**WISDEN SCHOOLS CRICKETER OF THE YEAR**

***Year Name*** *(school)* ***Runs/wickets Contenders Runs/wickets***

**1900 J. W. H. T. Douglas** (Felsted) 565 at 43.46, 34 at 17.55 E. G. MacCorquodale (Harrow) 62 at 12.33

J. E. Raphael (Merchant Taylors’) 963 at 43.77

E. W. Dillon (Rugby) 620 at 56.36, 33 at 17.90

*Douglas captained Essex from 1911 to 1928, and led England in most of his 23 Tests. Olympic boxing gold medallist in 1908.*

*But W. J. Ford in* Wisden*: “Few will disagree with me in giving Dillon (Rugby) the credit of being the best batsman of the year.” I chose Douglas because I think we need to start with a familiar name…*

**1901 J. E. Raphael** (Merchant Taylors’, Northwood) 1,397 at 69.85, 76 at 14.09 F. G. Brooks (Bedford GS) 671 at 61.00

W. H. B. Evans (Malvern) 664 at 51.07, 58 at 14.22

F. W. M. Draper (Merchant T) 346 at 24.71, 91 at 12.91

*Born in Belgium, cricket for Oxford University (201 v Yorkshire in 1904) and Surrey, and rugby union for England. Killed in the First World War.*

*“Raphael eventually made 1,397 runs (a school record) and seven centuries, with an average of 69.”*

**1902 K. L. Hutchings** (Tonbridge)633 at 63.30, 4 at 14.75 S. A. Trick (Merchant Taylors’) 759 at 58.38, 55 at 17.09

F. G. Brooks (Bedford GS) 764 at 54.57

*Kenneth Hutchings’s runs included a school-record 205. He played for Kent from 1901, and seven times for England. Killed in the Great War.*

*“Tonbridge had a very fine player in Hutchings… for three years he must have been a cheerful opponent to any side that came short of bowling.”*

**1903 N. A. Knox** (Dulwich) 373 at 33.90, 47 at 13.28 A. L. S. Rose (Brighton) 50 at 15.52

G. J. Willans (Framlingham) 831 at 55.40, 36 at 16.43

*The fastest bowler of his day, Neville Knox played two Tests in 1907, after taking 129 wickets in 1905, and 144 in 1906, mostly for Surrey.*

*“Not only a fast bowler of much success and much promise, but a fine powerful batsman, who knew how to ‘throw his arms away from him’.”*

**1904 J. N. Crawford** (Repton) 759 at 54.21, 75 at 14.89 W. G. Salter (Cheltenham) 993 at 66.20

H. C. Tebbutt (The Leys) 1443 at 60.12, 72 at 16.97

A. P. Day (Malvern) 880 at 67.69

G. Turner (Fettes College) 1004 at 52.84, 36 at 18.58

*Jack Crawford, 17, played for Surrey in the second half of the summer, and finished second in the first-class averages with 44 wickets at 16.93.*

*Capt. W. J. Seton: Crawford’s county performances are ”a record that will probably stand even longer than Sir Emilius Bayley-Laurie’s score for the Eton and Harrow match, now deprived of its pride of place after a reign of 63 years.” (D. C. Boles made 183 for Eton in 1904.) Seton on Herbert Tebbutt, who hit eight hundreds: “Centuries came with great regularity,” but “Owing to lack of information, I must dismiss the Leys XI as Tebbutt* et praeterea nihil*.”*

**1905 J. N. Crawford** (Repton) 766 at 85.11, 51 at 12.96 R. T. H. Mackenzie (Cheltenham) 808 at 50.50, 44 at 18.22

C. G. Russell (Framlingham) 899 at 52.88, 57 at 11.12

*In the winter of 1905-06, Crawford became England’s first teenage Test cricketer, playing in all five matches in South Africa.*

**1906 R. T. H. Mackenzie** (Cheltenham) 568 at 37.86, 52 at 13.57 C. B. Atkinson (Bedford GS) 829 at 59.21

C. Gimson (Oundle) 349 at 38.77, 50 at 9.54

*A second prolific season for the bespectacled Robin Mackenzie included “magnificent hitting” for 132 against Haileybury at Lord’s.*

**1907 M. C. Bird** (Harrow) 508 runs at 50.80, 30 at 13.76 G. H. Francis (Chatham House) 662 at 23.78, 123 at 7.23

R. H. Holloway (The Leys) 715 at 35.75

J. F. Ireland (Marlborough) 712 at 64.72

*Morice Bird scored 100 and 131 for Harrow v Eton at Lord’s, and later played for Lancashire (briefly) and Surrey: ten Tests before the Great War.*

*C. Toppin in* Wisden: *“Bird is undoubtedly a fine bat on good wickets, probably under such circumstances the best school bat of the year.”*

**1908 H. Gardner** (King’s, Canterbury) 1,166 at 61.47 H. M. Bannister (Tonbridge) 649 at 59.00, 47 at 12.38

N. J. Holloway (The Leys) 634 at 37.29, 47 at 16.36

*Harry Gardner joined the Army, and played two first-class matches for them in 1914. A. T. Sharp hit 172\* for Repton against Uppingham, breaking J. N. Crawford’s school record.* Wisden *doesn’t seem to mention Gardner, despite him scoring nearly twice as many runs as anyone else…*

**1909 P. G. H. Fender** (St Paul’s) 734 at 48.93, 34 at 15.97 H. Grierson (Bedford GS) 64 at 11.48

R. St. L. Fowler (Eton) 51 at 10.68 (11 v Harrow)

*Percy Fender would captain Surrey for many years, and played 13 Tests. Left-arm seamer Henry Grierson later founded the XL Club.*

*“St Paul’s emerged from their ordeal of 16 matches with considerable credit, for they won ten of them, and only lost three.”*

**1910 R. St. L. Fowler** (Eton) 312 at 31.20, 47 at 12.48 H. Grierson (Bedford GS) 404 at 40.40, 50 at 12.34 G. L. Hunting (Loretto) 1,081 at 49.14, 23 at 20

A. W. Carr (Sherborne) 638 at 45.47, 32 at 15.06

F. H. Knott (Tonbridge) 1,126 at 80.43

*Robert Fowler dominated the annual match at Lord’s, top-scoring in both innings then taking 8 for 23 as Harrow, chasing 55, were skittled for 45.*

*“Fowler… is a fine all-round cricketer whom most people would pick first on their side from the school cricketers of the year.”*

**1911 R. K. Nunes** (Dulwich) 770 at 59.23 F.C.W. Newman (Bedford Modern) 898 at 89.80

D. J. Knight (Malvern) 778 at 55.56

A. W. Carr (Sherborne) 749 at 62.42

*Karl Nunes, from Jamaica, became West Indies’ first Test captain in England in 1928. Donald Knight hit 211 against H. K. Foster’s XI.*

*F. B. Wilson in* Wisden*: “Winchester had two of the players of the year… in Critchley-Salmonson and M. Woosnam. Salmonson is as unpleasant a bowler for any public-school player to meet as I have seen for many years.” He doesn’t mention Nunes – Dulwich down the pecking order of schools…*

**1912 F. W. H. Nicholas** (Forest School) 875 at 97.22 J. H. C. Lindesay (Blundell’s) 485 at 34.64, 68 at 10.02 A. L. Gregg (Campbell C, Belfast) 935 at 62.33, 78 at 9.46

*Fred Nicholas, grandfather of Mark, played 63 matches for Essex, scoring 140 against Surrey at Leyton in 1926.*

*“[Forest School] had an exceptionally good bat in F. W. H. Nicholas, who played a bit for Essex in August.”*

**1913 D. J. Knight** (Malvern) 823 at 63.31 A. E. R. Gilligan (Dulwich) 59 at 14.42

C. K. Bridgnell (Framlingham) 577 at 28.85, 73 at 11.37

S. H. G. Humfrey (Oakham) 825 at 75.00, 37 at 19.73

*A notably graceful batsman, Donald Knight played for Surrey from 1911 to 1927, and twice for England.*

*E. B. Noel in* Wisden*: “Undoubtedly the foremost school bat of the year.”*

**1914 A. E. R. Gilligan** (Dulwich) 50-8 at 36.28, 78 at 8.80 H. L. H. du Boulay (Cheltenham) 788 at 56.28

S. B. Morgan (Clifton) 333 at 23.79, 66 at 9.92

G. H. Heslop (Lancing) 981 at 89.18, 38 at 18.10

*Arthur Gilligan had a long career for Sussex, and played 11 Tests for England, captaining in the 1924-25 Ashes.*

*“Gilligan was the mainstay of the side. He is a really promising fast bowler with an easy run-up, and he has a deadly yorker.”*

**1915 A. D. Denton** (Wellingborough) 894 at 68.76, 21 at 15.95 C. L. D. Fawcus (Bradfield) 592 at 74.00, 31 at 12.54

C. J. Hambro (Eton) 38 at 7.07

S. T. Askham (Wellingborough) 526 at 35.06, 62 at 13.45

*Arthur Denton played seven matches for Northamptonshire – including three in 1919–20 despite losing part of a leg in the Great War.*

*“Denton and Askham of Wellingborough stand out very prominently.” Hambro, who took 7-6 v Winchester, “was a tower of strength, and he is no doubt a fine all-round boy cricketer… has the ‘loins and back’ of the real bowler.” Note no figures for J.C. Clay (Winchester) and F.T. Badcock (Wellington).*

**1916 J. C. Clay** (Winchester) 40 at 10.25 V. E. Bourdillon (Brighton) 615 at 38.43, 35 at 13.97

J. D. Wyatt-Smith (Sherborne) 575 at 57.50, 19 at 7.15

H. Ashton (Winchester) 414 at 51.75

*Johnnie Clay had a long county career, captaining Glamorgan for many years and still playing, aged 50, when they won their first title in 1948.*

*“Clay [bowls] leg-breaks of more than average merit.” “Malvern had K. S. Hamatsinhji (a nephew of the Jam Saheb) a really good boy wicketkeeper and useful batsman.”*

**1917 G. T. S. Stevens** (University College School) 640 at 58.27, 66 at 8.65 T. H. Beeching (Charterhouse) 490 at 81.66

H. L. Calder (Cranleigh) 36 at 10.08

C. H. Gibson (Eton) 43 at 9.97

G. A. Rotherham (Rugby) 332 at 47.42, 36 at 11.

J. E. d’E. Firth (Winchester)

*Leg-spinning all-rounder Greville Stevens played when available for Middlesex, and won ten Test caps for England.*

*Stevens, Gibson, Calder, Firth and Rotherham were* Wisden’s *“Five School Bowlers of the Year”, chosen in the absence of first-class cricket.*

*E. B. Noel: “Stevens bowls both leg-breaks and googlies… even at Lord’s on a slow wicket he looked none too easy.”*

*Seamer Clem Gibson, who lived most of his life in Argentina, played for Sussex and turned down a place on the 1924-25 Ashes tour. “Personally I think Gibson stood out by himself... seems to be something quite out of the common… starts with two great assets – a good run up and a beautifully easy swing and action.” Tempted to give it to Gibson, and save Stevens for 1919.*

**1918 N. E. Partridge** (Malvern) 514 at 102.80, 32 at 11.50 P. W. Adams (Cheltenham) “A most efficient stumper”

A. C. Gore (Eton) 40 at 7.70

L. P. Hedges (Tonbridge) 630 at 63.00

G. T. S. Stevens (UCS) 665 at 44.33, 53 at 9.09

A. P. F. Chapman (Uppingham) 472 at 52.54, 15 at 17.22

*Norman Partridge went on to play with some success for Warwickshire. His 1919 performances included 229\* and 11 wickets against Repton, and two cases of a century and a five-for against Cheltenham. Noel quotes a predecessor as schools correspondent, C. Toppin: “As an all-round player, I have never seen Partridge’s equal as a boy. It is very sad that his cricket should come in these broken times.”*

*Adams, Chapman, Gore, Hedges and Partridge were* Wisden’s *“Five Public School Cricketers of the Year”, chosen in the absence of first-class cricket. Stevens (ineligible as chosen the year before) “had the honour of being included in one of Captain Warner’s sides against the Dominions at Lord’s.”*

**1919 G. T. S. Stevens** (University College School) 619 at 61.90, 49 at 10.00 C. H. Gibson (Eton) 39 at 13.20

N. E. Partridge (Malvern) 569 at 43.76, 71 at 12.98

L. P. Hedges (Tonbridge) 1,038 at 86.50

A. P. F. Chapman (Uppingham) 637 at 70.77, 40 at 17.47

D. R. Jardine (Winchester) 997 at 66.46, 18 at 31.88

*“Stevens had the great honour of being selected to play for the Gentlemen, at Lord’s [against the Players]” (thought to be the first such instance since A. J. Lowth of Winchester in 1836, when the Gents had 18 men). Jardine “had, perhaps, the soundest defence, the greatest patience and the best judgment, and he was the most difficult of any to dislodge… it must not be imagined that Jardine is a player without strokes.” Hedges “played for Kent all through the holidays… he is a delightful type of amateur player with great punishing powers and the way he hits the ball past the covers is most refreshing.”*

**1920 G. J. Bryan** (Wellington College) 669 at 116.50, 10 at 4.70 W. Bovell-Jones (Bedford) 737 at 81.88, 11 at 17.36

W. J. V. Tomlinson (Felsted) 681 at 56.75, 42 at 15.83

C. T. Ashton (Winchester) 581 at 38.73, 38 at 17.68

*Godfrey Bryan, one of three brothers who all played for Kent, made his first-class debut later in 1920 and scored 124 against Notts, after opening.*

*“Bryan showed himself a really wonderful batsman… He crowned his season with glory when playing for Kent in the holidays.”*

**1921 J. L. Guise** (Winchester) 924 at 54.35 L. S. H. Summers (Emanuel) 624 at 34.67, 101 at 7.78

H. J. Enthoven (Harrow) 571 at 34.99, 27 at 14.40

G. H. Seeley (Marlborough) 758 at 50.53, 12 at 23.33

J. G. Pugh (Rugby) 1,034 at 73.85

H. C. A. Gaunt (Tonbridge) 960 at 68.57

*John Guise’s 278 against Eton (after Winchester were all out in their first innings for 57) was the highest score in top-class school cricket in England: “Nursing the bowling very cleverly, he hit all round the wicket, his figures including 45 fours.” He later played for Oxford Univ and Middlesex.*

*“In Guise they had an exceptional batsman…”*

**1922 R. E. H. Hudson** (Haileybury) 956 at 68.28 W. Bovell-Jones (Bedford) 689 at 76.55, 17 at 15.58

E. R. T. Holmes (Malvern) 442 at 36.83, 43 at 14.90

M. T. Crick (Oakham) 60 at 9.43

A. E. Blair (Radley) 979 at 54.38, 18 at 25.61

R. E. Crewe (UCS) 70 at 10.32

J. L. Guise (Winchester) 670 at 51.54, 32 at 20.90

*Reginald Hudson joined the Army. He made 217 in a first-class match against the RAF in 1932, and 181 against the West Indian tourists in 1933.*

*H. S. Altham in* Wisden*: ”Hudson was positively an ‘Atlas’.” Against Cheltenham at Lord’s, “Hudson’s splendid batting… exhausted the critics of their superlatives.”*

**1923 K. S. Duleepsinhji** (Cheltenham) 576 at 52.36, 35 at 18.40 E. W. Dawson (Eton) 560 at 50.91

H. F. Burbidge (Framlingham) 82 at 8.22

R. J. O. Meyer (Haileybury) 360 at 24.00, 59 at 16.17

E. R. T. Holmes (Malvern) 730 at 60.83, 11 at 37.45

A. E. Blair (Radley) 1.011 at 67.40

*Duleepsinhji, a nephew of Ranji, scored 173 in his first Test against Australia, at Lord’s in 1930, but poor health restricted him to 12 Test matches.*

*“Of the batsmen I am inclined to put ‘Duleep’ just above the rest on account of rather greater natural ability, and considerably greater resource than his fellows. Dawson has clearly earned a place in the niche of fame, but he will have to develop his strokeplay if he is really to come to the front.”*

*Alistair Blair had a second prolific season for Radley: born in Ceylon, he played three first-class matches there on an MCC tour in 1926-27.*

**1924 R. W. V. Robins** (Highgate) 791 at 49.44, 54 at 10.29 G. W. F. Lyon (Brighton) 651 at 54.25

M. J. Turnbull (Downside) 668 at 74.22

I. A. R. Peebles (Glasgow Acad) 39 at 4.56

**R. W. V. Robins** (Highgate) 791 at 49.44, 54 at 10.29

E. R. T. Holmes (Malvern) 674 at 74.88

*Walter Robins would later captain Middlesex, win XX Test caps (captaining three times), and managed England tours.*

*“Robins, [Highgate’s] captain, really had an* annus mirabilis*, and there can be no doubt that he is an all-round cricketer of great natural gifts.”*

*“Holmes was certainly the most talked of player of the year… Turnbull did splendidly during the term and relatively better for Glamorgan in the holidays.”*

**1925 M. J. Turnbull** (Downside) 1,323 at 94.50 R. W. V. Robins (Highgate) 816 at 62.76, 60 at 15.18

E. F. Longrigg (Rugby) 840 at 52.50, 11 at 9.27

E. T. Killick (St Paul’s) 940 at 104.44

*Maurice Turnbull, who died in WW2, captained Glamorgan throughout the 1930s, and played nine Tests for England.*

*“Turnbull’s wonderful aggregate must win for him pride of place, but Killick actually averaged over 100, and he has another year at school.”*

**1926 E. T. Killick** (St Paul’s) 642 at 49.38 L. le Marchand (Beaumont College) 74 at 7.56

P. V. F. Cazalet (Eton) 483 at 53.66

S. A. Block (Marlborough) 698 at 53,69, 15 at 24.73

R. W. Skene (Sedbergh) 566 at 43.53, 44 at 10.61

*Tom Killick’s 15 first-class centuries included three doubles, two of them in 1929 when he won two Test caps, and another for Middlesex in 1931.*

*Altham on Killick in* Wisden*: “I have seen few boys play in more convincing style. Strictly orthodox in method… hit the ball as a man should hit it.”*

**1927 P. G. T. Kingsley** (Winchester) 770 at 55.00 L. R. W. Salmon (Allhallows) 427 at 19.40, 100 at 12.23

E. M. Wellings (Cheltenham) 597 at 54.27, 47 at 20.59 B. R. Tod (Edinburgh Academy) 824 at 48.47, 75 at 11.76

I. D. K. Fleming (Winchester) 783 at 52.20

*Patrick Kingsley captained Oxford in 1930, and scored 176 against Surrey – but played no county cricket (except for Hertfordshire). He worked for the Duchy of Cornwall (1930–72) and was eventually knighted.*

*Ian Fleming hit 210 against Eton, and Altham – i/c cricket at Winchester as well as the* Wisden *reviewer – writes: “He made astonishingly few false strokes, and kept his head admirably, while for power and persistency I have not seen driving to equal his in school cricket since J. N. Crawford was at Repton… Yet well though he did, I cannot put him quite on the same level, at any rate in potentiality, as his captain. Kingsley was five years ‘at Lord’s’, and five appearances against Eton is a Wykehamical record.” In 1926, Kingsley and Fleming had opened for the Public Schools against the Australians at Lord’s. Cruelly, Lawrence Salmon’s 100 wickets don’t seem to warrant a mention. nb Future* Wisden *reviewer Wellings “played like a good school No. 1, as he certainly is.”*

**1928 I. S. Akers-Douglas** (Eton) 677 at 52.07 E. Ingram (Belvedere Coll, Dublin) 1,011 at 59.47, 52 at 4.59 D. R. Wilcox (Dulwich) 622 at 47.84, 22 at 21.27

W. O’B. Lindsay (Harrow) 715 at 55.00

G. A. K. Collins (Lancing) 863 at 71.91

T. A. Crawford (Tonbridge) 731 at 52.21

*Ian Akers-Douglas would score two first-class centuries, both for Kent, in the 1930s. He also won the British Open rackets championship in 1933.*

*New* Wisden *reviewer A. Podmore on Akers-Douglas: “His quickness between wickets, unerring judgment and footwork, combined with the wrist and eye of the racquets player, made him the schoolboy batsman of the year and already, a first-class player.” His runs in 1928 included 158 against Harrow at Lord’s. nb Douglas Bader collected 432 runs (36.00) and 30 wickets (18.00) as captain of St Edward’s, Oxford.*

**1929 D. R. Wilcox** (Dulwich) 1,025 at 64.06, 28 at 27.71 J. G. Cook (Bedford) 615 at 51.25, 40 at 16.45

E. Ingram (Belvedere Coll, Dublin) 1,008 at 67.20, 85 at 4.51

J. F. Jones (Fettes) 1,000 at 83.33, 13 at 28.1

E. Cawston (Lancing) 966 at 69.00, 53 at 16.30

F. R. Brown (The Leys) 654 at 65.40, 60 at 11.25

D. N. Moore (Shrewsbury) 1,038 at 103.80, 35 at 12

J. H. Cameron (Taunton) 108 wickets at 8.06

*Denys Wilcox played for Essex from 1928–47, captaining from 1933–39, and skippered The Rest in a Test trial in 1938.*

*“Wilcox set up a school record by scoring 1,025 runs… his batting developed with cutting and hooking always good, but the real strength of his play became powerful driving.”*

*Reviewer Podmore is less effusive about Denis Moore (he later scored a double-century for Gloucestershire), who also scored over 1,000 runs, as did Edward Ingram during a second prolific year on the Irish circuit; he later played a few matches for Middlesex and Ireland.*

*nb The review says: “[J. H.] Rogers, of Birkenhead, established a Public Schools record which is likely to last for many years. He took 100 wickets and scored 1,000 runs for the second season in succession, a wonderful achievement though he played in many matches and the opposition was not always strong.” But no Birkenhead averages in the book so I guess he’s ineligible… he played three times for Oxford Univ in 1932.*

**1930 J. H. Cameron** (Taunton) 227 at 20.63, 91 at 6.98 E. N. Evans (Haileybury) 809 at 47.58, 12 at 43.75

P. H. P. Weaver (King’s, Bruton) 982 at 75.53, 26 at 18.03

J. H. Human (Repton) 704 at 78.22, 224 at 17.12

J. G. W. Davies (Tonbridge) 780 at 45.88, 30 at 25.30

*John Cameron, a Jamaica-born leg-spinner, had his second superb season in a row. In 1939, he would be West Indies’ vice-captain in England.*

*“Against Blundell’s and Kingswood he obtained seven for 57 and nine for 23, and was responsible for the defeat of the MCC by 74 runs, his share being seven for 47.”*

**1931 C. R. N. Maxwell** (Brighton) 1.037at 69.13, wicketkeeper H. T. Bartlett (Dulwich) 701 at 70.10

A. W. Allen (Eton) 650 at 54.16

H. P. Dinwiddy (Radley) 838 at 49.29, 12 at 25.58

W. Wooller (Rydal) 583 at 58.30, 55 at 9.92

*Cecil Maxwell made the highest first-class score by a No. 8 – 268 in 190 minutes for Sir Julien Cahn’s XI against Leicestershire in 1935; he also played for Gentlemen against Players at Lord’s that year, and later briefly for Middlesex, Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire.*

*“Maxwell… had the distinction of scoring a thousand runs in the term, including six centuries… above the average as a school wicketkeeper, [he] had a hand in the capture of 35 wickets, and captained the side with judgment.”*

**1932 N. S. Mitchell-Innes** (Sedbergh) 689 at 62.33, 33 at 9.96 H. T. Bartlett (Dulwich) 683 at 56.91

C. E. Allen (Haileybury) 51 at 7.33

J. H. Whitaker (Highgate) 797 at 79.70

H. P. Dinwiddy (Radley) 866 at 72.16, 28 at 14.50

P. Cranmer (St Edward’s Oxford) 911 at 56.93, 10 at 30.20

N. W. D. Yardley (St Peter’s York) 655 at 50.38, 18 at 19.22

*Norman “Mandy” Mitchell-Innes played for Oxford and Somerset, and won one England cap against South Africa in 1935.*

*“A batsman of real class… A capital all-rounder, Mitchell-Innes did well at Lord’s but failed when tried for Somerset.”*

**1933 N. W. D. Yardley** (St Peter’s, York) 973 at 88.45, 40 at 11.90 T. R. Garnett (Charterhouse) 1,023 at 93.00

H. T. Bartlett (Dulwich) 816 at 74.18

M. Tindall (Harrow) 574 at 57.40

P. F. Judge (St Paul’s) 610 at 46.92, 84 at 14.83

N. S. Mitchell-Innes (Sedbergh) 763 at 109.00

*Norman Yardley would captain Yorkshire – and England in 14 of his 20 Test matches, in which his highest score was 99.*

*“Yardley… combined a sound defence with great driving power and accurate timing on the leg side”. Hugh Bartlett hit double-centuries against Bedford and Mill Hill, “each innings occupying less than two hours and a half”: “. Mark Tindall hit 202\* out of 306-5 against MCC.*

**1934 N. W. D. Yardley** (St Peter’s York) 584 at 48.66, 31 at 12.29 E. G. Waddilove (Ampleforth) 682 at 45.46, 35 at 15.37

T. A. Kemp (Denstone College) 756 at 44.47, 46 at 18.78

A. N. A. Boyd (Eton) 606 at 50.50 D. A. S. Day (Tonbridge) 684 at 62.18

T. S. La Fontaine (Tonbridge) 749 at 46.81, 21 at 22.66

*“Yardley, the captain, was once again a tower of strength and, in addition to scoring nearly 600 runs and talking 31 wickets, he fielded brilliantly at cover point.” For the Public Schools at Lord’s “he made a century against the Army, a feat never before achieved by a schoolboy”.*

**1935 G. E. Hewan** (Marlborough) 914 at 60.93, 30 at 21.66 E. D. R. Eagar (Cheltenham) 878 at 54.87, 10 at 22.30

D. M. Matthews (Felsted) 895 at 81.36, 13 at 15.92

R. H. Gower (King’s, Canterbury) 777 at 86.33

D. A. Shepherd (Leeds GS) 819 at 81.90, 17 at 16.47

W. Murray-Wood (Mill Hill) 582 at 48.50, 61 at 9.49

E. J. H. Dixon (St Edward’s Oxford) 869 at 57.93, 17 at 15.11

F. M. McL. Forster (Wellington) 713 at 89.12

*Edinburgh-born Gethyn Hewan played for Cambridge in the 1938 Varsity Match (under the captaincy of Norman Yardley) but no further fc cricket.*

*“Hewan, who had previously made 178 against Wellington and 205 against Free Foresters, gave a magnificent exhibition of driving in two big innings against Rugby at Lord’s. Eagar… was not far behind him in strokes all round the wicket, but lacked Hewan’s driving power.”*

***A difficult choice this:*** *Bill Murray-Wood, a leg-spinner, “also distinguished himself against the Army at Lord’s”. He would captain Kent in 1952 and 1953.*

*nb Future BBC announcer McDonald Hobley 439 runs (36.58) and 21 wickets (23.38) for Brighton College.*

**1936 P. J. Dickinson** (KCS, Wimbledon) 948 at 118.50 J. M. Lomas (Charterhouse) 660 at 55.00

J. P. Mann (Eton) 436 at 54.50

B. K. Totton (St Paul’s) 55 at 8.74

*Patrick Dickinson played for Cambridge University and Surrey in 1939 – and for Bombay in the 1947-48 Ranji Trophy final.*

*Podmore on the weather: “The worst [season] in the memory of nearly two generations… match after match had to be scratched.”*

*On KCS: “The season was noteworthy for the outstanding performance of Dickinson, who scored 1,000 runs in the term, and assisted The Rest v Lord’s Schools and Public Schools v The Army. In these two matches he distinguished himself at first slip by bringing off six brilliant catches.”*

**1937 P. J. Dickinson** (KCS, Wimbledon) 1,061 at 81.61, 47 at 14.76 I. Harper (Blundell’s) 698 at 53.69

E. K. Scott (Clifton) 546 at 32.11, 79 at 11.60 A. C. Shirreff (Dulwich) 501 at 41.75, 52 at 14.15

N. S. Harrison (Haileybury) 649 at 49.92, 29 at 19.62

R. A. A. Holt (Harrow) 590 at 49.16

D. H. D. Sladen (King’s Bruton) 727 at 60.58

*A. Podmore and Hubert Winterbotham in* Wisden*: “Dickinson… again exceeded 1,000 runs and headed the bowling averages. He played against The Army at Lord’s.” On Clifton: “Scott, considered one of the best school all-rounders of recent years, headed the batting and bowling averages.” On Winchester: “H. A. Pawson, not 16 until after the season ended, displayed the highest promise.” Harrison scored a century in each innings v Uppingham.*

**1938 R. A. A. Holt** (Harrow) 910 at 101.11 C. L. Oakley (Bedford) 1.018 at 101.80, 10 at 18

J. M. Leiper(Chigwell) 911 at 65.07, 77 at 7.96

J. H. G. Deighton (Denstone) 348 at 43.50, 83 at 4.77

P. J. Dickinson (KCS Wimbledon) 625 at 56.81, 42 at 9.28

H. B. C. Gardner (St Lawrence C) 776 at 59.69, 50 at 9.94

*Richard “Bimby” Holt, later chairman of the Harrow School governors, played a few matches for Sussex in 1938.*

*Hubert Winterbotham alone: “[Holt] averaged just over 100. His 152 not out against Winchester and 184 not out and 125 against Charterhouse were magnificent efforts.” He manages not to mention Jack Leiper, who had a remarkable season for Chigwell School.*

*“Deighton came up to Lord’s with some phenomenal bowling performances to his credit. Reasonably fast with an easy action, he did little, probably because of meeting batsmen of a higher class then hitherto.” Oakley scored 203\* against The Leys.*

**1939 J. H. G. Deighton** (Denstone) 402 at 44.60, 62 at 8.70 B. C. R. Smith (Alleyn’s) 796 at 66,30, 36 at 16.10

S. I. Philips (Brighton) 727 at 60.60, 27 at 23.10

M. A. I. Fiddes (City of London) 50 at 7.86

W. R. S. Dods (Malvern) 744 at 74.40

H. A. Pawson (Winchester) 537 at 44.75, 26 at 1204

*John Deighton had a long Army career, but played a few matches for Lancashire between 1948 and 1950.*

*Charles Burton in* Wisden*: “[Deighton] has an action not unlike that of Maurice Tate, and at times gets almost bewildering pace off the pitch.”*

**1940 H. A. Pawson** (Winchester) 652 at 108.66, 13 at 23.15 J. H. Covington (Canford) 600 at 54.54, 9 at 14.78

N. C. F. Bloy (Dover) 460 at 46.00, 30 at 13.50

H. E. Watts (Downside) 938 at 104.22, 36 at 12

A. B. Sheldon (Haileybury) 775 at 55.35

J. R. Sale (Marlborough) 769 at 68.67

L. G. H. Hingley (Rugby) 741 at 74.10, 11 at 14.82 P. B. K. Gracey (Wellington) 632 at 57.45, 55 at 10.84

*Tony Pawson turned out for Oxford and Kent, played for England’s amateur football side – and later became a world fly-fishing champion.*

*Unsigned in* Wisden *on Pawson*: *“A sound batsman in defence, a magnificent runner between the wickets, and a useful slow bowler who comes a little quicker off the pitch than one expects, he was obviously a tower of strength.” Hugh Watts “scored over 900 runs, including five centuries. His 187 not out against the Oratory, and his average for the season of 104.22, broke two school records, both previously held by M. J. Turnbull.”*

*nb Dulwich College averages and report not included, so not sure what Trevor Bailey’s figures were. Presumably this disqualifies him anyway.*

**1941 T. E. Bailey** (Dulwich) 851 at 121.57, 41 at 12.65 W. R. Hanworth (Brentwood) 318 at 21.20, 54 at 7.38

R. G. Broadbent (Caterham) 440 at 24.44, 80 at 8.45

A. Fairbairn (Haileybury) 672 at 74.66, 18 at 16.83

L. C. Henwood (Hurstpierpoint) 551 at 55.10, 25 at 8.84

*Trevor Bailey became one of England’s finest all-rounders, playing 61 Tests during a fc career that brought him 28,641 runs and 2,082 wickets.*

*“The development of Bailey was prodigious, especially considering his muscle injuries of 1940. In addition to shouldering the responsibilities of the captaincy with spirit and success, he accomplished a series of excellent achievements, not only as a batsman possessing a variety of free and well-executed strokes, but a genuine fast bowler.”*

*Sixteen-year-old Hubert Doggart, with 259 runs at 43.16, topped the averages for Winchester, for whom future Concorde pilot Brian Trubshaw scored 250 runs at 19.23.*

**1942 T. E. Bailey** (Dulwich) 625 at 52.91, 66 at 6.16 L. F. L. Oakley (Bedford) 687 at 49.07

D. J. Harris (Berkhamsted) 50 at 6.02

R. G. Broadbent (Caterham) 496 at 38.15, 87 at 7.77

A. W. H. Mallett (Dulwich) 425 at 26.56, 56 at 6.53

N. D. Howard (Rossall) 456 at 45.60, 24 at 13.04 *“Bailey, in taking 66 wickets for 6.16 runs each during the summer, broke a 64-years-old record for the school… dominated the batting and, although not attaining a three-figure average as in 1941, he finished, for the fourth successive year, at the head of the table… Bailey played a lot of cricket at Lord’s after the end of term, and he also appeared in the ranks of the British Empire team. With the aid of those matches [he] completed the ‘cricketers’ double’ of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets.” Future England captain Nigel Howard topped the batting and bowling averages for Rossall School.*

**1943 W. H. H. Sutcliffe** (Rydal) 429 at 42.90, 27 at 11.00 J. G. Dewes (Aldenham) 418 at 69.66, 20 at 9.10

W. J. S. Smellie (Bancroft’s) 401 at 33.41, 40 at 9.00

R. A. E. Franklin (Oundle) 512 at 73.14

M. D. E. Molony (Taunton) 555 at 55.50, 38 at 13.05 *Billy Sutcliffe did not attain the heights of his father, Herbert, but still played for Yorkshire, and captained them as an amateur in 1956 and 1957.*

*Report by new reviewer Lt-Col G. H. M. “Buns” Cartwright*, on The Rest v Lord’s Schools*: “Sutcliffe’s 41, made out of 50 in about as many minutes, was the gem of the match and showed him as a batsman of unusual poise, judgment and power for one so young.” “Of very young players whose future I shall follow with interest, I would mention W. H. H. Sutcliffe (Rydal), D. B. Carr (Repton), P. D. S. Blake (Eton), J. G. Dewes (Aldenham) and A. G. J. Rimell (Charterhouse).” nb John Fowles, author of* The French Lieutenant’s Woman*, 34 wickets at 12 for Bedford School, and T. W. Graveney (17) 115 runs at 19 and 26 wickets at 9 for Bristol GS.*

**1944 Hon. L. R. White** (Eton) 503 at 50.30 J. G. Dewes (Aldenham) 518 at 74.00, 20 at 7.70

O. J. Wait (Dulwich) 42 at 8.19

L. A. Sears (Reading) 197 at 11.59, 73 at 9.16

D. B. Carr (Repton) 453 at 37.75, 35 at 11.17

*Luke White (later Lord Annaly) played a little for Middlesex, and in 1945 was one of three schoolboys (along with D. B. Carr and J. G. Dewes) chosen for the England XI in the second “Victory Test” against the Australian Services at Lord’s.*

*Debut of E. M. Wellings as* Wisden *reviewer: “White impressed me as quite the best of the school bats. He was mainly a leg-side player, and though inclined to hit the off-side ball with a cross bat, he looked fundamentally a really sound batsman… his batting against Robins in the representative match was magnificent.” However: “The best bowler at Lord’s was, I thought, Carr – a slow left-hander with rather a low delivery. He showed considerable command over length, spin and flight…he seemed the most complete cricketer of all the boys.” nb P. B. H. May (15) 314 runs at 28.54 for Charterhouse.*