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- Schools provide their own comments
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Last year's schools section reported the stresses brought by the new AS-level exams for lower-sixth formers. Already 16 and 18-year-olds faced a summer with plenty of exams and little cricket: now 17-year-olds did too. With pupils reluctant to commit to the team, many masters had found they were forced to cancel games, especially those in midweek. The summer of 2002 brought a shade more optimism. The Department for Education and Skills had scaled down AS-levels, which eased the pressure a little, but many fixture lists remained pruned.

All work and no play?

A few, however, decided enough was enough and took a tough stand against books and study swallowing more and more time. Nick Gandon, a cricket coach at Haileybury, was one. "We will not let exam boards set the agenda. Haileybury expects pupils to manage their academic commitments, but also to immerse themselves in the broader curriculum. We are not prepared to compromise that."

Others believed that if cricket had become incompatible with the current school year, then it was time for the school year to change. Several masters-in-charge wanted public exams moved; Bedford Modern were more radical still, suggesting a year of four terms, with cricket in May, a break for exams in June, a shorter summer holiday and a new school year beginning in early August. Most cricket would be played in August and September, under clearer skies and on harder pitches.

Charterhouse have gone beyond musings and put their ideas, albeit less radical, on paper. The proposal, which they will present to the Headmasters' Conference, is to extend the idea of the Cowdrey Cup – a mini-league set up in 2001 involving Charterhouse, Eton, Harrow, Tonbridge and Wellington – into a national competition for first elevens. Regional leagues would be played before exams, semi-finals and final immediately afterwards.



Eastbourne College won nearly three-quarters of their matches and lost just one. Standing: R. E. P. Chilcott, W. J. Ripley, H. C. Hassen, J. G. Langridge, J. A. M. Toy, P. J. Morgan, J. P. Reid. Seated: N. L. Wheeler (master-in-charge), J. C. Farley, S. T. Cooke (vice-captain), N. J. Hardy (captain), N. J. Reid, O. L. Gale, D. B. Kotze (coach).



Simon Crampton (left) of Tiffin took 49 wickets – joint second-best in the country – and cracked 514 runs at 57. Bedford's Alastair Cook was the only batsman to pass 1,000 runs, with 1,126 at 93.

To declare or not to declare

But while the vexed debate about scheduling rumbled on, another important break with tradition had already been made. The summer of 2002 saw Oundle became the first English school to adopt National League rules – including coloured kit, white ball and black sightscreens – in midweek matches. The white ball proved a major plus when the light was fading, and the experiment was well received by pupils, who had apparently been put off by the number of draws.

But not everyone was happy. "There is great pressure to play the limited-overs format in afternoon games," complained Mike Askham of Wellingborough. "Oundle rang out of the blue to suggest a National-League style match with coloured clothing. We were disturbed by this development and disappointed to be placed under such pressures."

A *Daily Telegraph* poll of cricket masters showed that this declaration-limited-overs divide ran throughout the country, with equal support for each form of the game. The poll also revealed that masters considered boys and girls just as enthusiastic about cricket as ten years ago, and spotlighted perennial concerns about inadequate equipment, particularly covers, which masters felt would lead to faster, bouncier wickets.

Cricket... but not as we know it

Ultimately, though, the greatest worries must be about the state sector, where cricket has slowly declined. During the summer of 2002, Ian Botham, among others, attacked the lack of cricket in state schools. This brought a strong response from the England and Wales Cricket Board, who denounced the supposed death of cricket in state schools as a myth, citing their own recent survey which concluded that 85 per cent of the 4,000 state secondary schools in England and Wales provide cricket either during or after school. However, their picture of what constitutes "cricket" has been painted with a very broad brush: the 85 per cent includes schools where cricket amounts to just a few PE lessons a year, and schools who play inter-cricket – a new indoor game introduced in 2001. It's cricket, but not as we know it. Perhaps 1,500 – the number of schools who entered the England Schools Cricket Association's Under-15 tournament – is a better estimate of how many play organised, competitive, outdoor cricket.

The ECB seem to have recognised that, with playing fields sold off and teachers over-stretched, long 11-a-side games are often not possible. However, Pete Ackerley, their development officer for secondary schools, insists that, "While school cricket was not in a great position three years ago, there have been significant improvements. We concede that there are areas in the country where schools don't play cricket, and we accept that schools are not playing for six hours on a

Wednesday. But given the constraints on teaching time, we have produced the best set of free educational resources for teachers in the world."

Ackerley is referring to *Howzat!*, a CD-ROM containing 130 video clips and animated drills, delivered to 2,000 state secondary schools. The hope is that, while there might not be time for a game, cricket can still be introduced to schoolchildren. And, with curriculum inspectors now demanding that secondary school students show "striking and fielding" skills, the ECB have made sure that learning the skills from the CD-ROM is one way of getting ticks in the right boxes. But the crucial question remains: will watching Shane's leg-spin, Darren's out-swinger and Alec's off-drive produce new Warnes, Goughs and Stewarts? The package has been well received, but it is no substitute for real coaches and real matches.

Aware of this, the ECB is concentrating on linking schools with clubs, and those without a suitable playing field will be helped to find a club ground. But the problem of busy teachers remains. Meanwhile, promising students will be encouraged to play for local club sides.

Supply and demand

So it seems that the heart of the game rests with a few schools, and the amateur clubs, rather than the mainstream education system. What a pity. While England were losing the 2002-03 Ashes, research conducted by Sports Marketing Surveys at a cross-section of state and independent schools found that plenty of children wanted to play cricket. Of boys and girls who were members of a school sports team, 23 per cent chose to play cricket at school outside the time allocated for PE, 13 per cent had coaching outside school, and 12 per cent were members of amateur clubs. But asked which sport they played most in lesson time, only three per cent said cricket. Even basketball and volleyball came higher, with six per cent. The survey concluded that children wanted to play cricket at school but were not being given the chance. The responsibility for that lies not simply within the corridors of power at the ECB, but also within the corridors of power in Westminster. Governments must recognise the value of supporting our summer game.

The story of 2002

At King Edward's, Birmingham, a Christmas tour of Australia brought significant benefits: 14 wins beat the old school record, set in 1891 and equalled in 1994. Anurag Singh, now at Worcestershire, captained the 1994 side, and his brother, Anirudh, was captain in 2002. He scored 799 runs at 66, principally supported by Daniel Shilvock, who scored 675 at 45.

Tiffin also had a brilliant season, their only defeat coming in the closing stages of a long term. The strength of the side lay in the variety and accuracy of their bowling, and they had a special all-round talent in Arun Harinath. An England Under-15 player, he has already played for Surrey Under-19s. Simon Crampton, the captain, was one of the country's leading all-rounders, finishing with 49 wickets at under nine, and 514 runs at 57.

Eastbourne won 11 of their 15 matches, the third-highest percentage among schools who played more than 12 games. The two who achieved higher ratios (Eton and King Edward's, Birmingham) both lost more matches than Eastbourne, who were beaten only once. A young team fielded brilliantly, inspired by their coach, the Namibian captain Deon Kotze, and were astutely led by Simon Cane Hardy.

Hampton and Leeds GS each suffered just one defeat in the course of a long season. Tight bowling and tigerish fielding brought Hampton's success, while Alex Blakeborough's 641 at 80 formed the heart of Leeds' batting.

Outstanding all-round performances from opening batsmen Phil Burdon (946 runs and 30 wickets) and Joe Robinson (862 and 39) helped King's, Worcester power to a record 16 wins from their 22 matches. Burdon and Robinson put on eight century partnerships, and King's suffered only one defeat against schools. Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College went one better, going undefeated against schools, colleges and university teams.

RGS Guildford, Christ's Hospital, Eton and Kimbolton also set new school records for wins during impressive seasons. Guildford managed 13 and won all their matches at the RGS Festival at Worcester; Christ's won ten, with a visiting South African student, Andries Kruger, hitting a school-record 835 runs; Eton triumphed in the Cowdrey Cup, though according to their cricket master the results "slightly flattered the real quality of the team". Meanwhile, Kimbolton won 12 matches from 19. Luke Bailey hit 154 against Felsted, the highest by a Kimbolton batsman, while Alex Lacey, the captain and a Northamptonshire Under-19 player, turned in many impressive all-round performances. In his school career he took just under 100 wickets and scored close to 1,500 runs.

Ones to watch

The 2002 season also threw up plenty of names to watch out for in future. Dominic Chambers was the linchpin at St Edmund's, Canterbury, scoring 846 runs (four hundreds, three fifties) at an average of 70, and bringing his total in four full seasons in the first eleven to a staggering 2,701 at 67. He hopes to make a career in cricket with Kent.

Just as impressive was James Toms of Plymouth College, who hit four centuries in 11 innings, including a magnificent unbeaten 201 against an OPM XI. His average of 125 was bettered only by Mark Paine of Simon Langton GS. Tim Stonock of Durham hit the only other double-century, an unbeaten 200 in the game with King's, Tynemouth.

Alastair Cook's feat of scoring five hundreds in consecutive innings for Bedford School (and seven in the season) hinted at impressive powers of concentration. He was the leading run-scorer in the country with 1,126 at almost 94, though he just failed to beat the school record of 1,181 (from several more innings), set by Ian Peck, who went on to play for Cambridge University and – briefly – Northamptonshire in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Alan Day of King's, Macclesfield, was next with 987, and Phil Burdon of King's, Worcester, third. Meanwhile, Oliver Allen, son of Clive Allen the ex-England footballer, averaged 90 at Brentwood School. Impressive for any schoolboy, it was remarkable for an Under-15.

In fact it was a good season for younger players. Tom Woolsey (St Peter's, York), also an Under-15, was the leading wicket-taker, collecting 51 at 13 with his left-arm spin. Simon Crampton of Tiffin was next with 49 at just under nine, and Nick Lockwood of Bedford Modern third with 49 at just under 12 and a half.

Another left-arm spinner claimed the prize for the country's best bowling average. George Walker of Norwich ended the season with 15 wickets at an astonishing 2.33. After bamboozling schoolboy batsmen – grabbing five for one against Gresham's – he faced a sterner test on his first-class debut for Leicestershire against Kent. Second-best came from Gautham Hariharan (Glasgow Academy) whose pace caused havoc against George Heriot's when he seized five for six. Best average among those to take 20 wickets or more came from Shivan Dave of Merchant Taylors', Northwood, with 41 at 7.51.

Darshan Depala (Christ's College, Finchley) and Mark Willoughby (Chislehurst and Sidcup GS) produced a pair of *Boys' Own* performances. Depala fired out four batsmen from St Ignatius College in four balls, but, perhaps fittingly in a bumper year for spinners, Willoughby went one better, taking five in five across two matches with his leg-breaks. English spin may live again.

Festival finds

There was more good news from Paul Farbrace, the coach of the ECB Under-15 squad. During the 15th Bunbury England Schools Cricket Association festival he spotted a crop of four burgeoning seam bowlers – Mark Footit (West Notts College), Stuart Wedge (Codsall HS, Wolverhampton), David Harrison (West Monmouth Comprehensive School) and David Griffiths (Sandown HS, Isle of Wight). They will be monitored closely and could be fast-tracked into the ECB Cricket Academy inside two seasons. Footit is one of the quickest bowlers seen in this age group, while Harrison, physically strong and also a quality batsman, looks the pick of the bunch at this stage.

Farbrace also selected a highly rated wicket-keeper/batsman in Steve Davis, who has been working with Steve Rhodes at Worcestershire, and, remarkably, two boys not only from the Isle of Wight, but also from the same street – Griffiths and Mark Mitchell, another left-arm spinner. But the player of the tournament was Mark Cummins, an obdurate opener from Wickersley, Rotherham. He scored two hundreds and a 70 in his three innings, to add to two centuries for Yorkshire Under-15s early in July, and was rewarded with a two-week stay at the Adelaide Cricket Academy under Rod Marsh. Cummins is one of three outstanding talents monitored by the ECB since the age of 12. The other two are Arun Harinath (of Tiffin) and wicket-keeper Travis Binnion, from Heritage School in Clowne, Nottinghamshire.

ECB SCHOOLS EAST v ECB SCHOOLS WEST

At Slough, July 9, 10. Drawn. Toss: ECB Schools West.

Rain, and its effect on the pitch, meant the ECB's annual schools try-out was a trial in more ways than one. The first day was washed out, but hard work by the groundstaff allowed a 10 a.m. start on the second. Batting was awkward on a damp track, and the West lost two quick wickets

before Ravinder Bopara showed why Essex had offered him a contract. He and Luke Stokes helped rescue their side, but progress was slow: the declaration at 174 for six came after 67 overs. In reply, the East were soon in trouble against the new ball, Thomas Andrews taking three for ten from eight overs. But when time was called, Richard King had at least got them to 88 for six in 37 overs. Andrew Parkin-Coates batted for both sides after being run out without facing in his first innings.

ECB Schools West

*R. S. Bopara (<i>Barking Abbey S</i>)		C. J. Salmons (<i>Archbishop Tenison's, Croydon</i>) retired out	33
	retired out	A. W. Parker-Coates (<i>Workshop C</i>) run out	0
R. T. Timms (<i>Millfield</i>) c Fateh b Newby	3	J. C. Hildreth (<i>Millfield</i>) not out	10
J. L. Denly (<i>Chaucer Technology S, Canterbury</i>) c Phythian b King	5		
R. L. S. Stokes (<i>Millfield</i>) c Newby		B 2, 1-b 1, n-b 1	4
	b Wake		
S. G. James (<i>Merchant Taylors', Northwood</i>) not out	27	1/5 2/30 3/96	(6 wks dec.) 174
		4/105 5/153 6/155	

†J. P. T. Knappett (*East Barnet S*), M. Bagley (*King Charles I S, Kidderminster*), T. J. Andrews (*Walton Community S, Peterborough*) and S. M. J. Cusden (*Simon Langton GS*) did not bat.

Bowling: Newby 13–4–30–1; Ede 12–1–35–0; King 8–4–13–1; Edes 7–2–24–0; Mason 7–0–17–0; Wake 13–4–30–1; Newton 4–0–13–0; Everett 3–0–9–0.

ECB Schools East

A. J. Hewlett (<i>Hereford Cathedral</i>)		D. J. Chambers (<i>St Edmund's, Canterbury</i>)	
	b Andrews	lbw b James	7
C. J. Wake (<i>Oundle</i>) c Hildreth		R. E. King (<i>Bedford Modern</i>) not out	22
	b Andrews	*W. M. H. Edes (<i>Bradfield</i>) not out	2
A. C. Fateh (<i>Dean Close</i>) c Stokes			
	b Bagley	B 2, 1-b 2, w 2, n-b 5	11
J. B. Mason (<i>Sedbergh</i>) b Andrews	2		
A. W. Parkin-Coates (<i>Workshop C</i>)		1/7 2/26 3/30	(6 wks) 88
	c Denly b Salmons	4/55 5/64 6/65	

†M. J. Phythian (*Oundle*), O. J. Newby (*Myerscough C, Preston*), J. L. Ede (*John Taylor HS, Burton upon Trent*), C. Everett (*Droitwich Spa HS*) and J. B. Newton (*Campion S, Bugbrooke*) did not bat.

Bowling: Cusden 6–0–16–0; Andrews 8–4–10–3; Hildreth 6–2–16–0; Bagley 6–2–16–1; Salmons 4–3–2–1; James 4–1–17–1; Bopara 3–0–7–0.

Umpires: C. Coburn and A. Price.

ETON v HARROW

At Lord's, May 25. Eton won by 66 runs. Toss: Eton.

Eton's handsome victory was their first at Lord's since 1991, when this fixture was a declaration game rather than limited-overs. Their match-winner was Ben Thompson, who well deserved a century but fell just short in the closing stages. He had hit 12 fours and a six to score 98 out of 149 while he was at the crease. James Mathias grabbed 16 runs off the final over, from Rupert Harmsworth, and Nicholas Defty started Harrow's reply in similar style, smashing Alex de Lisle's first three balls for ten. But when he was lbw and de Lisle struck twice in two balls, Harrow were three down in the third over. They never regained the initiative against some keen fielding. Harmsworth held the innings together, but took 95 balls over 48 (barely half Thompson's scoring-rate). He was last out, seeking a second run to retain the strike, with more than six overs to go.

Eton

A. M. Goldberg c Dunbar b Harmsworth	14	†J. H. Mathias not out	36
A. W. A. Barker c Mahon b Kostoris	22	A. E. M. P. de Lisle not out	3
*T. P. McCall run out	20	L-b 7, w 3, n-b 2	12
B. R. Thompson c Maydon b Harmsworth	98		
E. F. J. Nissen b Moseley	8	1/34 2/49 3/97	(7 wks, 55 overs) 221
H. W. A. Clarke run out	7	4/115 5/132	
C. P. A. Nissen b Roditi	1	6/142 7/198	

W. T. Dobson and N. C. R. Westoll did not bat.

Bowling: Moseley 11-3-26-1; Roditi 11-1-52-1; Harmsworth 11-0-53-2; Kostoris 11-0-35-1; Morrison 7-1-32-0; Defty 4-0-16-0.

Harrow

N. E. Defty lbw b Barker	10	A. W. Stileman b Westoll	9
M. B. Mahon c sub (Wallace) b Dobson	31	H. M. Morrison lbw b Westoll	2
*S. R. L. Maydon b de Lisle	0	J. B. K. Roditi lbw b Dobson	3
†P. R. Dunbar c C. P. A. Nissen		P. D. Moseley not out	0
b de Lisle	0	L-b 4, w 6	10
J. M. Kostoris c C. P. A. Nissen			
b Thompson	16	1/11 2/12 3/12	(48.3 overs) 155
R. V. G. Harmsworth run out	48	4/59 5/66 6/122	
C. R. Reid run out	26	7/135 8/139 9/150	

Bowling: de Lisle 5-0-37-2; Barker 4-1-14-1; Thompson 6.3-2-16-1; Dobson 11-6-17-2; Goldberg 2-0-4-0; McCall 9-1-20-0; Westoll 11-1-43-2.

Umpires: A. Patel and J. H. Mills.

Of the 164 matches played between the two schools since 1805, Eton have won 53, Harrow 45 and 66 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, and became a limited-overs fixture from 1999. 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 before 2000. Since then Eton have won in 1977, 1985, 1990, 1991 and 2002, Harrow in 2000. The 1997, 1999 and 2001 matches were abandoned and all others have been drawn. A full list of centuries since 1918 and results from 1950 can be found in Wisdens prior to 1994.

Note: The following five tables cover those schools listed in the Schools A-Z section.

BATTING

HIGHEST AVERAGE IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 150 runs, 3 completed innings, average 65.00)

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	Ave
M. Paine (Simon Langton GS)	5	2	382	103*	1	127.33
J. Toms (Plymouth College)	11	5	751	201*	4	125.16
A. N. Cook (Bedford School)	15	3	1,126	173*	7	93.83
O. T. Allen (Brentwood School)	13	6	635	102	1	90.71
A. N. Russell (Gordonstoun School)	14	4	878	159	4	87.80
C. M. G. Harding (Bethany School)	9	3	502	121*	2	83.66
Z. Hussain (Watford GS)	9	4	403	80*	0	80.60
J. J. R. Bedford (Woodhouse Grove School)	13	5	642	109*	2	80.25
A. J. Blakeborough (Leeds GS)	12	4	641	133*	2	80.12
P. Buszard (Gordonstoun School)	8	5	234	82*	0	78.00
J. J. Ablett (Lord Wandsworth College)	14	5	695	138	2	77.22

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	Ave
M. J. Stacpoole (Framlingham College)	5	2	215	96*	0	71.66
A. W. Parkin-Coates (Worksop College)	14	4	715	110	1	71.50
D. Chambers (St Edmund's School, Canterbury)	12	0	846	151	4	70.50
R. A. J. Lintott (Gresham's School)	16	5	767	115*	1	69.72
J. F. Wildman (Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby)	8	2	411	109*	1	68.50
A. Singh (King Edward's School, Birmingham)	17	5	799	118*	1	66.58
J. I. Morrison (Reed's School)	12	2	655	173	2	65.50

MOST RUNS IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 750 runs)

	I	NO	HS	100s	Ave	Runs
A. N. Cook (Bedford School)	15	3	173*	7	93.83	1,126
A. Day (King's School, Macclesfield)	21	3	152	1	54.83	987
P. A. Burdon (King's School, Worcester)	22	3	95	0	49.78	946
A. N. Russell (Gordonstoun School)	14	4	159	4	87.80	878
J. W. Robinson (King's School, Worcester)	22	3	110	1	45.36	862
B. R. Thompson (Eton College)	18	3	118	1	56.46	847
I. R. Massey (Shrewsbury School)	21	3	92*	0	47.05	847
J. C. F. F. Johnson (Bancroft's School)	26	2	112	1	35.29	847
D. Chambers (St Edmund's School, Canterbury)	12	0	151	4	70.50	846
C. J. Wake (Oundle School)	20	3	105*	2	49.58	843
A. M. Kruger (Christ's Hospital)	17	3	122	2	59.64	835
A. C. Fateh (Dean Close School)	17	1	152	4	51.18	819
A. Singh (King Edward's School, Birmingham)	17	5	118*	1	66.58	799
R. J. Malcolm (Eltham College)	18	3	140*	1	51.86	778
A. Dewhurst (Victoria College, Jersey)	19	3	151	3	48.50	776
R. A. J. Lintott (Gresham's School)	16	5	115*	1	69.72	767
J. Toms (Plymouth College)	11	5	201*	4	125.16	751

BOWLING

BEST AVERAGE IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 10 wickets, average 9.00)

	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave
G. W. Walker (Norwich School)	41	26	35	15	5-1	2.33
G. Hariharan (Glasgow Academy)	33.2	7	58	12	5-6	4.83
S. Baxter (Kingston GS)	27	4	73	12	4-5	6.08
T. M. Hine (Strathallan School)	30	7	67	11	5-21	6.09
M. C. Woda (Chigwell School)	27	7	71	10	6-32	7.10
B. Coupar (Strathallan School)	66.3	26	119	16	3-13	7.43
S. N. Dave (Merchant Taylors', Northwood)	154	43	308	41	4-15	7.51
M. J. Bean (Queen Elizabeth's Hospital)	29	7	87	11	3-18	7.90
M. A. Bateson (RGS, Lancaster)	28.5	5	112	14	7-38	8.00
C. Thompson (King Edward VII & QM School)	30.4	7	112	14	4-8	8.00
T. Hamid (Queen Elizabeth's Hospital)	69	10	189	23	5-19	8.21
A. Shahzad (Bradford GS)	54	15	132	16	3-27	8.25
S. K. Haider (Merchant Taylors', Northwood)	41.4	11	84	10	3-10	8.40
M. Van de Ven (Downside School)	56	10	196	23	3-22	8.52
W. Stafford (King's College, Taunton)	92	12	256	29	5-12	8.82
P. Short (Wellington School)	89	25	221	25	4-20	8.84
S. G. D. Crampton (Tiffin School)	204.4	65	435	49	6-29	8.87
N. Canning (Bryanston School)	54.5	12	152	17	3-5	8.94
C. C. Depala (Christ's College, Finchley)	71.1	8	243	27	5-18	9.00

MOST WICKETS IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 40 wickets)

	O	M	R	BB	Avg	W
T. J. Woolsey (<i>St Peter's School, York</i>)	222.3	67	677	7-33	13.27	51
S. G. D. Crampton (<i>Tiffin School</i>)	204.4	65	435	6-29	8.87	49
N. Lockwood (<i>Bedford Modern School</i>)	222.4	51	611	5-17	12.46	49
N. C. R. Westolt (<i>Eton College</i>)	188.1	20	707	7-56	14.72	48
E. Buxton (<i>Forest School</i>)	170	52	456	5-17	10.36	44
J. R. Bayly (<i>Hurstpierpoint College</i>)	196.2	48	491	6-41	11.15	44
T. H. Martin (<i>Lord Wandsworth College</i>)	176.1	49	528	6-5	12.00	44
M. E. Westwood (<i>Brentwood School</i>)	179.3	23	726	5-42	16.88	43
A. Dewhurst (<i>Victoria College, Jersey</i>)	177	32	569	5-30	13.54	42
S. N. Dave (<i>Merchant Taylors', Northwood</i>)	154	43	308	4-15	7.51	41
P. R. J. Hazell (<i>Dulwich College</i>)	176.2	32	559	7-64	13.63	41
R. J. Malcolm (<i>Eltham College</i>)	189.2	45	568	4-36	13.85	41
A. M. McKeever (<i>Shrewsbury School</i>)	243.1	67	630	7-23	15.36	41
A. Murphy (<i>Gordonstoun School</i>)	131	23	410	6-31	10.25	40
T. J. Jacklin (<i>Leeds GS</i>)	143	34	426	6-64	10.65	40

OUTSTANDING SEASONS, 2002

(Qualification: played eight matches)

	P	W	L	D	A	%W
Bristol Grammar School	11	8	3	0	4	72.7
Eastbourne College	15	11	1	3	0	73.3
Eton College	19	14	2	3	0	73.7
Hampton School	14	9	1	4	2	64.3
King Edward's School, Birmingham	19	14	2	3	4	73.7
King's College, Taunton	12	9	3	0	2	75.0
King's School, Macclesfield	20	14	3	3	2	70.0
King's School, Worcester	22	16	4	2	0	72.7
Kingswood School	10	8	2	0	0	80.0
Leeds Grammar School	13	8	1	4	4	61.5
Norwich School	17	12	4	1	2	70.6
St Albans School	11	8	1	2	3	72.7
Sherborne School	15	11	4	0	2	73.3
Tiffin School	18	11	1	6	2	61.1
Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College	11	9	1	1	0	81.8

SCHOOLS A-Z

Abingdon School

P12 W2 L5 D5 A3

Batting J. A. D. Watkins 266 at 33.25; R. W. Balch 187 at 23.37; D. Desai 176 at 22.00; M. T. Armitage* 168 at 16.80.

Bowling D. Desai 22 at 17.13; G. W. A. Stern 11 at 18.45; B. J. L. Garner 10 at 26.20.

Aldenham School

P13 W2 L9 D2 A1

With runs always difficult to come by, an inexperienced team struggled for positive results.

Batting A. Mohindra 252 at 31.50; S. Gray 191 at 21.22; C. Chittleborough 189 at 21.00.

Bowling R. Brant 19 at 16.94; S. Gray 12 at 21.00.

Alleyn's School

P9 W3 L3 D3 A4

Weather and the pressure of exams hindered the progress of a determined young team. None of the players came from the upper sixth, and the leading batsman and bowler were both from the fifth year.

Batting C. Morris 222 at 44.40; F. Baird 158 at 31.60.

Bowling C. McGill 14 at 12.21.

Ampleforth College

P14 W6 L3 D5

In a very pleasing summer, Ben Fitzherbert led by example to score more than 600 runs for the second year running. Archie Woodhead, Toby Fitzherbert and off-spinner Joseph Brennan all bowled extremely well, though the team's major strength was its spirit and character.

Batting B. J. B. Fitzherbert* 636 at 57.81; J. R. W. Pawle 294 at 32.66; J. R. M. Smith 335 at 27.91; C. A. ff. Woodhead 190 at 17.27.

Bowling T. F. J. Fitzherbert 21 at 19.23; C. A. ff. Woodhead 17 at 20.94; W. E. Moore 14 at 22.28; J. E. N. Brennan 22 at 24.27; A. H. J. Kisielewski 10 at 25.10.

Arnold School

P9 W2 L7 D0 A2

Batting B. J. G. Taylor 217 at 27.12; J. Patel 150 at 18.75.

Bowling No one took ten wickets.

Ashville College

P12 W4 L4 D4 A2

The First XI toured Barbados and Antigua in July.

Batting J. A. Chervak 418 at 59.71; J. I. Townsend 319 at 35.44.

Bowling G. N. Randle 17 at 17.52; B. C. Woolman 21 at 21.09; N. R. Gupta 12 at 23.08.

Bancroft's School

P27 W7 L15 D5 A1

Despite disappointing results against strong opposition, a young party learned plenty from a winter tour to South Africa. At home, inexperience meant some games were lost that should have been won. The batting relied heavily on captain Joe Johnson. Matthew Rowland took the school's first hat-trick in 22 years.

Batting J. C. F. F. Johnson* 847 at 35.29; S. C. Miller 320 at 20.00; C. P. Smith 203 at 18.45; P. D. Macleod 220 at 16.92; S. Ganandran 331 at 15.76; J. H. T. Curran 291 at 14.55; M. Rowland 175 at 12.50; R. J. Harrison 219 at 12.16.

Bowling M. Rowland 16 at 18.68; D. Samuel 27 at 22.70; S. Ganandran 28 at 23.46; D. Ossack 31 at 25.12; D. Patel 20 at 26.00; S. C. Miller 11 at 30.54.

Bangor Grammar School

P13 W4 L7 D2 A7

The number of matches lost either to dreadful weather or to opponents through inept play, meant this was an unsatisfactory season.

Batting C. S. Cook 244 at 30.50; S. Cooper 249 at 24.90; P. D. McKenzie* 213 at 21.30.

Bowling P. D. McKenzie 26 at 9.96; G. S. J. Watterson 18 at 15.77; P. J. S. Speers 15 at 16.53; A. C. Mercer 14 at 16.78; C. S. Scott 10 at 18.10.

Barnard Castle School

P10 W1 L3 D6 A1

Despite a poor record, the team played positive cricket and lost several games that might easily have been drawn. Winning, though, was made far less likely by poor catching. Rory Wood led the side effectively for the second year.

Batting M. Brown 358 at 51.14; R. Wood* 226 at 28.25; R. Batty 175 at 21.88.

Bowling R. Batty 13 at 18.00; C. Dawson 10 at 27.00.

Bedford Modern School

P18 W5 L3 D10 A1

Richard King, an upper-sixth student, played for England Schools Under-18.

Batting N. K. P. Choudhury 593 at 45.61; B. N. Campbell 485 at 40.41; L. J. L. Steeden 177 at 35.40; D. N. G. Myers 535 at 33.43; R. W. Cruickshank 160 at 22.85; J. M. Fallows 165 at 12.69; A. L. Chinneck 167 at 10.43; N. Lockwood* 166 at 9.76.

Bowling N. Lockwood 49 at 12.46; A. M. Walker 23 at 14.95; R. A. Kemp 27 at 16.74.

Bedford School

P17 W5 L1 D11 A2

Alastair Cook came within 55 of the school record for runs scored in a season, despite playing seven innings fewer than the current holder. He hit seven centuries, including a run of five in consecutive innings. Nine of the side were due to return for 2003.

Batting A. N. Cook 1,126 at 93.83; C. Soul 318 at 31.80; W. Notley 435 at 31.07; A. Turner 176 at 22.00; C. Fitzpatrick 160 at 12.30.

Bowling A. N. Cook 22 at 16.27; T. Coleman 20 at 23.20; S. Edmunds 15 at 28.26; W. Notley 11 at 30.90; E. Bray 12 at 41.66.

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

P14 W6 L4 D4 A3

Berkhamsted won their last five matches and retained the Castle Bowl. Mark Herring, the captain, batted with flair, if not always care, and his unbeaten 117 against Kimbolton was the best individual performance.

Batting M. Herring* 485 at 40.41; R. Bartholomew 163 at 27.16; B. Ramsden 311 at 25.91; J. Rodwell 235 at 23.50; R. Gaymer 250 at 20.83; T. Chesters 183 at 15.25.

Bowling T. Chesters 21 at 17.19; M. Herring 19 at 27.00.

Bethany School

P9 W3 L3 D3 A4

The team played with commitment and showed great spirit under pressure. They were ably led by Charlie Harding, who scored two hundreds. Tom Reynolds's determined occupation of the crease and marvellous sense of humour will be missed.

Batting C. M. G. Harding* 502 at 83.66; N. M. Khalid 187 at 31.16; G. W. Bright 160 at 20.00.

Bowling N. M. Khalid 10 at 20.10; M. I. Booth 13 at 26.00; A. J. H. Clarke 10 at 27.80.

Bloxham School

P12 W5 L5 D2 A2

Batting J. C. Parker 265 at 37.85; R. F. J. Crofts 252 at 25.20; I. E. Baig 232 at 23.20; A. Baig 208 at 18.90; S. P. B. Whatman 152 at 16.88.

Bowling I. E. Baig 14 at 12.28; R. J. Foxon 19 at 14.63; R. F. J. Crofts 10 at 15.20; T. J. Hill 11 at 15.81; K. A. Rahman 18 at 21.44.

Bradfield College

P13 W6 L5 D2 A2

A young team produced some impressive results, including wins against Harrow, Radley, Marlborough and MCC. James Morris was outstanding, turning in impressive performances with his batting and his leg-spin, while William Edes captained the side admirably. His reliable batting and accurate seam bowling will be sorely missed.

Batting J. C. Morris 687 at 62.45; S. P. J. Brain 426 at 38.72; W. M. H. Edes* 406 at 31.23; W. H. Chaloner 161 at 26.83; N. S. Woodroffe 232 at 25.77.

Bowling M. D. Sydenham 18 at 21.27; J. C. Morris 15 at 24.60; W. M. H. Edes 16 at 27.81.

Bradford Grammar School

P18 W7 L4 D7 A3

In a promising season for a young side, two of the four defeats came when a weakened team toured Holland. The batting was strong, but the bowling sometimes lacked real bite: four games were drawn with the opposition nine down. At 14 years and nine months, Uzair Mahomed scored an unbeaten 110 at St Peter's, York to become the school's youngest century-maker.

Batting U. Mahomed 631 at 48.53; A. Shahzad 474 at 47.40; J. A. S. Benzafar* 433 at 43.30; S. Mahomed 521 at 40.07; T. D. Ambepitiya 246 at 22.36.

Bowling A. Shahzad 16 at 8.25; U. Mahomed 18 at 14.00; S. P. D. Slater 11 at 15.27; A. Aziz 26 at 17.65; S. Mahomed 23 at 17.86; J. N. MacDougall 14 at 23.14; S. J. Beck 10 at 27.20.

Brentwood School

P19 W7 L5 D7

Oliver Allen, who also played at Under-15 level, is the son of the former England footballer, Clive Allen.

Batting O. T. Allen 635 at 90.71; J. G. Redwood* 638 at 42.53; J. Harrison 178 at 35.60; J. C. Turnbull 332 at 27.66; M. E. Westwood 370 at 23.12; C. J. Westwood 242 at 20.16.

Bowling M. E. Westwood 43 at 16.88; J. G. Redwood 33 at 19.75; F. N. Crosby 22 at 23.72; N. J. P. Mead 16 at 26.00.

Brighton College

P16 W10 L2 D4 A3

Rain and the increased pressure of exams meant fewer matches than usual. A youthful side started slowly, but their last ten games brought nine wins and a draw. The batting was especially strong, with four players notching centuries. Brighton played more limited-overs matches this year.

Batting C. M. Grammer 660 at 50.76; M. N. Waller 641 at 45.78; M. Gardner 420 at 38.18; R. L. Young 301 at 37.62; J. S. Gating 239 at 34.14; T. R. Burton* 345 at 31.36; R. Sekri 183 at 16.63.

Bowling T. R. Burton 25 at 14.52; R. Sekri 14 at 16.00; C. M. Grammer 23 at 17.91; M. T. Sleep 19 at 22.52; M. J. Wood 17 at 23.94; S. Murphy 11 at 30.45; M. N. Waller 13 at 32.76.

Bristol Grammar School

P11 W8 L3 D0 A4

This proved to be a very successful season. Jamie Butt was the linchpin of the side, but both batting and bowling had strength in depth: almost everyone played an important innings at some stage, and a sextet of seamers frequently kept the opposition under 100. James Smith proved an intelligent captain.

Batting J. D. Butt 329 at 36.55; J. R. A. Smith* 165 at 27.50; D. S. Knox 159 at 17.66.

Bowling S. J. Nandha 13 at 10.61; J. D. Butt 19 at 13.47; M. W. Leonard 16 at 13.93; T. D. Westray 11 at 17.36.

Bromsgrove School

P14 W6 L4 D4 A1

There were three Under-15s and four Under-16s in the regular First XI: Sam Robinson and Matthew Mullan were the leading batsmen, while Maneesh Gahir and Jonathan Jones bowled incisively. Ben Dudley provided vital support behind the stumps.

Batting S. Robinson 570 at 51.81; M. J. Mullan 470 at 36.15; O. Woodyatt 183 at 20.33.

Bowling M. Gahir 27 at 12.59; J. Jones 19 at 15.78; S. Robinson 10 at 35.50.

Bryanston School

P13 W6 L5 D2 A1

The summer began brightly with four wins, a draw and two hundreds for Jim Denning. But as the matches got tougher, the loss of wicket-keeper/batsman Mark Pritchard, captain of Wiltshire Under-17, with a knee injury, proved crucial.

Batting J. R. Denning 397 at 39.70; L. C. Bettsworth 221 at 36.83; B. C. Edgell 252 at 31.50; S. R. Martin 175 at 15.90.

Bowling N. Canning 17 at 8.94; S. R. Martin 26 at 13.42; G. M. Evans 13 at 25.38.

Campbell College

P11 W5 L4 D2

Batting A. Nixon 168 at 16.80.

Bowling N. Black 13 at 11.07; A. Coulter 12 at 17.25.

Canford School

P11 W10 L1 D0 A2

Batting T. Cledwyn 395 at 43.88; A. Harms 330 at 36.66; T. Norris 383 at 34.81; C. Martin 317 at 31.70; J. Holt 187 at 26.71.

Bowling K. Rathbone 21 at 15.42; T. Norris 16 at 18.06; R. Tolley 20 at 22.35; R. Scaife 14 at 24.35; J. Pople 11 at 25.36.

Charterhouse

P18 W12 L4 D2

The First XI equalled the school record for wins in a season. In ten of the 12 victories the opposition were bowled out. All-rounder and captain Simon Hollingsworth went on to represent ECB Schools and captain Surrey Under-19s. Tonbridge were beaten for the first time in 19 years.

Batting J. H. P. Hooper 305 at 43.57; S. C. Hollingsworth* 352 at 32.00; L. P. Bernhard 306 at 30.60; J. R. Wood 333 at 30.27; W. H. Young 379 at 23.68; J. A. D. Lumsden 322 at 23.00; M. A. A. Cook 200 at 20.00.

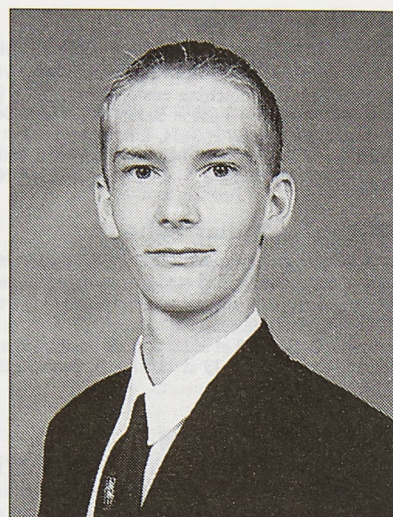
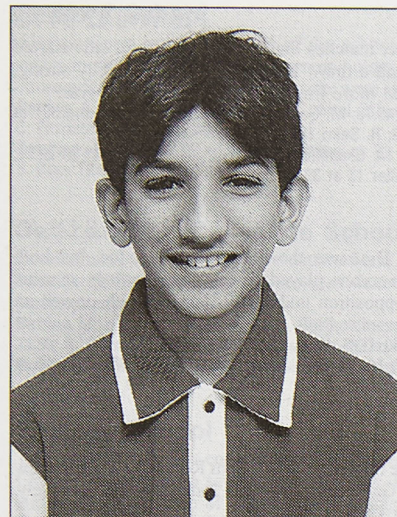
Bowling L. E. Carpenter 23 at 11.95; F. D. Palley 23 at 15.78; S. C. Hollingsworth 22 at 17.36; M. R. Grindy 18 at 18.83; W. H. Young 24 at 21.75; J. A. D. Lumsden 16 at 22.31.

Cheltenham College

P17 W9 L6 D2 A3

Batting M. A. Richards* 694 at 46.26; W. H. Marshall 430 at 33.07; S. D. Davy 249 at 24.90; D. C. Hall 265 at 22.08; B. E. L. Snell 254 at 21.16; C. J. L. Sandbach 291 at 18.18; E. J. L. Richardson 266 at 16.62; T. M. B. Brierley 155 at 15.50.

Bowling M. A. Richards 29 at 16.13; N. J. Abendenon 17 at 20.00; T. M. B. Brierley 33 at 22.21; C. J. L. Sandbach 15 at 22.33; C. S. Luckock 12 at 29.83.



Darshan Depala (*left*) of Christ's College, Finchley took four wickets in four balls; Mark Willoughby of Chislehurst and Sidcup GS went one better, with five in five.

Chigwell School

P14 W9 L3 D2 A2

Batting S. Ditta 331 at 55.16; H. Ditta 336 at 42.00; R. Bhome 488 at 40.66; C. S. Benn 348 at 34.80; R. Gull* 386 at 27.57; M. C. Woda 151 at 25.16.

Bowling M. C. Woda 10 at 7.10; R. Bhome 35 at 14.14; J. Chandrakumar 13 at 19.69; R. Gull 18 at 21.05.

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School

P10 W3 L4 D3 A4

For the first time, the side entered the Kent Schools Under-19 League and under the excellent captaincy of Ben Wiles they finished third in their group. The highlight of the summer was Mark Willoughby taking six wickets in eight balls with his leg-spin.

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was P. Grayson, who scored 142 at 20.28.

Bowling M. J. Willoughby 18 at 11.55; L. E. Rogers 10 at 11.80; D. G. Meeking 12 at 12.25.

Christ College, Brecon

P10 W3 L6 D1 A3

A very young side learnt much from a tough season. All but three of the squad should return next year.

Batting C. S. D. James 174 at 17.40.

Bowling D. Wolfe 11 at 15.72; D. J. K. Rees 11 at 15.81.

Christ's College, Finchley

P16 W10 L3 D3 A2

An inexperienced side with a positive attitude improved rapidly. The bowling was of a high standard, while fielding and batting proved better than expected. Darshan Depala, his brother Chetan and his cousin Mayur were effective all-rounders. Darshan took four wickets in four balls against St Ignatius College.

Batting D. C. Depala 423 at 30.21; C. C. Depala 258 at 21.50; M. Depala 150 at 21.42; A. Afzal 261 at 18.64.

Bowling C. C. Depala 27 at 9.00; D. C. Depala 28 at 9.82; R. A. Barney 13 at 11.84; M. Depala 16 at 12.25.

Christ's Hospital

P17 W10 L2 D5 A1

Christ's had an outstanding season and won a school-record ten games. The team was admirably led by Neil Green in his fifth year in the squad. Andries Kruger set a new mark for runs in a season, fielded exceptionally and took 19 wickets before a side strain prevented him bowling. He fully deserved his All-Rounder of the Year award from *Wisden's* schools website.

Batting A. M. Kruger 835 at 59.64; S. Curtin 425 at 38.63; N. J. Green* 430 at 35.83; A. E. J. Woodbridge 183 at 14.07.

Bowling A. E. J. Woodbridge 30 at 12.60; A. M. Kruger 19 at 13.26; N. J. Green 17 at 14.64; M. B. Noor 12 at 21.91; B. J. Walker 19 at 22.05.

Clayesmore School

P14 W6 L6 D2 A2

Batting E. J. Calver 267 at 19.07; A. E. Cook 152 at 16.88; E. J. B. Lack 225 at 16.07; W. J. Harding 189 at 14.53; C. A. Haniff* 199 at 14.21; S. J. L. Peters 156 at 13.00.

Bowling C. A. Haniff 22 at 13.22; A. E. Cook 14 at 20.00; S. J. Hughes 11 at 21.72; E. J. Calver 10 at 24.10; T. J. Robertshaw 10 at 24.80; A. G. Merson 10 at 36.30.

Clifton College

P11 W4 L4 D3 A5

Five weeks of near-incessant rain ripped the heart out of the term. Highlights were a nail-biting win against Cheltenham College, and a crushing one against King's, Taunton.

Batting M. Houcke 319 at 35.44; R. Yates 257 at 28.55.

Bowling G. Robinson 12 at 11.33; F. Musa 18 at 12.22; R. Yates 15 at 17.13; C. Lincoln 11 at 21.27.

Colfe's School

P12 W8 L2 D2

Colfe's visit to Cape Town at Easter was the school's largest tour.

Batting S. Cullum 342 at 57.00; T. Holmes 203 at 22.55; J. Davies 153 at 21.85.

Bowling S. Cullum 26 at 10.42; P. Harman 17 at 18.88; G. Houghton 17 at 19.05.

Cranbrook School

P21 W11 L6 D4

A pre-season tour to Barbados was a great success, with both first and second teams playing six matches against stiff opposition.

Batting C. Marriott 444 at 31.71; J. Burgess 329 at 29.90; C. Page 436 at 29.06; C. Sorensen* 355 at 16.90; P. Towner 191 at 13.64.

Bowling P. Towner 32 at 11.21; O. Reynolds 29 at 11.41; T. Cullen 17 at 15.64; D. Allen 13 at 17.07; C. Marriott 28 at 18.82; C. Sorensen 14 at 19.07.

Cranleigh School

P20 W8 L6 D6

An inexperienced attack could not exert pressure on helpful early-season wickets, though this changed as bowlers adjusted to first-team cricket. Edward McGregor was a consistent run-scorer; Sam Worthy, the captain, fought hard with bat and ball and engendered a high standard of fielding.

Batting S. R. Langmead 459 at 35.30; E. G. McGregor 691 at 34.55; D. Hill 402 at 28.71; S. C. Worthy* 261 at 15.35; R. H. Jones 311 at 17.27; J. R. Gates 261 at 13.73.

Bowling S. J. Wicks 10 at 10.90; E. P. C. Prince 14 at 17.14; A. E. Kendrick 13 at 17.23; D. A. C. Lewis 23 at 18.82; D. Hill 18 at 21.83; S. C. Worthy 20 at 27.65.

Culford School

P12 W3 L7 D2 A3

Batting T. E. B. Beaney* 294 at 32.66; R. J. Hobley 204 at 25.50; M. T. Fronicke 175 at 17.50; L. E. J. Cousins 154 at 17.11; N. K. Khagram 151 at 15.10.

Bowling M. T. Fronicke 14 at 22.35; T. E. B. Beaney 10 at 31.00; S. J. G. Perren 10 at 42.40.

Dauntsey's School

P13 W1 L10 D2 A1

Batting E. Poulding 151 at 25.16; E. K. Curtis 188 at 20.88; S. E. Blackford 228 at 19.00.

Bowling S. S. Chaudhry 14 at 18.21; C. T. J. Jones 11 at 22.18; J. E. M. Bayliss 18 at 22.50.

Dean Close School

P17 W8 L6 D3

Batting A. C. Fateh 819 at 51.18; A. Hume 397 at 30.53; J. Jenkins 354 at 27.23; T. A. Judge* 291 at 22.38; A. Carlisle 169 at 18.77.

Bowling A. Carlisle 20 at 14.20; J. Jenkins 34 at 14.67; N. Ball 14 at 19.85; T. A. Judge 20 at 31.10.

Denstone College

P13 W2 L5 D6 A2

Adam Johnson and Matthew Gouldstone recorded maiden centuries. Johnson was largely responsible for Denstone's best victory, against Wickersley, scoring 45 and then taking five for 23 with accurate off-spin. David Soar was the best bowler.

Batting M. A. Gouldstone 389 at 38.90; A. Johnson* 337 at 28.08; S. J. F. Grosvenor 231 at 23.10; A. J. Whiston 201 at 22.33; P. W. Carr 152 at 13.81.

Bowling A. Johnson 10 at 14.10; J. R. Millar-Beards 15 at 17.66; D. G. G. Soar 22 at 24.13; W. B. I. Felton 11 at 31.90.

Dollar Academy

P9 W4 L5 D0 A5

The season started with three consecutive defeats, but hard work in training saw the team to victories over Loretto, Fettes and the XL Club.

Batting J. Barber-Fleming 154 at 25.66; R. Chalmers 171 at 19.00.

Bowling G. Wilson 19 at 12.84; J. Barber-Fleming 14 at 13.42.

Dover College

P11 W0 L7 D4

Captain John Brasier's fine all-round performance helped sustain a young side.

Batting J. Brasier* 281 at 40.14; L. D. Disbury 160 at 17.77.

Bowling J. Brasier 22 at 19.04.

Downside School

P7 W4 L3 D0 A1

Batting B. Parker 202 at 25.25.

Bowling M. Van de Ven 23 at 8.52.

Duke of York's Royal Military School

P8 W5 L1 D2 A6

The side remained unbeaten until the last game of a highly satisfactory season. Tight bowling and fielding made the difference in a number of close games. Owen Donovan's batting was mature and Tom Gilbert and Sebastian Cripps were positive and, at times, inspired. Edward Whiteley bowled probing leg-spin.

Batting O. T. Donovan* 235 at 39.16; T. Gilbert 177 at 35.40; S. Cripps 255 at 31.87.

Bowling E. Whiteley 20 at 14.45.

Dulwich College

P15 W3 L2 D10 A3

New first-team coach Bill Athey instilled a professional attitude and a love of the game perhaps absent in recent years. Though there have been more talented Dulwich sides, they made themselves very hard to beat. Rupert Hazell was the best player, while Tommy Roy's unbeaten 101 against Brighton College was a wonderful innings.

Batting T. T. Askew 572 at 44.00; T. D. Roy 410 at 34.16; P. R. J. Hazell* 385 at 32.08; C. J. Owen 201 at 25.12; T. J. Bevan 181 at 15.08.

Bowling P. R. J. Hazell 41 at 13.63; T. T. Askew 13 at 22.07; T. J. Bevan 31 at 23.16; G. P. Porter 11 at 35.18.

Durham School

P15 W7 L1 D7 A4

The school was well led by Phillip Carleton. The development of the younger players was especially pleasing: Tim Stonock and Jonathan McRedie topped the averages and return next year, while Patrick Dias and Paul Muchall have three years left.

Batting T. Stonock 704 at 58.66; P. Muchall 503 at 38.69; P. Dias 281 at 31.22; N. Duffitt 304 at 21.71; P. Carleton 262 at 20.15; J. McRedie 184 at 15.33; S. Ali 197 at 15.15.

Bowling J. McRedie 34 at 16.20; T. Stonock 19 at 20.00; P. Dias 18 at 21.33; P. Muchall 19 at 23.63; S. Ali 11 at 32.63.

Eastbourne College

P15 W11 L1 D3

A successful team included seven – sometimes eight – Under-16s. Much depended on the astute captaincy and prolific run-scoring of Simon Cane Hardy, and he helped the side retain the Langdale Cup. The fielding was magnificent, thanks to coach Deon Kotze, Namibia's captain for the 2003 World Cup.

Batting S. D. Cane Hardy* 691 at 62.81; O. L. Gale 350 at 35.00; H. C. Hassen 373 at 33.90; J. A. M. Toy 243 at 24.30; J. P. Reid 168 at 24.00.

Bowling W. J. Ripley 21 at 14.23; P. J. Morgan 13 at 15.23; N. J. Reid 10 at 19.40; J. C. Farley 19 at 20.89; S. D. Cane Hardy 18 at 24.83.

Edinburgh Academy

P16 W6 L10 D0 A5

An inexperienced team who gelled well and established an excellent team spirit ensured a good season. The highlight was winning the inaugural Ryden Lothian Schools Cup.

Batting D. W. Blair 392 at 30.15; N. A. Sellar* 313 at 22.35; A. J. Cosh 264 at 17.60; S. G. Cosh 221 at 17.00; F. H. K. Allison 183 at 13.07.

Bowling S. G. Cosh 25 at 13.08; N. A. Sellar 20 at 16.60; F. H. K. Allison 21 at 22.04; M. G. Allison 13 at 30.84.

Elizabeth College, Guernsey

P15 W7 L6 D2

Batting M. J. Watson 402 at 30.92; A. S. Harbour 321 at 26.75; L. J. Gallienne 172 at 21.50; J. D. Warr 191 at 15.91; C. A. Van Vliet 173 at 15.72.

Bowling C. A. Van Vliet 34 at 10.58; J. G. Orme 15 at 16.26; L. J. Gallienne 18 at 20.61; M. J. Watson 15 at 26.26.

Ellesmere College

P11 W4 L4 D3 A3

Nick Watson-Jones's seven for 18 in the win against Liverpool College was the performance of the summer. For two matches, the side contained three pairs of brothers – Sam and Nick Watson-Jones, Max and Guy Stringer and Richard and David Baxter.

Batting R. A. M. Baxter 170 at 42.50.

Bowling N. D. Watson-Jones 25 at 11.08; M. Singh 16 at 20.50.

Eltham College

P19 W13 L4 D2 A1

The College won the Lemon (Kent) Cup.

Batting R. J. Malcolm 778 at 51.86; P. J. Selvey-Clinton* 706 at 47.06; O. J. Willis 265 at 20.38; R. P. Unwin 242 at 18.61; T. J. Goodyear 249 at 17.78.

Bowling R. J. Malcolm 41 at 13.85; P. J. Selvey-Clinton 29 at 15.03; T. J. Goodyear 19 at 25.26; M. L. Dransfield 15 at 27.40; J. P. Campion 10 at 31.50.

Enfield Grammar School

P15 W5 L5 D5 A3

Batting S. Levy 175 at 43.75; E. Barber 348 at 34.80; S. Nabi 262 at 32.75; M. Holly 285 at 23.75.

Bowling E. Barber 16 at 13.68; D. Fuller 14 at 16.57; T. Miller* 14 at 22.85.

Epsom College

P17 W9 L6 D2

Form improved after a poor start. Adam Howard anchored the batting, while Nikin Tanna ended three years in the XI with a total of almost 90 wickets. Re-laying of the square meant all matches in the first half of term were played away.

Batting A. Howard 450 at 32.14; A. Vernon 409 at 25.56; J. Laidler 377 at 25.13; R. Lammiman 303 at 23.30; A. Cama 225 at 17.30; A. Robinson 167 at 10.43.

Bowling N. Tanna 38 at 11.23; D. Hastings 18 at 14.88; R. Pooley 19 at 17.42; A. Cama 20 at 20.90; B. Sears 10 at 35.40.

Eton College

P19 W14 L2 D3

A record number of wins slightly flattered the real quality of the team. Eton won both the Cowdrey Cup (a round-robin involving Tonbridge, Harrow, Charterhouse and Wellington) and the Silk Trophy. The side included only one seamer of note (Benjamin Thompson) but four talented spinners (two leg-break, two off-break). Thompson's batting was highly consistent, and he reached 50 ten times. James Mathias's unbeaten 106 against Carey Grammar School, Melbourne came from 37 balls.

Batting B. R. Thompson 847 at 56.46; E. F. J. Nissen 350 at 43.75; A. W. A. Barker 533 at 29.61; J. H. Mathias 301 at 27.36; T. P. McCall* 442 at 26.00; H. W. A. Clarke 271 at 22.58; A. M. Goldberg 383 at 22.52; C. P. A. Nissen 181 at 16.45.

Bowling N. C. R. Westoll 48 at 14.72; A. W. A. Barker 10 at 17.10; T. P. McCall 25 at 20.96; B. R. Thompson 23 at 22.00; W. T. Dobson 14 at 27.42; A. E. M. P. de Lisle 10 at 37.20.

Exeter School

P13 W7 L5 D1 A5

Rain made this a frustrating season. The side underperformed at times and seven wins from 13 was perhaps disappointing. Captain Dan Saunders scored 405 at a healthy average, and Toby Giles was the pick of the bowlers with 19 wickets at 17.52. Harry Trick kept superbly.

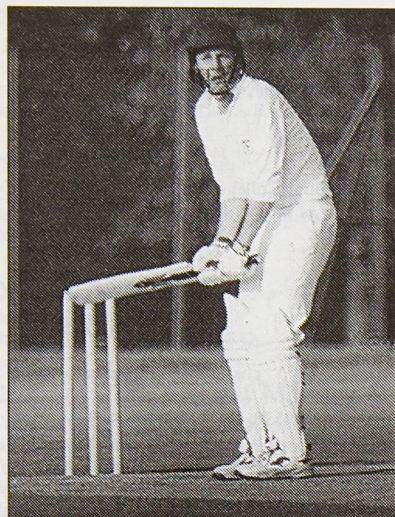
Batting D. Saunders* 405 at 45.00; C. Hampshire 249 at 27.66; J. Lamb 313 at 26.08; A. Milton 263 at 21.91; R. Hooper 162 at 20.25.

Bowling T. Giles 19 at 17.52; J. Fisher 12 at 17.58; B. Cadoux-Hudson 14 at 19.35; R. Berryman 12 at 24.08.

Felsted School

P15 W6 L5 D4 A2

A talented team never realised its potential during the season, despite some impressive individual performances. William Edwards hit a fine hundred but, disappointingly, it was the only one of the summer. Youngsters Joseph Buttleman and Christopher Huntington slotted easily into the side, while Andrew Stothard was a commendable captain.



All-round skills: Christ's Hospital's Andries Kruger (*left*) was among the country's leading run-scorers, took 19 wickets at nearly 13 and proved a talented wicket-keeper, while Edward Buxton grabbed 44 wickets for Forest, and hit 569 runs at nearly 44.



Batting J. E. L. Buttleman 286 at 47.66; W. Edwards 412 at 31.69; C. J. Huntington 376 at 31.33; G. Ladipo 441 at 29.40; A. Stothard* 355 at 25.35; J. Leeder 263 at 23.90; N. Porter 257 at 21.41.
Bowling J. E. L. Buttleman 16 at 22.43; N. Porter 23 at 23.73; A. Stothard 20 at 34.95.

Fettes College

P16 W6 L8 D2

Batting J. F. Jackson 476 at 34.00; C. B. Samuel 194 at 13.85.
Bowling L. G. M. Vieilledent 17 at 13.05; C. B. Samuel 10 at 15.40; A. P. Cadzow 24 at 16.50; J. F. Jackson 23 at 18.60.

Forest School

P15 W7 L3 D5 A1

Edward Buxton opened the batting and bowling and topped both averages; taking 44 wickets at 10.36 is quite an achievement. He also played all of Essex's Under-17 games, along with Nick Rotsey.

Batting E. Buxton 569 at 43.76; N. Rotsey 383 at 27.35; K. Paul* 308 at 25.66; M. Declaiterosse 268 at 22.33; J. Palmer 208 at 18.90.

Bowling E. Buxton 44 at 10.36; F. Gay 12 at 18.83; A. Williams 13 at 24.84; M. Declaiterosse 10 at 27.40.

Framlingham College

P10 W1 L7 D2 A1

The team lacked genuine class, with one or two players having to carry the side. Spencer Veevers-Chorlton achieved fame late in the season when he hit 42 in an over (seven sixes, including one from a no-ball) in a local league fixture. It merited a brief mention in *The Times*.

Batting M. J. Stacpoole 215 at 71.66; S. Veevers-Chorlton 479 at 53.22.

Bowling No one took ten wickets.

Giggleswick School

P13 W7 L6 D0 A2

After a disappointing start to the season, the side benefited from a tour to Barbados, where they won four games from six – and learnt a great deal. In his second year as captain, Jack Hird showed great maturity and organisation. There were pleasing performances from Sam Christian and Nick Hird.

Batting J. W. Hird* 471 at 39.25; S. D. Christian 198 at 19.80; I. T. Bartlett 193 at 16.08.

Bowling B. Topham 18 at 15.16; N. Hird 22 at 16.90; S. D. Christian 20 at 19.25; S. Horsfall 12 at 31.41.

Glasgow Academy

P4 W3 L0 D1

A fixture list savaged by the weather meant that perhaps the strongest side in ten years played only four matches. Among the three wins was a rout of George Heriot's, who were bowled out for 12. Gareth Williams proved an excellent captain, Stuart Ker batted with maturity and the seamer Gautham Hariharan earned impressive figures.

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was S. D. Ker, who scored 133 at 44.33.

Bowling G. Hariharan 12 at 4.83.

Glenalmond College

P11 W3 L2 D6 A4

The strength of the side lay in its bowling, which often had to make up for inadequate batting. The team was undefeated by Scottish schools, and Loretto and Fettes were dismissed for 48 and 35 respectively. Paul Stoll, a fifth former, was the find of the season, while James Bruton's seven for 35 against KEQM, Lytham was a tremendous performance. Five of this year's attack should return in 2003.

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was R. J. Monro, who scored 111 at 22.20.

Bowling P. A. D. Stoll 19 at 11.47; J. D. Brunton 23 at 12.00; R. S. Stevenson 13 at 12.00.

Gordonstoun School

P17 W11 L2 D4 A2

Gordonstoun, unbeaten by other schools, defeated MCC for the first time in a decade. Robin Pyper, the captain, bowled accurately and economically and Adam Murphy was a consistent wicket-taker. The player of the season was Andrew Russell from Johannesburg, who combined fine keeping skills with a prolific bat.

Batting A. N. Russell 878 at 87.80; P. Buszard 234 at 78.00; M. H. Faizan 156 at 52.00; A. Murphy 239 at 34.14; E. W. F. Paterson 188 at 20.88; G. Crow 165 at 16.50.

Bowling A. Murphy 40 at 10.25; R. S-R. Pyper* 17 at 15.00; P. Buszard 17 at 15.11; D. J. Nisbet 13 at 17.46.

Gresham's School

P16 W7 L3 D6 A2

Rory Lintott hit 767 runs, the school's second-highest aggregate for a season, while Michael Pickett took his total of First XI runs to 1,509, also second in the school records.

Batting R. A. J. Lintott 767 at 69.72; M. J. Pickett* 568 at 37.86; T. B. Farrow 379 at 31.58; A. C. J. Broom 150 at 25.00; O. F. Dudman 168 at 24.00; J. O. Elliott 170 at 21.25; R. M. K. Steward 290 at 19.33.

Bowling J. O. Elliott 15 at 17.73; R. M. K. Steward 24 at 17.83; R. A. J. Lintott 17 at 19.58; S. J. Matthews 18 at 21.33; J. R. A. Pearse 17 at 21.64; H. J. Flower 11 at 29.54.

Haberdashers' Aske's School

P18 W9 L4 D5 A4

Despite bad weather marring the end-of-term tour to Devon, this was a successful season. Nine wins included one-wicket triumphs against local rivals Merchant Taylors', Northwood and Bedford Modern. The captain, Philip Duffy, led by example and gained good support from Alex Theivendra, who hit six fifties. Off-spinner Prabhu Arumugam, who turned out for Hertfordshire Under-19, performed consistently well.

Batting A. M. Theivendra 575 at 44.23; P. B. Duffy* 292 at 41.71; J. S. T. Williams 429 at 30.64; R. Siva-Kumar 408 at 25.50; K. Sethi 199 at 15.30.

Bowling P. B. Duffy 26 at 15.42; G. E. B. Fitzgerald 13 at 17.53; A. M. Patel 21 at 18.76; P. Arumugam 24 at 22.62; A. M. Theivendra 10 at 22.70; V. Vaithianathan 13 at 25.92.

Haileybury College

P15 W6 L6 D3

Batting N. Walker 294 at 58.80; C. Scott 259 at 25.90; F. Qureshi 227 at 22.70; D. Stewart* 211 at 19.18.

Bowling D. Gerrard 13 at 12.92; J. Melvill 27 at 15.85; N. Walker 18 at 17.72; F. Qureshi 20 at 18.10; C. Wyles 18 at 28.38.

Hampton School

P14 W9 L1 D4 A2

A strong team relied on a tight and varied bowling attack and excellent fielding. They benefited from a tour to Sri Lanka over New Year 2002, where they learnt to defend modest totals. The side was ably led by Jonny Irons. The core of the team should return next summer.

Batting O. G. K. Roland-Jones 481 at 37.00; N. Khanna 388 at 32.33; S. Patel 216 at 27.00; S. P. G. Morris 321 at 26.75; N. E. Baker 290 at 26.36; J. D. Irons* 252 at 21.00.

Bowling J. D. Irons 34 at 10.52; S. Patel 23 at 11.21; P. J. Sellick 18 at 12.50; W. M. Gaines 16 at 22.43. *

Harrow School

P17 W9 L3 D5

Harrow enjoyed an excellent season, though Eton won the annual Lord's match by 66 runs. The strength of the side lay in its accurate bowling, especially the off-spin of James Kistoris and Hamish Morrison. The batsmen underperformed, though Kistoris was consistent. Nicholas Defty's 116 to beat Tonbridge was the best innings.

Batting J. M. Kistoris 438 at 43.80; S. R. L. Maydon* 370 at 28.46; N. E. Defty 408 at 25.50; P. R. Dunbar 327 at 25.15; M. B. Mahon 152 at 16.88.

Bowling J. M. Kistoris 24 at 16.66; H. M. Morrison 21 at 17.61; R. V. G. Harmsworth 25 at 18.40; N. E. Defty 15 at 19.60; J. B. K. Roditi 14 at 24.78; P. D. Moseley 13 at 26.69.

Harvey Grammar School

P12 W3 L2 D7 A7

Batting P. J. Goddard* 280 at 31.11; S. Ireland 307 at 30.70; S. Bentley 160 at 17.77.

Bowling S. Ireland 24 at 9.45; P. Osborne 10 at 15.60; S. Bentley 10 at 16.40.

Hereford Cathedral School

P15 W5 L9 D1 A1

Batting A. M. Nahorniak 509 at 46.27; A. J. Hewlett* 429 at 30.64; M. A. Lowden 305 at 21.78; O. R. Vaughan 180 at 16.36.

Bowling N. A. Townson 24 at 18.66; T. A. Harper 20 at 20.35; C. J. Ball 17 at 20.58.

Highgate School

P12 W4 L8 D0

Batting J. D. M. Atchinson 238 at 34.00; J. A. Whybrow 165 at 15.00.

Bowling J. A. Whybrow 24 at 15.29; A. L. Schlagman 22 at 21.09.

Hurstpierpoint College

P18 W10 L4 D4

The outstanding contributions of a successful summer came from James Bayly, the captain, who took 44 wickets, and from wicket-keeper Lakshyaraj Mewar, who claimed 41 victims.

Batting T. M. Price 244 at 40.66; T. J. Jarvis 423 at 38.45; J. R. Bayly* 213 at 26.62; T. P. Harrison 357 at 25.50; J. C. Andrews 283 at 23.58; A. S. Godhania 340 at 22.66.

Bowling J. R. Bayly 44 at 11.15; D. K. Harris 14 at 13.35; A. S. Godhania 29 at 18.55; A. J. A. Sinclair 20 at 24.40; N. A. Viggor 13 at 26.92; L. B. Tarr 14 at 28.71.

Ipswich School

P16 W5 L4 D7 A3

Batting R. Crowe 343 at 57.16; T. Hembry 385 at 55.00; H. Knights 363 at 33.00; C. Flather 161 at 32.20; I. Swallow* 254 at 18.14.

Bowling T. Caston 33 at 15.48; I. Swallow 31 at 17.93.

John Lyon School

P17 W3 L7 D7

A pleasing start to the season was not maintained. During cricket week, when a clash with exams meant a number of players were unavailable, the team slumped to several defeats. Rhodri James was consistent, passing 50 four times, while Sam Singh took 28 wickets, the best return for 20 years.

Batting R. T. James 445 at 49.44; J. M. H. Silvester 293 at 20.92; S. Singh* 152 at 16.88; N. Panchal 232 at 14.50.

Bowling S. Singh 28 at 14.35; E. Swain 15 at 18.13; N. Rughani 11 at 18.72; A. R. Pankhania 15 at 21.06; R. T. James 10 at 28.70; T. Cook 10 at 30.20.

Kimbolton School

P19 W12 L2 D5 A2

Twelve victories meant this was Kimbolton's best season. Luke Bailey scored 154 against Felsted, the highest score on record. Meanwhile, the captain, Alex Lacey, ended his school career just short of 100 wickets and with almost 1,500 runs to his name; Oliver Huggins, a fourth-former, scored four fifties. Despite exams, nine upper-sixth players played in every game, creating a superb team spirit.

Batting A. Lacey* 743 at 57.15; E. Longmate 618 at 44.14; M. Ralph 354 at 27.23; O. Huggins 412 at 25.75; L. Bailey 467 at 24.57; A. McCarthy 237 at 23.70.

Bowling M. Ellerbeck 36 at 15.19; A. Lacey 29 at 19.68; J. Cooper 21 at 20.33; L. Bailey 16 at 32.87.

King Edward VI College, Stourbridge

P11 W3 L8 D0 A2

A team largely comprising lower-sixth students had a disappointing season. The best performance was Ben Tipping's unbeaten 62 off 32 balls at Bishop Vesey's GS.

Batting W. A. Kazi 176 at 22.00; R. S. Musk 164 at 16.40.

Bowling T. M. Cunningham 11 at 16.18; R. S. Musk 12 at 18.66; A. Dawes 13 at 19.07.

King Edward VI School, Southampton

P14 W8 L5 D1 A3

A strong batting line-up meant that run-scoring was never a problem. Alexander Richardson and Graham Noble led the assault, but they were let down by some erratic bowling.

Batting J. P. Richardson 291 at 41.57; A. P. Richardson 407 at 40.70; G. H. Noble 394 at 32.83; E. M. Brogan* 257 at 32.12.

Bowling A. R. Brown 11 at 14.63; M. J. Gurd 11 at 16.09; A. R. N. Warrick 17 at 16.23; T. W. Carter 16 at 17.87; M. D. Boyd 13 at 19.15.

King Edward VII & Queen Mary School, Lytham

P19 W8 L9 D2 A1

Highlights included Chris Thompson's four for eight against Glenalmond and Jack Kelliher's unbeaten 140 on a rain-affected pitch at King's, Macclesfield. The team was excellently led by Tom Eastham.

Batting J. Kelliher 714 at 54.92; C. Roberts 275 at 39.28; T. Eastham* 682 at 35.89; B. Hall 269 at 29.88; S. Holliday 282 at 17.62; R. Openshaw 221 at 15.78.

Bowling C. Thompson 14 at 8.00; S. Holliday 37 at 11.83; L. Smith 22 at 19.77; C. Pickles 18 at 20.22; R. Taylor 12 at 21.41; R. Openshaw 12 at 24.16; J. Kelliher 12 at 36.75.

King Edward's School, Birmingham

P19 W14 L2 D3 A4

An Australian tour over Christmas produced clear benefits. Fourteen wins was a school record, and 11 teams were bowled out. Anirudh Singh, brother of Worcestershire's Anurag, led by example and scored 799 runs. He was well supported by Daniel Shilvock and Ravi Tiwari. The spin attack had strength in depth, with two leg-spinners – Shilvock and Andrew Holmes – and a left-arm spinner, Vikram Banerjee, all taking 20 wickets or more at under 18.

Batting A. Singh* 799 at 66.58; D. J. F. Shilvock 675 at 45.00; S. P. G. Chase 281 at 35.12; R. D. Tiwari 513 at 30.17; N. C. Brandrick 278 at 23.16; B. N. Patel 237 at 19.75.

Bowling A. P. S. Holmes 20 at 11.45; D. J. F. Shilvock 29 at 16.62; R. D. Tiwari 11 at 17.90; V. Banerjee 25 at 17.92; R. Chopra 21 at 19.14; N. C. Brandrick 21 at 19.66; A. P. S. Thind 15 at 29.26.

King Edward's School, Witley

P13 W2 L5 D6 A5

The tragic death of Walter Masimula, King Edward's South African professional, cast a long shadow over the summer. Once the exam period was over, a youthful side that had begun the season with four defeats and three draws, blossomed. Alex Fitzgerald and Jack Wooldridge spearheaded the seam attack, though the batsmen never really hit their stride.

Batting R. C. Ledger* 346 at 26.61; B. Bogi 299 at 24.91.

Bowling J. J. Wooldridge 15 at 17.60; A. B. Fitzgerald 16 at 22.87; A. M. W. Manley 12 at 29.83.

King's College, Taunton

P12 W9 L3 D0 A2

A young side that adjusted quickly to First XI cricket enjoyed a successful season. The captain, Warren Stafford, was outstanding with both bat and ball, while the batting of Chas Sheppard and the flight and guile of James Excell provided good support.

Batting W. Stafford* 426 at 47.33; C. Sheppard 344 at 43.00; S. Whittaker 211 at 35.16; O. Lewis 180 at 30.00.

Bowling W. Stafford 29 at 8.82; J. Excell 24 at 12.58.

King's College School, Wimbledon

P16 W8 L4 D4 A1

Despite not having played cricket for four years, Blake Hutchins was the leading wicket-taker.

Batting T. W. Eaves 589 at 39.26; G. E. Peck 227 at 28.37; H. F. Jones* 321 at 22.92; O. Fernie 331 at 22.06; J. J. Corbett 187 at 20.77; O. H. Bretton 169 at 16.90; J. J. Bensohn 186 at 15.50.

Bowling J. C. C. Walton 12 at 10.66; B. Hutchins 26 at 12.88; A. H. Shandro 24 at 13.66; C. T. Foster 24 at 15.87; J. J. Bensohn 23 at 21.04; H. F. Jones 12 at 24.16.

King's School, Bruton

P15 W2 L13 D0 A3

Too many dropped catches meant this was a frustrating season of near misses. Only Andrew Grazette, the captain, could be relied on for runs. The bowling, however, was strong: Marcus Savage, Archie Bush, David Ball and Matthew Masters all took at least 20 wickets.

Batting A. J. Grazette 411 at 37.36; T. L. Martin 211 at 15.07; S. J. U. Todd 154 at 12.83; D. Ball 159 at 12.23.

Bowling A. J. Grazette 15 at 13.86; M. Masters 20 at 17.40; D. Ball 20 at 19.10; M. F. Savage 20 at 19.90; A. J. Bush 21 at 20.71.

King's School, Canterbury

P17 W4 L6 D7 A3

The pace bowling was spearheaded by Toby Humphrey and George Brooke, who between them seized 57 wickets. William Bruce's potent leg-spin added variety.

Batting P. G. Dixey 316 at 22.57; J. D. E. Stubbs 292 at 20.85; P. R. Archer 205 at 20.50; M. E. B. Humphrey 288 at 19.20; G. H. B. Brooke 181 at 18.10; J. A. Ellis* 248 at 16.53; H. L. Doulton 181 at 15.08.

Bowling G. H. B. Brooke 29 at 14.75; T. J. L. Humphrey 28 at 19.25; A. L. Thorne 24 at 21.58; H. L. Doulton 13 at 22.15.

King's School, Chester

P14 W7 L3 D4

Although the bowling lacked penetration, the side enjoyed much success with the bat, including a school-record 267 for seven in 40 overs against King William's College, Isle of Man. Brothers Freddie and Edward Owen topped batting and bowling averages respectively.

Batting F. G. Owen 247 at 41.75; B. R. Jordan 209 at 41.80; G. N. Hughes 308 at 30.80; C. B. Sanderson 206 at 25.75; D. J. Newham 245 at 24.50; E. A. N. Whittaker 248 at 20.66.

Bowling E. L. Owen* 20 at 15.25.

King's School, Ely

P13 W3 L7 D3 A3

A young side, sometimes fielding five Under-15s, made encouraging progress, though the bowling had few teeth. Only once was 14-year-old Ben Howgego dismissed for under 40, and he went on to play for South of England Under-14.

Batting B. H. N. Howgego 345 at 49.28; D. R. F. Cannie* 423 at 38.45; J. W. Payne 178 at 25.42; H. C. Sperling 168 at 24.00.

Bowling L. P. Hayden 16 at 28.18; H. C. Sperling 10 at 30.00.

King's School, Macclesfield

P20 W14 L3 D3 A2

In an excellent season that brought a record number of victories, Tom Isherwood topped both averages. The player of the year, though, was Alan Day, who fell 13 short of 1,000 runs. John Arnfield proved a hostile opening bowler and James Barratt, who also played at Under-14 level, took wickets consistently with his left-arm spin. Stephen Allday scored runs quickly and was an outstanding fielder.

Batting T. Isherwood* 567 at 56.70; A. Day 987 at 54.83; O. Kenyon 555 at 32.64; S. Allday 346 at 28.83; J. Perring 212 at 15.14.

Bowling T. Isherwood 30 at 16.03; T. Davenport 19 at 16.89; J. Arnfield 28 at 17.03; O. Kenyon 16 at 19.75; J. Barratt 26 at 19.88; A. Day 16 at 27.31.

King's School, Rochester

P13 W5 L4 D4 A4

The school had a talented young side, very strong in batting but lacking either a strike bowler or an accurate spinner. Apart from a poor game against MCC, the team remained competitive, and were close to victory in all their drawn games.

Batting J. N. Butler 440 at 55.00; C. A. Maurice 493 at 44.81; M. J. Melford 171 at 42.75; B. D. Phillips 364 at 40.44; S. G. Wakeman 320 at 26.66; R. D. Barrett 168 at 21.00.

Bowling R. Lakhera 14 at 15.00; J. A. W. Warner 14 at 17.85; J. M. Shakespeare 28 at 19.35; C. A. Maurice 18 at 23.72.

King's School, Tynemouth

P11 W1 L8 D2

Although the team endured a tough season, there was great hope for the future. All who appeared in the final three fixtures should return in 2003, and only one player from the upper sixth appeared regularly. Toby Flood led the side with increasing confidence, and Tom Pollock showed he could occupy the crease.

Batting T. J. Pollock 259 at 25.90; T. G. A. Flood* 246 at 24.60; L. R. N. Dobbin 150 at 21.42.

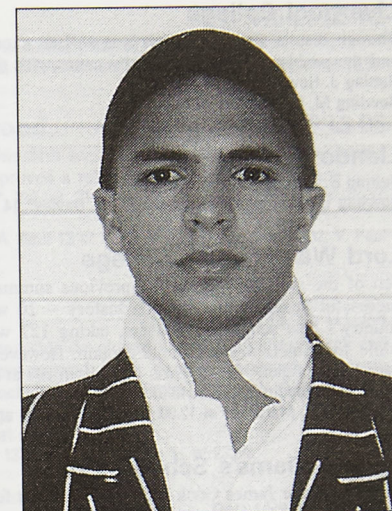
Bowling No one took ten wickets. The leading bowler was T. J. Pollock, who took nine at 16.33.

King's School, Worcester

P22 W16 L4 D2

Outstanding all-round performances from opening batsmen Phil Burdon and Joe Robinson helped King's to a record 16 wins, with only one defeat against other schools. The openers put on eight century partnerships, thrice passing 150. Nicholas Major, the captain, completed a formidable top three.

Batting P. A. Burdon 946 at 49.78; J. W. Robinson 862 at 45.36; N. O. S. Major* 592 at 42.28; H. Dimond 292 at 20.85; O. Fiaz 155 at 19.37; J. R. Gwynne 285 at 17.81.



Alex Lacey (left) of Kimbolton averaged 20 with the ball and 57 with the bat. Shivan Dave took 41 wickets at less than eight for Merchant Taylors', Northwood.

Bowling O. Fiaz 30 at 17.56; J. W. Robinson 39 at 17.61; W. B. C. Hardy 10 at 20.90; P. A. Burdon 30 at 26.06; T. P. Cullen 17 at 28.52; W. M. Smith 12 at 32.08.

Kingston Grammar School

P10 W1 L8 D1

The side was capable of good cricket but managed to sustain it only during the win against Sutton. Ben Collier was the only batsman to reach 50 all season. Hanzq Mir's opening spells had pace and venom, while Sebastian Baxter's medium pace was effective. Against KES, Witley, Ben Collier took six for 20.

Batting B. Collier 179 at 19.88.

Bowling S. Baxter 12 at 6.08; B. Collier 11 at 14.00.

Kingswood School

P10 W8 L2 D0

Another successful season saw Jack Seddon, in his fifth year in the side, hit two hundreds and became Kingswood's leading aggregate run-scorer. He also played for Somerset Under-19s. Daniel Gerrish's wickets came at a miserly cost. Kingswood retained the Bath and Districts League title.

Batting J. Seddon* 628 at 62.80; G. Cooper 222 at 22.20; A. Hala-Peryer 159 at 17.66.

Bowling D. Gerrish 23 at 9.86; G. Cooper 23 at 11.17; C. Magniac 12 at 19.08; J. West 13 at 19.92; B. Booth 14 at 20.78.

Lancing College

P13 W6 L5 D2 A4

Robert Wakeford scored heavily and attractively; he received solid support from Alexander Dodsworth and Jeremy Green. Angus Williams's seam bowling improved significantly.

Batting R. H. Wakeford* 484 at 53.77; J. A. G. Green 309 at 44.14; A. G. Dodsworth 210 at 35.00; J. F. Taylor 158 at 26.33.

Bowling A. D. Williams 14 at 12.28; B. J. M. Hanley 14 at 16.07; R. H. Wakeford 16 at 16.87; J. A. G. Green 13 at 19.53; J. D. Worcester 10 at 21.00.

Leeds Grammar School

P13 W8 L1 D4 A4

Alex Blakeborough, the outstanding batsman of a very good team, was ably supported by younger colleagues. Off-spinner Toby Jacklin had a spectacular first year in the XI and his brother Ben was a superb captain.

Batting A. J. Blakeborough 641 at 80.12; A. M. Guest 192 at 38.40; B. D. Jacklin* 172 at 28.66; D. J. Stokoe 229 at 19.08.

Bowling T. J. Jacklin 40 at 10.65; B. D. Jacklin 23 at 15.56; B. R. Maude 11 at 22.63.

Liverpool College

P11 W1 L8 D2 A2

Though results were poor, this was still an excellent season. The side enjoyed good team spirit, and the problems that theoretically came with the exam period never materialised.

Batting J. Howarth 527 at 52.70.

Bowling M. Melia 20 at 23.70.

Llandovery College

P10 W3 L6 D1

Batting B. Esterhuizen 183 at 18.30.

Bowling B. Esterhuizen 15 at 18.93; O. R. Davies* 14 at 20.28.

Lord Wandsworth College

P14 W8 L1 D5 A2

Ten of the side had played the previous summer and, taken together, these were the two most successful years in the school's history – 20 wins in 37 games. Toby Martin was one of the country's best schoolboy bowlers, taking 127 wickets in his career to break the school record, while Jon Ablett was a capable captain. However, success ultimately derived from teamwork.

Batting J. J. Ablett* 695 at 77.22; M. J. Horn 303 at 37.87; J. D. Irving 306 at 21.85; J. A. D. Colvin 250 at 20.83; L. A. Houghton 183 at 13.07.

Bowling T. H. Martin 44 at 12.00; C. W. Pidgeon 26 at 20.57; J. C. McCordle 13 at 25.76.

Lord Williams's School

P13 W8 L2 D3 A1

First XI opener James Cook scored 203 not out for Oxfordshire Under-17s, a county youth record, and made his Minor County debut.

Batting A. Wynd 353 at 44.12; C. Wynd 327 at 40.87; J. Hewitt 280 at 35.00; J. Cook 229 at 28.62.

Bowling J. Hewitt 15 at 10.40; W. Eason 14 at 12.07; J. Shirley 15 at 12.20.

Loughborough Grammar School

P15 W6 L6 D3 A1

A very young side, consisting of seven fifth years and four fourth-formers, improved dramatically as the season progressed. Sam Underwood bowled with real pace, and the bowling and fielding was generally good. Under-15 Charlie Krarup took his chance and finished top of the batting averages; otherwise, the batting was disappointing.

Batting C. M. Krarup 223 at 55.75; S. J. Bird 298 at 29.80; D. J. Howgate 314 at 24.15; P. S. Broster 215 at 19.54; R. M. Worral 220 at 16.92.

Bowling S. J. Underwood 16 at 15.31; H. F. Gurney 12 at 25.41; M. Ashcroft 16 at 27.62; F. B. Baker 13 at 28.15.

Malvern College

P19 W12 L4 D3 A1

Malvern stuck to traditional declaration games, played positive cricket and were not afraid to lose: just three of 19 matches were drawn. Charles Tolchard is the son of Roger (Leicestershire and England), Will Murtagh the son of Andy (Hampshire).

Batting W. M. Gifford 738 at 61.50; C. Wood 725 at 48.33; W. A. Murtagh 240 at 34.28; B. W. Edkins 459 at 30.60; H. D. Bailey* 156 at 17.33; C. W. Tolchard 208 at 13.00.

Bowling E. C. Latter 24 at 13.08; M. J. G. King 14 at 14.14; G. P. Vaughan 39 at 15.07; C. W. Tolchard 22 at 15.77; W. M. Gifford 10 at 18.80; H. D. Bailey 16 at 19.25; B. W. Edkins 20 at 22.35.

Manchester Grammar School

P15 W5 L4 D6 A3

Batting D. C. Madden 458 at 41.63; P. C. Martin 277 at 27.70; D. R. Leech 235 at 21.36; R. J. Hodges 157 at 19.62; M. R. A. Tufft* 200 at 16.66.

Bowling R. A. Partington 20 at 19.90; P. C. Martin 28 at 20.89; D. A. Woods 20 at 27.35.

Marlborough College

P14 W7 L4 D3 A1

Marlborough won the Cheltenham Schools Festival and recorded more wins than for several seasons. These were fine achievements for a young team that played naïve cricket early in the season. Later success was based on astute captaincy from Ed Nicholson, tight bowling, excellent fielding and some good run-chases. Robbie Williams, an England Under-15 player, topped both averages.

Batting R. Williams 178 at 29.66; G. Hawley 295 at 26.81; J. Bill 365 at 26.07; E. Nicholson* 306 at 25.50; H. Harvey 256 at 21.33; J. Sinclair 221 at 20.09.

Bowling R. Williams 17 at 12.29; T. Forsythe 19 at 15.73; O. Hextall 30 at 18.16; W. Davies 21 at 19.52.

Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby

P12 W5 L2 D5 A2

Batting J. F. Wildman 411 at 68.50; J. Cole 172 at 28.66; G. A. Barry 191 at 27.28.

Bowling G. W. Davies 10 at 9.50; D. M. Trapp 17 at 10.23; J. F. Wildman 18 at 12.33; G. A. Barry 17 at 12.94.

Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood

P17 W9 L3 D5

The side was well captained by Steffan James, in his fifth season in the side. Shivan Dave was a capable opening bowler, and Karan Chopra again proved a reliable wicket-keeper/batsman.

Batting R. J. M. Booth 393 at 26.20; S. G. James* 211 at 21.10; V. V. Le Vesconte 165 at 18.33; A. P. Farfan 203 at 16.91; A. Kaul 180 at 12.85.

Bowling S. N. Dave 41 at 7.51; S. K. Haider 10 at 8.40; A. Kaul 13 at 11.61; S. G. James 25 at 13.32; V. Paul 10 at 20.30; R. J. M. Booth 17 at 23.05.

Merchiston Castle School

P12 W5 L6 D1 A4

Despite the wettest season in living memory, a young side developed well, with James Welch and Michael Beaumont the cornerstones. Both averaged around 50 – some achievement on damp wickets. Beaumont's seven for 20 against Fettes included a hat-trick; he also took five for 19 in the second innings and scored an unbeaten century.

Batting J. W. Welch 365 at 52.14; M. E. Beaumont 483 at 48.30.

Bowling M. E. Beaumont 33 at 9.81; J. W. Welch 21 at 13.19; R. J. C. Windle 11 at 23.54.

Mill Hill School

P13 W8 L4 D1 A1

Batting M. Hirsch* 447 at 40.63; M. Halstead 205 at 22.77; A. Martins-Craig 195 at 21.66; P. Mason 180 at 20.00; M. Stein 216 at 18.00; J. Hutcheson 150 at 13.63.

Bowling A. Martins-Craig 29 at 12.37; J. Hutcheson 19 at 16.15; I. Raja 10 at 20.20; M. Khan 10 at 23.00.

Millfield School

P13 W9 L2 D2 A2

A successful season included wins against Exeter University First XI, Somerset Academy, Eton and Tonbridge. Success was based on all-round contributions by all the players. The fielding was outstanding.

Batting I. R. Haley* 320 at 64.00; R. T. Timms 439 at 48.77; L. A. Smith 370 at 46.25; R. L. S. Stokes 353 at 35.30; K. J. Latouf 176 at 29.33.

Bowling J. M-F. Rawson 14 at 12.14; L. A. Smith 15 at 12.60; J. C. Hildreth 17 at 13.05; C. W. N. Taylor 17 at 14.11; J. J. Becher 11 at 17.54.

Monkton Combe

P15 W4 L10 D1 A2

An inability to make defendable totals meant this was a disappointing season. However, the side bowled and fielded tidily.

Batting J. Auld 358 at 27.53; P. Auld 170 at 18.88; H. J. H. Williams 201 at 15.46; J. A. Lowde 182 at 15.16.

Bowling T. A. H. Quayle* 19 at 17.31; R. N. B. Baddeley 16 at 22.43.

Monmouth School

P14 W5 L5 D4

An excellent victory against MCC was the highlight of an otherwise disappointing season. The opening attack of Ben Pike and Tom Robinson caused trouble all season, and the batting and keeping of Ian Clayton was excellent.

Batting I. A. Clayton 499 at 38.38; M. Robinson 257 at 25.70; J. Richards 284 at 21.84; W. Jacks 186 at 20.66; L. Cronk 159 at 14.45.

Bowling B. R. Pike* 22 at 12.18; T. Robinson 28 at 13.60; L. Cronk 16 at 28.06.

Newcastle-under-Lyme School

P14 W6 L4 D4 A1

The school won six matches in convincing style, and two of the four defeats came against exceptionally strong adult sides. Christopher Whalley, an Under-16, took six for 18 against Stockport Grammar School and seven for 22 against Rydal Penrhos. Simon Howland scored an unbeaten 114 against King's, Tynemouth.

Batting A. Merali 168 at 56.00; D. J. Moss* 292 at 29.20; V. Kumar 220 at 27.50; J. D. Wright 308 at 23.69; S. J. P. Howland 278 at 21.38.

Bowling C. D. Whalley 27 at 13.40; B. W. R. Furnival 13 at 15.53; D. J. Moss 17 at 23.52.

Norwich School

P17 W12 L4 D1 A2

Left-arm spinner George Walker played frequently for Leicestershire Second XI and also made his first-class debut against Kent. His absence meant greater responsibilities for the rest of the team, who rose to the challenge and won more games than for many years. The batting was dependent on the prolific Edward Foster and Charles Webster; Mark Proctor took most wickets. The season finished with a testing but successful tour of Antigua.

Batting E. J. Foster 727 at 55.92; C. J. M. Webster 405 at 40.50; P. W. Robinson 235 at 21.36; E. D. Hopkins* 274 at 21.07; A. J. Kelly 195 at 16.25.

Bowling G. W. Walker 15 at 2.33; M. A. M. Riches 13 at 12.69; E. J. Foster 19 at 14.94; C. J. M. Webster 18 at 17.22; M. H. Proctor 25 at 17.28; J. Walton 15 at 23.66; J. O. Atkinson 11 at 30.09.

Nottingham High School

P14 W4 L8 D2 A1

The school fielded a young side, but most should be back next season, under the same captain.

Batting T. R. Chalkley* 439 at 36.58; C. C. J. Nembhard 209 at 29.85; M. Seaton 206 at 20.60; C. P. Saxton 169 at 18.77; J. A. Coupland 193 at 16.08; R. A. Sargent 185 at 14.23.

Bowling C. J. Harrison 23 at 13.08; D. J. Howell 15 at 25.86; T. R. Chalkley 11 at 27.63; J. C. Sharpe 10 at 31.30.

Oakham School

P18 W9 L3 D6

A very strong batting side had a successful season. Against the MCC, the school successfully chased a mammoth 284. Colt Brian Makwana headed the batting averages and two other colts, Paul Cook and Stuart Broad, were the leading wicket-takers. Broad is the son of the England cricketer, Chris.

Batting B. Makwana 493 at 54.77; M. Matthews 294 at 49.00; G. Firmin 556 at 46.33; W. Wright 678 at 42.37; M. Boyce 362 at 36.20; R. Cook 401 at 28.64; S. Taylor 153 at 25.50; P. Cook 164 at 18.22.

Bowling W. Wright 12 at 14.16; P. Cook 27 at 16.37; S. Broad 29 at 16.68; M. Matthews 12 at 27.75; R. Cook 14 at 33.00.

The Oratory School

P16 W9 L6 D1

Batting L. W. Roycroft 422 at 60.28; G. A. Napier 365 at 33.18; R. E. Greenland 211 at 30.14; T. T. Bailey 356 at 25.42.

Bowling L. W. Roycroft 27 at 14.25; R. E. Greenland 18 at 22.50.

Oswestry School

P7 W1 L6 D0

Batting M. S. Leonard 152 at 38.00.

Bowling C. Sproule* 11 at 19.63.

Oundle School

P24 W11 L4 D9 A3

A young team playing attacking cricket had an outstanding season. Cameron Wake hit most runs and grabbed most wickets, bowling a mixture of leg-spin and seam. Together with wicket-keeper/batsman Mark Phythian, he was selected for the ECB Schools East v West game; Wake also played for ECB Schools Under-18s. Oundle became the first HMC school to play limited-overs games under National League rules, including coloured clothing, a white ball and black sightscreens.

Batting C. J. Wake 843 at 49.58; R. M. Fahrenheit 690 at 38.33; M. J. Phythian* 539 at 31.70; M. L. Austin 368 at 26.28; J. I. Hay 230 at 23.00; T. Newton 248 at 20.66; E. J. Clough 329 at 20.56; C. M. Morris 213 at 15.21.

Bowling P. J. Foster 34 at 16.20; C. M. Morris 29 at 20.13; C. J. Wake 38 at 21.92; R. S. Legget 10 at 23.10; J. I. Hay 22 at 25.50.

The Perse School, Cambridge

P16 W5 L5 D6

The side won the County Cup. Captain Duncan Simmonds's all-round abilities earned him the cricketer of the season trophy.

Batting O. R. Gregory 458 at 32.71; T. Wilkins 367 at 30.58; J. E. Hayden-Smith 367 at 24.46; D. G. M. Simmonds* 262 at 23.81; J. A. M. Crawford 234 at 21.27; B. A. J. Apperly 211 at 17.58.

Bowling D. G. M. Simmonds 18 at 19.38; T. A. Tippen 11 at 20.36; D. E. Howells 14 at 21.35; T. Wilkins 14 at 25.42; J. A. M. Crawford 18 at 26.72; J. E. Hayden-Smith 15 at 27.86.

Plymouth College

P11 W2 L2 D7 A7

Despite severe disruption by the weather, 2002 was a successful season. Captain James Toms hit a magnificent unbeaten 201 – the highest score on the school wicket – and he led the college to victory in the four-counties cricket festival held at Abbotsholme School, Derbyshire.

Batting J. Toms* 751 at 125.16; P. Wass 159 at 19.87.

Bowling J. Toms 24 at 12.25; P. Thorpe 11 at 13.81.

Pocklington School

P15 W7 L3 D5 A2

Richard Owen's three for 53 included a hat-trick.

Batting H. J. Mitchell 698 at 53.69; J. L. T. Bolam 471 at 52.33; R. G. Booth 377 at 41.88; R. J. G. Owen* 190 at 31.66; T. P. Nettleton 348 at 26.76; P. Van Dijk 236 at 26.22.

Bowling R. G. Booth 26 at 14.88; D. J. Mays 16 at 22.56; R. J. G. Owen 16 at 22.62; I. R. L. Gladstone 14 at 27.35; S. A. Boyes 16 at 34.18.

Portsmouth Grammar School

P14 W6 L7 D1 A2

A young side relied heavily on captain Benjamin Morgan for runs and wickets. Useful support came from Edward Dixon-Lowe, who took 20 wickets in his first season.

Batting B. Morgan* 450 at 50.00; D. Neville 173 at 24.71; M. Saunders 224 at 18.66; S. Khoyratty 204 at 17.00.

Bowling E. Dixon-Lowe 20 at 17.65; A. Jessop 14 at 21.64; B. Morgan 11 at 24.45; M. Saunders 10 at 44.80.

Prior Park College

P13 W0 L11 D2 A1

Too much limited-overs cricket left a spirited and committed, though inexperienced, team with an undeserved record.

Batting T. W. Grimshaw 279 at 23.25; A. Creed 210 at 21.00; J. L. Wheeler 180 at 16.36.

Bowling J. L. Wheeler 21 at 17.80; B. J. Todd 10 at 19.80; S. L. Williams 18 at 20.61.

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield

P12 W5 L6 D1 A1

All the defeats came in close contests. This was a young side, with only captain David Sugden in the upper sixth. Daniel Wood and Andrew Rennison played for county Under-15 sides.

Batting D. Wood 389 at 43.22; A. Rennison 306 at 34.00; T. Harrison 182 at 22.75; J. Barkley 163 at 20.37; R. Greatrick 205 at 18.63.

Bowling J. Barkley 11 at 15.18; D. Sugden* 15 at 17.26; J. Bluemink 10 at 18.40; D. Wood 10 at 28.00.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital

P10 W7 L2 D1 A2

Batting H. J. Hanchet* 404 at 40.40; A. J. Bamber 211 at 21.10; G. T. Humphreys 155 at 14.09.

Bowling M. J. Bean 11 at 7.90; T. Hamid 23 at 8.21; J. R. Burberry 15 at 10.00.

Queen's College, Taunton

P13 W1 L8 D4 A4

A young side struggled through a rain-affected season. Oliver Stewart showed promise as an all-rounder and Lawrence Evans led the batting.

Batting L. M. Evans 292 at 24.33; J. W. M. Butler 220 at 18.33; R. A. Stanley 202 at 16.83; O. J. Stewart 180 at 15.00.

Bowling O. J. Stewart 18 at 13.00; J. A. Kelly 14 at 20.71; A. G. Needs* 10 at 40.30.

Radley College

P14 W4 L4 D6

A very young side – there were three Under-15s and two Under-16s – and a lack of penetration in the bowling made this a tough season. Simon Butler was the leading run-scorer, and he shouldered much of the bowling too, along with Inderneel Singh and George Foxall. Charles Duffell was an outstanding wicket-keeper.

Batting S. M. Butler* 569 at 43.76; D. P. R. Clements 176 at 35.20; J. D. J. Corry 351 at 25.07; M. J. A. Yorke-Long 305 at 21.78; B. S. Dancy 200 at 20.00; T. A. B. Everitt 196 at 19.60.

Bowling G. J. Foxall 14 at 22.50; I. Singh 19 at 28.78; S. M. Butler 13 at 30.69.

Ratcliffe College

P12 W1 L6 D5 A1

This was a very disappointing season, made the more difficult by the premature departure of three Leicestershire Under-16 players and the ever-increasing pressure of exams.

Batting A. J. Smith 188 at 26.85; T. Cabrelli* 260 at 26.00; J. A. Taylor 159 at 17.66.

Bowling A. J. Smith 16 at 21.68; A. Frith 14 at 26.00.

Reading School

P12 W5 L3 D4 A2

Despite the loss of Martin Bushell and Tom Burrows to the Hampshire Academy for several matches, the side enjoyed a reasonably successful season.

Batting J. E. Lloyd 163 at 81.50; M. Bushell 208 at 52.00; T. G. Burrows 182 at 45.50; G. J. Duncan 230 at 25.55.

Bowling M. Ahmed 21 at 11.09; M. R. Jubb* 18 at 11.11; T. J. H. Jacob 12 at 17.41.

Reed's School

P13 W5 L2 D6 A4

An inexperienced attack did surprisingly well and helped give Reed's a pleasing season. James Morrison led by example, topping both averages. His 173 against Lord Wandsworth College was a school record. Reed's beat the MCC for the first time in many years.

Batting J. I. Morrison* 655 at 65.50; J. D. Worrall 257 at 32.12; S. C. Waller 265 at 24.09; S. J. Day 256 at 21.33.

Bowling J. I. Morrison 21 at 16.80; N. J. Davies 19 at 21.05; E. J. Hoadley 16 at 21.12; D. W. Owen 12 at 24.83; J. Dodd 15 at 27.93.

Rendcomb College

P12 W5 L1 D6

A hugely successful season was rounded off with an enjoyable tour to Malta.

Batting S. Hicks 309 at 38.62; L. Baghdadi 227 at 32.42; S. Ward 216 at 30.85.

Bowling S. Hicks 21 at 12.09; R. Burden 10 at 14.40; M. Hutchins 18 at 19.72; J. Raby* 11 at 20.63; C. Jeffreys 12 at 27.50.

Repton School

P15 W4 L7 D4 A1

Batting E. Crowther* 574 at 57.40; M. Pointer 304 at 38.00; E. Corbett 170 at 21.25; M. Pearson 151 at 18.87; O. Dacey 224 at 18.66; M. Edgerton 170 at 14.16.

Bowling S. Chilman 33 at 17.30; E. Corbett 22 at 25.59; T. Henry 19 at 27.57.

Rossall School

P13 W3 L8 D2 A1

Batting I. A. Swaine 163 at 18.11; R. V. Dingle* 197 at 17.90; J. B. Preston 184 at 16.72; P. F. Heald 188 at 14.46; J. A. Heald 173 at 14.41; F. Hameed 166 at 12.76.

Bowling R. V. Dingle 32 at 14.50; J. A. Heald 15 at 20.33; J. B. Preston 24 at 20.75; P. F. Heald 13 at 30.07.

Royal Grammar School, Colchester

P20 W3 L11 D6 A2

In a bowler-friendly season, the team was seriously short of runs, with several senior batsmen producing fewer than expected. The consistent excellence of Peter Smith often salvaged self-respect in defence of low totals, and his season's best of six for 17 secured a rare victory.

Batting J. Warner 507 at 25.35; S. Hummerstone 527 at 25.09; T. W. R. George 464 at 22.09; M. Tyler* 160 at 14.54; N. S. Coles 161 at 13.41.

Bowling P. C. Smith 39 at 17.79; R. A. Lomer 26 at 28.34; T. W. R. George 17 at 29.00; N. S. Coles 16 at 31.50; M. Tyler 17 at 37.47.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

P19 W13 L2 D4 A1

The side won 13 games, including all their matches at the RGS Festival. The batting was strong and runs were scored consistently by many players. William Sabey spearheaded the bowling, and captain Peter Hosier's leadership was invaluable. The season ended with a successful tour to Barbados and Antigua.

Batting P. Hosier* 344 at 38.22; S. Coomer 388 at 35.27; C. Nelson 204 at 34.00; T. Barford 529 at 33.06; W. Sabey 377 at 31.41; T. Markham 470 at 26.11; S. Barnsley 291 at 20.78.

Bowling M. Ackroyd 26 at 16.30; S. MacLean 11 at 18.09; W. Sabey 32 at 18.96; D. Nelson 27 at 20.03; A. Wilson 20 at 23.25.

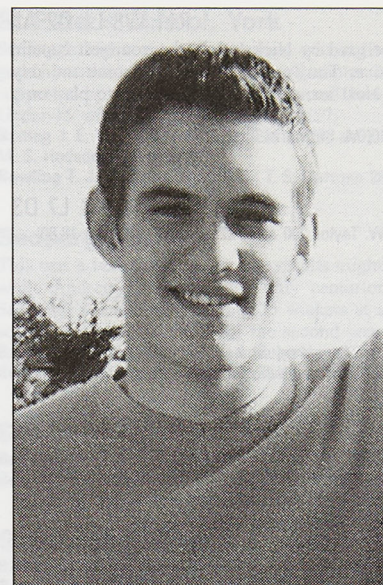
Royal Grammar School, Lancaster

P19 W10 L4 D5 A2

Lancaster were undefeated in their home season and held the upper hand in every game. Unusually, weather forced the abandonment of just two matches. All four defeats came at the 16th Sir Garfield Sobers International Schools Tournament in Barbados, where Lancaster won six games to finish the highest-placed English team.

Batting D. J. Hagen 707 at 37.21; T. D. Battarbee 536 at 33.50; G. J. Hiron 317 at 26.41; B. P. Hughes* 356 at 22.25; C. R. Glover 195 at 21.66; D. M. Kidd 232 at 17.84; B. Akrigg 175 at 15.90.

Bowling M. A. Bateson 14 at 8.00; C. R. Glover 37 at 11.24; J. P. Toulmin 29 at 12.75; B. P. Hughes 10 at 12.90; D. Roberts 10 at 15.10; D. M. Kidd 25 at 18.64; W. Quinn 17 at 27.23.



Top of the averages: Mark Paine (left) averaged 127 for Simon Langton GS, while James Toms finished second with 125. One of the country's top all-rounders, he also took 24 wickets at 12 for Plymouth College.

Royal Grammar School, Newcastle

P15 W7 L5 D3 A5

Batting M. M. Gray* 427 at 53.37; M. C. Phillips 399 at 33.25; P. T. Burton 380 at 31.66; Z. U. D. Khan 164 at 20.50.

Bowling Z. U. D. Khan 15 at 14.00; I. Maini 16 at 15.56; M. C. Phillips 14 at 15.92; C. J. J. Wilson 18 at 19.05; R. P. Malcolm 11 at 28.00; B. M. Ahmad 11 at 30.81.

Royal Grammar School, Worcester

P20 W7 L12 D1 A2

A young side with a young captain learned plenty during the summer. James Watkins scored the bulk of the runs and displayed sound temperament and technique. The bowling relied on the persistence and accuracy of Miles Illingworth, Oliver Butterworth and Dominic Harris. Illingworth, son of Richard (Worcestershire, Derbyshire and England), maintained a family tradition by bowling accurate left-arm spin.

Batting J. R. Watkins* 671 at 39.47; G. W. Gough 366 at 26.14; M. J. R. Illingworth 231 at 19.25; A. S. Wilkinson 255 at 18.21; D. P. Harris 221 at 17.00; T. G. Payton 269 at 14.94; O. R. C. Butterworth 170 at 13.07.

Bowling O. J. Haines 11 at 12.18; T. J. R. Ohlson 17 at 19.64; G. W. Gough 11 at 21.81; M. J. R. Illingworth 19 at 23.57; O. R. C. Butterworth 18 at 28.00; D. P. Harris 15 at 30.86.

Rugby School

P15 W1 L8 D6 A2

Batting J. F. Noble* 397 at 30.53; R. L. H. Crawford 383 at 29.46; H. Connell 228 at 28.50; S. C. V. Greaves 218 at 19.81.

Bowling O. Benzie 13 at 21.38; S. C. V. Greaves 15 at 31.60; J. F. Nob 18 at 36.27.

Rydal Penrhos, Colwyn Bay

P8 W4 L2 D2 A1

David Watkins captained an experienced team with only one addition from 2001. Against Liverpool College, Watkins and Craig Stock put on an unbeaten 241 for the fourth wicket, a school record. Stock was player of the tournament at Rydal's end-of-season festival. Josh Leach played for Wales Under-14s.

Batting D. M. Watkins* 344 at 57.33; C. D. R. Stock 326 at 46.57; P. J. H. Leach 230 at 46.00.

Bowling P. J. H. Leach 14 at 15.42; S. J. Wilson 11 at 20.90; C. D. R. Stock 12 at 23.83.

St Albans School

P11 W8 L1 D2 A3

A side with an inexperienced bowling attack was well led by Nick Lamb, the youngest captain in 100 years. Lamb, the son of ECB chief executive, Tim, extracted wins in some unlikely circumstances and finished with an excellent record. Next summer the school is due to play on a new 70-acre ground.

Batting N. Lamb* 387 at 35.18; E. Charlesworth 274 at 27.40; M. Searle 265 at 24.09.

Bowling A. Skovberg-Hansen 10 at 26.40.

St Dunstan's College

P11 W1 L7 D3

Batting S. Giddins* 307 at 27.90; A. Darroch 266 at 24.18; W. Taylor 200 at 22.22; A. Mahey 188 at 18.80.

Bowling No one took ten wickets.

St Edmund's College, Ware

P4 W0 L3 D1 A3

The most rain-affected season since 1994.

Batting No one scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was P. Loughrey, who scored 148 at 37.00.

Bowling No one took ten wickets. The leading bowler was T. Gribbin, who took seven at 20.71.

St Edmund's School, Canterbury

P12 W6 L5 D1 A4

Dominic Chambers was once again the linchpin, scoring 864 runs, including four hundreds and three fifties. In four seasons in the First XI, he made a remarkable 2,701 runs at an average of 67, smashing the school record. Kevin Surujlal bowled with pace and aggression, and took six for six against Dover College. He was also an exciting middle-order batsman.

Batting D. Chambers* 846 at 70.50; K. Surujlal 165 at 33.00; A. Cork 288 at 28.80; S. Barda 276 at 25.09; R. Waitt 281 at 23.41.

Bowling K. Surujlal 23 at 18.21; P. Masayavanij 14 at 18.78; A. Cork 16 at 25.25; W. Hilary 10 at 35.30.

St Edward's School, Oxford

P13 W3 L4 D6

Batting M. C. Sutton 450 at 50.00; T. H. Newell* 352 at 35.20; R. W. Abraham 154 at 30.80; J. B. Barrett 391 at 30.07; J. W. H. Gabriel 180 at 18.00.m

Bowling M. C. Sutton 28 at 19.21; J. W. H. Gabriel 21 at 19.52; W. G. F. Myers 12 at 23.83.

St George's College, Weybridge

P18 W6 L7 D5 A2

Batting M. J. Arnot* 558 at 34.87; T. N. J. Doran 411 at 29.35; J. D. Hardman 273 at 17.06; T. M. Grant 223 at 15.92; S. P. Twist 173 at 12.35.

Bowling D. Meers 21 at 14.42; P. L. Haydon 15 at 18.00; B. T. Williams 15 at 27.86; A. J. Wood 10 at 27.90; S. K. Henry 16 at 32.87.

St John's School, Leatherhead

P18 W11 L3 D4

The team won a record number of matches. All the side were in the lower sixth.

Batting P. C. F. Scott 347 at 43.37; T. G. A. Close 221 at 27.62; D. J. Balcombe 357 at 23.80; P. D. Anderson 188 at 23.50; G. D. Littlejohns 206 at 20.60.

Bowling J. R. Amos 22 at 19.50; P. D. Anderson 27 at 21.22; P. M. Cohen 24 at 22.29.

St Lawrence College

P11 W2 L6 D3 A1

Despite several very close matches and two good wins, the team struggled. The batting relied upon the captain and the two Rices, Mark (son of former Nottinghamshire all-rounder, Clive Rice), and his cousin Michael.

Batting M. C. D. Rice 391 at 35.54; M. R. Rice 318 at 28.90; C. P. Baker* 174 at 15.81.

Bowling N. Wake 14 at 16.21; C. P. Baker 13 at 18.69; M. R. Rice 20 at 19.05; M. C. D. Rice 20 at 20.55.

St Paul's School

P15 W6 L7 D2

Ben Duncan played for an ECB Schools XI against India Under-19 and was the dominant performer for St Paul's. Fifteen-year-old Jake Lofdahl had an impressive first season, keeping wicket well and scoring over 400 runs.

Batting B. J. Duncan* 644 at 53.66; J. J. Lofdahl 441 at 31.50; F. W. H. Abrahams 320 at 21.33; A. T. L. Lee 161 at 20.12; P. B. Desai 165 at 15.00.

Bowling E. R. H. Poland 22 at 14.95; B. J. Duncan 20 at 18.10; P. B. Desai 14 at 20.57; I. M. R. Ladak 18 at 21.61; A. T. L. Lee 15 at 25.20; A. S. Charkham 11 at 31.63.

St Peter's School, York

P17 W10 L2 D5 A3

St Peter's had a successful season, winning ten out of 15 completed matches. The team played good, positive cricket and was well captained by James Taylor, the leading batsman. He was supported by all-rounders Tom Main and Tom Bartram and by left-arm spinner Tom Woolsey, an Under-15 who took 51 wickets at 13.27.

Batting J. E. Taylor* 534 at 41.07; T. Main 295 at 32.77; T. S. Bartram 350 at 26.92; A. J. Chalmers 246 at 24.60; M. S. Hodsdon 229 at 17.61.

Bowling T. J. Woolsey 51 at 13.27; T. S. Bartram 28 at 21.28; T. Main 20 at 28.55; J. P. Sweeting 10 at 32.60.

Sedbergh School

P14 W4 L8 D2

This was a better season than the results might suggest. John Mason was the outstanding batsman, while Andrew Robertson, the only centurion, showed promise. Craig Barrington was by far Sedbergh's best bowler, taking 35 wickets at under ten. Christian Howard was also effective. The school defeated the MCC for the second year running.

Batting J. Mason 541 at 49.18; A. Robertson 505 at 38.84; E. Parker 263 at 32.87; T. Laidler 178 at 14.83.

Bowling C. Barrington 35 at 9.77; C. Howard 25 at 17.44.

Sevenoaks School

P12 W1 L10 D1 A3

Batting S. Sharma* 412 at 37.45; K. Shah 276 at 25.09; D. Burden 183 at 15.25.

Bowling G. Alexander 21 at 17.28; S. Sharma 10 at 29.10; E. Davies 11 at 32.00.

Shebbear College

P6 W2 L3 D1 A2

Batting O. Wickett* 214 at 42.80; E. Jones 220 at 36.66.

Bowling J. Corry 11 at 12.27.

Sherborne School

P15 W11 L4 D0 A2

Sherborne bowled better than they batted. All school matches were limited-overs games, so draws were a thing of the past.

Batting W. Russell 441 at 33.92; J. Britten 209 at 26.12; W. Fegen* 299 at 24.91; R. Jordan 252 at 16.80; J. Harding 181 at 16.45.

Bowling W. Fegen 23 at 15.43; C. Dupont 17 at 16.88; W. Dawson 25 at 17.92; H. Lamb 15 at 21.66; A. Budge 10 at 22.30; F. Mead 10 at 25.10.

Shrewsbury School

P22 W11 L5 D6 A1

Shrewsbury enjoyed an excellent season despite the inexperience of the side: 12 of this year's squad should play next summer. Alastair McKeever's return of 41 wickets was pleasing, and included seven for 23 against Manchester Grammar School. Sixteen-year-old Ian Massey scored 847 runs.

Batting I. R. Massey 847 at 47.05; F. C. Argyle 502 at 29.52; A. M. McKeever* 375 at 25.00; M. J. Dwyer 197 at 24.62; T. W. P. Cox 386 at 22.70.

Bowling A. M. McKeever 41 at 15.36; T. J. Owen 20 at 17.50; N. J. Bevan 35 at 18.97; B. M. Pridgeon 15 at 25.86; R. D. T. Nichols 14 at 31.00; M. J. Dwyer 11 at 32.63.

Simon Langton Grammar School

P5 W2 L3 D0 A5

Weather chopped the fixture list in half, allowing only five games to be played. Simon Cusden, who in schools matches hit 205 at 102.50, played for an ECB Schools XI against India and was later selected to tour Australia with England Under-19.

Batting M. Paine* 382 at 127.33.

Bowling No one took ten wickets. The leading bowler was S. M. J. Cusden, who took seven at 13.28.

Solihull School

P17 W7 L6 D4 A1

Solihull's young side had an encouraging campaign, and all bar three should return next year.

Batting C. Bartley 403 at 33.58; J. Hemming 334 at 30.36; J. Pooley* 263 at 26.30; B. Pugh 289 at 24.08; J. Coutts 222 at 22.20; J. Sammons 225 at 20.45; A. Blasdale 284 at 20.28; S. Reddish 232 at 16.57.

Bowling C. Bartley 27 at 10.18; J. Pooley 31 at 19.93; T. Kirtland 21 at 22.14; B. Watson 17 at 23.41; Q. Tchakhotine 12 at 26.83; B. Pugh 13 at 38.38.

South Craven School

P7 W3 L3 D1 A3

South Craven had mixed fortunes, but a number of school records were broken: 306 for five declared against Grange Technology College, Bradford was their highest total; 152 by Andrew Sewell the highest individual score; 172 between Sewell and Simon Doane the highest stand for any wicket; and 246 the biggest margin of victory. The wicket-keeper was Anna Spragg of Yorkshire Women, sister of Laura Spragg (England Women).

Batting A. M. Sewell 273 at 45.50.

Bowling C. P. Walker* 13 at 13.46; M. Shuttleworth 10 at 19.30.

Stamford School

P17 W3 L14 D0 A1

Batting R. Sabin 327 at 32.70; S. Albinson 163 at 32.60; W. Clough 301 at 21.50; J. Lawrence 206 at 12.87; P. Matthew 166 at 9.76.

Bowling N. Wells 30 at 15.86; C. Talbot 22 at 19.86; T. Goodman 11 at 34.27.

Stockport Grammar School

P14 W6 L6 D2

A summer of close finishes brought much entertainment. An end-of-season tour to Malta was an excellent experience, and playing on hard, fast wickets brought confidence to a rather weak batting line-up. Simon Elliott and James Davenport showed star quality.

Batting J. Davenport 226 at 45.20; S. Elliott* 336 at 42.00; L. Bottomley 190 at 17.27.

Bowling J. Woodsmith 12 at 11.66; R. Barrow 12 at 16.16; J. Davenport 16 at 18.87; A. Jennings 12 at 21.33; C. Mercer 11 at 26.72.

Stowe School

P12 W1 L7 D4

Fragile batting meant a depressing number of losses. However, Stowe proved they were a competitive side with the ball and in the field and, in Graeme White, had a left-arm spinner of great promise. White went on to play for England Under-15s. Harold Rhodes (Derbyshire and England) retired after six years as professional.

Batting O. Cullingworth 303 at 25.25; G. Sharp* 258 at 23.45; W. Gallimore 241 at 21.90; A. Leon 200 at 20.00; J. Leggett 154 at 12.83.

Bowling G. White 22 at 24.31; H. Sheppard 18 at 28.83; G. Sharp 11 at 31.90.

Strathallan School

P6 W3 L1 D2 A9

The worst summer in over a decade saw more than half the scheduled matches lost to the weather, including every game after June 5. Six batsmen scored at least one fifty, while the bowling was dominated by Brad Coupar, a left-arm quick bowler on exchange from Brisbane Boys College. His 16 wickets did not accurately reflect his quality.

Batting B. Coupar 160 at 32.00.

Bowling T. M. Hine 11 at 6.09; B. Coupar 16 at 7.43.

Sutton Valence School

P10 W4 L3 D3 A4

Batting N. Chapman 334 at 33.40; J. Varnals 195 at 27.85; P. Stileman* 277 at 27.70; T. Brandreth 169 at 18.77.

Bowling N. Chapman 12 at 13.41; O. Clarkson 18 at 16.16; P. Stileman 18 at 20.72.

Taunton School

P9 W3 L6 D0 A3

Batting M. Collins* 390 at 48.75; J. Hayward 208 at 41.60.

Bowling H. Carpenter 11 at 14.72; L. Vassay 10 at 19.40.

Tiffin School

P18 W11 L1 D6 A2

This was a spectacular season for Tiffin. Simon Crampton had a marvellous summer, finishing with 49 wickets and 514 runs. His ability to read batsmen allied with an astute cricketing sense won him respect as a captain. The major strength of the side undoubtedly lay in the variety and accuracy of its bowling, and in the all-round skills of Arun Harinath.

Batting S. G. D. Crampton* 514 at 57.11; A. Harinath 621 at 56.45; R. Uthayashanker 376 at 25.06; D. Sellayah 339 at 22.60; H. M. Vanderman 235 at 21.36; B. C. Gibbs 175 at 19.44; K. Balasubramaniam 164 at 13.66.

Bowling S. G. D. Crampton 49 at 8.87; A. Harinath 19 at 16.15; R. Gnanendran 31 at 18.87; R. Kumarasuriyar 10 at 21.30; C. R. Secker 10 at 22.00; J. R. Anderson 11 at 23.72.

Tonbridge School

P15 W3 L8 D4 A2

Batting C. G. Atkinson 627 at 41.80; F. R. Chillcott* 501 at 35.78; D. J. Norman 414 at 25.87; S. Kapila 333 at 25.61; D. H. Odds 168 at 15.27; J. E. G. Burman 167 at 13.91; J. W. K. Beeny 200 at 13.33.

Bowling C. Douglas-Hughes 18 at 17.11; C. G. R. Haire 18 at 22.00; C. G. Atkinson 19 at 26.94; A. J. R. Collier 19 at 28.15; J. E. G. Burman 13 at 37.69.

Trent College

P15 W6 L6 D3

Batting D. Mathias* 324 at 23.14; J. Shelton 227 at 22.70; S. Kelly 226 at 22.60; D. Jones 252 at 19.38; J. Tunnicliffe 251 at 19.30; A. Marshall 205 at 18.63.

Bowling D. Jones 20 at 15.75; D. Wall 13 at 19.38; S. Roberts 15 at 39.80.

Trinity School, Croydon

P16 W2 L8 D6

A very young side contained only two players from 2001. Opponents were often bowled out for under 200, but an inexperienced batting line-up generally fell short of the target. The team relied too much on a couple of strong all-rounders.

Batting A. Savage 341 at 22.73; B. Shorten 271 at 16.93; J. May 186 at 14.30.

Bowling B. Shorten 10 at 15.00; D. Whitehair 16 at 22.62; J. May 12 at 28.16.

Truro School

P10 W3 L4 D3 A2

Batting T. F. Glover 341 at 48.71; D. J. Pollard* 239 at 29.87.

Bowling D. J. Pollard 17 at 11.64; B. T. Pollard 14 at 12.78; M. K. Munday 12 at 21.25; T. F. Glover 10 at 31.10.

University College School

P11 W4 L5 D2 A1

Some excellent victories helped offset disappointing defeats. The highlight was a victory over Berkhamsted, when James Floyd and Nick Jones both scored hundreds. If anything, the side was too dependent on this pair for runs. All the team bar one should return next year.

Batting J. Floyd* 478 at 47.80; N. Jones 370 at 41.11.

Bowling A. Cohen 13 at 14.38; D. Patel 17 at 16.88; B. Kirmani 14 at 19.21.

Uppingham School

P16 W9 L3 D4 A1

The side had its most successful campaign for many years. Duncan Wood was the leading all-rounder, and bowled outstandingly to take ten for 47 in the annual two-day game against Shrewsbury. Will Crowder fell just short of 100 wickets for the First XI, ending with 96 in three fine seasons. All three defeats came in limited-overs matches.

Batting J. T. Branson 348 at 34.80; D. C. Wood 338 at 30.72; H. J. L. Swayne* 259 at 23.54; J. C. J. Sharrock 192 at 17.45; S. Dean 223 at 17.15; H. M. C. Judd 150 at 15.00.

Bowling D. C. Wood 39 at 13.94; D. N. Feit 13 at 14.30; W. E. Crowder 23 at 18.52; T. J. Burwell 14 at 22.28; T. H. Higgs 11 at 24.63.

Victoria College, Jersey

P20 W7 L7 D6

Andrew Dewhurst, the captain, was in scintillating form. In the 44-run win over Elizabeth College, Guernsey he hit 122 and took four for 43; he also scored 151 against Bryanston.

Batting A. Dewhurst* 776 at 48.50; P. Gough 611 at 33.94; P. Gales 285 at 31.66; J. Gough 630 at 31.50; S. Dewhurst 245 at 22.27; O. Hughes 345 at 18.15; T. Minty 203 at 13.53.

Bowling A. Dewhurst 42 at 13.54; H. MacLachlan 21 at 18.33; J. Gough 23 at 20.78; P. Gough 16 at 23.18; T. Minty 21 at 27.52.

Warwick School

P15 W8 L3 D4 A2

Batting D. G. Roots 515 at 64.37; W. R. Warwick 154 at 51.33; O. C. Higgins* 463 at 46.30; T. F. Rigby 225 at 37.50; J. D. Tickle 225 at 37.50; A. R. Wilkinson 405 at 36.81; C. M. Wilson 325 at 27.08.

Bowling O. C. Higgins 15 at 15.33; A. R. Wilkinson 12 at 19.16; C. J. Todd 11 at 25.45; B. E. A. Carr 10 at 26.30.

Watford Grammar School

P9 W2 L2 D5 A1

A young team, well marshalled by Edward Welch, continued to improve. The batting of Zavar Hussain was supported by excellent swing bowling from Matthew Corbridge.

Batting Z. Hussain 403 at 80.60.

Bowling M. Corbridge 19 at 13.26; R. Mukherjee 15 at 19.26.

Wellington College

P16 W8 L4 D4

A good all-round team, well led by Adrian Jarvis, enjoyed a successful term.

Batting A. T. Jarvis* 699 at 63.54; H. T. Y. Shephard 477 at 39.75; P. J. W. Young 399 at 36.27; A. A. Shelley 231 at 28.87; H. R. Streatfield 459 at 28.68; A. W. J. Mills 184 at 23.00; G. R. Tysoe 167 at 16.70.

Bowling C. J. Rylatt 23 at 15.39; A. A. Shelley 34 at 16.50; H. T. Y. Shephard 20 at 17.20; G. R. Tysoe 21 at 22.47; J. R. Coyne 12 at 34.91.

Wellington School

P11 W4 L3 D4 A5

A season that promised much was blighted by poor weather and an inability to wheedle out late-order batsmen.

Batting C. Nicholls 205 at 41.00; J. T. House* 341 at 37.88; G. Sheppard 318 at 35.33.

Bowling P. Short 25 at 8.84; J. T. House 13 at 13.69; R. Rexworthy 13 at 16.38; P. Nicholls 15 at 20.80.

Wells Cathedral School

P13 W2 L6 D5 A2

After last year's undefeated campaign, this was a far tougher season.

Batting G. Oram 350 at 43.75.

Bowling E. Harper 21 at 17.28; G. Oram 18 at 20.50; A. Taylor-Maughan 11 at 31.72; M. Brandon 12 at 34.41.

West Buckland School

P13 W4 L7 D2 A1

The bowling and fielding of a very young side – it contained only one upper-sixth player – was of a very high standard; the batting was not.

Batting J. C. Hickman 272 at 27.20; J. D. Wallace* 188 at 17.09; M. A. Stevens 158 at 15.80; A. M. Laughrane 174 at 13.38.

Bowling C. A. Boulden 20 at 15.80; J. C. Hickman 16 at 18.00; D. J. Higgs 14 at 20.28; J. D. Wallace 14 at 21.85; A. D. Hobbs 13 at 22.15.

Westminster School

P13 W5 L6 D2 A3

Westminster enjoyed a fine season. The bowling was strong, with the off-spin of James Japhet ably supported by Charles Cooke, William Yell and Nick Manners. The batting lacked consistency but Richard Clark showed great potential.

Batting R. L. Pike 205 at 29.28; R. K. Clark 271 at 27.10; J. N. Japhet* 264 at 22.00; W. B. J. Stevenson 210 at 19.09.

Bowling J. N. Japhet 18 at 27.27; C. A. Cooke 10 at 27.30.

Whitgift School

P14 W6 L5 D3

This was a successful season – the more so since it was largely devoted to developing junior players. Four Under-15s and an Under-16 performed admirably. Sam Woodward was included in the Surrey Academy and was named Surrey Under-17 player of the year. David Ward, the joint master in charge, was recalled to play for Surrey in a National League game played on the school ground.

Batting S. Woodward 636 at 63.60; M. Spriegal 365 at 36.50; N. Grant 190 at 27.14; J. Pearce* 349 at 26.84; J. Wright 226 at 20.54.

Bowling J. Pearce 22 at 11.36; A. Bailey 19 at 15.78; N. Grant 18 at 20.44; A. Clarke 15 at 22.00.

Wickersley School and Sports College

P9 W2 L4 D3 A1

Wickersley found the going difficult, and were over-reliant on a small number of players. The early batting performed well but the bowlers struggled to dismiss sides. Elizabeth Lazenby became the first girl to play First XI cricket, while Mark Cummins played for England Under-15s and won the Bunbury Scholarship award, awarded by ECB coaches to a player showing great promise.

Batting M. Cummins 277 at 55.40; L. Heathcote 188 at 26.85.

Bowling M. Cummins 13 at 16.23; L. Heathcote 10 at 31.80.

Winchester College

P15 W3 L4 D8 A1

This was an average season for Winchester. Tom White had a good year with bat and ball, and beat Radley and Wellington almost single-handed with fine bowling displays. However, a lack of runs meant the side struggled to chase targets, and games that should have been won were drawn.

Batting J. Merriot 330 at 30.00; J. Walters 346 at 26.61; J. Mortimer 236 at 21.45; T. White* 234 at 21.27; C. Walters 247 at 20.58; J. Briery 204 at 17.00.

Bowling T. White 18 at 22.00; J. Pringle 12 at 23.50; E. Foster 13 at 24.38; J. Walters 13 at 27.30.

Wolverhampton Grammar School

P11 W3 L5 D3 A6

A season constantly interrupted by bad weather saw an inexperienced side perform well on occasions. For the second year running, Michael Young was leading wicket-taker; Daniel Bowyer, the captain, took 13 and scored over 350 runs.

Batting C. Mulvihill 286 at 40.85; D. Bowyer* 367 at 36.70; J. Acaster 156 at 17.33.

Bowling D. Bowyer 13 at 15.46; M. Young 16 at 16.81.

Woodbridge School

P12 W3 L5 D4 A2

Batting M. Fernley 388 at 38.80; P. Nicholls 311 at 31.10; J. McNally 212 at 19.27.

Bowling W. Nicholls 16 at 20.62; C. Tunstall 11 at 23.18.

Woodhouse Grove School

P17 W7 L5 D5 A1

Joe Bedford scored 642 runs at 80.25; he also played rugby for England Schools in the spring term. Wicket-keeper Sam Anderson scored 558 runs and captained Yorkshire Schools in their festival at St Peter's, York.

Batting J. J. R. Bedford 642 at 80.25; M. S. Bottomley* 602 at 35.41; S. R. Anderson 558 at 34.87; R. H. Haslam 225 at 17.30.

Bowling M. S. Druce 16 at 12.75; O. D. Wolfenden 12 at 19.83; H. J. Driver 15 at 22.86; E. C. Haslam 16 at 23.25; A. M. Pearce 14 at 27.57; M. S. Bottomley 10 at 34.40.

Workshop College

P18 W10 L3 D5 A1

Samit Patel played for Nottinghamshire against West Indies A, Andrew Parkin-Coates played for Nottinghamshire Seconds, and Bhavesh Patel represented England Under-17.

Batting A. W. Parkin-Coates 715 at 71.50; L. J. Ambrose 196 at 32.66; S. R. Patel 385 at 32.08; M. T. Palmer 315 at 31.50; T. Corbyn 295 at 22.69; B. Patel 336 at 22.40; J. R. Gray 333 at 19.58.

Bowling S. R. Patel 32 at 10.43; L. J. Ambrose 10 at 11.30; J. R. Gray 26 at 11.57; B. Patel 24 at 15.83; R. M. Davies 16 at 20.06.

Wrekin College

P14 W3 L5 D6 A1

Some good all-round performances gave lustre to an average season. Most matches were declaration games, which Wrekin played as positively as possible. The team included three fourth formers.

Batting A. Ryland* 342 at 28.50; J. Pee 242 at 24.20; R. O'Brien 287 at 23.91; T. Fisher 198 at 18.00; A. Sultan 170 at 17.00; N. Berry 158 at 12.15.

Bowling R. O'Brien 17 at 17.29; J. Pee 21 at 18.90; M. Rhodes 21 at 20.14; A. Sultan 10 at 22.70.

Wycliffe College

P10 W2 L6 D2 A1

Four 15-year-olds made their first-team debuts in a season of mixed fortunes: the pick was Tom Williams, who was the leading wicket-taker. The side was expertly captained by Stuart Gilchrist, who comfortably topped the batting.

Batting S. Gilchrist* 275 at 45.83.

Bowling T. Williams 12 at 18.66.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College

P11 W9 L1 D1

The team had its best summer for several years: unbeaten against schools, colleges and university teams, they lost only to an Old Wyggestonians XI. Mohsin Contractor's unbeaten 119 at Rugby was the most stylish innings, while Andrew Fletcher's 114 and Luke Berriman's hat-trick helped win the Leicestershire Under-19 final. Kunal Jogia played for Leicestershire Seconds.

Batting A. H. Fletcher 261 at 43.50; M. Contractor 332 at 41.50; K. Jogia 279 at 39.85; J. Anderson 244 at 34.85.

Bowling A. H. Fletcher 19 at 10.05; I. K. Lodhi 16 at 13.43; M. Khan* 17 at 14.29; L. Berriman 16 at 15.56.



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