

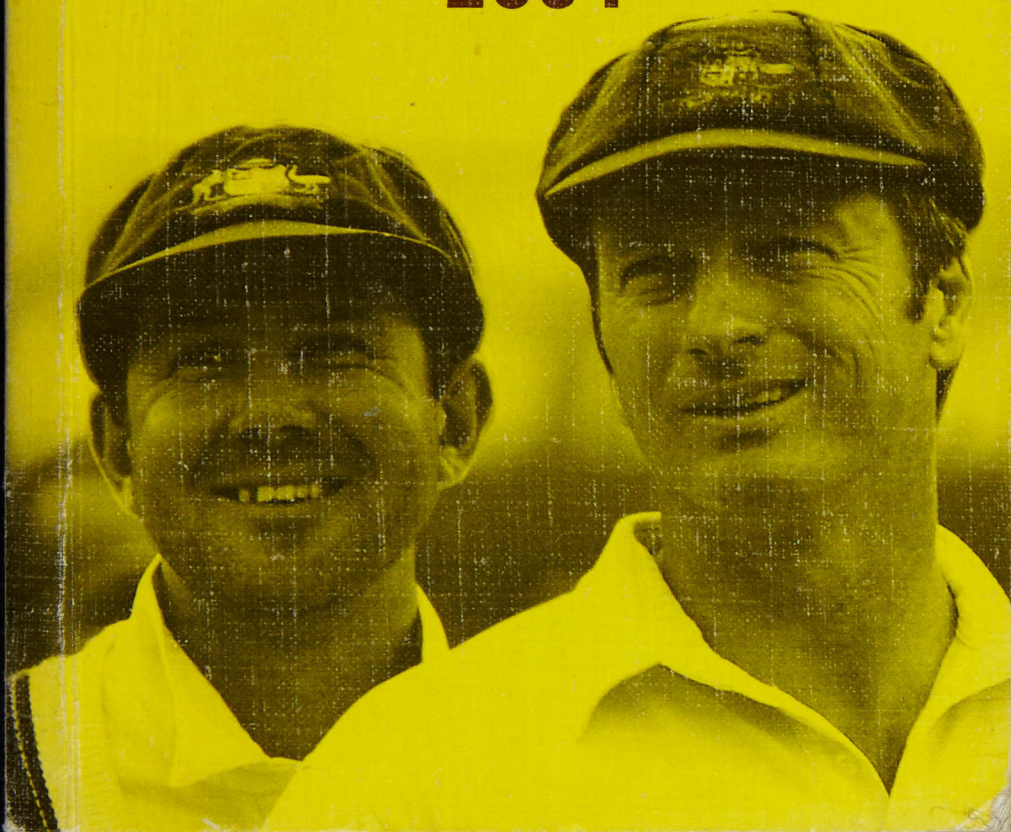
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SCHOOLS CRICKET, 2003

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Coloured clothing, white balls and black sightscreens lie just over the horizon, but for 2003, what happened on the genteel grounds of the United Kingdom's cricket-playing schools was familiar. Whites were worn, exams stole more time than ever and, for the second year running, slow bowlers prospered. From a field of around 2,500 players (most, but not all, boys – see for instance South Craven School) two familiar names rose to the top. Alastair Cook, a left-handed opening bat from Bedford School, and Tom Woolsey, an accurate left-arm spinner from St Peter's, York, remained, as they were in 2002, the heaviest run-scorer, and the leading wicket-taker among those schools reporting to *Wisden*.

Cook went on to hallmark his talent by hitting fifties in his first three County Championship matches for Essex. But it now takes good fortune in your choice of school, as well as talent, to reach the top of the tables. Fewer and fewer first teams play a significant amount of cricket. In 1983, 22% of schools listed in *Wisden* arranged more than 20 matches. Ten years later, that figure was 19%. By 2003, it had tumbled to 7%. As the exam season gets longer – now nearly seven weeks in some schools – the downward trend continues. On average, schools cut half a game from their fixture card for 2003. This summer almost certainly saw the fewest scheduled matches for many years.

At least more escaped the rain than in 2002 – although the azure skies and record temperatures so entrenched in the memories of cricket watchers did not arrive until term was over.

Despite grey clouds in May it was a good season for batsmen. In 2003, scoreboards didn't tick; they whirled, and 14 schools reported new batting records. Among schools reaching their highest-ever totals were University College School, who scorched to 334 for four against Highgate, and Tiffin, who managed just two fewer against Reigate Grammar School. In that match, Kapilan Balasubramaniam hit 204 not out, including 13 sixes, then completed five stumpings – four off quick bowlers. Nick Howell took 11 balls to reach the fastest fifty on record for The Oratory, Daniel Howes hit his 665 runs for Repton off 522 balls, and an incredible 180 of Robin Gaymer's 632 for Berkhamsted came in sixes.

But Cook stood alone. He began the season revising for A-levels and ended it in the Essex first team. In between, he scored 1,287 runs for Bedford, 263 more than 16-year-old Stephen Bilboe managed for King's, Worcester. Cook also topped the national averages – with 160.87. His concentration was immense – seven hundreds, two unbeaten double-centuries, and one opening partnership (with Will Notley) of 333 in 50 overs. Even compared with exceptional schoolboys of the past, Cook stood tall. Bedford's last outstanding player, Toby Bailey, now of Northamptonshire, made five hundreds during his school career; Cook hit 17. Another Cook, Paul of



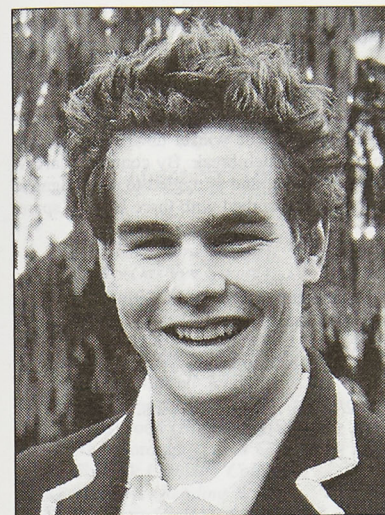
Alastair Cook of Bedford hit the most runs in schools cricket and enjoyed further success in the Essex first team.

Malvern College, was his nearest rival, averaging over 106 and scoring 961 runs.

No bowler stood out so obviously. Woolsey, with 50 wickets, took just one more than James Hay, a swing bowler from Oundle. Hay's total included four Stamford batsmen, all bowled, in four balls. With another year at school, Woolsey, an open-side flanker for England's Under-16 rugby side, still has a chance to complete an unprecedented hat-trick. Three of the six leading wicket-takers bowled spin, and two – Michael Swartz of Lord Wandsworth College and Wian Potgieter of Merchiston Castle – were scholars visiting from South Africa. It is not just in county cricket that teams are turning to imports. A slow bowler led the averages too – Chetan Depala, a leg-spinner for Christ's, Finchley, who took 28 wickets at six. Another Depala, Chetan's cousin Mayur, ended third in the list.

In a good season for Sussex, a truly dominant schools team emerged on the South Coast. Brighton College blazed through the summer, winning 15 of their 16 games. In 1999, they won 20 out of 24, but this was the highest proportion of victories in a long season (16 games or more) recorded in *Wisden* since at least 1980.

Before running into Eton, Brighton had won 19 in a row, a sequence stretching back to 2002. Nor were all of the matches limited-overs. Positive captaincy, 48 wickets from spinner Ronak Sekhri and 831 runs from the



Tom Woolsey of St Peter's (*left*) was leading wicket-taker in the country for the second year running, while Chris Grammer of Brighton College captained the country's most successful side.

captain Chris Grammer added up to what the school's coach, John Spencer, called a "golden era." And when Brighton entered the new Ben Hollioake memorial tournament, a seven-a-side, five-over bash at The Oval, they won that too. No other school could quite match their record, but Hampton, Leeds Grammar, Lord Williams's, Woodbridge and Wyggeston all went unbeaten.

Wisden covers cricket in all schools of a sufficient cricketing standard who send in reports, whether they are in the independent or state sector. But outside the small group of traditional cricket schools, the vast majority of young players are still learning the game in clubs. The ECB claim that 85% of state secondary schools provide cricket but that is based on a very loose definition of what constitutes "cricket". The definitions are debatable; what is certain is that with teachers overstretched and the Government having approved 210 playing field sales since October 1998 (only six applications were turned down), the amount of organised, competitive cricket in state schools is unlikely to rise soon.

Additional Reporting by Gareth A. Davies.

“Once at Bradford he declined to give David Bairstow stumped off a wide until a small boy ran on with a scorebook containing the Laws and pointed to the relevant passage.”

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ETON v HARROW

At Lord's, July 1. Eton won by 36 runs. Toss: Harrow.

Eton beat their old rivals for the second year running, with Ben Thompson again the top-scorer, unfurling eight fours in a run-a-ball half-century. In the 50 overs allotted – down from 55 in 2002 – Eton built on a brisk opening stand, reached three figures with one wicket down, and quickly recovered from losing four for 18 either side of a rain-hastened lunch-break. By contrast, Harrow slumped to 95 for seven, despite steady batting from Peter Dunbar, and struggled to score against a trio of spinners. Michael Davidson hit out late on, but they succumbed with three balls to spare.

Eton

A. W. A. Barker b Morrison	30	J. P. Sherrard not out	2
†G. D. G. George c Davidson b Dunbar	42	W. T. Dobson not out	1
C. P. A. Nissen run out	19		
*B. R. Thompson c Turner b Davidson	50	L-b 9, w 9, n-b 3	21
E. F. J. Nissen c Howe b Spencer	0		
E. C. A. Bruce b Roditi	5	1/58 2/105 3/106 (8 wkts, 50 overs)	211
A. H. Ball c Dunbar b Davidson	31	4/112 5/123 6/181	
G. O. A. Scott-Hayward c Dunbar b Roditi	10	7/206 8/208	

N. C. R. Westoll did not bat.

Bowling: Roditi 10–1–35–2; Travers 5–0–22–0; Morrison 10–2–22–1; Spencer 10–0–46–1; Dunbar 8–0–29–1; Davidson 7–0–48–2.

Harrow

N. E. Defty c Thompson b Bruce	12	M. R. Davidson b Westoll	35
J. H. Walker b Bruce	1	W. J. Spencer not out	11
H. R. Howe st George b Sherrard	17	J. B. K. Roditi c Barker b Westoll	0
*P. R. Dunbar c Thompson b Sherrard	43	B 1, l-b 3, w 12, n-b 3	19
C. G. M. Travers c Bruce b Sherrard	11		
E. J. Turner lbw b Dobson	3	1/6 2/30 3/37 (49.3 overs)	175
H. M. Morrison b Dobson	23	4/58 5/69 6/93	
†R. T. de Oliveira lbw b Dobson	0	7/95 8/125 9/172	

Bowling: Thompson 10–0–38–0; Bruce 10–0–43–2; Sherrard 10–0–32–3; Dobson 10–3–19–3; Westoll 9.3–0–39–2.

Umpires: G. Cooper and A. V. Farnfield.

Of the 165 matches played between the two schools since 1805, Eton have won 54, 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, 2002 and 2003, 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 only those schools listed in the Schools A–Z section.

BATTING

BEST AVERAGE IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 150 runs, 3 completed innings, average 70.00)

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	Avg
A. N. Cook (Bedford School)	14	6	1,287	206*	7	160.87
P. G. Cook (Oakham School)	14	5	961	130*	4	106.77
W. M. Gifford (Malvern College)	17	7	942	158	1	94.20
I. K. Lodhi (Wygggeston & QE 1 College)	9	3	555	118*	2	92.50
D. G. Roots (Warwick School)	14	6	724	125*	1	90.50
P. Harman (Colfe's School)	6	3	234	70	0	78.00
R. Bhome (Chigwell School)	11	4	544	135*	1	77.71
E. Buxton (Forest School)	12	3	693	133	1	77.00
M. E. Westwood (Brentwood School)	16	6	760	119*	2	76.00
A. J. Blakeborough (Leeds GS)	5	2	225	107*	1	75.00
J. A. Chervak (Ashville College)	10	2	588	153*	3	73.50
T. G. Burrows (Reading School)	7	1	438	125*	2	73.00
J. L. T. Bolam (Pocklington School)	10	3	504	141*	2	72.00
C. Nelson (RGS, Guildford)	11	4	503	105	2	71.85
A. Wynd (Lord Williams's School)	9	2	502	134*	2	71.71
A. Mace (Repton School)	13	7	429	119*	1	71.50
N. J. Lamb (St Albans School)	10	2	569	107	1	71.12

MOST RUNS IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 800 runs)

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	Avg
A. N. Cook (Bedford School)	14	6	1,287	206*	7	160.87
S. P. Bilboe (King's School, Worcester)	21	2	1,024	130*	2	53.89
P. G. Cook (Oakham School)	14	5	961	130*	4	106.77
W. M. Gifford (Malvern College)	17	7	942	158	1	94.20
S. M. Butler (Radley College)	17	3	931	125*	2	66.50
J. N. Butler (King's School, Rochester)	18	2	883	115*	1	55.18
R. M. Fahrenheit (Oundle School)	22	2	840	125	2	42.00
C. M. Grammer (Brighton College)	17	3	831	114*	3	59.35
C. J. Wake (Oundle School)	26	3	810	84	0	35.21
J. W. K. Beeny (Tonbridge School)	17	2	809	193*	2	53.93

BOWLING

BEST AVERAGE IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 10 wickets, average 9.00)

	O	M	R	W	BB	Avg
C. C. Depala (Christ's College, Finchley)	75.2	22	168	28	6-5	6.00
J. W. Potgieter (Merchiston Castle School)	133	41	260	41	6-24	6.34
M. R. Depala (Christ's College, Finchley)	96.4	26	270	37	5-16	7.29
T. A. R. Dilnot-Smith (Sir Roger Manwood's)	40	15	81	11	4-5	7.36
S. M. Martin (Chigwell School)	52.2	9	164	22	6-8	7.45
T. Markham (RGS, Guildford)	52.1	10	155	20	3-14	7.75

	O	M	R	W	BB	Avg
R. J. Browning (<i>Wolverhampton GS</i>)	59	16	133	17	4-15	7.82
S. Ahmed (<i>Christ's College, Finchley</i>)	63	11	205	26	4-7	7.88
A. Shahzad (<i>Woodhouse Grove</i>)	85.5	22	205	25	7-9	8.20
K. Hodnett (<i>Downside School</i>)	43.5	5	108	13	5-14	8.30
J. L. Cluett (<i>Reading School</i>)	24	3	84	10	4-37	8.40
C. J. P. Howland (<i>Newcastle-under-Lyme School</i>)	43	12	101	12	3-15	8.41
P. Towner (<i>Cranbrook School</i>)	95.5	22	214	24	5-25	8.91
N. J. Lamb (<i>St Albans School</i>)	63.4	15	162	18	4-7	9.00

MOST WICKETS IN SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Qualification: 35 wickets)

	O	M	R	W	BB	Avg
T. J. Woolsey (<i>St Peter's, York</i>)	233.4	74	594	50	6-27	11.88
J. I. Hay (<i>Oundle School</i>)	204	46	705	49	5-19	14.38
R. Sekhri (<i>Brighton College</i>)	118.4	38	545	46	6-75	11.84
F. Khalid (<i>Malvern College</i>)	192	41	638	42	5-20	15.19
J. W. Potgieter (<i>Merchiston Castle School</i>)	133	41	260	41	6-24	6.34
M. M. T. Swartz (<i>Lord Wandsworth College</i>)	180	32	674	40	5-50	16.85
P. J. Foster (<i>Oundle School</i>)	245	55	706	40	4-17	17.65
N. S. Coles (<i>RGS, Colchester</i>)	203.3	27	854	39	6-27	21.89
M. R. Depala (<i>Christ's College, Finchley</i>)	96.4	26	270	37	5-16	7.29
S. N. Dave (<i>Merchant Taylors', Northwood</i>)	196	40	524	37	6-21	14.16
J. C. Douglas-Hughes (<i>Felsted School</i>)	208.3	41	706	37	7-54	19.08
O. M. Griffiths (<i>Malvern College</i>)	178	38	538	36	5-24	14.94
P. E. Short (<i>Wellington School</i>)	151.4	20	600	36	6-68	16.66
T. Giles (<i>Exeter School</i>)	134.4	33	374	35	6-18	10.68
R. Gnanendran (<i>Tiffin School</i>)	150.1	22	584	35	6-28	16.68

OUTSTANDING SEASONS, 2003

(Qualification: played eight matches)

	P	W	L	D	A	%W
Blundell's School	11	10	1	0	0	90.9
Brighton College	16	15	1	0	3	93.7
Christ's College, Finchley	17	14	1	2	0	82.3
Hampton School	14	11	0	3	1	78.5
Leeds Grammar School	10	5	0	5	5	50.0
Lord Williams's School	12	8	0	4	0	66.6
Merchiston Castle School	18	16	2	0	2	88.8
Oakham School	16	9	0	7	2	56.2
Royal Grammar School, Guildford	17	14	1	2	0	82.3
St Albans School	10	9	1	0	2	90.0
Watford Grammar School	11	6	0	5	1	54.5
Wellington College	16	14	1	1	1	87.5
Woodbridge School	12	6	0	6	1	50.0
Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College	10	8	0	2	0	80.0

SCHOOLS A-Z

Qualification for averages: 150 runs or ten wickets.

Abingdon School

P20 W7 L11 D2 A1

Master i/c S. P. G. Spratling

Professional G. Palmer

The Stern brothers scored their maiden centuries for the first team in the same innings, putting on 216 for the third wicket against University College School, albeit in a losing cause. Jonathon Watkins scored 557 runs in his final season.

Batting J. A. D. Watkins* 557 at 34.81; S. M. T. Florey 170 at 28.33; P. T. R. Stern 480 at 28.23; S. Kapoor 207 at 25.87; G. W. A. Stern 335 at 20.93; J. E. Mugnaioni 165 at 18.33.

Bowling A. M. McKenzie-Husband 20 at 18.70; S. M. T. Florey 11 at 21.36; J. E. Mugnaioni 14 at 24.14; S. M. Holland 13 at 24.69; A. U. Rehman 11 at 32.18; G. W. A. Stern 17 at 34.17.

Aldenham School

P12 W5 L6 D1 A3

Master i/c A. P. Stephenson

Professional D. Goodchild

The season included several closely fought games and the younger squad members ended the summer as better players.

Batting S. F. Gray* 348 at 38.66; A. Sharma 186 at 18.60.

Bowling S. F. Gray 17 at 17.17; A. Sharma 13 at 17.30; J. Thakrar 10 at 27.00.

Alleyn's School

P12 W8 L2 D2 A2

Master i/c R. Ody

Professional P. H. Edwards

Batting A. L. Fuller 342 at 42.75; C. E. Morris 269 at 33.62; F. A. D. Baird 163 at 20.37.

Bowling A. L. Fuller 12 at 12.16; A. M. F. Johnson 15 at 12.20; C. J. McGill 18 at 12.50; T. A. Matthews* 14 at 15.14; C. O. Greenwood 13 at 17.61.

Ampleforth College

P18 W5 L7 D6 A2

Master i/c G. D. Thurman

Ampleforth struggled with the bat but shone with the ball. Toby Fitzherbert formed a formidable opening bowling partnership with Archie Woodhead. Between them they took 44 wickets.

Batting A. H. J. Kisielewski 422 at 28.13; C. A. Woodhead 215 at 26.87; J. E. N. Brennan 254 at 23.09; T. F. Fitzherbert 227 at 17.46; L. A. Codrington 185 at 14.23; J. R. W. Pawle 203 at 13.53.

Bowling C. A. Woodhead 19 at 17.68; A. C. M. Faulkner 23 at 17.91; T. F. Fitzherbert 25 at 21.40; J. E. N. Brennan 26 at 24.65; A. H. J. Kisielewski 19 at 28.26.

Arnold School

P12 W1 L3 D8 A1

Master i/c M. Evans

Batting B. J. G. Taylor 356 at 29.66; J. Patel 225 at 20.45; T. Muir 264 at 20.30; P. Storey 178 at 17.80.

Bowling T. Muir 10 at 11.50; M. Patel 11 at 20.00; J. Patel 11 at 25.54; B. J. G. Taylor 13 at 26.30.

Ashville College

P10 W7 L2 D1 A8

Master i/c I. M. Walker

James Chervak beat the College record for the highest individual score, when he hit an unbeaten 153 against the XL Club. He averaged an impressive 73, as he led his side to seven wins in ten matches.

Batting J. A. Chervak* 588 at 73.50; J. I. Townsend 161 at 23.00; T. Rowley 150 at 18.75.

Bowling G. N. Randle 15 at 22.13; N. R. Gupta 13 at 23.61.

Bancroft's School

P20 W13 L4 D3 A1

Master i/c J. K. Lever

Simon Miller performed with distinction throughout a highly successful season – with bat, ball and as a positive and effective captain. However, all of the side contributed. The team scored 266 for seven against Highgate, believed to be a school record.

Batting S. C. Miller* 541 at 36.06; J. H. T. Curran 269 at 33.62; P. D. MacLeod 326 at 23.28; C. P. Smith 386 at 22.70; J. K. Lever 153 at 21.85; A. Wilkinson 240 at 20.00; F. S. Khan 204 at 18.54.

Bowling M. Rowland 21 at 15.23; F. S. Khan 27 at 16.44; J. K. Lever 17 at 16.58; S. C. Miller 22 at 20.77.

Bangor Grammar School

Master i/c D. J. Napier

Scott Cooper, composed and thoughtful throughout, led his team by example. A cheerful, positive approach made for a notably enjoyable, and largely successful, season.

Batting S. Cooper* 589 at 49.08; C. S. Cook 277 at 25.18; R. McLarnon 326 at 23.28; G. S. J. Watterson* 209 at 20.90; C. J. Cargo 323 at 20.18; J. A. Goldthorpe 165 at 16.50.

Bowling G. S. J. Watterson 27 at 13.92; S. P. Connell 16 at 14.37; T. B. G. Speers 20 at 14.65; H. R. Haston 11 at 15.45; P. J. S. Speers 27 at 15.88.

Bedford School

Master i/c J. J. Farrell

Alastair Cook was the pick of the batsmen in schools cricket in 2003, captaining Bedford through another successful summer. His 1,287 runs – including two unbeaten double-hundreds – was a school record. He and Will Notley shared four stands of over 150 and one of 333 unbeaten, from 50 overs. Cook later played three games for the Essex first team, passing 50 in all of them.

Batting A. N. Cook* 1,287 at 160.87; W. H. Notley 605 at 40.33; A. G. Wakely 395 at 39.50.

Bowling T. D. B. Coleman 28 at 14.85; T. M. R. Elliott 15 at 19.60; W. H. Notley 14 at 23.57; R. V. R. Patel 20 at 24.50; D. J. Binnington 13 at 26.38.

Bedford Modern School

Master i/c N. J. Chinneck

The school had a decent summer which should have been even better. David Myers, a very able all-rounder, made 600 runs and took 17 wickets.

Batting D. N. Myers 600 at 50.00; N. K. Choudhury 510 at 42.50; R. W. Cruickshank 191 at 27.28; B. N. Campbell 271 at 27.10; L. J. Steeden 150 at 25.00; A. L. Chinneck 193 at 24.12.

Bowling A. Devnani 21 at 14.00; A. M. Walker 16 at 18.06; R. A. Kemp 24 at 18.08; B. N. Campbell 15 at 26.46; D. N. Myers 17 at 32.58.

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

Master i/c S. J. Dight

The bowling lacked penetration and too often the batting relied upon the captain, Robin Gaymer. Of his 632 runs, 180 came in sixes. In his first year, David Sidebottom made a huge difference with his left-arm spin.

Batting R. Gaymer* 632 at 45.14; B. Ramsden 336 at 33.60; R. Bartholomew 296 at 32.88; D. Cooke 154 at 19.25.

Bowling F. Rodwell 17 at 29.82; I. Dent 15 at 30.06; D. Sidebottom 10 at 30.40; T. Chesters 18 at 32.77; C. Ayres 14 at 34.07.

Bloxham School

Master i/c N. C. W. Furley

Batting A. Baig 208 at 18.90; K. A. Rahman 165 at 16.50.

Bowling H. Ahmad 11 at 17.36; A. Baig 15 at 18.93; K. A. Rahman 14 at 24.78.

Blundell's School

Master i/c C. L. L. Gabbittas

One of the best seasons in the school's history was based upon excellent team spirit and significant contributions from each member of the side. The only defeat came against Millfield.

Batting M. Lancelles 177 at 59.00; L. Lewis 360 at 45.00; S. Harding 215 at 30.71; S. Sobelak 194 at 27.71; S. Wright* 212 at 26.50; W. Gingell 196 at 24.50; T. Beard 167 at 20.87; J. Menhenestt 187 at 20.77.

Bowling A. Gingell 18 at 14.55; L. Lewis 13 at 15.07; S. Wright 19 at 16.05; M. Lancelles 11 at 20.63; L. Loveridge 15 at 21.00.

Bradfield College

Master i/c D. Clark

The season started slowly but gradually improved. While the batting was sometimes disappointing, the bowling often excelled. In four drawn matches, the opposition were nine down at the end. James Morris led by example, and his batting average was almost four times higher than his bowling. George Trewby proved the worth of a genuine off-spinner.

Batting J. C. Morris* 537 at 44.75; D. J. Plume 255 at 23.18; W. H. Chaloner 270 at 22.50; N. S. Woodroffe 151 at 12.58.

P17 W11 L2 D4 A3

Professional C. C. J. Harte

P17 W8 L4 D5 A1

Professional D. W. Randall

P14 W8 L2 D4

P14 W4 L8 D2

Professional D. Fortescue

P11 W0 L4 D7

Professional R. Kaufmann

P11 W10 L1 D0

P14 W1 L6 D7

Professional J. Wood

Bowling J. C. Morris 31 at 11.90; G. W. Trewby 23 at 19.69; R. K. Morris 15 at 20.40; D. J. Plume 10 at 38.20.

Bradford Grammar School

Master i/c A. G. Smith

The Mahomed brothers were the most consistent performers. Sarfaraaz scored 436 runs and took 29 wickets; Uzair 636 and 19. The team began to play to their full potential on a two-week tour to the West Indies in July.

Batting U. Mahomed 636 at 37.41; S. Mahomed 436 at 36.33; J. A. S. Benzafar* 421 at 32.38; J. A. Robinson 160 at 20.00; T. D. Ambepitiya 343 at 19.05; L. Stochill 153 at 11.76.

Bowling S. Mahomed 29 at 13.06; F. L. Parish 20 at 15.35; J. L. Dangerfield 20 at 20.50; U. Mahomed 19 at 21.73.

Brentwood School

Master i/c B. R. Hardie

It was a summer of big run-chases on good wickets. The Westwood twins hit all of the team's centuries. Christopher smashed 136 in 61 balls against Framlingham and 123 from 79 against Colfe's. Matthew's unbeaten hundreds guided the school to substantial targets set by Felsted and Ipswich. He also managed two five-wicket hauls.

Batting M. E. Westwood* 760 at 76.00; C. J. Westwood 476 at 43.27; O. T. Allen 241 at 34.42; C. G. Prowling 356 at 32.36; T. M. Gamby 341 at 31.00; W. Harrison 160 at 22.85; K. Sohal 222 at 22.20; J. Harrison 154 at 22.00.

Bowling S. J. Mair 15 at 24.73; M. E. Westwood 32 at 26.62.

Brighton College

Master i/c M. J. Edmunds

Brighton won their first 13 matches – a sequence of 19 straight wins stretching back to 2002 – and were named *The Wisden Cricketer's* team of the season. Chris Grammer was a dynamic leader, prepared to gamble with early declarations, who also scored three centuries. Ronak Sekhri took 46 wickets with his flighty slow left-arm.

Batting C. M. Grammer* 831 at 59.35; R. Sekhri 240 at 40.00; R. L. Young 486 at 34.71; M. N. Waller 447 at 34.38; M. Gardner 361 at 32.81; J. S. Gating 300 at 25.00.

Bowling R. Sekhri 46 at 11.84; M. N. Waller 11 at 12.54; M. J. Wood 22 at 14.27; C. M. Grammer 24 at 14.41; M. T. Sleep 10 at 15.40.

Bristol Grammar School

Masters i/c K. R. Blackburn/R. S. Jones

After a poor start, a well-balanced side found form. Among the bowlers only Tom Westray showed any consistency. But a good nucleus of young players remains, promising much for the future.

Batting J. L. H. Williams 232 at 33.14; M. W. Leonard 301 at 30.10; T. M. Parnell 233 at 29.12; J. D. Butt* 262 at 29.11.

Bowling T. D. Westray 16 at 22.68; M. W. Leonard 10 at 31.50; J. D. Butt 11 at 35.81.

Bromsgrove School

Master i/c P. Mullan

A very young side improved dramatically as the summer progressed: only one squad member was due to leave. A successful season included wins against MCC, Worcestershire Under-16s, King's, Worcester and Dean Close, and was based on all-round contributions by the whole team. However, the fielding could be sharpened up.

Batting S. P. Robinson 461 at 46.10; R. P. Young 331 at 36.77; M. J. Mullan 325 at 36.11; P. Mann 347 at 31.54.

Bowling P. Mann 23 at 17.86; J. G. Jones 16 at 25.93; R. P. Young 16 at 30.18.

Bryanston School

Master i/c T. J. Hill

This inexperienced side, often fielding five Under-16s and at least one Under-15, showed their lack of years when it came to crafting victories, undoing the work of a good and varied bowling attack. Tom Turney scored 455 runs, including a magnificent century, and returns in 2004.

Batting T. A. C. Turney 455 at 35.00; M. W. Pritchard 291 at 20.78; L. C. Bettesworth 269 at 15.82; J. R. H. Gibbs 199 at 15.30.

Bowling N. Canning 20 at 20.35; I. C. Bettesworth 12 at 31.50; J. G. Scott Bolton 15 at 33.53.

P19 W7 L7 D5 A5

P16 W8 L4 D4 A1

P16 W15 L1 D0 A3

Professionals J. Spencer/R. G. Halsall

P12 W4 L4 D4 A1

Professional C. Baxter

P12 W7 L2 D3

Professional P. Greatham

P19 W4 L12 D3 A2

Professional P. J. Norton

Campbell College

Master i/c B. E. Robinson

Hamilton Coulter represented both Ulster and Irish Schools.

Batting H. J. Coulter 211 at 26.37.

Bowling H. J. Coulter 12 at 14.91; B. J. Clements 15 at 18.73.

P9 W5 L4 D0 A2

Professional G. Fry

Charterhouse

Master i/c P. J. Deakin

The highlights were a historic victory over Harrow – the first in 40 years – and the successful pursuit of 265 against MCC. Nick Wood, who reached 155 against Harrow, and Harry Hooper both hit two hundreds.

Batting J. H. P. Hooper 568 at 63.11; N. A. Wood 569 at 40.64; J. R. Wood 373 at 28.69; M. St H. Stimpson 191 at 19.10; L. E. Carpenter 240 at 17.14.

Bowling D. V. D. Moger 16 at 18.62; J. B. Hunter 19 at 18.78; G. F. Palley 29 at 21.10; R. J. Aldridge 12 at 22.25; L. E. Carpenter 16 at 22.50.

P16 W10 L1 D5 A2

Professional R. V. Lewis

Cheltenham College

Master i/c M. W. Stovold

The side was well captained by Tom Brierley and contained seven players who will return for 2004. They again reached the final of the Chesterton Cup but were soundly beaten by a good Malvern side. Remarkably, the fixture against St Edward's, Oxford ended with the scores level for the second year running.

Batting D. C. Hall 507 at 46.09; T. M. B. Brierley* 411 at 41.10; E. J. L. Richardson 361 at 36.10; R. D. Mace 161 at 32.20; C. J. L. Sandbach 329 at 25.30.

Bowling A. J. Brooksbank 12 at 9.41; C. S. Luckock 24 at 16.54; C. B. Kemp 12 at 22.00; N. J. Abendenon 11 at 27.63; T. M. B. Brierley 17 at 32.35.

P14 W7 L4 D3 A2

Professional M. P. Briers

Chigwell School

Master i/c D. N. Morrison

Seven wins in a transitional season was a commendable result. Most of the first team will be back next year. The outstanding memory will be of the young opening batsmen, the right-and-left combination of Rahul Bhome (Essex Under-12) and Nikunj Amin (Essex Under-16).

Batting R. Bhome 544 at 77.71; N. Amin 521 at 52.10; S. Ditta 212 at 26.50; V. Skandakumar 152 at 21.71.

Bowling S. M. Martin 22 at 7.45; T. J. Russell 14 at 15.57; J. Chandrakumar 16 at 22.50; V. Skandakumar 13 at 29.92; R. Bhome 11 at 31.63.

P14 W7 L3 D4 A1

Professional F. A. Griffith

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School

P12 W4 L6 D2 A2

Another positive, encouraging season, with David Meeking leading a young side by example. He topped both batting and bowling averages.

Master i/c R. A. Wallbridge

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was D. G. Meeking who scored 149 at 21.30.

Bowling D. G. Meeking* 19 at 12.36; J. Ahmed 10 at 21.60.

Christ College, Brecon

P11 W5 L4 D2 A2

Masters i/c N. C. Blackburn/J. R. Williams

The side's strength lay in its batting, and became particularly adept at chasing big targets. Four times they successfully scored more than 210 to win, leading to some very exciting and enjoyable matches. Five out of six schools matches were won.

Batting R. G. Davies 305 at 38.12; M. D. Wolfe 378 at 37.80; C. S. D. James* 233 at 33.28; D. R. L. Jones 174 at 29.00; H. C. I. Rich 176 at 22.00; M. B. D. Powell 152 at 16.88.

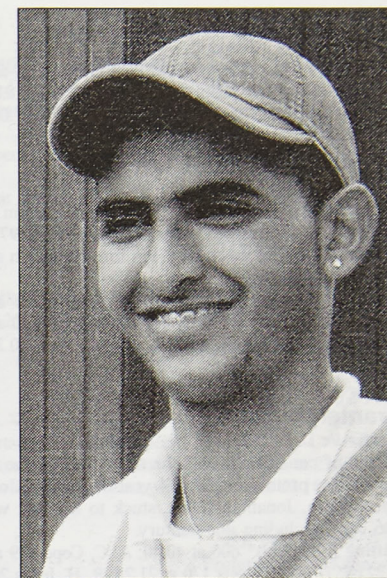
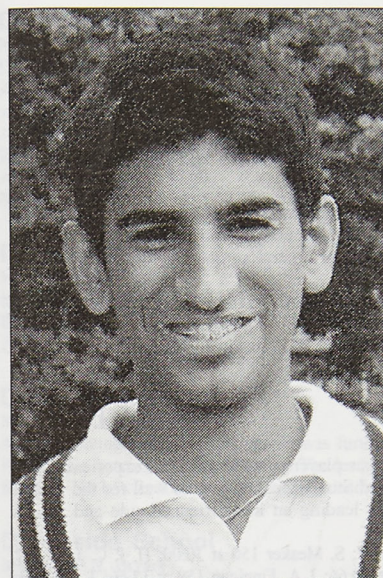
Bowling H. C. I. Rich 10 at 28.70; M. D. Wolfe 10 at 28.90; T. M. R. Cleland 11 at 31.36; J. P. Vaughan 12 at 40.08.

Christ's College, Finchley

P17 W14 L1 D2

Master i/c S. S. Goldsmith

In all their 14 wins, the college's bowling attack dismissed their opposition, with Aldenham skittled for just 34. Leg-spinner Chetan Depala represented Middlesex Under-17s, while his brother, Darshan, and their cousin, Mayur, bowled with blistering pace. Timothy Percival, the captain of the visiting MCC side, said Christ's had "the best school attack I've played against".



Cousins Chetan (left) and Mayur Depala, both of Christ's, Finchley, came first and third respectively in the national bowling averages.

Batting D. C. Depala* 676 at 42.25; C. C. Depala 437 at 36.41; M. R. Depala 328 at 29.81; N. C. Depala 237 at 23.70; R. A. Barney 280 at 20.00.

Bowling C. C. Depala 28 at 6.00; M. R. Depala 37 at 7.29; S. Ahmed 26 at 7.88; R. A. Barney 14 at 11.85; D. C. Depala 15 at 13.40.

Christ's Hospital

Master i/c H. P. Holdsworth

This young side did not sparkle, but they played tough, competitive cricket under the sympathetic leadership of Paul Rider. The eleven lost just two matches against other schools, but struggled to bowl teams out.

Batting R. J. J. Hawke 291 at 29.10; G. K. Chamberlin 300 at 25.00; J. B. Mitra 218 at 18.16; J. G. Maxwell 162 at 18.00; P. W. Rider* 182 at 16.54.

Bowling S. C. Crocker 17 at 15.70; J. T. Maddren 13 at 18.69; P. C. P. Boardman 12 at 28.00.

P13 W4 L4 D5

Professional L. J. Lenham

Clayesmore School

Master i/c D. Rimmer

Batting W. J. Harding* 161 at 32.20; E. J. B. Lack 310 at 31.00; A. O. Allen 175 at 21.87; J. D. Morton 158 at 17.55.

Bowling A. G. Merson 22 at 14.59; S. J. Hughes 19 at 17.00.

P11 W6 L3 D2 A3

Professional P. Warren

Clifton College

Master i/c D. C. Henderson

This was very much a year for rebuilding, with the College fielding an exceptionally young side. The accomplished captain Simon Read scored two centuries and made 553 runs; when he failed the side crashed. Three of the seven losses ended in nail-biting finishes.

Batting S. J. Read* 553 at 55.30; P. E. Bliss 276 at 25.09; C. A. Jenkins 245 at 24.50; T. Read 192 at 12.80.

Bowling G. H. C. Robinson 16 at 17.06; C. A. Jenkins 17 at 20.94; J. J. Innes 14 at 22.64; C. A. Lincoln 10 at 28.70.

P15 W4 L7 D4 A2

Professional P. W. Romaines

Colfe's School

P10 W7 L2 D1 A4

Master i/c G. S. Clinton**Batting** P. Harman 234 at 78.00; S. Cullum* 336 at 48.00; G. Houghton 154 at 38.50; Y. Khan 202 at 33.66; B. White 204 at 20.40; T. Holmes 151 at 18.87.**Bowling** P. Harman 16 at 21.00; N. Patel 10 at 21.00; G. Houghton 13 at 25.92.**Cranbrook School**

P13 W10 L2 D1 A1

Master i/c A. J. Presnell

This was an excellent season, with no defeats in matches against other schools. Peter Towner, the captain who returns next year, has now taken 97 first-team wickets, already a school record. The season's highlight was a rare win for an English side over an Australian one – against Westminster College, Adelaide.

Batting C. Marriott 414 at 37.63; M. Roberts 178 at 35.60; P. Towner* 318 at 28.90; J. Burgess 338 at 28.16; A. Fullwood 209 at 26.12; O. Reynolds 150 at 16.66.**Bowling** P. Towner 24 at 8.91; R. Lawless 14 at 10.21; T. Cullen 27 at 10.44; R. Roberts-Thomson 16 at 17.43.**Cranleigh School**

P17 W4 L7 D6 A1

Master i/c D. C. Williams

A lack of consistency cost the team, though the younger players gained valuable experience, and the distinct promise of two 14-year-olds, Alan Cope and Stuart Meaker, augurs well for the future. The captain, Jonathan Gates, stuck to his task well in leading an inexperienced side and scored 606 runs, including one century.

Batting J. R. Gates* 606 at 40.40; A. C. Cope 349 at 38.77; S. Meaker 150 at 30.00; H. P. C. Jupp 362 at 22.62; D. A. C. Lewis 170 at 21.25; R. H. Jones 248 at 20.66; J. A. Finnigan 159 at 17.66; T. I. Merry 160 at 13.33.**Bowling** A. C. Cope 13 at 16.07; D. A. C. Lewis 23 at 19.56; E. P. C. Prince 13 at 22.92; S. Meaker 13 at 23.46; A. E. Kendrick 20 at 23.55; N. J. W. Pritchard 11 at 23.72; R. H. Jones 10 at 38.10.**Culford School**

P12 W3 L4 D5 A3

Master i/c N. A. Wheedon

The first team left their best till last, winning three of their final four games. Fifteen-year-old Oliver Wade scored most runs and Max Fronicke made an impressive all-round contribution. Eight of the regular first team, including these two, should be back next year.

Batting M. T. Fronicke 306 at 43.71; O. W. Wade 376 at 37.60; L. E. J. Cousins 252 at 22.90; R. J. Hobley 228 at 22.80.**Bowling** M. T. Fronicke 14 at 20.42; M. J. Feczko 18 at 20.72; R. E. H. Dennis 11 at 24.54; M. Burchett* 10 at 25.70.**Dauntsey's School**

P17 W5 L8 D4

Master i/c A. J. Palmer**Professional** R. Chaudhuri

Dauntsey's season started in March, with a win in a floodlit match – believed to be the first in schools cricket in the country – on an astroturf pitch against Prior Park. The first half of the season was disappointing: the batsmen failed to build innings and the bowlers delivered too many wickets, but results improved as the summer wore on.

Batting S. E. Blackford 393 at 28.07; J. L. Thompson 224 at 14.93; S. S. Chaudhry* 153 at 11.76; C. H. Kemp 158 at 10.53.**Bowling** W. P. J. Whyte 20 at 18.85; K. S. Chaudhry 19 at 20.47; S. J. Cowen 16 at 21.37; C. T. J. Jones 15 at 21.60; S. S. Chaudhry 15 at 28.13.**Dean Close School**

P17 W7 L8 D2

Master i/c C. J. Townsend**Professional** D. Trist

Despite a weak batting line-up, Dean Close managed a respectable seven wins. It was not until the final game, with a total of 270 against Malvern, that the batting came together. Joe Jenkins completed 1,000 runs in his first-team career and, with 84 wickets, was close to a notable double.

Batting J. Jenkins* 480 at 34.28; R. Brignull 337 at 24.07; W. Pearce 153 at 21.85; N. Ball 242 at 17.28; J. Miles 179 at 14.91; A. Carlisle 207 at 12.93.**Bowling** J. Jenkins 27 at 20.00; B. Gibbons 12 at 20.25; A. Carlisle 22 at 26.00; T. Knights Johnson 12 at 28.00.**Denstone College**

P14 W5 L3 D6 A1

Master i/c S. J. Dean

David Soar took 34 wickets, including seven for 60 against Wickersley and seven for 14 against Abbotsholme. Matthew Gouldstone's batting oozed class and Alistair Whiston's wicket-keeping was at times outstanding. Denstone convincingly beat Staffordshire Under-16s and Trinity GS from Australia.

Batting M. A. Gouldstone 299 at 37.37; M. A. R. Ovens 181 at 25.85; S. J. F. Grosvenor 175 at 19.44; A. J. Whiston 176 at 17.60.**Bowling** D. G. Soar* 34 at 12.20; J. W. D. Sharp 16 at 17.62; J. W. Bevington 10 at 21.60.**Dollar Academy**

P13 W6 L6 D1 A1

Master i/c J. G. Frost**Batting** G. Wilson 407 at 33.91; J. Allen* 242 at 26.88; E. Batson 271 at 22.58.**Bowling** E. Batson 20 at 10.45; G. Wilson 20 at 14.25; J. Barber-Fleming 15 at 15.73; J. Allen 14 at 21.14.**Dover College**

P4 W0 L2 D2 A3

Master i/c D. C. Butler

A disappointingly reduced programme was further curtailed by bad weather.

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was J. T. Last*, who scored 88 at 22.00.**Bowling** No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was J. T. Last, who took six at 22.16.**Downside School**

P7 W5 L1 D1 A1

Master i/c N. Bryars**Professional** G. Kenness

Downside's cricket improved markedly in 2003. The season was dominated by South African scholars: Kyle Hodnett, who took five for 14, Dean Bleasdale and Sean Dixon. Oliver Mellotte scored the school's first hundred for some years.

Batting S. Dixon 190 at 47.50.**Bowling** K. Hodnett 13 at 8.30; S. Dixon 12 at 12.16; O. Mellotte 11 at 13.27; D. Bleasdale 14 at 13.35.**Duke of York's Royal Military School**

P10 W4 L3 D3 A6

Master i/c S. Salisbury**Professional** N. J. Llong

Sixteen-year-old Richard Kaye starred with both bat and ball, and was named the team's cricketer of the year. Opener Sebastian Cripps demonstrated his clean hitting with a firecracker of a century against the XL Club, while Ben Inshaw batted with maturity and kept wicket skilfully.

Batting B. M. W. Inshaw 216 at 54.00; S. B. Cripps 269 at 38.42; M. I. Gilbert 229 at 28.62; R. H. Kaye 167 at 23.86.**Bowling** R. H. Kaye 16 at 15.68; D. Malla 16 at 18.00.**Dulwich College**

P20 W10 L4 D6 A1

Master i/c D. J. Cooper**Professional** C. W. J. Athey

Hard work before the season paid off, and Dulwich's trouncing of MCC, who were bowled out for 76, will live long in the memory. Ruel Brathwaite showed real pace on a Dulwich track that gets better each year. Surprisingly, Tommy Roy's unbeaten 142 against Incogniti was the only century.

Batting T. D. Roy 682 at 37.88; M. Kafle 312 at 28.36; T. T. Askew* 441 at 23.21; V. Patel 185 at 23.12; C. J. Owen 391 at 23.00; V. L. Cella 320 at 22.85; R. Brathwaite 313 at 22.37.**Bowling** W. J. Charnley 23 at 17.86; R. Brathwaite 30 at 18.96; G. P. Porter 26 at 19.46; L. P. Furst 14 at 25.64; C. J. Owen 20 at 26.55.**Durham School**

P16 W7 L3 D6

Master i/c M. Hirsch

The captain, Tim Stonock, hit 685 runs, including a century. His replacement for next year, Ben Embleton, made the season's top score – 122 not out – while Paul Muchall, brother of Durham CCC's Gordon, was the leading wicket-taker.

Batting T. C. Stonock* 685 at 48.92; J. R. McCredie 396 at 36.00.**Bowling** T. C. Stonock 30 at 13.93; P. J. Dias 25 at 16.64; P. B. Muchall 26 at 17.69; J. R. McCredie 21 at 24.28.

Eastbourne College

Master i/c N. L. Wheeler

After enjoying Namibia's World Cup adventure as a batsman, Daniel Keulder proved a highly popular Eastbourne coach. While results were not quite as good as in 2002, the side were prepared to risk defeat in search of victory. James Farley hit 401 runs and took 32 wickets with his left-arm spin; Howard Hassen, the captain, batted with aggression.

Batting J. C. Farley 401 at 36.45; H. C. Hassen* 527 at 32.93; J. P. Reid 269 at 29.88; C. B. Chisholm 175 at 29.16; J. A. M. Toy 378 at 27.00; W. J. Ripley 188 at 17.09.

Bowling H. C. Hassen 18 at 12.22; J. C. Farley 32 at 13.21; L. M. Winter 12 at 18.41; P. J. Morgan 17 at 19.29; W. J. Ripley 18 at 19.83; C. B. Chisholm 19 at 20.84.

The Edinburgh Academy

Master i/c M. Allingham

A good season, with many competitive performances, though the batting was disappointing. Only David Blair scored regularly and dominated attacks. The Academy reached the final of the Lothian Schools Cup and nearly pulled off a surprise win against Merchiston.

Batting D. W. Blair* 448 at 40.72; J. A. Zegleman 217 at 18.08; S. G. Cosh 282 at 15.66; P. D. M. Loudon 250 at 15.62; T. A. Clark 184 at 14.15; A. J. Cosh 180 at 12.00.

Bowling A. J. Cosh 14 at 14.78; N. J. Lyell 22 at 15.81; T. A. Clark 11 at 16.63; H. Paton 21 at 17.38; S. G. Cosh 26 at 20.03; P. D. M. Loudon 16 at 23.56.

Elizabeth College, Guernsey

Master i/c M. E. Kinder

A young side, led by all-rounder Luke Gallienne, tried to play positive cricket. James Warr dominated the batting.

Batting J. D. Warr 563 at 56.30; J. A. J. Nussbaumer 269 at 22.41; L. J. Gallienne* 252 at 19.38; C. M. McClymont 239 at 18.38; T. N. Le Tissier 173 at 15.72.

Bowling L. J. Gallienne 22 at 26.36; J. D. Warr 16 at 28.25; S. E. De La Rue 10 at 43.30; C. M. McClymont 11 at 45.00.

Ellesmere College

Master i/c P. J. Hayes

Jasmeet Bhamra provided the highlight of the season. After completing a run-out, he then took five wickets in four overs to send Hurstpierpoint crashing to defeat. They lost their last seven wickets for 11 runs. Eight of this side return next year and prospects are good.

Batting R. A. M. Baxter* 239 at 39.83; B. Shyamal 290 at 32.22.

Bowling J. Bhamra 20 at 13.60; N. D. Watson Jones 14 at 27.21.

Eltham College

Master i/c I. Latham

Batting R. J. Malcolm 641 at 58.27; J. Ratnarajan 203 at 33.83; T. J. Goodyear 281 at 28.10; J. G. Harris 163 at 18.11.

Bowling R. J. Malcolm 23 at 15.56; B. Patel 10 at 26.50.

Enfield Grammar School

Master i/c M. Alder

Enfield won the Middlesex Under-19 Cup.

Batting T. Ansari 260 at 37.14; B. Watts 265 at 26.50; R. Najib 190 at 19.00; S. Nabi 161 at 16.10.

Bowling J. Schott 12 at 13.58; A. Barrell 11 at 22.90; T. Ansari 10 at 29.40; T. Tyler* 10 at 29.60.

Epsom College

Master i/c P. Williams

The first team were found wanting in the batting department. On no fewer than five occasions Epsom lost when chasing a total of under 150. However, the bowling was impressive throughout. The experience gained should stand the ten players who return for 2004 in good stead.

Batting C. Poutney 206 at 22.88; J. Laidler 236 at 21.45; R. Lammiman* 222 at 20.18.

Bowling D. Hastings 25 at 10.64; R. Pooley 21 at 15.95; A. Maurice 21 at 18.61.

P18 W10 L5 D3

Professional D. Keulder

P18 W6 L10 D2 A2

P15 W2 L7 D6

Professional A. Bannerjee

P10 W2 L3 D5 A4

P14 W4 L9 D1 A1

Professional R. Hills

P13 W5 L6 D2

P10 W3 L7 D0 A1

Professional D. Campbell

Eton College

Master i/c R. D. Oliphant-Callum

This side equalled 2002's record 14 wins – and won all 12 of their limited-overs matches against schools. Both the Cowdrey Cup (a round-robin involving Tonbridge, Harrow, Charterhouse and Wellington) and the Silk Trophy were retained. And Eton were also the only side to beat the otherwise all-conquering Brighton College. The strengths were in the depth of the batting and in the spin bowling. Ben Thompson was again one of the dominant batsmen in schools cricket.

Batting B. R. Thompson* 725 at 48.33; A. W. A. Barker 646 at 34.00; E. C. A. Bruce 361 at 27.76; E. F. J. Nissen 466 at 27.41; G. O. A. Scott-Hayward 257 at 25.70; H. W. Annandale 150 at 25.00; C. P. A. Nissen 346 at 23.06; G. D. G. George 287 at 17.93; A. H. Ball 271 at 16.93.

Bowling E. C. A. Bruce 32 at 16.90; B. R. Thompson 29 at 18.72; N. C. R. Westoll 33 at 21.84; A. H. Ball 10 at 21.90; J. P. Sherrard 19 at 28.21; W. T. Dobson 22 at 30.86.

Exeter School

Master i/c W. Hughes

Toby Giles played 58 times for the First XI over five seasons and he bowled out in style, taking 26 wickets in his last eight games. Harry Trick led the side superbly, and kept wicket with equal skill.

Batting C. Horne 325 at 46.42; R. Hooper 493 at 29.00; J. Cooke 269 at 26.90; T. Giles 321 at 22.92; S. Barlow 233 at 19.41; H. Trick* 182 at 15.16.

Bowling T. Giles 35 at 10.68; M. Chandler 14 at 13.64; O. Kernick 23 at 15.43; S. Barlow 10 at 15.50; S. Chappell 20 at 17.05; B. Cadoux-Hudson 17 at 19.70; A. Phillips 18 at 19.94.

Felsted School

Master i/c C. S. Knightley

The season's highlights were a second-wicket partnership of 239 between Joseph Buttleman and "GB" Ladipo; an elegant 139 not out from Christopher Huntington; and a seven-wicket haul from Charles Douglas-Hughes. Both the team spirit and the fielding were excellent.

Batting J. E. L. Buttleman 615 at 41.00; G. Ladipo* 497 at 35.50; D. Edwards 183 at 30.50; C. J. Huntington 381 at 27.21; N. J. R. Adams 309 at 25.75; J. C. Douglas-Hughes 280 at 23.33; N. P. M. Harrison 216 at 16.61.

Bowling P. H. M. Ward 20 at 14.10; N. J. R. Adams 23 at 17.52; J. C. Douglas-Hughes 37 at 19.08; J. L. Harmon 11 at 24.63; J. E. L. Buttleman 12 at 30.08.

Fettes College

Master i/c C. Thomson

The season started brightly but batting inadequacies were cruelly exposed towards the end, when the side slipped to seven defeats in eight games. There were cheap five-wicket hauls for Matthew Boyd, Louis Vieilledent, and Edward Philip. However, the batting relied far too heavily on Craig Samuel, the captain, and Scott MacLennan.

Batting S. K. MacLennan 300 at 23.07; C. B. Samuel* 263 at 15.47; R. G. Edington 165 at 11.00.

Bowling L. G. M. Vieilledent 19 at 15.47; A. P. Cadzow 23 at 16.52; M. R. Boyd 13 at 20.15; E. C. R. Philip 14 at 22.85; D. N. R. Philip 14 at 25.07.

Forest School

Master i/c S. Turner

Edward Buxton, in his final season, once again scored heavily. He also took 24 wickets. Wicket-keeper/batsman Chris Swainland is part of the Essex Academy and he, along with Gordon Whorlow, represented Essex Under-16s.

Batting E. Buxton* 693 at 77.00; G. Whorlow 184 at 26.28; C. Swainland 202 at 25.25; M. Declaiterosse 174 at 21.75; N. Rotsey 188 at 20.88; J. Palmer 249 at 20.75; A. Palmer 151 at 18.87.

Bowling M. Declaiterosse 16 at 13.93; A. Ryatt 17 at 15.82; J. Palmer 15 at 16.33; E. Buxton 24 at 16.95; G. Whorlow 11 at 21.09.

Framlingham College

Master i/c R. Curtis

Spencer Veevers-Chorlton was top run-scorer and wicket-taker for Framlingham. He also played for Suffolk Under-21, the senior Suffolk Second XI and in the ECB Schools Under-19 trial.

Batting S. Veevers-Chorlton* 580 at 64.44; M. J. Stacpoole 406 at 40.60; A. J. Wybar 247 at 22.45; R. W. Sprake 174 at 19.33.

Bowling M. J. Stacpoole 18 at 22.44; S. Veevers-Chorlton 23 at 26.39.

P20 W14 L3 D3

P18 W12 L4 D2

P18 W9 L6 D3

Professional N. J. Lockhart

P16 W5 L10 D1 A1

Professional B. Russell

P12 W9 L1 D2 A4

P12 W5 L4 D3 A2

Professionals M. Robinson/M. Bennett-King

Giggleswick School

Master i/c P. Humphreys

Batting I. H. Canaway 253 at 31.62; G. T. Crosby 231 at 19.25; A. H. MacDonald 151 at 16.77.**Bowling** N. C. Hird 17 at 13.76; M. C. Hughes 20 at 17.80; G. T. Crosby 10 at 24.90; S. D. Christian* 11 at 25.09.

P12 W5 L5 D2 A3

Professional D. Fallows

Glasgow Academy

Master i/c A. G. Lyall

The outstanding feature of a short season was the excellent bowling of Michael Hopkins and Gautham Hariharan.

Batting J. W. Beattie* 178 at 29.66.**Bowling** M. W. J. Hopkins 12 at 14.75; G. Hariharan 11 at 15.00.

P8 W5 L2 D1 A2

Professional V. Hariharan

Glenalmond College

Master i/c A. Norton

Batting M. R. Harvey 470 at 33.57; W. A. Rodger 424 at 26.50; A. J. M. Elder 380 at 23.75; A. F. H. Murray 230 at 20.90; T. F. Harper 179 at 19.88.**Bowling** W. A. Rodger 31 at 17.93; P. A. D. Stoll 27 at 18.81; J. D. Brunton 15 at 23.46.

P17 W7 L8 D2 A1

Gordonstoun School

Master i/c G. Broad

Batting C. Begg 290 at 41.42; D. Thompson 227 at 32.42; M. Gregory 175 at 21.87.**Bowling** M. Gregory 15 at 20.06.

P10 W3 L4 D3

Professional J. Rufe

Gresham's School

Master i/c A. M. Ponder

Fifteen-year-old Felix Flower immediately made a big impression, opening the batting with composure and assurance. New partnership records were set for the third, fourth and sixth wickets. **Batting** W. J. F. Stebbings 371 at 46.37; A. C. G. Groom 487 at 37.46; F. J. Flower 472 at 33.71; T. J. Farrow* 301 at 30.10; R. M. K. Steward 269 at 19.21.**Bowling** R. M. K. Steward 25 at 18.36; J. O. Elliott 13 at 20.69; H. G. Flower 20 at 24.70; A. C. R. Peaston 11 at 30.54; F. J. Flower 13 at 39.53.

P16 W7 L4 D5 A1

Haberdashers' Aske's School

Master i/c S. D. Charlwood

A young side experienced a mixed season. Fourteen-year-old Gavin Baker made 111 not out against Doug Yeabsley's XI to become the youngest recorded century-maker for the school. Leg-spinner Mark Gray, with 34 wickets in his first full season, also performed with distinction.

Batting S. Vieira 225 at 45.00; G. C. Baker 256 at 32.00; A. M. Theivendra* 328 at 25.23; J. S. T. Williams 475 at 25.00; E. G. Clements 254 at 21.16; A. M. Patel 318 at 19.87; P. Sirimanna 277 at 17.31; G. E. B. Fitzgerald 190 at 14.61; R. Pandya 173 at 13.30.**Bowling** R. G. Clements 15 at 13.13; A. M. Patel 27 at 20.92; M. F. Gray 34 at 23.67; E. G. Clements 20 at 30.05.

P22 W8 L9 D5 A1

Professional M. W. Patterson

Haileybury

Master i/c C. Igoen-Robinson

This was set to be a difficult season for a young First XI. But the players gave their all, and team spirit took the side a long way. There were memorable victories against Uppingham and, in front of a packed house on speech day, against MCC. Wicket-keeper Tom Stewart, a fifth-former, hit a fluent 98.

Batting B. Wilson 411 at 45.66; G. George 168 at 28.00; A. C. M. Morgan 218 at 27.25; J. Melvill* 178 at 25.42; T. Stewart 315 at 24.23.**Bowling** L. Mason 18 at 17.94; J. Melvill 16 at 20.68.

P14 W5 L7 D2 A1

Professional G. P. Howarth

Hampton School

Master i/c E. M. Wesson

An extremely strong team won 11 games from 14 and ended the season unbeaten. As comfortable chasing as setting a target, the batting was dominated by two outstanding school cricketers, Neil Khanna and Oliver Roland-Jones. Tight seam bowling throttled the opposition, while the spinners, Roland-Jones and Akbar Ansari, took 50 wickets. Shimir Patel's all-round efforts were impressive.

P14 W11 L0 D3 A1

Batting O. G. K. Roland-Jones 639 at 58.09; N. Khanna* 688 at 57.33; S. Patel 220 at 31.42; W. M. Gaines 193 at 24.12; N. E. Baker 183 at 22.87; T. S. Roland-Jones 165 at 20.62.**Bowling** O. G. K. Roland-Jones 26 at 13.96; A. S. Ansari 24 at 16.75; P. J. Sellick 15 at 18.86; W. M. Gaines 13 at 22.00; N. Khanna 11 at 23.90; S. Patel 12 at 25.00; T. H. A. Ayers 11 at 25.81.**Harrow School**

Master i/c S. J. Halliday

Harrow had success in declaration games, but struggled in overs matches. The annual game at Lord's against Eton was lost by 36 runs. James Roditi, the spearhead of a good attack, was player of the season.

Batting R. H. Symes 155 at 51.66; P. R. Dunbar 537 at 41.30; C. G. M. Travers 362 at 32.90; H. R. Howe 298 at 27.09; N. E. Defty 360 at 24.00; W. J. Spencer 163 at 23.28; H. M. Morrison 237 at 21.54.**Bowling** J. B. K. Roditi 27 at 11.44; M. R. Davidson 17 at 19.05; W. J. Spencer 23 at 20.34; H. M. Morrison 14 at 24.64; C. G. M. Travers 11 at 29.90.

P16 W8 L5 D3 A1

Professional R. K. Sethi

Harvey Grammar School

Master i/c P. J. Harding

An excellent season saw the captain, Paul Goddard, scoring the highest number of runs for the first team since 1976.

Batting P. W. Goddard* 600 at 40.00; B. Washer 445 at 34.23; P. Ireland 330 at 25.38; S. Howland 170 at 24.28; P. Owen 262 at 18.71.**Bowling** W. Storer 12 at 11.33; B. Washer 16 at 12.43; P. Owen 23 at 12.47; P. W. Goddard 17 at 17.47; S. Ireland 17 at 18.17.

P22 W11 L9 D2 A2

Hereford Cathedral School

Master i/c A. Connop

Batting G. J. B. Jacobs 551 at 50.09; B. R. Owens 323 at 21.53; N. A. Townson 289 at 20.64; M. A. Lowden* 259 at 18.50.**Bowling** G. J. B. Jacobs 15 at 29.26; M. A. Parry 12 at 32.33.

P16 W2 L10 D4 A1

Highgate School

Master i/c R. W. Halstead

Though this was a young side, they should have won more than one game, given their basic talent. The main batsmen failed too often, while the bowling was steady but not penetrating. Both fielding and team spirit were excellent. The match against University College School saw a remarkable 609 runs scored in a day.

Batting D. C. Goldschmidt 169 at 28.16; J. S. Williams 215 at 23.88; J. Mallinson 236 at 21.45; N. A. W. Bell 179 at 19.88; J. A. Whybrow* 174 at 19.33.**Bowling** J. A. Whybrow 16 at 19.37; J. D. M. Atchinson 15 at 24.80; J. Mallinson 11 at 26.00; N. A. W. Bell 12 at 27.16.

P11 W1 L6 D4 A2

Professional R. Farrow

Hurstpierpoint College

Master i/c C. W. Gray

The top-order batting was strong, Tom Harrison making 131 not out against Worth School, but the bowling lacked consistency. Derek Semmence, who played for Sussex in the 1950s and 60s, retires after 28 years as professional.

Batting T. J. Jarvis 556 at 50.54; D. K. Harris 426 at 30.42; T. P. Harrison 491 at 28.88; J. Andrews* 415 at 25.93; N. Singh 254 at 16.93.**Bowling** A. W. Gordon-Stewart 19 at 19.63; N. J. Jessup 16 at 25.62; L. B. Tarr 22 at 27.36; D. K. Harris 19 at 34.05; N. Singh 15 at 35.80.

P17 W8 L5 D4 A2

Professional D. J. Semmence

Ipswich School

Master i/c A. K. Golding

Batting C. W. Flather 408 at 45.33; H. J. Knights* 359 at 27.61; P. W. Hughes 223 at 20.30; J. R. Green 164 at 16.40.**Bowling** M. J. Hilton 15 at 10.40; J. C. Daunt 23 at 21.04; C. W. Flather 16 at 25.87; B. J. Payne 10 at 29.60.

P13 W2 L9 D2 A2

Professional R. E. East

The John Lyon School

P16 W7 L5 D4

Master i/c I. R. Parker

Under-16 bowler Krunal Desai took 33 wickets in his first season. Rhodri James led the side admirably.

Batting R. T. James* 476 at 43.27; N. Rughani 322 at 23.00; D. N. Patel 186 at 16.90.**Bowling** K. Desai 33 at 10.54; P. R. Johnson 15 at 11.66; T. Cook 20 at 17.95; R. T. James 13 at 22.84; N. Rughani 12 at 25.16.**Kimbolton School**

P15 W4 L9 D2 A2

Master i/c A. G. Tapp

Professional T. Huggins

Oliver Huggins, a fifth-former, scored over 600 runs, including six fifties and one hundred in 15 innings.

Batting O. J. Huggins 630 at 45.00; M. J. Ralph* 384 at 29.53; C. D. Nobles 276 at 19.71; D. W. Payne 209 at 16.07; R. B. Howcroft 175 at 13.46.**Bowling** H. M. Gillam 19 at 25.21; S. A. Bird 10 at 27.30; M. J. Ralph 18 at 27.83; R. B. Howcroft 12 at 43.00.**King Edward VI College, Stourbridge**

P9 W2 L6 D1 A3

Masters i/c M. L. Ryan/R. A. Williams

Douglas Northover was the outstanding player, batting with supreme confidence and bowling with commendable accuracy.

Batting D. Northover 282 at 40.28; A. R. Bingham 238 at 26.44; R. S. Musk* 166 at 23.71.**Bowling** No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was D. Northover, who took nine at 24.55.**King Edward VI School, Southampton**

P24 W13 L8 D3 A4

Master i/c R. J. Putt

Following a successful tour of South Africa (including a day/night match), the school played some good cricket. A memorable tied match on the Hampshire Rose Bowl Nursery Ground saw King Edward's and Barton Peveril Sixth Form College share the county-wide Altham Trophy.

Batting G. H. Noble* 640 at 37.64; M. D. Boydx 207 at 34.50; A. P. Richardson 477 at 29.81; T. W. Carter 356 at 27.38; B. Anderson 301 at 23.15; R. N. Miller 366 at 21.52; W. Bebb 302 at 18.87; J. R. Hale 164 at 14.90.**Bowling** G. H. Noble 24 at 14.08; W. A. Fleming 15 at 15.00; W. Bebb 21 at 18.23; A. P. Richardson 20 at 21.90; B. S. Gardner 13 at 22.92; M. J. Gurd 15 at 24.73; T. W. Carter 18 at 24.83.**King Edward VII & Queen Mary School, Lytham**

P16 W1 L8 D7 A1

Master i/c S. J. Williams

Professional W. McSkimming

With all bar three of the players returning next year, the school hopes to improve on the season's solitary win.

Batting B. P. Hall* 388 at 48.50; J. Kelliher 164 at 41.00; D. R. Hartley 255 at 23.18; R. J. Openshaw 256 at 19.69; T. E. Shillito 195 at 16.25.**Bowling** R. J. Openshaw 19 at 18.89; J. A. Atherton 10 at 19.10; S. T. Pitman 11 at 25.90; P. A. Jackson 10 at 25.90.**King Edward's School, Birmingham**

P20 W10 L6 D4

Master i/c M. D. Stead

Professional D. Collins

A young team – only Ravi Tiwari was leaving – did better than expected.

Batting S. P. G. Chase 408 at 40.80; A. P. S. Holmes 366 at 36.60; R. D. Tiwari 483 at 28.41; J. W. Neale 450 at 28.12; N. R. Chase 262 at 20.15; A. Gatrad 151 at 15.10; V. Katyal 167 at 12.84.**Bowling** J. R. Botha 19 at 11.78; J. W. Neale 19 at 13.47; N. R. Chase 25 at 16.48; A. P. S. Holmes 19 at 17.73; V. Katyal 20 at 18.80; R. D. Tiwari 17 at 18.82.**King Edward's School, Witley**

P13 W5 L6 D2 A1

Master i/c D. H. Messenger

Professional A. Jan

Robert Ledger and Bhabatosh Bogi, the mainstays of the batting, became the first players to pass 500 runs for the season. Sean Shuker, a promising youngster, swung the ball and was usefully supported by the spinner, Ben Copeman.

Batting B. Bogi 507 at 56.33; R. C. Ledger* 517 at 43.08; S. E. B. Shuker 225 at 20.45; A. M. W. Manley 174 at 13.38.**Bowling** S. E. B. Shuker 14 at 19.78; B. P. T. Copeman 12 at 22.41; B. Bogi 13 at 22.84; A. B. Fitzgerald 12 at 31.91; J. J. Wooldridge 12 at 35.00; A. M. W. Manley 10 at 39.90.**King Henry VIII School, Coventry**

P9 W4 L4 D1 A4

Master i/c A. M. Parker

Professional A. W. McAllister

Batting R. Shah 219 at 43.80; B. Fleming 174 at 43.50; S. Humphrey 209 at 34.63.**Bowling** S. Hennessey 10 at 24.10.**King's College, Taunton**

P11 W7 L4 D0 A1

Master i/c H. R. J. Trump

George Webber began with a bang, making his first century in the first match of the season, against the XL Club. King's seven wins included victories over MCC and local rivals Taunton School.

Batting S. C. Whittaker 299 at 29.90; G. W. Webber 319 at 29.00; C. A. Sheppard* 264 at 26.40; J. W. Excell 152 at 25.33.**Bowling** C. J. W. Boyle 17 at 15.47; S. C. Whittaker 12 at 17.08; J. W. Excell 17 at 17.47; J. W. Corrick 11 at 20.36; M. J. Worden 10 at 23.30.**King's College School, Wimbledon**

P16 W10 L5 D1

Master i/c T. Howland

Batting T. W. Eaves 670 at 47.85; G. E. Peck 518 at 47.09; N. J. E. Burberry 347 at 38.55; J. J. Bensohn 345 at 28.75; J. D. Hearne 217 at 24.11.**Bowling** N. J. E. Burberry 33 at 15.54; M. B. Howard 16 at 23.25; N. P. Lister 19 at 23.36; J. J. Bensohn 21 at 25.23; S. H. Shandro 10 at 39.**King's School, Bruton**

P16 W6 L7 D3

Master i/c J. D. Roebuck

Batting T. R. Browne 450 at 37.50; C. R. Masters 329 at 23.50; T. L. Martin 300 at 20.00; D. J. Ball 239 at 17.07; S. M. Smyth 153 at 15.30; D. J. Green 169 at 12.07; G. A. Ridout 155 at 10.33.**Bowling** D. J. Ball 24 at 13.95; C. J. Stevenson 15 at 18.33; M. C. R. Masters 23 at 21.52.**The King's School, Canterbury**

P16 W6 L4 D6

Master i/c R. White

Professional A. G. E. Ealham

Wicket-keeper/batsman Paul Dixey took 12 catches, made three stumpings and hit 402 runs.

Batting J. D. E. Stubbs* 452 at 37.66; P. G. Dixey 402 at 30.92; M. E. B. Humphrey 315 at 22.50; T. C. V. Wilson 207 at 20.70; P. R. Archer 248 at 19.07.**Bowling** T. J. L. Humphrey 24 at 14.54; A. L. Thorne 12 at 16.83; J. D. E. Stubbs 16 at 18.06; D. H. Johnston 12 at 27.41.**The King's School, Chester**

P10 W5 L3 D2 A3

Master i/c S. Neal

Professional A. L. Shillinglaw

Batting F. G. Owen 322 at 46.00; C. B. Sanderson 227 at 32.42; A. C. J. Sissons 150 at 21.42; E. A. N. Whittaker 151 at 18.87.**Bowling** R. A. Batey 10 at 21.40; G. N. Hughes* 11 at 24.36; B. E. Turner 11 at 25.27.**The King's School, Ely**

P9 W1 L6 D2 A2

Master i/c T. Arrand/J. Marshall

Batting R. N. W. Ransom 223 at 31.85; H. C. Sperling 175 at 25.00; B. H. N. Howgego 174 at 21.75; A. Vincent 155 at 19.37.**Bowling** No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was H. C. Sperling, who took eight at 31.25.**The King's School, Macclesfield**

P15 W9 L4 D2 A4

Master i/c S. Moores

After eight wins from the first ten games, King's faltered. The opening batsmen, Oliver Kenyon and Alan Day, enjoyed another fine season – their fourth and last. Day's 791 runs represented a fine effort in a season much hampered by rain.

Batting A. Day 791 at 60.84; O. D. Kenyon 543 at 41.76; T. Parfett-Manning 275 at 30.55; S. Allday 260 at 23.63.**Bowling** J. Barratt 30 at 18.86; A. Day 19 at 19.00; O. D. Kenyon 18 at 19.27; A. Jackson 15 at 24.66.**King's School, Rochester**

P18 W9 L7 D2 A2

Master i/c G. R. Williams

Once again, the school had a talented batting side but simply could not take wickets. The bowling was often wayward; there was no real strike bowler, and much depended on the only accurate spinner, Chris Maurice.

Batting J. N. Butler 883 at 55.18; C. A. Maurice 617 at 41.13; B. D. Phillips 497 at 31.06; S. G. Wakeman 347 at 28.91; C. P. Deane 299 at 23.00.

Bowling R. K. Singh 19 at 17.89; J. A. W. Warner 12 at 21.83; C. A. Maurice 21 at 26.80; J. A. O'Connor 14 at 31.35.

King's School, Tynemouth

P10 W2 L4 D4 A1

Masters i/c W. Ryan/P. J. Nicholson

Tom Pollock was the leading run-scorer, as he was in 2002, and he will captain the side next year. Wicket-keeper Michael Conn improved both behind and in front of the stumps, but the bowling lacked penetration.

Batting T. J. Pollock 303 at 33.66; M. P. Conn 163 at 27.16.

Bowling B. C. Telfer 11 at 18.36; C. J. Simpson 11 at 20.00.

King's School, Worcester

P22 W9 L6 D7

Master i/c D. P. Iddon

Professional A. A. D. Gillgrass

Although the fielding was always sharp, the bowling often struggled to break through. At 16, Stephen Bilboe became the youngest King's boy to score 1,000 runs. In his last 12 innings he passed fifty nine times. Oliver Mathew kept him company in many good partnerships.

Batting S. P. Bilboe 1,024 at 53.89; O. J. Mathew 593 at 32.94; O. Fiaz* 317 at 28.81; O. J. Bendall 331 at 22.06; T. H. Weston 374 at 20.77.

Bowling W. M. Smith 21 at 13.90; T. P. Cullen 27 at 17.14; S. Cullen 15 at 18.86; J. A. Kelly 11 at 21.36; O. Fiaz 24 at 27.12; K. M. McNally 12 at 36.33.

Kingston Grammar School

P10 W1 L7 D2 A1

Master i/c D. Wethey

Professional T. Smith

Batting B. C. Collier 206 at 20.60; H. J. Mir* 180 at 18.00; B. R. Trivedi 171 at 17.10.

Bowling B. C. Collier 22 at 15.68; H. J. Mir 20 at 18.45.

Lancing College

P11 W4 L6 D1 A1

Master i/c P. Richardson

Professional R. J. Davies

After a promising start, the rest of term proved disappointing. Runs were the main problem: indifferent batting provided a sharp contrast to some competitive bowling and fielding.

Batting A. G. Dodsworth 307 at 38.37; B. J. M. Hanley 275 at 30.55; J. A. G. Green* 178 at 19.77; G. J. Cowell 152 at 19.00.

Bowling L. T. Griffith-Wilkin 19 at 17.00; J. A. G. Green 10 at 27.20; B. J. M. Hanley 10 at 31.00.

Langley Park School for Boys

P9 W6 L3 D0 A1

Master i/c T. Booth

Professional C. H. Williams

May rains and exams meant another disrupted season. But the most successful season for several years showed cricket is alive and kicking in this comprehensive school.

Batting J. Smedley 226 at 45.20; J. Couldrey 266 at 33.25; S. Bagnall 186 at 26.57; B. Couldrey 180 at 22.50; P. Kennedy 153 at 19.12.

Bowling T. Briggs 10 at 9.50; J. Smedley 10 at 13.80; D. Walshe 10 at 17.70.

Leeds Grammar School

P10 W5 L0 D5 A5

Master i/c R. Hill

Although it was disappointing to have five matches abandoned, a very young XI had an outstanding season. The highlight was a last-over, one-wicket win over Bradford GS.

Batting A. J. Blakeborough 225 at 75.00; T. R. E. James 256 at 42.66; D. J. Stokoe 202 at 40.40; D. T. Syers 240 at 40.00; A. M. Guest 162 at 27.00.

Bowling D. I. Sweeting 21 at 13.04; S. Siddiqui 15 at 14.26; T. J. Jacklin* 14 at 27.07.

The Leys School, Cambridge

P14 W6 L6 D2 A1

Master i/c A. Batterham

Professional P. B. Ediriweera

Batting M. J. Sanders 454 at 41.27; J. Webb 271 at 33.87; J. Waters 366 at 30.50; T. Hoy 333 at 25.61; C. Yeoman 157 at 17.44.

Bowling W. Turner 32 at 11.71; J. Webb 17 at 21.29; G. Musson 10 at 36.50.

Llandovery College

P6 W3 L3 D0 A5

Master i/c T. Marks

Professional A. Jones

Batting B. Esterhuizen* 339 at 67.80.

Bowling D. George 10 at 16.00.



Will Gifford of Malvern (*left*) scored 942 runs at 94.20, while Stephen Bilboe of King's, Worcester hit 1,024 – one of just two batsmen to pass 1,000.

Lord Wandsworth College

P17 W5 L8 D4

Master i/c M. C. Russell

Professional S. J. Power

The college made some reasonable scores but were unable to defend them, due to wayward bowling and poor catching. The star was 16-year-old Michael Swartz, an exchange student from Cape Town. Once he became used to slow English pitches he dominated attacks and scored three fine centuries. His slow left-arm bowling was also impressive, as was that of Nick Priggen.

Batting M. M. T. Swartz 707 at 44.18; J. D. Irving* 541 at 36.06; M. D. Feeney 197 at 16.41; P. K. Knight 223 at 14.86.

Bowling P. K. Knight 33 at 14.84; M. M. T. Swartz 40 at 16.85; N. I. Priggen 16 at 33.31.

Lord Williams's School

P12 W8 L0 D4

Master i/c J. E. Fulkes

Chris Wynd hit a superb hundred against Wellingborough, while his brother, Andrew, hit two – against Magdalen College School and Aylesbury GS. The highlight though, was Will Eason's astounding eight for seven against Aylesbury Grammar, which included an all-bowled hat-trick.

Batting A. Wynd 502 at 71.71; W. Eason 285 at 57.00; J. Hewitt 294 at 36.75; A. Jewell 175 at 35.00; C. Wynd* 266 at 29.55.

Bowling J. Hewitt 11 at 10.72; W. Eason 18 at 13.88; J. Shirley 13 at 16.07; C. Watling 11 at 23.09.

Loughborough Grammar School

P14 W5 L8 D1 A1

Master i/c H. T. Tunnicliffe

Professional M. Scott

With key players either injured or unavailable throughout the season, the team struggled for consistency.

Batting F. B. Baker 397 at 49.62; S. J. Underwood 219 at 36.50; R. M. Worrall 185 at 30.83; C. Ashcroft 294 at 29.40; C. M. Krarup 223 at 20.27.

Bowling S. J. Bird 18 at 15.94; F. B. Baker 19 at 18.05; H. F. Gurney 18 at 19.55; M. Ashcroft 11 at 29.81.

Malvern College

P20 W10 L2 D8

Master i/c A. J. Murtagh

Professional R. W. Tolchard

Malvern still play declaration games – and of 20 matches just eight were drawn. Will Gifford had a highest score of 158 and looks to have a future in the game. Arum Ayyavooraju, scorer of two hundreds and 630 runs, is from France.

Batting W. M. Gifford* 942 at 94.20; C. W. Tolchard 515 at 51.50; A. Ayyavooraju 630 at 37.05; W. A. Murtagh 324 at 23.14; B. C. Raymond 175 at 17.50; F. Khalid 174 at 17.40.
Bowling O. M. Griffiths 36 at 14.94; F. Khalid 42 at 15.19; A. Ayyavooraju 26 at 18.38; M. J. G. King 11 at 24.09; R. D. K. Price 13 at 34.61.

Manchester Grammar School

P12 W5 L2 D5 A2

Master i/c D. Moss

Few sides have an Under-15 and an Under-14 in their regular top three, but Imran Azam and David Leeming justified their selection. Daniel Woods, still only in the fourth-form, was again the leading wicket-taker. David Madden, an opening batsman, continued to be most reliable.

Batting D. C. Madden 367 at 33.36; T. M. Wildig* 263 at 26.30; D. T. G. Leeming 205 at 25.62; I. S. Azam 209 at 23.22; N. T. Reid 188 at 20.89.

Bowling N. T. Reid 20 at 17.35; D. A. Woods 33 at 17.96; E. R. Simpson 12 at 22.33; J. G. Williams 11 at 23.63; C. J. Hemmings 10 at 29.20; J. J. Squires 10 at 31.30.

Marlborough College

P14 W5 L2 D7

Master i/c N. E. Briers**Professional** B. M. Ratcliffe

A very successful pre-season tour to Cape Town helped to mould this relatively young side into a competitive and committed unit. They also supported the Ben Hollioake Memorial Fund by competing in a seven-a-side tournament at The Oval.

Batting H. A. Adair 397 at 44.11; J. A. Bill 333 at 23.78; J. A. Sinclair 198 at 19.80; A. W. Montagu-Pollock 235 at 18.07.

Bowling R. E. M. Williams 27 at 13.11; T. J. Forsythe 20 at 18.10; A. E. G. Marigold 10 at 26.50; P. A. Clague 22 at 27.45; R. D. Hartley 11 at 34.00.

Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby

P9 W3 L2 D4 A2

Master i/c Rev. D. A. Smith**Professional** P. A. Strang

Batting C. R. Firth 223 at 27.87; J. Cole* 190 at 27.14.

Bowling S. Cole 13 at 17.76; A. D. Fraser 12 at 24.58.

Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood

P18 W10 L4 D4 A1

Master i/c C. Evans-Evans

Shivan Dave, in the first team for a third season, led the side well. Dave remained a quality opening bowler and ended his school career with 99 wickets. Ashish Mehta was a useful wicket-keeper/batsman and Jack O'Sullivan a talented all-rounder.

Batting J. P. P. O'Sullivan 637 at 57.90; A. Mehta 616 at 47.38; M. Patel 364 at 24.26; V. Le Vesconte 295 at 22.69; D. Jennings 154 at 12.83.

Bowling S. N. Dave 37 at 14.16; K. H. Patel 17 at 18.58; V. Paul 18 at 22.83.

Merchiston Castle School

P18 W16 L2 D0 A2

Master i/c C. W. Swan**Professional** C. English

For the first time in the school's 170-year history, the first team won all their matches against other schools – 12 in all. James Crosthwaite scored 797 runs, but South African Wian Potgieter had a phenomenal all-round season. Both scored centuries against Gordonstoun.

Batting J. W. Potgieter 675 at 67.50; J. L. Crosthwaite 797 at 46.88; R. J. C. Windle* 445 at 31.78; W. J. H. Quin 295 at 21.07; D. I. McKerchar 157 at 17.44; R. J. Holroyd 202 at 14.42.

Bowling J. W. Potgieter 41 at 6.34; O. J. Stephens 13 at 12.61; R. J. C. Windle 23 at 12.95; R. J. Holroyd 19 at 13.00; W. G. H. Quin 10 at 14.50; R. M. S. Leggett 22 at 15.00; D. J. W. Smith 17 at 17.23.

Millfield School

P18 W13 L3 D2 A1

Master i/c R. M. Ellison**Professional** M. R. Davis

James Hildreth played ten times for the Somerset first team, and Rory Hamilton-Brown captained the England Under-15s. Robin Lett had an excellent first season in the side.

Batting J. C. Hildreth* 563 at 62.55; R. J. Lett 606 at 43.28; R. J. Hamilton-Brown 321 at 40.12; R. T. Timms 462 at 33.00; S. C. Taylor 227 at 32.42; L. R. Wilson 178 at 29.66; S. J. P. Parry 224 at 24.88; O. S. R. Norris 178 at 19.77.

Bowling N. A. Williams 29 at 11.62; J. C. Hildreth 23 at 14.08; S. J. P. Parry 25 at 21.88; C. N. Haley 16 at 21.93.

Monkton Combe

P11 W7 L1 D3 A4

Master i/c N. D. Botton**Professional** P. R. Wickens

The school's best season for several years included a first win against MCC since 1971.

Batting T. C. R. Moore 208 at 23.11; D. R. Spear 204 at 22.66; H. J. H. Williams 170 at 21.25; P. Auld 208 at 20.80; J. A. Lowde 155 at 15.50.

Bowling H. J. H. Williams 16 at 13.68; P. Auld 16 at 13.75; R. N. B. Baddeley 21 at 15.00; N. R. Wilsher 11 at 19.27.

Monmouth School

P14 W8 L5 D1 A2

Master i/c A. Jones**Professional** G. I. Burgess

Batting L. S. Cronk 340 at 37.77; M. T. Knight 278 at 30.88; J. A. Richards 268 at 26.80; A. T. Seymour 265 at 24.09; W. A. Jacks 198 at 19.80; M. L. Robinson 155 at 17.22; J. D. D. Osbourne 201 at 16.75.

Bowling M. L. Robinson 17 at 14.35; L. S. Cronk 18 at 18.44; G. W. Lloyd 11 at 19.27; J. D. D. Osbourne 18 at 19.27; D. R. Wilson 13 at 19.30; H. E. J. Molyneux 11 at 30.36.

Newcastle-under-Lyme School

P10 W3 L2 D5 A4

Master i/c P. S. J. Goodwin

A tight-knit side included four of the school's finest players in many years, so there was real disappointment when rain blighted six of the 14 scheduled matches.

Batting A. Merali 219 at 43.80; V. Kumar 177 at 29.50; J. D. Wright 198 at 28.28.

Bowling C. J. P. Howland* 12 at 8.41; C. D. Whalley 20 at 14.40.

Norwich School

P9 W4 L3 D2 A3

Master i/c T. J. W. Day**Professionals** R. A. Bunting/M. E. Parlane

After many of last season's outstanding team had left, much responsibility fell on Edward Foster. He played for the ECB Schools East against the West.

Batting M. J. Kelly 203 at 25.37; A. J. Kelly 173 at 19.22.

Bowling E. J. Foster 13 at 14.30.

Nottingham High School

P14 W9 L5 D0 A2

Master i/c J. Lamb**Professional** K. E. Cooper

Batting C. P. Saxton 575 at 47.91; T. R. Chalkley* 489 at 44.45; J. A. Coupland 282 at 20.14; C. C. J. Nembhard 249 at 19.15.

Bowling T. R. Chalkley 23 at 15.86; C. J. Harrison 14 at 17.00; J. C. Sharpe 13 at 20.84; M. W. Hallam 23 at 21.00; D. J. Howell 13 at 22.76.

Oakham School

P16 W9 L0 D7 A2

Master i/c F. C. Hayes**Professional** D. S. Steele

Oakham School had one of the most successful seasons in its history. The side were unbeaten in all games, including a win against Eton, who were also unbeaten at the time. Paul Cook scored 961 runs at a remarkable 106.77. Leg-spinner Bhargav Modha took 28 wickets.

Batting P. G. Cook* 961 at 106.77; M. W. Smith 213 at 42.60; M. A. G. Boyce 547 at 36.46; S. C. J. Broad 281 at 31.22; B. Modha 223 at 20.27; R. I. Cummine 176 at 19.55.

Bowling B. Modha 28 at 19.21; P. G. Cook 10 at 25.70; J. D. Huq 17 at 27.88; M. C. Collier 11 at 28.36; S. C. J. Broad 14 at 37.64.

The Oratory School

P17 W10 L4 D3

Master i/c J. B. K. Howell

The season exceeded all expectations. Among others, the school beat a strong Eton side and MCC. Nick Howell scored the fastest fifty on record for the school – in an astonishing 11 balls. The innings turned the match against Berkshire Gentlemen.

Batting D. M. Housego 764 at 58.76; B. A. C. Howell 344 at 38.22; A. J. H. Thomson 250 at 35.71; N. J. K. Howell 379 at 31.58.

Bowling R. G. Ashton 31 at 13.77; S. C. Boughton 14 at 14.64; E. A. S. Fraser 15 at 14.93; R. E. Greenland 12 at 22.08.

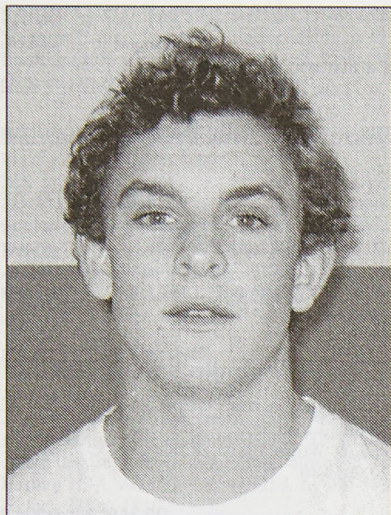
Oswestry School

P3 W0 L3 D0 A5

Master i/c P. S. Jones

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was M. S. Leonard*, who scored 69 at 23.00.

Bowling No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was M. S. Leonard, who took two at 15.00.



Paul Cook of Oakham (*left*) averaged over 106 with the bat, second in the country; James Hay of Oundle had the second-highest tally of wickets – 49.



Oundle School

Master i/c J. R. Wake

P26 W14 L7 D5

Professional A. Howorth

James Hay, who bowled four Stamford batsman in four balls, and Cameron Wake both played for ECB representative sides. Robert Fahrenheit was a powerful stroke-maker and hit two hundreds. **Batting** R. M. Fahrenheit 840 at 42.00; C. J. Wake 810 at 35.21; M. J. Phythian 641 at 30.52; M. L. Austin 628 at 28.54; E. J. Clough 442 at 26.00; W. B. Wilson 310 at 18.23; C. M. Morris 291 at 18.18; M. K. Outar 288 at 16.94.

Bowling J. I. Hay 49 at 14.38; P. J. Foster 40 at 17.65; M. K. Outar 26 at 21.00; C. M. Morris 34 at 23.64; E. J. Clough 27 at 28.81; C. J. Wake 15 at 36.60.

The Perse School, Cambridge

Master i/c M. A. Judson

P14 W8 L4 D2 A3

A pre-season tour to Cyprus was the prelude to a fine season. The first team retained the Cambridge-shire County Cup.

Batting P. M. Frenay 448 at 40.72; B. A. Apperly 429 at 35.75; D. E. Howells 213 at 23.66; C. D. Rogers 198 at 18.00; O. J. Bassett 194 at 16.16; R. M. Bourne 199 at 15.30.

Bowling D. E. Howells 26 at 16.57; A. R. Harris 16 at 18.12; R. G. Ayton 12 at 23.91; J. A. M. Crawford 17 at 23.94; R. M. Bourne 12 at 24.00; R. L. Hesket 11 at 32.27.

Plymouth College

Master i/c G. C. Roderick

P14 W4 L4 D6

Captain Phillip Wass scored his maiden century in the match against Wellington.

Batting A. G. Trevarthan 446 at 31.85; P. W. Wass* 345 at 28.75; C. M. Hockin 171 at 24.42; P. J. Garland 276 at 23.00; W. G. B. Gates 222 at 18.50.

Bowling T. Trevarthan 13 at 20.23; B. D. Vince 24 at 20.58; C. M. Hockin 14 at 20.92; J. D. Whitehead 10 at 21.60.

Pocklington School

Master i/c D. Watton

P13 W5 L4 D4 A4

Batting J. L. T. Bolam 504 at 72.00; P. Van Dijk 453 at 37.75; C. L. Johnson 214 at 30.57; T. P. Nettleton* 270 at 22.50; R. J. Bradley 165 at 20.62.

Bowling C. L. Johnson 11 at 16.54; D. A. Suddaby 15 at 21.33; D. Mays 19 at 24.21; I. R. L. Gladstone 17 at 27.70.

Portsmouth Grammar School

P14 W6 L7 D1 A2

Master i/c G. D. Payne

A young side relied heavily on Ben Morgan for runs and wickets. He was backed up by Edward Dixon-Lowe who, in his first season, took 20 wickets. With many young players used, the season, despite only six wins, was encouraging.

Batting B. Morgan* 450 at 50; D. Neville 173 at 24.71; M. Saunders 224 at 18.66; S. Khoiratty 204 at 17. **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

P14 W4 L6 D4

Master i/c D. R. Holland

Professional M. Browning

An inexperienced team made good progress, achieving some notable results. Simon Williams was named best bowler in the Bath and District Schools' Cricket League. The fact that no match was lost to the weather was a credit to the groundstaff.

Batting J. M. Dann 163 at 20.37; S. L. Williams 214 at 19.45; J. R. Campbell 194 at 19.40; B. J. Todd* 166 at 12.76; H. D. Shepperd 157 at 12.07.

Bowling J. M. Dann 15 at 12.33; S. M. Williams 29 at 13.58; O. P. Lawson 11 at 26.81.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol

P8 W3 L3 D2 A2

Master i/c P. E. Joslin

The season was disappointing. Good batting was let down by average bowling.

Batting E. J. Humphreys 282 at 56.40; D. P. Chapman 248 at 41.33; A. T. Hamid* 171 at 34.20; H. M. Zaidi 170 at 24.28.

Bowling A. T. Hamid 13 at 16.00.

Queen's College, Taunton

P13 W5 L5 D3 A3

Master i/c A. S. Free

Calum Douch led the side with great skill and by excellent example. He was well supported by the all-round talents of Oliver Stewart, Robert Dickins and Robert Palmer – and by Richard Catchpole with the bat. Fraser Campbell-Wilson hit a hundred on first-team debut against a strong Old Queenians attack.

Batting R. L. F. Palmer 301 at 30.10; C. H. Douch* 309 at 25.75; R. P. Dickins 213 at 23.66; R. S. E. Catchpole 221 at 22.10; O. J. Stewart 191 at 21.22.

Bowling C. H. Douch 21 at 14.61; O. J. Stewart 13 at 19.23; J. A. Kelly 17 at 20.05; R. P. Dickins 11 at 21.90.

Radley College

P18 W6 L2 D10

Master i/c W. J. Wesson

Professionals A. R. Wagner/A. G. Robinson

With a bit more luck, five of the ten draws might have been wins – the opposition were nine down on each occasion. Simon Butler was the leading batsman in a largely young side and finished his school career with nearly 2,500 runs. Charlie Duffell was one of the best wicket-keepers on Radley's circuit.

Batting S. M. Butler* 931 at 66.50; A. J. Cama 472 at 42.90; C. B. R. Duffell 299 at 29.90; D. P. R. Clements 435 at 27.18; W. P. Clarkson 168 at 24.00; T. A. D. Davies 191 at 17.36; D. R. Dancy 193 at 16.08.

Bowling T. A. D. Davies 31 at 17.41; A. J. Cama 26 at 20.34; S. M. Butler 14 at 22.14; D. J. W. Mooney 18 at 23.16; J. A. C. Brideut 15 at 25.60.

Ratcliffe College

P8 W1 L3 D4 A5

Master i/c R. M. Hughes

Professional M. J. Deane

Batting T. Cabrelli* 302 at 43.14.

Bowling A. J. Smith 20 at 18.65.

Reading School

P11 W8 L1 D2 A2

Master i/c A. D. Walder

Professional J. E. Bonneywell

Batting T. G. Burrows 438 at 73.00; G. J. Duncan 352 at 44.00; J. E. Lloyd 188 at 37.60.

Bowling J. L. Cluett 10 at 8.40; T. J. H. Jacob* 21 at 10.42; T. S. Vaal 14 at 10.85; M. D. Jubb 12 at 14.08; R. S. Mendhir 11 at 22.27.

Reed's School

P12 W5 L4 D3 A4

Master i/c M. R. Dunn

Joe Worrall hit 34 off one over – and 40 off seven deliveries – against Christ's Hospital. The flighted off-spin of Nick Davies took 27 wickets. On their successful tour of Barbados, the school won four matches from seven.

Batting J. D. Worrall 319 at 39.87; S. J. Day 369 at 33.54; J. I. Morrison* 329 at 32.90; J. Dodd 185 at 30.83; N. J. Davies 228 at 20.72; M. P. Wakefield 168 at 16.80.

Bowling M. P. Wakefield 17 at 17.05; N. J. Davies 27 at 23.77; J. I. Morrison 18 at 25.77; J. Dodd 10 at 37.80.

Reigate Grammar School

P17 W6 L5 D6 A1

Master i/c P. J. O'Brien

Professional J. Benjamin

This was a successful year for a young side. The batting revolved around the consistently excellent wicket-keeper, Stuart Mills, whose 693 runs came at a school-record 69.30. Oli Wassell played more aggressively. The captain, Alex Mendis, is nephew of the former Lancashire opener, Gehan.

Batting S. Mills 693 at 69.30; J. Halton 172 at 43.00; O. Wassell 430 at 33.07; O. Tame 203 at 20.30; A. Mendis* 157 at 15.70.

Bowling A. Norrie 10 at 9.90; M. Chesterton 12 at 16.66; O. Wassell 11 at 20.27; A. Mendis 17 at 28.23; T. Davies 11 at 30.27.

Repton School

P16 W12 L3 D1 A3

Master i/c F. P. Watson

Professional M. E. Kettle

Daniel Howes's aggression ensured several flying starts. His 665 runs came from only 522 balls as the team scored at 4.6 per over across the summer. Scott Chilman, playing his fourth season in the side, claimed his 100th schools wicket.

Batting A. Mace 429 at 71.50; D. W. R. Howes 665 at 47.50; A. J. Whiteley* 406 at 40.60; J. E. Lamb 198 at 39.60; B. D. Bridgen 426 at 30.42.

Bowling S. K. Chilman 27 at 18.14; A. Mace 17 at 21.82; C. D. Paget 20 at 23.50; J. E. L. Jordan 11 at 30.09; J. M. D. Wilson 10 at 38.80.

Rossall School

P10 W2 L6 D2

Master i/c A. Brunt

Batting F. Hameed 299 at 49.83; P. Heald 320 at 35.55; J. Preston 188 at 20.88; I. Swaine 164 at 20.50.

Bowling P. Heald 17 at 21.52; R. Dingle 22 at 22.40.

The Royal Grammar School, Colchester

P18 W5 L11 D2 A2

Master i/c R. L. Bayes

A bright start was undermined by inconsistency mid-term. Two senior players led by example: Tom George's 780 runs included 110 against an MCC side managed by his father, Philip, and Neil Coles's 39 wickets included three six-fors. Omar Ahmed was a promising 13-year-old. Eleven players with first-team experience return next season.

Batting T. W. R. George 780 at 43.33; J. W. E. Carvell 273 at 30.33; J. Warner 465 at 25.83; S. J. E. George 400 at 23.52; T. G. Glasby 208 at 23.11; S. Hummerstone 279 at 15.50; G. G. Tuck 169 at 15.36.

Bowling N. S. Coles 39 at 21.89; R. A. Lomer 19 at 28.21; S. J. E. George 17 at 31.76; T. W. R. George 17 at 36.29.

The Royal Grammar School, Guildford

P17 W14 L1 D2

Master i/c S. B. R. Shore

Professional M. A. Lynch

This was a magnificent season: four consecutive wins at the RGS Festival and 14 victories in total – matching the school record. Scores of over 250 were commonplace and the bowlers did well too.

Batting C. Nelson 503 at 71.85; W. Sabey 493 at 49.30; S. Coomer 177 at 44.25; T. Markham 423 at 42.30; T. Barford 274 at 27.40; N. Symonds-Baig 239 at 26.55; R. Colville 254 at 21.16.

Bowling T. Markham 20 at 7.75; W. Sabey 32 at 10.15; A. Wilson 24 at 18.00; M. Ackroyd* 16 at 21.62; S. Ackroyd 12 at 27.25.

Royal Grammar School, Newcastle

P12 W5 L6 D1 A3

Master i/c O. L. Edwards

A mixed season, though hosting the annual RGS Festival – where the school played some of their best cricket – was a highlight.

Batting M. C. Phillips 417 at 46.33; G. R. Applegarth 372 at 37.20; B. M. Ahmad 162 at 18.00.

Bowling R. P. Malcolm 17 at 12.52; V. Chandra 12 at 18.41.

Royal Grammar School, Worcester

P19 W7 L12 D0 A3

Master i/c M. D. Wilkinson

Professional P. J. Newport

An excellent Easter tour to India did not quite lead on to the season anticipated. A very young side struggled to score heavily enough to give the promising bowlers a decent chance. When the captain, James Watkins, scored runs the result was usually a win, but he had little support. Dominic Harris took 27 wickets with his out-swing; Miles Illingworth followed in his father Richard's footsteps bowling niggardly left-arm spin.

Batting J. R. Watkins* 582 at 36.67; D. P. Harris 363 at 30.25; G. W. R. Broadfield 234 at 26.00; W. J. F. O'Driscoll 309 at 23.76; M. J. R. Illingworth 336 at 22.40; N. A. Newport 293 at 20.92; S. C. Howell 223 at 14.86.

Bowling D. P. Harris 27 at 19.85; O. J. Haines 10 at 27.50; T. J. R. Ohlson 14 at 29.64; M. J. R. Illingworth 16 at 32.25; T. J. Lewis 10 at 48.20.

Rugby School

P15 W1 L10 D4 A1

Master i/c P. J. Rosser

Professionals J. J. Whitaker/R. A. Cobb

Batting S. C. V. Greaves* 318 at 19.87; R. L. H. Crawford 312 at 19.50; G. W. Price 166 at 18.44; A. D. Martin 238 at 18.30; O. Benzie 156 at 14.18.

Bowling R. C. R. Hardwick 17 at 23.82; O. Benzie 12 at 28.41; H. A. Woodruff 10 at 41.10; S. C. V. Greaves 13 at 45.55.

Rydal Penrhos, Colwyn Bay

P8 W4 L2 D2 A1

Master i/c M. T. Leach

A team including five sons of former Rydalians proved an asset to the school. Captain David Watkins and Craig Stock put on 241 for the fourth wicket against Liverpool College, beating a school record set in 1937.

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

P10 W9 L1 D0 A2

Master i/c C. C. Hudson

Professional M. Hill

After a match against Queens Park on a Caribbean tour, the team were invited home by Brian Lara, who lived nearby. Nick Lamb was a powerful batting force. In ten innings, he scored 569 runs, and in the one-run victory over Queen Elizabeth's Barnet, Lamb also took a decisive hat-trick. The only defeat came against Latymer Upper.

Batting N. J. Lamb* 569 at 71.12; C. D. Rayner 194 at 24.25; M. S. Searle 230 at 23.00; J. D. Colmans 152 at 19.00.

Bowling N. J. Lamb 18 at 9.00; S. A. McIntyre 14 at 13.57.

St Edmund's College, Ware

P7 W0 L7 D0

Master i/c J. Faithfull

Batting No batsman took ten wickets. The leading batsman was S. Bratu, who scored 96 at 16.00.

Bowling No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was A. K. Butt, who took eight at 27.62.

St Edmund's School, Canterbury

P11 W5 L2 D4 A3

Master i/c M. C. Dobson

During the season, St Edmund's combined excellent wins and frustrating defeats in almost equal measure.

Batting S. S. Barda 317 at 35.22; J. J. Reed-Ashton 255 at 25.50; R. Waitt* 219 at 24.33.

Bowling E. P. Curry 12 at 11.66; C. E. Densham 20 at 13.80; B. M. Holmes 15 at 17.40.

St Edward's School, Oxford

P15 W6 L3 D6

Master i/c J. Cope

Professional R. O. Butcher

The team worked very hard and played more positive and professional cricket as the season progressed. Alastair Simmie's strokeplay was a highlight, along with Jonathan Gabriel's bowling.

Batting M. R. Smith 368 at 30.66; A. J. Simmie 412 at 29.42; J. W. Barrett 290 at 29.00; D. R. Brewer 232 at 23.20; C. E. Arber 271 at 20.84; J. W. Gabriel* 266 at 19.00.

Bowling M. R. Smith 24 at 17.50; J. W. Gabriel 28 at 17.92; R. T. Hazelton 18 at 19.00; F. R. Hustler 14 at 28.64; M. E. Cunningham 14 at 31.21.

St George's College, Weybridge

Master i/c R. S. Ambrose

Batting D. O. J. Holman 485 at 44.09; T. Grant* 636 at 42.40; T. N. J. Doran 480 at 40.00; J. D. Hardman 235 at 21.36; M. J. Ford 224 at 18.66; D. W. McGahon 159 at 13.25.**Bowling** P. L. Haydon 15 at 17.13; T. C. A. Reynolds 13 at 21.00; H. Grant 28 at 21.53; B. Williams 17 at 29.64; D. W. McGahon 14 at 36.42; T. Grant 15 at 38.26.**St John's School, Leatherhead**

Master i/c A. B. Gale

Batting P. C. F. Scott 681 at 48.64; K. D. S. Burge 292 at 41.71; D. J. Balcombe 520 at 37.14; W. J. Kim 166 at 33.20; G. D. Littlejohns 507 at 29.82; P. D. Anderson 310 at 22.14.**Bowling** K. de Beer 16 at 11.87; A. J. M. Price 18 at 16.72; D. J. Balcombe 14 at 16.78; P. D. Anderson 27 at 17.66; P. N. Barrett 15 at 23.60; J. R. Amos 19 at 24.26.**St Paul's School**

Master i/c M. G. Howat

Jake Lofdahl again impressed as a wicket-keeper/batsman. David Newsome took 17 wickets in three games at the Monkton Combe Festival.

Batting J. J. Lofdahl 494 at 41.16; M. Maini 292 at 32.44; I. M. R. Ladak 224 at 28.00; R. J. D. Kyle 189 at 23.62; M. B. Kiernan 266 at 22.16; M. E. Harries 202 at 20.20; F. W. H. Abrahams* 241 at 17.21.**Bowling** D. M. Newsome 21 at 18.04; N. S. Kokri 11 at 21.90; E. R. H. Poland 18 at 25.00; I. M. R. Ladak 14 at 29.35.**St Peter's School, York**

Master i/c D. Kirby

St Peter's had an outstanding season, with a school-record 11 wins. The batting was strong, with Ben Hough excellent, while the bowling was steady. The attack relied heavily on left-arm spinner, Tom Woolsey, the highest wicket-taker in 2003 schools cricket.

Batting B. R. M. Hough 579 at 44.53; A. J. Chalmers 470 at 39.16; T. B. Cleminson 342 at 34.20; T. S. Bartram* 359 at 29.91; J. M. Wackett 282 at 25.63; T. J. Woolsey 245 at 24.50; M. S. Hodsdon 312 at 22.28; P. E. M. Puxon 156 at 19.50.**Bowling** T. J. Woolsey 50 at 11.88; M. S. Hodsdon 20 at 16.80; M. B. Spalding 16 at 17.06; T. S. Bartram 24 at 18.79.**Sedbergh School**

Master i/c J. C. Bobby

An opening stand of 259 between Chris Barrington and George Mosey against Giggleswick is believed to be a school record.

Batting C. Barrington 585 at 41.78; G. A. Mosey 472 at 36.30; D. G. Ford 272 at 24.72; A. J. Cowperthwaite 164 at 23.42; E. C. Parker 301 at 23.15.**Bowling** G. A. Mosey 19 at 20.52; C. Barrington 22 at 26.13; A. J. Cowperthwaite 10 at 26.20.**Sevenoaks School**

Master i/c C. J. Tavaré

After just one win in 2002, this was a much better season. Most of the team returns for 2004.

Batting S. Sharma* 390 at 32.50; H. S. R. Florry 399 at 30.69; G. E. R. Alexander 152 at 15.20.**Bowling** N. J. Tunnell 11 at 16.36; D. L. C. Walker 12 at 23.50; H. S. R. Florry 14 at 28.85; G. E. R. Alexander 12 at 31.66.**Shebbear College**

Master i/c A. Bryan

Batting C. A. Jenn 208 at 41.60; O. D. Wickett* 290 at 41.42.**Bowling** O. D. Wickett 12 at 12.41; J. J. Corry 13 at 15.46.**Sherborne School**

Master i/c M. D. Nulton

A side of senior players and promising youngsters toured the West Indies in July. Mike Nulton retired after 15 years as master-in-charge.

Batting S. A. Crawford 462 at 51.33; T. P. Cracknell 554 at 34.62; H. M. G. Goldschmidt 327 at 29.72; H. P. Lamb 278 at 19.85; F. J. Mead 210 at 16.15.

P15 W3 L3 D9 A1

Professional D. Otley

P17 W12 L3 D2

P14 W3 L7 D4

Professional A. G. J. Fraser

P18 W11 L3 D4 A2

P15 W5 L4 D6

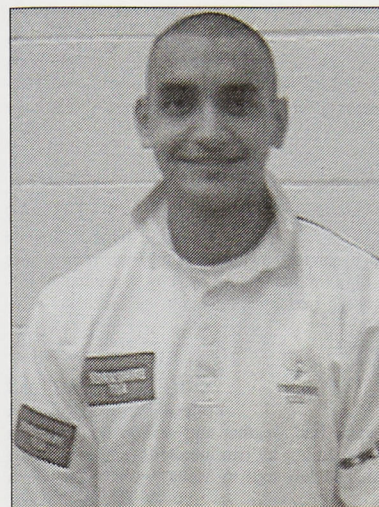
Professional D. Fallows

P14 W5 L7 D2 A1

P7 W3 L3 D1 A4

P18 W10 L5 D3

Professional A. Willows



Ajmal Shahzad of Woodhouse Grove (*left*) was a leading all-rounder with 595 runs at 66 and 25 wickets at 8.20, while Nick Lamb of St Albans averaged 71 with the bat and nine with the ball, both figures among the best in the country.



Bowling H. P. Lamb 27 at 13.59; W. R. B. Dawson 27 at 20.48; T. P. Cracknell 11 at 22.45; F. J. Mead 17 at 22.47; N. W. V. Southwell 14 at 24.35.

Shrewsbury School

Master i/c M. J. Lascelles

Tom Cox hit three hundreds, including one on tour in Sri Lanka. Both he and Ian Massey return next year, when Massey will be captain.

Batting T. W. P. Cox 645 at 43.00; I. R. Massey 629 at 41.93; B. R. G. Marlow 319 at 35.44; F. C. Argyle 288 at 22.15; A. M. McKeever* 226 at 18.83; A. M. Evans 159 at 14.45.**Bowling** C. E. Tustain 24 at 15.33; B. R. G. Marlow 24 at 18.75; A. M. McKeever 20 at 23.55; R. D. T. Nichols 11 at 30.54.**Simon Langton Grammar School**

Master i/c R. H. Green

Batting No batsman scored 150 runs. The leading batsman was A. McNeil*, who scored 92 at 23.00.**Bowling** No bowler took ten wickets. The leading bowler was M. Farrer, who took five at 15.40.**Sir Roger Manwood's School**

Master i/c G. Gayton

The performances of the side never quite matched their potential during a season interrupted by both exams and rain.

Batting M. J. van Poppel 163 at 27.16.**Bowling** T. A. R. Dilnot-Smith* 11 at 7.36; M. J. van Poppel 12 at 12.66; B. C. Stephens 10 at 18.00.**Solihull School**

Master i/c S. Morgan

Some good individual performances did not translate into team results. Justin Hemming was a laudable captain who showed real heart and passion for the game and always encouraged his players. However, his bowling attack was a little thin.

Batting J. D. Hemming* 590 at 49.16; B. J. Pugh 375 at 31.25; S. J. Reddish 341 at 22.73; C. S. Bartley 284 at 20.28; J. Sammons 213 at 15.21.**Bowling** J. D. Hemming 15 at 17.93; A. J. Madeley 19 at 21.26; Q. A. S. Tchakhotine 11 at 23.54; C. S. Bartley 11 at 33.18.

P18 W9 L4 D5 A3

Professional A. P. Pridgeon

P5 W3 L1 D1 A3

P9 W4 L3 D2 A3

P15 W6 L8 D1

Professionals C. Borroughs/L. Pearson

South Craven School**Master i/c** D. M. Birks

Anna Spragg, the school's 15-year-old wicket-keeper, was selected for the England Women's Under-19 squad. The side enjoyed a rare victory over MCC. Matthew Shuttleworth and Andrew Sewell broke the school record for an opening partnership with 134 against Grange Technology College.

Batting M. Shuttleworth 201 at 40.20.**Bowling** A. Hussain 10 at 17.70; M. Shuttleworth 10 at 23.90.**Stamford School****Master i/c** A. N. Pike

A young team worked hard throughout and genuine progress was made. They will return next year with increased confidence and expectations are high. William Clough proved a talented all-rounder and Hugh Jackson produced some match-winning performances with the ball.

Batting W. R. Clough 414 at 59.14; S. Harris 154 at 22.00.**Bowling** H. X. Jackson 14 at 20.35; N. P. Wells* 11 at 31.90.**Stockport Grammar School****Masters i/c** R. Young/C. Wright

This was a season of high endeavour but mixed reward. Bad weather and several draws where Stockport were on top created frustration. Captain Simon Elliott hit two hundreds, and the batting had depth; Charles Mercer's bowling was exceptional. The July tour to Malta, including a match against the national side, was again a success.

Batting S. Elliott* 524 at 52.40; M. Wood 227 at 37.83; M. Howarth 236 at 29.50; J. Davenport 211 at 21.10.**Bowling** C. Mercer 22 at 15.63; S. Elliott 12 at 25.83.**Stowe School****Master i/c** G. A. Cottrell

This was a disappointing season. Although an untried batting line-up managed to score sufficient runs, the bowlers struggled for consistency and never managed to bowl out the opposition.

Batting G. G. White 337 at 42.12; A. G. F. Leon 219 at 31.28; W. J. H. Gallimore* 160 at 22.85; H. J. Cussins 175 at 21.87; E. H. Prince 152 at 21.71.**Bowling** G. G. White 22 at 20.86.**Strathallan School****Master i/c** R. H. Fitzsimmons

After a washout in 2002, this was a very successful year. Ross Andrews created a good team spirit and lots of individuals made substantial contributions. Five batsmen scored at least one half-century. Jono Becks, in his first season in the XI, took 19 wickets at 15.

Batting S. Blood 448 at 64.00; R. Anders* 166 at 20.75; T. W. F. Hine 167 at 18.55; D. Hoffmann 158 at 17.55.**Bowling** J. F. Becks 19 at 15.26; R. Anders 18 at 20.33; S. Blood 14 at 28.57.**Tiffin School****Master i/c** M. J. Williams

This was another terrific season for Tiffin. The small number of draws is testament to the attacking cricket encouraged by captain Ravi Uthayashanker. But one player stole the limelight: Kapilan Balasubramaniam hit a breathtaking double-century in a 50-over match with Reigate GS, before putting on the gloves and completing five stumpings, four of them off pace bowlers. Five new school records were set during the game, including Tiffin's highest-ever total – 331 for two declared.

Batting K. Balasubramaniam 719 at 59.91; A. Harinath 449 at 49.88; M. M. Patel 307 at 34.11; R. Uthayashanker* 294 at 26.72; H. M. Vanderman 280 at 25.45; N. L. Desai 315 at 22.50.**Bowling** R. Gnanendran 35 at 16.68; M. M. Patel 29 at 17.10; R. Kumarasuriyar 13 at 19.69; J. R. Anderson 10 at 21.50.**Tonbridge School****Master i/c** N. Leamon**Batting** J. W. K. Beeny 809 at 53.93; S. Kapila 482 at 34.43; E. J. Bonner 366 at 26.14; O. G. K. Howick 392 at 26.13; A. O. J. Shales 229 at 25.44; D. H. Odds* 359 at 21.11; A. C. Howeson 153 at 13.90.**Bowling** A. C. Howeson 10 at 17.20; H. S. C. Thomson 16 at 20.31; C. F. Young 13 at 22.46; O. G. K. Howick 27 at 23.11; C. M. M. Hill 23 at 25.26; A. J. R. Collier 15 at 26.26; J. W. K. Beeny 12 at 44.25.

P8 W3 L2 D3 A3

Professional D. A. Batty

P10 W2 L7 D1 A4

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P12 W3 L5 D4 A3

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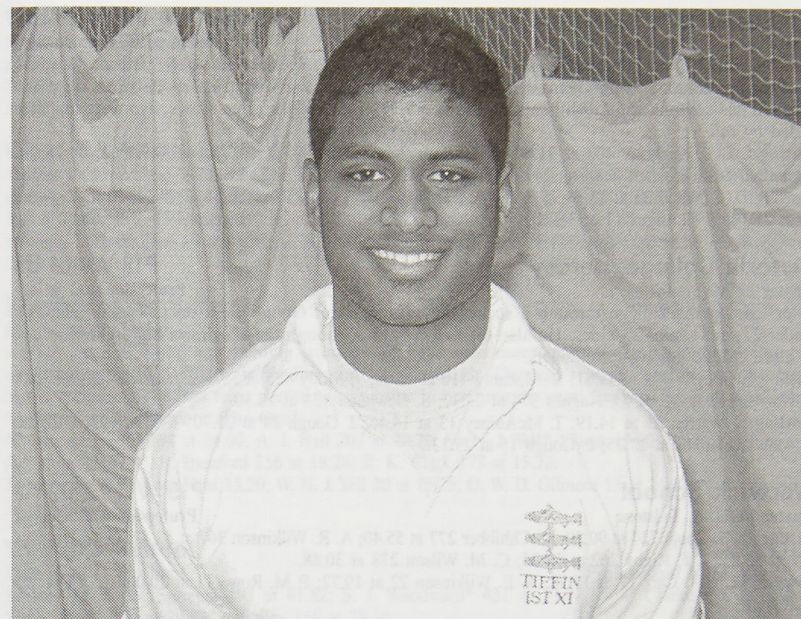
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P9 W5 L1 D3 A1

Professional K. Pillay

P17 W12 L2 D3 A2

P17 W6 L7 D4

Professional D. Chadwick

Against Reigate Grammar School, Kapilan Balasubramaniam of Tiffin hit an unbeaten 204, the season's second-highest score, then completed five stumpings.

Trent College**Master i/c** J. T. Jordison

Many of the defeats were very close. The outstanding batting came from Damien Jones, with two centuries. But the bowling lacked control.

Batting D. L. Jones* 581 at 52.81; D. J. Cupit 274 at 30.44; J. E. Acton 204 at 25.50; P. T. Robinson 227 at 22.70; A. S. G. Marshall 210 at 19.09.**Bowling** G. Johnston 12 at 23.00; J. E. Acton 12 at 28.58.**Trinity School, Croydon****Master i/c** B. Widger**Batting** M. W. Stoneman 332 at 27.66; B. T. Shorten 259 at 19.92; J. P. May 226 at 17.38.**Bowling** N. R. Cook 10 at 22.60; D. G. Whitehair 14 at 30.42; B. T. Shorten 12 at 33.83; J. P. May 10 at 43.90.**Truro School****Master i/c** A. Lawrence

The pick of the games was a win against MCC early in the season. After the visitors set a sporting total, Truro won with seven balls remaining. Captain Tom Glover ended the game unbeaten on 100.

Batting M. Lockwood 318 at 31.80; T. Glover* 314 at 28.54; S. De Gruchy 242 at 20.16.**Bowling** S. De Gruchy 22 at 14.68; T. Glover 19 at 23.89.**University College School****Masters i/c** C. P. Mahon/S. M. Bloomfield

In an exciting season a number of school batting records were broken. James Floyd's 188 against Highgate was the highest-ever individual innings, with Nick Jones's 175 against Abingdon the second-highest.

Batting N. Jones* 421 at 42.10; J. Floyd 561 at 40.07; D. Patel 178 at 25.42; V. Nair 254 at 21.16; G. Gedroyc 218 at 18.16.**Bowling** B. Kirmani 26 at 14.19; N. Jones 15 at 16.20; V. Nair 19 at 19.26; B. Bloom 11 at 24.45.

P11 W4 L7 D0 A3

Professional J. A. Afford

P13 W4 L7 D2 A1

P12 W5 L6 D1

P14 W5 L5 D4

Uppingham School

Master i/c C. C. Stevens

Duncan Wood, the captain, and Josh Branson, the wicket-keeper, can look back with pride on 32 wins in four seasons of first-team cricket. Wood took a school-record 116 wickets at 11.59, while Branson has completed 69 dismissals, and scored 1,189 runs. Of the three draws, two were matches ended by rain.

Batting J. C. J. Sharrock 403 at 31.00; D. C. Wood* 217 at 31.00; D. M. Abbott 189 at 27.00; S. W. Peters 240 at 26.66; J. T. Branson 244 at 24.40; H. M. C. Judd 252 at 22.91.

Bowling D. C. Wood 33 at 13.54; T. J. Burwell 11 at 17.63; J. C. J. Sharrock 14 at 18.14; B. R. Crowder 19 at 21.10; T. H. Higgs 11 at 36.72.

P15 W8 L4 D3

Professional B. T. P. Donelan

Victoria College, Jersey

Master i/c M. Smith

After leading the college through a successful season, Peter Gough went on to captain Jersey's Under-21 and Under-25 sides. He also hit two centuries, though the six draws highlighted a lack of cutting edge among the bowlers.

Batting P. Gough* 781 at 48.81; R. Mohanty 410 at 41.00; T. Minty 425 at 35.41; J. Gough 489 at 32.60; S. Warren 163 at 32.60; O. Hughes 374 at 23.37; S. Dewhurst 153 at 15.30.

Bowling S. Warren 21 at 14.19; T. McAuneey 13 at 14.46; J. Gough 24 at 21.70; T. Minty 23 at 22.08; H. MacLachlan 12 at 23.25; P. Gough 15 at 29.13.

P18 W8 L4 D6

Professional C. Minty

Warwick School

Master i/c G. A. Tedstone

Batting D. G. Roots 724 at 90.50; K. Chhibber 277 at 55.40; A. R. Wilkinson 367 at 52.42; O. C. Higgins 471 at 36.23; T. F. Rigby 262 at 32.75; C. M. Wilson 278 at 30.88.

Bowling B. E. A. Carr 17 at 17.58; A. E. Wilkinson 22 at 19.72; P. M. Rowe 11 at 20.00; C. J. Carr 13 at 26.76.

P15 W11 L2 D2 A2

Professional F. Kloppen

Watford Grammar School

Masters i/c J. Williams/G. Welch

The best results for many years were still not a fair reflection: three of the five draws were nearly won. Zawar Hussein scored an unbeaten 102 out of the 136 made against Old Fullarians. With the ball, Matthew Corbridge did the most consistent damage, though Robin Willis was dangerous in the early matches.

Batting Z. I. Hussein 430 at 61.42; J. G. H. England 225 at 25.00.

Bowling R. H. Willis 18 at 11.00; M. I. Corbridge 24 at 13.70; R. H. Mukherjee 13 at 20.84.

P11 W6 L0 D5 A1

Professional A. Needham

Wellingborough School

Master i/c L. M. Hilton

Batting G. D. Evans 316 at 31.60; J. D. Warwick 183 at 20.33.

Bowling W. J. Chudley 18 at 17.94; D. C. Leach 11 at 19.00; J. D. Warwick 13 at 19.76.

P10 W4 L5 D1 A3

Wellington College

Masters i/c C. M. Oliphant-Callum/R. I. H. B. Dyer

Hugo Shephard's captaincy was exceptional, and the 14 wins a school record. Shephard hit a swashbuckling unbeaten 165 against Haileybury.

Batting H. T. Y. Shephard* 784 at 56.00; G. R. Tysoe 517 at 43.08; P. J. W. Young 502 at 38.61; A. A. Shelley 329 at 32.90; R. H. St J. Huckin 177 at 29.50; A. G. Walker 176 at 25.14; J. D. Atkinson 199 at 24.87.

Bowling C. J. Rylatt 29 at 12.10; H. T. Y. Shephard 21 at 14.80; A. A. Shelley 31 at 14.96; G. R. Tysoe 29 at 15.17; J. R. Coyne 19 at 26.89.

P16 W14 L1 D1 A1

Professionals P. J. Lewington/N. A. Brett

Wellington School

Master i/c M. H. Richards

A young and very inexperienced team gelled well under the retiring captain Paul Short, the school's outstanding spin bowler over the last four seasons. Four of the final five matches went to the last over.

Batting J. D. Crowther 206 at 25.75; P. E. Short* 297 at 21.21; T. Collard 283 at 18.86; S. C. Marsh 195 at 16.25; P. Shepherd 162 at 14.72.

Bowling T. Collard 22 at 16.04; P. E. Short 36 at 16.66; A. D. Leach 12 at 21.91; R. J. Tuer 11 at 32.54.

P15 W3 L5 D7

Wells Cathedral School

Master i/c M. Stringer

Batting G. Oram* 330 at 30.00; J. Sellick 238 at 23.80; T. Tapfield 190 at 23.75.

Bowling G. Oram 27 at 12.70; M. Brandon 15 at 15.80; W. Lewis 10 at 27.20; M. Taylor-Maughan 18 at 28.00.

P13 W5 L5 D3 A1

West Buckland School

Master i/c L. Whittall-Williams

Batting D. J. Bowser 568 at 56.80; A. M. Laugharne 320 at 29.09; S. F. Bowen 202 at 22.44; J. D. Wallace* 248 at 20.66; J. C. Chickman 172 at 17.20; M. A. Stevens 188 at 17.09.

Bowling J. D. Wallace 16 at 23.93; C. A. Boulden 16 at 24.18; J. M. Robinson 10 at 30.50; A. D. Hobbs 11 at 36.63.

P14 W3 L6 D5 A1

Professional M. T. Brimmon

Westminster School

Master i/c J. Kershan

A very good bowling and fielding team would have won more often if the batsmen performed more consistently. William Yell's five for 13 against St. Dunstan's were comfortably the best bowling figures. The best team performances came in reaching the semi-finals of the Ben Hollioake Memorial seven-a-side at The Oval.

Batting O. Butler 264 at 24.00; A. J. Hall 203 at 20.30; W. N. J. Yell* 171 at 19.00; W. B. J. Stevenson 206 at 18.72; D. C. R. Bamford 256 at 18.28; R. K. Clark 173 at 15.72.

Bowling R. H. C. Low 10 at 15.20; W. N. J. Yell 20 at 15.25; G. W. D. Gilmore 13 at 24.30; N. R. Manners 10 at 31.20.

P14 W4 L4 D6 A2

Whitgift School

Master i/c D. M. Ward

Batting M. N. W. Spriegel 493 at 61.62; S. J. Woodward* 431 at 53.87; A. P. Clarke 198 at 33.00; S. Ratnayake 179 at 29.83; A. Bailey 169 at 28.16.

Bowling M. D. A. Fielder 12 at 12.75; A. P. Clarke 17 at 19.82; S. J. Woodward 11 at 24.36; N. A. C. Grant 10 at 36.50.

P11 W6 L3 D2

Professional N. M. Kendrick

Winchester College

Master i/c C. J. Good

Batting J. R. Irvine-Fortescue 335 at 27.91; J. M. Burridge 276 at 25.09; C. M. Walters 250 at 22.72; J. H. Walters* 163 at 12.53.

Bowling J. S. Pringle 30 at 14.36; H. Mohammed 12 at 16.83; J. H. Walters 16 at 21.62; J. A. Kenyon 17 at 24.23; R. L. Harding 12 at 26.25; T. L. Hemmingway 11 at 38.45.

P16 W6 L9 D1

Professional B. Reed

Wolverhampton Grammar School

Master i/c N. H. Crust

Positive batting and tight bowling led to the most successful season for some time. Christian Mulvihill and Chris Lowe led the way with bat and ball, while 15-year-old fast-bowler Richard Browning showed real potential.

Batting C. J. Mulvihill 434 at 54.25; C. J. Brook 389 at 32.41; C. W. Lowe 346 at 28.83; A. J. Whitby 168 at 24.00; J. R. Acaster 185 at 16.81.

Bowling R. J. Browning 17 at 7.82; S. T. Jackson 10 at 10.00; C. S. Adey 19 at 14.36; C. J. Mulvihill 14 at 17.14; A. J. Cuthbert 10 at 17.40; C. W. Lowe 16 at 19.18.

P14 W7 L3 D4

Professional T. King

Woodbridge School

Master i/c S. Carlisle

Woodbridge's first undefeated season in living memory. All-round team performances, rather than individual feats, stood out. Mark Fernley's 116 against King's School, Ely included 100 in boundaries.

Batting M. K. Fernley* 477 at 59.62; W. C. Nicholls 217 at 43.40; J. R. Ayris 199 at 24.87; J. P. McNally 195 at 21.66.

Bowling C. W. Tunstall 13 at 18.92; J. P. McNally 21 at 20.57; W. C. Nicholls 14 at 28.07.

P12 W6 L0 D6 A1

Professional C. Rutterford

Woodhouse Grove

Master i/c R. I. Frost

This was a tough year for a young team. But Ajmal Shahzad, in his first season, was outstanding. He made 122 on debut, then scored 133 and took seven for nine in a magnificent performance against Arnold School. Ajmal is with the Yorkshire Academy and played for ECB Schools.

P11 W3 L6 D2 A5

Professional G. R. J. Roope

Batting A. Shahzad 595 at 66.11; R. H. Haslam* 369 at 41.00; A. Silley 160 at 16.00.

Bowling A. Shahzad 25 at 8.20.

Workshop College

P16 W8 L3 D5 A1

Master i/c N. R. Gaywood

Professional R. A. Kettleborough

The college's ability to build the tempo of an innings was impressive: Bhavesh Patel and Sam Ogrizovic invariably produced a good start and excellent running between the wickets maintained the momentum. The fielding was always aggressive and the college's spin bowlers caused batsmen problems.

Batting B. Patel 738 at 52.71; S. Patel 368 at 40.88; S. E. Ogrizovic 528 at 37.71; R. M. Davies 368 at 33.45; T. Corbyn 307 at 25.58.

Bowling B. Patel 22 at 12.36; O. Rossington 12 at 12.75; S. Patel 19 at 13.10; T. Corbyn 16 at 18.00; R. M. Davies 11 at 24.27.

Wrekin College

P15 W7 L2 D6

Master i/c M. de Weymarn

Professional P. Dawson

Seven wins was the college's best total in recent memory, and all but one of the victories came in declaration games.

Batting J. D. Pee* 302 at 43.14; A. Sultan 344 at 43.00; M. R. Rosslee 415 at 37.72; R. J. W. Whitehouse 279 at 31.00.

Bowling J. D. R. Zonko 22 at 16.54; A. Sultan 17 at 18.41; J. D. Pee 22 at 18.63; J. P. Andrews 10 at 27.50.

Wycliffe College

P8 W5 L3 D0

Master i/c D. Pemberton

Professional M. Kimber

To win more than half their matches represented a good performance for one of the youngest first teams Wycliffe have ever fielded.

Batting S. Russell 190 at 38.00; G. Harding 246 at 30.75; H. Clemett* 171 at 21.37.

Bowling S. Russell 11 at 12.81; T. Williams 16 at 13.43.

Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College

P10 W8 L0 D2

Master i/c J. P. Murphy

The college was unbeaten for the second year in a row. Kunal Jogia, the captain, was again selected for Leicestershire's Second Eleven, while Imran Lodhi's 92.50 was the highest batting average for several decades. The first team retained the Leicestershire Schools Under-19 County Cup.

Batting I. K. Lodhi 555 at 92.50; M. Contractor 217 at 43.40; J. Jogia* 226 at 28.25.

Bowling J. Jogia 13 at 11.53; I. K. Lodhi 13 at 11.84; L. C. Berriman 16 at 12.87.

Notes: In the result line, A = abandoned without a ball bowled. An asterisk next to a name indicates captain. Schools provide their own comments.

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