



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 Boulton, 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. Boulton, 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

	Innings	out	Runs		Average
			score	Highest	
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. Boulton	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; Boulton 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
Boulton	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)

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)

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

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		Runs	Highest score	Average
	Innings	Not out			
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.



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 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

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 narrowest 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

	Innings	* not out 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



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)

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

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 Cocks 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. Cocks, 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.

BATTING AVERAGES

	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. Cocks	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; Cocks, Hughes, Murton 1.

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.

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



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 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

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

	Innings	* not out		Runs	Highest score	Average
		Out	Not			
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. Peplow-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		154	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, Peplow-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



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 BY 63 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 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

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 Boulton, 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 magnificent 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 Boulton 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 Boulton 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. Boulton, 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. Boulton	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. Boulton	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



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 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

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 1ST 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 CONSECUTIVE AWAY FIXTURES (ONE DRAWN AND THREE LOST) EARLY IN THE SEASON

MICHAEL MAUDSLEY SCORES A CENTURY AGAINST BEDFORD SCHOOL

BATTING AVERAGES

	Not		Highest		Average
	Innings	Out	Runs	Score	
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



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 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

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 our 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 breathtaking), 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 STILL 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



FIXTURE LIST

PLAYED 12 WON 1 DRAWN 7 LOST 4

v ETON COLLEGE - MATCH DRAWN
(AWAY)
 v HARROW SCHOOL - MATCH DRAWN
(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 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

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 occurred 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*-1, S. K. Lewis 2-0-0-0-0, S. E. F. Powell 1-1-1-1*-1, H. H. M. Arkell 1-0-0-0-0.

*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 INNINGS PLAYED



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 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

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 occurred 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
<i>Also batted—</i>					
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	Mds.	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!)



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
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 V HARROW SCHOOL - LOST BY 7 WICKETS
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 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)

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

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



Ist 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	
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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
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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.



SCHOOL GROUND
STAFF CIRCA 1980

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



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)
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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 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

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 nets. 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'



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 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

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



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 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

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 batsmen 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 outfield 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



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 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

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.

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 Plum.

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 3½ 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.



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



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 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

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 disappointing 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



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 BRADFELD 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 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

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 jollyng 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



CHRIS DANZIGER, MASTER I/C
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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



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 JEPPI 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



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 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

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.

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



An appeal against Marlborough



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 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

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	Wts.	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.



Matthew Wethey takes no chances



PETER BADGER (C/R) WHO WAS THE MASTER I/C CRICKET 1979-1984 & 1987-1988. HE DIED IN 2009

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



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 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

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 outfielders. 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 rugby 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. Burt	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. Burt 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. Burt, 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



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 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



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 outfield 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 (Burt 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 (Burt 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.Burt	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.Burt	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 - Burt.
	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





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 BERKHAMSTEAD SCHOOL - WON BY 1 WICKET
(AWAY)

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

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.

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB AVERAGE 1991

CRICKET

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. Saher	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	15	2	46	2	23.00
L. Siriwardene	101.1	17	337	14	24.07
M. Brodie	141	29	460	14	32.86
H. Saher	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. Saher, 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. Pennington

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



Chris Pitcher captain 1991 bowls: Simon Smith, captain 1981 looks on.



Tony Cole, the school's regular umpire since 1980, a great friend to generations of 1st XI cricketers and especially to batsmen.



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 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

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



CRICKET 1992

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 unflinching 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



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

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



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 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

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. Peobles	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. Peobles 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.

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



1st XI v the Martyrs at Gaudy: Ed Montague, the 1922 Captain, is dismissed lbw by Slipper



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 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

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



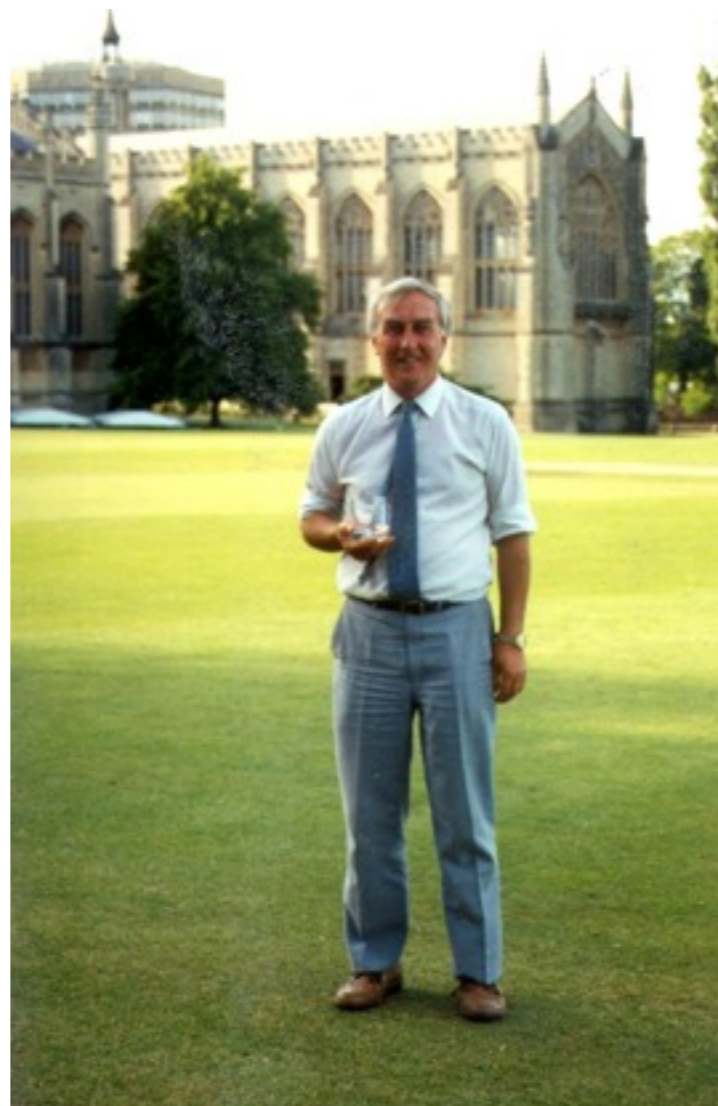
1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING					BOWLING						
Innings	N.O.	Agg.	H.S.	Average	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average		
O. Slipper	10	5	558	107*	111.60	M. Glover	6	2	6	3.00	
M. Joel	2	1	30	16	30.00	J. Blythe	106	33	229	17	13.47
R. Matthews	7	1	174	84	29.00	O. Slipper	94.1	27	211	14	15.07
G. Peddy	9	2	193	47*	27.57	N. Prior	173	52	428	26	16.46
A. Peebles	9	3	151	68*	25.17	C. Jolly	7	3	17	1	17.00
C. Jolly	5	0	122	83	24.40	R. Tootill	27.1	4	86	5	17.20
R. Pillai	2	1	16	15	16.00	N. Obolensky	138.3	32	327	17	19.24
M. Glover	6	2	63	31*	15.75	M. Joel	24	6	75	3	25.00
R. Tootill	8	1	83	35*	11.86	G. Peddy	92	27	244	6	40.67
P. Franks	6	1	37	14	7.40	Also bowled: R. Pillai 5-1-19-0					
N. Obolensky	2	0	1	1	0.50						

Also batted: J. Blythe 20*; N. Prior 17; A. Edwards 14*

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.



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

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