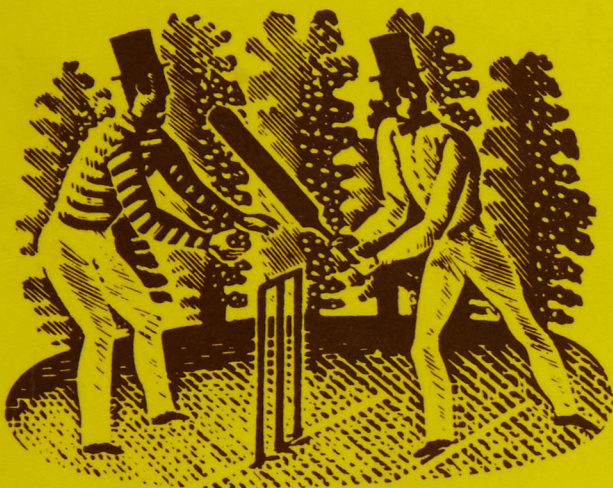


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SCHOOLS CRICKET IN 1996



James Pyemont of Tonbridge School (left) and Warwick School's David Young both scored centuries in the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford.

The 13th MCC Schools Festival, held in fine weather at Oxford from July 12-15, featured some of the best schoolboy cricketers in teams chosen separately by the Headmasters' Conference (HMC) and the English Schools Cricket Association (ESCA). Although some of the older boys are unavailable these days, owing to the increasing representative opportunities elsewhere, this does give younger boys a chance of making their mark. And many do.

The following were selected to play at the Festival:

HMC: N. R. Boulton (King's, Taunton), E. D. C. Craig (Winchester), A. Cruttenden (Judd), R. K. Dawson (Batley GS), S. N. de Silva (Trinity), Z. R. Feather (Birkenhead), J. A. G. Fulton (Eton), T. E. Goodworth (Tonbridge), D. P. Hemmings (Loughborough GS), C. P. R. Hodgson (Wellington C.), E. J. Lyons (Ipswich), I. J. W. McCarter (Shrewsbury), R. A. E. Martin (Oakham), J. M. Milton (Oundle), S. C. A. Pickstone (Batley GS), G. S. Peddy (St Edward's, Oxford), J. P. Pyemont (Tonbridge), S. A. Richardson (Manchester GS), S. M. Sheikh (King's College School, Wimbledon), D. J. H. Walder (Oundle), R. Wilkinson (Workshop), D. J. Young (Warwick).

ESCA: M. Bishop (St Ambrose; Cheshire), C. Budd (Ridings HS; Glos), L. M. Chronnell (Poynton County HS; Cheshire), L. Collins (Cheltenham SFC; Glos), A. J. Crozier (Bridgewater County HS; Cheshire), N. J. Davenport (King Edward's, Stourbridge; Worcs), J. Dhillon (Highfield; Warwicks), A. N. Edwards (Millfield; Somerset), A. Hafeez (Handsworth GS; Warwicks), R. J. Hall (Royal GS, Worcester; Worcs), J. B. Hockley (Kelsey Park; Kent), C. Jack (St Joseph's C.; Suffolk), P. Lindsay (Tynemouth C.; Durham), A. Long (St Peter's, Bournemouth; Dorset), A. J. Marsh (Abbotsholme; Derbys), G. Reynolds (St Francis Xavier; Lancs), T. W. Roberts (Bishop Stopford; Northants), J. G. C. Rowe (Tonbridge; Kent), G. P. Swann (Sponne S.; Northants), C. G. Taylor (Colston's; Glos), J. Webster (Handsworth GS; Warwicks), P. J. Witherley (Stowupland HS; Suffolk).

At the end of the four days at Oxford, the following 16 boys were selected to play at Lord's: Anthony Crozier, Nigel Davenport, Shehan de Silva, Jagbir Dhillon, James Fulton, Charles Hodgson, James Pyemont, Scott Richardson, Tim Roberts, Graeme Swann, Chris Taylor, David Walder, Jay Webster, Richard Wilkinson, Paul Witherley, David Young.

HMC SOUTHERN SCHOOLS v HMC NORTHERN SCHOOLS

At Wadham College, July 12, 13. HMC Northern Schools won by eight wickets.

It was a match for batsmen, with four reaching three figures and no bowler taking more than two wickets. Southern Schools dominated the first day, on which Pyemont scored an excellent century before lunch. A century from Hodgson on the second day enabled Fulton to set a target of 291, whereupon an imposing partnership between the game's other centurions, Young and Richardson, settled matters decisively with time to spare.

HMC Southern Schools

J. P. Pyemont c Feather b Walder	104
C. P. R. Hodgson c Richardson b Walder	49 – retired hurt
*J. A. G. Fulton st Lyons b Young	74
E. D. C. Craig c Walder b Dawson	72 – run out
G. S. Peddy not out	2 – not out
R. Wilkinson b Young	2 – (3) c Young b Milton
†S. N. de Silva (did not bat)	– (1) lbw b Milton
S. M. Sheikh (did not bat)	– (6) not out
Extras	18
Extras	9

1/147 2/172 3/315 4/317 5/321 (5 wks dec.) 321 1/43 2/97 3/176 (3 wks dec.) 192

D. P. Hemmings, T. E. Goodworth and A. Cruttenden did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Pickstone 13–1–68–0; McCarter 8–1–31–0; Feather 9–1–50–0; Dawson 12–0–70–1; Milton 6–0–52–0; Walder 8–1–36–2; Young 2–1–0–10–2. *Second Innings*—Pickstone 9–2–33–0; Feather 8–0–43–0; Dawson 10–1–39–0; Milton 13–4–32–2; Walder 6–1–16–0; Young 2–0–23–0.

HMC Northern Schools

S. A. Richardson run out	84 – retired hurt
N. R. Boulton c Hodgson b Cruttenden	27 – c Pyemont b Cruttenden
D. J. Young c Hodgson b Wilkinson	13 – retired hurt
R. A. E. Martin lbw b Peddy	18 – c Hodgson b Goodworth
R. K. Dawson c de Silva b Hemmings	25 – not out
Z. R. Feather c de Silva b Hemmings	0
*D. J. H. Walder b Sheikh	20
I. J. W. McCarter not out	15 – (6) not out
J. M. Milton not out	11
Extras	10
Extras	11

1/40 2/63 3/114 4/153 5/153 (7 wks dec.) 223 1/50 2/240 (2 wks) 291
6/186 7/188

†E. J. Lyons and S. C. A. Pickstone did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Sheikh 13–2–68–1; Hemmings 11–1–50–2; Goodworth 14–4–44–0; Cruttenden 6–0–26–1; Wilkinson 9–4–16–1; Peddy 7–1–17–1. *Second Innings*—Sheikh 4–0–23–0; Hemmings 14–1–55–0; Goodworth 11–0–61–1; Cruttenden 3–0–11–1; Wilkinson 19–3–61–0; Peddy 9–0–39–0; Hodgson 11–3–33–0.

ESCA NORTH v ESCA SOUTH

At St Edward's School, July 12, 13. Drawn.

The South never quite looked capable of reaching their target of 215 and the game finished in a fairly even draw. On a wicket giving some help to the bowlers, only two fifties were scored, with Crozier and Taylor looking the most accomplished batsmen. Jack was the quickest of the bowlers, while slow left-armed Hall also performed well and Swann conceded only 20 runs in 12 overs in the second innings.

ESCA North

T. W. Roberts st Dhillon b Hockley	41 – c Long b Jack	20
A. Hafeez b Jack	7 – b Budd	0
*A. J. Crozier c Edwards b Witherley	54 – c Taylor b Jack	4
†M. Bishop lbw b Hockley	14 – c and b Swann	38
A. J. Marsh c Dhillon b Budd	20 – c Hockley b Swann	44
R. J. Hall c Dhillon b Jack	34 – b Hockley	25
J. Webster c Edwards b Long	21 – b Witherley	9
N. J. Davenport b Jack	4 – c Dhillon b Witherley	0
G. Reynolds not out	15 – lbw b Budd	9
L. M. Chronnell c Hockley b Jack	1 – not out	0
P. Lindsay not out	0 – c Swann b Long	7
Extras	6	26

1/25 2/66 3/94 4/122 5/152 (9 wks dec.) 217 1/7 2/46 3/58 4/88 5/119 182
6/192 7/198 8/199 9/203 6/127 7/133 8/163 9/167

Bowling: *First Innings*—Witherley 12–1–35–1; Jack 10–1–44–4; Long 13–2–58–1; Hockley 8–3–22–2; Collins 8–3–19–0; Budd 3–0–19–1; Swann 6–0–17–0. *Second Innings*—Witherley 9–1–0–28–2; Jack 7–3–39–2; Long 10–4–24–1; Hockley 8–2–28–1; Collins 6–0–19–0; Budd 6–3–3–2; Swann 12–7–20–2.

ESCA South

*C. G. Taylor c Crozier b Lindsay	43 – c Marsh b Hall	49
C. Budd lbw b Roberts	35 – c Lindsay b Crozier	14
A. N. Edwards run out	0 – b Webster	18
J. G. C. Rowe st Bishop b Crozier	28 – c Reynolds b Crozier	60
G. P. Swann c Davenport b Roberts	13 – c Hall b Webster	11
J. B. Hockley b Hall	15 – c Crozier b Hall	16
†J. Dhillon not out	23 – not out	17
L. Collins not out	3	
P. J. Witherley (did not bat)	– not out	3
A. Long (did not bat)	– st Bishop b Hall	0
Extras	25	13

1/71 2/78 3/102 4/116 (6 wks dec.) 185 1/33 2/35 3/138 4/165 (7 wks) 201
5/117 6/173 5/165 6/168 7/187

C. Jack did not bat.

Bowling: *First Innings*—Davenport 8–2–27–0; Webster 7–3–13–0; Lindsay 10–5–20–1; Hall 22–11–53–1; Roberts 4–0–21–2; Reynolds 5–1–17–0; Crozier 4–0–13–1. *Second Innings*—Davenport 4–0–17–0; Webster 8–0–38–2; Lindsay 6–1–27–0; Hall 18–4–41–3; Reynolds 5–1–17–0; Crozier 9–0–40–2; Chronnell 4–1–18–0.

At St Edward's School, July 14. D. J. H. Walder's XI won by two wickets. C. G. Taylor's XI 176 for seven dec. (S. A. Richardson 31 retired hurt, R. A. E. Martin 31, A. J. Marsh 40 not out; R. J. Hall three for 43); D. J. H. Walder's XI 180 for eight (D. J. Young 59; N. A. Denning three for 26).

At St John's College, July 14. Drawn. J. A. G. Fulton's XI 220 (J. A. G. Fulton 63, N. J. Davenport 60; A. Long three for 47, L. Collins three for 50); A. J. Crozier's XI 155 for four (A. J. Crozier 53, J. G. C. Rowe 35).

At Christ Church, July 15. Drawn. MCC Schools East 209 for five dec. (T. W. Roberts 49, C. P. R. Hodgson 54 not out); MCC Schools West 183 for eight (D. J. Young 53, Z. R. Feather 31; J. M. Milton three for 70).

MCC v MCC SCHOOLS

At Lord's, July 16. MCC Schools won by three wickets. Toss: MCC.

A second-wicket partnership of 105 between Lawson and Warrington provided the backbone of MCC's innings, before Trestrail added some much needed impetus. The Schools' opening bowler, Webster, had a hand in all five wickets to fall, with four for 75 and a catch. In reply, Young and Crozier continued their fine form at Oxford with invaluable fifties, before Wilkinson and Webster's unbroken stand of 51 saw the Schools to victory with three balls to spare.

MCC

A. G. Lawson c Taylor b Webster	70	K. C. Williams not out	8
C. H. Forward c Dhillon b Webster	2		
A. G. Warrington c Webster b Wilkinson	50	B 11, 1-b 6, w 10, n-b 1	28
G. J. Rickman c Dhillon b Webster	7		
*N. J. L. Trestrail not out	44	1/3 2/108 3/132	(5 wkts dec.) 216
M. Warden lbw b Webster	7	4/157 5/192	

K. G. Sedgbeer, P. A. W. Heseltine, †M. S. L. Rollinson and P. A. Veness did not bat.

Bowling: Webster 19-2-75-4; Witherley 4-2-9-0; Swann 17-6-38-0; Walder 5-0-18-0; Wilkinson 15-3-54-1; Hodgson 2-0-5-0.

MCC Schools

T. W. Roberts c Warrington b Veness	20	R. Wilkinson not out	26
C. G. Taylor b Williams	4	J. Webster not out	25
D. J. Young c Trestrail b Sedgbeer	53	L-b 4, w 4, n-b 3	11
A. J. Crozier c Warden b Trestrail	61		
C. P. R. Hodgson b Sedgbeer	16	1/14 2/38 3/111	(7 wkts) 220
G. P. Swann lbw b Williams	3	4/152 5/155	
*D. J. H. Walder lbw b Williams	1	6/167 7/169	

†J. Dhillon and P. J. Witherley did not bat.

Bowling: Warden 17-0-55-0; Williams 12-1-43-3; Heseltine 6-2-26-0; Veness 8-2-30-1; Sedgbeer 10.3-2-55-2; Trestrail 1-0-7-1.

Umpires: K. Bray and C. T. Puckett.

MCC SCHOOLS v NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG CRICKETERS

At Lord's, July 17. Drawn. Toss: MCC Schools.

MCC Schools had much the better of the match, in which neither side did themselves justice. After the pace of Smith had reduced MCC Schools to 58 for four, a fifth-wicket partnership of 83 between Richardson and Swann and a rapid 24 from Walder enabled them to declare at 217. NAYC also lost early wickets and could never really get going. Ellis batted defensively for three hours, but with 141 still needed from the last 20 overs, they could only hold on for the draw.

MCC Schools

J. P. Pyemont c Swarbrick b Smith	8	J. Webster c Davies b Womble	5
S. A. Richardson c Davies b Christmas	39	N. J. Davenport not out	7
T. W. Roberts c Clarke b Smith	10	†S. N. de Silva not out	8
A. J. Crozier c Swarbrick b Smith	0	B 1, 1-b 9, w 7, n-b 2	19
J. A. G. Fulton c Davies b Womble	11		
G. P. Swann lbw b Womble	79	1/13 2/34 3/34	(9 wkts dec.) 217
R. Wilkinson c Christmas b Womble	7	4/58 5/141 6/160	
*D. J. H. Walder c Davies b Lamb	24	7/186 8/194 9/202	

Bowling: Christmas 11-1-39-1; Smith 10-2-32-3; Womble 17-2-54-4; Lewis 17-5-38-0; Woosey 6-0-27-0; Lamb 3-0-17-1.

National Association of Young Cricketers

*M. Swarbrick b Davenport	5	A. S. Christmas not out	0
T. C. Z. Lamb run out	18	T. M. Smith not out	0
D. A. Ellis lbw b Wilkinson	62	B 1, w 1, n-b 2	4
J. Clarke b Wilkinson	0		
P. S. Lazenbury run out	18	1/12 2/36 3/46	(7 wkts) 129
†P. G. T. Davies st de Silva b Wilkinson	5	4/76 5/90	
D. R. Womble c Richardson b Wilkinson	17	6/116 7/129	

D. J. Lewis and J. I. T. Woosey did not bat.

Bowling: Webster 10-1-32-0; Davenport 7-2-22-1; Wilkinson 19-11-31-4; Walder 3-0-19-0; Swann 7-3-24-0.

Umpires: K. T. Bailey and N. L. Bainton.

The National Cricket Association selected the following to play for NCA Young Cricketers against Combined Services: A. S. Christmas (Leics), J. Clarke (Lincs), S. N. de Silva (Surrey), D. A. Ellis (Yorks), J. A. G. Fulton (Devon), D. J. Lewis (Salop), A. Long (Dorset), S. A. Richardson (Lancs), M. Swarbrick (Hants), D. J. H. Walder (Northumb) and J. I. T. Woosey (Lancs).

At Lord's, July 18. Combined Services won by six wickets. Toss: Combined Services. NCA Young Cricketers 191 for six (55 overs) (S. A. Richardson 55, D. A. Ellis 67); Combined Services 195 for four (45.2 overs) (SAC M. Bray 75, Sgt N. Palmer 60).

ETON v HARROW

At Lord's, June 25. Drawn. Toss: Eton.

Eton won the toss, but could not take advantage of it. Having asked Harrow to bat, they made them fight for their runs at first; Maydon took 50 minutes over his three. After lunch, however, Harrow's batsmen accelerated. Norris hit nine fours and a six in his half-century, and put on 85 in an hour with Gillions. Then he was caught behind, the first victim of medium-pacer Bailey's spell of four for 12 in five overs. Harrow declared at 238, giving their bowlers two hours and 40 minutes to bowl Eton out. At tea, they were hopeful: they had dismissed the top three for 31 in 15 overs. But the final session saw Lea and Bailey take their partnership to 87 in as many minutes. Only one more wicket fell, that of Lea, whose 57 was the highest score of the match. With only half an hour to the close, he had already ensured Eton's safety.

Harrow

*E. G. L. Maydon c and b Barnett	3	C. R. C. Parker c Dixon b Bailey	9
†R. G. MacAndrew b Barnett	32	E. G. Henson not out	0
A. N. L. Cox c Loudon b Bailey	37		
J. R. W. Norris c Horne b Bailey	56	B 4, 1-b 18, w 12, n-b 9	43
S. D. G. Engelen lbw b R. W. J. Bruce	10		
W. A. T. Gillions c Fulton b Bailey	28	1/32 2/88 3/90	(8 wkts dec.) 238
D. C. L. Tregoning c J. T. A. Bruce	20	4/117 5/202 6/209	
		b Bailey	7/238 8/238

E. W. Nicol and J. W. B. Neame did not bat.

Bowling: Barnett 18-5-48-2; R. W. J. Bruce 9-1-36-1; J. T. A. Bruce 14-4-39-0; Jowett 9-2-49-0; Bailey 13.3-2-44-5.

Eton

H. H. Dixon b Parker	6	D. C. Kay-Shuttleworth not out	15
H. J. H. Loudon c Cox b Engelen	7		
*J. A. G. Fulton c and b Engelen	0	B 7, 1-b 5, w 6	18
A. M. Lea c MacAndrew b Neame	57		
N. A. Bailey not out	36	1/14 2/20 3/23 4/110	(4 wks) 139

R. W. J. Bruce, J. T. A. Bruce, O. L. Barnett, †R. F. Horne and C. R. J. Jowett did not bat.

Bowling: Gillions 11-3-24-0; Parker 8-1-12-1; Engelen 14-3-38-2; Neame 13-6-26-1; Nicol 6-3-10-0; Maydon 3-2-9-0; Norris 1-0-4-0; Cox 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: J. Bugden and J. A. Carter.

Of the 161 matches between the two schools since 1805, Eton have won 52, Harrow 44 and 65 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.

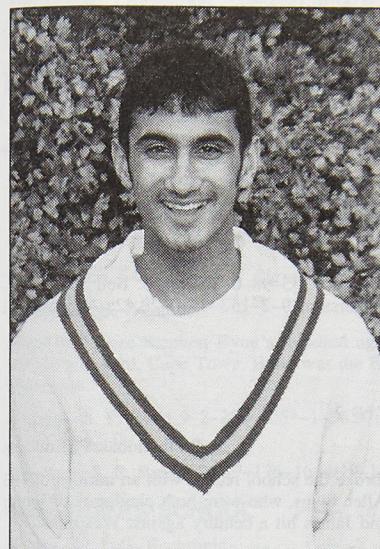
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SCHOOLS

Although it was not a vintage year, some memorable moments and notable performances were reported by the schools. Seven batsmen passed 1,000 runs, four doing so in less than 20 innings. The most prolific were R. Wilkinson of Worksop, who scored 1,161 runs at 82.92 in 17 innings, and M. A. Truman of Framlingham, who made the same number, but in 22 innings at an average of 64.50. Close behind them was S. J. Birtwisle of Durham, whose 1,107 came at the best average of 110.70. J. P. Pyemont of Tonbridge had 1,098 at 64.58, followed by D. C. Nash of Malvern (1,093 at 68.31), E. D. C. Craig of Winchester (1,061 at 55.84) and D. P. Reddyhough of Loughborough GS (1,041 at 65.06). Of those passing 400 runs, three-figure averages were also recorded by N. Millar of Fettes, with 668 at the season's best of 111.33, and C. G. Taylor of Colston's Collegiate, who scored 410 in only four innings at an average of 102.50. D. J. Young of Warwick School and A. Major of Canford both scored double-centuries, and there were five innings of 175 or more. Two scored five hundreds: B. J. Thompson of Magdalen College School collected his at a rate of one every 3.6 innings.

The bowlers fared rather better than in 1995. Two passed 60 wickets. J. M. Milton of Oundle had by far the most, with 75 at 17.44, although he bowled a phenomenal 433 overs; T. W. Briggs of Reigate GS bowled 148 fewer overs for his 67 at 13.86. The others to take 50 or more were G. R. Saxton of Bradford GS (55 at 13.18), P. R. Elsley of Framlingham (53 at 16.20), P. W. Anderson of Kingston GS (51 at only 8.66), I. Azam of Christ's College, Finchley (51 at 10.74), T. J. Phillips of Felsted (51 at 14.01) and N. G. Hatch of Barnard Castle (50 at 13.26). Single-figure averages were also achieved by G. S. Sodhi of Ellesmere, who was the most economical of all with 49 at 8.28, and S. C. B. Tomlinson of the Oratory School, whose 43 cost 8.81 apiece.

The outstanding analysis was Azam's ten for 37 against Gents of Hertfordshire, followed by nine for 27 by S. A. Musk of Royal GS, High Wycombe. No one else took nine in an innings. E. Smallman of Ardingly took four wickets in four balls, and there were eight other hat-tricks – from Hatch, D. Finch of St Edmund's, Canterbury, H. Fitch of Bryanston, M. Lloyd of South Craven, R. P. F. Montagu-Williams and R. Robinson of Solihull, G. L. Walters of Monmouth and P. Young of St Edmund's, Ware.

In terms of quantity, the leading all-rounders were Sodhi, who scored 747 runs at 49.80 in addition to his 49 wickets, Tomlinson, with 759 runs at 75.90 to set alongside his 43 wickets, D. J. H. Walder of Oundle with 682 runs at 52.46 and 49 wickets at 14.59, G. D. Franklin of Malvern (541 runs and 45 wickets), D. Bell of Dauntsey's (516 runs and 42 wickets) and E. Sellwood of Royal GS, Worcester (546 runs and 43 wickets). In terms of averages, the best among those with 500 runs and 30 wickets was Tomlinson, winner of the Cricket Society's Wetherell Award, followed by Sodhi and Worksop's Wilkinson, who took 33 wickets at 14.33 in addition to his 1,161 runs.



Imran Azam (left) took ten wickets in an innings for Christ's College, Finchley, and Ben Thompson made five hundreds for Magdalen College School in 1996.

Of the 40 schools who won more than half their matches, Bangor GS recorded the best winning percentage of 86, while Campbell College and Durham both won 83 per cent and Taunton 82 per cent. The six unbeaten sides were Langley Park, Merchant Taylors', Northwood, Eton and King Edward VI, Southampton – all of whom won more than half their matches – plus Fettes and Trinity. Dover College and Llandovery College were the only sides to win none at all.

Although a surprising number managed at least to start all their fixtures, nine schools, from all parts of the country, reported as many as five completely abandoned, while Gordonstoun, Llandovery, King Edward VI, Stourbridge, South Craven and St Lawrence, Ramsgate all lost a third of their fixtures. In contrast, Brighton College lost only one hour all season and wondered whether that was a record in Britain. Many schools played a variety of types of game – declaration, limited overs or "proportional limited overs" (in which the side batting first faces 50 overs, their opponents face 45 and a draw is possible).

The five British schools who participated in the Sir Garfield Sobers Schools Cricket Festival in Barbados were Ashville, City of London Freeman's School, Gresham's, Merchiston Castle and Uppingham. Gresham's, who had also played in the inaugural festival in 1987, achieved the highest placing of sixth, with only a dropped catch preventing them from heading their group. The tournament was won jointly by Transvaal Schools and Dominican Schools after the final was rained off.

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 17: W 5, L 6, D 6*

Master i/c: A. M. Broadbent

Batting—J. R. C. Horton 16–2–559–89*–0–39.92; E. J. K. Ryder 15–2–425–69–0–32.69; H. R. W. Whalen 17–2–462–88*–0–30.80; H. E. Dorling 11–4–195–72*–0–27.85; *G. A. O. Jones 15–1–253–102*–1–18.07.

Bowling—R. A. Pike 179.1–27–634–32–6/63–19.81; T. W. Jones 85.2–7–355–17–6/37–20.88; S. E. Watts 179.1–23–860–34–7/64–25.29.

ALDENHAM SCHOOL *Played 11: W 3, L 2, D 6*

Master i/c: S. Thomas

Batting—K. Habib 11–3–384–83–0–48.00; J. Allen 11–0–335–98–0–30.45; M. Bell 11–4–207–65–0–29.57; A. Meara 11–0–298–45–0–27.09; K. Worsnop 9–2–157–45–0–22.42; A. Thrussell 10–1–169–60–0–18.77.

Bowling—T. Smith 137–24–380–18–3/28–21.11.

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL *Played 15: W 6, L 7, D 2*

Master i/c: D. Tickner

Professional: P. Edwards

Simon Payne headed both batting and bowling and broke the school record with an innings of 183 not out against Emanuel. Also prominent were the Allen twins, who were both playing their fourth full season in the eleven: Tom captained the side and James hit a century against Westminster.

Batting—S. Payne 15–1–487–183*–1–34.78; J. L. Allen 13–1–396–103–1–33.00; P. J. Mitchener 13–3–270–36*–0–27.00; *T. J. Allen 14–1–239–44–0–18.38.

Bowling—S. Payne 97.3–10–368–21–4/51–17.52; J. L. Allen 127.4–20–479–17–3/2–28.17.

AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7 A 2*

Master i/c: G. Thurman

Professional: D. Wilson

Batting—P. Field 17–1–457–94–0–28.56; A. Jenkins 15–3–284–63–0–23.66; J. Melling 14–2–254–46–0–21.16; *M. Hirst 14–3–214–41*–0–19.45; G. Denny 17–1–292–79–0–18.25; R. Simpson 17–0–286–73–0–16.82; P. Cartwright-Taylor 10–0–156–51–0–15.60.

Bowling—T. Pinsent 210.1–42–591–33–6/28–17.90; N. Zoltowski 156.4–19–644–23–5/39–28.00; C. Shillington 137.5–17–654–23–5/36–28.43; M. Hirst 140–26–496–16–4/12–31.00.

ARDINGLY COLLEGE *Played 22: W 5, L 11, D 6 A 2*

Master i/c: G. Hart

Professional: S. Sawant

Edward Smallman took four wickets in four balls against Brighton College in the quarter-final of the Langdale Cup. Bowling left-arm medium pace, he had the first caught at square leg and bowled the next three with leg-stump yorkers.

Batting—M. Turner 17–3–799–100*–1–57.07; J. Fairbrother 19–2–654–109*–1–38.47; *A. Spencer 21–2–501–151*–1–26.36; J. Andrews 10–1–210–77*–0–23.33; N. Strugnell 18–0–375–47–0–20.83; N. Holloway 16–1–234–52*–0–15.60; J. Dower 13–2–159–31–0–14.45; J. Lindsten 17–1–193–47*–0–12.06.

Bowling—R. Iqbal 92.3–21–325–19–5/26–17.10; E. Smallman 140.2–24–501–29–5/29–17.27; D. Macaulay 115.3–27–390–21–4/40–18.57; J. Dower 125–17–465–20–4/55–23.25; A. Toomey 140.2–20–642–17–4/66–37.76.

ARNOLD SCHOOL *Played 19: W 7, L 5, D 7*

Master i/c: D. Grimshaw

Professional: K. Higgs

For the success of their centenary season, which featured a first win over MCC, Arnold owed much to the all-round contribution of Jonathan Ashworth, as well as the determination and emerging talent of Alexander Rawlinson. David Fielding, the captain, completed a record fifth year in the eleven.

Batting—A. Rawlinson 19–2–513–100*–1–30.17; *D. Fielding 19–2–507–73–0–29.82; M. Wallwork 16–1–446–115–1–29.73; J. Ashworth 19–4–413–92–0–27.53; T. Wyles 13–0–157–47–0–12.07.

Bowling—J. Ashworth 243.1–58–738–42–4/14–17.57; M. Wand 121.1–22–445–15–4/29–29.66.

ASHVILLE COLLEGE *Played 16: W 2, L 4, D 10 A 2*

Master i/c: S. Herrington

Batting—B. Quick 14–1–566–102–1–43.53; R. Rawlings 15–2–538–101–1–41.38; J. Cartwright 15–2–466–71–0–35.84.

Bowling—B. Quick 143–24–542–32–8/62–16.93; A. Hughes 135–26–399–20–5/33–19.95.

BABLAKE SCHOOL *Played 12: W 1, L 6, D 5*

Master i/c: B. J. Sutton

Professional: C. Patel

Highlights were Stephen Byng's hundred against King Edward's, Birmingham, and a visit from Bishop's School, Cape Town. Byng was the England Under-15 vice-captain in the Lombard World Challenge.

Batting—S. P. Byng 9–2–256–105*–1–36.57; H. W. Ayers 10–2–243–84*–0–30.37; A. C. Smyth 8–0–178–62–0–22.25.

Bowling—S. P. Byng 58.5–7–176–16–4/19–11.00; A. C. Smyth 85–16–255–16–3/17–15.93.

BANCROFT'S SCHOOL *Played 16: W 3, L 7, D 6 A 1*

Master i/c: J. G. Bromfield

Professional: J. K. Lever

An inexperienced side developed confidence under the positive captaincy of James Davey. One highlight was a century in the victory over J. G. Bromfield's XI by Matthew Cole, a forceful opening bat and useful leg-break bowler. Left-armer Andy Duff was an inspiration in the field.

Batting—A. Duff 12–5–337–96–0–48.14; M. Cole 14–2–345–134*–1–28.75; R. Glassberg 12–2–272–54*–0–27.20; J. E. C. Hull 10–3–157–41–0–22.42; S. J. Harston 16–0–272–85–0–17.00; R. Gevertz 15–1–222–46–0–15.85; *J. R. Davey 16–0–211–45–0–13.18.

Bowling—A. Duff 142.2–30–442–27–4/29–16.37; M. Cole 100.2–13–483–18–4/45–26.83; J. R. Davey 166.3–20–701–21–4/27–33.38.

BANGOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 21: W 18, L 1, D 2 A 1*

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

The season was preceded by a memorable winter trip to the Sydney Youth Cricket Festival. The team spirit fostered during that tour produced perhaps the side's best season. Mark English took his career total above 2,000 runs, second only to the 2,654 recorded by M. P. Rea. Bryn Cunningham – like his elder brother Jan a double schoolboy international in cricket and rugby – improved on Rea's career average of 34.92 by finishing with 1,773 runs at 39.40.

Batting—B. J. Cunningham 13–6–481–95–0–68.71; M. McBride 16–5–400–69–0–36.36; *M. T. C. English 18–1–518–80–0–30.47; G. J. Campbell 16–1–265–49–0–17.66; M. C. W. Harte 19–7–206–39–0–17.16; M. K. Hutchinson 15–2–215–58–0–16.53; K. P. Macaulay 15–0–213–39–0–14.20.

Bowling—R. J. Coghlin 94.2–12–347–32–5/11–10.84; J. C. W. Harte 153–40–386–35–5/19–11.02; R. J. Irwin 106.4–25–282–22–3/17–12.81; K. P. Macaulay 86.1–14–289–19–4/21–15.21; P. B. Neill 143–29–410–20–3/31–20.50; M. K. Hutchinson 126.4–18–420–19–5/5–22.10.

BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL *Played 17: W 3, L 6, D 8 A 2*

Master i/c: C. P. Johnson

Nick Hatch's 50 wickets included a hat-trick in his seven for 36 against University College School.

Batting—L. A. J. Haslam 10–2–275–85*–0–34.37; S. N. Whitehead 18–1–449–85–0–26.41; S. C. Davies 17–1–299–61–0–18.68; N. G. Hatch 18–0–316–49–0–17.55; T. J. Wilks 17–2–218–48–0–14.53; *D. M. Cook 14–2–150–24–0–12.50.

Bowling—N. G. Hatch 251.2–62–663–50–7/36–13.26; S. C. Davies 98.3–9–499–21–7/72–23.76; D. M. Cook 104.1–16–387–15–4/93–25.80.

BEDFORD SCHOOL *Played 15: W 3, L 7, D 5. A 2*

Master i/c: D. W. Jarrett

Professional: R. G. Caple

The side consistently under-performed, resulting in even more of an anticlimax than had been expected after the success of 1995. Although there were three good hundreds from Marc Snell, in his fifth year with the eleven, he could not produce his best form against quality opposition and the side as a whole lacked the character to stave off seven defeats.

Batting—*M. E. Snell 17-3-768-141*-3-54.85; S. R. W. Lincoln 16-1-359-100-1-23.93; G. D. Graham 17-0-376-94-0-22.11; T. W. J. Chapman 15-5-208-67*-0-20.80; S. Sims 12-1-222-39-0-20.18; D. R. Pointer 14-0-173-42-0-12.35.

Bowling—G. D. Graham 89-16-298-15-3/22-19.86; A. Gulzar 220-46-702-31-6/77-22.64; T. W. J. Chapman 202-29-734-29-6/42-25.31; J. A. G. Neale 160-28-543-19-5/47-28.57.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL *Played 21: W 3, L 5, D 13*

Master i/c: N. J. Chinneck

In a strong batting side, Oliver Clayson included three hundreds and a 99 in his 904 runs. However, a lack of fast bowlers was a handicap. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire were beaten by one wicket off the last ball.

Batting—K. J. Locke 15-5-521-80-0-52.10; O. J. Clayson 19-1-904-141-3-50.22; K. Patel 9-3-249-77-0-41.50; *I. R. Chadwick 19-1-611-126-2-33.94; C. A. Ferguson 16-1-435-85-0-29.00; A. J. Whitehead 14-5-213-43-0-23.66; P. E. Timewell 17-2-209-45-0-13.93.

Bowling—J. A. Dilleigh 124-25-326-18-3/18-18.11; A. J. Whitehead 177.3-44-579-26-4/18-22.26; O. J. Clayson 213-45-771-24-5/53-32.12.

BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL *Played 9: W 6, L 1, D 2. A 1*

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

Professional: G. Sheppard

Hard work in the nets was rewarded with five straight wins and impressive individual performances. David Burton was the leading batsman and set a superb example in the field. Other commitments restricted the appearances of both Mark Thorburn and Ben Staunton, the latter with Somerset Second Eleven and Under-19.

Batting—*M. Thorburn 7-3-199-92*-0-49.75; D. A. Burton 9-1-395-77-0-49.37.

Bowling—M. Thorburn 78.3-23-239-22-6/19-10.86; N. D. Wrigley 51.3-10-181-15-3/19-12.06; M. J. Trim 62-10-200-15-3/15-13.33.

BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL *Played 17: W 4, L 7, D 6. A 1*

Master i/c: J. G. Tolchard

Professional: M. R. Herring

Batting—P. S. Davey 7-2-221-89-0-44.20; *G. A. S. McHugh 17-2-636-93*-0-42.40; M. A. Bartholomew 16-3-421-77-0-32.38; C. W. Read 11-0-239-78-0-21.72; M. L. A. Davis 14-0-267-61-0-19.07; L. N. H. Brightman 10-2-152-37-0-19.00.

Bowling—E. N. Clark 148-19-489-24-6/24-20.37; M. A. Bartholomew 133.2-20-525-17-4/29-30.88.

BETHANY SCHOOL *Played 11: W 2, L 4, D 5. A 5*

Master i/c: K. R. Daniel

Batting—R. J. Clark 11-0-326-107-1-29.63; T. B. Playfoot 11-3-232-51*-0-29.00; J. M. Frappe 11-2-236-55-0-26.22; *N. C. W. Pontifex 11-1-262-60-0-26.20.

Bowling—R. J. Clark 141-29-477-23-4/26-20.73.

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL *Played 15: W 7, L 1, D 7*

Master i/c: P. A. Whittel

Zack Feather participated in the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford and went on to play for English Schools.

Batting—M. R. Smathers 10-5-208-73*-0-41.60; Z. R. Feather 12-0-496-107-1-41.33; W. P. L. Roberts 14-2-430-100*-1-35.83; O. J. Rule 15-3-330-79*-0-27.50; *R. S. Whalley 12-2-151-32-0-15.10.

Bowling—M. R. Smathers 72-9-279-16-3/23-17.43; O. J. Rule 125-23-406-21-3/20-19.33; Z. R. Feather 128-33-371-16-3/11-23.18; Z. A. Smith 122-15-435-16-4/46-27.18.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE *Played 22: W 9, L 6, D 7*

Master i/c: D. Hopper

Professional: C. Bannister

Inspired by the positive captaincy of Luke Westell, the side equalled the school record of nine wins – only to be frustrated by narrow defeats against Monkton Combe (one run) and Hereford Cathedral School (three runs) in the last two matches. They fielded superbly, with Andrew Hill and Jeremy Thompson outstanding; Andrew Bruce passed 40 wickets for the third successive season.

Batting—J. J. Mew 20-2-588-102*-1-32.66; D. O'Donnell 22-1-654-125-1-31.14; J. R. Addison 8-2-164-52*-0-27.33; S. R. Mason 20-4-382-75*-0-23.87; *L. P. Westell 21-2-449-52-0-23.63; P. J. H. Fishpool 18-1-387-70-0-22.76.

Bowling—J. F. Beatty 92-22-260-18-4/10-14.44; A. D. Hill 220-52-654-42-7/28-15.57; A. J. Bruce 269-52-876-45-7/63-19.46; D. O'Donnell 101-14-370-15-3/24-24.66; L. P. Westell 195-43-674-23-5/44-29.30.

BLOXHAM SCHOOL *Played 15: W 5, L 4, D 6. A 1*

Master i/c: C. N. Boyns

Batting—M. Palmer 13-2-343-74-0-31.18; I. de Weymar 13-2-329-60*-0-29.90; T. Palmer 12-2-229-49-0-22.90.

Bowling—T. Palmer 64-13-184-16-4/5-11.50; S. Covington 114-31-320-17-4/43-18.82; S. Jones 123.4-9-488-22-5/62-22.18.

BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL *Played 16: W 5, L 8, D 3. A 2*

Master i/c: N. A. Folland

The young side, headed by Paul Warren, varied between playing excellent and undistinguished cricket. Warren and Quenton Miller both passed 500 runs, while Austin Smith developed well as an all-rounder.

Batting—*P. M. Warren 15-1-540-124*-1-38.57; Q. H. Miller 16-1-542-132-1-36.13; G. M. C. Vaughan 15-2-381-85*-0-29.30; T. J. Hooper 15-2-233-51-0-17.92; A. C. Smith 14-3-178-52*-0-16.18; P. J. Stormonth 14-1-180-45-0-13.84.

Bowling—P. M. Warren 166.5-41-403-30-4/16-13.43; A. C. Smith 116.3-17-452-16-2/14-28.25.

BRADFIELD COLLEGE *Played 18: W 2, L 5, D 11*

Master i/c: D. R. Evans

Professional: J. F. Harvey

Batting—J. R. Perkins 16-2-632-100*-1-45.14; *R. J. Holland 14-0-387-126-1-27.64; N. A. Denning 14-4-266-51-0-26.60; T. A. M. Campbell 15-2-229-39-0-17.61; R. D. Nevin 16-1-182-60-0-12.13.

Bowling—N. A. Denning 238.5-54-651-40-5/29-16.27; C. A. K. Carpenter 186.3-35-579-22-4/28-26.31; M. C. Giles 129.1-35-722-23-5/37-31.39.

BRADFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 18: W 7, L 5, D 6. A 5*

Master i/c: A. G. Smith

A record of only one win before half term and six afterwards paints a fair picture of the season of rebuilding. Seam bowler Guy Saxton was outstanding, his 55 wickets being the most this century.

Batting—*A. J. Myers 15-0-543-83-0-36.20; R. E. Walker 17-3-419-74-0-29.92; A. J. Modgill 17-0-448-77-0-26.35; G. R. Saxton 15-5-193-43*-0-19.30; B. D. Cocker 18-1-314-72-0-18.47; A. Pathmanathan 16-0-231-68-0-14.43; C. H. Harper 18-4-201-40*-0-14.35.

Bowling—G. R. Saxton 241.1-65-725-55-6/49-13.18; K. D. A. Howes 182.3-37-672-25-3/20-26.88; R. E. Walker 125.4-22-516-19-4/48-27.15.

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

Master i/c: B. R. Hardie

Batting—G. R. Boyce 12-6-252-95*-0-42.00; J. R. Stanton 17-1-531-111*-2-33.18; R. J. Wybrow 15-1-389-65-0-27.78; D. J. Ox 18-1-464-57-0-27.29; *A. W. Pratt 9-2-151-35*-0-21.57; B. G. L. Rylah 12-2-188-65-0-18.80; A. S. Taker 17-2-260-55-0-17.33; J. D. T. Watkins 15-0-233-53-0-15.53; E. Kirby 13-1-184-27-0-15.33.

Bowling—R. A. J. Wybrow 222-33-901-38-8/89-23.71; I. T. Belchamber 174-24-695-18-3/41-38.61.

BRIGHTON COLLEGE *Played 21: W 5, L 8, D 8*

Master i/c: J. Spencer

Professional: J. D. Morley

Only one hour was lost to the weather in a season which saw the side overcome a disappointing start to record five victories, thanks largely to the fast bowling of A. J. Pope. The side included twins, Chris and James Sell, who each dislocated a shoulder in the same match – against the Old Brightonians.

Batting—A. J. Nichol 19-3-544-100*-1-34.00; J. B. James 18-1-536-104-1-31.52; J. L. Crown 21-1-541-128-1-27.05; T. P. Gayton 21-2-438-62-0-23.05; P. J. S. Spencer 14-1-247-38-0-19.00; R. W. Ainsworth 14-1-197-47-0-15.15.

Bowling—A. J. Pope 263.4-62-751-40-6/25-18.77; J. A. Potter 118-29-393-16-2/16-24.56; M. S. Wilson 127.3-13-576-20-5/12-28.80; P. J. S. Spencer 144-22-527-15-3/41-35.13; R. W. Ainsworth 147-19-620-16-4/48-38.75.

BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 16: W 7, L 3, D 6*

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

Batting—N. Miller 11-2-313-85*-0-34.77; A. Richardson 16-2-408-84-0-29.14; R. Dallimore 10-2-221-82-0-27.62; *J. Reed 15-1-360-79*-0-25.71; J. Tyler 13-1-291-54-0-24.25; M. Bolton 11-1-157-70*-0-15.70.

Bowling—M. Bolton 78-9-304-21-4/14-14.47; J. Reed 91-17-284-18-3/7-15.77; T. Pring 81-10-350-19-6/27-18.42; K. Hudswell 134-23-479-24-4/21-19.95.

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

Master i/c: P. Newman

Batting—A. N. Brown 16-4-524-107*-2-43.66; J. V. A. Robertson 10-4-254-102*-1-42.33; P. J. Goodrem 15-4-367-83-0-33.36; B. R. Steer 9-2-227-58-0-32.42; E. H. Binham 12-0-335-72-0-27.91; J. R. France 15-1-361-58-0-25.78; A. D. Langlands 10-3-162-36*-0-23.14; N. W. Reade 13-2-238-59*-0-21.63; J. H. M. Beddall 10-1-186-46-0-20.66; S. M. Eustace 15-4-227-46-0-20.63.

Bowling—M. J. Gough 68-15-208-17-4/13-12.23; A. D. Langlands 132.5-17-446-21-3/26-21.23.

BRYANSTON SCHOOL *Played 15: W 4, L 7, D 4*

Master i/c: T. J. Hill

An inexperienced team owed much to the captain, Philip Chapman, who inspired three of the four victories with 103 not out against Dorset Rangers, five slip catches at Monkton Combe and eight wickets against the Old Boys. The fourth win – over Caulfield – featured a hat-trick by Henry Fitch.

Batting—A. H. D. McArthur 15-0-302-52-0-20.13; *P. G. P. Chapman 15-1-218-103*-1-15.57; S. P. Nugent 12-1-170-42*-0-15.45; M. L. M. Davies 15-0-154-39-0-10.26.

Bowling—P. G. P. Chapman 114.2-13-429-28-8/25-15.32; S. J. Denning 140.3-38-390-22-5/26-17.72.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE *Played 12: W 10, L 2, D 0*

Master i/c: B. Robinson

Professional: M. Horne

Batting—R. K. Long 9-2-193-71-0-27.57; J. D. Rodgers 11-0-294-76-0-26.72; R. J. Wallace 9-1-188-100-1-23.50; W. R. Clements 12-1-187-34-0-17.00.

Bowling—J. D. Rodgers 65.3-10-189-23-4/10-8.21; R. K. Long 80-15-228-24-5/20-9.50; R. J. M. Miller 49.4-4-199-17-4/24-11.70; R. M. Heasley 65.5-5-238-18-4/19-13.22.

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

Master i/c: A. R. Hobbs

Professional: J. J. E. Hardy

Batting—N. Makin 13-3-733-117*-1-73.30; A. Major 12-4-522-225*-1-65.25; W. McLaren-Clarke 7-2-212-91-0-42.40; P. Stapleton 8-1-250-74-0-35.71; P. Young 10-1-193-45-0-21.44.

Bowling—A. Major 66-8-292-15-4/71-19.46.

CATERHAM SCHOOL *Played 15: W 8, L 4, D 3, A 2*

Master i/c: A. G. Tapp

Professional: Wasim Raja

Another successful season was dominated by fifth-former Richard Jackson, who headed both the averages.

Batting—R. Jackson 16-2-769-154*-2-54.92; R. Connelly 15-1-263-47-0-18.78; G. Goodwin 16-1-245-67-0-16.33; T. Slade 15-2-185-40-0-14.23; *B. Barton 13-1-156-48-0-13.00.

Bowling—R. Jackson 162.2-47-461-28-5/49-16.46; T. Slade 265.2-77-699-33-5/55-21.18; B. Barton 197.2-46-624-27-5/46-23.11.

CHARTERHOUSE *Played 19: W 9, L 5, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: A. S. Morrison

Professional: R. V. Lewis

The opener and Surrey Under-16 captain, A. P. Hollingsworth, hit an outstanding 197 against a strong Old Boys' side. It ended when he ran himself out going for quick runs and enabled Charterhouse to declare at 346 for seven after following on.

Batting—A. P. Hollingsworth 18-1-830-197-3-48.82; A. J. M. Burrows 19-1-501-101-2-27.83; E. A. J. Breeze 19-1-436-93-0-24.22; B. M. J. Warburton 17-4-281-59-0-21.61; J. R. C. Hamblin 16-2-266-59-0-19.00; A. D. W. Smith 18-2-284-62-0-17.75.

Bowling—J. R. C. Hamblin 161-32-470-28-4/42-16.78; A. D. W. Smith 102-21-347-16-3/37-21.68; B. J. O. Lewis 167-39-528-19-3/36-27.78; *C. T. Allen 171-44-421-15-4/35-28.06.

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE *Played 15: W 7, L 3, D 5, A 2*

Master i/c: M. W. Stovold

Professional: M. P. Briers

Batting—S. T. J. Cowley 16-3-751-108-2-57.76; *T. E. Lacey 13-4-421-100*-1-46.77; T. A. O. Hughes 16-1-572-107-1-38.13; W. F. A. Chambers 12-3-321-58*-0-35.66; S. A. A. Block 6-1-176-73-0-35.20; T. F. G. Richardson 10-3-223-60*-0-31.85.

Bowling—R. L. Dredge 157.3-12-645-28-5/66-23.03; T. O. B. Morris 115-18-418-17-3/26-24.58; M. A. Hopkins 139-34-486-15-3/32-32.40.

CHIGWELL SCHOOL *Played 18: W 10, L 3, D 5*

Master i/c: D. N. Morrison

Professional: F. Griffiths

Positive cricket and an excellent team effort brought a record of ten wins and only one defeat in schools matches, the best for more than 20 years. Mussam Ali, outstanding with 718 runs and 30 wickets, was runner-up for the Lord's Taverners Under-19 Cricketer of the Year award.

Batting—M. Ali 17-5-718-88*-0-59.83; L. Mines 7-3-153-47-0-38.25; R. Chauhan 14-1-370-77-0-28.46; T. Jolly 15-1-354-66-0-25.28; G. Calder 10-1-194-53-0-21.55; S. Spindlow 13-1-198-48-0-16.50; N. Timpson 14-4-164-37-0-16.40; A. Mandrekar 14-2-166-72-0-13.83.

Bowling—P. Landsman 90-23-319-19-8/58-16.78; M. Ali 132-28-537-30-5/46-17.90; N. Timpson 108-18-324-18-4/6-18.00; R. Chauhan 121-24-336-18-4/24-18.66; D. Sharma 110-38-342-15-7/36-22.80.

CHRIST COLLEGE, BRECON *Played 16: W 7, L 5, D 4, A 4*

Master i/c: C. W. Kleiser

Professionals: R. P. Lefebvre and T. W. Higginson

In the best season for many years, the side boasted a strong attack, backed by good fielding, and attributed their five defeats to batting failures. In a remarkable match, Monmouth were bowled out for 107, only for Christ College to collapse to 89 for nine; however, Chris Davenport hit an unbeaten 48 at No. 7 and won the contest with his third consecutive four.

Batting—R. J. Chilman 14-1-572-157-2-44.00; C. M. P. Davenport 11-5-189-48*-0-31.50; R. J. W. Fish 12-2-225-44-0-22.50; B. G. John 13-2-201-88*-0-18.27; *T. Harbottle 13-0-213-79-0-16.38.

Bowling—K. Dias 149.1-34-427-25-5/13-17.08; C. M. P. Davenport 156.4-37-434-21-4/26-20.66; R. Jones 174.3-25-586-25-5/41-23.44.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE, FINCHLEY *Played 21: W 13, L 6, D 2*

Master i/c: S. S. Goldsmith

A season of entertaining cricket was highlighted by the performance of opening bowler Imran Azam. His 51 wickets included ten for 37 against Gents of Hertfordshire – the first time anyone had taken all ten for the first team – and he also played some explosive innings.

Batting—C. Spanos 10-4-215-47-0-35.83; C. R. Depala 17-1-390-94-0-24.37; R. Johnstone 13-0-287-52-0-22.07; I. Azam 18-3-277-75*-0-18.46; *R. R. Persad 15-1-209-42-0-14.92; Z. L. Anwari 14-1-167-52-0-12.84.

Bowling—I. Azam 197.1-48-548-51-10/37-10.74; R. Depala 73.3-8-329-23-6/37-14.30; C. R. Depala 95-18-314-20-3/1-15.70; R. R. Persad 66-13-243-15-4/23-16.20.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL *Played 17: W 6, L 6, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: H. P. Holdsworth

Professionals: K. G. Suttle and P. J. Graves

With three spinners regularly operating, James Gladding equalled the wicket-keeping record of 32 dismissals in a season with 16 caught and 16 stumped. A highlight was the match against Toowoomba GS, Australia, who were beaten by one wicket off the last ball.

Batting—T. Pickhaver 16-2-424-70-0-30.28; *P. J. Wilkins 17-0-470-73-0-27.64; F. M. Thomas 17-1-424-86-0-26.50; J. A. Cordery 16-1-336-102-1-22.40; D. F. Morley 15-4-189-31-0-17.18; J. J. Kingsbury 12-1-166-52-0-15.09.

Bowling—S. J. Peters 115-17-437-25-6/21-17.48; E. G. Young 158-38-530-30-5/34-17.66; J. A. Cordery 171-30-538-27-5/47-19.92; D. F. Morley 103-19-371-16-3/77-23.18; R. O. Stringfellow 104-20-386-15-4/30-25.73.

CLAYESMORE SCHOOL *Played 15: W 5, L 5, D 5*

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

Adam Philp and Tom Denning both completed four years in the eleven.

Batting—*A. M. Philp 12-3-471-81-0-52.33; M. D. Senior 13-3-269-68-0-26.90; T. J. Denning 14-0-303-60-0-21.64.

Bowling—A. M. Philp 138-35-350-24-8/31-14.58; G. S. Tew 123-26-416-22-5/31-18.90; T. J. Sharpe 108-24-409-18-4/40-22.72; R. J. S. Lack 171-33-547-23-4/24-23.78.

CLIFTON COLLEGE *Played 16: W 4, L 8, D 4*

Master i/c: D. C. Henderson

Professional: F. J. Andrew

Batting—*D. R. Grewcock 9-4-279-92-0-55.80; J. D. Walters 16-1-392-85-0-26.13; J. A. England 16-1-391-74-0-26.06; E. H. Kenworthy 14-2-298-78-0-24.83; J. D. Biddle 11-0-218-44-0-19.81; M. H. R. Bowden 13-1-171-47-0-14.25.

Bowling—A. G. S. Lawson 124.3-22-402-17-4/8-23.64.

COLFE'S SCHOOL *Played 11: W 2, L 3, D 6, A 2*

Master i/c: P. Clegg

Professional: A. Reid-Smith

The batting was headed by the Under-14 player, Richard Clinton, son of Grahame, formerly of Kent and Surrey.

Batting—R. Clinton 9-1-437-90*-0-54.62; P. Rogers 9-1-270-73-0-33.75; *O. Chapman 10-1-289-75-0-32.11; T. Allen 10-1-188-62-0-20.88.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was J. Gaston 44-8-146-9-3/49-16.22.

COLSTON'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 7, L 8, D 3, A 1*

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

Although Christopher Taylor played only four innings, he scored two centuries in totalling 410 runs at an average of 102.50. He played for MCC Schools and captained English Schools.

Batting—C. G. Taylor 4-0-410-183-2-102.50; J. P. Tucker 9-2-377-85*-0-53.85; *J. A. Ewens 16-1-400-108-1-26.66; M. P. Barrow 9-1-192-86-0-24.00; S. J. Clapp 17-5-283-72*-0-23.58; A. M. Holloway 13-0-280-101-1-21.53; K. S. Gozra 17-0-262-40-0-15.41.

Bowling—S. J. Clapp 131.1-20-458-19-4/38-24.10; J. A. Ewens 220.3-23-499-20-4/51-24.95.

CRANBROOK SCHOOL *Played 16: W 8, L 3, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: A. J. Presnell

Dan Furnival's 175 against Kent College came in 29 overs and was a record for the school, as was wicket-keeper James Harfoot's tally of 47 victims to date.

Batting—*D. Furnival 16-4-671-175-2-55.91; M. Knight 14-3-303-62*-0-27.54; T. Hinchliffe 16-8-207-103*-1-25.87; O. Furnival 10-2-184-51-0-23.00; J. Harfoot 14-2-267-83-0-22.25.

Bowling—J. Frape 56.2-10-203-16-4/21-12.68; T. Hinchliffe 143.2-32-415-27-5/22-15.37; W. Chuter 93-17-264-17-5/33-15.52; P. Wicken 98.3-15-354-18-4/34-19.66; N. Green 128-37-370-15-4/42-24.66.

CRANLEIGH SCHOOL *Played 16: W 6, L 5, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: D. C. Williams

The strongest side for many years boasted depth in both batting and bowling, supported by enthusiastic fielding. Ed Copleston and Abeer Janmohamed headed the batting, while Andy Hillier was the leading bowler, taking 43 wickets with commendable accuracy.

Batting—A. M. T. Janmohamed 16-5-464-99-0-42.18; *D. E. M. G. Copleston 17-1-502-76-0-31.37; J. Bennett 17-0-363-60-0-21.35; I. D. Houston 13-3-166-35-0-16.60; J. C. D. Wright 13-0-171-90-0-13.15; L. E. Moorby 17-1-174-55-0-10.87.

Bowling—A. G. Hillier 161.2-29-560-43-5/29-13.02; I. D. Houston 146.1-42-457-24-3/17-19.04; L. E. Moorby 130.1-29-411-20-5/36-20.55; M. J. Hillier 177.2-44-542-20-3/12-27.10.

CULFORD SCHOOL *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7*

Master i/c: R. P. Shepperson

The first five matches brought two maiden centuries and four wins, including a first ever over MCC. However, despite much positive cricket, the other matches were all lost or drawn, including that against Gresham's, in which Culford's 257 for five in pursuit of 289 was a school record.

Batting—S. F. Ornbo 12-3-386-107*-1-42.88; R. J. R. Evans 12-4-339-64-0-42.37; D. S. Holliday 14-1-489-102-1-37.61; *M. J. L. Grinham 14-2-431-70-0-35.91; N. C. M. Sawyer 13-1-306-56-0-25.50; G. N. Lindley 14-2-214-67-0-17.83.

Bowling—S. F. Ornbo 93-15-325-18-4/44-18.05; P. R. Hamshere 145-23-578-23-5/49-25.13; B. J. Unwin 160-27-604-19-4/20-31.78.

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

Master i/c: C. J. Plummer

Professional: M. M. Patel

In a successful season with eight wins and only one defeat, Edward Tyler shared stands of 216 with Martin Pask against Royal Hospital School and 160 with Gary Cook against Chislehurst and Sidcup GS.

Batting—E. C. Tyler 9-3-407-98-0-67.83; G. Siveyer 6-1-206-86*-0-41.20; *M. J. L. Pask 8-1-264-103*-1-37.71; G. J. Cook 8-2-212-53-0-35.33; K. C. Newman 10-1-297-100-1-33.00; S. D. L. Henderson 13-2-178-44-0-16.18.

Bowling—M. J. L. Pask 71.5-11-218-21-6/18-10.38; D. W. Ring 93.1-19-280-18-5/17-15.55.

DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL *Played 22: W 10, L 7, D 5. A 1*

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

Professional: P. Knowles

After winning the first three matches, the side lost their way before finishing on a high note. Particularly satisfying was the match at Dean Close, where the side performed abysmally in the field, conceding 258, but went on to win the match by five wickets. The season finished with a successful tour of Canada – the first time the school had undertaken a major tour for any sport.

Batting—D. Bell 19-2-516-108-1-30.35; J. Hope 18-0-505-74-0-28.05; B. Darbyshire 16-3-361-101*-1-27.76; *S. Gaiger 18-2-290-80-0-18.12; N. Paget 19-6-227-46-0-17.46; N. Gough 19-3-229-36-0-14.31; R. Gater 14-1-163-39-0-12.53.

Bowling—J. Stafford-Wood 35-4-103-18-6/5-5.72; D. Bell 192.5-23-616-42-4/29-14.66; N. Paget 66.1-11-256-15-3/7-17.06; A. Houchin 177-32-551-31-4/19-17.77; J. Somerville 72-7-287-15-5/27-19.13; J. Reynolds 124-13-483-25-5/52-19.32.

DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL *Played 16: W 5, L 6, D 5*

Master i/c: C. M. Kenyon

Professional: S. Hansford

Batting—*A. J. Thompson 12-1-562-148-3-51.09; W. M. Kinder 16-2-400-98-0-28.57; G. D. M. Lane 13-4-245-48-0-27.22; D. T. Gilroy 8-0-179-63-0-22.37; J. Mears 14-1-231-39-0-17.76; J. R. T. Sidebottom 11-2-151-48-0-16.77; S. J. Gilbert 15-0-210-55-0-14.00.

Bowling—W. M. Kinder 150.3-21-571-26-5/56-21.96; O. E. Bretherton 98.3-10-408-15-3/18-27.20; N. G. E. Ball 114.3-11-502-18-3/21-27.88; A. J. Thompson 119-12-504-16-4/45-31.50.

DENSTONE COLLEGE *Played 16: W 1, L 2, D 13. A 4*

Master i/c: A. N. James

A young side struggled to complete victory from strong positions. W. J. L. Bagshawe and P. M. Cheadle shared century partnerships for the first and fifth wickets, their opening stand of 174 against King Edward's, Birmingham, being the season's highlight.

Batting—P. M. Cheadle 14-1-550-125-2-42.30; W. J. L. Bagshawe 16-2-507-65*-0-36.21; J. A. Blackwell 9-2-216-62*-0-30.85; B. J. Brookes 12-2-167-30-0-16.70.

Bowling—W. E. Nicholls 182-47-607-24-4/20-25.29; B. S. Johal 165-35-610-24-6/61-25.41.

DOVER COLLEGE *Played 13: W 0, L 8, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: D. C. Butler

A consolation in a disappointing season with no wins was a maiden century by Alex Bradley, a colt. Coming in at 22 for four against Sutton Valence, he was unbeaten on 100 from 131 balls at the declaration on 176 for eight.

Batting—*C. D. G. Crofton-Martin 13-0-280-54-0-21.53; A. K. Bradley 12-1-223-100*-1-20.27; J. R. Telford 12-1-202-52-0-18.36.

Bowling—A. W. Barrow 125.2-14-495-25-4/39-19.80; J. R. Telford 145.3-33-423-21-6/33-20.14.

DOWNSIDE SCHOOL *Played 14: W 2, L 11, D 1. A 1*

Master i/c: K. J. Burke

Professional: J. Bird

Batting—*J. P. Taylor 14-0-402-58-0-28.71; J. P. Acheson 13-1-237-48*-0-19.75; D. M. Reeve-Tucker 14-2-207-40*-0-17.25; I. W. Kirkpatrick 11-0-184-68-0-16.72.

Bowling—F. S. H. Perkins 100.5-20-306-17-5/32-18.00; D. J. Northwood 142.2-18-522-20-5/52-26.10; I. W. Kirkpatrick 133-15-547-15-5/63-36.46.

DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL *Played 12: W 5, L 1, D 6. A 2*

Master i/c: S. Salisbury

Professionals: C. Penn and J. H. Dawes

The successful side, undefeated by schools, included two sets of twins – Stephan and Michael Hayward, who shared the bulk of the bowling, and all-rounders Edward and Paul Thompson – as well as the Morris brothers.

Batting—T. C. L. Davies 11-5-312-74*-0-52.00; M. Bassett 7-0-208-62-0-29.71; E. J. D. Thompson 8-1-172-45-0-24.57; G. B. Morris 8-1-153-80-0-21.85; *T. O. G. Hickson 10-0-193-51-0-19.30.

Bowling—S. Hayward 106-25-275-23-5/6-11.95; P. de M. Thompson 71-14-186-15-5/61-12.40.

DULWICH COLLEGE *Played 15: W 5, L 6, D 4*

Master i/c: S. R. Northcote-Green

Professional: A. Ransom

Batting—O. J. Farley 11-2-324-62-0-36.00; N. A. Bhatti 14-0-439-99-0-31.35; N. Martin 10-1-222-63-0-24.66; R. Barry 13-0-294-81-0-22.61; R. Amlot 9-0-185-56-0-20.55; V. Kumar 12-1-212-45-0-19.27; F. Hutton-Mills 13-4-150-30-0-16.66.

Bowling—A. Patel 130-21-444-25-4/23-17.76; F. Hutton-Mills 157-30-480-16-4/22-30.00.

DURHAM SCHOOL *Played 12: W 10, L 1, D 1. A 5*

Master i/c: M. E. Hirsch

The Christmas tour to Australia stood the side in good stead when they faced adult opponents and they won ten of their 12 matches. Simon Birtwisle was the outstanding batsman with 1,107 runs at 110.70; the last 808 came in nine innings at an average of 269. His four unbeaten centuries included 176 against Barnard Castle and two in the match against Old Dunelmians. Adrian Hedley also scored two hundreds and the captain, Ross McLaren, returned after a back injury to finish the season with an innings of 159 not out in a three-day game against Christ Church GS from Perth, Australia. Birtwisle played for Durham Second Eleven and joined the newly formed Durham Cricket Academy.

Batting—S. J. Birtwisle 17-7-1,107-176*-4-110.70; *R. D. McLaren 8-2-402-159*-1-67.00; A. J. Hedley 14-4-575-123*-2-57.50; A. G. Greig 10-4-257-72-0-42.83; D. F. Watts 16-1-473-79-0-31.53; I. Laidler 8-3-157-48-0-31.40; R. J. Windows 15-1-328-80-0-23.42.

Bowling—W. Bishop 104-21-324-17-4/12-19.05; I. J. Mosey 108-12-404-20-4/40-20.20; R. J. Windows 89-15-312-15-4/30-20.80; S. J. Birtwisle 129-31-358-17-5/50-21.05; N. D. Howe 130-32-399-16-3/9-24.93.

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE *Played 19: W 9, L 2, D 8. A 2*

Masters i/c: N. L. Wheeler and D. A. Stewart

Professional: J. N. Shepherd

Left-arm spinner S. J. W. Whitton took a hat-trick against The Lodge School on a tour of Barbados in March and went on to collect 45 wickets during the season. R. F. S. Hill, at medium pace, took six in an innings on consecutive Saturdays against Cranleigh, Hurstpierpoint and Epsom. Sixteen-year-old M. J. Lock, in his third season, batted with great consistency, as well as taking 23 wickets.

Batting—M. J. Lock 15-4-536-68*-0-48.72; C. P. C. Williams 11-6-206-60*-0-41.20; S. J. W. Whitton 12-4-289-64*-0-36.12; A. J. Fyfe 16-1-523-86-0-34.86; H. F. G. Southwell 15-2-437-86*-0-33.61; A. D. Simcox 16-2-399-75-0-28.50; D. J. M. Garner 14-1-259-103*-1-19.92; *R. F. Marchant 15-3-213-82-0-17.75.

Bowling—S. J. W. Whitton 195.1-49-544-45-6/27-12.08; M. J. Kemp 73-16-220-16-3/1-13.75; R. F. S. Hill 155.1-32-500-31-6/37-16.12; M. J. Lock 157.2-39-406-23-4/25-17.65.

THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY *Played 15: W 4, L 6, D 5, A 2*

Master i/c: G. R. Bowe

Batting—J. P. L. Boyd 15-2-490-90-0-37.69; R. N. Gray 14-1-387-125-1-29.76; N. J. Hillyard 14-3-275-64*-0-25.00; M. J. Bruce 13-3-232-63-0-23.20; M. Martin 12-0-266-88-0-22.16.

Bowling—M. Martin 142-41-295-20-5/23-14.75; A. J. Cowie 139-30-424-27-5/10-15.70; R. N. Gray 98-23-353-17-4/12-20.76.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE, GUERNSEY *Played 21: W 10, L 5, D 6, A 2*

Master i/c: M. E. Kinder

Inspired by the positive captaincy of Kevin Graham, the side recorded ten wins. In scoring 198 for five in 41 overs to beat Victoria College, Jersey, T. J. Ozanne hit 62 off 40 balls, and Old Elizabethans were beaten off the last ball when, with nine wickets down, debutant leg-spinner D. Walder hit the winning runs.

Batting—M. Brehaut 19-5-585-77*-0-41.78; C. J. Colclough 13-6-178-28*-0-25.42; S. D. Wilson 14-3-241-102-1-21.90; A. L. Peacegood 19-1-351-73-0-19.50; A. I. Alford 14-4-175-62-0-17.50; T. J. Ozanne 19-1-306-62-0-17.00; *K. R. Graham 17-0-282-50-0-16.58.

Bowling—J. A. Barrett 94-20-346-25-4/25-13.84; S. D. Wilson 75-19-259-15-3/21-17.26; J. L. Winn 158-40-439-23-4/10-19.08; A. I. Alford 113.5-14-366-18-4/27-20.33.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE *Played 15: W 7, L 3, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: E. Marsh

Professional: R. G. Mapp

Gurtek Singh Sodhi, a newcomer to the sixth form, made a big impact on the side. A fast away-swing bowler with an effective yorker, he took a college record 49 wickets and scored three centuries in his 747 runs.

Batting—G. S. Sodhi 15-0-747-127-3-49.80; *O. J. Pughe 12-1-305-69-0-27.72; T. H. Pearson 9-3-162-41*-0-27.00; G. T. Edwards 13-5-201-56-0-25.12; P. J. Furniss 15-0-359-73-0-23.93; H. A. Murphy 14-0-242-63-0-17.28.

Bowling—G. S. Sodhi 178-71-406-49-7/21-8.28; T. H. Pearson 106-31-281-26-5/19-10.80.

ELTHAM COLLEGE *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7, A 1*

Masters i/c: P. C. McCartney and B. M. Withecombe

Professional: R. W. Hills

The side developed as the season progressed, although the lack of a penetrative attack was always a handicap. The opening batsmen, S. J. Whitehead and M. N. Roche, scored consistently, while the captain, P. J. Fenn, made a useful all-round contribution.

Batting—S. J. Whitehead 16-4-541-99-0-45.08; M. N. Roche 14-2-431-105-1-35.91; *P. J. Fenn 15-2-329-52*-0-25.30; A. J. Branchflower 13-3-236-75*-0-23.60; T. J. Willis 12-0-216-95-0-18.00.

Bowling—P. S. Attreed 131.2-18-503-23-5/25-21.86; P. J. Fenn 166.5-33-649-25-5/30-25.96.

ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 19: W 4, L 7, D 8*

Master i/c: M. Alder

Batting—M. Wright 18-1-646-106-1-38.00; M. Kapadia 18-1-534-94-0-31.41; B. Lyons 11-4-151-48-0-21.57; M. Bowen 18-1-329-50-0-19.35; O. Edwards 12-3-157-42*-0-17.44; G. Mohammed 16-1-240-32-0-16.00; M. Marston 12-1-152-45-0-13.81.

Bowling—M. Bowen 134-25-403-20-4/48-20.15; M. Wright 108-15-397-19-5/62-20.89; N. Meggison 137-32-547-19-3/43-28.78; J. Marston 141-34-531-15-3/36-35.40.

EPSOM COLLEGE *Played 15: W 4, L 6, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: G. A. Jones

Professional: A. Flower

Batting—M. P. Snow 16-1-473-141*-1-31.53; G. E. Fowler 16-2-440-79-0-31.42; A. J. Hunt 15-0-447-81-0-29.80; J. R. Gill 14-0-344-92-0-24.57; J. E. Felton 15-1-284-58-0-20.28; C. J. Valentine 16-2-264-70*-0-18.85.

Bowling—H. P. E. Kingham 109-12-397-16-7/40-24.81; A. J. Hunt 149-16-632-23-4/76-27.47; L. J. Webster 213-42-810-26-7/57-31.15.

ETON COLLEGE *Played 14: W 9, L 0, D 5, A 3*

Master i/c: J. A. Cloughton

Professional: J. M. Rice

Excellently captained by James Fulton, Eton were unbeaten and equalled the record of nine wins, including three in the Silk Trophy over Knox GS from Sydney, Shrewsbury and Scotch College, Melbourne. They attributed their success to the penetrative fast bowling of Oliver Barnett and Robert Bruce. The batting was dominated by Hugo Loudon and his opening partner, Henry Dixon, who has scored 1,490 runs with five centuries in two seasons. The pair shared three century partnerships, of which the highest was 236 against King Edward's, Birmingham. Alex Loudon, Hugo's younger brother and England Under-15 captain, joined the side later in the season.

Batting—H. J. H. Loudon 14-3-615-106*-2-55.90; A. M. Lea 12-6-321-57-0-53.50; H. H. Dixon 14-0-703-121-3-50.21; *J. A. G. Fulton 13-3-379-98-0-37.90.

Bowling—O. L. Barnett 171-43-357-31-8/37-11.51; R. W. J. Bruce 152.2-32-407-31-5/32-13.12; C. R. J. Jowett 131.4-43-349-15-3/26-23.26.

EXETER SCHOOL *Played 18: W 9, L 3, D 6, A 2*

Master i/c: M. C. Wilcock

The Devon Under-16 captain, Ian Gamble, topped the batting averages in his first full season. While the ground fielding was consistently good, with Patrick Drought outstanding, it took until half term for the bowling to become consistent, whereupon six of the last eight matches were won.

Batting—I. P. Gamble 15-3-721-100*-1-60.08; M. C. Scoble 7-4-157-102-1-52.33; *W. C. Cruft 16-3-636-93-0-48.92; J. D. E. Boase 15-1-394-88-0-28.14; P. J. Drought 17-5-325-59*-0-27.08; J. D. Retter 12-4-212-102-1-26.50; B. P. Keylock 9-1-211-59-0-26.37; J. P. Cruft 13-2-281-67-0-25.54; M. W. Goode 9-1-198-74*-0-24.75.

Bowling—J. W. Porter 70-17-176-15-4/16-11.73; J. J. Youngs 156-55-494-29-7/52-17.03; J. D. Retter 178-36-593-30-5/43-19.76; I. P. Gamble 112-19-419-16-4/41-26.18; M. W. Goode 151-34-549-19-3/42-28.89.

FELSTED SCHOOL *Played 15: W 7, L 1, D 7*

Master i/c: F. C. Hayes

Fifteen-year-old Timothy Phillips took 51 wickets, including a return of eight for 48 against Framlingham. That match was also memorable for a third century of the season from the Essex Under-19 captain, Richard Hayes, son of former England player Frank Hayes, the school's cricket master.

Batting—*R. F. C. Hayes 16-4-709-110*-3-59.08; R. T. Wright 12-2-356-74-0-35.60; L. M. G. Cooper 11-3-279-85*-0-34.87; B. J. Tabor 9-4-158-63*-0-31.60; R. R. S. King 16-2-345-91-0-24.64; A. G. Tabor 15-2-305-69-0-23.46; T. J. Phillips 12-1-222-58*-0-20.18.

Bowling—T. J. Phillips 284-99-715-51-8/48-14.01; C. P. Homer 95-20-326-16-4/16-20.37; E. H. Ekins 203-25-708-26-6/41-27.23.

FETTES COLLEGE *Played 9: W 4, L 0, D 5, A 1*

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

Professional: J. van Geloven

Unbeaten for the first time since 1981, the side owed much to the batting of the 15-year-old Scotland Under-19 representative, Neil Millar, whose 11 innings featured a fine century against Edinburgh Academy and eight more fifties.

Batting—N. Millar 11-5-668-104-1-111.33.

Bowling—*F. M. Mair 107.5-25-311-16-3/34-19.43; T. J. D. Strahan 116.1-26-320-15-4/26-21.33.

FOREST SCHOOL *Played 17: W 7, L 2, D 8. A 1*

Master i/c: S. Turner

Batting—R. Marshall 10-0-370-98-0-37.00; *S. Kuru 15-2-313-56*-0-24.07; T. Cartwright 13-3-236-49-0-23.60; J. Foster 13-0-248-53-0-19.07; R. Perry 14-3-203-51*-0-18.45; G. Heaton 15-3-214-35-0-17.83; S. Woolmer 14-0-216-42-0-15.42.

Bowling—C. White 179.4-31-496-35-6/30-14.17; T. Cartwright 136-23-554-30-7/21-18.46; M. Orchard-Lisle 165.3-36-534-21-6/52-25.42; R. Smith 157-22-680-24-7/39-28.33.

FOYLE AND LONDONDERRY COLLEGE *Played 15: W 8, L 6, D 1*

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

Batting—*K. Dunn 14-2-271-63*-0-22.58; G. King 14-1-226-71-0-17.38; D. Wallace 13-2-171-34-0-15.54; S. Bratton 12-2-152-50*-0-15.20.

Bowling—S. Hanna 78-21-142-15-4/16-9.46; A. Fleming 115.2-24-328-29-6/28-11.31; G. Moore 107.1-29-263-20-4/19-13.15.

FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE *Played 22: W 13, L 4, D 4, Tied 1*

Master i/c: A. S. Griffiths

Professional: C. Rutterford

Batting—M. A. Truman 22-4-1,161-115-3-64.50; C. J. Goodfellow 20-2-596-88-0-33.11; M. A. A. Low 14-5-288-68*-0-32.00; C. J. Clementson 17-1-385-103*-1-24.06; P. J. Pineo 14-3-207-33*-0-18.81; M. A. H. Rodwell 20-4-291-43-0-18.18.

Bowling—P. R. Elsley 271.3-62-859-53-6/13-16.20; P. J. Pineo 249.4-34-790-36-4/32-21.94; A. J. Tucker 128.5-28-384-17-3/38-22.58; I. Lancaster 186-28-647-22-3/40-29.40.

GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL *Played 12: W 6, L 4, D 2. A 3*

Master i/c: C. Green

Professional: A. G. Lawson

Batting—C. R. Woolsey 9-4-196-40*-0-39.20; *O. R. J. Cruse 12-2-216-47*-0-21.60.

Bowling—C. R. Woolsey 90.2-23-196-15-4/22-13.06; E. W. M. Smith 141-34-353-24-7/24-14.70.

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

Master i/c: J. D. Bassett

The side's inexperience showed in their frequent failure to force victory. On slow wickets which inhibited attacking strokeplay, the fragile batting depended much on Tom Stevenson, who performed better early on. Alisdair Sim played some valuable innings at No. 6 and headed both averages, although his off-spin could be erratic. Henry Smuts-Muller and Harry Monro both showed potential as fast bowlers.

Batting—A. Sim 9-3-182-48*-0-30.33; T. Stevenson 13-2-323-64-0-29.36; *G. Christie 13-2-259-70-0-23.54; W. McCarter 12-2-209-31*-0-20.90.

Bowling—A. Sim 77.5-24-171-20-6/19-8.55; H. Smuts-Muller 157-55-395-25-4/39-15.80; J. Hamilton 110.2-16-307-18-3/32-17.05; H. Monro 195.1-56-464-25-5/34-18.56.

GORDONSTOUN SCHOOL *Played 7: W 5, L 2, D 0. A 4*

Master i/c: C. J. Barton

The wettest summer for 15 years severely curtailed the season.

Batting—J. Rae 5-1-315-122-2-78.75; A. H. B. Fraser-Tytler 7-1-331-91-0-55.16; M. C. Hepburn 7-2-152-41-0-30.40.

Bowling—T. H. Illingworth 38-14-113-16-3/24-7.06; M. C. Hepburn 61-17-155-15-5/16-10.33.

GRENVILLE COLLEGE *Played 10: W 3, L 4, D 3. A 2*

Master i/c: C. R. Beechey

Batting—B. Moore 9-0-263-95-0-29.22; J. Kirkham-Brown 8-0-204-57-0-25.50; A. Bott 9-0-216-52-0-24.00; *J. Morris 10-0-196-68-0-19.60.

Bowling—N. Lenihan 33-2-164-15-5/44-10.93; J. Morris 87.4-4-331-15-3/29-22.06.

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL *Played 18: W 9, L 4, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: A. M. Ponder

A fine team effort resulted in the best season to date, with victory in eight out of ten schools matches. The most satisfying were those over Oundle and Melbourne HS from Australia, both of whom were otherwise unbeaten. The total of 305 for eight against the Drones was a school record, as was Jonathan Wyatt's aggregate of 787, which included a century against MCC.

Batting—D. L. Roper 15-5-498-105*-1-49.80; J. P. Wyatt 17-1-787-109-1-49.18; *D. P. Copas 9-2-262-115-1-37.42; O. W. Morgan 16-3-471-103*-1-36.23; O. B. Jackson 9-3-203-52-0-33.83; R. M. C. Oakley 11-2-236-52-0-26.22; J. O. Hughes 9-2-180-53-0-25.71; J. N. Worby 12-2-213-59-0-21.30; T. J. Hood 18-0-305-62-0-16.94.

Bowling—R. P. Macnair 108-20-335-21-4/25-15.95; J. G. Woodwark 186.3-39-558-32-6/37-17.43; M. P. Lintott 80-4-358-16-2/11-22.37; R. M. C. Oakley 144-19-487-21-7/59-23.19.

HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL *Played 20: W 4, L 3, D 13. A 1*

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

A young side lost only once to schools opposition, but their inexperience in capitalising on winning positions resulted in too many draws. A highlight was an excellent win over Exeter CC during the annual tour to Devon.

Batting—S. L. Bloom 20-1-612-72*-0-32.21; D. B. Wilson 19-1-535-101*-1-29.72; C. C. K. Brown 14-4-291-57*-0-29.10; M. J. Tang 16-4-278-46-0-23.16; A. M. Reid 17-1-273-43-0-17.06; K. Pandit 12-1-173-37-0-15.72; D. M. Williams 18-2-222-48-0-13.87.

Bowling—S. A. Merchant 114-12-430-21-6/66-20.47; A. K. Notaney 176-29-683-31-7/68-22.03; N. Rooban 242.4-43-839-31-4/53-27.06.

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

Master i/c: M. S. Seymour

Professionals: G. D. Barlow and J. W. Lloyds

Batting—*N. D. Hughes 16-3-605-103*-2-46.53; R. J. Palmer 16-4-511-90-0-42.58; D. Fitzgerald 11-3-249-53-0-31.12; J. S. Rixson 15-0-428-85-0-28.53; M. H. Bradford 12-2-243-64-0-24.30; T. J. Pearman 13-3-211-48*-0-21.10; J. E. Collyer 13-1-218-64-0-18.16.

Bowling—S. D. Roy 224-45-700-34-4/35-20.58; C. J. Box 135-28-415-18-3/22-23.05; D. Fitzgerald 144-23-419-15-4/46-27.93; A. W. R. E. Okines 107-16-447-15-3/42-29.80.

HAMPTON SCHOOL *Played 19: W 6, L 7, D 6. A 2*

Master i/c: A. J. Cook

Professional: P. Farbrace

By the end of the season, the team regularly featured three Under-15 players, all of whom were in the side that won the Holmwood's six-a-side competition in July.

Batting—*B. C. A. Mott 18-3-778-113-3-51.86; P. J. Frost 17-4-556-100*-1-42.76; S. B. Powell 17-2-506-99-0-33.73; P. C. K. Wood 13-3-267-95-0-26.70; D. N. Battey 16-2-252-50-0-18.00; R. T. H. Gaines 13-0-200-75-0-15.38.

Bowling—P. J. Frost 106-26-278-19-5/36-14.63; B. C. A. Mott 114-24-379-22-6/35-17.22; J. E. Cudd 143.3-31-441-23-4/12-19.17; A. J. Evans 131.4-37-408-20-7/50-20.40; P. C. K. Wood 118-23-380-16-5/45-23.75; N. Critchley 134.1-26-501-15-3/39-33.40.

HARROW SCHOOL *Played 19: W 7, L 3, D 9. A 1*

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

Professional: R. K. Sethi

In another successful season three batsmen passed 500 runs and shared six hundreds. Andrew Cox batted aggressively, scoring centuries against Dulwich, Wellington College and MCC, while the wicket-keeper Robin MacAndrew, a left-hander, made two, James Norris one and Simon Engelen was close behind with 472 runs, including a 99. A fine all-rounder, Engelen also took 49 wickets with his left-arm in-swing, including five or more five times. Otherwise the attack was limited and struggled to bring off victory from strong positions.

Batting—A. N. L. Cox 18-2-672-115*-3-42.00; J. R. W. Norris 16-3-502-104-1-38.61; R. G. MacAndrew 18-2-585-100*-2-36.56; S. D. G. Engelen 16-1-472-99-0-31.46; C. R. C. Parker 10-1-167-35-0-18.55; W. A. T. Gillions 14-3-202-74*-0-18.36; D. C. L. Tregoning 13-2-201-58-0-18.27; *E. G. L. Maydon 18-3-251-69*-0-16.73.

Bowling—S. D. G. Engelen 289.1-89-762-49-7/22-15.55; E. G. L. Maydon 114-26-400-15-4/43-26.66; E. W. Nicol 195.5-37-599-16-4/7-37.43; W. A. T. Gillions 200.3-50-574-15-4/29-38.26.

THE HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 17: W 9, L 4, D 4*

Master i/c: P. J. Harding

Batting—*L. Fletcher 12-5-283-95*-0-40.42; N. Jackson 12-2-302-72-0-30.20; J. Reene 13-1-324-76-0-27.00; N. Brandon 12-2-230-51-0-23.00; K. Temple 12-0-243-51-0-20.25; N. Hazledene 10-1-180-75-0-20.00.

Bowling—L. Fletcher 138.5-31-361-31-5/23-11.64; M. Ritchie 131-28-368-26-4/26-14.15; T. Keel 78-15-252-16-4/20-15.75.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL *Played 17: W 8, L 5, D 4. A 2*

Master i/c: A. H. Connop

Stephen Price's aggregate of 763 runs was 17 more than the record set in 1992 by Edward Symonds.

Batting—*S. J. Price 13-2-763-136-3-69.36; M. S. Tomlinson 14-2-292-89-0-24.33; D. C. Jennings 13-3-236-71-0-23.60; A. J. Last 16-4-257-51-0-21.41; O. D. R. Hewlett 16-1-305-69-0-20.33; P. M. Whittal 12-0-221-77-0-18.41; R. D. J. Edwards 14-0-234-54-0-16.71.

Bowling—J. E. A. Layton 238.4-59-695-36-7/44-19.30; N. R. Brown 176.1-39-549-25-3/14-21.96; M. S. Tomlinson 178.3-29-594-21-6/15-28.28.

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

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

Professional: R. E. Jones

Batting—R. A. Swann 13-3-580-107*-2-58.00; D. J. L. Walters 9-1-349-101*-1-43.62; R. H. Beenstock 11-3-342-82-0-42.75; M. A. P. O'Brien 9-0-342-89-0-38.00; D. J. Miller 7-1-176-71-0-29.33; D. C. Cohen 12-1-230-58-0-20.90.

Bowling—D. C. Cohen 136.2-16-566-18-3/38-31.44.

HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE *Played 17: W 9, L 5, D 3. A 1*

Master i/c: M. J. Mance

Professional: D. J. Semmence

Able led by Simon Warrender, an inexperienced eleven enjoyed a better season than expected, including victory over a strong MCC side. R. K. H. Redford made a significant all-round contribution with 530 runs and 36 wickets.

Batting—J. N. Cation 18-4-593-82-0-42.35; R. K. H. Redford 18-4-530-103-1-37.85; M. J. E. Imber 16-4-381-73-0-31.75; D. N. Rodbourne 13-4-267-65-0-29.66; A. N. Rayner 11-2-243-70-0-27.00; *S. J. Warrender 18-0-423-77-0-23.50.

Bowling—R. K. H. Redford 183-45-505-36-6/29-14.02; T. R. Brewer 158-26-505-26-6/27-19.42; D. G. Burstow 146.2-14-566-22-3/59-25.72; M. T. Harrison 155-29-577-21-4/53-27.47.

IPSWICH SCHOOL *Played 18: W 7, L 5, D 6. A 1*

Master i/c: A. K. Golding

Professional: R. E. East

Batting—G. McCartney 19-6-910-132*-2-70.00; T. Green 18-5-590-122*-2-45.38; D. Sim 9-2-227-68-0-32.42; E. J. Lyons 14-0-265-50-0-18.92; T. Jervis 12-3-161-75-0-17.88; J. Collins 14-1-216-60*-0-16.61; J. East 12-1-166-46-0-15.09; J. Achar 14-0-183-39-0-13.07.

Bowling—J. East 269-51-882-38-5/56-23.21; J. Collins 147-20-497-18-4/17-27.61; J. Bell 176-33-589-21-6/71-28.04; W. Douglas 161-22-636-18-5/46-35.33.

THE JOHN LYON SCHOOL *Played 17: W 7, L 4, D 6*

Master i/c: I. Parker

Opening batsman Manoraj Navratnarajah scored five consecutive fifties, while Kashir Maan took his wickets at an average of 8.94 in his first season. The season was followed by an enjoyable tour of Barbados.

Batting—M. Navratnarajah 15-5-591-88*-0-59.10; *K. Merali 13-3-355-78-0-35.50; N. Goh 14-3-361-74-0-32.81.

Bowling—K. Maan 76.1-22-152-17-4/25-8.94; K. Merali 156.2-31-445-29-4/14-15.34; D. Mehta 67-8-263-16-4/23-16.43; R. Mehta 151.2-33-453-22-4/34-20.59; N. Goh 172-35-570-24-5/56-23.75.

KELLY COLLEGE *Played 13: W 7, L 2, D 4. A 1*

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

A young eleven exceeded all expectations in achieving the most victories since 1985.

Batting—R. G. Goldring 13-2-467-82-0-42.45; S. W. James 7-3-150-38-0-37.50; R. P. C. Jones 13-2-278-46*-0-25.27; M. R. Anderson 11-4-162-33-0-23.14; *R. H. Harrison 12-2-221-37-0-22.10.

Bowling—C. C. W. Procter 113-27-343-23-6/11-14.91; D. A. Nicholls 53-5-304-17-5/54-17.88; R. G. Goldring 157-18-527-28-6/59-18.82.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL *Played 18: W 5, L 7, D 6. A 3*

Master i/c: R. P. Merriman

Professional: M. E. Latham

William Follett's 146 against the visiting Ermolo HS, South Africa, was a school record, as was the side's total of 330 in 54.4 overs. Follett dominated both batting and bowling, although the batting averages were headed by the captain, Mark Klein, whose younger brother, Ben, took 20 wickets with his leg-spin.

Batting—*M. Klein 18-3-619-109*-1-41.26; W. Follett 18-0-654-146-2-36.33; J. Caswell 17-3-396-78*-0-28.28; G. Woods 18-2-397-75-0-24.81; J. Pepperman 17-0-396-44-0-23.29; M. Hatfield 14-1-193-42-0-14.84; B. Klein 13-2-159-28-0-14.45.

Bowling—W. Follett 171-32-670-29-4/37-23.10; B. Klein 120-13-540-20-4/21-27.00; G. Woods 227-45-707-25-4/49-28.28.

KING EDWARD VI COLLEGE, STOURBRIDGE *Played 9: W 2, L 4, D 3. A 5*

Master i/c: R. A. Williams

Nigel Davenport's 155 not out in 25.1 overs against Wyggeston & Queen Elizabeth I College equalled the record set by G. R. Haynes in 1988. He then equalled Haynes's 1987 record of two centuries in a season when he made 147 against Hagley RC School, completing a fine match with a return of five for 17. He went on to play for MCC Schools, English Schools and Worcestershire Under-19.

Batting—N. J. Davenport 8-1-470-155*-2-67.14; R. J. Perkins 8-1-242-100*-1-34.57.

Bowling—L. Ashton 60.4-10-264-17-6/49-15.52; N. J. Davenport 86-9-323-18-5/17-17.94.

KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON *Played 20: W 12, L 0, D 8. A 3*

Master i/c: R. J. Putt

The captain, John Cloughton, again dominated the batting with 967 runs as the young side recorded the school's highest percentage of wins, including a first over MCC. The all-rounder John Francis played for England Under-15 in the Lombard World Challenge.

Batting—*J. A. Cloughton 20-4-967-115-3-60.43; B. W. Craft 13-5-421-65*-0-52.62; J. D. Francis 11-2-294-65-0-32.66; A. J. Hart 19-2-477-106-1-28.05; M. H. Tarry 17-1-382-77*-0-23.87; L. D. Sully 12-3-212-47*-0-23.55; N. P. Evans 11-0-176-64-0-16.00.

Bowling—L. D. Sully 250-56-774-43-5/32-18.00; P. S. Evers 137-26-523-26-4/23-20.11; N. S. J. Bedford 140-25-477-18-5/13-26.50; G. C. Douglas 106-20-422-15-6/23-28.13.

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM *Played 20: W 11, L 5, D 4*

Master i/c: A. M. Weston

Professional: E. A. E. Baptiste

The batting was headed by the captain, R. M. Moore, and the powerful opener, L. M. Hilton, who hit two centuries and five fifties. Impressive contributions from Lancashire Under-15 players G. Evans (opening bat and leg-spin bowler), the left-handed B. Godfrey and opening bowler M. Wilkinson promised much for the future.

Batting—*R. M. Moore 19-4-741-112*-1-49.40; L. M. Hilton 20-2-738-111*-2-41.00; G. Evans 16-2-465-75-0-33.21; J. B. Kok 15-2-312-72*-0-24.00; B. Godfrey 13-3-214-70*-0-21.40; S. T. Long 19-3-335-81-0-20.93; M. J. Crook 14-2-246-59-0-20.50.

Bowling—G. Evans 153.3-34-521-24-4/30-21.70; M. Wilkinson 201.5-40-653-29-5/21-22.51; T. K. Brown 238.5-49-722-31-5/28-23.29.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM *Played 24: W 7, L 9, D 8. A 1*

Master i/c: M. D. Stead

Professional: J. Huband

Batting—A. C. G. Brindley 8-1-205-98-0-29.28; A. D. Treharne 22-1-518-98*-0-24.66; R. J. McGuire 22-1-509-77*-0-24.23; J. J. Child 22-4-420-100*-1-23.33; *A. J. Martin 15-0-333-60-0-22.20; A. M. Purdon 24-0-502-83-0-20.91.

Bowling—R. J. McGuire 85.3-7-412-19-5/39-21.68; M. A. Robertson 103-14-385-17-4/66-22.64; A. D. Treharne 236-61-701-28-4/29-25.03; J. H. Allen 193-31-713-28-4/37-25.46; J. S. Ross 226-50-721-25-4/44-28.84.

KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL *Played 15: W 5, L 6, D 4. A 2*

Master i/c: A. M. Parker

Batting—A. J. Goode 13-1-397-83-0-33.08; J. S. Grindal 10-1-242-65-0-26.88; G. R. Long 13-2-283-89-0-25.72; R. T. Martin 15-0-367-89-0-24.46; N. A. Phelps 12-4-177-50-0-22.12; M. R. Goode 13-1-258-49-0-21.50.

Bowling—A. J. Goode 111-19-390-21-7/22-18.57; M. J. Burrows 108-4-540-16-4/94-33.75.

KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE *Played 11: W 2, L 4, D 5*

Master i/c: A. Maree

Professional: D. Mark

Batting—G. Peacock 9-1-450-121-1-56.25; H. Tyson 10-2-351-74*-0-43.87; J. Manuja 11-1-232-63*-0-23.20; E. Zuidereit 11-1-223-39-0-22.30.

Bowling—J. Manuja 114-25-395-24-3/46-16.45; G. Peacock 139-37-345-18-2/48-19.16.

KING'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON *Played 14: W 8, L 4, D 2*

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

Professional: D. Breakwell

Nicholas Boulton, the left-handed opener who claimed the innings and season's aggregate records in 1995, improved on his own record average for a season with 82.40. With two more years to come in the eleven, he has already accumulated the highest career total and average (2,275 at 63.19) and most hundreds (eight). Sam Diment, at fast-medium, headed the bowling with 32 economical wickets, taking his career tally to a record 136. Both played for Somerset Second Eleven.

Batting—N. R. Boulton 14-4-824-145-3-82.40; *S. H. Diment 11-4-264-65*-0-37.71; T. C. Gardiner 11-2-280-62-0-31.11; G. Armstrong 9-3-162-42-0-27.00; C. P. Bostock 11-1-241-68*-0-24.10.

Bowling—S. H. Diment 132.3-19-384-32-7/29-12.00; N. R. Boulton 99-15-306-16-4/17-19.12.

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, WIMBLEDON *Played 17: W 9, L 2, D 6*

Master i/c: G. C. McGinn

Professional: G. S. Clinton

Reputations were enhanced as the young side won more than half their matches, including a nine-wicket defeat of local rivals St Paul's. The captain, Luke Whitaker, led by example with the bat, although it was his prolific opening partner, Andrew Sleigh, who topped the averages again. Samir Sheikh was particularly impressive in capturing 47 wickets with his quick, accurate deliveries.

Batting—A. P. Sleigh 17-1-616-141-1-38.50; *L. A. Whitaker 17-3-525-102-1-37.50; D. A. P. Bowen 14-6-220-69*-0-27.50; R. W. Codd 14-3-281-58-0-25.54; C. P. Elliott 11-4-171-51*-0-24.42; S. M. Sheikh 13-2-264-42-0-24.00; I. S. Pay 13-0-230-52-0-17.69; B. E. Davies 12-0-180-27-0-15.00.

Bowling—S. M. Sheikh 213-45-576-47-6/20-12.25; D. A. P. Bowen 177-41-507-31-5/33-16.35; J. C. Walsh 177.5-29-542-31-6/46-17.48.

KING'S SCHOOL, BRUTON *Played 16: W 6, L 6, D 4*

Master i/c: P. Platts-Martin

Professional: N. J. Lockhart

Batting—D. P. Weir 16-2-465-70*-0-33.21; K. J. Pike 9-2-207-58*-0-29.57; R. C. Whyte 13-4-266-39*-0-29.55; S. Pollok 15-1-360-92-0-25.71; *L. C. Crofts 13-2-262-41-0-23.81; T. P. K. Rooke 15-0-295-71-0-19.66; N. A. B. Price 10-1-172-42-0-19.11.

Bowling—D. Wyatt 167-36-525-31-7/61-16.93; N. A. B. Price 132.4-26-416-22-4/23-18.90; L. C. Crofts 145.3-41-425-22-7/36-19.31.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY *Played 13: W 7, L 1, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: A. W. Dyer

Professional: A. G. E. Ealham

Having lost their first match to Epsom College, the side were undefeated thereafter, the most notable win being that by seven wickets over King's College School, Wimbledon. Both Chris North and Marcus Pyke averaged over 50; the last time two batsmen did so was 1970, when the two were Charles Rowe and the South African Bruce Weedon.

Batting—*C. M. North 11-4-506-119*-1-72.28; M. J. A. Pyke 12-5-436-65*-0-62.28; T. J. Palmer 10-3-224-40*-0-32.00; Q. Wiseman 12-1-314-82-0-28.54; W. R. Bax 14-2-313-60-0-26.08.

Bowling—A. Sonaik 149.4-36-427-27-5/29-15.81; U. S. Shariff 117.3-27-320-18-4/40-17.77; C. M. Mounsey-Thear 179.1-36-511-26-6/31-19.65.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER *Played 15: W 6, L 8, D 1. A 2*

Master i/c: S. Neal

Once again much depended on Robert Falconer and Kieron Ollier, who shared the captaincy. Falconer was particularly successful with the ball, taking seven for 18 against Rydal (all bowled), and lifted his career batting aggregate to 1,629. Ollier hit hundreds against strong attacks at Stockport GS and William Hulme's GS to take his career total to 1,339. Other highlights included slow left-armed Nigel Bellamy's eight for 30 against King William's College at the Liverpool College Festival.

Batting—*K. J. Ollier 15-1-577-101-2-41.21; *R. J. Falconer 13-0-325-75-0-25.00; D. Z. Testi 14-3-229-57*-0-20.81; D. J. Reeves 15-3-242-54*-0-20.16.

Bowling—R. J. Falconer 110.3-23-374-28-7/18-13.35; N. J. Bellamy 128.3-20-478-23-8/30-20.78; D. J. Reeves 98.3-14-468-15-5/30-31.20.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, ELY *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7, A 1*

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

Although results were slightly disappointing in a season of rebuilding, the side won the Solway (Cambridgeshire Schools) Cup for a record fourth successive year. In the final, against Hills Road College, they compiled a record total of 328 for eight.

Batting—M. C. Parker 14-2-555-158-1-46.25; I. P. N. Haigh 15-0-561-109-2-37.40; D. M. Donaldson 13-3-335-106*-1-33.50; T. E. Mitzman 14-1-388-94-0-29.84; F. C. Thorogood 13-1-236-74-0-19.66.

Bowling—I. P. N. Haigh 115-30-391-23-6/68-17.00; M. C. Parker 146-35-581-24-6/20-24.20.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD *Played 20: W 11, L 3, D 6, A 1*

Master i/c: D. M. Harbord

Professional: S. Moores

The side finished on a high note by winning nine of their last 12 matches, including the last seven. Andrew Bones's aggregate of 972 was the third-highest for the school.

Batting—*A. S. Bones 20-2-972-126-2-54.00; C. J. Buckley 18-4-561-118-2-40.07; A. J. Wheeler 14-4-250-40*-0-25.00; T. A. Jenkins 17-4-324-83-0-24.92; M. J. Patterson 15-3-249-48-0-20.75; N. M. Mason 18-2-308-105*-1-19.25.

Bowling—G. A. Emmett 208-56-567-33-4/33-17.18; S. O. Jones 177-32-549-27-5/28-20.33; N. M. Mason 149-23-545-23-4/17-23.69; A. J. Wheeler 168-26-644-22-3/44-29.27.

KING'S SCHOOL, ROCHESTER *Played 16: W 3, L 7, D 6, A 2*

Master i/c: G. R. Williams

Batting—G. E. Davies 16-2-694-92-0-49.57; G. J. E. Hunt 14-3-374-95*-0-34.00; S. P. A. Nicholls 14-1-399-70-0-30.69; S. D. R. Laphorn 16-3-378-54*-0-29.07; J. W. H. Dunn 12-0-171-46-0-14.25.

Bowling—S. D. R. Laphorn 154.3-33-441-20-5/27-22.05; M. A. Maurice 134-24-491-21-5/20-23.38; M. P. Saunders 150.5-27-591-20-3/28-29.55.

KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER *Played 24: W 10, L 8, D 6*

Master i/c: D. P. Iddon

Recovering from a poor start, the side played more to their potential to finish with ten wins. Edward Oliver scored ten fifties, but could not go on to a century and narrowly missed his thousand runs. Toby Heyes was the leading bowler and took eight for 20 against Reigate during the end-of-season tour of Jersey.

Batting—E. M. Oliver 24-4-968-86-0-48.40; T. A. Morris 19-2-777-107-1-45.70; D. A. Cullen 17-5-480-88*-0-40.00; *S. R. Thomas 20-2-465-65*-0-25.83; J. E. Harris 18-0-377-102-1-20.94; L. A. Hinton 18-2-276-61-0-17.25; T. S. Heyes 16-6-168-30-0-16.80.

Bowling—T. S. Heyes 236.5-37-836-45-8/20-18.57; A. T. C. Phillips 119.2-22-462-21-4/14-22.00; J. Riaz 222.4-41-758-31-4/27-24.45.

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 16: W 7, L 3, D 6, A 3*

Master i/c: J. A. Royce

Professional: C. Mutucumarana

A well-balanced attack, which proved too strong for many school teams, was headed by the economical slow left-arm Philip Anderson. Batting performances were less convincing and depended too much on the wicket-keeper and captain, Luke Garrard.

Batting—*L. D. Garrard 15-2-616-86*-0-47.38; D. J. Spenceley 9-2-190-54-0-27.14; P. W. Anderson 14-3-280-65*-0-25.45; A. D. Evans 11-2-202-40-0-22.44.

Bowling—P. W. Anderson 175.3-45-442-51-7/20-8.66; D. J. Spenceley 117.2-37-261-20-4/18-13.05; E. G. R. Thorne 95.3-18-310-17-4/29-18.23.

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL *Played 8: W 1, L 7, D 0*

Master i/c: G. D. Opie

Batting—J. Davies-Yandle 8-0-159-36-0-19.87.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was D. Booth 66-2-252-10-4/32-25.20.

LANCING COLLEGE *Played 17: W 9, L 4, D 4*

Master i/c: M. P. Bentley

Professional: R. Davies

Giles Haywood played for England Under-17.

Batting—D. Clapp 16-2-506-81*-0-36.14; G. R. Haywood 14-2-404-51-0-33.66; *G. R. M. Campbell 17-0-570-150-1-33.52; G. D. Price 15-1-424-74*-0-30.28; H. N. E. Campbell 13-1-187-40-0-15.58; M. J. D. Stewart 13-2-169-39*-0-15.36.

Bowling—G. R. Haywood 148-47-324-18-3/48-18.00; M. J. D. Stewart 139-34-461-24-6/25-19.20.

LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL *Played 13: W 10, L 0, D 3*

Master i/c: C. H. Williams

In what was probably their best season ever, the side were unbeaten with ten victories. They won the Lemon (Kent Under-18 County) Cup for the first time in five years, beating Rochester Maths in the final by one wicket with a six off the penultimate ball. Robert Key played for the Development of Excellence XI and Kent Second Eleven.

Batting—R. Key 4-1-183-88-0-61.00; B. Simpson 7-0-344-109-2-49.14; D. Evans 11-2-269-44*-0-29.88; *A. Shepherd 10-2-163-45-0-20.37.

Bowling—N. Codling 112-23-282-22-5/32-12.81; D. Martin 129.5-24-422-29-6/7-14.55.

LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 15: W 4, L 3, D 8*

Master i/c: R. Hill

Adam Walton, brother of Northamptonshire's Tim Walton, headed both averages and was a member of the England Under-14 squad.

Batting—A. N. Walton 13-0-414-85-0-31.84; A. P. Wood 11-4-195-60-0-27.85; J. R. Wyn-Griffiths 15-0-417-56-0-27.80; *T. J. N. Golby 15-4-303-61*-0-27.54; A. N. Brown 15-4-257-47-0-23.36; C. M. Du Pré 13-2-222-40-0-20.18; L. W. B. Kendall 12-0-237-47-0-19.75.

Bowling—A. N. Walton 114-19-404-18-4/28-22.44; S. D. Kershaw 174.3-37-557-22-3/12-25.31; T. J. N. Golby 140-22-516-20-4/37-25.80; L. W. B. Kendall 101-14-415-16-4/14-25.93.

LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL *Played 13: W 6, L 2, D 5*

Master i/c: M. L. Simmons

Professional: S. D. Myles

Tom Rose, the captain and opening bat, scored 151 not out against Reading School. The leading all-rounder was Ross Stewart, a hard-hitting middle-order batsman and opening bowler.

Batting—*T. W. M. Rose 9-3-548-151*-1-91.33; R. I. Stewart 8-3-377-117*-2-75.40; R. Sharma 4-0-150-69-0-37.50.

Bowling—R. I. Stewart 74.2-13-229-20-7/41-11.45; M. E. Bloxham 65.2-17-288-15-4/46-19.20.

THE LEYS SCHOOL *Played 17: W 5, L 6, D 6*

Master i/c: T. Firth

Professional: B. T. P. Donelan

Batting—A. Newman 18-1-519-67-0-30.52; N. Barber 16-1-407-111-1-27.13; W. Graham 18-3-390-76-0-26.00; W. Spriggs 18-3-363-55-0-24.20; R. Bentley 18-0-347-56-0-19.27; J. Welch 17-1-199-49-0-12.43.

Bowling—T. Nix 84-20-246-19-4/22-12.94; J. Welch 116-24-381-25-4/14-15.24; W. Spriggs 146-39-417-25-6/15-16.68; T. Biddle 140-25-489-25-3/32-19.56.

LIVERPOOL COLLEGE *Played 13: W 2, L 5, D 6*

Master i/c: A. Fox

Batting—A. S. Rogers 13-0-597-124-2-45.92; N. D. Robinson 13-0-167-40-0-12.84.*Bowling*—*M. Rastogi 112-30-419-19-5/72-22.05; D. N. Wilkie Harris 152-3-524-21-5/78-24.95.**LLANDOVERY COLLEGE** *Played 8: W 0, L 5, D 3. A 5*

Master i/c: T. G. Marks

A difficult season was severely disrupted by the weather. Aled Leyshon, a fast and accurate bowler and powerful batsman, was selected for Welsh Independent Schools.

Batting—*C. H. Rees 7-1-164-55-0-27.33.*Bowling*—A. L. Leyshon 103-15-486-16-3/47-30.37.**LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE** *Played 19: W 7, L 4, D 8. A 1*

Master i/c: M. C. Russell

This was the strongest side in the college's history. Facing an increasingly challenging fixture list, they grew in confidence. The excellent results stemmed from a fine team effort, with Jonny Wilkinson outstanding. Guy Hicks played for England Under-15.

Batting—K. P. Clinker 14-2-402-88-0-33.50; T. C. Hicks 13-2-368-111*-2-33.45; *C. J. Walker 17-2-463-99*-0-30.86; J. P. Wilkinson 15-2-398-87-0-30.61; D. I. Holman 18-3-432-93-0-28.80; I. J. Leek 15-0-302-82-0-20.13.*Bowling*—T. C. Hicks 142.3-24-457-26-7/55-17.57; J. P. Wilkinson 234.1-55-680-38-5/41-17.89; G. D. Hicks 141.1-29-440-21-5/29-20.95.**LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL** *Played 15: W 9, L 1, D 5*

Master i/c: J. E. Fulkes

Excellent led by Alex Wilson, the side enjoyed their best season for 15 years, winning nine and losing only to MCC on a drying track. The outstanding innings was Alan Cawston's 138 against Dr Challoner's, while the attack boasted genuine pace from left-armed Andrew Millington and Chris Eaton.

Batting—A. Eason 10-6-276-101*-1-69.00; E. Barnett 7-2-208-68-0-41.60; A. Cawston 11-1-330-138-1-33.00; M. Kelloway 8-1-218-63-0-31.14; A. Bartlett 12-0-201-55-0-16.75; *A. Wilson 11-1-164-50-0-16.40.*Bowling*—A. Millington 81.4-14-252-22-5/32-11.45; C. Eaton 112.4-14-388-19-5/77-20.42.**LORETTO SCHOOL** *Played 15: W 8, L 3, D 4. A 3*

Master i/c: R. P. Whait

Batting—*A. G. Fleming-Brown 14-1-389-102*-1-29.92; M. B. McCreath 11-5-156-42*-0-26.00; J. T. Boon 13-2-272-41*-0-24.72; S. J. S. Smith 13-3-245-45-0-24.50; W. A. Nicholson 13-1-279-55-0-23.25; M. J. Ritchie 15-2-250-89*-0-19.23; W. A. D. Oliver 15-0-204-68-0-13.60.*Bowling*—H. Balfour-Melville 220.5-76-492-40-7/16-12.30; M. B. McCreath 230.2-68-572-40-7/47-14.30; J. T. Boon 151-47-453-26-4/30-17.42.**LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL** *Played 17: W 10, L 3, D 4*

Master i/c: J. S. Weitzel

Professional: H. T. Tunnicliffe

Daniel Reddyhough's 1,041 runs passed Richard Merriman's 19-year-old record, while Richard Widdowson completed his career in the eleven with 2,341 runs and six centuries. Both scored hundreds in a stand of 226 against Ermolo HS from South Africa, while a record total of 344 for six against the touring Antipodeans from Australia contributed to a record match aggregate of 607.

Batting—D. P. Reddyhough 19-3-1,041-119*-4-65.06; R. G. H. Widdowson 19-2-841-135-3-49.47; C. B. Keast 16-5-338-36-0-30.72; E. O. Woodcock 7-1-182-96-0-30.33; M. J. Hayes 10-3-208-128*-1-29.71; S. Morgan 10-0-183-46-0-18.30; R. J. Peregrine 17-3-229-68-0-16.35.*Bowling*—M. J. Hayes 132.2-21-443-27-3/23-16.40; D. P. Hemmings 169-25-550-24-4/25-22.91; R. J. Peregrine 99.1-17-425-17-4/59-25.00; M. P. Kavanagh 157-26-615-22-3/34-27.95.**MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL** *Played 16: W 4, L 5, D 7. A 5*

Master i/c: P. Askew

Both Ben Thompson (936) and Christopher Rees-Gay (886) passed the previous record aggregate. Thompson, who hit five hundreds, played for Oxfordshire and South of England Under-15.

Batting—B. J. Thompson 18-5-936-133-5-72.00; *C. J. Rees-Gay 20-3-886-131-3-52.11; D. Matheson 12-0-270-72-0-22.50; J. Ellis 10-1-201-60-0-22.33.*Bowling*—B. Bradshaw 135.3-35-361-20-4/18-18.05; A. Hirtenstein 198.1-38-673-28-5/63-24.03.**MALVERN COLLEGE** *Played 22: W 14, L 1, D 7. A 2*

Master i/c: P. Goode

Professional: R. W. Tolchard

In another excellent season, the side comfortably broke its own record in schools matches and retained the Chesterton Cup. A highlight among the 14 wins was that over Millfield. David Nash was again outstanding; his 1,093 runs, 23 dismissals and 13 stumpings in 17 matches were all records. Mark Hardinges was also prolific, and Gavin Franklin led the side by example. Nash again played for England Under-19 and Middlesex, while Hardinges represented Gloucestershire Second Eleven.

Batting—D. C. Nash 21-5-1,093-137-3-68.31; M. A. Hardinges 20-2-905-112-2-50.27; *G. D. Franklin 20-4-541-60*-0-33.81; D. G. Walker 15-6-264-75*-0-29.33; N. D. Harrison 14-5-245-55*-0-27.22; J. B. Horton 16-2-268-50*-0-19.14.*Bowling*—G. D. Franklin 275.5-73-749-45-5/20-16.64; G. D. Simons 98.5-19-388-23-6/17-16.86; S. J. Morgan 157.2-29-404-23-4/17-17.56; W. R. F. Harrison 140.1-33-380-21-3/7-18.09; M. A. Hardinges 154.4-29-524-25-5/40-20.96.**MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL** *Played 19: W 7, L 5, D 7. A 2*

Master i/c: D. Moss

In an improved attack, 72 wickets were shared between pace bowlers Richard Seddon, Neil Lomax and Ben Twemlow, although none played in much more than half the games. Scott Richardson (102 not out) and Jonathan Lee (95 not out) put on 193 unbroken for the second wicket to defeat MCC. Richardson played his best innings early in the season, while Lee's form improved to bring him 893 runs and four centuries. Richardson played for MCC Schools and NCA Young Cricketers at Lord's.

Batting—*S. A. Richardson 13-1-672-132-2-56.00; J. R. Lee 17-1-893-109-4-55.81; P. Dhir 13-4-396-151*-1-44.00; R. P. J. Seddon 13-5-260-58-0-32.50; C. J. Garner 14-2-380-96-0-31.66; N. D. Garner 17-3-327-84*-0-23.35.*Bowling*—R. P. J. Seddon 129.3-28-375-28-5/18-13.39; N. R. Lomax 126-27-377-22-4/50-17.13; B. J. Twemlow 111.4-18-405-22-4/55-18.40; A. J. E. King 88-7-417-16-6/80-26.06; G. M. Lee 177.3-50-482-16-4/21-30.12.**MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE** *Played 15: W 3, L 5, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: R. B. Pick

Professional: R. M. Ratcliffe

Will Caldwell, who held the batting together, scored a match-winning century against Free Foresters. The introduction of colts Hugh Dobie and Tom Burne provided the attack with much-needed pace and consistency.

Batting—W. O. Caldwell 15-1-570-118-1-40.71; D. J. F. Miller 12-2-228-107*-1-22.80; C. G. Ingham 14-2-258-60*-0-21.50; T. E. F. Burne 9-1-168-40*-0-21.00; A. J. R. Bird 14-2-188-65-0-15.66.

Bowling—T. E. F. Burne 85.1-12-267-15-4/29-17.80.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY *Played 15: W 7, L 3, D 5*

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

Professional: G. W. Flower

Stephen Howard was the outstanding batsman; his innings of 172 not out against St Mary's College, Crosby, beat the previous record of 169 by L. B. P. Adams in 1934; his partnership of 186 with R. S. Holden in the same match was a fifth-wicket record; and his 828 runs were the most since W. Snowden's 1,108 in 1971.

Batting—*S. B. Howard 14-2-828-172*-3-69.00; C. J. Cheetham 14-3-321-62*-0-29.18; G. A. McMillan 14-2-210-56-0-17.50.

Bowling—J. N. C. Rees 121.4-20-362-24-6/26-15.08; D. R. Ball 121.3-24-464-24-5/25-19.33.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, NORTHWOOD *Played 21: W 15, L 0, D 6*

Master i/c: H. C. Latchman

All-round strength in depth brought the school an unbeaten season, with 15 wins, including all four games at the Loretto Festival. Of the seven batsmen to pass 200 runs, Andrew Thorpe was the most prolific, but Daniel Grundy made the only century – against St Paul's. Although seam bowler Niraj Sapra was the leading wicket-taker with 42, most of the bowling was in the hands of the four spinners, notably Jawwad Rasheed, who took eight for 31 against Felsted. The captain, Edward Lamb, was the leading all-rounder.

Batting—A. C. Thorpe 15-5-513-79-0-51.30; D. J. Grundy 13-2-478-110-1-43.45; *E. N. Lamb 12-3-301-57*-0-33.44; M. A. Howard 9-2-222-73*-0-31.71; P. D. C. Wise 15-1-437-61-0-31.21; K. G. W. Fowler 19-3-488-81-0-30.50; A. Latchman 15-5-231-55*-0-23.10.

Bowling—E. N. Lamb 108.4-16-322-25-5/35-12.88; N. P. Sapra 230.4-53-592-42-5/1-14.09; J. Rasheed 174.3-41-488-34-8/31-14.35; A. Latchman 71-15-234-16-4/13-14.62; B. Knowles 149.2-37-354-22-7/27-16.09; M. A. Howard 131.2-35-298-17-4/22-17.52; S. J. Boardley 105-22-328-15-3/18-21.86.

MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL *Played 16: W 6, L 4, D 6, A 4*

Master i/c: C. W. Swan

Three batsmen shared a record four centuries, of which J. N. Mackley's 141 and A. P. Paterson's 100 not out both came in the first innings of the two-day game against Fettes. It was the first instance of two in an innings in the school's 163-year history.

Batting—A. P. Paterson 13-5-374-100*-1-46.75; *J. N. Mackley 11-1-389-141-2-38.90; R. A. Swan 15-4-287-66*-0-26.09; G. M. English 10-2-206-100*-1-25.75; J. A. C. Easton 11-2-195-66*-0-21.66; C. M. R. Tulloch 15-1-286-46-0-20.42.

Bowling—C. M. R. Tulloch 214-76-487-41-6/7-11.87; E. A. T. Algie 83-19-323-21-7/11-15.38; A. P. Paterson 159-31-461-24-4/29-19.20; A. R. Evans 184-42-556-28-6/20-19.85.

MILLFIELD SCHOOL *Played 21: W 10, L 6, D 5, A 3*

Master i/c: R. M. Ellison

Professional: G. C. Wilson

Batting—*D. A. Cosker 13-5-332-111*-1-41.50; A. N. Edwards 18-1-698-127*-1-41.05; W. T. A. Simmons 16-6-386-74*-0-38.60; C. A. Sayers 9-0-271-45-0-30.11; R. Dorey 10-1-271-71-0-30.11; E. J. S. Newton 18-4-418-59*-0-29.85; M. T. Byrne 10-1-198-38-0-22.00; D. A. J. White 15-3-241-37-0-20.08.

Bowling—D. A. Cosker 247-77-692-36-7/35-19.22; E. J. S. Newton 129.5-24-486-19-5/36-25.57.

MILL HILL SCHOOL *Played 17: W 4, L 6, D 7, A 1*

Master i/c: P. H. Edwards

Professional: I. Hutchinson

Batting—S. A. Selwood 17-1-729-133*-2-45.56; S. Mohamed 16-0-405-89-0-25.31; *M. Dweck 16-1-325-72-0-21.66; M. P. Brandon 16-1-323-75*-0-21.53; P. Martin 16-3-175-31-0-13.46.

Bowling—J. G. Graves 124-30-340-16-4/26-21.25; M. P. Brandon 127-42-352-16-3/29-22.00; S. Mohamed 188-37-601-26-4/81-23.11; S. A. Selwood 115-17-461-15-4/68-30.73.

MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL *Played 11: W 5, L 1, D 5, A 4*

Master i/c: P. W. Wood

Batting—*F. Gibson 11-2-461-107*-1-51.22; C. Gold 10-0-232-56-0-23.20; T. Godsall 9-0-185-62-0-20.55; G. Fox 11-1-201-50-0-20.10.

Bowling—F. Gibson 64-12-218-20-5/27-10.90; C. Gold 122.3-33-380-29-5/48-13.10; G. Fox 65.5-7-234-15-4/29-15.60.

MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL *Played 12: W 4, L 5, D 3*

Master i/c: N. D. Botton

Batting—*J. S. Wheeler 12-2-359-108*-1-35.90; J. I. Solly 11-0-256-59-0-23.27; E. F. D. Halden 11-1-182-63-0-18.20; J. C. I. Hooton 11-2-159-59*-0-17.66; C. D. T. Bickers 9-0-158-48-0-17.55.

Bowling—D. P. W. Smith 151-34-411-26-5/39-15.80; M. E. K. Rooke 118-23-392-18-4/50-21.77.

MONMOUTH SCHOOL *Played 20: W 9, L 9, D 2, A 2*

Master i/c: D. H. Messenger

Professional: G. I. Burgess

A positive approach resulted in only two drawn games and some unexpected last-minute victories. The batting tended to revolve around the captain, Michael Brogan, whose 130 against Kimbolton was a highlight. He also held 13 catches, passing the record set by Steve James in 1983. Greg Walters, a medium-pace in-swing bowler, took a hat-trick against King's, Worcester, in the first match, and leg-spinner Glen Scrivener collected 33 wickets. He also shared a record seventh-wicket partnership with Edward Barlow.

Batting—*M. M. Brogan 19-0-613-130-1-32.26; N. Jorgensen 18-1-536-92-0-31.52; E. T. Barlow 12-2-281-73-0-28.10; T. J. Allan 17-1-335-89-0-20.93; J. G. Scrivener 18-7-229-33-0-20.81; T. J. J. Ricks 18-1-342-80*-0-20.11; M. S. J. Dunn 13-0-215-45-0-16.53; A. S. Narula 17-0-276-61-0-16.23.

Bowling—G. L. Walters 179.5-29-659-33-6/64-19.96; M. M. Brogan 95.2-10-339-15-4/31-22.60; J. G. Scrivener 208.1-30-852-33-5/45-25.81; J. C. M. Roberts 186.1-32-697-25-4/18-27.88; N. Jorgensen 158-38-494-17-4/27-29.05.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SCHOOL *Played 13: W 3, L 3, D 7, A 3*

Master i/c: S. A. Robson

Professional: A. J. Dutton

Under the imaginative captaincy of wicket-keeper and leg-spinner M. D. Turner, the side remained competitive and undaunted throughout. Most exciting was their recovery at Denstone from 13 for three to 214 for nine to win off the last ball. Team efforts from the batsmen brought a record five totals of 200 or more from the last six matches and B. R. Oakden became only the sixth centurion in the school's history.

Batting—B. R. Oakden 13-0-356-102-1-27.38; V. S. C. Handley 13-1-251-59*-0-20.91; N. R. Allchin 13-0-263-58-0-20.23; J. Rodgers 12-2-192-38-0-19.20; L. J. Norcup 9-0-151-37-0-16.77; R. M. Wheat 12-0-195-43-0-16.25; R. C. Overstall 11-0-152-28-0-13.81.

Bowling—R. M. Wheat 163-37-505-23-5/68-21.95; R. C. Overstall 131-26-533-24-5/51-22.20.

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL *Played 17: W 8, L 5, D 4, A 1*

Master i/c: J. Lamb

Batting—J. L. Rayner 4-2-204-105*-1-102.00; K. S. Tate 15-5-674-133*-3-67.40; A. J. Hunt 15-2-575-102*-2-44.23; A. S. Parker 14-3-407-72-0-37.00; R. A. Nicholson 16-2-501-65-0-35.78; *M. A. Fletcher 13-4-190-66*-0-21.11; P. J. Harrison 9-0-166-57-0-18.44.

Bowling—A. R. Phillips 80.4-15-338-15-2/8-22.53; A. J. Hunt 119-21-418-16-3/20-26.12; R. Kitching 120-19-490-17-3/33-28.82.

OAKHAM SCHOOL *Played 17: W 8, L 2, D 7, A 2*

Master i/c: J. Willis

Professional: D. S. Steele

Richard Martin's four centuries were a school record. He and Robert Duck, the captain, shared five century partnerships, including a first-wicket record of 232 against Worksop.

Batting—R. A. E. Martin 15-1-679-123*-4-48.50; *R. M. Duck 14-2-470-105-1-39.16; O. J. C. Marshall 12-5-274-78-0-39.14; N. M. Schanschiff 14-4-340-85-0-34.00; M. R. K. Bailey 12-2-297-100*-1-29.70; W. H. J. M. Greaves 10-3-191-77*-0-27.28.

Bowling—R. M. Duck 169.1-34-481-31-6/17-15.51; W. H. J. M. Greaves 155.3-29-503-18-4/50-27.94.

THE ORATORY SCHOOL *Played 19: W 13, L 2, D 4, A 3*

Master i/c: P. L. Tomlinson

Professional: J. B. K. Howell

In another excellent season, the outstanding player was again Steven Tomlinson, the British Under-18 real tennis champion, who is on Glamorgan's books. A fine captain, he headed both batting and bowling as he took his career record to date to 2,616 runs at 72.66 and 140 wickets at 10.74.

Batting—*S. C. B. Tomlinson 19-9-759-96-0-75.90; D. J. Allaway 19-2-791-91*-0-46.52; S. Bird 7-1-206-98-0-34.33; C. J. Clayton 19-4-451-79*-0-30.06; N. J. Davison 19-0-307-62-0-16.15.

Bowling—S. C. B. Tomlinson 146-41-379-43-6/17-8.81; E. W. Orchard 179-47-425-34-6/57-12.50; T. C. Wigley 92.5-25-343-21-4/33-16.33; R. O. Waldron 80-11-290-16-5/9-18.12; J. G. Taylor 115-30-420-22-3/36-19.09.

OUNCLE SCHOOL *Played 21: W 13, L 1, D 7, A 1*

Master i/c: J. R. Wake

Professional: T. Howorth

The side equalled their 1995 record of 13 wins and lost only once in their best season yet. They owed much to the outstanding leadership of David Walder, who also scored 682 runs and took 49 wickets, bowling medium-fast out-swing. He went on to captain MCC Schools and English Schools. Leg-spinner Jake Milton bowled a phenomenal 433 overs in taking a record 75 wickets.

Batting—R. Samworth 9-5-233-81*-0-58.25; *D. J. H. Walder 20-7-682-103-1-52.46; D. Lowe 21-2-924-100*-1-48.63; W. Jefferson 16-3-425-94-0-32.69; J. Cope 15-7-219-57*-0-27.37; S. Cates 15-6-214-78*-0-23.77; S. Lowe 13-2-250-76-0-22.72; J. M. Milton 15-3-192-55*-0-16.00; M. Mountain 19-2-262-75-0-15.41.

Bowling—D. J. H. Walder 261.2-54-715-49-6/36-14.59; J. M. Milton 433-98-1,308-75-8/67-17.44; H. Bryers 154-36-429-24-4/34-17.87; O. Hallam 112.4-26-299-15-4/29-19.93; W. Jefferson 206-39-568-27-4/25-21.03.

THE PERSE SCHOOL *Played 14: W 4, L 4, D 6, A 1*

Master i/c: A. C. Porter

Professional: D. C. Collard

Batting—*D. Colquhoun 13-1-416-87-0-34.66; M. Lorimer 12-1-345-78-0-31.36; J. Salmon 15-1-347-111-2-24.78; M. Mayer 14-1-224-52-0-17.23.

Bowling—C. Rodger 170-31-520-25-4/32-20.80; M. Lorimer 106.4-20-401-16-4/41-25.06; J. Garner 106-15-419-15-4/25-27.93; D. Robinson 114-12-487-15-3/28-32.46.



Two prominent players from Oundle School: Jake Milton (left), who took 75 wickets in 1996, and the captain David Walder, one of the season's leading all-rounders who also captained MCC Schools and English Schools.

PLYMOUTH COLLEGE *Played 12: W 2, L 5, D 5, A 5*

Master i/c: T. J. Stevens

Batting—N. Pope 11-0-289-79-0-26.27; J. Newnham 12-1-279-62-0-25.36; *D. Saunders 12-1-250-60*-0-22.72; R. Moist 12-0-258-50-0-21.50.

Bowling—W. Andrews 89-24-345-24-4/18-14.37.

POCKLINGTON SCHOOL *Played 21: W 5, L 9, D 7, A 1*

Master i/c: R. Smith

The Mouncey brothers, Stephen and Paul, shared 1,032 runs and 49 wickets, although it was the captain, Matthew Stacey, who headed the batting averages.

Batting—*M. B. Stacey 19-5-628-96-0-44.85; P. R. Mouncey 21-4-709-90-0-41.70; G. J. T. Stewart 21-0-485-76-0-23.09; G. Johnson 10-2-183-69-0-22.87; N. G. Hadfield 21-0-463-104-1-22.04; S. D. Mouncey 18-3-323-77-0-21.53; C. R. Rook 15-1-295-68-0-21.07.

Bowling—S. D. Mouncey 194.5-33-668-27-5/67-24.74; P. R. Mouncey 187.5-34-594-22-4/39-27.00; N. G. Hadfield 135-27-541-18-6/51-30.05; G. J. T. Stewart 189.1-36-732-23-5/29-31.82.

PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 12: W 7, L 1, D 4, A 5*

Master i/c: G. D. Payne

Professional: R. J. Parks

Unbeaten until the last over of the season - against Portsmouth CC - the side were well captained by Andrew Ainsley, who showed tactical awareness and a willingness to attack. James Moon, again the dominant batsman, was joined in the side by his younger brothers, Chris and Simon.

Batting—J. C. E. Moon 12-1-442-112-1-40.18; C. Moon 12-2-309-62-0-30.90; S. Hamilton 12-1-318-67-0-28.90; J. Gannon 12-2-284-64*-0-28.40; S. R. Foulger 9-0-159-64-0-17.66.

Bowling—J. R. M. Tod 69-13-203-16-3/7-12.68; S. Hamilton 107-30-294-22-5/17-13.36; M. Slater 126.2-33-353-24-5/37-14.70.

PRIOR PARK COLLEGE

Played 18: W 9, L 6, D 3

Master i/c: D. R. Holland

Professional: R. Chambers

Lee Dokic set new records with 49 wickets and a return of eight for 26 against Clayesmore, while the 447 runs scored by Tony Atkins, grandson of former Hampshire wicket-keeper Leo Harrison, were the most for eight years. Other successes included a first victory over Bryanston and a record total of 297 for nine against King Edward's, Bath.

Batting—A. Atkins 16-0-447-122-1-27.93; A. Owen 15-1-319-101*-1-22.78; S. Phillips 14-2-273-43-0-22.75; L. Dokic 14-1-237-69-0-18.23; S. Brandon 13-2-194-54-0-17.63.

Bowling—L. Dokic 199-48-535-49-8/26-10.91; D. Gadsden 65-13-183-16-4/13-11.43; A. Atkins 73-17-191-15-4/22-12.73; S. Phillips 165-36-485-33-6/64-14.69.

QUEEN ELIZABETH GS, WAKEFIELD

Played 14: W 4, L 5, D 5 A 2

Master i/c: T. Barker

David Bousfield, a left-handed opener, scored more runs than anyone else in the 27 years in which records have been kept.

Batting—D. Bousfield 14-3-620-125-1-56.36; J. Lowe 13-2-532-101-1-48.36; B. Sykes 13-1-267-79-0-22.25.

Bowling—J. Lowe 100.5-18-309-17-3/15-18.17; A. Sharma 92-17-344-16-4/46-21.50; D. Cleave 131.2-9-579-24-4/57-24.12.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL

Played 15: W 5, L 6, D 4

Master i/c: M. S. E. Broadley

Batting—G. Parker-Jones 14-1-517-108-1-39.76; *A. Brenner 15-1-477-121*-1-34.07; P. Ross 8-1-158-64-0-22.57; A. Hollingdale 14-1-240-67-0-18.46; N. Varshney 14-0-186-92-0-13.28.

Bowling—D. Chard 122.4-23-411-30-7/72-13.70; W. Nash 135.1-30-428-26-4/25-16.46; P. Nice 133.1-22-447-22-4/26-20.31; M. Popham 131-21-512-21-4/38-24.38.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, TAUNTON

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

Master i/c: A. S. Free

The batting was dominated by the Bailey brothers, Alex and Grant, who scored 1,050 runs between them and a century apiece.

Batting—A. W. Bailey 16-3-512-104-1-39.38; G. C. Bailey 16-2-538-132*-1-38.42; D. E. Bell 12-2-248-67-0-24.80; T. J. Jones 12-5-167-60-0-23.85; W. R. Handel 16-1-330-69-0-22.00; *P. M. Burke 15-1-272-58-0-19.42; J. C. Stotesbury 11-2-150-41-0-16.66.

Bowling—A. W. Bailey 79.1-6-244-16-4/19-15.25; S. J. Pratt 167.2-40-516-33-6/34-15.63; P. M. Burke 138-20-492-23-7/26-21.39.

RADLEY COLLEGE

Played 14: W 3, L 1, D 10 A 1

Master i/c: W. J. Wesson

Professionals: A. G. Robinson and A. R. Wagner

Batting—J. Johnson 14-2-563-104*-1-46.91; O. R. Hutton 12-1-459-75-0-41.72; E. A. N. Jennings 12-6-180-47*-0-30.00; *C. R. N. Jennings 9-2-190-44-0-27.14; B. C. A. Hawkins 7-1-154-73*-0-25.66; C. E. Pragnell 10-1-195-37*-0-21.66.

Bowling—C. G. van der Gucht 202.2-60-489-29-5/33-16.86; J. A. J. Harris 82.3-16-283-15-6/40-18.86; C. E. Pragnell 121-28-290-15-3/21-19.33; C. F. E. Hughes 128.4-34-377-15-4/35-25.13; J. B. Scott 143-31-437-17-3/16-25.70.

RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

Played 16: W 8, L 3, D 5

Master i/c: R. Hughes

Professional: B. Benkenstein

Elliot Hill was the outstanding batsman with 923 runs, 109 of which came in the convincing defeat of The Oratory; competing in the inaugural Emeriti Trophy for Catholic HMC Schools, Ratcliffe made 307 for five before dismissing The Oratory for 140.

Batting—*E. V. Hill 15-3-923-136*-3-76.91; J. Hart 15-3-539-79-0-44.91; K. B. Smith 12-3-283-51*-0-31.44; B. R. Stephens 13-2-206-59*-0-18.72; W. J. Birchall 13-2-168-53-0-15.27.

Bowling—K. B. Smith 167.3-30-463-28-6/23-16.53; J. Hart 136-22-523-22-6/40-23.77; W. J. Birchall 151.5-26-502-19-4/20-26.42.

READING SCHOOL

Played 13: W 1, L 7, D 5

Master i/c: S. A. Stevenson

Batting—*I. Azuike 11-3-362-109*-1-45.25; D. Lowe 11-2-288-100*-1-32.00; J. Taylor 10-0-163-37-0-16.30; J. Eatherley 12-0-155-63-0-12.91.

Bowling—O. Mann 107-14-433-16-6/42-27.06; J. Eatherley 117.5-21-502-16-6/41-31.37.

REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Played 24: W 7, L 9, D 8

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

Professional: H. Newton

Going into their last Saturday fixture, the side had won six, drawn six and lost only once; thereafter they won only once more and lost eight out of 11 festival and tour fixtures. The captain, James Hylton, scored more than half his 823 runs in the first seven innings, finishing his career in the eleven with 2,077 runs, 91 wickets and a record 40 catches. Outshining everything else was the quick away-swing of Toby Briggs, whose 67 wickets passed Dan Sainsbury's 1992 record of 61. Mark Bowden, who held 22 catches, fielded brilliantly at slip.

Batting—*J. J. Hylton 24-1-823-113-1-35.78; M. R. Bowden 23-2-482-96-0-22.95; P. W. Sainsbury 18-5-282-56*-0-21.69; O. Bate 17-3-300-54-0-21.42; T. W. Briggs 22-2-350-64-0-17.50; R. C. G. Young 23-2-353-84*-0-16.80; O. J. Jago 18-1-257-51-0-15.11; I. N. Bezodis 20-0-212-46-0-10.60.

Bowling—T. W. Briggs 284.5-52-929-67-8/36-13.86; P. W. Sainsbury 125.5-29-439-24-5/18-18.29; R. C. G. Young 192.5-28-689-27-6/53-25.51; J. J. Hylton 260.1-50-874-31-4/45-28.19.

RENDCOMB COLLEGE

Played 12: W 3, L 6, D 3 A 2

Master i/c: J. P. Watson

Batting—F. W. Newcombe 10-1-381-78-0-42.33; *J. C. G. Fairbank 10-2-195-52-0-24.37; C. P. E. Barton 9-1-151-43-0-18.87.

Bowling—A. J. Taylor 105-36-375-28-7/24-13.39; H. E. J. Davies 70-13-284-15-4/21-18.93.

REPTON SCHOOL

Played 14: W 3, L 3, D 8 A 1

Master i/c: M. Stones

Professional: M. K. Kettle

Batting—*D. J. O'Gram 15-3-664-110-3-55.33; M. R. Lakin 14-3-451-110-1-41.00; T. A. Swerling 15-1-318-70-0-22.71; A. E. Kington 12-3-187-40*-0-20.77; A. J. Currie 12-2-180-65-0-18.00; J. O. Henry 13-0-196-39-0-15.07.

Bowling—M. Gillespie 164.5-16-431-31-6/31-13.90; C. H. M. Standage 74-11-262-15-4/37-17.46; M. R. Lakin 176-30-609-29-6/35-21.00; R. D. J. Probert 127-19-500-18-4/41-27.77.

RICHARD HUISSH COLLEGE

Played 12: W 7, L 3, D 2

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

Batting—S. P. Jenkins 7-2-423-114*-2-84.60; B. Jeffery 7-0-150-44-0-21.42.

Bowling—*P. Lacy 59.3-9-167-16-7/55-10.43; E. Warren 52-8-218-15-6/37-14.53.

ROSSALL SCHOOL *Played 12: W 1, L 7, D 4*

Master i/c: T. Todd

Professional: K. Higgs

A highlight was a record opening partnership of 136 against Stonyhurst between James Atkins (68) and Stuart Fraser-Cattanach (82).

Batting—*J. R. Atkins 12-0-391-102-1-32.58; M. Clapp 8-2-166-40*-0-27.66; S. Fraser-Cattanach 9-0-201-82-0-22.33.

Bowling—M. J. Dewhurst 123-29-368-23-7/52-16.00.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COLCHESTER *Played 24: W 6, L 14, D 4, A 1*

Master i/c: R. Bayes

Batting—J. Oxborrow 24-2-653-99-0-29.68; M. Tyler 14-4-284-72-0-28.40; *A. Stephen 24-1-620-84-0-26.95; G. Gorringer 23-2-526-73*-0-25.04; P. Sadler 21-1-388-68-0-19.40; G. Gwyn-Jones 16-3-242-48*-0-18.61; R. Burt 9-0-151-42-0-16.77; G. Wilson 17-0-258-38-0-15.17; W. Peacock 16-3-164-47-0-12.61.

Bowling—M. Tyler 191.3-41-649-35-7/32-18.54; A. Stephen 107.2-12-444-22-5/24-20.18; W. Peacock 219.3-25-939-36-5/72-26.08; C. Norfolk 158.2-28-571-21-4/24-27.19; P. Sadler 203.3-20-922-23-4/57-40.08.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, GUILDFORD *Played 15: W 2, L 8, D 5*

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

Batting—A. R. Hemmingway 14-2-309-53*-0-25.75; R. C. Kitzinger 14-0-339-87-0-24.21; M. B. Copey 9-2-159-41-0-22.71; G. W. G. Donne 13-2-226-54*-0-20.54; C. J. Heath 11-2-165-53-0-18.33; *D. L. Tompsett 12-0-199-68-0-16.58; G. G. Thomas 10-0-164-57-0-16.40.

Bowling—T. D. Lackey 165.5-40-451-28-6/53-16.10; J. A. Mitchell 188.1-45-620-29-5/25-21.37; C. A. G. Cooper 136.4-31-493-20-4/39-24.65.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE *Played 15: W 9, L 3, D 3, A 1*

Master i/c: M. Davies

The most successful season for many years featured a two-wicket win over MCC and victory in all their matches in the Royal Grammar Schools Festival for the first time. The batting was always a team effort, with opener Andrew Bentall dominating the early season and the fluent strokeplay of Kaushik Guha blossoming on the drier wickets.

Batting—K. Guha 14-1-381-64-0-29.30; A. J. Bentall 16-1-408-82-0-27.20; A. W. Pembroke 15-5-268-56*-0-26.80; D. J. Moore 15-0-357-58-0-23.80; D. P. Wilson 15-4-246-55-0-22.36; C. J. Dark 11-1-220-41-0-22.00; R. A. Royce 17-1-310-59-0-19.37.

Bowling—D. J. Moore 154.3-27-446-31-6/10-14.38; *G. F. Watts 199.4-48-604-34-6/22-17.76; S. A. Musk 172.3-35-539-29-9/27-18.58; A. R. Moore 116-18-420-18-4/35-23.33.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NEWCASTLE *Played 17: W 7, L 4, D 6*

Master i/c: D. W. Smith

Professional: C. Craven

Nicky Peng, a member of the England Under-13 squad, became the youngest player to represent the school's first team.

Batting—A. Kahn 16-1-434-93*-0-28.93; R. Smalley 14-4-280-55*-0-28.00; *I. Park 17-1-322-69-0-20.12; J. Park 12-3-175-55-0-19.44; C. Robson 14-1-237-48-0-18.23; M. Robinson 14-3-176-48*-0-16.00; N. Peng 10-0-158-35-0-15.80.

Bowling—J. McKenna 190.5-44-540-40-6/15-13.50; R. Munro 132.4-27-431-24-4/31-17.95; J. Harte 168.5-31-508-27-5/23-18.81.

THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WORCESTER *Played 23: W 17, L 5, D 1, A 3*

Master i/c: B. M. Rees

Professional: M. J. Horton

Seventeen wins from 23 matches was a school record. The team owed much to the all-round excellence of Richard Hall, who headed the batting, bowling and fielding and went on to play for English Schools and Worcestershire Under-19.

Batting—R. J. Hall 21-4-966-142*-3-56.82; J. E. K. Schofield 6-0-270-87-0-45.00; J. R. J. Cockrell 19-2-619-115*-1-36.41; N. S. A. Cockrell 6-1-155-53-0-31.00; M. W. J. Wilkinson 19-1-536-118*-1-29.77; *E. Sellwood 23-2-546-109*-1-26.00; T. M. Betts 12-3-173-65*-0-19.22; D. B. Rees 18-5-234-45-0-18.00.

Bowling—R. J. Hall 224.4-54-614-36-6/28-17.05; A. J. Stephens 147-21-558-32-4/6-17.43; E. Sellwood 228.1-32-788-43-4/67-18.32; M. R. Blackburn 133.3-15-490-16-4/35-30.62.

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

Master i/c: P. J. Rosser

Professional: L. Tennant

There were victories against strong Radley and Cheltenham sides, as well as in the two-day game against Marlborough. This was the first positive result in the fixture since 1984 and Rugby's first win since 1979. Against Malvern, the No. 10 and 11 batsmen, Benedict Williams and Christopher Wilkinson, hung on through the last 20 overs to save the match.

Batting—*A. R. Davies 15-6-325-52-0-36.11; D. J. Howe 15-4-386-82-0-35.09; S. J. G. Beazley 17-1-460-88-0-28.75; J. R. Walton 11-2-251-107*-1-27.88; O. G. Taylor 16-0-421-100-1-26.31; T. J. T. Barton-Knott 14-1-317-46*-0-24.38; A. N. G. Beazley 16-2-294-65-0-21.00.

Bowling—B. H. B. Williams 200-26-661-25-4/25-26.44; J. R. Corbett 165-30-555-18-5/41-30.83; T. J. T. Barton-Knott 138.3-11-564-18-4/27-31.33; A. R. Davies 179-21-671-21-4/53-31.95.

RYDAL SCHOOL *Played 9: W 1, L 4, D 4*

Master i/c: M. T. Leach

Professional: R. W. C. Pitman

As he did in 1995, David Hanlon scored two centuries, hitting 156 not out against Cheadle Hulme and 141 against Coleraine AI. James Griffiths, a competent wicket-keeper/batsman, played for Welsh Schools Under-16.

Batting—J. B. Griffiths 3-1-166-74-0-83.00; *D. S. Hanlon 10-1-421-156*-2-46.77; R. W. Williams 10-1-244-60-0-27.11; B. Kanya 8-1-178-71*-0-25.42.

Bowling—R. J. Binks 105.2-26-286-28-6/7-10.21.

ST ALBANS SCHOOL *Played 17: W 4, L 6, D 7, A 2*

Master i/c: I. P. Jordan

Jon Freedman was unable to recapture his excellent form of the previous three years and finished his career 70 short of the 90-year-old record, on 2,283 runs.

Batting—B. J. Collins 10-4-460-117*-1-76.66; J. A. Freedman 13-1-400-80-0-33.33; S. J. O'Reilly 14-2-336-50-0-28.00; D. C. Jacobs 12-3-171-51-0-19.00; P. P. Culverhouse 11-1-172-48*-0-17.20.

Bowling—T. C. Shuttleworth 76.1-18-269-16-6/36-16.81; A. S. Khan 155.4-32-488-24-5/38-20.33; D. C. Jacobs 106.2-15-434-18-5/45-24.11; S. J. O'Reilly 134.3-20-445-17-4/39-26.17.

ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE *Played 16: W 6, L 3, D 7*

Master i/c: O. T. Price

Professionals: R. Chowdhary and G. S. Clinton

Batting was the side's strength in a successful season. A century from John Welch helped save the game against MCC, while two more came from the captain, Ian Pressney. A highlight was the successful pursuit of 240 in 36 overs against Christ Church GS from Australia.

Batting—D. G. Darroch 12.5–371–85*–0–53.00; *I. Pressney 16–3–530–118*–2–40.76; J. C. Welch 13–2–405–109–1–36.81; N. V. Kirby 16–2–515–76*–0–36.78; J. M. Scott 14–3–229–63–0–20.81; A. Ryle 13–2–216–63*–0–19.63.

Bowling—J. C. Welch 126.2–20–478–26–4/19–18.38; M. Z. Chowdhry 158.1–22–557–28–5/19–19.89; D. Augustine 92–12–406–16–3/39–25.37; D. K. Farley 168.1–26–620–19–4/49–32.63.

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, WARE *Played 13: W 6, L 3, D 4*

Master i/c: J. D. T. Faithfull

Batting in depth, the side accumulated 14 individual fifties, as well as Johnathan Hilliard's century against Bishop's Stortford HS. There were several successful run-chases, the most notable being at Christ's Hospital, where 157 were scored in the last 20 overs. The best bowling performance was a hat-trick against Old Edmundians by Peter Young.

Batting—*J. Hilliard 13–2–577–102*–1–52.45; M. McGovern 11–3–279–64*–0–34.87; R. Gillham 11–1–336–64–0–33.60; A. Bilimoria 11–0–247–63–0–22.45; P. Adshead 9–1–177–61*–0–22.12; M. Sharp 12–0–198–55–0–16.50.

Bowling—J. Hilliard 105.3–14–460–18–3/25–25.55; A. Dowling 109–18–414–15–6/42–27.60; A. Logue 95–7–426–15–5/45–28.40.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY *Played 10: W 4, L 1, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: P. M. Evans

A potentially strong attack was eclipsed by some enterprising batting, which brought several healthy totals and a satisfying win over the XL Club. Although the bowling was tight and the leading all-rounder David Finch took a hat-trick against Dover College, there were some frustrating finishes when they were unable to prise out the last batsmen.

Batting—G. Rees 9–2–236–86–0–33.71; D. Thorne 10–2–262–88–0–32.75; D. Finch 10–1–214–47–0–23.77.

Bowling—D. Finch 99–17–329–26–8/47–12.65; M. Harlow 130.2–41–290–15–3/22–19.33.

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL, OXFORD *Played 15: W 2, L 6, D 7*

Master i/c: D. Drake-Brockman Professional: G. V. Palmer

Batting—R. W. Tootill 14–3–489–111*–2–44.45; G. S. Peddy 14–2–479–88–0–39.91; S. J. Perks 14–0–399–63–0–28.50; M. S. Cannon 10–1–196–58–0–21.77.

Bowling—O. M. Wills 145–25–482–15–4/7–32.13; G. S. Peddy 201–65–575–17–4/14–33.82.

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE, WEYBRIDGE *Played 20: W 7, L 8, D 5. A 1*

Master i/c: D. G. Ottley

Batting—R. Wilson 20–4–601–85*–0–37.56; *J. Turner 18–1–607–101–1–35.70; N. Carlino 15–4–322–87*–0–29.27; A. Neill 20–1–518–78–0–27.26; M. Lawson 21–0–568–60–0–27.04; T. Clouston 19–4–255–35–0–17.00; A. Collin 20–1–278–40–0–14.63; A. Crow 17–1–218–62–0–13.62; C. Neill 18–1–192–38–0–11.29.

Bowling—A. Neill 229–48–747–34–5/28–21.97; T. Clouston 124–19–549–22–4/32–24.95; J. Knox 210.5–33–845–27–5/60–31.29; N. Carlino 185.5–42–628–19–3/48–33.05.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD *Played 17: W 5, L 5, D 7. A 1*

Master i/c: A. B. Gale Professional: E. Sheppard

Batting—J. J. Porter 15–0–667–111–1–44.46; J. M. A. Cook 16–1–419–122*–1–27.93; *R. B. Vossler 16–0–376–69–0–23.50; N. B. Diacon 16–1–219–35–0–14.60; N. Keeley 16–2–167–56–0–11.92.

Bowling—M. T. Morton 217.1–67–647–39–6/71–16.58; H. C. R. Harris 174–29–601–36–4/48–16.69; J. S. Harvey 64–18–285–16–4/22–17.81; N. B. Diacon 178.5–20–625–21–4/44–29.76.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, IPSWICH *Played 17: W 8, L 4, D 5*

Master i/c: K. Brooks

C. Jack, the leading bowler, went on to play for South of England. Considered the quickest bowler at the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford, he was prevented from taking his place for MCC Schools at Lord's because of a school rugby tour.

Batting—*N. Rider 13–1–603–109*–1–50.25; P. King 16–4–522–102*–1–43.50; J. Townrow 13–3–273–67*–0–27.30; C. Townrow 15–4–290–83–0–26.36; R. Daynes 12–1–243–52–0–22.09; J. Debenham 16–2–262–34*–0–18.71; C. Jack 10–1–152–43–0–16.88; J. Regan 11–1–159–45–0–15.90; J. Eaglesham 14–1–183–36–0–14.07.

Bowling—C. Jack 141–33–426–31–5/31–13.74; J. Townrow 112–13–474–26–5/17–18.23; J. Regan 98–19–341–17–4/22–20.05; P. King 141–27–503–18–5/41–27.94.

ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE, RAMSGATE *Played 10: W 5, L 3, D 2. A 5*

Master i/c: N. O. S. Jones Professional: A. P. E. Knott

Ben Swindells, opening bat, wicket-keeper and captain for the last three seasons, fell five short of a century in his last innings after five years in the eleven. A third of the fixtures were cancelled because of bad weather.

Batting—*B. Swindells 10–1–357–95–0–39.66; G. J. Cook 10–0–188–41–0–18.80; G. A. P. Grinstead 9–0–155–52–0–17.22.

Bowling—G. J. Cook 140.5–56–268–32–7/28–8.37.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL *Played 16: W 4, L 2, D 10. A 1*

Master i/c: G. Hughes Professional: M. Heath

Batting—*S. W. Peters 13–1–523–98–0–43.58; J. A. C. Matthews 14–2–521–101*–1–43.41; T. E. B. Etherton 13–0–292–63–0–22.46; O. J. R. Corner 12–3–201–50*–0–22.33; S. A. Hyman 10–1–168–53*–0–18.66; P. de Villiers 11–2–167–79*–0–18.55.

Bowling—P. de Villiers 136–19–473–21–5/41–22.52; D. J. McGaughey 185–63–490–21–5/41–23.33; J. A. C. Matthews 137–26–500–17–4/51–29.41.

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

Master i/c: D. Kirby Professional: K. F. Mohan

The Kay brothers both made significant contributions. Andrew, the elder, captained the side and opened the batting to head the averages, followed by Nick, who batted at No. 4. They scored 113 not out and 66 respectively in a stand of 137 at Ampleforth. Nick also opened the bowling and took 38 wickets at a brisk medium pace.

Batting—*A. L. T. Kay 18–3–793–138*–3–52.86; N. J. C. Kay 17–1–601–115–1–37.56; J. E. Reynolds 17–3–360–59–0–25.71; J. A. M. Duggin 16–3–305–52–0–23.46; R. O. Rastall 9–0–177–63–0–19.66; S. J. Leveson 14–2–153–22*–0–12.75.

Bowling—N. J. C. Kay 215.4–51–554–38–6/21–14.57; N. D. Riggall 204–50–569–27–5/7–21.07; D. Joshi 202–32–670–28–5/56–23.92.

SEDBERGH SCHOOL *Played 16: W 5, L 3, D 8. A 2*

Master i/c: N. A. Rollings Professional: J. Potter

Putting behind them a poor start, with three defeats before half term, Sedbergh did not lose again. Particularly satisfying were the wins over Royal GS, Lancaster (off the penultimate ball), and Pocklington (with 110 taken from the last ten overs). Simon Farnsworth opened the batting to good effect, scoring centuries against Rossall and Glenalmond, while slow left-armner Mark Chapman was again the leading wicket-taker.

Batting—S. P. Farnsworth 16–3–563–130*–2–43.30; *C. E. Heap 17–4–367–54–0–28.23; C. M. Jameson 14–1–274–44–0–21.07; J. C. M. Lofthouse 13–5–158–38*–0–19.75; D. R. Scargill 14–2–229–42–0–19.08.

Bowling—B. R. Biker 193–71–467–27–5/59–17.29; J. M. Chapman 184–43–544–28–6/32–19.42; S. P. Farnsworth 195–56–496–24–4/52–20.66; J. Jameson 155–38–428–20–4/20–21.40.

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL Played 16: W 3, L 4, D 9, A 2

Master i/c: I. J. B. Walker

Batting—*N. A. Shirreff 15-3-606-117*-1-50.50; M. J. Wesley 15-4-518-74*-0-47.09; H. S. Snuggs 14-2-299-79*-0-24.91; M. T. Wilson 12-0-278-56-0-23.16; M. A. Soulsby 11-3-171-47-0-21.37; C. D. Young-Wootton 13-2-197-84-0-17.90.

Bowling—N. A. Shirreff 72.5-16-286-16-6/24-17.87; M. T. Wilson 112.3-28-350-19-5/30-18.42; Paraag Amin 94-15-382-15-3/3-25.46.

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE Played 15: W 1, L 6, D 8

Master i/c: A. Bryan

Batting—R. Knapman 12-2-365-55-0-36.50; A. Lewis 14-2-315-84-0-26.25; G. Spencer 11-2-184-38-0-20.44; R. Bryan 14-0-250-63-0-17.85; *N. Laws 14-3-192-52*-0-17.45; G. Carleton 12-0-157-64-0-13.08.

Bowling—R. Bryan 112.2-24-332-19-3/17-17.47; N. Laws 107-20-389-20-3/17-19.45.

SHERBORNE SCHOOL Played 13: W 9, L 2, D 2, A 4

Master i/c: M. D. Nurton

Professional: A. Willows

Batting—A. N. P. Searson 13-4-381-91*-0-42.33; C. C. M. Warren 13-2-454-101-1-41.27; M. Shearer 8-0-257-103-1-32.12.

Bowling—J. Cheung 68.3-4-236-22-4/14-10.72; J. M. A. Fradgley 111.1-13-300-23-5/16-13.04; A. N. P. Searson 102-23-336-18-3/35-18.66.

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL Played 18: W 7, L 7, D 4

Master i/c: S. M. Holroyd

Professional: A. P. Pridgeon

Batting—B. J. Chesters 19-2-558-106-1-32.82; B. R. Tonge 16-3-373-87*-0-28.69; I. J. W. McCarter 15-4-308-74*-0-28.00; B. J. Champkin 17-4-362-56-0-27.84; A. S. Umpleby 14-3-257-59*-0-23.36; *J. D. W. Cox 18-1-244-73-0-14.35.

Bowling—I. J. W. McCarter 151-32-383-30-4/12-12.76; A. P. Ligertwood 133-36-319-24-5/26-13.29; A. S. Umpleby 129-20-424-25-4/26-16.96; W. M. Lilley 149-26-488-22-4/37-22.18; B. J. Champkin 194-49-551-24-3/15-22.95.

SIMON LANGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL Played 17: W 6, L 4, D 7, A 2

Master i/c: R. H. Green

Having bowled out the opposition each time to win their first six matches, the side won no more, and had too many boring draws. The most disappointing defeat was that by Rochester Maths in the play-off final of the Kent SCA Under-19 League.

Batting—D. Mathews 12-3-429-86-0-47.66; *E. Roberts 15-2-594-129-1-45.69; S. Fletcher 12-0-521-106-1-43.41; D. Patching 17-5-419-79*-0-34.91; D. Lloyd-James 14-4-293-101*-1-29.30.

Bowling—D. Brazier 93.4-25-291-28-6/38-10.39; O. Lloyd-James 90.1-17-351-19-3/6-18.47; R. Murray 124.1-24-379-20-6/43-18.95.

SIR ROGER MANWOOD'S SCHOOL Played 12: W 2, L 4, D 6, A 1

Master i/c: I. Mellor

Batting—T. Birch 10-3-309-107*-2-44.14; *S. Judd 9-1-206-73-0-25.75; M. Birkett 9-1-194-48-0-24.25; R. Graeme 12-0-247-67-0-20.58; A. Crisp 10-0-196-82-0-19.60; *A. Mellor 9-0-175-61-0-19.44.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets.

SOLIHULL SCHOOL Played 15: W 6, L 6, D 3

Master i/c: S. A. Morgan

Professional: K. Patel

Some substantial totals were compiled during a successful season in which the side won the Warwickshire Under-19 Trophy. They made 303 for six, with hundreds from James Parks and James Spires, against Nottingham High School, and hung on for a draw with 293 for nine in reply to Warwick School's 317 for two. Both Robert Montagu-Williams and Richard Robinson took hat-tricks, against King Edward's, Birmingham, and King Edward's, Aston, respectively.

Batting—J. C. Parks 15-2-706-133-3-54.30; J. A. Spires 12-1-363-100*-1-33.00; J. M. S. Hawkins 12-2-193-47-0-19.30; L. O. R. Davis 15-0-231-58-0-15.40; M. S. Travis 13-1-174-51*-0-14.50.

Bowling—*R. P. F. Montagu-Williams 119-15-544-29-6/17-18.75; J. A. Spires 153-20-609-25-5/15-24.36.

SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL Played 8: W 6, L 1, D 1, A 4

Master i/c: D. M. Birks

In a rain-hit season, the side won a record six matches, including a first victory over MCC. Fifteen-year-old Matthew Lloyd made a spectacular debut against Bingley GS, taking eight for 18, including a hat-trick in a spell of eight for four in four overs. Adrian Emmott, the captain, became the leading wicket-taker with a total of 45 in three seasons.

Batting—No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was L. Gordon 7-0-148-48-0-21.14.

Bowling—*A. Emmott 73-23-212-17-6/27-12.47.

STAMFORD SCHOOL Played 16: W 2, L 10, D 4, A 2

Master i/c: J. M. H. Beale

Batting—*D. J. Scott 16-2-459-107*-1-32.78; D. H. Precey 16-0-321-64-0-20.06; H. P. Wickham 16-1-281-48-0-18.73; D. McDonald 16-2-255-62-0-18.21; N. J. Doggett 13-0-216-62-0-16.61; J. Fuller 16-1-222-50*-0-14.80.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was B. J. E. Tate 126.4-23-438-13-3/43-33.69.

STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL Played 14: W 2, L 2, D 10

Master i/c: A. Brett

Professional: D. J. Makinson

Batting—C. Pimlott 13-3-379-80-0-37.90; J. Bale 11-0-344-71-0-31.27; P. Handler 11-4-203-56*-0-29.00; T. Pritchard 11-3-191-35*-0-23.87; C. Jones 8-1-158-72*-0-22.57; A. Massey 9-1-170-60*-0-21.25; R. Jones 11-1-159-35-0-15.90.

Bowling—C. Pimlott 143-30-402-25-5/46-16.08; R. Jones 86-8-278-15-4/51-18.53; G. Cogan 97-20-299-16-5/17-18.68.

STOWE SCHOOL Played 14: W 4, L 4, D 6, A 1

Master i/c: M. J. Harris

Two all-rounders were pre-eminent, Robert White and Richard Harris, son of M. J. Harris, sharing 986 runs and 81 wickets between them.

Batting—R. A. White 16-2-607-119-2-43.35; R. A. Harris 16-2-379-68*-0-27.07; R. T. D. Searle 14-0-319-57-0-22.78; C. E. D. Saunders 16-2-289-57*-0-20.64; J. R. W. McDonagh 16-0-320-71-0-20.00.

Bowling—R. A. Harris 286.3-50-724-47-7/68-15.40; R. A. White 196-44-608-34-5/34-17.88; T. R. Stables 122-18-535-16-3/70-33.43.

STRATHALLAN SCHOOL Played 14: W 3, L 5, D 6, A 2

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

Professional: I. L. Phillip

Batting—H. J. Hensman 13-3-320-87*-0-32.00; R. J. D. Barr 12-1-317-80-0-28.81; J. J. Ward 7-0-179-90-0-25.57; *K. R. Parker 10-1-179-32-0-19.88; E. A. M. MacKay 15-3-180-36-0-15.00.

Bowling—M. S. Elder 147-33-416-27-8/35-15.40; I. Stewart 127-39-355-22-5/25-16.13; A. A. Chapman 142.2-37-391-16-4/43-24.43; R. J. D. Barr 160.5-44-458-18-2/16-25.44.

SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL *Played 15: W 4, L 2, D 9*

Master i/c: J. H. Kittermaster Professional: A. R. Day

The best results for four years were enjoyed by a young side.

Batting—M. Wooderson 13-5-473-111*-1-59.12; M. Day 13-1-342-100*-1-28.50; T. Watts 12-3-244-90*-0-27.11; G. Horton 13-1-286-90-0-23.83; F. Debney 12-0-179-37-0-14.91.

Bowling—J. Vincent 128.4-16-474-21-5/54-22.57.

TAUNTON SCHOOL *Played 17: W 14, L 2, D 1. A 2*

Master i/c: D. Baty Professional: A. Kennedy

Concentration on limited-overs cricket, plus all-round ability and strength in depth, brought Taunton their best season to date with 14 wins out of 17 and ten sides bowled out.

Batting—S. Rose 14-7-385-76*-0-55.00; R. Selway 16-8-423-65*-0-52.87; L. Cooper 15-1-579-84-0-41.35; *D. Cooper 9-2-238-70*-0-34.00; D. Law 9-2-233-72-0-33.28; H. Tarr 12-0-349-76-0-29.08; S. Bail 11-1-239-67*-0-23.90.

Bowling—R. Selway 140-30-409-28-3/19-14.60; T. Bradnock 195.1-54-527-35-6/52-15.05; M. Bulbeck 118-30-337-17-3/28-19.82.

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

Master i/c: M. J. Williams

Although it was not a vintage year, with only one match won, some good cricket was played - often in adversity.

Batting—B. W. O'Connell 15-0-478-109-2-31.86; *M. C. Anstey 16-1-403-108*-1-26.86; D. A. Urquhart 15-0-254-74-0-16.93; C. D. O'Connell 16-0-263-97-0-16.43; D. J. Procter 16-1-244-42-0-16.26; I. J. Lulham 16-1-172-38-0-11.46.

Bowling—B. W. O'Connell 224.4-45-756-32-4/6-23.62; A. J. Pitts 105-21-412-15-3/40-27.46; C. D. O'Connell 148.2-21-580-16-4/37-36.25.

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL *Played 19: W 14, L 2, D 3*

Master i/c: P. B. Taylor Professional: C. Stone

Victory in the first nine matches, none of which was a limited-overs contest, set the tone for a record tally of 14 in all. James Pyemont was the first for ten years to pass 1,000 runs and his 167 against Epsom College was the highest since Colin Cowdrey's 175 not out in 1950. He made a hundred before lunch at the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford, was named the *Cricketer's* Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year and played for Sussex Second Eleven. He was superbly supported by Matthew Banes, a colt, who scored 919 runs.

Batting—J. P. Pyemont 19-2-1,098-167-2-64.58; M. J. Banes 20-2-919-143*-2-51.05; D. D. Cherry 12-6-262-68-0-43.66; J. J. McCulley 19-2-650-78-0-38.23; *A. D. Bolot 19-7-403-73*-0-33.58; J. G. C. Rowe 16-6-278-59*-0-27.80.

Bowling—T. J. E. Reed 133-32-310-19-3/22-16.31; R. P. T. Langdon 204-43-616-31-7/50-19.87; T. E. Goodworth 215.4-40-687-34-5/31-20.20; A. T. Hunter 133-26-354-17-3/16-20.82; D. D. Cherry 181-32-634-30-4/11-21.13.

TRENT COLLEGE *Played 19: W 4, L 3, D 12*

Master i/c: Dr T. P. Woods Professional: G. Miller

Although the results were less spectacular than in 1995, much positive and exciting cricket was played. Tom Hancock had an outstanding all-round season and went on to play for Derbyshire Second Eleven. A slow left-arm, he was also asked to bowl to both the Indian and England teams prior to the Third Test at Trent Bridge.

Batting—A. P. Siddall 13-5-377-65*-0-47.12; *T. W. Hancock 18-6-491-122*-2-40.91; D. I. Jordison 17-3-535-122-2-38.21; N. J. Brown 14-3-348-69*-0-31.63; A. C. Garratt 17-5-356-53*-0-29.66; D. J. Eckersley 18-0-363-78-0-20.16; O. C. K. Henshell 14-2-205-33-0-17.08; F. L. Larke 15-2-174-53-0-13.38.

Bowling—T. W. Hancock 239.2-64-599-40-6/49-14.97; D. I. Jordison 188.2-39-473-22-3/23-21.50; A. C. Garratt 136-20-513-21-5/48-24.42; A. P. Siddall 167-29-603-21-5/25-28.71.

TRINITY SCHOOL *Played 19: W 7, L 0, D 12. A 1*

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

The third unbeaten season in five years none the less featured a disappointing proportion of draws. Shehan de Silva led from the front to finish his career with 2,655 runs, second only to Richard Nowell's 4,250. He went on to play for MCC Schools, NCA Young Cricketers, English Schools and Surrey Second Eleven. The Under-15 captain, Robert Mutucumarana, made an immediate impression when he joined the side in the second half of the season, taking seven for 45 at King's, Canterbury, and batting with maturity.

Batting—R. S. A. Mutucumarana 7-5-176-71-0-88.00; S. A. Newman 7-1-395-146-2-65.83; *S. N. de Silva 17-5-782-108*-1-65.16; M. G. Macaskill 17-1-516-98-0-32.25; B. D. Cox 8-2-189-100*-1-31.50; R. J. Duke 13-2-184-66-0-16.72; D. O. Robinson 11-1-167-49-0-16.70; A. J. C. Mutucumarana 14-3-159-30*-0-14.45.

Bowling—R. S. A. Mutucumarana 114-32-295-25-7/45-11.80; A. R. Blackmore 195-41-543-35-5/66-15.51; C. M. Donovan 140.2-27-396-23-5/21-17.21.

TRURO SCHOOL *Played 14: W 6, L 4, D 3, Tied 1. A 2*

Master i/c: D. M. Phillips

Batting—*T. Sharp 11-1-447-108-1-44.70; B. Price 6-0-173-89-0-28.83; C. Penhaligon 8-0-189-42-0-23.62; J. Price 13-1-274-86*-0-22.83; R. Harmer 9-1-176-43*-0-22.00; M. Barry 11-1-194-75*-0-19.40; N. Willcocks 13-3-176-59-0-17.60.

Bowling—T. Sharp 69.2-8-256-21-5/35-12.19; C. Shreck 123.1-27-360-26-4/66-13.84.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL *Played 18: W 5, L 8, D 5*

Master i/c: S. M. Bloomfield Professional: W. G. Jones

Batting—D. Beary 17-4-657-102*-2-50.53; M. Floyd 12-1-403-71-0-36.63; P. Durban 18-1-498-102*-1-29.29; *T. Gladstone 17-0-424-84-0-24.94; J. Craig 15-5-191-32-0-19.10.

Bowling—J. Rose 84-11-380-20-6/30-19.00; A. Renton 126-32-336-17-5/38-19.76; D. Sanders 110.5-28-574-15-3/61-38.26.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL *Played 17: W 3, L 6, D 8. A 1*

Master i/c: I. E. W. Sanders Professional: M. R. Hallam

Maurice Hallam's 19th and final season as coach was followed by a tour to Barbados in July.

Batting—*C. D. Gent 18-2-587-121*-1-36.68; R. E. C. Watts 17-2-414-135*-1-27.60; A. S. B. Lees 17-0-309-66-0-18.17; H. J. G. Waite 17-5-208-35-0-17.33; P. A. S. Moser 14-0-171-40-0-12.21.

Bowling—J. A. Brydon 135.3-21-543-25-5/19-21.72; C. A. P. Freestone 155-22-562-21-6/33-26.76; C. D. Gent 235.2-45-821-30-7/48-27.36.

VICTORIA COLLEGE, JERSEY *Played 24: W 8, L 10, D 6*

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

A record one-day total of 303 for five was amassed against Reigate GS, who were then dismissed for 226.

Batting—I. J. D. R. MacEachern 16-5-574-86*-0-52.18; D. Mills 17-7-394-67*-0-39.40; R. D. Minty 21-4-609-77*-0-35.82; R. O. Thompson 19-3-442-72*-0-27.62; A. M. B. Thomas 20-5-395-74-0-26.33; J. E. Mashiter 22-1-552-95-0-26.28; *C. D. Mullin 21-2-393-100*-1-20.68; F. D. McInnes 18-3-215-34-0-14.33.

Bowling—R. O. Thompson 238-39-826-40-5/23-20.65; N. S. Broughton 163-18-641-27-4/58-23.74; M. J. Billington 172-34-561-20-3/46-28.05; F. D. McInnes 129-8-609-17-3/30-35.82.

WARWICK SCHOOL *Played 13: W 5, L 3, D 5, A 2*

Master i/c: G. A. Tedstone

David Young, whose 200 not out against Solihull was a school record, scored a century and two fifties in the MCC Schools Festival at Oxford and played for Warwickshire Under-19.

Batting—*D. J. Young 13-1-838-200*-3-69.83; J. M. Moffatt 13-1-434-82*-0-36.16; A. J. Preece 12-5-201-56*-0-28.71; A. M. Deverill-Smith 13-0-359-89-0-27.61; A. J. Hume 13-0-183-45-0-14.07.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was D. J. Young 104-13-367-13-4/45-28.23.

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL *Played 13: W 6, L 4, D 3, A 1*

Master i/c: R. W. Panter

J. C. K. Phang scored the side's only century, hitting 111 not out against Enfield.

Batting—*J. C. K. Phang 13-3-451-111*-1-45.10; K. T. Farrell 12-3-273-50*-0-30.33; S. J. Farrell 12-1-276-97-0-25.09; F. Samadi 11-4-175-38*-0-25.00; J. A. Rylett 12-0-292-97-0-24.33.

Bowling—R. L. Hodgkinson 149.3-31-526-22-5/78-23.90; J. A. Rylett 108.5-10-474-16-5/41-29.62.

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL *Played 17: W 2, L 4, D 11, A 1*

Master i/c: M. H. Askham

Professional: J. C. J. Dye

Batting—K. M. C. Saville 15-4-286-59-0-26.00; J. P. Phipps 14-5-223-30-0-24.77; J. E. Bannard 17-3-336-68*-0-24.00; *T. N. Mason 16-1-297-52-0-19.80; L. L. Jones 15-1-277-44*-0-19.78; J. Lower 16-2-177-35-0-12.64.

Bowling—R. Johnson 233.1-45-843-39-5/21-21.61; K. M. C. Saville 244-59-829-38-6/85-21.81; J. P. Phipps 158-17-618-22-5/32-28.09.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE *Played 17: W 6, L 4, D 7, A 1*

Masters i/c: C. M. St G. Potter and R. I. H. B. Dyer

Professional: P. J. Lewington

Charles Hodgson, who went on to play for MCC Schools, took his tally of hundreds for the eleven to eight in two years. Adrian Northey's aggregate of 968 was second only to Hodgson's own record in 1995.

Batting—A. C. Northey 18-1-968-114-3-56.94; *C. P. R. Hodgson 18-0-616-116-2-34.22; A. J. Ash 17-1-416-66-0-26.00; M. P. Chicken 18-2-219-44*-0-13.68.

Bowling—A. T. Gowar 125.3-20-392-21-4/21-18.66; C. P. R. Hodgson 186-43-541-28-5/16-19.32; P. C. Melville 172.5-32-558-26-3/26-21.46; S. F. Streatfeild 127-18-434-15-2/17-28.93; T. P. D. Squires 199-31-685-15-3/83-45.66.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL *Played 15: W 5, L 5, D 5, A 3*

Master i/c: P. M. Pearce

The captain, Robert Urwin, became the first player to score four hundreds in a season.

Batting—*R. J. Urwin 14-4-744-115*-4-74.40; J. P. Derbyshire 14-3-388-81*-0-35.27; L. J. Greany 12-3-160-63*-0-17.77; J. B. Copp 14-0-246-60-0-17.57; S. M. Gallagher 14-0-223-69-0-15.92.

Bowling—B. A. House 111-19-392-20-6/34-19.60; S. A. Sheldon 78-12-370-18-3/2-20.55; J. P. Derbyshire 98.1-18-437-16-5/17-27.31; S. Cooper 143.2-30-521-16-3/25-32.56.

WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL *Played 13: W 4, L 9, D 0*

Master i/c: M. Stringer

Batting—B. Clements 12-2-239-61*-0-23.90; M. Shercliffe 12-1-161-30-0-14.63.

Bowling—B. Clements 112-30-341-26-4/15-13.11; H. Parkinson 103.3-25-316-23-3/15-13.73.

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL *Played 11: W 1, L 5, D 5, A 1*

Master i/c: G. Brown

Professional: R. O. Butcher

Batting—B. Gordon 9-2-283-99-0-40.42; R. Korgoankar 7-2-182-89*-0-36.40; K. Raghuvveer 6-0-154-117-1-25.66; R. McHugh 10-0-241-75-0-24.10.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was *A. Jones 106.5-15-394-14-4/29-28.14.

WHITGIFT SCHOOL *Played 19: W 7, L 2, D 10*

Master i/c: P. C. Fladgate

Professionals: M. A. Butcher and G. S. Clinton

In an encouraging season, James Furner was the leading scorer with two hundreds in his 658 runs, while one each came from the captain, Nick Jarvis, and the young Nishal Patel, who played several match-winning innings. Medium-pace bowlers Darren Ashby and Brian Smith shared 67 wickets. Smith and Giles Coffey put on 44 for the last wicket against Reigate GS to win the match.

Batting—J. P. Furner 13-2-658-127*-2-59.81; N. A. Patel 17-6-547-114*-1-49.72; A. E. Courtenay 11-3-263-55*-0-32.87; *N. D. A. Jarvis 14-2-378-103*-1-31.50; T. Clarke 16-2-416-98*-0-29.71; T. N. J. L. Platts 19-1-396-53-0-22.00.

Bowling—D. P. R. Ashby 222.4-51-702-33-4/30-21.27; K. Patel 115.2-31-335-15-3/29-22.33; B. P. Smith 268-65-819-34-5/28-24.08.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE *Played 20: W 6, L 4, D 10, A 1*

Master i/c: C. J. Good

Professional: I. C. D. Stuart

Ed Craig passed a thousand runs for the second successive season. His 1,061 were second only to the 1,068 scored by the Nawab of Pataudi in 1959 and his nine hundreds in the first team were one more than the previous record - also set by the Nawab of Pataudi.

Batting—*E. D. C. Craig 20-1-1,061-129-5-55.84; T. Powell-Jackson 19-1-739-100-1-41.05; R. O'Keefe 19-4-337-59-0-22.46; C. Awdry 13-3-206-47-0-20.60; T. V. Hanson 17-2-289-63-0-19.26; J. Curtis 13-0-190-42-0-14.61.

Bowling—W. Close-Brooks 95-11-311-17-4/23-18.29; C. Foster 149-27-543-23-6/46-23.60; C. Awdry 155-38-501-17-4/27-29.47; G. Warren 132-13-480-15-3/51-32.00.

WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL *Played 13: W 2, L 8, D 3, A 1*

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

Batting—T. E. Percival 13-0-340-93-0-26.15; M. P. Johnston 13-0-276-57-0-21.23; A. Charlton 13-0-160-49-0-12.30.

Bowling—M. P. Johnston 135.5-32-399-23-6/48-17.34; T. E. Percival 132.1-36-318-15-3/2-21.20.

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL *Played 17: W 3, L 3, D 11, A 1*

Master i/c: R. I. Frost

Professional: F. H. Tyson

Putting behind them three early defeats, the side lost no more and won three. Andrew Brimacombe scored 133 against Arnold, and Guy Bennett hit 101 against Old Grovians, as well as taking the most wickets with his leg-spin. He played for HMC North Under-15, while Stephen Brimacombe and Nick Verity both represented Yorkshire Under-15.

Batting—N. Smith 17-4-413-63*-0-31.76; S. Brimacombe 17-0-441-93-0-25.94; A. Brimacombe 17-0-413-133-1-24.29; G. Bennett 14-1-283-101-1-21.76; *D. Brier 12-1-229-82-0-20.81; C. Dibb 11-1-196-41-0-19.60; T. Hope 15-5-181-36*-0-18.10; N. Verity 15-4-196-55*-0-17.81.

Bowling—G. Bennett 161.1-27-626-31-6/51-20.19; B. Rhodes 108.4-19-335-16-4/37-20.93; S. Brimacombe 134-25-357-17-4/37-21.00.

WORKSOP COLLEGE *Played 18: W 4, L 4, D 10, A 2*

Master i/c: C. P. Paton

Professional: A. Kettleborough

Richard Wilkinson was pre-eminent, scoring 1,161 runs, with four centuries, as well as heading the bowling with his off-spin. He played for MCC Schools, England North Under-19 and the Development of Excellence XI.

Batting—*R. Wilkinson 17-3-1,161-141-4-82.92; G. Harvey 14-2-625-83-0-52.08; J. Pearson 17-4-433-60-0-33.30; R. Turner 18-2-441-74-0-27.56.

Bowling—R. Wilkinson 210.3-55-473-33-5/20-14.33; G. Harvey 159-35-448-29-4/26-15.44.

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

Master i/c: M. de Weymarn

Professional: D. A. Banks

Dan Thornburn and James Horwood compiled two consecutive century opening stands of 144 against Oswestry and 128 against Denstone. Stuart Ingram kept wicket, batted No. 3 and captained the side for the second year, while promise was shown by the Under-15 player, Patrick Snodgrass.

Batting—V. Padhaal 9-3-283-66*-0-47.16; P. Snodgrass 8-1-271-76-0-38.71; D. Thornburn 10-1-249-74-0-27.66; *S. Ingram 9-1-209-55-0-26.12; J. Horwood 10-2-196-53-0-24.50.

Bowling—J. Turner 75-16-264-15-4/54-17.60; R. Boyes 121-16-420-23-5/60-18.26; C. Rice 100-20-309-15-5/24-20.60.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE *Played 13: W 3, L 5, D 5*

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

Professional: N. Martin

Batting—L. Bowery 13-1-385-71*-0-32.08; M. Arnold 12-0-357-83-0-29.75; J. Skinner 12-1-268-56-0-24.36; G. Williams 13-0-279-78-0-21.46; A. Drury 12-2-206-59-0-20.60.

Bowling—J. Wilkinson 57-4-205-15-6/21-13.66; G. Williams 118.1-21-403-24-5/51-16.79; L. Bowery 106-14-394-15-3/28-26.26.

WYGGESTON & QUEEN ELIZABETH I COLLEGE *Played 10: W 6, L 1, D 3*

Master i/c: G. G. Wells

Batting—*S. Patel 8-5-340-130*-2-113.33; J. Mason 7-1-404-116*-1-67.33.

Bowling—A. Khoda 70-13-284-15-5/28-18.93.

GIRLS' SCHOOL**ROEDEAN SCHOOL** *Played 12: W 5, L 5, D 2*

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

Tamsyn Kelson played for Sussex Under-21 and South of England Under-17.

Batting—T. J. Kelson 10-1-218-48-0-24.22.

Bowling—No bowler took 15 wickets. The leading bowler was N. M. Chinai 34-1-148-11-4/12-13.45.

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