



THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 1953

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There were several pleasing features about the cricket played in the representative Public Schools matches in 1953, but until the standard of the fielding improves still more the boys will not merit our full approval. There was an improvement on 1952, when the standard was appalling, but not enough yet to satisfy us. There is still room for improvement, particularly in the throwing, which severely taxed the agility of the wicket-keepers.

Among minor incidents which I remember with pleasure was the appeal by R. A. James, the Eton opening bowler, which led to the dismissal of R. A. Gale of Bedford Modern in the first of the two games. In this rowdy age, when noise seems to be the important factor on such occasions, it was pleasant to see a quiet, deliberate appeal succeeding. It was quite like old times before George Duckworth learned the brassy, aggressive method of appealing from the Australians.

Then there was something late in the Schools match against Combined Services which commended itself to me. It occurred at the end of the tea interval on the second day. Three or four Services' players sauntered out, closely followed by batsman R. V. C. Robins (Eton) and his partner. Robins proceeded to hustle to the middle, driving the advance guard of the opposition before him and making the main body behind look rather silly. I approved of this show of youthful enthusiasm and also the fact that the slackness of the Services in exceeding the tea period was thus pointed out.

That is not the only thing for which I shall be praising Robins, nor the only one for which there will be blame for Combined Services. The latter were a thoroughly bad type of side for this match, in which the seniors are expected to set an example to their young opponents. In fact, it seemed that the boys knew more about the game than their seniors. Seldom have I seen such a casual team as the Services fielded in the absence of their usual captain, A. C. Shirreff. At one period slip to a slow spin bowler stood quite a dozen yards back, where he could be described only as a long-stop incorrectly placed. As though to focus attention on the ridiculous placing there was at the same time a short fine leg no more than twelve feet from the bat.

It was, too, setting the youngsters a bad example to allow a medium pacer, J. H. G. Deighton, to bowl over after over a couple of feet or so wide of the off stump. At the time the Services could not even offer as excuse that they were on the defensive. Moreover, there were one or two elderly-looking non-benders in the field. Altogether it was a side which reflected little credit on the Services.

If they cannot provide more suitable opposition, the M.C.C. might consider finding other opposition for the boys, perhaps an M.C.C. team.

In the event the Services won the match. More correctly the boys lost it, and for that I do criticise them strongly, for they fell into the modern bad habit of preferring defeat to a moral victory. Let me repeat again that the collective object of a game of cricket is to win it or, if that cannot be achieved, to draw it. Defeat is something which should never be invited, and no move should ever be made which gives the opposition a chance of winning unless it also gives one's own side a still better chance of victory.

In this particular match the Schools gained a first innings lead with four wickets still standing and Robins going very well. Instead of capitalising their well-earned advantage they promptly declared. In effect they said, "Let's start all over again. We'll wash out our advantage and whichever side does better this time shall be the winners." But they did not really start level again. The boys conceded a start to the Services, for in a race against the clock, more or less a test of physical strength, the adults have an obvious advantage. Losing the match did no sort of justice to the boys involved. But it is the sort of thing that happens when a cricket match is regarded as two separate innings instead of those two innings being treated as connecting parts of a whole.

In the early years after the war the age of Public School players was a year or so younger than formerly. The call-up caused them to leave school earlier. Now more of them have their call-up deferred, and the teams fall into the same age group as those of pre-war days. There were some real old-fashioned schoolboys in this year's games. Heading them was R. A. Gale, who was 19½ and making his third appearance in the representative games. C. A. Dean of Highgate was doing the same, and his age was not much less. Judged in their higher age group the Public School players at Lord's still compared most favourably with the Oxford and Cambridge players of 1953. For their age they played cricket of a definitely higher standard. Indeed, remove Cowdrey, Marlar, Subba Row and Dowding from the Universities and I doubt if the remnants could have overcome the boys.

There were several players worthy of particular notice. The best of them, judged by their actual ability and their attitude to the playing of the game, were A. B. D. Parsons from Brighton and Robins. Parsons, like Gale, was playing his sixth year in his school side. In all that time he does not seem to have grown much—he remains diminutive—but his batting has certainly developed since 1952. Curiously his school record was much less impressive. At Lord's, however, he was clearly a more mature player. In particular he had gathered confidence against the faster bowling, and his quick footwork and willingness to go down the

pitch made him an excellent player of the spinners. Parsons was essentially a stroke player, his best being the drive and the cut. His one obvious fault lay in moving on to the front foot too soon, before even judging the ball's length.

In the two matches at Lord's Parsons made 166 runs and was dismissed only twice. He also captained both the South and the Public Schools soundly, apart from his misplaced generosity which led to the defeat by the Services. It is a pity that we could not also see Robins as captain. He was undoubtedly the most energetic and dynamic player of all, a bundle of enthusiasm like his father R. W. V., and he won a big reputation as captain of Eton. Despite certain batting limitations Eton must have been the strongest team of the year, and much of the credit belongs to Robins.

We saw him first in these matches in 1951, when he was mainly a leg-break and googly bowler of unusual pace and when we were allowed only a glimpse of his batting ability. A year later injury prevented him from bowling leg-breaks. Though he turned to off-spinners with some success, he was not picked for the representative games. Now he returned to Lord's as a full all-rounder, an alert fielder, a gay, aggressive and daring batsman, and once again a googly-type bowler. His bowling was not so quick through the air as it had been, which was perhaps a good thing, but he still did not allow batsmen much time to get at him and he again spun the ball viciously. It was surely a mistake to use him so sparingly in these matches after he had shown how dangerous he could be by taking five for 42 in the first innings of *The Rest*. Against the Services he bowled only five overs. So it was as a batsman that he consistently shone, for he played three successive innings of more than 50. Robins has more control over his back lift than his father and will, I think, become a better batsman, but I doubt if he will be quite such a good bowler and he will also have to work very hard to match his fielding.

That Robins bowled so little against the Services was due to the presence in the side of R. W. Barber of Ruthin. He, too, was an all-rounder who bowled leg-breaks and googlies more expertly than the usual run of boys in these games. He was steadier than Robins and took seven wickets in the big game, but he was not so liable to bowl the fizzer, and there was no good reason why both should not have been on at the same time. Grimmett and O'Reilly bowled for many hours in partnership for Australia. Barber's left-handed batting had also made strides since he played in these games the previous year. He was still largely a glider and a deflector, but he had developed some scoring power in front of the wicket. Even so he needs to pick up his bat still more.

For Ruthin, Barber had a wonderful season, scoring 1,012 runs and taking 108 wickets, with the result that the School won

fourteen of their twenty-one matches and lost only one. I know of no previous case of a boy doing the all-rounder's double for a Public School. It was a remarkable performance. It is true that Barber had more innings, twenty-one in all, than other School leading players, but it must also be pointed out that he bowled much less than most. He bowled only 210.2 overs and had the superb average of a wicket in every two overs. Moreover, he took all ten wickets in an innings against Llandovery.

It often happens that an outstanding player outgrows his school's cricket and suffers in the process. Barber seems to be a bright exception. Dean is not. In his third year of representative Schools cricket Dean did not appear to me such a good left-arm slow bowler as when he started, and it may be that his own play would have benefited if he had left School earlier and met tougher opposition. In the three seasons he took 231 wickets at 8.75 for Highgate, and in his last year headed both batting and bowling averages.

On his first visit to Lord's in 1951 I recall criticising the placing of a fielder at deep square leg, which was then a libel on his accuracy. In 1953 he still had a fielder there, but by then, unfortunately, this was necessary, for Dean bowled all too much down the leg side. He remains more a flighter than a spinner, as he cannot fail to be with an action which shows so much of his chest to the batsman. In a lean year for orthodox spinners Dean did, however, earn his place in the full Public Schools side.

The other orthodox spinners were mostly right-arm off-spinners. M. J. S. Preece, the Rugbeian, was rather disappointing. He had looked really promising the previous year but had not progressed as expected, and the best of the several off-spinners appeared to be E. R. Dexter of Radley, who was rather more lively than most schoolboys of that type. It was as a batsman that Dexter was primarily chosen for the second year to play against the Services. Again he had a great season for Radley, topping both sets of averages, but he did not come off at Lord's. He suffered from impulsiveness and time after time got himself out before allowing himself a preliminary look at the ball. Not that any should censure him for being aggressive-minded. Dexter erred on the right side, and it is to be hoped that as he learns discretion there will be no sacrifice of those splendid scoring strokes which we admired the previous August.

There are two criticisms which applied to several batsmen, mostly from the North—a tendency to play overmuch off the back foot even on dry, fast pitches and insufficient pick-up of the bat, as in the case of Barber. I. Gibson, of Manchester Grammar School, and G. P. S. Delisle, of Stonyhurst, were two who excelled on the back foot but wasted opportunities of front foot driving. Yet both were successes and deservedly so. Delisle, a strongly-

built fellow with powerful wrists, was another of last year's representative players. He made runs in both matches at Lord's and with 50 not out almost saved the Services game. Gibson performed similarly, his 72 being the top score in the first innings, and he was the best hooker of all the boys. Indeed, he was the only skilled player of that stroke, and it was rather strange that considering how eager so many boys were to play off the back foot there should have been so few hooks. R. K. Whiley of Malvern was another who played excessively off the back foot, probably because he judged the ball's length badly, but at least he picked his bat up well.

An exception to the back foot fetish, together with such as Parsons and Robins, was W. N. M. Lawrence, the Winchester opener. He was a strong stroke player who made the most of his burly build and generally looked happier when able to go forward.

Among those who missed inclusion in the team for the second match was Gale, who had been captain the previous year. He is to be numbered among those who have stayed too long at school to benefit their cricket. In 1951 Gale first won selection for the Schools side as an off-break bowler, and a very promising one. Since then his bowling has counted less and less and he has concentrated more and more on his left-handed batting. For his school he became a prolific scorer (575 runs, average 95.83), but he proved singularly ineffective in the representative games at Lord's. And, alas, it seems that his bowling has left him, for in his last year at school he took only sixteen wickets.

Also among the reserves for the big match were some who did well in the Southern Schools v. The Rest match. C. E. B. L. Carr, an honourable second to Dexter in the Radley batting figures, scored 80 runs and was dismissed only once. He was a big, strong batsman, particularly effective on the leg side, where he had neat glancing and turning strokes. If his fielding had not been rather untidy he might have embarrassed the selectors more. R. G. Woodcock of Worcester R.G.S. also did well with the bat, scoring 89 and, like Carr, being out once only. Woodcock was no stylist, for he batted with stiff wrists and hands kept close to the body, but he was certainly a spirited performer of aggressive intent. Woodcock really came to Lord's more highly recommended as a left-arm bowler than as a batsman. Yet in the whole of the game he bowled only five overs and can hardly be said to have come up for bowling judgment. His school record over the past five years is extremely good, more than 350 wickets and nearly 2,000 runs for the XI.

Those who chose the representative side perhaps had most difficulty with the opening bowlers and the stumper. I would have plumped for R. A. James (Eton) and P. M. Cope (Repton) as the bowlers and D. G. du B. Dew (Stowe) as the wicket-keeper and

would have been wrong twice out of three times. The selectors nominated J. G. Stapleton (Shrewsbury) instead of Cope and G. A. A. Currie (Rugby) for Dew. In fact there were five quickish bowlers of much the same quality. The most dangerous—with out-swingers and an occasional breakback—when he managed to get length and direction to coincide—was James. He was rather erratic, and the reason was obscure, for his methods looked sound enough. Nevertheless his pace was considerable for one of modest build.

The other four were quick-medium and all were useful, Cope and D. J. Hulbert of Harrow being the steadiest. Cope was essentially the hard-working type who could keep going well. Hulbert was a tall fellow with a pleasant action, in which the rhythm and timing were obvious. He may yet surpass all his 1953 rivals. Stapleton could be classed with Cope, perhaps not quite so accurate but also perhaps more liable to pull out the really nasty delivery. The fifth pace bowler was the Repton all-rounder, S. M. Starkey. He did not stand up sufficiently well to get far as a bowler and, considering his school record, his batting was distinctly disappointing. He seemed incapable of getting himself firmly planted and was usually walking about and playing a stroke at the same time.

There was not much to choose between the two wicket-keepers, though if either comes to anything I fancy it will be Dew. He was small and compact, an ideal build for a stumper. Dew certainly began excellently, standing up to James and Hulbert and taking them well, but he did not continue quite so well. Despite a splendid leg side stumping to dismiss Stapleton off Dean, he looked more at home with the pace than with the spin bowling. He had the more difficult task in the trial game. Not only did he have to take quick stuff from James to leg and full tosses from Dean in the same direction, but also the throwing of the Southern Schools was wilder than that of The Rest. Currie, a tall fellow who was rather slow on his feet, was essentially a stopper. I did not fancy his wicket-keeping, and his final batting effort against the Services was something which it is hard to forgive. With Gibson fighting to earn a draw, Currie, as number eleven, chose to make a wild, purposeless swing at an off-break from B. D. Wells. The stumps were, to quote *The Times*, "disturbed by bat, ball and everything of number eleven." In fact he made a proper mess of it.

Players at Lord's who headed both the batting and bowling averages of their schools have been mentioned. There were several others, including G. W. Cook (Dulwich), who could be expected to figure in the representative games of 1954. Attention must also be drawn to A. C. Giggins (Downside), J. K. P. Wenban (Haileybury) and C. J. Parry, who by far excelled all other U.C.S. boys in both branches. Then there were players, such as Robins and

R. W. Street (Bedford), who topped their side's batting averages and also took most wickets. Street, like Cook, was due for another cricket season at school.

If Eton were the strongest side of the year, there were several others who improved records on recent seasons. Rugby continued to progress, while Shrewsbury, for whom Stapleton took 37 wickets, and Wellington could claim their best sides since the war. Wellington had an outstanding batsman, J. D. T. Faithfull, and a bowler, J. S. Goold, whose 44 wickets at 14.29 was a particularly fine performance by a bowler at one of the larger schools. Bedford won three of their five inter-school games, losing only to Tonbridge, who were blessed with a highly successful opening pair of batsmen, R. F. Crang and C. S. Fleetwood. Then, to end on a particularly pleasing note, Merchant Taylors won nine out of ten matches and went through the season without a single draw. The match winner was J. D. Cheetham, the opening bowler, who took 38 wickets at only 5.78 runs each. The school lost for the only time when he was absent.

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† Indicates captain. * Signifies not out.

ALDENHAM SCHOOL

C. J. Newton captained Aldenham well, but too often his dismissal was followed by a collapse. The opening attack of D. J. Mundy and P. M. Bolt was strong. Considering there were seven old colours it was a disappointing season.

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. J. Newton	13	2	267	69*	24.27
D. J. Slimmon	14	3	165	63	15.00
N. A. B. F. Cochrane ...	10	4	77	35*	12.83
P. J. F. Toogood	14	0	175	37	12.50
E. J. Bentley	13	1	128	25	10.66

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. J. Mundy	173.2	32	392	31	12.64
N. J. M. Richardson ...	107.2	21	253	20	12.65
P. M. Bolt	160.5	40	383	27	14.18

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL

A. C. Beaumont handled an inexperienced team with commendable enthusiasm and ability and was the most consistent batsman.

Played 16, Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 5, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†A. C. Beaumont	15	1	331	81	23.64
D. L. Herdson	14	1	279	97	21.46
P. J. Stokely	12	2	165	40	16.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. A. Saunders	99	32	221	17	13.00
G. F. Pye	79.2	14	246	17	14.47
D. H. Beadle	114	25	325	21	15.47
P. A. Badmin	109.7	25	229	14	16.35
D. L. Herdson	162.8	35	421	25	16.84

ALLHALLOWS SCHOOL

Played 11, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 3, Abandoned 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†N. J. Walter	11	2	348	74	38.66
J. B. Hewett	11	1	308	113	30.80
J. Herbert	9	2	195	51	27.85
R. E. C. Strofton	11	0	206	55	18.72
B. Ware	10	3	117	30	16.71

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. W. MacGregor	174	26	494	30	16.46
N. J. Walter	163	29	304	18	16.88
J. C. Banks	115	18	319	10	31.90
A. Azar-Pey	130	24	310	6	51.66

AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. E. Kirby	13	3	540	114*	54.00
B. M. Wauchope	11	2	168	65*	18.66
D. F. Halliday	11	1	142	32	14.20
J. M. Morton	13	3	134	23	13.40
C. N. Perry	10	0	122	40	12.20
A. N. Slinger	8	1	82	29	11.71
C. M. Moore	10	1	94	37	10.44

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. P. Evans	156.2	60	269	25	10.76
A. N. Slinger	89.2	19	243	15	16.20
J. M. Morton	161.1	30	473	29	16.31
J. H. Sullivan	110	30	288	14	20.57

BEAUMONT COLLEGE

Because of illness early in the season Beaumont took a long time to settle down. They gained an exciting win over Bradfield, but for the first time since 1939 met defeat at Lord's against Oratory. After term the team toured Ireland.

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 7, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. MacQueen	6	4	76	37*	38.00
B. P. Gubbins	14	1	323	60	24.84
†P. W. Parker	14	1	267	65	20.53
R. Mills-Owens	10	0	154	35	15.40
J. E. Melville	12	0	183	29	15.25

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. E. Melville	158	42	390	34	11.47
P. J. Stow	163	31	514	33	15.57

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

The team, unbeaten for the second year, was one of the strongest in the school's history. R. A. Gale, captain for the third time, again batted with power and freedom and carried his bat through an innings four times. Once again, however, he failed to

do himself justice in the representative games at Lord's. In his six seasons in the XI—one more than the former England captain, A. O. Jones—Gale scored 2,318 runs, averaging over 55.

Played 10, Won 6, Lost 0, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. A. Gale	10	4	575	143*	95.83
A. Norman	11	4	315	93*	45.00
F. J. Comerford	7	0	156	55	22.28
J. I. Cooper	8	3	83	25*	16.60

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. E. Palmer	94	29	225	20	11.25
G. M. Jarrett	319.4	31	411	35	11.74
R. A. Gale	127.2	45	206	16	12.87

BEDFORD SCHOOL

In a successful season, the XI lost only to Cambridge University Crusaders, Tonbridge and M.C.C. Dulwich, Aldenham and The Leys were beaten and the match with Stowe was spoiled by rain. S. H. Williams and J. D. S. Hay were hostile opening bowlers; R. W. Street found his form again as a leg-spinner, and the two Smiths bowled their off-breaks effectively. The side contained a wealth of batting and were dismissed only four times.

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. W. Street	14	1	416	109	32.00
J. D. S. Hay	12	3	256	47	28.44
P. Smith	14	2	330	100	27.50
P. C. Eldridge	9	1	216	68	27.00
R. R. Wyatt	11	3	157	39	19.62
J. Smith	11	2	136	32	15.11

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Smith	58.2	6	171	11	15.54
J. Smith	70.3	20	258	15	17.20
S. H. Williams	140	32	367	20	18.35
J. D. S. Hay	173.1	49	369	20	18.45
R. W. Street	109.3	15	436	23	18.95

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL

Played 11, Won 1, Lost 8, Drawn 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. M. Owens	11	3	143	29*	17.87
R. W. Bourne	11	0	171	45	15.54
A. T. R. Gale	11	0	115	27	10.45

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. J. Hodder	87.5	25	226	17	13.29
I. D. Golding	110.5	33	294	20	14.70
P. P. W. Taylor	84.3	19	203	10	20.30
J. Weston	89	17	228	11	20.72

BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE*Played 11, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 4***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. I. M. Jones	10	2	263	82	32.87
D. J. Murray	9	3	122	31*	20.33
M. Pickthall	10	1	159	52	17.66
N. R. Dryden	7	2	78	29*	15.60
M. F. T. Brownhill	10	0	109	43	10.90
B. Scott	10	0	103	25	10.30

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. I. M. Jones	131	30	348	27	12.88
M. F. T. Brownhill	132	29	394	28	14.07
M. Pickthall	78.3	17	227	14	16.21
B. Scott	64	18	216	10	21.60

BLOXHAM SCHOOL*Played 11, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 4***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. G. Nicholl	11	3	306	79*	38.25
W. B. Blackwell	6	2	107	54	26.75
J. R. Dorrell	7	1	159	83	26.50
J. M. Nichols	11	1	231	60*	23.10
J. F. H. Blake	11	1	203	74	20.30
C. T. Jones	11	1	149	58	14.90
J. R. E. Thomas	8	3	68	23*	13.60
S. H. Wamsley	5	0	68	32	13.60
J. R. Hartley	11	0	146	55	13.27

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. G. Nicholl	77.5	8	320	20	16.00
M. R. Muirhead	116	14	449	28	16.03
J. W. Carter	123	29	327	16	20.43

BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL

Blundell's enjoyed the best season for many years, their only two defeats being against club sides. The example of the captain, D. J. Shepherd, led to a spirit of cheerful confidence that no crisis could dim. The team batted literally down to the last man—who had opened the innings in 1952—and the bowling and fielding were first-rate.

*Played 14, Won 7, Lost 2, Drawn 5***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. H. Newark	10	6	130	44*	32.50
J. R. S. Oke	14	1	359	65	27.61
D. H. Hill	14	2	325	59*	27.08
R. J. Hein	12	0	298	59	24.83
M. B. V. Moorhouse	14	2	259	52	21.58
J. J. M. Street	11	3	127	31*	15.87
G. E. Watts	12	2	157	36*	15.70
†D. J. Shepherd	15	1	219	49	15.64
J. L. Harvey	11	0	171	47	15.54
W. B. Roberts	9	0	125	34	13.88
J. D. Clark	12	2	108	25	10.80

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. H. Hill	146.5	38	367	29	12.65
D. J. Shepherd	100.1	30	277	21	13.19
J. H. Newark	100	10	432	28	15.42
G. E. Watts	71.4	10	244	15	16.26
M. B. V. Moorhouse	107	22	263	15	17.53

BOOTHAM SCHOOL*Played 9, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 1***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. R. Harrison	9	1	255	100*	31.87
A. G. Brown	8	0	122	46	15.25
J. W. Kenyon	9	0	129	58	14.33

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
N. M. Pullan	101.4	32	235	28	8.39
J. W. Kenyon	79	9	257	21	12.23
J. A. Garrod	93.2	24	218	15	14.53

BRADFIELD COLLEGE

The side was young and this probably accounted for the poor record. Although practically every member of the team was capable of a useful score, batting collapses were frequent. The bowling also was below standard.

*Played 14, Won 1, Lost 6, Drawn 7***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
H. M. Pearce	16	0	311	62	19.43
R. D. Wyatt	16	0	303	46	18.93
C. J. Davis	12	6	100	32*	16.66
J. V. L. Coate	15	2	210	44	16.15
A. W. Fuller	11	3	128	29	16.00
A. J. Duviolier	15	1	218	54	15.57
N. E. R. Robson	16	3	180	55*	13.84
J. W. Gardiner	13	3	130	32	13.00
J. B. Brow	13	1	144	59*	12.00
†C. R. Joynt	16	0	190	36	11.87

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. J. C. Stewart	35	5	165	10	16.50
J. V. L. Coate	292.1	54	939	40	23.47
N. E. R. Robson	103.1	11	401	17	23.58
J. W. Gardiner	190.3	30	515	21	24.52
R. D. Wyatt	156	39	492	18	27.33

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL*Played 16, Won 8, Lost 2, Drawn 6***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. H. Beaumont	14	2	325	62	27.08
D. J. Pasterfield	15	2	334	63	25.69
G. P. Harrison	14	0	317	68	22.64
D. B. Coull	13	4	181	34*	20.11
S. E. Odamtten	15	1	259	45	18.50
N. A. Maryan-Green....	16	1	197	39*	13.12

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
†H. P. Roberts	242.5	76	519	52	9.98
D. J. Pasterfield	116	36	281	17	16.52
G. G. Evans	167.2	26	439	23	19.08
P. A. Hoyes	74	6	276	12	23.00

BRIGHTON COLLEGE

Under the leadership of A. B. D. Parsons, Brighton College played some good cricket, but results did not fulfil expectations. This was due mainly to some loss of form by several members of the unbeaten 1952 side. Parsons, after six years in the XI, captained the Southern Schools and Public Schools with considerable personal success at Lord's, but in his own school matches he was not the prolific batsman of the previous summer. He was likely to be a welcome recruit to Cambridge cricket in 1954. Two newcomers did specially well with the ball, B. R. Weller (away-swingers) and J. Grandison (off-breaks).

*Played 13, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 7***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†A. B. D. Parsons	13	2	495	120	45.00
R. M. D. Cardew	13	2	316	90	28.72
R. L. A. Enfield	12	1	220	102	20.00
B. R. Weller	12	1	206	38	18.72
I. O. Dowding	11	1	182	54	18.20
G. C. Halliday	8	1	112	41	16.00
M. A. Lansdall	8	3	77	20	15.40
J. A. Lush	11	2	112	21	12.44

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. R. Weller	209.3	66	427	33	12.93
J. Grandison	139.5	25	501	27	18.55
G. C. Halliday	167.3	33	524	22	23.81

BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The batting failed only once during the season and that was against the bowling of J. K. Graveney, formerly of Gloucestershire, in the Old Boys match. The out-cricket was satisfactory.

*Played 13, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 6***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
W. G. Milton	9	5	164	62	41.00
†L. D. Watts	12	1	322	75	29.36
D. W. Sykes	13	2	309	83*	28.09
R. C. Spiller	7	2	102	61	20.40
C. J. Poole	10	3	118	34*	16.85
D. M. Kernon	11	1	159	37*	15.90
Q. G. Stevens	10	3	95	21	13.57

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. D. Watts	56	10	133	12	11.08
Q. G. Stevens	110.4	18	332	25	13.28
G. E. Moody	78	12	202	15	13.46
M. F. Barnes	163	33	388	23	16.86
R. C. Spiller	60.3	14	208	12	17.33
D. W. Sykes	94	20	270	15	18.00

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL*Played 11, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 5***Batting**

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
K. Garbett	8	4	127	38	31.75
†J. M. Mitchell	11	1	305	74*	30.50
R. I. Biddle	11	3	204	37*	25.50
A. E. Powell	10	1	177	32*	19.66
N. E. F. Harris	11	2	168	66	18.66
J. R. W. Maslin	6	2	53	24*	13.25
R. G. Black	8	1	80	23*	11.42
D. C. Bailey	8	0	85	33	10.62

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. A. Neales	12.3	0	63	9	7.00
J. R. W. Maslin	76.5	14	190	19	10.00
J. M. Mitchell	55	12	139	11	12.63
K. Garbett	73	12	165	13	12.69
R. G. Black	97	11	283	13	21.76

BRYANSTON SCHOOL

Good out-cricket so compensated for erratic and unreliable batting that the results equalled those of the previous year. All the older batsmen failed except D. McCormack, but, fortunately, the younger members of the side did well.

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 1, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. R. Rea	9	2	179	44	25.57
D. McCormack	10	1	202	65	22.44
C. A. Porter	11	1	181	42	18.10
R. P. King	11	6	79	37	15.80
R. N. A. Smith	9	0	135	42	15.00
J. C. Clark	7	1	88	39*	14.66
N. P. Clegg	6	0	74	32	12.33
†E. R. J. Owen	9	3	68	41*	11.33
I. S. G. Metcalfe	10	2	80	24*	10.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. R. Beattie	103.2	45	158	28	5.64
E. R. J. Owen	50.3	17	77	12	6.41
R. P. King	98.2	21	221	25	8.84
R. Whitaker	133.2	48	194	18	10.77

CANFORD SCHOOL

Inexperience explained Canford's dismal record, but as eight of the team remained for 1954 prospects were more encouraging.

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 10, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
T. A. B. Connell	5	0	109	92	21.80
A. J. Nelson	14	0	295	71	21.07
T. J. D. Yarnell	14	3	171	33*	15.54
M. L. A. Cowan	14	1	200	46	15.38
†C. G. Sharp	14	0	201	76	14.35
L. S. G. Bennett-Evans ..	14	0	180	74	12.85

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
H. P. Garon	116	18	242	16	15.12
L. S. G. Bennett-Evans ..	78	2	356	16	22.25
T. J. D. Yarnell	116	13	449	18	24.94

CATERHAM SCHOOL

Played 13, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†P. Rasmusen	14	1	214	53	16.46
D. J. Henderson	11	1	143	53*	14.30
P. L. Jones	11	1	137	57	13.70
R. J. Mitcham	12	4	96	26*	12.00
A. R. Hickson	13	0	149	53	11.46
H. C. Pritchard	14	1	147	41*	11.30
G. W. Bevan	13	1	121	51*	10.08

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. H. Darley	156.3	36	420	49	8.57
D. W. Free	46	8	170	16	10.62
D. R. Peacock	138.1	33	336	30	11.20
H. C. Pritchard	66	9	218	12	18.16

CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL

The batting was good for most of the team played their strokes confidently and were willing to hit the ball hard. Although less consistent than some of his colleagues, notably G. D. Roynon, J. C. D. Pilley was at times brilliant. There was a lack of incisiveness about the bowling, and the fielding, although generally reliable, was not impressive close to the wicket.

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. D. Roynon	14	2	441	79	36.75
D. J. Bayfield	13	6	182	34*	26.00
J. C. D. Pilley	14	0	347	71	24.78
J. A. C. Cann	14	0	336	81	24.00
†H. C. Cairns	14	0	322	77	23.00
B. N. S. Gemmel	14	2	252	58	21.00
M. C. Bryant	11	0	183	49	16.63
M. D. Livock	12	3	117	44	13.00
R. I. G. Hardcastle	12	0	137	44	11.41

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. I. G. Hardcastle	96.3	24	232	15	15.46
M. D. Livock	138	34	362	20	18.10
M. C. Bryant	69.5	16	244	12	20.33
D. J. Bayfield	192.1	36	520	21	24.75
G. E. F. Gross	148.2	38	472	18	26.22

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

With a much less experienced team than in recent years and one containing no outstanding players, Cheltenham defeated St. Edward's and Malvern in thrilling finishes; lost to Repton in the last over; were easily defeated by Marlborough, and drew with Clifton and Haileybury. In club matches no wins were recorded, but the XI were outplayed by the Old Cheltonians. The captain, J. le M. Lawrence, and a young opener, G. Manfield, were the most reliable batsmen. Nine old colours were expected back for 1954.

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. Manfield	15	2	375	50	28.84
J. le M. Lawrence	15	0	416	86	27.73
P. G. Burt	15	2	289	53*	22.23
C. J. Sankey	15	4	161	34	14.63
T. R. Woollatt	10	0	144	36	14.40
J. M. Evans	12	0	155	31	12.91
D. J. G. James	15	1	180	30	12.85
A. B. Perry	11	3	85	19	10.62

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. B. Perry	110.2	34	284	16	17.75
C. J. Sankey	142	35	428	22	19.45
D. J. G. James	140.3	33	420	18	23.33
M. F. K. Young	115.4	10	510	17	30.00

CHIGWELL SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 3, Abandoned 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. E. Hurd	7	3	122	40*	30.50
†G. B. Dyer	13	3	282	69	38.20
G. M. Holliwell	10	2	217	61*	27.12
R. C. Burnell	6	2	101	61*	25.25
M. F. Deakin	11	4	166	42*	23.71
D. A. Culling	10	1	163	40	18.11
P. S. G. Witter	12	3	144	32*	16.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Hurd	212.3	49	701	59	11.88
M. F. Deakin	79.2	30	252	16	15.75
P. S. G. Witter	89.1	20	286	13	22.00

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

Christ's Hospital began promisingly with good wins against Sussex Martlets and M.C.C., but in several school matches nerves failed and chances were thrown away. F. L. F. Field was the mainstay of the batting and R. A. Finch developed into a useful all-rounder, his close fielding being particularly fine.

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
F. L. F. Field	11	1	409	102*	40.90
G. L. Aylett	4	0	100	55	25.00
M. D. Fuller	7	1	147	53	24.50
R. A. Finch	9	2	159	50*	22.71
R. H. Stevens	9	3	80	36	13.33
D. V. Viollet	11	0	144	49	13.09
†M. D. Porter	11	0	137	34	12.45

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. V. Viollet	56.1	12	128	15	8.53
R. A. Finch	156.1	43	417	35	11.91
J. M. Tims	132.5	35	314	18	17.44
T. J. H. Clark	84	9	292	16	18.25

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL

Results fell short of expectations. The side looked at the outset to be well stocked with bowlers and batsmen, but, in fact,

only G. J. Chidgey and the captain, C. J. B. Green, played up to form. Chidgey, a gifted opening batsman and useful spin bowler, also batted well after term for Young Amateurs of Surrey.

Played 10, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. J. Chidgey	10	2	370	111*	46.25
†C. J. B. Green	11	0	265	58	24.09
C. C. Emmerson	10	2	161	48*	20.12
N. J. Whatley	7	0	74	43	10.57
R. M. Spinks	8	3	52	18	10.40
B. W. Waters	8	0	83	38	10.37
J. E. M. Barnes	10	2	81	23	10.12

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. W. Waters	36.4	10	86	11	7.18
G. J. Chidgey	96.5	23	252	27	9.33
R. M. Spinks	71.1	13	202	14	14.42
J. E. M. Barnes	61	8	191	12	15.91

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Clifton had a disappointing season. After winning their first school match against Sherborne they met with no further success, losing to Tonbridge, Rugby and Malvern, and drawing with Marlborough and Cheltenham. The Mocatta brothers, who were never afraid to hit the ball, were the most successful batsmen, and the batting of J. M. Dean, also a powerful fast bowler, improved as the season progressed. C. A. H. White, a colt, did well behind the stumps.

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 5, Drawn 8

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
F. D. A. Mocatta	13	1	378	58	23.16
J. E. A. Mocatta	13	0	242	56	18.61
J. M. Dean	17	3	256	83	18.28
T. F. C. Hanson	18	2	254	46*	15.87
†R. D. Bonham-Carter ..	17	0	262	58	15.41
C. P. H. Dawkins	16	0	233	54	14.56
C. J. U. Coates	9	2	88	27*	12.57
S. T. G. Morgan	15	0	172	42	11.46

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. M. Dean	192	40	514	26	19.76
C. W. Swift	60	7	217	10	21.70
S. T. G. Morgan	135	23	414	19	21.78
D. C. Mills	131	22	397	16	24.81

CRANBROOK SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. A. H. Townsend	10	4	134	58*	22.33
†J. R. C. Webster	14	0	271	60	19.35
I. F. Harris	14	2	216	55*	18.00
D. J. Woodford	14	1	230	31*	17.69
D. N. Harris	14	1	225	57	17.30
E. I. Childs	12	1	176	79*	16.00
D. P. Mackenzie	13	1	180	37	15.00
A. J. S. Todman	13	0	175	47	13.46
M. G. T. Carter	11	4	71	23	10.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. I. Childs	26.1	5	78	11	7.09
J. R. C. Webster	247	96	495	47	10.54
J. A. H. Townsend	98.4	21	312	24	13.00
P. E. S. White	117.5	42	244	14	17.42

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL

Hard as Cranleigh tried in other directions, they could not cover their deficiencies in batting. The bowling was well varied, and the wicket-keeping of J. D. Hookway, who caught seventeen and stumped seven, earned high praise. At least seven of the side remained for 1954.

Played 11, Won 3, Lost 7, Drawn 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. D. Siddall	13	2	241	64*	21.90
P. Rold	5	0	96	56	19.20
R. Bennet	12	2	190	35	19.00
†D. W. M. Couper	13	0	204	66	15.69
A. Wright	8	2	92	41*	15.33
P. C. Leighton	13	0	190	51	14.61
C. H. Bloy	6	0	87	28	14.50
L. H. Godfrey	11	0	143	31	13.00
C. D. White	13	2	138	36	12.54

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. C. Leighton	20.5	5	57	5	11.40
D. W. M. Couper	160.3	58	344	26	13.23
R. Bennet	113.2	27	307	20	15.35
J. B. Macqueen	190.1	38	501	31	16.16
L. H. Godfrey	81.4	18	235	10	23.50

CULFORD SCHOOL

School Matches—Played 8, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. F. McGibbon	15	1	298	73	21.28
S. C. Macdonald	15	1	264	50	18.85
R. N. Green	11	1	175	76	17.50
T. D. Johnson	9	3	105	26*	17.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. F. McGibbon	167.2	49	346	35	9.88
†M. W. Prior	210	54	508	41	12.39
D. O. Punchard	61	7	186	14	13.28
C. T. Rucklidge	140	31	333	23	14.47

DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL

M. Robinson, a young fast-medium bowler who made good use of his fine physique, showed special promise in his first season. Apart from the captain, M. G. Dash, the batsmen disappointed.

Played 12, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 4, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†M. G. Dash	13	0	435	72	33.46
R. Wintle	13	3	244	56	24.40
D. V. Rose	6	1	96	36	19.20
M. Robinson	7	3	61	20*	15.25
J. H. Lutley	12	2	143	30*	14.30
J. R. Beasley	9	3	95	21	14.16
C. A. P. Newman	12	3	118	26	13.11
T. M. Bond	13	1	147	44*	12.25

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Robinson	173.4	57	416	35	11.88
J. H. Lutley	113.4	34	273	18	15.16
T. N. Raymonds	106.2	27	285	17	16.76

DENSTONE COLLEGE

The batting depended almost entirely on the efforts of the captain, A. C. Dracup, and J. H. Valentine. Unfortunately Dracup was seldom at his best in inter-school matches, only one of which was won. The attack lacked good medium-pace bowling, but D. T. Sparrow, left-arm slow, deserved his success.

Played 10, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 5, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†A. C. Dracup	10	1	302	90	33.55
J. H. Valentine	10	0	273	88	27.30
E. H. Miller	11	2	195	60*	21.66
A. H. Marshall	9	2	120	32	17.14
J. D. Hay	7	2	65	27*	13.20
R. J. McColl	10	1	108	28	12.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. F. D. Edwards	70.1	16	185	16	11.56
D. T. Sparrow	174.2	56	366	24	15.25
J. D. Hay	129.3	35	316	20	15.80
A. C. Dracup	137.5	29	405	15	27.00

DOVER COLLEGE

The chief feature of the season for Dover College was the batting of the captain, R. R. Bairamian. Although not a natural free-scorer, he possessed great powers of concentration and, when set, produced forcing strokes all round the wicket. He hit two centuries.

Played 10, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. R. Bairamian	9	2	500	180*	71.42
M. W. Dancer	6	1	166	75	33.20
M. C. S. Weston	7	2	81	33*	16.20
H. A. Fagan	9	0	134	46	14.88

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. M. Rogers	63.5	20	142	13	10.92
J. A. Baker	97	20	306	15	20.40
R. P. Heaton	118	14	367	16	22.93
R. R. Bairamian	121.5	26	414	18	23.00

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

Two players stood out in an otherwise young and inexperienced Downside XI. They were A. C. Giggins, a lively opening bowler and reliable batsman, and J. W. Norman, a highly promising wicket-keeper who has played frequently for Somerset II. The captain, T. A. C. Nicholson, improved considerably with the bat, and a talented leg-break bowler was found in 14-year-old M. H. Radcliffe.

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 2, Abandoned 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. C. Giggins	13	3	318	79	31.80
D. J. S. Blacklocks	14	5	267	71*	29.66
†T. A. C. Nicholson	13	1	286	67	23.83
J. F. Inchbald	14	0	283	59	20.21
J. N. Lavan	14	1	185	49	14.23
J. W. Norman	10	2	101	46*	12.63

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. C. Giggins	174.1	44	488	34	14.35
M. E. Thesiger	104.3	26	223	13	17.15
M. H. Radcliffe	112.4	18	395	23	17.17

DULWICH COLLEGE

The fine all-round cricket of G. W. Cook was the main feature of a good season, in which five of the eight inter-school matches were won. Cook, who remained for 1954, batted with admirable resolution at No. 3, combining a keen defence with many powerful scoring strokes. He also headed the bowling figures with flighted off-breaks and fielded splendidly. Apart from the lack of a penetrating opening attack, the side was well-balanced.

Played 16, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. W. Cook	16	7	705	126*	78.33
J. Abbott	15	1	427	102	30.50
P. T. R. Brown	15	2	372	76	28.61
M. A. Shirley	13	1	293	88	24.41
†C. B. Howland	12	1	224	78	20.36
N. C. Tinworth	11	2	128	58	14.22

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. W. Cook	149.2	27	419	35	11.97
N. C. Tinworth	195.5	32	545	33	16.51
R. A. Hunt	154.2	36	408	18	22.66
R. G. Bury	82.5	18	251	10	25.10

DURHAM SCHOOL

With only two members of the 1952 team available, Durham were forced to rely on young players. Fortunately several showed talent which promised well for the future.

Played 11, Won 0, Lost 6, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. P. Weston	11	0	150	56	13.63
J. R. Donald	8	1	84	24	12.00
J. Blair	8	1	75	20	10.71

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. P. Weston	55.3	2	232	14	16.57
G. Thornton	96.2	24	248	14	17.71
W. L. Taylor	38	1	178	10	17.80
J. C. Roberts	132	30	422	17	24.82

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE

Many exciting finishes occurred in an encouraging season. All matches were closely contested and, although Lancing were the only school beaten, the side fared better against clubs. The batting was impressive, but the bowling might have benefited from a little more variety. The opening pair, P. A. Higton and 15-year-old I. R. B. Fraser, shared 98 wickets, the next best bowler being T. C. Wilson with eight.

Played 15, Won 5, Lost 5, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
D. A. Atkins	17	2	581	110*	38.73
†J. D. Nicholson	15	0	497	84	33.13
D. G. Harry	12	4	219	46*	27.37
J. Watt	12	1	232	66	21.09
T. C. Wilson	13	2	216	126*	19.63
A. W. Still	10	0	129	65	12.90
I. R. B. Fraser	17	1	201	28	12.56
C. J. H. Skinner	7	1	69	18	11.50
P. A. Highton	13	6	80	15*	11.42
M. W. E. Hind	14	3	117	26	10.63
B. W. Meaby	16	0	142	20	8.87

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. A. Highton	306.2	72	736	64	11.50
I. R. B. Fraser	232.3	60	618	34	18.17

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY

Played 16, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 8

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. J. B. Anderson	15	4	421	83*	38.27
S. Coughtrie	16	3	481	128	37.00
R. J. McAulay	15	2	411	73	31.61
†H. J. L. Allan	15	1	221	52*	15.78
K. L. Younie	10	2	96	36	12.00
J. D. F. Miller	11	1	114	32	11.40
A. J. Cook	13	5	90	23*	11.25

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. F. Miller	68	22	130	10	13.00
J. Lindsay	122	26	360	23	15.65
A. Davis	158.1	31	398	22	18.09
H. J. L. Allan	178.2	25	564	30	18.80
S. Coughtrie	144	42	345	17	20.29

ELTHAM COLLEGE

The captain, C. E. Harper, a good stroke-player, was never dismissed for under 20. He also set a fine example in the field and handled his limited bowling resources intelligently. S. R. Smith did well behind the stumps.

Played 11, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. E. Harper	11	5	492	72*	82.00
J. Mason	11	3	185	52	23.12
C. J. Sly	10	0	158	59	15.80
S. R. Smith	9	0	134	37	14.88

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. J. Sly	49	3	172	15	11.46
D. J. McDougall	138.4	32	345	30	11.50
C. J. Cutting	95.5	19	216	14	15.42

EPSOM COLLEGE

Although the batting was more reliable than in 1952, Epsom had a disappointing season. The only victory in a school match was against Brighton, whereas defeats were suffered against Dulwich, Cranleigh, St. John's, Leatherhead and Christ's Hospital.

Played 12, Won 3, Lost 7, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. S. Martin	13	0	315	68	24.23
J. W. T. Hall	9	2	149	82*	21.28
J. C. Keeble	13	0	257	68	19.76
†J. B. G. Ouston	13	0	238	61	18.30
R. P. Kirwan-Taylor	13	1	215	55*	17.91
D. McA. Hunter	7	3	68	24*	17.00
J. B. Sims	10	1	145	48*	16.11

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. McA. Hunter	181	47	560	36	15.55
R. C. Lallemand	167.5	36	510	30	17.00
J. C. Keeble	95	24	262	13	20.15

ETON COLLEGE

Eton beat Winchester and Harrow in one season for the first time for over twenty years. Wellington were also beaten, and both Marlborough and Charterhouse probably would have been but for missed catches. In fact, the fielding generally was not as good as it should have been with the talent available, although R. V. C. Robins and R. A. Eckersley were outstanding. The batting depended largely on the enterprising methods of Robins. Eckersley rose to the occasion two or three times and P. D. Hill-Wood usually scored briskly later in the innings. The bowling was strong, the chief strength lying in the leg-spinners of Robins, thanks to his spinning finger being sound again. Although perhaps not back to his form of 1951, Robins troubled the best batsmen and he also captained the side with mature ability.

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. V. C. Robins	13	0	531	110	40.84
P. D. Hill-Wood	11	2	294	112*	32.66
D. R. Maclean	11	4	159	47	22.71
R. A. Eckersley	13	2	248	72	22.54
E. D. Bowater	14	1	259	39	19.92
A. M. Rankin	12	0	236	65	19.66
J. G. Bevan	14	1	232	41	17.84
J. H. H. Illingworth	12	3	142	55	15.77
N. A. J. Winter	12	4	125	42*	15.62

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. A. James	156.3	44	408	27	15.11
N. A. J. Winter	91	26	198	11	18.00
R. V. C. Robins	214	49	635	31	20.48
D. R. Maclean	207.2	52	516	21	24.57

EXETER SCHOOL

The bowling and fielding was strong but the batting tended to be too adventurous. D. B. Ellis, only 15, again impressed as a wicket-keeper above the average.

Played 17, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 6, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. C. A. Smith	17	4	279	56	21.46
†N. M. Pughe	17	2	307	58*	20.46
M. Harris	17	0	256	48	15.05
C. Hilson	15	1	207	53*	14.78
D. Mullins	17	0	228	32	13.41
D. B. Ellis	17	2	185	64	12.32
F. Vigers	13	5	88	42*	11.00
M. H. Marsh	15	0	152	21	10.12

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. M. Hodder	109	23	288	37	7.78
B. H. Baker	146.5	45	347	39	8.89
F. Vigers	140	40	309	30	10.30
M. C. A. Smith	86	17	232	22	10.54

FELSTED SCHOOL

Attacking cricket enabled Felsted to win five of the six inter-school matches and gain a favourable draw with Aldenham. The bowling was well balanced and the batting solid.

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. W. Grace	14	1	384	75	29.53
†G. R. Grosch	14	1	321	73	24.69
E. K. Alcoe	9	0	219	61	24.33
R. M. Moody	14	0	257	63	18.35
S. N. Fairweather	13	1	217	49	18.08
S. J. M. Knight	14	0	233	70	16.64

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. J. M. Knight	130.1	11	449	31	14.48
K. H. Appleyard	136.4	41	338	22	15.36
A. L. G. Rice	137	35	360	21	17.14
R. H. Bird	107.2	25	287	12	23.91
S. N. Fairweather	94	26	257	10	25.70

FETTES COLLEGE

Played 16, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 8

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
K. C. S. Young	16	4	487	106*	40.58
†J. G. Cumming	16	2	450	89	32.14
C. J. Macdonald-Bennett	14	1	296	67	22.78
J. L. Boyd	9	0	145	45	16.11
H. A. M. Pyman	6	1	80	39*	16.00
D. M. A. Steel	14	0	220	45	15.71
P. A. L. Williamson	14	2	183	61	15.25
J. F. C. Montgomery-Cunninghame	12	5	92	28*	13.14
D. W. Horne	8	0	92	26	11.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
H. A. M. Pyman	51.3	22	104	14	7.42
I. B. Macdonald	102	23	250	19	13.15
J. F. C. Montgomery-Cunninghame	141.1	28	445	33	13.48
J. G. Cumming	227.4	67	457	33	13.84

FOREST SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 7, Lost 6, Drawn 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. W. Trimby	15	0	381	121	25.40
D. M. Webb	14	1	253	100	19.46
B. F. Uren	15	2	202	51	15.52

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. M. Webb	145.2	50	274	32	8.56
C. E. C. Fox	141.2	45	346	34	10.17
M. J. Dorling	75	32	197	17	11.58
B. F. Uren	106	29	299	22	13.59

GEORGE WATSON'S COLLEGE

Played 14, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. Adair	14	2	276	59	23.00
W. I. C. Dunn	13	2	217	71*	21.70
N. M. Bain	14	2	212	34	17.66
J. Hogg	11	2	117	46	13.00
J. G. Findlay	12	0	120	28	10.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. C. Betty	68	36	135	14	9.64
W. I. C. Dunn	130	46	270	23	11.73
W. Marshall	132	49	224	19	11.78
W. R. Anderson	123	31	316	25	12.64
N. M. Bain	79	21	182	10	18.20

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL, HOLT

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. J. Corran	11	1	387	74	38.70
G. A. Birch	11	0	226	51	20.54
C. C. Abram	10	2	114	46	14.25
†P. Drinkwater	11	0	135	34	12.27
K. D. Henderson	10	3	85	27	12.14
T. E. C. Cushing	9	2	85	29	12.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. A. Dodds	18.2	6	71	7	10.14
G. A. Birch	111.2	24	276	27	10.22
A. J. Corran	57.3	10	183	13	14.07
P. Drinkwater	82	18	243	15	16.20

HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 6, Drawn 6, Abandoned 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
D. J. Maconachie	10	1	290	93	32.22
N. A. Fuller	10	0	141	32	14.10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. J. Maconachie	109.4	27	274	24	11.41
T. A. Robbins	84.2	13	268	13	20.61
†J. N. Pollock	89.1	16	293	13	22.54

HAILEYBURY AND I.S.C.

In many respects the season was disappointing, due mainly to many potentially good batsmen failing to show their true form. This was specially true of the captain, D. H. W. Bolton, whose aggregate dropped from 1,067 in 1952 to 265 and his average from nearly 89 an innings to just over 22. An ankle injury early on appeared to affect his batting, which, although sound on occasions, was never consistent. On the other hand, Bolton handled his bowlers intelligently and he set a fine example in the field. This was his last season before going to Oxford. The most successful player was J. K. P. Wenban, a lively in-swing bowler and sound batsman.

Played 12, Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 6, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. K. P. Wenban	14	1	306	74	23.54
†D. H. W. Bolton	13	1	265	81	22.08
N. H. R. A. Broomfield ..	13	1	220	55*	18.33
P. B. L. Woodroffe	13	0	231	77	17.76
C. R. Smith	13	0	214	48	16.46
D. G. E. Lewis-Bowen ..	12	6	98	22	16.33
D. L. Stretton-Cox	5	0	73	24	14.60
D. S. Jennings	10	0	140	62	14.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. K. P. Wenban	200.5	58	423	34	12.44
J. R. Neville	141	44	310	18	17.22
R. F. C. Ford	109.3	28	331	19	17.42
D. G. E. Lewis-Bowen ..	115	27	298	12	24.83

HARROW SCHOOL

Harrow were potentially a competent all-round side, but they disappointed through a lack of determination in batting and an unhappy knack of dropping catches when the bowling looked like getting on top. A. R. B. Neame, the only genuine spinner, was often not available. This meant that a heavy responsibility fell on the seam bowlers, of whom R. B. Bloomfield was the most successful. The batting was too tentative and few aggressive innings were played. The fielding also lacked vitality. D. J. Hulbert deserved credit as captain for leaving behind him a satisfactory nucleus of players for 1954.

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
T. J. E. Lardner	14	2	309	44	25.75
R. M. N. Green	15	3	293	66*	24.41
W. Aldous	12	4	190	40*	23.75
J. M. Parker	9	0	177	51	19.66
R. J. R. Simpson	13	0	237	68	18.23
A. R. B. Neame	11	2	141	32*	15.66

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. B. Bloomfield	175	35	502	42	11.95
R. J. L. Sidley	173.1	33	522	31	16.83
†D. J. Hulbert	225.5	52	584	30	19.46
A. R. B. Neame	135	31	360	18	20.00

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Played 13, Won 8, Lost 4, Drawn 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. Davies	11	0	323	72	29.36
G. V. Miller	13	2	260	71*	23.63
A. Sheldon	14	3	166	39*	15.09
D. P. E. Cole	12	1	162	44	14.72
M. F. F. Thomas	14	1	161	39	12.38

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. I. Preece	148.1	43	367	48	7.64
P. T. V. Grimshaw	69	18	152	16	9.50
A. Sheldon	44	10	150	15	10.00
P. J. Louis	99.5	23	254	22	11.54

HIGHGATE SCHOOL

The left-arm slow bowling of C. A. Dean was again a leading factor in Highgate's cricket. He and A. F. Golton, the captain, both did well also with the bat.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. A. Dean	13	2	347	61	31.54
†A. F. Golton	13	0	357	71	27.46
C. D. Dryburgh	7	2	91	25	18.20
D. M. Bland	14	3	194	51*	17.63
R. D. Brown	15	1	218	38	15.57
J. D. G. Buchanan	10	4	74	19*	12.33
A. J. Reader	14	1	130	20	10.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. A. Dean	300.3	86	710	76	9.34
R. D. Brown	178.2	43	390	25	15.60
K. H. Camden	113.5	28	271	10	27.10

HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE

The season was memorable for several tense finishes. Whitgift were beaten by one run, the Lancing match was lost by two runs, and many other games were not decided until the last possible over. Bowling strength compensated for the absence of reliable batsmen. K. D. Snowden, fast-medium, did specially well.

Played 15, Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. J. V. James	15	1	174	40	12.42
†R. R. A. Knight	14	1	161	38*	12.38
C. E. G. Parkhouse	14	0	133	38	9.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. D. Snowden	206	72	419	46	9.10
C. J. V. James	136	44	306	27	11.33
P. S. G. Knott	152	46	353	28	12.60

IPSWICH SCHOOL

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†M. D. Hobbs	13	4	398	89*	44.22
G. G. Bell-Jones	13	4	328	69*	36.44
E. P. Grimwade	13	1	315	70*	26.25
B. A. Rolph	6	0	91	34	15.16
J. H. Hind	8	1	78	29	11.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. Daniels	153.2	35	486	35	13.88
M. G. Scrivener	100	17	336	21	16.00
B. A. Rolph	102	18	356	16	22.25

KELLY COLLEGE

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 7, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
H. B. J. Phillips	13	1	281	76	23.41
†S. G. B. Farrant	13	0	182	42	14.00
A. P. B. Lissett	12	0	157	50	13.08

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. L. Browning	105	24	242	25	9.68
W. P. Martin	124.5	33	246	25	9.84
D. A. Cotton	82	16	250	17	14.70
A. P. B. Lissett	98.1	32	417	19	21.94

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM

The team might have improved upon their satisfactory record but for a series of minor injuries that reduced the effectiveness of O. S. Wheatley, their best bowler. The XI, which was experienced and well-balanced, suffered also at times through over-confidence.

Played 20, Won 9, Lost 5, Drawn 4, Abandoned 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. C. Homer	18	5	378	63*	29.07
G. P. Simpson	16	3	314	61	24.15
J. L. Wilkins	18	4	288	59	20.57
E. L. B. Saxon	17	1	306	52	19.12
A. C. Smith	14	6	133	28	16.62
O. S. Wheatley	13	3	154	33	15.40

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
O. S. Wheatley	203	61	459	38	12.07
†D. H. Benson	253	74	555	40	13.87
M. Wilkins	54	5	224	11	20.36
B. C. Homer	120	28	346	14	24.71
J. Mulford	105	23	298	12	24.83

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, STOURBRIDGE

Played 13, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. A. Shaw	9	4	167	41*	33.40
J. Cockin	9	1	184	76*	23.00
P. E. Dudley	8	1	85	37	12.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Cockin	63	18	152	22	6.90
P. E. Lewis	105	38	206	25	8.24
R. V. Jones	92	35	186	22	8.45
D. J. Watkins	46	12	102	11	9.27

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE, I.O.M.

King William's had a young side which, towards the end of the season, turned into an attractive combination. The bowling was of good length and gave very little away. The fielding and throwing were good, but the batting inconsistent. R. T. D. Stott, the captain, never produced his form of the last two seasons, but he will have another chance in 1954.

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
I. R. Horrox	15	5	314	74*	31.40
P. J. Watson	14	7	203	39*	29.00
R. T. Foulds	13	1	222	37	18.50
D. Griffin	12	0	179	53	14.91
†R. T. D. Stott	15	0	174	32	11.60
B. K. Colvin	14	2	139	31	11.58

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. P. Marshall	139.4	57	237	27	8.77
S. Quirk	95	34	179	19	9.42
J. B. Black	44.3	8	133	14	9.50
R. T. D. Stott	100.4	29	210	18	11.66

KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

M. J. Blake, in his second year as captain, was fortunate to have at his command two effective opening bowlers in V. T. Baddeley and B. Greatorrex. The batting often disappointed, although R. Blake, in his first season in the XI, was admirably consistent. R. V. W. Williams kept wicket well.

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. Blake	15	2	347	53*	26.69
†M. J. Blake	14	1	253	69*	19.46
B. Greatorrex	12	5	135	45*	19.28
V. T. Baddeley	11	1	120	65	12.00
A. M. Monro	15	2	136	22	10.46

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
V. T. Baddeley	160	31	401	34	11.79
B. Greatorrex	126	25	368	31	11.87
A. K. Fox	82	3	291	20	14.55

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 1, Drawn 7, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. D. Kelly	13	2	309	55	28.09
†J. J. Peters	14	2	327	58	27.25
B. M. Moritz	13	2	268	53	24.36
D. Thompson	14	2	261	43	21.75
P. V. Cheesman	7	1	117	34	19.50
C. H. Briggs	13	1	211	53	17.58
A. J. Gorton	13	3	154	43*	15.40
R. B. G. Kefford	10	2	100	37*	12.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. H. Briggs	112.3	35	206	20	10.30
C. E. H. Bean	139.3	37	349	29	12.03
A. J. Gorton	48	10	151	11	13.72
L. J. F. Evans	131	31	372	27	13.77

KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

Strong in all departments and skilfully captained by M. Herbert, the team went through the season without defeat by a school, one of their best performances being the dismissal of a strong Kent County Colts XI for 52. On that occasion Herbert took five wickets for four runs. The batting rarely failed and several players showed special promise. Herbert went to Oxford.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. A. Rowe	13	6	359	76*	51.28
R. H. Lawrence	12	3	402	104*	44.66
D. C. Moor	13	1	376	99	31.33
C. N. Lainé	14	1	365	54	28.07
†M. Herbert	14	2	324	66	27.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Herbert	195.5	39	492	41	12.00
R. J. C. Collins	99	9	377	24	15.70
P. B. Harding	156.4	49	433	18	24.05
E. W. Donald	230	50	485	16	30.31

KINGS' SCHOOL, BRUTON

Played 10, Won 1, Lost 5, Drawn 1, Abandoned 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. C. Suther	7	0	145	47	20.71
J. R. W. Bolton	7	1	85	28*	14.16
D. B. Jones	6	0	83	28	13.83

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
†D. R. Maffey	109.2	32	237	25	9.48
W. H. B. Kidd	103	20	312	15	20.80

KINGS' SCHOOL, ELY

Despite its youth the team did well. I. A. Bokhari, a talented all-rounder from Pakistan, showed particular promise before going to Cambridge.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 5, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
I. A. Bokhari	13	2	453	104*	41.18
P. W. Boorman	4	1	80	61	26.66
†P. H. Philbidge	13	1	307	59*	25.58
G. R. Read	14	1	310	87	23.84
N. P. Barry-Taylor	4	1	61	31*	20.33
M. B. Glenister	14	1	225	55*	17.30
F. E. Mallett	10	0	107	20	10.70

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. S. Wood	92	21	245	20	12.25
P. W. Boorman	103	30	273	21	13.00
N. J. Entwistle	149	35	422	29	14.55
I. A. Bokhari	101	24	293	19	15.42

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL

After an uncertain start Kingswood developed into a strong team, particularly in attack. H. R. Moore, the captain, batted well, and J. J. Tucker, an attractive stroke-player and off-break bowler, enjoyed a personal triumph in the Downside match by scoring 76 and taking eight wickets for 20 runs.

Played 14, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†H. R. Moore	13	3	288	90	28.80
J. J. Tucker	12	2	282	76	28.20
M. P. Humphries	14	2	317	56	26.41
D. G. Heywood	10	1	145	32	16.11
N. M. Cheshire	11	0	131	48	11.90

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. J. Tucker	35.6	6	79	19	4.15
J. J. Crosby	89.5	28	153	20	7.65
M. R. Hulton	156.1	39	315	34	9.26
R. W. Joynes	151.8	31	253	23	11.00

LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Leeds had perhaps the best season in the history of the school, winning more matches than ever before. An aggressive outlook, encouraged by J. G. Raybould, the captain, led to definite results in fifteen of the sixteen matches. The fielding was good, with P. L. Williams an outstanding wicket-keeper. Raybould, a fine all-rounder, who bats left and bowls right-arm leg-spinners, goes to Oxford in 1955 following National Service.

Played 16, Won 13, Lost 1, Tied 1, Drawn 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. J. Wagstaff	15	3	426	92	35.50
P. L. Williams	12	5	197	71*	28.14
†J. G. Raybould	16	1	362	75	24.13
E. Spencer	16	2	290	68	20.71

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. D. Crossland	126.2	47	223	29	7.68
W. Seddon	155	60	291	36	8.08
J. G. Raybould	199.5	41	572	59	9.69
D. Senior	100	33	215	18	11.94

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL

Consistently aggressive batting and bowling which gave little away enabled Leighton Park to win most of their matches comfortably. D. F. Kay, the captain, played a conspicuous part in his team's success. Over half the side remained for 1954.

Played 14, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. C. Heigham	12	2	363	61	36.30
A. Page	10	4	179	43	29.83
†D. F. Kay	14	2	304	51	25.33
I. S. G. Foster	12	5	161	29*	23.00
J. S. Knill	14	1	261	50*	20.07
R. J. Chr sty	13	2	177	36*	16.09
A. C. H. Froude	13	0	199	47	15.30

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. J. Christy	37.3	3	144	12	12.00
D. F. Kay	173.3	45	448	37	12.10
M. C. Heigham	105.2	17	312	25	12.48
A. C. H. Froude	155.5	38	351	28	12.53

THE LEYS SCHOOL

It was soon apparent that there was no batsman in The Leys side capable of giving A. B. W. Thomas worthy support, and that proved to be the biggest weakness. The bowling was sound and varied and the fielding steady.

Played 13, Won 2, Lost 6, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. B. W. Thomas	13	1	424	103*	35.33
S. H. Cunningham	12	0	226	47	18.83
M. H. Barber	12	3	151	33	16.77
M. K. Payne	13	1	167	50*	13.91
R. H. B. Schofield	12	0	151	29	12.58
N. H. Payne	9	0	108	37	12.00
B. J. Wilkins	10	3	81	16	11.57

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. J. Wilkins	177	57	429	27	15.88
M. H. Barber	196.2	62	448	27	16.59
†K. M. Pigott	139.3	33	451	14	32.21

LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 1, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. A. D. Hobbs	11	4	272	67*	38.85
N. H. Cooke	10	3	243	82*	34.71
J. R. Kerr	7	0	94	29	13.42

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
N. H. Cooke	193	63	318	37	8.59
B. T. Harris	124.3	12	408	34	12.00

LLANDOVERY COLLEGE

A keen young side settled down well under the leadership of C. G. Jones, himself a good all-round player who scored runs fast. The rest of the batting was generally steady and the spin bowling effective; the main weakness lay in the lack of a strong opening attack.

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. G. Jones	13	1	290	110*	24.16
J. B. Shackleton	14	1	302	98	23.23
M. Charles	11	4	153	46*	21.85
D. I. Gealy	13	2	217	38	19.72
P. Charles	13	1	211	62*	17.58
D. T. Jones	13	3	129	27	12.90

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. T. Jones	137.4	24	396	31	12.77
T. B. Williams	112.3	25	303	22	13.76
C. G. Jones	189.1	37	507	33	15.36

LORETTO SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. J. W. Berry	15	0	438	103	29.20
†N. Y. McAslan	15	1	398	130*	28.42
J. M. Miller	13	4	236	47	26.22
I. T. Fletcher	7	3	90	42	22.50
I. R. Brooks	10	4	104	30	17.33
G. M. Simmers	7	3	66	27*	16.50
W. S. Miller	16	1	204	53	13.60
R. K. Mackenzie-Ross ..	13	1	122	32	10.16

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
H. B. Langlands	185.2	47	437	34	12.85
A. Walker	165.5	44	353	25	14.12
J. M. Miller	103	14	286	20	14.30
N. Y. McAslan	88.2	27	216	12	18.00

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL, OXFORD

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 4, Abandoned 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. W. Carter	10	0	196	77	19.60
P. J. Haines	10	1	125	41	13.88
P. J. W. Dickson	5	1	50	42*	12.50
J. R. Watson	10	0	107	36	10.70
B. J. T. Britton	10	1	95	40	10.55

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
†P. D. Jones	55.2	19	125	16	7.81
B. J. Kelly	108.3	23	267	31	8.61
J. D. Saxon	103.4	30	216	22	9.81

MALVERN COLLEGE

The batting was expected to provide Malvern's main strength, but the season was half over before a total of 200 was achieved. Although R. H. E. Russell set a good example, this was seldom

followed by the middle batsmen. The bowling and fielding were more encouraging, except at Repton, where at least six chances were put down in the field. Shrewsbury, Clifton and Stowe were beaten.

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 6, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. E. S. Robson	12	3	387	102*	43.00
†R. H. E. Russell	17	2	604	81	40.26
W. A. N. Lane	17	2	395	68*	26.33
R. K. Whiley	16	0	421	80	26.31
I. C. MacLaurin	12	2	210	72*	21.00
T. J. Straker	14	4	196	88	19.60
J. W. Potter	14	0	269	78	19.21
J. M. Walker	8	1	90	20	12.85

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
W. A. N. Lane	102.1	27	254	20	12.70
J. W. Potter	223.4	68	463	32	14.46
P. B. Evans	218	38	635	28	22.67
M. M. Southall	155.1	35	405	13	31.15

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Under the efficient leadership of I. Gibson, Manchester G.S. again proved too strong for most rivals. Gibson, a mature batsman with many fine strokes, did well in both Public Schools matches at Lord's, and for his school he hit three centuries. His influence did much to raise the standard of fielding. G. D. Edge also batted well, and M. J. Ray and A. M. Hinsley, two hard-working medium-paced bowlers, led a balanced attack. Except these two, all remained for 1954.

Played 20, Won 12, Lost 1, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†I. Gibson	19	5	760	117	54.28
G. D. Edge	19	4	624	71	41.60
T. M. Richardson	16	5	328	54*	29.81
G. M. Richardson	15	6	193	40*	21.44
P. Hutson	12	2	149	54	14.90
J. A. Ford	16	5	163	24*	14.81
B. L. Jones	6	1	62	29	12.40

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. J. Ray	247	73	399	55	7.25
A. M. Hinsley	200	67	338	35	9.65
I. Gibson	115	30	249	29	8.58
G. M. Richardson	92	39	159	12	13.25
G. D. Edge	104	31	199	15	13.26

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

Marlborough played cheerful and attractive cricket with a fair measure of success. The batting, led by the captain, J. G. C. Surridge, P. R. H. Anderson and J. D. Bushill, was always enterprising. P. A. Naylor, a steady opening bowler, enjoyed devastating spells, and C. B. Wales did well with leg-breaks and googlies. The fielding was good and C. A. Hogg impressed behind the stumps. Surridge, a splendid leader, went to Oxford.

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
P. R. H. Anderson	14	4	379	102*	37.90
†J. G. C. Surridge	16	1	537	104	35.80
J. D. Bushill	16	2	487	107*	34.78
N. R. C. Marr	14	3	253	50	23.00
P. A. Naylor	12	0	256	64	21.33
D. W. Hogg	12	3	175	42	19.44
C. W. Calver	14	1	227	78	17.46
M. J. C. Tress	14	0	209	34	14.92
C. B. Wales	12	5	92	21	13.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. A. Naylor	229.1	68	500	40	12.50
C. B. Wales	158.5	36	499	24	20.79
M. J. C. Tress	109.2	31	286	13	22.00
A. H. T. Paterson	95.2	24	262	11	23.81
P. R. H. Anderson	224.2	60	644	23	28.00

MERCERS' SCHOOL

Played 18, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 13

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
A. Kemp	13	5	143	32	17.87
†M. J. Cato	18	1	302	36	17.76
B. R. Kelsey	17	2	233	38	15.53
F. E. Brackenbury	16	3	187	41	14.38
G. R. Pearce	17	1	187	28	11.68
M. J. Holden	15	1	162	40	11.57
B. D. Beggs	12	0	131	22	10.91

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. Kemp	88	28	152	13	11.69
B. R. Kelsey	172	57	388	32	12.12
M. J. Holden	80	9	271	19	14.26
B. D. Beggs	120.2	29	335	23	14.56
G. R. Pearce	83.5	17	264	18	14.66

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL

Merchant Taylors won more matches than ever before. Their bowling was particularly strong, with R. Wolley, the captain, and J. D. Cheetham an effective opening pair. In the only match lost

Cheetham was absent because of exams and Wolley was suffering from a knee injury. The batting was steady, although the season was well under way before a reliable first-wicket pair was found.

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
E. G. Wiles	10	1	280	71	31.11
D. N. Hawkins	7	3	123	42	30.75
R. D. Montgomerie	10	3	212	56*	30.28
R. H. Pelham	10	1	159	45	17.66
K. E. Simpson	11	0	159	49	14.45
P. M. H. Allen	11	2	128	27	14.22
J. T. Burrows	7	0	77	58	11.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Cheetham	130.5	42	220	38	5.78
†R. Wolley	98	19	202	19	10.63
R. D. Montgomerie	127	17	372	29	12.82
P. M. H. Allen	83.3	25	182	10	18.20

MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL

Merchiston lost only one school match, to Fettes, drew favourably with Glenalmond and Loretto, and beat Watson's and The Edinburgh Academy. Chief strength lay in the opening batsmen, E. M. Kirkwood and I. H. P. Laughland, who almost invariably scored at a brisk pace. The fielding was good.

Played 16, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†E. M. Kirkwood	17	2	657	106	43.80
I. H. P. Laughland	17	2	432	66	28.80
I. G. Chisholm	12	2	286	73	28.60
M. W. McMyn	11	1	199	63	19.90
A. M. B. Sym	13	5	157	29	19.62
M. I. Clements	14	5	140	31	15.55
J. M. Arnott	15	2	173	45	13.30
J. R. H. Robertson	10	3	93	27	13.28

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
I. H. P. Laughland	163	60	302	26	11.61
J. M. Arnott	205	36	578	41	14.09
I. G. Chisholm	217	93	382	26	14.69
I. Leddie	133	33	356	20	17.80
H. H. Bain	88	24	222	12	18.50

MILL HILL SCHOOL

Played 10, Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. W. W. Pollock	9	1	257	77*	32.12
C. W. Love	9	1	159	60*	19.87
†C. M. Wesson	7	2	74	32	14.80
R. H. M. Stanners	9	0	117	43	13.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. J. Field	115.5	14	349	25	13.96
M. R. J. Thomas	36.3	3	132	7	18.85
K. L. W. Armistead	64	4	233	10	23.30
C. M. Wesson	67	15	210	7	30.00

MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Chiefly through the prevalence of wet pitches, which did not suit the five or six members of the side hailing from the West Indies, results were not as good as had been expected. The captain, B. F. Gonsalves, lost form completely, but G. T. Gummer batted well enough to earn a trial for Somerset.

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. T. Gummer	12	2	301	72	30.10
P. F. Davison	6	0	162	58	27.00
M. B. Gonsalves	6	2	92	55*	23.00
G. A. Lopes	12	0	269	78	22.41
D. A. Farfan	10	3	109	27	15.57
H. G. D'Andrade	10	4	92	30*	15.33
T. J. Gonsalves	10	0	149	43	14.90

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. D. Martin	126.4	24	248	25	9.92
G. T. Gummer	116.2	17	398	34	11.70
C. A. Gilman	97.5	16	213	18	11.83
G. A. Lopes	135	33	358	27	13.25

NEWCASTLE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

J. N. Watson, the captain, enjoyed another excellent season and for the third successive year took over 50 wickets with his fast-medium deliveries. He was due to go to Cambridge in 1955.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 1, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. K. Knox	14	2	371	83	30.92
†J. N. Watson	13	2	240	51	21.81
P. D. Broderick	11	1	152	58*	15.20
A. R. Taylor	12	4	100	40*	12.50
K. J. Reid	11	2	111	25*	12.33
R. A. Peel	12	0	131	38	10.92

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. N. Watson	189.1	53	382	53	7.20
P. D. Broderick	108.5	30	290	23	12.60
G. K. Knox	91.4	15	257	18	14.27
B. J. Loughton	71.2	25	165	10	16.50

OAKHAM SCHOOL

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
D. M. Green	15	4	563	124*	51.18
G. N. L. Stubbs	12	2	296	58	29.60
†B. A. F. Smith	15	0	336	84	22.40
L. Emanuel	15	0	298	60	19.86
A. P. Marrion	13	4	171	36	19.00
J. M. Clifton	14	1	195	53	15.00
J. G. Clarke	11	0	138	36	12.54

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. L. Moden	53	15	102	11	9.27
J. M. Clifton	157.3	38	348	33	10.54
G. N. L. Stubbs	175.1	43	443	36	12.30
R. J. Peberdy	157.5	40	378	15	25.20
D. W. Foode	100.2	21	357	11	32.45

ORATORY SCHOOL

Oratory ended a satisfactory season with a fine victory over the traditional rivals, Beaumont, at Lord's, their first in this fixture since 1939. The batting and bowling were sound and several promising young players emerged.

Played 17, Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
H. Smith	15	3	338	74	28.16
J. Breaks	17	1	317	61*	19.81
A. Duch	14	4	192	48	19.20
P. Flanagan	16	2	212	46	15.14
†A. Cook	14	4	143	36*	14.30
D. Gordon	16	0	205	44	12.81
M. Roberts	13	1	147	38	12.22
J. Fitzherbert	10	3	85	23	12.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Breaks	39	3	130	10	13.00
A. Duch	164.1	22	491	37	13.27
A. Cook	123	23	377	27	13.96
P. Flanagan	69	10	234	14	16.71
H. Smith	69	7	404	23	17.56

Oundle School

A young team, nine of whom remained for 1954, improved after a depressing start to the season, but finished without a victory. Nevertheless, only one school match was lost, Rugby winning by one run after being dismissed for 86.

Played 12, Won 0, Lost 6, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
F. J. B. Taylor	13	4	236	58*	26.22
†E. L. Jenkins	13	1	249	64	20.75
M. A. Hollands	13	0	260	52	20.00
G. R. Mawer	13	1	226	80*	18.83
J. F. Doubleday	13	2	198	38	18.00
R. P. Boggon	10	1	131	59	14.55

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. A. Hollands	79	14	263	21	12.52
L. S. Leask	93.3	29	224	14	16.00
R. P. Boggon	119.1	22	326	14	23.28

PERSE SCHOOL

Played 15, Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. W. Ashman	16	3	477	104*	36.69
D. E. Nightingale	16	3	261	47*	20.07
P. J. Islip	13	1	196	37	16.33
†A. N. Coe	12	0	174	54	14.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. E. Nightingale	135.5	42	364	27	13.48
C. H. Tyack	40.5	5	185	12	15.41
A. N. Coe	134.2	25	373	24	15.54
J. J. Goodwin	65.2	5	241	14	17.21
P. J. Islip	113.3	22	329	16	20.56
S. A. Maskell	50	4	207	10	20.70

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD

Played 16, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 8

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†E. M. Dyson	14	1	353	73	27.15
J. P. Riley	14	3	265	58*	24.09
C. J. Littlewood	13	2	207	47	18.81
D. M. Perkins	12	0	224	50	18.66
C. C. Nichols	12	4	148	40	18.50
D. A. Harrison	12	3	120	56	13.33

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. C. Nichols	137	37	275	30	9.16
E. M. Dyson	49.2	10	123	13	9.46
R. Allott	49	13	119	12	9.91
N. Sowerby	83.1	20	237	20	11.85
P. Coatesworth	123.2	31	261	22	11.86
J. P. Riley	84.4	15	168	12	14.00

RADLEY COLLEGE

Although Radley did not repeat their 1952 performance of going through the season unbeaten, strong batting, varied bowling and sound fielding brought another satisfactory summer. E. R. Dexter, the captain, and C. E. B. L. Carr, both of them destined for Cambridge, batted excellently, and the fine work of S. M. Scott and R. R. Davies, the wicket-keeper, gave the side the air of maturity that was its most notable characteristic. Dexter again headed the bowling and M. W. G. Duff, one of five who remained for 1954, impressed as a left-arm slow-medium bowler.

Played 15, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†E. R. Dexter	15	4	873	151	79.36
C. E. B. L. Carr	15	5	698	110	69.80
S. M. Scott	15	1	591	112	42.21
R. R. Davies	9	4	122	53	24.40
D. L. Shiner	8	2	132	35	22.00
J. B. Gleave	7	2	109	55*	21.80
M. W. G. Duff	12	2	107	22	10.70
W. D. G. Lewis	8	0	84	20	10.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. R. Dexter	271.4	87	634	47	13.48
M. W. G. Duff	181.4	55	455	30	15.13
E. C. H. Huddy	194.3	52	514	30	17.13
T. E. C. Hoare	98	16	336	15	22.40
J. B. Gleave	90	17	367	10	36.70

READING SCHOOL

Played 13, Won 4, Lost 1, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
H. B. M. Birtchnell	12	2	408	138	40.80
M. D. Evans	11	2	252	52	28.00
R. B. Steward	10	3	146	39	20.85
D. W. S. Oster	12	2	182	37	18.20
†M. E. Howe-Jones	9	1	134	62*	16.75
A. W. Barker	9	3	87	31*	14.50
W. S. Blunt	13	1	164	44*	13.66

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. E. Howe-Jones	63	16	152	14	10.85
R. B. Steward	130.4	38	306	27	11.33
A. W. Barker	36.5	7	119	10	11.90
H. B. M. Birtchnell	122.5	19	365	30	12.16
D. F. Shelmerdine	75.5	9	274	15	18.26

REPTON SCHOOL

Repton were unfortunate that their strong and consistent side was so often frustrated by the weather. The chief strength lay in the batting, headed by S. M. Starkey, who played in the Schools trial at Lord's. P. M. Cope, the best bowler, achieved a very high standard of fielding from his players.

Played 14, Won 3, Lost 1, Drawn 10

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
S. M. Starkey	16	2	593	136*	42.35
T. D. Bowett	12	4	257	38*	32.12
J. A. Nelson-Jones	15	1	398	81	28.42
†P. M. Cope	13	3	251	40	25.10
A. C. Carruthers	10	2	194	84*	24.25
J. L. A. Barnes	16	2	331	104	23.64
R. G. Walter	16	1	336	59*	22.40
R. J. Pilkington	7	2	109	29	21.80

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. M. Cope	235.5	75	506	35	14.45
S. M. Starkey	82	12	231	15	15.40
J. R. Fletcher	198.1	57	457	29	15.75
R. J. Pilkington	89.5	10	349	16	21.81
D. M. Higgins	133	18	451	12	37.58

ROSSALL SCHOOL

Rossall were again forced to field a weak side, but the promising form of two or three very young players suggested that improvement was on the way. Easily the best batsman was W. D. Riding, a punishing left-hander who hit not out centuries against Denstone and St. Bees. The captain, D. A. Rutherford, did well as an all-rounder, although his left-arm slow bowling was less effective than the previous year. He and the majority of his team remained for 1954, when M. E. L. Melliush, the school's free-scoring captain of 1951, was due at Cambridge.

Played 13, Won 1, Lost 5, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
W. D. Riding	16	3	570	129*	43.84
†D. A. Rutherford	15	3	308	72*	25.66
I. T. C. Glen	12	4	194	35*	24.25
M. J. Timms	14	0	271	99	19.35
J. G. Wildman	6	0	114	37	19.00
D. G. Rigg	16	2	209	54*	14.92

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
I. T. C. Glen	116	31	281	15	18.73
D. A. Rutherford	220	42	633	32	19.78
J. M. D. Atkinson	101.4	30	231	9	25.66

RUGBY SCHOOL

Rugby suffered only one defeat during a highly successful season which culminated in another victory over Marlborough at Lord's. The bowling was strong and well-balanced and the batting dependable, one or two players at least making good scores in each innings. G. A. A. Currie was chosen as the Schools wicket-keeper against Combined Services at Lord's.

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. J. S. Preece	11	4	256	99	36.57
J. A. Dyde	12	1	361	111*	32.81
D. A. C. Marshall	13	2	319	90	29.00
†R. M. H. Boddington ..	12	0	254	56	21.16
E. McQ. Rose	14	3	206	44*	18.72
J. D. W. Birts	13	2	204	81	18.54
D. G. Trentham	14	1	227	56	17.46
P. Francis	12	3	131	34*	14.55
R. W. Ward	10	0	109	24	10.90

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. A. Dyde	210.3	78	418	39	10.71
M. J. S. Preece	188	65	462	38	12.15
D. A. C. Marshall	209.2	56	483	28	17.25
R. W. Ward	117	35	303	17	17.82

RUTHIN SCHOOL

R. W. Barber, the Ruthin captain, achieved the rare, possibly unique, distinction for a schoolboy of performing the "double" of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in First XI matches. Barber, a left-hand bat and right-arm leg-spin bowler, dominated another successful season and was again chosen to play for Public Schools against the Services. Against Rydal he scored 136 not out and took nine wickets, and against Llandovery he took all ten wickets for 27 runs. Barber was bound for Cambridge in 1954.

Played 21, Won 14, Lost 1, Tied 1, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. W. Barber	21	6	1012	136*	67.46
P. E. Owens	6	2	83	47	20.75
G. A. Noon	9	4	101	36*	20.20
G. Neil-Dwyer	21	2	362	63	19.05
P. J. Matthews	16	6	155	40	15.50

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. W. Barber	210.2	62	465	108	4.30
G. A. Noon	53.3	13	173	22	7.86
P. E. Owens	68	24	164	17	9.64
L. W. Houghton	89.3	21	249	18	13.83

RYDAL SCHOOL

The season produced two newcomers of considerable promise in A. R. Storer, a hostile fast-medium bowler who would have done even better but for missed catches, and C. D. Pighills, a Colt introduced to strengthen the batting in the last five games.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 5, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. D. Pighills	5	1	134	48*	33.50
B. E. Chesworth	14	4	320	82*	32.00
H. H. Sutcliffe	13	2	259	93	23.54
†P. Blatherwick	9	2	159	45	22.71
I. A. Stewart	12	0	192	34	16.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. R. Storer	178.3	49	375	40	9.37
P. Blatherwick	85	15	246	23	10.69
M. Gornall	214.5	57	515	30	17.16

ST. ALBANS SCHOOL

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. E. Brown	9	0	177	61	19.66
E. J. Newman	9	0	141	59	15.66

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
I. K. Watson	28.4	2	80	10	8.00
K. C. Hayward	114.1	22	310	24	12.91
M. Mercer	86.5	24	232	17	13.64

ST. BEES SCHOOL

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. M. Mason	12	4	311	76	38.87
J. N. Roberts	11	2	185	72*	20.55
†R. Collins	11	0	189	61	17.18
J. A. Slater	10	1	120	40*	13.33
D. Archibald	10	0	110	19	11.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
F. Booth	36	3	143	12	11.91
P. Rhodes	149	28	489	34	14.38
C. M. Mason	99	13	340	16	21.25

ST. DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 6, Drawn 1, Abandoned 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. G. Malone	12	1	192	50	17.45
J. T. Lett	13	1	195	58	16.25

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. G. Malone	118.2	22	346	32	10.81
M. Lawrence	57	9	169	15	11.26
J. T. Lett	113	25	287	19	15.10
†T. Belton	87.5	25	200	12	16.66

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD

Although every member of the team was capable of playing a good innings and most were useful bowlers, the season was again one of disappointment. C. T. Shaw stood out as the most promising batsman and was never afraid to attack the bowling. The fielding was good.

Played 15, Won 3, Lost 6, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. T. Shaw	15	1	412	96	29.42
J. D. B. Gardiner	6	0	151	45	25.16
R. A. Cranmer	16	2	322	64	23.00
†M. E. J. Woods	14	3	238	77	21.63
D. J. Cole	16	1	318	94	21.20
B. T. Fell	14	0	266	54	19.00
D. J. S. Herd	14	3	182	51	16.54
S. T. W. Anderson	14	0	226	56	16.14
R. J. Hope	12	2	124	25	12.40
R. B. Hadlee	13	6	86	28*	12.28
J. R. Friend	14	0	142	36	10.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. T. Shaw	52.1	9	176	10	17.60
R. A. Cranmer	231.2	50	643	31	20.74
D. J. S. Herd	88.4	11	315	15	21.00
R. B. Hadlee	190.1	38	557	21	26.52
J. R. Friend	97	9	383	12	31.91
M. E. J. Woods	162.1	26	608	12	50.66

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD

After being beaten only once in each of the two previous years, St. John's achieved a school record by going through the season undefeated. The leading personality in a strong, all-round side was the captain, R. M. James, due at Cambridge after National Service.

Played 11, Won 8, Lost 0, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. E. Rivers	10	5	231	49*	46.20
†R. M. James	11	2	369	115	41.00
J. D. Younge	11	1	271	104	27.10
N. J. Bratton	10	0	184	38	18.40
B. D. Bunday	11	1	121	31	12.10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. V. M. Clube	63.5	18	127	17	7.47
N. S. Broadbent	108.2	26	196	23	8.52
R. M. Gillespie	59.1	23	107	9	11.88
R. M. James	157.4	36	343	23	14.91
N. J. Bratton	103	29	218	13	16.76

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE, RAMSGATE

With five old colours in the side, St. Lawrence had their best season since the war. The batting was more consistent than in previous years and the bowling proved unexpectedly effective. G. Tembe, a reliable opening batsman and clever leg-spin bowler, was the outstanding individual.

Played 15, Won 7, Lost 2, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
G. Tembe	15	0	542	107	36.13
†P. R. Perfect	15	5	313	109*	31.30
M. Woolveridge	15	2	314	66*	24.15
M. G. M. Henry	13	4	217	40	24.11
M. J. Dyer	15	0	195	50	13.00
B. M. Veasey	12	1	135	50*	12.27

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Tembe	197.3	30	626	47	13.31
B. L. Crouch	179	40	464	29	16.00
M. D. Joyce	179.2	32	473	29	16.31

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

Lack of hostility and determination were largely responsible for the disappointing record of St. Paul's. D. B. Tapley led the side well but did not do as well as expected with the bat, and M. J. Stacey was a less effective bowler than in 1952. No school matches were won.

Played 15, Won 4, Lost 8, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†D. B. Tapley	11	3	304	102*	38.00
L. I. Zander	13	3	342	87	34.20
R. B. Atkinson	15	3	287	84	23.91
D. L. Gold	14	1	274	73	21.07
J. M. Feltham	9	3	72	29	12.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. O'D. Alexander	83.4	17	201	16	12.56
M. J. Stacey	188.1	60	455	28	16.25
J. M. Feltham	123.2	41	316	17	18.58

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, YORK

St. Peter's had to wait a long time before meeting success, but the standard of play improved noticeably as the season progressed. Several of the drawn games might have been turned into victories.

Played 14, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
M. J. Wood	12	4	169	38	21.12
R. G. Bough	13	3	199	49	19.90
R. J. de Little	12	4	153	36*	19.12
D. A. Macpherson	14	0	259	79	18.50
P. B. Mitchinson	15	1	249	53	17.78
†G. B. Pullan	14	0	233	60	16.64
D. H. Gudgeon	7	2	79	32*	15.80
C. M. C. Burdass	9	0	123	40	13.66
F. B. Hudson	11	1	133	36	13.30
J. E. Fawcett	8	0	102	32	12.75

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
E. A. Reid-Smith	207.3	51	513	41	12.51
R. J. de Little	177	38	437	18	24.27
P. B. Mitchinson	78.1	10	271	10	27.10

SEDBERGH SCHOOL

Poor weather spoiled the chance of Sedbergh producing as good a team as the previous year, but the XI did well in school matches, beating Denstone and Stonyhurst and drawing the other two with Ampleforth and Rossall. J. N. H. Smith and L. D. Thomson, the leading scorers, too often made their runs in slow and laboured fashion, but W. G. Davidson showed enterprise. J. D. Medhurst, the captain, again bowled well.

Played 10, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. N. H. Smith	9	2	281	68*	40.14
L. D. Thomson	8	2	215	54	35.83
W. G. Davidson	9	1	195	56*	24.37
N. B. Stephenson	9	1	161	47*	20.12
†J. D. Medhurst	9	1	148	68*	18.50
H. G. M. Weir	9	2	105	35*	15.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. D. Medhurst	95	29	231	23	10.04
N. B. Stephenson	84	23	223	16	13.93
J. B. Barker	117.3	41	285	16	17.81

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. C. Loveday	13	0	297	56	22.84
C. C. Richardson	13	1	197	74	16.41
†P. N. Graham	12	1	180	33	16.36
W. Nadler	13	0	199	41	15.30
C. J. Peacock	12	1	162	51	14.72
L. Humble	10	0	124	36	12.40

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Youdan	67	10	204	19	10.73
P. N. Graham	124	27	341	28	12.17
D. Russell	54	10	168	12	14.00
J. Prodger	101	20	296	20	14.80
C. C. Richardson	66	10	214	13	16.46

SHERBORNE SCHOOL

Four of Sherborne's six school matches were ruined by rain and the Clifton match, which was lost, was played on a rain-affected wicket. Westminster were beaten by ten wickets. The side was a good one, although the new ball bowling was weak. C. J. M. Marshall batted very well throughout the season and received good support from A. J. T. Brown and D. W. Kenyon, who made two hundreds. R. Preston bowled leg-spinners intelligently. The fielding was very good, with Brown, A. D. Pickering and Marshall outstanding.

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
D. W. Kenyon	9	4	356	109*	71.20
C. J. M. Marshall	14	1	555	75	42.69
A. J. T. Brown	14	2	437	78	36.41
A. D. Pickering	12	3	169	32*	18.77
J. D. F. Tucker	8	3	93	30	18.60
J. Lawrence	11	0	179	41	16.27
A. J. R. Waterfield	10	0	133	28	13.30
G. P. Gent	7	1	78	28	13.00
P. M. Wright	7	2	57	25	11.40

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. D. Cowell	73	14	186	14	13.28
R. Preston	171.2	30	505	32	15.78
A. J. T. Brown	157	55	333	20	16.65
A. J. R. Waterfield	98.2	27	239	12	19.91

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

M. A. Hill and his team, probably the best since the war, always aimed at forcing a definite result, and, in fact, this spirit of enterprise was partly responsible for the only two defeats. Although the XI possessed no outstanding batsman, Hill, R. E. Medd and D. A. Spencer were all above average, and their colleagues gave solid support. J. G. Stapleton, a hostile opening bowler, was chosen for the Schools match at Lord's.

Played 11, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†M. A. Hill	13	0	386	67	29.69
R. E. Medd	12	1	320	110	29.09
D. A. Spencer	13	2	313	63	28.45
M. M. W. Harley	13	0	303	68	23.30
H. E. Waldock	12	1	245	53	22.27
J. Webb	9	3	104	30	17.33
C. D. St. Johnston	11	3	114	38	14.25
J. G. Stapleton	9	2	92	25	13.14

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. G. Stapleton	235	77	488	37	13.18
D. A. Spencer	161.4	40	401	26	15.42
G. J. Peel	132.5	34	359	23	15.60
C. D. St. Johnston	108	9	369	15	24.60

SOLIHULL SCHOOL

Unbeaten in inter-school matches, Solihull were strong in batting but lacked a really penetrating attack. The captain, W. J. Danter, hit two centuries, and later in the season made an encouraging debut for Warwickshire II.

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 1, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†W. J. Danter	13	1	616	116	51.33
B. H. Turner	7	2	127	47*	25.40
W. J. Upton	11	3	188	58*	24.50
T. K. Stanley	12	2	236	52*	23.60
R. G. Paine	10	5	94	22*	18.80
D. L. Morris	6	1	77	32	15.40

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. R. Orchard	76	20	223	17	13.11
T. Edwards	74.4	10	268	18	14.88
J. P. O'Gorman	129.4	23	369	17	21.70

STAMFORD SCHOOL

The inclusion of six players under the age of 16 meant that the Stamford team was in the process of reconstruction, and in

the circumstances the results were satisfactory. D. L. Perkins bowled his off-spinners well.

Played 11, Won 2, Lost 6, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. M. Scotney	11	0	183	47	16.54
D. L. Perkins	11	0	151	67	13.72
I. Hayes	11	2	121	37*	13.44
†C. M. Grayson	11	0	134	29	12.18

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. L. Perkins	116	34	275	30	9.16
C. M. Grayson	136.4	48	286	26	11.00
D. A. Hopkins	69.7	21	187	10	18.70

STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Stockport's most successful season since the war was achieved through the splendid attacking spirit of the XI. The batsmen, none individually of outstanding quality, were collectively equal to the moderate needs of the bowlers, who benefited from close support in the field.

Played 15, Won 10, Lost 1, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
E. Dunmore	15	1	241	62	17.21
†R. D. H. Reeman	15	3	177	38	14.75
C. Campbell	15	1	205	34	14.64
R. B. Rose	15	0	217	45	14.46
J. B. F. Oldham	14	3	153	46	13.90
H. Ashley	15	2	150	30	11.53

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. Rickson	151.5	45	308	48	6.41
H. Ashley	106.2	41	212	30	7.06
J. B. F. Oldham	76	24	175	20	8.75
I. R. Walton	71.5	22	170	17	10.00

STONYHURST COLLEGE

Stonyhurst gained several handsome victories but never fully overcame the handicap of nervous middle batting. G. P. S. Delisle, who went to Oxford after term, again batted well and he led the side intelligently.

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†G. P. S. Delisle	15	3	633	102*	52.75
J. I. Bell	16	0	448	89	28.00
M. D. Wright	14	4	161	47*	16.10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. C. Hollis	253.1	77	503	43	11.69
M. D. Wright	277.3	79	585	47	12.47
M. F. Byrne	171.3	44	387	25	15.48
D. P. Loftus	118	31	242	14	17.28

STOWE SCHOOL

A hostile opening bowler would have made the Stowe team a good one. The batting, though at times disappointing, contained plenty of talent and the bowling was steady and accurate. D. G. du B. Dew, a fine little wicket-keeper, captained the side well. A. E. G. Rhodes, the former Derbyshire bowler, was appointed professional for 1954.

Played 12, Won 3, Lost 5, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. C. Witham	13	1	346	115*	28.83
M. A. Rushton	13	1	317	75	26.41
A. P. Hill	13	2	268	73*	24.36
J. R. F. Crombie	12	1	234	40	21.27
R. A. Opperman	10	0	198	53	19.80
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones	11	0	172	44	15.63
J. B. Hamer	9	1	121	41	15.12
†D. G. du B. Dew	10	3	100	27*	14.28

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. A. T. Loup	49	7	133	9	14.77
A. P. Hill	188	19	500	29	17.24
P. E. S. Lilley	100	26	299	16	18.68
R. W. Slater	162	28	472	25	18.88
J. B. Hamer	112	21	238	8	29.75

SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. G. Keeble	11	2	231	52*	25.66
P. N. Goddard	12	1	262	68*	23.81
†J. H. Thyne	12	0	258	44	21.50
G. N. Clapp	8	0	158	31	19.75
R. E. B. Craven	7	0	127	42	18.14
I. M. McIver	6	1	77	39*	15.40
C. D. Gerty	11	3	113	37	14.12
E. M. Hollingsworth	11	0	132	33	12.00

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. N. Goddard	127	19	395	23	17.17
R. E. B. Craven	97	10	298	16	18.62
E. D. G. Bunker	148	29	438	22	19.90
C. D. Gerty	68	10	248	12	20.66

TAUNTON SCHOOL

The astute leadership of C. H. Shaw contributed much towards Taunton's satisfactory record. J. M. Woolley was the pick of the batsmen, and an adequate attack was provided by R. J. Hutchings and C. R. T. Essex, fast-medium, and G. P. Gill, slow left-arm.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. M. Woolley	13	1	550	103	45.83
P. J. Eele	12	0	270	69	22.50
†C. H. Shaw	14	2	243	55*	20.25
D. J. James	12	3	138	27	15.33

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. J. Hutchings	99	36	204	20	10.20
G. P. Gill	103.4	23	273	23	11.86
C. R. T. Essex	137.5	31	383	20	19.15

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Tonbridge possessed an XI of considerable all-round ability who gained confidence as the season progressed. The opening batsmen, R. F. Crang and C. S. Fleetwood, shared three century stands and were finely supported by the captain, P. H. C. Fuente. R. M. K. Gracey bowled with length and accuracy and enjoyed many notable successes.

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. F. Crang	17	3	534	85*	38.14
C. S. Fleetwood	16	2	458	66	32.71
†P. H. C. Fuente	15	1	400	69	28.57
F. D. M. Taylor	16	1	361	76	24.06
R. A. Clay	11	4	134	47*	19.14
P. M. Odell	8	2	110	33*	18.33
J. D. Lewis	15	1	221	64	15.78
R. M. K. Gracey	14	4	129	39	12.90
J. Kitching	12	1	133	68	12.09

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. M. K. Gracey	292	66	735	50	14.70
J. Kitching	228.3	52	628	35	17.94
R. A. Clay	176.2	19	584	24	24.33

TRENT COLLEGE

Repeated batting failures sapped the confidence of the side so that, in spite of great-hearted bowling by R. Cattell, the season was one of the most disappointing for many years.

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 11, Drawn 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. D. Green	14	2	227	100*	18.91
R. E. Bowen	14	0	148	48	10.57
P. Wilde	14	1	129	45*	9.92

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
B. Cope-Lewis	62.2	11	167	16	10.43
R. Cattell	177.3	43	451	38	11.86
F. D. Batts	131.5	30	302	18	16.77
P. E. G. Bartlett	109	25	290	15	19.33

TRINITY COLLEGE, GLENALMOND

Played 15, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. O. Mather	15	3	419	81*	34.91
R. D. D. Scott	15	0	402	92	26.80
J. K. McCollum	14	1	283	70	21.76
G. H. C. Balfour-Kinnear	14	4	175	54*	17.50
G. L. B. Mundell	15	0	213	40	14.20
V. J. D. Kirwan	13	4	97	52*	10.77
R. D. Kennedy	11	3	85	22	10.62

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. D. Kennedy	103	20	232	25	9.28
H. L. Henderson	69	19	166	15	11.06
J. A. G. Murray	173	63	338	30	11.26
J. O. Mather	173	26	612	31	19.74

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL

The splendid all-round cricket of the captain, C. J. Parry, was the feature of the season. Parry played after term for Middlesex II.

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 3

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†C. J. Parry	11	4	433	98*	61.85
M. A. Hetherington	10	2	225	99*	28.12
P. K. Williams	11	1	150	42	15.00
R. W. Cotton	11	0	138	51	12.54

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. J. Parry	159	27	496	40	12.40
A. G. Williams	66	16	178	14	12.71
I. T. Jones	45	10	193	12	16.08
C. D. Smith	101	29	274	10	27.40

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL

A young Uppingham side made a promising start to the season, but lack of experience and the failure of one or two players to strike form led to several disastrous collapses. The bowling was steady and varied, and, if more catches had been held, might have proved really dangerous. Nine of the side return for 1954 with J. M. Watson again captain.

Played 11, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
B. D. Bennett	15	2	371	78*	28.53
C. Holmes-Smith	12	1	265	83	24.09
P. W. Oscroft	15	2	294	60*	22.61
M. D. Harrison	15	3	243	84	20.25
†J. M. Watson	13	0	229	53	17.61
J. H. Purves	15	0	242	59	16.13

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. D. S. Frank	154.5	36	475	30	15.83
M. J. K. Robson	122.1	28	311	18	17.27
J. H. Chatterton	143	22	566	18	31.44

VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. H. B. Le Brocq	9	2	262	115*	37.42
J. B. V. Collins	12	0	280	77	23.33
A. B. Carter	13	0	260	66	20.00
G. W. J. Tyrrell	13	2	163	50*	14.81
A. J. Lane	14	3	156	36*	14.18
A. B. Harrison	11	1	129	62	12.90
I. N. S. Ross-Roberts ..	13	0	134	30	10.30

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. B. Carter	185	49	400	38	10.52
J. B. V. Collins	177	45	480	37	12.97

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 3, Drawn 5

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
R. J. Mayes	12	1	274	47	24.90
†M. D. Duck	12	1	232	50	21.09
A. A. Purdue	11	0	207	47	18.81

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. D. Duck	151.2	36	359	40	8.97
J. E. Wootton	140	27	419	32	13.09
D. J. Smith	95	20	266	18	14.77

WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Wellington had their best side for many years, their chief strength lying in the captaincy and batting of J. D. T. Faithfull, supported by the batting of A. D. Macintyre and the fast-medium left-arm bowling of J. S. Goold. J. M. Bertin did not score as freely as expected, but great promise was shown by 15-year-old I. A. Addison. Faithfull and Macintyre go up to Oxford.

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†J. D. T. Faithfull	14	4	539	110*	53.90
A. D. Macintyre	15	2	482	85*	37.07
J. A. G. MacDermott	12	3	256	61	28.44
J. M. Bertin	15	0	375	95	25.00
I. A. Addison	12	1	272	60	24.72
H. Y. La R. Beverley	13	2	266	57	24.18
G. J. Walker	10	2	149	37	18.62

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. S. Goold	260.5	59	629	44	14.29
T. F. C. Crawley	96.5	23	320	19	16.84
N. L. Turner	117.5	19	357	15	23.80
J. S. B. White	158.2	27	478	20	23.90
J. M. Bertin	59	8	254	10	25.40

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Results were well below expectations, mainly due to indifferent fielding and unreliable batting. Only the captain, R. P. C. Hillyard, and J. W. Tourlamain batted with any real consistency, and, in the absence of effective support, the bowlers seldom got on top.

Played 15, Won 2, Lost 7, Drawn 5, Abandoned 1

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†R. P. C. Hillyard	15	3	404	86*	33.66
J. W. Tourlamain	15	0	410	88	27.33
A. D. C. Stout	10	4	137	36*	22.83
S. L. Henry	13	1	193	77*	16.08
D. J. A. Delmotte	13	1	176	50	14.66
D. M. J. Jones	15	3	166	43	13.83

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. M. Blume	146	19	475	23	20.65
D. M. J. Jones	185	21	774	32	24.18

WHITGIFT SCHOOL

Well led by D. S. Straw, who made many runs also for Young Amateurs of Surrey, Whitgift enjoyed a fairly successful season. M.C.C. and XL Club were among the sides beaten.

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†D. S. Straw	14	3	473	107	43.00
M. P. Arscott	14	5	278	41	30.88
P. R. Grant	14	1	354	57	27.23
R. H. Bunn	9	2	143	51*	20.42
J. C. Pollock	5	1	73	33	18.25
J. S. Doughty	8	1	108	32	15.42

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. B. Squires	144.4	49	297	22	13.50
R. H. Bunn	166.3	32	402	23	17.47
A. J. Bateman	72	15	222	12	18.50
H. Pool	172	49	457	24	19.04

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

Winchester experienced a disastrous season, finishing without a victory to their credit. Their best performance was in getting six Harrow wickets down for 71 after declaring at 166 for eight, but on that occasion also their bowlers could not press home the advantage. A. L. Hichens, who looked such a promising bowler in 1952, was troubled by a back injury that restricted his appearances, and the most successful of an indifferent attack was R. P. S. Macnutt, who gave his leg-breaks plenty of air. W. N. M. Lawrence, the captain and best batsman, was disappointing in school matches. He and M. R. Coulman, the prolific scorer of past years, went to Oxford. One bright feature was a decided improvement in fielding.

Played 15, Won 0, Lost 8, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†W. N. M. Lawrence	17	1	684	97	42.75
D. B. D. Lowe	15	2	420	78*	32.30
J. W. O'Byrne	16	0	396	71	24.75
R. Chester	15	1	315	75	22.50
C. M. Mallett	15	2	210	46*	16.15
F. W. Gordon-Clark	16	0	233	56	14.56

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. P. S. Macnutt	152	4	712	34	20.94
R. F. W. Towsey	116.1	22	353	15	23.53
J. R. Arthur	196.1	35	576	23	25.04

WORCESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Once again a highly successful season was dominated by the captain, R. G. Woodcock, and vice-captain, A. F. Hill, both of whom were bound for Oxford in 1955. Woodcock, in his fifth

season in the XI, raised his total of wickets for the school to 354 at an average of under 9 runs apiece. In his 100 First XI games he also scored nearly 2,000 runs. Besides captaining the English Schools, he did well for The Rest against Southern Schools at Lord's, and with his left-arm spinners took seven for 39 in the subsequent match against M.C.C. Young Professionals. Hill, fast-medium out-swingers, brought his aggregate for three years in the side to 162 wickets. The third outstanding member of the team was J. C. Shaw, a fine opening batsman.

Played 26, Won 15, Lost 4, Drawn 7

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
J. C. Shaw	19	.. 3	644	.. 94	.. 40.25
†R. G. Woodcock	25	.. 3	572	.. 114*	.. 26.00
A. F. Hill	22	.. 3	390	.. 50	.. 20.52
A. J. Bengier	21	.. 4	341	.. 53	.. 20.05
K. D. Gray	22	.. 2	353	.. 51*	.. 17.65

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. G. Woodcock	469.3	.. 134	.. 929	.. 103	.. 9.01
A. F. Hill	442.3	.. 149	.. 831	.. 74	.. 11.22
A. E. Stubbs	83	.. 18	.. 181	.. 15	.. 12.06
G. L. Clinton	150	.. 54	.. 337	.. 16	.. 21.06

WORKSOP COLLEGE

Worksop had a fine season. The batting showed a marked advance on previous years. F. R. T. Bulley was an outstanding all-rounder, P. J. Sharpe showed great promise as an opening batsman, and most of the side could be relied upon to score runs. The attack was well balanced, M. I. Newman (leg-spin) and Bulley (off-spin) achieving some excellent performances, and P. Gregson developing well as a fast-medium bowler, whilst the fielding and catching reached a high standard. The wicket-keeping of J. B. Somers was particularly noteworthy.

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 1, Drawn 4

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
F. R. T. Bulley	13	.. 4	392	.. 100*	.. 43.55
P. J. Sharpe	13	.. 3	331	.. 69	.. 33.10
M. I. Newman	7	.. 4	98	.. 30*	.. 32.66
J. B. Somers	11	.. 4	188	.. 57	.. 26.85
H. D. Jago	9	.. 1	176	.. 66	.. 22.00
P. C. Knowles	9	.. 1	165	.. 71	.. 20.62
†G. M. Booth	14	.. 3	194	.. 73	.. 17.63
D. J. Bradwell	10	.. 1	110	.. 28	.. 12.22

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Kidby	46	.. 16	.. 64	.. 10	.. 6.40
M. I. Newman	107	.. 21	.. 294	.. 34	.. 8.64
R. M. Wilcockson	36.4	.. 9	.. 98	.. 10	.. 9.80
F. R. T. Bulley	152	.. 30	.. 417	.. 33	.. 12.63
P. Gregson	160	.. 35	.. 395	.. 24	.. 16.45

WREKIN COLLEGE

Apart from the brothers P. L. and C. L. Boardman, the batsmen bore the responsibility for Wrekin's poor record. The bowling, with J. C. Markwick outstanding, always looked adequate, but, even against low totals, the batting usually failed. P. L. Boardman and two former Wrekin captains, J. I. Gartside and B. P. Shaw, were bound for Cambridge.

Played 15, Won 1, Lost 8, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
†P. L. Boardman	17	.. 1	448	.. 77	.. 28.00
C. L. Boardman	17	.. 1	443	.. 89	.. 27.68
W. P. Krinks	15	.. 0	250	.. 51	.. 16.66
G. S. Bruce	14	.. 2	142	.. 21	.. 11.83
D. J. G. Jones	16	.. 0	161	.. 26	.. 10.06

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. C. Markwick	210	.. 45	.. 590	.. 46	.. 12.82
P. L. Boardman	39	.. 12	.. 191	.. 12	.. 15.91
D. J. G. Jones	88	.. 9	.. 295	.. 14	.. 21.07
G. R. Oram	77	.. 19	.. 359	.. 15	.. 23.93
J. Wild	101	.. 16	.. 277	.. 10	.. 27.70

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

The bowling was so strong, especially on firm pitches, that the batsmen had little opportunity to show their skill. E. J. G. Large handled his side well and deserved much credit for their unbeaten record.

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 0, Drawn 4, Abandoned 2

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
C. R. Kenchington	11	.. 4	153	.. 50*	.. 21.85
M. H. Baber	11	.. 2	163	.. 35	.. 18.11
D. G. Noakes	11	.. 0	116	.. 28	.. 10.54

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Pitt	133	.. 62	.. 183	.. 34	.. 5.38
M. J. A. Winch	102	.. 23	.. 223	.. 28	.. 7.96
C. R. Kenchington	86	.. 24	.. 169	.. 16	.. 10.56
H. P. Tovey	79	.. 17	.. 193	.. 11	.. 17.54

WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Played 11, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 6

Batting

	Innings	Not outs	Runs	Highest inns.	Average
E. N. B. Adams	6	1	142	63*	28.40
†M. Goodson	10	2	221	50	27.62
M. R. Wade	10	0	138	30	13.80
R. O. Rawson	7	0	88	40	12.57

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. J. Fulford	131.3	31	365	35	10.42
D. J. Cross	83.3	18	231	1	13.58

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES IN 1953

For Eton v. Harrow, Beaumont v. Oratory, Clifton v. Tonbridge, Rugby v. Marlborough, Cheltenham v. Haileybury, Southern Schools v. The Rest, Combined Services v. Public Schools, see Other Matches at Lord's.

EASTBOURNE v. ST. EDWARD'S, OXFORD

At Eastbourne, May 19, 20. St. Edward's won by 6 runs after an exciting game in which the advantage continually changed sides. Eastbourne were finally set 164 runs to win in just under two hours and lost five wickets for 49 runs before Nicholson, the captain, took command. With five minutes left only nine runs were required, but the remaining four wickets were taken in the final over by Cranmer (seven for 48), the last wicket falling to the last ball.

St. Edward's, Oxford

J. R. Friend b Fraser	3	—	b Fraser	4
A. Walker c Wilson b Fraser	5	—	c Taylor b Fraser	9
S. T. W. Anderson b Higton	56	—	b Still	4
C. T. Shaw b Higton	5	—	c Nicholson b Fraser	24
D. J. Cole b Higton	23	—	c Fraser b Still	25
R. A. Cranmer b Higton	0	—	c Townsend b Fraser	64
R. J. Hope run out	25	—	b Fraser	22
M. E. J. Woods b Wilson	26	—	c Hind b Fraser	4
D. J. S. Herd b Higton	15	—	not out	9
R. B. Hadlee b Higton	25	—	b Higton	1
J. Spence not out	3	—	st Nicholson b Fraser	1
Extras	22		Extras	5
	208			172

Eastbourne

B. W. Meaby b Spence	13	—	c Herd b Woods	16
D. A. Atkins c and b Friend	27	—	c Shaw b Cranmer	0
J. D. Nicholson c Herd b Friend	84	—	b Cranmer	83
M. L. Taylor c and b Friend	23	—	b Cranmer	13
I. R. B. Fraser b Cranmer	6	—	b Cranmer	28
T. C. Wilson c Hope b Hadlee	1	—	st Anderson b Woods	0
M. W. E. Hind b Cranmer	9	—	lbw b Cranmer	0
P. A. Highton b Cranmer	0	—	c Woods b Cranmer	9
D. G. Harry run out	11	—	not out	1
A. W. Still not out	14	—	b Cranmer	0
J. B. R. Townsend c Cranmer b Friend ..	9	—	b Cranmer	0
Extras	20		Extras	7
	217			157

MARLBOROUGH v. WELLINGTON

At Marlborough, May 30. Wellington won by five wickets, thanks mainly to a fine innings by Macintyre and the bowling of Goold (five for 45).

Marlborough

M. J. C. Tress b Turner	34		C. W. Calver lbw b White	9
J. D. Bushill lbw b White	2		J. M. Cartwright b Goold	4
C. B. Wales b Goold	0		P. A. Naylor c Beverley b Crawley ..	34
J. G. C. Surridge c Walker b Goold ..	41		C. A. Hogg st Walker b Crawley ..	4
D. W. Hogg c Beverley b Goold ..	4		Extras	1
P. R. H. Anderson lbw b Goold ..	18			
N. R. C. Marr not out	45			196

Wellington

I. A. Addison c C. Hogg b Naylor ..	5		N. L. Turner b Naylor	23
A. D. McIntyre run out	70		J. A. G. MacDermott not out	9
J. M. Bertin lbw b Naylor	2		Extras	10
H. Y. La R. Beverley b Cartwright ..	48			
J. D. T. Faithfull not out	31			(5 wkts.) 198
G. J. Walker, T. F. C. Crawley, J. S. B. White and J. S. Goold did not bat.				

STOWE v. RADLEY

At Stowe, June 10. Drawn. The powerful Radley XI came near to defeat in this match, time alone depriving Stowe of full reward for their superior cricket. For once Radley found their attack mastered, Rushton and Opperman adding 96 after three wickets had fallen for 18, and their own batsmen struggled against Slater (four for 54).

Stowe

J. C. Witham c Dexter b Huddy ..	0		J. B. Hamer c Berkley b Gleave ..	35
W. A. Jenkyn-Jones b Huddy	1		D. G. du B. Dew lbw b Huddy	23
M. A. Rushton b Gleave	67		R. C. Allerton c Lewis b Gleave ..	1
J. R. F. Crombie c Dexter b Duff ..	11		R. W. Slater not out	15
R. A. Opperman c Shiner b Dexter ..	53		Extras	12
F. J. R. Boddy lbw b Huddy	0			
A. P. Hill run out	29			247

Radley

S. M. Scott c and b Slater.....	23	J. B. Gleave b Hamer	22
D. W. M. Berkley c Crombie b Hamer.....	30	M. W. G. Duff c Dew b Slater....	14
C. E. B. L. Carr c and b Slater....	18	R. R. Davies not out	6
E. R. Dexter st Dew b Slater.....	31	T. E. C. Hoare b Hill.....	4
W. D. G. Lewis c Slater b Hill....	3	E. C. H. Huddy not out	0
D. L. Shiner c Witham b Hamer...	0		

(9 wks.) 151

SHREWSBURY v. UPPINGHAM

At Shrewsbury, June 10, 11. Shrewsbury won by an innings and 103 runs. The Uppingham batsmen had no answer to the pace bowling of Stapleton, who took ten wickets in the match for 38, and Peel, seven for 35. Bennett tried hard to rally his side.

Uppingham

J. H. Purves c Gilkes b Peel.....	0	— c Gilkes b Peel	20
N. K. Brook b Peel	9	— b Peel	20
J. M. Watson b Stapleton	8	— lbw b Peel	4
B. D. Bennett b Spencer	32	— c Gilkes b Stapleton	22
P. W. Oscroft c Gilkes b St. Johnston ..	6	— b Stapleton	1
M. D. Harrison c and b St. Johnston ..	6	— c St. Johnston b Peel	6
I. R. Aitken b Peel	18	— b Stapleton	3
M. J. K. Robson hit wkt b Stapleton....	1	— c Harley b Stapleton	2
D. C. Samworth b Stapleton	0	— not out	1
J. H. Chatterton not out	2	— b Stapleton	4
R. S. D. Frank b Stapleton	0	— c Medd b Stapleton	0
Extras.....	3	Extras	4

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Shrewsbury

H. E. Waldock b Frank.....	53	J. M. Nicolson c Samworth b Robson	6
M. M. W. Harley c Robson b Watson	28	C. D. St. Johnston not out	12
M. A. Hill lbw b Frank	63		
D. A. Spencer b Frank	44	Extras	17
G. Woods b Frank	0		
R. E. Medd lbw b Robson	36		

(7 wks., dec.) 259

G. J. Peel, J. G. Stapleton and D. A. Gilkes did not bat.

BRADFIELD v. RADLEY

At Bradfield, June 12, 13. Radley won by an innings and 139 runs. They were much too strong for Bradfield in all phases of this Centenary Match and their victory put them ahead in the series with 37 wins to 36. The match was a triumph for Dexter, who after hitting a brilliant century took seven wickets for 47.

Radley

S. M. Scott c Coate b Wyatt.....	37	J. B. Gleave not out	55
D. W. M. Berkley lbw b Gardiner ..	5	R. R. Davies c Wyatt b Stewart....	0
C. E. B. L. Carr b Coate	21	T. E. C. Hoare b Gardiner.....	27
E. R. Dexter c Fuller b Robson....	147	E. C. H. Huddy not out	0
M. W. G. Duff c Robson b Coate.	2	Extras	8
D. L. Shiner c Fuller b Robson....	21		
W. D. G. Lewis c Stewart b Wyatt ..	18		

(9 wks., dec.) 341

Bradfield

H. M. Pearce b Huddy	0	— st Davies b Duff	7
J. B. Brow c Davies b Dexter	1	— b Huddy	15
R. D. Wyatt c Gleave b Dexter.....	38	— b Huddy	0
A. J. Duivier b Dexter	8	— c Carr b Duff.....	7
C. R. Joynt c Gleave b Dexter	0	— b Dexter	13
A. W. Fuller st Davies b Hoare	1	— not out	5
J. V. L. Coate b Hoare	10	— run out	8
N. E. R. Robson run out	2	— c and b Duff	0
D. J. C. Stewart st Davies b Gleave ..	14	— b Dexter	5
C. J. Davis not out	25	— b Huddy	1
J. W. Gardiner b Huddy	32	— c Gleave b Dexter	0
Extras.....	8	Extras	2

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OUNDLLE v. RUGBY

At Oundle, June 18. Rugby won by one run in a most exciting finish. At one stage Oundle appeared to be heading for a comfortable win, for, after good bowling by Leask (five for 20) and Boggon (four for 25), they reached 40 without loss.

Rugby

R. M. H. Boddington lbw b Leask ..	8	P. Francis b Boggon.....	0
D. G. Trentham b Leask	0	N. M. Hunt c and b Hollands....	18
M. J. S. Preece b Boggon	1	R. W. Ward b Boggon	23
D. A. C. Marshall b Leask.....	6	G. A. A. Currie b Leask	1
J. A. Dyde b Leask	2	Extras	9
E. McQ. Rose not out	16		
J. D. W. Birts b Boggon	2		86

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M. A. Hollands c Currie b Dyde....	27	R. P. Boggon lbw b Dyde.....	0
G. R. Mawer c Currie b Ward....	16	T. W. O. Herbert c Currie b Preece	4
E. L. Jenkins b Preece	1	J. D. Baker b Marshall	8
J. F. Doubleday lbw b Preece.....	0	L. S. Leask lbw b Marshall.....	0
F. J. B. Taylor not out	21	Extras	2
J. P. Granger c Marshall b Preece...	6		
A. J. T. Crabbe b Dyde	0		85

WORKSOP v. WREKIN

At Wrekin, June 19, 20. Worksop won a memorable match by four wickets. The spin bowling of Newman and Bulley, and a fine innings by Sharpe, gave them a useful advantage on the first day, but the Boardman brothers led a fighting recovery by Wrekin, and Worksop were left to score 96 in an hour. This was achieved in the last over, after Jago had hit 66 in forty-four minutes, including two 6's and eleven 4's.

Wrekin

C. L. Boardman c Bulley b Kidby	5	— b Wilcockson	29
W. P. Krinks c Wilcockson b Kidby ..	0	— c Bulley b Kidby	11
P. L. Boardman lbw b Newman	18	— c Somers b Bulley	77
D. J. G. Jones b Newman	13	— lbw b Bulley.....	5
J. D. Hewitson c Gregson b Newman ..	13	— lbw b Newman	0
G. S. Bruce st Somers b Newman.....	21	— c Sharpe b Bulley	16
J. C. Markwick lbw b Bulley	1	— b Bulley	0
B. L. Jones st Somers b Bulley	10	— c Kidby b Bulley	12
J. Wild not out	4	— c Booth b Wilcockson	9
G. R. Oram b Bulley.....	3	— not out	0
D. K. Binger b Bulley	0	— b Wilcockson	3
Extras.....	0	Extras	11

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Workshop

P. J. Sharpe c Wild b Oram	69	— not out	3
P. C. Knowles b P. L. Boardman	16		
F. R. T. Bulley c and b P. L. Boardman	4	— run out	6
G. M. Booth b Markwick	1	— b Markwick	4
J. B. Somers c Binger b Markwick	0	— lbw b Oram	2
D. J. Bradwell c D. J. G. Jones b Markwick	17	— c and b Markwick	12
H. D. Jago b Markwick	24	— b Oram	66
R. M. Wilcockson lbw b Markwick	0		
J. Kidby c and b Markwick	6	— c Bruce b Markwick	0
M. I. Newman not out	18	— not out	1
P. Greggson run out	2		
Extras	9	Extras	4
	166	(6 wks.)	98

HARROW v. CHARTERHOUSE

At Harrow, June 19, 20. Harrow won by eight wickets. Good seam bowling, particularly by Bloomfield and Sidley, played a big part in their success.

Harrow

R. J. R. Simpson b Livock	7	— c Cann b Livock	6
J. M. Parker b Livock	51	— run out	11
R. M. N. Green lbw b Livock	47	— not out	20
T. J. E. Lardner st Cann b Gross	29	— not out	1
C. A. Strang c Livock b Cairns	5		
W. Aldous c Livock b Hardcastle	25		
A. R. B. Neame c Cairns b Gross	31		
G. M. Challenor run out	3		
D. J. Hulbert c Cairns b Gross	0		
R. B. Bloomfield b Hardcastle	4		
R. J. L. Sidley not out	0		
Extras	19	Extras	2
	221	(2 wks.)	40

Charterhouse

R. I. G. Hardcastle c Aldous b Sidley	2	— b Hulbert	5
G. D. Roynon lbw b Sidley	9	— run out	46
J. C. D. Pilley c Hulbert b Sidley	17	— c Aldous b Bloomfield	23
H. C. Cairns c Bloomfield b Hulbert	1	— b Bloomfield	12
J. A. C. Cann c Challenor b Sidley	5	— c Aldous b Hulbert	3
B. N. S. Gemmel c Aldous b Hulbert	58	— b Neame	3
M. D. Livock b Bloomfield	6	— c Sidley b Neame	2
I. M. O'Brien b Bloomfield	2	— c Neame b Bloomfield	27
M. C. Bryant c Parker b Neame	0	— b Bloomfield	1
D. J. Bayfield not out	5	— not out	25
G. E. F. Gross b Bloomfield	0	— b Sidley	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
	109		151

WINCHESTER v. ETON

At Winchester, June 26, 27. Eton won by four wickets with nearly half an hour to spare, so gaining their 55th success in the series. They owed it chiefly to their captain, Robins, who swung the game on the second day with a fine all-round performance, taking six for 63 in Winchester's second innings and then keeping Eton in front of the clock with a lusty innings. His aggressive leadership, as typified by his declaration after the first day with a lead of only 33,

was another feature of Eton's cricket. Winter gave fine support with the ball and altogether Eton's batting looked the more dependable, although Lowe and O'Byrne played good innings for Winchester.

Winchester

W. N. M. Lawrence c Buxton b Maclean	10	— lbw b Winter	17
F. W. Gordon-Clark b Maclean	7	— st Buxton b Winter	43
J. W. O'Byrne lbw b James	2	— b Robins	71
R. Chester c Bevan b Hill-Wood	26	— st Buxton b Robins	16
D. B. D. Lowe b Hill-Wood	56	— b Robins	11
C. M. Mallett b James	29	— b Winter	0
R. P. S. Macnutt b Robins	9	— b Robins	7
C. M. C. Dewar c James b Winter	4	— b Winter	0
J. R. Arthur not out	1	— b Robins	6
A. L. Hichens b Winter	0	— not out	0
R. F. W. Towsey lbw b James	0	— hit wkt b Robins	4
B 2, 1-b 6, w 3, n-b 1	12	B 11, 1-b 4, n-b 2	17
1/10 2/23 3/23 4/109 5/114 6/133	156	1/43 2/91 3/122 4/146	192
7/155 8/155 9/155		5/147 6/158 7/165 8/179 9/189	

Eton

E. D. Bowater b Macnutt	38	— run out	35
J. G. Bevan st Dewar b Towsey	14	— b Arthur	10
R. V. C. Robins c Mallett b Macnutt	25	— b Arthur	56
R. A. Eckersley not out	39	— lbw b Macnutt	5
A. M. Rankin c Dewar b Towsey	15	— b Chester	18
P. D. Hill-Wood st Dewar b Macnutt	18	— b Chester	10
D. R. Maclean b Arthur	34		
J. H. H. Illingworth not out	4	— not out	7
N. A. J. Winter (did not bat)		— not out	9
L-b 2	2	B 6, 1-b 5, w 1, n-b 1	13
1/21 2/66 3/96 4/97	(6 wks., dec.) 189	1/23 2/90 3/102	(6 wks.) 163
5/120 6/182		4/126 5/141 6/146	

R. A. James and A. E. Buxton did not bat.

Eton Bowling

	C.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Maclean	13	5	39	2	7	1	22	0
Hill-Wood	17	5	35	2	4	0	13	0
James	8.2	1	22	3	7	4	10	0
Robins	15	4	32	1	25.1	5	63	6
Winter	12	4	16	2	33	9	67	4

Winchester Bowling

	C.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hichens	4	2	11	0	17	2	46	2
Arthur	14	2	42	1	10.1	2	31	2
Chester	8	2	25	0	11	1	41	0
Towsey	13	4	33	2	9	0	32	1
Macnutt	17	0	76	3				

Umpires: W. Harrington and E. Hunt.

From 1826 to 1854 inclusive the match was played at Lord's, but since 1855 (when the sides met at Eton) the games have taken place alternately on the Eton and Winchester grounds.

Excluding the one-day war-time matches, the sides have met 112 times. Eton have won 55 and Winchester 27, one ended in a tie, and 29 have been drawn.

RESULTS SINCE THE WAR

1947	No match (illness).	1951	Eton won by 62 runs.
1948	Winchester won by nine wickets.	1952	Drawn.
1949	Drawn.	1953	Eton won by four wickets.
1950	Drawn.		

RUTHIN v. RYDAL

At Ruthin, June 27. Ruthin won by 70 runs after a game full of good cricket in which their captain, Barber, played a spectacular part. He hit a brilliant not out 136 and then took nine wickets at a cost of little more than four runs each. Only Chesworth, with a courageous 51, offered serious resistance before the last wicket fell with five minutes left for play.

Ruthin

R. W. Barber not out.....136	P. M. Redmond c Chesworth b
G. Neil-Dwyer b Storer 4	Gornall 6
J. Morris b Gornall 4	G. W. Booth not out 11
P. J. Matthews c Johnson b	
Blatherwick 7	
S. Kerruish c Dale b Blatherwick.. 11	Extras 15
J. Wynne-Williams c Higginbotham	
b Blatherwick 4	(6 wks. dec.) 198
L. W. Houghton, W. P. Laughland and P. B. Legg did not bat.	

Rydal

P. Blatherwick b Barber 5	A. Dale b Barber 10
C. S. Brown b Barber 0	A. Johnson b Barber 0
K. Bearne lbw b Barber 0	M. Gornall not out 5
I. A. Stewart st Neil-Dwyer b Legg 22	A. R. Storer b Barber 0
H. H. Sutcliffe b Barber 16	Extras 19
A. Higginbotham lbw b Barber 0	
B. E. Chesworth c and b Barber... 51	128

SEDBERGH v. STONYHURST

At Sedbergh, July 4. Sedbergh won by three wickets with a few minutes to spare after being set to score 170 at one run a minute.

Stonyhurst

J. I. Bell c Davidson b Barker 59	G. K. Taylor st Coulthard b Barker 35
M. Price lbw b Smith 8	D. P. Loftus not out 5
G. P. S. Delisle c Macintyre b	M. F. Byrne c Coulthard b Smith.. 1
Medhurst 36	A. Moorhouse c Smith b Barker.. 0
G. Allsup b Barker 6	
R. C. Hollis lbw b Medhurst..... 0	Extras 4
M. D. Wright c Coulthard b Smith 15	
J. H. Hussey b Smith 0	169

Sedbergh

J. N. H. Smith not out 68	N. B. Stephenson c Moorhouse b
R. Sedgwick run out 19	Wright 7
L. D. Thomson c Bell b Wright... 34	H. G. M. Weir c Allsup b Wright.. 0
J. D. Medhurst b Loftus 15	D. R. B. Russell not out 9
J. I. Coulthard b Loftus 3	Extras 4
W. G. Davidson st Moorhouse b	
Wright 13	(7 wks.) 172

J. B. Barker and C. D. Macintyre did not bat.

REPTON v. MALVERN

At Repton, July 7, 8. Repton won a high-scoring match by six wickets, their success being founded on centuries by Barnes and Starkey. These two enabled Repton to gain an unexpectedly comfortable lead after Malvern's consistent first innings display. Malvern suffered through indifferent fielding.

Malvern

R. H. E. Russell b Higgins..... 81	— b Fletcher 25
W. A. N. Lane b Fletcher 42	— b Fletcher 0
R. K. Whiley b Fletcher 56	— b Cope 9
R. E. S. Robson b Fletcher 23	— b Cope 76
J. M. Walker c and b Carruthers 17	— b Fletcher 4
J. W. Potter c Fletcher b Cope 14	— run out 2
M. M. D. Laidlaw not out 1	— c Beeson b Pilkington 5
T. J. Straker c Beeson b Cope 6	— b Pilkington 9
I. C. Maclaurin c Higgins b Pilkington .. 1	— run out 29
M. M. Southall c Fletcher b Pilkington.. 14	— c Cope b Pilkington 7
P. B. Evans run out 7	— not out 0
Extras..... 14	Extras 7
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Repton

J. A. Nelson-Jones b Potter 4	— not out 62
J. L. A. Barnes c Robson b Southall 104	— c Walker b Potter 0
R. G. Walter b Robson 39	— b Potter 4
S. M. Starkey not out 136	— c Laidlaw b Lane 10
A. C. Carruthers b Southall 4	— c Laidlaw b Southall 1
T. D. Bowett run out 35	— not out 38
Extras..... 16	
(5 wks., dec.) 338	(4 wks.) 115

P. M. Cope, R. J. Pilkington, R. N. Beeson, J. R. Fletcher and D. M. Higgins did not bat.

