

SCHOOLS CRICKET IN 2021

REVIEW BY DOUGLAS HENDERSON

To borrow from another sport, schools cricket in 2021 was not so much a game of two halves as a country riven in two. While a dozen or so schools flourished – fitting in 20 games or more – a large number never got on the pitch. That explains why this section is thinner than usual: nearly 50 regular entries, many of them well-known cricketing centres, played so little it made no sense to record what passed for a season. Even those who did send in reports often had no one fulfilling the normal criteria of 150 runs or ten wickets. As always, though, the leading player in each category is given.

Back in the spring, I optimistically wrote at Schools Cricket Online:

The 2021 season in theory could possibly be the best for years, indeed decades, as it promises a full term with no public exams, no revision mania, no reading weeks, no post-exam exeats and all the rest of the nonsense which has plagued schools and ruined the schools cricket season.

Little did I reckon with the advent of the dreaded Teacher-Assessed Grades, or TAGs. In effect, they became not just teachers of a full timetable, but exam boards too, setting, marking and scrupulously moderating exam-type papers. Meanwhile the boards, who did much less than in a normal year, still collected the usual £220m in fees: a scandal seemingly noticed only by Alice Thomson in *The Times*. It also meant pupils often had to sit more not-quite-exams than ever. Far from being a golden summer with time away from study, it was the opposite, as teachers and pupils suffered from appalling burnout.

There was another, allied problem. Even when heads were prepared to risk playing rival schools, they often had to cope with a block cancellation, sometimes at very short notice.

One positive was that the Covid pandemic helped foster a second, late-summer season. In September 2020, when close-contact sports such as rugby were out of the question, First XIs played as many as ten fixtures. These autumn-term matches are included in the school-by-school reports that follow, since they are the same academic year as the more familiar early-summer games. Even if a split season is unlikely to become established – rugby and football will doubtless force their way back – it proved such a success that some schools are determined to continue playing at least a few games. It helps that September weather is often blissful.

Several schools were forced, either by government diktat or local preference, to field teams entirely from a single year-group bubble. While this allowed a reasonable standard, the team fielded were not a true First XI. And even if a representative team were available, the weather was not always accommodating – unlike the beautiful lost spring and summer of 2020.

So it is something of a wonder that schools cricket happened at all and, in some cases, flourished. A welcome addition to this section are the results of matches played by several girls' teams. In recent years, the growth of the

women's game, boosted by the success of the England team, has been phenomenal, and this can now be seen in these pages.

Of the six players to average over 100, just two did so from at least four completed innings. Jacob Bethell batted seven times (twice not out) in compiling 654 runs for Rugby, and averaged a phenomenal 130. He also scored a double-hundred against historic rivals Marlborough. There were three more doubles. Daniel Stock of Myerscough (Manchester) hit an unbeaten 212; meanwhile, Harry Gallian, whose Test-playing father, Jason, is cricket master

WISDEN SCHOOLS CRICKETERS OF THE YEAR

2007	Jonny Bairstow	St Peter's School, York
2008	James Taylor	Shrewsbury School
2009	Jos Buttler	King's College, Taunton
2010	Will Vanderspar	Eton College
2011	Daniel Bell-Drummond	Millfield School
2012	Tom Abell	Taunton School
2013	Tom Köhler-Cadmore	Malvern College
2014	Dylan Budge	Woodhouse Grove
2015	Ben Waring	Felsted School
2016	A. J. Woodland	St Edward's School, Oxford
2017	Teddie Casterton	RGS, High Wycombe
2018	Nathan Tilley	Reed's School
2019	Tawanda Muyeye	Eastbourne College
2020	No award	
2021	Jacob Bethell	Rugby School

at Felsted, made 225 on the same day as Wellingborough's James Sales, son of Northamptonshire's David, struck 215 not out. By a considerable margin, Gallian was the leading run-scorer, with 1,107: next, over 200 behind, was Alex Horton from St Edward's, Oxford.

With around half of schools playing no more than ten matches – many of them 20-over or 100-ball affairs – it was nigh impossible for bowlers to approach 40 wickets, the usual benchmark of a strong season. However, Eton and Epsom both managed over 20 fixtures, and their bowlers were correspondingly more successful: George Weldon of Eton collected 46, and Epsom's Harry Jackson 40. Meanwhile, Yousef Majid of Cranleigh took 42 from just nine matches, though as a left-arm spinner – not subject to as many ECB restrictions as fast bowlers – he sent down roughly as many overs. In a two-day match against Hurstpierpoint, he twice opened the bowling, taking eight for 15 in the first innings and 14 for 75 in the match; it's easy to see why his captain kept him on for the entire game.

Remarkably, the National Schools T20 competition did reach a conclusion, despite several rounds being unplayed with three weeks to go. And finals day survived a wretched Arundel forecast: not until the last 15 minutes did light rain start to fall, prompting the DLS target to be displayed on the scoreboard. In the end, although King's, Taunton, had by that metric been ahead in the closing stages, Malvern triumphed for the second successive time. It was hard



Jacob Bethell of Rugby School: Wisden Cricketer of the Year for 2021.

to say whom the damp conditions hampered more: the batsmen, slipping as they ran; or the bowlers, struggling to grip the ball. Sedbergh and Tonbridge were the beaten semi-finalists.

Before the denouement, the competition had produced some extraordinary performances: with 12 needed off two balls, Jamie Treasure of Warwick hit two sixes to clinch the game against King Edward's, Birmingham; Hampton's Pravin Kinharan took five for one, including a hat-trick; and when Myerscough and Sedbergh both made 207, they (erroneously) resorted to a super over, when the result should have been determined by wickets lost. Happily, Sedbergh, who would have won on the simpler tiebreak, prevailed in extra time, when ten played nine. Meanwhile, two Felsted teams – boys and girls – tied games on the same day, on adjacent pitches.

There was, however, a hidden casualty from one year of no cricket, and another of only sporadic play. According to Martin Speight, the former Sussex player now coaching at Sedbergh, players lost "cricketing intelligence". Even on finals day at Arundel, four of the best cricketing schools all showed signs

of inexperience: many silly run-outs or near misses, and injudicious slogging when accumulation was needed.

The choice of Wisden Schools Cricketer was difficult. Yousef Majid at Cranleigh (Ollie Pope's *alma mater*) came close. Still a Year 12, he took those 14 wickets in the two-day game against MCC, and has already played for Sussex Seconds. Another in the frame, and also with a season still to play, was Felsted's Harry Gallian, the only cricketer to reach 1,000 runs.

But the winner is Jacob Bethell of Rugby School, England Under-19 and Warwickshire. His housemaster at Rugby, the former Warwickshire captain Michael Powell, would not be surprised to see the England team added to the list in the coming years. "He's the complete package for an all-rounder – a hugely talented top-order bat, a more than useful left-arm spinner and one of the most gifted fielders I've come across. And he's a hard worker who grabs every opportunity he can. There's something of the Vaughan or Trescothick about him. I can see him scoring more and more runs the higher in the game he reaches."

Bethell has cricket in his blood. His grandfather played alongside Garry Sobers for Barbados in the 1960s, and his father for Derbyshire Seconds in the early 1990s. Like them, Jacob was born in Barbados, and West Indies were starting to take a serious interest when he was as young as 11. He has, though, committed himself to England (and played Championship cricket for Warwickshire). Growing up in the Caribbean and facing his share of fast bowling also helped the left-handed Jacob become a prodigious hooker and puller. In 2021, his sumptuous double-hundred against Marlborough underlined his powers of concentration, and his ability to produce the goods when it matters. He is the 14th Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year.

In February 2022, long after this section was completed, came the sad and unexpected news that Douglas Henderson, *Wisden's* schools correspondent, had died. He first compiled these pages for the 2006 edition, so this was his 17th review. His energy, enthusiasm and trenchant opinion suffused all he did, not least the research to determine each edition's Schools Cricketer of the Year. A full obituary will appear in *Wisden 2023*.

MCC Schools v ESCA

At Lord's, September 7. **MCC Schools won by two wickets. ESCA 253** (44.3 overs) (K. Patel 32, K. Smith 72, S. J. Seecharan 75; T. F. Debenham 4-21); ‡**MCC Schools 256-8** (48 overs) (C. Dickinson 35, J. W. Baird 82, A. Shetty 64*).

MCC Schools *J. W. Baird (*Millfield*), T. F. Debenham (*New Hall*), C. Dickinson (*Scarborough College*), H. G. R. Gallian (*Felsted*), T. Hinley (*Eastbourne College*), B. M. James (*Epsom College*), D. Khalid (*Haileybury*), Y. Majid (*Cranleigh*), N. Shaikh (*Repton*), A. Shetty (*Manchester GS*), S. Srikanthan (*Bishop Vesey's GS*).

ESCA *K. Smith (*King's School, Canterbury*), N. B. Cornwell (*Queen's School, Bushey*), R. Evitts (*John Taylor HS, Burton*), M. Killeen (*Park View Academy of Sport*), R. Lewis (*Shrewsbury*), B. McKinney (*Seaham HS*), K. Patel (*St Paul's*), H. L. Seagrave (*Haileybury*), S. J. Seecharan (*Tombridge*), J. Stanley (*Thomas Telford*), J. Thomas (*King's College, Taunton*).

SCHOOLS AVERAGES

BEST BATTING AVERAGE (4 completed innings)

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	Avg
1 J. G. Bethell (<i>Rugby School</i>)	7	2	654	202	3	130.80
2 L. Maher (<i>Wycliffe College</i>)	9	5	400	100*	1	100.00
3 J. J. du'Gay (<i>Blundell's School</i>)	13	7	576	82*	0	96.00
4 J. J. G. Sales (<i>Wellingborough School</i>)	5	1	361	215*	1	90.25
5 H. G. R. Gallian (<i>Felsted School</i>)	16	3	1,107	225	4	85.15
6 T. Hinley (<i>Eastbourne College</i>)	10	2	665	141	2	83.12
7 G. J. Taylor (<i>King's School, Rochester</i>)	9	4	382	103*	1	76.40
8 B. Walkden (<i>Myerscough College</i>)	10	3	531	150*	3	75.85
9 A. A. Blundell (<i>Solihull School</i>)	6	2	303	102*	2	75.75
10 S. James (<i>Brenwood School</i>)	9	4	377	102*	1	75.40
11 H. R. Friend (<i>Monmouth School</i>)	9	3	447	105*	3	74.50
12 B. Butterfield (<i>Reigate Grammar School</i>)	7	2	369	91*	0	73.80
13 A. J. Rosslee (<i>Millfield School</i>)	7	2	359	137*	1	71.80
14 H. T. Fermor (<i>King's School, Rochester</i>)	12	4	563	115	2	70.37
15 B. H. P. Kearin (<i>Chigwell School</i>)	8	2	405	95	0	67.50
16 J. Little (<i>Myerscough College</i>)	10	4	402	95*	0	67.00
17 J. E. Rew (<i>King's College, Taunton</i>)	9	3	394	100*	1	65.66
18 S. S. E. Gumbs (<i>Bradfield College</i>)	12	3	589	154*	3	65.44
19 D. Stock (<i>Myerscough College</i>)	12	4	510	212*	1	63.75
20 A. D. King (<i>Ratcliffe College</i>)	9	2	439	108	1	62.71
21 B. G. G. Garrett (<i>Epsom College</i>)	20	8	739	111*	2	61.58
22 H. Usman (<i>Chigwell School</i>)	8	2	369	105*	1	61.50
23 T. A. Harper (<i>Woodbridge School</i>)	5	0	307	90	0	61.40
24 A. Buchake (<i>Uppingham School</i>)	9	2	428	107	1	61.14

V. Patel (*Aldenham*), S. A. Ford (*RGS, Worcester*), M. Pumphrey (*St Edward's Girls*), C. X. C. Mannix (*Abingdon*), I. B. K. Wakeford (*Oundle Girls*), T. R. J. Cosh (*Bromsgrove*), B. C. Wood (*Giggleswick*), A. Singh (*Llandaff*), H. W. H. Mountford (*Denstone*) and J. C. Bradley (*Eastbourne*) would have qualified for this table had they had sufficient completed innings.

MOST RUNS

	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	Avg
1 H. G. R. Gallian (<i>Felsted School</i>)	16	3	1,107	225	4	85.15
2 A. J. Horton (<i>St Edward's School, Oxford</i>)	21	4	906	128*	2	53.29
3 D. Khalid (<i>Haileybury</i>)	23	6	854	121	1	50.23
4 O. H. Cox (<i>Malvern College</i>)	22	3	837	94	0	44.05
5 T. R. Thanawalla (<i>Hampton School</i>)	17	2	816	134	2	54.40
6 R. J. Noble (<i>Stowe School</i>)	22	6	797	114	1	49.81
7 J. M. Connell (<i>Harrow School</i>)	17	2	787	119*	3	52.46
8 J. J. Fielding (<i>Shrewsbury School</i>)	21	3	779	123*	1	43.27
9 T. W. Boorman (<i>Malvern College</i>)	22	4	771	91	0	42.83
10 G. T. Freeman (<i>Eton College</i>)	22	3	766	103	1	40.31
11 B. G. G. Garrett (<i>Epsom College</i>)	20	8	739	111*	2	61.58
12 S. J. Meadows (<i>Worksop College</i>)	22	3	738	128*	2	38.84
13 J. G. Weir (<i>Eton College</i>)	22	4	715	128*	2	39.72
14 W. G. Meacock (<i>Haileybury</i>)	22	9	714	102*	1	54.92
15 B. Hildebrand (<i>Epsom College</i>)	20	2	696	132*	2	38.66
16 W. J. La Fontaine Jackson (<i>Winchester College</i>)	18	3	680	112*	1	45.33
17 T. Hinley (<i>Eastbourne College</i>)	10	2	665	141	2	83.12
18 S. M. Hadfield (<i>Tonbridge School</i>)	19	2	662	112*	1	38.94
19 J. T. P. Willis (<i>Hurstpierpoint College</i>)	22	3	657	101*	1	34.57
20 J. G. Bethell (<i>Rugby School</i>)	7	2	654	202	3	130.80
21 J. P. Cronie (<i>Stowe School</i>)	16	1	628	131	1	41.86
22 D. P. Ormond (<i>St George's College, Weybridge</i>)	14	2	627	159*	1	52.25
23 F. Clinton (<i>Charterhouse</i>)	14	0	626	80	0	44.71
24 E. B. Bruce (<i>Hampton School</i>)	14	0	601	79	0	42.92

BEST BOWLING AVERAGE (10 wickets)

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>Avg</i>
1 K. B. Jivanji (<i>Ratcliffe College</i>)	13.3	0	49	11	5-15	4.45
2 D. J. Clarke (<i>Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol</i>)	25	1	86	16	4-17	5.37
3 I. F. Atherton (<i>Lancaster RGS</i>)	23	6	63	11	4-23	5.72
4 N. V. Gorantla (<i>The Perse School</i>)	25	1	87	12	4-22	7.25
5 H. W. Grayson (<i>Wellingborough School</i>)	19.2	0	93	12	5-11	7.75
6 N. Gough (<i>RGS, Newcastle</i>)	24	8	94	12	6-8	7.83
7 L. R. B. Hill (<i>RGS, Guildford</i>)	34.1	6	87	11	4-12	7.90
8 S. A. H. S. Eley (<i>KCS, Wimbledon</i>)	42.2	8	123	15	6-20	8.20
9 F. S. Landa (<i>Trent College</i>)	89.4	10	201	24	5-47	8.37
10 I. Ahmed (<i>John Lyon School</i>)	31.3	3	127	15	3-1	8.46
11 A. S. Vydianath (<i>King Edward's School, Birmingham</i>)	43.5	3	189	22	7-11	8.59
12 { J. M. Coles (<i>Magdalen College School</i>)	70	18	175	20	6-29	8.75
{ E. R. Payne-Cooke (<i>Haileybury Girls</i>)	26	2	105	12	4-16	8.75
14 M. M. Allen (<i>Haileybury Girls</i>)	25.3	4	99	11	3-9	9.00
15 A. S. Padki (<i>Haberdashers' Boys' School</i>)	112.2	27	255	28	5-34	9.10
16 S. G. Kirk (<i>Wellingborough School</i>)	29	4	101	11	3-10	9.18
17 Y. Patel (<i>John Lyon School</i>)	22	1	104	11	3-6	9.45
18 B. A. G. Highton (<i>Marlborough College</i>)	111.2	17	345	35	5-5	9.85
19 { R. Kundaje (<i>Stamford School</i>)	109	14	300	30	7-45	10.00
{ A. M. Vaughan (<i>Millfield School</i>)	31	3	120	12	2-7	10.00
21 R. K. Randev (<i>Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood</i>)	20.4	5	102	10	6-12	10.20
22 J. A. Liddle (<i>King's School, Chester</i>)	44	6	184	18	3-6	10.22
23 S. G. L. Kanakala (<i>RGS, Newcastle</i>)	71	7	211	20	5-20	10.55
24 S. F. Hall (<i>Skinner's School</i>)	24.0	0	129	12	4-18	10.75
25 B. J. Schofield (<i>Lancaster RGS</i>)	64	17	183	17	5-15	10.76
26 L. Pearson-Taylor (<i>Millfield School</i>)	32	2	142	13	3-19	10.92

MOST WICKETS

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>Avg</i>
1 G. P. le H. Weldon (<i>Eton College</i>)	165	32	473	46	5-27	10.28
2 Y. Majid (<i>Cranleigh School</i>)	154.3	45	332	42	8-15	7.90
3 H. D. Jackson (<i>Epsom College</i>)	137	10	539	40	5-25	13.47
4 H. L. Seagrave (<i>Haileybury</i>)	142.4	12	543	39	5-12	13.92
5 E. S. J. Hilditch (<i>Eton College</i>)	181	27	558	38	5-26	14.68
6 B. A. G. Highton (<i>Marlborough College</i>)	111.2	17	345	35	5-5	9.85
7 J. Nash (<i>Gresham's School</i>)	135.3	21	482	34	5-8	14.17
8 { A. T. Drew (<i>Hurstpierpoint College</i>)	107.1	13	486	33	6-23	14.72
{ A. C. Beagles (<i>Eton College</i>)	162.2	36	522	33	4-24	15.81
9 { R. Kundaje (<i>Stamford School</i>)	109	14	300	30	7-45	10.00
10 { S. Brown (<i>St Edward's School, Oxford</i>)	122.4	11	450	30	4-24	15.00
{ J. P. W. O'Connor (<i>Felsted School</i>)	97	7	431	29	4-11	14.86
{ A. J. Gallimore (<i>Shrewsbury School</i>)	114	15	432	29	5-13	14.89
12 { B. James (<i>Epsom College</i>)	127	11	464	29	5-24	16.00
{ M. Ndlela (<i>Gresham's School</i>)	110	19	470	29	4-14	16.20
{ L. D. Hart (<i>Gresham's School</i>)	131.3	17	610	29	5-27	21.03
{ R. J. Noble (<i>Stowe School</i>)	108	5	615	29	6-45	21.20
{ A. S. Padki (<i>Haberdashers' Boys' School</i>)	112.2	27	255	28	5-34	9.10
{ J. P. Cronie (<i>Stowe School</i>)	89.5	11	330	28	5-25	11.78
18 { B. N. Sheopuri (<i>Harrow School</i>)	122.1	16	459	28	7-52	16.39
{ J. A. Blackburn (<i>Workshop College</i>)	122	5	513	28	4-36	18.32
{ J. E. Dickenson (<i>Malvern College</i>)	96.1	2	513	28	3-16	18.32
23 { B. Hildebrand (<i>Epsom College</i>)	95.1	2	448	27	5-30	16.59
{ J. O. Baker (<i>Malvern College</i>)	99	12	390	27	3-16	14.44

OUTSTANDING SEASONS (minimum 6 matches)

	P	W	L	T	D	A	%W
Blundell's School	15	14	0	1	0	0	93.33
Solihull School	7	6	1	0	0	3	85.71
Bromsgrove School	6	5	1	0	0	12	83.33
Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol	6	5	0	1	0	8	83.33
Tonbridge School	22	18	2	0	2	0	81.82
Hampton School	16	13	3	0	0	1	81.25
Stowe School	21	17	2	0	2	0	80.95
John Lyon School	10	8	1	0	1	4	80.00
King's College, Taunton	15	12	3	0	0	6	80.00
Wellingborough School	9	7	2	0	0	3	77.78
Eton College	21	16	4	0	1	1	76.19
RGS Newcastle	8	6	2	0	0	0	75.00
RGS Guildford	11	8	3	0	0	1	72.73
St Edward's School, Oxford (Boys)	22	16	4	0	2	1	72.73
Malvern College	22	16	6	0	0	0	72.73
Llandaff Cathedral School	7	5	2	0	0	3	71.43
Marlborough College (Boys)	17	12	5	0	0	1	70.59
Simon Langton School for Boys	10	7	3	0	0	0	70.00

Glasgow HS (100%), Oundle School (Girls) (100%) and St Edward's School, Oxford (Girls) (75%) would have qualified for this table had they played sufficient matches.

SCHOOLS A-Z

In the results line, A = abandoned without a ball bowled. An asterisk indicates captain. The qualification for the averages (which include Twenty20, but not overseas tour games) is 150 runs or ten wickets. Counties have been included for all schools. Since cricket does not follow the current complex system of administrative division, *Wisden* adheres to the county boundaries in existence before the dissolution of Middlesex in 1965. Schools affected by those and subsequent boundary changes – such as Eton College, which was removed from Buckinghamshire and handed to Berkshire – are listed under their former county.

Abingdon School *Berkshire*

Master i/c J. M. Golding

P11 W7 L3 D1 A3

Coach Dr C. J. Burnand

The long-awaited season began with an excellent victory over Berkhamsted, when Liam Hilditch hit an outstanding century. Momentum, though, was dissipated by the weather, even if there were memorable performances from Freddie Smith, who led the way with the bat, and Freddie Merrett, who took a fine hat-trick against MCC, and spearheaded the bowling.

Batting C. X. C. Mannix 241 at 120.50; *F. E. H. Smith 397 at 49.62; L. M. Hilditch 238 at 39.66.

Bowling R. J. J. King 12 at 10.17; F. J. K. Merrett 15 at 15.53.

Aldenham School *Hertfordshire*

Master i/c J. A. Coleman

P6 W3 L2 D1

Coach D. J. Goodchild

In a curtailed summer, Aldenham played good cricket across limited-overs and declaration formats. The highlight was chasing 283 to beat the John Dewes Memorial XI, with captain Viren Patel scoring 120 not out.

Batting *V. Patel 190 at 190.00; J. Seimon 206 at 41.20.

Bowling The leading bowler was T. Francis, who took nine wickets at 17.67.

Alleyn's School *Surrey*

Master i/c R. N. Ody

P10 W5 L4 D1 A1

Coach P. D. Bone

It was wonderful to play ten matches, all after half-term, and the first team shared the London Schools' cup final with Westminster. A committed band of Year 13s were brilliantly led by co-captains Josh Shattock and Abe Wood.

Batting *A. B. Wood 273 at 39.00; *J. J. Shattock 178 at 22.25; L. M. Stylianou 198 at 22.00.

Bowling E. P. Marshall 11 at 19.00; A. B. Wood 11 at 19.64.



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Bedford's wicketkeeper Charlie Mumford averaged almost 50; Tom Prest, from Canford, played for Hampshire on T20 finals day.

Bedford School *Bedfordshire*

P12 W7 L5

Master i/c I. G. S. Steer

Coach T. Brett

Bedford had a steady season, and results improved once fifth-form boys were included. The highlight was an excellent win at Eton, while the outstanding player was keeper-batsman Charlie Mumford.

Batting C. S. Mumford 540 at 49.09; A. R. Chandrapu 161 at 32.20; A. W. Houghton 283 at 31.44; *H. J. Warren 169 at 18.77; R. S. Mehmi 173 at 15.72.

Bowling R. S. Mehmi 10 at 14.70; V. Somal 13 at 17.38; A. W. Houghton 16 at 18.94; D. J. Sheemar 15 at 21.67.

Berkhamsted School *Hertfordshire*

P15 W6 L6 D3 A5

Master i/c G. R. A. Campbell

Coaches D. J. Gibson and B. R. Mahoney

A young team improved over the summer to record some superb results. Captain Archie Palmer and Charlie Doe excelled with the bat, while spinners Sikandar Rizwan, Ben Oldham and Teddy Fleming led the bowling.

Batting C. A. J. Doe 426 at 35.50; *A. C. Palmer 356 at 29.66; B. J. S. Oldham 258 at 23.45; R. J. Treadwell 150 at 12.50.

Bowling B. J. S. Oldham 17 at 17.35; S. A. Rizwan 20 at 17.45; B. J. Miles 10 at 17.80; T. J. Fleming 17 at 19.82; C. O. Barrett 11 at 20.64.

Bishop's Stortford College *Hertfordshire*

P4 L4

Master i/c N. D. Hughes

Coach D. J. Clutterbuck

In what were a challenging couple of years, there were only four matches, but the team were superbly captained by William Cutlan-Smyth, who batted well, and was ably supported by Thomas Howes.

Batting The leading batter was T. D. Howes, who hit 88 runs at 22.00.

Bowling The leading bowler was T. D. Howes, who took six wickets at 24.17.

Bloxham School *Oxfordshire*

P14 W4 L9 D1 A5

Master i/c G. N. Webber

Coach R. S. Lovering

The school had a tough fixture list, but a young side did well. Highlights included an excellent draw against MCC, and convincing wins over South Oxford Amateurs, Bedford Modern and Old Bloxhamists. The outstanding cricketer was Ben England.

Batting J. B. England 290 at 36.25; J. Gurney 250 at 22.72; *G. King 182 at 16.54.

Bowling A. Maginnis 11 at 26.45; J. B. England 11 at 28.27.

Blundell's School Devon

P15 W14 T1

Master i/c L. J. Lewis

The first team had their best season for many years, and went unbeaten in 15 matches; a tie was the only (slight) hiccup. They were capably led by Joseph du'Gay, who averaged 96 with the bat.

Batting J. J. du'Gay 576 at 96.00; E. J. Carter 165 at 41.25; T. J. Hatton 265 at 37.85; S. J. Broomhead 262 at 32.75; T. C. A. Reynolds 279 at 27.90; H. D. S. Southgate 194 at 27.71; W. J. Bucknell 313 at 26.08.

Bowling T. D. Murphy 23 at 13.35; B. M. Coen 20 at 14.05; T. J. Hatton 23 at 14.57; T. P. Dos Santos 21 at 14.62; T. C. A. Reynolds 13 at 21.15.

Bradfield College (Boys) Berkshire

P21 W13 L5 D3 A3

Master i/c M. S. Hill**Coaches** J. R. Wood and C. P. Ellison**Bradfield College (Girls) Berkshire**

P9 W5 L3 D1 A2

Master i/c M. S. Hill**Coaches** P. J. Clegg and C. C. Doherty

Captain Sheridan Gumbs's 154 not out against MCC was the champagne moment of a successful and enjoyable season. Most impressive was the way this group of players raised the profile of cricket at Bradfield: a real Covid bounceback. A young girls' team benefited from the encouraging leadership of Year 13 Fionnhuala Davies, who in turn was supported by Emma Seligman and Rosie Talbot. Outstanding performances came from Ava Lee and Poppy Tulloch, both in Year 10.

Batting (boys) *S. E. Gumbs 589 at 65.44; Z. B. Lion-Cachet 295 at 36.87; S. W. Negus 293 at 32.55; J. M. Sheldon 360 at 27.69; C. J. Keyes 261 at 18.64; L. R. Pincus 154 at 17.11; M. J. Layton 155 at 14.09.

Bowling (boys) J. H. Rank 17 at 16.41; M. W. A. McKenzie 26 at 20.04; O. R. Pincus 11 at 23.18; M. J. Layton 16 at 23.50; B. C. Armstrong 11 at 24.36.

Batting (girls) A. G. Lee 292 at 58.40; P. G. Tulloch 216 at 36.00.

Bowling (girls) The leading bowler was A. G. Lee, who took nine wickets at 9.78.

Brentwood School Essex

P11 W6 L4 T1 A2

Master i/c O. C. Prior**Coach** J. C. Mickleburgh

After a disrupted beginning, the season included a tie against Felsted – Callum Balsom hit 64 – and a final-ball defeat by Ipswich, when Jack Levy made 54. James Abbott scored 82 in a ten-wicket victory against Bancroft's, while Surya James reached three figures against Old Brentwoods. The team took part in a small 100-ball festival, when James hit an unbeaten 81 on his last appearance.

Batting S. James 377 at 75.40; T. V. Don Balage 356 at 35.60; *J. S. Levy 249 at 31.12; C. Balsom 266 at 29.55.

Bowling J. D. Abbott 14 at 14.50.

Bromsgrove School Worcestershire

P6 W5 L1 A12

Master i/c D. J. Fallows**Coach** K. Evenson

A frustrating season contained just six games, and only one was a 50-over contest. There were, though, strong performances by Freddie Fallows with the ball, and Tom Cosh with the bat. The Under-15s won the county final, against Malvern, thanks in part to Lucas Ingram; the Under-17s reached their national quarter-finals. Oliver Davidson has represented Scotland, and Fallows has a place at the Leicestershire CCC Academy.

Batting T. R. J. Cosh 166 at 83.00.

Bowling F. Fallows 12 at 8.67.

Bryanston School Dorset

P14 W6 L7 D1 A7

Master i/c S. D. Morris**Coaches** R. J. Scott and C. G. D. Carmichael

The school played stylish cricket when the weather allowed, reaching the Dorset 100-ball final in May, and accumulating several convincing victories in June. The highlight was bowling out the Old Boys for 73 before lunch (following dramatic defeats in 2018 and 2019).

Batting F. S. Young 214 at 21.40; *J. N. Castleton 200 at 20.00; H. D. H. Hartley 195 at 19.50; T. B. Johnson 153 at 17.00.

Bowling F. S. Young 18 at 14.89; J. L. Hartley 10 at 20.10; S. A. I. Macdonald 10 at 22.40.

Caterham School Surrey

P8 W3 L4 D1 A4

Master i/c J. N. Batty

Caterham were well led by Ben Haynes, winning matches against Reigate, Allyn's and Sevenoaks. All-rounder Nathan Barnwell was the outstanding player, and there were excellent contributions from Jonny Naylor and Freddie Knox.

Batting N. Barnwell 289 at 41.28; J. Naylor 179 at 35.80; *B. Haynes 190 at 27.14; F. Knox 162 at 23.14.

Bowling N. Barnwell 11 at 18.91.

Charterhouse Surrey

P11 W5 L6 A6

Master i/c M. P. Bicknell

Rain and Covid made this a tough year. Ayush Patel and Freddie Clinton batted superbly, and were supported by Sam Thomas. Luke Griffiths, aged 15, led the attack well, while Jonty Postlewhite bowled off-spin with great skill.

Batting *A. A. Patel 547 at 45.58; F. Clinton 626 at 44.71; S. N. S. Thomas 330 at 27.50; J. W. Postlewhite 235 at 23.50; J. R. Kher 224 at 17.23.

Bowling J. A. Burns 14 at 15.57; A. A. Patel 16 at 15.63; J. W. Postlewhite 22 at 19.09; L. A. Griffiths 22 at 20.95; F. Clinton 15 at 26.20.

Cheltenham College Gloucestershire

P12 W5 L6 D1 A2

Master i/c M. K. Coley**Coach** M. P. Briers

In a mixed season there were notable wins over Radley College, Free Foresters and MCC, when Will Taylor scored 110 not out. Will Blowers claimed 16 wickets with his off-spin, including 5-77 against Rugby.

Batting W. G. I. Taylor 343 at 38.11; O. I. Elliott 294 at 26.72; *Z. J. French 247 at 22.45; T. L. I. Nicholson 161 at 17.88.

Bowling E. L. M. Buttress 14 at 21.57; W. R. G. Blowers 16 at 25.06.

Chigwell School Essex

P8 W4 L4 A6

Master i/c F. A. Griffith**Coach** Mohammad Akhtar

Ben Kearin showed great leadership skills and played several wonderful innings, though the only hundred came from Haaris Usman. There were fine bowling performances from Usman, Dominic Tunks, Aditya Singh and Ben Copsey; others chipped in. The highlight of the season was victory against MCC – a superb team performance.

Batting *B. H. P. Kearin 405 at 67.50; H. Usman 369 at 61.50; G. Nair 193 at 24.12.

Bowling D. Tunks 10 at 13.60; H. Usman 11 at 13.91.

Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School Kent

P4 W1 L1 D2 A5

Master i/c R. A. Wallbridge**Coach** D. F. J. Hathrill

The school were admirably led by Seb Naylor, who topped the batting; Oli Smith's off-spin proved useful too. The weather and the pandemic reduced opportunities, though a rare, hard-fought draw with MCC was a reminder of the joy of school cricket.

Batting The leading batter was *S. R. G. Naylor, who hit 90 runs at 30.00.

Bowling The leading bowler was O. V. C. Smith, who took seven wickets at 12.14.

Christ's Hospital Sussex

P7 W1 L6 A2

Master i/c D. H. Messenger**Coach** T. E. Jesty

A young squad struggled on their return to cricket after half-term. However, captain Louis Cooper batted well, while between them Max Hughes and Nick Kinnear claimed more than half the wickets.

Batting *G. L. Cooper 165 at 27.50.

Bowling M. Hughes 8 at 13.25.

Churcher's College Hampshire

P8 W4 L4 A7

Master i/c R. Maier

Churcher's College were thrilled to be back on the field – and competing at the National T20 tournament for the first time was a highlight.

Batting J. D. Oliver 175 at 29.16.

Bowling The leading bowler was F. Brockwell, who took five wickets at 6.00.

Clayesmore School Dorset

P11 W4 L5 D2

Master i/c D. O. Conway

With the welcome reintroduction of fixtures, the boys were eager to go. Cricket week proved the most successful of recent years, and this group of players have great potential.

Batting W. Tripcony 248 at 31.00; J. G. Parsons 272 at 27.20.

Bowling E. A. L. Rimmer 10 at 13.50; *T. R. H. Berry 11 at 14.91.

Clifton College Gloucestershire

P13 W9 L4 A9

Master i/c J. C. Bobby**Coach** J. R. A. Williams

One positive of the pandemic has been schools cricket in September, and it was great to have a full programme after losing all the 2020 season. The first team – ably led by Ollie Meadows – proved a talented squad and played excellent cricket. Only three have left, so there is optimism for 2022, which will again see games in September.

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Batting B. I. Kellaway 347 at 57.83; *O. J. Meadows 423 at 47.00; J. P. Phillips 218 at 36.33; S. P. Sainsbury 322 at 32.20; W. Naish 210 at 30.00.

Bowling B. I. Kellaway 14 at 14.07; H. N. Saleem 10 at 16.20; W. Naish 12 at 18.58.

Colston's School Gloucestershire

P7 W2 L5

Master i/c L. M. Evans

Coach P. M. Murchall

After seemingly endless disruption, it was refreshing to see cricket again. Although results weren't always favourable, the future looks encouraging: most of the side should be available for 2022.

Batting D. G. M. Broome 262 at 43.66.

Bowling E. R. Dryell 12 at 15.08.

Cranleigh School Surrey

P9 W4 L2 D3 A7

Master i/c A. P. Forsdike

Coaches S. D. Welch and G. V. Pritchard

Having lost the early season to Covid, the first team packed matches into the second half of term. Slow left-armner Yousef Majid stood out, taking 42 wickets in nine games. Tom Lawes proved a capable captain.

Batting S. S. D. Shanmugavel 263 at 29.22; L. La Costa 261 at 29.00; *T. E. Lawes 213 at 21.30; W. S. B. Bovill 179 at 17.90.

Bowling Y. Majid 42 at 7.90; T. E. Lawes 10 at 13.90.

Dauntsey's School Wiltshire

P12 W6 L6 A4

Master i/c T. W. Butterworth

This was a positive summer for a side in transition, despite the challenging circumstances caused by the weather and pandemic. The team progressed, with satisfying performances later in the season including a good win against MCC.

Batting *R. Glover 261 at 29.00; T. Spencer 277 at 25.18; H. E. H. Barker 219 at 24.33; W. J. Hyde 159 at 14.15.

Bowling A. T. D. R. Richardson 15 at 16.00; C. J. Hodgson 13 at 16.69; W. J. Hyde 10 at 21.50; H. E. H. Barker 11 at 27.09.

Denstone College Staffordshire

P8 W2 L5 D1 A9

Master i/c S. M. Guy

Coach C. J. Prosser

This was a challenging season. Many fixtures were cancelled because of the weather or Covid but, when the opportunity arose, the team embraced the chance for a proper game of cricket with open arms, from Twenty20 to two days – and much in between.

Batting H. W. H. Mountford 186 at 62.00; W. C. Alsbury 171 at 34.20; W. J. Rhodes 152 at 25.33; *G. I. Park 165 at 23.57.

Bowling W. J. Rhodes 13 at 16.62; G. I. Park 10 at 20.10; R. B. Hughes 10 at 23.30.

Dr Challoner's Grammar School Buckinghamshire

P8 W5 L3 A2

Master i/c N. J. S. Buchanan

Dr Challoner's enjoyed a good season, and the side were intelligently led by Theo Weatherall. Runs and wickets came from all players, leading to several good victories. Hannah Davis and Eva Barrett became the first girls to represent the school at cricket, and performed with distinction.

Batting *T. G. Weatherall 234 at 46.80; J. P. Tollerfield 172 at 34.40; T. W. Whittington 165 at 23.57.

Bowling The leading bowler was D. Malhi, who took nine wickets at 11.67.

Dover College Kent

P10 W3 L6 T1 A3

Master i/c J. R. Payne

Coach E. O. Breeze

After such a long absence, it was wonderful to have cricket again, with senior pupils James Hide and Harvey Mashiter-Yates excelling in their final year. Most games were settled by fine margins, rarely in our favour. The squad contained many young pupils, who will have learned from the experience.

Batting *J. S. Hide 196 at 24.50.

Bowling H. Mashiter-Yates 11 at 20.00.

Downside School Somerset

P13 W2 L11 A4

Master i/c G. E. Setterfield

A young Downside first team benefited from a season of learning experiences. The squad fought hard in competitive fixtures against strong opposition, and were a credit to the school in both red- and pink-ball games; they seem well set for 2022.

Batting N. C. Viljoen 329 at 29.90; L. M. D. Matthews 151 at 25.16; *L. Hansom 151 at 15.10.

Bowling J. C. Last-Sutton 15 at 14.47; H. D. R. Clark 12 at 19.50.

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*English Domestic Cricket***Dulwich College** *Surrey*

P15 W4 L9 D2 A3

Master i/c R. G. Coughtrie**Coach** A. E. N. Riley

Mikyle Ossman captained the First XI admirably. Wet weather made for helpful seam conditions, and Toby Kemp and Magnus Broadley exploited them superbly. Exciting prospects suggest future seasons may bring success.

Batting *M. S. M. Ossman 252 at 21.00; J. D. Reisser-Weston 167 at 11.92.**Bowling** T. W. Kemp 22 at 14.55; M. B. H. Broadley 16 at 19.06; M. S. M. Ossman 11 at 23.64.**Durham School** *County Durham*

P4 W1 L3 A11

Master i/c M. B. Fishwick

Plenty of planning and much optimism for a full season sadly led to just four fixtures: Barnard Castle, RGS Newcastle, MCC and Durham U-17s. All were competitive games. The young talent should make further progress in 2022.

Batting D. M. Hogg 171 at 57.00.**Bowling** The leading bowler was C. J. Brown, who took eight wickets at 17.13.**Eastbourne College** *Sussex*

P13 W8 L4 D1 A5

Master i/c R. S. Ferley**Coach** J. C. Tredwell

This proved a promising year in both 50- and 20-over cricket, with the boys showing a great attitude in an interrupted season. Tom Hinley batted magnificently, playing some great innings.

Batting *T. Hinley 665 at 83.12; J. C. Bradley 184 at 61.33; W. T. C. Chambers 204 at 34.00; *O. H. Streets 234 at 33.42; T. R. Lock 165 at 20.62.**Bowling** A. Kent 10 at 5.10; E. Bawa 13 at 17.77; N. James 10 at 19.90; T. Hinley 13 at 26.08.**The Edinburgh Academy** *Midlothian*

P10 W5 L4 D1 A4

Master i/c R. W. Sales**Coach** A. D. W. Patterson

The Academy had a mixed summer, which started well before petering out. The young side kept at it during the short season, and will benefit from more fixtures (and a tour to Barbados). Notable performances included a draw against a strong MCC side and twice beating local rivals George Watson's and Stewart's Melville.

Batting B. D. Murray 232 at 46.40; W. S. A. Hood 167 at 20.87; W. Hodgson 182 at 20.22.**Bowling** W. S. A. Hood 10 at 18.60; A. T. B. Stirling 10 at 19.60; R. L. Duff 10 at 22.60; C. A. S. Lamond 10 at 23.50.**Elizabeth College, Guernsey** *Channel Islands*

P16 W11 L3 D2

Master i/c T. P. Eisenhuth**Coach** L. B. Ferbrache

Ben Ferbrache proved a highly capable leader, consistently drawing the best from his team.

Batting C. R. W. Birch 377 at 47.12; P. W. Birch 273 at 34.12; M. K. Thomas 208 at 29.71; C. G. Clapham 188 at 26.85; M. J. M. Clayton 267 at 19.07.**Bowling** O. F. Clapham 21 at 17.62; L. Steyn 16 at 18.19; B. E. Johnson 15 at 24.07.**Ellesmere College** *Shropshire*

P6 W1 L5 A6

Master i/c G. Owen**Coach** R. Jones

Cricket eventually resumed at half-term. The aim was to re-establish the game (and its wider culture) after so long an absence. A young squad, made up from four year-groups and just one Year 13, developed well; all the games proved to be competitive.

Batting The leading batter was O. R. W. Moore, who hit 140 runs at 23.33.**Bowling** The leading bowler was W. G. Owen, who took seven wickets at 11.86.**Eltham College** *Kent*

P10 W4 L6 A5

Master i/c J. L. Baldwin**Coach** Yasir Arafat

Fixtures did not start until June because of the pandemic, but there was still time for good wins against Judd, Colfe's and Caterham. Joseph Bilsby captained excellently, contributing with bat and ball. Under-14 student Akhil Venugopalan made an impact, and looks one for the future.

Batting B. M. N. Mirchandani 301 at 50.16; C. L. Smith 153 at 30.60; R. Taraq 171 at 28.50; *J. P. J. Bilsby 164 at 27.33; R. Parikh 151 at 25.16.**Bowling** B. J. Davis 10 at 17.40.**Emanuel School** *Surrey*

P16 W3 L11 D2 A2

Master i/c C. M. Booth**Coach** M. G. Stear

A season aimed at providing as much cricket as possible was a clear success: there were 16 games, with 20 students representing the First XI or Senior XI. Highlights included wins against London Oratory and Kingston Grammar, and it was a delight to welcome MCC back. In a difficult time for



Harry Gallian totted up 1,107 runs for Felsted, while Cranleigh's Yousef Majid claimed 42 wickets.

all players, wicketkeeper Luke Johnstone hit two half-centuries; captain Billy Hughes – a fine all-rounder – and Ben Winnick led the bowling with ten wickets, while Ethan Wirasinha took nine.

Batting L. D. Johnston 201 at 25.12.

Bowling B. T. Winnick 10 at 19.30; *B. Hughes 10 at 22.70.

Epsom College *Surrey*

Master i/c D. C. Shirazi

Epsom had a busy and successful summer. They were superbly led by Brandon James, who combined almost 600 runs with 29 wickets. Ben Garrett was a strong performer at the top of the order, while Brendan Hildebrand proved a talented all-rounder. Many return for 2022.

Batting B. G. G. Garrett 739 at 61.58; *B. M. James 592 at 49.33; B. Hildebrand 696 at 38.66; W. Hodgson 384 at 34.90; T. Lynagh 270 at 20.76.

Bowling H. D. Jackson 40 at 13.48; K. Jain 18 at 14.11; B. M. James 29 at 16.00; B. Hildebrand 27 at 16.59; O. H. King 20 at 20.60.

P22 W15 L4 D3 A2

Coach S. A. Whatling

Eton College *Buckinghamshire*

Master i/c T. W. Roberts

Eton completed 21 matches, despite pandemic and weather. Unbeaten until half-term, they benefited from a potent seam attack led by George Weldon (46 wickets) and captain Angus Beagles (33). Off-spinner Edward Hilditch also took 38. Few sides made 200 against Eton, hastening victory in overs and declaration matches. Openers George Freeman and James Weir both hit more than 700 runs.

Batting G. T. Freeman 766 at 40.31; J. G. Weir 715 at 39.72; C. D. D. Whipple 495 at 29.11; M. R. L. Russell 467 at 27.47; M. J. J. Glyn 320 at 24.61; *A. C. Beagles 278 at 23.16; G. P. L. Weldon 177 at 22.12; O. C. A. Stone 155 at 9.68.

Bowling G. P. L. Weldon 46 at 10.28; E. S. J. Hilditch 38 at 14.68; A. C. Beagles 33 at 15.82; A. M. Varma 21 at 21.57; O. C. A. Stone 13 at 28.77; F. H. Catherwood 18 at 29.94.

P21 W16 L4 D1 A1

Coach R. R. Montgomerie

Felsted School *Essex*

Master i/c J. E. R. Gallian

Coaches C. S. Knightley, A. Mohindru and N. J. Lockhart

The First XI's excellent season brought many good victories, and they reached the last 16 of the National T20 Independent Schools tournament. The leading batsman was Harry Gallian, with 1,107 runs. Josh O'Connor was an astute captain, and also the leading wicket-taker, with 29.

Batting H. G. R. Gallian 1,107 at 85.15; W. G. B. Forsey 275 at 34.38; D. T. Karr 313 at 22.36; O. G. Dias 168 at 16.80; H. M. W. Wiseman 180 at 15.00; F. P. F. Latham 181 at 13.92.

Bowling *J. P. W. O'Connor 29 at 14.86; O. G. Dias 16 at 19.31; H. G. R. Gallian 14 at 20.93; A. M. L. Murphy 18 at 22.89; K. A. Morley-Jacob 15 at 29.13; H. Peddy 10 at 32.60.

P16 W10 L5 T1 A1

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*English Domestic Cricket***Fettes College** *Midlothian*

P7 W1 L5 D1 A2

Master i/c A. B. Russell**Coach** J. Dickinson

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the circumstances, this proved a difficult season. The few games that were played were all in short format, and – despite plenty of endeavour – the batters struggled to score quickly enough.

Batting M. C. F. Hughson 163 at 27.16.**Bowling** The leading bowler was *O. J. Norton, who took six wickets at 14.00.**Forest School** *Essex*

P19 W12 L7

Master i/c J. F. Perham**Coach** J. Ormsby

Cricket is now a major sport for both boys (320) and girls (160). Our girls have developed their skills, and now compete weekly, making it through to the last 16 and eight of their national competitions. Forest now have 18 county representatives – a robust cricketing culture.

Batting A. S. Aiyar 416 at 34.66; J. G. Feather 474 at 31.60; P. G. Miller 162 at 23.14; T. J. Bentley 194 at 21.55; H. J. Sewell 291 at 19.40; S. F. Miller 189 at 17.18.**Bowling** A. S. Rashid 15 at 11.80; T. J. Bentley 25 at 12.20; K. A. Arawawwala 21 at 13.19; J. J. Kathuria 16 at 15.06; P. G. Miller 17 at 15.76.**Framlingham College** *Suffolk*

P15 W6 L9 A2

Master i/c C. D. Gange

Given the previous 18 months, the quality and volume of fixtures came as a delight. Huge credit goes to all squad members for their commitment in a challenging period. Year 11 all-rounder Jayden Borges, and batters Will White and Henry Bevan (both Year 13), made significant contributions.

Batting J. O. K. Borges 596 at 45.84; L. C. Francis-Smith 255 at 19.61; *H. T. J. Bevan 239 at 18.38; B. C. Farrant 240 at 17.14; F. J. H. Royall 163 at 16.30; W. H. White 184 at 12.26.**Bowling** J. O. K. Borges 21 at 13.43; B. Sunderland 12 at 18.00; H. T. J. Bevan 19 at 18.32; W. H. White 24 at 20.63; J. C. W. Bishopp 11 at 25.00.**Giggleswick School** *Yorkshire*

P1 L1 A2

Master i/c A. J. Galley**Coach** A. S. Silva

With Covid and the weather curtailing the season, the school resorted largely to internal matches. The only external fixture to survive was against RGS Lancaster where, despite an aggressive 65 from Barney Wood, the first team were defeated by six wickets.

Batting The leading batter was B. C. Wood, who hit 65 runs at 65.00.**Bowling** The leading bowler was M. Seddon, who took two wickets at 12.00.**The Glasgow Academy** *Lanarkshire*

P2 W1 L1 A3

Master i/c V. Hariharan

After a blank 2020, there was a glimmer of hope in 2021. Five fixtures were arranged, but travel restrictions and isolation issues allowed only two T20 fixtures against local schools, High School of Glasgow and Kelvinside Academy. With high participation levels, there is plenty of hope for 2022.

Batting A. R. Harden 34 at 17.00.**Bowling** B. G. Thomson 2 at 5.00.**The High School of Glasgow** *Lanarkshire*

P3 W3

Master i/c S. C. Leggat**Coach** K. J. A. Robertson

In a disrupted season, the school played only three games – but won them all. The young team benefited from excellent performances from Ibrahim Faisal and Chris Collins with the bat, and Akshat Gupta and Faisal with the ball.

Batting The leading batter was I. Faisal, who hit 141 runs at 47.00.**Bowling** The leading bowler was A. Gupta, who took six wickets at 4.83.**Gordonstoun School** *Morayshire*

P2 L2

Master i/c R. Denyer**Coach** R. S. Glen

A frustrating summer saw few games and few senior participants. There were, though, positives in the number of junior students enjoying cricket, and the emphasis is now on rebuilding.

Batting The leading batter was H. G. Diggle, who hit 84 runs at 42.00.**Bowling** The leading bowler was A. H. Goldring.



Danyaal Khalid was in prolific early-season form for Haileybury; Johnny Connell hit three hundreds for Harrow.

Gresham's School Norfolk

P25 W12 L10 T1 D2

Master i/c D. J. Atkinson

Coach C. Brown

The school had an outstanding 2021: the Under-16s won the Midland section of the National Cup, and the Under-15 boys reached the regional finals day. The first team's season was disrupted by Covid and the weather, but they still managed 25 games. Joe Nash led the attack, and the Ndlela – Sakhumuzi and Mgcinumuzi – brothers the batting.

Batting E. A. E. Hart 402 at 33.50; *S. Ndlela 499 at 33.26; C. G. Hood 392 at 32.66; A. Jones 416 at 27.73; M. Ndlela 482 at 26.77; *B. A. Wilcox 315 at 21.00; H. W. Nunn 277 at 19.78; L. D. Hart 188 at 11.75.

Bowling J. Nash 34 at 14.18; H. J. Adams 11 at 14.82; M. Ndlela 29 at 16.21; H. J. Seagon 12 at 17.58; L. D. Hart 29 at 21.03; S. Ndlela 23 at 25.17; F. O. Lowe 13 at 27.69.

The Haberdashers' Boys' School Hertfordshire

P13 W8 L2 D3 A5

Master i/c D. H. Kerry

An excellent season saw the school play competitive, high-standard cricket. The highlights were a six-wicket win against St Albans in a two-day game that went to the last over – Ashish Padki took 10-70 in the match – and a convincing 117-run victory over Merchant Taylors'.

Batting J. S. Madan 308 at 51.33; C. Mullapudi 321 at 35.66; J. E. J. Cobb 378 at 34.36; S. J. Singh 292 at 26.54; N. Shah 168 at 21.00; K. V. Patel 159 at 19.87.

Bowling A. S. Padki 28 at 9.11; *J. P. Granger 10 at 12.40; M. Muralitharan 13 at 14.46; Z. A. Kureshi 18 at 15.72; K. F. J. Dubignon 10 at 21.70; C. Mullapudi 11 at 22.91.

Haileybury (Boys) Hertfordshire

P22 W14 L6 D2 A13

Haileybury (Girls) Hertfordshire

P7 W2 L5 A9

Master i/c R. C. Kitzinger

Coach C. E. Igolen-Robinson

Fixtures began in September 2020, and the team were superbly captained by wicketkeeper-batsman Bill Meacock. Danyaal Khalid scored 440 runs in the first two weeks of May, while all-rounders Ben Spencer, Harry Seagrave, Leighton Gibbs and Dylan van der Westhuizen contributed heavily to a successful summer. The girls were well led by opening bowler Ella Payne-Cook, whose pace and bounce were complemented by Tilly Allen's swing. Hillary Hawthorne batted well, but – in a young side – often ran out of partners.

Batting (boys) *W. G. Meacock 714 at 54.92; D. Khalid 854 at 50.23; D. van der Westhuizen 526 at 23.90; B. T. Spencer 286 at 23.83; H. L. Seagrave 223 at 20.27; L. E. Gibbs 264 at 17.60; K. F. Forbes-Sobers 201 at 14.35.

Bowling (boys) H. L. Seagrave 39 at 13.92; B. T. Spencer 23 at 17.04; A. B. Wells 10 at 20.00; T. Wrigley 21 at 22.81; D. van der Westhuizen 11 at 32.36.

Batting (girls) The leading batter was H. J. Hawthorne, who hit 133 runs at 26.60.

Bowling (girls) E. R. Payne-Cooke 12 at 8.75; M. M. Allen 11 at 9.00.

Hampton School *Middlesex*

P16 W13 L3 A1

Master i/c A. M. Banerjee

Coach C. P. Harrison

Hampton enjoyed another excellent season, which included games in September 2020. An outstanding performance by Tanmay Thanawalla, who scored 816 runs, was backed up by Eddie Bruce's 601 and captain Matthew Avant-Smith's 520. Avant-Smith, Pravin Kiritharan and Kyle Shah led the attack.

Batting T. R. Thanawalla 816 at 54.40; E. B. Bruce 601 at 42.92; A. R. Bhat 501 at 35.78; *M. Avant-Smith 520 at 32.50; P. D. Kiritharan 350 at 31.81; M. H. Ford 301 at 27.36.

Bowling K. A. Seth 24 at 11.96; P. D. Kiritharan 26 at 12.62; Z. T. Gallatley 10 at 14.10; A. H. Simonds-Gooding 10 at 17.20; A. V. Zotov 12 at 18.92; M. Avant-Smith 16 at 19.56.

Harrow School *Middlesex*

P17 W10 L5 D2 A4

Master i/c J. Marsden

Coach M. R. Ramprakash

A young Harrow side performed impressively in a challenging summer, with their two-day victory against Oxford University the highlight. They were captained brilliantly by Tej Sheopuri, while Johnny Connell hit three centuries. Brij Sheopuri, Jasper Gray and John Richardson took 70 wickets between them.

Batting J. M. Connell 787 at 52.46; V. R. Patel 449 at 40.81; M. P. Ferreira 317 at 39.62; G. L. Cutler 162 at 32.40; *T. N. Sheopuri 415 at 29.64; C. J. Ellis 280 at 17.50.

Bowling J. T. Nelson 16 at 14.75; B. N. Sheopuri 28 at 16.39; J. L. Gray 22 at 19.59; C. J. Ellis 14 at 23.07; J. Z. R. Richardson 20 at 24.30.

Hurstpierpoint College *Sussex*

P22 W14 L7 D1 A2

Master i/c J. E. Anyon

Coach M. P. Nash

The high point of a successful season for a young side was victory in the Langdale Trophy. Aidan Drew was the leading wicket-taker with 33, and Joe Willis the leading run-scorer with 657. Bertie Foreman and Henry Rogers were selected to represent the South-East at Under-17 and Under-15 respectively.

Batting *A. M. Foreman 415 at 34.58; J. T. P. Willis 657 at 34.57; O. W. Jago-Lewis 532 at 33.25; *F. C. Longley 173 at 24.71; A. T. Drew 232 at 21.09; *O. A. Haines 328 at 17.26.

Bowling C. M. S. Mullins 12 at 12.00; A. T. Drew 33 at 14.73; A. M. Foreman 24 at 20.83; P. M. W. Norton-Smith 11 at 23.18; J. S. Addison 25 at 25.76; O. A. Haines 11 at 35.00.

John Hampden Grammar School *Buckinghamshire*

P14 W5 L7 D2 A2

Master i/c S. K. Parbery

Most of the scheduled fixture list was played, including two festivals and the annual game against MCC. Will Midwinter had an excellent final season, and his 91 not out against RGS High Wycombe secured a memorable victory by two wickets. Year 10 all-rounder Lochie Christopherson and Year 12 opening batsman Will Shurrock also performed consistently.

Batting W. C. S. Midwinter 406 at 40.60; W. Z. Shurrock 243 at 30.38; B. A. Sidders 171 at 21.38.

Bowling W. C. S. Midwinter 10 at 13.40; L. T. Christopherson 20 at 13.55.

John Lyon School *Middlesex*

P10 W8 L1 D1 A4

Master i/c A. S. Ling

Coach S. H. Cloete

John Lyon had an outstanding summer, losing only once and winning the Under-19 Middlesex Cup for the seventh time, more than any other school. Of the many excellent performances, Kahl Jariwala's 95 v MCC was the most memorable.

Batting Y. Patel 231 at 46.20; K. N. Jariwala 267 at 38.14; A. Sundaram 264 at 37.71.

Bowling I. Ahmed 15 at 8.47; Y. Patel 11 at 9.45; S. Vaid 10 at 12.60; *A. Sutaria 16 at 13.19; R. Raval 10 at 17.30.

The Judd School *Kent*

P8 W3 L5 A7

Master i/c R. M. Richardson

Coach C. K. Dobson

In a difficult year marred by many cancellations, the school still managed eight games. Max Moen proved a capable captain, and was the leading run-scorer; Satvik Vyakarnam took most wickets. There were also promising performances from Ekansh Singh and Angus Hall (Year 10s).

Batting The leading batter was *M. P. Moen, who hit 138 runs at 34.50.

Bowling The leading bowler was S. Vyakarnam, who took seven wickets at 12.43.



Hampton's reliable batsman Tanmay Thanawalla scored 816 runs at 54.

Kimbolton School *Huntingdonshire*

P5 W3 L1 D1 A8

Master *i/c* M. S. Gilbert

Coach A. J. Tudor

A thrilling last-ball victory over a strong MCC XI was a highlight of a short season. Oliver Greenhow showed glimpses of his all-round talent, while the progress of fast bowler Henry Leigh-Smith and wicketkeeper-batsman Ben Rowbotham gives plenty of hope for 2022.

Batting B. Rowbotham 175 at 43.75; *O. J. Greenhow 181 at 36.20.

Bowling H. N. Leigh-Smith 11 at 14.45.

King Edward's School, Birmingham *Warwickshire*

P19 W12 L6 D1 A4

Master *i/c* L. M. Roll

Coach N. W. Round

Playing 19 matches was a triumph for the First XI, and they won a dozen. A coherent blend of four year groups, the team demonstrated the enjoyment of schools cricket.

Batting Y. Khalil 340 at 34.00; P. S. Gajula 338 at 33.80; S. R. Gunarathne 346 at 31.45; D. R. Gandhewar 439 at 27.43; *M. S. Dogra 371 at 23.18; V. V. Iyer 250 at 19.23.

Bowling A. S. Vydianath 22 at 8.59; D. R. Gandhewar 23 at 16.70; P. S. Gajula 17 at 21.00; M. F. Saeed 12 at 22.25; V. V. Iyer 15 at 24.40.

King Edward VI School, Southampton *Hampshire*

P10 W4 L5 D1 A4

Master *i/c* A. D. Penn

An excellent game against Winchester College ended in defeat, but the outstanding games were wins over Dauntsey's and MCC. Year 11s Kamran Dhariwal and Hamish Croft were the leading performers; Year 9 Charlie Aspinall made a match-winning fifty on debut.

Batting K. S. Dhariwal 305 at 33.88; H. W. M. Croft 152 at 25.33.

Bowling The leading bowler was N. A. M. Damley-Jones, who took seven wickets at 22.71.

King's College, Taunton *Somerset*

P15 W12 L3 A6

Master *i/c* R. J. Woodman

Coach P. D. Lewis

It was a season to be proud of, with many turning out for the first team. King's reached the final of the National T20 competition. In another enjoyable Woodard Cricket Festival, the school hosted Hurstpierpoint, Bloxham, Workop and MCC.

Batting J. E. Rew 394 at 65.66; H. Smeed 390 at 39.00; G. W. Thomas 341 at 34.10; S. J. Crimp 157 at 31.40; W. J. Chesterman 275 at 30.55; L. G. Del-Bianco 151 at 30.20; T. Ingham-Hill 205 at 25.62.

Bowling C. Shariand 10 at 17.20; G. W. Thomas 11 at 17.82; H. Smeed 16 at 19.50; W. J. Chesterman 13 at 24.15.

King's College School, Wimbledon Surrey

P16 W9 L6 D1 A2

Master i/c T. Gwynne

Despite playing the early season as an Under-18 year-group bubble, this was a successful season with several excellent victories. Captain Pranav Khera led from the front with nearly 600 runs, including two sublime centuries. Leg-spinner Kairan Sivapathasundram was the pick of the bowlers, and displayed impressive control. The most exciting moment came against MCC, when Seth Eley took six for 20 before lunch in a superb display of fast bowling; the game ended in a one-run defeat.

Batting *P. Khera 599 at 42.78; W. M. Barnett 305 at 23.46; Z. Irtiza-Ali 206 at 22.88; H. T. Nicholls 166 at 18.44.

Bowling S. A. H. S. Eley 15 at 8.20; K. Sivapathasundram 25 at 13.60; F. N. Johnson 10 at 16.90; J. Southorn 12 at 22.25.

The King's School, Canterbury Kent

P10 L10 A2

Master i/c R. A. L. Singfield**Coach** M. A. Ealham

Remaining in year-group bubbles for the entire term made it a difficult summer. The Year 13s fought hard and were admirably led by Fred Sharp, the top run-scorer. Will Allen claimed 15 wickets.

Batting *F. H. A. Sharp 312 at 34.66; J. E. Anderson 201 at 25.12.

Bowling W. T. B. Allen 15 at 17.73.

The King's School, Chester Cheshire

P14 W8 L6 A6

Master i/c S. Neal**Coaches** S. C. Wundke and S. R. Egerton

A talented young side enjoyed an encouraging season. Jake Liddle's reliability with bat and ball is shown in the averages, while Rishi Muthuvelu's spin took most wickets. Rohit Kaimal and Charles Williams played many useful innings.

Batting J. A. Liddle 419 at 38.09; R. A. Kaimal 318 at 28.90; C. E. Williams 228 at 25.33; R. Muthuvelu 191 at 19.10; *H. T. E. Goodfellow 155 at 11.92.

Bowling J. A. Liddle 18 at 10.22; R. Muthuvelu 20 at 14.25.

The King's School in Macclesfield Cheshire

P5 W1 L4 A9

Master i/c P. J. Langley**Coach** A. J. Harris

King's enjoyed their return to competitive cricket. The team largely comprised Year 13s, though several lower-school pupils showed great promise for the future. This, plus new indoor facilities, makes for exciting times.

Batting J. W. Chong 150 at 30.00.

Bowling The leading bowler was *B. M. Kersh, who took eight wickets at 13.00.

King's School, Rochester Kent

P12 W8 L4 A4

Master i/c C. H. Page**Coach** D. A. Saunders

Harrison Fermor (the first pupil to pass 500 runs since 2005) and George Taylor batted well. Pick of the bowlers were Tom Fox and James Watkins, while Pierce Sinden's six for two against Duke of York's was remarkable.

Batting G. J. Taylor 382 at 76.40; H. T. Fermor 563 at 70.37; *T. J. Fox 189 at 27.00.

Bowling T. J. Fox 12 at 15.75; J. P. R. Watkins 12 at 23.17; H. T. Fermor 10 at 28.50.

The King's School, Worcester Worcestershire

P14 L14 A6

Master i/c S. D. Greenall**Coach** A. A. D. Gillgrass

It proved a tough season for an inexperienced team. They had their moments, but a lack of regular runs meant wins were elusive. Wicketkeeper Cameron Jones stood out with gloves and bat.

Batting A. C. Terry 167 at 23.85; *O. W. G. Preston 228 at 22.80; J. T. T. Richardson 195 at 21.66; C. Jones 228 at 19.00.

Bowling E. W. P. Thrusell 14 at 20.79; G. R. F. Bartram 13 at 22.08.

Lancaster Royal Grammar School Lancashire

P13 W7 L4 T1 D1 A7

Master i/c G. A. J. Mason**Coach** C. Wilkinson

Superb early-season form brought good wins against Bolton, Cheadle Hulme, Rossall and Giggleswick; batsman James McWilliam and wicketkeeper Will Beedon excelled. The highlight of a miserable later season – when the weather and Covid wreaked havoc – was an exciting tie with the Old Lancastrians.

Batting B. D. Rosbottom 258 at 36.85; J. P. McWilliam 285 at 31.66; A. T. Parkinson 205 at 25.62.

Bowling I. F. Atherton 11 at 5.73; *B. J. Schofield 17 at 10.76; J. A. Eccles 13 at 11.85; B. D. Rosbottom 13 at 12.85; F. W. Deeks 16 at 16.50.

Langley Park School for Boys Kent

P18 W11 L7 A1

Master i/c J. M. A. Batten

A relatively green first team enjoyed success, claiming the school's first Kent Cup since 2013. There were excellent contributions across the squad, with Andrew Pomeroy and Harry Roberts starring with the bat, and William East and Alex Davison with the ball.

Batting H. C. Roberts 508 at 36.28; *A. G. Pomeroy 432 at 33.23; I. W. Loader 392 at 23.05; W. J. East 339 at 21.18; Z. J. Desouza 255 at 18.21.

Bowling M. O. Balmain 16 at 12.31; H. C. Roberts 12 at 13.75; W. J. East 22 at 16.77; A. W. Davison 20 at 17.40; N. Malhotra 18 at 19.44; A. G. Pomeroy 13 at 20.54; L. MacKenzie 12 at 25.08.

Leicester Grammar School Leicestershire

P3 W1 L2 A2

Master i/c L. Potter

Covid delayed the season until after half-term. A good win against King's School, Grantham, was the best result. Rohan Kelkar left after a successful school career and two years as captain. Vivek Bulsara, Will Earland and Saurav Thakrar will also be missed.

Batting The leading batter was J. D. Modhvadia, who hit 76 runs at 25.33.

Bowling The leading bowler was R. A. Pateman, who took three wickets at 28.67.

The Leys School Cambridgeshire

P14 W8 L5 D1 A1

Master i/c R. I. Kaufman**Coach** W. J. Earl

The Leys' first team had another excellent season, which included wins over Haileybury and Gresham's. The performance of the season was Issy Routledge taking five for 43 against MCC. The future looks bright for this young side.

Batting N. R. M. Thain 176 at 58.66; *S. R. M. Thain 314 at 44.85; R. C. B. Bramley 348 at 31.63; W. M. P. Routledge 280 at 23.33; J. R. H. Davies 158 at 17.55.

Bowling H. J. Gadsby 22 at 11.73; S. H. Aldous 15 at 12.60; S. R. M. Thain 16 at 17.19.

The Cathedral School, Llandaff Glamorgan

P7 W5 L2 A3

Master i/c J. R. Murphy**Coach** D. L. Williams

Despite a month of rain in May, there was at last some cricket: fantastic innings by Avaneesh Shah and Aryan Singh saw both score over 150 runs. Ollie Sherwood led the attack, followed by Singh.

Batting A. Singh 188 at 62.66; A. P. Shah 172 at 57.33.

Bowling O. J. Sherwood 7 at 12.86.

Lord Wandsworth College Hampshire

P12 W6 L6 A3

Master i/c E. H. Ikin

Despite the captain, Joe Wheeler, being injured for most of the season, impressive performances from a young team gave promise for the future. Gemma Lane and Finty Trussler both gained contracts with Southern Vipers, and led a strong girls' side to the college's first victory over MCC Women.

Batting S. L. Ruffell 264 at 33.00; A. J. Campbell 154 at 30.80; R. F. Wollen 170 at 21.25; A. H. Ocroft 165 at 18.33.

Bowling S. L. Ruffell 15 at 16.00; I. T. Low 10 at 19.00.

Loughborough Grammar School Leicestershire

P5 W3 L1 D1 A12

Master i/c M. I. Gidley

With Covid scuppering cricket before half-term and the weather after, it was a short season. Two Year 11 players, batsman George Royle and bowler Sam Joy, were the leading performers.

Batting G. Royle 166 at 55.33.

Bowling S. Joy 10 at 11.50.

Magdalen College School Oxfordshire

P11 W6 L3 D2 A6

Master i/c C. J. W. Boyle**Coach** A. A. Duncan

There was frustration, especially in the first half of term, but a great group of boys had a superb season. Anton Eisner captained brilliantly, and the squad worked tirelessly to improve their skills.

Batting J. M. Coles 333 at 47.57; *A. E. L. Eisner 262 at 29.11; W. J. Price 291 at 29.10.

Bowling J. M. Coles 20 at 8.75; A. Joshi 14 at 18.64; S. J. Down 10 at 23.10; A. E. L. Eisner 10 at 26.40.



Ben Higton had a superb all-round season for Marlborough; Sonny Baker, from King's, Taunton, has signed for Somerset.

Malvern College *Worcestershire*

P22 W16 L6

Master i/c M. A. Hardinges

Coach N. A. Brett

Between them, a total of 16 wins – against Eton, Harrow, Tonbridge, Repton and Stowe, among others – and a second successive triumph in the National T20 Cup made for a magnificent summer. Oliver Cox was the top run-scorer, while left-arm spinner Josh Baker signed for Worcestershire.

Batting O. H. Cox 837 at 44.05; T. W. Boorman 771 at 42.83; R. M. Edavalath 504 at 33.60; M. N. Holland 253 at 31.62; A. J. G. Catto 258 at 23.45; *J. E. Dickenson 291 at 19.40; J. O. Baker 252 at 18.00.

Bowling J. O. Baker 27 at 14.44; R. M. Edavalath 23 at 17.26; J. E. Dickenson 28 at 18.32; A. J. G. Catto 18 at 21.78; T. I. Burrowes 11 at 24.82.

The Manchester Grammar School *Lancashire*

P8 W6 L2 A3

Master i/c M. Watkinson

Despite Covid restrictions, there was a full season of first-team cricket. George Bell missed some school games playing for Lancashire Seconds, while Arav Shetty enjoyed an outstanding summer. The most notable victory came against Sedbergh, when Shetty hit a century and Lachlan Anson took five for 23.

Batting A. Shetty 449 at 74.83; G. Bell 185 at 37.00; R. Premraj 193 at 27.57; A. Hasan 152 at 25.33.

Bowling The leading bowler was J. Clift, who took nine wickets at 14.66.

Marlborough College (Boys) *Wiltshire*

P17 W12 L5 A3

Master i/c M. P. L. Bush

Coach M. W. Alleyne

Marlborough College (Girls) *Wiltshire*

P8 W4 L3 T1 A2

Master i/c M. P. L. Bush

Coaches M. W. Alleyne and C. M. Edwards

In a summer beset by Covid restrictions, 22 boys featured in the first team. Despite the instability, it was great to be playing again. Captain Freddie Kottler set an excellent example, and Wiltshire all-rounder Ben Higton was outstanding. It was also an enjoyable return to action for the girls who, on a competitive circuit, fought out a memorable tie with Wellington. Rose Curtis and Ruby Lee's partnership of 128 helped secure victory in a tough contest against Rugby.

Batting (boys) *F. J. A. Kottler 358 at 39.77; B. A. G. Highton 326 at 36.22; W. J. Pembroke 348 at 34.80; D. S. Corbett 390 at 32.50; W. J. Hammersley 343 at 31.18; S. T. Martin-Jenkins 193 at 27.57; C. J. M. Brook 151 at 21.57.

Bowling (boys) B. A. G. Highton 35 at 9.86; S. M. Montgomery 20 at 14.50; S. T. Martin-Jenkins 25 at 16.04; A. A. G. Del Mar 21 at 17.29; H. G. W. Mayne 14 at 22.14.

Batting (girls) The leading batter was R. E. G. Lee, who hit 92 runs at 46.00.

Bowling (girls) The leading bowler was *C. J. Stafford, who took seven wickets at 12.43.

Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood Hertfordshire P18 W10 L7 D1 A1 Master i/c I. McGowan

Despite year-group bubbling and poor weather, the various school teams managed 160 games involving 140 pupils; there were excellent new block fixtures against Hampton, Haileybury and Dulwich. The school reached Middlesex Cup Finals at Under-12, Under-14 and Under-15 level, and have reinvented the Under-16s (Colts) with games against Cranleigh, Hurstpierpoint, RGS Guildford and Tonbridge.

Batting *R. K. Randeve 266 at 38.00; A. S. Sawant 255 at 28.33; K. Patwal 182 at 26.00; A. S. Patel 322 at 24.76; G. Muralitharan 297 at 21.21; D. B. McLeish 169 at 21.12; D. B. Justus 158 at 15.80.

Bowling R. K. Randeve 10 at 10.20; A. D. Whiteside 10 at 14.30; S. S. Shankar 13 at 17.77; S. Ganesh 23 at 17.91; A. C. Shah 11 at 18.27; D. B. Justus 19 at 19.37; A. Sheikh 13 at 23.08.

Millfield School Somerset

P24 W16 L6 D2 A2

Master i/c M. Garaway

Coaches J. Moore, E. H. Harris and K. Peters

The Meyer's XI defeated several county Academies, the Under-15 boys reached the regional finals of the National Cup, while the Under-14 boys won the county cup and qualified for the Lord Taverners' Cup in 2022. Meanwhile, the Under-18 girls lost to eventual winners Bede's in the semi-final of the National T20 competition. Adam Rosslee and Jamie Baird were the outstanding batters, with leg-spinner Kamran Khanna the top wicket-taker. Luke Pearson-Taylor took two hat-tricks, and Callum Harvey one – to snatch the game from Wiltshire Under-18s.

Batting A. J. Rosslee 359 at 71.80; C. F. Harvey 355 at 44.37; D. C. Kelly 200 at 40.00; J. W. Baird 403 at 36.63; C. G. Melly 381 at 34.63; G. R. E. Gallmann-Findlay 233 at 33.28; E. Wade 334 at 30.36; *B. A. Beaumont 339 at 28.25; J. R. Eckland 282 at 21.69; J. J. Kelly 215 at 17.91.

Bowling A. M. Vaughan 12 at 10.00; L. Pearson-Taylor 13 at 10.92; K. K. Khanna 24 at 16.13; D. C. Kelly 18 at 18.11; C. F. Harvey 22 at 20.50; J. F. Hawksworth 21 at 23.38; B. Fitch 11 at 23.45; A. A. Rao 16 at 29.44.

Monkton Combe School Somerset

P9 W2 L6 D1 A2

Masters i/c M. B. Abington and M. B. Hunt

Coach R. D. Staunton

A young, talented and enthusiastic fielding side played nine matches. Highlights were an unbeaten century against Downside by captain Ed Walker, and the emerging talent of Matty Garrod, who reads the game very well for such a young player.

Batting M. J. Garrod 242 at 34.57; *E. A. Walker 261 at 32.62.

Bowling H. T. Betts 13 at 14.23; M. J. Garrod 11 at 16.00.

Monmouth School Monmouthshire

P12 W7 L5 A6

Master i/c A. J. Jones

Coach S. P. James

In a truncated season, Harry Friend hit three centuries, two against his Glamorgan Academy colleagues.

Batting *H. R. Friend 447 at 74.50; S. J. Wingwood 242 at 48.40; J. Harris 153 at 38.25; J. Middlecot 151 at 37.75; H. Caldicott 211 at 35.16.

Bowling S. J. Swingwood 21 at 15.29; H. R. Friend 11 at 15.91; T. Mayell 13 at 17.69; E. Sivak 12 at 29.58.

Myerscough College (Manchester) Lancashire

P17 W11 L6 A1

Master i/c D. P. Atkinson

Coach B. J. Pelsler

The college, who had an enjoyable season despite the inevitable pandemic restrictions, were delighted to reach the T20 North-West finals, and the last 16 of the Under-17s cup. The cricket played was excellent, with many individual records broken.

Batting *B. Walkden 531 at 75.85; J. Little 402 at 67.00; D. Stock 510 at 63.75; L. Young 263 at 52.60; M. Fisher 255 at 42.50; A. McLoughlin 181 at 36.20; Z. Perren 302 at 30.20.

Bowling I. Brooks 18 at 16.28; T. Phipps 16 at 17.31; J. Massey 16 at 19.38; D. Newton 15 at 21.93.

Oakham School *Rutland*

P12 W5 L7

Master i/c N. C. Johnson

Understandable rustiness, a lack of incisive bowling, and having to play in a bubble of schools led to modest results. Year 12 Freddie Fairey led the batting with three centuries; eight of the squad should return in 2022.

Batting W. J. R. Begy 287 at 41.00; F. L. Fairey 415 at 37.72; B. R. Collinson 253 at 31.62; J. D. C. Johnson 314 at 31.40; *J. A. M. Tattersall 279 at 25.36; N. G. Shaw 185 at 23.12.

Bowling B. R. Collinson 12 at 15.83; J. A. M. Tattersall 14 at 26.14; J. D. C. Johnson 12 at 26.33.

The Oratory School *Oxfordshire*

P16 W8 L6 D2 A5

Master i/c S. Tomlinson

The First XI were superbly captained by Toby Winterbottom, and they grew as a team during the season to record some fine results. With the next crop of juniors coming through, the school look forward to the future. The continuing progress of the girls' programme is another cause of optimism.

Batting K. M. Tappan 268 at 20.61; *T. T. Winterbottom 210 at 17.50; H. Thorby 205 at 17.08; D. Watts 151 at 16.77; C. Thomas 158 at 14.36; O. I. Simmons 162 at 13.50.

Bowling O. H. Winterbottom 14 at 11.43; T. T. Winterbottom 12 at 13.00; C. Thomas 16 at 15.00; O. I. Simmons 14 at 15.93; A. Mew 11 at 16.64.

Oundle School (Boys) *Northamptonshire*

P12 W4 L7 D1 A6

Oundle School (Girls) *Northamptonshire*

P4 W4 A6

Master i/c D. W. Foster**Coach** M. J. Roberts

The boys had some tough matches during a mixed season. In his first season bowling off-spin, Will Park prospered with bat and ball. The girls performed brilliantly, winning all of their four official games. Imogen Wakeford struck a sublime 127 not out, while many others made important contributions.

Batting (boys) W. G. De Capell Brooke 347 at 28.91; *O. R. R. Thain 259 at 25.90; W. R. J. Park 208 at 20.80; E. R. P. Stanton 211 at 17.58; H. Boston 157 at 17.44.

Bowling (boys) W. R. J. Park 16 at 18.25; F. L. Fairey 10 at 19.90; J. O. C. Howard 14 at 20.21; H. Boston 13 at 28.54.

Batting (girls) I. B. K. Wakeford 190 at 95.00.

Bowling (girls) The leading bowler was G. C. Park, who took six wickets at 3.66.

The Perse School *Cambridgeshire*

P11 W3 L7 D1 A5

Master i/c S. M. Park

In a frustrating year of school sport, it was a delight to play some cricket. Nikhil Gorantla and Henry Howarth had excellent seasons in their final year of schoolboy cricket.

Batting *N. V. Gorantla 327 at 46.71; H. J. S. Howarth 287 at 35.87.

Bowling N. V. Gorantla 12 at 7.25.

Pocklington School *Yorkshire*

P10 W3 L6 D1

Master i/c D. Byas

Henry Kay (114 not out) and Harry Jones (100 not out) both hit fine centuries, and gained some powerful support from Harry Jackson. He made a lightning unbeaten 63 against Hymer's, reaching his fifty from just 15 deliveries.

Batting H. Kay 284 at 31.55; H. Jackson 252 at 25.20; J. Matthews 184 at 18.40.

Bowling H. Jackson 14 at 16.29; H. Kay 11 at 24.73.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol *Gloucestershire*

P6 W5 T1 A8

Master i/c P. E. Joslin**Coach** D. C. Forder

This was a frustrating summer for a strong squad of largely Year 13 cricketers, with Covid issues preventing them from playing eight games. When they did actually meet opponents, Fuzael Ahmed led an unbeaten side.

Batting The leading batter was *F. J. Ahmed, who hit 122 runs at 24.40.

Bowling D. J. Clarke 16 at 5.38.

Radley College *Oxfordshire*

P19 W7 L11 D1 A2

Master i/c S. H. Dalrymple**Coach** A. R. Wagner

The results may have been slightly disappointing, but what mattered was the joy of being back on the field. Zayn Hussain captained the side. The batting relied heavily on Ethan Berlusconi, while Hussain and Freddie Loveland shared the majority of the wickets.

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Batting E. A. Berlusconi 580 at 44.61; B. G. Tucker 312 at 28.36; J. R. J. Hayes 362 at 25.85; R. M. Harrap 269 at 24.45; G. P. Acheson-Gray 225 at 15.00; J. S. Sharp 231 at 14.43.

Bowling F. J. Loveland 22 at 17.68; B. G. Tucker 12 at 19.42; *Z. Hussain 22 at 19.45; J. R. J. Hayes 12 at 23.83; M. C. L. Jardine-Brown 12 at 25.33; B. M. Wilson 13 at 31.85.

Ratcliffe College Leicestershire

P10 W5 L4 D1 A5

Master i/c E. O. Woodcock

It was pleasing to get some semblance of a season after 2020. Aled King captained an inexperienced side admirably and scored prolifically. The bowling and fielding were strong, which helped compensate for too great a reliance on King for runs.

Batting *A. D. King 439 at 62.71.**Bowling** K. B. Jivanji 11 at 4.45; A. D. King 16 at 12.81; J. E. Davies 11 at 14.45.**Reed's School Surrey**

P11 W3 L8 A4

Master i/c M. R. Dunn

Alex Lewis led the team well in difficult circumstances and, despite the impediments of Covid and rain, his side made fantastic progress. Maxwell Dunn spearheaded the attack with pace and hostility, while Lewis batted fluently.

Batting C. Dasgbose 181 at 45.25; *A. C. Lewis 321 at 29.18; K. Patel 185 at 26.42; M. M. Dunn 200 at 25.00; A. G. Spencer 191 at 23.87.**Bowling** B. L. Way 10 at 19.00; A. C. Lewis 11 at 20.82; M. M. Dunn 17 at 25.29.**Reigate Grammar School Surrey**

P7 W2 L5 A5

Master i/c J. M. C. Leck**Coach** S. J. Woodward

In a season blighted by Covid restrictions and injuries, a very young first team worked hard. Performances improved significantly, and the experience should stand the squad in good stead.

Batting B. Butterfield 369 at 73.80.**Bowling** The leading bowler was B. Butterfield, who took eight wickets at 24.00.**Repton School Derbyshire**

P13 W5 L6 D2 A5

Master i/c C. M. W. Read**Coach** C. M. Simons

What with pandemic cancellations and dodging the rain, Repton had a mixed season. The school had a notable win against Shrewsbury, and a National T20 Cup run to the last 16 – not bad for a team containing three Under-15s. Disappointingly, though, there was neither century nor five-wicket haul.

Batting M. Y. Bin Naem 211 at 35.16; O. Randall 222 at 31.71; N. Shaikh 308 at 28.00; A. Harrison 199 at 19.90; O. L. Reddy 198 at 19.80; *A. L. Haleem 217 at 18.08.**Bowling** A. Harrison 15 at 18.33; N. Shaikh 10 at 29.50; W. R. Orpin 11 at 29.73.**Rossall School Lancashire**

P6 W2 L4 A6

Master i/c S. I. Roberts**Coach** J. E. Boyne

Half the games of a frustrating season were abandoned. Matthew Wood started well with 74 against MCC, and Will Robinson batted reliably. The highlight of the season came from captain Joey Warwick, who took five for two against Kirkham.

Batting W. H. Robinson 152 at 30.40.**Bowling** *J. F. Warwick 10 at 11.80.**Royal Grammar School Guildford Surrey**

P11 W8 L3

Master i/c R. C. Black**Coach** M. W. Barnes

An excellent season included winning the RGS Festival for the first time since 2015. Thomas Humphreys, who hit most runs and took most wickets, had a superb summer as captain.

Batting *T. M. Humphreys 423 at 42.30; R. G. Gupta 239 at 23.90; D. R. Patel 154 at 17.11.**Bowling** L. R. B. Hill 11 at 7.91; H. M. C. Turrell 10 at 12.60; S. H. Stuart-Reckling 13 at 14.69; T. M. Humphreys 15 at 16.93.**Royal Grammar School High Wycombe Bucks**

P18 W3 L11 D4 A5

Master i/c A. H. Fletcher**Coaches** O. R. W. Shaw and C. Parsons

Despite regular team changes allowing players to be tried for the first time in competitive situations, a young XI improved during the term, culminating in several outstanding individual and team performances at the RGS Festival.

Batting D. Yatigamma 242 at 22.00; *P. Mahesh 169 at 18.77.**Bowling** M. Mahesh 13 at 12.77; J. Berry 10 at 24.20; A. Tiwari 10 at 24.90.

Royal Grammar School Newcastle *Northumberland*

P8 W6 L2

Master i/c M. J. Smalley

Coach D. Shurben

Fixtures resumed in June and, despite isolations – most notably for captain Cal Fletcher – the side acquitted themselves brilliantly. The school relished hosting the RGS Festival. Nathan Gough, Sree Kanakala, Matt Nice and Bobby Green all had moments in the sun.

Batting R. Green 299 at 42.71; M. Nice 247 at 30.87; N. Gough 219 at 27.37.

Bowling N. Gough 12 at 7.83; S. G. L. Kanakala 20 at 10.55.

Royal Grammar School Worcester *Worcestershire*

P11 W7 L4

Master i/c P. J. Newport

Coach P. J. Scott

Centuries by Sam Ford (in a nine-wicket victory over local rivals King's, Worcester) and Sebastian Scott were the first since 2018. The side enjoyed full participation in the RGS Festival, hosted by Newcastle in July.

Batting S. A. Ford 154 at 154.00; S. G. T. Scott 258 at 43.00; J. E. J. Rees 254 at 36.28; *B. R. Sutton 325 at 36.11.

Bowling W. Godwin 13 at 15.69; B. W. Whitton 10 at 17.10; B. J. Hallam 16 at 18.00.

Rugby School *Warwickshire*

P12 W7 L4 D1 A3

Master i/c A. E. L. Thomson

Coach N. J. Tester

Rugby recorded their first victory over Marlborough in more than 25 years. Jacob Bethell led the team with the bat, scoring 654 runs in seven innings, including 202 in the Marlborough match. Freddie Fowler took 21 wickets at 19. Five Under-15 players made their debuts for the XI.

Batting *J. G. Bethell 654 at 130.80; A. J. Price 374 at 31.16; H. G. Butler 222 at 18.50; E. G. King 157 at 13.08.

Bowling O. H. Phillips 17 at 17.41; F. G. Fowler 21 at 19.81; J. Jacob 19 at 30.95.

St Albans School *Hertfordshire*

P7 W2 L4 D1 A6

Master i/c M. C. Ilott

After Covid delayed the start of the season, there were several promising performances, especially from the captain, Steven Perrin. Seven of the first team have left, so there is an opportunity for younger players to shine as the rebuild begins.

Batting *S. T. Perrin 235 at 58.75.

Bowling J. Barwick 11 at 19.64; F. Reid 10 at 19.90.

St Benedict's School, Ealing *Middlesex*

P16 W7 L8 D1 A3

Master i/c K. Newell

The team played positive cricket, but the bowling was not always penetrative. All-rounder Ethan Wetherell enjoyed a successful final season as captain.

Batting J. H. Braddock 434 at 33.38; *E. G. Wetherell 314 at 24.15; J. A. Barrett 257 at 19.76; H. J. Manners 181 at 18.10; B. Morris 159 at 17.66.

Bowling E. G. Wetherell 10 at 17.30.

St Edward's School, Oxford (Boys) *Oxfordshire*

P22 W16 L4 D2 A1

St Edward's School, Oxford (Girls) *Oxfordshire*

P4 W3 L1 A1

Master i/c R. G. Craze

Coach D. P. Simpkins

An experienced, talented team won the John Harvey Cup for the sixth time in nine years after defeating Marlborough, Radley and Winchester. There were further excellent victories against Harrow and Rugby, while the Under-17s reached the semi-finals of the *Cricket Paper* National Cup. The inaugural season for the girls' First XI was a great success, with the side playing on the main square for the first time. Superb victories against Haileybury, Marlborough and Rugby highlighted the talent of the team; with only one player leaving, the side promise to be as strong in 2022.

Batting (boys) A. J. Horton 906 at 53.29; S. Brown 552 at 46.00; *L. A. Charlesworth 254 at 28.22; J. E. Marsh 393 at 26.20; E. Hyman 235 at 26.11; K. Barman 317 at 22.64; A. T. Turner 168 at 21.00; D. Driscoll 155 at 19.37.

Bowling (boys) S. Brown 30 at 15.00; C. Z. F. Turner 22 at 18.45; G. McLeod 16 at 19.00; A. T. Turner 19 at 19.68; L. A. Charlesworth 14 at 20.86; J. E. Marsh 14 at 28.29.

Batting (girls) The leading batter was *M. Pumfrey, who hit 133 runs at 133.00.

Bowling (girls) The leading bowler was R. A. Freeland, who took six wickets at 9.83.

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St George's College, Weybridge Surrey

P18 W10 L7 D1 A3

Master i/c D. P. Keighley

The college were fortunate to get in plenty of games, and welcomed the return of cricket week. Daniel Ormond led from the front, scoring at a prolific rate, averaging over 50 and hitting 39 sixes. There were many great performances from the bowlers, with the attacking off-spinner Sam Burnley shining brightest.

Batting *D. P. Ormond 627 at 52.25; O. N. Pascall 164 at 41.00; F. G. Brennan 276 at 30.66; S. Burnley 257 at 28.55; J. A. Cake 254 at 25.40; L. J. Richards 218 at 19.81.

Bowling S. Burnley 24 at 19.67; G. T. C. Allom 19 at 19.68; E. O'Donovan 14 at 24.64; C. J. B. Tonkin 14 at 27.79; F. G. Brennan 10 at 32.60.

St Joseph's College Surrey

P9 W6 L3 A3

Master i/c E. M. Tyler

Coach M. D. Hunn

The 2021 season was a successful one, particularly the record number of teams competing of a weekend. Josh Bowyer broke the first-team record with an incredible 186 against Woodbridge School.

Batting *E. T. Lucking 278 at 39.71; J. W. Bowyer 395 at 39.50.

Bowling H. Hitchen 16 at 11.88; T. Marston 14 at 17.57.

St Lawrence College Kent

P16 W10 L5 D1 A6

Master i/c S. M. Simmons

Coach G. O. Jones

Five of the 16 matches were played in September 2020. The outstanding performers were captain Joe McCaffrey, Archie Ralph-Harding, George Kidd, Duncan Moore and Ollie Jordan-Smith. The highlight of the season was victory over Whitgift.

Batting G. C. T. Kidd 423 at 32.53; *J. R. P. McCaffrey 259 at 28.77; D. A. Moore 319 at 24.53; A. E. Ralph-Harding 232 at 19.33; T. R. Marshall 157 at 14.27.

Bowling J. R. P. McCaffrey 22 at 15.41; O. A. Jordan-Smith 18 at 16.28; W. E. A. Ansell 18 at 16.28; A. E. Ralph-Harding 13 at 16.54; K. Moore 12 at 18.92.

St Paul's School Surrey

P9 W4 L4 D1 A5

Master i/c N. E. Briers

The school enjoyed impressive wins against the Old Paulines, St John's Leatherhead, Dulwich and Reed's – despite being restricted to a bubble of Year 13s, plus one high performer from Year 10. There were narrow defeats by full-strength sides from Hampton and RGS Guildford. Fifteen-year-old Krish Patel hit a brilliant century against a powerful Eton team, made a hundred for the Surrey Under-18 Academy XI against Whitgift, and was selected for Surrey Seconds.

Batting K. Patel 356 at 50.85; A. Sofat 271 at 30.11; A. A. P. Hillman 211 at 26.37; *F. W. J. Harrison 170 at 21.25; A. Malik 186 at 20.66.

Bowling A. Sofat 16 at 17.63; F. W. J. Harrison 17 at 18.06.

St Peter's School, York Yorkshire

P10 W6 L3 D1

Master i/c G. J. Sharp

In a season curtailed by academic commitments and Covid restrictions, the XI were well led by Harvey Gratton, who in turn was supported by senior players. A group of younger boys showed immense promise, particularly Hugo Nixon, Will Warren, William Bramley and Wills Bennison.

Batting *H. Gratton 195 at 32.50; A. Wood 181 at 30.16; W. Bennison 155 at 22.14.

Bowling H. Gratton 19 at 13.68; O. J. Tomalin 14 at 15.71; W. Bennison 15 at 16.00; E. Watson 15 at 16.67; F. H. Southgate 13 at 18.46.

Sedbergh School Yorkshire

P10 W5 L5 A16

Master i/c M. P. Speight

Perhaps the most startling figure was the loss of 16 fixtures: rain was the cause before half-term, Covid after. The upshot was just one 50-over match, and the team never found their style of play. The best cricket came in the National T20, when a strong pace attack and the batting of captain Leo Johnson took them to the semis. The North-West T20 final, against Myerscough, was a classic: Sedbergh won on fewer wickets after both sides made 207.

Batting *L. S. Johnson 282 at 40.28; G. P. Barnes 185 at 26.42; T. Aspinwall 167 at 20.87.

Bowling J. A. Dickinson 12 at 18.33.

Sherborne School Dorset

Master i/c A. D. Nurton

All summer, Sherborne fought hard with the ball and in the field, but a lack of runs made winning a challenge. A youngish squad have the opportunity to improve in 2022, particularly in the new Dorset 100-ball competition.

Batting J. J. E. Meaker 175 at 25.00; M. G. Dowling 155 at 22.14.**Bowling** C. W. M. Willis 7 at 28.29.

P8 W2 L5 D1 A3

Coach M. G. Pardoe**Shiplake College Oxfordshire**

Master i/c P. M. McCraw

A young First XI made pleasing progress, illustrated by a number of victories after half-term. The side were led well by opening batsman and top scorer Jai Angell, who returns for 2022. Monty McLaren-Clarke and Oliver Stalder also prospered.

Batting J. Angell 473 at 29.56; O. C. G. Stalder 352 at 23.46; M. Griffiths 178 at 17.80; H. R. Kunzig 166 at 15.09.**Bowling** M. G. McLaren-Clarke 15 at 24.00; J. Rogers 15 at 26.33; O. C. G. Stalder 13 at 31.46; H. F. C. Batchelor 13 at 31.92.

P17 W5 L10 D2

Coach C. J. Ellison**Shrewsbury School Shropshire**

Master i/c A. S. Barnard

Shrewsbury School capped 16 players, with five Under-15s and four Under-16s making their debuts. Results and teamwork improved as the side got to know one another. The season culminated at the Silk Trophy, where the squad showed their best form.

Batting J. J. Fielding 779 at 43.27; H. R. Cooke 443 at 26.05; J. E. Home 390 at 26.00; J. O. Parry 242 at 16.13; B. J. Lees 188 at 10.44.**Bowling** A. J. Gallimore 29 at 14.90; A. Shukla 17 at 15.24; H. D. Walker 19 at 16.63; J. S. S. Proctor 16 at 19.44; H. R. Cooke 19 at 19.47; J. O. Parry 15 at 23.20; J. P. Pattenden 12 at 25.92.

P21 W11 L10

Coach A. J. Shanry**Simon Langton School for Boys Kent**

Master i/c J. K. R. Whitnell

A tough draw in both national competitions meant first-round exits. But the team improved markedly, and fantastic contributions from captain and all-rounder Nathan Fox led to finishing as runners-up to Langley Park in the Kent Cup, and beating MCC for the first time. The T20 Kent Cup final was cancelled after the tragic death of Ed Glover, one of our first team.

Batting *N. M. Fox 454 at 50.44; B. J. B. Carpenter-Friend 288 at 48.00; H. A. Legg 221 at 44.20.**Bowling** N. M. Fox 20 at 11.95; D. Gunathilake 10 at 25.60.

P10 W7 L3

The Skinners' School Kent

Master i/c W. G. Burrows

In a season ruined by weather, a young First XI could be incredibly proud of their performance on a relatively strong school circuit. Ben Adams and Scott Hall led the way with the bat, while Dan Brice, in his first year in the side, made an impression with the ball.

Batting S. F. Hall 283 at 40.42; B. M. G. Adams 339 at 37.66.**Bowling** S. F. Hall 12 at 10.75; D. T. Brice 16 at 14.56; J. M. H. Nicholson 12 at 17.58.

P11 W6 L5 A4

Solihull School Warwickshire

Master i/c D. L. Maddy

After almost two years without cricket, the 2021 season proved a huge success throughout the school. The first team were intelligently captained by Alfie Blundell, and it is sad to see the group of senior players leave.

Batting *A. A. Blundell 303 at 75.75; J. P. Gordon 217 at 54.25; L. P. Horgan 170 at 34.00.**Bowling** The leading bowler was S. Graham, who took eight wickets at 22.25.

P7 W6 L1 A3

Coach D. Smith**Stamford School Lincolnshire**

Master i/c D. W. Headley

Senior players Charlie Agnew, Ewan Laughton, Ben Potter and Cormac Calnan all batted reliably, and were bolstered by the emerging Ben Saunders. The 6ft 7in left-arm seamer Josh Hull and magical leg-spinner Rohan Kundaje were outstanding in their first season.

Batting B. M. Saunders 263 at 37.57; S. G. Potter 228 at 28.50; C. O. Agnew 237 at 26.33; C. Calnan 236 at 26.22; *E. R. Laughton 250 at 25.00.**Bowling** R. Kundaje 30 at 10.00; J. O. Hull 22 at 12.55.

P10 W6 L4 A1

Coach C. A. Esson



For Stowe, Rhys Noble made 797 runs and took 29 wickets.

Stowe School *Buckinghamshire*

Master i/c J. A. Knott

The team reached the quarter-finals of the National T20 and won the Silk Trophy. Rhys Noble and James Cronie had fine all-round seasons, while Year 10 pupils Aadi Sharma and Wilf Pickard made an impact; Sharma was selected to represent the South & West at the Bunbury Festival.

Batting R. J. Noble 797 at 49.81; *J. P. Cronie 628 at 41.86; J. A. L. Mercer 419 at 32.23; A. Sharma 431 at 30.78; A. R. Short 267 at 22.25; G. H. S. Hooper 307 at 19.18.

Bowling J. P. Cronie 28 at 11.79; A. Sharma 23 at 15.65; W. J. Pickard 21 at 16.67; R. J. Noble 29 at 21.21; H. J. Julyan 12 at 22.67; R. G. Hesketh 24 at 23.04; J. A. L. Mercer 14 at 28.64.

P21 W17 L2 D2

Coach P. R. Arnold

Sutton Valence School *Kent*

Master i/c V. J. Wells

Just five matches were possible – with many cancelled because of the weather or Covid – which was a disappointment for a good side. There was time, though, for Oliver Patel to score 107 not out, and for Year 11 bowlers Henry Martin and George Sturges to make an impact.

Batting O. C. S. Patel 151 at 37.75.

Bowling The leading bowler was G. J. C. Sturges, who took seven wickets at 13.86.

P5 W3 L1 T1 A7

Taunton School *Somerset*

Master i/c P. N. Sanderson

A wet summer brought eight cancellations, but Taunton finished strongly after half-term with wins over Wellington, Millfield and King's, Taunton. The highest run-scorer was Jacob Hockey, while Ben Coston hit his maiden first-team hundred; spinner Alfie Macdonald took most wickets.

Batting J. L. Hockey 291 at 41.57; B. J. Coston 246 at 35.14; A. J. Small 196 at 24.50.

Bowling A. G. Macdonald 10 at 11.30.

P13 W4 L8 D1 A8

Coach M. E. Trescothick

Tiffin School *Surrey*

Master i/c M. J. Williams

A diet of short-form cricket was mercifully relieved by a return to all-day matches towards the close of the season. A young side bursting with talent improved with every match to finish with a fine record under its excellent captain, Dru Shori.

Batting *D. Shori 408 at 37.09; R. Rafiq 225 at 28.12; S. Tamilarasan 195 at 19.50; D. Vasireddy 205 at 18.63.

Bowling P. Sivagnanasundaram 21 at 14.14; D. Shori 10 at 20.40; A. J. Cormack 12 at 23.42.

P13 W7 L5 D1 A2

Coach K. Balasubramaniam

Tonbridge School Kent

P22 W18 L2 D2

Master i/c R. J. M. Stephen**Coaches** C. D. Morgan and I. Baldock

Tonbridge's First XI had an excellent summer. They were led by wicketkeeper Tom Geffen, while Sam Hadfield scored consistently and Joe Baldwin made an immense all-round contribution. Reaching the semi-finals of the National T20 at Arundel was a highlight, although they fell just short in their chase against Malvern.

Batting D. W. Beazleigh 268 at 44.66; S. J. Seecharan 208 at 41.60; J. W. B. Baldwin 440 at 40.00; S. M. Hadfield 662 at 38.94; H. C. Bevan-Thomas 483 at 32.20; F. Kirkland 259 at 28.77; S. J. S. Baldwin 312 at 26.00; *T. S. A. Geffen 415 at 21.84; O. F. M. Sykes 163 at 16.30.

Bowling S. J. S. Baldwin 24 at 14.13; J. W. B. Baldwin 26 at 19.85; S. M. Hadfield 21 at 19.86; H. C. Bevan-Thomas 18 at 24.61; T. J. Masding 17 at 25.35; A. A. Ramanathan 13 at 32.15.

Trent College Derbyshire

P16 W10 L6 A4

Master i/c S. A. J. Boswell**Coach** P. Johnson

This was a frustrating term for many reasons. It was, though, great to see students playing competitive cricket again. First-team captain Kieran Pell hit most runs, just ahead of Mitchell Wagstaff. The bowling was inconsistent, leading to poor performances in the National Cup competitions. However, Fateh Landa's five-wicket haul in a two-day game was a highlight.

Batting M. D. Wagstaff 423 at 38.45; K. J. Pell 456 at 32.57; F. S. Landa 230 at 20.90; L. H. W. Stentiford 223 at 18.58; M. Hill 167 at 15.18; S. Q. Haider 178 at 13.69.

Bowling F. S. Landa 24 at 8.38; M. D. Wagstaff 15 at 12.80; J. P. Glover 14 at 15.00; R. A. Mukherjee 11 at 15.45; Q. S. Haider 11 at 17.18.

University College School, Hampstead Middlesex

P6 W2 L4

Master i/c D. J. Brown**Coaches** A. P. van der Looy and A. S. Wilkes

The 2021 season was an odd one, since the school remained in year-group bubbles; matches started after half-term. The First XI fixtures were shared between two year groups over six matches.

Batting The leading batter was A. M. Fowler, who hit 99 runs at 19.80.

Bowling The leading bowler was O. J. Morgan-Wynne, who took six wickets at 13.33.

Uppingham School Rutland

P9 W2 L5 D2

Master i/c A. P. Siddall**Coach** T. R. Ward

A season of rebuilding largely involved Years 12 and 11, who showed promise. There was a victory over Oundle, and a T20 win against Oakham, as well as a narrow defeat by Rugby. The future of Uppingham cricket looks exciting.

Batting A. Buchake 428 at 61.14; *F. G. H. Read 224 at 37.33; A. W. B. Macdonald 174 at 24.85.

Bowling F. Dutton 12 at 23.83; F. D. A. Riddington 15 at 24.00; C. Sprott 11 at 27.00.

Warwick School Warwickshire

P8 W3 L4 D1 A7

Master i/c S. R. G. Francis**Coaches** C. Roberts and S. Thompson

The Year 13 XI took to the field all season, and depended on captain Ibrahim Afzal and Jamie Treasure for the bulk of the runs; Treasure won a T20 cup match with three sixes in the final over. Gabriel D'Souza, Peter Dobson and Adam Lane all signed off after four or more years in the firsts.

Batting J. A. Treasure 286 at 47.66; I. I. Afzal 283 at 35.37.

Bowling The leading bowler was G. M. D'Souza, who took eight wickets at 27.63.

Wellingborough School Northamptonshire

P9 W7 L2 A3

Master i/c G. E. Houghton**Coach** A. J. Doig

This was a truncated season owing to Covid and poor weather. The First XI won our own two-day T20 festival, and overall results were good. Captain James Sales appeared regularly for Northamptonshire Seconds, and made a sublime 215 not out in a 40-over game against Kimbolton.

Batting *J. J. G. Sales 361 at 90.25; B. A. Dunkley 254 at 31.75; B. D. Sales 195 at 27.85.

Bowling H. W. Grayson 12 at 7.75; S. G. Kirk 11 at 9.18; A. D. Dunkley 12 at 13.42.

Wellington College Berkshire

P14 W8 L5 D1 A1

Master i/c D. M. Pratt**Coach** P. R. Mann

The season began after lockdown and saw the first team reach the quarter-finals of the National T20 tournament, before local Covid guidance forced them to stop playing on June 16. Opening bowler Harry Petrie proved an astute captain.

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Batting N. E. A. Harris 398 at 36.18; M. S. Bradbury 270 at 27.00; J. Crerar 184 at 18.40; J. A. D. Lewis 227 at 17.46.

Bowling *H. W. Petrie 15 at 12.60; S. F. Daniel 21 at 13.00; M. S. Bradbury 12 at 18.25; O. O. Henry 12 at 22.00.

Wells Cathedral School Somerset

P14 W6 L6 D2 A2

Master /c T. Webley**Coach** J. R. Boot

It was a delight for the First XI to be playing cricket again on Cedars Field after a blank 2020. The boys played some brilliant cricket, and put on a fantastic display in Wells cricket week, which included a fine draw against a strong MCC side.

Batting B. Furlong 489 at 44.45; J. P. Denegri 335 at 25.76; W. H. Rowley 289 at 22.23; C. J. Tucker 202 at 20.20.

Bowling B. Furlong 24 at 16.17; L. Deans 12 at 22.83; W. H. Rowley 14 at 28.64.

Westminster School Middlesex

P13 W7 L3 D3

Master /c J. D. Kershner**Coach** S. K. Ranasinghe

After no cricket the year before, 2021 brought a sixth London Schools' Under-19 Cup title, along with several other wins. Gaurav Kocher led the side ably, and proved a talented all-rounder, as did Will Whiu. The batting was led by Tarun Eapen, Ben Preston and wicketkeeper Ewan Hincks. The outstanding bowler was Mikael Toosy, while Ibrahim Ahmad provided fine support.

Batting T. M. Eapen 334 at 30.36; B. B. L. Preston 290 at 26.36; *G. Kocher 258 at 25.80; J. E. Hincks 200 at 22.22; W. J. M. Whiu 215 at 17.91.

Bowling M. Toosy 22 at 15.45; W. J. M. Whiu 13 at 16.00; M. I. Ahmad 10 at 32.10; G. Kocher 10 at 34.30.

Whitgift School Surrey

P18 W8 L10 A3

Master /c D. M. Ward**Coach** N. M. Kendrick

The First XI were inexperienced, with only three having played for them before. George Roberts led the batting and Krish Anand the bowling, while the whole team contributed to excellent wins over Cranleigh and Hampton, and to a very narrow defeat by Harrow – all a great advert for school cricket.

Batting G. W. M. Roberts 506 at 42.16; T. C. Lloyd 271 at 27.10; V. L. Jani 264 at 24.00; T. Patel 192 at 24.00; B. E. C. Karpal 189 at 23.62; S. E. McDowall 208 at 20.80; *J. J. Baxter 251 at 17.92; A. S. Gill 279 at 17.43.

Bowling J. J. Baxter 17 at 18.12; K. Anand 26 at 18.27; S. Sivaranjan 18 at 18.39; M. N. Shroff 15 at 19.33; B. E. C. Karpal 17 at 24.94; T. Patel 10 at 53.50.

Wilson's School Surrey

P17 W8 L9 A2

Master /c A. P. Parkinson

A disappointing season brought more defeats than victories. On several occasions the team failed to capitalise on strong positions. The best performance came in the National T20 Tournament, when Whitgift were beaten by 16 runs.

Batting *A. Dutta 343 at 34.30; P. Madan 362 at 27.84; F. H. R. Michael 298 at 22.92.

Bowling N. Viamalanathan 12 at 15.08; D. A. Read 21 at 17.19; J. Ellis 12 at 20.42.

Winchester College Hampshire

P19 W9 L7 D3 A1

Master /c J. M. Burridge**Coach** P. N. Gover

Batsmen Wilf La Fontaine Jackson and Caspar Byers, the captain, led a young side, particularly in T20s, where Byers was often dominant in the powerplay. Chris Batten and Zain Malik also made good impressions.

Batting W. J. La Fontaine Jackson 680 at 45.33; C. J. Batten 366 at 30.50; *C. A. S. Byers 429 at 28.60; H. W. T. Nicholls 268 at 17.86; Z. A. Malik 231 at 14.43; D. J. Hall 156 at 13.00.

Bowling S. Morgan 17 at 12.53; Z. A. Malik 26 at 15.38; S. C. Tall 12 at 17.75; P. A. L. Fisher 19 at 26.11; D. J. Hall 12 at 28.08; C. R. I. Whillock 16 at 37.31.

Woodbridge School Suffolk

P5 L5

Master /c I. J. Simpson,**Coach** D. A. Brous

This was a short season because of several cancellations. Thomas Harper batted superbly, and suggested he will be an excellent captain in 2022

Batting *T. A. Harper 307 at 61.40.

Bowling The leading bowler was T. A. Harper, who took eight wickets at 6.62.

Worksop College Nottinghamshire

P22 W7 L15 A2

Master i/c N. J. Longhurst**Coach** I. C. Parkin

The team saved their best performances for the knockout competitions, reaching the last eight of the National T20 and last 16 of the Under-17 Cup. Sam Meadows struck two centuries, while captain James Blackburn showed great control with his left-arm spin.

Batting S. J. Meadows 738 at 38.84; J. Davies 267 at 20.53; L. J. Hogg 296 at 18.50; *J. A. Blackburn 197 at 16.41; I. B. Parkin 280 at 15.55; P. S. Pothula 215 at 15.35; J. W. Thompson 222 at 13.87; W. E. Booth 231 at 12.83; S. H. Ali 231 at 12.15.

Bowling J. A. Blackburn 28 at 18.32; B. L. Tomlinson 21 at 24.05; P. S. Pothula 17 at 25.76; I. B. Parkin 19 at 26.47; J. W. Thompson 16 at 33.12.

Worth School Sussex

P15 W6 L5 D4 A8

Master i/c R. Chaudhuri

A strange season left the first team unfulfilled. A strong side never got into a rhythm, though Anish Padalkar, Jacob McLoughlin, Mali Lewis and Oliver Havas all made regular contributions. It will be tough to fill their shoes, but the younger players look a talented bunch.

Batting A. Padalkar 219 at 43.80; J. P. McLoughlin 194 at 32.33; M. B. Lewis 150 at 25.00.

Bowling J. P. McLoughlin 14 at 16.00; O. D. Havas 13 at 20.23.

Wrekin College Shropshire

P11 W5 L4 D2 A6

Master i/c J. Shaw

All those who played in the first team did an outstanding job. Year 13 Luke Thornton led the side capably, and was well supported by Patrick Ward-Clayton. All-rounder Matthew Lamb had another superb season.

Batting M. J. Lamb 285 at 47.50; P. J. Ward-Clayton 172 at 34.40; *L. Thornton 234 at 33.42.

Bowling L. Thornton 16 at 14.44; M. J. Lamb 15 at 15.07.

Wycliffe College Gloucestershire

P9 W5 L4 A6

Master i/c M. J. Kimber**Coach** B. W. Gannon

Liberty Maher led the batting and averaged exactly 100, while captain Oliver Wood bowled economically with little luck.

Batting L. Maher 400 at 100.00; H. W. Murray 271 at 54.20; O. Gabb 242 at 34.57.

Bowling The leading bowler was F. A. Christie, who took nine wickets at at 23.89.