLY 2 DEFEATS

SIMON SMITH CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE

FIRST MATCH AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE SINCE 1941 - A MATCH RUINED BY RAIN AND ENDING IN A DRAW

DAVID SOPER TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 24 RUNS IN THE 6 WICKETS WIN OVER A PREVIOUSLY UNDEFEATED CHLETENHAM COLLEGE SIDE

VICTORY OVER RUGBY SCHOOL, WITH A 6 WICKET HAUL FROM ROBERT FRANKLIN BEING DECISIVE - IN ALL HE TAKES 31 WICKETS FOR THE SEASON AT A COST OF 18 RUNS EACH

ALISTAIR LAMB TOP SCORES WITH 77 AGAINST THE MARTYRS

Cricket XI 1983

L-R back row N.R.E. Telfer, T.J.C. Rayne, N.M. Tory, R.W. Sadler, A.E.G. Lewis, M. Jones

L-R seated R.N.C. Franklin, D.A. Cane, P.J.A. Bishop (Captain), D.A. Soper, R.J. Mitchell

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 2 Drawn 8 Lost 4

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Eton College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bradfield College - lost by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - won by 19 runs
(Away)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 86 runs
(Home)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Denstone College - match drawn
(Away)
Edinburgh Academy - won by 41 runs
(Away)
V Pocklington School - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)

Cricket

1st XI

Played 14, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 8, Abandoned 1

As usual with any cricket report, the weather has to feature prominently. This year was no exception with one of the wettest Mays on record. However, as many predicted, the latter part of the term saw very little rain, though due to examinations most of our matches have to be played in May. Nevertheless only the Stowe match was lost to the weather, which was a pity because we might have had a fair chance of success.

As can be seen from the record of the season it was not one of the most successful, with only two matches being won (Cheltenham and Edinburgh Academy). The middle order batting let us down on several occasions and the last pair all too often had to bat out the remaining overs. It was the lack of runs that meant we were never in a strong position to dictate the game. The fact that the highest total of the season was 194 (*v.* Academy) is indicative of the problem. In retrospect we were lucky to draw against Bedford, Radley and Harrow, but on the other hand we might have beaten Rugby and Oundle if the odd catch had been held. The successful schools against us were Bradfield, Marlborough and Pocklington, with only Marlborough completely outplaying us.

There were some memorable moments during the season. In particular David Soper's century against Oundle was long overdue. For most of the season he had been providing most of the runs and it was fitting that in his last game on the square he achieved the coveted three figures. Not only was his batting vital but he also bowled a vast number of overs, taking 22 wickets. Overall a tremendous effort, and without him the side would have been somewhat depleted. Other moments included Robert Franklin's 7—63 against Cheltenham; Robert Sadler's hat-trick against Rugby; Alastair Cane's 96 against Pocklington; Paul Bishop's catching against Denstone; Alec Lewis's conversion into a sound opening bat; and the backlift of Michael Jones!

A special mention must be in order for Robert Franklin who this season amassed 47 wickets. His unorthodox type of bowling (left-arm "chinaman" and "googly") had many good batsman wondering where the next ball would go. When he was bowling well there was always a chance of the unusual. As everyone knows "cricket is a funny game." As with D. Soper, without him the side would have struggled to win any games at all.

In the first match of the season against MCC the game should have been won but some rather inept batting meant that the last pair, M. Jones and R. Franklin, had to bat out the last few overs. The following week we travelled to Eton. The pitch was extremely wet and in any other summer the game would not have been played. However, the rain ceased for a few hours and a rather tame draw resulted. Having lost early wickets the target was never within reach.

Against Bradfield yet again poor batting, in particular the failure to play the "yorker," let us down and a meagre total of 90 was never enough. However, R. Franklin's teasing bowling (6—40) nearly pulled off a remarkable victory.

Year in and year out Harrow have been the strongest batting side on our circuit and when they declared at 180—7 we thought there was a chance. It was certainly not to be as we limped to 63—9. This was a game we ought to have lost but thanks to some poor captaincy by the opposition we salvaged a draw.

At Radley their powerful batting totalled a score of 205—8. Unusually it was the early batsmen who failed and only a stalwart innings by N. Telfer (21) and A. Lewis (24) saved the game. Even then the last pair yet again had to negotiate the remaining tense overs.

At Cheltenham, the only success of the term was largely due to some fine bowling by R. Franklin. Cheltenham were 5 wickets down with only 13 runs on the board at one stage but they recovered well through some sound middle order batting but were unable to sustain it. They finally capitulated 19 runs short.

At Bedford yet again we salvaged a draw. The bowlers did not bowl well and there was no support for D. Soper (49) in our innings.

The Cryptics (alias the Common Room) beat the XI all too easily. D. D-B. and E.C.D. totally disregarded the good length ball and scored the 177 runs required with time to spare. On a good wicket a total of 200 runs plus was necessary. Unfortunately D. Soper could not accelerate the innings and again the middle order provided very little. It was only a minor flourish from R. Sadler (27) and M. Jones (18) that made a declaration possible.

Against Marlborough a fine innings of 142 by Burrell enabled Marlborough to declare at a massive 245—3. This was well beyond our reach with only token resistance from A. Cane (52). Unusually all batsmen were caught! There must be a moral there.

At Rugby a sound innings by D. Soper (75) enabled a declaration at 176. However, this lowish total was due to some very slow batting after lunch. Rugby's innings started off at roughly a run-a-minute and it looked very ominous at 133—4 but R. Sadler suddenly produced a hat-trick and we nearly won the match.

The final game of the term against Oundle saw a magnificent century by D. Soper. However, again lack of support meant we could only reach 175—6. Oundle threw the chance of victory away by some casual batting and were lucky not to lose in the end.

Scottish Tour

Played 3, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 1

In the middle of the hot spell we set forth for the Highlands under the dubious guidance of P.G.B. and A.R.D. (who was selected as driver and coach but rapidly became master i/c singing). Although the weather was very hot, on arrival at the Academy we encountered the local "haar." This is the sea fog that rolls inland off the Firth of Forth. This persisted for the first two days and did affect the cricket, i.e. a wet ball, wet outfields and poor light.

In the opening match, against Denstone on the Fettes square, after much deliberation we decided to put the opposition in — in retrospect not a great decision as they reached 203—8. After a sound start an exciting 50 from A. Cane gave us hope but he could not sustain the acceleration required and a dull draw ensued.

Pocklington were a sound batting side but we decided from the previous game to bat first if possible. According to plan we won the toss and made a respectable total of 182—6. Pocklington replied slowly but surely, and after tea some vigorous hitting by nos. 3 and 5, helped by some poor fielding, allowed them to reach the total with reasonable ease.

It was nice to win the last game against the hosts. On a scorching day we batted first making 194—7. As was often the case during the season slow batting after lunch put pressure on later batsmen. However, a hard-hitting 31 from Alec Lewis raised the tone. The Academy played the game in the right spirit and consequently kept going for the win even with 8 wickets down. For once some good fielding — Rupert Batho even held a catch — and a little luck gave us a 41 run victory.

P.G.B.

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. N. Franklin	232.3	54	680	47	14.46
A. E. Lewis	22	2	56	3	18.6
D. A. Soper	156.5	33	437	22	19.8
T. J. Rayne	91	16	294	10	29.4
D. A. Cane	26	9	64	2	32.0
R. W. Sadler	127.3	27	418	11	38.0
N. R. Telfer	20	5	59	1	59
R. J. Mitchell	23	5	63	1	63

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST DENSTONE COLLEGE, EDINBURGH ACADEMY AND POCKLINGTON SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST EVER BRITISH TOUR

ROBERT FRANKLIN TAKES 47 WICKETS FOR THE SEASON WITH THE ABILITY TO BOWL LEFT ARM CHINAMANS AND GOGGLIES

AGAIN DRAWS DOMINATE WITH ANOTHER 8 THIS SEASON IN A FIXTURE LIST OF 14

PAUL BISHOP CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON - 'A GIFTED FIELDER BUT WHO STRUGGLED WITH THE BAT' - SO OFTEN A SCHOOL XI CHARACTERISTIC THROUGH THE YEARS

DAVID CANE SCORES 96 AGAINST POCKLINGTON SCHOOL IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS!

BATTING AVERAGES:

	Innings	Not out	Total	Highest	Average
D. A. Soper	14	2	554	*100	46.1
D. A. Cane	14	0	358	96	25.57
A. E. Lewis	13	1	192	34	16.0
M. Jones	10	4	90	21	15.0
R. W. Sadler	11	5	83	*27	13.8
R. J. Hall	4	0	54	30	13.5
T. J. Rayne	11	2	80	15	8.8
R. J. Mitchell	10	1	66	21	7.3
N. R. Telfer	14	0	95	38	6.78
C. J. Jee	4	0	27	22	6.75
P. J. Bishop	13	0	83	22	6.38
N. M. Tory	7	0	39	12	5.57
R. Batho	4	0	17	10	4.25
R. N. Franklin	7	5	1	1	0.5

*Not out

Cricket XI 1984

L-R BACK ROW J.M. Kelly, N.P. Adam, N.A. Smith, S.W.M. Moir, D.P. Askew, J.D. Ball

L-R SEATED N.D. Goldson, R.W. Sadler, D.A. Cane (Captain), M. Jones, R.J. Hall

David Cane would later play County Cricket for Hampshire

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 1 Drawn 7 Lost 6

v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 19 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost by 70 runs
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 6 runs
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 106 runs
(Away)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)

Cricket

1st XI

Played 14; Won 1; Lost 5; Drawn 8.

It is customary to begin a cricket report with some complaint about the weather, slow wickets and cold north-westerlies blowing in over Field House, but this year there have been few grumbles — more's the pity! A few strategic cloudbursts might have improved the record.

The record of the season is not pleasant reading. It has been a difficult year in all the major sports (bar rowing) with a dearth of talented ball players. With some encouraging results in the lower part of the School I think that the future is more promising. The U14 XI had a good season as did the Junior Colts. They are not world-beaters but they have a good deal of enthusiasm for the game and that matters enormously. I hope that they do not lose their keenness as they come through the School.

For all the disappointments of the season there were still, inevitably, some golden moments as only the game of cricket can produce. Undoubtedly the highlight was the captain's 170 against the Cryptics. This broke the School record which previously stood at 164. He was in total command and only a lapse in concentration caused his downfall. The other outstanding performance of the season was N. Goldson's prolific six hitting (29 in all). His innings of 79 against the M.C.C. won the game. He has an eye for the ball rarely seen in a schoolboy. Another interesting fact was that the opening bowlers in the last four matches (J. Kelly and C. Sharp) were both still in the IVth Form. As far as anyone can remember this has not happened since the war.

In the first match of the season (April even!) the weather suited mid-August. Abingdon elected to bat first and with some indifferent bowling and a very sound century from M. Boobyer (131) they declared at 242—4. When the score reached 59—6 things were looking ominous and an early departure seemed imminent. However, a remarkable recovery was staged by R. Hall (91) and R. Sadler (53) which saved the game.

The match against the M.C.C. was the only victory of the season. The M.C.C., which contained four O.S.E., reached a sound total of 242—6 (R. Sears 62, G. Hudson 65). With a good start based on M. Jones (68) and R. Hall (20), the platform was set for the assault by N. Goldson (79) ably supported by R. Sadler (21 not out). The M.C.C. were captained by E. Thom (O.S.E.) who kept the game going by bowling the spinners rather than the quicker bowlers. However, in retrospect, I am not sure whether it would have made any difference.

The match against Radley was one of the few games of the season interrupted by weather. Radley had made a dour 210—5, and we were going well at 35—1 when rain stopped play.

Against Eton the bowlers did well to contain them to 188—8 (T. Burley 4—55, A. Cane 2—12). It was yet again the bat of N. Goldson (80) that sent the fielders to all points of the compass, and had the Junior Colts taking evasive action on the Chestnut! Unfortunately he could not sustain the momentum and we lost by 19 runs. However, the Eton coach, P. Thackeray, had grown a few grey hairs in those closing overs.

At Bradfield we came up against a very strong side and having elected to bat on a murky day we were shot out for 62 due to some inept batting against some quickish bowling (A. Straker 5—32, A. Goodsir 5—23). It drizzled for most of the day but never really rained hard, so that play could not be called off. As a result we bowled in the rain to give Bradfield an easy victory. However, I fear that if they had batted first a formidable total might well have ensued.

At Harrow the bowling and fielding were not tight enough and this allowed Harrow to reach 210—4 declared. We offered little resistance except for another six-hitting spree by N. Goldson (65, eight sixes) and capitulated 130 all out (R. Fox 6—24).

Yet again Gaudy was plagued by bad weather. Play continued until 4 p.m. by which time the School had scored 178—7 (Ball 36, Sadler 36). Unfortunately the rain became much harder and we adjourned for some light refreshment.

In an undistinguished game against Stowe the result of a draw was correct since neither side played well enough to win. Cane bowled tirelessly (24–3–70–6) and restricted Stowe to 185 in 3¼ hours. Again the batting was not up to the required run rate, except for another entertaining 64 from N. Goldson, and a dull draw ensued (S.E.S. 160—6).

In the match against Cheltenham solid innings from P. Daniel (60) and A. Cane (60) allowed what seemed a fair declaration to be made at 192—6. Unfortunately this was not a fair declaration — it was far too soon, because a magnificent century by R. Thompson (107) enabled Cheltenham to cruise to a seven wicket victory.

Yet another draw resulted against Bedford, in which both sides lacked any penetrating bowling. Bedford made a very respectable 224—7 (Cane 4—50, Kelly 3—73) and we made 172—5 (A. Cane 84). Unfortunately N. Goldson did not have one of his days and the game petered out.

The highlight of the season occurred in the Cryptics game in which A. Cane scored an almost faultless 170. The Cryptics bowling was not that poor (Messrs Dewes, Badger, Drake-Brockman, Thackeray and Danziger!) but it did lack real pace. However, there was very little support for the captain and the School ended up six runs short. C. Sharp in his first game for the XI returned impressive bowling figures of 19–5–75–4.

On a hot day at Marlborough we suffered quite an ordeal with both Marlborough openers reaching the coveted three figures. They amassed a total of 303 in good time, but at one stage with Cane going well and Goldson yet to come the impossible might have happened. It was not to be and again I am afraid the batting collapsed and we were all out for 196.

In a tight game against Rugby for once the bowlers did their job, with C. Sharp returning quite outstanding figures of 20–14–16–6. The result was that Rugby were bowled out for 163. Even with such a low total the batting could not summon up the determination, courage or concentration to apply themselves to the task. In the end J. Kelly and C. Sharp blocked out the final overs to gain a draw. It was a game we should have won.

The final game against Oundle was a good contest. We managed to reach 174 (having been 134—8), thanks to J. Kelly (39) and R. Spalding (33). Oundle, with a noted batsman in A. Townsend, were never in command of the bowling (Cane 4—57, Kelly 3—63) and in a tense finish were 10 runs short and two wickets remaining.

In conclusion my thanks must go to Brian Edrich for all his support in coaching all teams, particularly after his unfortunate accident in the nets early in the season. Special praise must also go to the ground staff, in particular Jim Jacques and Brian Edrich for providing such good wickets at all levels. In a difficult season the wickets have been excellent, which I fear is often not appreciated by the boys. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jacques and Mrs. Clark for providing excellent lunches again in the pavilion. Finally, but not least I would like to thank all those members of staff who have given their time on the cricket field in some way or other. It is a long day on a Saturday when you return from an away match after 8 p.m.

P.G.B.

BATTING AVERAGES:

	Innings	Not out	Total runs	Highest score	Average
D. A. Cane (capt.)	14	2	490	170	40.83
N. Goldson (wkt.)	12	0	336	80	28.00
A. Burke	8	3	112	32	22.40
P. Daniel	7	0	152	60	21.70
J. Kelly	9	5	86	*39	21.50
R. Spalding	2	0	43	33	21.50
R. J. Hall	12	1	205	91	17.08
J. Ball	10	2	129	*36	16.20
M. Jones	13	0	200	68	15.38
R. Sadler	13	1	169	53	14.08

Also batted: R. Batho, T. Burley, N. Adam, N. Smith, D. Askew, S. Moir, C. Sharp, D. Webster.

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Sharp	157	31	448	18	24.89
D. A. Cane	36	23	144	11	13.1
J. Kelly	161	33	497	13	38.23

Also bowled: R. Sadler, M. Jones, J. Ball, T. Burley, R. Spalding, N. Smith, N. Adam, S. Moir, R. Hall, P. Daniel.

Scorers: C. Offen, M. R. Dickinson, J. R. Bremridge, Dorien Pluim.

DAVID CANE MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1982-1984 (CAPTAIN IN 1984). HIS SCORE OF 170 VERSUS THE CRYPTICS IN 1984 STOOD FOR 31 YEARS AS THE RECORD INNINGS EVER SCORED FOR THE SCHOOL. HE LATER CAPTAINED THE LONDON UNIVERSITY XI AS WELL AS THE THE BRITISH UNIVERSITIES TEAM AND PLAYED FOR THE 2ND XI HAMPSHIRE C.C. AND GRADE CRICKET SYDNEY

DAVID CANE SCORES 170 RUNS AGAINST THE CRYPTICS - A SCHOOL RECORD AT THE TIME

CANE ACCUMULATES 490 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 41 AND TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 70 RUNS AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL

THE XI IS ALMOST ENTIRELY MADE UP OF DEBUTANTS, WITH ONLY TWO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS IN THE SIDE

DAVID CANE THE CAPTAIN IS BY FAR THE MOST EXPERIENCED AT THIS LEVEL BEING HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE SIDE

DESPITE A STRONG BATTING SIDE (4 BATSMEN NOTCH UP MORE THAN 400 RUNS EACH FOR THE SEASON) ONLY ONE VICTORY IS GAINED

THE BOWLING ATTACK WHICH INCLUDES TWO 4TH FORMERS CHRISTOPHER SHARP (AGED 15) AND JAMES KELLEY (JUST 16) TOIL WITHOUT MUCH SUCCESS, BOTH PLAYERS WILL PLAY FOR 3 YEARS

NICHOLAS GOLDSON THE WICKETKEEPER ALSO SCORES 336 RUNS FOR THE SEASON INCLUDING 29 SIXIES!

THIS SIDE IS UNFORTUNATE TO BE UP AGAINST BRADFIELD, MARLBOROUGH AND OUNDLE - ALL OF WHOM HAVE OUTSTANDING SEASONS

THE MARTYRS ARE A VERY STRONG SIDE SCORING OVER 300 THREE TIMES WITH TWO CENTURIES BY SIMON TALBOT-WILLIAMS (OSE) - ONE BEING

Cricket XI 1985

L-R BACK ROW J.D. Ball, C.G. Sharp, G.J. Young, J.M.E. Sale, J.R.H. Curley, J.M. Kelly

L-R SEATED R.A. Spalding, P.G. St J. Daniel, R.W. Sadler (Captain), D.N. Webster, A.G.C. Brown

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 1 Drawn 4 Lost 5

v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Away)
v P.G. Badger's XI - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 10 runs
(Home)
v Eton College - lost (no details)
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost (no details)
(Away)
v Martyrs - won (no details)
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Marlborough College - lost by 13 runs
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)

Cricket

1st XI

Played 15, Won 1, Lost 7, Drawn 7, Abandoned 1.

In general terms the 1985 season was a disappointing one, as can be clearly seen from the results. However, silk purses cannot be made out of sows' ears—well, not often! The one single advantage this team has is its youth. Next year there will be nine with 1st XI experience, which hopefully will stand them in good stead.

There were no stars in the team but there may be some latent talent lurking behind the stumps in David Webster who brought off some stunning catches. He lacks experience at standing up to slow bowlers but this will come in due course.

The major problem throughout the season was our batting. Rarely did we bat to our potential. Enough runs are necessary, however good the bowlers, in order to win matches. One of the few times we batted well was against Bedford when the captain played a stirring innings (70) after a sound base had been established by A. Brown (38) and J. Ball (29). Unfortunately it was also one of the few times the bowlers were out of sorts—we lost by seven wickets.

In the early part of the season weather was hardly suited to playing cricket, let alone performing well. Draws against Abingdon and P.G.B.'s XI resulted. The M.C.C. brought a very strong side but only some "pro-bowling" from A. Lyon (Bucks) made the side succumb with only 10 runs needed.

Against Eton and Harrow yet again indifferent batting sealed our fate. The only victory of the season was against the Martyrs who generously kept the game open after a fine 92 by H.W.B. for the Martyrs.

Losing draws against Cheltenham and Stowe were followed by the most disppointing match of the season against Marlborough. Having bowled them out for the modest total of 133 (Kelly 4—21) we collapsed from 108—5 to 120 all out. Fine quick bowling by J. Makin (4—38) was critical.

It was a poor season mainly because the team never combined their useful bowling with their batting talent. It was a severe blow when Chris Sharp dislocated his elbow early in the season, because he might have proved invaluable as a strike bowler. With him next year and the experience gained this year, then I think the future holds some success for this group of boys who are keen on their cricket. They will all have to work hard at all departments of the game, including winning. As someone once said, "there is no substitute for success!"

I would like to thank Robert Sadler for all his hard work as captain. It is never easy to captain a side with few runs to defend. As always we are indebted to Brian Edrich for his professional advice and his enthusiasm for the game.

Adrian Brown, top scorer in the XI.

For the last time I would like to thank Jim Jacques who has finally retired. He has run an efficient team of groundstaff over the years and has always produced a high standard of wickets at all levels. I wish him and his wife a happy retirement. It is also nice to know that Brian Edrich is taking over and hence I am sure that standards will be kept up.

P.G.B.

BATTING AVERAGES:

	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Total runs	Average
A. Brown	15	1	70	421	30.07
P. Daniel	14	1	64	220	16.92
R. Sadler	13	0	70	205	15.66
G. Young	13	1	50	188	15.66
J. Ball	15	0	50	230	15.33
S. Gray	11	2	47	137	15.22
A. Sharp	3	0	15	35	11.66
D. Webster	13	2	34	111	10.09
J. Kelly	14	6	15	80	10.00
J. Curley	8	1	28	67	9.57
R. Spalding	13	4	19	77	8.55

Also batted: J. Sale, C. Sharp, J. Young, J. Wakefield, N. Smith and O. Watson.

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Young	34	8	82	6	13.66
R. Spalding	154.3	37	440	28	15.71
R. Sadler	110	20	360	19	18.94
J. Kelly	198	53	522	21	24.85
J. Curley	44	9	169	6	28.16
A. Smith	53	11	152	3	50.66

Also bowled: J. Ball and C. Sharp.

Players who represented the School in 1985: R. W. Sadler* (captain), P. Daniel* (secretary), A. Brown*, G. Young*, J. Ball*, S. Gray, A. Sharp, D. Webster*, J. Kelly*, J. Curley, R. Spalding*, J. Young, A. Smith, N. Smith, O. Watson, J. Sale, C. Sharp, J. Wakefield.

JOE McPARTLIN, MASTER I/C CRICKET 1985

JOE McPARTLIN TAKES OVER (FOR ONE SEASON) AS MASTER I/C CRICKET

JIMMY JACQUES RETIRES AS HEAD GROUNDSMAN WITH PROFESSIONAL BRIAN EDRICH TAKING OVER SOME OF HIS DUTIES

THE ABILITY TO WIN CRICKET MATCHES IS AGAIN AT A PREMIUM THIS YEAR. ONE IS ACHIEVED, THIS MEANS THAT ONLY 10 WINS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE 1980s TO DATE

THIS IS AGAIN A VERY YOUNG TEAM, WITH THREE 16 YEAR OLDS, UNDER CAPTAIN ROBERT SADLER, IN HIS THIRD YEAR IN THE SIDE. NINE OF THESE PLAYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 1986

SIX HALF CENTURIES ARE SCORED - BUT ALL ARE INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS, UNSUPPORTED BY TEAM-MATES

CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN THE 'CHRONICLE' THAT CRICKET IS NO LONGER TAKEN AS SERIOUSLY AS IN THE PAST AT ST. EDWARD'S. THE 'INVASIVE' ACADEMIC TIMETABLE IS BECOMING EVER MORE A FACTOR TOO

Cricket XI 1986

L-R back row M.R. Jepp, R.A. Spalding, A.J.B. Sharp, C.G. Sharp, O.A.C. Watson, J.M. Kelly, R.J. Gaffney

L-R seated J.P. Young, J.D. Ball, D.N. Webster (captain), A.G.C. Brown, G.J. Young

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 4 Drawn 6 Lost 4

v Abingdon School - lost by 23 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - won by 16 runs
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 10 wickets
(Away)
v St. Peter's College, Adelaide - won by 62 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost (no details)
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Rugby school - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School- match drawn
(Away)

Cricket

It has been a fascinating experience standing in as master in charge of cricket for a year while Peter Badger was on exchange in New Zealand (and I hope he was as useful to King's College, Auckland, as his counterpart, Stuart Manners, was to us here). Some people imagine a master-in-charge of cricket to be a lissom young man who can out-field the 1st XI and who relaxes after a three hour net practice by throwing a ball against a single stump on an open field. I do not exactly fit that description and am now more perplexed than ever why this should have been a cause of some concern, because what the job consists of is hours of telephoning and corresponding about fixtures, organising umpires, allocating pitches or times in the indoor nets (and how grateful we were to have them in the first three weeks of the term), liaising with caterers, writing up reports to be reproduced under other names in various newspapers and magazines, rationalising transport, selecting equipment, and finally, as a postscript, spending four afternoons a week not so much coaching the first XI as jollying someone out of depression caused by A-levels or loss of form or injuries or rejection in love or just warm winds.

However, from the vantage point offered by these activities, I see that cricket is still alive and well at St. Edward's. Nearly 200 boys applied to play cricket this summer, and I must offer many thanks for the fact that we are able to accommodate so many of them. First and foremost, to Brian Edrich, of whose incomparable grounds I have said something in each report I have written: to that I must now add the invaluable and invariably cheerful advice he gives on a host of unsuspected details of cricket administration, such as a reminder not to forget the school flag or that five teams are playing at home and only 96 teas have been ordered, or that an early start means that the boiled potatoes ought to be sent for half an hour earlier. For the framework of a sound cricket organisation I must thank Peter Badger and all his predecessors. I have benefited from the elder statesmanship of Myles Arkell on various thorny problems. The caterers cope with cricket's curious needs, particularly Mr. and Mrs. King who take great pride in what they do in the pavilion. Very much taken for granted are the small band of scorers who perform a thankless and usually unthanked task with varying degrees of willingness. And most important of all are those patient colleagues, too many of them far from their first youth, who give up time on three weekdays and a Saturday afternoon on a scale totally unguessed at even by most members of the Common Room.

Cricket is probably the most complicated of all the games staged by schools, and those who have been following the recent correspondence in *The Times* will have seen from how many different sources it faces danger or even possibly extinction. It still seems to me to be worth preserving.

AVERAGES

Batting: 5 or more innings

	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
Brown	14	2	454	*105	37.9
Ball	14	3	340	85	30.9
G. Young	12	1	330	76	30.0
Jepp	11	2	161	43	17.9
Gaffney	5	3	23	*17	11.5
Watson	7	2	39	20	7.8
Kelly	9	1	60	25	7.5
Webster	11	0	63	31	5.7
A. Sharp	5	0	26	19	5.2
C. Sharp	7	2	14	6	2.8
J. Young	7	2	14	6	2.8

* *Not out*

Bowling: 20 or more overs

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Sharp	198	57	422	31	13.6
J. Young	106	23	368	23	16.0
Spalding	45	6	133	5	16.2
Kelly	188	38	497	14	35.5
A. Sharp	25	2	90	2	45.0
Gaffney	70	10	240	3	80.0

CHRIS DANZIGER, MASTER I/C
CRICKET 1986

JOHN WOODCOCK—The Sage of Longparish on duty in Adelaide.

Derek Henderson writes:—

I suppose there are many like myself, who, on the arrival of *The Times* newspaper in the morning, turn first to read what the Cricket Correspondent has to say. Indeed, I think I can go further. There are many who take *The Times* in order to read the Cricket Correspondent's article! The Cricket Correspondent is a very distinguished Old Boy: John Woodcock. Perhaps what is not so widely known is that for the past six years he has been editor of *Wisden*, a position from which he has, alas, just resigned. The Editor's notes these last six years have spared no-one. John is a traditionalist. He loves Cricket. Anything on or off the field that (in his view) brings the game into disrepute he abhors. Would that there were more of his standing amongst the players! He has been writing Cricket non-stop since 1950, when he went to Australia with F. R. Brown's team. His early pieces appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, and then, quite suddenly, he became Cricket Correspondent to the *Manchester Guardian*. When their former correspondent returned from Australia (he had gone to settle there) he was promptly offered back his old job. At the time none of us realised how lucky this move was to prove to be. Had it not happened, good people up and down the country would have had to take the *Guardian*—something that would have stretched our loyalty even to John! After a brief sojourn with the *Telegraph*, he finally went to *The Times* in 1953.

It always surprised me that he accepted the Editorship of *Wisden* and kept on at *The Times*. The work-load must have been insufferable—indeed it is this that has now decided him to resign from *Wisden* and concentrate on *The Times*. If this means we can enjoy his daily writing for another five years, then I for one will not complain. But I doubt very much whether anyone can maintain the same standard of *Wisden* as John achieved. Not only did he write the Editor's notes and pick the five cricketers of the year, but he even became the chief proof reader for all articles submitted for publication. So high were his standards, he demanded that all writings reached his own level of excellence. This took hours and hours of patient toil. It was proving too much, and he took a sensible decision to resign.

I am sure that all who achieve success owe their greatness to the influence of others. John has been brought up in a super journalistic environment. E. W. Swanton was the first to open out the way. I. A. R. Peebles, R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, J. H. Fingleton and M. M. Walford were others whose company he enjoyed. It has all led to his now being the most widely read of all the Cricket Correspondents around the world. His authority is unique; his knowledge of the game second to none; his acceptance by others as "that wonderful man" cannot ever have been equalled in the history of cricket journalism. He has given us six wonderful years of *Wisden:* 32 years of writing for *The Times*. How proud we all are that he is an O.S.E.

ADRIAN BROWN (ONE CENTURY), JEREMY BALL AND GREGOR YOUNG MAKE 1124 RUNS TOGETHER OUT OF 1524 RUNS SCORED BY THE WHOLE SIDE

E.C. DANZIGER TAKES OVER AS MASTER I/C CRICKET FOR ONE TERM (PETER BADGER IN NEW ZEALAND ON AN EXCHANGE) - HE OVERSEES A MINI SCHOOL REVIVAL WITH 200 BOYS APPLYING TO PLAY CRICKET

GREAT IMPROVEMENT WITH THE 4 VICTORIES OUT OF 14 MATCHES AND ANOTHER 6 DRAWN

CHRISTOPHER SHARP TAKES 9 WICKETS FOR 42 RUNS (A RECORD) IN A WELL DESERVED WIN OVER ETON COLLEGE IN 21 OVERS. THIS WIN CHANGES THE SEASON'S FORTUNES OF THIS XI

AFTER THE ETON GAME THE NEXT SEVEN GAMES BRING FORTH THREE WINS AND 4 DRAWS

THE 'FIND OF THE SEASON' IS MATTHEW JEPP WHO CUTS HIS TEETH IN HOUSE CRICKET AND THE CORFE CRICKET CLUB BEFOREHAND - HE SCORES 161 RUNS IN 11 INNINGS

CHRISTOPHER SHARP AND JOHN YOUNG HEAD A STRONG BOWLING ATTACK CAPTURING 54 OF THE TOTAL 76 WICKETS TAKEN OVERALL

Cricket XI 1987

L-R BACK ROW P.C. Chavasse, J.M. Gray, N.K.T. Seddon, B.J.W. Treadaway, J.M.E. Lawes, T.H.C. Hancock

L-R SEATED R.J. Gaffney, M.R. Jepp, J.M. Kelly (Captain), C.G. Sharp, J.C. Elvin

Timothy Hancock would later play County Cricket for Gloucestershire 1990-2005 and minor cricket for Shropshire 2006-2007

Fixture List

Played 13 Won 3 Drawn 8 Lost 2

v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Eton College - match drawn
(Away)
v Rugby School - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bedford School - won by 82 runs
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 22 runs
(Home)

Cricket

At the outset of the season there was a great deal of enthusiasm for the game shown by the numbers of boys opting to play cricket. By the end of the season things were not quite so rosy, which was inevitable particularly when the exam period started. However, in the lower part of the School, enthusiasm and interest continued to flourish with the U14's producing some good results.

It is with some sadness that, after 25 years at St. Edward's, we have to say goodbye to Brian Edrich. It is an impossible task to put into words how much he has contributed to cricket here. He has given in so many ways but in particular to coaching at all levels and in preparing numerous wickets to a very high standard. Whatever the calamity, his smiling face was always there, whether it was the weather, a batting collapse or that the "spuds" had not arrived for lunch. He has put an immense amount of effort, care, patience and above all enthusiasm into his job and the development of cricket at this School. He will without doubt be a very difficult man both to succeed and replace. I am sure that anyone connected with cricket here will miss him dearly—I know I will.

As Brian leaves, Public School cricket is entering another phase, brought about by the new examination system which is making it almost impossible to continue fixtures under present arrangements. The next few years will be so important to the future of cricket in schools like St. Edward's.

RESULTS:

v. Radley. Drawn
Radley 177—5; S.E.S. 144—8

v. Eton. Drawn
Eton 198—4; S.E.S. 118—7

v. Rugby. Lost
S.E.S. 198—8; Rugby 199—6

v. M.C.C. Drawn
M.C.C. 171; S.E.S. 133—9

v. Bradfield. Drawn
Bradfield 205—6; S.E.S. 143—8

v. Harrow. Drawn
S.E.S. 220—7; Harrow 208—7

v. Stowe. Abandoned—Rain
S.E.S. 132; Stowe 59—4

v. Cheltenham. Drawn
Cheltenham 167—6; S.E.S. 117—7

v. Bedford. Won
S.E.S. 132; Bedford 50

v. Cryptics. Won
Cryptics 156—7; S.E.S. 157—7

v. Marlborough. Drawn
Marlborough 180—5; S.E.S. 139—7

v. Abingdon. Won
Abingdon 164—7; S.E.S. 167—7

v. Oundle. Lost
Oundle 243—8; S.E.S. 221

BATTING AVERAGES:

	Innings	Not out	Total	Highest score	Average
Watson	11	1	334	*102	33.4
Jepp	13	1	255	*55	21.25
Wright	7	1	122	51	20.3
Kelly	13	4	171	33	19.4
Seddon	13	0	241	35	18.5
Hancock	9	0	165	40	18.3
Wethey	3	1	34	30	17.0
Gray	9	0	144	44	16.0
Treadaway	5	0	80	42	16.0
Awasty	4	0	57	25	14.25
Lawes	4	0	56	25	14.0
Elvin	10	0	118	44	13.1
Sharp	11	4	70	16	10.0
Gaffney	10	6	30	9	7.5
Chavasse	4	4	12	*7	—

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Sharp	219.3	41	569	33	17.5
Lane	9.0	3	23	1	23.0
Gaffney	142.5	19	513	20	25.6
Kelly	157.1	30	437	15	29.1
Lawes	22.0	2	59	2	29.5
Hichens	16.0	0	73	2	36.5
Seddon	39.0	9	112	3	37.3
Wright	43.0	8	129	3	43.0

CATCHES:

6: Seddon, Chavasse
5: Gaffney
3: Elvin
2: Jepp, Wright
1: Watson, Kelly, Wethey, Lawes, Lane, Sharp, Gray, Treadaway, Awasty.

An appeal against Marlborough

JAMES KELLY AND CHRISTOPHER SHARP BOTH IN THEIR FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR IN THE SCHOOL SIDE

PETER BADGER TAKES ON THE MASTER I/C CRICKET ROLE AGAIN

BRAIN EDRICH'S LAST SEASON AS PROFESSIONAL AFTER 19 YEARS

A RELATIVELY NEW SIDE WITH ONLY THE CAPTAIN JAMES KELLY, IN HIS FOURTH SEASON IN THE SIDE AND CHRISTOPHER SHARP ALSO IN HIS FOURTH SEASON AS WELL, BEING THE EXPERIENCED PLAYERS

BEDFORD SCHOOL DEFEATED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS, THANKS MAINLY TO SHARP'S 6 WICKETS FOR 13 RUNS IN 16 OVERS

XI SCORE OVER 150 RUNS IN SIX INNINGS AND EVEN 221 AT OUNDLE DESPITE LOSING THE MATCH!

OLLIE WATSON SCORES 344 RUNS FOR THE SEASON INCLUDING A NOT OUT CENTURY IN THE DRAW AGAINST HARROW SCHOOL

TIMOTHY HANCOCK IS THE 'FIND OF THE SEASON' - OF WHOM MUCH MORE IS EXPECTED. HE WILL LATER PLAY COUNTY CRICKET FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cricket XI 1988

L-R BACK ROW R.J.C. Hawkins, A.E.R. Craven-Smith, N.R.. Tustian, J.M.E. Lawes, M.S. Ghalib

L-R SEATED T.H.C. Hancock, P.C. Chavasse, M.J.J. Wethey (Captain), G.A. Wright, A.C. Dobson

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 4 Abandoned 1

v Abingdon School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 101 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v St. Edmund Hall - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v P.G. Badger's XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Marlborough College - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 1 run
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match abandoned
(Home)

Cricket

With the coming of the new examination system, this summer term has not only been short but, more to the point, began in mid April and ended on June 30th! Consequently, cricket has been forced into quite a tight corner. In addition, at a meeting held during the closed season, it was agreed by many schools to reduce mid-week cricket to a minimum. This was done by St. Edward's. The end result is that cricket is competing hard against the pressure inevitably created from important public exams. In the future I would like to see a four-term year in which the old summer term became an "exam term" and the first term of the "new" year would be the cricket playing term (mid-August to late September). I fear it will never happen.

Nevertheless, cricket has flourished this term. The weather has not been that bad and only one block fixture (v. Cheltenham) was a wash-out. The XI has done reasonably well, the Colts have managed, the Junior Colts have been disappointing and the U14's have been put under considerable pressure. However, most teams had a modicum of success.

As to the future, there are many improvements that could be made, in particular some artificial net surfaces, covers for the squares etc. That will be the task of the next incumbent.

At this stage I would like to thank everybody who has been involved with cricket over the past few years. I cannot name them all, but special thanks go to the ground staff who have produced some excellent wickets this season, under the watchful eye of Mr. Bob Bowerman. Many thanks also go to the catering department and to Mr. and Mrs. King who have looked after us so well.

RESULTS:

v.	Abingdon	Won by 8 wickets
v.	Eton	Drawn
v.	M.C.C.	Won by 7 wickets
v.	Harrow	Lost by 101 runs
v.	Stowe	Drawn
v.	Martyrs	Lost by 1 run
v.	Bedford	Drawn
v.	PGB's XI	Won by 7 wickets
v.	Bradfield	Drawn
v.	Marlborough	Lost by 9 wickets
v.	Radley	Drawn
v.	Oundle	Lost by 1 run

AVERAGES

Batting (Qualification: 5 innings)

	Ins.	N.O	Runs	H.S.	Ave.	50's
T. M. C. Hancock	6	1	296	70*	59.2	3
A. E. R. Craven-Smith	11	2	285	65*	31.7	1
M. J. J. Wethey	11	1	313	77*	31.3	3
A. C. Dobson	12	1	319	86*	29	1
J. M. E. Lawes	10	1	236	81	26.2	2
R. J. C. Hawkins	10	2	200	65	25	1
A. J. Kane	5	1	74	40	18.5	0
G. A. Wright	6	0	66	32	11	0
P. C. Chavasse	7	3	40	18*	10	0
J. R. C. Hancock	8	0	78	28	9.75	0
N. R. Tustian	6	3	23	8*	7.7	0
M. S. Ghalib	6	1	11	7*	2.2	0

Also batted: J. J. Fremantle 16, 0; T. W. Vodden 0*, 0*; T. J. Cosgrove 32, 1; H. Varney 2.

Bowling (qualification: 5 wickets)

	Ov.	Mds.	Runs	Ws.	Ave.	B.B
T. M. C. Hancock	63	14	156	11	14.18	3—23
M. J. J. Wethey	67.4	14	230	9	25.55	5—50
J. M. E. Lawes	149	40	408	15	27.2	6—47
G. A. Wright	120.2	27	395	11	35.9	3—50
M. S. Ghalib	81	13	376	10	37.6	3—28
N. R. Tustian	126	37	351	8	43.87	3—48

Also bowled: T. W. Vodden 14-0-60-1; J. R. C. Hancock 1-2-0-18-0.

PETER BADGER (C/R) WHO WAS THE MASTER I/C CRICKET 1979-1984 & 1987-1988. HE DIED IN 2009

Matthew Wethey takes no chances

ANOTHER YOUNG SIDE WITH NINE STILL AT THE SCHOOL A YEAR LATER

SIX BATSMEN TOP 200 RUNS FOR THE SEASON WITH TIMOTHY HANCOCK HEADING BOTH BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES

MATHEW WETHEY CAPTAINS THE SIDE

JONATHAN LAWES SCORES 81 AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE INCLUDING 24 IN ONE OVER - HE THEN SCORES 74 AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

Cricket XI 1989

L-R BACK ROW J. Leppard (Professional), M.S. Ghalib, A.J. Kane, N.R. Tustian, C.M. Pitcher, D.E.C. Wethey, P.C. Chavasse

L-R SEATED R.J.C. Hawkins, A.E.R. Craven-Smith, A.C. Dobson (Captain), J.M.E. Lawes, J.R.C. Hancock

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 1

v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Plumtree School, Zimbabwe - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Bedford School - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v C.F. Dobson's XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)

Cricket

This summer would have fitted aptly under the Cardus title of "Days in the Sun" and it is probably necessary to go back to 1976 to find such a spell of sun-drenched cricket pitches and parched outfields. After a damp Saturday early in the term, when some of the contests v. Eton had to be cancelled, the only other match missed, and that by the 1st XI alone, was the Harrow game, the opposition being laid low by salmonella poisoning.

Cricket has flourished throughout the School and, while some of the junior elevens have found their talent stretched rather thinly, it has been pleasing to see the success and enjoyment engendered in some of the senior sides. The 3rd XI particularly deserve mention after one of their most successful seasons ever. P.G.B, in his valedictory summary last year, mentioned the incursions made by the public exams, and again this year those examiners have had a severe effect on team selection for what is, for the 1st XI, almost the last half of the season. While this may provide opportunities for blooding some of the players of the future, it has a disruptive effect on a settled and successful side.

It did not prove possible to hold a full Senior House Match Competition but a six-a-side contest saw Sing's the winners, while the Junior Competition revived memories of bygone days with a win for Segar's.

No summary of the season would be complete without recording my gratitude and praise for all the hard work and pitch preparation carried out by Bob Bowerman and his ground staff. Neither should Mr. and Mrs. King be forgotten: their tireless and cheerful provision of pavilion meals added much to the enjoyment and satisfaction of all our visitors. I am grateful too to those members of the Common Room who so willingly gave up so much of their time coaching their charges and supervising their contests through long, hot Saturday afternoons. It is too easy to take their contribution for granted and the demands on their time far exceed the comparable demands made by rugger and hockey in the winter terms. Finally, all our thanks go to that loyal band of parents who have regularly supported both the teams and their offspring. The 1st XI support group has, I know, become a sociable club whose loyalty has never wavered and whose criticism has always been tempered with kindness.

1st XI AVERAGES, 1989

Batting:	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	H'st Score	Average
R. Hawkins	12	1	407	143*	37.00
P. Burtt	6	0	219	62	36.50
E. Craven-Smith	13	2	368	67*	33.45
A. Dobson	8	1	201	75	28.71
J. Lawes	11	1	244	95*	24.40
J. Hancock	12	0	271	55	22.58
S. Ghalib	4	3	22	13*	22.00
A. Kane	9	0	157	78	17.44
H. Varney	7	1	104	27	17.33
P.Chavasse	4	1	37	14	12.33
C. Pitcher	8	4	46	14*	11.50
A. Goodwin	6	0	47	13	7.83
D. Wethey	10	2	61	25	7.62
N. Tustian	8	3	27	10	5.40

Also batted: T. Vodden 6; J. Conder 2*; D. Leadsom 0*.

Bowling:	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Pitcher	104	16	348	25	13.92
J. Lawes	244	57	721	35	20.60
N. Tustian	139.2	34	434	17	25.53
D. Wethey	53	10	170	5	34.00
S. Ghalib	118.1	10	471	11	42.82
J. Conder	27	2	129	2	64.50

Also bowled:	E. Craven Smith	1-0-1-1
	P. Burtt	11-1-39-0
	A. Dobson	2-0-11-0
	J. Hancock	1-0-11-0
	D. Leadsom	1-0-14-0

Catches: A. Dobson, R. Hawkins 8; J. Lawes 7; E. Craven-Smith 6; S. Ghalib 4; C. Pitcher 3; P. Burtt, A. Kane, N. Tustian, H. Varney 2; P. Chavasse, T. Vodden, D. Wethey 1.
Stumpings: P. Chavasse 3.

Neil Tustian bowling against Marlborough

NEARLY 600 RUNS SCORED IN ONE DAY IN THE GAME VERSUS CHRIS DOBSON'S XI - WITH ROBERT HAWKINS SCORING 143 NOT OUT - THIS BEING OUT-DONE BY THE 205 FROM ADRIAN BROWN (OSE) FOR THE VISITORS!

HAWKINS ALSO SCORES 166 VERSUS THE PLUMTREE SCHOOL FROM ZIMBABWE -

JOSHUA LEPPARD (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY BLUE) TAKES OVER AS THE CRICKET PROFESSIONAL - HE STAYS TWO SEASONS

MYLES PEREGRINE TAKES ON THE MASTER I/C CRICKET

THE BIGGEST CARRY OVER OF CRICKET COLOURS (9) POST WAR, ADDED TO BY TWO COLTS HASTILY PROMOTED

ANDREW DOBSON IS THE NEW CAPTAIN - A 'VETERAN' OF 2 SEASONS IN THE SIDE

ONLY ONE MATCH LOST IN A FIXTURE LIST OF 12 - RADLEY COLLEGE RIGHT AT THE END OF THE SEASON

JONATHAN LAWES SCORES 95 AGAINST THE MARTYRS (AFTER TAKING 5 OLD BOYS' WICKETS)

ROBERT HAWKINS SCORES 407 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 37 PER INNINGS

Cricket XI 1990

L-R BACK ROW L. Siriwardene, A.M.B. Goodwin

L-R MIDDLE ROW W.J.N. Lloyd, H.S. Salter, T.W.T. Stanley, G.P. Brazil, M.R. Howard, A.J. Stewart

L-R SEATED P.L. Burtt, H. Varney, D.E.C. Wethey (Captain), C.M. Pitcher

Christopher Pitcher would later win three Cambridge University Cricket Blues in 1992-94

Fixture List
Played 14 Won 2 Drawn 3 Lost 9

v Eton College - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - lost by 29 runs
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Zimbabwe under-19 XI - lost by 116 runs
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 10 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 79 runs
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 18 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 85 runs
(Away)
v Geelong College, Australia - lost by 183 runs
(Home)

Cricket

Again this year we had a sun-drenched May and hardly a minute's play was lost before Gaudy. In June it was sometimes in and out amongst the showers, but only one day's play was totally lost, towards the end of term, when all the Bradfield fixtures were washed out.

Most of the School teams have found victories more difficult to come by this year although it has been pleasing to see that the Colts managed to win half their matches, as did the Under 14 'C' XI.

The incursions of public examinations have again made a significant impact on team selection. The 1st XI was unable to field a full side for the last five fixtures and the Colts fixture list had to be reduced to just 6 matches. It is difficult to see how this can be improved while GCSE and 'A' levels are spread over such a long period of time.

However, general enthusiasm for the game has been undiminished and, although it was not possible to hold a Senior House Competition, a full Junior Competition resulted in an exciting final when Corfe were the victors over Field House by just 7 runs.

Our playing arenas have been the envy of many of our visitors and credit for this must go to Bob Bowerman and his ground staff who have worked tirelessly to produce playing surfaces and outfields which compare favourably with any of our fellow schools. Mr and Mrs King deserve our thanks too for their indefatigable energy in providing us with lunches and teas in the pavilion, while my thanks must also go to those members of the Common Room who have coached, encouraged and umpired their teams throughout some long, hot afternoons. It is easy to take their contribution for granted but without their enthusiasm and long-suffering patience we would be nowhere.

This year the coaching at 1st XI and other levels has been notably assisted by the presence of Gavin Fitness, a young Australian who came over from Queensland for the summer. His patience and expertise, coupled with his no-nonsense approach and pithy comment has, I hope, enabled many of our young players to improve. The fruits of his labours will hopefully be apparent in the years to come and we are looking forward to his re-appearance next year. My thanks too to Tony Cole, who masterminds the umpires for all our 1st XI home matches. His reliability and friendliness have made him an integral part of the cricket scene here.

Finally, I am again indebted to those parents who have loyally supported their sons and the various XIs. At 1st XI level they have travelled widely, behaved decorously, have been uncritical in adversity and sympathetic to the problems we have encountered. Their presence has been much appreciated.

Miles Peregrine

RESULTS:

v. Eton (H)		Lost by 9 wickets.
	S.E.S.	71 (J.Whittington 8 for 3)
	Eton	75 for 1.
v. Abingdon (A)		Lost by 29 runs.
	Abingdon	130 (Burtt 3 for 6, Pitcher 3 for 16)
	S.E.S.	101.
v. M.C.C. (H)		Drawn.
	M.C.C.	245 for 8 declared
	S.E.S.	194 for 9 (Burtt 59)
v. Zimbabwe U.19 XI (H)		Lost by 116 runs.
	Zimbabwe	206 for 6 declared.
	S.E.S.	90 (Varney 38)
v. Harrow (A)		Lost by 10 wickets.
	S.E.S.	67 (J.Pool 5 for 26)
	Harrow	71 for 0 .
v. Cheltenham (H)		Lost by 8 wickets.
	S.E.S.	145 (Pitcher 45, Wethey 32)
	Cheltenham	146 for 2.
v. Stowe (H)		Won by 3 wickets.
	Stowe	198 (Pitcher 4 for 17)
	S.E.S.	201 for 7 (Varney 73, Pitcher 52)
v. Martyrs (H)		Lost by 79 runs.
	Martyrs	229 (Siriwardene 5 for 69, Salter 3 for 28)
	S.E.S.	150 (Wethey 48).
v. Bedford (H)		Drawn.
	Bedford	165 (Pitcher 5 for 40)
	S.E.S.	90 for 8 (Varney 37)
v. Cryptics (H)		Won by 2 wickets.
	Cryptics	243 for 7 declared (Pitcher 4 for 47)
	S.E.S.	247 for 8 (Varney 81, Stanley 31 n.o.)
v. Marlborough (A)		Lost by 18 runs.
	Marlborough	224 for 9 declared (Pitcher 5 for 63)
	S.E.S.	206 (Varney 86, Goodwin 64)
v. Radley (H)		Drawn.
	S.E.S.	164
	Radley	164 for 6.
v. Oundle (A)		Lost by 85 runs.
	Oundle	215 for 7 declared (Brazil 3 for 27)
	S.E.S.	130 (Varney 36, Goodwin 33)
v. Geelong College (H)		Lost by 183 runs.
	Geelong College	245 for 5 declared
	S.E.S.	62.

1st XI AVERAGES, 1990

BATTING:	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	H'st Score	Ave.
H.Varney	13	0	430	86	33.08
D.E.C.Wethey	13	0	197	48	15.15
A.M.B.Goodwin	12	0	181	64	15.08
C.M.Pitcher	14	0	197	52	14.07
P.L.Burtt	10	0	136	59	13.60
T.W.T.Stanley	14	1	148	31*	11.38
G.P.Brazil	8	2	64	22	10.67
A.J.Stewart	14	1	137	21*	10.54
W.J.N.Lloyd	12	7	45	20	9.00
M.R.Howard	8	0	52	15	6.50
L.Siriwardene	14	1	78	22	6.00
H.S.Salter	11	1	45	13	4.50
J.R.Shirley	6	4	6	4*	3.00

Also batted : N.J.J.Dance 16*.

BOWLING:	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T.W.T.Stanley	3	0	16	1	16.00
C.M.Pitcher	187.3	40	452	28	16.14
P.L.Burtt	13.5	2	51	3	17.00
J.R.Shirley	25	7	87	4	21.75
G.P.Brazil	49.4	14	194	8	24.25
H.Varney	24.5	4	68	2	34.00
L.Siriwardene	191.2	37	669	18	37.17
D.E.C.Wethey	107	19	395	10	39.50
H.S.Salter	85.5	20	288	7	41.14
A.J.Stewart	30	1	131	2	65.50

CATCHES:
12 - Stanley.
6 - Pitcher.
5 - Wethey.
4 - Burtt.
3 - Howard, Salter, Siriwardene.
2 - Brazil, Goodwin, Stewart, Varney.
1 - Shirley

M.D.Peregrine

A DISAPPOINTING SEASON AFTER THE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS - WINNING 2 AND LOSING 9 OF 14 FIXTURES

MOST OF THE 'BIG GUNS' OF 1989 HAVE LEFT THE SCHOOL AND AGAIN THE SIDE IS INEXPERIENCED AND YOUNG

DUNCAN WETHEY THE NEW CAPTAIN HAS TO GET USED TO A LOWER STANDARD THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND PROVES HIMSELF 'A PHILOSOPHICAL CAPTAIN' (CHRONICLE)

HENRY VARNEY MAKES A NUMBER OF GOOD INDIVIDUAL SCORES AND AMASSES 430 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

THE DISASTER OF THE SEASON IS THE COLLAPSE AGAINST ETON COLLEGE FOR WHOM ONE OF THEIR BOWLERS TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 3 RUNS IN 7 OVERS

CHRISTOPHER PITCHER TAKES 28 WICKETS IN THE SEASON, BEING A THIRD OF ALL THE WICKETS CAPTURED BY THE WHOLE SIDE - HE WOULD GO ON TO WIN THREE CRICKET BLUES AT CAMBRIDGE

WATERING THE PITCH 1990

Cricket XI 1991

L-R back row R.J. Cook, J.G. Drake-Brockman, E.C. Lonsdale, G.P. Brazil, M.C. Brodie, H.S. Salter. E.J. Montague

L-R seated L. Siriwardene, A.J. Stewart, C.M. Pitcher (Captain), T.W.T. Stanley, A.M.B. Goodwin

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 2

v Abingdon School - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 10 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Worcester College - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
V Martyrs - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 133 runs
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Berkhampstead School - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Berkhampstead School - won by 1 wicket
(Away)

CRICKET

CRICKET - Master i/c's Report

Memory and meteorological historians suggest that this was one of the colder and damper summer terms on record and yet a good deal of cricket has been played. All Radley fixtures were washed out at about half-time, while home fixtures against Cheltenham were abandoned although away teams across the Cotswolds on the same day found Cheltenham a marginally drier place. The first XI fixture v. the Cryptics was washed out without a ball being bowled on a Saturday when, fortunately, no other fixtures had been planned.

Victories have been achieved with more consistency than a year ago and it is particularly pleasing to be able to report the success of the Junior XIs. Both Yearlings teams were unbeaten, with the 'B' XI winning 6 of their 7 matches, while both Junior Colts XIs won more games than XIs won more games than they lost, as did the 1st and 3rd XIs. The success of the last of these meant that Mike McCall has left us on a high note and I would like to record my thanks to him for harnessing the exuberance and fostering the club spirit at that level.While it has again not been possible to run a Senior House Match Competition, the quality at the junior level produced a more meaningful competition. The final, played on Upper 1 on the last day of term, was a re-run of the 1990 with the result reversed, Field House defeating Corfe by 6 wickets.The remarks I made last year about the incursions of public examinations have been equally applicable this year and both 1st and 2nd XIs and the Colts XIs have fielded makeshift teams in the latter part of the season. There seems no way out of the problem and the prophets of doom foresee the death knell of schools cricket as they knew it. Personally, I would guess that optimism and the competitive spirit will triumph over the examiners; we shall continue to make the best of a bad job.

In this greenest of summers the School fields have been a real picture and our playing surfaces have been the envy of many of our opponents. For this much credit must go to Bob Bowerman and all the groundstaff who have worked tirelessly to provide us with such excellent facilities. In the pavilion Mr and Mrs King have again provided for the inner man and I am deeply grateful to them for their unobtrusive labours and excellent service. Tony Cole has performed prodigies in providing his team of umpires for all home 1st XI matches and, when one discovers the difficulties some other schools have in this area, one is made to realise what a real treasure Tony is.

Although all those mentioned above are an integral part of the cricket scene here, none of it would happen without that faithful band of pedagogues who coach, criticise, encourage and select the school teams at all levels. They have given their time unsparingly and the current health of the school's cricket is a tribute to their efforts.We have had to make do without a professional this year as Gavin Fitness's proposed arrival from Australia fell through at the last minute. However, the band of loyal parents who have supported teams at all levels is to be thanked for their hardiness as much as for the time they have given - it has not been a summer for cricket-watchers. Even in the last week of term, when midweek games become the rule rather than the exception, one loyal pair of parents seemed to be able to arrange business affairs in Oxford on all the relevant days! All of them have remained as uncritical as ever (in my hearing) and their support has been valued. The departure of their sons from the school may have left some of them wondering how they are going to fill their summer Saturdays.

Chris Pitcher captain 1991 bowls: Simon Smith, captain 1981 looks on.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB AVERAGE 1991

Batting	Innings	N.O.	RUNS	H.S.	AVERAGE.
C.M. Pitcher	14	4	507	100 n.o.	50.70
E.C. Lonsdale	7	5	61	39 n.o.	30.50
H. Salter	7	3	76	19 n.o.	19.00
E. Montague	14	2	194	80	16.62
A. Stewart	13	0	208	44	16.00
G. Brazil	8	2	94	39 n.o.	15.67
J. Drake-Brockman	11	0	161	80	14.64
T.W.T. Stanley	11	2	125	35	13.89
A.M.B. Goodwin	14	2	152	35	12.67
L. Siriwardene	10	3	68	22 n.o.	9.71
R. Cook	5	1	32	27	8.00
M. Brodie	9	2	34	11	4.86
W. Lloyd	3	0	6	6	2.00
A. Robinson	2	0	3	3	1.50

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E.C. Lonsdale	120.3	29	284	21	13.52
C.M. Pitcher	172.1	43	442	27	16.37
G. Brazil	13	2	46	2	23.00
L. Siriwardene	101.1	17	337	14	24.07
M. Brodie	141	29	460	14	32.86
H. Salter	85	17	285	8	35.62
J. Drake-Brockman	42	4	132	3	44.00
E. Montague	35	51	65	3	55.00
Also Bowled:					
R. Cook	3	0	5	0	
A.M. Goodwin	1	1	0	0	

CATCHES: 11 - T.W.T. Stanley, 6 - E. Montague, 5 - E. Lonsdale, H. Salter, L. Siriwardene, 4 - C. Pitcher 2 - G. Brazil, A. Goodwin, J. Drake-Brockman, A.Stewart, 1 - M. Brodie, J. Summers

STUMPINGS: 1 - T.W.T. Stanley, M.D. Peregrine

Tony Cole, the school's regular umpire since 1980, a great friend to generations of 1st XI cricketers and especially to batsmen.

FIRST MATCH AGAINST BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

CHRIS PITCHER CAPTAINS THE SIDE AND SCORES BACK-TO-BACK 'NOT OUT' CENTURIES AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE AND MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

A STRONG BOWLING SIDE RATHER LET DOWN BY THE BATSMEN, ALTHOUGH ONLY 2 MATCHES ARE LOST

THOMAS STANLEY GIVEN HIGH CREDIT FOR HIS WICKET KEEPING - 'HE OFTEN TIDIED UP THE FIELDING AND THE WILDER EXTRAVAGANCES OF SOME OF THE BOWLERS' (CHRONICLE)

M.C.C. BEATEN BY LAST BALL OF THE DAY

A 'TRULY TALENTED JUNIOR TEAM' IS UNBEATEN WITH TWO OUTSTANDING BOWLERS NICHOLAS OBOLENSKY AND NICHOLAS PRIOR TAKING A JOINT TOTAL OF 37 WICKETS

Cricket XI 1992

L-R BACK ROW A.J.R. Robinson, O.M. Slipper, T.J. Hill, A.R. Phillips, J.G. Drake-Brockman, N.S. Platt, J.R. Summers

L-R SEATED R.J. Cook, M.C. Brodie, E.J. Montague (Captain), E.C. Lonsdale, R.K. Howe

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 6 Lost 3

v Eton College - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 112 runs
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 56 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - lost by 59 runs
(Home)
v Worcester College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 112 runs
(Away)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - won by 15 runs
(Home)

Cricket

In terms of its high moments and disappointments this season has been much like any other. On the whole we have benefited from good weather but, having said that, all the Harrow fixtures were washed out on Cup Final Saturday, as were all the Bedford fixtures on the Saturday after half-term.

Apart from the two victories by the 1st XI over Oundle and Radley in consecutive days at the end of the season, perhaps most encouraging has been the performance of the Junior Colts and Yearlings A and B XI's. All four teams won more games than they lost and one can be optimistic about future prospects.

A full Junior House Competition was held, with two leagues of four teams each. This means that weaker teams are bound to play three games, rather than get knocked out in Round 1. The final, held on Upper 1 on the last day of term, produced a convincing win for Corfe over Tilly's by 83 runs.

Our endeavours this term have been assisted by the presence of Gary Palmer, our newly appointed professional. His expertise and enthusiasm have been invaluable. Concentrating more of his time with the Junior age groups, he has raised standards and helped to develop confidence at these levels. His skill as an analyst of techniques for batsmen, bowlers and fielders will hopefully bear fruit in the years ahead. More importantly perhaps, his ability to raise levels of self-belief has enabled some of those of more limited ability to produce optimum performances.

The School fields and playing areas have once again been beautifully presented. It is too easy to take the conditions of play for granted and we are indebted to Bob Bowerman and all his staff for the work they do in ensuring that the pitches and fields we play on are second to none. We owe a debt of gratitude too to Mr and Mrs King whose untiring work in the pavilion has catered for the inner man. They have surmounted the new E.E.C. rules about feeding arrangements with unflurried zeal and have provided for all our visitors with quiet efficiency.

My personal thanks are also due to Tony Cole who has, once again, produced our teams of umpires for First XI matches. His evident pleasure at joining us, his reliability and professionalism, and his flexibility when faced with date alterations, have made my job much easier. Finally, but by no means minimally, my sincere gratitude goes to all those members of the Common Room who have coached and encouraged their teams, at whatever level. The School's cricket is now in a healthy state and much of the credit for that must go to their tireless enthusiasm and their willingness to occupy their Saturday afternoons watching their charges fulfil, or fail to fulfil, the fruits of their various training programmes. My thanks go also to that faithful band of parents whose loyalty to their sons has been unwavering whatever the inclemencies of the weather. They have behaved with decorum, been tolerant in adversity and shared our pleasure in the victories. Always hospitable, they have provided admirable support and have been an integral part of the season.

M.D.P.

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Drake-Brockman	80	23	198	16	12.37
Jolly	8	2	14	1	14.00
Lonsdale	147	28	473	21	22.52
Montague	65	9	248	11	22.54
Summers	149	33	455	19	23.94
Cook	42	12	124	5	24.80
Slipper	8	2	26	1	26.00
Brodie	100	22	344	13	26.46
Phillips	4	0	24	0	-
Platt	2	0	14	0	-

CATCHES: Howe (15); Drake-Brockman (5); Brodie, Montague, Platt (4 each); Lonsdale (3); Malec, Summers (2 each); Jolly, Phillips, Slipper + a sub J. Macartney (1 each).

STUMPINGS: Howe (1).

BATTING	Inns	N.O.	Aggr.	H'est Score	Average
Malec	3	2	92	75*	92.00
Jolly	5	1	175	73	43.75
Slipper	11	0	378	111	34.36
Platt	11	3	260	75*	32.50
Drake-Brockman	10	0	295	80	29.50
Howe	5	4	27	10*	27.00
Robinson	12	0	212	64	17.67
Montague	12	0	201	50	16.75
Lonsdale	9	3	93	29	15.50
Summers	8	0	104	31	13.00
Cook	9	0	67	34	7.44
Brodie	8	3	34	9*	6.80
Phillips	5	0	2	1	0.40
Hill	3	0	1	1	0.33

CRICKET 1992

CHRIS PITCHER WINS THE FIRST OF HIS THREE CAMBRIDGE CRICKET BLUES

GARY PALMER (EX SOMERSET) IS APPOINTED PROFESSIONAL

EDWARD MONTAGUE CAPTAINS THE SIDE 'WITH GREAT GOOD SENSE' (CHRONICLE)

ANOTHER VERY YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED TEAM

JAMES DRAKE-BROCKMAN, PART OF A HOSTILE OPENING ATTACK IS INJURED HALF WAY THROUGH THE SEASON AND DOES NOT PLAY AGAIN

EDWARD LONSDALE AND JAMES SUMMERS CONTRIBUTE 40 WICKETS JOINTLY

GILES MALEC PLAYS ONLY 3 INNINGS BUT HEADS THE BATTING STATISTICS WITH AN AVERAGE OF 92 RUNS INCLUDING 75 NOT OUT AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

OLIVER SLIPPER MAKES HIS DEBUT IN THE SIDE BEING PROMOTED DIRECTLY FROM THE COLTS AGED 15 - HE SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL AND 84 VERSUS OUNDLE SCHOOL

SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE WITH BACK-TO-BACK WINS VERSUS OUNDLE SCHOOL AND RADLEY COLLEGE

TIM HANCOCK, MEMBER OF THE CRICKET XI 1987 & 1988. LATER PLAYED COUNTY CRICKET FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE 1991-2005 TAKING PART IN 185 FIRST CLASS MATCHES. HE LATER TURNED OUT FOR SHROPSHIRE 2006-2007

Cricket XI 1993

L-R BACK ROW	G. Palmer (Coach), A.S. Peebles, C.D.H. Jolly, N. Oblensky, G.S. Peddy, P.E.H. Franks
L-R SEATED	I.N.C. Grumball, A.R. Phillips, N.S. Platt, J.G. Drake-Brockman (Captain), G.H. Malec, T.H.M. Willoughby, O.M. Slipper

Fixture List

Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 4

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 88 runs
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 2 runs
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 105 runs
(Away)

Cricket

This Summer's cricket season has suffered less interference from the weather than usual and the only wet Saturday of the term came in the week following half-term when all the matches v. Bedford had to be cancelled. Most of the School's teams have enjoyed some success, the Junior Colts age group being the most conspicuous: the 'A' XI was undefeated, while the 'B' XI won 6 of their 8 matches. With a strong Colts team and some youthful members of the 1st XI, prospects for the future look bright. Perhaps most heartening has been the competition for places at the senior level where the strength of both the 2nd and 3rd XIs can largely be attributed to the keenness of the Lower VIth. These two XIs should be even stronger next year.

We have again been fortunate in that we have played our home matches on beautifully prepared and presented playing areas and we owe an enormous debt to Bob Bowerman and all the ground staff for their endeavours. Many of our visitors have commented on this and it is all too easy to take their labours for granted. Thanks are due also to Mr and Mrs King for the provision of meals in the pavilion and my own special vote of thanks goes to Tony Cole who has masterminded the provision of umpires for all 1st XI home matches with impeccable efficiency. It was good to meet him again at Cheltenham at the end of term. We have been fortunate too with the parental support at all levels. As supporters they have behaved with decorum, been uncritical in adversity and shared our delight in success - I am grateful to them all for their loyalty and friendliness. The coaching at all levels has benefited enormously from the youthful exuberance of Gary Palmer, our professional, who has been tireless in demanding high standards, correcting technique and in raising the level of self-belief. Lastly, and perhaps most important of all, I extend my warmest appreciation and gratitude to those members of the Common Room, often the unsung heroes, who have encouraged and cajoled their teams throughout the week and then undertaken the arduous duties of accompanying and umpiring them on some long, hot Saturday afternoons. The School is indeed fortunate to benefit from their dedication and expertise.

Given the incursions of external examinations it was not possible to hold a Senior House Match competition, but a full Junior Competition took place. The final, held on Upper 1 in the last week of term, ended in a narrow win for Segar's over Tilly's by 2 wickets.

1st XI Averages

Batting	Innings	Not Out	Aggregate	Highest Score	Average
N. Platt	6	2	175	68	43.75
O. Slipper	12	0	470	100	39.17
A. Phillips	10	2	166	41	23.71
J. Drake-Brockman	11	2	209	47	23.22
A. Peebles	10	1	190	52	21.11
P. Franks	10	2	161	59	20.12
G. Malec	10	0	184	51	18.40
C. Jolly	10	0	154	58	15.40
G. Peddy	8	3	65	16	13.00
T. Willoughby	4	3	9	5*	9.00
N. Obolensky	6	2	14	7	3.50

Also batted: N.Prior 6* and 0 ; I.Grumball 0 and 2 ; D.Evans 10 ; J.Blythe 0*.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Blythe	7	2	20	3	6.67
N. Obolensky	151.3	32	393	22	17.86
J. Drake-Brockman	131.5	36	368	18	20.44
G. Peddy	119.3	36	311	14	22.26
N. Prior	37	7	149	6	24.83
O. Slipper	69.3	7	278	11	25.27
I. Grumball	25	3	88	3	29.33
T. Willoughby	48	6	158	5	31.60
C. Jolly	16	2	80	1	80.00

Also bowled: P. Franks 1 - 0 - 1 - 0 ; A. Phillips 1 - 0 - 4 - 0.

Catches: A. Peebles 15 (+ 2 Stumpings), J. Drake-Brockman 7; G. Malec and G. Peddy 3 each; N. Obolensky and A. Phillips 2 each; C. Jolly, N. Platt, O. Slipper and T. Willoughby 1 each.

1st XI v the Martyrs at Gaudy : Ed Montague, the 1922 Captain, is dismissed lbw by Slipper

THE XI HAS THE BENEFIT OF 'INDOOR NETS' FOR THE FIRST TIME

CAPTAINED BY JAMES DRAKE-BROCKMAN IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE TEAM

TWO YOUNG PLAYERS ARE DRAFTED IN EARLY ON - 14 YEAR OLD GILES PEDDY AND 15 YEAR OLD NICHOLAS OBOLENSKY

OBOLENSKY IMMEDIATELY TAKES 7 WICKETS IN HIS FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE CRYPTICS

SLIPPER TAKES PART IN SEVERAL NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS, 104 AGAINST OUNDLE (1ST WICKET), 96 FOR THE 5TH WICKET V HARROW AND 72 FOR THE 1ST WICKET AGAINST STOWE

GILES PEDDY, DESPITE BEING THE YOUNGEST PLAYER IN THE SCHOOL SIDE FOR MANY YEARS, BOWLS FOR ONE THREE HOUR CONTINUOUS SPELL AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE

ONLY MAJOR DEFEAT IS AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE, FELT TO BE THE BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL CRICKET SIDE THAT YEAR

Cricket XI 1994

L-R BACK ROW R.W. Toothill, W.J.C. Trotman (Scorer)

L-R MIDDLE ROW G. Palmer (Coach), R.P. Matthews, G.S. Peddy, N.G.L. Prior, M.S. Joel, N.Oblensky

L-R SEATED J.N St.J. Blythe, A.S. Peebles, O.M. Slipper (Captain), C.D.H. Jolly, P.E.H. Franks

Oliver Slipper would later play County Cricket for Surrey

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 7 Drawn 4 Lost 1

v Cryptics C.C. - won by 10 wickets
(Home)
v R.G.S. High Wycombe - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College -won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 9 wickets
(Home)

Cricket 1994

After a couple of weeks in the Winter nets, it was clear that 1994 could be an exciting and successful year. And so it proved, despite the dreadful weather in May. The 3rd XI was undefeated; in fact, the three senior sides lost only three games. The Colts, despite losing two players to the 1st XI, more than held their own; the Junior Colts, especially the 'B' XI, improved sharply; and some very promising bowling emerged among the Yearlings.

Gary Palmer has been with us for three years and his technical knowledge, tireless enthusiasm and high standards are making a real impact at all levels. Tony Cole and John Archer have again umpired our home matches: their knowledge of the game and helpful observations about players are much valued, as is their friendship and humour. Our squares are without equal on the circuit; Bob Bowerman and his staff do a tremendous job and on several occasions we managed to play when on neighbouring grounds games were abandoned. Sincere thanks to them all and, of course, to the coaches in the Common Room whose commitment and enthusiasm make the whole thing possible and fun.

The report which follows is by M.D.P. who unselfishly handed on the 1st XI knowing it was going to be a good one, and who watched every match apart from Oundle. Fran Prichard has helped me unearth a few statistics which may be of interest: Oliver Slipper's average is the highest since R H J Brooke's four innings at 138 in 1928, the year Douglas Bader captained the XI, scored 432 runs and took 30 wickets. This year's XI had the same record as that of 1943, the side in which J.C. Woodcock and D. Henderson played. In 1912 the School won 9 fixtures, but it is difficult to imagine the record of 1879 being surpassed: Played 19, Won 15, Drawn 3, Lost 1. One idly wonders how this year's XI would have fared against the Christ Church Forget-me-nots, Isonians C.C. or the Rev. J. Marsham's XI?

D. Drake-Brockman

Ollie Slipper whips one off his legs for another boundary at Marlborough

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Innings	N.O.	Agg.	H.S.	Average
O. Slipper	10	5	558	107*	111.60
M. Joel	2	1	30	16	30.00
R. Matthews	7	1	174	84	29.00
G. Peddy	9	2	193	47*	27.57
A. Peebles	9	3	151	68*	25.17
C. Jolly	5	0	122	83	24.40
R. Pillai	2	1	16	15	16.00
M. Glover	6	2	63	31*	15.75
R. Tootill	8	1	83	35*	11.86
P. Franks	6	1	37	14	7.40
N. Obolensky	2	0	1	1	0.50

Also batted: J. Blythe 20*; N. Prior 17; A. Edwards 14*

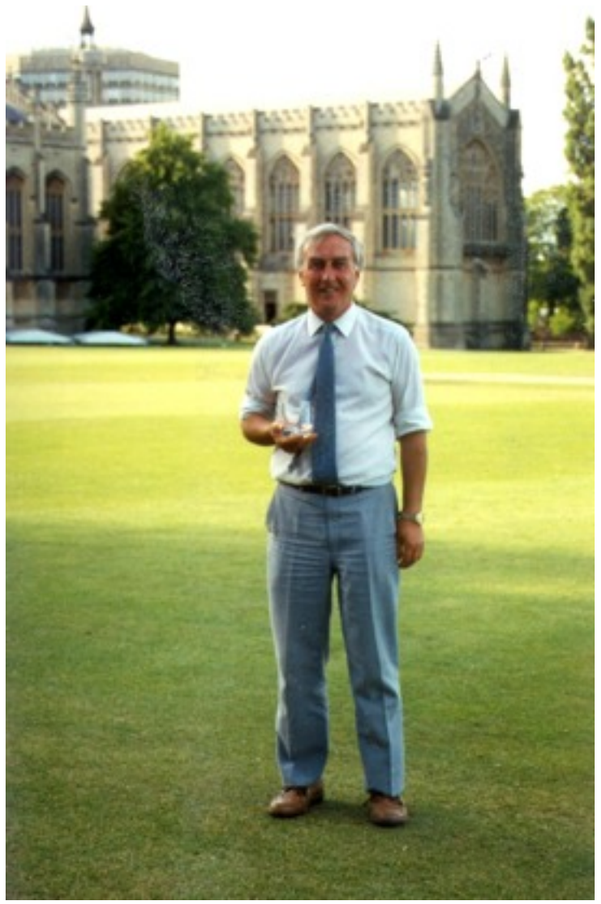
BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Glover	6	2	6	2	3.00
J. Blythe	106	33	229	17	13.47
O. Slipper	94.1	27	211	14	15.07
N. Prior	173	52	428	26	16.46
C. Jolly	7	3	17	1	17.00
R. Tootill	27.1	4	86	5	17.20
N. Obolensky	138.3	32	327	17	19.24
M. Joel	24	6	75	3	25.00
G. Peddy	92	27	244	6	40.67

Also bowled: R. Pillai 5-1-19-0

CATCHES: A. Peebles 14; M. Glover 7; R. Matthews 5; C. Jolly 4; P. Franks, M. Joel, N. Obolensky, N. Prior, R. Tootill 3; O. Slipper 2; A. Edwards 1.

STUMPINGS: A. Peebles 2.



OLIVER SLIPPER SCORES 558 RUNS FOR THE SEASON (AVERAGING 112 PER INNINGS). HE ALSO TAKES 14 WICKETS

IN HIS SCHOOL 1ST X (3 SEASONS) CAREER, SLIPPER SCORES A TOTAL 1406 RUNS. THIS YEAR SLIPPER SCORES TWO NOT OUT CENTURIES AGAINST ETON COLLEGE AND ABINGDON SCHOOL

FIRST MATCH VERSUS THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE

MILES PERGRINE RETIRES AS MASTER AFTER 35 YEARS AT THE SCHOOL AND 5 AS THE MASTER I/C CRICKET

A VASTLY IMPROVED SET OF RESULTS INCLUDE 7 WINS AND 4 DRAWN IN 12 FIXTURES - ONLY OUNDLE SCHOOL (AWAY) IS LOST

ROBIN MATTHEWS SCORES 84 AND CHARLES JOLLY 83 IN THE TIGHT GAME AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

MILES PEREGRINE, MASTER I/C CRICKET 1989-1994, SEEN HERE WITH AN ENGRAVED GLASS PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE TEAM AFTER HIS LAST MATCH AT CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

Cricket XI 1995

L-R BACK ROW G. Palmer (Professional), M.S. Joel, M.R. Locker-Marsh, S.J. Perks, R. Pillai, W.J.C. Trotman (Scorer)

L-R SEATED G.S. Peddy, M.J. Glover, R.P. Matthews, N.G.L. Prior (Captain), R.W. Toothill, J.N.J. Blythe, N. Obolensky

Fixture List

Played 14 Won 5 Drawn 7 Lost 2

v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Eton College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Abingdon School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - won by 155 runs
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)

Cricket

A dry May and June allowed us to complete all our fixtures and generally the wickets were easier to bat on than to bowl on. The 1st XI did not quite match last year's successes but ended the season very much in credit, the 2nd XI with limited resources won six games, and some exciting cricket in the Yearlings 'A' XI brought off five wins. Throughout the School enthusiastic cricket is being played, nurtured by committed coaching from teachers who give up a great deal of time to the sport. Typical of this commitment have been Ralph Oliphant-Callum and Mark Bunting who leave us this year.

The season began with a meeting at Lords to discuss the future of schools cricket, and pleas were heard for a more positive approach. St Edward's sides are, I believe, willing to risk defeat in the pursuit of victory, but despite all rhetoric in the Long Room a side will only be as attacking as its resources allow. A key ingredient in obtaining results is a wicket with pace and even bounce, giving a fair balance between bat and ball. We are lucky to have Bob Bowerman and his staff whose patience and cheerfulness - often in difficult circumstances - are valued as much as the superb wickets they consistently produce for us.

Thanks also go to Tony Cole and John Archer who have umpired all our home games: their impartial friendship and reliability are greatly appreciated. Gary Palmer has continued to work tirelessly from January onwards, coaching throughout the School: his energy and expertise remain vital to the School's success.

Nick Prior bowling at Eton *Photo by R.J. Matthews (OSE)*

Giles Peddy drives into the covers at Cheltenham *Photo by R.J. Matthews (OSE)*

Evasive action by Glover on a bouncy wicket at Cheltenham. Photo by R.J. Matthews (OSE)

Batting Averages

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	H'est Score	Average
G. Peddy	14	3	373	73*	33.91
R. Matthews	14	2	394	104*	32.83
M. Glover	12	2	323	85*	32.30
R. Tootill	13	1	351	86	29.25
M. Locker-Marsh	10	2	202	50	25.25
R. Pillai	12	1	192	50	17.45
N. Prior	7	4	34	14*	11.33
M. Joel	8	2	46	19	7.66
S. Perks	8	4	28	10*	7.00
M. Bamber	6	1	30	15*	6.00
J. Blythe	4	2	10	5*	5.00
N. Obolensky	2	2	11	11	-

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Nautyal	21	4	76	5	15.20
N. Obolensky	63	7	204	12	17.00
M. Locker-Marsh	14	1	80	4	20.00
J. Blythe	163	42	483	24	20.12
R. Tootill	52	12	179	8	22.37
N. Prior	187	43	552	23	24.00
M. Joel	74	18	286	11	26.00
G. Peddy	149	41	351	13	27.00

DAVID DRAKE-BROCKMAN IS THE NEW MASTER I/C CRICKET.

ANOTHER STRONG SIDE WITH 8 OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS' SIDE, INCLUDING ALL THE BOWLERS AND CAPTAINED BY NICK PRIOR.

MATTHEW JOEL ATTAINS A RARE 'HAT-TRICK' AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

ROBIN MATTHEWS SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST BRADFORD.

FIRST WIN OVER MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE SINCE MATCHES BEGAN IN 1982.

RETURN OF THE FREE FORESTERS FIXTURE THE FIRST SINCE 1977.

Fixture List

Played 15 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 6

v R.G.S., High Wycombe - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 103 runs
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - lost by 37 runs
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Away)
v Marlborough College -match drawn
(Away)
v Toowoomba Gram Sch, Australia - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 10 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters - won by 5 wickets
(Home)

Cricket XI 1996

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G.S. Peddy (Captain), R.W. Toothill, S.J. Perks, O.D. Martin. M.S. Cannon, J.A. Piggott, T.P.O. Leadbitter, O.M. Mills, N.J. Francis, J.R. Rudd, R.F. Bennett, N.J. Robbins, T.S.J.W. Price, T.P. Sutton, J.A.B. Nixon, R.N. Aspinall, H.J. Slipper, G. Palmer (Professional)

Robin Matthews (OSE) drives Wills for 4 in the Martyrs match at Gaudy

Giles Peddy drives Rob Sadler (OSE) in the Martyrs match

GILES PEDDY CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS FOURTH YEAR IN THE TEAM

A WEAK BOWLING ATTACK IS THE MAIN PROBLEM FOR A SIDE WHICH ONLY MANAGES 2 WINS IN 15 GAMES

THE BATTING IS STRONG WITH THE CAPTAIN, RICHARD TOOTHILL AND SIMON PERKS SCORING 1350 RUNS BETWEEN THEM

TOOTHILL SCORES TWO CENTURIES, 107 NOT OUT AGAINST M.C.C. AND 111 NOT OUT VERSUS THE TOURING TOOWOOMBA GRAMMAR SCHOOL SIDE FROM AUSTRALIA

GILES PEDDY SCORES 88 AGAINST THE MARTYRS

Cricket

The fixture list begins ferociously, with Eton, Radley and Harrow to be faced by early May. Success for the various teams came more frequently after half term, but it is clear that if St Edward's is to sustain this powerful list of opponents in future years, greater use of the winter nets and G.V. Palmer's coaching has to be made. There is plenty of good seam bowling in the School but a dearth of quality spin, and too many sides, including the 1st XI, were on occasions bowled out cheaply.

An encouraging feature of the season has been the positive and aggressive way sides have played, wherever possible, proving that 'declaration' cricket need not, indeed should not, give way to 'overs' cricket as the staple diet in schools.

As ever, thanks are due to many for the hours put in during the season and particularly to Bob Bowerman and his staff for providing such excellent facilities, to the Caterers and Gloria, to the umpires Tony Cole and John Archer, and finally to GVP and all the members of the Common Room who have coached with such enthusiasm, patience and good humour.

Tony Cole, who has umpired 1st XI matches on Upper One for many years, is presented with tokens of appreciation for his long service to the School by Simon Talbot-Williams, Martyrs' Cricket Secretary.

DAVID DRAKE-BROCKMAN, MASTER I/C CRICKET 1996 AND 1999

1st XI Batting Averages

	Innings	Not Out	Agg	H'est Score	Average
R. Tootill	14	3	489	111*	44.45
G. Peddy	14	2	479	88	39.91
S. Perks	14	0	399	63	28.50
M. Cannon	10	1	196	58	21.77
J. Rudd	7	3	63	28*	15.75
N. Francis	5	0	73	25	14.60
O. Martin	10	0	127	28	12.70
J. Pigott	12	2	114	23*	11.40
T. Leadbitter	8	2	64	21	10.66
O. Wills	10	2	67	17*	8.37

Also batted: T. Price 6, 18*, 10*; T. Sutton 0*, 1, 0, 6; J. Nixon 8; R. Bennett 1*, 3, 0*, 0*; R. Aspinall O, O.

1st XI Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Bennett	15	3	41	2	20.50
J. Rudd	72	10	329	14	23.50
O. Wills	145	25	482	15	32.13
G. Peddy	201	65	575	17	33.82
N. Francis	115	17	459	13	35.50
N. Robbins	39	7	132	3	44.00
T. Price	23	3	86	1	86.00

Also bowled: R. Bennett 28-5-102-0; R. Tootill 10-3-41-0; H. Slipper 6-0-56-0.

No picture to-date

Fixture List
Played 12 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 3

v R.G.S. High Wycombe - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptic C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Away)
v Bradfield College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 5 runs
(Away)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Geelong College, Australia - lost by 11 runs
(Home)

Cricket XI 1997

Squad:- M. Cannon (Captain), D.A. Johnstone, J.A.B. Nixon, O.D. Martin, T.P.O. Leadbitter, K.R.J. Bingham,
J.A. Pigott, O.M. Wills, N.J. Robbins, T.P. Sutton, F. Cross, C.E. Goodwin, E.L. Davey, A.R. Parke, M.J. Watt-Smith, W.J. Cooper,
H.J. Slipper

Cricket

1st XI

This was always going to be a difficult season for the XI since there did not seem to be any truly outstanding players. However, most of those who played certainly fulfilled their potential and we had at least two excellent results. Matthew Cannon captained the side and improved with each game - at times his field placing was erratic yet his determination to win matches was evident. Against Bedford we were put in to bat and scored a healthy 215-8, declaring just before half-time. We then bowled one more over than we received: unfortunately our fielding let us down and this led to defeat, but the boys had shown that they wanted to play the game in a positive manner.

At the beginning of the season we thought we would have a strong seam attack in Wills, Francis and Robbins and that we would bowl sides out, but Francis only played two matches through injury and Robbins never truly fulfilled his potential. The bulk of the bowling rested on Olly Wills and he impressed in a number of matches. Edward Davey, a left-arm orthodox spinner, enjoyed a useful first season in the XI and should record a lot of wickets next year.

It was the batting that allowed us to get into a strong position on a number of occasions. Six batsmen scored fifties and David Johnstone in his first match for the XI recorded 47* against Abingdon. Olly Martin was the most consistent of the batsmen, ending up the top run-scorer.

He worked hard over the winter and throughout the season and this obviously paid off. The bulk of the wicket-keeping was performed by Kenneth Bingham, and this allowed Tom Leadbitter to concentrate on his batting. Tom improved dramatically over the season and scored two fifties - against the MCC and Geelong College. His confidence improved with each match and I hope he continues to play cricket on leaving school. The middle order was held together by Matt Cannon and James Pigott, both of whom might have achieved more; they both hit the ball extremely hard and if perhaps they concentrate more on playing themselves in early in their innings, they will go on to record some very high scores. James Pigott played the best innings of the year against Bedford (72) where he struck the ball cleanly and very straight. He was unfortunately caught by a freak one-handed catch on the boundary just when he looked set for a century. The other batsmen - Tim Sutton, Olly Wills, James Nixon, Nick Robbins, David Johnstone and Kenny Bingham - all played at least one very good innings and each saved the side at important times during the game.

Olly Wills in action against Abingdon on Upper One

1st XI Batting Averages

	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
D. Johnstone	2	61	1	47*	61
J. Nixon	5	95	3	34	47.5
O. Martin	12	351	1	74*	31.9
T. Leadbitter	9	263	0	74	29.2
K. Bingham	5	50	3	25	25
M. Cannon	12	262	1	61	23.8
J. Pigott	11	238	1	73	23.8
O. Wills	10	166	3	76	23.7
N. Robbins	8	80	4	30*	20
T. Sutton	12	204	0	76	17

Partnerships: Martin and Sutton (150) v. Marlborough; Johnstone and Wills (125) v. Abingdon; Pigott and Martin (113) v. RGS High Wycombe; Nixon and Pigott (89) v. Bedford; Leadbitter and Cannon (80) v. Martyrs.

1st XI Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. Sutton	10	2	45	3	15.0
O. Wills	180.4	27	521	30	17.4
F. Cross	18	5	41	2	20.5
C. Goodwin	44	6	147	6	24.5
N. Francis	11.4	1	26	1	26.0
N. Robbins	126	14	485	17	28.0
E. Davey	93	19	321	10	32.1
A. Parke	18	4	69	2	34.5

Also bowled: M. Watt-Smith 9-2-6-1; B. Cooper 22-5-59-0; J. Pigott 8-0-52-0; H. Slipper 5-0-35-1; M. Cannon 8-0-50-0; O. Martin 3-1-11-0.

Catches: Leadbitter 6, Bingham 6, Cannon 5, Sutton 3, Martin 3, Millar 3, Slipper 2, Nixon 2, Robbins 1, Wills 1, Cooper 1.

M.I. YEABSLEY APPOINTED THE NEW MASTER I/C CRICKET

AN EXPECTED BIG IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOL BOWLING STANDARDS IS SPOILED BY NICHOLAS FRANCIS BEING INJURED EARLY ON

OLLY WILLS BOWLS 180 OVERS IN THE SEASON TAKING 30 WICKETS FOR 17 RUNS EACH - HE ALSO SCORES 74 NOT OUT AGAINST THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE

HUGO IRONSIDE (LEFT) AND BOB WILLIANS WHO OPENED FOR TEDDIES IN 1936. PICTURE TAKEN 60 YEARS LATER

MICHAEL YEABSLEY, MASTER I/C CRICKET 1997

Cricket XI 1998

L-R BACK ROW — J.M. Mills (Coach), C.J. Brierley, J.C. Wilson, T.S.J.W. Price, D.R. Leadbitter, M.P. Wingfield-Davies, A.R. Parke, F.J. Cross, J. Rea (Master in Charge of Cricket)

L-R SEATED — C.E. Godwin, T.P. Sutton, O.D. Martin (Captain), N.J. Robbins, D.A. Johnstone

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 1 Drawn 9 Lost 0

v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)

Cricket

Despite the weather this was an exciting season in many respects. The 1st XI and Colts 'A' were unbeaten, but the outstanding record must be the U14 'C's, led by Charles Rome and selected from a pool of only twenty: they won all six of their fixtures. Their coach, Gary Shearn, leaves us, and his enthusiasm and commitment will be greatly missed.

We have enjoyed the brilliant coaching of Jason Mills whose exuberance and powers of motivation have made an impact on staff and pupils alike. A New Zealand 'A' cricketer himself, he has raised the level of enjoyment at all levels with his insight and innovative training programmes. We all very much hope he can return next year.

My thanks to Vaughan Abigail for his efficient arrangements for meals and travel, to all the catering team and Gloria, and to Bob and his staff for providing, as always, such excellent pitches. Finally, the members of the Common Room who give so much time to coaching have made 1998 a largely successful and certainly enjoyable season.

D. Drake-Brockman

Ed Davey holding out for a draw against the Free Foresters *Photo by Michael Scarlett*

Nick Prior (captain in 1995) bowls for the Free Foresters to Tim Sutton (Peter Swainson backing up).

SECOND EVER UNBEATEN ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL SIDE - DRAWING 9 OF THE 10 MATCHES PLAYED

JOHN REA IS APPOINTED MASTER I/C CRICKET AND JASON MILLS (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) THE NEW PROFESSIONAL

OLIVER MARTIN CAPTAINS THE SIDE, HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE TEAM

TIMOTHY SUTTON SCORES 126 AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL, AND MAKES TWO OTHER HALF CENTURIES, AS WELL AS TAKING A 5 WICKET HAUL AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

THOMAS LEADBITTER, ON HIS DEBUT, HITS TWO SIXES TO HELP THE SIDE TO AN IMPROBABLE WIN AGAINST BRADFIELD COLLEGE

JOHN REA, MASTER I/C CRICKET 1997-1998

Cricket XI 1999

L-R back row D. Drake-Brockman (Master I/C Cricket), F.J. Cross, T.R.W. Conibear, J.S. Wilson, D.R. Leadbitter, P.O.B. Swainson, J. Mills (Coach)

L-R seated M.P. Wingfield Digby, E.L. Davey, K.R.J. Bingham (Captain), D.A. Johnstone, C.E. Goodwin

Kenneth Bingham would later play county cricket for Kent

Fixture List
Played 13 Won 2 Drawn 7 Lost 4

v M.C.C. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 138 runs
(Away)
v Stowe School - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Home)
v Eton College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 10 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Away)
v Oundle School - lost by 100 runs
(Home)
v Oakham School - match drawn
(Home)

Cricket

1st XI

With no win against another school this was a frustrating season, since this was an experienced and talented side which was set on playing positive cricket.

Ken Bingham led the side by example: an outstanding wicket-keeper, he scored six fifties, headed the averages and ran between the wickets too brilliantly for some in our middle order. He was well supported by David Johnstone, who remained phlegmatic and cheerful, despite having a miserable season with the bat; his average makes a mockery of his ability and there will be better times ahead. Mark Wingfield Digby opened the innings and usually gave us a solid start without moving his feet as he did in practice; undoubtedly he will improve, as he has the right approach to training. His opening partner, Freddie Cross, scored two hundreds and with his leg-spin bowling played a key role in the side. Justin Wilson got out too often after making a start, but has developed into a very useful all-rounder. David Leadbitter, Peter Swainson and Tim Conibear (run out five times) made up the middle order; these fine hockey players strike the ball effortlessly, but need to do some work on technique if they are to thrive higher up the order next year. Andrew Parke and Charlie Goodwin opened the bowling economically, yet found the wickets usually in favour of the batsmen; Ed Davey took 25 wickets with his cultured left-arm spin and batting at no.11 for the third season calmed all our nerves as we watched the captain and his middle order running between the wickets.

The season began with a convincing win over the **M.C.C.**; Tom Newell, a Junior Colt, took 3 for 16, then Bingham and Wilson knocked off the runs with increasing confidence. **Harrow** made a slow 196, but Bingham and Conibear put on a rapid 80 before two run-outs left us short after a promising position. At **Radley** we simply did not do ourselves justice and were outplayed. Poor batting again on a tricky wicket at **Stowe** saw us limp to 100, thanks largely to a last wicket stand of 38 between Cross and Davey. Some tight bowling and fielding at least made Stowe fight all the way. We fell 2 runs short against **Bradfield** after some aggressive batting from Swainson (52) and Leadbitter (48). It was a hard struggle to reach 148 at **Eton**. But a miserly spell from Davey left them only one over to spare. At Gaudy the **Martyrs** were despatched unceremoniously, Cross and Wingfield Digby sharing an unbroken stand of 123.

In the second half of term we lost to **Oundle** in an overs game and in other matches there was a series of tense draws: **Abingdon** were nine wickets down after a century from Cross; against **Marlborough**, **M.C.S.** and **Cheltenham** we chased to within twenty runs of the target with nine wickets down. Finally an enjoyable two-day game was ruined by rain in the final session. Despite some disappointing results, this side set out to enjoy their cricket and responded to the exceptional coaching of Jason Mills. While the cricketers are not yet matching events at Henley or on the rugby field, there are promising signs: the 2nd XI was unbeaten, the 3rd XI was the keenest in memory and the Junior Colts, five of whom had games for the XI, show much talent.

My thanks to all involved, especially Bob and his groundstaff, the caterers, umpires and, of course, Jason Mills and the members of Common Room who make the whole thing possible.

D. Drake-Brockman

Back row: D. Drake-Brockman Esq., Freddie Cross, Tim Conibear, Justin Wilson, David Leadbitter, Peter Swainson, Jason Mills Esq.
Front row: Mark Wingfield Digby, Edward Davey, Ken Bingham, David Johnstone, Charles Goodwin.
Absent: Andrew Parke.

AVERAGES

Batting	Innings	Not Out	Total	H.S.	Average
K. Bingham	13	2	507	76	46.09
F. Cross	12	2	392	104	39.20
D. Leadbitter	10	2	207	48*	25.87
M. Wingfield Digby	12	1	262	64	23.18
J. Wilson	12	2	184	39*	18.40
P. Swainson	7	0	97	53	13.85
T. Conibear	9	0	114	38	12.66
A. Parke	9	3	64	18	10.66
D. Johnstone	7	0	51	18	7.28
T. Newell	5	0	31	7	6.20

Also batted: C. Goodwin 0, 2*, 2*, 1*; E. Davey 0, 10, 0, 1*, 0*, 1; M. Baggs 5, 6; W. Allen 32, 1; C. Sutton 7; J. Parke 0*.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. Newell	33	4	105	6	17.50
E. Davey	207.3	59	497	25	19.88
C. Goodwin	95.2	20	240	12	20.00
J. Wilson	56	14	182	8	22.70
F. Cross	149	32	448	18	24.88
A. Parke	118.4	26	328	12	27.33
T. Conibear	59	8	197	2	98.50

FIRST MATCH AGAINST OAKHAM SCHOOL

DAVID DRAKE-BROCKMAN RE-APPOINTED AS MASTER I/C/ CRICKET

A 'TALENTED AND EXPERIENCED TEAM' (CHRONICLE) ONLY MANAGE TWO VICTORIES IN 13 MATCHES

KENNY BINGHAM ,THE WICKET KEEPER, SCORES 597 RUNS FOR THE SEASON AT AN AVERAGE OF 46 - INCLUDED ARE 6 FIFTIES AND A TOP SCORE OF 76

FREDERICK CROSS SCORES TWO CENTURIES, AGAINST OAKHAM SCHOOL AND ABINGDON SCHOOL

Cricket XI 2000

L to R back row A.S. Balerdi, J.P. Honey, M.F. Baggs, W.G. Conibear, C.M. Sutton, T.H. Newell, J. C. Parke

L to R seated T. R.W. Conibear, D.R. Leadbitter, F.J. Cross (Captain), P.O.B. Swainson, B.W. Rodgers

Fixture List

Played 10 Won 3 Drawn 5 Lost 2

v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 6 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College- match drawn
(Away)
v Abingdon School - won by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)

David Leadbitter and Andrew Balerdi return jubilantly to the Harrow pavilion after the 1st XI win

Cricket

1st XI

With the first three weeks of cricket cancelled due to rain, the 1st XI must have wondered if they would ever step onto Upper 1 for a game of cricket.

Our first game was against a Cryptics XI that consisted of club cricketers. It became a very close match in which St Edward's lost by 6 runs, mainly thanks to the Cryptics Australian professional who took 7 wickets. One positive was the four wicket haul by medium pacer James Honey and the three wickets by leg spinner Tim Head. Looking back, this was a great way to start the season as all the boys realised how much work was needed to ensure that it would be a successful one.

The following match was evenly fought although we were unable to create enough pressure in the field. A last over shot for six from Radley gave us our only school defeat of the season. In that game Charlie Sutton, still aged 16, recorded his first half century at first team level.

Bradfield brought out the best in the XI. In a rain-affected match, Bradfield were set 158 in 40 overs. A combination of top-class fielding, tight bowling (including 4-21 by paceman Tim Conibear who hurried up more than a few batsmen this season) and astute captaincy from Freddie Cross meant Bradfield ended 117-8 at the close.

Once the sun arrived after half term, the tide began to turn with a 9-wicket win over Abingdon, mainly thanks to our leg spin duo Freddie Cross and Tim Head who collected 7 wickets between them. Then Cross and Peter Swainson knocked off the total of 78 in 10 overs.

Confidence began to climb, and the inclusion of Johnny Parke and Tom Newell from the Colts seemed to inject even more enthusiasm into the side. At times the boys really began to understand about setting targets and run-chasing, and they started to dominate games.

Although the scores in the Marlborough match seem to indicate a rather tedious encounter, Teddies equipped themselves well on a deteriorating wicket against a useful spinner. Peter Swainson showed his potential by scoring 42, but he would be the first to admit that he should have scored more consistently throughout the summer.

Our back-to-back matches against M.C.S. and Cheltenham helped realise the talents of two cricketers: Tom Newell and David Leadbitter. They amassed a 150 run partnership against M.C.S., only to find their efforts were in vain when Magdalen College decided to play for a draw an hour into their innings. The following day was to be more lucrative against Cheltenham. After a poor SES display in the field which was put down to finishing exams the previous day, Leadbitter (89*) and Newell (40) once again combined to see St Edward's home with 2 overs to spare and by 5 wickets.

Three days later at Harrow and without Cross and Sutton because of exam commitments, parents and I alike witnessed a great moment in Teddies cricket history. Swainson took over the mantle as captain and an overs match was agreed upon. Barney Rodgers and Johnny Parke bowled well with the new ball and regular wickets meant Harrow never amassed a reasonable total. In reply the chase started terribly with the loss of 2 early wickets, and against an unbeaten and fired up Harrow side the boys realised it was not going to be easy to reach their target of 147. Once again Leadbitter stood up to be counted and joined with Newell and Tim Conibear in small but valuable partnerships. With the tea score at 100-7, Barney Rodgers met Leadbitter at the crease and proceeded to bat with confidence and a great amount of maturity to take us to 143. A lapse in concentration from Rodgers saw him run out, but Andrew Balerdi seized the chance to hit the winning runs.

The season ended in a run chase against Oundle where a target of 246 seemed to be unattainable, but a spirited chase by all the boys ended in us finishing 20 runs short with 8 wickets down. Matthew Baggs and Will Conibear both proved that they will be vital to our batting successes next season. A silent but significant contributor to this season was Andrew Balerdi, who was always tidy behind the stumps.

The most pleasing aspect of this thoroughly enjoyable and successful season was the camaraderie shown within the team (with all boys known by their nicknames) and the respect the boys gained by acting in such a mature way towards the opposition and their peers.

A special 'thank you' must go to Bob Bowerman and his groundstaff for all their hard work this year.

J.M. Mills

1st XI Batting Averages

	Runs	*Average*
D. Leadbitter	339	48.43
T. Newell	239	40
F. Cross	187	26.71
P. Swainson	199	25
T. Conibear	88	22
M. Baggs	60	20
C. Sutton	117	20
A. Balerdi	18	18
W. Conibear	66	17
T. Head	17	17
J. Parke	27	13.5
B. Rodgers	49	10
J. Honey	5	5

ANOTHER YOUNG SIDE WHO QUICKLY ADAPTED AND ADDED TO A WELL BALANCED SIDE - 16 YEAR OLD CHARLES SUTTON WAS ONE WHO MADE A HALF CENTURY ON HIS DEBUT

FREDDIE CROSS CAPTAINS THE SIDE

DAVID LEADBITTER IS A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR WITH THE BAT MAKING THREE SCORES OVER 50 INCLUDING 83 AGAINST MAGDELEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

LEADBITTER AND TOM NEWELL (53 NOT OUT) SHARE A 150 RUN STAND AGAINST MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

THE VICTORY OVER HARROW SCHOOL (AWAY) WHEN LEADBITTER SHARES THREE SEPARATE PARTNERSHIPS, ENDING WITH HIS LAST PARTNER ANDREW BALDERI TO WIN BY 2 WICKETS

MATCH AGAINST RADLEY COLLEGE LOST WHEN A SIX IS HIT IN THE FINAL OVER

No picture to-date

Fixture List
Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v Eton College - lost (no details)
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost (no details)
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost (no details)
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Oratory School - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Away)

Cricket XI 2001

Squad:- W.G. Conibear (Captain), M.F. Baggs, S.A.B. Chase, H.J.F. Capper. J.P. Honey, W.M. Allen. T.H. Newell, J.C. Parke, C.M. Sutton, A.J. Simmie, J.W. Gabriel, J.B. Barrett

Cricket

1st XI

Played 9, Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 4. Cancelled 2.

This season was a mixed bag in terms of results but a successful one in terms of development. With no pre-season training we encountered Eton and Harrow within 8 days, playing limited-overs matches. Although losing both games, the boys could spend time at the crease (which enabled Will Allen to post 66 against Harrow) and get some much-needed bowling practice, with James Honey taking 4-25 against Eton.

Following a loss to Bradfield and a draw against Cryptics we travelled to the Oratory. With the inclusion of two Colts, Alastair Simmie (3-40) and John Gabriel (4-14), we were able to bowl them out for 154. After losing a couple of quick wickets, John Barrett (41) and Tom Newell (61*) compiled a partnership of 71 before John Gabriel (19*) helped pass the total with 18 overs to spare.

This win seemed to give the boys belief in their ability and after bowling the Martyrs out for 213 (Mark Cripps 6-96 and a wonderful leg side stumping by Henry Capper), the chase started steadily as James Barrett amassed his third forty of the season. Henry Capper and Simon Chase came together at 104-6 and both posted their top scores (45 and 49 respectively) and helped St Edward's sneak past the total.

After half term we encountered Abingdon, who elected to bat, but with James Honey (6-28) and John Gabriel (3-70) creating pressure from both ends, wickets came regularly and Abingdon finished on 160. After the early wicket of Charlie Sutton, both James Barrett (77*) and Will Allen (47) played positively to help St Edward's win by 8 wickets.

At Cheltenham we had an exciting encounter. On what could only be called a batting paradise, St Edward's elected to bat. Some very good bowling and catching from Cheltenham restricted us to 89 all out, with Will Conibear (20) and Matthew Baggs (31) the only players to show the necessary concentration under such pressure. At this stage a lot of sides would have resigned themselves despondently to an early trip home. Once again however, the 'Teddies spirit' was in evidence: the boys bowled and fielded to a new level, reducing Cheltenham to 62-6 at tea. Every bowler did his job, with wickets going to Jonny Parke, Charlie Sutton and John Gabriel, and a wonderful diving catch at cover by Will Allen. After tea Cheltenham had regrouped and we were only able to capture one more wicket before the total was reached. For me, the highlight of the day was the maturity shown by Will Conibear who captained the side exceptionally and led from the front throughout.

The next day we faced Free Foresters, but a far better side never allowed us into the game, with a New Zealand quick bowler taking 5-28 to leave St Edward's all out for 154 - but not before Will Conibear showed his class in amassing 46. In reply Free Foresters never looked in trouble despite some tight bowling, and they ended the day with a 9 wicket win.

The departure of some of our Upper 6th allowed me to play some of next year's potential players against Oundle. On a flat Upper I wicket, Oundle set us 261-3 dec. in good time. New boy Dom Rodgers continued his form from the 2nd XI with a well-deserved 55. Charlie Sutton finally found the form that seemed to have deserted him this season and duly took advantage of it by hitting 107*. The middle order chipped in as the run rate grew but we fell short by 8 runs and 5 wickets remaining - proof that not all time matches end in tame draws.

Final game of the season was away to rivals Radley. Always known for the quality of their cricket, we knew this would be a hard-fought match, especially without the older boys. Batting first, Radley scored quickly before declaring at 220-7, with Charlie Sutton taking 3-42. In reply we lost a couple of early wickets to some tight bowling before Tom Newell (67) and Charlie Sutton (24) started to mount a counter attack. Once Sutton was dismissed Matt Baggs joined Newell and seemed to be finding the middle of the bat, and with 20 overs remaining we required 90 with 7 wickets in hand. Once Baggs was out, the middle order collapsed under intense pressure from Radley, and it was left to Jonny Parke and Alastair Simmie to play out the last overs to earn a draw.

The highlights of the season for myself were the captaincy of Will Conibear, the development of Matthew Baggs, and the way every player tasted success both individually and as part of a team. It bodes well for next season. I wish Will, Simon, Matt, Henry, Mark and James every success for the future. Special thanks to all the parents that supported the boys and myself in what is now becoming a very difficult cricketing term.

The team: W. Conibear, M. Baggs, S. Chase, H. Capper, J. Honey, W. Allen, T. Newell, J. Parke, C. Sutton, A. Simmie, J. Gabriel, J. Barrett.

Jason Mills

Time for congratulations as the Martyrs lose a wicket on Upper 1 *(David Wilkinson)*

Alastair Simmie in action against the Martyrs *(photo by David Wilkinson)*

Edward Watson's unconventional action keeps them guessing on Upper One.

CRICKET ON UPPER ONE 2001

FIRST MATCH AGAINST THE ORATORY SCHOOL

CHARLES SUTTON MAKES 107 NOT OUT AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL

MARK CRIPPS TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 96 RUNS AGAINST THE MARTYRS

Cricket XI 2002

L TO R BACK ROW R. Butcher (Professional), L.J. Rogers, D.R. Brewer, F.R.. Hustler, C.E. Arber, R.M. Smith, J.E.H.M. Bates, H.M. Redknap, R.T.A. Hazelton, J.E.B. Cope (I/C Cricket)

L- TO R SEATED M.E. Cunningham, A.J. Simmie, W.G.F. Myers, J.W. Barrett (Captain), C.M. Sutton, J.W.H. Gabriel, O.D.G. Troup

Fixture List
Played 15 Won 4 Drawn 5 Lost 6

v Eton College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 11 runs
(Away)
v Oratory School - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 111 runs
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Martyrs - won by 8 wickets
(Home)

West Indian Tour

v Trinidad XI - lost (no details)

v North Stars C.C. - lost (no details)

v Foundation Sch, Barbados - won (no details)

CRICKET

The 1st X1 of 2002 was a strong team who played very good cricket. The trouble was that they did not do it as frequently as they should have done. The season started well and ended extremely well. The middle was ugly.

game. They are three very good cricketers with twelve years of 1st X1 experience between them. Newell's captaincy was more imaginative by the end of the season; his bowling changes became shrewd and he did not let the game drift. With Simmie and Barrett he was one of the great fielders in the side and these three were lightning between the wickets.

However, as the averages show, Charlie Sutton had the outstanding season. Leading run scorer with 450 runs at an average of 50 and leading wicket taker with 28 at an average of 19.21, Charlie wanted to bat all day and bowl all day and through hard work and determination is maximizing his potential.

I wish the Upper Sixth leavers well in their future cricket careers. As well as Newell, Barrett and Sutton, we lose Allen who had a disappointing season, Abraham who lethargically surpassed all our expectations of him with the bat, the hysterical Rodgers and the unfortunate Parke and his back problems.

A promising squad remains for the future. Myers, Simmie, Arber and Gabriel are now experienced campaigners as are the Colts bowlers Cunningham and Hustler who both show promise. Other Colts such as Smith and Hazelton have come in and done well and all have the chance to consolidate their position during the Barbados tour whilst others threaten for places.

Special thanks need to go to Mr Drake-Brockman as Master-in-Charge of Cricket for his support to me and the cricket in the whole school during the season. We have also benefited hugely from the coaching of Roland Butcher both technically and in terms of Roland's ability to help the students understand the mental side of the game. What we also have at St Edward's is a groundsman who not only prepares excellent wickets but who wants us to use them, and we owe great thanks to Bob as well as to Gloria and all the other caterers. Also to the parents – thanks for smiling and keeping us sane during those endless laps of the boundary.

Final thanks go to the team's greatest asset and biggest legend: Nathan Lawrence's scoring is now colour-coded and includes balls faced, wagon wheels and analysis every ten overs. How we all strive for Nathan's consistency.

J. Cope

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not out	H'est Score	Runs	Average
Sutton	13	4	102	450	50.00
Newell	13	3	74	352	35.20
Abraham	6	1	47*	154	30.80
Barrett	13	0	82	0	30.08
Arber	6	3	17	55	18.33
Gabriel	11	1	28*	180	18.00
Allen	5	0	42	0	17.80
Simmie	10	2	36	98	12.25
Rodgers	8	0	37	0	12.13
Myers	9	3	20	61	10.17
Cunningham	6	3	13	19	6.33
Hustler	3	1	5*	7	3.50

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Barrett	29	11	114	6	19.00
Sutton	164	33	538	28	19.21
Gabriel	100	13	410	21	19.52
Myers	85	19	286	12	23.83
Cunningham	80	8	251	6	41.83
Simmie	89	11	350	8	43.75

James Milligan bowling his medium swing for the Junior Colts 'B' XI on Chestnut.

Dom Rodgers on the way to his top score of the season v. The Oratory

MARTYRS XI DURING CRICKET WEEK 2002

FIRST OVERSEAS CRICKET TOUR - TO THE WEST INDIES WHERE 3 MATCHES WERE PLAYED

J.E.B. COPE IS MASTER I/C CRICKET WITH ROLAND BUTCHER (WEST INDIES) THE PROFESSIONAL

CHARLES SUTTON SCORES 102 VERSUS ETON COLLEGE - HE HEADS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 450 RUNS AT 50 RUNS AN INNNGS, HE ALSO TAKES 28 WICKETS AT A COST OF 19 RUNS FOR EACH

JONATHAN GABRIEL TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 60 RUNS AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

CAPTAINED BY JOHN BARRETT WHO MAKES SOME SIGNIFICANT SCORES INCLUDING 82 AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS AND 75 AGAINST ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL FROM SOUTH AFRICA

JAMES COPE MASTER I/C CRICKET 2002-2004.

Cricket XI 2003

BACK ROW H. Kardar

L-R STANDING N.J. Lawrence (Scorer), J.E.B. Cope (Master I/C Cricket), O.D.G. Troup, D.R. Brewer, H.M. Redknap, M.V. Smith, J.B. Barrett, F.R. Hustler, M. Cunningham, R.T.A. Hazelton, N.D. Gleave, R. Butcher (Professional)

L-R SEATED C. E.L. Arber, J.W. Gabriel, A.J. Simmie (Captain), W. G.F. Myers

Fixture List

Played 15 Won 6 Drawn 4 Lost 3 Tied 1 Abandoned 1

v Middlesex under 17s - lost by 52 runs
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - lost by 49 runs
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 40 runs
(Away)
v Marlborough College - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match tied
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - won by 29 runs
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 68 runs
(Away)

Cricket

Overall, St Edward's cricket has had a good year. At 'A' team level we held our own against the best, with the Colts 'A' and Junior Colts 'A' being particularly successful. The Yearlings 'A' had some great moments and can be confident that they will develop into a very good team. The spirit amongst our 'B' and 'C' teams has been excellent – they played to win but also to enjoy.

The amount of goodwill from staff in the cricket season is incredible and the coaches cannot be thanked enough. Next year we hope to increase the support that staff get from outside coaches and this is an exciting development. The School will lose Ben Bramley and Richard Quarmby next year who gave so much to the 3rd XI and Yearlings 'B' respectively.

This was my first year in charge of the cricket at St Edward's. It would have been difficult without the particular support of Charlie Baggs and David Drake-Brockman who kept me vaguely sane.

J. Cope - i/c Cricket

Luke Rodgers in the 2nd XI nets

Nathan Lawrence (scorer) 'at home'

JONATHAN GABRIEL TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 16 RUNS AGAINST THE CRYPTICS AND 6 FOR 59 RUNS VERSUS THE MARTYRS

6 VICTORIES FOR THE SEASON

ALISTAIR SIMMIE CAPTAINS THE SIDE IN HIS THIRD SEASON IN THE TEAM - HE MAKES 93 AGAINST MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, THE HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORE IN THE SEASON

6 BATSMEN MAKE MORE THAN 200 RUNS FOR THE SEASON WITH THE CAPTAIN TOP SCORING WITH 412 RUNS

ALISTAIR COOK (LATER TO CAPTAIN ENGLAND) PLAYING FOR BEDFORD SCHOOL SCORES 167 AGAINST THE SCHOOL

JOHN BARRETT SCORES 79 AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE AND 69 VERSUS ABINGDON SCHOOL

Cricket XI 2004

NEEDS IDENTIFYING — J.W. Barrett , N.D. Gleave, C.M. Sutton, E.D.S. Smith, R.T.A. Hazelton, H.M. Redknap, D.R. Brewer, F.W. Vainker, S. Farfan, M. Cunningham, F.R. Hustler, M.V. Smith (Captain)

Fixture List
Played 21 Won 9 Drawn 5 Lost 7

v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - won by 129 runs*
(Home)
v Oratory School - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - match drawn
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 99 runs
(Away)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v J.E.B. Cope's XI - won (no details)*
(Home)
v unknown opponent won (no details)*
(Stowe 20/20 Tournament)
v unknown opponent won (no details)*
(Stowe 20/20 tournament)
v unknown opponent lost (no details)*
(Stowe 20/20 Tournament)
v unknown opponent lost (no details)*
(Stowe 20/20 Tournament)
v Martyrs - lost by 6 runs
(Home)
v Giggleswick School - won by 7 wickets
(Away)

* 20/20 game

Cricket

It was a remarkable season. The Mathematics Dept tell me it was a concave parabola, the English Dept tell me that 'All's Well that Ends Well', whilst as a Geographer, I am simply lost. We drew the first two, then lost virtually everything, then won virtually everything!

John Barrett

The outstanding natural cricketer in the year was Murray Smith. If he really wanted to, Murray could be a cricketer we read about in the future and certainly one that most batsmen would happily not see running towards them. Murray has genuine pace and control and it is not surprising that Counties have been keeping a close eye on him. He captained the side well although perhaps this and exam pressure meant that we did not see the best of his stroke-play with the bat.

In the first half of the season, when the chips were down, it was Henry Redknap who was our most impressive player, with bat and ball. He has a mature head on his shoulders and a great eye – it made for an impressive combination. At the start of the season, the team and individuals were desperate for some success to breed confidence. David Brewer epitomised this. Painfully out of touch early on, he finished the season in full flow and those wristy flicks to all parts of the ground returned – as did David's smile. The other leaver to

The 1st XI at the end of the Giggleswick tour

mention is James 'lucky 13' Bates. It is true that occasionally his bowling was all over the shop but more often his niggling medium pace posed many problems and he was another loyal servant to SES cricket.

And what of those that remain? John Barrett is the first St Edward's player to score more than 500 runs in a season and even this is underperformance by his standards. By his own admission he made too many 30s and 40s that should have become big scores but his determination to rectify this is admirable and will never detract from the fact that he will always be a positive and entertaining player. He also learnt very fast behind the stumps.

Nick Gleave and Harry Sutton have become a reliable opening pair. Both scored heavily this year and are very eager to do well. Nick's concentration has improved and he is increasingly playing to his strengths in front of the wicket. Harry is definitely the Most Improved Player and I feel this curve will continue. And with the ever improving Farfan and Bartlett, there is plenty of batting for next year. Vainker, Smart and Power are excellent bowling and batting prospects for next year - as long as the latter two can shake off injury concerns. Finally, our scorer. Nathan Lawrence was again by far our most consistent team member and wagon wheels now accompany the multi-coloured scorebook – it is art.

Once again, I think St Edward's cricket has got it right this year. We take it very seriously but prioritise enjoyment over intensity. We are very dependant on the attitude of the boys if this is to work and they deserve enormous credit at all levels. And as they know, they have extremely committed coaches who give so much and I thank them enormously. We also do not in any way take for granted the work of our groundstaff and the caterers and the wonderful support we get from parents.

This year, my thanks are particularly large as I hand over to Mr Howitt as Master in charge of Cricket. It has never had a safer pair of hands and such a good prospect.

J. Cope

The 1st XI fielding against South Oxfordshire Amateurs

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Matches	Innings	Runs	Not out	Average
Barrett	17	16	513	3	39.46
Gleave	17	16	352	2	25.14
Sutton	16	15	350	0	23.33
Smith	17	14	300	2	25.00
Hazelton	17	10	103	5	20.60
Redknap	15	13	224	2	20.36
Brewer	17	14	263	1	20.23
Vainker	9	8	131	1	18.71
Farfan	11	10	152	1	16.89
Cunningham	16	12	120	4	15.00
Hustler	16	6	27	3	9.00

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Hustler	115	20	415	31	13.39
Smith	127	25	384	26	14.77
Redknap	46	9	165	8	20.63
Cunningham	91	14	368	17	21.65
Power	21	4	98	4	24.50

FIRST MATCH VERSUS GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL

RICHARD HEWITT JOINS THE SCHOOL'S CRICKETING COACHING TEAM

RONALD NEWELL (OSE) SCORES 109 FOR THE MARTYRS AGAINST THE SCHOOL

FREDERICK HUSTLER TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 33 RUNS AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS

JOHN BARRETT IN HIS 4TH SEASON, CAPTAINS THE SIDE . HE TOPS THE BATTING WITH 513 RUNS AVERAGING 40 RUNS PER INNINGS

IN ALL 6 PLAYERS SCORE MORE THAN 200 RUNS IN THE SEASON

SCHOOL ENTERS THE STOWE 20/20 TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WIN THE 3RD/4TH PLAY OFF POSITION

9 VICTORIES ARE RECORDED - THE MOST FOR MANY YEARS

Cricket XI 2005

L TO R BACK ROW	N.J. Lawrence (Scorer), D. Drake-Brockman (Master I/C Cricket), J.P. Redknap, S. Farfan, T.W.H. Smart, A. L. Strong, J.E. Skull, W.D. Nicholl, R.E. Bartlett, W.J.P. Power, F.W. Vainker, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach)
L TO R SEATED	N.D. Gleave, J.W. Barrett (Captain), H. J. Sutton

Fixture List

Played 27 Won 8 Drawn 8 Lost 7

v Bradfield College - match drawn
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 4 runs
(Home)
v Bedford School - won by 2 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Radley College - match drawn
(Home)
v Oratory School - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Harrow School - match drawn
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - won by 36 runs*
(Away)
v Marlborough College - lost by 40 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Oundle School - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v J.E.B. Cope's XI - lost by 9 wickets*
(Home)
v St. Joseph's School, Ipswich - won by 6 wickets*
(Stowe Festival)
v King's Coll School, Wimbl'n - won by 7 wickets*
(Stowe Festival)
v Stowe School - lost by 60 runs*
(Stowe Festival)
v Martyrs - lost by 68 runs
(Home)
v King's Sch, Parramatta, Austr'lia - match drawn
(Home)
v Westville Boys' Sch, Sth Africa - match drawn
(Home)

* 20/20 game

Indian Tour
v Brendon School, Colombo- lost by 8 wickets
v Kurunegala Youth XI - match drawn
v Kandy District XI - match drawn
v Dharamapla College - lost by 5 wickets
v Dharamapla College - lost by 3 wickets
v Pandura District XI - lost by 4 runs
v St. Peter's College, Colombo - match drawn

Cricket

So often a promising young team does not fulfill its potential, but I am pleased to say that this year's 1st XI not only exceeded expectations but also played the game with great enterprise and a fantastic spirit. After a good 2004 season many could be forgiven for not expecting such success for the following year. That the number of victories for 2004 was surpassed would be enough to satisfy the sharpest of critics, but with batting records being broken along the way it is not difficult to illustrate what a highly successful and enjoyable campaign we have had in 2005.

THE NATHAN LAWRENCE BATTING & BOWLING AVERAGES, 2005

Batting Averages

Name	Matches	Inns	Runs	H.S.	Average	100's	50's
John Barrett	28	28	1138	166	42.15	4	3
Edward Fremlin-Key	13	10	183	102*	30.5	1	
Francois Vainker	20	19	448	79*	29.86		3
Rob Bartlett	13	12	194	34*	21.5		
Will Power	17	13	187	49*	20.7		
Harry Sutton	27	26	492	67	20.5		1
Tim Smart	26	20	390	78	20.5		1
Nick Gleave	24	24	445	82	19.3		2
Seb Furfan	18	17	235	55	16.8		1
Jack Redknap	16	10	106	49	13.25		
Wil Nichol	23	13	74	14	9.25		

Also batted: Alex Strong 0*,4,0,2*,2*,2 2,1*,8; Jonathan Skull 10,0,13*,0,1,2,6,5,3,7; Adam Reeve 2*; Andrew Baggs 7,2*,1,6; Ben Ridgway 7; Will Kerr-Dineen 11,4,11,5,7*,0,20,9,4; Guthrie Denniston 14,34,5*,4*,2; Paddy Bates 1*,1; Joe Seaward 8,19*,5,2,1,0*,0; Joe Robinson 3,0,1,9,6,27; Matthew Holyland 0*,0; Ali Precious 0*,2*; Jay Webster 0,0,1; Nathan Lawrence did not bat.

Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
Will Power	163	641	26	24.70	5/24
Francois Vainker	234	909	35	25.97	5/87
Nick Gleave	36	217	8	27.13	4/42
Harry Sutton	177	868	28	31.00	3/34
Jack Redknap	45	227	7	32.40	2/27
Tim Smart	184	817	23	38.90	2/21
Alex Strong	105	602	10	60.20	2/23

Also bowled: Jonathan Skull 21-154-5-30.80; Adam Reeve 34-208-4-52.00; Ben Ridgway 11-48-1-48.00; Guthrie Denniston 2-25-1-25.00; Paddy Bates 35-116-5-23.20; Joe Seaward 7-34-4-8.50; Matthew Holyland 24-158-5-31.60; Ali Precious 22-147-3-49.00; Jay Webster 23-88-4-22.00; Nathan Lawrence 2-13-1-13.00

CAPTAIN JOHN BARRETT BECOMES FIRST EVER SCHOOL BATSMAN TO PASS 1000 RUNS FOR THE SEASON (1138 IN TOTAL) AVERAGING 42 AND SCORING FOUR CENTURIES AND TWO FIFTIES (SCHOOL RECORD)

BARRETT AND NICHOLAS GLEAVE SCORE A RECORD 165 OPENING STAND AGAINST THE ORATORY SCHOOL (THEN A RECORD)

EDWARD FREMLIN-KEY SCORES 102 NOT OUT VERSUS PANDURA DISTRICT AND IN THE SAME MATCH SHARES A 206 RECORD STAND WITH JOHN BARRETT - A RECORD FOR THE SECOND WICKET

WILLIAM POWER AND FRANCOIS VAINKER TAKE 61 WICKETS BETWEEN THEM AT AN AVERAGE OF 25 RUNS EACH

WILLIAM NICHOLL, ALEXANDER STRONG AND WILLIAM KERR-DINEEN - ALL 4TH FORMERS, PLAY IN THE SIDE

FIRST MATCHES VERSUS KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON AND ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, IPSWICH

SECOND OVERSEAS CRICKET TOUR - TO SRI LANKA WHERE 7 MATCHES WERE PLAYED

FIRST VICTORY AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL FOR 17 YEARS

JOHN BARRETT FINISHES A SCHOOL CAREER WHERE HE SCORES A TOTAL OF 1964 RUNS

SRI LANKA 2005

Team photo at the Tamil Union test ground, Colombo.

It was an eclectic mix of characters who gathered that fateful morning to depart Teddies for the distant spice island that was Sri Lanka. In the U6th we had the veterans, Barrett, Gleave and Sutton: as solid a core of cricketing ability and understanding as any team could hope for. The L6th were stalwarts too, Smart and Redknap having already proved their pedigree on Upper I during the regular season. As this was a development tour however, there was a substantial contingent of younger tourists of whom less was known. Fremlin-Key and Seaward represented the 5th form, whilst in the 4ths we had a true range of characters, Nicholl, Kerr-Dineen, Bates, Strong and Robinson each adding their own particular strengths to the group. There were three Shells who had made the cut, Precious, Webster and 'Bombhead' (apparently also called Holyland), and finally there was the management, Messrs Howitt, Cope and Boyd, with yours truly as tour secretary.

And so this motley crew departed for the Orient, and what a time we had: there was some great food, some great people ("OK, get out!"), and most of all, some great cricket.

In terms of the cricket we had mixed success. The hard work began on our second day in Colombo against Brendon School when it soon became clear that the brief net the previous evening had not been enough to fully familiarise ourselves with the conditions. A sensible start by acting-captain Gleave (Barrett having turned up both late and bagless) and an impressive 48 by Smart were not enough to make up for the wanton abandon with which we cast away our wickets, many putting too much faith in a pitch that did far more than would be the norm in distant Blighty, and being duly punished. A slump to 125 all out was a disappointing start, and unlike the Australians we were not able to compensate for batting indiscretions with our bowling, the number of wides bowled being a particular point of worry for the coaches, conditions or no. Suffice it to say they got the runs.

Sutton and Gleave about to open the innings.

In the two days' rest we spiced things up a little by visiting Colombo market and getting food poisoning from Pizza-hut. Then it was time (in one case still vomiting) to take the field against Kurunegala Youth. A valiant performance in difficult circumstances saw the opposition restricted to 285, and our batting that followed again had several highlights: a mature 78 from Smart, who was sick when he left the field, and a brutal if effective 15 from Redknap worthy of particular note. Others also chipped in, but in the end their total proved beyond us. However, Fremlin-Key and Master Precious endured the onslaught until the close of play, so Howie declared honours even.

A quick transfer to Kandy and the beautiful Maharweli Reach gave us our base for Game 3, where the Sri Lankans unleashed their next weapon of Mass Disruption: matting. Unused to bowling on this surface, we again gave away far too many extras, helping our opponents reach over 300 runs. Then, just as Seaward and Kerr-Dineen were really starting to pile on the runs, the rain came. Match abandoned and another draw.

Against Dharamapla College, however, our performance was pretty dismal. 56 for 1, then utting and Bates' masterly offspin that this econd game produced, even though it was not eally a proper match.

Our next match was a massive honour. We vere playing at the test ground which had lmost twenty years previously witnessed Sri .anka's inaugural test. We finally rose to the hallenge, bowled well (although still with too nany wides) and restricted the Roy Dias nvitation XI to a solid 205. In an excellent un chase, powered by Barrett's 60 and Redknap's middle order 49, we eventually fell runs short of victory with three balls to go. A nail-biter if ever there was one.

Our final two games continued this upward rend. We thrashed Panadura district, Barrett reaking various records with his 166 and 'remlin-Key getting an excellent 102*. eaward meanwhile picked up 4 for 12 and ve went on to bring St Peter's College to the verge of defeat before the rain saved them, Gleave's 73* (played over the whole 3 hour nnings) being perhaps the outstanding ricketing achievement of the tour.

So 1 win, 3 winning draws and 4 losses. That's our story and we're sticking to it. There was more to this tour however than just the antastic cricket: visiting Galle brought home he sheer scale of the events of Boxing Day 2004 in this part of the world and hope in the igns of recovery which are already visible. We loved the food and the people, and learnt a ot about ourselves and each other. Who would ave guessed that amongst us was a seafood achine, a shopaholic and a jelly addict, all ouring in harmony for these two weeks. There s much more to recount but space is short and t merely remains to express on behalf of all he tourists our sincere gratitude: to Mr Boyd or providing such great warm ups, Mr Cope or sharing his ultimate tourist knowledge, Mr owitt for organising the whole thing, and to Impali and the rest of Sri Lanka for giving us uch a fantastic opportunity. As I'm sure durali would say were he here now: 'Thanks, anashakthi'.

Nathan Lawrence

THE END OF A RECORD

Shown above left is Peter Cranmer as Captain of the 1st XI in 1933, the year in which his 987 runs set an SES record for number of runs scored in a season. This record has lasted for 72 years, until John Barrett, Captain of the 2005 XI, scored 1138 runs. He is shown above right, on his way to scoring 60 on the Tamil Union test ground in Sri Lanka.

Cricket XI 2006

L TO R BACK ROW	R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), J. P. Webster, E. Fremlin-Key, A.L. Strong, T.R.M. Hargreaves, W.D. Nicholl, B. Jones (Professional), J.N. Robinson
L TO R SEATED	O.P. Hargreaves, J.P. Redknap, F.W. Vainker (Captain), T.W.H. Smart, G.W. Blanchard

Fixture List
Played 23 Won 9 Drawn 10 Lost 4

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Bedford School - match drawn
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 23 runs
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Oratory School - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Harrow School - lost by 121 runs
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Trinity Coll , Perth, Australia - won by 58 runs
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 9 runs
(Away)
v Oundle School - won by 85 runs
(Away)
v T. Cole's XI - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v St. Joseph's School, Ipswich - won by 6 wickets*
(Stowe Tournament)
v Martisburg Sch, Sth Africa - lost by 7 wickets*
(Stowe Tournament)
v King's School, Wimbledon - won by 9 wickets*
(Stowe Tournament)
v Maritsburg Sch, Sth Africa - lost by 95 runs*
(Stowe Tournament)
v Martyrs - won by 2 wickets
(Home)

* 20/20 game

Cricket

The 2006 SES 1st XI was one of youngest, if not the youngest, sides in recent memory and showed a surprising maturity and strength of character throughout the season. The extent of the youthfulness can be gauged from the overall tally of five 4th formers and seven fifth formers selected to play. The current crop of players will definitely become a force to be reckoned with in the next couple of years. Captain François Vainker led the side brilliantly. His astute cricketing brain was a key factor in securing a number of victories.

This year we say goodbye to three stalwarts of St Edward's cricket. Jack 'give-it-a-clout' Redknap scored three 50s for the 1st XI and his enthusiasm will be sorely missed. Tim 'I love 20/20' Smart scored 578 runs and captured 19 wickets and his substantial talent with bat and ball will be a hard act to follow. Finally, François 'wicket machine' Vainker had a fantastic season taking 50 wickets and smashing 673 runs which is the best performance by an all-rounder in recent memory.

We were blessed with two excellent scorers, Tom Pote and Seb Lackey-Grant. Bob Bowerman and his staff deserve thnaks for preparing excellent wickets. I am grateful to the catering department for the food and to all the parents who give such wonderful support. Final thanks go to Bob Jones. He has provided outstanding advice, knowledge and support in his first year at SES. He has been a top man.

RWJH / BJ

Tom Hargreaves bowls against the Martyrs on Upper 1

BATTING AVERAGES 2006

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	H.S.	Average
F. W. Vainker*	22	0	673	99	30.59
T. W. H. Smart	22	3	578	94	30.42
W. T. Kerr-Dineen	20	3	384	60	22.58
J. N. Robinson	17	1	345	54*	21.56
E. Fremlin-Key	19	1	358	64	19.88
G. W. Blanchard	12	2	174	53*	17.4
J. P. Redknap	18	0	299	72	16.61
A. R. Strong	18	4	207	36	14.78
J. P. Webster	11	1	109	41	10.4
T. R. M. Hargreaves	16	8	69	12	8.63
W. D. Nicholl	18	4	85	21	6.07
P. C. B. Bates	10	4	36	20	6

Also batted: Penny 20,0,3,6,12,0 Denniston 16,10,13,2 Julius 13,10 Fiducia 30; Akers 1, 3; Duncan 5; Creed 1*; Seaward 0*,1*; Holyland 0*.
Did not bat: Johnson, Lowe, Choudhury, O. Hargreaves.

BOWLING AVERAGES 2006

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	Average
W. T. Kerr-Dineen	25	0	106	12	6-14	8.83
F. W. Vainker*	230	57	811	50	8-38	16.23
C. A. Penny	28	4	101	6	4-19	16.83
O.P Hargreaves	10	0	56	3	2-15	18.66
T. W. H. Smart	112	18	461	19	5-26	24.26
J.J. Seaward	20	0	129	5	2-21	25.8
A. R. Strong	135	20	574	22	3-34	26.09
P. C. B. Bates	116	20	427	13	4-35	32.84
J. P. Webster	85	9	426	9	3-33	47.33
T. R. M. Hargreaves	89	5	396	6	2-16	66
J. P. Redknap	17	0	135	2	1-13	67.5

Also bowled:
Johnson 7-2-32-1 Lowe 1-0-16-0 Choudhury 3-0-31-0 Holyland 15-0-83-0

1st XI Captain François Vainker

Tom Field (U14 B) bowling against Cheltenham. Photographer: Mr N. Yeatman (Ed's uncle

THE CAPTAIN FRANÇOIS VAINKER TAKES 8 WICKETS FOR 38 RUNS AGAINST OUNDLE SCHOOL AND 6 WICKETS FOR 18 RUNS VERSUS ABINGDON SCHOOL

VAINKER ENDS HIS SCHOOL CRICKET CAREER WITH 1257 RUNS AND 88 WICKETS TO HIS NAME

RON JONES APPOINTED PROFESSIONAL

ANOTHER 9 VICTORIES IN ONE SEASON

Cricket XI 2007

L- TO R BACK ROW	B. Jones (Coach), G.W. Blanchard, O.P. Hargreaves, T.R.M. Hargreaves, J. Webster, A. Davidson, D.E.R. Johnson, T.G.E. Pote (Scorer), R.W.J. Howitt (Coach)
L TO R SEATED	P.C.B. Bates, W.T. Kerr-Dineen, W.D. Nicholl, E. Fremlin-Key (Captain), J. N. Robinson, A.R. Strong

Fixture List

Played 20 Won 5 Drawn 6 Lost 9

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Dulwich College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Hertfordshire Under 17s - won by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School- lost (no details)
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 14 runs
(Home)
v Oratory School - match drawn
(Away)
v Abingdon School - lost (no details)
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - lost (no details)
(Away)
v Marlborough College - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - match drawn
(Home)
v All Saints School, Bloxham - lost (no details)*
(Away)
v Hudson Park Sch Sth Africa - lost (no details)*
(Stowe Tournament)
v St. Joseph's School, Ipswich - won (no details)*
(Stowe Tournament)
v Martyrs - won (no details)
(Home)
v Denstone College - match drawn
(Away)

Cricket

This season promised much but under-delivered on the whole; however, it saw several positives on and off the field for both team and individuals, which will be looked back on more fondly than the statistics may suggest. Of the five victories, the most pleasing were those that occurred at the start of term in a magnificent seven days of cricket against Bradfield College, Hertfordshire U17's and the MCC. All nine losses were frustrating in their own ways and were largely down to lack of consistency with the bat after our bowlers had put us into strong positions. Lessons must be learnt on the batting front and the top priorities for all 1st XI batsmen next season will be to put a much greater value on their wicket and to develop stamina at the crease.

The St Edward's School 1st XI was again an extremely young side with three 4th formers and eight 5th formers taking part in fixtures throughout the season. The 2007 vintage, like the 2006 crop before them, showed potential all round with some individual glimpses of brilliance and with greater maturity I have no doubt that we will be reaping these benefits in the not too distant future.

This season was something of a marathon with twenty games played and one abandoned. Success and failure both played a part and looking ahead to next year, consistency will be the main aim both on and off the field. We say farewell this year to our very capable Captain, Edward Fremlin-Key, who has given three years of good service to the 1st XI, the highlight of his school cricketing career no doubt being his superb century in Sri Lanka during 2005. His personality and charm have been as valuable in the changing room as on the field and I want to thank him for his great support this year. We'll miss the banter…

This year also sees the departure of one of St. Edward's greatest cricketing stalwarts. David Drake-Brockman has been tirelessly supporting Teddies cricket for well over a quarter of a century, as Master in Charge of Cricket, superb coach, stowaway tourist, and latterly, as Master in Charge of the Pavilion! He is always welcome on Upper 1 and I hope to see him regularly next season. Thank you DD-B.

Thanks as always to Tom 'scoring's never boring' Pote who has been essential this season, to the ever-supportive parents on the boundary, to Bob Bowerman and his team for preparing and maintaining some fantastic wickets for us, to the catering department for wonderful lunches, teas and refreshments, and finally to Bob Jones, for his unfailing enthusiasm and guidance on all cricketing matters.

BATTING AVERAGES 2007

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	H.S.	Average
E. Fremlin-Key	17	2	432	79*	28.80
J.N. Robinson	17	3	385	69	27.50
A.J. Davidson	10	2	215	51	26.88
W.T. Kerr-Dineen	16	2	304	86	21.71
O.P. Hargreaves	13	5	142	32	17.75
G. W. Blanchard	11	4	123	29*	17.57
J. J. Seaward	6	1	74	40	14.80
W.D. Nicholl	20	1	269	65	14.16
J. P. Webster	18	1	222	43	13.06
A.R. Strong	17	1	208	43	13.00
P.C.B. Bates	11	2	99	29	11.00
T.R.M. Hargreaves	9	2	17	5	2.43

Also batted: Fraser 16*; Penny 8*,6; Smith 18; Joyce 25, 3, 0*; Hollyland 1*, 15*, 10, 4, 8; Julius 12; Lowe 15,5: Brennan 5; Johnson 0,1,3; Jordan 1; Precious 0.
Did not bat: Harrod, Mynheer.

BOWLING AVERAGES 2007

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	Average
C.E. Harrod	20	0	103	6	3-8	17.17
T.R.M. Hargreaves	51.4	5	217	12	4-21	18.08
O.P. Hargreaves	106.1	21	403	18	3-27	22.39
A.R. Strong	98	6	465	17	5-45	27.35
D.E.R. Johnston	77	8	318	11	3-33	28.91
J.P. Webster	115.2	16	505	17	5-24	29.71
P.C.B. Bates	136	22	517	17	6-68	30.41
W.T. Kerr-Dineen	34	0	226	6	2-16	37.67

Also bowled:
Robinson 7-0- 36-2; Nicholl 2-0-18-1; Brennan 10-0-55-3; Precious 4-0-24-1;
Penny 35-2-161-5; Hollyland 25-1-151-3; Seaward 50-3-189-3; Fraser 3-1-11-0;
Julius 3-0-24-0; Mynheer 0.3-0-4-0.

RWJH

Above: Joe Robinson batting against the Martyrs

Below: DD-B in his 'second home

MARTYRS XI V THE NOMADS 2007

L TO R (BACK ROW) HARRY SUTTON, WILL ALLEN, JOE LLOYD, CHARLES GOODWIN, JOHN BARRETT, DAVID DRAKE-BROCKMAN (C/R)
L TO R (SEATED) PETE FRANKS, PETER SWAINSON, SIMON COLLINS, JULIAN LAWTON-SMITH, JONATHAN BURCHFIELD

FIRST MATCH VERSUS DULWICH COLLEGE

PATRICK BATES TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 68 RUNS AGAINST ABINGDON SCHOOL

THE CAPTAIN EDWARD FREMLIN-KEY CARRIES HIS BAT FOR 79 NOT OUT AGAINST THE ORATORY - HE TOPS THE BATTING AVERAGES WITH 432 RUNS AT AVERAGE OF 29 PER INNINGS

JOE ROBINSON AND WILLIAM KERR-DINEEN BOTH SCORE OVER 300 RUNS DURING THE SEASON

Cricket XI 2008

L-R BACK ROW	T.G.E. Pote (Scorer), G.W. Blanchard, A.O.H. Smith, L.C. Brennan, A.J Davidson, J.R.S. Fraser, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach)
L-R MIDDLE ROW	O.P. Hargreaves, M.J. Holyland, D.E.R. Johnson, J.L. Joyce, A.G. Precious
L-R SEATED	A.R. Strong, J.P. Webster, J.N. Robinson (Captain), W.D. Nicholl, P.C.B. Bates, W.J. Kerr-Dineen

Fixture List

Played 22 Won 14 Drawn 3 Lost 5

v Bedford School - won by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Bedford School - won by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 3 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 2 wickets
(Away - John Harvey Cup))
v Harrow School - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Oratory School - match drawn
(Away)
v Abingdon School - lost by 37 runs
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - won (no details)
(Home)
v Winchester College - won by 2 wickets
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Magdalen College School - lost by 161 runs
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Marlborough College - won by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Doon School, Dehradun, India - won by 83 runs
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - match drawn
(Home)
v St. John's Coll, Leatherhead - lost by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Denstone College - lost by 41 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Martyrs - won (no details)
(Home)

<u>South African Tour</u>

v Wynberg High School - lost by 8 wickets
v Western Province under 17s - match drawn
v Bellville C.C. - lost by 51 runs
v Western Province XI - lost by 7 wickets
v Knysna Cricket Academy - won by 5 wickets
v Eastern Province XI - match drawn

Cricket

The St Edward's 2008 1st XI will be remembered as an outstanding team; it is not that the side lacked talented individuals but it was the fantastic team spirit that made this side one of the most successful in the School's history. The team learned from their mistakes of last year and were an excellent all-round side, equally strong in both batting and bowling departments. The teamwork illustrated by the 1st XI this season is best summed up by Babe Ruth's famous quotation, "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the World, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime". I am pleased and proud to say that the much lauded 2008 vintage of players did not disappoint.

Captain Joe Robinson with the Harvey Cup.

It remains for me to thank those parents who have supported their sons so well throughout the season, particularly those who have become friends over the years and who will be much missed next season. Thanks also go to the catering department for their excellent food, to Bob Bowerman for the outstanding facilities on which we are privileged to play and to our diligent scorer Tom Pote whose statistical analysis is greatly appreciated. Final credit must go to 1st XI coach Bob Jones whose dedication and enthusiasm for the game has put St Edward's cricket in fantastic shape – bring on 2009.
RWJH

AVERAGES 2008

Batting

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
A. R. H. Strong	17	2	503	120	33.53
W. T. Kerr-Dineen	17	3	391	77*	27.92
J. P. Webster	21	2	489	82	25.73
W. D. Nicholl	19	2	405	109*	23.82
A. J. Davidson	14	3	239	64	21.72
G. W. Blanchard	13	1	242	59	20.16
J. N. Robinson	19	2	288	50	16.94
O. P. Hargreaves	15	3	196	42	16.33
A. G. H. Precious	7	5	32	11	16.00
P. C. B. Bates	8	2	75	25*	12.50
M. J. Holyland	13	2	132	51	12.00
A. D. Smith	10	0	120	53	12.00

ALSO BATTED:

Fraser 5*; Johnson 11, 1*, 0, 0, 0, 6*; Joyce 0*, 3; Brennan 0, 16*, 0; Coles 5; Taylor (B) 4; Jennings 10*; O'Sullivan 2; Taylor (J) 16*.

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	Average
M. J. Holyland	131	25	414	31	4-13	13.35
A. R. H. Strong	125	10	448	26	5-35	17.23
O. P. Hargreaves	159	35	492	27	3-15	18.22
D. E. R. Johnson	180	27	563	26	5-72	21.65
J. P. Webster	161	24	524	24	3-12	21.83
P. C. B. Bates	195	39	592	26	4-61	22.76
A. G. H. Precious	36	2	147	4	1-4	36.75

ALSO BOWLED:

Robinson 9-0-42-0, Nicholl 6-0-31-2, Brennan 16-2-56-2, Fraser 3-0-17-1, Kerr-Dineen 12-1-64-3, O'Sullivan 6-1-20-0, Smith 2-0-6-0.

THE SCHOOL SIDE WIN THE INAUGURAL JOHN HARVEY CUP

FIRST SCHOOL SIDE TO WIN 14 MATCHES IN ONE SEASON

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST WINCHESTER COLLEGE AND ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, LEATHERHEAD

THIRD OVERSEAS CRICKET TOUR,THIS TIME TO SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE 5 MATCHES WERE PLAYED

ALEXANDER STRONG SCORES 120 AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS

WILLIAM NICHOLL SCORES 109 NOT OUT AGAINST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

FIRST EVER AWAY VICTORY OVER MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

JAMES WEBSTER TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 29 RUNS AGAINST BELVILLE C.C.

WILLIAM KERR-DINEEN ENDS HIS SCHOOL CRICKET CAREER WITH 1205 RUNS IN ALL

15 VICTORIES IN ONE SEASON (A RECORD)

1st XI Cricket Tour South Africa

After a tiring flight, we arrived in Cape Town to be greeted by a bright sun and clear skies. However, all thoughts of sunbathing and beaches were rapidly abandoned when straight after lunch it was announced that the rest of the afternoon would be spent training for the match the next day. After an exhausting net session, we ascended to the summit of Table Mountain in a revolving cable car just in time to catch some breath-taking views of the sunset.

Our first experience of South African cricket was against Wynberg High School. Still suffering from the effects of the long flight, we knew that this match was going to be a challenge. After deciding to bat first, our openers began well but, unfortunately, we failed to put many runs on the board and we were all out for 73 off 44 overs, despite 12's from A. Strong and P. Bates. It was therefore essential that our bowlers struck early, which they did with A. Strong and O. Hargreaves both taking wickets in their first overs. This left Wynberg on 0 for 2 after 2 overs. Suddenly the game looked like it was back on. However, we didn't manage to take any more wickets and Wynberg hit the winning runs in the 17th over, winning by 8 wickets. After the match Mr Howitt decided to run a three hour training session in the scorching sun to lift team morale!!

We spent Easter day relaxing on the Fish Hoek beach, the home of the South African Navy, after visiting a gem factory in the morning. After another sea food meal at lunch time, we went shopping in Canal Walk – the largest mall in Cape Town.

The second cricket match was against Western Province U17's, another strong team. This time we decided to bowl first. A. Strong, J. Webster, and L. Brennan took the first four wickets for only 76 runs. However our bowling duo of P. Bates and D. Johnson then began to work their magic; Bates took four wickets for 43 runs and Johnson took 2 for 20. This limited Western Province to 159 all out off 53 overs. This was a fairly large target but do-able nevertheless. P. Bates made another quick 12 and J. Webster made 30 taking us to 80 for 5. A. Jennings made 27 not out on his debut for the 1st XI. At the close of play we were 119 for 8, not quite the win that we had hoped for but a well fought draw nonetheless.

The next day we set off to Cape Point, the spot where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. On the way we stopped off at Groot Constantia vineyard for a tour of the wine-making process and a chance to taste a selection of their wines. We ate lunch in a restaurant overlooking the ocean and then set off up the hill to the cliff top, battling against a strong head wind. We also had the chance to see plants that only live in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve.

The third match of the tour was against Bellville Cricket Club on the outskirts of Cape Town. Once again we bowled first and it wasn't long before J. Webster took the first wicket. The Bellville batsmen began to look comfortable until Jay struck again and again leaving Bellville 57 for 3. Johnson, Precious and Brennan took a wicket each before Jay came back on to start his second spell. He proceeded to take another 3 wickets finishing the Bellville innings and with figure of 9 overs, 2 maidens, 6 for 29. Our target was 182 with several hours of batting time available. Our innings began slowly with Kerr-Dineen making 23 and Webster making 19. Holyland, Smith, Jennings and Fraser were all stumped by some impressive wicket keeping. Hargreaves made a good 17 not out but we had left the revival too late. We were all out for 130 off 42 overs meaning that we lost by 51 runs. That evening we watched an exciting Pro20 match at Newlands from the luxury of the PK sports suite before returning to the hotel.

The following day we set off again for Newlands this time to play a Western Province Invitation XI (WPI). WP batted first and it wasn't long before their opening batsmen began to score heavily off our bowling. After 20 overs they were 86 without loss and looking very comfortable. Fortunately Jay took 2 quick wickets and Brennan took another putting WP under a bit of pressure. At the end of their 50 overs, they were 294 for 3. With an enormous mountain for our batsmen to climb, Smith and Robinson set out to bat. They started well scoring 41 off the first 10 overs against some tight bowling. Unfortunately Alex was bowled for 18 and Joe followed him back to the changing room a few minutes later after being run out on 39. Strong made a quick 23 but it wasn't enough to secure a victory and we were all out for 175.

The next day we set off early to travel by coach to Knysna along the Garden Route. On the way we visited the Cango Caves with their interesting rock formations including some giant stalactites and stalagmites. We then visited a wildlife park to see some crocodiles, cheetahs, lions, leopards and tigers along with a collection of venomous snakes. When we finally arrived at Knysna we got an early night to prepare for the next match.

The penultimate match of the tour was against Knysna Cricket Academy. The pitch had been laid on top of an old rubbish dump and a timber yard. We bowled first and soon began to strike against the Knysna batsmen. Jay took 3 for 10 and Olly took 3 for 23. Daryl and Ali took 2 wickets each limiting Knysna to 80 all out off just 26 overs. Lunch was a very welcome BBQ before we went out to bat. After such a positive start we were feeling confident. However, Giles was then trapped LBW in the 7th over and we realised that our innings wasn't going to be plain sailing. Fortunately Will, Ali and Jay made 15, 11 and 12 respectively to tighten our hold on the match. Jay made 26 not out at the end to secure us our first victory of tour.

The next morning we set out for Port Elizabeth, stopping on the way to visit another shopping complex for lunch. That afternoon we relaxed by the pool and had a long revision session to conserve energy for the last match.

The final match was played against Eastern Province U19's (EP). In a stark contrast to the rest of our matches we arrived at the ground to discover that there had been a lot of rain during the night and the conditions were very humid. The South Africans were slightly unnerved by this but our morale remained high as we were used to playing in such weather in England. The EP batsmen scored 75 off the first 20 overs. However Ali soon took a wicket followed by Luke taking 2. The session after lunch saw a guest appearance from the St Edward's scorer who went on to bowl keeping up St Edward's tradition. Unfortunately he didn't take any wickets but there were several memorable moments all of which were captured on camera. EP declared on 238 for 4, leaving us to chase another huge total in the rain. Our innings started with Joe making 17 and Jay making 18. Olly made a very quick 27 off 19 balls before being caught. Alex Strong and Paddy made 12 and 13, but the best innings was from Alex Smith who carried his bat scoring 61 off 128 balls. Despite this we hadn't done enough to win but secured a draw to finish the tour.

We spent the next two days on game drives seeing South Africa's wildlife in its natural habitat. We came within metres of lions and elephants along with buffalo, zebra and a wide range of antelope along with some giraffes. On the last evening we had dinner in Port Elizabeth to celebrate the many successes of the tour including some outstanding bowling, some fantastic batting and the first win of the year. Surely a great season was to follow upon our return to the cloudy skies and the bitter winds of England. A huge thank you must go to Mr Howitt for organising the tour and to Mr Gaunt, Mr Arnold and Mr Kerr-Dineen for accompanying the team and their coaching advice.
Tom Pote

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR AVERAGES

Batting

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
A.D. Smith	5	1	97	61*	24.25
J. P. Webster	6	1	114	30	22.80
A.T. Jennings	4	1	32	27*	16.00
O. P. Hargreaves	4	1	45	27	15.00
P. C. B. Bates	5	1	51	13	12.75
J. N. Robinson	6	0	70	39	11.66
A. R. H. Strong	6	0	57	23	9.50
W. T. Kerr-Dineen	6	0	55	23	9.16
M. J. Holyland	4	0	30	15	7.50
G. W. Blanchard	5	0	30	10	6.00

Also Batted: J. L. Joyce 1*, 1, 12 A. G. H. Precious 8,0,11 J.R. Fraser 3, 14, 0, 0* L. C. Brennan 2*
Did not bat: D.E.R. Johnson and T. G. E. Pote

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	Average
L. C. Brennan	15	2	63	5	2-6	12.60
J. P. Webster	43	5	175	12	6-29	14.58
A. R. H. Strong	12	1	39	3	1-14	39.50
A.G.H. Precious	15	3	80	4	2-4	20.00
D. E. R. Johnson	37	6	140	5	2-10	28.00
O. P. Hargreaves	27	0	105	4	3-23	26.25
P. C. B. Bates	43	4	163	4	4-43	40.75
M. J. Holyland	39	2	178	1	1-67	178

Also Bowled:
A.D. Smith 1-0-2-1 W. T. Kerr-Dineen 2-0-10-0 T. G. E. Pote 2-0-11-0 J.R. Fraser 4-0-25-0

1st XI Tour Squad at Newlands Test Ground in Capetown, SA

Cricket XI 2009

L-R back row — T.G.E. Pote (Scorer), A.G.H. Precious, J.R.S. Fraser, P.J. O'Sullivan, A.D.H. Smith, J.L. Joyce, S.A. Hunter, L.C. Brennan, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach)

L-R seated — G.W. Blanchard, D.E.R. Johnson, J.P. Webster (Captain), O.P. Hargreaves, M.J. Holyland

Fixture List
Played 21 Won 10 Drawn 7 Lost 4

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. Xi - match drawn
(Home)
v Dulwich College - match drawn
(Home)
v Christ Coll, Christchurch, NZ - lost by 3 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 62 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Harrow School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Bedford School - won by 1 wicket
(Away)
v Oratory School - match drawn
(Away)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Common Room XI - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Winchester College - won by 4 wickets
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Magdalen College School - won by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 40 runs
(Away)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - lost by 24 runs
(Home)
v Trinity Grammar Sch, Sydney - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v St. John's Sch, Leatherhead - won by 144 runs
(Home)
v Denstone College - match drawn
(Away)
v Radley College - lost by 175 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup))
v Martyrs - won by 4 wickets
(Home)

Cricket

The 2008 season was always going to be very difficult to emulate, let alone beat. However, I am very pleased and proud to say that the 2009 St Edward's first eleven not only had another vintage season but came very close to surpassing the record breaking fourteen victories of the previous year. This year's first eleven will be fondly remembered as a team that broke the hearts of many a fielding side with their 'never say die' attitude towards their batting and which had one of the best all-round bowling units in the school's 146 year history. I can best sum up the 2009 first eleven as the side which, without doubt, had the best team spirit I have ever had the pleasure to coach.

The driving force behind many of the side's victories this season were the five upper sixth stalwarts of Olly Hargreaves, Matthew Holyland, Giles Blanchard, Daryl Johnson and the Captain Jay Webster. They have set a benchmark both on and off the field that future 1st XI players will find hard to match. I have the utmost respect for them all and, as I sit here watching the 2009 Ashes series, I cannot help thinking that England could do with a little bit of their determination as Flintoff, Swann and co. try to take the eight remaining wickets on day five of the Edgbaston test match.

The team owe a great debt of gratitude to Bob Bowerman and his ground staff for preparing some amazing pitches for us to play on and to Jenny Bough and the catering team for our superb lunches and teas throughout the summer. Penultimately, I want to thank ex first class umpire Ray Julian for officiating in all of our home fixtures and to our pro Bob Jones whose energy, enthusiasm and experience knows no boundaries. Finally, a massive thank you to all the dedicated parents who come to watch their boys come rain or shine – your support is fantastic and I cannot wait to see you all again in 2010. Looking back, 2009 has been another great season, and I am confident that with continued hard work and dedication, next year's players will be able to build upon St Edward's flourishing cricket reputation on one of the strongest circuits in the country.

RWJH

Giles Blanchard 100 Verses Abingdon*

THE TOM POTE 2009 1ST XI CRICKET AVERAGES

Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
G.W.Blanchard	19	4	803	100*	53.53
J.P.Webster	22	3	650	101*	34.21
M.J.Holyland	20	5	503	89	33.53
O.P.Hargreaves	21	2	453	61	23.84
J.L.Joyce	14	5	205	87	22.77
A.D.Smith	19	1	361	51*	20.05
H.A.Coles	19	2	301	76*	17.70
J.R.Fraser	14	2	150	42	12.50
L.C.Brennan	7	0	84	40	12.00
D.E.R.Johnson	13	4	89	27	9.88
G.E.J.Chaffer	7	0	67	30	9.57

ALSO BATTED:

Precious 0,0*,10,0,17*; Taylor (J) 4,0,0; O'Sullivan 4*,20,1*,1,1*; Shipperley 5; Taylor (B) 2*,1*; Blanchard (C) 3; Morgan 10*,4*,12*,10; Davies 0*; Ratcliffe DNB; Hunter DNB; Hargreaves (A) DNB.

Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	Average
B.A.Taylor	27	1	119	8	4-10	14.87
J.R.Fraser	82	5	313	18	5-26	17.38
M.J.Holyland	184	22	709	38	7-36	18.65
A.G.H.Precious	32	3	105	5	3-30	21.00
D.E.R.Johnson	270	34	990	47	5-85	21.06
J.P.Webster	132	15	496	18	3-22	27.55
O.P.Hargreaves	181	30	606	21	4-44	28.85
P.J.O'Sullivan	59	9	240	5	2-22	48.00

ALSO BOWLED:

Hunter 12-0-68-1; Brennan 13-0-64-1; Smith 4-0-26-0; Ratcliffe 6-0-32-1; Blanchard (G) 27-2-99-1; Davies 8-2-23-0; Morgan 1-0-2-0; Hargreaves (A) 4-0-15-0; Coles 3-0-8-0.

Wicket Keeping Statistics

Jasper Joyce – Dismissals – 27 (22 caught and 5 stumped), Byes – 23.

Hugh Coles – Dismissals – 3 (1 caught and 2 stumped), Byes – 3.

Opening of the new Martyrs Pavilion

Saturday 12 September 2009:

On Saturday 12 September the new Martyrs Sports Pavilion was opened by Lord Sandberg of Passfield (E 1941-45), after whom the Long Room is named. This striking building was designed by the eminent architect John Pawson, whose son Ben left the School last year, and is the only public building designed by this architect in the UK.

It will provide the School and OSE with an outstanding modern pavilion with all the essential features of a traditional one, and provides a wonderful elevated view of the Square and Upper One.

After speeches from the Warden and Simon Offen (A 1976-1981), President of the Martyrs, 180 guests had the opportunity to look round the building and then sit down to a celebratory lunch in the marquee.

Sir David Lewis (B 1961-66), Lord Sandberg (E 1941-45), Mike Stanfield (G 1955-60) and David Christie

Lord Sandberg of Passfield cuts the ribbon

Ali Fry (E 1977-82) and Chris Nathan (G 1954-57)

FOURTH CRICKET PAVILION (THE MARTYRS PAVILION) OPENED BY LORD SANDBERG (OSE)

ONE OF THE HIGHEST SCORING SIDES EVER WITH THE SEVEN TOP BATSMEN AMASSING JUST UNDER 2500 RUNS FOR THE SEASON

MATTHEW HOLYLAND AND DARYL JOHNSON TAKE 85 WICKETS JOINTLY AT AN AVERAGE OF 20 RUNS PER WICKET

WICKET KEEPER JASPER JOYCE TAKES 27 DISMISSALS (22 CAUGHT AND 5 STUMPED) - ANOTHER RECORD

GILES BLANCHARD SCORES 100 NOT OUT AGAINST ABINGDON SCHOOL - HE HEADS THE BATTING WITH 803 RUNS AT AN AVERAGE OF 53 PER INNINGS

JAY WEBSTER SCORES 101 NOT OUT AGAINST STOWE SCHOOL

MATTHEW HOLYLAND TAKES 7 WICKETS FOR 36 RUNS AGAINST THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AMATEURS

JAMES WEBSTER ENDS HIS SCHOOL CRICKET CAREER WITH 1585 RUNS AND 84 WICKETS TO HIS NAME

DARRYL JOHNSON ENDS HIS SCHOOL CRICKET CAREER WITH 89 WICKETS

THE SIDE RECORD 10 VICTORIES AND ARE RUNNERS UP IN THE JOHN HARVEY CUP

Cricket XI 2010

L to R back row	R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), R.S. Shipperley, R.T. Wise, G.E.J. Chaffer, C. Sandbach (Proessional)
L to R middle row	F.A.A. Baig, M.A.H. Hammond, A.S. Hargreaves, R.T. Willis, M.A. Stephenson (Master I/C Cricket)
L to R seated	H.A. Coles, J.L. Joyce, A.D.H. Smith (Captain), J.R.S. Fraser, B.A. Taylor

Fixture List

Played 23 Won 8 Drawn 6 Lost 8 Tied 1

v Rugby School - won by 47 runs
(Home)
v Oxfordshire Under 16s - match drawn
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 7 runs
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Uppingham School - match drawn
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Daunstey's School - won by 26 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Bedford School - lost by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Oratory School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Magdalen College School - won by 22 runs
(Away)
v Abingdon School - won by 91 runs
(Away)
v St. John's Sch Leatherhead - lost by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Winchester College - lost by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Marlborough College - lost by 8 runs
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Stowe School - match drawn
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Common Room XI - won (no details)
(Home)
v Denstone College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - lost by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Rondesbosch High Sch , S.A. - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - match tied
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - won (no details)
(Home)

Cricket

1st XI

Played 23, Won 8, Lost 8, Drawn 7
Captain: A. D. H. Smith
Vice-captain: J. L. Joyce.
Squad: C. Asembo, H. Bhatti, F. Beg, G. Chaffer, S. Chambers, H. Coles, M. Davies, C. Everett, J. Fairhurst, J. Fenner, J. Fraser, M. Hammond, A. Hargreaves, E. Jamie, J. Joyce, F. Kerr-Dineen, O. Oakley, R. Shipperley, A. Smith, O. Smith, B. Taylor, J. Taylor, R. Willis, R. Wise.

The St Edward's XI of 2010 was a young side as is so obviously illustrated by the fact that two boys from the Shell year, Miles Hammond and Feroz Beg, made their 1st XI debuts in the first match of the season. Following the XIs of the previous two seasons, which both challenged school records in terms of the number of victories recorded, the 2010 XI was always going to struggle to maintain such lofty achievements. However, the final analysis of eight victories, eight defeats and seven draws constitutes a very balanced performance over the season as a whole. We can confidently say that this year's XI maximised its potential in all three of the game's primary disciplines and that much credit is due. The three Upper Sixth boys who played regularly were quite simply outstanding role models for their younger teammates. Alex Smith led the batting with great aplomb and his tally of 901 runs, which included three superb centuries, was the highest aggregate since John Barratt's back in 2005. He also captained the side most shrewdly: a veritable mixture of Vaughan and Clive Lloyd. Alex must surely go down as one of the finest captains at this level in the School's recent history. Frequently he employed tactics conceived by the coach only moments before. Jasper Joyce's wicket-keeping was immaculate in his fourth season in the XI. He took great pride in conceding so few byes and although perhaps a little short of the run tally expected before the season commenced he must be commended on some vital knocks. Jamie Fraser, another stalwart since the fourth form, led the bowling attack well and had the knack of taking vital match-changing wickets. It is a shame that his efforts were not necessarily rewarded with the big hauls his bowling deserved. He was also very

Max Davies taking 2 for 23, Jamie Fraser 2 for 18, Ben Taylor 2 for 28 and Richard Wise 3 for 18. Abingdon's XI was our next set of opponents. Having won the toss, St Edward's elected to bat and posted a competitive 228 including a maiden century from Alex Smith, who ended up with 126. Abingdon could only muster 137 in response. The turning point of the match came with Jamie Fraser's dismissal of Abingdon's two county players in a spell of 3 for 46 off ten overs, a performance which clinched the side's sixth win of the season.

It remains for us to thank all those parents who have supported the side so loyally this season and who have helped to bring a wonderfully convivial atmosphere to the new pavilion on Upper One during match days. Their encouragement is very much appreciated. We also express gratitude to our leavers for their exemplary service over several seasons and we look forward to seeing them in Martyrs' colours in forthcoming seasons. At the same time a promising new crop of players is working its way through the ranks and we anticipate successful seasons ahead. We aim to have indoor facilities upgraded and to purchase the state-of-the-art Merlin bowling machine before the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. We all are looking forward to pitting our wits against our very own mechanical Murali! Final thanks must go to Chris Sandbach for assuming a pivotal role with the XI after it became clear that Bob Jones' days as our coach were over. He has discharged his duties with great enthusiasm and no little degree of insight. Bring on 2011.

	Matches	Innings	N.O.	Runs	Highest	Average
A. Smith	23	22	1	901	134*	42.9
H. Coles	22	20	2	488	72	27.11
B. Taylor	22	19	7	266	82*	22.17
G. Chaffer	24	23	2	393	110*	18.71
J. Joyce	21	20	0	350	61	17.5
F. Beg	13	12	0	210	46	17.5
R.Shipperley	21	13	5	103	17	12.88
F. Kerr-Dineen	17	15	0	176	36	11.73
O. Smith	23	20	6	158	27	11.29
M. Hammond	18	16	2	140	48	10
R.Willis	8	6	0	56	26	9.33
J. Fraser	17	15	4	89	16*	8.09

(Also batted: J. Fenner 5, 34; A. Hargreaves 6, 5, 0, 9*, 3*; J. Taylor 14; S. Chambers 11; C. Everett 0, 0, 3, 6*; R. Wise 1*, 1*, 1*, 0, 4*; E. Jamie 5; O. Oakley 0*; H. Ali Bhatti 0*; J. Fairhurst, C. Asembo, M. Davies, J. Connolly DNB)*

2010 Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	Average
R. Wise	110	8	429	24	5 for 35	17.88
A. Hargreaves	97	12	416	20	4 for 7	20.8
M. Hammond	148	20	573	19	3 for 50	30.16
J. Fraser	110	8	508	16	3 for 45	31.75
G.Chaffer	46	2	220	6	1 for 2	36.67
F. Beg	61	5	328	8	2 for 37	41
B. Taylor	42	1	220	5	2 for 28	44
R. Shipperley	144	15	649	13	3 for 47	49.92
O. Smith	71	3	386	7	3 for 58	55.14

(Also bowled: M. Davies: 4-0-23-2; J. Fairhurst: 4-0-22-1; H. Ali Bhatti: 6-0-28-1; J. Connolly: 12-0-43-1; C. Asembo: 10-1-59-1; A. Smith: 1-0-13-0; J. Joyce: 1-0-13-0; J. Taylor: 1-0-17-0)

ALEX SMITH SCORES 901 RUNS IN THE SEASON INCLUDING 3 CENTURIES AND ENDS HIS SCHOOL CRICKET CAREER WITH 1619 RUNS

FIRST MATCHES AGAINST UPPINGHAM COLLEGE AND DAUNSTEY'S SCHOOL

THREE SHELL BOYS, MILES HAMMOND, HAIDER BHATTI AND FEROZ BERG MAKE THEIR DEBUTS FOR THE SCHOOL SIDE

C. SANDBACH JOINS THE COACHING TEAM

GEORGE CHAFFER SCORES 110 NOT OUT AGAINST THE MARTYRS

Cricket XI 2011

L to R back row R.C. Hooton (Professional), R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), F.A.A. Baig, R.J.C. Wise, F.P. Simon, J.H. Barrett, M.A.H. Hammond, O.J. Smith, R.C.H. Everett, F.J. Kerr-Dineen, C. Sandbach (Professional), M.A. Stephenson (Master I/C Cricket)

L to R seated H.A. Bhatti, R.S. Shipperley, B.A. Taylor, H.A. Coles (Captain), G.E.J. Chaffer, A.S. Hargreaves, D.T. Willis

Fixture List
Played 19 Won 7 Drawn 3 Lost 9

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v Uppingham School - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Rugby School - lost by 7 wickets
(Away)
v Abingdon School - lost (no details)
(Unknown - J.M.C. National)
v Dauntsey's School - won by 45 runs
(Unknown - J.M.C. National)
v Bradfield College - lost by 7 wickets
(Unknown - John Harvey Cup)
v Harrow School - lost by 4 wickets
(Away)
v Magdalen College School - won by 62 runs
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Abingdon School - won by 18 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v Marlborough College - lost by 6 wickets
(Unknown - John Harvey Cup)
v Stowe School - lost by 9 wickets
(Away)
v Cheltenham College - lost by 130 runs
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - match drawn
(Home)
v Denstone College - lost (no details)
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - won (no details)
(Home)
v Radley College - won (no details)
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Martyrs - won by 3 wickets
(Home)

Cricket

1st XI

Squad: J. Barrett, F. Beg, H. Bhatti, W. Bull, G. Chaffer, H. Coles (captain), J. Connolly, C. Dickinson, C. Everett, J. Fairhurst, J. Fenner, J. Machin, A. Hargreaves, M. Hammond, H. Kennedy, F. Kerr-Dineen, O. Oakley, W. Oakley, R. Shipperley, F. Simon, O. Smith, A. Spratling, B. Taylor, R. Willis, R. Wise.

The 2011 season proved to be challenging as a young side, regularly consisting of fewer sixth formers than pupils of the lower years, took to the field. It is a testament to the boys' ability and determination that they stuck through the bad times to record victories over Dauntsey's, Abingdon, MCS, The Free Foresters, MCC and the Martyrs in addition to well-earned draws against The Cryptics and South Oxfordshire Amateurs. In this, captain Hugh Coles proved to be instrumental. As well as playing a full role on the field as captain, high-order batsman and wicket-keeper, he led superbly very much with his heart on the sleeve. We are appreciative of the mature manner in which he motivated the side and maintained spirits. In his 1st XI career of four seasons, Hugh amassed 1,323 runs and his solid 'keeping yielded 23 catches and seven stumpings. We are sure that the effect of his inspirational team talks will live long in the minds of the many young players in this side. On the other hand vice-captain Ben Taylor was a man of few words yet his unstinting support for his captain cannot be underestimated. His top score for the XI was an innings of 83 made last season and, whilst, he did better this total this season his contribution of 252 runs this term (including a superb 40 against Radley) were always scored in quick time. Other leavers who participated this season were dynamic opening bowlers Rupert Shipperley and Richard Wise and much-improved batsmen James Fenner and Will Oakley.

In terms of batting, there were many fine individual performances, yet in any one match it was rare for more than a couple of batsmen to fire at once. Lessons will have to be drawn from this and next season batting in partnerships will be essential. The leading run scorer was Hugh Coles, whose 529 runs included three fifties and one century. Joe Barrett made 505 runs; the highlight here was a superb ton. By contrast the bowling was more consistent, with spin leading the way. Three of the four leading wicket-takers were spinners. Miles Hammond was the leader here with 34 victims at an average of 21.65. This included two six wicket hauls, a five wicket haul and a sub-four economy rate. Ruairi Willis bowled well all season with a highlight for 4 for 14. The leading seamer was all-rounder George Chaffer, whose confidence grew as the season progressed; his tally of sixteen wickets in addition to 362 runs bodes very well for next season.

Batting Averages

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Highest
H. A. Coles	19	3	529	33.06	115*
F. J. Kerr-Dineen	5	2	94	31.33	53*
J. H. Barrett	19	0	505	26.58	104
O.P.H. Smith	18	5	295	22.69	62*
G.E. J. Chaffer	18	1	362	21.29	66
M.A. Hammond	17	4	243	18.69	57*
F. Beg	19	0	311	16.37	52
B. A. Taylor	16	0	252	15.75	47
R. S. Shipperley	5	3	31	15.50	14
R. T. Willis	16	1	215	14.33	35
H. A. Bhatti	7	5	25	12.50	10*
A.S. Hargreaves	10	4	63	10.50	17
R.C. H. Everett	6	1	51	10.20	38
F. P. Simon	5	0	29	5.80	27

Also played: W.H. Bull DNB; J.F. Connolly DNB; C. M. Dickinson 28, 4, 0*; J.B. Fairhurst 0, 0; J.C. Fenner 8*; H.J. Kennedy; J.E.S. Machin DNB; O.C. Oakley DNB, W.J. Oakley 9*, 0; A. J. Spratling DNB, R.J. Wise 8**

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
M. A. Hammond	185	29	736	34	21.65	6-31
G. E. J. Chaffer	108	13	442	16	27.63	4-42
R. T. Willis	119	4	537	18	29.83	4-14
F. P. Simon	37	3	171	5	34.20	2-18
A.S. Hargreaves	78	8	368	9	40.89	2-22
H. A. Bhatti	63	5	259	6	43.17	2-45
F. Beg	101	10	512	10	51.20	2-37

Also bowled: J.H. Barrett 14-0-90-2; W.H. Bull 6-1-37-0; J. F. Connolly 9-1-44-0; M.A. Coles 10-2-53-0; J.B. Fairhurst 6-2-16-2; J.E.S. Machin 9-0-35-0; R.S. Shipperley 46-3-208-3; O.P. H. Smith 14-0-74-3; A.J. Spratling 5-0-29-0; B.A. Taylor 2-0-15-1; R. J. Wise 36-2-158-2

Martyrs XI vs. Cryptics *Back row (L to R): Will Nicholl, Will Kerr-Dineen, Luke Brennan Middle Row (L to R): Ali Precious, Oli Hargreaves, Giles Blanchard, Jay Webster, Jasper Joyce, Daryl Johnson Front Row (L to R): George Chaffer, Ben Taylor, Matt Holyland (c), Hugh Coles*

JOE BARRETT (AGED 14) MAKES 104 NOT OUT AGAINST THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AMATEURS

BARRETT IS SELECTED FOR THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND UNDER 15S

MILES HAMMOND TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 31 RUNS VERSUS ABINGDON SCHOOL - FOR THIS FEAT AND OTHER PERFORMANCES HE IS AWARDED HIS COLOURS WHILST STILL BEING A FOURTH FORMER

HAMMOND IS SELECTED FOR THE ENGLAND UNDER 15S

THE SCHOOL XI SCORE 304-9 THE HIGHEST EVER SCORE AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL (MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL)

MILES HAMMOND AND JOSEPH BARRETT SELECTED FOR THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE 2ND XI

WILLIAM BULL AND CALVIN DICKINSON STILL IN THE SHELLS, SELECTED FOR THEIR DEBUTS IN THE FIRST XI

HUGH COLES SCORES 115 NOT OUT AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS - IN HIS CRICKET CAREER AT THE SCHOOL HE SCORES 1344 RUNS

Cricket XI 2012

L-R back row — A.J. Dalgleish (Coach), S.J.O'G. Roche (Master i/c Cricket), W.H. Bull, C.M Dickinson, O.C. Oakley, A.J. Spratling, J.F.J. Connolly, R.C.H. Everett, H.A.Bhatti, J.E.S. Machin, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), R.C. Hooton (Professional)

L-R seated — J.H. Barrett, F.A.A. Baig, H.J. Kennedy, F.P. Simon, F.J. Kerr-Dineen, O.J. Smith (Captain), M.A.H Hammond, A.S. Hargreaves, R.T.L. Willis, J.B. Fairhurst

Fixture List

Played 32 Won 16 Drawn 6 Lost 6

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Uppingham School - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - Match Drawn
(Home)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Away)
v v Oratory School - won by 10 wickets
(Away)
v Abingdon School - won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Free Foresters - won by 32 runs
(Home)
v R.W.J. Howitt's XI - won by 32 runs
(Home)
v Dr. Challoner's School - won by 12 runs
(Home)
v Winchester College - won by 2 wickets
(Away)
v Hutchins Sch, Hobart, Aus - lost by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Bradfield College - lost by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 144 runs
(Away)
v St. John's School. Leatherhead - match drawn
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - match drawn
(Home)
v Somerset College, Sth Africa - won by 114 runs
(Home)
v Canford School -won by 5 wickets
(Away)
v Denstone College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Brighton Grammar Sch, Aust - match drawn
(Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
Matches versus Christ Church Boys NZ, Bradfield College, Radley College and Marlborough College - all abandoned
South African Tour
v D.F. Malan High School - won by D/L method
v Boland under 17s - won by 135 runs
v Bellville C.C. - won by 189 runs
v Edgemead C.C. - won by 14 runs
v Western Prov Under 19s XI - lost by 2 wickets
v Western Prov invitation XI - lost by 38 runs

St Edward's 2012 Cricket Tour party to South Africa

landed in Cape Town on 27th March. We began training at the immaculate Western Province Cricket Ground cricket ground and, with Table Mountain in the background and a hot sun coupled with a cool breeze, it was the perfect welcome. Given the journey the boys were in surprisingly good nick ahead of their first fixture versus DF Malan High School at Durbanville Cricket Club the next day. We knocked up 200 off 50 overs with a classy 62 from Hammond, a fluent 45 from Kennedy, a solid 31 from Captain Smith and a breezy 26 from Kerr-Dineen. In reply they were 79 for 4 off 28 overs (Spratling 1 for 3 and Simon 2 for 23) before rain stopped play, so the locals made sure the old adage of the English bringing the rain was chiming in our ears. We checked Duckworth Lewis and worked out it was the first victory of the season.

Our second fixture was versus Boland U15's at Northern Goodwood cricket ground and glorious conditions prevailed: very hot with a strong wind and a good pitch with a flat track for a 50 over fixture. Chaffer captained and won the toss. The opposition bowled well, particularly their seamers and they caused us a few problems early on. A superb knock of 97 from Willis and two supporting knocks from Bull and Oakley left us 210 all out. We then put on an excellent bowling and fielding display and bowled out our opposition comfortably. Hargreaves, Machin and Connolly shared the spoils, but Hammond's 4 for 6 was the stand out performance.

The next fixture against Bellville brought us another sound victory. The conditions and facilities were absolutely superb and we took some real positives from our performance. Joe Barrett knocked up an excellent century (113) and was ably supported by Everett who made 26. Haider Bhatti bowled particularly well and claimed three wickets. And so to Edgemead Cricket Club: we batted first on a flat track and were in the driving seat at 140 for 4 off 40 thanks to a half century from Miles Hammond but a batting collapse left us 161 all out. Edgemead were on 102 for 1 after 25 overs and looked on course to beat us. However, the boys led a spirited fight back thanks to the bowling of Hammond (3-31) and Connolly (2-12) who was bowling genuinely fast from the top end. Chaffer (3-24) bowled at the death and took the last three wickets with Edgemead finished on 147, 14 short of our total. This result had given us our fourth victory in a row.

The Vineyard ground at Western Province CC played host to us on day eight: an absolutely picture perfect ground a stone's throw from Newlands. We played a limited overs fixture versus Western Province Under 19 team. Ollie Smith won the toss and we batted well getting to 126 for 3 off 30 or so overs. Jog Barrett was the backbone of the innings scoring 80. Wickets were then given away too easily and a middle order collapse left us in trouble. Dickinson and Simon showed the team how to bat under pressure and added a partnership of 31 in the last few overs. We finished on at 185 for 9 off our 50 overs on a flat track against a decent side but we knew this was being par. Their openers were in good form and one had just been picked to represent the SA U19 squad at the next junior world cup. He knocked a classy 48 before succumbing to Reig. Teddies then stayed to the bent through the bowling of Reig (3-39), Hammond (2-37) and Connolly (1 for 21). We had them eight down but just didn't have enough runs in the bank to defend and were beaten in the end by a strong side.

On day nine, we played a Western Province Invitational Eleven at Pinelands Cricket club which is another great ground set against Table Mountain in all its glory. Ollie Smith lost to a flat track bully early on and Field, WPI got off to a good start scoring confidently to 132 for 2, although some excellent bowling from C. Chaffer (4-32) and F. Reig (3-22) reduced them to 208 for 7. However, we could not capitalise on this recovery and a late order rally from WPI saw them reach the respectable score of 283 all out in the 48th over. Our innings did not start well thanks to some very disciplined and lively bowling from our opposition; we were reduced to 19-3 off 15 overs. A brief recovery was led by Chaffer and Hammond before a needless run out began a decline from which we never recovered. Hammond top scored with 47 and it was left to Fairhurst and Hargreaves to bring some respectability to the score line with some fine attacking strokes in their last wicket stand. We were all out for 143.

So in the end we played six, won four and lost two: a very respectable tour. However it wasn't all cricket and on our rest days we took in the sights of Cape Town. Unfortunately due to bad weather conditions we weren't able to run up Table Mountain. We did travel to the Cape of Good Hope to admire the views and visited Robben Island where we were privileged to see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Our visit to the Inkpio foundation (a charity set up by Tim Cotsbeur OSE) was an amazing experience. We played football with the children of a township, a game we lost 4–3! We donated boots and trainers to them which are badly needed. We returned to the UK where we hoped to use our experiences to kick start the 2012 season.

Mention must now be made of our three leavers. The captain Ollie Smith has managed this side with great maturity and has proved himself to be a shrewd operator on the field of play. He would often pre-empt the wishes of his coaches on the side-lines with his change of bowler or of the field. His 82 against Cheltenham was a fine innings and it was our pleasure to award him his colours that day. Freddie Kerr Dineen also captained the side on occasion and was a responsible figurehead for this young side. It was unfortunate that a big innings this year eluded him; there was no better team player than Freddie. George Chaffer will also be a great loss to the side, a leading all-rounder of the highest calibre whose back injury sadly stopped him bowling for most of the season. Georges 1XI career stats amount to 1396 runs scored in total with a highest score of 110* versus the Martyrs in 2010, and 43 wickets at 22.34. We will remember you all and hope to see you on the field against us as Martyrs in the years to come.

Our thanks to Mr Howitt, our 1XI coach, and Rex Hooton, our overseas professional, who continue to lead these elite players with each energy and expertise. For them this season has been the culmination of several years hard work and it is testament to their tenacity and their belief in the boys that rewards are being reaped. With the loss of only three boys, 2013 has great potential. Our final thanks must also go to Bob Bowerman and his team for their tireless and heroic work on preparing the fields of play, to Mick Warren and his detailed scoring which was ably supported by Dom Rosso, and to the catering department for their provision of match teas and lunches and for all their support towards our hosting. The future's bright for Teddies cricket.

Ruairi Willis in the attack

1st XI Combined Season Averages 2012

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best bowling
J. M. Morland	35	5	146	11	13.27	3 for 12
G. E. J. Chaffer	92	11	303	21	14.43	4 for 23
F. P. A. Simon	118	25	458	28	16.36	5 for 7
H. A. Bhatti	47	6	132	8	16.50	2 for 6
F. Reig	172	18	616	35	17.60	6 for 33
J. F. J. Connolly	49	5	180	9	20.00	2 for 9
J. E. S. Machin	48	7	182	9	20.22	2 for 1
M. A. H. Hammond	195	35	698	33	21.15	4 for 6
R. T. L. Willis	111	13	369	14	26.36	3 for 25
A. S. Hargreaves	139	13	587	22	26.68	5 for 14

Also bowled: J. B. Fairhurst 19-4-70-2; H. J. Kennedy 1-0-7-0; F. J. Kerr-Dineen 1-0-1-2; O. C. Oakley 1-0-2-1; O. P. H. Smith 2-0-16-2; A. J. Spratling 15-5-33-2

Batting

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Highest score
J. H. Barrett	25	1	885	36.04	152
M. A. H. Hammond	26	5	742	35.33	79*
H. J. Kennedy	7	2	145	29.00	45
R. T. L. Willis	24	3	535	25.48	97
G. E. J. Chaffer	25	3	508	23.09	67
F. Reig	26	5	438	20.86	68
C. M. Dickinson	15	5	183	18.30	30
R. C. H. Everett	11	0	197	17.90	46
O. P. H. Smith	24	2	314	14.27	82
J. E. S. Machin	8	4	47	11.75	13
F. J. Kerr-Dineen	18	2	170	10.63	23
F. P. A. Simon	15	6	91	10.11	15

Also played: W. H. Bull 24; H. A. Bhatti 8, 7, 10, 0*, 2; J. F. J. Connolly 7, 12; J. B. Fairhurst 18,0,9*; A. S. Hargreaves 14, 0*, 0*, 2*, 0, 0, 5, 0*, 0*; O. C. Oakley 19, 0, 0*, 7, 27; A. J. Spratling 2*; J. M. Morland 0*

JOE BARRETT HITS 2 CENTURIES INCLUDING 112 DURING THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR

FREDDIE SIMON TAKES 5 WICKET FOR 7 RUNS (A RECORD) TO BOWL OUT THE ORATORY SCHOOL FOR 56 RUNS

SIMON ALSO TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 19 RUNS TO BOWL OUT DENSTONE COLLEGE FOR 80 RUNS

ALEX HARGREAVES TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 14 RUNS VERSUS THE SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AMATEURS

THE SIDE RECORD 16 VICTORIES IN ONE SEASON - A SCHOOL RECORD AND ARE UNDEFEATED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SUMMER

RUNNERS UP IN THE JOHN HARVEY CUP

FIRST MATCHES VERSUS CANFORD SCHOOL AND DR. CHALLONER'S SCHOOL, AMERSHAM

FOURTH OVERSEAS TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA WHERE 6 MATCHES WERE PLAYED

REX HOOTON APPOINTED THE PROFESSIONAL (NORTHERN DISTRICTS AND AUCKLAND)

Cricket XI 2013

L-R BACK ROW	J.H. Barrett J.E.S. Machin, J.M. Morland, H.J. Kennedy
L-R MIDDLE ROW	R.C. Hooton (Professional), C.M. Dickinson, H.A. Bhatti, A.M.P. Wyles, A.J. Woodland, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), S.J.O.'G. Roche (Master I/C Cricket),
L-R SEATED	R.C.H. Everett, F.A.A. Baig, A.S. Hargreaves, R.T.L. Willis (Captain), M.A.H. Hammond, F.P. Simon, O.C. Oakley

Fixture List

Played 27 Won 17 Drawn 4 Lost 4 Abandoned 2

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - match drawn
(Home)
v Stowe School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Oxford University Blues - lost by 28 runs
(Home)
v Bradfield College - won by 31 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup))
v Uppingham School - won by 8 wickets
(Away)
v Marlborough College - won by 40 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Rugby School - won by 125 runs
(Home)
v Portsmouth Grammar School - lost by 3 runs
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 6 wickets
(Away)
v Ysgol Dyffryn Aman Sch, - won by 264 runs**
(Home - National Knock-Out Cup)
v Abingdon School - match drawn
(Home)
v Harrow School - won by 1 wicket
(Home)
v Filton College, Bristol - lost by 83 runs
(Home - National Knockout Cup)
v Winchester College - won by 74 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v R.W.J. Howitt's XI - won by 5 runs
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 4 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - won by 15 runs
(Away)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v Canford Sch - won by 56 runs (D/L Method)*
(Home)
v Common Room XI - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Haileybury Sch, Melbourne - won by 150 runs
(Home)
v Denstone Coll - won by 51 runs (DL Method)*
(Away)
v M.C.C. XI - won by 7 wickets
(Home)
v Free Foresters C.C. - won by 42 runs
Home)
v Martyrs - match drawn
(Home)
Matches versus RGS Guildford and Oratory School were abandoned
* 20/20 over match, ** 40/40 over match

Cricket: a glorious season

By Simon Roche, master i/c cricket

The 1st XI cricket season of 2013 managed to surpass that of 2012, with the present 1st XI notching up 17 wins and claiming the title of the most successful 1st XI in St Edward's 150 year history. They won the prestigious John Harvey Cup and are the only side ever to have done so by beating all five opposition teams: Radley, Marlborough, Cheltenham, Bradfield, and Winchester. It was a hugely impressive season played in the right spirit by a team of dedicated cricketers and we are clearly in something of a golden era for cricket. One has to look back to Edward Wynyard's 1st XI of 1879, with 15 wins to their name, to find an XI that challenges last season's success. A number of longstanding individual records were broken: EJH Dixon's record of the most runs in a 1st XI career has stood since 1935 but this was broken by Joe Barrett (*Burford*) who now has 2391 career runs to his name – and he is only in the lower sixth. Barrett also broke Peter Cranmer's 1933 record of the most centuries for the 1st XI by scoring three hundreds last season, taking his tally to six. There were three further centuries last season, two from Calvin Dickinson (*Ryde with Upper Chine*) and one from Miles Hammond (*Christ Church Cathedral*), which means more hundreds were scored last year in the 1st XI than ever before. Hammond, another lower sixth former, received his full county cap for Gloucestershire after making his first class debut against Glamorgan at Bristol; in addition, he was capped for the England U19 team which he went on to represent in the U19 world cup. Feroz Baig (*Windsor Boys'*), another lower sixth former, took 57 wickets in the season which is the best since RL Best's efforts in 1960. According to Wisden, this made Baig the leading school boy wicket-taker in the country. Dickinson, a fifth former, was scouted by Leicestershire CCC, and Barrett was selected for the England U19 'A' XI. Impressive as these individual records are, the season was always a team effort. *Ably* captained by Ruairi Willis (now OSE) they comfortably beat some opposition, but more impressively showed real depth and determination in winning some close-fought encounters, most notably against Harrow winning by one wicket. These nail-biting victories were testament to their team ethic and work rate – they simply never gave up.

Having held regular net sessions over the last two terms, we are already enjoying the new season and have every hope that we might be able to challenge the record breaking season of 2013.

JOHN HARVEY CUP WINNERS 2013

LEFT TO RIGHT REX HOOTON (PROFESSIONAL FROM 2011), SIMON ROCHE (MASTER I/C CRICKET FROM 2012), RICHARD HOWITT (COACH FROM 2004)

MILES HAMMOND SELECTED FOR THE ENGLAND UNDER 19S

HAMMOND ALSO MAKES HIS COUNTY DEBUT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE VERSUS YORKSHIRE AT HEADINGLEY WHILE STILL AGED ONLY 17 YEARS. HE IS AWARDED HIS COUNTY CAP AFTER THE MATCH AGAINST GLAMORGAN

FOR THE SCHOOL, HAMMOND TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 51 RUNS AGAINST RUGBY SCHOOL AND 5 WICKETS FOR 19 RUNS VERSUS BRADFIELD COLLEGE

JOE BARRETT (162) AND CALVIN DICKINSON (122 NOT OUT) - BOTH CENTURIANS AGAINST YSGOL DYFFRYN

MILES HAMMOND SCORES 142 NOT OUT AGAINST ABINGDON SCHOOL, 129 AGAINST CANFORD SCHOOL, AND 110 AGAINST HAILEYBURY OF AUSTRALIA

JOE BARRETT SELECTED FOR OXFORDSHIRE

THE SIDE DEFEAT RADLEY COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1992 AND HARROW SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2000

SCHOOL SCORE 387-4 AGAINST YSGOL DYFFRYN IN NATIONAL 40 OVER KNOCK OUT COMPETITION (A RECORD IN ANY FORM OF CRICKET)

FEROZ BAIG TAKES 6 WICKETS FOR 66 RUNS AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS

JOE BARRETT BREAKS ERIC DIXON'S (1932-35) SCHOOL RECORD FOR CAREER RUNS AND PETER CRANMER'S (1930-33) RECORD FOR CAREER CENTURIES IN ONE SEASON

JOE BARRETT'S 1025 RUNS FOR THE SEASON IS SECOND ONLY TO JOHN BARRETT'S 2005 RECORD

FEROZ BAIG TAKES 57 WICKETS IN A SEASON. THE BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE SINCE BISHOP'S IN 1960

SIDE RECORD 17 WINS IN THE YEAR AND WIN THE JOHN HARVEY CUP FOR THE SECOND TIME

Cricket XI 2014

L-R back row — M.E. Warren (scorer), R.C. Hooton (professional), C.P. Shipperley, W.H. Bull, A.M.P. Wyles, L.P.F. Pennington, C.M. Dickinson, A.J. Woodland, R.W.J. Howitt (Coach), S.J.O'G. Roche (Master I/C Cricket)

L-R seated — J.E.S. Machin, F.A.A. Baig, M.A.H. Hammond (Captain), J.H. Barrett, H.A. Bhatti

Fixture List

Played 26 Won 20 Drawn 3 Lost 1 Abandoned 2

v Oxfordshire Under 17s - won by 102 runs
(Home)
v Royal Grammar Sch, Guildford - won by 62 runs
(Home)
v Uppingham Sch - won by 153 runs (D/L Method)*
(Home)
v Oxford University Blues - won by 21 runs
(Home)
v Marlborough College - won by 150 runs
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Rugby School - match drawn
(Away)
v Wellington College - won by 61 runs*
(Home - H.M.C. National))
v Oratory School - won by 190 runs
(Away)
v Abingdon School - won by 14 runs
(Away)
v Harrow School - won by 4 runs)
(Away)
v Oratory - won by 85 runs*
(Home - H.M.C. National)
v R.W.J. Howitt's XI - won by 10 runs
(Home)
v Winchester College - won by 169 runs
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Bradfield College - won by 11 runs*
(Neutral Ground- H.M.C. South East Final)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - match drawn
(Home)
v Millfield School - lost by 10 runs*
(Away - H.M.C. National South Final)
v Cheltenham College - won by 79 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Cryptics C.C. - won by 132 runs
(Home)
v Free Foresters - won by 154 runs
(Home)
v Denstone College - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Radley College - won by 6 wickets
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v M.C.C. XI - match drawn
(Home)
v Western Prov U17s, S. Africa - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 2 runs
(Home)

Matches versus Oratory School and Magdalen College School were abandoned
* 20/20 match, ** 40/40 match

Cricket

By Simon Roche, Master i/c Cricket

2014 has been a truly remarkable season for the 1st XI. Their successes are numerous, and really do stake a claim for them to be the most successful XI in our school's history. Here are the facts:

- In 2014 the 1st XI won all of their full school fixtures.
- They won 20 games in total – a new school record.
- They won, and therefore retained, the John Harvey Cup (see page 3), a league between Marlborough, Cheltenham, Radley, Bradfield, Winchester and ourselves. They did so by beating all of the opposition.
- The 1st XI beat the Oxford University Blues.
- The 1st XI beat Harrow and Wellington.

There were a number of extraordinary individual records attained this year, and when we couple these with some career statistics it is clear that this upper sixth were a group of outstanding cricketers.

- Joe Barrett broke the school record for the most amount of runs in a season with 1142. Joe has scored 10 centuries during his career at school, and has the most career runs with a total of 3533. Miles Hammond is in second place with 2533, and Feroz Baig in third with 2163.
- At Marlborough, the highest opening partnership in the school's history was recorded by Joe Barrett and Feroz Baig when they reached 233 without loss, and both boys scored centuries.
- Against The Cryptics, the highest partnership for any wicket in the school's history was recorded by Miles Hammond (153) and Calvin Dickinson (121) when they reached 259.
- Feroz Baig took 54 wickets this season and 164 in his career.
- Miles Hammond has taken 145 wickets in his career.

Back row, left to right: Mick Warren, Scorer; Rex Hooton, Coach; Charlie Shipperley (*Ashfold*); Will Bull (*Abingdon Prep*); Andy Wyles (*Dulwich Prep London*); Louis Pennington (*Wood Green*); Calvin Dickinson (*Ryde with Upper Chine*); AJ Woodland (*Davenies*); Richard Howitt, Coach; and Simon Roche, Master i/c Cricket. Front row, left to right: Jamie Machin (*Westminster Cathedral Choir*); Feroz Baig (*Windsor Boys'*); Miles Hammond (*Christ Church Cathedral*); Joe Barrett (*Burford*); and Haider Bhatti (*Windsor Boys'*).

So clearly we continue to be in a golden age for St Edward's cricket. Indeed one has to look back to Edward Wynyard's 1st XI of 1879 with 15 wins to their name to find an era that competes with this one. The boys have been well captained by Miles Hammond who returned to us after a spring spent with the England squad at the U19 world cup. As their statistics suggest, the Vice Captains, Joe Barrett and Feroz Baig, were vital to the team's successes. The sight of these two boys walking out to bat will live long in the memory, as will the sight of Hammond and Baig bowling on a dusty wicket with men around the bat. Baig, who is netting with the Somerset men's squad, bowls leg spin with masterful control of pitch, pace, and loop, whilst Hammond (Gloucestershire CCC) uses more variation and guile and has the doosra in his armoury. With Barrett's (Gloucestershire CCC) batting dominance, Bhatti and Machin's seam bowling, Woodland's all round brilliance, Bull's determination and Dickinson's keeping, this XI were simply too good for all our opposition this year. We will of course miss our leavers, but with only six departing we will remain a force to be reckoned with in 2015.

Elsewhere in the club, against a challenging set of fixtures, all age groups have enjoyed an excellent blend of competitive cricket and fine wins. The 2nd XI had particular success and secured wins against, among others, Marlborough, Rugby, Oratory and Winchester. The JCAs also had a strong season and won against Marlborough, Uppingham, Abingdon and – satisfyingly! – Radley. The Yearlings As had a precocious season beating Winchester, Cheltenham, Rugby (by 9 wickets) and Oratory (by 10 wickets). There is undoubtedly plenty of strength in depth within the cricketing ranks of Teddies, and we shall now set about preparing fully for 2015.

MILES HAMMOND SELECTED FOR ENGLAND UNDER 19s AT U19 WORLD CUP

SCHOOL XI DEFEAT THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY BLUES SIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

JOE BARRETT AND FEROZ BAIG PUT ON 233 FOR THE FIRST WICKET (A RECORD) AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE, BOTH SCORING CENTURIES

JOE BARRETT SCORES 98 NOT OUT VERSUS THE ORATORY SCHOOL - RECORD SCORE FOR A 20/20 MATCH

SIDE DEFEAT WELLINGTON COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1969 AND HARROW SCHOOL (AWAY) FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1970 AND THE FIRST TIME EVER IN CONSECUTIVE YEARS

MILES HAMMOND AND CALVIN DICKINSON PUT ON 259 FOR THE THIRD WICKET (A RECORD) AGAINST THE CRYPTICS - BOTH SCORE CENTURIES

SIDE WIN THE JOHN HARVEY FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY

RADLEY DEFEATED FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER (2013 AND 2014)

FEROZ BAIG TAKES 54 WICKETS FOR THE SEASON AND IN ALL 164 WICKETS IN HIS SCHOOL CAREER - IN BATTING HE MAKES 2163 RUNS IN ALL

MILES HAMMOND ENDS HIS SCHOOL CAREER WITH 145 WICKET AND 2533 RUNS IN TOTAL

JOE BARRETT BREAKS JOHN BARRETT'S 2005 RECORD FOR TOTAL NUMBER OF RUNS IN ONE SEASON - 1142

JOE BARRETT ALSO BREAKS SCHOOL RECORDS INCLUDING MOST CAREER RUNS WITH 3533 AND NUMBER OF OVERALL CENTURIES - 10

20 WINS IN ONE YEAR IS ANOTHER RECORD FOR ONE SEASON - MAKING THIS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CRICKET SEASON FOR ST. EDWARD'S EVER RECORDED

Cricket XI 2015

L-R BACK ROW	R.C. Hooton (Pro), J.A. Curtis, W.J. Pickford, A.C.P. Knott, R.H.M. Hipwell, W.N. Deasy, B.G. Charlesworth, J.E. Sandom, R.W.J. Howitt (1st XI Coach)
L-R SEATED	H.D. Ward, A.J. Woodland, C.M. Dickinson (Joint Captain), W.H. Bull (Joint Captain), S.P. Kennedy, A. Edekar

Fixture List

Played 26 Won 16 Drawn 2 Lost 7 Abandoned 1

v Shrewsbury School - lost by 3 wickets
(Away)
v Royal Grammar School, Guildford - won by 100 runs (Home)
v Oxfordshire Under 17s - won by 22 runs
(Home)
v Christ College, NZ - won by 133 runs
(Home)
v Malvern College - lost by 79 runs
(Home)
v Oxford University Blues - won by 8 wickets
(Home)
v Rugby School - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Lord Wandsworth College - won by 56 runs
(Home - H.M.C. National 20/20)
v Bradfield College - won by 16 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Bradfield College - won by 8 wickets
(Away - H.M.C. National 20/20)
v Oratory School - won by 227 runs
(Away)
v Richard Howitt Scratch XI - won by 6 wickets
(Home)
v Wellington College - lost by 7 wickets
(at The Oratory - H.M.C. 20/20 SC Final)
v Abingdon School - lost by 1 run
(Home)
v Harrow School - lost by 56 runs
(Home)
v Winchester College - won by 5 runs
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Free Foresters - won by 9 wickets
(Home)
v South Oxfordshire Amateurs - won by 5 wickets
(Home)
v Cheltenham College - Abandoned
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Radley College - won by 3 wickets
(Away - John Harvey Cup)
v Marlborough College - won by 3 wickets
(Home - John Harvey Cup)
v Denstone College - lost by 48 runs
(Away)
v St. Kentigern College, NZ - match drawn
(Home)
v Cryptics C.C. - match drawn
(Home)
v M.C.C. XI - lost by 79 runs
(Home)
v Martyrs - won by 100 runs
(Home)

ALEXANDER WOODLAND SCORES 104 RUNS AGAINST RGS GUILDFORD AND 109 AGAINST THE ORATORY SCHOOL.

CALVIN DICKINSON SCORES THE HIGHEST EVER SCHOOL INNINGS AGAINST OUTSIDE COMPETITION; 181 AGAINST THE ORATORY SCHOOL. HE SCORES 136 AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS, A CENTURY BEFORE LUNCH VERSUS THE MARTYRS AND ENDS THE SEASON WITH 1043 RUNS, ONLY THE FIFTH TEDDIES BATSMAN TO REACH 1000 RUNS IN A SEASON. IN HIS 1st XI CAREER HE ACCUMULATES 2425 RUNS, INCLUDING 6 CENTURIES (THE SECOND HIGHEST IN THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY). JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE HE TAKES 34 DISMISSALS BEHIND THE STUMPS!

ALEXANDER WOODLAND AND CALVIN DICKINSON PUT ON 276 RUNS FOR THE SECOND WICKET (SCHOOL RECORD) AGAINST THE ORATORY SCHOOL.

FOURTH FORMERS ROY HIPWELL AND JAMIE CURTIS MAKE THEIR DEBUTS IN THE 1st XI.

WILLIAM BULL SCORES 111 NOT OUT AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS.

CALVIN DICKINSON AND WILIAM BULL PUT ON 234 RUNS FOR THE FIRST WICKET (SCHOOL RECORD) AGAINST THE FREE FORESTERS.

ROY HIPWELL TAKES 5 WICKETS FOR 28 RUNS IN THE ABANDONED GAME VERSUS CHELTENHAM COLLEGE. IN DOING SO HE IS THE FIRST FOURTH FORMER SINCE MILES HAMMOND IN 2011 TO ACHIEVE THIS FEAT. HE TAKES ANOTHER FIVE WICKETS FOR 44 RUNS AGAINST ST. KENTIGERN COLLEGE (NZ).

RADLEY COLLEGE AND MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE BOTH BEATEN FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION.

BEN CHARLESWORTH (SHELL) MAKES 73 NOT OUT IN HIS DEBUT FOR THE 1st XI AGAINST MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

ADITYA EDEKAR SCORES 126 RUNS AGAINST THE CRYPTICS.

THE SCHOOL 1st XI RECORDS 16 VICTORIES IN THE SEASON.

REX HOOTON (PROFESSIONAL) RETIRES AFTER 6 SEASONS AND 75 1st XI SCHOOL VICTORIES.

BATTING 2015	M	Inns	N/O	Runs	Avg	Top
C. Dickinson	25	24	0	1043	43.46	181
A.J. Woodland	26	24	5	708	37.26	109
A. Edekar	16	14	5	538	59.78	126
W. Bull	20	19	4	497	33.13	111*
H.D. Ward	25	24	2	492	22.36	57
A. Wyles	20	16	4	192	16.00	37
W. Deasy	25	16	2	176	12.57	35
W. Pickford	20	14	1	156	12.00	30*
S. Kennedy	23	14	2	143	11.92	28
B. Charlesworth	3	3	1	85	42.50	73*
J. Sandom	12	6	2	40	10.00	22*
L. Pennington	12	10	3	38	5.43	11
R.H. Hipwell	23	9	4	31	6.20	19*
J. Curtis	19	4	3	21	21.00	11*
G. Knott	7	2	0	19	9.50	19
J. Woodcock	17	7	3	17	4.25	6
H. Nicholl	3	1	1	7	N/A	7*
G. Deasy	4	1	0	4	4.00	4
H. Scott Lyon	3	2	1	2	2.00	1*
T. Powell	4	1	1	0	N/A	0*
A. Atkinson	4	0	0	0	N/A	0

** not out*

BOWLING 2015	M	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
A.J. Woodland	26	159.5	12	622	29
J. Curtis	19	122.5	8	518	24
R.H. Hipwell	23	91.3	7	351	21
A. Wyles	20	82.5	6	394	19
H.D. Ward	25	132.0	12	551	19
S. Kennedy	23	106.0	18	387	19
W. Bull	20	119.2	12	483	18
A. Edekar	16	70.0	4	302	15
G. Knott	7	36.2	2	182	13
W. Deasy	25	80.0	11	302	13
J. Woodcock	17	30.0	2	139	4
G. Deasy	4	19.0	0	146	3
B. Sohail	1	2.0	0	12	1
J. Sandom	12	1.0	0	4	0

Cricket

By Simon Roche, Master i/c Cricket

It has been another hugely successful cricket season at St Edward's. The sun has shone readily, and the atmosphere about the Club has been extremely positive. I'm very proud that we have continued to play our brand of competitive but enjoyable cricket against some tough opposition. The number of wider school activities taking place in the Summer Term makes it increasingly difficult for the boys to commit fully to their sport, but the whole Club has managed to do so admirably; we remain one of the top cricketing schools in the country.

The 1st XI were always going to face a difficult task following last year's record breaking successes, but they have certainly risen to the challenge. In all, they won 16 matches (making them the joint third most successful team in the School's history) and retained the John Harvey Cup, which they have now won for the last three years. They did so by beating Marlborough, Winchester, Bradfield, Cheltenham and, of course, Radley. They also beat the Oxford University by eight wickets. Calvin Dickinson (*Ryde with Upper Chine*) broke a number of batting records this year: his 181 versus Oratory broke the previous 30-year-old highest individual innings; Calvin Dickinson and Will Bull (*Abingdon Prep*), the 1st XI joint captains, put on the School's highest ever opening stand of 239 against the Free Foresters; and Dickinson and AJ Woodland's (*Davenies*) partnership of 276 against Oratory was the highest in the School's history. The bowling attack was led by AJ Woodland, Andy Wyles (*Dulwich Prep*) and Sam Kennedy (*Northcote Lodge*), but it was Rory Hipwell (*Pinewood*), a Fourth Former, who had the stand out performances of 5 for 44 against Saint Kentigern and 5 for 28 against Cheltenham. At the end of a hard fought summer, the following boys received their colours: Sam Kennedy, Will Bull, Calvin Dickinson, Andy Wyles, Aditya Edekar (*Saint Kentigern Boys', Auckland, NZ*), and AJ Woodland. Calvin Dickinson finished the season with 1043 runs, becoming only the fifth Teddies batsman ever to achieve over 1000 runs in a season. He was recently selected to represent Worcestershire's 2nd XI against Nottinghamshire where he scored a quick-fire 40 off the bowling of none other than England's Chris Woakes.

Elsewhere there have been some fine performances from the rest of the Club. Indeed it was a season that featured 10 centuries. The Yearlings A's won eight games, beating the likes of Radley (away), Rugby, Winchester, Clifton and – rather impressively – Harrow. The win over Harrow on Chestnut featured a memorable finish. St Edward's were chasing and required 19 runs off the last over. Ben Charlesworth (*Our Lady's Abingdon*) was on strike; one wide and three sixes later he was being carried aloft as the Yearlings celebrations ensued. Charlesworth certainly had a precocious season: he scored two centuries for the Yearlings and 587 runs in total. He was selected for the 1st XI against Marlborough when he carried his bat and top scored with 73. The Junior Colts A's punched above their weight given that four of their ranks have been playing in the 1st XI and managed wins at Winchester (who they beat by seven wickets) and Oratory. James Curtis' (*Cherwell*) 117 versus Oratory is worth noting, as is Tom Powell's (*St Andrew's, Pangbourne*) 106 versus Marlborough. The 2nd XI beat Harrow, Bradfield, MCS and Rugby (amongst others), and there were many other victories in the ranks besides this. We also fielded our first ever girls' XI who had a close game at Bloxham and for whom there will be plenty more matches and training next season. It is worth also noting that Ben Charlesworth, Rory Hipwell and Harrison Ward (*John Mason*) were all selected to play for South and West England U15's versus Wales and Worcestershire. The cricketing future at St Edward's is very bright indeed.

Simon Hipwell

Ben Charlesworth *(Our Lady's Abingdon)* following his match-winning innings on debut for the 1st XI v Marlborough

Simon Hipwell

1st XI Captains Calvin Dickinson and Will Bull with The John Harvey Cup