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SCHOOLS CRICKET IN 1995

The MCC Oxford Festival again benefited from the fine July weather. Forty-four of the most talented young players were selected to participate by the Headmasters' Conference (HMC) and English Schools Cricket Association (ESCA). It was unfortunate that some of the players were below their best, owing to the amount of cricket they had played in the preceding two weeks: three of the seam bowlers broke down through injury on the first two days of the Festival and other players were unavailable for the final game at Lord's owing to exhaustion or injuries.

At the end of the four days at Oxford, the following 13 players were selected to play at Lord's: Toby Bailey, Paul Bainbridge, Andrew Birley, Anthony Crozier, Sam Diment, Noel Gie, Giles Goodwin, Tim Lamb, James Lawrence, David Lewis, Luke Sutton, Chris Taylor and Mark Wagh.

HMC SOUTHERN SCHOOLS v HMC NORTHERN SCHOOLS

At Wadham College, Oxford, July 14, 15. Drawn.

On an excellent pitch, batsmen and bowlers alike were able to demonstrate their skills in a tense and well-fought match. South had the better of the first day, with all their batsmen chipping in and the bowlers restricting North to 183 for seven. A highlight was the wicket-keeping of Bailey, who executed two very sharp leg-side stumpings, while Birley thoroughly deserved his six wickets and Fulton batted thoughtfully. Taylor and Strauss showed their class with the bat on the second day, enabling Sutton to set a target of 269 in four hours. After the usually prolific Chilton and Lowe had gone cheaply, North only just managed to stage off some spirited bowling and salvage a draw, thanks to a sensible half-century from Bailey.

HMC Southern Schools

C. G. Taylor (<i>Colston's</i>) lbw b Birley	11 – retired hurt	80
E. J. Wilson (<i>Felsted</i>) lbw b Birley	15 – (4) not out	32
A. J. Strauss (<i>Radley</i>) st Bailey b Birley	30 – retired ill	72
T. C. Z. Lamb (<i>Bryanston</i>) c Hancock b Palmer	17 – (2) c Diment b Palmer	17
*†L. D. Sutton (<i>Millfield</i>) b Birley	32 – b Birley	8
R. E. Arthur (<i>Epsom</i>) st Bailey b Birley	29 – run out	5
I. J. W. McCarter (<i>Shrewsbury</i>) c Birley b Palmer		5
G. C. Mason (<i>Oundle</i>) c Hancock b Birley		21
G. J. A. Goodwin (<i>Felsted</i>) not out		32
M. R. Bellhouse (<i>Radley</i>) not out		13
Extras		17
	Extras	15

1/20 2/46 3/58 4/97 5/138
6/143 7/159 8/170

(8 wkts dec.) 222 1/29 2/201 3/229 (3 wkts dec.) 229

S. H. L. Diment (*King's, Taunton*) did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Deane 5-3-6-0; Birley 20-4-62-6; Feather 13-4-36-0; Hancock 10-4-26-0; Palmer 12-1-75-2. *Second Innings*—Birley 8-3-14-1; Feather 15-1-70-0; Hancock 18.4-8-46-0; Palmer 11-1-55-1; Chilton 10-1-29-0.

HMC Northern Schools

*M. Bishop (<i>St Ambrose</i>) lbw b Goodwin	22	- c Arthur b McCarter	21	
N. A. Gie (<i>Trent</i>) c Sutton b Diment	39	- lbw b McCarter	18	
J. A. G. Fulton (<i>Eton</i>) run out	59	- c Mason b Goodwin	20	
E. J. Lowe (<i>Rugby</i>) c Sutton b Diment	2	- c Arthur b Diment	2	
†T. M. B. Bailey (<i>Bedford</i>) c Taylor b Bellhouse	26	- not out	56	
M. J. Chilton (<i>Manchester GS</i>) c Sutton b Mason	8	- c Taylor b Diment	16	
Z. R. Feather (<i>Birkenhead</i>) not out	12	- c Bellhouse b Diment	8	
J. M. Palmer (<i>Lord Wandsworth</i>) c Sutton				
	b Diment	4	- c Lamb b Bellhouse	4
T. W. Hancock (<i>Trent</i>) not out	2	- c Wilson b Bellhouse	0	
M. Deane (<i>Abbotsholme</i>) (did not bat)		- not out	18	
Extras	9	Extras	5	
<hr/>				
1/64 2/64 3/74 4/120 5/141	(7 wks dec.) 183	1/28 2/53 3/57 4/91	(8 wks) 168	
6/173 7/177		5/109 6/117 7/125 8/127		

A. B. Birley (*Birkenhead*) did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Bellhouse 11-2-45-1; McCarter 10-2-28-0; Mason 19-2-27-1; Goodwin 19-5-48-1; Diment 11-2-30-3. *Second Innings*—Bellhouse 10-2-24-2; McCarter 16-4-41-2; Mason 7-3-15-0; Goodwin 17-2-41-1; Diment 16-3-37-3; Taylor 3-2-7-0.

ESCA NORTH v ESCA SOUTH

At St Edward's School, Oxford, July 14, 15. ESCA North won by nine wickets.

In a one-sided match, the North dominated throughout. Their bowlers always had the better of things, the left-armed Lawrence looking the quickest and most impressive, while Smart also looked promising until he was injured. Only Howell made fifty for the South, while Crozier, Clark and Bolton all contributed for the North, who lost only four wickets in the two innings.

ESCA South

*M. A. Wagh (<i>King Edward's, Birmingham; Warwick.</i>) c Chronnell b Smart	7	- c Jeffrey b Smart	6	
C. Howell (<i>Bishop Walsh; Warwick.</i>) b Lawrence	6	- c Jeffrey b Clark	63	
P. C. Bainbridge (<i>Richmond C.; Surrey</i>)				
	c Crozier b Lewis	34	- c Chronnell b Collins	18
G. Swann (<i>Sponne; Northants</i>) c Jeffrey b Smart	1	- c Clark b Collins	7	
M. Swarbrick (<i>Clayesmore; Dorset</i>)				
	c Jeffrey b Lawrence	13	- run out	9
R. Nagra (<i>King Edward VI, Stourbridge; Worcs.</i>)				
	c Chronnell b Bourke	17	- c Lewis b Chronnell	15
L. R. J. List (<i>Abingdon; Oxon.</i>) c Bolton b Lewis	4	- c and b Chronnell	23	
M. Mohammed (<i>Bournville C.; Warwick.</i>)				
	run out	23	- b Clark	0
†J. Dhillon (<i>Highfield; Staffs.</i>) not out	29	- st Jeffrey b Collins	10	
R. L. Dredge (<i>Cheltenham C.; Glos.</i>)				
	c Staunton b Bourke	16	- not out	2
D. J. Lewis (<i>Shrewsbury SFC; Salop.</i>)				
	c Lewis b Bourke	0	- c Lewis b Chronnell	12
Extras	4	Extras	17	
1/15 2/15 3/16 4/39 5/64	154	1/7 2/46 3/58 4/88 5/119	182	
6/84 7/84 8/131 9/149		6/127 7/133 8/163 9/167		

Bowling: *First Innings*—Lawrence 12-4-24-2; Smart 14-4-34-2; Collins 6-0-26-0; Lewis 6-1-25-2; Bourke 8-4-9-3; Chronnell 10-3-36-0. *Second Innings*—Lawrence 10-3-21-0; Smart 6-2-22-1; Collins 12-1-35-3; Lewis 5-0-22-0; Bourke 7-3-11-0; Chronnell 23-7-41-3; Clark 9-2-20-2.

ESCA North

*C. Clark (<i>Newcastle C.; Durham</i>) b Swann	46	- retired	35
A. Bourke (<i>New C.; Yorks.</i>) b Dredge	8		
A. J. Crozier (<i>Bridgewater County HS; Cheshire</i>)			
	retired	54 - (2) c Wagh b List	40
P. Bolton (<i>Clitheroe RGS; Lancs.</i>) retired	61		
B. R. F. Staunton (<i>Beechen Cliff; Somerset</i>)			
	c Dhillon b List	6 - (3) not out	26
G. Lewis (<i>Embley Park; Hants</i>) not out	20		
†J. Jeffrey (<i>Benton Park; Yorks.</i>) not out	4	- (4) not out	10
Extras	22	Extras	6

1/16 2/112 3/134 (3 wks dec.) 221 1/63 (1 wkt) 117

L. Chronnell (*Poynton County HS; Cheshire*), L. Collins (*Cheltenham SFC; Glos.*), J. R. G. Lawrence (*Queen Elizabeth SFC; Durham*) and R. Smart (*Ripon GS; Yorks.*) did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Dredge 5-0-23-1; Mohammed 7-2-18-0; Howell 5-1-16-0; Lewis 10-2-30-0; Nagra 11-1-35-0; Swann 13-1-49-1; List 6-0-38-1; Wagh 3-1-6-0. *Second Innings*—Mohammed 8-1-30-0; Howell 1-0-4-0; Lewis 5-0-20-0; Nagra 5-0-17-0; Swann 8-1-22-0; List 5-0-18-1.

At St Edward's School, Oxford, July 16. L. D. Sutton's XI won by seven wickets. C. Clark's XI 147 (T. C. Z. Lamb 30; P. C. Bainbridge three for 33); L. D. Sutton's XI 148 for three (P. C. Bainbridge 79 not out).

L. D. Sutton held seven catches behind the stumps.

At St John's College, Oxford, July 16. Drawn. M. A. Wagh's XI 195 for seven dec. (A. J. Crozier 51, B. R. F. Staunton 45; D. J. Lewis three for 62); M. Bishop's XI 162 for eight (N. A. Gie 44, E. J. Lowe 30; T. W. Hancock three for 55, M. A. Wagh three for 21).

At Christ Church, Oxford, July 17. MCC Schools West won by 14 runs. MCC Schools West 170 (C. G. Taylor 34, M. A. Wagh 43, T. C. Z. Lamb 48; L. R. J. List three for 17, P. C. Bainbridge three for 18); MCC Schools East 156 (N. A. Gie 32, M. J. Chilton 38; D. J. Lewis four for 20, S. H. L. Diment three for 36).

MCC v MCC SCHOOLS

At Lord's, July 18. MCC won by 71 runs. Toss: MCC.

A well-judged declaration made for an interesting match, and although MCC Schools were always struggling after the early loss of Taylor, they never gave up. Clements was the mainstay of the MCC innings, in which Lawrence bowled particularly well and was unlucky not to have a wicket. Wagh provided the backbone of the Schools' innings, keeping one end going in a competent display and dominating a last-wicket partnership of 21 with Birley.

MCC

R. A. McGregor c Taylor b Diment	35	R. P. Gofton not out	15
M. Bell c Gie b Birley	7		
C. M. Gupte hit wicket b Goodwin	59	B 2, l-b 3, w 2, n-b 1	8
S. M. Clements not out	111		
Mushtaq Mohammad c Lawrence		1/29 2/50	(4 wks dec.) 245
	b Wagh	3/192 4/203	

*G. J. Toogood, †J. S. Brooks, S. McDonald, M. G. Stear and C. M. Pitcher did not bat.

Bowling: Lawrence 13-2-31-0; Birley 13-3-49-1; Bainbridge 5-2-10-0; Diment 7-1-35-1; Goodwin 14-2-74-1; Wagh 11-2-41-1.

MCC Schools

C. G. Taylor lbw b Pitcher	0	S. H. L. Diment c Brooks b Pitcher	2
P. C. Bainbridge c Mushtaq b Stear	15	J. R. G. Lawrence b Stear	0
A. J. Crozier c Bell b Gofton	28	A. B. Birley c Brooks b Mushtaq	1
M. A. Wagh not out	87		
N. A. Gie st Brooks b Mushtaq	10	B 6, l-b 6, w 4	16
*L. D. Sutton lbw b Mushtaq	7		
†T. M. B. Bailey lbw b Pitcher	8	1/0 2/37 3/54 4/88 5/104	174
G. J. A. Goodwin c Pitcher b McDonald	0	6/136 7/137 8/148 9/153	

Bowling: Pitcher 12-1-60-3; Stear 10-3-16-2; Toogood 3-1-2-0; Gofton 7-2-22-1; Mushtaq 11.3-2-36-3; McDonald 9-3-26-1.

Umpires: R. H. Duckett and K. F. Forsyth.

MCC SCHOOLS v NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG CRICKETERS

At Lord's, July 19. NAYC won by two wickets. Toss: NAYC.

Hart's six off the fourth ball of the last over ended an exciting match in favour of NAYC. Gie dominated the Schools' innings, missing out on a century when he was run out as the non-striker out of his crease when the ball was deflected. The Schools bowlers then picked up wickets regularly until Bailey led the chase for 127 off the last 20 overs, with Ellsmore hitting two sixes and Hart settling matters.

MCC Schools

P. C. Bainbridge b Hart	22	T. M. B. Bailey not out	3
C. G. Taylor c Davies b Ellsmore	43		
N. A. Gie run out	99	B 4, l-b 3, w 3	10
M. A. Wagh run out	11		
T. C. Z. Lamb c Davies b Carey	6	1/34 2/98 3/123	(6 wkts dec.) 213
*†L. D. Sutton run out	19	4/129 5/192 6/213	

G. J. A. Goodwin, D. J. Lewis, J. R. G. Lawrence and A. B. Birley did not bat.

Bowling: Hart 14-4-55-1; Bellew 8-2-20-0; Hudson 10.4-3-47-0; Ellsmore 4-0-22-1; Bailey 3-1-6-0; Brett 12-4-30-0; Carey 8-3-26-1.

National Association of Young Cricketers

*M. D. R. Sutliff c Wagh b Goodwin	16	N. A. Brett not out	8
P. G. Hudson b Goodwin	34	S. D. Bellew run out	1
C. D. J. Bailey b Bainbridge	78	J. P. Hart not out	8
I. D. Cheeseright c Lawrence		L-b 9, w 1	10
b Goodwin	9		
I. J. O'Sullivan c Sutton b Bainbridge	22	1/36 2/59 3/85	(8 wkts) 214
†P. G. T. Davies c Lewis b Bainbridge	7	4/144 5/168 6/173	
N. M. Ellsmore c Lawrence b Birley	21	7/201 8/206	

M. Carey did not bat.

Bowling: Lawrence 8-2-14-0; Birley 9-3-29-1; Goodwin 18-5-61-3; Lewis 12-2-43-0; Bainbridge 7.4-0-58-3.

Umpires: K. Bray and R. H. Duckett.

The National Cricket Association selected the following to play for NCA Young Cricketers against Combined Services: T. M. B. Bailey (Northants), S. D. Bellew (Bucks.), A. B. Birley (Cheshire), N. A. Brett (Surrey), N. M. Ellsmore (Staffs.), G. J. A. Goodwin (Essex), J. P. Hart (Notts.), P. G. Hudson (Sussex), T. C. Z. Lamb (Dorset), M. D. R. Sutliff (Leics.), M. A. Wagh (Warwicks.).

At Lord's, July 20. NCA Young Cricketers won by six wickets. Toss: NCA Young Cricketers. Combined Services 225 for four dec. (Capt. R. J. Greatorex 35, Sgt G. S. Lumb

62, Cpl A. Jones 58, Sgt N. Palmer 34 not out; N. M. Ellsmore three for 16; NCA Young Cricketers 228 for four (P. G. Hudson 67, M. D. R. Sutliff 41, M. A. Wagh 43).

ETON v HARROW

At Lord's, June 27. Drawn. Toss: Harrow.

Harrow had the satisfaction of bowling Eton out, thanks to the swing of Leathes, whose six for 19 included a spell of five for three in 23 balls. It was the first time since 1991 that either side had been dismissed. But the breakthrough came too late to make a match of it. Dixon had batted four hours for Eton's third century in successive years, hitting 13 fours and adding 110 in even time with Lea. It was Lea's removal, by Nicol, which signalled a falling-away for Eton: their last seven fell for 54, with Dixon reaching three figures just before he became Leathes's fifth victim. Harrow had to chase 220 in what became 45 overs and, after a slow start - 12 for two in the 12th over - they never looked like getting there. Cox was their leading batsman, with 45, and though Spry lived up to his name with seven fours in 31, wickets fell at regular intervals and it was left to Gillions to ensure safety. Two male streakers, carrying blue shirts, loped across the outfield in the evening sunshine.

Eton

H. H. Dixon c MacAndrew b Leathes	100	R. W. J. Bruce c Gillions b Leathes	7
H. J. H. Loudon c MacAndrew		A. F. Jafri c Nicol b Leathes	19
b Leathes	5	R. J. Dunlop not out	1
*J. A. G. Fulton c MacAndrew		†A. R. Lewis b Parker	1
b Engelen	16		
N. A. Bailey b Parker	0	B 4, l-b 9, w 6, n-b 1	20
A. M. Lea c MacAndrew b Nicol	48		
S. K. Patel c sub b Leathes	2	1/14 2/50 3/55 4/165 5/173	219
O. L. Barnett c MacAndrew b Leathes	0	6/173 7/191 8/202 9/215	

Bowling: Parker 18.2-2-52-2; Leathes 16-9-19-6; Titchener-Barrett 11-1-45-0; Engelen 15-8-26-1; Nicol 14-0-64-1.

Harrow

*S. D. G. Engelen c Lewis b Dunlop	2	C. R. C. Parker c Lewis b Barnett	8
J. R. W. Norris c Lewis b Bruce	2	E. W. Nicol not out	0
†R. G. MacAndrew c Fulton b Patel	12	B 6, l-b 4, w 6, n-b 13	29
A. N. L. Cox c Lewis b Bruce	45		
E. G. L. Maydon c Bailey b Jafri	14	1/7 2/12 3/52	(7 wkts) 176
W. A. T. Gillions not out	33	4/95 5/100	
O. C. P. Spry c Dixon b Dunlop	31	6/153 7/175	

D. C. A. Titchener-Barrett and T. D. de M. Leathes did not bat.

Bowling: Barnett 10-2-25-1; Bruce 14-5-26-2; Dunlop 9-0-45-2; Patel 6-1-28-1; Jafri 6-0-42-1.

Umpires: K. T. Bailey and T. H. Duckett.

Of the 160 matches played between the two schools since 1805, Eton have won 52, Harrow 44 and 64 have been drawn. Matches during the two world wars are excluded from the reckoning. The fixture was reduced from a two-day, two-innings-a-side match to one day in 1982. Forty-nine centuries have been scored, the highest being 183 by D. C. Boles of Eton in 1904; M. C. Bird of Harrow is the only batsman to have made two hundreds in a match, in 1907. The highest score since the First World War is 161 not out by M. K. Fosh of Harrow in 1975, Harrow's last victory. Since then Eton have won in 1977, 1985, 1990 and 1991; all other games have been drawn. A full list of centuries since 1918 and results from 1950 can be found in Wisdens prior to 1994.

International matches

At Trinity College, Dublin, July 9, 10, 11. Drawn. Irish Schools 228 (R. O'Reilly 63, D. McCann 42, B. Cunningham 35; Adrian Harries four for 38, Andrew Harries three for

69) and 158 for nine dec. (P. Lee 37; Andrew Harries four for 54); Welsh Schools 218 (E. M. G. Britton 39, S. Givlin 43 not out; D. McCann three for 37, R. Beattie three for 43) and 78 for no wkt (M. Powell 52 not out).

At Abergavenny, July 25, 26, 27. Drawn. Welsh Schools 362 for nine dec. (E. M. G. Britton 38, M. Powell 55, S. C. B. Tomlinson 70, M. Leaf 60) and 238 (E. M. G. Britton 37, A. P. Davies 67, M. Leaf 37; K. A. Stott three for 78); Scotland Young Cricketers 314 for five dec. (D. R. Lockhart 111, J. S. D. Moffatt 106) and 117 for four.

At Neston, July 31, August 1. English Schools won by 170 runs. English Schools 268 for seven dec. (C. G. Taylor 50, P. C. Bainbridge 119, L. D. Sutton 32; Andrew Harries four for 80) and 202 for five dec. (C. G. Taylor 59, P. C. Bainbridge 84); Welsh Schools 221 for seven dec. (E. M. G. Britton 83, Adrian Harries 32, Andrew Harries 32, A. P. Davies 37 not out; M. A. Wagh three for 23) and 79 (J. R. G. Lawrence four for 27, G. J. A. Goodwin three for nine).

At Edinburgh, August 3, 4. English Schools won by eight wickets. Scottish Young Cricketers 142 for seven dec. (D. G. O. Fergusson 35 not out) and 133 (D. G. O. Fergusson 37; G. J. A. Goodwin four for 53, M. A. Wagh six for 50); English Schools 205 (L. D. Sutton 56; R. Mitchinson three for 62, K. A. Stott three for 60) and 71 for two (C. G. Taylor 39).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Once the pitches dried out and many became a batsman's paradise, batting records tumbled. From the schools reviewed here, 16 batsmen scored 1,000 runs, five more than the previous best of 11 in 1990 and 1993.

Eight of these played fewer than 20 innings and the most prolific, C. G. Taylor of Colston's, made his 1,597 in only 18, at an average of 106.46. He also took 31 wickets at 18.87 and won the Cricket Society's Wetherall Award. Others to pass 1,300 runs were S. E. P. Davies of Bradford Grammar School, D. Grundy of Merchant Taylors', Northwood and M. J. Chilton of Manchester Grammar, who scored 1,361 at 104.69 in only 16 innings. Four batsmen recorded four-figure aggregates with three-figure averages; in addition to Taylor and Chilton, E. J. Wilson of Felsted made 1,202 at the season's highest average of 120.20 and R. W. J. Howitt of Denstone scored 1,016 at 101.60, while D. Young of Warwick was close with 923 at 102.55 from just 12 innings.

Of the five double-centuries reported, Taylor had two: 278 not out, which equalled the highest for an English public school by J. L. Guise in 1921, and 201. Other double-centuries came from N. A. Gie of Trent, S. C. B. Tomlinson of Oratory and R. G. H. Widdowson of Loughborough Grammar. There were hundreds galore, with nine batsmen scoring five or more. Taylor topped this list too, his eight coming at the rate of one every 2.25 innings, while Chilton and M. Swarbrick of Claysmore had seven at a similar rate.

As might be expected, the bowling figures were less spectacular, although some bowlers were surprisingly economical. No one took 60 wickets, but four had 50 – one more than in 1994. T. Slade of Caterham was the most successful with 57 at 11.75, followed by N. Sapra of Merchant Taylors', Northwood (53 at 12.69), B. W. O'Connell of Tiffin (50 at 19.50) and A. T. J. Clark of Trinity, who bowled the most, with 50 at 18.30 off 341 overs. O'Connell also scored 635 runs and Clark 501. There were five single-figure averages recorded by bowlers with more than 30 wickets. The most economical was M. Breetzke of Stonyhurst, whose 42 cost just 7.42 apiece, followed by E. Lamb of Merchant Taylors', Northwood (39 at 8.64), A. B. Birley of Birkenhead (33 at 9.78), S. S. Nanji of Gordonstoun (36 at 9.88) and M. J. Williamson of Bangor Grammar (38 at 9.97). Exeter's A. O. F. Le Fleming had the best analysis with nine for 26, while other nine-wicket returns were achieved by A. Herman of Portsmouth Grammar (nine for 29), J. A. S. Pye of Solihull (nine for 40) and L. J. Ratcliffe of Marlborough (nine for 62). Hat-tricks abounded. Eight were reported from M. Attwood of Wrekin, B. Barton and Slade both of Caterham, S. D. G. Engelen and D. de Jager of Harrow, M. Joel of St Edward's, Oxford, M. Klein of Kimbolton and D. Walder of Oundle.

In terms of quantity, the leading all-rounders were M. A. Wagh of King Edward's, Birmingham with 1,062 runs at 53.10 and 40 wickets at 12.87, J. M. Palmer of Lord Wandsworth (742 runs and 48 wickets), J. Gibson of The Edinburgh Academy (724 runs and 46 wickets) and P. R. Mouncey of Pocklington (721 runs and 41 wickets). In terms of averages, four players with 500 runs and 30 wickets averaged 50 with the bat and 14 with the ball – Palmer, Wagh, Gibson and J. W. Hatch of Barnard Castle, while Le Fleming, although ten runs short of the criterion, had the best averages with 490 runs at 61.25 and 35 runs at 10.48.

Of the 35 schools who won more than half their matches, Oratory had the most impressive record with 76 per cent won, followed by Canford with 72 per cent. Oratory were one of five unbeaten sides, the others being Forest, Malvern, Plymouth and Radley. Of these, Radley and Forest won more than they drew and Malvern won half their games, but Plymouth had only three wins to offset as many as 11 draws. Although several sides won only once, Sutton Valence were alone in managing none. The experiment with limited-overs games often proved popular and, following the MCC initiative at the beginning of the season, there were fewer complaints of negative play. Despite the increasing influence of examinations during the season, many schools played more than 20 matches.

Details of records broken, other outstanding performances and interesting features of the season may be found in the returns from the schools which follow.

THE SCHOOLS

(Qualification: Batting 150 runs; Bowling 15 wickets)

* On name indicates captain. * On figures indicates not out.

Note: The line for batting reads Innings–Not Outs–Runs–Highest Score–100s–Average; that for bowling reads Overs–Maidens–Runs–Wickets–Best Bowling–Average.

ABINGDON SCHOOL *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: A. M. Broadbent

Luke List, an all-rounder who could bowl fast, played for Oxfordshire.

Batting—H. R. W. Whalen 14–2–426–81–0–35.50; *L. R. J. List 13–0–341–56–0–26.23; R. J. Finch 13–1–270–63–0–22.50; J. R. V. Dolleymore 13–2–234–74–0–21.27; J. R. C. Horton 12–0–230–76–0–19.16.

Bowling—S. E. Watts 175.5–40–659–30–4/49–21.96; L. R. J. List 160–39–510–22–4/53–23.18.

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL *Played 14: W 4, L 6, D 4*

Master i/c: D. Tickner

Cricket professional: P. Edwards

M. A. R. Bennett's 160 not out was the highest innings for 40 years. The side included twins Thomas and James Allen.

Batting—M. A. R. Bennett 13–3–617–160*–2–61.70; *M. H. Berglund 14–2–344–62*–0–28.66; S. Z. Tabassum 12–1–289–58–0–26.27; T. J. Allen 11–1–248–69*–0–24.80; S. Payne 13–0–291–59–0–22.38.

Bowling—S. Payne 71.4–6–274–15–5/49–18.26; J. L. Allen 116.2–10–459–22–4/41–20.86.

AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE *Played 15: W 9, L 3, D 3. A 3*

Master i/c: G. D. Thurman

Cricket professional: D. Wilson

Batting—H. R. P. Lucas 15–1–554–80–0–39.57; R. J. Simpson 15–1–495–92–0–35.35; T. E. L. Walsh 10–2–190–33–0–23.75; P. Field 14–0–322–72–0–23.00; P. Wilkie 13–2–218–64*–0–19.81.

Bowling—T. E. Pinsent 132–29–419–22–5/63–19.04; D. A. H. Johnston Stewart 113–16–489–19–4/44–25.73; P. Wilkie 189–37–651–25–6/72–26.04; C. G. Shillington 83.5–9–422–16–5/32–26.37.

ARDINGLY COLLEGE

Played 22: W 7, L 9, D 6. A 1

Master i/c: R. A. King

Cricket professional: S. Sawant

Batting—G. M. Turner 22-4-982-172*-2-54.55; *G. I. Best 13-1-504-122*-2-42.00; N. Strugnell 12-2-227-108-1-22.70; J. R. Andrews 18-2-358-96-0-22.37; M. F. Lacey 9-0-187-97-0-20.77; J. C. M. Lindsten 10-1-162-49-0-18.00; R. J. Willis 13-0-186-43-0-14.30; A. D. H. Spencer 20-0-239-32-0-11.95.

Bowling—G. I. Best 115.2-15-483-23-5/38-21.00; J. K. Dower 154.2-41-579-23-5/26-25.17; A. D. H. Spencer 103-10-513-20-4/12-25.65; G. M. Turner 130.3-10-541-18-4/49-30.05; A. J. Toomey 130.4-12-692-21-5/40-32.95.

ARNOLD SCHOOL

Played 13: W 5, L 7, D 1. A 4

Master i/c: D. Grimshaw

Cricket professional: J. Simmons

Led by David Fielding, who represented the XI for a record fourth season, the side fielded enthusiastically and played positively. A highlight was an unbroken partnership of 143 in 18 overs against Old Arnoldians between Fielding and Martin Wallwork.

Batting—*D. Fielding 12-3-518-105-1-57.55; M. Wallwork 13-2-451-92*-0-41.00; J. Ashworth 8-1-156-51-0-22.28; A. Pickup 10-0-150-45-0-15.00; T. Lyles 13-0-192-69-0-14.76.

Bowling—M. Wallwork 62.3-13-214-15-3/27-14.26; J. Ashworth 108-18-356-19-3/39-18.73.

ASHVILLE COLLEGE

Played 18: W 2, L 3, D 13. A 1

Master i/c: S. Herrington

The season was dominated by fifth-formers Richard Rawlings, whose 850 runs beat by three the previous record, and Ben Quick, who would have done better than his 37 wickets had more catches been held.

Batting—R. Rawlings 16-1-850-116*-3-56.66; J. Cartwright 16-0-460-78-0-28.75; B. Quick 13-2-309-66-0-28.09; J. Cousen 16-0-358-57-0-22.37.

Bowling—J. Cartwright 87-5-255-17-5/31-15.00; B. Quick 177-28-674-37-6/16-18.21.

BABLAKE SCHOOL

Played 14: W 4, L 5, D 5. A 1

Master i/c: B. J. Sutton

Stephen Byng and Adam Smyth, younger brother of the captain, both played for Warwickshire Under-14, while Hedley Ayres represented Warwickshire Under-16.

Batting—M. Wisdich 13-1-331-58-0-27.58; S. D. Byng 9-1-220-61*-0-27.50; C. J. Gardiner 10-0-271-67-0-27.10; A. C. Smyth 11-3-162-41*-0-20.25; *S. N. Smyth 12-0-218-68-0-18.16.

Bowling—H. Ayres 112-22-405-25-6/40-16.20; A. C. Smyth 92.4-21-302-17-4/18-17.76.

BANCROFT'S SCHOOL

Played 21: W 12, L 5, D 4

Master i/c: J. G. Bromfield

Cricket professional: J. K. Lever

One of the side's most successful seasons, with a record number of victories, owed much to Philip Baker, who led from the front. His 1,100 runs were a school record, as were his four centuries. The highest of these was 140 not out in an unbroken opening partnership of 204 with David Hurd against Colfe's. He also took 31 wickets with his lively medium-pace and held ten catches, being well supported with both bat and ball by Stuart Greenhill and Philip Eacott.

Batting—*P. D. Baker 21-7-1,100-140*-4-78.57; P. M. Eacott 18-6-524-113*-1-43.66; S. M. Greenhill 18-3-561-98-0-37.40; D. M. Hurd 21-3-605-82*-0-33.61; J. R. Davey 18-0-372-72-0-20.66.

Bowling—P. D. Baker 226.3-45-792-31-4/23-25.54; P. M. Eacott 166-24-629-23-5/19-27.34; S. M. Greenhill 208.3-26-710-25-3/46-28.40.

BANGOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Played 23: W 13, L 4, D 6. A 3

Master i/c: C. C. J. Harte

Another successful season culminated in a tour of north-west England. A more ambitious tour was planned for December, to the Sydney Youth Cricket Festival.

Batting—B. J. Cunningham 19-3-778-116-3-48.62; M. T. C. English 20-3-556-103*-1-32.70; M. J. Williamson 18-4-374-52-0-26.71; N. M. Scott 20-1-387-69-0-20.36; J. C. W. Harte 13-4-177-35-0-19.66; M. K. Hutchinson 14-4-168-76*-0-16.80; A. E. Magowan 18-1-280-55*-0-16.47; M. McBride 21-3-254-44-0-14.11.

Bowling—P. B. Neill 50.3-12-165-17-4/3-9.70; M. J. Williamson 147-46-379-38-5/17-9.97; J. C. W. Harte 142.5-34-375-35-5/23-10.71; M. R. Cheevers 151.4-35-457-33-4/20-13.84; M. K. Hutchinson 121.2-19-471-27-5/33-17.44.

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

Played 18: W 9, L 3, D 6. A 1

Master i/c: C. P. Johnson

Jodie Hatch was again to the fore, taking his tally in two years to 1,700 runs and 80 wickets. However, the side's success owed as much to a fine team effort, in which Hatch was well supported by Martin Walker, Simon Whitehead and his own brother, Nick – with whom he put on 172 for the first wicket against the touring Antipodeans.

Batting—J. W. Hatch 18-2-802-149-2-50.12; S. N. Whitehead 17-5-417-105-1-34.75; M. G. J. Walker 18-3-354-50-0-23.60; N. G. Hatch 17-1-254-46-0-15.87; P. Martin 12-1-62-54-0-14.72; L. A. J. Haslam 18-3-172-30-0-11.46.

Bowling—J. W. Hatch 140.3-23-419-33-5/19-12.69; D. M. Cook 112-26-339-23-4/15-14.73; N. G. Hatch 219.3-47-666-42-6/54-15.85; M. G. J. Walker 221-59-668-40-7/27-16.70.

BEDFORD SCHOOL

Played 18: W 12, L 2, D 4

Master i/c: D. W. Jarrett

Cricket professional: R. G. Caple

In a climax to their best ever season, Bedford again won all three games at the Stowe Festival. They owed much to Toby Bailey, who collected 894 runs and 42 dismissals, going on to play for MCC Schools and NCA Young Cricketers and join Northamptonshire on a summer contract. He was well supported by the batting of Marc Snell, who returned to form, and the bowling of Amir Gulzar.

Batting—*T. M. B. Bailey 20-6-894-120*-3-63.85; M. E. Snell 19-2-731-125-1-43.00; B. J. Smith 16-2-310-79-0-22.14; S. S. H. Amerasekera 16-5-194-52-0-17.63; B. S. Cheema 19-2-291-46-0-17.11; M. J. Oliver 14-0-168-42-0-12.00.

Bowling—A. Gulzar 235-52-615-44-6/60-13.97; T. W. J. Chapman 205-40-657-30-5/25-21.90; T. B. J. Beagent 274-62-794-34-7/36-23.35; M. J. Oliver 163-22-615-22-5/50-27.95; B. J. Smith 209-54-603-20-4/43-30.15.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

Played 20: W 7, L 1, D 12. A 2

Master i/c: N. J. Chinneck

Highlights were a return of seven for 11 against The Leys by Ashley Sharp, bowling fast-medium, and the batting of Ivan Chadwick, who scored 106 against Highgate plus seven fifties.

Batting—R. D. T. Barcock 8-6-153-66*-0-76.50; I. R. Chadwick 19-0-825-106-1-43.42; K. P. Harris 15-6-318-66-0-35.33; O. J. Clayson 14-3-379-69*-0-34.45; P. E. Timewell 18-2-449-68-0-28.06; K. Patel 13-1-332-70-0-27.66; *A. G. Brown 18-3-358-66-0-23.86.

Bowling—A. L. Sharp 139.5-39-446-23-7/11-19.39; P. E. Timewell 94.3-14-418-16-4/43-26.12.

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL

Played 10: W 6, L 3, D 1. A 2

Master i/c: K. J. L. Mabe

Cricket professional: P. J. Colbourne

Inspired by a five-wicket victory over MCC, the team put behind them an indifferent start to the season and went on to win their last four matches, a particular highlight being the defeat of a strong Colston's Collegiate side. Ben Staunton, who was available for only three matches, passed 1,000 runs for the XI and played for Somerset Second XI.

Batting—B. R. F. Staunton 3-2-197-108*-1-197.00; N. G. Priscott 8-1-270-93-0-38.57; S. L. Kembery 8-1-189-52-0-27.00; J. E. Brunt 9-0-150-63-0-16.66.

Bowling—M. Thorburn 137.2-40-379-22-5/26-17.22.

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL *Played 17: W 3, L 10, D 4*

Master i/c: J. G. Tolchard

Cricket professional: M. Herring

The side was captained by Edward Tolchard, son of Jeff Tolchard, who played for Leicestershire.

Batting—G. A. S. McHugh 17-0-501-81-0-29.47; *E. N. Tolchard 17-3-407-61*-0-29.07; M. D. Pullen 16-1-336-55*-0-22.40; C. M. Aitken 15-1-288-66-0-20.57.

Bowling—L. J. Honour 89-12-377-18-5/14-20.94; E. N. Clark 144-21-565-18-3/4-31.38.

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL *Played 15: W 6, L 3, D 6*

Master i/c: P. A. Whittel

Andrew Birley, who headed the bowling, played for MCC Schools, NCA Young Cricketers and English Schools. The XI was coached by Hartley Alleyne.

Batting—Z. R. Feather 12-4-475-116*-1-59.37; O. J. Rule 8-0-209-74-0-26.12; R. N. Cross 14-5-205-44*-0-22.77; W. P. L. Roberts 14-0-299-74-0-21.35; *A. B. Birley 9-1-152-55-0-19.00; S. J. Carpenter 14-1-230-40-0-17.69; R. J. Whalley 12-0-206-47-0-17.16.

Bowling—A. B. Birley 140-48-323-33-7/6-9.78; Z. R. Feather 116-36-355-21-3/25-16.90; B. C. Attwood 124-27-480-22-5/78-21.81.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE *Played 20: W 7, L 3, D 9, T 1*

Master i/c: D. A. Hopper

Cricket professional: R. J. Pithey

A strong batting line-up compiled six totals of 200 or more, including a record 301 for nine against Stamford. The ground fielding was superb, but the slip catching was less reliable and the attack depended too heavily on Andrew Bruce. Two sets of brothers played in the XI: Sam Fishpool, who was an aggressive and positive captain, and his younger brother Paul, plus James and Andrew Hill, both excellent fielders.

Batting—*S. J. C. Fishpool 20-1-631-87-0-33.21; P. J. H. Fishpool 19-3-480-76-0-30.00; D. O'Donnell 20-0-587-88-0-29.35; J. J. Mew 18-3-404-102*-1-26.93; N. T. McEwan 11-2-232-60-0-25.77; L. P. Westell 16-3-244-66-0-18.76; S. F. Shearing 14-3-190-62*-0-17.27; T. N. Bunbury 15-3-163-23*-0-13.58.

Bowling—A. J. Bruce 244.1-41-794-42-6/51-18.90; S. J. C. Fishpool 174.1-45-495-25-3/16-19.80; J. F. Beatty 122-20-466-19-4/53-24.52; L. P. Westell 202-45-712-24-6/65-29.66.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL *Played 14: W 4, L 3, D 7, A 3*

Master i/c: C. N. Boyns

Batting—I. de Weymarn 14-5-616-100*-1-68.44; M. Palmer 14-3-543-111*-2-49.36; R. Tarrant 10-1-275-92-0-30.55; *M. Hicks 12-2-266-45*-0-26.60.

Bowling—P. Thompson 62-9-259-16-4/23-16.18; R. Moore 129-36-381-22-6/27-17.31; S. Covington 160-35-493-26-4/45-18.96.

BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL *Played 15: W 2, L 11, D 2, A 1*

Master i/c: N. A. Folland

Cricket professional: R. H. Harriott

In a season of rebuilding, Paul Warren made a useful all-round contribution, his seam bowling particularly impressive at times, while Mark Vaughan scored the side's only century to bring victory over Clifton. However, they were too often let down by fragile batting.

Batting—M. Vaughan 15-3-464-115*-1-38.66; J. Francis 15-0-422-98-0-28.13; P. Warren 13-2-292-51-0-26.54; E. Hulme 9-0-193-49-0-21.44; Q. Miller 15-0-281-66-0-18.73; *J. Goode 14-1-167-45-0-12.84.

Bowling—P. Warren 198-33-646-28-4/22-23.07; Q. Miller 121-14-558-17-4/33-32.82; P. Stormonth 194-29-793-15-4/23-52.86.

BRADFIELD COLLEGE *Played 15: W 3, L 4, D 8, A 1*

Master i/c: D. R. Evans

Cricket professional: J. F. Harvey

Although they won only three matches, the wins were against strong opposition: the Old Boys, MCC and the touring Hamilton Boys HS from New Zealand. Brothers Russell and Jonathan Perkins both played for the side.

Batting—R. J. Holland 13-2-415-95-0-37.72; J. R. Perkins 14-1-399-75-0-30.69; H. G. Austen-Brown 13-3-277-54*-0-27.70; W. M. Robinson 14-6-208-55*-0-26.00; *R. D. Perkins 15-1-353-68-0-25.21; R. S. Walker 9-1-180-36-0-22.50; B. C. Petter 15-0-335-72-0-22.33.

Bowling—N. A. Denning 140.4-35-366-19-6/37-19.26; W. J. N. Gemmel 113-20-343-17-5/51-20.17; R. D. Perkins 95.3-15-349-17-3/25-20.52; W. M. Robinson 149.3-28-586-16-3/18-36.62.

BRADFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 27: W 7, L 11, D 9, A 2*

Master i/c: A. G. Smith

An exciting season culminated in an enjoyable and stimulating tour of Kenya. Simon Davies, with 1,050 runs in the school season and 374 on tour, became the first to make 1,000 for the school. His four centuries were also a record, as was his career aggregate of 3,047 runs. He was well supported by the wicket-keeper David Greaves, most notably in a record partnership of 230 against Manchester GS. The bowling lacked penetration, although the discovery of the young opening bowler Karl Howes was a bonus.

Batting—*S. E. P. Davies 26-3-1,424-143*-4-61.91; D. J. Greaves 27-2-755-137-1-30.20; A. J. Myers 25-2-515-79-0-22.39; M. R. Snow 22-3-392-65-0-20.63; J. R. Cockcroft 18-3-246-43-0-16.40; A. J. Modgill 22-4-294-31-0-16.33; P. J. Bates 13-1-180-27-0-15.00; C. H. Harper 13-0-159-41-0-12.23.

Bowling—K. D. A. Howes 93.4-21-272-20-4/22-13.60; A. C. Jackson 87.1-14-372-15-3/28-24.80; G. R. Saxton 120-14-554-22-4/45-25.18; G. S. Kinvig 128-19-555-22-5/33-25.22; J. R. Cockcroft 156.2-18-672-22-5/47-30.54; I. M. Elson 182.1-24-812-25-3/17-32.48; A. J. Myers 166.3-26-671-18-4/42-37.27.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL *Played 13: W 3, L 4, D 6*

Master i/c: B. R. Hardie

Batting—N. D. E. Boyce 6-1-165-67-0-33.00; E. J. Hearn 12-2-283-56-0-28.30; J. R. Stanton 13-1-324-69*-0-27.00; P. D. A. Jones 12-1-232-60-0-21.09; J. E. P. Crapnell 12-0-229-56-0-19.08.

Bowling—A. W. Pratt 129-27-490-20-5/15-24.50; R. A. J. Wybrow 92-6-380-15-4/52-25.33.

BRIGHTON COLLEGE *Played 20: W 4, L 7, D 9, A 1*

Master i/c: J. Spencer

Cricket professional: J. D. Morley

Following a winter tour of Zimbabwe, Brighton College celebrated their 150th anniversary by holding a successful and enjoyable International Cricket Festival in July, with Prince Edward School from Harare, Hamilton Boys' High from New Zealand and Newington College from Sydney.

Batting—G. B. F. Hudson 19-3-659-106*-2-41.18; S. E. Green 16-0-487-75-0-30.43; R. Shepley-Smith 20-1-479-114-1-25.21; J. B. James 10-2-187-47*-0-23.37; J. B. Holt 10-1-186-84-0-20.66; R. W. Ainsworth 10-1-157-69*-0-17.44; T. P. Gayton 15-1-235-57-0-16.78; R. J. Watkins 16-4-177-56*-0-14.75.

Bowling—A. J. Pope 152.2-27-494-28-6/31-17.64; R. Shepley-Smith 141.3-28-476-19-4/11-25.05; G. B. F. Hudson 190.3-30-747-25-4/71-29.88.

BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 18: W 5, L 11, D 2, A 2*

Masters i/c: K. R. Blackburn and D. M. Crawford

A highlight was a first win over Richard Huish, thanks to a magnificent unbeaten century from Mike Sutherland.

Batting—A. M. Richardson 15-2-388-72-0-29.84; J. A. Tyler 18-2-468-97-0-29.25; M. D. Sutherland 17-2-431-111*-1-28.73; M. N. Bolton 9-3-155-37-0-25.83; J. P. Barnes 9-1-195-56-0-24.37; R. M. Dallimore 15-2-261-82*-0-20.07; *A. J. Mitchell 12-2-164-33-0-16.40; J. A. Reed 16-3-165-39-0-12.69.

Bowling—G. J. Moore 104-8-465-20-3/13-23.25; A. J. Mitchell 156-39-540-22-4/83-24.54.

BROMSGROVE SCHOOL Played 16: W 6, L 3, D 7. A 3

Master i/c: P. Newman

Batting—E. P. Sawtell 15-3-534-103*-1-44.50; A. D. Langlands 10-4-201-55-0-33.50; *W. Glover 12-1-335-73-0-30.45; P. Goodrem 13-2-327-101-1-29.72; R. Meese 15-1-320-63*-0-22.85; R. Gough 12-1-250-75*-0-22.72; E. Binham 11-2-201-43-0-22.33.

Bowling—J. Robertson 151.1-32-440-28-7/40-15.71; R. Howell 157-23-521-22-4/26-23.68; A. D. Langlands 136.5-19-547-21-4/30-26.04.

BRYANSTON SCHOOL Played 16: W 8, L 4, D 4. A 1

Master i/c: T. J. Hill

Tim Lamb, who scored hundreds against Monkton Combe (136) and King's, Bruton (100 not out), played for English Schools, MCC Schools and NCA Young Cricketers. Tom Brunner took his 100th wicket in his fourth season.

Batting—*T. C. Z. Lamb 15-2-804-136-2-61.84; P. J. Brenchley 16-2-659-94-0-47.07; T. P. W. Brunner 10-4-179-49-0-29.83; P. G. P. Chapman 11-4-176-40*-0-25.14; B. E. Leigh 15-2-215-45-0-16.53; E. O. G. Hunt 15-0-198-44-0-13.20.

Bowling—T. P. W. Brunner 198-49-510-36-6/21-14.16; T. C. Z. Lamb 92-17-358-18-3/32-19.88; T. H. Jenkins 116.1-34-372-16-2/15-23.25; S. J. Denning 131.3-11-477-17-5/79-28.05.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE Played 12: W 6, L 4, D 2

Master i/c: E. T. Cooke

Cricket professional: S. Walker

Batting—*J. H. S. Montgomery 10-3-415-93-0-59.28.

Bowling—J. H. S. Montgomery 63-11-191-16-4/33-11.93; R. K. Long 84-7-271-15-5/58-18.06.

CANFORD SCHOOL Played 25: W 18, L 6, D 1. A 3

Master i/c: A. Hobbs

Cricket professional: J. J. E. Hardy

A highlight was the tour to Barbados, where Canford won the Sir Garfield Sobers Schools Cricket Festival, thanks to a strong batting line-up and the presence of three good off-spinners in Toby Cutler, Jon Druitt and Peter Young, plus leg-spinner Andrew Major.

Batting—A. Major 20-4-658-119-1-41.12; T. Cutler 25-2-844-115-1-36.69; *S. Neal 23-2-746-116-1-35.52; R. Lawson 17-4-411-91-0-31.61; N. Makin 24-3-663-83-0-31.57; N. Lebas 22-5-360-58-0-21.17; P. Stapleton 16-0-232-68-0-14.50.

Bowling—P. Young 60.2-3-228-19-3/10-12.00; J. Druitt 139-16-580-35-4/27-16.57; T. Cutler 201.1-44-621-37-4/10-16.78; N. Makin 191.1-32-614-33-3/21-18.60; A. Major 134.4-19-542-26-3/12-20.84; S. Neal 112.5-22-378-17-2/10-22.23.

CATERHAM SCHOOL Played 16: W 9, L 3, D 4. A 1

Master i/c: A. G. Tapp

Cricket professional: W. Raja

Tim Slade was an outstanding seam bowler, whose 57 wickets included eight for 46 against Hampton School and a hat-trick against the Old Caterhamians. B. Barton also performed the feat against the touring New Forest High School from Durban.

Batting—M. Miller 14-4-272-44-0-27.20; G. Goodwin 14-5-241-50*-0-26.77; R. Jackson 16-1-380-69*-0-25.33; N. Alexander 11-4-153-34-0-21.85; A. Patel 15-3-230-40-0-19.16; B. Barton 13-0-172-54-0-13.23.

Bowling—T. Slade 270-74-670-57-8/46-11.75; B. Barton 161-34-482-37-6/36-13.02; R. Jackson 95.5-25-284-17-7/24-16.70; M. Miller 137-15-434-19-4/56-22.84.

CHARTERHOUSE Played 23: W 3, L 9, D 11

Master i/c: J. M. Knight

Cricket professional: R. V. Lewis

It was a season of rebuilding after the departure of what was probably the best side for some years. Without the prolific L. J. Webb and G. H. Tassell, who had scored 762 and 604 runs respectively in 1994, the batting relied on S. D. Brazier and T. J. W. Dawes, who made 1,260 runs between them. Slow left-arm C. J. Allen confirmed his promise of the previous year by taking the most wickets.

Batting—S. D. Brazier 17-1-658-99*-0-41.12; T. J. W. Dawes 21-2-602-111*-2-31.68; A. J. M. Burrows 21-0-492-69-0-23.42; J. R. C. Hamblin 18-3-345-64*-0-23.00; W. J. McKernan 14-2-274-80-0-22.83; B. M. J. Warburton 16-2-256-48-0-18.28; *M. W. R. Bowes 9-0-152-38-0-16.88; N. A. Hare 10-0-153-45-0-15.30; J. R. Dyson 13-1-161-28-0-13.41; W. J. S. Evans 16-4-154-34-0-12.83.

Bowling—W. J. S. Evans 102.3-11-393-19-3/54-20.68; B. M. J. Warburton 143.2-26-592-27-5/13-21.92; C. J. Allen 270.5-72-788-28-5/60-28.14; W. J. McKernan 148-24-593-17-4/34-34.88; J. R. C. Hamblin 192.3-34-714-16-3/33-44.62.

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE Played 15: W 2, L 1, D 12. A 1

Master i/c: M. W. Stovold

Cricket professional: M. Briers

Batting—W. F. A. Chambers 10-4-370-71*-0-61.66; S. T. J. Cowley 14-3-387-89-0-35.18; T. D. A. Arengo-Jones 9-1-206-66-0-25.75; *M. S. Inglis 10-1-221-69*-0-24.55; R. A. Harding 8-0-186-57-0-23.25; T. R. Allen 13-0-242-66-0-18.61.

Bowling—R. L. Dredge 170.2-22-460-24-4/25-19.16; D. J. E. Brown 210.4-31-854-39-5/52-21.89.

CHIGWELL SCHOOL Played 15: W 6, L 7, D 2. A 2

Master i/c: D. N. Morrison

Cricket professional: F. A. Griffith

The victory over Highams Park School was memorable for the season's best batting and bowling performances: 143 from M. Ali and six for 30 from N. J. Timpson. Ali also shared a partnership of 118 with G. Calder against Magdalen College School at the Wellingborough Festival.

Batting—M. Ali 15-3-598-143-3-49.83; G. Calder 13-2-258-58-0-23.45; *T. J. Jolly 15-1-320-54-0-22.85; K. S. Choudhry 12-2-190-79*-0-19.00; R. Chauhan 14-0-225-46-0-16.07; S. Spindlow 11-0-153-26-0-13.90.

Bowling—D. Sharma 144-33-481-28-4/36-17.17; M. Ali 89-27-292-16-5/21-18.25; R. Chauhan 173.1-34-552-29-5/43-19.03; O. Mahmood 71.4-8-288-15-4/23-19.20.

CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON Played 15: W 3, L 2, D 10. A 2

Master i/c: C. W. Kleiser

Cricket professional: R. P. Lefebvre

Cricket is blossoming at the College, for whom a highlight was the defeat of Royal GS, Worcester. Andrew Davies, who headed both sets of averages, joined Glamorgan on a full contract and played for Welsh Schools.

Batting—*A. P. Davies 9-1-369-101-1-46.12; T. D. T. Harbottle 13-1-288-84*-0-24.00; B. G. John 11-2-173-41-0-19.22; R. J. W. Fish 11-1-171-50-0-17.10; R. J. Chilman 13-0-216-50-0-16.61.

Bowling—A. P. Davies 73.2-14-246-16-5/25-15.37; C. M. P. Davenport 144.4-25-455-29-5/28-15.68; G. E. Colville 128-28-462-22-4/29-21.00; R. H. Jones 133.1-19-423-19-4/19-22.26.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE, FINCHLEY Played 20: W 6, L 9, D 5

Master i/c: S. S. Goldsmith

Batting—M. H. Cable 11-1-412-106-1-41.20; C. Depala 9-0-156-44-0-17.33; R. R. Persad 18-1-229-45-0-13.47.

Bowling—A. Bijlani 96.4-14-383-26-5/11-14.73; R. Depala 79.4-11-283-16-5/30-17.68.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

Played 15: W 5, L 2, D 8. A 2

Master i/c: H. P. Holdsworth

Cricket professionals: K. G. Suttle and P. J. Graves

Batting—*A. M. Buset 13-3-401-86-0-40.10; P. J. Wilkins 14-2-336-91-0-28.00; J. J. Kingsbury 14-3-253-55*-0-23.00; R. J. Pannell 10-2-151-28-0-18.87; J. R. Berressem 14-1-221-40-0-17.00; N. J. Codd 13-0-216-50-0-16.61; J. A. Cordery 15-1-215-52*-0-15.35; P. N. E. Hughes 12-1-154-32-0-14.00.

Bowling—J. R. Berressem 126.1-26-443-29-4/14-15.27; B. M. H. Bystry 174-32-560-33-5/25-16.96; A. H. Meredith-Jones 177.1-21-571-33-6/53-17.30.

CLAYESMORE SCHOOL

Played 16: W 7, L 6, D 3

Masters i/c: R. J. Hammond and R. J. Denning

Opening batsman Matthew Swarbrick was outstanding. He became the first to score 1,000 in a season – including seven centuries, with three in successive matches – broke his own innings record with 152 not out against Milton Abbey and in the same match set a new record partnership for any wicket when he put on 217 with his opening partner, Tom Hicks, who also headed the bowling. Swarbrick, who has represented Dorset and Wiltshire at rugby and Dorset at swimming, played cricket for Dorset and Hampshire Second XI.

Batting—*M. Swarbrick 15-2-1,251-152*-7-96.23; A. M. Philp 13-4-444-82*-0-49.33; T. C. Hicks 15-3-505-105*-2-42.08; R. J. Wyatt 10-3-259-96-0-37.00.

Bowling—T. C. Hicks 216-43-713-32-6/32-22.28; A. M. Philp 186-26-628-26-5/42-24.15.

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Played 16: W 5, L 6, D 5. A 3

Master i/c: D. C. Henderson

Cricket professional: F. J. Andrew

June was a prolific month for David England, who scored 359 in four innings. In July the side toured Barbados, where they reached the semi-finals of the Sir Garfield Sobers Schools Cricket Festival.

Batting—*D. J. R. England 16-1-663-112*-2-44.20; G. J. Corrigan 10-2-285-87-0-35.62; R. W. Sweetman 12-0-386-72-0-32.16; B. Lockwood 13-3-253-60-0-25.30; D. R. Grewcock 15-1-335-57-0-23.92; D. A. Kirtley 14-1-251-76-0-19.30; J. D. Walters 10-0-181-43-0-18.10; J. Kitchen 12-3-154-40*-0-17.11.

Bowling—B. Lockwood 199.2-31-745-34-6/59-21.91; B. A. Love 178-26-602-27-6/48-22.29.

COLSTON'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Played 18: W 11, L 3, D 4. A 1

Master i/c: M. P. B. Tayler

In the school's most successful season, Christopher Taylor was outstanding. His 1,597 runs at 106.46 took his tally for three years to 3,414 and included 809 in ten days. He has scored 14 hundreds in all, the eight in 1995 including 210 against the XL Club and 278 not out against Hutton GS, which equalled the record for an English public school – J. L. Guise's 278 for Winchester against Eton in 1921. He also took 31 wickets with his off-spin, being well supported in both departments by Alistair Bell, whose 652 runs and 34 wickets would have been more prominent in any other XI. Taylor went on to play for Gloucestershire Second XI, NAYC, MCC Schools and English schools.

Batting—*C. G. Taylor 18-3-1,597-278*-8-106.46; A. J. Bell 17-4-652-94*-0-50.15; R. M. Bryan 17-6-515-109*-1-46.81; J. A. Ewens 15-2-471-67-0-36.23; B. S. Tarasiuk 13-2-281-77*-0-25.54.

Bowling—A. J. Bell 131.5-19-487-34-6/46-14.32; C. G. Taylor 165.1-39-585-31-5/61-18.87; B. S. Tarasiuk 87.2-5-471-23-4/20-20.47.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL

Played 19: W 7, L 5, D 7. A 1

Master i/c: A. J. Presnell

A highlight was a first win for 26 years over Sutton Valence, featuring a first-wicket stand of 168 in 18 overs between Dan Furnival and Nick Pink.

Batting—N. Byrom 15-1-398-70-0-28.42; D. Furnival 19-0-537-90-0-28.26; P. Wicken 8-2-154-58*-0-25.66; J. Harfoot 11-3-190-37-0-23.75; N. Pink 18-2-334-100*-1-20.87.

Bowling—W. Chuter 45.3-9-104-15-5/17-6.93; B. Cowan 168.4-54-411-24-4/27-17.12; H. Trollope 167-21-536-30-8/18-17.86; P. Wicken 123.3-19-364-18-6/10-20.22; D. Guy 116.5-21-381-15-3/29-25.40.

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL

Played 17: W 4, L 4, D 9. A 2

Master i/c: D. C. Williams

The side played positively and attractively, the preponderance of draws reflecting their lack of a strike bowler to finish off the opposition in several close finishes. Ben Wright and the Hillier brothers were the mainstays of the attack, while the batting was stronger than in the previous season with the consistent Graeme Brown and D. E. M. G. Copleston both passing 500 runs.

Batting—*G. A. M. Brown 17-2-533-76*-0-35.53; D. E. M. G. Copleston 17-1-533-103*-1-33.31; J. Bennett 9-2-195-50-0-27.85; N. S. Shepherd 10-3-184-80-0-26.28; L. E. Moorby 15-4-215-63*-0-19.54; J. C. D. Wright 12-2-187-45-0-18.70; M. D. Colgate 14-1-172-37-0-13.23.

Bowling—B. J. Wright 163-26-638-30-6/50-21.26; A. G. Hillier 144.1-21-483-22-8/44-21.95; M. J. Hillier 172-36-538-19-5/60-28.31.

CULFORD SCHOOL

Played 16: W 4, L 4, D 8

Master i/c: R. P. Shepperson

The season featured some close finishes: Wisbech GS and St Joseph's, Ipswich, were beaten in exciting run-chases and MCC took the last wicket with three balls remaining. Another highlight was the two-day, two-innings Centenary match against the Old Culfordians. Matthew Grinham's aggregate of 598 runs was a school record, while George Ornbo led his young side and the attack excellently, taking 42 wickets with his fast left-arm deliveries, as well as playing some crucial middle-order innings.

Batting—M. J. L. Grinham 17-2-598-87-0-39.86; *G. A. Ornbo 17-5-285-52*-0-23.75; D. S. Holliday 15-1-282-61-0-20.14; B. Backhouse 15-0-301-70-0-20.06; G. N. Lindley 13-0-244-58-0-18.76; S. F. Ornbo 17-1-260-42-0-16.25.

Bowling—M. J. L. Grinham 143-32-360-27-5/16-13.33; G. A. Ornbo 203-44-630-42-8/39-15.00; P. R. Hamshire 130-30-393-16-2/21-24.56; B. J. Unwin 149-29-510-16-3/39-31.87.

DARTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Played 16: W 3, L 5, D 7, T 1. A 2

Masters i/c: C. J. Plummer and G. T. Prout

In the tied match against Bishop's Stortford, both sides were dismissed for 130.

Batting—M. J. L. Pask 16-0-491-98-0-30.68; E. C. Tyler 10-0-262-49-0-26.20; K. C. Newman 14-0-266-50-0-19.00; D. J. Hills 16-1-277-69*-0-18.46.

Bowling—D. W. Ring 104.1-18-372-26-6/17-14.30; M. J. L. Pask 139.3-33-440-30-6/41-14.66.

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

Played 15: W 9, L 2, D 4

Master i/c: D. C. R. Baker

Cricket professional: P. Knowles

Batting—O. Lawson 15-1-475-117*-1-33.92; M. Gauguier 13-3-322-51-0-32.20; D. Hagelthorn 10-5-159-69*-0-31.80; *S. Gaiger 15-4-286-65-0-26.00; D. Bell 15-1-323-75-0-23.07; N. Paget 13-4-197-51-0-21.88; J. Hope 15-0-298-70-0-19.86.

Bowling—D. Hagelthorn 159.1-28-552-28-4/18-19.71; D. Bell 122-35-395-20-3/19-19.75; A. Houchin 88-18-365-18-4/5-20.27; O. Lawson 150-32-546-20-3/46-27.30.

DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL

Played 18: W 7, L 2, D 9. A 2

Master i/c: C. M. Kenyon

Cricket professional: S. Hansford

The excellent results owed much to the captain and fast bowler, Mpumelele Mbangwa from Zimbabwe, who set high standards and often proved too good for the opposition. Opening batsman Anthony Thompson, who was also a useful fast bowler, set three new batting records with 746 runs, three centuries and his innings of 155 not out against King's, Worcester.

Batting—A. J. Thompson 17-1-746-155*-3-46.62; *M. Mbangwa 17-3-446-72*-0-31.85; D. T. Gilroy 17-1-445-69-0-27.81; N. G. A. Miller 15-2-297-83-0-22.84; J. Mears 11-1-152-40-0-15.20.

Bowling—M. Mbangwa 199-41-576-36-5/35-16.00; A. J. Thompson 145-19-606-21-5/33-28.85.

DENSTONE COLLEGE *Played 19: W 9, L 1, D 9. A 4*

Master i/c: A. N. James

In the best season for more than 20 years, Richard Howitt was outstanding. He broke his own aggregate record with 1,016 runs at a record average of 101.60, overtaking Alistair Hignell's career record for the school with 3,006 runs at 46.24. He went on to play for Nottinghamshire Second XI.

Batting—*R. W. J. Howitt 16-6-1,016-113*-3-101.60; A. T. Griffin 14-1-507-150*-1-39.00; P. R. Davies 14-2-408-64-0-34.00; A. I. Foyers 10-4-200-53-0-33.33; M. P. Tweddle 16-3-284-43-0-21.84.

Bowling—A. T. Griffin 144.4-20-482-32-7/34-15.06; B. S. Johal 118.3-34-337-20-5/24-16.85; J. A. J. Cure 205.1-40-625-35-7/46-17.85.

DOUAI SCHOOL *Played 8: W 1, L 4, D 3*

Master i/c: G. Jones

Cricket professional: M. O'Connor

Batting—S. Wicks 7-0-158-79-0-22.57.

Bowling—J. Midmore 111-20-376-20-3/37-18.80; B. Briggs 87-13-307-15-4/37-20.46.

DOVER COLLEGE *Played 15: W 4, L 7, D 4*

Master i/c: D. C. Butler

In a strong attack, which featured four bowlers averaging under 20 for the first time in many years, the left-arm spinner Ashley Couchman took five in an innings four times. The Telford brothers, Matthew and James, showed good all-round form with the former extending his record in four seasons to 937 runs and 52 wickets in 51 appearances.

Batting—*M. T. Telford 14-2-403-83*-0-33.58; J. R. Telford 14-1-288-54-0-22.15; M. J. Brooke 14-2-207-67-0-17.25; C. D. G. Crofton-Martin 14-2-178-37*-0-14.83; S. C. Hooper 14-3-154-56*-0-14.00.

Bowling—J. R. Telford 91.3-21-280-21-5/24-13.33; A. W. Barrow 65.1-5-227-17-3/22-13.35; M. T. Telford 141.2-41-363-27-3/14-13.44; A. A. H. Couchman 237-45-808-44-7/62-18.36.

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL *Played 14: W 4, L 8, D 2. A 2*

Master i/c: K. J. Burke

Cricket professional: J. Bird

Christopher Reid's 46 wickets included eight for 68 against Downside Wanderers.

Batting—J. P. Taylor 12-1-357-74-0-32.45; H. D. Vyvyan 12-0-273-89-0-22.75; E. J. T. Mellish 14-3-202-48*-0-18.36; *C. P. Reid 11-2-157-39-0-17.44.

Bowling—C. P. Reid 186.2-40-538-46-8/68-11.69; B. W. Pountney 101.4-19-294-15-5/24-19.60; I. W. Kirkpatrick 122.1-14-481-16-4/49-30.06.

DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL *Played 14: W 1, L 4, D 9. A 2*

Master i/c: S. Salisbury

Cricket professionals: C. R. Penn and S. J. Milton

Batting—H. P. Jellard 10-3-228-54*-0-32.57.

Bowling—N. I. Barrow 99-25-287-19-5/9-15.10; M. Hayward 94-16-329-18-3/30-18.27; J. D. Budd 89-18-309-16-5/48-19.31.

DULWICH COLLEGE *Played 15: W 6, L 7, D 2*

Master i/c: S. Northcote-Green

Cricket professional: A. Ransom

After a mid-season slump, the XI finished on a high note at the Downside Festival, where the hosts, Strathallan and Royal GS, Lancaster were all beaten. Nateel Bhatti was a prominent all-rounder.

Batting—N. J. Lloyd 14-1-492-109*-1-37.84; N. Bhatti 15-2-480-88-0-36.92; *S. M. Blythe 14-0-300-65-0-21.42; F. Hutton-Mills 12-4-171-38*-0-21.37; A. M. Patel 11-1-172-40-0-17.20.

Bowling—N. J. Easter 103-23-337-17-3/12-19.82; N. Bhatti 146-25-520-21-3/22-24.76; F. Hutton-Mills 151-27-480-17-3/20-28.23.

DURHAM SCHOOL *Played 17: W 11, L 3, D 3. A 4*

Master i/c: N. J. Willings

Cricket professional: M. Hirsch

Another fine season began with seven successive victories. Of the seven centuries scored by five batsmen, the most spectacular came from the Moroccan, Omar Jaber, against Ampleforth: he faced 51 balls in 60 minutes, hitting five sixes and 15 fours in 28 scoring shots. Michael Coates and Fraser Diver were both genuine all-rounders with 1,438 runs and 58 wickets between them.

Batting—S. Birtwistle 13-2-572-117-2-52.00; *M. Coates 18-0-820-115-2-45.55; F. Diver 16-2-618-110-1-44.14; W. Halford 20-5-526-101-1-35.06; O. Jaber 18-3-484-100-1-32.26; R. McLaren 18-3-344-57-0-22.93; R. Windows 16-4-196-34-0-16.33.

Bowling—M. Coates 152-48-430-26-5/12-16.53; F. Diver 177-27-566-32-6/9-17.68; O. Jaber 93-8-377-16-3/34-23.56; R. McLaren 175-30-705-25-4/22-28.20; R. Windows 173-27-751-24-4/32-31.29.

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE *Played 18: W 7, L 7, D 4. A 3*

Master i/c: N. L. Wheeler

Cricket professional: J. N. Shepherd

A highlight in a mixed season was winning the Langdale Cup. With 15-year-olds A. D. Simcox and M. J. Lock heading the batting and bowling averages respectively, there was optimism for the future.

Batting—A. D. Simcox 16-4-489-75-0-40.75; M. J. Lock 15-2-457-67-0-35.15; *R. F. Marchant 18-2-481-58-0-30.06; M. S. M. Justice 17-0-470-86-0-27.64; S. J. W. Whitton 12-5-176-50*-0-25.14; D. J. M. Garner 13-2-231-58-0-21.00.

Bowling—M. J. Lock 130-32-346-20-3/4-17.30; R. F. S. Hill 85-15-283-16-5/28-17.68; I. E. MacLean 112-22-403-15-4/14-26.86; S. J. W. Whitton 214.2-56-725-25-5/84-29.00.

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY *Played 18: W 8, L 5, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: P. J. Rodgers

A strong batting side were bowled out only three times, reached 190 nine times and had 12 partnerships of 75 or more. James Gibson, a New Zealander, was outstanding with 46 wickets and 724 runs, including 113 not out against Fettes in a partnership of 177 with Jamie Boyd. Stuart Moffat passed 600 runs for the second successive season and played with distinction for Scotland under-19.

Batting—J. Gibson 18-7-724-113*-1-65.81; *J. S. D. Moffat 17-4-672-104*-1-51.69; P. A. T. G. Rutherford 18-1-425-85-0-25.00; I. A. Hathorn 16-0-374-97-0-23.37; J. P. L. Boyd 15-2-279-91-0-21.46; G. B. Macleod 16-3-161-27-0-12.38.

Bowling—J. Gibson 250-73-634-46-6/37-13.78; I. A. Hathorn 133-24-523-24-5/63-21.79; J. S. D. Moffat 133-39-384-15-2/7-25.60.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE, GUERNSEY *Played 22: W 6, L 7, D 9. A 2*

Master i/c: M. E. Kinder

The season was badly affected by rain and the withdrawal of visiting sides to the Island. However, the cricket was positive, and while success came at home against adult club sides, the opposition on a tour to England proved more challenging. Matthew Brehaut was the leading all-rounder, opening the batting and bowling off-spin.

Batting—M. Brehaut 15-3-396-85*-0-33.00; K. R. Graham 16-1-333-69*-0-22.20; O. T. Brock 15-1-297-55-0-21.21; *S. J. Fooks 20-4-329-30-0-20.56; N. J. Bachmann 10-0-196-58-0-19.60; J. M. Arnold 17-2-233-55-0-15.53; M. C. Stokes 17-0-224-85-0-13.17.

Bowling—M. O. Walker 141.1-34-371-22-7/20-16.86; R. A. Collenette 158.4-40-502-27-4/12-18.59; M. Brehaut 139-11-549-26-5/48-21.11.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE

Played 16: W 3, L 8, D 5

Master i/c: E. Marsh

Cricket professional: R. G. Mapp

Batting—C. N. C. Hill 11-1-281-56-0-28.10; O. M. Dunk 13-2-281-65-0-25.54; *T. F. Stewart 13-0-328-79-0-25.23; J. P. Terry 12-0-275-46-0-22.91; O. J. Pughe 14-1-230-71*-0-17.69; P. Bisht 15-2-170-41-0-13.07.

Bowling—J. P. Terry 98-18-318-17-7/27-18.70.

ELTHAM COLLEGE

Played 21: W 7, L 5, D 9

Masters i/c: P. C. McCartney and B. M. Withecombe Cricket professionals: R. W. Hills and R. Winup

A strong batting side won the Lemon Cup for the fourth time and against St Dunstan's compiled a record score of 300 for six dec. However, the bowlers struggled on the excellent home wickets.

Batting—B. P. Dell 19-2-686-104-1-40.35; T. W. Barwick 20-2-639-109*-1-35.50; M. Roche 14-3-282-50*-0-25.63; P. S. Pay 19-4-378-66-0-25.20; T. B. Beames 17-3-334-100*-1-23.85; *J. M. Bensted 20-0-401-83-0-20.05; D. J. Hadley 19-1-329-74-0-18.27.

Bowling—P. Fenn 137-31-442-20-5/39-22.10; J. M. Bensted 161.2-33-636-28-3/22-22.71; T. B. Beames 170.3-25-662-24-5/27-27.58.

ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Played 21: W 4, L 8, D 9. A 2

Master i/c: M. Alder

Aaron Laraman, who was by far the outstanding batsman, played for Middlesex Second XI and England Under-17.

Batting—A. Laraman 11-3-697-154*-1-87.12; M. Bowen 16-1-383-102*-1-25.53; M. Kapadia 6-0-150-70-0-25.00; M. Marston 14-4-233-52-0-23.30; M. Wright 8-1-157-50*-0-22.42; M. Nicholls 13-3-184-51-0-18.40; A. Atkins 16-1-239-62-0-15.93; D. Grace 13-1-178-59-0-14.83.

Bowling—M. Nicholls 163-15-617-36-5/53-17.13; M. Bowen 102-10-430-19-3/42-22.63; J. Marston 138-22-536-20-4/77-26.80.

EPSOM COLLEGE

Played 16: W 7, L 1, D 8. A 2

Master i/c: G. A. Jones

Cricket professional: J. W. Lloyds

Batting—R. E. Arthur 12-2-463-102*-1-46.30; A. Nicol 10-5-228-73-0-45.60; N. Harris 16-3-552-103*-3-42.46; N. Wherry 13-2-431-96-0-39.18; G. Fowler 16-0-604-78-0-37.75; M. Snow 14-1-395-87-0-30.38; J. Felton 11-5-168-53-0-28.00; A. Baird 10-3-181-50-0-25.85; C. Valentine 13-0-216-54-0-16.61.

Bowling—C. Richards 68-11-234-15-4/25-15.60; N. Harris 200-45-639-29-5/30-22.03; N. Wherry 112-17-365-16-5/23-22.81; L. Webster 158-29-638-25-5/62-25.52.

ETON COLLEGE

Played 17: W 7, L 1, D 9. A 1

Master i/c: J. A. Claughton

Cricket professional: J. M. Rice

Eton won the Silk Trophy at Shrewsbury by beating the hosts, Radley (the only side to have beaten them earlier), and Guildford GS from Perth. Henry Dixon was the most consistent player, with two hundreds and five fifties, although James Fulton came into his own at the Festival, where latecomer Charles Jowett took ten wickets for 89 runs. The fathers of all the top four batsmen had also played for the Eton XI.

Batting—*J. A. G. Fulton 15-2-709-100*-1-54.53; H. H. Dixon 17-1-783-100-2-48.93; A. M. Lea 15-4-356-48-0-32.36; H. J. H. Loudon 15-1-395-62-0-28.21; N. A. Bailey 16-3-349-72-0-26.84.

Bowling—S. K. Patel 146.3-34-351-20-4/29-17.55; O. R. A. Shuttleworth 111-20-361-16-3/28-22.56; R. W. J. Bruce 148.5-36-464-16-3/36-29.00; A. F. Jafri 149-40-479-16-4/79-29.93.

EXETER SCHOOL

Played 16: W 6, L 4, D 6. A 3

Master i/c: M. C. Wilcock

Although the side failed to reach their potential as a unit, they had two talented all-rounders in Mark Price (off-spin) and Orlando Le Fleming (fast-medium). A highlight was Le Fleming's return of nine for 26 against Wellington School – seven bowled, two lbw. Price was selected for Welsh Schools and Le Fleming played for Somerset and Devon before taking up a place at the Royal Academy of Music.

Batting—M. H. Price 16-5-702-118*-1-63.81; *A. O. F. Le Fleming 11-3-490-96*-0-61.25; W. C. Cruft 15-2-392-89-0-30.15; R. J. Smith 13-1-251-49-0-20.91; T. A. Sowman 11-2-176-68-0-19.55; M. J. Porter 12-2-179-71-0-17.90.

Bowling—A. O. F. Le Fleming 126.5-24-367-35-9/26-10.48; M. H. Price 141.1-13-459-23-4/20-19.95.

FELSTED SCHOOL

Played 16: W 5, L 5, D 6. A 1

Master i/c: F. C. Hayes

Cricket professional: G. Barker

Two England players' records fell as Elliott Wilson and Giles Goodwin both completed their school careers in tremendous style. Wilson's 1,202 runs at 120.20, with five hundreds and a 99, surpassed Nick Knight's record of 1,027 in 1987. Goodwin dominated the attack with 47 economical wickets – including a return of seven for 12 in 19 overs – and his career tally of 184 wickets was 20 more than Derek Pringle's. Both Wilson and Goodwin played for Essex Second XI and the club have awarded Goodwin a contract. He also played for England Under-19, MCC Schools and NAYC, while Timothy Phillips, a young bowler introduced towards the end of the season, played for England Under-14 and won the *Daily Telegraph* Under-14 bowling award.

Batting—E. J. Wilson 16-6-1,202-128*-5-120.20; *G. J. A. Goodwin 13-5-372-78-0-46.50; R. F. C. Hayes 15-0-379-50-0-25.26; M. G. Alston 11-3-181-37-0-22.62; B. J. Tabor 12-0-204-54-0-17.00.

Bowling—G. J. A. Goodwin 237-102-561-47-7/12-11.93; M. E. Bundy 78-13-291-16-4/17-18.18.

FETTES COLLEGE

Played 14: W 3, L 9, D 2

Master i/c: J. G. A. Frost

Cricket professional: J. van Geloven

Although the first team had a moderate season, some notable performances for the Junior Colts promised well for the future.

Batting—S. A. Morrison 14-0-275-74-0-19.64; R. C. Graham-Brown 10-0-179-48-0-17.90; O. A. Morse 13-2-156-56-0-14.18; C. D. Stevens 12-0-170-47-0-14.16; C. R. Dennis 11-0-152-32-0-13.81.

Bowling—S. A. Morrison 171-24-599-31-6/53-19.32; F. M. Mair 111-16-373-18-3/14-20.72.

FOREST SCHOOL

Played 17: W 9, L 0, D 8

Master i/c: S. Turner

Everyone in the side contributed to an excellent, unbeaten season. C. White, a 15-year-old, generated a lively pace and led the bowling averages.

Batting—*W. Rogers 15-5-474-84*-0-47.40; J. McKay 17-1-538-111-1-33.62; S. Kuru 15-2-335-59-0-25.76; S. Blockley 11-3-178-33*-0-22.25; S. Woolmer 13-2-211-39-0-19.18; J. Banks 17-2-285-45-0-19.00.

Bowling—C. White 131.1-31-397-30-6/35-13.23; W. Rogers 159-24-452-31-5/25-14.58; J. McKay 178-28-617-30-4/16-20.56.

FOYLE AND LONDONDERRY COLLEGE

Played 17: W 10, L 7

Masters i/c: G. R. McCarter and I. McCracken

Batting—*R. S. Dougherty 15-2-357-82-0-27.46; S. R. Hanna 10-1-175-50-0-19.44; G. King 15-4-195-53-0-17.72; S. A. McLean 13-0-213-41-0-16.38; R. K. Dunn 16-2-217-32-0-15.50; A. R. Fleming 16-1-223-48-0-14.86.

Bowling—G. Moore 77.3-17-231-20-3/8-11.55; R. S. Dougherty 67.3-11-231-18-3/10-12.83; G. King 75-14-260-16-5/16-16.25; A. R. Fleming 119.4-27-384-22-7/26-17.45.

FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE Played 15: W 8, L 2, D 5. A 2

Master i/c: P. J. Hayes

Cricket professional: C. Rutterford

Jonathan Phillips was the leading batsman, with two hundreds and five fifties in his 810 runs. In the last match of the season, against Kimbolton, the final two wickets were taken by two different bowlers, each with his first ball in first-team cricket.

Batting—*J. H. Phillips 15-2-810-137-2-62.30; J. A. Misick 10-2-240-58*-0-30.00; C. J. Clementson 11-0-315-71-0-28.63; C. J. Goodfellow 14-1-349-71-0-26.84; M. A. H. Rodwell 12-4-179-49-0-22.37.

Bowling—P. J. Pineo 180.2-28-566-36-5/20-15.72; P. R. Elsley 117.5-38-301-16-5/37-18.81; W. D. Buck 146-40-415-20-5/38-20.75.

GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL Played 14: W 2, L 4, D 8. A 1

Master i/c: C. Green

Batting—*J. A. E. Caton 13-0-399-89-0-30.69; C. R. Woolsey 9-2-159-49-0-22.71; C. J. Shorrocks 9-0-198-59-0-22.00; O. R. J. Cruse 13-0-273-68-0-21.00; E. W. M. Smith 12-1-151-38-0-13.72; K. A. H. Robertson 13-1-152-39-0-12.66.

Bowling—E. W. M. Smith 87-20-312-19-4/23-16.42; J. B. Savage 169-34-566-19-4/40-29.78.

GLENALMOND Played 13: W 6, L 1, D 6. A 1

Master i/c: J. D. Bassett

The side's only defeat came at the hands of Sedbergh in a two-day game. Tom Stevenson was the most reliable batsman in a generally solid line-up, with strong support from Andrew Gully, a left-arm seamer, who also headed the bowling. The second-wicket partnership of 175 between these two, who made 69 not out and 98 respectively against the Edinburgh Academy, was a school record for any wicket.

Batting—T. M. Stevenson 15-3-549-89*-0-45.75; A. D. M. Gully 14-0-326-99-0-23.28; G. Christie 11-4-162-34*-0-23.14; A. Sim 9-1-154-44-0-19.25; E. L. M. Massie 15-3-226-69*-0-18.83; A. R. Croall 15-1-243-49-0-17.35.

Bowling—A. D. M. Gully 231.1-60-657-36-6/60-18.25; R. Trantor 73-16-274-15-4/32-18.26; E. L. M. Massie 122.3-39-304-16-3/26-19.00; H. Monro 147.1-36-390-20-4/11-19.50.

GORDONSTOUN SCHOOL Played 9: W 5, L 2, D 2. A 2

Master i/c: C. J. Barton

In a particularly wet season – the fine weather did not reach Morayshire until after the end of term – a highlight was the bowling of Samir Nanji, a Kenyan off-spinner whose 36 wickets cost less than ten apiece. He went on to tour South Africa with Kenya Under-21.

Batting—M. C. Hepburn 7-2-189-54-0-37.80; *A. H. B. Fraser-Tytler 8-2-199-80*-0-33.16; J. L. Shrago 9-1-260-117*-1-32.50.

Bowling—S. S. Nanji 117.2-26-356-36-8/58-9.88; J. L. Shrago 91.4-18-283-16-6/24-17.68.

GRENVILLE COLLEGE Played 9: W 1, L 3, D 5. A 1

Master i/c: C. R. Beechey

Batting—*J. Morris 8-0-336-105-1-42.00; J. Kirkham-Brown 8-1-227-100*-1-32.42; B. C. Moore 8-2-164-58-0-27.33; A. Bott 9-1-151-112*-1-18.87.

Bowling—D. Gunion 70-14-194-18-4/6-10.77; J. Kirkham-Brown 47.2-8-227-15-3/4-15.13.

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL Played 17: W 9, L 6, D 2. A 2

Master i/c: A. M. Ponder

The brothers Nick and Tom Hood scored 109 and 110 not out respectively in compiling a record opening partnership of 229 against Wymondham College, against whom their father had also made a century when a schoolboy.

Batting—J. Wyatt 15-3-567-116-1-47.25; J. Cuff 7-2-199-51-0-39.80; O. Morgan 12-1-324-80-0-29.45; *N. Hood 15-2-362-109-1-27.84; M. Burman 11-2-229-73-0-25.44; D. Copas 12-2-253-59-0-25.30; T. Hood 17-3-351-110*-1-25.07.

Bowling—J. Worby 152.3-28-502-30-6/47-16.73; J. Woodward 162.3-31-482-24-5/51-20.08; J. Hughes 118.3-20-440-20-3/12-22.00.

HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL Played 19: W 4, L 5, D 10. A 2

Masters i/c: S. D. Charlwood and D. I. Yeabsley

Although it was a disappointing season in terms of results, there were encouraging individual performances, notably from Jason Bilimoria with the bat and Matthew Spiro with the ball. A winter tour to Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia was planned in conjunction with the school's hockey and rugby clubs.

Batting—*J. Bilimoria 18-2-576-107*-1-36.00; R. Allen 15-2-383-59*-0-29.46; S. Shah 18-1-334-73*-0-19.64; C. C. Brown 14-2-215-49-0-17.91; S. L. Bloom 15-0-256-77-0-17.06; H. Saegusa 15-1-217-53-0-15.50.

Bowling—M. G. Spiro 185-39-671-30-4/48-22.36; H. Saegusa 197.5-33-662-26-4/35-25.46; P. R. Samuels 181.3-43-666-18-4/39-37.00.

HAILEYBURY Played 18: W 5, L 5, D 8. A 1

Master i/c: M. S. Seymour

Cricket professionals: P. M. Ellis and G. D. Barlow

Batting—N. D. Hughes 19-2-848-98-0-49.88; J. E. L. Dahl 12-2-468-120*-1-46.80; S. M. Osman 17-0-389-65-0-22.88; M. O. Elmes 13-1-230-70-0-19.16; E. P. C. Mitchell 17-3-249-60-0-17.78; T. J. Pearman 14-3-156-40*-0-14.18; J. E. Collyer 17-4-182-34-0-14.00.

Bowling—*D. W. Stahl 211-60-626-42-6/47-14.90; N. D. Hughes 280-30-591-27-4/25-21.88; P. A. C. Mansfield 217-43-710-29-5/50-24.48.

HAMPTON SCHOOL Played 20: W 4, L 5, D 11. A 2

Master i/c: A. J. Cook

Cricket professional: P. Farbrace

The youngest side in living memory performed creditably and gave encouragement for the future.

Batting—B. C. A. Mott 20-3-940-165-2-55.29; *T. J. Green 18-3-705-104-3-47.00; P. J. Frost 17-0-436-76-0-25.64; S. B. Powell 18-0-390-70-0-21.66; M. J. Templeman 18-0-384-82-0-21.33.

Bowling—N. Critchley 100.5-14-445-18-4/43-24.72; P. J. Frost 191-48-582-23-7/27-25.30; A. J. Evans 145.4-25-592-22-6/50-26.90.

HARROW SCHOOL Played 21: W 8, L 2, D 11. A 1

Master i/c: C. M. B. Williams

Cricket professional: R. K. Sethi

In a strong batting side Robin MacAndrew, a left-handed batsman and wicket-keeper, achieved the highest aggregate for some years and effected 30 dismissals, including five at Lord's. There were two hat-tricks: from Simon Engelen, who bowls left-arm in-swing, against Felsted, and from Douglas de Jager against Upper Canada College. Although Tim Leathes (fast-medium) was also effective with 34 wickets, the attack often lacked penetration. The side attended a festival at Rossall for the first time and were encouraged to find throughout the season that, as a result of the MCC initiative, all but three of their matches were played positively, with a sensible overs split.

Batting—R. G. MacAndrew 20-3-775-85-0-45.58; E. G. L. Maydon 21-7-473-105*-1-33.78; *S. D. G. Engelen 18-2-462-113*-1-28.87; A. N. L. Cox 20-1-538-108-2-28.31; J. R. W. Norris 16-0-326-74-0-20.37; W. A. T. Gillions 19-4-301-76-0-20.06; O. C. P. Spry 15-0-151-42-0-10.06.

Bowling—S. D. G. Engelen 240.3-68-662-43-6/24-15.39; T. D. de M. Leathes 173-40-588-34-6/19-17.29; R. D. C. R. Pollock-Hill 95-14-318-15-4/45-21.20; W. A. T. Gillions 131-37-368-17-2/5-21.64; C. R. C. Parker 187.2-39-512-19-2/23-26.94.

THE HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 18: W 5, L 6, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: P. J. Harding

Batting—*M. C. Bristow 11-1-357-86*-0-35.70; L. Fletcher 18-2-369-52-0-23.06; K. Temple 18-2-309-75*-0-19.31; T. Timmins 17-3-236-59*-0-16.85; N. G. Brandon 14-0-234-101-1-16.71; S. Patel 10-0-158-35-0-15.80; N. Jackson 17-0-248-46-0-14.58.

Bowling—T. Timmins 86.4-10-391-25-6/38-15.64; M. Ritchie 87.4-8-401-18-3/23-22.27; L. Fletcher 142.4-21-500-22-5/33-22.72.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL *Played 19: W 10, L 4, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: A. Connop

Batting—S. J. Price 17-4-684-90*-0-52.61; T. I. Hall 13-5-356-77*-0-44.50; *B. J. Albright 19-5-589-71-0-42.07; A. Johnson 12-3-260-50-0-28.88; M. D. Price 13-3-258-56-0-25.80; M. Tomlinson 8-1-156-53-0-22.28.

Bowling—J. E. A. Layton 221.2-44-649-38-7/53-17.07; D. Jennings 105.2-27-301-17-3/5-17.70; M. Tomlinson 180.1-32-583-24-4/35-24.29; N. Brown 118-16-415-16-3/19-25.93.

HIGHGATE SCHOOL *Played 14: W 1, L 5, D 7, T 1*

Master i/c: R. G. W. Marsh

Batting—M. A. P. O'Brien 12-4-630-163*-3-78.75; C. J. P. Thomas 7-4-162-55*-0-54.00; R. A. Swann 11-0-465-151-1-42.27; D. C. Cohen 11-4-281-126-1-40.14; *S. M. Khan 13-1-285-90*-0-23.75; R. H. Beenstock 11-0-186-45-0-16.90.

Bowling—C. J. P. Thomas 146-29-523-25-6/61-20.92; D. C. Cohen 136.3-14-580-18-4/88-32.22.

HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE *Played 16: W 6, L 3, D 7. A 2*

Master i/c: M. J. Mance

Cricket professional: D. J. Semmence

Despite slightly disappointing results, it was an enjoyable season in which Simon May set a fine example behind the stumps and led from the front when batting; his 150 against Cranleigh was an excellent innings. He and Lee Atkins, the leading bowler, played for Sussex Under-19.

Batting—*S. P. May 17-3-757-150-2-54.07; R. K. H. Redford 13-2-373-58*-0-33.90; N. J. Jenkin 16-3-430-80-0-33.07; A. C. Scoones 13-5-209-52*-0-26.12; L. J. Atkins 13-5-204-40-0-25.50; J. E. Riddy 17-1-329-61-0-20.56; T. J. W. Larman 14-2-231-76-0-19.25.

Bowling—L. J. Atkins 188.3-37-567-29-7/18-19.55; J. C. A. Catterall 148-22-538-27-5/58-19.92; A. C. Scoones 158.1-29-623-22-7/69-28.31.

IPSWICH SCHOOL *Played 16: W 11, L 1, D 4. A 1*

Master i/c: A. K. Golding

Cricket professional: R. E. East

The 11 wins were a school record.

Batting—D. R. Sim 10-4-343-79-0-57.16; J. P. East 16-3-529-121-1-40.69; G. J. McCartney 16-3-525-101*-1-40.38; C. Robinson 15-3-401-62*-0-33.41; S. Henwood 16-0-459-86-0-28.68; M. Laws 10-0-243-68-0-24.30; J. F. Collins 12-2-218-67-0-21.80.

Bowling—J. P. East 198-40-586-35-5/8-16.74; J. Druitt 143-27-520-21-4/37-24.76; C. Robinson 210.4-42-681-22-5/19-30.95.

ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL *Played 16: W 8, L 3, D 5*

Master i/c: B. A. Goldsby

The side were runners-up in the County Cup, losing a close final to Mill Hill. Owais Shah, still only 16, played for Middlesex and the Southern Development of Excellence XI and was selected for the England Under-19 tour to Zimbabwe. B. M. Goldsby completed four seasons in the eleven with more than 1,000 runs and 75 wickets.

Batting—O. A. Shah 5-1-333-149-2-83.25; T. P. McLoughlin 10-4-336-76-0-56.00; *B. M. Goldsby 14-4-396-71*-0-39.60; K. H. Bokhari 12-3-207-43-0-23.00; N. Ahmed 14-0-297-57-0-21.21.

Bowling—B. M. Goldsby 138.5-17-559-35-5/26-15.97; E. W. Harding 81.5-11-347-16-5/30-21.68.

THE JOHN LYON SCHOOL *Played 16: W 6, L 5, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: I. Parker

A young side did better than expected, with K. Merali heading both averages.

Batting—*K. Merali 13-3-403-108*-1-40.30; M. Navratnarajah 14-3-297-66*-0-27.00; N. Goh 15-2-336-67*-0-25.84; S. Choudhary 13-3-169-48*-0-16.90; J. Leach 13-3-158-34-0-15.80.

Bowling—K. Merali 109.3-19-398-17-3/8-23.41; N. Goh 151.3-28-463-19-3/25-24.36.

KELLY COLLEGE *Played 12: W 3, L 2, D 7*

Master i/c: G. C. L. Cooper

Katy Roué, a fifth-former whose brother James was team captain, played once for the XI. An off-break bowler, she also plays for the West of England Ladies Under-20s.

Batting—*J. L. Roué 12-1-412-119-1-37.45; R. G. Goldring 10-0-219-81-0-21.90; R. H. Harrison 11-2-196-77*-0-21.77; A. M. Hurst 10-0-207-66-0-20.70; A. R. Gander 11-0-171-88-0-15.54.

Bowling—R. B. Koshoni 87-24-283-20-5/9-14.15.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL *Played 18: W 1, L 11, D 6. A 2*

Master i/c: R. P. Merriman

Cricket professional: M. E. Latham

Although results were poor in a season of rebuilding, there was encouragement from some individual performances. Against Leicestershire Gentlemen, Paul Pippard set new records with his innings of 134 and his eighth-wicket partnership of 104 with Jeremy Follett. Mark Klein took a hat-trick (all bowled) in the same match and in the victory over Berkhamsted took six for 51 and scored his second century of the season.

Batting—P. S. Pippard 18-0-657-134-2-36.50; M. D. Klein 18-2-442-108-2-27.62; W. J. T. Follett 18-0-390-92-0-21.66; O. Bailey 18-2-206-36-0-12.87.

Bowling—M. D. Klein 126.4-13-457-22-6/51-20.77; J. C. R. Follett 181.5-36-672-27-6/21-24.88.

KING EDWARD VI COLLEGE, STOURBRIDGE *Played 14: W 2, L 9, D 3. A 1*

Master i/c: R. A. Williams

Batting—R. Nagra 10-0-357-103-1-35.70; *R. J. Crowley 12-0-262-44-0-21.83; R. Bhogal 14-2-227-63-0-18.91.

Bowling—R. Bhogal 76.2-11-310-17-5/22-18.23; R. Nagra 124-24-429-22-6/47-19.50.

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON *Played 19: W 10, L 4, D 5. A 5*

Master i/c: R. J. Putt

In a successful season, the school retained the Altham Trophy for local sixth forms. John Cloughton again headed the batting. Simon Francis played for England Under-17 and his brother John played for England Under-14.

Batting—J. A. Cloughton 16-1-746-101-1-49.73; A. J. Hart 14-2-523-106*-2-43.58; W. H. Baker 6-1-194-100*-1-38.80; A. M. Dyke 7-2-152-60*-0-30.40; C. F. Craft 17-2-446-104-1-29.73; L. D. Sully 12-3-193-49-0-21.44; *D. R. Baxendale 13-5-170-40-0-21.25; M. H. Tarry 13-0-235-46-0-18.07.

Bowling—S. R. G. Francis 173-40-540-36-7/42-15.00; D. R. Baxendale 193.2-35-648-34-6/35-19.05; S. J. Andrews 160.1-26-591-24-7/26-24.62; L. D. Sully 108-20-384-15-3/20-25.60.

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM

Played 17: W 4, L 10, D 3. A 2

Master i/c: S. T. Godfrey

A highlight was Michael Moore's innings of 173 against Manchester GS, which came off 157 balls, with two sixes and 28 fours.

Batting—*R. M. Moore 16-0-663-173-1-41.43; G. Evans 12-1-203-55-0-18.45; J. Kok 14-0-238-52-0-17.00; L. Hilton 17-1-189-45-0-11.81; T. T. Godfrey 14-1-151-30*-0-11.61; S. Long 15-0-152-31-0-10.13.

Bowling—R. M. Moore 148.2-35-405-28-5/53-14.46; G. Evans 96.1-26-311-20-4/26-15.55; T. Brown 160-37-461-26-5/12-17.73.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM

Played 25: W 7, L 5, D 12, T 1. A 1

Master i/c: M. D. Stead

Cricket professional: J. Huband

Mark Wagh was again outstanding, with 1,062 runs, including five centuries, and 40 wickets with his off-breaks. He made his first-team debut for Warwickshire and played for England Under-18, English Schools, MCC Schools and NCA Young Cricketers.

Batting—*M. A. Wagh 21-1-1,062-145-5-53.10; A. J. Martin 12-4-212-47-0-26.50; A. P. Blaikley 22-2-473-84*-0-23.65; R. J. McGuire 19-4-267-37-0-17.80; A. M. Purdon 18-3-262-43*-0-17.46; B. J. Tier 21-5-264-43-0-16.50; A. R. Chitre 23-0-357-46-0-15.52.

Bowling—M. A. Wagh 242.5-74-515-40-6/38-12.87; J. S. Ross 223-36-787-34-4/39-23.14; A. P. Blaikley 181.3-20-735-29-3/28-25.34; S. A. McCrory 153-22-420-16-6/33-26.25.

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

Played 10: W 4, L 3, D 3

Master i/c: A. A. Maree

Cricket professional: D. Mark

Batting—R. Hendry 8-0-316-98-0-39.50; J. Manuja 9-1-196-59-0-24.50; E. Zuiderent 10-2-178-101*-1-22.25; R. Cowley 9-0-161-37-0-17.88.

Bowling—N. Gawne 67.4-14-249-19-5/41-13.10; R. Hendry 97-13-341-26-8/43-13.11; R. Cowley 86.2-23-234-15-4/36-15.60.

KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

Played 14: W 8, L 3, D 3

Master i/c: R. T. R. Yeates

Cricket professional: D. Breakwell

It was agreed that the introduction of some limited-overs games proved a positive influence throughout, with the cricket generally exciting and rewarding. Nicholas Boulton, a fourth-former who made five centuries, set new records with his innings of 187, his aggregate of 899 and his average of 74.91. Sam Diment had a steady but unspectacular season, going on to play for MCC Schools.

Batting—N. R. Boulton 14-2-899-187-5-74.91; J. H. Duder 13-2-457-103-1-41.54; S. H. L. Diment 12-3-365-67-0-40.55; N. J. Raymond 11-2-302-100*-1-33.55; P. J. R. Chappell 13-3-306-96-0-30.60; D. J. Bostock 12-1-182-48-0-16.54.

Bowling—S. H. L. Diment 126.2-19-473-16-2/29-29.56; D. J. Bostock 151.3-26-544-17-3/20-32.00.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON

Played 23: W 7, L 6, D 10

Master i/c: G. C. McGinn

Cricket professional: L. J. Moody

In a season of rebuilding, much depended on the batting of the Sleigh brothers – Richard, the captain, and Andrew, in his first season – who scored almost 2,000 runs between them. The attack, spearheaded by Samir Sheikh and Jacques Rossouw, lacked the guile of a slow bowler.

Batting—A. Sleigh 24-6-1,014-91*-0-56.33; *R. Sleigh 22-3-974-120*-1-51.26; D. Bowen 4-1-151-100*-1-50.33; S. Pervaz 18-6-412-92*-0-34.33; L. Whitaker 20-5-514-67-0-34.26; S. Sheikh 14-2-308-79-0-25.66; B. Moir 16-1-302-100*-1-20.13.

Bowling—S. Sheikh 181-28-605-34-6/37-17.79; J. Rossouw 205.2-33-755-35-6/30-21.57; C. Elliot 62-3-344-15-3/24-22.93; J. Walsh 165.3-17-648-19-4/37-34.10.

KING'S SCHOOL, BRUTON

Played 13: W 7, L 3, D 3. A 1

Master i/c: P. Platts-Martin

Cricket professional: N. J. Lockhart

Batting—J. E. K. Rooke 12-0-421-86-0-35.08; J. P. Thomas 12-1-277-61-0-25.18; L. Kemp 13-1-281-63-0-23.41; C. B. Higgins 13-0-296-64-0-22.76; K. J. Pike 12-2-156-28*-0-15.60; S. R. Pollok 11-1-152-39-0-15.20.

Bowling—J. P. Thomas 137.1-30-410-29-5/28-14.13; D. G. Wyatt 101.1-21-308-21-4/40-14.66; N. A. B. Price 94.4-15-336-22-4/18-15.27; *L. C. Crofts 92-27-270-16-3/14-16.87.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY

Played 14: W 2, L 4, D 8

Master i/c: A. W. Dyer

Cricket professional: A. G. E. Ealham

A highlight was William Bax's century against Sutton Valence – the first by a fifth-former against another school since the war.

Batting—Q. Wiseman 15-2-441-106-1-33.92; C. M. North 11-1-279-67-0-27.90; W. R. Bax 13-3-231-123-1-23.10; T. W. Stazicker 14-2-274-51-0-22.83; M. J. A. Pyke 14-1-245-45-0-18.84; T. J. Palmer 14-1-206-44-0-15.84; M. J. Davies 13-0-203-47-0-15.61.

Bowling—C. M. Mounsey-Thear 179-36-546-25-5/19-21.84; C. M. North 141.4-33-493-22-4/60-22.40; *W. J. G. Finch 144-28-477-16-3/80-29.81.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER

Played 18: W 9, L 6, D 3. A 2

Master i/c: S. Neal

Robert Falconer shared in two significant partnerships. He scored 90 in a first-wicket stand of 131 with Kieron Ollier (75) to set up a second successive victory over MCC, and made 96 in a second-wicket stand of 216 with Scott McCormick (113 not out) against a strong Old King's Scholars XI.

Batting—R. J. Falconer 18-1-585-96-0-34.41; K. J. Ollier 15-1-464-97-0-33.14; *S. J. McCormick 17-2-421-113*-1-28.06; R. L. Owen 13-3-234-65*-0-23.40; B. K. Smith 13-1-180-45-0-15.00; A. C. Lamond 12-0-179-44-0-14.91.

Bowling—A. J. Douglas 164-35-494-33-4/18-14.96; R. J. Falconer 136-31-407-26-5/25-15.65; J. N. A. Cornelius 108-18-371-21-5/23-17.66.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, ELY

Played 19: W 9, L 1, D 9. A 1

Masters i/c: C. J. Limb and W. J. Marshall

The success of the side, who won the Cambridgeshire Schools Cup for the third year running, owed much to the consistent batting of Chris Marshall, Ian Haigh and Matthew Parker, who scored seven centuries between them. Another batting highlight was a record total of 319 for five against Newport Free GS. Wickets were shared between eight members of a strong attack, assisted by some excellent catches by Matthew Setchell behind the stumps.

Batting—*C. D. Marshall 18-3-682-152*-2-45.46; I. P. N. Haigh 13-0-584-106-2-44.92; M. C. Parker 18-1-660-113-3-38.82; C. W. Kisby 17-3-373-98-0-26.64; D. M. Donaldson 15-6-161-36*-0-17.88; T. J. N. Shanassy 15-3-157-32-0-13.08.

Bowling—C. W. Kisby 54.5-6-221-17-4/10-13.00; M. C. Parker 179.1-45-547-36-4/14-15.19; C. J. Douglass 90-9-408-23-4/53-17.73; A. R. Cable 106-26-423-23-4/40-18.39.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD

Played 18: W 3, L 5, D 10. A 3

Master i/c: D. M. Harbord

Cricket professional: S. Moores

Batting—A. S. Bones 17-1-606-100-1-37.87; S. D. Gatie 18-2-392-71-0-24.50; M. J. Patterson 17-2-344-58*-0-22.93; N. M. Mason 16-0-347-82-0-21.68; C. J. Buckley 17-2-297-82-0-19.80; A. D. Emslie 15-2-232-65-0-17.84; J. Farshchi 14-2-179-54*-0-14.91.

Bowling—G. A. Emmett 164-24-550-35-7/35-15.71; *P. M. Daniels 123-22-452-18-3/22-25.11; A. J. Wheeler 150-25-538-21-5/29-25.61.

KING'S SCHOOL, ROCHESTER *Played 18: W 3, L 7, D 8*

Master i/c: G. R. Williams

The results were disappointing, although most of the defeats were by a small margin. The bowling was rarely accurate enough to dismiss sides cheaply, and the senior batsmen often failed to do themselves justice when chasing runs. Both batting and bowling averages were headed by Glynn Davies and Simon Nicholls, son of the former Kent player, David Nicholls.

Batting—G. E. Davies 18-3-593-89-0-39.53; S. P. A. Nicholls 18-1-414-78-0-24.35; R. A. Batchelor 18-1-321-52-0-18.88; D. N. Philp 11-1-162-91*-0-16.20; O. T. Davies 16-2-218-61-0-15.57.

Bowling—G. E. Davies 155-31-460-28-4/31-16.42; S. P. A. Nicholls 93-14-363-17-5/86-21.35; D. N. Philp 182-31-583-25-4/27-23.32.

KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER *Played 20: W 11, L 4, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: D. P. Iddon

A successful season began with a flourish as five of the first six games were won. Artisham Fiaz and Max Rowan excelled throughout, and with three Under-15 players figuring prominently in the averages, there is promise for the future.

Batting—*A. Fiaz 19-2-904-107*-2-53.17; S. R. Thomas 18-5-564-100-1-43.38; E. M. Oliver 16-2-413-51*-0-29.50; R. E. Haines 12-2-243-70-0-24.30; D. A. Cullen 15-6-152-31-0-16.88; T. A. Morris 16-0-191-36-0-11.93.

Bowling—M. Rowan 245.5-62-697-46-5/48-15.15; D. J. Kendrick 147.3-30-566-31-4/47-18.25; J. Riaz 151.2-38-461-22-4/51-20.95; A. Fiaz 157-36-530-23-3/54-23.04; T. S. Heyes 187-38-644-27-4/39-23.85.

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 19: W 10, L 5, D 4*

Master i/c: J. A. Royce

Cricket professional: C. Mutucumarana

A well-balanced and varied attack earned some excellent results, including victory in the Alexander Cup (Surrey Under-19).

Batting—L. D. Garrard 18-1-583-101*-1-34.29; P. W. Anderson 16-3-384-77-0-29.53; J. A. Smith 6-0-161-67-0-26.83; J. R. J. Ebsworth 17-2-285-40-0-19.00; G. Narinesingh 18-1-280-75-0-16.47; M. J. Newport 13-1-170-33-0-14.16; L. R. E. Mallett 18-3-207-37-0-13.80; A. D. Evans 17-3-179-36-0-12.78; N. Patel 19-2-193-51*-0-11.35.

Bowling—D. J. Spenceley 135.2-28-415-27-4/6-15.37; *G. R. Spenceley 110.2-15-425-25-5/21-17.00; N. Patel 123.4-16-566-29-5/62-19.51; P. W. Anderson 163.2-46-559-28-6/9-19.96.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL *Played 9: W 3, L 5, D 1*

Master i/c: T. P. A. Reeman

Batting—D. P. L. Willis 8-1-191-59*-0-27.28.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was U. J. A. Warmann 68.3-12-231-12-6/44-19.25.

LANCING COLLEGE *Played 18: W 6, L 4, D 8, A 1*

Master i/c: M. P. Bentley

Cricket professional: R. Davies

The season was memorable for some notable partnerships: George Campbell and Nick Hayday compiled 212 for the first wicket against the XL Club and 159 for the second against Rugby, while Dominic Clapp and Giles Haywood put on 140 for the third against Christ's Hospital. Hayday completed his fifth season in the XI, having played every game for them in five years since he was 14.

Batting—G. Campbell 19-3-950-128*-2-59.37; D. Clapp 20-2-592-74-0-32.88; *N. Hayday 20-0-571-88-0-28.55; G. Haywood 15-0-356-118-1-23.73; G. Price 15-2-272-87*-0-20.92; W. Monson 14-1-214-78-0-16.46.

Bowling—G. Haywood 119-29-686-30-5/45-22.86.

LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL *Played 15: W 6, L 2, D 7*

Master i/c: C. H. Williams

Batting—S. Evans 14-3-724-137*-4-65.81; B. Simpson 10-3-322-86*-0-46.00; J. Roberts 8-1-195-62*-0-27.85; R. Wakeman 9-2-184-71-0-26.28; T. Summerfield 12-2-157-37*-0-15.70.

Bowling—N. Codling 64.4-10-210-16-4/8-13.12; *J. Rayfield 102-18-246-18-6/14-13.66; D. Montefusco 97-22-291-18-6/22-16.16; A. Shepherd 99-11-514-20-8/61-25.70.

LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 15: W 1, L 5, D 9*

Master i/c: R. Hill

Batting—M. N. Richmond 15-1-517-100*-1-36.92; T. J. N. Golby 14-1-441-62-0-33.92; A. R. Brown 10-2-244-56-0-30.50; L. W. B. Kendall 11-4-207-57*-0-29.57; J. R. Wyn-Griffiths 12-0-231-113-1-19.25.

Bowling—*P. J. Miller 92-17-406-17-3/66-23.88; D. H. Butler 109.1-24-606-18-7/62-33.66.

THE LEYS SCHOOL *Played 15: W 4, L 9, D 2, A 2*

Master i/c: T. Firth

Cricket professional: D. Gibson

Batting—R. Pallister 15-2-305-80-0-23.46; N. Barber 15-1-264-55-0-18.85; R. Bentley 14-0-238-47-0-17.00; *C. Parnell 14-1-173-62-0-13.30.

Bowling—N. Romans 114.1-23-399-24-6/47-16.62; T. Biddle 76-11-259-15-4/37-17.26; S. Graham 177-34-485-27-4/47-17.96.

LLANDOVERY COLLEGE *Played 13: W 1, L 6, D 6, A 2*

Master i/c: T. G. Marks

Batting—I. E. Jones 9-3-181-44*-0-30.16; M. Venables 8-2-153-57*-0-25.50; H. Lock 8-0-186-57-0-23.25.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was C. Rees 63-3-291-13-3/27-22.38.

LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE *Played 15: W 4, L 2, D 9, A 2*

Master i/c: M. C. Russell

The record of four wins and nine draws does not reflect the positive cricket played under the inspired captaincy of Jon Palmer, who played for Sussex Second XI and was named the 1996 Arundel Scholar. He dominated both batting and bowling (slow left-arm), his 48 wickets being 12 more than the previous best. Jon Wilkinson also bowled well at fast-medium, in his first full season. Inconsistency in the middle order proved a handicap in the first part of the season. The catching was impressive, with a record 71 held, including nine against Portsmouth GS.

Batting—*J. M. Palmer 15-1-742-105-1-53.00; S. J. Butler 14-2-329-65*-0-27.41; C. J. Walker 14-2-310-54-0-25.83; D. I. Holman 13-2-206-110-1-18.72.

Bowling—J. M. Palmer 231.3-71-556-48-7/28-11.58; J. P. Wilkinson 203.1-48-552-34-5/44-16.23.

LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL, THAME *Played 13: W 2, L 5, D 6*

Master i/c: J. E. Fulkes

Batting—M. Costar 13-3-402-100*-1-40.20; D. Bennett 13-0-469-113-1-36.07; M. Kelloway 11-1-253-87*-0-25.30; S. Whittam 8-1-168-56-0-24.00; A. Cawston 9-0-195-56-0-21.66; A. Wilson 11-0-179-55-0-16.27.

Bowling—S. Whittam 91.4-19-343-20-5/37-17.15.

LORETTO SCHOOL *Played 18: W 9, L 4, D 5*

Master i/c: R. P. Whait

Batting—*R. A. G. Grant 16-3-502-102*-1-38.61; W. A. Nicholson 12-1-262-49-0-23.81; A. G. Fleming-Brown 14-0-315-66-0-22.50; J. T. Boon 16-4-235-34-0-19.58; M. J. Ritchie 14-2-183-37-0-15.25.

Bowling—J. T. Boon 133.5–35–390–24–4/14–16.25; M. B. McCreath 244.1–64–607–37–5/25–16.40; R. A. G. Grant 169.3–49–511–31–6/46–16.48.

LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 16: W 8, L 2, D 6. A 2*

Master i/c: J. S. Weitzel

Cricket professional: H. T. Tunnicliffe

It was a season for batsmen. In an opening partnership of 278 against King Henry VIII, Coventry, Richard Widdowson scored 200 off 162 balls with 41 fours and Stewart Morgan hit 68 not out, while in the high-scoring two-day game against Manchester GS, Morgan and Ben Keast put on 201 unbroken for the second wicket. A record total of 302 for five was amassed against the XL Club and MCC were beaten for the second successive season.

Batting—C. B. Keast 14–7–493–107*–1–70.42; R. G. H. Widdowson 16–0–809–200–2–50.56; S. Morgan 18–3–599–79*–0–39.93; R. J. Peregrine 15–4–433–70–0–39.36; M. J. Simpson 9–3–188–86–0–31.33; *D. P. Reddyhough 15–0–378–64–0–25.20; E. O. Woodcock 11–2–170–37–0–18.88.

Bowling—D. P. Hemmings 172–20–700–27–5/26–25.92; C. B. Keast 146.1–21–674–24–6/90–28.08.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 3, L 8, D 7*

Master i/c: P. Askew

Cricket professional: R. A. Winstone

Batting—P. J. Denning 18–2–548–109*–1–34.25; B. J. Thompson 15–2–426–80–0–32.76; C. J. Rees-Gay 16–4–338–79–0–28.16; S. M. Ison 16–1–400–89*–0–26.66; *A. Booth 18–1–439–106*–1–25.82; D. D. Harris 16–3–261–77*–0–20.07; S. R. Sharpe 17–3–213–55*–0–15.21; N. J. Carlsen 15–1–150–38–0–10.71.

Bowling—S. R. Sharpe 227.5–46–746–30–4/24–24.86; B. Bradshaw 132.5–28–441–15–4/17–29.40; A. Booth 190.5–20–840–21–3/42–40.00.

MALVERN COLLEGE *Played 18: W 9, L 0, D 9*

Master i/c: A. J. Murtagh

Cricket professional: R. W. Tolchard

With the best results since the war, Malvern were unbeaten. The side featured the England Under-19 wicket-keeper, David Nash, who also played for Middlesex, and Dan Walker, son of Peter, formerly of Glamorgan and England.

Batting—D. C. Nash 15–4–687–101*–1–62.45; M. A. Hardinges 17–4–690–128*–2–53.07; S. J. Varney 9–5–212–59*–0–53.00; J. B. Horton 12–2–351–80–0–35.10; *G. D. Franklin 15–4–360–107*–1–32.72; N. D. Harrison 10–3–150–65*–0–21.42; D. G. Walker 13–1–168–55–0–14.00.

Bowling—G. D. Franklin 243.1–65–612–41–7/45–14.92; S. J. Varney 88–25–266–15–6/42–17.73; M. A. Hardinges 162–29–560–30–4/28–18.66; N. W. S. Beard 144.1–42–456–23–6/50–19.82.

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 18: W 6, L 4, D 8*

Master i/c: D. Moss

Mark Chilton was outstanding. His aggregate of 1,361 runs at 104.69 was easily a record; he passed 50 in 13 of his 16 innings and scored seven hundreds, finishing the season with two, both unbeaten, in the two-day game against Loughborough GS. Jonathan Lee also passed 500 runs and at 14 became the youngest to score a hundred for the first team. Neil Lomax always bowled accurately in an attack that otherwise tended to be wayward.

Batting—*M. J. Chilton 16–3–1,361–143–7–104.69; N. D. Garner 14–7–311–82*–0–44.42; J. R. Lee 16–3–568–110*–1–43.69; S. A. Richardson 11–1–374–98–0–37.40; R. J. Salisbury 13–1–278–58–0–23.16; R. P. J. Seddon 13–1–260–66–0–21.66; A. Malhotra 13–1–230–58–0–19.16.

Bowling—N. R. Lomax 216.5–55–582–35–6/51–16.62; M. J. Chilton 131.3–21–439–16–3/7–27.43.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE *Played 13: W 2, L 8, D 3. A 1*

Master i/c: R. B. Pick

Cricket professional: R. M. Ratcliffe

Much depended on Lee Ratcliffe, who was below his best until after the A-levels, when he made an unbeaten 122 against Winchester and finished with 45 wickets.

Batting—*L. J. Ratcliffe 11–1–364–122*–1–36.40; P. S. E. Tuggey 10–2–183–48–0–22.87; M. E. Hopper 13–2–220–54–0–20.00; W. O. Caldwell 13–0–252–63–0–19.38; C. M. Cannon 12–0–186–78–0–15.50.

Bowling—L. J. Ratcliffe 220.1–51–598–45–9/62–13.28.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY *Played 15: W 8, L 4, D 3*

Master i/c: Rev. D. A. Smith

Cricket professional: S. Prescott

A highlight was the first ever defeat of Royal GS, Lancaster, in which Colin Inkson took seven for 69. Guy Edwards completed his career in the eleven with 1,823 runs, the fourth-highest aggregate for the school.

Batting—C. J. Cheetham 12–5–280–67*–0–40.00; S. B. Howard 14–2–469–74*–0–39.08; *G. A. Edwards 14–1–379–71–0–29.15; G. R. Ball 14–2–344–71–0–28.66; N. M. Delaney 13–2–218–41–0–19.81.

Bowling—G. R. Ball 94–23–339–20–5/8–16.95; N. M. Shaw 88–12–351–17–4/11–20.64; C. D. Inkson 125–23–445–19–7/69–23.42; N. M. Delaney 134–25–466–19–4/28–24.52.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, NORTHWOOD *Played 29: W 19, L 3, D 7. A 2*

Master i/c: H. C. Latchman

The 16-year-old opening batsman Daniel Grundy's 1,419 runs beat the 94-year-old record by 22. Andrew Thorpe was also prolific, while Neeraj Sapra, a medium-pace bowler capable of long, accurate spells, took 53 wickets. The season was followed by a successful tour of Malaysia and Singapore.

Batting—D. Grundy 26–9–1,419–158*–3–83.47; A. Thorpe 25–6–849–178–2–44.68; E. Lamb 19–8–412–98–0–37.45; A. Latchman 13–4–300–74–0–33.33; P. Wise 26–4–678–77–0–30.81; J. Rasheed 13–2–195–76–0–17.72.

Bowling—E. Lamb 144–46–337–39–6/16–8.64; N. Sapra 298.1–84–673–53–5/11–12.69; J. Rasheed 227–45–639–41–5/44–15.58.

MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 6, L 4, D 8. A 1*

Master i/c: C. W. Swan

The strongest batting side for ten years recorded two centuries and a wealth of runs in June. The first fixture against MCC since 1971 was drawn, as were seven other games, owing mainly to a lack of a penetrative attack.

Batting—G. M. English 17–1–500–87–0–31.25; J. N. Mackley 19–3–498–115*–1–31.12; A. P. Paterson 13–5–246–62*–0–30.75; A. J. Scott 17–0–510–99–0–30.00; C. M. R. Tulloch 19–3–478–109*–1–29.87; M. J. M. Mayer 15–3–252–45–0–21.00.

Bowling—A. J. Scott 166–28–373–30–7/49–12.43; A. P. Paterson 180–40–522–36–5/33–14.50; S. J. Whitmee 75–15–247–15–4/21–16.46; C. M. R. Tulloch 199–41–611–19–3/51–32.15.

MILLFIELD SCHOOL *Played 13: W 6, L 2, D 5. A 3*

Master i/c: R. M. Ellison

Cricket professional: G. C. Wilson

Inspired by the captaincy of Luke Sutton, the side produced disciplined performances coupled with a sense of enjoyment. A highlight was the three-day match against Durban HS, which Millfield won by three wickets after being set 239 runs in 63 overs. Sutton captained MCC Schools and played for English Schools, while Dean Cosker played for England Under-17 and Glamorgan Second XI – not Somerset, as incorrectly stated in the 1995 edition of *Wisden*.

Batting—A. N. Edwards 11–1–459–92–0–45.90; *L. D. Sutton 11–1–378–89–0–37.80; M. T. Byrne 13–2–373–122*–1–33.90; W. T. Simmons 11–4–225–47–0–32.14; C. P. Curtis 7–2–152–63*–0–30.40.

Bowling—D. A. Cosker 192.2–75–390–25–5/48–15.60; B. M. McCorkill 168.2–46–460–25–7/42–18.40; E. J. S. Newton 88–21–373–15–5/58–24.86.

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL *Played 13: W 3, L 8, D 2. A 2*

Master i/c: P. Wood

The Gold brothers, C. M. and J. E., headed the batting and bowling averages respectively.

Batting—C. M. Gold 11-1-300-62-0-30.00; F. Gibson 13-1-346-87-0-28.83; T. D. G. Ellis-Jones 13-0-219-58-0-16.84.*Bowling*—*J. E. Gold 114.2-26-359-21-5/19-17.09; C. M. Gold 101.4-17-381-21-7/32-18.14; F. Gibson 92-14-333-17-6/32-19.58; T. H. Godsall 144.3-30-486-21-6/26-23.14.**MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL** *Played 13: W 4, L 7, D 2*

Master i/c: N. D. Botton

Batting—*M. D. Beeby 14-3-364-100*-1-33.09; J. S. Wheeler 14-0-283-68-0-20.21; R. D. Heathcote 13-1-226-73*-0-18.83; D. P. W. Smith 13-2-157-38-0-14.27; R. J. Clifford 13-1-160-31-0-13.33.*Bowling*—M. E. K. Rooke 125-27-382-26-6/25-14.69; M. Teli 117.4-22-342-20-6/47-17.10; D. P. W. Smith 138-23-505-26-5/28-19.42.**MONMOUTH SCHOOL** *Played 19: W 6, L 11, D 2. A 3*

Master i/c: D. H. Messenger

Cricket professional: G. I. Burgess

An excellent start, with five of the first six matches won, could not be maintained, and there was only one more victory. A combination of positive declarations and more limited-overs matches resulted in only two drawn games. Tom Allan and Nils Jorgensen, who made their debuts for the XI, played for Wales Under-14 and Under-15 respectively.

Batting—*J. T. Goodwin 15-3-370-86-0-30.83; M. M. Brogan 19-1-523-73-0-29.05; N. Jorgensen 15-2-314-51-0-24.15; J. N. Hern 16-0-323-55-0-20.18; A. S. Narula 18-1-279-37-0-16.41.*Bowling*—B. M. Morgan 81.4-25-191-15-5/24-12.73; G. J. Curtis 158.3-26-639-17-4/63-37.58.**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SCHOOL** *Played 16: W 5, L 4, D 7*

Master i/c: S. A. Robson

Cricket professional: T. Fielding

A difficult season finished on a high note when the last three matches were won. Although seven totals of 200 or more were conceded, two batting records were broken: C. D. Moss (44) and R. T. Howell (66) put on 103 for the fourth wicket against Bishop Vesey's GS and R. M. Wheat (40 not out) and I. S. Roberts (12 not out) added 53 unbroken for the ninth wicket against Bromsgrove.

Batting—V. K. Khunger 11-2-228-64*-0-25.33; N. R. Allchin 14-2-262-83-0-21.83; B. R. Oakden 15-0-284-65-0-18.93; R. T. Howell 15-0-266-66-0-17.73; *P. D. A. Turner 16-1-264-89-0-17.60.*Bowling*—T. A. Barlow 50-8-188-16-5/34-11.75; A. D. Sims 125.5-33-414-27-5/24-15.33; I. S. Roberts 81.4-10-318-17-6/65-18.70; R. M. Wheat 115-19-471-16-5/51-29.43.**NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL** *Played 18: W 5, L 3, D 10. A 1*

Master i/c: J. Lamb

Cricket professional: K. Poole

Batting—R. A. Nicholson 14-5-545-129*-2-60.55; K. S. Tate 15-5-493-77-0-49.30; A. J. Hunt 17-3-497-84-0-35.50; J. L. Rayner 10-3-214-43-0-30.57; M. A. Fletcher 10-3-194-100*-1-27.71; *P. M. Dunn 8-0-206-52-0-25.75; C. J. Freeston 16-0-336-66-0-21.00.*Bowling*—G. S. McNaughton 131.1-31-462-28-6/28-16.50; N. J. Ferguson 139.1-23-508-24-7/90-21.16; A. A. Phillips 159.5-46-555-24-6/78-23.12.**OAKHAM SCHOOL** *Played 20: W 9, L 5, D 6. A 1*

Master i/c: J. Wills

Cricket professional: D. S. Steele

The batting was headed by Robert Duck, the England Schools golf captain, who recorded three centuries.

Batting—*R. M. Duck 14-3-586-103-3-53.27; O. J. C. Marshall 12-3-411-84-0-45.66; R. A. E. Martin 12-1-502-90-0-45.63; M. R. K. Bailey 14-1-319-88*-0-24.53; C. Ward 10-2-184-42*-0-23.00; L. R. S. Condon 12-2-215-45*-0-21.50; W. H. J. M. Greaves 15-0-240-67-0-16.00; A. M. James 15-2-164-25-0-12.61.*Bowling*—A. M. James 244.1-61-677-47-6/48-14.40; O. J. C. Marshall 141.1-29-451-18-4/59-25.05.**THE ORATORY SCHOOL** *Played 17: W 13, L 0, D 4. A 5*

Master i/c: P. L. Tomlinson

Cricket professional: J. B. K. Howell

In a superb, unbeaten season, 16-year-old Steven Tomlinson was outstanding. He broke the school batting record with 971 runs at 97.10 and scored 200 not out in a fourth-wicket partnership of 289 with Dominic Orchard (103 not out) in the last match of the season. He then declared, just 29 short of his thousand runs. He also headed the bowling averages and went on to play for Wales Under-19. The leading wicket-taker was James Urquhart (left-arm fast), whose 43 included eight for 39 against Royal GS, High Wycombe.

Batting—S. C. B. Tomlinson 17-7-971-200*-3-97.10; D. H. Orchard 11-2-364-103*-1-40.44; *J. P. C. Stebbings 12-2-392-79-0-39.20; C. Clayton 7-2-172-32*-0-34.40; J. A. D. Urquhart 11-1-342-122-1-34.20; D. P. J. Allaway 17-0-385-58-0-22.64.*Bowling*—S. C. B. Tomlinson 95-23-289-24-5/23-12.04; J. A. D. Urquhart 152-14-608-43-8/39-14.13; E. W. Orchard 83-4-334-22-4/47-15.18; T. G. Limburn 122-10-512-28-6/51-18.28.**OUNDLÉ SCHOOL** *Played 21: W 13, L 3, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: J. R. Wake

Cricket professional: T. Howorth

Attacking play was the feature of a season, in which victories over Durban High School and Wesley College, Melbourne, at their International Festival took Oundle to a record 13 wins and extended their tally over three seasons to 35 won and five lost. Jeremy Pilch broke the 11-year-old batting record with 1,091 runs, including four centuries. Although the left-arm spin bowler, Henry Bryers, headed the averages, David Walder was the leading wicket-taker and took the first hat-trick on the ground since the war. A tour of South Africa was planned for December, to coincide with the Test series against England.

Batting—J. Pilch 19-3-1,091-128-4-68.18; *E. Reynolds 17-1-626-88-0-39.12; C. Wilson 18-2-603-69*-0-37.68; M. Mountain 20-3-550-60-0-32.35; D. Walder 17-1-393-59-0-24.56; J. Thomas 15-1-323-59*-0-23.07; J. Milton 17-2-324-61-0-21.60.*Bowling*—H. Bryers 134-39-365-24-4/44-15.20; D. Walder 193-43-631-37-5/17-17.05; W. Jefferson 139.1-26-414-22-6/60-18.81; J. Milton 205.5-37-744-34-6/34-21.88; G. C. Mason 138.1-27-497-21-5/19-23.66; C. Daniels 230-55-764-31-4/29-24.64.**THE PERSE SCHOOL** *Played 17: W 6, L 9, D 2*

Master i/c: A. C. Porter

Cricket professional: D. C. Collard

Batting—P. Siddle 18-0-535-97-0-29.72; R. Horsley 12-3-207-39*-0-23.00; D. P. Colquhoun 16-2-308-74-0-22.00; *J. R. Mayer 15-2-283-67-0-21.76; J. C. Salmon 17-1-315-54-0-19.68; M. G. Lorimer 15-0-213-51-0-14.20.*Bowling*—M. Vincze 66-8-254-20-5/18-12.70; J. Garner 66.4-10-256-15-4/11-17.06; M. Brittain 162.4-38-472-20-4/11-23.60; J. R. Mayer 198-41-587-24-4/40-24.45.**PLYMOUTH COLLEGE** *Played 14: W 3, L 0, D 10, T 1. A 4*

Master i/c: T. J. Stevens

The outstanding player was John Fabian, who headed both averages, hit four centuries in 13 innings and achieved the school's second-best batting average.

Batting—*J. Fabian 13-4-764-132*-4-84.88; N. Pope 10-1-245-74-0-27.22; J. Conaghan 9-0-213-102-1-23.66; R. Moist 14-1-287-78-0-22.07; D. Saunders 12-1-236-40-0-21.45.*Bowling*—J. Fabian 84-10-308-18-3/24-17.11; D. Mellor 84-20-272-15-5/45-18.13; N. Pope 137-28-466-24-5/36-19.41.

POCKLINGTON SCHOOL Played 24: W 12, L 7, D 5

Master i/c: D. Nuttall

A strong batting side, in which nine players scored fifties, was headed by Matthew Stacey and the England Under-15 representative Paul Mouncey, who had 721 runs and 41 wickets. Although the attack tended to lack penetration, they achieved 12 victories.

Batting—P. R. Mouncey 21-4-721-101-1-42.41; *M. B. Stacey 24-1-956-95-0-41.56; N. G. Haddfield 13-5-220-64*-0-27.50; R. S. Milne 17-2-407-74*-0-27.13; G. J. T. Stewart 21-0-506-74-0-24.09; C. R. Wood 22-1-453-60-0-21.57; C. R. Rook 12-1-186-61-0-16.90; G. Johnson 18-2-261-51*-0-16.31; R. J. R. Poskitt 15-3-177-50*-0-14.75; S. D. Mouncey 15-1-194-39-0-13.85.

Bowling—P. R. Mouncey 203.3-41-701-41-5/42-17.09; M. B. Stacey 123-22-391-21-3/33-18.61; S. D. Mouncey 207.2-25-777-27-4/41-28.77; G. J. T. Stewart 258.5-47-821-26-4/51-31.57.

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL Played 13: W 6, L 4, D 3

Master i/c: G. D. Payne

Cricket professional: R. J. Parks

A highlight was Alexander Herman's nine for 29, which brought victory over Seaford College. The brothers James and Christopher Moon played together in ten matches. The school's first overseas tour – to Cape Town – was planned for October.

Batting—*J. C. E. Moon 13-5-528-104*-1-66.00; N. E. Taylor 11-3-398-102*-1-49.75; S. A. Bell 11-1-413-80-0-41.30; R. G. Burgess 9-4-205-61*-0-41.00; S. A. Hamilton 12-0-234-67-0-19.50; J. E. Gannon 8-0-156-68-0-19.50; C. P. Moon 9-1-153-39*-0-19.12.

Bowling—A. Herman 75-17-220-22-9/29-10.00; J. R. Scott 142-31-459-27-4/19-17.00; M. Bulbeck 106-15-451-15-3/36-30.06.

PRIOR PARK COLLEGE Played 15: W 6, L 5, D 4 A 2

Master i/c: D. R. Holland

Batting—S. Phillips 9-5-187-102*-1-46.75; L. Dokic 15-1-420-100*-1-30.00; A. Atkins 15-1-281-54-0-20.07; P. O'Dea 15-1-242-54-0-17.28; *J. Etheridge 15-0-239-61-0-15.93; D. Ash 14-1-151-50-0-11.61.

Bowling—S. Phillips 54-13-267-20-4/38-13.35; L. Doric 158-31-514-30-6/28-17.13.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL Played 14: W 5, L 5, D 4

Masters i/c: M. S. E. Broadley and P. J. Kirby

All-rounder Peter Ross made an impact in his first full season, while his opening partner, Neil Varshney, scored the first century at this level for at least a decade. Adam Brenner captained Somerset Under-17, for whom Varshney also played.

Batting—N. Varshney 14-1-542-119-1-41.69; A. J. Brenner 14-2-435-89*-0-36.25; R. D. Cale 9-2-190-61-0-27.14; *N. Patel 13-2-270-60*-0-24.54; P. A. Ross 14-1-314-77-0-24.15.

Bowling—P. A. Ross 133.5-27-535-29-5/42-18.44.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON Played 12: W 5, L 5, D 2 A 3

Master i/c: A. S. Free

The team developed well during the season and won four of the last five games. While Paul Burke emerged as a useful all-rounder, the batting was bolstered by the brothers Grant and Alex Bailey, whose younger brother Oliver averaged 111 for the Under-13s.

Batting—P. M. Burke 11-2-280-77-0-31.11; G. C. Bailey 11-1-276-57-0-27.60; A. W. Bailey 12-3-245-63*-0-27.22; W. R. Handel 9-2-185-58-0-26.42; *H. L. Bowden 10-1-219-58-0-24.33.

Bowling—S. J. Pratt 109-26-376-21-7/21-17.90; P. M. Burke 94-13-362-15-3/15-24.13.

RADLEY COLLEGE Played 13: W 8, L 0, D 5 A 1

Master i/c: W. J. Wesson

Cricket professionals: A. G. Robinson and A. R. Wagner

In an unbeaten season of positive cricket, the left-handed Ben Hutton (grandson of Sir Leonard, son of Richard) opened both batting and bowling. He and his first-wicket partner Andrew Strauss were the mainstays of the batting, with Malcolm Borwick – a semi-professional polo player in Argentina – whose 163 against Cheltenham was the highest innings by a Radleian for more than 50 years. Opening bowler Michael Bellhouse took the most wickets, followed by Charles Goldsmith, with his steady, accurate away swing.

Batting—M. P. Borwick 12-6-439-163-1-73.16; *A. J. Strauss 12-2-614-134*-2-61.40; B. L. Hutton 11-0-360-76-0-32.72; M. R. Bellhouse 8-2-150-53-0-25.00.

Bowling—C. R. N. Jennings 66.2-17-132-15-5/32-8.80; B. L. Hutton 72.2-15-171-15-5/35-11.40; M. R. Bellhouse 139.3-26-372-30-6/29-12.40; C. W. G. Goldsmith 111-38-288-20-5/70-14.40; B. C. A. Hawkins 89-26-232-16-5/23-14.50.

REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL Played 18: W 2, L 6, D 10

Master i/c: D. C. R. Jones

Cricket professional: H. Newton

Again no school was beaten, although there was encouragement from eight totals of more than 200 and record partnerships of 94 unbroken for the sixth wicket between Robbie Young and Toby Briggs and 78 for the eighth from David O'Hanlon and James Hylton. Fifteen-year-old Young looked a fine prospect, able to play long innings and bowling his off-spin tidily. However, off-spinning all-rounder Hylton was outstanding with 904 runs and 31 wickets, to become only the second player to pass 1,000 runs and 50 wickets for the XI, with a year to go.

Batting—*J. J. Hylton 17-0-904-117-1-53.17; M. R. Bowden 16-3-483-93-0-37.15; R. C. G. Young 17-3-375-68*-0-26.78; T. W. Briggs 14-1-319-69-0-24.53.

Bowling—J. J. Hylton 208-32-763-31-5/31-24.61; T. W. Briggs 155.5-24-580-19-3/67-30.52; R. C. G. Young 140.5-23-465-15-4/65-31.00.

RENDCOMB COLLEGE Played 13: W 3, L 4, D 6

Master i/c: J. P. Watson

Cricket professional: D. Essenhigh

Batting—F. W. Newcombe 13-0-402-74-0-30.92; H. E. J. Davies 10-1-271-70*-0-30.11; F. G. E. Barton 12-3-244-58*-0-27.11; *C. E. Jarrett 9-0-192-60-0-21.33.

Bowling—P. D. Boydell 140.5-29-423-29-7/28-14.58; S. J. Roney 123.5-21-490-15-4/39-32.66.

REPTON SCHOOL Played 14: W 2, L 7, D 5

Master i/c: M. Stones

Cricket professional: M. K. Kettle

Batting—M. W. S. Waine 12-2-378-76*-0-37.80; P. R. Abson 13-0-342-66-0-26.30; D. J. O'Gram 12-0-258-82-0-21.50; J. G. R. Cook 12-0-233-57-0-19.41; A. E. Kington 13-2-153-28-0-13.90.

Bowling—J. R. Webster 126-20-452-25-5/27-18.08.

RICHARD HUISH COLLEGE Played 12: W 6, L 4, D 2

Master i/c: J. L. N. Grace

A highlight was the record return of eight for 34 by Nick Taylor. The side was captained by James Breakwell, son of Dennis, formerly of Northamptonshire and Somerset, while Steven Jenkins and Peter Lacy both went on to play for Somerset Second XI.

Batting—A. Warren 12-4-523-112*-1-65.37; S. Jenkins 12-3-426-105-1-47.33.

Bowling—N. J. Taylor 111.1-35-291-29-8/34-10.03; E. Warren 76.3-14-331-18-3/13-18.38; P. Lacy 85-13-369-15-4/61-24.60; *J. Breakwell 84-14-376-15-5/25-25.06.

ROSSALL SCHOOL Played 15: W 7, L 5, D 3 A 4

Master i/c: P. Philpott

Liam Botham, son of Ian, was again the leading all-rounder, although his contribution was less spectacular than in 1994. He played for Hampshire Second XI and the Southern Development of Excellence XI.

Batting—*L. J. Botham 10-1-342-80*-0-38.00; J. R. Atkins 13-1-370-78-0-30.83; M. J. Dewhurst 8-1-160-69*-0-22.85; N. Roberts 14-3-212-49*-0-19.27.

Bowling—C. Simpson 70.5-19-189-17-4/20-11.11; L. J. Botham 144.1-30-428-27-5/15-15.85; M. J. Dewhurst 185.4-37-620-27-6/22-22.96.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, GUILDFORD *Played 18: W 8, L 3, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: S. B. R. Shore

Notable batting performances during the season included Andrew Hemingway's record aggregate of 811 runs, his opening stand of 177 against Reigate with Rupert Kitzinger and a century in 69 balls against Kingston GS by Chris Adams. The attack was dominated by Tom Grafton, whose 48 wickets included 24 from four consecutive matches.

Batting—A. R. Hemingway 18-1-811-127-2-47.70; Rupert C. Kitzinger 18-3-646-107*-2-43.06; D. L. Tompsett 18-2-574-150*-1-35.87; T. W. Grafton 18-5-416-72-0-32.00; *H. T. Stephens 15-4-309-78*-0-28.09; C. B. Adams 15-1-355-100*-1-25.35.

Bowling—T. W. Grafton 241.4-46-956-48-7/61-19.91; C. A. G. Cooper 74.2-7-351-15-3/17-23.40; P. T. Griffiths 141.3-15-627-16-3/33-39.18.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWCASTLE *Played 18: W 12, L 4, D 2*

Master i/c: D. W. Smith

Cricket professional: C. Craven

Ben Jones-Lee, with 787 runs, broke both the season and career aggregate records, while M. J. Smalley led by example with 524 runs and 46 wickets.

Batting—B. A. Jones-Lee 18-5-787-123*-2-60.53; *M. J. Smalley 17-6-524-85*-0-47.63; I. B. Park 17-2-501-71*-0-33.40; S. M. Stoker 13-1-267-60*-0-22.25; A. W. Tyson 18-0-330-70-0-18.33; C. P. Mordue 12-2-167-56-0-16.70.

Bowling—M. J. Smalley 219.1-51-557-46-5/63-12.10; C. B. E. Robson 137-36-403-31-5/42-13.00.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WORCESTER *Played 22: W 13, L 5, D 4. A 1*

Master i/c: B. M. Rees

Cricket professional: M. J. Horton

In a successful season, two of the seven fifth-formers in the side scored centuries. Mark Sellek was too quick for many batsmen, but unfortunately the edges were often too quick for the slip fielders.

Batting—E. Sellwood 20-1-748-95-0-39.36; J. E. K. Schofield 21-4-612-119*-2-36.00; M. W. J. Wilkinson 23-3-624-108-1-31.20; J. R. J. Cockrell 20-4-458-64*-0-28.62; R. J. Hall 22-1-517-70-0-24.61; M. J. Sellek 18-3-307-45-0-20.46; J. A. Leach 18-2-240-62-0-15.00.

Bowling—J. E. K. Schofield 74.4-8-289-20-3/11-14.45; M. J. Sellek 184.5-39-493-34-7/21-14.50; J. H. Parsons 107.2-21-305-16-4/33-19.06; E. Sellwood 203.2-37-644-33-7/79-19.51; *M. J. McNelis 145-27-416-21-3/23-19.80.

RUGBY SCHOOL *Played 16: W 5, L 5, D 6*

Master i/c: P. J. Rosser

Cricket professional: L. Tennant

Ed Lowe reached 1,000 runs for the season in his 13th innings and finished with a school record of more than 2,500 in four years.

Batting—E. J. Lowe 17-2-1,046-168*-5-69.73; R. D. Carter 17-2-509-88-0-33.93; J. A. Roper 16-1-445-112*-1-29.66; M. J. Howe 16-1-375-60*-0-25.00; S. Fawkes-Underwood 15-5-240-50*-0-24.00; *J. D. B. Lloyd 17-0-294-59-0-17.29.

Bowling—J. A. Froome 195-55-662-32-5/31-20.68; M. J. Howe 225.3-48-665-30-5/62-22.16; A. R. Davies 117.1-19-554-19-3/14-29.15; C. R. Steel 136-23-456-15-4/17-30.40.

ST ALBANS SCHOOL *Played 22: W 9, L 8, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: I. P. Jordan

Records tumbled in a successful season. These included B. J. Collins's unbeaten 141 against Dr Challoner's GS, the school's highest score, and a fifth century by J. A. Freedman. For the first time four players passed 300 runs. After 54 games, J. A. Mote finished with a bowling average of 15.31. The post-season tour to Barbados, Grenada and St Vincent was a tremendous experience.

Batting—J. A. Freedman 21-5-815-124-2-50.93; B. J. Collins 12-2-324-141*-1-32.40; S. J. Wood 15-1-396-118-1-28.28; R. J. Bee 17-2-368-55-0-24.53; J. D. Jacobs 12-3-176-44-0-19.55; *J. A. Mote 17-4-162-37-0-12.46.

Bowling—J. A. Mote 143.3-20-497-36-5/30-13.80; D. C. Jacobs 84.3-13-304-18-5/18-16.88; D. S. Curtis 182-34-594-35-7/31-16.97; T. C. Shuttleworth 157.2-22-645-15-2/19-43.00.

ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE *Played 15: W 3, L 5, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: O. T. Price

Cricket professionals: M. M. Patel and M. J. Walker

Winter coaching from Kent players Min Patel and Matthew Walker paid dividends in fine performances from young players. Nick Kirby made an excellent hundred against St Paul's, while Luke Speed overcame difficult conditions on a poor wicket to record 127 not out against Colfe's. David Farley bowled ever better as the season progressed, while John Welch was a promising all-rounder.

Batting—J. M. Scott 10-5-217-38*-0-43.40; N. V. Kirby 15-1-474-104-1-33.85; D. G. Darroch 12-1-264-51-0-24.00; *L. J. Speed 12-1-260-127*-1-23.63; I. A. Stewart 12-3-174-38*-0-19.33; J. C. Welch 14-1-177-36-0-13.61.

Bowling—D. K. Farley 156.5-35-556-31-6/60-17.93; J. C. Welch 143-28-518-26-5/38-19.92; M. Z. Chowdhry 127.5-30-475-19-5/72-25.00.

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD *Played 14: W 5, L 2, D 7*

Master i/c: D. Drake-Brockman

Cricket professional: G. V. Palmer

Highlights of an enjoyable season were a century from left-hander Robin Matthews against Bradfield, Matthew Joel's four wickets in five balls - including a hat-trick - against Marlborough, and the draw with Eton, in which St Edward's finished on 218 for five in reply to Eton's 218 for four declared.

Batting—G. S. Peddy 14-3-373-73*-0-33.90; R. P. Matthews 14-2-394-104*-1-32.83; M. J. Glover 12-2-323-85*-0-32.30; R. W. Tootill 13-1-351-86-0-29.25; M. R. Locker-Marsh 10-2-202-50-0-25.25; R. P. Pillai 12-1-192-50-0-17.45.

Bowling—J. N. St. J. Blythe 163-42-483-24-4/18-20.12; *N. G. L. Prior 187-43-552-23-6/28-24.00.

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE, WEYBRIDGE *Played 17: W 2, L 11, D 4*

Master i/c: D. G. Ottley

Batting—C. Fletcher 16-0-618-100-1-38.62; R. Wilson 15-2-343-63-0-26.38; A. Allen 13-0-325-94-0-25.00; A. Neill 12-0-240-68-0-20.00; *J. Turner 16-0-310-82-0-19.37; M. Lawson 14-0-211-36-0-15.07.

Bowling—J. Knox 98-3-383-17-4/50-22.52; C. Fletcher 231-30-902-40-7/28-22.55.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD *Played 17: W 1, L 5, D 11*

Master i/c: A. B. Gale

Cricket professional: E. Shepperd

Batting—*T. E. Goodyer 17-1-601-125*-1-37.56; R. B. Vossler 16-1-367-121*-1-24.46; N. Keeley 14-0-300-51-0-21.42; R. D. Harradine 16-1-266-55*-0-17.73; J. M. A. Cook 16-0-280-67-0-17.50; N. B. Diacon 15-1-217-43*-0-15.50; J. J. Porter 14-2-181-52*-0-15.08.

Bowling—N. B. Diacon 145.3-21-534-19-3/21-28.10; H. C. R. Harris 145.1-15-587-19-8/40-30.89; J. S. Harvey 193-33-605-18-4/46-33.61.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, IPSWICH *Played 18: W 7, L 7, D 4*

Master i/c: A. C. Rutherford

Cricket professional: K. Brooks

Batting—P. King 14-3-499-84-0-45.36; D. Potter 16-3-571-106-1-43.92; N. Rider 17-2-467-82-0-31.13; R. Daynes 13-3-300-68-0-30.00; J. Debenham 12-3-194-50*-0-21.55; *J. Townrow 17-1-281-48-0-17.56; C. Townrow 13-2-154-38-0-14.00.

Bowling—C. Jack 134.2-29-377-25-6/34-15.08; J. Regan 120-20-397-20-5/39-19.85; J. Townrow 188.5-45-701-33-4/9-21.24.

ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE, RAMSGATE *Played 15: W 8, L 2, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: N. O. S. Jones

Cricket professional: A. P. E. Knott

A highlight of another successful season was the win over MCC, thanks to a second-wicket stand of 183 between N. G. Morris and B. C. Swindells. The team generally relied on the first five batsmen.

Batting—*B. C. Swindells 15-4-723-113*-2-65.72; N. G. Morris 15-1-579-143-2-41.35; A. J. Boaler 15-0-561-84-0-37.40; B. J. Cotterell 14-5-316-62*-0-35.11; A. J. Snell 12-4-197-41-0-24.62.

Bowling—J. E. Langman 72.4-20-267-19-6/33-14.05; A. J. Boaler 110.5-28-362-19-4/31-19.05; R. A. Hicks 127.5-19-449-17-6/29-26.41.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL *Played 18: W 8, L 1, D 9*

Master i/c: G. Hughes

Cricket professional: M. Heath

The school enjoyed the best season since 1970. Fahad Badat completed four seasons in the eleven with 1,886 runs at 44.90.

Batting—*F. A. Badat 16-2-662-89-0-47.28; D. S. Hyman 15-5-450-57*-0-45.00; C. S. H. Bond 16-0-428-68-0-26.75; S. W. Peters 10-3-170-63-0-24.28; J. S. Grant 9-1-187-50-0-23.37; C. W. Miller 15-1-325-78-0-23.21.

Bowling—R. W. S. Carroll 114.2-24-397-25-5/6-15.88; D. J. McGaughey 189-67-565-30-5/52-18.83; J. S. Grant 189.4-40-654-30-4/33-21.80; J. A. C. Matthews 133.5-29-432-15-4/45-28.80; P. de Villiers 151-30-522-15-3/68-34.80.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL, YORK *Played 19: W 3, L 8, D 8, A 2*

Master i/c: D. Kirby

Cricket professional: K. F. Mohan

Batting—N. J. Ogden 19-2-632-118-1-37.17; N. J. C. Kay 17-1-477-76-0-29.81; *T. J. Archer 19-2-465-68-0-27.35; S. P. Bradley 8-0-216-64-0-27.00; A. L. T. Kay 16-0-375-100-1-23.43; M. C. Dodgson 10-1-192-40*-0-21.33; J. E. Reynolds 12-1-166-40-0-15.09.

Bowling—T. J. Archer 132.2-29-434-19-4/32-22.84; D. Joshi 139.1-24-553-24-4/54-23.04; N. J. Ogden 218.1-51-755-26-4/37-29.03; P. T. Batty 174.5-38-576-16-4/47-36.00.

SEDBERGH SCHOOL *Played 11: W 5, L 3, D 3, A 2*

Master i/c: N. A. Rollings

Batting—M. B. Crookes 11-2-411-108-1-45.66; P. J. Jameson 13-2-444-101-1-40.36; D. R. Scargill 9-3-189-98-0-31.50; J. C. M. Lofthouse 12-1-287-86-0-26.09; C. E. Heap 13-1-305-77*-0-25.41; C. P. Simpson-Daniel 12-2-254-42-0-25.40.

Bowling—J. M. Chapman 180.3-39-633-35-7/39-18.08; B. R. Biker 157.5-24-601-16-4/32-37.56.

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL *Played 18: W 4, L 8, D 6*

Masters i/c: I. J. B. Walker and C. J. Tavaré

Batting—*N. Shirreff 18-5-839-137*-2-64.53; H. Snuggs 13-1-340-73-0-28.33; C. Young-Wootton 14-2-263-66-0-21.91; M. Wesley 17-0-342-77-0-20.11; M. Wilson 15-2-183-35-0-14.07.

Bowling—P. Amin 128.4-20-454-26-5/15-17.46; C. Young-Wootton 144.1-26-551-26-5/25-21.19; S. Shirreff 98.4-14-380-16-4/15-23.75.

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE *Played 14: W 5, L 1, D 7, T 1*

Master i/c: A. Bryan

Chris Knapman compiled a record aggregate of 533 runs, while his brother Russell made an impact in his first season and was selected for England Under-14.

Batting—C. Knapman 14-1-533-79*-0-41.00; *P. Lockyer 13-1-444-102-1-37.00; G. Spencer 11-4-206-38-0-29.42; W. Coates 13-2-195-48-0-17.72.

Bowling—P. Lockyer 109-28-268-26-5/18-10.30; R. Knapman 83-19-242-17-5/36-14.23; N. Laws 102-25-376-22-6/12-17.09.

SHERBORNE SCHOOL *Played 15: W 4, L 5, D 5, T 1*

Masters i/c: M. Nurton and G. Reynolds

Cricket professional: A. Willows

Overcoming a poor start, the side improved to play competitively in the last week of term and at the Haileybury Festival.

Batting—W. Bristow 11-5-284-56*-0-47.33; A. Nurton 14-5-273-53*-0-30.33; T. Ambrose 15-0-452-138-1-30.13; A. Searson 15-0-419-59-0-27.93.

Bowling—A. Nurton 174.1-32-526-30-7/44-17.53; J. Harris-Bass 94-22-300-17-4/25-17.64; W. Sanderson 118-22-372-18-3/15-20.66; J. Ambrose 101.3-24-346-16-4/29-21.62.

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL *Played 20: W 11, L 6, D 3*

Master i/c: S. M. Holroyd

Cricket professional: A. P. Pridgeon

In a successful season, much was owed to Ian McCarter, a fifth-former. He carried the attack with 44 wickets and scored 567 runs, including 194 not out against Guildford GS from Perth, Australia, in the Silk Trophy.

Batting—*D. J. Umpleby 16-5-390-53*-0-35.45; J. D. W. Cox 21-3-618-113*-1-34.33; I. J. W. McCarter 21-4-567-194*-1-33.35; B. J. Chesters 19-4-497-101-1-33.13; K. M. Cornwall-Legh 19-2-407-65-0-23.94; N. J. B. Green 16-1-334-108-1-22.26.

Bowling—I. J. W. McCarter 264-54-734-44-6/33-16.68; K. M. Cornwall-Legh 105-18-387-18-3/25-21.50; B. J. Chesters 134-14-470-19-3/14-24.73; R. A. Carlross 145-26-438-17-3/26-25.76; J. P. Elcock 208.3-40-589-16-2/12-36.81.

SIMON LANGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 16: W 9, L 4, D 3, A 1*

Master i/c: R. H. Green

Batting—E. Roberts 15-3-687-116*-3-57.25; J. Cattell 8-2-225-101*-1-37.50; D. Patching 13-4-276-66*-0-30.66; S. Fletcher 16-0-487-100-1-30.43; *R. Marsh 16-3-388-48-0-29.84.

Bowling—R. Murray 65.2-22-152-16-6/18-9.50; O. Lloyd-James 92-9-394-26-5/18-15.15; R. Marsh 127-34-404-21-4/65-19.23; M. Bridger 98.4-10-425-21-6/45-20.23.

SOLIHULL SCHOOL *Played 15: W 3, L 9, D 3, A 1*

Master i/c: S. A. Morgan

Cricket professional: K. Patel

The inexperienced side developed in confidence to achieve three wins late in the season. Highlights were James Pye's return of nine for 40 against Newcastle-under-Lyme School and a century against Loughborough GS from James Parks.

Batting—J. A. Spire 9-3-162-72-0-27.00; J. C. Parks 15-0-376-107-1-25.06; T. E. Whitelock 15-0-344-67-0-22.93; L. O. R. Davis 13-3-229-73-0-22.90; *W. L. W. Speer 15-1-307-47-0-21.92; T. M. Stretton 15-0-222-58-0-14.80.

Bowling—P. O. Cox 68-15-301-15-3/31-20.06; J. A. S. Pye 98-17-425-18-9/40-23.61; W. L. W. Speer 140-25-558-20-4/16-27.90.

SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL *Played 10: W 4, L 3, D 3, A 2*

Master i/c: D. M. Birks

Andrew Waggett and Lee Gordon broke the record for any wicket with a stand of 157 in 23 overs against Grange School. The Army Apprentices College were dismissed for 36, with Neil Spragg returning figures of 5-5-0-5 and Adrian Emmott 5-2-4-4.

Batting—M. Ellison 7-1-233-82-0-38.83; A. Emmott 9-4-183-44*-0-36.60; *N. Spragg 7-0-217-82-0-31.00.

Bowling—A. Emmott 79.5-20-251-21-6/28-11.95.

STAMFORD SCHOOL *Played 17: W 7, L 4, D 6*

Master i/c: P. D. McKeown

Luke Jackson's 791 runs were the best for the school since the war and second only to C. L. Edgson's 1,125 in 1934.

Batting—*L. H. Jackson 17-2-791-144-3-52.73; R. J. H. Thorley 17-3-610-93*-0-43.57; T. E. Smith 16-2-427-69-0-30.50; D. J. Scott 16-0-300-55-0-18.75; E. J. Taylor 14-4-183-42-0-18.30.

Bowling—R. J. H. Thorley 149.1-34-578-27-6/27-21.40; S. E. G. Fuller 154.4-32-583-26-5/101-22.42; L. H. Jackson 211.2-33-849-25-4/39-33.96.

STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 15: W 8, L 2, D 5, A 2*

Master i/c: S. Teasdale

Cricket professional: D. J. Makinson

Batting—*N. S. Thompson 14-2-565-77*-0-47.08; B. Wren 8-1-158-40-0-22.57; T. Pritchard 11-1-200-48-0-20.00; C. Pimlott 11-0-194-51-0-17.63; T. W. Clarke 14-1-170-39-0-13.07.

Bowling—C. Pimlott 163-42-397-33-6/8-12.03; N. S. Thompson 190.3-47-475-36-5/32-13.19.

STONYHURST COLLEGE *Played 12: W 6, L 1, D 5*

Master i/c: C. E. Foulds

Cricket professional: R. A. Harper

In the match against Giggleswick, Michael Breetzke and Oliver Gregory both made unbeaten centuries, Gregory having also scored a century in the same fixture in 1994. Breetzke, who joined the sixth form from South Africa, also made an impact with the ball, taking 42 economical wickets.

Batting—P. Dineen 3-1-157-103-1-78.50; *M. Bradbury 7-4-178-80*-0-59.33; M. Breetzke 10-2-330-106*-1-41.25; I. Balshaw 5-1-150-83*-0-37.50; O. Gregory 12-3-281-104*-1-31.22.

Bowling—M. Breetzke 126.3-36-312-42-7/17-7.42; P. Broatch 114.3-23-304-19-3/16-16.00.

STOWE SCHOOL *Played 14: W 2, L 5, D 7, A 2*

Master i/c: M. J. Harris

The side included R. A. Harris, son of M. J. Harris, formerly of Middlesex and Nottinghamshire.

Batting—J. W. R. McDonagh 9-1-234-63-0-29.25; R. A. White 13-0-306-98-0-23.53; R. A. Harris 13-1-259-79*-0-21.58; M. M. G. Smith 12-0-154-54-0-12.83.

Bowling—W. A. G. Milling 90-11-352-15-3/33-23.46; S. J. Branch 118-26-386-16-4/17-24.12; *M. J. M. Konig 142-26-444-15-5/65-29.60; R. A. Harris 144-23-511-16-3/20-31.93.

STRATHALLAN SCHOOL *Played 17: W 5, L 7, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: R. J. W. Proctor

Batting—R. J. D. Barr 16-5-462-79*-0-42.00; *D. G. O. Fergusson 15-1-450-68-0-32.14; A. J. MacDonell 13-2-329-52-0-29.90; D. G. Forbes 15-2-360-79-0-27.69; B. S. Ward 14-2-223-50-0-18.58.

Bowling—D. R. G. Elder 221.2-37-694-35-7/47-19.82; P. J. Watson 214-37-678-29-5/77-23.37; D. M. A. Camilleri 88-7-432-15-4/56-28.80.

SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL *Played 11: W 0, L 10, D 1*

Master i/c: J. Kittermaster

Cricket professional: A. R. Day

Batting—*M. J. Sands 8-0-152-34-0-19.00; J. Milsted 11-0-151-37-0-13.72.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets.

TAUNTON SCHOOL *Played 12: W 5, L 2, D 5*

Master i/c: D. Baty

Cricket professional: A. Kennedy

Batting—D. Law 9-3-228-108*-1-38.00; H. Tarr 6-0-191-91-0-31.83; R. Selway 13-0-383-72-0-29.46; S. Rose 11-2-258-66-0-28.66; T. Phillips 11-2-231-78*-0-25.66; T. Bradnock 10-2-205-36-0-25.62; *D. Cooper 11-1-224-45*-0-22.40.

Bowling—T. Bradnock 105.1-23-341-17-4/30-20.05; R. Selway 115-22-322-16-4/20-20.12; J. Ord 148.5-31-517-19-6/35-27.21.

TIFFIN SCHOOL *Played 19: W 6, L 5, D 8*

Master i/c: M. J. Williams

Of the four batsmen who passed 400 runs, the most prolific was Brendan O'Connell, who headed both batting and bowling and shared 87 wickets with his brothers Tim (31) and Chris (6), who also played for the XI.

Batting—B. W. O'Connell 18-2-635-87-0-39.68; A. D. Nutt 17-3-497-73*-0-35.50; J. T. Lynch 17-1-484-102*-1-30.25; R. C. Ward 18-1-470-118*-1-27.64; M. C. Anstey 15-2-339-95-0-26.07; S. M. Pashley 17-2-309-68-0-20.60; *M. J. Hooke 14-2-160-30-0-13.33.

Bowling—B. W. O'Connell 310-95-975-50-7/25-19.50; T. J. O'Connell 219-47-716-31-4/62-23.09; M. C. Anstey 130-30-462-20-6/39-23.10; M. J. Hooke 133-21-526-22-4/37-23.90.

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 12, L 2, D 4*

Master i/c: P. B. Taylor

Cricket professional: C. Stone

A fine fielding side achieved 15 run-outs. They were inspired by Jonathan Bond, an outstanding wicket-keeper who held 19 catches and made six stumpings. Seven centuries were scored by three batsmen, three coming from James McCulley, a colt, while Edward Smith took his total for two seasons to 1,704 runs at 77.45.

Batting—E. T. Smith 17-3-984-149-2-70.28; J. J. McCulley 16-4-638-128*-3-53.16; J. P. Pyemont 19-3-716-111-2-44.75; A. D. Boldt 14-2-402-77-0-33.50; J. G. C. Rowe 13-7-201-39*-0-33.50; *W. M. Fyfe 11-2-298-81*-0-33.11.

Bowling—J. G. C. Rowe 66.2-17-221-17-5/21-13.00; T. E. Goodworth 153.4-28-405-22-4/20-18.40; W. M. Fyfe 151.4-27-478-23-5/43-20.78; M. J. Bluett 182.4-38-536-24-4/20-22.33; J. E. Davis 217.5-43-654-25-4/47-26.16; A. D. Boldt 105-18-420-16-3/53-26.25.

TRENT COLLEGE *Played 20: W 12, L 5, D 3*

Master i/c: T. P. Woods

Cricket professional: G. Miller

In a superb season, with no matches lost to the weather, the 12 wins surpassed the previous best of nine in 1903. Noel Gie scored five hundreds and took his career aggregate to 3,153 with ten hundreds. He played for MCC Schools, made his first-class debut for Nottinghamshire in August and was selected to tour Zimbabwe with England Under-19, while Ben Spendlove played for England Under-17.

Batting—N. A. Gie 17-4-1,153-204*-5-88.69; B. L. Spendlove 18-3-782-105*-1-52.13; A. C. Garratt 10-2-365-82-0-45.62; F. L. Larke 4-0-155-61-0-38.75; K. G. Reesby 7-2-161-56*-0-32.20; M. L. White 11-3-229-49-0-28.62; D. I. Jordison 16-4-240-52-0-20.00; T. W. Hancock 18-1-332-68-0-19.52; N. J. Brown 14-1-232-67-0-17.84.

Bowling—D. I. Jordison 143-29-441-25-4/48-17.64; M. L. White 215.5-44-664-34-6/31-19.52; N. C. M. Owen 202.2-31-680-33-5/41-20.60; B. S. Morrison 177.4-23-623-28-4/18-22.25; T. W. Hancock 197.5-54-551-22-4/44-25.04.

TRINITY SCHOOL *Played 20: W 11, L 2, D 7, A 1*

Masters i/c: I. W. Cheyne and B. Widge

An uneven start was followed by a run of 12 matches unbeaten, with seven victories. Shehan De Silva's 1,261 runs were second only to R. W. Nowell's 1,505 in 1993, while the England Under-15 player Scott Newman had 968, including a record 181 against St George's, Weybridge. Of the record 12 centuries scored by the side, these two made six and four respectively and shared in three double-century opening partnerships. The school made seven totals over 275, including a record 315 for four against Royal GS, Guildford. Opening bowler Andrew Clark confirmed his all-round prowess with 501 runs and 50 wickets from 341 overs.

Batting—*S. N. De Silva 20-5-1,261-156*-6-84.06; S. A. Newman 16-1-968-181-4-64.53; A. T. J. Clark 17-2-501-100*-1-33.40; R. J. Duke 10-4-194-85-0-32.33; M. G. Macaskill 18-8-295-60*-0-29.50; D. O. Robinson 20-2-523-120-1-29.05; A. J. C. Mutucumarana 11-4-179-61-0-25.57.

Bowling—A. T. J. Clark 341-83-915-50-5/19-18.30; P. A. R. D. Frost 122.3-17-442-23-5/36-19.21; R. J. Duke 133.2-22-436-17-4/52-25.64; D. Tanner 124.3-17-477-16-4/48-29.81; A. J. C. Mutucumarana 206.2-41-901-18-4/42-50.05.

TRURO SCHOOL *Played 13: W 3, L 6, D 4*

Master i/c: D. M. Phillips

Despite losing all three of their limited-overs matches, the side did themselves justice in the other encounters, winning three and being on top in all the draws, when crucial catches were dropped. Tom Sharp, the captain, went on to play for Cornwall.

Batting—*T. Sharp 10-1-378-73-0-42.00; R. Harmer 11-3-262-75-0-32.75; T. Hick 11-0-315-85-0-28.63; C. Penhaligon 9-3-157-47*-0-26.16; C. Shreck 8-1-172-50-0-24.57; J. Price 11-1-220-60-0-22.00.

Bowling—C. Shreck 121.3-26-319-16-6/29-19.93.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 6, L 5, D 7*

Master i/c: S. M. Bloomfield

Cricket professional: W. G. Jones

A talented side boasted greater depth in batting than in bowling. The three top batsmen performed consistently well, with P. J. Durban and T. S. R. Gladstone compiling three century opening partnerships and D. Beary proving a fluent left-hander. A varied attack featured three seam bowlers and three spinners.

Batting—T. S. R. Gladstone 17-4-674-100*-2-51.84; D. Beary 15-0-452-58-0-30.13; P. J. Durban 17-2-392-100*-1-26.13; *J. D. Buck 14-2-177-45-0-14.75; B. J. Marshall 15-2-182-46-0-14.00.

Bowling—N. B. Hastings 154-22-499-24-3/11-20.79; S. Lawrence 177-13-646-29-6/65-22.27; A. J. Renton 222-48-625-25-3/14-25.00; D. L. Sanders 113-20-382-15-5/25-25.46; D. J. Krikler 145-16-465-15-4/67-31.00.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL *Played 18: W 4, L 6, D 7, T 1*

Master i/c: J. Lickess

Cricket professional: M. R. Hallam

Batting—C. D. Gent 19-1-592-73-0-32.88; J. M. T. Hunter 17-1-461-97-0-28.81; S. C. Debenham 18-3-369-81-0-24.60; *A. D. J. Dawe 18-0-418-64-0-23.22; R. E. C. Watts 16-0-327-81-0-20.43; A. D. A. Hunter Smart 19-4-305-100-1-20.33; C. R. Battle 16-1-301-58-0-20.06; R. R. J. Buchanan 13-3-192-66*-0-19.20.

Bowling—A. T. Menzies 125.5-30-406-27-6/41-15.03; R. R. J. Buchanan 181.4-44-532-32-4/47-16.62; C. A. P. Freestone 153.1-27-501-22-3/33-22.77; C. D. Gent 168-34-619-23-4/18-26.91; S. C. Debenham 188-51-528-16-3/39-33.00.

VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY *Played 17: W 4, L 8, D 5*

Master i/c: D. A. R. Ferguson

Batting—C. N. A. Gothard 16-0-444-76-0-27.75; I. J. A. MacEachern 14-3-286-66*-0-26.00; J. R. Cartmell 10-2-193-50*-0-24.12; R. D. Minty 9-0-157-71-0-17.44; R. A. Skilton 16-1-240-39-0-16.00; C. D. Mullin 17-4-204-64-0-15.69.

Bowling—C. N. A. Gothard 163-31-581-31-5/55-18.74; S. P. O'Flaherty 95-12-492-20-4/37-24.60.

WARWICK SCHOOL *Played 13: W 5, L 5, D 3, A 1*

Master i/c: G. A. Tedstone

David Young was outstanding with a record aggregate of 923 runs at 102.55, his four centuries including 187 not out against MCC. He played for England Under-17 and Somerset Second XI.

Batting—*D. Young 12-3-923-187*-4-102.55; E. Dorr 6-1-181-83-0-36.20; A. Hume 10-1-255-101*-1-28.33; D. Daniel 11-3-221-85*-0-27.62; W. Evans 13-0-265-56-0-20.38.

Bowling—D. Young 108-26-338-15-4/28-22.53; D. Daniel 94.2-19-429-15-3/16-28.60.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 15: W 1, L 6, D 8*

Master i/c: W. E. Miller

An inexperienced side lacked bowling support for Farouk Khan (left-arm medium), who took half the wickets to fall. James Phang was distracted by the burden of captaincy, but younger batsmen shaped encouragingly.

Batting—*J. C. K. Phang 15-0-346-55-0-23.06; K. T. Farrell 13-0-280-62-0-21.53; B. J. Chandler 13-2-189-44*-0-17.18; J. A. Rylett 14-0-222-63-0-15.85; J. B. Millman 14-0-179-55-0-12.78; K. Elampooranar 15-2-164-47-0-12.61.

Bowling—F. M. Khan 223.4-45-704-44-8/48-16.00.

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL *Played 18: W 5, L 7, D 6*

Master i/c: M. H. Askham

Cricket professional: J. C. J. Dye

In a season of mixed results, Keith Potter proved the outstanding all-rounder. He was supported by Andy Taylor, who topped the batting averages, and left-arm spinner Kris Saville.

Batting—A. L. Taylor 17-5-444-80*-0-37.00; *K. G. Potter 18-0-659-123-1-36.61; J. J. Lower 13-1-239-53-0-19.91; T. N. Mason 12-0-190-37-0-15.83.

Bowling—K. G. Potter 205.4-31-689-29-4/48-23.75; R. Johnson 157.5-31-562-19-4/49-29.57; K. Saville 219.2-25-923-30-5/58-30.76.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE *Played 18: W 5, L 6, D 7, A 2*

Masters i/c: C. M. St G. Potter and R. I. H. B. Dyer Cricket professional: P. J. Lewington

Charles Hodgson scored 1,025 runs, breaking the 19-year-old record of 948, set by Robin Dyer, formerly of Warwickshire and now one of the school's cricket masters. Hodgson, whose six centuries were also a record, followed his three brothers into the XI. Edward Britton, who also scored a century, played for Wales Under-19.

Batting—C. P. R. Hodgson 20-3-1,025-137*-6-60.29; A. C. Northey 20-2-554-71-0-30.77; E. M. G. Britton 20-1-556-104*-1-29.26; E. J. Bennett 12-5-155-32*-0-22.14; A. J. Ash 19-1-358-72*-0-19.88; H. E. Johnson 11-2-172-74-0-19.11; *J. D. J. Brownrigg 15-3-205-51-0-17.08; M. P. Chicken 14-1-189-53-0-14.53.

Bowling—T. H. Wheeler 189.3-26-620-40-5/41-15.50; C. P. R. Hodgson 256-70-676-23-6/64-29.39; E. J. Bennett 137.2-30-513-15-2/17-34.20; R. A. R. Ritchie 167-24-575-16-3/27-35.93; J. D. J. Brownrigg 196.1-24-781-15-3/54-52.06.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL *Played 18: W 7, L 8, D 3*

Master i/c: P. M. Pearce

Batting—J. P. Derbyshire 16-3-403-62-0-31.00; *A. J. Fulker 17-2-364-74-0-24.26; R. J. Urwin 17-2-343-85*-0-22.86; H. T. Spotswood 18-3-331-92*-0-22.06; M. A. Colman 18-0-331-82-0-18.38; A. D. J. Reid 9-0-156-76-0-17.33; S. A. Sheldon 15-2-200-50-0-15.38.

Bowling—A. J. Fulker 179.1-14-725-37-6/58-19.59; H. T. Spotswood 129-14-602-25-5/17-24.08; S. Cooper 159-25-606-25-4/8-24.24; M. A. Colman 176-43-756-18-3/21-42.00.

WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL *Played 14: W 6, L 8*

Master i/c: M. Stringer

Batting—J. Pym 13-1-465-71-0-38.75; J. Stone 11-0-295-110-1-26.81; B. Clements 14-3-210-28-0-19.09.**Bowling**—B. Clements 107-20-385-23-4/45-16.73; M. Ferguson 76.2-7-268-16-4/14-16.75.**WESTMINSTER SCHOOL** *Played 12: W 2, L 2, D 8*

Master i/c: D. Cook

Cricket professional: R. O. Butcher

The excellent wickets at Vincent Square tended to make for high-scoring draws, the best of which was against the touring side from St Peter's, Adelaide. The one limited-overs match ended in ignominious defeat.

Batting—H. Stevenson 10-0-418-108-1-41.80; R. Korgaonkar 8-0-262-105-1-32.75; A. Jones 8-0-169-48-0-21.12; *C. Miller 9-0-189-57-0-21.00; T. Munro 10-0-179-40-0-17.90; J. Bentham 9-0-154-42-0-17.11; K. Raghuveer 12-0-205-64-0-17.08.

Bowling—B. Gordon 74.4-16-248-15-6/62-16.53; G. Zitko 63-4-339-15-5/37-22.60; K. Raghuveer 125-18-474-18-5/39-26.33; H. Hameed 136-20-540-16-3/56-33.75.

WHITGIFT SCHOOL *Played 18: W 8, L 3, D 7*

Master i/c: P. C. Fladgate

Cricket professional: G. Durose

After a disappointing start, eight sides were beaten in nine games, including MCC. Moez Dungarwalla was the leading batsman, although it was James Furner who scored the only hundred – against Honesti – and the under-15 player Nishal Patel made a promising start. Gareth Tucker's off-spin brought him 41 wickets – the most for at least 20 years – while wicket-keeper Darren Blake effected 26 dismissals (18 caught, 8 stumped) and Stephen Lampkin shone with bat and ball.

Batting—S. P. O. Lampkin 16-4-442-72-0-36.83; N. A. Patel 5-0-177-55-0-35.40; N. D. A. Jarvis 7-1-186-76-0-31.00; M. Dungarwalla 19-2-494-86*-0-29.05; M. D. Dawton 16-4-312-60-0-26.00; J. P. Furner 17-1-415-104*-1-25.93; D. A. Blake 16-1-359-92-0-23.93; A. E. Courtenay 10-1-213-75-0-23.66.

Bowling—G. A. J. Tucker 249-59-662-41-6/48-16.14; A. A. Chmielowski 196.5-48-589-30-5/49-19.63; S. P. O. Lampkin 199.5-50-587-19-5/80-30.89; *G. R. Weale 139-18-571-15-5/28-38.06.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE *Played 20: W 9, L 2, D 9. A 2*

Master i/c: C. J. Good

Cricket professional: I. C. D. Stuart

Edward Craig confirmed his promise with 1,033 runs, including three centuries.

Batting—E. D. C. Craig 21-2-1,033-126*-3-54.36; T. J. Powell-Jackson 9-2-263-58*-0-37.57; S. J. Hollis 20-4-430-67-0-26.87; J. D. Adams 17-4-327-45*-0-25.15; S. C. Kent 21-1-441-69-0-22.05; M. H. Whitcomb 12-3-155-50*-0-17.22; *G. C. Close-Brooks 17-2-230-50-0-15.33; T. O. V. Hanson 15-4-168-24-0-15.27; J. E. H. Sorrell 15-4-160-41-0-14.54.

Bowling—T. J. Powell-Jackson 49.3-11-145-15-5/40-9.66; G. C. Close-Brooks 238.5-53-687-45-7/23-15.26; M. H. Witcomb 200.4-43-581-33-5/42-17.60; E. D. C. Craig 129-23-423-19-3/25-22.26; R. C. J. Grisedale 167-40-459-15-3/27-30.60.

WOODBIDGE SCHOOL *Played 15: W 1, L 4, D 10*

Master i/c: Rev. M. E. Percival

Batting—*T. E. Percival 16-0-552-81-0-34.50; M. Johnston 12-3-283-100*-1-31.44; S. Tollit 14-3-209-58-0-19.00; R. Sledmere 13-1-151-65-0-12.58.

Bowling—T. E. Percival 111-21-423-29-5/36-14.58; M. Johnston 119.3-16-438-18-4/35-24.33.

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL *Played 16: W 3, L 3, D 9, T 1*

Master i/c: R. I. Frost

Cricket professional: F. H. Tyson

A highlight was an unbeaten century by Duncan Sayers against the XL Club. Andrew Brimacombe, a fourth-former, displayed a sound technique with the bat, while leg-spinner Guy Bennett took 29 wickets and Nick Verity (medium-fast) took 19. Both Bennett and Verity played at Under-14 level for Yorkshire and the North of England. Frank Tyson came over from Australia and coached the players.

Batting—D. Sayers 16-2-453-102*-1-32.35; A. Peel 12-0-373-93-0-31.08; *D. T. Brier 16-2-419-69-0-29.92; A. Brimacombe 15-2-346-70-0-26.61; M. Gullick 13-1-244-45-0-20.33; A. Rowan 13-3-167-41-0-16.70; C. Dibb 14-2-157-27-0-13.08.

Bowling—B. Rhodes 97.5-16-336-23-4/22-14.60; G. Bennett 144.4-32-490-29-6/11-16.89; N. Verity 122-23-413-19-4/20-21.73.

WREKIN COLLEGE *Played 14: W 5, L 5, D 4. A 3*

Master i/c: M. de Weymar

Cricket professional: D. A. Banks

Highlights were an unbeaten hundred, out of 160, by Iain McArthur against Denstone and a hat-trick in the victory over Ellesmere College by Matthew Attwood. The side participated in the highly successful inaugural international tournament at St Columba's, Dublin.

Batting—V. S. Padhaal 13-4-386-61*-0-42.88; I. W. McArthur 13-2-288-100*-1-26.18; *S. A. Ingram 13-2-285-54*-0-25.90; R. M. A. Boyes 10-2-153-63-0-19.12; A. P. Rickard 13-1-228-60*-0-19.00.

Bowling—V. S. Padhaal 131-32-355-20-8/26-17.75.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE *Played 13: W 3, L 7, D 3*

Master i/c: C. R. C. Tetley

Batting—J. Skinner 10-2-263-58-0-32.87; *D. G. Singer 13-2-355-63-0-32.27; L. J. Bowery 11-3-225-66-0-28.12; M. Arnold 13-0-279-53-0-21.46.

Bowling—D. G. Singer 103-18-386-19-4/39-20.31; J. Skinner 115-18-457-18-5/37-25.38; L. J. Bowery 104-6-486-18-4/33-27.00.

WYGGESTON & QUEEN ELIZABETH I SIXTH FORM COLLEGE*Played 10: W 5, L 1, D 4. A 2*

Master i/c: G. G. Wells

The County Under-19 Cup was retained in a thrilling last-ball victory over Lutterworth GS.

Batting—*S. Patel 9-1-348-77-0-43.50; M. J. C. Sutliff 9-2-249-93-0-35.57; J. Mason 9-0-251-64-0-27.88.

Bowling—S. Patel 52.2-12-153-21-4/12-7.28.

GIRLS' SCHOOLS**DENSTONE COLLEGE** *Played 12: W 9, L 3*

Mistress i/c: J. Morris

The side featured 16-year-old twins, Elizabeth and Mary Pattison, plus Caroline Chell, who was selected to keep wicket for West Midlands Ladies' Under-24.

Batting—*C. H. Chell 11-2-280-57*-0-31.11; E. C. Pattison 12-1-232-42-0-21.09.

Bowling—E. C. Pattison 73.2-16-193-32-4/6-6.03; M. H. Pattison 57.3-22-150-22-7/20-6.81.

ROEDEAN SCHOOL *Played 14: W 6, L 8*

Staff i/c: A. S. England and A. F. Romanov

Against Newlands Manor, Sadia Halim achieved the best return since the war when she took eight for 16 in 4.4 overs, including the last four wickets in four balls.

Batting—G. M. Baker 12-2-230-48*-0-23.00.

Bowling—G. M. Baker 61-11-210-21-4/32-10.00; *S. Halim 45.1-4-200-16-8/16-12.50; E. L. Hamilton 30.5-0-202-15-5/19-13.46.

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