

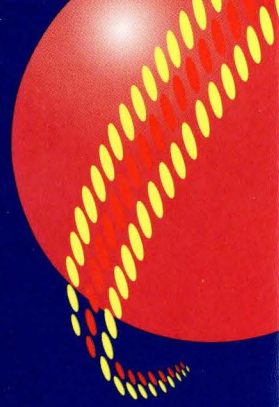
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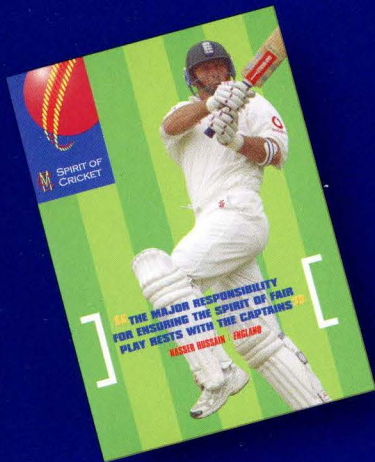
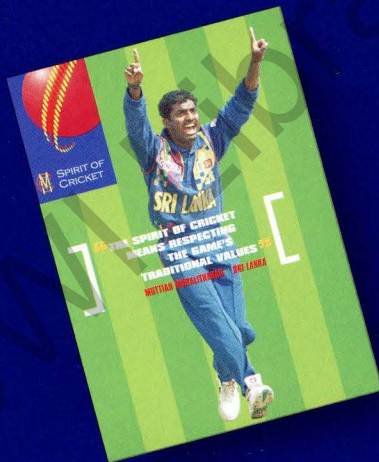
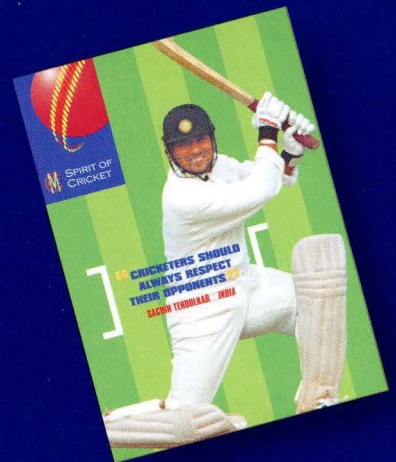
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Simon Jones appeals for a caught behind during the third day's play of the MCC v Sri Lankans tour match played at Queen's Park, Chesterfield.

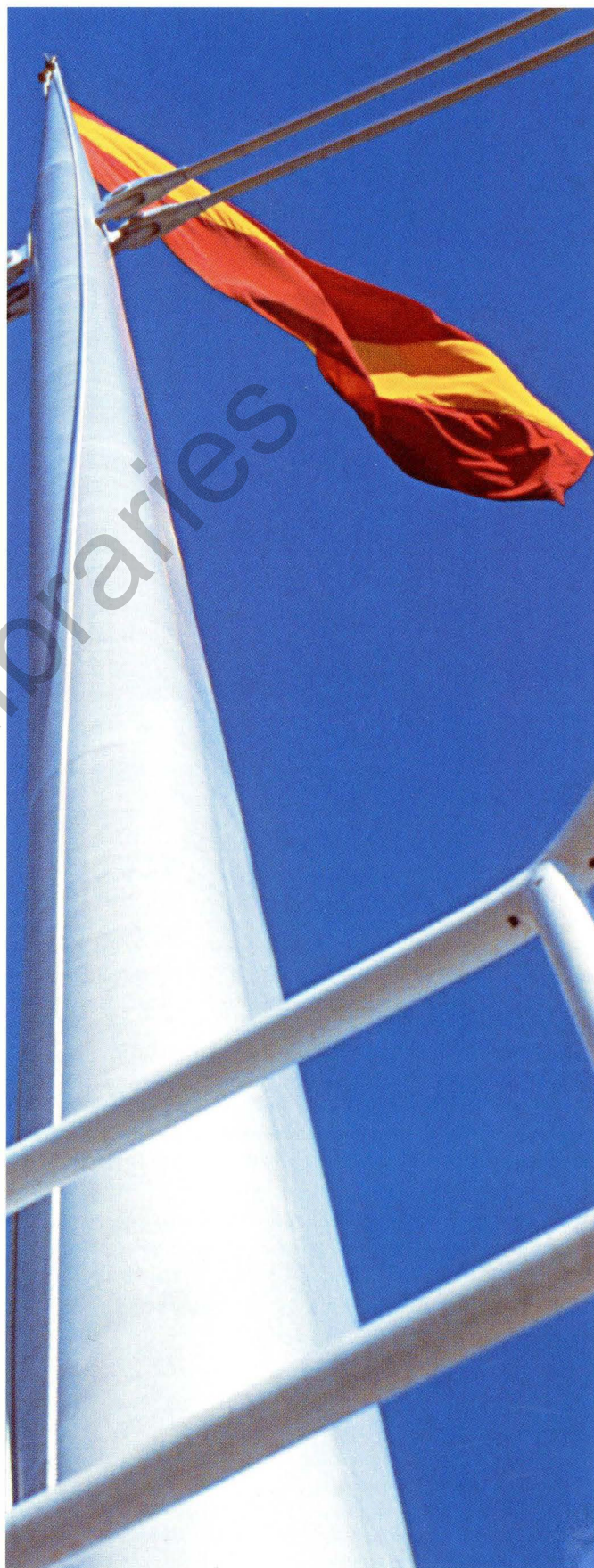
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James Kirtley traps Kumar Sangakarra of Sri Lanka lbw for 6 during the third day's play of the MCC v Sri Lankans tour match played at Queen's Park, Chesterfield.

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INTRODUCTION



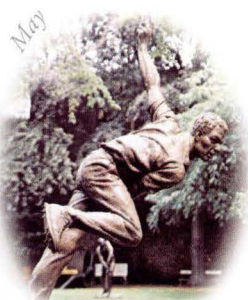
James Finlay

The father of the satirist, Peter Cook, was a District Officer in Nigeria, with an abiding interest in cricket. Peter Cook said, "My father used to receive news by boat, six months after it was published. He'd open *The Times* and say, 'Good God; Worcester are 78 for 6.'"

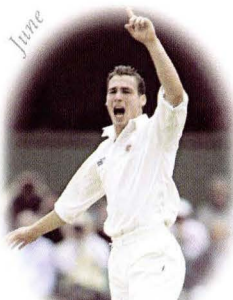
There is, of necessity, a similar time-lag between the happenings at Lord's and elsewhere and their being recorded in this, the MCC *Cricket Annual*, not that we would pretend that our pages might give rise to the same astonishment as that experienced by Cook père. Perhaps the only cause of surprise might be the spectrum of items, ranging, as they do, constitutionally, from international to village cricket and, locationally, from Sidcup to Singapore. The writ of MCC continues to run exceedingly wide, something that its Members should never take easily for granted. The immense and tireless efforts of its officers, tour-managers, team-managers and scores of others reflect great credit on the ethos and structure of the Club. In addition, this season, at lunchtime during many fixtures, match managers made a well-received effort to convey the MCC Spirit of Cricket message, while a number of coaching sessions were also organised at schools.

The summer was warm but wet. However, Lord's fared reasonably well. On 5th June 1944 the RAF meteorologist, Group Captain J.M. Stagg, described by Dwight Eisenhower as a 'dour but canny Scot', made what has been called 'the most famous weather forecast in history', when he predicted the lull in the storms that enabled the decision to be reached that D-Day would be 6th June. Nearly 60 years on and Lord's found similar 'windows' of sunshine for all the main matches, with, for instance, the India Test played in the kind of conditions that might have reminded Peter Cook's father of his days in Nigeria anxiously spent worrying whether Worcestershire had recovered from that collapse of six months previously.

Eric Midwinter



Bowler unveiled



MCC v Sri Lankans



Cowdrey Lecture



Coaching clinics



Outfield project

MAJOR MATCHES AT LORD'S

ENGLAND RECOVER AND REGROUP

16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th May
ENGLAND v SRI LANKA
npower Test Match

Match drawn

Sri Lanka 555-8 dec
(M.S.Atapattu 185; D.P.M.D.Jayawardene 107;
P.A.de Silva 88; R.P.Arnold 50)

& 42-1

England 275
(M.P.Vaughan 64; N.Hussain 57)

& 529-5 dec
(M.P.Vaughan 115; M.A.Butcher 105;
M.E.Trescothick 76; N.Hussain 68; G.P.Thorpe 65)

npower test match

Now that this Test match may be judged by the replay camera of hindsight it takes on a different meaning. For three days England were crushingly outplayed - and then for the other twelve days of the three match series they recovered handsomely to win the rubber two to none.

For the eighth time in ten Tests, Sri Lanka, relishing the fine weather and the true pitch, sped to over 500. The first day, when they reached 314 for 3, was especially scintillating, with Mahela Jayawardene and Marvan Atapattu carving and striking with a delightful fluidity. Aravinda de Silva, Russel Arnold and Nuwan Zoysa gave steady assistance, and then, on the third day, in spite of sound endeavour from Michael Vaughan and Nasser Hussain, the English batting flopped.

The follow-on was imposed and England faced likely defeat. Some comfort was gained from the beginnings of a magnificent opening stand toward the close of that third day. With a couple of significant fielding lapses at the commencement of the fourth day, when two easy catches were missed, this flourished into a partnership worth 168 between Vaughan and Marcus Trescothick. Then Mark Butcher, with a patient century, and his colleagues, none of whom failed to score comfortably, carried England past the 500 mark and thus to safety. Without the wily but injured Murali, the Sri Lankans faltered rather and were insufficiently positive in attack. Given the poor weather of Sri



Michael Vaughan's two tenacious innings against Sri Lanka marked the start of a remarkable summer for the Yorkshire batsman

Lanka's preparatory matches, many had expected England would take the initiative and yet, at the end, it was the tourists who suffered the disappointment, the more so as they never regained any dominance and were beaten in the next two Tests.

LONG RUNNING INDIA

29th June
ENGLAND v INDIA
NatWest Series

India won by 6 wickets

England 271-7 in 50 overs
(M.E.Trescothick 86; N.Hussain 54)

India 272-4 in 48.5 overs
(V.Sehwag 71; R.Dravid 73*; Yuvraj Singh 64*)

natwest-series

There was a television commercial that promoted the longer life of a brand of battery by contrasting it with a weaker rival. Both started energetically, but, while the one whirled merrily along, the other petered out sluggishly. This international encounter followed the same pattern.

England blazed the way, with Marcus Trescothick in piratical mood, plundering runs in bold spirit, with the run-rate touching seven and even eight. Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain gave steady support, but then it all dwindled away to relative disappointment.

Limited overs techniques are now so improved that, with an excellent wicket and the severe bowling and fielding restrictions, 300 has become the target of safety, where once 250 or 275 had seemed to be sufficient. India also began brightly, with Virender

Sehwag dashing to a sizzling 71. Sourav Ganguly accompanied him, rather more sedately, in an opening stand of 109. There was a temporary break in the circuit, when Ashley Giles (3 for 39) and Ronnie Irani delayed the Indians, with the aid of outstanding catches by Marcus Trescothick and James Kirtley.

Then they upped the voltage. Rahul Dravid and Yuvraj Singh, who also took three wickets, stormed on to an unbroken partnership of 131, with the battery still running. It was long life to the Indian batsmen - and short shrift to the heavily pulverised English quick bowlers.



James Kirtley's outstanding catch was not enough to stop the advance of the Indians

ENGLAND OVERRUN BY INDIA

13th July
ENGLAND v INDIA
NatWest Series Final

India won by 2 wickets

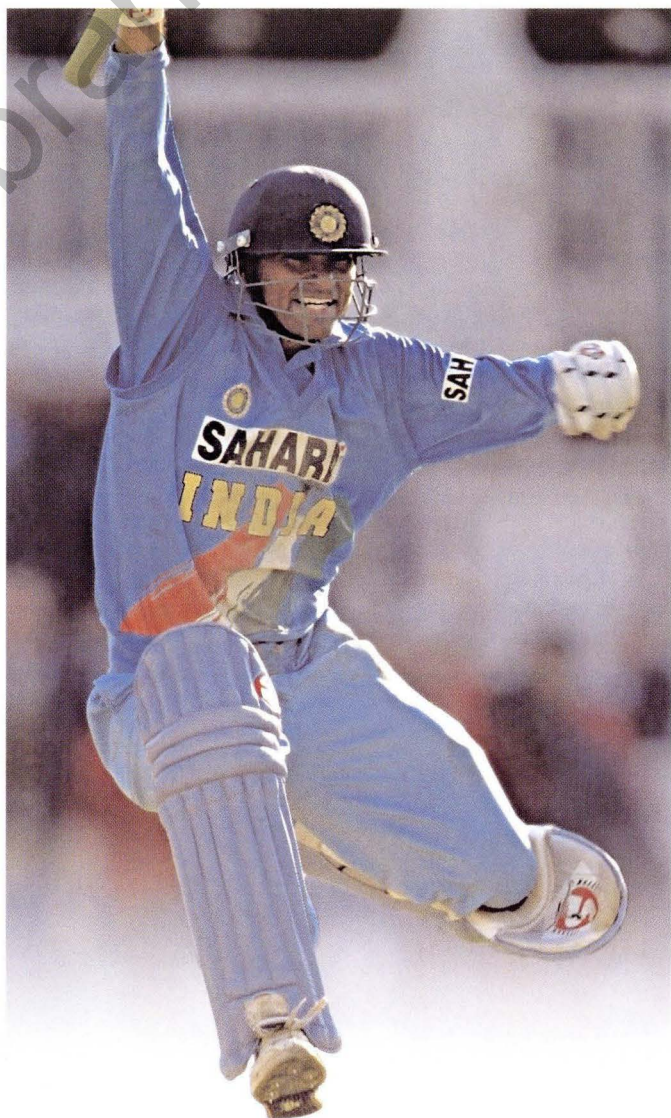
England	325-5 in 50 overs (M.E.Trescothick 109; N.Hussain 115)
India	326-8 in 49.3 overs (M.Kaif 87*; Yuvraj Singh 69; S.C.Ganguly 60)

natwest series final

Phew! This was a crackling, breath-taking advertisement for one-day cricket. On one of the first freshly bright days of the summer and before a full, noisy but well-ordered crowd, a regal feast of 651 runs was laid.

England scored heavily and steadily. Marcus Trescothick, continuing in imperious form, made 109 in exactly a hundred balls, chiefly in a record partnership of 185 with Nasser Hussain. After some recent ill fortune and an unconvincing start, Hussain took competent advantage of better luck on this occasion and also hit a century. Andrew Flintoff clumped a characteristic 40, but, strangely, and, in the light of coming events, critically, the last three or four overs were rather frittered away.

However, even with this fine wicket and the quick outfield, it was a tough target. Sourav Ganguly (60) and Virender Sehwag (45) sped in short time to 106 for the opening stand, but, then, five wickets fell for 40 runs in ten overs, the Gods, Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid among them, falling to injudicious shots. The game sagged. The bubble seemed burst. There was, for a time, that 'limited overs' sense of a match that was over but with time to be passed in desultory fashion. But the Indians were like an army, forced to retreat but not vanquished, who, having rested, were ready to resume the battle. Of a sudden, the 20-year-old Yuvraj Singh and the 21-year-old Mohammad Kaif were swishing and swooping, adding 121 for the sixth wicket. It was heady stuff. A couple of wickets fell, but Kaif survived to ensure a superb victory for India in the very last over. It was a magically exuberant day.



Mohammed Kaif celebrates a famous victory

INDIA; THE TARNISHED DIAMOND

25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th July
ENGLAND v INDIA
npower Test Match

England won by 170 runs

England	487
(N.Hussain 155; J.P.Crawley 64; A.Flintoff 59; C.White 53*)	
&	301-6 dec
	(M.P.Vaughan 100; J.P.Crawley 100*)
India	221
	(V.Schwag 84)
&	397
(A.B.Agarkar 109*; V.V.S.Laxman 74; R.Dravid 63; W.Jaffer 53)	

npower test match

The Indian diamond that had gleamed with such lustre in the NatWest Final barely a fortnight before was dulled throughout the First Test, which England won with triumphant conviction. In sultry conditions, more old Madras than Maida Vale, England outplayed India. Only some tough resistance on the final day, notably in a surprising undefeated century from Ajit Agarkar, salvaged anything of India's reputation.

Nasser Hussain, who led his dedicated forces with steely acumen, made a redoubtable 155. His chief adjutants were Andrew Flintoff, with an explosive half century, John Crawley with a prudent but spruce 64, and Craig White with a competent fifty. The debutant, Simon Jones, won instant acclaim as he banged away for 44 cheerful runs.

The pundits believed that, on so sound a pitch and with so fast an outfield, the talented Indian batsmen would respond in kind against a purportedly depleted English attack. However, the craftsmen confounded the artists. The boisterous Virender Sehwag and the careful Rahul Dravid did their best, but the rest fell aside.

The follow-on was not enforced, a decision that called for some comment, but the bowlers were exhausted and deserved a respite. England's second innings was monopolised by Michael Vaughan and John Crawley, each scoring an exact hundred, and the Indians were then set a huge target. Again, the English artisans perplexed the Indian aesthetes, well though Rahul Dravid, for the second time, and V.V.S.Laxman strove. Perhaps the root of the Indians' trouble lay in the dismal showing of their stars, the decorous Sachin Tendulkar and their captain, Sourav Ganguly. In four innings they mustered only 33 runs between them. Lord's was the ideal setting, with the big crowds in raptures over a peak English achievement. Victory came on the afternoon of the fifth day, which happened to be London's hottest day since 1989. It was to be the first match of a bewitching rubber.



Simon Jones scored 44 and took three wickets on his debut for England at Lord's

WARWICKS' WINNING WAYS

22nd June
ESSEX v WARWICKSHIRE
Benson and Hedges Cup Final

Warwickshire won by 5 wickets

Essex	181-8 in 50 overs
Warwickshire	182-5 in 36.2 overs
	(I.R.Bell 65*)

b&h cup final

A score of previous winning captains formed a guard of honour for the umpires and players at the start of the last ever Benson and Hedges Cup Final. They had barely resumed their seats when the present England captain, Nasser Hussain, joined them in the pavilion, caught behind off the second ball of a morning of high cloud but pleasant conditions. It was the prelude to a set of mishaps and ill-selected shots that left the fancied Essex batting line-up groping at 86 for 6.

As often happens in one-day cricket, the last stand was the most productive, with Paul Grayson and Ashley Cowan grinding out 47 runs for the ninth wicket to bring a semblance of respectability to the proceedings.

Contrary to the expectation that Warwickshire would approach their task pragmatically, with a canny three or four runs an over, the midland county motored on with increasing assurance. This was a bright, joyful hour or so, as Ian Bell batted freely, leaving Warwickshire easy winners with overs to spare. In healthy alliance

first with Jamie Troughton and then with Shaun Pollock, he drove and clipped with neat fluency.

The veteran skippers may have raised the curtain on this ultimate Benson and Hedges Final, but it was the impressive tyro, Ian Bell, who deservedly took the last bow.



Gold Award winner Ian Bell in full flow

HOW SUMMER SET ON SOMERSET

31st August
SOMERSET v YORKSHIRE
Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy Final

Yorkshire won by 6 wickets

Somerset	256-8 in 50 overs (P.D.Bowler 67; M.J.Hoggard 5-65)
Yorkshire	260-4 in 48 overs (M.T.G.Elliott 128*)

c&g trophy final

Matthew Elliott, acting as locum for his countryman, Darren Lehmann, practised with clinical proficiency, following his century in the 1997 Lord's Test with an authoritative and undefeated 128 on this occasion. The watchful Vaughan (31) and the assured Anthony McGrath (46 not out) were his surgical assistants.

In a week when Yorkshire had stared bankruptcy in the face, it must have been doubly pleasing for them to place willing hands on some well-merited silverware.

This game went according to recent form. The holders, Somerset, having deteriorated over the last weeks, found themselves dicing with relegation from the top flight of the county championship. Yorkshire, after a woeful summer, had perked themselves up recently with a couple of wins. The day reflected the season.

Somerset began brightly and faded, whereas Yorkshire finished robustly as the shadows lengthened. Perhaps the most dramatic incident of the day, in respect both of excitement and plot, was Michael Vaughan's spectacular catch to thwart the busily threatening Marcus Trescothick (27). Skilfully although Peter Bowler (67), Jamie Cox (34) and Keith Parsons (41) tried to maintain the impetus, Somerset failed to gather any real momentum on a pitch that always seemed to play a little uneasily.

Matthew Hoggard, trudging stolidly back to his bowling mark and fielding place, bowled excellently, finishing with 5 for 65, 15 of those runs coming from two wayward no balls and the consequent free hits. His English comrade, Andrew Caddick, failed to emulate this tenacity and, indeed, the Somerset bowling, apart from the early inroads of Richard Johnson, with 3 for 20 in his first spell, looked mundane. The Australian,



Matthew Elliott celebrates a marvellous innings, and a Yorkshire victory

MAJOR MCC MATCHES

SRI LANKANS LIMP BY THE CROOKED SPIRE

6th, 7th, 8th June
MCC v SRI LANKANS
at Queen's Park, Chesterfield

Match drawn

MCC 326-7 dec
(U.Afzaal 111*; R.W.T.Key 77)
& 93-0

Sri Lankans 127
(P.A.de Silva 54*)

mcc v sri lankans



MCC v Sri Lankans - Back Row: R.J.Kirtley; A.J.Strauss; R.K.J.Dawson; K.J.Dean; S.P.Jones; D.I.Stevens Front Row: C.M.W.Read†; O.A.Shah; D.P.Fulton*; U.Afzaal R.W.T.Key



Action at Queen's Park

Christine Roe

MCC again played one first-class match during the dampish summer of 2002. A strong selection had the better of the Sri Lankans in a game at Chesterfield marred by inclement weather.

MCC batted very purposefully indeed. Andrew Strauss (32) of Middlesex and Robert Key (77) of Kent laid a steady foundation of 95 runs, while Nottinghamshire's Usman Afzaal completed an excellent unbeaten century. Only Suresh Perera (4 for 66) much troubled the MCC batsmen.

MCC were not able to declare until the third morning, but, even so, their routing of the Sri Lankans was a fine achievement. Rising stars James Kirtley (3 for 47) of Sussex, Kevin Dean (3 for 29) of Derbyshire and Simon Jones (2 for 23) of Glamorgan shared the wickets, as the visitors slumped to 57 for 8, before being dismissed for a disappointing 127. In such circumstances, Aravinda de Silva's undefeated half-century was a superb effort.

Strauss and Fulton then knocked up a brisk 93 before close of play, in final emphasis of MCC's advantage.

THE SUN SHINES ON SHENLEY

26th June
MCC v ECB XI
at Shenley

MCC lost by 9 wickets

MCC 191-8 in 50 overs
(S.V.Carlisle 74)

ECB XI 194-1 in 46 overs
(C.Mole 78; Q.Hughes 54*)

mcc v ecb xi

MCC Team: J.R.Wileman*; J.C.Adams†; M.G.Boocock; S.A.Kellett; C.M.Pitcher; G.Prince; K.H.A.Powell; P.V.Simmons; D.Waugh; P.E.Wellings

Ours is a nation where over 90% of the population live in urban areas that occupy only about 11% of the available space. Shenley Cricket Centre symbolises the opposite: apart from a roof or two visible from one arc of the boundary, there is no sign of human habitation across views of arable tillage.

With a warm sun and a zephyr breeze, these were ideal conditions for cricket. In spite of such encouraging circumstances, Simon Kellett, Phil Simmons and Jimmy Adams were soon out. It was left to the stylish Zimbabwean, Stuart Carlisle, to lead the MCC challenge, as the Club strove to gain some momentum, with the combative ECB bowling, in particular the wily medium pace of A.Pugh (3 for 15), conspiring to keep them in check. Jonathan



Tranquility at Shenley

James Finlay

Wileman struck some late blows in a useful 40, as MCC managed 191 in their allotted overs.

The ECB XI - managed by Alan Wilson, himself having travelled from Kendal - had arrived from all points of the compass, but they acquitted themselves well, as MCC attempted to reverse last year's defeat at Wormsley. Although G.Prince and K.Powell bowled accurately, the top three ECB batsmen overtook the MCC score easily. Q.Hughes and a belligerent C.Mole added 146 for the first wicket, with A.Hall helping to complete what turned out to be a relatively comfortable task.

MCC MATCHES AT LORD'S

MAJOR RAIN ON MINOR COUNTIES

2nd May
MCC v MINOR COUNTIES

Match abandoned

Minor Counties 67-2 in 20 overs

mcc v minor counties

This 50-over clash, having been reduced to 40 overs, barely enjoyed much more than an hour's play and had to be abandoned because of the heavy rain.

MCC Team: A.E.McKenna*; R.J.Boon; D.R.Clarke; P.J.Drinnen†; R.J.Falconer; R.Kotkamp; M.A.Mujtaba; P.J.O'Reilly; H.Pedrola; D.F.Ralfs; A.Saleem



MCC

VETERANS OUT-GUN RECRUITS

8th May
MCC v MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS

MCC won by 72 runs

MCC 250-4, dec
(T.W.Harrison 71; J.E.Morris 75)
MCCYC 178

mcc v mcc ycs



Bill Smith

MCC - Back Row: M.G.Miller; T.W.Harrison; K.C.Williams, B.Smith; G.A.Bucknell; A.Saleem Front Row: A.R.Roberts; S.H.Wootton; J.D.Robinson*; J.E.Morris, T.S.Smith

MCC paid their young learners the compliment of picking a most experienced team, and one that, on the day, batted and bowled with some decisiveness.

A hundred opening partnership from Simon Wootton (43) of Warwickshire and Tom Harrison (71) of Derbyshire gave MCC an uncompromising start. It was built upon by the former England batsman, John Morris, with a dominating 75.

Dai-Morgan Rushbrook (44) and Jonathan Walford (32) strove hard, but the bowling was tight. Andrew Roberts, the Northants bowler, took 4 for 59 and Tim Smith, of Hertfordshire, 3 for 39, as MCCYC were dismissed for 178.

NORTH-WEST REGION ON TRACK FOR VICTORY

21st May
MCC NORTH WEST v MCC LONDON SOUTH

MCC North West won by 29 runs

MCC North West 189-8, dec
(R.M.O.Cooke 84)
MCC London South 160
(D.J.Skidmore 56; A.G.McIlroy 6-26)

mcc nw v mcc ls



Bill Smith

MCC North West - Back Row: R.A.B.Purnell; A.G.McIlroy; A.C.J.Elwood; D.A.Lees; S.C.Yates; A.J.Good; P.A.Brown Front Row: R.E.W.G.Horridge; T.Hodson; R.M.O. Cooke*; G.T.E.Monkhouse; D.R.Green

In what sounded vaguely like a contest between two railway companies, it was the reliable service of Andy McIlroy, with 6 for 26, that shunted London South Region into the sidings of defeat. He was ably assisted by Tony Elwood, with 3 for 44.

North-West Region had puffed and stuttered at the outset, but Bob Cooke (84), once of Essex, Graham Monkhouse (35), formerly of Surrey and David Lees (29), adjusted the throttle to a nicety and permitted of a tempting declaration.

London South Region reversed the process, for, at one stage, they were 104 for the loss of one wicket, with Dean Skidmore (56) and Fraser Stewart (48) steaming along in fine style. Then McIlroy turned the signals to red - the last eight of the London South order could only manage 15 runs among them, as they skidded to 160, all out.



Bill Smith

MCC London South - Back Row: R.A.B.Purnell; J.A.Brady; D.J.Skidmore; P.B.Allen; C.S.R.Stedman; F.L.Stewart Front Row: J.C.Murrin; C.H.Fellows-Smith; P.Bedford*; G.J.G.Knapper; G.P.Hewitt

MAYNARD SENDS THE SCOTS FLYING

12th August 2002
MCC v SCOTLAND

MCC won by six wickets

Scotland	240 in 49.4 overs (R.E.More 81; D.A.J.Rigby 66)
MCC	241-4 in 46 overs (M.P.Maynard 117*; Asif Mujtaba 65)

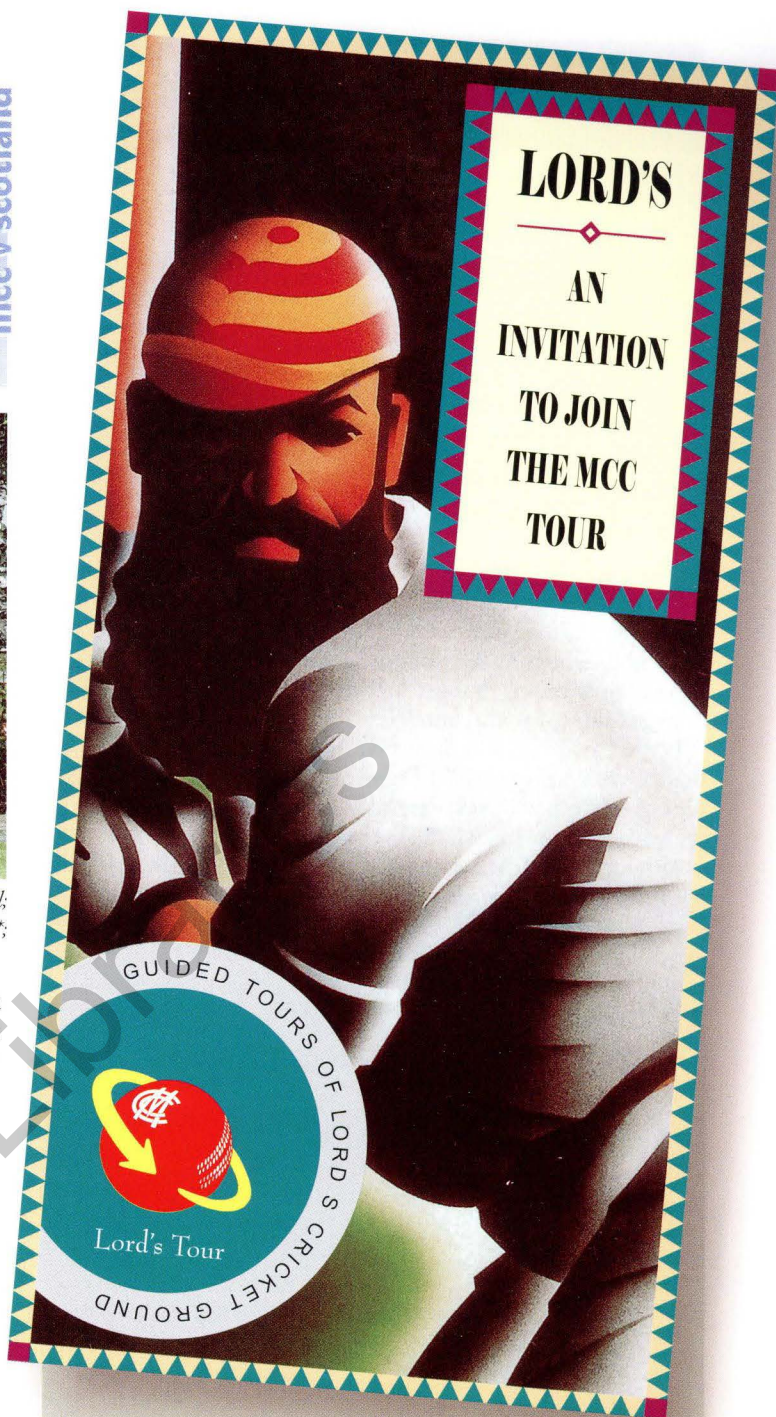
mcc v scotland



MCC - Back Row: K.Newell; R.Kotkamp; D.R.Brown; K.H.A.Powell; N.R.Gaywood; J.E.R.Gallian; N.P.Durham Front Row: A.Mujtaba; D.A.Lewis*; M.P.Maynard; S.C.Ecclestone

Matthew Maynard's century was the chief difference in an entertaining meeting on a day of agreeable sunniness. The initial sequence of scores was remarkably similar: 1 for 15; 1 for 9; 2 for 18; 2 for 18; 5 for 215; 4 for 210; but then, where Scotland collapsed against a strong MCC combine, their hosts forged mercilessly ahead. Robert More, with an able 81, led the Caledonian challenge, but, C.J.O.Smith and D.A.J.Rigby apart, there was no other score above six.

Amid a flurry of first-class names, it was Ronny Kotkamp, of Wimbledon CC, who, with 4 for 31, proved to be the most damaging attacker. The famed were more apparent in the batting response, with Nottinghamshire's Jason Gallian and Pakistan's Asif Mujtaba acting as talented partners for the dominant Maynard.



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OTHER MATCHES AT LORD'S

ETON COLLAR HARROW

25th April
ETON v HARROW

Eton won by 66 runs

Eton	221-7 in 55 overs (B.R.Thompson 98)
Harrow	155 in 48.3 overs

eton v harrow

This match is now a 55-overs-a-side affair, although the traditions of luncheon and tea intervals are maintained. Thus, one avoids the lengthy wait from breakfast to mid-afternoon, which leaves those who do not dine surreptitiously faint with ravening hunger at the, admittedly, more logically arranged limited overs contests.

Be that as it may, Eton showed more appetite for the fray on the day. B.R.Thompson, unluckily out for 98, played the main innings of the match, with useful knocks from others, notably, at the end, 36 from J.H.Mathias.

Although S.R.L.Maydon (31) and R.V.G.Harmsworth (48) battled well for Harrow, Eton chipped away steadily, with five of their bowlers taking wickets and with their opponents never permitted to settle into any stand of impact. It was a comfortable victory for Eton and some recompense for last year's defeat.

VARSITY VENTURES

25th June
OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE (Men)

Oxford won by 37 runs

Oxford	322-7 in 50 overs (S.J.Hawinkels 103; J.W.M.Dalrymple 78; N.Millar 70)
Cambridge	285 in 45.4 overs (A.D.Simcox 104; D.R.Heath 103)

oxford v cambridge



The victorious Oxford team

Cloudless skies greeted this second essay in bi-gender University cricket, with the gentlemen at play on the main ground and the ladies gracing the Nursery.

For the second year running Oxford's men students won, but with not quite the same devastation as in 2001. It was a run feast fit for a collegiate high table. Although Dan McGrath took three wickets, they cost him 75 runs, and his colleagues did little better in face of the Oxford onslaught, with Steve Hawinkels following his undefeated half century of last summer with a majestic hundred on this occasion. Jamie Dalrymple (78) and N.Millar (70) were his belligerent attendants.

Cambridge rallied valiantly with a massive opening stand by A.D.Simcox and D.R.Heath of 185. Then it all went wrong. Hawinkels (4 for 55) and Dalrymple (4 for 42), not content with monopolising much of the batting, struck down eight Cantabrigian bats between them, thereby completing an impressive two-handed display of all-round cricket.

25th June
OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE (Women)

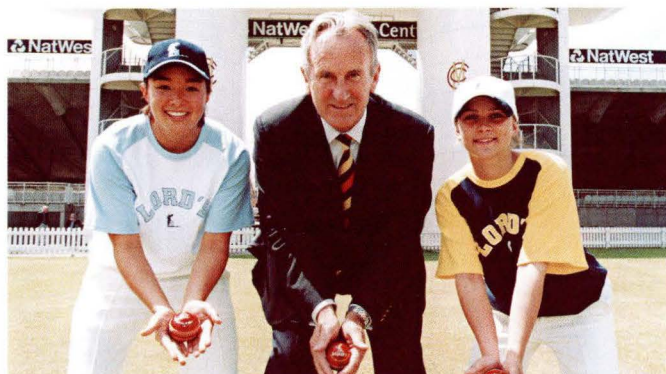
Cambridge won by one wicket

Oxford	176 in 50 overs
Cambridge	179-9 in 45 overs (A.Langdale 86)

oxford v cambridge



Cambridge captain Jamie Parker tosses the coin as Jamie Dalrymple of Oxford makes the call



Ted Dexter with Oxford captain, Ping Lo, and Katherine Dickens of Cambridge

While the men blazed away to the tune of over 600 runs, the distaff sides, as in last year's inaugural dual tourney, evened the scores. Oxford's 179 was gradually overtaken for the loss of nine wickets in an exciting finale, with Homerton's A.Langdale's 86 the mainstay.



The Cambridge batters celebrate their win

THE LORDS OF LOUGHBOROUGH

2nd July

LOUGHBOROUGH UCCE v OXFORD UCCE
ECB University Centres of Excellence -
One-Day Challenge Final

Loughborough UCCE won by 69 runs

Loughborough UCCE 296-5 in 50 overs
(M.J.Powell 94*; C.D.Nash 85; S.A.Selwood 56)

Oxford UCCE 227 in 46.4 overs
(H.R.Jones 114; D.H.Wigley 5-52)

Where once Oxford and Cambridge had been the sole occupants of the varsity cricketing roost, and where Durham had threatened to find a place in the nest, now Loughborough, with their second successive win in this competition, have emerged as a powerful university-based combine.

M.J.Powell, who has played for Northants, S.A.Selwood, who has played for Derbyshire and whose father, Tim Selwood, represented Middlesex, and C.D.Nash built a formidable total, principally through strong partnerships of 91 for the third and 154 for the fifth wickets.

H.R.Jones struggled manfully for Oxford and completed a diligent century, but he could find no supporters. Wickets fell regularly, with the Loughborough opening bowler, D.H.Wigley, returning the excellent figures of 5 for 52 in 8.4 overs. Loughborough must be favourites for a third triumph in 2003.

...THEN THEY DUG UP THE TURF

1st September

ELVASTON v SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD
The Cricketer National Village Championship Final

Shipton-under-Wychwood won by 5 wickets

Elvaston 121 in 40 overs

Shipton-under-Wychwood 122-5 in 37.2 overs

With the Lord's outfield about to be disturbed, this fixture had gambled on the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy Final not requiring an extra day. A provisional booking of the Hambledon ground had been arranged to ensure against that possibility. Luckily, good weather prevailed over the weekend.

Where Yorkshire and Somerset had, therefore, battled out their senior final twenty-four hours before, Elvaston, from Derbyshire, and Shipton-under-Wychwood, from Oxfordshire, fought out the village final. However, even village cricket has its Yorkshire and Somerset equivalents, for both villages, Elvaston especially, are no strangers to Lord's.

While the day was gloriously sunny, the cricket was a little autumnal, as Elvaston struggled against a tidy Shipton attack, in which Chris Danter and Paul Hemming, each with 3 for 26, were outstanding. Paul Birch (22) and James Bodill (24) were Elvaston's chief contributors.



Phil Garner, the 56-year-old former Oxfordshire captain, during his tight spell of spin bowling which helped to wrest the initiative for Shipton

Although Gareth Hall took a couple of early wickets, Shipton's response was altogether steadier. Steve Bates, who also made a sensational, schoolboy-story catch, advanced purposefully to 40, while skipper Paul Hemming crowned a worthy all-round display with a competent 33 and deservedly strode forward to collect the trophy.

And then they dug up the turf.



MCC OVERSEAS TOURS

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FIRST FOOTING IN MUMBAI: MCC 'B' TOUR TO INDIA

Tony Dodemaide reporting



Back Row: S.Salisbury; P.Drinneen; B.T.P.Donelan; J.M.Coles; J.K.Barrow; M.P.W.Jeh; J.D.Robinson Front Row: L.Potter; D.M.Ward; M.W.Gatting*; A.I.C.Dodemaide (manager); P.Bedford

Despite returning to London without the winner's trophy, the New Year tour to Mumbai to compete in the Spirit of Cricket Festival, magnificently hosted by the Cricket Club of India, could only be recorded as a great success.

As well as having a playing function, the tournament had a high degree of ceremonial significance, and several Club dignitaries were invited by the hosts, including the President, Secretary & Chief Executive and selected past Presidents.

The competition format mirrored that of the April 2001 tour to Hong Kong, albeit with a different motivation. Each team played the other once, with the two most successful teams competing in a final. Although not ideal in cricket terms, the format allowed a meaningful event over a time-frame of less than two weeks. In reality, though, the playing results would always be considered secondary to the overall objective of upholding and demonstrating the traditional virtues of the game, even though all teams entered the tournament determined to do well.

In circumstances that also closely mirrored the Hong Kong tournament, MCC were beaten by the hosts in our first match before recording a thrilling win over Melbourne Cricket Club,

30th December 2001

*v Cricket Club of India at Brabourne Stadium
(50 overs)*

MCC lost by 39 runs

CCI	266-8
(Y.Sharma 86, K.More 110, B.T.P.Donelan 3-61)	
MCC	227 all out
(J.D.Robinson 59, D.M.Ward 67, S.Nayak 3-46, D.Doshi 3-44)	

2nd January 2002

*v Melbourne CC at Brabourne Stadium
(50 overs)*

MCC won by 33 runs (on a faster run rate)

MCC	248-8
(L.Potter 69, S.Cook 6-55)	
Melbourne CC	215-9
(M.Penniger 76, J.M.Coles 3-43, L.Potter 3-39)	

3rd January

*v Cricket Club of India at Brabourne Stadium
(50 overs)*

MCC lost by 3 wickets

MCC	226-9
(D.M.Ward 82, S.Patil 3-42)	
CCI	229-7
(S.Ankola 45, S.Patil 67*)	

qualifying for a place in the Final against CCI on run rate. Alas, the Club was again beaten in the Final by three wickets, although the result may easily have hinged on one or two fielding blemishes. In the end, it did not matter particularly, as the objectives of the event were achieved, and the Club left with its reputation much enhanced.

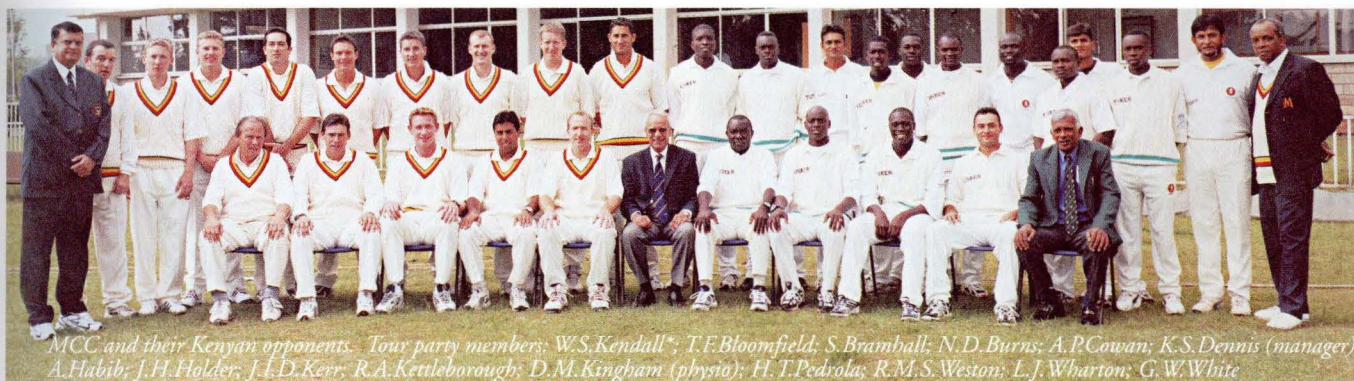
Whilst the entire touring party did their bit, special thanks must go to the captain, Mike Gatting, who proved the perfect ambassador and a tireless diplomat.



Cricket is played in a crowded park in India

TOUGH TIMES IN MOMBASA AND NAIROBI: MCC 'A' TOUR TO KENYA

Will Kendall reporting



MCC and their Kenyan opponents. Tour party members: W.S.Kendall*, T.F.Bloomfield; S.Bramball; N.D.Burns; A.P.Cowan; K.S.Dennis (manager); A.Habib; J.H.Holder; J.L.D.Kerr; R.A.Kettleborough; D.M.Kingham (physio); H.T.Pedrola; R.M.S.Weston; L.J.Wharton; G.W.White

The previous MCC tour to Kenya, in 1997, gave the 2002 touring party a fair indication of what to expect. On that occasion, an experienced side was convincingly beaten by the Kenyans, managing just one victory on the trip. This time round, a younger, but no less talented, squad received exactly the same treatment. It made for a hard tour in cricket terms, though still a hugely enriching experience.

The first ten days of the trip were spent in Mombasa. The party took a while to acclimatise, having arrived from an English February, but the Kenyan players had little sympathy, beating us comfortably on each occasion that the weather allowed play. An initial morale-boosting win in a warm-up game against a Select XI at Coast Gymkhana was quickly forgotten once the local batsmen, and Steve Tikolo in particular, found the middle of their bats on a regular basis. Tikolo, a world class player, scored rapid hundreds in the first two 'international' fixtures and set a hectic run rate of seven an over that the Kenyans barely dipped under in the remaining games. Despite a handy batting side on paper, we were unable to match the Kenyans' explosive hitting.

The highlight of the tour was Giles White's brilliant century in the second 'international' in Mombasa, which, accompanied by useful contributions from Robin Weston and Neil Burns, brought us within reach of a remarkable win, but we fell at the last. On the bowling side, Ashley Cowan worked tirelessly and Jason Kerr also found some success in difficult conditions, whilst Heath Pedrola's all-round performances made him a crucial member of the side.

Once in Nairobi, the weather allowed for just one further game in the final week of the tour, which MCC lost by ten wickets.

The chief objective of the tour was to assist Kenya in her quest for Test status, and the Kenyan side certainly showed its unquestionable talent and desire in one-day cricket. Their explosive batting, disciplined bowling and outstanding fielding were a class above anything that MCC could muster. If these attributes can be honed to the longer form of the game they will surely be an emerging force, not only in one-day international cricket but also in the Test arena. The ambition shown by their officials and the apparent infrastructure of cricket within the country should also stand them in good stead.

Despite the disappointing on-pitch results, the touring party remained upbeat and enjoyed several social occasions. An evening trip on the superb Tamarind Dhow and a night out at Tembo provided plenty of entertainment in Mombasa whilst the touring party were received by the High Commissioner at his temporary residence in Nairobi in a delightful evening reception with the Kenyan players and officials.

Keith Dennis did a sterling job as manager whilst John Holder, revelling in his return to one of his favourite spots, umpired with his usual authority. Physiotherapist Duncan Kingham was a key man, working more as a doctor as, one by one, the party was struck with various ailments.

The Kenyan Cricket Association were fine hosts. Thanks must go to everyone involved, in particular, to Harilal Shah and

28th February

v Coast Cricket Association (35 overs)

MCC won by 7 wickets

CCA	119-9
MCC	120-3

2nd March

v Kenya (50 overs)

MCC lost by 7 wickets

MCC	199 all out
(R.M.S.Weston 60, R.A.Kettleborough 48, T.Odoya 3-42, M.Odumbe 3-40)	
Kenya	203-3
(S.Tikolo 142*)	

3rd March

v Kenya (50 overs)

MCC lost by 20 runs

Kenya	362-4
(K.Obuya 140, S.Tikolo 109*, A.P.Cowan 3-84)	
MCC	342 all out
(G.W.White 109, R.M.S.Weston 48, N.D.Burns 60, S.Tikolo 4-53)	

5th March

v Kenya (50 overs)

MCC lost by 7 wickets

MCC	130-9
(P.Ongondo 3-27)	
Kenya	134-3
(M.Ondumbe 73)	

7th March

v Kenya (50 overs)

MCC lost by 121 runs

Kenya	247-8
(K.Obuya 73, R.Shah 62, T.Odoya 69, H.T.Pedrola 3-46)	
MCC	126 all out
(P.Ongondo 5-27)	

9th March

v Kenya (50 overs)

MCC lost by 10 wickets

MCC	142 all out
Kenya	148-0
(K.Obuya 82*, R.Shah 45*)	

Robbie Armstrong who were very welcoming and generous off the pitch, whilst the Kenyan side under captain Maurice Odumbe and coach Sandeep Patil were a pleasure to play against. We all wish them every success with their application for Test status.

Finally, thanks must go to the whole touring party which, despite the disappointing performances on the field and some difficult circumstances off it, showed much resolve and spirit and were a credit to MCC.

FROM WELLINGTON TO QUEENSTOWN: MCC 'C' TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND

Jeremy Henderson reporting



Back Row: G.D. Spelman; J.C. Henderson; T.G. Rankine; T.S. Smith; M.T. Harrison; S.M. Brogan; D.A. Lees; M.J. Archer; C.S. Martin (umpire)
Front Row: J.R. Goldthorpe; B.J. Debenham; A.E. McKenna*; H.T. Rogers; M.G. Boocock; M.E.D. Jarrett

Despite a problem at customs when a former member of the Oldham Constabulary was accused of unlawfully importing fruit into New Zealand, we arrived in Wellington in good heart. The capital lived up to its windy and wet reputation for the first few days, though the Test match struggled to live up to the fireworks of Christchurch. Trips to a local winery and across Wellington harbour to the beautiful Days Bay and the successful hosting of a cocktail party for MCC Members helped the tourists settle in.

A net at Westpac Stadium prepared the side for the first game at Kelburn Park, cheek-to-jowl with the famous tramcar overlooking Wellington. A good game was in the end won by MCC, due to a fine all-round performance from David Lees, well supported by the bowling of Mark Boocock and Tim Smith.

After taking in a Super 12 game at the Westpac Stadium, a visit to the Taipapa National Museum, a lesson in Salsa (step forward Torben Rankine), and the first tour dinner, the party moved on to Christchurch. Having been royally entertained by Mike Dormer and other members of Willows Cricket Club on our first night in the very English city of Christchurch, we played our first game the following day at Mike's own ground at Loburn. We managed to tie a game they should have won and had Hugh Rogers to thank, as he held his nerve to bowl the opposition's last man with the final ball of the game.

Whale watching at Kaikoura was much anticipated and enjoyed by all, except Goldthorpe, Lees and others who failed to appreciate the majesty of these awesome creatures due to outside influences. A dinner hosted by Mr and Mrs Nicholas Sibley at their Christchurch home on the banks of the River Avon gave the team the opportunity to meet Christchurch society in splendid surroundings.

A classic match against Canterbury Country at Rangiora turned on some good bowling and fielding by MCC, supplemented by an excellent knock from captain Ed McKenna. A middle order collapse left us 49 runs adrift with 9 wickets down, but Guy Spelman and Hugh Rogers displayed nerves of steel, skill beyond their batting positions and eyesight of hawks in near dark conditions to take MCC to a much enjoyed, if slightly undeserved, victory in the final over. Unfortunately, rain meant the following game, against Hawkswood Wanderers, was cancelled.

The first game in Queenstown, against Millbrook, was played in the shadow of the Remarkables mountain range. MCC umpire Cliff Martin passed his diplomacy test whilst Tim Smith destroyed the opposition with magnificent figures of 6 for 10 and we recorded a resounding nine wicket victory. Our second day in Queenstown meant different things to different people -

22nd March
v Kelburn Park CC at Wellington (40 overs)
MCC won by 22 runs

MCC	188-9
	(D.A. Lees 47, R. Kinsella 5-16)
Kelburn Park CC	166
	(N. Martin 49, D.A. Lees 4-33)

27th March
v Willows CC at Loburn (50 overs)
Match Tied

MCC	196-5
	(A.E. McKenna 45, D.A. Lees 46*)
Willows CC	196
	(D. Bond 63, T.S. Smith 3-12, H.T. Rogers 3-38)

31st March
v Canterbury Country at Dudley Park, Rangiora
(50 overs) MCC won by 1 wicket

Canterbury Country	175-7
	(S. Murphy 75, H.T. Rogers 3-46)
MCC	176-9
	(A.E. McKenna 53, S. Dunnett 3-30)

2nd April
v Hawkswood Wanderers at Cheviot Hills Reserve
Match abandoned

4th April
v Millbrook CC at Millbrook CC, Queenstown
(40 overs)
MCC won by 9 wickets

Millbrook CC	76 all out
	(T.S. Smith 6-10)
MCC	77-1

a bungee jump for captain Ed McKenna, white water rafting for some, whilst the more subdued enjoyed a round of golf at the beautiful Millbrook Resort.

The final tour dinner was much enjoyed by all. 'Doc' Jarrett displayed rare music hall talents not often associated with a wicket-keeping doctor. Despite problems with luggage and airline bookings, the team arrived back at Heathrow having enjoyed a successful trip in cricketing terms and superb hospitality in a wonderful country.

They say travel broadens the mind: one member commented that for some it also seemed to broaden the waistline - I never found out to whom they were referring.



The tour party found time for some whale watching at Kaikoura

FAR EASTERN WINS AND LOSSES: MCC 'A' TOUR TO SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

Tim Lerwill reporting



Back Row: D.Talalla; H.J.H.Loudon; P.J.O'Reilly; J.H.Dawes; M.A.Crawley; A.J.T.Halliday; S.C.Ecclestone; J.M.Tyrbcott (umpire)
Front Row: J.P.Arscott; R.I. Trotman; N.P.Tubbs*; Lt-Col A.T.D.Lerwill (manager); G.Morgan; A.Bragg (physio)

A palpable air of excitement and anticipation surrounded twelve members of the tour party as they assembled at Lord's under the leadership of captain Nick Tubbs and manager Tim Lerwill for this journey into the mysteries of Singapore and Malaysia. We were soon brought up to strength when five players travelling from various parts of Australia joined us in Singapore.

The tour's main objective was to assist both Singapore and Malaysia in their preparations for the Asian Cricket Cup (ACC) and, subsequently, to help develop their aspirations to play international cricket at an even higher level. Three matches were therefore scheduled in each country.

The first week was spent in Singapore, centrally based 'downtown' in an excellent hotel with easy access to both the match venues and 'après-cricket' facilities. Assailed by the heat and humidity, we soon realised that it would take time to acclimatise. Indeed, from first to last, we were to find that the humidity affected the bowlers' control, just as the heat drained the batsmen of energy.

The Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) was celebrating its 150th anniversary and it was a privilege to play our first game in an old style atmosphere on the Padang, bordered by the Supreme Court and Government Buildings. Batting first, MCC reached 214 off 45 overs with Hugo Loudon (43), Nick Tubbs (41) and Mark Crawley (75) marking early good form. In spite of the early manifestation of the inability to control the ball, wickets from Colin Miller, Mark Crawley and Hugo Loudon restricted SCC to 191 and ensured a simple victory to get the tour off to the best possible start.

The two games against the Singapore Cricket Association (SCA) were played at the National Stadium at Kallang. In the first, Richard Trotman (68), Simon Ecclestone (66) and Darren Berry (58) rushed the total to 280 off the 45 overs. Coached by Brendon Kurruppu (Sri Lanka) and led by the veteran player, Zubin Shroff, a SCA young squad was unable to test us and MCC won by 52 runs. Nevertheless, there were some players worthy of mention; Kapila Mendis and Zubin Shroff gave pause for thought. In the second match, chasing 217, Darren again (100) and Alex Halliday (77) ensured another win - this time by six wickets. We were well looked after at the official dinner, held at the Singapore Recreation Club, and were able to broadcast the Spirit of Cricket to a wider audience.

With three wins from three games, it was a confident party that travelled North to Kuala Lumpur for the second stage of the tour. Off the pitch, David Talalla organised a golf day at the Royal Selangor Golf Club and thanks must go to the General Manager, Chris Syers, an MCC Member and the Lord's

6th June

v Singapore CC at Padang (45 overs)

MCC won by 23 runs

MCC

214-6

(M.A.Crawley 75)

Singapore CC

91-9

(N.Bryan 48, C.Miller 4-43)

8th June

v Singapore CA at Kallang Ground (45 overs)

MCC won by 52 runs

MCC

280-7

(R.I.Trotman 68, S.C.Ecclestone 66, D.S.Berry 58)

Singapore CA

228-9

(K.Mendis 47)

9th June

v Singapore CA at Kallang Ground (50 overs)

MCC won by 6 wickets

Singapore

217-9

(K.Mendis 64, P.J.O'Reilly 3-37, 3-36)

MCC

218-4

(A.J.T.Halliday 77, D.S.Berry 100)

13th June

v MCA President's XI at Kelab Aman (40 overs)

MCC won by 22 runs

MCC

159 all out

(C.Miller 61, S.Navaratnam 3-23)

MCA President's XI

137 all out

(M.A.Crawley 3-18)

15th June

v Malaysia Selection XI at Kilat Club (50 overs)

MCC lost by 38 runs

Malaysia Selection XI

200-8

MCC

162 all out

(H.J.H.Loudon 52, J.Nair 4-26)

16th June

v Malaysian XI at Royal Selangor Club (50 overs)

MCC lost by 6 wickets

MCC

162 all out

(H.J.H.Loudon 47, S.Navaratnam 5-28)

Malaysian XI

163-4

Taverners' Malaysian representative, who made this possible. The Tour Entertainments Manager, Mark Crawley, organised a guided tour of the Petronas 'Twin' Towers, and a tour dinner in the revolving restaurant of the KL Tower.

Back on the cricket field we were to discover that the Malaysian Cricket Association (MCA) was well structured, dynamic and benefiting from the keen and balanced direction of their President, the Tunku Tan Sri Imran, whose vision is for Malaysia to play a Test Match at Lord's in 2020. Under the national coach, Azmat Rana (Pakistan), a squad of 26 had been together for two months prior to our arrival and were eager to demonstrate their abilities.

The initial games were played at Kelab Aman in the shadow of the Petronas towers; the first of which, against the MCA President's XI, was won by MCC by 22 runs in a low scoring game. The second, against an MCA Selection XI, saw solid contributions from all Malaysian bats and required us to score

201 to win. Notwithstanding an outstanding innings from Hugo Loudon (52) and a great effort by Nick Tubbs to marshall the lower order, MCC lost by 38 runs.

The final match was played at the Royal Selangor Club's new ground at Bukit Kiara. With medical problems reducing selection options, MCC was bowled out for 162. Helped by the contribution of 47 extras, the three Malaysian first-class players - Madavan (33), Prakesh (24) and Navaratnam (25 not out) - saw Malaysia through to victory with three overs to spare. This was an exciting game, contested all the way, and much appreciated by all at the ground.

CRICKET IN CENTRAL EUROPE: MCC 'C' TOUR TO AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA & CROATIA

Charles Fellows-Smith reporting



Back Row: K.Beaumont (umpire); S.J.W.Warmington; B.A.Emblin; R.A.Arcott; P.D.Allen; M.J.Birks; R.Taylor; G.G.Warrington; P.A.Arnold; T.R.Taylor
Front Row: P.D.Hole; J.A.F.Vallance (manager); C.M.Gupte*; C.H.Fellows-Smith

MCC undertook a short tour in June to help prepare Croatia for the forthcoming Emerging Nations Tournament in August, and Austria for the sterner challenges they would face in Northern Ireland in the European Nations Cup.

In Croatia, a 40 over match was played in which the host club bowled and fielded well to restrict their visitors to 201 for 4; ICC European Development Officer Adam Cole had visited recently and this performance reflected well on his influence. The batting reply, however, was less auspicious as Zagreb were bundled out for just 67; this allowed time for a second innings in which the home side performed with much greater skill.

The following day the party moved on to Slovenia and a match at the picturesque ground at Valburga outside Ljubljana. Protracted immigration formalities at the border left time only for a 35 over match, and at 14 for 4 MCC were reeling, following an outstanding burst from the Slovenian opening bowlers. The lower order rallied well, however, and MCC closed on 157 for 9. The total proved too much for the home side, despite a fine opening partnership of 65 between Mark Oman and Crawford. MCC returned to Valburga the following Wednesday for another match with the local side. Before the game, it was a real pleasure to take some of the youngsters from the local school in an impromptu coaching session, and to see their evident interest in cricket. It is the intention to start a formal programme with local schools next term to capitalise on this enthusiasm.

We then moved on to Austria, and to the ground at Seebarn outside Vienna previously visited by MCC in 1998. It was gratifying to see the progress that has been made in the intervening four years: there are now two good squares on the site plus a permanent pavilion. The outfield is well mown and even, and the artificial strip makes for a good contest between bat and ball. These fine facilities are a tribute to all the hard work

put in by the Austrian Cricket Association, and, in particular, Andrew Simpson-Parker and his wife Karin. Two 50 over matches were played under ICC regulations to prepare the Austrians for the forthcoming European Championships. In the first match, MCC was rescued by a captain's innings of 130 not out, from former Oxford University batsman Chimnay Gupte, to set a target in excess of 300. In reply, the Austrians started brightly before capitulating swiftly to the slows of Charles Fellows-Smith and Ross Taylor, former captain of New Zealand U19s. The following day, Austria had first use, and batted well down the order for 198. This total was passed by MCC for the loss of three wickets, following a first wicket partnership of 106 between Fellows-Smith and Malcolm Birks.

Many of the MCC tourists had not travelled to Central Europe before and thoroughly enjoyed the experience: the sights, sunshine and hospitality were all outstanding and made for a memorable trip. We look forward to our next visit and wish all the local associations good luck in their development initiatives.

15th June

v Zagreb CC at Zagreb University (40 overs)

MCC won by 134 runs

MCC	201-4	(M.J.Birks 47, C.M.Gupte 48*)
Zagreb CC	67	(C.H.Fellows-Smith 4-15)

16th June

v Slovenia at Valburga, Ljubljana (35 overs)

MCC won by 46 runs

MCC	157-9	(Eve 3-18)
Slovenia	111-4	(Oman 46*)

19th June

v Ljubljana XI at Valburga, Ljubljana (30 overs)

MCC won by 72 runs

MCC	148-3	(P.D.Hole 46, C.H.Fellows-Smith 56*)
Ljubljana XI	76	(R.Taylor 5-10)

22nd June

v Austria at Seebarn, Vienna (50 overs)

MCC won by 193 runs

MCC	303-6	(C.M.Gupte 100)
Austria	110 all out	(R.Taylor 4-13, C.H.Fellows-Smith 5-14)

23rd June

v Austria at Seebarn, Vienna (50 overs)

MCC won by 7 wickets

Austria	198 all out	(C.M.Gupte 3-24)
MCC	199-4	(M.J.Birks 58, C.H.Fellows-Smith 60, Raza Aqif 3-37)

DANISH TRIUMPHS: MCC 'B' TOUR TO DENMARK

Charlie Puckett reporting

mcc in denmark

MCC OVERSEAS TOURS



Back Row: C.T.Puckett (umpire); M.G.Miller; E.J.How; D.J.Bowett; L.Bouter; D.M.Lane; J.Thorp; C.J.Rogers; B.Mulholland (scorer)
Front Row: M.E.D.Jarrett; M.A.Everett; N.Gilbert (manager); A.Fordham*; S.J.S.Warke; R.J.W.Holdsworth

The grey leaden skies were full of tears when we assembled at Lord's on 7th July for the short tour and, sadly, the gods of cricket continued to weep for the next five days.

Our first match was the very next day. Glostrup is an attractive suburb of Copenhagen, with a cricket ground and pavilion that could be English were it not for the absence of a square and the presence of only an all-weather pitch. Winning the toss, DCF U23 XI batted first and scored 195 for 6, with opener Lund making 66 and wicket-keeper Hafeez an imaginative 52. The turning point, however, came when skipper Soren Vestergaard smashed a quick-fire 32. A further blow was dealt to our hopes for the match (and, indeed, the rest of the tour) when thoroughbred Richard Holdsworth pulled a fetlock whilst gathering the ball following a lengthy chase to the third man boundary. He was to take no further playing part in the tour but instead tapped into a hitherto hidden talent as a drinks waiter *par excellence*. In reply, the Club was never really in the hunt with nobody able to put together the kind of innings required. We did reach 118 for 4, albeit well behind the clock, when a running Hensen brilliantly caught captain Alan Fordham one-handed over his head at long-off. Three wickets fell for the addition of just two more runs and that, as they say, was that. Denmark ran out winners by 50 runs.

The other two matches were played on grass at the new stadium at Brondby, home of the national champions Svanholm. These matches were of considerable significance to the Danes since Chris Woods, the ECB's Inspector of Pitches, watched the second with a view to Denmark staging home C&G Trophy matches next season. He had planned to attend the first match but found at the departure gate that, despite the rumours and



8th July
v Danish Cricket Federation U23 XI
at Glostrup Ground
(50 overs)
MCC lost by 50 runs

Danish Cricket Federation	195-6
(M.Lund 66, Saad Hafeez 52, E.J.How 3-31)	
MCC	145 all out
	(S.Vestergaard 3-11)

10th July
v Denmark at Svanholm Park
(50 overs)
MCC lost by 3 wickets

MCC	165 all out
	(S.J.S.Warke 45, L.Hedegaard 4-27)
Denmark	166-7
	(F.Klokke 51)

11th July
v Denmark at Svanholm Park
(50 overs)
MCC lost by 35 runs

Denmark	207 all out
	(J.C.Thorpe 3-24)
MCC	172-8
	(L.Hedegaard 3-27)

those Christmas party photos, he really couldn't pass for his wife and therefore had to return home to find his own passport.

In the first match, MCC bowled out for 165 with former Ireland captain, Steve Warke, top scoring with 45 before being given out LBW - and on his birthday. Martin Miller, with 27, made the only other significant contribution, though it was felt that we had a chance on a pitch of slightly uneven bounce and against a team not really used to playing on grass.

In reply, Frederik Klokke - an MCC Young Cricketer - scored a solid 51 before running himself out. At 122 for 6, MCC seemed to be in control but Hansen and Lund first steadied the ship and then took our hosts to the brink of victory.

The final match, also against Denmark, was lost by 35 runs after they totalled 207 all out. The pick of the bowlers was young Jamie Thorpe (another MCC YC) who took 3 for 24 off his 10 overs. Again, we were never ahead of the game although, at 84 for 2 with Fordham and Mark Everett going well, we seemed to be in with a chance. Again, tight bowling and excellent ground fielding by a well-drilled Danish side kept turning the screw and MCC was restricted to 172 for 8. On the face of it, a 3-0 defeat is a drubbing but it was never that bad. Denmark were a good, young side who played together well, played for each other and were well led. In all, we played against only eighteen players, which meant that, in effect, we played the same team twice and, it would be fair to say, some MCC players did not score as many runs as they might have hoped. Although the final outcome was disappointing, the players all gave of their best and, both on and off the field, were a happy team.

All of the tourists played a part in making the tour enjoyable. Nick Gilbert and scorer Brian Mulholland should be singled out; the former for not panicking, never getting irritated and always maintaining that British stiff upper lip in adversity and the latter somehow keeping a sense of humour throughout the tour.

Oh yes, and we all went and saw The Little Mermaid, who lived up to her name.

RAINY DAYS IN THE NETHERLANDS: MCC 'B' TOUR TO HOLLAND

Ian McCarter reporting



Back Row: A.L.P. Clarke; J.M. Robinson; J.P. Butler; K.H.A. Powell; C.M.P. Davenport; I.J.W. McCarter; J.D. Ricketts; G.R. Vann; I. Calori (umpire)
Front Row: J.D. Love; R.A. Flack (manager); G.D. Hodgson*; M.J. Church

The 'B' Tour to Holland departed on 7th June. In typical MCC style, it did not take long for members of the tour party to feel at ease with one another, even those who had not met before. On arrival in Holland, we were greeted by members of the Dutch Cricket Board. From here it was on to the centre of Amsterdam to find what was to be our extremely comfortable and familiar base for the entire week.

The cricket was hotly anticipated, especially by our opponents who were keen to enhance their chances of selection for the Dutch national side which will play in the next World Cup. The first game, scheduled to last two days, was held at Kampong on one of the three grass pitches available in the whole of Holland. After the early rain relented, MCC won the toss and put the home side into bat on what seemed to be a wicket that would offer some assistance to the seam bowlers. Our Jamaican paceman, Kirk Powell, did not take long to get into a rhythm and in the third over trapped one of the opening pair leg before. He was well supported by Robert Flack, but most of the damage was caused by our most experienced former England international, Jim Love, who, with his experience and knowledge of the Dutch players through his encounters with them as Scotland's head coach, was put to good use. He managed to get some good spin out of what was a very slow wet wicket, ending up with a five

9th, 10th July
v Holland 'A' at Kampong
2 day match

Match abandoned

Holland 133-7
(D. Van Bunge 79, J.D. Love 5-47)

11th July
v Holland at VRA Amstel
50 over match

Match abandoned

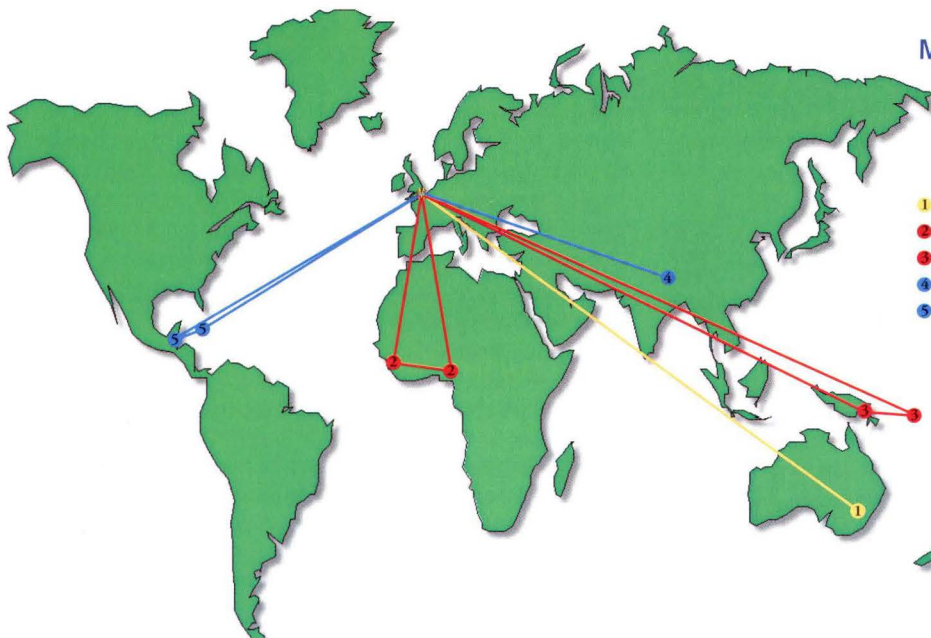
MCC 3-0

wicket haul and reducing the Holland 'A' side to 133 for 7.

Having exerted a lot of pressure on the home side we were hoping to have their innings wrapped up shortly after tea. However, the rain gods intervened and play was abandoned for the day. Alas, rain throughout the night and yet more rain the next morning meant that the match was called off.

The second game at VRA Amstel, the ground where the World Cup match was held in 1999, was scheduled to be a one-day fixture against the full Dutch side, captained by Roland Lefebvre, the former Somerset and Glamorgan player. Yet again, the weather played the major role. After a lot of hard work by the groundsmen we were set to start the game on a very wet and green pitch. The home side won the toss and put us in to bat with Dean Hodgson and Jamie Butler opening the batting in what was to be the highest and only MCC partnership of the tour - 3 - before the weather turned on us again. This was enough to ruin the pitch and the game was called off.

All in all, despite the lack of cricket and the persistent rain, a lot of fun was had both on and off the field. The tour ended on the Thursday night with a very enjoyable end-of-tour dinner. Our thanks go to our reliable umpire, Ian Calori, for his hard work as an official and his efforts to ensure we played when possible. We must also thank the Dutch Cricket Board for making us feel very welcome and ensuring that every effort was made to play cricket.



MCC OVERSEAS TOURS 2002/03

■ 'A' TOUR
■ 'B' TOUR
■ 'C' TOUR

- 1 Australia: 25th Dec 02 - 12th Jan 03
- 2 Sierra Leone & Nigeria: 22nd Jan - 9th Feb 03
- 3 Fiji & Papua New Guinea: 3rd - 24th March 03
- 4 Nepal: 15th - 24th March 03
- 5 Belize & Cayman Islands: 11th - 23rd June 03

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MCC WOMEN'S CRICKET

MCC Women's Cricket continues to prosper. Twelve matches were played, each of them producing an entertaining contest and some splendid individual performances on the part of both the Club and its opposition. Among the highlights, Vicky Sowton's spell of 3 for 7 in four overs against Oxford University, Shaiza Khan's 4 for 2 at Hereford Cathedral School, and Debbie Stock's undefeated 90 against Somerset Wanderers in a high scoring game might be particularly noted.



MCC Women in action

A CLOSELY FOUGHT STRUGGLE AT ROEDEAN

22nd April
v ROEDEAN SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC	172-4 dec
	(V.K.Griffiths 50, J.M.Sanders 63)
Roedean School	119-9
	(J.Wilson 50, Sharmeen Khan 3-19)

MCC Team: Dr.A.M. Bruce*; E.Bakewell; J.L.Godman†; L.S.Greenway; V.K.Griffiths; A.E.Hills; Sharmeen Khan; J.E.May; J.M.Sanders; S.L.Streete

MCC Women's visit to Roedean started with an excellent coaching session run by Enid Bakewell and Jan Godman. About twenty-six girls attended, and thoroughly enjoyed being put through their paces. A separate session with the two budding wicket-keepers took place under Jan Godman's watchful eye.

Once the match got underway, a spirited opening stand of 116 between Vicky Griffiths (50) and Josie Sanders (63) gave the Club a strong start. Roedean fought back, however, and MCC declared at 172 for 4.

The Roedean reply was held together by a true captain's innings from opener Jackie Wilson, who carried her bat for a score of 67 not out. Wickets fell regularly at the other end with only Liz Brown and Alex Thompson offering much support. Sharmeen Khan was the pick of the MCC bowlers, returning figures of 3 for 19.

At the start of the last over, bowled by Enid Bakewell, one more wicket was needed for an MCC victory, but Roedean held out for a well-earned draw.

Alison Bruce

A WELL ORGANISED WIN AT CANTERBURY

18th May
v KING'S SCHOOL, Canterbury

MCC won by 24 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC	124-2 dec
	(M.F.Quayle 47)
King's School	100 all out
	(Sharmeen Khan 3-9, S.E.Laughton 3-3)

MCC Team: S.E.Laughton*; E.Bakewell; V.K.Griffiths; Dr.L.E.Hudsmith; Sharmeen Khan; S.A.Price; M.F.Quayle†; J.M.Sanders; S.I.M.Umarji; C.E.Williams; J.L.Wills

Following an enthusiastic reception at last year's inaugural fixture against King's School, Canterbury, the MCC Women's team returned to Kent on 18th May 2002. The school, despite having many youngsters in their side, played with confidence and obvious enjoyment, bowling a good consistent line and fielding tenaciously. The top order MCC batsmen, who were all probationers, batted steadily whilst displaying an impressive array of strokes. Michele Quayle (47) and Lucy Hudsmith (40 not out) were particularly deserving of their runs.

The MCC strike bowlers, Shamim Umarji and Sharmeen Khan (3 for 9) proved a little too testing for the school batsmen, but they remained undaunted and fared better against Josie Sanders and the flighted spin of Enid Bakewell and Vicky Griffiths. The remaining wickets were shared, although Sarah Laughton took three towards the end. Led by their captain, who opened and was last out, the school reached the hundred mark which brought about much jubilation from the crowd of spectators on the boundary. The school was eventually bowled out in the penultimate over, a few short of the Club's total.

Sarah Laughton

A FINELY WON VICTORY AT LOUGHBOROUGH

21st May
v LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

MCC won by 63 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC	188-4 dec (K.Evenson 101*)
Loughborough University	125 all out (N.Williams 3-4)

mcc v loughborough

MCC Team: M.C.Smith*; C.E.Cornwallis†; G.A.Davies; K.Evenson; J.L.Godman; V.K.Griffiths; A.E.Hills; Dr. L.E.Hudsmith; H.Pugh; N.Williams; J.Wilnot

Never underestimate Loughborough University! Now that they are one of the six Cricketing Centres of Excellence for Women, the standard has improved enormously. Arran Thompson, the England opener who set a world record opening stand against India in the winter, was sitting an exam. Her team mates, however, were determined not to let her down. They bowled and fielded well, but were unlucky to find themselves up against Kelly Evenson. Kelly was previously known as a bowler with a top score of 50. After this match it is now 101 not out. MCC declared on 188 for 4.

Loughborough opened well, and raced to 86 by the time the third wicket fell, with plenty of time to score 100 to win. They unfortunately lack depth to their batting and three further wickets fell on 91. As the rain began to fall, MCC took the final wicket to win an enjoyable game. Women's cricket is definitely improving at Loughborough, and I hope this match has helped to raise its profile.

Marilyn Smith

ANOTHER TIGHT FINISH AT OXFORD

31st May
v OXFORD UNIVERSITY WCC

Match drawn

Toss: Oxford University WCC

MCC	183-5 dec (Dr L.E.Hudsmith 52*, A.Thorose 57*)
Oxford University WCC	131-7 (V.L.Sowton 3-7)

mcc v oxford university

MCC Team: S.E.Laughton*; U.E.Ball; I.S.Duncan; K.Dunham; L.S.Greenway; V.K.Griffiths; Dr. L.E.Hudsmith; J.M.Sanders; V.L.Sowton; A.Thorose†; C.E.Williams

With a steady start from the MCC opening batsmen and then two half centuries from Anita Thorose (57 not out) and Lucy Hudsmith (52 not out), the Club reached 183 for 5 before making its declaration on a glorious day in the Parks.

In reply, Oxford started positively with an opening partnership of 66 before the first wicket fell. Unfortunately, there followed a dramatic collapse as the University lost a further 5 wickets for only 11 runs. Vicky Sowton (3 for 7) was responsible for the damage, although it also included three careless run outs. Despite plenty of time and not inconsiderable encouragement to continue to score, the additional 100 or so runs required was beyond them. That said, there was a tense finish as the late middle order rallied well and held out for a deserving draw, finishing on 131 for 7, with another batsman already in the pavilion retired hurt.

Sarah Laughton

A LATE ORDER LOSS AT WEYBRIDGE

19th June
v SURREY (45 overs)

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC	142-9 (O.Magno 5-13)
Surrey	144-7 (E.C.J.Allen 3-37)

mcc v surrey

MCC Team: D.A.Stock*; F.C.J.Allen; K.Baluch; G.A.Davies; K.Juster; J.E.May; S.A.Price; M.Steel; A.Thorose†; S.I.M.Umarji; S.Williams

On one of the hottest days of the year, MCC won the toss and elected to bat. After losing two early wickets, Anita Thorose and Steph Williams batted steadily and sensibly before Anita was out with the score on 86. Setting a reasonable total for Surrey to chase looked unlikely, but a quick-fire 36 not out from Debbie Stock left Surrey to chase a respectable 142.

In reply, Surrey started slowly, mainly due to the accurate, tight bowling of Julie May, whilst Felicity Allen was picking up wickets at the other end. At 20 for 4, Surrey looked in trouble. However, D. Orford and S. Midwinter steadied the ship, before both fell for 23 off the bowling of Stock.

Although MCC looked favourites to win at this stage, Surrey had other ideas. Still needing 34 off three overs to win, the ball was being regularly despatched to the boundary by the Surrey batsman and, with only four balls to go, the winning runs were scored. It was an excellent day's cricket, played in good spirit, lovely weather and on the idyllic ground at Weybridge.

Debbie Stock

A FRUSTRATING DRAW AT HEREFORD

27th June
v HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC	148-3 dec (J.L.Godman 69*)
Hereford Cathedral School	70-8 (Shaiza Khan 4-2)

mcc v hereford cathedral school

MCC Team: D.A.Stock*; F.C.J.Allen; K.Baluch; M.Cooksey; J.L.Godman; Dr. L.E.Hudsmith; Shaiza Khan; S.E.Laughton; C.E.Rogers; L.Turner†; J.L.Wills

After winning the toss and electing to bat, MCC declared its innings on 148 for 3. Jan Godman top scored with 69 not out, being well supported by M. Cooksey (27 not out) a local 16-year-old, who stepped in as a late replacement.

In reply, HCS found scoring runs difficult but did make the MCC bowlers work for their wickets. Sarah Laughton bowled a good line and length but was rewarded with just one wicket. However, Shaiza Khan's leg spin was just too good for this relatively inexperienced team, and she ended with figures of 4 for 2, including the valuable wicket of H. Lowe, who top scored in the corresponding fixture last year. Eight bowlers were used in all by MCC, but they were unable to bowl out HCS, whose innings ended on 70 for 8.

The young girls from HCS are extremely keen and they will have learnt a lot from this experience.

Debbie Stock

A HIGH SCORING DUEL WITH MIDDLESEX JUNIORS

10th July
v MIDDLESEX U21s

MCC won by 23 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC 215-5 dec
(A.Thorose 49 ret'd, L.Young 3-26)
Middlesex U21s 192
(H.Shepperd 81, S.Bartlett 45)

MCC Team: M.C.Smith*; K.Baluch; K.Dunham; V.A.Hordern; K.Juster; Shaiza Khan; M.F.Quayle; A.Thorose; C.A.Ward†; C.E.Williams

After plenty of rain, the sun finally shone in Bushy Park, south west London, to enable a full day's play. Kate Dunham and Anita Thorose opened the batting for MCC and put on 130 before Thorose sportingly retired at lunch on 49 to give others the chance to bat. Charley Williams (23), Michele Quayle (21) and Keely Juster (34 not out) made the most of the opportunity and MCC declared on 215.

Middlesex made a shaky start, losing two early wickets, but they were rescued by a valuable 81 from 16-year-old Hayley Shepperd and 45 from 19-year-old Sarah Bartlett, leaving the match on a knife edge. With just three balls to go, the final wicket fell to a good catch by probationer Kiran Baluch, bowled by probationer Vicky Hordern.

It was a very enjoyable match in a delightful setting, which would certainly have added to the experience of some very talented junior cricketers in Middlesex.

Marilyn Smith

A VALIANT ACT OF SALVAGE AT PORTSMOUTH

19th July
v ROYAL NAVY WCC

Match drawn

Toss: Royal Navy WCC

MCC 141-1 dec
(M.F.Quayle 66)
Royal Navy WCC 92-6
(J.E.May 3-12)

MCC Team: S.E.Laughton*; R.Bellamy; J.E.May; M.F.Quayle; J.M.Sanders; V.L.Sowton; S.I.M.Umarj; C.A.Ward†; C.E.Williams; S.Williams

An opening partnership of 95 from Michele Quayle (66) and Stephanie Williams (35 not out) put MCC in a dominant position in this second fixture against the Royal Navy WCC at the United Services Ground in Portsmouth. A further contribution from Rachel Bellamy (28 not out) set up the Club for a declaration in the 34th over at 141 for the loss of only 1 wicket.

In reply, the Navy openers persevered against the varied seam and spin attack, and it took a good delivery from Vicky Sowton to make the breakthrough. The RNWCC then began gradually to fall behind the required run rate and, as frustration set in, Julie May exploited the situation with some excellent flighted off-spin. Her crucial wickets took out the middle order and, thereafter, RNWCC batted down the hatches.

Despite some attacking MCC bowling and being put under intense pressure from some very close field placings, the Navy held on to survive the final overs of the day, finishing on 92 for 6, to earn themselves a well deserved draw.

Sarah Laughton

22nd July
v STAFFORDSHIRE SCHOOLGIRLS

Match cancelled

MCC Team: C.S.Eveson*; R.Bellamy; C.L.Cornwallis†; C.E.Handley; Dr. L.E.Hudsmith; M.F.Quayle; C.E.Rogers; D.A.Stock; L.Turner; C.A.Ward; N.Williams

A TOUGH CONTEST AT BRADFIELD COLLEGE

3rd August
v INDIA (50 overs)

MCC lost by 32 runs

Toss: MCC

India 221-4
(J.Sharma 68, M.Raj 59)
MCC 189 all out
(H.Tiffen 49, N.David 4-26)



Back Row: S.C.Taylor; A.Thorose†; L.S.Greenway; N.J.Izard (Chairman, Women's Cricket Working Party); H.Lloyd; E.Rainford-Brent; S.A.Price
Front Row: P.Te Beest; C.Connor; D.A.Stock*; H.Tiffen
Not pictured: J.L.Godman

On a day where it looked as though the weather would play a part in the outcome of the game, MCC won the toss and put India in to bat. India got off to a flying start, with both openers regularly dispatching the ball to the boundary. A breakthrough did eventually come, Paranjpe (51) falling to Clare Connor, who went on quickly to dismiss the next batsman, Hemlata. Subsequent wickets, however, proved difficult to come by.

Raj (59), the India captain, entertained with a fine display of strokes and, together with opener Sharma's patient 68, took India's score to 221 for 4. Hannah Lloyd picked up the other two wickets for MCC.

In reply, with rain looking imminent, the Club got off to a bad start, losing both openers within the first 10 overs. However, the middle order of Jan Godman (28), Claire Taylor (35) and Haidee Tiffen (49) pulled things round and MCC were still in with a chance. At 143 for 7, with the drizzle coming down and 10 overs to go, Anita Thorose came to the wicket. The Indian total began to look achievable as she started hitting fours on a regular basis. After scoring 26 off only 17 balls she unfortunately slipped whilst attempting a second run and was run out. Debbie Stock tried to continue where Thorose left off but she suffered the same fate, being run out with MCC finishing 32 runs adrift, with three overs remaining.

Debbie Stock

AN EXCITING FINISH AT BATH

7th August

v SOMERSET WANDERERS LCC

MCC won by 8 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC 234-3 dec
(D.A.Stock 90*)

SWLCC 226
(H.Lloyd 88, S.Davies 50, J.Godman 57,
S.E.Laughton 3-62, R.Bellamy 3-28)

mcc v somerset
wanderers

MCC Team: D.A.Stock*; U.E.Ball; R.Bellamy; C.S.Eveson; S.E.Laughton;
S.A.Price; A.Riccio; C.E.Rogers; L.Turner†; M.Weaver

On a glorious summer's day at Bath Cricket Club, the MCC were warmly welcomed by Somerset Wanderers LCC. Batting first, openers Lucy Turner (22) and Rachel Bellamy (24) gave the Club a steady base on which to build. With only one other wicket falling, MCC declared their innings on 234 for 3, with Debbie Stock (90 not out) and Sian Price (43 not out) enjoying their outing in the middle.

Somerset Wanderers replied with all guns blazing. England international, Hannah Lloyd (88) delighted the home supporters with a glorious display of fine shots, and, with her opening partner S. Davies (50) supporting her well, the score was 144 before the first wicket fell, that of Lloyd. Davies departed soon after and that left the experienced Jan Godman to try and steer the home side to a win. With the score on 224 for 8 and three overs remaining, Godman looked to be in control. MCC turned to the experienced Claire Eveson, who, with the game evenly balanced, clean bowled Godman (57). With only two more runs added, the final wicket fell, resulting in a fine win for MCC.

Debbie Stock

A ROUT BY THE SIRENS AT BROADHALFPENNY DOWN

10th August

v SIRENS CC

MCC lost by 8 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC 61 all out
(J.Craig 5-3)

Sirens CC 62-2

mcc v sirens

MCC Team: Dr A.M.Bruce; C.Allen; F.C.J.Allen†; R.Bellamy; I.S.Duncan;
A.E.Hills; V.A.Hordern; J.E.May; M.Launders; V.Rolfe; M.Steel

MCC batted first on a damp pitch, and excellent bowling reduced them to 11 for 3. The middle order launched a rearguard action but runs were exceptionally difficult to come by. The innings eventually closed at 61 all out, with Julie Craig returning impressive figures for Sirens of 11 overs, 8 maidens, 3 wickets for 5 runs.

As the pitch dried out, batting became much easier and Sirens completed a convincing victory, before the last hour started.

Alison Bruce

A ROBUST VICTORY AT CHISWICK

27th August

v CIVIL SERVICE WCC

MCC won by 37 runs

Toss: Civil Service WCC

MCC 181-9 dec
(A.Hills 3-33)

Civil Service WCC 144

mcc v civil service

MCC Team: M.C.Smith*; E.A.Beamish; E.Burton; S.M.Carter; K.Dunham;
C.E.Handley; S.A.Price; J.M.Sanders; S.L.Streete; A.Thorose†; C.E.Williams

On a chilly, late summer day, MCC and Civil Service played their second match. MCC, keen to avenge last year's defeat, battled first on a lively pitch. Excellent bowling by Alison Hills (3 for 33) and Jane Fuller (1 for 15) had MCC struggling at 24 for 5. Charley Williams (31) batted well to bring MCC back into contention, and she was well supported by probationers Evette Burton (27) and Anita Thorose (41). An aggressive knock of 33 not out, by Coral Handley, brought the score to a more respectable 181 for 9.

Civil Service began well, and Janet Beese (25) and Sarah Bartlett (36) kept them well within reach of the target. When Bartlett was out with the score at 113 for 4, the game was evenly balanced. Probationer Shelagh Carter bowled well, taking 2 for 14 in her first MCC game. The last wickets for Civil Service fell cheaply and they were bowled out for 144. MCC had won an entertaining and competitive game.

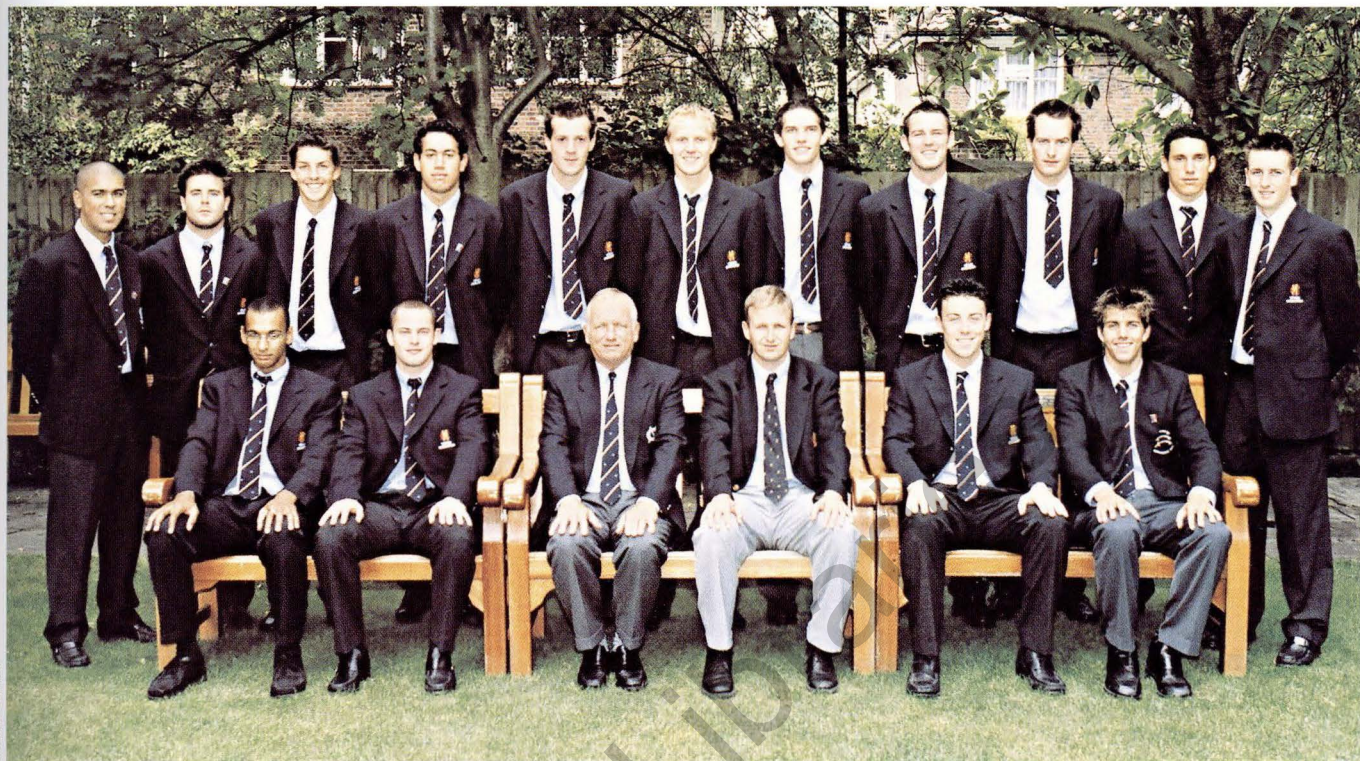
Marilyn Smith



MCC Women enjoyed a successful fourth season

MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS

Summer came early for MCC Young Cricketers, with an enjoyable six match pre-season tour of South Africa. Then it was home for a stern programme of fixtures that included twelve two- and three-day games, as well as a series of one-day encounters. The top scorer for the season was Jon Walford with 886 runs, while the chief wicket taker was Chris Peploe with 48 victims. Of particular note was a big win over Surrey 2nd XI at The AMP Oval, and, by and large, there was much to savour in the play of these up-and-coming young men.



Back Row: Quasim Sheikh; Mauritz Van Neirop; Stephen Snell; Ross Taylor; Chris Peploe; Ben Ingrey; Dai-Morgan Rushbrooke; James Hudson; Jon Walford; Adam Parker; Richard Wilkinson Front Row: Barry Hooper; Mark Beckett; Clive Radley (Head Coach); Stuart Welch (Assistant Coach); Mark Wright, Jamie Thorpe

batting averages

BATTING	M	I	R	NO	Avg	Ct	St
R.L. Taylor	21	21	595	4	35.00	20	0
M.J.W. Wright	19	19	547	3	34.19	5	0
F.A. Klokker	16	19	494	4	32.93	9	2
J.E.P. Walford	27	30	896	2	32.00	8	0
R.M. Wilkinson	19	18	423	4	30.21	5	0
P.R. Sawyer	27	28	660	3	26.40	14	0
A.C. Parker	19	16	324	3	24.92	7	0
M.D. Beckett	26	28	643	2	24.73	24	0
J.M. Hudson	28	30	652	2	23.29	10	0
M.W.A. Van Neirop	22	24	447	3	21.29	4	0
Q. Sheikh	14	16	315	1	21.00	0	0
D.M. Rushbrooke	21	22	393	0	17.86	5	0
C.T. Peploe	24	21	318	3	17.67	12	0
M. Wilkie	9	10	146	1	16.22	0	0

	M	I	R	NO	Avg	Ct	St
S.D. Snell	26	23	249	5	13.83	30	3
B. Ingrey	28	18	98	8	9.80	1	0
B.S. Hooper	16	11	39	5	6.50	2	0

(Qualification 10 innings)

Also batted

	M	I	R	NO	Avg	Ct	St
J. Thorpe	7	2	1	1	48.00	1	0
S. O'Brien	2	3	71	0	23.67	0	0
D. van Bunge	1	2	20	0	10.00	1	0
J. Theunissen	2	1	9	0	9.00	1	0
S. Burger	1	1	7	0	7.00	0	0
W. Hansen	1	1	6	0	6.00	3	0
S.D. Welch	2	1	4	0	4.00	0	0
Z. Taylor	1	2	32	2	0.00	0	0

bowling averages

BOWLING	O	M	R	W	Avg	S/R	R/O
R.M. Wilkinson	138.5	30	500	28	17.86	4.93	3.62
C.T. Peploe	326.4	64	963	48	20.06	6.79	2.95
D.M. Rushbrook	100.4	11	406	20	20.30	5.00	4.06
J.E.P. Walford	196.0	21	526	24	21.92	8.17	2.68
P.R. Sawyer	250.0	50	942	41	22.98	6.10	3.77
B.S. Hooper	154.0	26	563	20	28.15	7.70	3.66
J.M. Hudson	337.5	54	1059	34	31.15	9.91	3.14
B. Ingrey	249.4	44	929	23	40.39	10.84	3.72
A.C. Parker	97.0	15	417	10	41.70	9.70	4.30

(Qualification: 10 wickets)

Also bowled

	O	M	R	W	Avg	S/R	R/O
Z. Taylor	23.3	8	43	4	10.75	5.75	1.87
J. Theunissen	19.0	5	83	4	20.75	4.75	4.37
J. Thorpe	48.0	9	165	5	33.00	9.60	3.44
D. Van Bunge	23.5	5	109	3	36.33	7.67	4.74
R.L. Taylor	36.1	5	163	1	40.75	9.00	4.53
M.J.W. Wright	33.0	4	136	1	136.00	33.00	4.12
M.D. Beckett	2.0	0	17	0	-	-	14.00
F.A. Klokker	1.0	0	14	0	-	-	8.50
S. O'Brien	4.0	0	35	0	-	-	8.75

MCC YOUNG CRICKETERS IN 2002

Matches: Played 45, Won 16, Drawn 4, Lost 11, Abandoned 14

TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA 2002

19th March

v COMBINED ACADEMY at Cape Town

MCC YC won by 6 wkts

Combined Academy	127
	(C.T.Peploe 4-18)
MCC YC	129-4
	(J.E.P.Walford 54)

20th March

v WESTERN PROVINCE INVITATION at Bellville

MCC YC lost by 31 runs

Western Province Invitation	202-6
	(C.Florence 67)
MCC YC	171
	(M.J.W.Wright 66)

22nd March

v WESTERN PROVINCE ACADEMY at Claremont

MCC YC lost by 5 wkts

MCC YC	223
	(J.M.Hudson 47)
Western Province Academy	224-5
	(D.Telo 104)

25th March

v MOSSAL BAY COMBINED at Mossal Bay

MCC YC won by 6 wkts

Mossal Bay Combined	85
	(R.J.Wilkinson 6-24)
MCC YC	86-4

26th March

v OUOTSHOON at Weermag

Match Drawn

MCC YC	231-7 dec
	(Extras 64, R.J.Wilkinson 44*)
Ouotshoon	146-4

28th March

v COMPOSITE XI at Cape Town

MCC YC lost by 7 wkts

MCC YC	136
Composite XI	139-3
	(L.Moore 45)

DOMESTIC FIXTURES 2002

25th April

v DERBYSHIRE II at High Wycombe

MCC YC lost by 7 wkts

MCC YC	168
	(M.J.W.Wright 52, M.W.A.van Nierop 46)
Derbyshire II	202-3
	(R.Bailey 44, C.Bassano 44)

26th April

v ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES at High Wycombe

Match abandoned

28th April

v NORFOLK at Manor Park

MCC YC won by 92 runs

MCC YC	170
	(M.D.Beckett, C.Brown 4-31)
Norfolk	78
	(D.M.Rushbrook 5-25)

29th April

v ESSEX II at High Wycombe

Match abandoned

1st, 2nd, 3rd May

OXFORD UNIVERSITY at The Parks

Match drawn

MCC YC	207
	(J.E.P.Walford 65, G.N.Bowers 5-53)
and	268
	(P.R.Sawyer 66, M.W.A.van Nierop 57*, G.N.Bowers 5-90)
Oxford University	202
and	161-8

5th May

v EARL OF ARUNDEL'S XI at Arundel

MCC YC won by 85 runs

MCC YC	233-6 dec
	(J.E.P.Walford 96, D.M.Rushbrook 76)
Earl of Arundel's XI	148
	(M.Newell 69, J.E.P.Walford 5-47)

7th May

v ESSEX II at Billericay

Match abandoned

8th May

v MCC at Lord's

MCC won by 72 runs

MCC	250-4 dec
	(J.E.Morris 75, T.W.Harrison 71)
MCC YC	178
	(D.M.Rushbrook 44, A.R.Roberts 4-60)



The MCC Young Cricketers play many of their home matches at High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire

10th May

v BUCKINGHAMSHIRE at Gerrards Cross

MCC YC won by 2 wkts

Buckinghamshire 105

(J.E.P.Walford 4-14)

MCC YC 106-8

21st, 22nd, 23rd May

v MIDDLESEX II at Vine Lane, Uxbridge

MCC YC won by 6 wkts

Middlesex II 219-4

(S.J.Cook 69*, A.W.Laraman 53*)

MCC YC 220-4

(Q.Sheikh 57, M.D.Beckett 44)

24th May

v ROYAL AIR FORCE at Vine Lane, Uxbridge

Match abandoned

29th, 30th, 31st May

v SURREY II at The Oval

MCC YC won by 151 runs

MCC YC 373-4 dec

(M.D.Beckett 95, J.E.P.Walford 70, Q.Sheikh 58,
P.R.Sawyer 57*)

and 252-8 dec

(F.A.Klokker 55, J.E.P.Walford 52, N.Saker 5-43)

Surrey II 311-7 dec

(S.A.Newman 159, A.R.Butcher 51*)

and 163

(A.R.Butcher 46, B.Ingreby 3-21)

6th, 7th June

v HAMPSHIRE II at High Wycombe

Match abandoned

10th, 11th June

v SURREY U19s at Banstead

Match abandoned

13th June

v LOUGHBOROUGH UCCE at Loughborough

MCC YC won by 10 runs

Loughborough 219

(M.Powell 86, P.R.Sawyer 4-25)

MCC YC 209

(D.M.Rushbrook 37, F.Watts 4-39)

14th June

v MIDDLESEX II at Southgate

Match abandoned

17th June

v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY at High Wycombe

MCC YC won by 182 runs

MCC YC 294-6

(J.M.Hudson 68, P.R.Sawyer 51)

Cambridge 112

18th, 19th, 20th June

v YORKSHIRE ACADEMY at High Wycombe

MCC YC lost by 4 wkts

MCC YC 156

(J.Ellys 3-15, R.Pyrah 3-24)

and 357

(P.R.Sawyer 106, F.A.Klokker 46, S.D.Snell 42)

Yorkshire Academy 255

(S.Clark 123, P.R.Sawyer 6-81)

and 259-6

(R.Pyrah 95, S.Clark 49)

24th June

v SUSSEX II at Vine Lane, Uxbridge *Second XI Trophy*
MCC YC lost by 26 runs

Sussex II	307-3
(B.Zuiderent 100*, W.J.House 58*, J.R.Carpenter 53)	
MCC YC	281-8
(M.J.W.Wright 103*, A.C.Parker 43)	

26th June

v KENT II at Canterbury *Second XI Trophy*
MCC YC lost by 118 runs

Kent II	318-5
(G.O.Jones 117, M.W.Dennington 94*, J.B.Hockley 67)	
MCC YC	200
(M.D.Beckett 49, J.E.G.Lincoln 3-18)	

1st July

v SURREY II at Wormsley
Second XI Trophy
MCC YC lost by 94 runs

Surrey II	343-6
(S.A.Newman 98, G.P.Butcher 69, J.G.E.Benning 56)	
(revised target 261)	
MCC YC	167
(R.M.Amin 7-19)	

5th July

v SUSSEX II *Second XI Trophy*
Match abandoned

8th July

v THE ARMY at Aldershot
Match abandoned

9th July

v MIDDLESEX U19 at Merchant Taylors
Match abandoned

10th July

v ROYAL NAVY at High Wycombe
Match abandoned

11th July

v KENT II at Shenley *Second XI Trophy*
No Result

MCC YC	209-9
(J.E.P.Walford 61, R.L.Taylor 46)	
Kent II	103-2
(M.V.Fleming 49)	

15th July

v ESSEX II at Vine Lane, Uxbridge *Second XI Trophy*
MCC YC lost by 8 wkts

MCC YC	161
(M.D.Beckett 69, A.C.Parker 46, J.M.Dakin 5-18)	
Essex II	163-2
(B.J.Hyam 57*, J.M.Dakin 43)	

17th, 18th July

v KENT II at Beckenham
MCC YC lost by an innings and 35 runs

MCC YC	113
(M.J.Dennington 4-24, J.Hewitt 4-43)	
and	32
(J.Hewitt 5-1, M.J.Dennington 4-11)	

Kent II	180-6 dec
(M.J.Banes 63)	

19th July

v ESSEX II at Billericay *Second XI Trophy*
MCC YC lost by 48 runs

Essex II	322-5
(K.Beazleigh 126, R.S.Clinton 73)	
MCC YC	274
(M.J.W.Wright 79, C.T.Peploe 56, J.B.Grant 4-40)	

31st July, 1st, 2nd August

v YORKSHIRE II at Elland
Match abandoned

4th, 5th August

v BERKSHIRE DEVELOPMENT XI at Slough
MCC YC won by 110 runs

MCC YC	297-6
(R.L.Taylor 107*, M.W.A.Van Neiroop 44)	
(revised target 241)	

Berkshire XI	131-7
(D.Williams 38*)	

6th, 7th, 8th August

v ECB U17 at Wormsley
MCC YC won by 22 runs

MCC YC	205-6 dec
(R.M.Wilkinson 61*)	
and	209
(J.E.P.Walford 90, J.Denly 6-41)	

ECB U17	206-7 dec
(L.Wright 73)	
and	186
(J.Denly 59, R.M.Wilkinson 5-31)	

<i>11th, 12th August</i>	
v OXFORDSHIRE ACADEMY at High Wycombe	
Match drawn	
MCC YC	328
(S.D.Snell 92, J.M.Hudson 79)	
Oxfordshire	135
(C.Taylor 46, P.R.Sawyer 3-24, C.T.Peploe 3-36)	
<i>13th August</i>	
v MIDDLESEX U19s at Vine Lane, Uxbridge	
MCC YC won by 107 runs	
MCC YC	344-6
(R.L.Taylor 142, R.M.Wilkinson 72*, M.W.A.Van Neiroop 58)	
Middlesex II	237-4
(Rodham 82)	
<i>15th August</i>	
v HERTFORDSHIRE U23 at Potters Bar CC	
Match abandoned	
MCC YC	353-6
(R.M.Wilkinson 82, J.E.P.Walford 77, R.L.Taylor 58)	
Hertfordshire U23	135-8
(L.Cooper 44, C.T.Peploe 4-14)	
<i>16th August</i>	
v HERTFORDSHIRE U23 at Potters Bar CC	
MCC YC won by 3 wkts	
Hertfordshire U23	125
(J.M.Hudson 3-28)	
MCC YC	126-7
(M.W.A.Van Neiroop 37, A.Ramnath 3-22)	

<i>21st, 22nd, 23rd August</i>	
v WALES U25 at Cowbridge	
Match drawn	
Wales U25	201
(O.Strange 43, C.T.Peploe 5-45)	
and	262-6
(O.A.Dawkins 58*, O.Strange 47)	
MCC YC	318
(F.A.Klokker 122*, A.Thomas 4-67)	
<i>27th August</i>	
v HUNTINGDONSHIRE at Godmanchester	
MCC YC won by 247 runs	
MCC YC	361-5
(R.L.Taylor 114*, J.M.Hudson 93, F.A.Klokker 67)	
Huntingdonshire	114
(D.M.Rushbrook 5-27, B.S.Hooper 3-38)	
<i>3rd, 4th, 5th September</i>	
v DURHAM II at High Wycombe	
MCC YC won by 10 wkts	
Durham II	217
(K.Coetzee 70, J.M.Hudson 3-67)	
and	89
(J.M.Hudson 3-11, B.S.Hooper 3-15)	
MCC YC	258
(R.M.Wilkinson 63, D.M.Rushbrook 48, Scott 4-81)	
and	52-0



Ben Ingrey bowling for the Young Cricketers during their final game of the season, against Durham II, at High Wycombe

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B

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K

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MCC OUT-MATCHES

Match Details

17th April v WISBECH TOWN CC

2 day match

MCC won by 83 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.J.Cross 63, C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin 77*) 169-2 dec
and (S.J.B.Livermore 75) 234-4 dec
Wisbech Town CC (P.Vincent 49, M.P.W.Jeh 4-19) 160-5 dec
and (J.D.Mayer 3-43, D.K.Pashley 3-33) 160

MCC Team: Hon. P.B.Fitzherbert*; S.C.Corbett; R.J.Cross; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; A.D.Hobson; M.P.W.Jeh; S.J.B.Livermore; A.N.Mackelworth†; J.D.Mayer; D.K.Pashley; S.J.Weare

23rd April v COLCHESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 101 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (S.D.Snell 72) 245-6 dec
Colchester RGS (T.R.Gould 3-45) 144

MCC Team: P.W.George*; L.P.G.Austin; J.R.Clark; P.Clark†; B.J.Clayden; T.R.Gould; P.M.Jones; E.W.Lawrence; C.G.S.Perkins; M.M.Rajabali; S.D.Snell

On a perfect spring morning, the MCC match manager, Philip George, won the toss and elected to bat. Probationer Paul Jones was out for 18 with the score at 60 and Barry Clayden fell 10 runs later for 36. However, MCC Young Cricketer, Steve Snell, and probationer Jeff Clarke then made quick progress taking the score to 154 for 2 at lunch. Further contributions after lunch from Laurie Austin (21*) and Colin Perkins (30) enabled a declaration to be made at 245 for 6.

In reply, the school made slow progress against accurate seam bowling from Eddie Lawrence (2 for 16) and Paul Jones (1 for 6). Wickets tumbled regularly and only the captain, Matt Tyler (35), the MCC manager's son, Tom George (26) and tail-ender Tom Brook (23) made significant contributions. The spin of Rajabali (2 for 54) and Tom Gould (3 for 45) proved too good for the school, who were bowled out for 144 with some 9 overs to go.

Phillip George

25th April v BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

MCC won by 134 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.Waterhouse 63, D.B.Middleton 54, A.Faruque 64*, Robinson 3-56) 244-7 dec
Bromsgrove School (Mullan 67, A.Owen 6-45) 110

MCC Team: S.Mohammed*; R.T.J.Bostock; R.M.Cox; M.J.Dallaway; S.Eustace†; A.Faruque; D.B.Middleton; A.Owen; A.Shahid; R.Smith; J.A.Waterhouse

25th April v CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (I.M.Collins 110*, R.T.J.Howell 49, M.Richards 3-59) 221-5 dec
Cheltenham College (D.Hall 66, A.V.Pope 4-82) 223-6

MCC Team: S.J.Windaybank*; N.C.Burton; C.S.J.Coley†; I.M.Collins; D.R.Fulton; G.E.Curtis; R.T.J.Howell; M.P.W.Jeh; A.V.Pope; S.J.W.Weare; S.H.Wootton

25th April v MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE

MCC won by 35 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (G.D.Harding 81, W.Davies 4-54) 198-9 dec
Marlborough College (M.Harvey 56, E.J.Carpenter 4-18, G.E.Griffiths 3-15) 163

MCC Team: J.S.Brooks*†; E.J.Carpenter; J.P.C.Carr; R.I.Clitheroe; G.W.Dean; A.J.Good; G.E.Griffiths; G.D.Harding; D.J.Otway; C.D.H.Palmer; S.J.Y.Scott

25th April v ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.J.Austin 86, W.Myers 3-45) 214-5 dec
St Edward's School (R.Abrahams 47*, A.S.Birkett 3-58, R.White 3-23) 197-7

MCC Team: G.L.Seymour*; R.J.Austin; A.S.Birkett; E.D.C.Brennan; J.R.Cobb; R.A.Evans; M.A.Everett; S.L.Feast†; S.N.V.Waterton; R.White; T.F.White

25th April v WELLINGTON COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: Wellington College

MCC (W.B.Miller 65, M.F.Wahab 65, Rylatt 3-38) 224-7 dec
Wellington College (Shelley 65, Walkes 52, J.G.C.Rowe 4-48) 223-7

MCC Team: T.P.Hodgson*; C.S.Charlton; J.A.Ford; H.J.H.Loudon; W.B.Miller†; J.A.C.Pearse; J.G.C.Rowe; R.H.D.Spink; F.L.Stewart; M.F.Wahab; C.D.Walsh

The fantastic cricket ground at Wellington was the setting for a memorable match against a talented school 1st XI.

Wellington won the toss and elected to field. A tight display of bowling by the two openers reduced MCC to 61 for 3. However, Wahab and Miller both played well to help the Club reach 104 for 3 at lunch. With some fine strokeplay by Wahab and Ford after lunch, MCC declared at 224 for 7, leaving the school just over half of the day's play to chase this target.

At 40 for 3 by the tea interval, the Wellington XI were looking a little shaky, but a talented and mature stand by Shelley and Miles, followed by a late cameo from Evans, brought the school to within two runs of what would have been an impressive victory. It was a fantastic game and a day enjoyed by all involved. The hospitality of all at Wellington was excellent.

Tim Hodgson

26th April v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CRUSADERS CC

Match abandoned

Toss: Cambridge UCCC

MCC 5-1

MCC Team: G.W.Jones*; C.Beagles; S.A.A.Block; R.I.Clitheroe†; A.R.Danson; T.E.Goodyer; E.J.How; R.O.Jones; C.R.Pimlott; A.M.G.Scott; N.A.S.Smith

WESTERN SCHOOLS WEEK

29th April v KING'S COLLEGE, Taunton

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (J. Excell 3-45) 123
King's College (O. Lewis 51) 124-6

MCC Team: D.J.Holtum*; E.W.De Moura Correia; Lt-Col A.T.D.Lerwill; W.G.Miller†; M.G.Pether; G.T.Roper; J.L.Salt; Dr. R.F.Schoonheim; M.Smith; G.D.Spelman; S.S.Surridge

After a rare victory last year, the Club were once again trounced by the school. Groundsman Dennis Breakwell has been around long enough to know that MCC generally bats first, that this is likely to be our first game of the season and that his boys can bowl. The pitch is prepared accordingly. Early batting is difficult and the wicket eased. Jeff Salt showed that he is still a class player, but no one else passed 20. 123 was not enough and although we bowled better than we batted, early season rustiness, as well as age, showed. The field, and the boys, even with a mini collapse as they closed in on the target, won with a couple of overs to spare. It was a terrific day with great hospitality, and a reasonable first run of the match manager's MCC Spirit of Cricket speech.

David Holtum

30th April v CLIFTON COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *D.J.Holtum**; *E.W.De Mourra Correia*; *D.J.E.England*; *W.B.Miller†*; *M.G.Pether*; *J.L.Salt*; *J.P.Samworth*; *R.D.C.Scales*; *Dr. R.Schoonheim*; *A.G.Y.Scott*; *R.Taylor*

1st May v BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL

MCC won by 108 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.D.C.Scales 105*)

208-3 dec

Blundell's School (S.J.Foster 3-9)

100

MCC Team: *D.J.Holtum**; *T.H.Ballentyne*; *S.J.Foster*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *C.S.Kemp*; *Lt-Col. A.T.D.Lerwill*; *G.T.Roper†*; *J.P.Samworth*; *R.D.C.Scales*; *Dr. R.F.Schoonheim*; *S.S.Surridge*

In the aftermath of the previous day's deluge, which washed out Clifton, we proceeded somewhat gingerly to Tiverton, having worked ourselves hard socially the previous day. Most of us were delighted to watch Rupert Scales make a dream probationer's debut. His unbeaten 105 was extremely hard hitting and absolutely chanceless. Good contributions from those who wanted to bat allowed the Club to declare at 208 for 3. Those of us still affected by the previous day were then able to watch Simon Foster made another dream debut, taking out the first three batsmen. Ballentyne and Moura Correia then spun us towards victory. We were struggling to take the last wicket before an inspired move brought on the rapidly recovering Roper, and he and 'Tiger' Surridge did the rest. Roper vowed not to celebrate with anything other than lemonade.

David Holtum

2nd May v THE KING'S SCHOOL, Gloucester

MCC won by 126 runs

Toss: King's School

MCC (R.D.C.Scales 45)

217-5 dec

The King's School (De Moura Correia 3-27, G.E.Curtis 3-6)

91

MCC Team: *N.C.Burton**; *T.H.Ballentyne*; *G.E.Curtis*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *S.J.Foster*; *M.P.W.Jeb*; *Lt-Col. A.T.D.Lerwill*; *M.T.Phillips*; *J.P.Samworth*; *R.D.C.Scales*; *Dr. R.F.Schoonheim†*

3rd May v MILLFIELD SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

Millfield School (L.Stokes 129, R.Timms 111*)

264-2 dec

MCC (Lt-Col. A.T.D.Lerwill 54*)

144-6

MCC Team: *G.D.Spelman**; *G.Brooks*; *R.Chaudhuri*; *G.E.Curtis*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *G.D.Harding*; *D.J.Holtum*; *Lt-Col. A.T.D.Lerwill*; *J.G.C.Rowe*; *J.P.Samworth*; *Dr. R.F.Schoonheim†*

FYLDE COAST SCHOOLS TOUR

30th April v ARNOLD SCHOOL

MCC won by 40 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (W.Jenner 56, M.C.Lomas 85)

196-3 dec

Arnold School (B.Taylor 67, W.Jenner 7-53)

156

MCC Team: *D.R.Green*†*; *A.Biggins*; *M.C.Clapham*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *W.Jenner*; *M.C.Lomas*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *H.K.More*; *R.W.G.Ross*; *L.M.Tenneson*; *G.F.Watts*

1st May v ROSSALL SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.Biggins 59, R.W.G.Ross 100*)

212-2 dec

Rossall School (R.Dingle 48)

108-2

MCC Team: *D.R.Green**; *A.Biggins*; *M.C.Clapham*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.Jenner*; *H.K.More*; *D.J.Orway*; *W.G.Read*; *R.W.G.Ross*; *L.M.Tenneson*; *G.F.Watts*

2nd May v KING EDWARD VII AND QUEEN MARY SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.J.Berry 140, S.Hailday 3-38)

216-7 dec

King Edward VII (C.Roberts 45, G.N.Blackmore 4-36)

158-8

MCC Team: *D.R.Green**; *P.J.Berry*; *A.Biggins*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *M.C.Clapham*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *T.Hodson†*; *J.R.Holliday*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *H.K.More*; *G.F.Watts*

MCC v King Edward VII and Queen Mary School



3rd May v LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.J.Berry 113, Glover 4-63)

179-8

MCC Team: *D.R.Green*†*; *P.J.Berry*; *A.Biggins*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *M.C.Clapham*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *J.R.Holliday*; *W.Jenner*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *R.W.G.Ross*; *G.F.Watts*

28th April v DEVON CCC

50 over match

MCC lost by 61 runs

Toss: Devon CCC

Devon CCC (K.A.D.Barrett 62, S.A.Stoneman 61)

226

(revised target 182 in 40 overs)

MCC (N.Hancock 5-16, T.Anning 3-23)

121

MCC Team: *C.J.Hollins**; *M.G.Boocock*; *D.O.Brown*; *J.P.Butler*; *G.R.A.Campbell†*; *R.J.Greatorex*; *C.M.Gupte*; *P.D.O.Logan*; *D.S.McHardy*; *C.M.Pitcher*; *T.S.Smith*

30th April v BEDFORD SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *D.C.R.Waterfield**; *C.S.Bates*; *J.S.Chambers*; *S.T.Crawley*; *M.R.Lester*; *T.M.Lord†*; *E.F.Pugh*; *R.D.Underwood*; *A.R.Roberts*; *A.Thomas*

30th April v ETON COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *J.G.Wills**; *J.R.T.Barclay*; *G.R.A.Campbell†*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *G.E.Curtis*; *B.J.Debenham*; *J.C.Huntington*; *J.R.C.Lamb*; *R.S.Smith*; *C.D.Walsh*

30th April v HAMPTON SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.H.Ford**; *S.J.Atherton*; *G.J.Ellis†*; *C.J.S.Evans*; *O.Faruqui*; *A.K.Evans-Gordon*; *J.S.Harvey*; *M.J.Homes*; *A.J.Stedman*; *S.J.Young*; *E.M.Wesson*

30th April v QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.A.Flack**; *A.Chapman*; *S.Cooper*; *M.R.Dixon*; *M.W.Garside†*; *C.R.E.Harrison*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *S.K.Parker*; *J.A.Sykes*; *R.E.Walker*; *R.D.Wilkins*

30th April v REPTON SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: J.D.Carr*; J.J.Brennan; A.J.Good; R.A.C.Jerman; O.Khan; R.Marsden; M.D.Murray; N.A.T.Pearson†; T.J.H.Pearson; J.M.Proctor; D.A.Thorne

30th April v RUGBY SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: D.W.Umbers*; M.S.Abluwalia; A.Hussain; M.P.W.Jeb; T.Lunel; F.G.A.Mitchell; H.J.Norman†; G.Powell; G.D.Price; G.W.Roberts; B.P.Ward

30th April v UPPINGHAM SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: M.S.L.Rollinson*†; J.M.Coles; R.J.Evans; M.A.Fell; E.R.Fowler; R.C.Hibbitt; R.P.Hodson; D.M.Kingham; A.V.Pope; T.R.Shaw; G.R.Thompson

1st May v BRADFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (U.Mahomed 3-30)

151-4 dec

Bradford GS (S.Mahomed 68, S.Benzafer 81*)

155-3

MCC Team: R.C.F.Wadkin*; R.M.Atkinson; T.E.J.Cooper; C.W.Farrell; S.A.Halls; P.A.Harnand; A.J.Mitchell; R.Hutchinson; S.J.Simpson†; R.E.Walker; S.J.G.Wilkinson

Despite the constant threat of rain and several interruptions, a substantial amount of cricket was achieved. MCC won the toss and made steady progress with the bat. Tim Cooper (29) and Richard Hutchinson (18) put on 57 for the first wicket, and further contributions came from Sam Wilkinson (29) and Robert Walker (41). Unfortunately, the pace of the innings meant that a declaration was needed to ensure a full game and cater for the weather. The school batted very well and withstood the bowling changes to record a well-fought and deserved victory.

Richard Wadkin

1st May v BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.G.Pether 67)

166-6 dec

Brentwood School (J.C.Turnbull 50)

159-6

MCC Team: B.J.Debenham*; R.W.J.Ankers†; A.P.Clarkie; J.R.Clarkie; L.J.Bell; P.M.Daniels; N.D.Eaton; C.D.Lee; N.J.Maley; R.N.Newman; M.G.Pether

1st May v BRISTOL CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: R.J.W.Holdsworth*; G.E.Curtis; J.W.Dean; D.J.R.England; G.E.Griffiths; R.T.J.Howell; C.S.Kemp; W.Rudge; A.G.Y.Scott†; E.W.Shellard; R.C.J.Williams

1st May v DORSET CCC

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.B.R.Jones 88)

202-5 dec

Dorset CCC (M.Miller 55, T.Lamb 51, P.N.Unsworth 3-47)

204-7

MCC Team: C.H.Forward*; M.G.Boocock; D.O.Brown; O.A.Dawkins; J.B.R.Jones; S.A.Kellett; A.W.McLay; Dr. S.S.Patel; P.N.Unsworth; P.E.Wellings; N.Wilton†

1st May v DULWICH COLLEGE

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (O.Faruqui 47, T.Bevan 4-30)

160-9 dec

Dulwich College (T.Askew 89, E.J.Rees 3-26)

161-6

MCC Team: O.Faruqui*; Dr. J.A.Brady; N.J.Hunt; M.R.Newman†; Dr. H.J.Patel; M.P.Rea; E.J.Rees; C.H.Fellows-Smith; M.G.Spelman; M.I.M.Umarji; A.R.Wightman

The weather gods were not kind in early May (little did we know then that they planned to be unkind all summer!). That we got a game at all owed much to the excellent facilities at Dulwich College, and their superb groundstaff. The College won the toss, and asked the Club to bat. Both opening bowlers moved the ball around, but the top order knuckled down to reach 97 for 3 at lunch. Rea in particular played some lovely shots before somehow nicking an unplayable ball. Lunch was spectacular, so much so that two overs into the afternoon session the Club were 98 for 7. Fortunately, the tail wagged, and the Club were able to declare at 160 for 9.

An early breakthrough from Rees served as the catalyst for the run chase - both Askew and Roy batted well, assisted in parts by some 'early season' bowling. Hunt finally got Roy, which triggered a mini-collapse. However, Askew was able to score freely and, when he went, the lower middle order did not let his hard work go to waste. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and our congratulations go to the College for a well-deserved victory.

Omar Faruqui

1st May v KIMBOLTON SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: M.S.L.Rollinson*†; T.B.J.Beagent; D.R.Clarkie; P.M.Jones; E.M.Lawrence; S.J.B.Livemore; R.J.Pack; A.R.Roberts; A.J.Trott; J.A.F.Vallance

1st May v MALVERN COLLEGE

Match abandoned

Toss: Malvern College

MCC

121-3

MCC Team: G.S.Glendinning*; D.J.Barber; T.E.F.Burne; G.E.Curtis; L.H.Jackson; M.P.W.Jeb; A.H.Lewis; T.Lunel; S.K.Parker; M.T.Phillips; M.J.Smart

1st May v WICKERSLEY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

MCC won by 137 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.I.Langford 51, I.C.Hampshire 51)

209-4 dec

Wickersley Comprehensive (A.J.Good 3-5, M.R.Dixon 4-25)

72

MCC Team: P.W.Hampshire*; M.R.Bradshaw†; M.R.Dixon; A.J.Good; I.C.Hampshire; P.N.Hepworth; M.I.Langford; M.I.Mortimer; N.A.T.Pearson; T.J.H.Pearson; G.A.Smith

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. On a day with extremely changeable weather conditions, M.I.Langford proceeded to score a quick 51 with N.A.T.Pearson circumspect at the opposite end. M.R.Dixon hit a composed 30, whilst I.C.Hampshire scored another fluent 51. MCC battled a total of 35 overs due to frequent rains storms, but thanks to M.R.Bradshaw and T.J.H.Pearson, MCC declared at 3pm, leaving Wickersley ample time to chase an achievable total. L.Heathcote and last year's top scorer with 90 not out M.Cummins' looked at ease facing M.I.Mortimer and A.J.Good, with the first ball despatched through mid wicket for four. Cummins drove fluently on several occasions through extra cover. Sadly after Heathcote was bowled by Good with the score on 23, the Wickersley innings collapsed to 31 for 6 due to the tight bowling of Good, Dixon and the evergreen G.A.Smith. Several lusty blows by J.Farmer off M.R.Dixon after tea gave Wickersley's score an air of respectability as they took their final score to 72 all out. All in all it was a disappointing batting display by Wickersley, considering the tight games the fixture has produced in previous years.

Paul Hampshire

1st May v WREKIN COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.J.Bowett 59, R.O'Brien 4-35)

190-6 dec

Wrekin College (T.Fisher 46, A.V.Pope 3-40)

135-9

MCC Team: E.L.Home*; D.J.Bowett; S.T.Corbett; N.R.Davis; A.D.Hobson; G.L.Home; D.A.Jones†; B.Lees; J.D.Mayer; A.G.McIlroy; A.V.Pope

2nd May v DOVER COLLEGE

MCC won by 91 runs Toss: Dover College

MCC (S.Salisbury 46) 183-2 dec
Dover College (T.Scrivens 6-10, P.D.J.Johnston 4-49) 92MCC Team: *M.R.Donald*; P.D.J.Johnston; J.Marsh; P.A.Motum; P.D.R.Pearce; J.A.Ross; S.Salisbury; T.Scrivens; M.A.Skinner; M.S.J.Tombs†; D.J.Twiddy*

Nigel Laughton

2nd May v HARROW SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: Harrow School

MCC (C.D.H.Palmer 50, J.Kostoris 3-34) 184-7 dec
Harrow School (S.Maydon 82, T.A.Coleman 6-27) 162-9MCC Team: *A.W.Sexton*; T.A.Coleman; W.B.K.Wingfield-Digby; C.M.Gupte; J.A.R.Hill; J.R.C.Lamb; I.J.W.McCarter; C.D.H.Palmer; J.Patel; G.W.Roberts†; D.W.Terry***2nd May v IPSWICH SCHOOL**

Match abandoned Toss: MCC

MCC (B.J.Debenham 57) 119-3

MCC Team: *N.Fox*; L.P.G.Austin; S.M.Clements; K.P.Cooper; B.J.Debenham; M.J.Felton†; S.J.B.Livermore; D.R.Mann; J.A.C.Pearse; J.D.Pilch; I.J.P.Tufts***2nd May v MOUNT ST MARY'S COLLEGE**

MCC won by 115 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (R.Bolstridge 86) 182-4 dec
Mount St Mary's College (P.J.Heseltine 3-8) 67MCC Team: *T.Kirk*; R.Bolstridge; E.J.Crowther; A.J.Good; D.I.Goodson; P.J.Heseltine; A.V.Pope; S.J.Rimmington†; C.F.B.P.Rudd; G.A.Smith; M.J.Tunaley***2nd May v OXFORD UNIVERSITY AUTHENTICS CC**50 over match
MCC won by 49 runs Toss: MCCMCC (A.R.Danson 87, A.S.Rollins 71) 242-6
Oxford University Authentics CC (Rotsey 48) 193-8MCC Team: *Rev A.R.Wingfield-Digby*; B.D.Atwell; J.R.T.Barclay; J.P.B.Barnes†; D.W.D.Barlow; E.J.Carpenter; I.J.Curtis; A.R.Danson; A.Fordham; A.S.Rollins***2nd May v SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

MCC won by 105 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (E.R.Fowler 58) 184-3 dec
Spalding Grammar School (C.Dring 3-10, A.Gale 3-19) 79MCC Team: *J.W.J.Sly*; C.Dring; M.A.Fell; E.R.Fowler; J.H.Fuller; A.Gale; R.C.Hibbitt; C.E.A.Mear; M.S.L.Rollinson†; D.M.Shaw; H.S.Stroud***5th May v WORTH SCHOOL**

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: Worth School

MCC (Maj. J.T.E.Illingworth 51, N.E.F.Laughton 47, J.Mooney 3-91, W.Kelly 3-35) 202-8 dec
Worth School (N.E.F.Laughton 4-43) 203-8MCC Team: *N.E.F.Laughton*; Maj. J.M.J.Bennett; E.D.C.Brennan; N.I.Gavin-Brown; S.E.H.Child†; R.J.W.Holdsworth; Maj. J.T.E.Illingworth; J.R.C.Lamb; B.M.W.Langman; J.A.M.Molins; M.A.Walton*

Not for the first time in this fixture, all three results were possible at the start of the final over of the day, but it was a match winning, first ever six hit by a Worth XI debutante that saw the school home by two wickets. Earlier in the day, the Club declared at 202 for 8 after 42 overs with most players chipping-in around

Illingworth's 51 and Laughton's 47. Probationary cricket candidate Brennan (21 not out) looked most comfortable on a damp pitch, while Langman scored a quick-fire 33 towards the end. Five of the eight MCC bowlers shared the opposition wickets. At 86 for 6 the school looked in trouble, but some flighted spin bowling and tenacious batting set up an exciting finish. The victory celebrations amongst the boys and the headmaster's smile were sufficient for all to realise the importance of this first victory against MCC since Gordon Hewitt was in his prime, and managing the fixture.

SUFFOLK SCHOOLS WEEK**6th May v BURY ST EDMUNDS COUNTY SCHOOL**

MCC won by 130 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.B.Livermore 104, I.J.D.Tufts 54) 232-2 dec
Bury St Edmunds County School (D.Turner 51, R.H.Leachman 3-27) 102MCC Team: *A.G.Warrington*; S.H.Aldous; E.W.De Moura Correia; J.J.Esmeijer; T.H.Groot; S.M.Hewitt; R.H.Leachman; S.J.B.Livermore; T.M.Lord†; R.J.Pack; I.J.D.Tufts; A.G.Warrington***7th May v WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL**

MCC won by 121 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (S.H.Aldous 54, T.E.Percival 89, J.J.Esmeijer 46*) 233-5 dec
Woodbridge School (E.W.De Moura Correia 3-28) 112MCC Team: *A.G.Warrington*; S.H.Aldous; P.Clark; J.J.Esmeijer; E.W.De Moura Correia; D.J.Goldsmith†; T.H.Groot; S.M.Hewitt; T.M.Lord; R.J.Pack; T.E.Percival; C.G.S.Perkins***8th May v FRAMLINGHAM SCHOOL**

MCC won by 125 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (I.J.P.Tufts 53, J.A.C.Pearse 46, J.J.Esmeijer 50*) 232-5 dec
Framlingham School (E.W.De Moura Correia 4-44) 107MCC Team: *L.P.G.Austin*; K.P.Cooper; E.W.De Moura Correia; J.J.Esmeijer; T.H.Groot; S.M.Hewitt; M.C.M.Pearse; J.A.C.Pearse; T.E.Percival; Maj.M.E.Roythorne†; I.J.P.Tufts***9th May v CULFORD SCHOOL**

MCC won by 146 runs Toss: Culford School

MCC (Maj.M.E.Roythorne ret 50, T.M.Lord 109, S.J.B.Livermore 50*) 232-2 dec
Culford School (S.M.Hewitt 4-10, L.P.G.Austin 3-37) 86MCC Team: *A.G.Warrington*; L.P.G.Austin; K.G.Brooks; A.M.Cade; P.Clark†; D.J.Goldsmith†; S.M.Hewitt; S.J.B.Livermore; T.M.Lord; Major M.E.Roythorne; G.G.Warrington***10th May v ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (I.J.P.Tufts 78, J.A.C.Pearse 49) 189-3 dec
St Joseph's College (O.Gilbert 46, T.R.Gould 3-57) 166-8MCC Team: *A.G.Warrington*; S.H.Aldous; P.Clark; T.R.Gould; S.J.B.Livermore; T.M.Lord; J.A.C.Pearse; M.C.M.Pearse; C.G.S.Perkins; M.G.Pether†; A.S.Ranawat; I.J.P.Tufts***6th May v ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY CC**

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (M.J.Smart 40, J.B.Wharton 57) 202-7 dec
Aberystwyth University CC (P.T.Massey 4-51) 203-8MCC Team: *R.D.T.Davies*; P.Divito; G.S.Glendinning†; M.J.Hackett; M.Hills; P.H.W.E.Lazarus; P.T.Massey; S.A.Morris; M.J.Smart; T.Stevens; J.B.Wharton*

CUMBRIA SCHOOLS TOUR

8th May v AUSTIN FRIARS SCHOOL

MCC won by 12 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.Potter 76, R.Mather 3-31)

133-5 dec

Austin Friars School (T.Duffin 70, R.Ross 4-41)

121

MCC Team: D.J.Otway*; A.D.Glover; D.R.Green; J.R.Holliday; G.T.E.Monkhouse; H.K.More; S.D.Philbrook; A.J.Potter; T.E.H.Prime†; R.W.G.Ross; D.M.Wheatman

This was the closest match in the seven year history of the fixture. A halfway declaration looked decidedly generous, as the school progressed to 95 for 4, but the fall of Duffin for a fine aggressive 70 ensured that MCC could then 'control' matters on a slow damp wicket and ensure victory by 12 runs. This followed a very positive start to the game, in particular, from probationer Potter with a classy 76, supported well by Prime and Holliday. The post-lunch batting was, as per normal, slower due again to the excesses of a fine meal. With the whole school attending the afternoon session and with very positive feedback received from the school, it made the long journey very worthwhile. It was another great day in Cumbria.

David Otway

9th May v SEDBERGH SCHOOL

MCC lost by 2 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.P.Tubbs 64, C.Barrington 3-15)

194-7 dec

Sedbergh School (Mason 83, J.I.Foggitt 4-52)

195-8

MCC Team: J.C.Henderson*; C.L.M.Best; J.I.Foggitt; P.J.Kippax; M.Laidler; A.J.Potter; R.W.G.Ross; S.J.Simpson†; G.J.Toogood; N.P.Tubbs; J.A.F.Vallance

10th May v CUMBRIA CRICKET BOARD

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.R.Green 128)

245-4 dec

Cumbria Cricket Board (A.Nicholson 51, S.Holliday 102*, J.R.Holliday 4-39)

239-8

MCC Team: D.J.Otway*; K.R.Bailey; A.D.Glover; D.R.Green; T.Hodson†; J.R.Holliday; R.E.W.G.Horridge; D.A.Lees; A.J.Potter; T.E.H.Prime; R.W.G.Ross

SOUTH WEST TOUR

7th May v KELLY COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: T.J.Angove*; T.H.Ballentyne; W.M.George; J.D.Hughes†; P.Joshi; T.Kennedy; I.G.Osborne; N.T.P.Pope; J.Rhodes; G.L.Spencer; A.P.Sutcliffe

8th May v TRURO SCHOOL

MCC won by 90 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.Joshi 72, J.E.M.Nicholson 50*)

210-4 dec

Truro School (D.Pollard 54, G.L.S.Spencer 3-25, T.H.Ballentyne 3-3)

120

MCC Team: T.J.Angove*; T.H.Ballentyne; W.M.George; J.D.Hughes†; P.Joshi; T.H.Kennedy; J.E.M.Nicholson; I.G.Osborne; N.T.P.Pope; G.S.Spencer; A.P.Sutcliffe

The match was played on a glorious day. MCC elected to bat first on a slow wicket, sodden with heavy rain. After the early loss of Ballentyne, Joshi and Osborne put together an excellent partnership. Osborne was eventually out to the young school leg spinner for a well made 30. Joshi played a delightful innings of 72 and was ably assisted by Kennedy (31) and Nicholson (50 not out), before the Club declared on 210 for 4.

The turning point of the game came when Spencer and Joshi removed two school batsmen in successive balls. From then on, the boys had little answer to the spin attack of the Club. Spencer, Joshi and Ballentyne all picked up

wickets and Pope returned to the attack to remove the stubborn Mundy. This was a convincing win for the Club, in a game that was very well balanced until well after the tea interval.

Trevor Angove

9th May v PLYMOUTH COLLEGE

MCC won by 179 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.H.Ballentyne 57, R.Sanghi 102*)

227-3 dec

Plymouth College (B.Duncan 3-3)

48

MCC Team: T.Kennedy*; T.J.Angove; T.H.Ballentyne; B.Duncan; A.Fraser; J.A.Hughes†; C.Pope; N.D.Pope; R.Sanghi; G.L.Spencer; B.Silk

10th May v UNIVERSITY OF EXETER CC

50 over match

MCC lost by 9 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.Dale-Lace 3-29)

159

University of Exeter CC (A.Fury 67*, N.Turk 73*)

160-1

MCC Team: N.A.Folland*; R.I.Dawson; J.H.Dudert†; P.Joshi; T.Kennedy; Lt-Col.A.T.D.Lerwill; M.Mahalia; N.D.Pope; R.Rhodes; J.A.Sienesi; J.Stillwell

This was our first defeat by Exeter University since the fixture began. MCC chose to bat and never really got going, losing wickets consistently. Bobby Dawson threatened, Tim Lerwill made a useful 37 but a spirited and lively university attack kept on top, and MCC struggled to reach 159 all out. This was never enough runs, but a couple of dropped catches did not help our cause. Early wickets were needed, but only one came, and the students built on a fine second wicket partnership. MCC kept trying and attacking but ended up comprehensively beaten by 9 wickets. It was a good competitive match, but a score of 200 would have made it a much more interesting game. It was not to be.

Nick Folland

7th May v BERKHAMSTED SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: T.L.Norris*; R.D.Brooker; W.D.G.Dunn; A.Fordham; T.T.N.Gadsby; C.J.Hardcastle; E.J.Montague; T.P.O'Gara; S.M.Prodger; N.Sen; S.J.Young†

7th May v BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

MCC won by 116 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.H.James 79)

204-6 dec

Bishop's Stortford College (S.Lindop 49, P.J.O'Reilly 8-27)

88

MCC Team: Hon. N.R.C.MacLaurin*; D.P.Allen; S.J.W.Andrew; D.C.L.Beynon; M.R.Evans; M.A.Everett; I.Fletcher; M.H.James†; A.S.Lewis; P.J.O'Reilly; N.A.S.Smith

7th May v BLOXHAM SCHOOL

MCC won by 81 runs

Toss: Bloxham School

MCC (T.Lunel 54, R.Foxon 3-48, T.Hill 3-37)

173-9 dec

Bloxham School (G.F.Watts 3-17)

92

MCC Team: W.E.Hubbick*; A.S.Birkett; R.S.C.Blumire; J.M.Coles; J.R.G.Hawkins; T.Lunel; M.J.Salmon; J.W.Walter; G.F.Watts; A.S.H.Wickens; S.H.Wootton

7th May v GLENALMOND COLLEGE

MCC won by 94 runs

Toss: Glenalmond College

MCC (J.Brunton 4-47)

164

Glenalmond College (I.R.Beven 4-28, A.W.Saddler 4-31)

70

MCC Team: *E.J.McIntyre**; *I.R.Beven*; *H.K.More*; *R.E.More*; *C.W.Mullins*; *N.J.Pett*; *A.W.Saddler*; *S.J.S.Smith*; *B.C.Thompson†*; *J.W.L.Toller*; *G.S.Webster*

MCC v Glenalmond College

7th May v GRESHAM'S SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.D.Pilch 81, R.Steward 3-38)

179-8 dec

Gresham's School

132-6

MCC Team: *J.A.Banham**; *S.A.Bradford*; *N.J.E.Foster*; *R.H.Leachman*; *M.R.Lester*; *S.J.B.Livermore*; *J.A.Pearse*; *M.C.M.Pearse*; *J.D.Pilch*; *Major M.E.Roythorne†*; *I.J.P.Tufis***7th May v ST MARY'S COLLEGE**

Match drawn

Toss: St Mary's College

MCC (M.P.W.Jeh 72)

215-8 dec

St Mary's College (J.Watson 108)

179-9

MCC Team: *T.J.G.O'Gorman**; *E.J.Carpenter*; *O.A.Dawkins*; *R.J.Greatorex*; *D.A.Hanson†*; *T.W.Harrison*; *M.P.W.Jeh*; *E.W.Lawrence*; *J.Thorpe*; *S.D.Welch*; *M.J.Winson*

The Club's performance owed much to Michael Jeh whose 72 runs were the highlight of our innings. His commitment is exceptional, his having driven 190 miles to the game being an example to rest of us. Useful contributions from Greatorex (39) and Harrison (35) enabled MCC to declare at 215 for 8. It is a great credit to St Mary's that they chased the target all the way, led from the front by Watson who scored an excellent 108. However, the next highest score was 17 and without being able to put together significant partnerships, the target was always beyond their reach. St Mary's kept pushing for an increasingly unlikely victory for which they should be applauded. The game was interesting throughout, and on balance, a draw was a fair result.

Tim O'Gorman

8th May v AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.Poole 47)

206-6 dec

Ampleforth College (J.Smith 50, B.Fitzherbert 83*)

208-7

MCC Team: *D.S.Harrison**; *M.R.Bradshaw*; *E.D.C.Brennan*; *J.J.J.Brennan*; *G.E.Curtis*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.G.Hodson*; *R.S.Holgate*; *R.Poole*; *G.A.Smith*; *Lord Stafford*; *G.J.Toogood*

The MCC innings began well with the Brennan brothers scoring 49 off the first eight overs. Bradshaw, Poole and Holgate all reached 40, allowing MCC to declare on 206 for 6, before the MCC opening attack of Toogood and Hodson restricted the college to only 18 in 13 pre-tea overs.

At tea, Giles Toogood gave an excellent talk to the boys on the Spirit of Cricket, which was well received. After tea, the boys fell behind the clock with

some excellent tight bowling. Two excellent slip catches further hampered the college, but a mature 83 from captain B. Fitzherbert left them needing seven off the last over. A lusty blow from Woodhead saw them home by three wickets in an excellent game of cricket.

Dominic Harrison

8th May v FOREST SCHOOL

MCC won by 67 runs

Toss: Forest School

MCC

(A.C.Richards 51, M.R.J.Eyles-Thomas 50*, J.P.Hinton 72, Gay 3-24)

230-5 dec

Forest School (Paul 97, L.Sweeney 5-28)

163

MCC Team: *B.Lee**; *R.J.Arthur*; *J.R.Fosbraey*; *J.P.Hinton*; *S.Jones*; *R.Mirza*; *R.J.Oram*; *A.C.Richards*; *C.Sains*; *L.Sweeney*; *M.R.J.Eyles-Thomas†*

MCC was put in to bat on a grey, overcast day. Eyles-Thomas played the anchor role of the innings, scoring an unbeaten 50. Opener Richards scored an excellent and entertaining 51 and his Wanstead team mate, John Hinton, hit a magnificent 72. MCC declared on 230 for 5.

Forest School opened their innings with the sun starting to come through the afternoon cloud. Jones and Sains opened the bowling for MCC and took two early wickets. The school put on 78 for the third wicket, before leg spinner Sweeney claimed the first of his five victims. Paul was the pick of the Forest batsmen, but holed out just three runs short of his hundred. Forest then put up little resistance and were all out with 6 overs to go.

Ben Lee

8th May v THE HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC

(T.A.Coleman 53, S.M.Clements 57*, Arumagum 3-69)

230-4 dec

Haberdashers' Aske's School (Theivendra 65, Duffy 68*)

216-5

MCC Team: *A.J.Moulding**; *C.R.Churchman*; *S.M.Clements*; *T.A.Coleman*; *N.J.Fielden*; *D.C.Hickman*; *C.D.Lee*; *M.Patterson*; *A.M.G.Scott*; *A.Soni*; *M.F.Wahab†***8th May v LATYMER UPPER SCHOOL**

MCC won by 51 runs

Toss: Latymer Upper School

MCC

182-4 dec

Latymer Upper School (J.M.J.Bennett 2-23)

131

MCC Team: *P.B.Askew**; *M.S.Ahluwalia*; *A.T.R.Titchener-Barrett*; *Major J.M.J.Bennett*; *P.J.Dean†*; *D.C.A.Wingfield-Digby*; *W.B.K.Wingfield-Digby*; *S.J.Foster*; *S.P.Hughes*; *G.F.Watts*; *S.Whaley*

This was an enjoyable game against a very young Latymer XI. MCC batted first on a damp pitch. The four wickets to fall were all outfield catches where driving on the up was a fatal option. It was good to see 'Yozzer' Hughes demonstrating a text book straight bat to the boys, his analysis slot on the box clearly having kept him in touch with the 'proper' method.

At lunch the Spirit of Cricket was covered, and Hughes gave a helpful gloss on top. The boys' batting was patchy, rarely getting to grips with the testing conditions against good bowling. Particularly of note was 13-year-old Waldouch's innings of 26. (We gather he is being coached by Middlesex at the Finchley Centre.) He was removed by a brilliant catch by Dean behind the stumps from a sharp leg cutter by Hughes, before the school subsided to 131 all out.

Paul Askew

8th May v LEEDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC

(A.A.Metcalf 68)

198-6 dec

Leeds GS (C.L.M.Best 4-58, A.J.Mitchell 3-69)

180-2

MCC Team: *C.L.M.Best**; *C.W.Farrell*; *J.P.Fordham*; *S.N.Hartley*; *R.C.A.M.McCarthy*; *A.A.Metcalf*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *R.J.Robinson*; *J.A.Sykes*; *A.F.Tyler*; *R.C.F.Wadkin*

8th May v MARLING SCHOOL

MCC won by 86 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.Anderson 53, E.Griggs 3-34)

200-7 dec

Marling School (O.Pymm 3-3)

114

MCC Team: E.W.Shellard*; N.Anderson; D.J.Barber; N.C.Burton; C.Davies; P.Geddes; W.M.Partridge; O.Pymm; J.Ritchie; D.R.Terrington†

8th May v PANGBOURNE COLLEGE

MCC won by 82 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (W.B.Miller 102*, G.Phillips 66)

231-4 dec

Pangbourne College (A.Robinson 71, A.T.Crouch 3-21)

149

MCC Team: K.D.Young*; A.T.Crouch; C.R.S.Dare; M.A.Everett; N.G.Grice†; Dr.C.St.J.Lamden; Hon. N.R.C.MacLaurin; S.N.C.Massey; W.B.Miller; G.Phillips; S.S.Surridge

This pitch was hampered by rain during the preceding days, and our opening pair were forced to eschew flamboyant stroke play against an accurate, medium-paced spell of bowling. Probationer Miller continued in such vein after lunch and carried his bat throughout the innings for a worthy, if restrained, century.

Having posted a good score, we attacked with aggressive field placings and the ever-enthusiastic Clifford Dare's accurate and disciplined swing bowling. Some fine striking by their middle order afforded them the chance of victory, which was scuppered by the loss of the two best bats in a twenty minute spell of devilment and deception by the spin-twins, Crouch and Massey. Considering the appalling weather prevalent at the time, it was excellent to play a complete fixture.

Iain Fletcher

8th May v RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: Ratcliffe College

MCC (M.A.Fell 77)

219-4 dec

Ratcliffe College (A.V.Pope 5-68)

172-9

MCC Team: P.G.Wright*; R.J.Evans; M.A.Fell; D.I.Goodson; R.Hand; R.P.Johnson; N.A.T.Pearson†; T.J.H.Pearson; A.V.Pope; J.M.Proctor; P.J.Sears

Fellow probationers and opening batsmen Mark Fell and Neil Pearson made a 131-run partnership against some lively Ratcliffe bowlers. Fell played some fine shots to score 77 off 99 balls, and Pearson showed grit and determination to make 42, before Bob Hand and Jimmy Pearson finished the innings with a flourish, scoring 50 in the last seven overs.

Ratcliffe got off to a good start and were 60 for 1 off 25 overs, before their middle order found Tony Pope too crafty and experienced in the art of slow left arm bowling and lost seven wickets making the next 64 runs. However, D.Petrie scored an attractive 34 to prevent MCC taking the final wicket needed for victory.

Peter Wright

8th May v RYDAL PENRHOS SCHOOL

MCC won by 128 runs

Toss: Rydal Penrhos School

MCC (A.B.Lemmey 53)

213-5 dec

Rydal Penrhos School (A.J.Good 3-4)

85

MCC Team: R.A.B.Purnell*; P.D.Armstrong; C.R.Borrett; P.R.Burling; P.A.Davis; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; A.J.Good; N.J.Heaton; J.D.Hughes; A.B.Lemmey†; W.G.Lovell

8th May v THE SKINNERS' SCHOOL

MCC won by 84 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.D.Twiddy 74*, C.Swadkin 46)

181-3 dec

The Skimmers' School (J.W.Dean 3-36, D.A.Gilliland 3-18)

97

MCC Team: A.S.A.Townsend*; A.D.Bourne; A.T.B.Brocklehurst; J.D.Dangerfield; J.W.Dean; C.W.Denness; A.W.Dixon†; D.A.Gilliland; M.P.Hickson; C.Swadkin; N.D.Twiddy

Batting first on a wicket that had seen heavy overnight rain, MCC made a steady start against accurate bowling. Losing the first wicket at 14 and the second at 68, the Club went into lunch at 102 for 2. Following the extended break the batsmen opened up to declare on 181 for 3 at 3.15. Nigel Twiddy carried his bat for 74 and was ably supported by Chris Swadkin, with 46.

In reply, the School struggled against a strong attack on a drying wicket that favoured the bowling. The School's captain, D. Green, batted well for 25 and the other top order batsmen looked good in defence, but a pitch that took spin and had variable bounce was always going to make attacking shots difficult. Once the tail was exposed, it was only a matter of time before victory was secured.

The Club was well looked after by the School and I would like to thank all those concerned, as well as those who turned up to play for the Club, particularly those who came at short notice.

Andrew Townsend

8th May v STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: J.R.C.Lamb*; J.R.N.Ashworth; G.Barker; D.I.A.Brook; P.Jackson; H.Lowe; W.Rydon; S.Smith; R.F.Thomas

8th May v ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, Leatherhead

Match drawn

Toss: St John's School

MCC (Amos 5-54, Anderson 4-60)

209-9 dec

St John's School (Scott 54*, N.Brett 4-20, C.H.Wood 3-11)

112-8

MCC Team: L.J.Moody*; N.Brett; E.De Lucy; T.E.Goodyer; J.S.Harvey; M.J.Homes; R.E.A.Lowe; S.M.J.Roberts†; C.H.Wood; G.L.Wood; S.J.Young

9th May v COLSTON'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

MCC won by 98 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.A.Redwood 63, Western 3-63)

208-7 dec

Colston's Collegiate School (G.E.Griffiths 6-48)

110

MCC Team: T.J.Parnell*; M.R.Bellhouse; D.Black; P.Drew; H.G.Ellison; G.E.Griffiths; M.S.Gurney; G.D.Hodgson; M.J.Neale†; N.Parnell; P.A.Redwood

9th May v FELSTED SCHOOL

MCC won by 67 runs

Toss: Felsted School

MCC (P.M.Jones 96, A.P.Clark 51)

240-5 dec

Felsted School (G.Lapido 49, D.M.Roe 3-44)

173

MCC Team: B.J.Clayden*; R.W.J.Ankers; A.P.Clark; J.R.Clark; B.J.Debenham; B.A.Emblin; K.J.Goodman; P.M.Jones; D.M.Roe; N.A.S.Smith; B.J.Tabor†

9th May v KENT COLLEGE

MCC won by 59 runs

Toss: Kent College

MCC (J.P.C.Carr 77*, S.Salisbury 71)

191-7 dec

Kent College (J.Dowsing 58, G.R.Brealy 4-20)

132

MCC Team: G.R.Brealy*; P.B.Allen; J.P.C.Carr; M.A.Hole; A.M.T.Jannohammed†; P.D.R.Pearce; S.Salisbury; S.N.V.Waterton; J.M.Baker-White; A.R.Wightman; S.C.Willis

9th May v LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL

MCC won by 32 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.J.Shirt 48, J.Smedley 3-36)

192-7 dec

Langley Park School (M.M.Rajabali 5-23)

160

MCC Team: S.P.Wakefield*; A.Bates; R.N.G.Bloch; M.R.Newman; M.M.Rajabali; G.J.Rickman; D.J.Shirt†; K.Staple; J.C.Walford

9th May v TRENT COLLEGE

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: Trent College

MCC (O.R.E.Mathias 47, M.A.Fell 80*, E.Johnson 4-28) **184-7 dec**
 Trent College **185-5**

MCC Team: *R.J.Evans**; *K.P.Evans*; *M.A.Fell*; *C.J.Maber†*; *O.R.E.Mathias*; *P.J.Ford-Murphy*; *N.A.T.Pearson*; *A.V.Pope*; *T.S.V.Pope*; *M.J.Tunaley*; *P.G.Wright*

MCC were invited to bat and made steady progress until lunch. The wicket was slow and scoring quickly proved difficult. After lunch, the run-rate was improved and the Club declared on 184 for 7. M.A. Fell was the outstanding batsman, scoring 80 not out.

Trent College approached their innings in a positive manner but runs were hard to come by against accurate bowling. MCC adopted positive field placings throughout the match and the College responded by playing the ball into gaps and running between the wickets extremely well, increasing the run-rate in the final few overs to win by five wickets with ten balls left. It was an excellent effort against a strong MCC XI, and Trent College thoroughly deserved their victory.

Russell Evans

9th May v WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.E.Vigar 111, W.Johnson 67*) **226-4 dec**
 Westminster School (Pike 99*) **176-6**

MCC Team: *S.S.Surridge*†*; *P.J.Craig*; *W.Johnson*; *N.A.Johnstone*; *J.A.King*; *Dr.C.St.J.Lamden*; *T.S.Matharu*; *G.Morgan*; *Dr.A.G.Nicholson*; *C.H.Fellows-Smith*; *J.E.Vigar*

Once again Vincent Square was looking excellent, and congratulations must go to Ian Monk, the groundsman, and his staff. After a rather poor performance last year, I was determined that the Club would put up a better effort this time.

We opened with Chris Lamden and qualifier John Vigar, the classic left and right hand opening partnership, and it all went along very nicely to 40, when Chris was rather surprisingly bowled for 19 runs. Bill Johnson then came to the wicket (67 not out) and looked in good nick, putting on 156 with John Vigar to take us to 196 before the next wicket.

John Vigar moved on to his first century for the Club, in his first game, and never looked in trouble until he was stumped on 111. The declaration was made well before half time on 226 for 4 and our relatively slow scoring was a credit to the boys, who bowled and fielded excellently. When they started batting, they all seemed to have good technique and Pike, especially, impressed. He went on to 99 not out, a great achievement considering that the next highest score by any boy was 19. We all felt sorry that he didn't score his hundred, but he had the chance and will probably admit that he shouldn't have taken the single off the second ball of the last over, which left him off strike for two balls.

This was my last time running this game after fifteen years. I would like to thank MCC for originally having asked me to do it, which has been a great honour, and also to thank all of you who have played for me over the years.

Stuart Surridge

9th May v WISBECH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Wisbech Grammar School

MCC (D.M.Shaw 49*, N.Henry 3-21) **182-5 dec**
 Wisbech GS (Staveley 100, N.T.Gadsby 4-26) **181-6**

MCC Team: *J.W.J.Sly**; *E.R.Fowler*; *N.T.Gadsby*; *R.C.Hibbitt*; *C.E.Mear*; *D.E.Ralfs*; *M.A.F.Riddington*; *M.S.L.Rollinson†*; *R.A.C.Sears*; *D.M.Shaw*; *D.C.Wing*

10th May v JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

MCC won by 50 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.T.R.Titchener-Barrett 48, G.M.Butchart 65) **161**
 John Fisher School (A.R.Whittall 4-33, R.Sanghi 3-32) **111**

MCC Team: *R.M.Wight**; *A.T.R.Titchener-Barrett*; *D.I.A.Brook*; *G.M.Butchart*; *J.Emitt*; *S.P.Henderson*; *O.Khan*; *G.J.Rickman*; *R.Sanghi*; *M.R.Eyles-Thomas*; *A.R.Whittall*

10th May v UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER CC

MCC won by 10 runs

Toss: Manchester University CC

MCC (K.C.Williams 70, A.Bell 3-47, R.Day 3-29) **156**
 University of Manchester CC (W.G.Lovell 4-27) **146**

MCC Team: *P.R.Burling*; *P.D.O.Armstrong*; *J.R.Fosbnaey*; *M.J.Hackett†*; *L.H.Jackson*; *D.A.Jones*; *W.G.Lovell*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *D.K.Pashley*; *J.B.Wharton*; *K.C.Williams*

12th May v RADLEY COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.M.Molins 108, T.J.G.O'Gorman 48) **227-3 dec**
 Radley College (Clements 45, Yorke-Long 59) **221-9**

MCC Team: *A.J.T.Halliday**; *M.R.Bellhouse*; *J.P.Carroll*; *A.L.P.Clarke†*; *G.W.Eykyn*; *E.J.How*; *C.W.G.Goldsmith*; *R.D.Minor*; *J.A.M.Molins*; *T.J.G.O'Gorman*; *C.E.Pragnell*

Even though Radley may feel that they do not possess an XI of the calibre of recent seasons, their side does contain boys with talent and potential, and they provided spirited competition in a highly enjoyable fixture. Batting first, MCC suffered the early loss of Carroll on a true but slow surface. Molins and O'Gorman took the score to 150 for 1 at lunch, both looking comfortable. Suitably well refreshed by the master in charge, MCC cruised towards a declaration of 227 for 3 from 46 overs. Molins batted powerfully for his century and O'Gorman exuded his customary calm at the crease for 48.

Facing a long couple of sessions in the field, MCC's bowlers rotated willingly and skilfully through 61 overs. In particular, How and Goldsmith provided a challenging new ball. The former could also be called upon when a quick wicket was needed, while the latter was economical in an exciting run chase. Radley pursued the total willingly, right until the final over, despite losing wickets regularly, as they rose to the demands of needing five to six an over in the final twenty. MCC's spinners, Carroll and Pragnell, kept the game alive, as both teams were prepared to risk losing the game to win it. Ultimately, Radley fell six runs short with only one wicket left - it was a super game and an enjoyable and exciting draw.

Alex Halliday

13th May v ERMYSTED'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *M.W.Cowell**; *R.M.Atkinson*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.G.Hodson*; *J.R.Holliday*; *M.Laidler*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *R.M.Nichols*; *N.A.T.Pearson*; *T.J.H.Pearson*

14th May v BIRKDALE SCHOOL

MCC won by 106 runs

Toss: Birkdale School

MCC (J.A.Sykes 52, A.E.McKenna 50, J.R.Tasker 51*, M.R.Dixon 55*) **229-4 dec**
 Birkdale School **123**

MCC Team: *R.W.Ibbotson**; *S.Cooper*; *M.R.Dixon*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.G.Hodson*; *R.A.Kettleborough*; *G.R.Knott*; *A.E.McKenna*; *J.A.Sykes*; *J.R.Tasker*

14th May v CRANLEIGH SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.E.Q.Gurney 81) **165-4 dec**
 Cranleigh School (J.T.A.Martin-Jenkins 3-36) **164-6**

MCC Team: *S.J.Watkinson**; *G.A.M.Brown*; *D.E.M.G.Copleston*; *S.C.G.Copleston*; *R.E.Q.Gurney*; *J.S.Harvey*; *A.M.T.Janmohamed*; *J.T.A.Martin-Jenkins*; *R.L.Johnson†*; *R.S.M.Morris*; *M.Durden-Smith*

MCC batted first and Robert Gurney batted well, capitalising on some short and wayward bowling from the school. Abee Janmohamed played well before being out trying to force the pace. MCC continued to score freely, with Sean Morris accumulating quickly before the Club declared after 31 overs, setting the school 166 off a maximum of 40 overs.

The school lost regular wickets to James Martin-Jenkins and two run outs

kept them under pressure. With six overs to go, the school played out a maiden which ultimately meant 13 were needed off the last over. The game ended in a draw with the school needing 4 off the last ball. The boys paced their innings well, with strong contributions from S. Worthy and S. Langmead. This was a great game of cricket, which the boys thoroughly enjoyed, and special praise is due to the groundsman and to Clem Williams, the Master in Charge of Cricket at Cranleigh.

Henry Watkinson

14th May v KING'S SCHOOL, Bruton

MCC won by 19 runs Toss: King's School

MCC (G.P.A.Herring 104) 208-6 dec
King's School (M.Masters 67, G.E.Griffiths 5-88, N.J.Gammon 3-45) 189

MCC Team: F.L.Stewart*; R.H.Carlson; I.M.Collins; W.C.C.Cooper; N.J.Gammon; G.E.Griffiths; G.P.A.Herring; B.E.Hughes; N.J.Hunt; Lt-Col A.T.D.Lerwill; A.S.A.Peebles†

MCC were asked to bat on a good batting surface in overcast conditions. Collins and Lerwill got off to a good start before two quick wickets removed them both. If the school's tight bowling had been supported by better catching, the lunchtime score of 111 for 4 could have been far worse. Thereafter, probationer G.P.A. Herring accelerated the scoring rate with a classy display of attacking shots and deserved his second century as a candidate. MCC declared at 208 for 6 off 43.4 overs.

An injury to Carlson deprived MCC of an opening bowler but medium-pacers Hunt and Hughes bowled tidily, although without success. Stewart's occasional off spin broke the deadlock in the over before tea but it was then Griffiths and Gammon who bowled their spinners in tandem for 37 overs, giving the schoolboys a full 59 overs to reach the target.

Gammon's quick off breaks kept the batsmen tied down at one end, while probationer Griffiths tempted them with a clever selection of off breaks, leg breaks and arm balls. Several of the batsmen got good starts but only Masters got beyond 30, the others perishing trying to hit over the top. Masters continued to go for the victory but, receiving little support from the tail, he was last man out for 67, as the school ended up 19 runs short with 5 overs to spare.

As usual, the day was highly enjoyable, as MCC were looked after wonderfully by the school. The decision for the team to travel to Bruton the night before the game was welcomed by players and publicans alike.

Fraser Stewart

14th May v HABERGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (S.R.Montgomery 75*) 141-4 dec
Habergham High School (N.J.Fielden 3-14) 87-8

MCC Team: D.R.Green*; M.Arnold; P.R.Burling; R.M.O.Cooke; N.J.Fielden; A.J.Good; M.C.Lomas†; S.R.Montgomery; D.J.Otway; W.G.Read; J.B.Wharton

14th May v SLEAFORD COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: R.J.Gough*; D.C.Briance; B.J.Hardy; P.J.Johnston; A.W.McAlister; B.J.Newton; G.Phillips; R.L.Plouman; G.D.Price†; J.A.Ross

15th May v CATERHAM SCHOOL

MCC won by 112 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.Cox 54, T.J.Mynott 49) 194-5 dec
Caterham School (J.R.T.Barclay 4-20, B.J.Newton 3-25) 82

MCC Team: J.A.Ross*; N.Barker†; J.R.T.Barclay; J.A.Cox; M.R.Donald; P.J.Graves; C.W.J.Hartridge; T.J.Mynott; B.J.Newton; S.Simmonds; C.H.Wood

15th May v HIGHGATE SCHOOL

MCC won by 80 runs Toss: Highgate School

MCC (M.Diwan 57) 165-8 dec
Highgate School (M.M.Rajabali 6-18) 85

MCC Team: M.M.Rajabali*; M.Diwan; N.D.Goh; J.C.Hurrell; C.G.Jackson; P.D.J.Johnston; J.K.Kershen†; A.M.G.Scott; M.A.Skinner; C.H.Fellows-Smith; K.Staple

15th May v HILLS ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

MCC won by 129 runs Toss: Hills Road

MCC (G.N.Jackson 105*, W.R.T.Chalk 40*) 211-2 dec
Hills Road Sixth Form College (W.R.T.Chalk 3-13, T.S.Smith 4-5) 82

MCC Team: N.T.Gadsby*; W.R.T.Chalk; R.J.Claxton; R.Golby; G.N.Jackson; G.A.Pearson; M.S.L.Rollinson†; Maj.M.E.Roythorne; D.A.Shardlow; T.S.Smith; G.R.Thompson

A first ever fixture between Hills Road Sixth Form College and MCC ended in a comprehensive victory for the Club. Batting first on a slow low wicket the Major (Roythorne) was an early casualty but a beautifully compiled century from probationer Geoff Jackson, with able support from Chalk (40 not out) and Shardlow (22 not out), saw a declaration of 211 for 2.

Hills Road began well, reaching 40 without loss, when a brilliant piece of fielding from Claxton, swooping 'Rhodes'-like at cover point, changed the course of the game. Chalk and the highly promising youngster, Smith, then worked quickly through the middle order; Smith securing three LBWs with his left arm variety. Mention might also be made of Rollinson's work behind the stumps. He is another whose career seems to be on the up, or so he tells us. The last wicket fell for 82, to a stunning catch by the match manager, and MCC had won by 129 runs.

Nigel Gadsby

15th May v LOUGHBOROUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 63 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (T.R.Shaw 61, M.T.Madurasinghe 56*) 208-3 dec
Loughborough Grammar School (S.A.Bradford 5-38) 145

MCC Team: A.V.Pope*; C.J.P.Baker; S.A.Bradford; M.T.Madurasinghe; M.C.M.Pearse; J.A.C.Pearse; N.A.T.Pearson†; T.J.H.Pearson; M.S.Scott; T.R.Shaw; C.M.Taylor

15th May v NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME SCHOOL

MCC won by 109 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (R.Poole 73, E.L.Home 46, C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin 48*) 241-6 dec
Newcastle-Under-Lyme School (C.R.Borrett 4-45, J.D.Mayer 3-20) 132

MCC Team: R.M.H.Wilson*; C.R.Borrett; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; E.L.Home; M.P.W.Jeb; B.Lees; A.N.Mackelworth†; J.D.Mayer; D.K.Pasbley; R.Poole; A.Sarosi



Newcastle-under-Lyme, MCC and Mushtaq Ahmed

As this fixture was abandoned last year due to atrocious weather conditions, it was a joy to arrive at the school in glorious sunshine. With a strong MCC batting line up, the match manager decided to bat first on winning the toss. Lees and candidate Borrett opened the innings and were both sent back to the pavilion by the attacking Moss with the score on 24. Poole and Home settled the innings and enjoyed an entertaining partnership of 89. After 46 overs, the captain declared the innings on 241.

Chasing such a total is never easy for school sides and, at 22 for 4, the middle order were highly tested. Only Howland and Rushgrove provided any real resistance, but it was encouraging to see this young side remain positive throughout the innings. Borrett took his first wickets for the Club and ended with 4 for 45. Once again we enjoyed good hospitality and after a few words from the skipper at lunch, the umpires were presented a plaque each from the school for their continued support in officiating in this and many other fixtures over the years.

The school are extremely fortunate this year to have Pakistan Test player Mushtaq Ahmed helping with coaching. Mushtaq is playing for a local league side and during the week helps out at the school. It was a pleasure for Members of the Club to meet him, and it was obvious that the schoolboys enjoyed his company.

Richard Wilson

15th May v NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

MCC won by 103 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (I.C.Hampshire 54, M.J.Lascelles 51)

213-5 dec

Nottingham High School (M.R.Dixon 4-37)

110

MCC Team: *R.A.Pick**; *J.A.Afford*; *M.R.Dixon*; *R.J.Evans*; *M.A.Fell*; *P.J.Hacker*; *M.J.Lascelles†*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *R.Hand*; *P.J.Sears*; *G.A.Smith*

15th May v STONYHURST COLLEGE

Match tied

Toss: Stonyhurst College

MCC (M.Hicks 3-18)

125-7 dec

Stonyhurst College (P.D.Carroll 4-7)

125

MCC Team: *J.D.Bean**; *J.N.Bolton*; *P.D.Carroll*; *J.P.Cheetham*; *I.R.Cross*; *D.D'Cruz*; *N.J.H.Fielden*; *A.J.Good*; *D.R.Green†*; *J.R.Montgomery*; *D.J.Otway*

Considering not a ball had been bowled in this fixture for the last two years, it was a pleasure to arrive and find that the covers were nowhere in sight. But, as the toss was taking place at 11.15am, they came rolling onto the field and remained during an early lunch and on until 1.15pm. The rain then abated and the groundsman and his staff managed to get us going by 2.00pm.

Cheetham and Montgomery opened and steered the Club through to 26 for 1 when Cheetham departed, at which point wickets fell with monotonous regularity and we were in trouble at 40 for 6. Dave Otway and Doug Green held things together for a while and after Otway was out, the captain was under pressure to score quickly before declaring just before half time on 125 for 7.

The boys then set about the Club bowling and it was not until the spin of Fielden and Carroll was introduced that a wicket fell. The home side fell slightly behind the asking rate but were not daunted by the task. Spurred on by an enthusiastic master, they hit their way back into the game with powerful batting from Bidwell and Stokes. The player of the day was Dan Smalley who, having bowled 9 overs taking 1 for 24, ran quick singles and hit the bad ball to the boundary. With one over remaining the school required three runs to win with nine wickets down. Denver D'Cruz was the bowler and two singles were taken off the first five balls. With the scores level, and one ball remaining, the final wicket was taken to produce a thrilling tie. The school should be commended for the spirit in which they played the game and for their all-round efforts both on and off the field.

Jon Bean

15th May v ST PETER'S SCHOOL, York

MCC lost by 2 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.S.Holgate 72, M.R.Bradshaw 50, N.P.Tubbs 58*, T.Bartram 3-58)

220-5 dec

St Peter's School (T.Bartram 60, T.Main 51*, W.R.Hagen 4-34)

224-8

MCC Team: *R.Hutchinson**; *S.J.Ball*; *M.R.Bradshaw*; *W.R.Hagen*; *P.A.Harrand*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.G.Hodson*; *R.S.Holgate*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *N.P.Tubbs*; *R.J.D.Wilkins*

15th May v TAUNTON SCHOOL

MCC won by 49 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.H.Ballentyne 78*, N.Jewell 139*)

234-1 dec

Taunton School (Collins 62, Holdsworth 47)

185

MCC Team: *V.J.Pike**; *P.B.Allen†*; *T.H.Ballentyne*; *R.Brice*; *J.H.Duder*; *D.Hancock*; *S.G.Hinks*; *B.E.Hughes*; *N.Jewell*; *M.I.W.Russell*; *R.M.Sawney*

The match manager, unable to attend due to work commitments, put together a strong batting line up and a fair mixture of bowlers. The Taunton side were very young, with the MCC average age probably double that of the school. The weather was remarkably good with bright sunshine lasting throughout the day.

MCC elected to bat on a flat-looking wicket. Slow but steady progress from the opening partnership of Duder and Ballentyne took the score to 26 before Duder departed. The school opening bowlers bowled a disciplined line and length, with help from the wicket, and runs were hard to come by. The departure of Duder brought Nick Jewell, an antipodean visitor of some repute, to the wicket. The MCC innings continued steadily, with Jewell taking the upper hand, well-supported by Ballentyne. At lunch the Club was very well placed to push on the score with plenty of batting to come.

After lunch, the school attack lost some of its discipline and lacklustre fielding meant that MCC was able to declare at 234 for 1, Jewell finishing on 139 not out and Ballentyne on 78 not out.

MCC took the field with a varied attack of seam, swing and spin. The school reply started inauspiciously with the loss of Carpenter in the first over. Collins came to the wicket and instantly took a liking to the bowling of Duder. The introduction of Russell to the attack to partner Hughes slowed the scoring rate and resulted in a second wicket, followed quickly by a third. Holdsworth and Collins took the score along to 89 before the latter departed for a well-struck 62. The loss of Collins reduced the scoring rate with some tight bowling up to tea. After tea, the school lost wickets at regular intervals against steady bowling and excellent catching, notably by Richard Sawney. With just three overs remaining, the final wicket was captured by Hinks, who found a bit of movement, and MCC completed a win by 49 runs. It was an excellent day's cricket, with good weather and the usual high quality entertainment from our hosts.

Viv Pike

16th May v CHARTERHOUSE

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (H.J.P.Chetwood 62, T.A.Simpson 52)

221-5 dec

Charterhouse (W.Young 48, M.Cook 55, H.J.H.Loudon 3-41, H.J.P.Chetwood 3-48)

178-9

MCC Team: *R.D.O.Macleay**; *B.D.Atwell*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *H.J.P.Chetwood*; *W.Wingfield-Digby*; *J.C.Huntington*; *J.M.Kerslake*; *H.J.H.Loudon*; *T.E.Percival*; *T.A.Simpson*; *C.C.Sutherland*

16th May v EASTBOURNE COLLEGE

MCC lost by 8 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.I.Gavin-Brown 46, A.J.T.Halliday 68, Ripley 3-27)

199-6 dec

Eastbourne College (Cane-Hardy 59*)

205-2

MCC Team: *A.J.T.Halliday**; *N.I.Gavin-Brown*; *A.L.P.Clarke†*; *C.W.G.Goldsmith*; *M.A.Hole*; *P.D.Hole*; *E.J.How*; *R.D.Minor*; *C.E.Pagnell*; *G.T.Roper*; *D.A.Stewart*

16th May v FETTES COLLEGE

MCC won by 90 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.E.More 101)

230-3 dec

Fettes College (R.Marsden 3-16)

140

MCC Team: *R.C.Smith**; *G.E.Curtis*; *J.G.A.Frost†*; *A.M.J.Lyttle*; *Rev.R.Marsden*; *I.W.McKinlay*; *H.K.More*; *R.E.More*; *S.M.Patel*; *N.J.Peet*; *G.S.Webster*

16th May v GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL

MCC won by 21 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC

147-5 dec

Giggleswick School (A.J.Good 5-31)

126

MCC Team: *N.P.Tubbs**; *N.L.Fletcher*; *J.I.Foggitt*; *R.I.Frost*; *A.J.Good*; *W.R.Hagen*; *G.R.E.Harrison*; *T.Hodson†*; *R.S.Holgate*; *J.R.Holliday*; *R.Hutchinson*; *M.Laidler*

Despite glorious sunshine on the morning of the game, the previous day had seen heavy rain, and a late start was inevitable. An early lunch was taken, and the game began at 1pm.

The toss won, the Club batted and the openers made a sound start on a very damp surface. Having batted solidly, Holliday departed to a well-judged catch at mid off, and Harrison joined Hutchinson at the wicket. Their partnership prospered with a mix of diligent defence and good running between the wickets before Harrison fell to the vagaries of the wet wicket: enter the experienced Frost. Hutchinson and Frost accelerated before were both well caught, after which Neil Fletcher and Martin Laidler saw the Club through to a declaration of 147 for 5.

The Club made early inroads as the School's openers failed to deal with the conditions. A spirited fight back began after tea in the form of a lengthy partnership between their captain and his younger brother, who both batted with considerable skill and determination. However, just as acceleration was needed, a fine catch by Holliday at mid-off broke the partnership and exposed the School tail. Tony Good's inspired spell wrapped up the innings, making excellent use of the conditions. As ever, the School's hospitality was excellent and a most enjoyable day was had by all.

Nick Tubbs

16th May v KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL

MCC won by 121 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (L.Ridley 84, G.R.Shears 88, S.Silk 69*) 285-2 dec
King Edward VI Aston School (R.Prothero 3-29) 164

MCC Team: *P.C.Clare**; *R.Davies*; *N.Jeffries*; *M.Munir*; *P.Prothero*; *J.Richardson*; *L.Ridley*; *G.R.Shears*; *S.Silk*; *P.Smith†*; *O.Thomas*

16th May v SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL

MCC lost by 4 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (O.Clarkson 4-58) 147
Sutton Valence 149-6

MCC Team: *M.R.Donald**; *P.B.Allen†*; *G.R.Brealy*; *A.T.B.Brocklehurst*; *A.W.Dixon*; *J.P.Horne*; *P.A.Motum*; *P.D.R.Pearce*; *S.Salisbury*; *M.A.Skinner*; *M.S.J.Tombs*

The school's side lacked the individual talents of recent years but made up for it with an excellent team spirit and determination. Having grabbed an early wicket, the bowlers kept the pressure up, made scoring difficult and took regular wickets. After a solid partnership between Mark Skinner and Jamie Horne, only Giles Brealy stayed long enough to make a score. Consequently, the Club failed to build a large enough total, ending on 147.

Accurate and economic bowling early in the School's innings kept them well behind the required rate until Palmer and Varnals began to strike the ball well. A sixth wicket partnership of 64 sealed the fate of the game and the School completed a well-deserved victory with time to spare, winning by four wickets.

Mike Donald

17th May v THE WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL

MCC won by 71 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (N.I.Gavin-Brown 56, H.M.Hall 51, A.Raisat 5-35) 190-8 dec
The Windsor Boys' School (M.J.Salmon 3-11) 119

MCC Team: *D.F.Dolman**; *N.I.Gavin-Brown*; *A.P.Clarke*; *P.W.T.Cryer*; *M.E.Q.Gurney*; *H.M.Hall*; *N.J.Haste*; *E.J.Montague*; *M.J.Salmon*; *A.S.H.Wickens*; *S.J.Young†*

MCC batted first and scored 190 for 8 in 41 overs with notable contributions from Nick Gavin-Brown and Harry Hall. The school's opening bowler, Raisat, took 5 for 35. In reply the School made 119 all out, with the 13 year old son of former South Africa Test star, David Richardson, top scoring with 32. The pick of the MCC bowlers was Mike Salmon with 3 for 11. The match was enhanced by a middle schools' cricket knock out competition before and after the game and the playing of the school's jazz band during the lunch interval.

David Dolman

19th May v SUSSEX MARTLETS CC

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (J.R.Wileman 110*) 224-4 dec
Sussex Martlets CC (T.O'Gorman 63) 220-8

MCC Team: *R.C.W.Mason**; *R.J.Boon*; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *A.R.Danson*; *S.P.H.Gane*; *P.J.Clare-Hunt†*; *O.Khan*; *M.J.Smart*; *C.D.Walsh*; *J.R.Wileman*

21st May v MERCHISTON CASTLE SCHOOL

MCC won 98 runs Toss: Merchiston Castle School

MCC (S.J.S.Smith 81, J.W.L.Toller 65) 191-4 dec
Merchiston Castle School (G.E.Curtis 5-30, S.A.I.Dyer 3-17) 93

MCC Team: *R.G.Swan**; *G.E.Curtis*; *S.A.I.Dyer*; *I.W.McKinlay*; *H.K.More*; *C.W.Mullins*; *N.J.Peer*; *S.J.S.Smith*; *J.W.L.Toller†*; *J.A.Tupman*

21st May v WILSON'S SCHOOL

MCC won by 44 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (C.H.Offer 54, N.A.Oldridge 64, M.Parmar 79*) 251-2 dec
Wilson's School (J.R.Fosbraey 3-53, M.I.M.Umarji 4-34) 207

MCC Team: *R.D.Underwood**; *R.J.Arthur*; *C.S.Bates†*; *T.B.J.Beagent*; *J.R.Fosbraey*; *G.R.E.Martin*; *C.H.Offer*; *N.A.Oldridge*; *M.Parmar*; *M.R.J.Eyles-Thomas†*; *M.I.M.Umarji*

Having elected to bat, MCC made a good start against a slightly weakened school attack, with both openers Offer and Oldridge passing 50 and putting on 103 for the first wicket. The momentum was kept up with the arrival at the crease of Indian pro, Manoj Parmar, who also passed the 50 mark, ending on 79, not out. Gary Martin also made 40, before MCC declared at 251 for 2.

MCC opened with the veteran pace attack of Underwood and Martin who, despite beating the bat on several occasions, finished their spells wicketless. The introduction of Beagent and Fosbraey brought a couple of quick wickets which, together with a run out by 'keeper Chris Bates, saw the score go from 38 for 0, to 64 for 4 at tea.

Wickets continued to fall steadily, as the MCC spinners bowled a tight line and turned the ball sharply. The introduction of Umarji brought about a late order collapse to 100 for 8, Umarji picking up 4 wickets for 34. A spirited last wicket partnership between the school captain, Andy McCutcheon (37, not out) and number 11 John Howe (41) saw the School race from 138 for 9 to 207, before Underwood bowled Howe to secure victory by 44 runs, with 10 overs of the match remaining.

Robin Underwood

22nd May v DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *S.P.Henderson**; *R.W.Ankers†*; *E.D.C.Brennan*; *N.C.Burton*; *T.A.Cotterell*; *C.W.G.Goldsmith*; *T.W.Harrison*; *R.P.Hodson*; *M.P.E.O'Connor*; *S.M.J.Roberts*; *G.T.Roper*

22nd May v DURHAM SCHOOL

MCC won by 60 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (J.I.Foggitt 54, J.McReadie 4-22) 168-8 dec
Durham School (N.D.Goh 5-8) 108

MCC Team: *N.P.Tubbs**; *M.J.Brown†*; *N.L.Fletcher*; *J.I.Foggitt*; *A.D.Glover*; *N.D.Goh*; *C.R.E.Harrison*; *J.R.Holliday*; *M.Laidler*; *M.A.Roseberry*; *R.White*

The captain won the toss and elected to bat. Twenty minutes into the game, the difficulties presented by the rain-affected wicket found MCC with four runs on the board and three wickets down. Cometh the hour and cometh the men. Probationers Fletcher and Harrison applied themselves with admirable common sense and purpose. Slowly, the tide was turned and, after Harrison's departure for a patient 22, lunch was taken at 80 for 5 wickets.

Buoyed by the excellent catering, Fletcher and Foggitt increased the tempo after lunch, Fletcher's fine innings of 41 worthy of many more on a better wicket. Foggitt plundered a quick fifty, enabling the captain to declare before half time at 168 for 8.

The school's reply began apace. Both openers relished the spaces left by an attacking field and by tea were well on course with 52 on the board and only one wicket lost. If the school had continued in this vein, the game would have been over quickly. However, the excellent control of Nick Goh's left arm spin and Neil Fletcher's deadly accurate medium pace brought the scoring rate almost to a halt. This induced panic in the school's batsmen and rash shots and wickets followed. Once the flow had started, Goh, White and Glover quickly wrapped things up for a well deserved win for the Club with plenty of time to spare. A fine day was had by all - particularly the three umpires who efficiently dealt with their responsibilities on rota system.

Nick Tubbs

22nd May v SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES XI

Match abandoned Toss: MCC

MCC (I.R.Bevan 50*, N.J.Peet 47) 222-6 dec
Scottish Universities XI 57-3

MCC Team: H.K.More*; I.R.Bevan; D.Cornforth; G.E.Curtis; P.J.Drinnen; S.A.I.Dyer; I.G.Kennedy; S.M.Patel; N.J.Peet; A.W.Saddler; R.C.Smith

22nd May v SOLIHULL SCHOOL

MCC won by 51 runs Toss: Solihull School

MCC (C.R.Borrett 54, J.Pooley 3-50, C.Bartley 5-47) 195
Solihull School (C.R.Borrett 4-10) 144

MCC Team: J.M.Robinson*; P.S.Amiss; A.Babar; C.R.Borrett; M.Bromhall; M.J.Dallaway; F.Keir; A.H.Lewis; N.A.Willeets; N.Wren

22nd May v UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Match cancelled

MCC Team: R.I.Trotman*; J.S.Brooks; R.J.Harding; R.T.J.Howell; J.Lewis; R.D.Minor; A.T.Philipson; P.A.Redwood; E.W.Shellard; M.G.N.Windows

22nd May v WYEDEAN SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: M.T.Phillips*; D.J.Barber; M.B.Bixby; D.Elias*; D.R.J. Herbert; M.P.W.Jeh; M.T.Madunasinghe; S.A.Morris; D.B.P.O'Sullivan; R.C.Weston

22nd May v SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES XI

Match abandoned Toss: MCC

MCC (I.R.Bevan 50*, N.J.Peet 47) 222-6 dec
Scottish Universities XI 57-3

MCC Team: H.K.More*; I.R.Bevan; D.Cornforth; G.E.Curtis; P.J.Drinnen; S.A.I.Dyer; I.G.Kennedy; S.M.Patel; N.J.Peet; A.W.Saddler; R.C.Smith

23rd May v LORETTO SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.P.Hood 91, J.G.A.Frost 66) 196-4 dec
Loretto School (G.E.Curtis 4-8) 33-9

MCC Team: T.R.McCreath*; G.E.Curtis; J.G.A.Frost; A.J.Good; N.J.Peet; S.J.P.Hood; H.K.More*; A.V.Pope; S.J.S.Smith; G.C.Turner; R.White

23rd May v LOUGHBOROUGH UCCE

MCC won by 8 wickets Toss: Loughborough UCCE

Loughborough UCCE (M.Powell 50, D.J.Millns 4-28, D.R.Thomas 3-45) 189
MCC (J.D.R.Benson 60, D.R.Clarke 86*) 190-2

MCC Team: D.I.Goodson*; J.D.R.Benson; M.R.Bradshaw*; D.R.Clarke; O.A.Dawkins; J.E.R.Gallian; R.E.W.G.Horridge; D.J.Millns; R.J.Pack; S.A.Sylvester; D.R.Thomas

Loughborough, batting first, were soon deep in trouble at 3 for 3 as the MCC opening attack of Millns and Sylvester bowled with pace and movement. The

students recovered from this poor start, but lost two further wicket before lunch, including that of Powell for an even 50. Following the break Millns and Sylvester again struck, the former finishing with 4 for 28 and the latter 2 for 49. Despite reasonable contributions from Watts, 30, and Johnson, 29, MCC wrapped up the Loughborough innings for 189.

With Benson and Gallian opening the batting for MCC, the students' total always seemed 50 short and, despite losing Gallian for 23 to an excellent delivery from Wilkinson, the Club was always in control. Whilst Benson finally fell for a well-made 60, David Clarke was in sparkling form and took a real shine to the students bowling, finishing not out on 86 as MCC won by 8 wickets with some 15 overs of the final 20 still remaining.

David Goodson

23rd May v QUEEN'S COLLEGE, Taunton

Match abandoned

MCC Team: M.H.Richards; S.Anthonisz; G.R.Duckett*; J.H.Duder; A.C.Griffiths; B.C.MacDonald; G.L.Spencer; S.S.Surridge; J.R.Taylor; T.R.Taylor; J.Wall

24th May v MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, Northwood

Match abandoned Toss: Merchant Taylors' School

MCC (T.A.Coleman 86*) 124-2

MCC Team: A.J.Brand*; R.Chauhan; B.J.Colbeck; T.A.Coleman; N.D.Goh; C.J.Hardcastle; A.Kallicharan; J.D.Kershen*; P.J.O'Reilly; S.M.Prodger; A.P.Thompson

24th May v ST BEDE'S COLLEGE

MCC won by 52 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (J.R.Holliday 52, D.A.Jones 54) 165-7 dec
St Bede's College (J.R.Holliday 4-23) 113

MCC Team: D.J.Otway*; R.W.J.Ankers; Dr.P.A.Brown; N.J.Heaton; J.R.Holliday; D.A.Jones; Dr.A.B.Lemmey*; J.E.R.Nichols; T.E.H.Prime; W.G.Read; D.M.Wheatman; J.P.Whittaker

24th May v STAMFORD SCHOOL

MCC won by 71 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (L.H.Jackson 94) 164-6 dec
Stamford School (D.J.Smith 7-20) 93

MCC Team: R.C.Hibbit*; S.A.Bradford; G.A.Bucknell; J.H.Fuller; L.H.Jackson; J.A.C.Pearse; M.C.M.Pearse; M.S.L.Rollinson*; P.J.Sears; D.J.Smith; H.S.Stroud

26th May v GORDONSTOUN SCHOOL

MCC lost by 6 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (T.A.Coleman 90, P.J.Drinnen 65) 225-4 dec
Gordonstoun School (E.Paterson 53, A.Russell 80) 227-4

MCC Team: G.M.Bone*; T.A.Coleman; P.J.Drinnen; D.L.Hays; M.A.Hetherington; S.Khan; Maj.A.C.S.McPherson; E.Paterson; H.O.Smith; A.Steele*; C.M.Taylor

27th May v ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

Match cancelled

MCC Team: S.G.Lynch*; R.Bhardwaj; A.Hussain; A.W.J.Middleton; R.D.Minor*; A.S.Morton; D.A.Shaw; M.E.Sullivan; M.R.J.Eyles-Thomas; G.F.Watts

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS WEEK

27th May v GLASGOW ACADEMY

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (T.A.Coleman 63*) 170-4 dec
Glasgow Academy (S.J.P.Hood 4-29) 115-8

MCC Team: *I.R.Adshead**; *N.W.Blake*; *T.A.Coleman*; *A.M.G.Cumming*; *P.W.B.Flockhart*; *S.M.Hewitt*; *T.Hodson†*; *S.J.P.Hood*; *I.W.Kennedy*; *Dr.A.R.McKenzie*; *T.R.Shaw*

28th May v HUTCHESONS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *I.R.Adshead**; *N.W.Blake*; *T.A.Coleman*; *M.J.Felton*; *S.M.Hewitt*; *I.G.Kennedy*; *N.Lucking*; *G.J.McCartney*; *T.Hodson†*; *H.K.More*; *Dr.A.R.McKenzie*

29th May v THE HIGH SCHOOL OF GLASGOW

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *I.R.Adshead**; *G.M.Butchart*; *A.M.G.Cumming*; *P.J.Drinnen*; *P.W.B.Flockhart*; *J.G.A.Frost*; *T.Hodson†*; *I.G.Kennedy*; *S.Patel*; *A.V.Pope*; *T.R.Shaw*

30th May v DOLLAR ACADEMY

25 overs

MCC won by 78 runs Toss: MCC

MCC	(R.E.More 54, T.A.Coleman 59)	163-4
Dollar Academy		85-4

MCC Team: *I.R.Adshead**; *P.J.Drinnen*; *T.A.Coleman*; *S.M.Hewitt*; *T.Hodson†*; *Dr.A.R.McKenzie*; *H.K.More*; *R.E.More*; *A.V.Pope*; *T.R.Shaw*; *J.G.A.Williams*

29th May v CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE

48 overs

MCC lost by 4 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC	(D.Prasad 4-33, D.Carter 3-14)	147
Club Cricket Conference	(B.Hooper 4-45)	148-6

MCC Team: *P.Bedford**; *J.P.Arscott†*; *R.Brewster*; *B.Hooper*; *G.R.E.Martin*; *P.J.O'Reilly*; *K.G.Sedgbeer*; *T.S.Smith*; *K.Staple*; *C.D.Walsh*; *M.Wilkie*

Having both sustained broken fingers in matches the previous weekend, the appointed captains for this match passed over their duties to replacements: Gluka Wijesuriya for CCC and Paul Bedford for MCC.

MCC won the toss and chose to bat. Opener Chris Walsh, having tried three different modes of transport to get to Ealing in time for the start, found his day did not improve when the Sri Lankan, Prasad, yorked him first ball. Rowan Brewster played with flourish and, together with Gary Martin kept out the opening bowlers. Rain interrupted the match and the overs were revised to a maximum of 38 before Martin hit a slower ball straight to cover and both Brewster and Sedgbeer were caught hooking short deliveries as MCC stumbled to 87 for 6. Jonathan Arscott provided resistance, ably supported by Mark Wilkie, but despite his contribution of 35 runs, the Club was bowled out for a poor 147.

MCC Young Cricketer Barry Hooper removed opener Ryan Sparrow with only three runs on the board, but further early wickets failed to materialise, and the club never took a firm hold of the game. Smith and Sedgbeer kept the run rate down but had little success in taking wickets. One last throw of the dice was needed with CCC at 120 - 2. Hooper resumed, bowling quickly and accurately after a wayward first over to remove Gripper and, next ball, Prasad with excellent deliveries. Umesh Valjee went eight runs later to a brilliant diving slip catch by Sedgbeer. Fuelled by this success, he followed up with a caught and bowled, hinting that perhaps all was not lost. Sadly, a miracle did not transpire, although it says something for the resolve of the players that the Conference only managed to stagger past the total with four balls to spare. The game only really came alive in the final hour, roused by a superb spell by Hooper and the agility of Sedgbeer.

Paul Bedford

29th May v THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY

MCC won by 85 runs Toss: MCC

MCC		127-7 dec
The Edinburgh Academy	(J.A.Everett 3-7)	42

MCC Team: *W.G.Tait**; *N.W.Blake*; *T.A.Coleman*; *J.A.Everett*; *M.J.Felton*; *N.I.S.Jones*; *N.Lucking*; *G.J.McCartney*; *Dr.A.R.McKenzie*; *H.K.More*; *R.E.More*; *J.W.L.Toller†*

This was the Match Manager's last game in charge of this fixture and the gloomy conditions did not auger well. A drying wind allowed us to start playing at

12.15...and the Club were 54 for 4 at lunch. The rain came again during the lunch break, but we managed to restart at 3.15. Decent and intelligent batting by the probationers, Coleman and Toller, allowed a declaration at tea with the Club on 127 for 7, a more-than-reasonable score since the outfield was long and wet.

A marvellous opening spell by Everett and Blake had the school in disarray at 17 for 4. The lateral movement was too much and they were soon all out for 42. Not a catch was dropped, the highlight being Rod MacKenzie's effort at first slip which was as good a catch as we have seen him take. My thanks to all who played, the school's hospitality and Mark Felton for thinking we lived in a temperate climate.

Willie Tait

29th May v ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.E.W.G.Horridge**; *J.M.Armstrong*; *P.D.Armstrong*; *J.P.Butler*; *A.J.Good*; *D.R.Green†*; *P.Hassan*; *W.G.Hodson*; *J.R.Holliday*; *A.B.Lemmy*; *D.J.Otway*

30th May v BRYANSTON SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *Major I.M.G.Waller**; *E.J.Carpenter*; *A.C.Griffiths*; *T.J.Hill†*; *T.J.Mynott*; *C.H.Offer*; *R.L.Plouman*; *M.I.M.Umarji*; *M.W.Van Neirop*

30th May v ST LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: St Lawrence College

MCC	(S.Salisbury 68, N.G.Marchant 45)	171-7 dec
St Lawrence College	(M.Rice 52, S.C.Willis 6-24)	144-9

MCC Team: *J.M.Baker-White**; *P.B.Allen†*; *A.D.Bourne*; *G.R.Brealy*; *R.Hands*; *J.A.Howgego*; *N.G.Marchant*; *P.A.Motum*; *J.A.Ross*; *S.Salisbury*; *S.C.Willis*

After much rain in the early part of the week, every effort was made to get the game played and it was wholly worthwhile to have done so. Having lost the toss, the Club were put in on a slow, damp pitch and the early batsmen found conditions difficult. Thanks to messrs Merchant and Salisbury we managed a reasonable score, for the track, by half time. After tea, with Clive Rice's son going well, it looked as if the Club was going to lose by 10 wickets. Some of the early bowling was not its best and containment proved difficult. However, Simon Willis whipped off his pads and became an inspired spinner, Brealy having pulled a muscle! Once Rice was out, the school disintegrated and we should have won the match off the last two balls of the final over. Two dreadful dropped catches close to the wicket caused the match to be drawn.

Mark Baker-White

30th May v HAILEYBURY COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: Haileybury College

MCC		193-8 dec
Haileybury College		165-7

MCC Team: *N.J.C.Gandon**; *S.J.Ansell*; *D.P.Doyle*; *S.J.N.Gray†*; *E.J.How*; *D.S.McHardy*; *T.P.Newman*; *T.J.G.O'Gorman*; *N.A.S.Smith*; *J.D.W.Wright*

A damp, sluggish pitch made both batting and penetrative bowling relatively hard for both teams. That said, Scott McHardy launched the MCC innings vigorously with a few muscular shots and thereafter Tom Newman and Tim O'Gorman both added stylish runs.

A declaration, setting the school 194 in equal time, initially seemed generous as the Haileybury opening pair posted 72 for the first wicket with indecent ease. However, the middle order was unable to maintain the tempo as the ball softened, middle-aged bowling arms lowered and runs became harder to come by. A few careless shots were induced and wickets began to tumble. At 135 for 7 hopes for an MCC victory were high. However, sensible batting by the eighth wicket pair thwarted our endeavours and an honourable draw resulted. The day was concluded with a reception for both teams at which Mark Williams, Chief Executive of the Lord's Taverners, was presented with a cheque from the school.

Nick Gandon

1st June v SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.K.Pashley 81, I.J.W.McCarter 79)
Shrewsbury School (I.Massey 46)235-4 dec
237-6MCC Team: *A.D.Hobson**; *C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin*; *T.Hodson†*; *B.E.Hughes*; *W.A.Hughes*;
M.J.Lascelles; *I.J.W.McCarter*; *R.P.Merriman*; *A.P.C.Nichols*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *D.K.Pashley***CHANNEL ISLANDS TOUR****1st June v VICTORIA COLLEGE**

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (Dr P.A.Brown 65, S.M.Brogan 90, P.Gough 3-72)
Victoria College (S. Dewhurst 48*, M.R. Dixon 3-50)255-8 dec
229-9MCC Team: *R.J.Baxter**; *C.Beagles*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *S.M.Brogan*; *Dr.P.A.Brown*;
E.J.Carpenter; *A.N.L.Cox†*; *M.R.Dixon*; *S.F.Roundell*; *J.A.F.Vallance*; *D.M.Ward***2nd June v JERSEY ISLAND CC**

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC (B.M.Humpage 56, M.G.O'Reilly 74)
198-3 dec
Jersey Island CC

39-2

MCC Team: *N.Gilbert**; *C.Beagles*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *S.M.Brogan*; *Dr.P.A.Brown*;
E.J.Carpenter; *A.N.L.Cox*; *B.M.Humpage*; *T.Kirk*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *D.Young†***3rd June v JERSEY ISLAND CC**

MCC lost by 69 runs

Toss: Jersey Island CC

Jersey Island CC (S.Carlyon 53, P.Gough 107)
MCC (M.Hague 4-30)240-6 dec
171MCC Team: *R.J.Baxter**; *S.M.Brogan*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *M.R.Dixon*; *N.Gilbert*;
B.Humpage; *T.Kirk*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *S.F.Roundell*; *D.M.Ward*; *D.A.W.Young†***4th June v ALDERNEY CC**

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.J.Baxter**; *C.Beagles*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *Dr.P.A.Brown*; *A.N.L.Cox†*;
M.R.Dixon; *N.Gilbert*; *B.W.Humpage*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *S.F.Roundell*; *J.A.F.Vallance***5th June v ELIZABETH COLLEGE**

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (W.Jenner 80, J.Orme 3-20)
Elizabeth College (A.Harbour 59*)195-6 dec
161-8MCC Team: *R.J.Baxter**; *C.Beagles*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *B.J.Debenham*;
K.S.Dennis; *W.Jenner*; *S.F.Roundell*; *N.Sen*; *J.A.F.Vallance*; *D.A.W.Young†***6th June v GUERNSEY ISLAND CC (50 overs)**

MCC lost by 44 runs

Toss: Guernsey Island CC

Guernsey Island CC (J.Frith 68*)
MCC (J.Frith 5-61, G.Rich 3-55)196-6
152MCC Team: *N.Gilbert**; *E.J.Carpenter*; *A.N.L.Cox*; *B.J.Debenham*; *M.R.Dixon*;
B.W.Humpage; *W.Jenner*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *S.F.Roundell*; *N.Sen*; *D.A.W.Young†***7th June v GUERNSEY ISLAND CC**

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.J.Baxter**; *C.Beagles*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *B.J.Debenham*;
N.Gilbert; *M.R.Dixon*; *B.W.Humpage*; *W.Jenner*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *D.A.W.Young†***2nd June v ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE**

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.H.James 112)
St Edmund's College (R.A.Evans 3-40)229-4 dec
175-4MCC Team: *D.P.Doyle**; *G.V.T.Bretten*; *P.Clark†*; *R.A.Evans*; *M.H.James*; *M.Laidler*;
J.A.M.Molins; *J.A.C.Pearse*; *M.C.M.Pearse*; *M.M.Rajabali*; *J.W.Maunders-Taylor***2nd June v BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL**

Match drawn

Toss: Bishop Luffa School

MCC (A.C.Richards 86, R.J.Gough 79, K.B.Smith 53*)
Bishop Luffa School (J.A. Ross 3-11)247-3 dec
113-8MCC Team: *D.C.Briance**; *D.I.A.Brook*; *R.J.Gough*; *B.J.Hardy*; *J.K.Kershen†*;
B.J.Newton; *A.C.Richards*; *J.A.Ross*; *K.B.Smith*; *R.F.Thomas*; *C.H.Wood***SOUTHERN IRELAND SCHOOLS WEEK****4th June v MUNSTER DEVELOPMENT**

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *K.R.Bailey**; *T.J.Angove*; *D.R.Green*; *C.J.Hoey*; *R.E.W.G.Horridge*;
H.K.More†; *D.O'Riordan*; *D.J.Otway*; *S.Simmonds*; *G.L.Spencer*; *A.C.Storie***5th June v LEINSTER SCHOOLS**

MCC won by 51 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.C.Storie 89*)

187-2 dec

Leinster Schools (W.Coghlan 45, S.Simmonds 3-21, A.Dunlop 3-25)

136

MCC Team: *D.A.Lewis**; *T.J.Angove*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *A.R.Dunlop*; *D.R.Green†*;
G.L.Molins; *R.A.B.Purnell*; *S.Simmonds*; *G.L.Spencer*; *A.C.Storie*; *W.A.Waite*

MCC v Leinster Schools

On a beautifully sunny day MCC won the toss and batted. Alastair Storie held the innings together with 89, not out, and Trevor Angove and Alan Lewis provided support. The pitch was low and slow and the MCC total of 187 for 2 declared was too many for the Leinster schools. Brisk bowling from Stuart Simmonds, and back up from Bob Cooke, Greg Molins and Angus Dunlop, restricted Leinster schools to 136, all out.

Keith Bailey

6th June v LEINSTER U19s

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: Leinster U19s

MCC (R.E.W.G.Horridge 60, S.Simmonds 64, R.Whehan 3-19)
Leinster U19s (C.Darcy 45*)182-6 dec
183-5MCC Team: *K.R.Bailey**; *J.D.Bean*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *R.E.W.G.Horridge*; *G.L.Molins*;
H.K.More; *D.J.Otway*; *R.A.B.Purnell†*; *S.Simmonds*; *A.C.Storie*; *W.A.Waite***7th June v IRISH UNIVERSITIES**

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *K.R.Bailey†*; *T.J.Angove*; *J.D.Bean*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *D.R.Green*;
C.J.Hoey; *G.L.Molins*; *D.O'Riordan*; *S.Simmonds*; *G.L.Spencer*; *A.C.Storie***5th June v OUNDLE SCHOOL**

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *W.B.Cartledge**; *L.P.G.Austin*; *W.C.C.Cooper*; *T.W.Harrison*;
S.D.Gawthorpe; *J.D.Pilch*; *E.F.Pugh*; *A.R.Roberts*; *G.W.Roberts†*; *G.R.Shears*; *F.L.Stewart*

6th June v GUARDS CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *P.R.Sheridan**; *G.R.Brealy*; *P.G.Bromley*; *B.J.Colbeck*; *G.E.Curtis*; *C.S.Dare*; *P.Furner*; *R.L.Johnson†*; *P.J.Leatham*; *D.J.Pritchard*; *J.M.Baker-White*

6th June v HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *C.H.Gray**; *D.J.Barber*; *N.H.Crust*; *D.G.Cummins*; *T.J.P.Davenport*; *G.S.Glendinning†*; *B.E.Hughes*; *W.A.Hughes*; *M.P.W.Jeb*; *M.T.Phillips*; *S.J.Thompson*

7th June v UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *P.S.Amiss**; *R.Chaudhuri*; *B.E.Hughes*; *A.M.J.Lyttle*; *E.P.Reynolds†*; *S.M.J.Roberts*; *G.R.Shears*; *J.A.Sienes*; *T.F.White*; *J.P.Whittaker*

11th June v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CC

MCC won by 95 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (S.A.A.Block 77, S.G.Hinks 46, D.Waugh 76) 306-7 dec
and (M.J.Semmence 86*) 230-4 dec

Cambridge University CC (A.Shankar 95, D.R.Heath 66, M.J.Semmence 3-27) 257-5 dec
and (M.S.Chapman-Smith 47*, A.Reddy 46; K.H.A.Powell 5-42) 184

MCC Team: *J.D.Robinson**; *S.A.A.Block*; *G.R.A.Campbell†*; *P.Joshi*; *D.A.Lees*; *P.McGlashan*; *S.G.Hinks*; *K.H.A.Powell*; *K.Prince*; *D.Waugh*; *M.J.Semmence*

Whilst the weather leading up to this game had been poor, we managed to play an uninterrupted match over the course of the three days. A typical flat, but good wicket was prepared at Fenner's and MCC had no hesitation in batting on winning the toss. Stuart Block, a left handed opening batsmen, who had left the university the previous year, scored a robust 77, and Danny Waugh, younger brother of Steve and Mark, showed his class with 76. Robinson, McGlashan, Hinks and Campbell all made useful contributions to the Club's score of 306 for 7 declared.

Cambridge put on 135 for the first wicket, Shankar scoring a stylish 95, and Heath was run out for 66. MCC's fast opening bowlers, Kirk Powell and Karim Prince, bowled well without luck, and were ably supported by David Lees, Prakash Joshi and Waugh. But it was the medium pace swing bowling of Mark Semmence which made inroads. He collected 3 for 27 in ten overs before Cambridge declared on 257 for 5, 49 runs behind.

MCC batted until lunch on the final day to set the university 280 to win. Semmence scored a good-looking 86 not out, Hinks and McGlashan chipped in with 43 each. With the wicket still flat, MCC had a tough job to get through the Cambridge batting line up. Powell bowled with real pace and aggression to take 5 for 42, and was very impressive. Prince and Lees also bowled well, and MCC's fielding was outstanding. This was a fine win for MCC.

Jon Robinson

11th June v UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *N.J.L.Trestrail**; *D.C.Briance*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *C.H.Forward*; *J.J.E.Hardy*; *S.M.Prodger*; *M.M.Rajabali*; *J.D.Relleen*; *R.Scott*

ISLE OF MAN TOUR

12th June v FENCIBLES CC

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (G.Garrett 6-25) 108
Fencibles CC (A.J.Potter 4-31) 109-8

MCC Team: *S.N.Bolton**; *P.J.Berry†*; *J.P.Cheetham*; *P.Hassan*; *N.J.Heaton*; *A.M.James*; *W.Jenner*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *S.R.Montgomery*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *A.J.Potter*; *G.H.Williams*

The match was played on a difficult wicket, which became easier to bat on during the day. MCC won the toss and decided to bat, due to the threat of further rain. The innings got off to a bad start, Montgomery bowled through the gate for a duck. Wickets fell regularly, with only P. Hassan and W. Jenner really digging in and grafting out runs. The innings closed on 108 with Graham Barrett bowling particularly well for the Fencibles for 6 for 25.

All the MCC bowlers bowled well, keeping a tight line and length, the tone being set by Andrew McIlroy. Adam Potter and James Nichols tied down the middle of the innings with help from Andrew James, Potter being the most successful with 4 for 31. Some lusty blows from C Burn, batting at eight sealed MCC's fate, as the Club lost by two wickets.

Simon Bolton

13th June v KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (N.J.Heaton 86, P.J.Berry 51 ret'd) 192-3 dec
King William's College (Vermuelen 57*, J.E.R.Nichols 3-49, A.M.James 3-21) 172-9

MCC Team: *S.N.Bolton**; *P.J.Berry†*; *J.P.Cheetham*; *P.Hassan*; *N.J.Heaton*; *A.M.James*; *W.Jenner*; *S.R.Montgomery*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *A.J.Potter*; *G.H.Williams*

14th June v ISLE OF MAN CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *S.N.Bolton**; *P.J.Berry†*; *J.P.Cheetham*; *P.Hassan*; *N.J.Heaton*; *W.Jenner*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *S.R.Montgomery*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *A.J.Potter*; *S.Salisbury*

12th June v NEATH COLLEGE

MCC lost by 5 wickets Toss: Neath College

MCC (S.A.Morris 50*, D.Kriesher 3-29) 156-8 dec
Neath College (C.Keen 61*) 157-5

MCC Team: *R.W.A.Morris**; *J.Cartwright*; *C.M.P.Davenport*; *J.R.P.Davenport*; *R.J.Davies*; *M.Hodges*; *P.H.W.E.Lazarus*; *S.A.Morris*; *M.J.Smart*; *J.P.J.Sylvester*

MCC's first match against Neath College, played at Neath Cricket Club, took place on a rare dry day this summer. Neath College won the toss and invited MCC to bat on a wicket that would inevitably be affected by dampness but which looked well prepared and likely to be a decent batting wicket when it dried out fully.

And so it proved. The College bowled and fielded with discipline and enthusiasm, taking advantage of the conditions and, at lunch, MCC was in some trouble at 85 for 6. But after an excellent meal, and with a drying pitch getting easier to handle, MCC was able to retrieve the position, thanks to an excellent unbeaten 50 from Stuart Morris supported by an enthusiastic tailender's 22 from Adam Davies. The Club declared at 156 for 8.

The College's response was marked by a very mature opening partnership of 56 and an equally mature, unbeaten partnership of 51 for the sixth wicket. At 106 for 5, the College seemed about to succumb, but an intelligent unbeaten 61 from Chris Keen against good quality bowling guided them to victory off the last ball of the 19th over of the final 20. MCC, although defeated, had contributed to an exciting game. Neath College had welcomed MCC with enthusiasm and generous hospitality and the Neath Cricket Club had played its part by providing an excellent venue.

Roger Morris

12th June v OLDSWINFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *D.A.Banks**; *N.H.Crust*; *N.R.Davis*; *B.E.Hughes*; *M.P.W.Jeb*; *B.Lees*; *D.D'Oliveira*; *D.B.Middleton*; *A.Owen*; *A.V.Pope*; *R.E.Walker*

12th June v ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Guildford

Match cancelled

14th June v NORTHWOOD CC

MCC lost by 5 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (T.L.Norris 65, B.J.Spencer 66*) 208-5 dec
Northwood CC (B.Islip 102*, P.Richardson 51*) 212-5

MCC Team: *Dr.R.K.H.Wyse**; *D.W.D.Barlow*; *A.J.Brand*; *P.S.Cobb*; *P.M.Daniels†*; *W.D.G.Dunn*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *T.L.Norris*; *M.M.Rajabali*; *M.P.Rea*; *B.J.Spencer*

15th June v THE LEYS SCHOOL



The MCC team which faced The Leys School

MCC won by 90 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (T.J.G.O'Gorman 87, C.Yeoman 3-43) 233-6 dec
The Leys School (J.Waters 72, J.D.R.Benson 3-5, R.J.Mann 5-50) 143

MCC Team: *M.J.Felton**; *J.G.S.Agar*; *J.D.R.Benson*; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *Dr.A.L.P.Clarke†*; *N.A.Foster*; *E.J.How*; *R.J.Mann*; *G.J.McCartney*; *T.J.G.O'Gorman*; *C.R.Pimlott*

16th June v DURHAM UNIVERSITY 2ND XI

Match abandoned Toss: MCC

MCC (S.Cooper 60, Thomson 3-47) 188-9 dec
Durham University 2nd XI 117-4

MCC Team: *H.D.W.Wordsworth**; *C.L.M.Best*; *R.Bolstridge*; *S.A.Bradford*; *S.Cooper*; *R.D.Craig*; *D.R.Green*; *T.Hodson†*; *S.Mahboob*; *C.Parrish*; *J.W.Maunders-Taylor*

16th June v EARL OF ARUNDEL'S XI

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *N.Gilbert**; *S.N.Barnes*; *J.J.Bull*; *A.I.C.Dodemaide*; *M.R.Evans*; *C.Peploe*; *A.R.K.Pierson*; *D.F.Ralfs*; *J.D.Ricketts*; *M.S.L.Rollinson†*; *D.M.Ward*

16th June v KING'S SCHOOL, Rochester

MCC won by 73 runs Toss: King's School

MCC (R.N.G.Bloch 109*, S.R.Oakes 73*) 243-1 dec
King's School (M.M.Rajabali 3-24) 170

MCC Team: *N.D.Twiddy**; *R.J.Arthur*; *R.N.G.Bloch*; *S.R.Oakes*; *S.Salisbury*; *D.P.B.O'Sullivan*; *M.M.Rajabali*; *G.T.Roper†*; *M.A.Skinner*; *M.S.J.Tombs*; *D.J.Twiddy*

MCC lost the toss, and were inserted. Both opening batsmen were lucky to be let off the hook very early on from two identical dropped catches by mid-on, chances which were to prove costly. The first, and indeed only, wicket fell at 62, M.Tombs having scored a speedy 40. From that point on, however hard the school attacked, the ball flew from willow to boundary with increased venom. The timing of both probationer R.Bloch, who went on to score 109 not out, and S.Oakes (73 not out) was outstanding. The Club scored 158 for 1 before lunch, and declared before 3.00pm with 243 for 1 on the board.

This was a large total for the school to chase but it gave plenty of time for them build to their innings, which they did admirably. The Club opened with a spin attack of M.Rajabali and S.Salisbury but it was a run out that took the first wicket with only 5 on the board. The school came back from this and sensibly scored runs at a steady rate until they were 32 for 3 at tea.

After the interval, the school came out firing all guns with some fine shots, especially through the covers and over mid-off and mid-on. However, after another run out, the wickets fell every 20 or so runs. It was a couple of overs into the final 20 when the school were all out for 170.

It was a fine attempt by the school, some good bowling from the Club, an excellent century from the probationer, and an enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Nigel Twiddy

16th June v STRATHALLAN SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *J.Everett**; *I.R.Bevan*; *P.W.B.Flockhart*; *J.G.A.Frost*; *A.C.S.MacPherson*; *I.W.McKinlay*; *C.W.Mullins*; *N.J.Peet*; *A.W.Saddler*; *A.Stewart*; *J.G.A.Williams*

17th June v DURHAM UNIVERSITY CC

Three-day match

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (G.D.Hodgson 50, G.J.Lord 101, G.Katz 54, M.W.Gatting 114*) 405-5 dec
and 146-4 dec

Durham University CC (B.Kirby 76, J.Howes 60, C.Hey 49, H.Pedrola 3-74) 294-6 dec
and (C.Hey 68, T.Allen 65, S.Polley 47, G.L.Molins 4-87) 232-9

MCC Team: *M.W.Gatting**; *P.Allenby*; *D.O.Brown*; *G.D.Hodgson*; *G.Katz*; *G.J.Lord*; *C.P.Metson†*; *G.L.Molins*; *H.Pedrola*; *A.Saleem*; *P.E.Wellings*

The MCC openers made a good start on the first day. Gordon Lord looked in very good order, timing the ball superbly on a slow pitch. Hodgson too looked at home against an honest attack before edging to the keeper to end the stand of 84. Katz then joined the good Lord. A hundred partnership was denied when Katz swept to deep square leg. Gatting and Lord then plodded along to tea but not before Lord completed a very fine hundred. Pedrola and Wellings both played entertaining knocks as the students wilted. A declaration was made allowing the students 30 minutes at the end of the day.

Durham University batted well on the second day, making hard work for our bowlers. Kirby and Howes batted through until lunch, putting on 126 for the first wicket. Pedrola and Saleem bowled well and finally got some reward. Durham declared at 294 for 6, leaving MCC to bat out the last half-hour with a lead of 111 on the first innings. This was increased to 150 by the close of play.

Early on the final day, Metson and Katz added the required runs to set a declaration giving the Durham UCC side 45 minutes batting before lunch, chasing a target of 258 to win.

Saleem and Allenby both took early wickets but Hey and Allen batted well to get Durham back on course to win. Molins, who bowled unchanged after lunch, earned his reward for some good bowling, getting both Hey and Allen. Hillman and Polley then took up the gauntlet and the game swung back to Durham. Molins got the vital wicket of Polley and Pedrola also claimed a couple of wickets. MCC had three overs at the last pair, but narrowly failed to secure the win.

Mike Gatting

NORTHERN IRELAND SCHOOLS WEEK

18th June v ULSTER SCHOOLS XI

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.P.Rea 73, W.A.Waite 94) 196-4 dec
Ulster Schools XI 124-6

MCC Team: *R.A.McCollum**; *M.J.Dewhurst*; *A.J.Good*; *G.D.Harrison*; *T.Hodson†*; *W.Hodson*; *J.D.Mathers*; *C.J.M.McKibbin*; *M.P.Rea*; *G.J.Rickman*; *W.A.Waite*

19th June v NICA U19s XI

MCC won by 31 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC 140-8 dec
NICA U19s (J.D.Mathers 3-26) 109

MCC Team: *S.A.I.Dyer**; *M.J.Dewhurst*; *A.J.Good*; *G.D.Harrison*; *W.G.Hodson*; *B.Knowles*; *J.D.Mathers*; *C.J.M.McKibbin*; *H.K.More†*; *A.R.Rutherford*; *W.A.Waite*

After a late switch due to ground conditions, the Club made its first appearance at the Limavady Cricket Club ground on a day blessed with fine weather throughout and much warm sunshine. A sound start from Alan Waite

and Michael Dewhurst in the damp conditions paved the way for a total of 140 for 8 wickets at the end of the fortieth over.

Despite much good stroke play from the boys, good use of his bowlers by captain, Steven Dyer, lead to a thrilling finish in which the Club were victorious by eleven runs. The key breakthrough came from Jon Mathers in his second spell. He was well supported throughout by Tony Good and Garfield Harrison.

Jonathan Hool

20th June v RBAI/CAMPBELL COLLEGE XI

MCC won by 70 runs Toss: MCC

MCC 167-4 dec
RBAI/Campbell College XI (J.M.Coles 3-10) 97

MCC Team: J.H.E.Hool*; J.M.Coles; A.Fordham; W.G.Hodson; T.Hodson†; J.D.Mathers; C.J.M.McKibbin; H.K.More; M.P.Rea; W.A.Waite; S.J.S.Warke

21st June v IRELAND U19s

40 over match

MCC lost by 3 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (T.Thompson 3-24) 120
Ireland U19s 121-7

MCC Team: J.H.E.Hool*; J.M.Coles; M.J.Dewhurst; A.Fordham; A.J.Good; G.D.Harrison; W.G.Hodson†; A.Knowles; C.J.M.McKibbin; A.R.Rutherford†; W.A.Waite

The Club made a shaky start against the lively attack of Rankin and Thompson on a helpful pitch. Garfield Harrison, assisted by Alan Rutherford, Michael Dewhurst and, ultimately, Will Hodson and Chris McKibbin, gave some respectability to the score before the Club was bowled out for 120.

Excellent bowling from Jon Coles and Tony Good gave the Club an opportunity to achieve victory but loss of control of the wet ball after prolonged rain presented the boys with their opportunity, which they duly took with an over to spare. Four excellent days' cricket and a very happy touring party made for another excellent tour and a good time was had by all.

Jonathan Hool

18th June v LANSDOWN CC

MCC won by 111 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.J.Ankers 111, R.C.Weston 71, D.Barnes 3-85) 264-8 dec
Lansdown CC (D.Barnes 45, R.Eddy 5-26) 153

MCC Team: H.G.Ellison*; R.W.J.Ankers†; S.N.Barnes; S.J.Bird; M.G.Bixby; R.Eddy; R.J.Harding; R.Jameson; T.J.Parnell; P.A.Redwood; R.C.Weston

MCC was once again warmly received in Bath by our hosts, Lansdown CC. MCC won the toss and batted on a true, if somewhat low, track. Probationer Richard Ankers and Matt Bixby got us off to an excellent start, with aggressive stroke play to the fore. Once Bixby had departed, Ankers and Weston accelerated so that lunch was taken with the score at 150 for 1. Weston then proceeded to an excellent 71, before a flurry of post-lunch wickets. Ankers found notable support from Redwood, who caressed the ball in his normal cameo vein, whilst Ankers progressed to his first MCC century, and the Club was able to declare at 264 for 8 just before the halfway mark.

Rob Eddy and Stuart Barnes took the new ball and immediately took the attack to the opposition, with well-directed and skilful fast bowling. Tea was taken at 63 for 1, but the cucumber sandwiches did not agree with our hosts, for Barnes (in his second spell) struck with the first and fifth balls after the break. Thereafter, only the Lansdown skipper, David Barnes (brother of Stuart) provided any real resistance, as our bowlers periodically made inroads into their line-up. The final death throes came with several overs of the last 20 remaining, Eddy ending up with a well-deserved five-wicket haul. Barnes was the pick of the bunch, whilst Redwood's slow left arm probed away with its unerring inaccuracy. The after match hospitality was quite excellent, matched only by the beauty of the setting.

Huw Ellison

18th June v WINCHESTER COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: Winchester College

MCC 188-8 dec
Winchester College (J.Merrett 64*, R.J.Woods 4-9) 130-8

MCC Team: S.J.Ball*; Dr.J.A.Brady; M.C.Clapham; B.J.Debenham; D.J.C.Faber; W.J.T.Follett; J.W.O.Freeth; T.T.N.Gadsby; L.R.F.Stoughton†; L.M.Tennison; R.J.Woods

18th June v WORKSOP COLLEGE

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC ((N.R. Gaywood 89, J. Gray 4-28) 229-7 dec
Workshop College (A.Parkin-Coates 82, M.Palmer 51, R.A.Pick 4-45) 230-8

MCC Team: I.C.Hampshire*; R.J.Barlow; R.J.Bolstridge; N.R.Gaywood; D.I.Goodson; M.I.Langford; C.J.Mabert†; M.T.Mortimer; R.A.Pick; A.V.Pope; G.Smith

19th June v BETHS

MCC won by 120 runs Toss: MCC

MCC R.N.G.Bloch 59, I.M.Wilks 79*) 249-5 dec
BETHS (R.Patel 47, D.Wheeler 3-41) 129

MCC Team: A.Dean; R.N.G.Bloch; T.Clinton; M.Morgan; R.Moseley; R.J.O'Sullivan; R.Smith; S.P.Wakefield†; I.M.Wilks

19th June v DENSTONE COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (N.A.Yates 56, D.K.Pashley 63, D.A.Jones 54*) 244-4 dec
Denstone College (A.G.McIlroy 4-30) 163-9

MCC Team: S.C.Yates*; P.J.Berry; M.B.Johnson; C.Jones; D.A.Jones†; B.Lees; A.H.Lewis; W.G.Lovell; A.G.McIlroy; D.K.Pashley; N.A.Yates

19th June v OXFORD UNIVERSITY CC

Three-day match

MCC lost by 3 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (J.B.R.Jones 89*, K.G.Sedgbeer 83*, J.W.M.Dalrymple 5-78) 280-7 dec
and (E.L.Home 50, R.Brewster 53) 308

Oxford University CC (J.Sayers 78, S.Hawinkels 137, J.W.M.Dalrymple 46*) 382-5 dec
and (J.W.M.Dalrymple 57*, K.G.Sedgbeer 3-53) 208-7

MCC Team: J.B.R.Jones*; C.J.P.Baker; D.J.Bowett; R.Brewster; S.M.Brogan; J.S.Brooks; S.T.Crawley; G.L.Home; R.C.A.M.McCarthy; K.G.Sedgbeer; D.Waugh

MCC won the toss and batted. Eighteen overs later, the Club was 46 for 5, Jamie Dalrymple having posted figures of 9-6-6-5. However, MCC rallied and progressed to 100 for 7 and from then on did not lose another wicket and were able to declare at 280 for 7, thanks to Bryan Jones 89 not out and Kevin Sedgbeer 83 not out. Oxford were 32 for 0 at the close.

The Oxford openers attacked the MCC bowlers from the start of the second day, with the first wicket falling at 197, Joe Sayers having made a classy 78. Steve Hawinkels continued to attack the MCC bowlers before being stumped for 137. The University declared at 382 for 5 and MCC finished the day 48 for 1.

In the morning, good progress was made by Guy Home and Rowan Brewster, Brewster being very positive in wiping out the 100 lead. MCC continued to lose wickets but were held together again by Kevin Sedgbeer, with a gritty 57. MCC were finally dismissed, leaving a target of 206 in 32 overs. Oxford attacked from the first ball, and most batsmen contributed to a tough task. Jamie Dalrymple (57 not out) smashed the ball to all parts, winning the game with a six off the penultimate ball, thus finishing three days of great cricket.

John Jones

19th June v ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, High Wycombe

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (A.S.Lewis 49, M.Laidler 46, L.Walker 3-32) 221-6 dec
RGS (N.Robinson 66, W.Wingfield-Digby 3-34) 220-8

MCC Team: N.Gilbert*; Maj.J.M.J.Bennett; C.R.Churchman; J.M.Coles; W.Wingfield-Digby; R.B.Fenwick; M.Laidler; R.H.Leachman; A.S.Lewis; G.T.Roper†; D.A.Shaw

19th June v RYDE SCHOOL

MCC won by 107 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.G.Miller 99)

211-3 dec

Ryde School (J.R.Fosbraey 3-16)

104

MCC Team: *A.G.Warrington**; *D.C.Brianne*; *M.C.Clapham*; *J.R.Fosbraey*; *M.G.Miller*; *J.A.Ross*; *Rev.A.R.Thomas*; *M.R.Eyles-Thomas†*; *S.Wilson*; *C.H.Wood*; *R.J.Woods*

Richard Greateorex

19th June v SILCOATES SCHOOL

MCC won by 57 runs

Toss: Silcoates School

MCC (J.S.Booth 63, N.Kay 56)

227-3 dec

Silcoates School (Root 103, M.R.Dixon 4-26)

170

MCC Team: *M.G.Boocock**; *J.S.Booth*; *M.R.Dixon*; *P.A.Harrand*; *G.R.E.Harrison*; *R.W.Ibbotson*; *N.Kay†*; *R.A.Kettleborough*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *J.A.Sykes*; *R.C.F.Wadkin*

The day began early for several of the MCC players who agreed to help out with a coaching session prior to the start of the game. This was well attended by a number of promising young cricketers of varying ages, including a fine array of talented young leg-spin bowlers.

The game itself began with MCC being asked to bat first. It was not long before runs began to flow, Booth moving smartly onto 63 before being caught off the bowling of Jordan. Sykes, also timing the ball well, fell shortly afterwards thanks to some persistent bowling by Atkinson. Kay and Dixon then carried on in much the same fashion as their predecessors. Silcoates' Birdsall stuck to his task well, finally gaining just rewards by bowling Kay for a tidy 56. With the majestic Wadkin at the crease, runs continued to flow - interrupted only by an excellent lunch. MCC eventually declared at 227 for 3.

On a pitch favouring the bat, Silcoates' opening pair of Root and Atkinson made good use of any loose deliveries and the attacking field. Harrison claimed the wicket of Atkinson but, whilst the initial introduction of spin brought a further wicket, Root remained steadfast, batting aggressively when the opportunity presented itself before bringing up a well-deserved 100 with two delightful sixes back over the bowler's head. He eventually fell to Dixon, who was the pick of the MCC bowlers. Although the Silcoates tail end provided some stubborn resistance, they were eventually bowled out for 170.

Thanks must go once again to the School for its excellent organisation and hospitality, which made this an enjoyable and rewarding fixture. Judging by the talent on display prior to the game, it may not be long before Silcoates chalk up a victory in this annual encounter.

Mark Boocock

20th June v BEECHEN CLIFF SCHOOL

MCC won by 2 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.J.Greateorex 72*)

239-6 dec

Beechen Cliff School (Palmer 56, J.Coulsdon 3-60)

237

MCC Team: *R.J.Greateorex**; *S.N.Barnes*; *A.P.C.Beard*; *J.Coulsdon*; *A.T.Crouch*; *M.P.W.Jeh*; *Capt.B.M.W.Langman*; *Capt.R.T.Love*; *B.C.Thompson†*; *P.R.Tisdale*

This was a game that epitomised MCC out-match cricket: the Beechen Cliff schoolboys played in a hard competitive manner, yet with the utmost respect for the visiting MCC team.

Having won the toss, Beechen Cliff asked the Club to bat. Michael Jeh and Bob Love started well, with an opening partnership of 32. Early on, the school demonstrated their keenness in the field with a run out, followed by outstanding catches to remove Love and Beard respectively. Stuart Barnes steadied the ship before top-edging a pull on to his chin, retiring hurt to Bath Royal United Hospital for stitches. The MCC middle order forged ahead, reaching 239 for 6 declared when Barnes returned to open the bowling.

The MCC bowlers started well, removing both openers for a total of 24, before Palmer dug in and displayed a mature approach to building an innings, striking the bad ball cleanly, whilst solid in defence. This clearly gave his colleagues the confidence to play in a similar manner. A middle-order partnership of 44 helped steer the school towards their target of 240. With the late order failing, a few edges and some fighting blows left the school needing 15 off the final over. Having received the signal from the Pavilion to go for victory, Cook confidently square-cut the first ball for four. Two twos were scrambled, the school requiring seven off of the remaining three balls for the match. Langman then bowled a half-volley that was smashed past the diving

extra-cover for four. Three from two: the skipper was staring defeat in the face. Langman bowled, Cook swung and leg stump was knocked back: a triumphant win for MCC and a triumphant school delighted with its efforts at getting so close to victory.

The overall verdict was that it had been a pleasure to play against a young team who embraced everything the MCC Spirit of Cricket initiative is trying to engender: well done Beechen Cliff School.

20th June v COWLEY HIGH SCHOOL

MCC won by 168 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.A.Yates 81, S.C.Yates 55)

216-3 dec

Cowley High School (J.P.Whittaker 3-6, D.J.Orway 3-23, C.Jones 4-4)

48

MCC Team: *A.G.McIlroy**; *P.Hassan*; *M.B.Johnson*; *C.Jones*; *A.B.Lemmey†*; *D.J.Orway*; *T.E.HPrime*; *W.G.Read*; *J.P.Whittaker*; *N.A.Yates*; *S.C.Yates*

20th June v LOTHIAN LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOLS XI

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.J.D.Allingham 61)

187-4 dec

Lothian Local Authority Schools (D.Cornforth 3-34)

111-9

MCC Team: *I.W.McKinlay**; *M.J.D.Allingham*; *I.R.Beavan*; *G.M.Butchart*; *D.Cornforth*; *A.G.Davies*; *S.J.P.Hood*; *R.E.More*; *A.W.Saddler*; *R.C.Smith*; *S.J.S.Smith†*

Batting first, MCC made a slow start, losing an early wicket and taking time to consolidate, before Mike Allingham (Heriot's FP and Scotland) paved the way with an aggressive 61. With good support from Simon Hood (Watsonians; 33), Greg Butchart (Heriot's FP; 38 not out) and Alec Davis (West Lothian and Scotland; 25), his knock enabled MCC to declare on 187 for 4.

LLAS' openers Sean Weeraratna (15) and Mark Dixon (28) gave LLAS a good start, but the loss of three quick wickets in the middle order meant that the MCC total was never in danger. Under-15 players Craig Marshall (15 not out), and Omar Ahmed (9 not out) defended well, however, and LLAS were able to hold out for a draw at 111 for 9. Ian Bevan (Grange and Scotland-2 for 6), Ian McKinlay (Heriot's FP-2 for 4) and Darren Cornforth (West Lothian-3 for 34) were the most successful MCC bowlers.

Ian McKinlay

20th June v NORWICH SCHOOL

Match cancelled

MCC Team: *N.J.E.Foster**; *J.A.Banham*; *C.R.Borrett*; *N.Fox*; *M.R.Lester*; *S.J.B.Livermore*; *R.J.Mann*; *J.A.C.Pearse*; *J.D.Pileh*; *Major M.E.Roythorne†*; *I.J.P.Tufts*

20th June v UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM CC

MCC won by 20 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.M.Edington 52, C.Fourie 77)

250-8 dec

University of Nottingham CC (R.Mutucarmarana 55, A.Heslop 51, R.J.Barlow 4-74, C.Fourie 3-15)

230

MCC Team: *P.J.Sears**; *R.J.Barlow*; *D.Cooke*; *J.M.Edington*; *C.Fourie*; *R.H.Leachman*; *C.J.Maber†*; *A.W.McAlister*; *P.J.Ford-Murphy*; *A.V.Pope*; *D.R.Terrington*

21st June v ALLEYN'S SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Alleen's School

MCC (A.Sattar 63, N.A.Oldridge 83*, T.M.Lord 49*)

242-2 dec

Alleen's School (Morris 50*)

117-5

MCC Team: *G.M.Radford**; *M.T.Harrison*; *J.G.Knapper†*; *T.M.Lord*; *N.A.Oldridge*; *Dr.H.J.Patel*; *G.M.Radford*; *J.A.Roberts*; *A.Sattar*; *A.N.Smith*; *D.Van Bunge*; *M.W.Van Neirp*

21st June v BRISTOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 142 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.C.Griffiths 101, R.D.C.Scales 54, M.Leonard 3-46)

254-5 dec

Bristol GS (S.J.Foster 3-25, G.E.Griffiths 3-15)

112

MCC Team: *M.J.Neale**; *P.J.Albery*; *G.V.T.Bretten*; *S.J.Foster*; *A.C.Griffiths*; *G.E.Griffiths*; *M.S.Gurney*; *R.D.Minor†*; *T.J.Parnell*; *P.A.Redwood*; *R.D.C.Scales*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket. BGS were previously unbeaten, although the side was weakened by exam commitments. Griffiths and Scales batted steadily against the lively attack of Butt and Leonard. Having seen off the new ball, runs then came quickly with Griffiths scoring a superb 101, supported by Scales (54) who was one of three players bowled by 16-year-old Mike Leonard. The innings was declared at 254 for 5 after a fine 'cameo' knock of 35 not out from Tim Parnell.

A aggressive opening spell from Simon Foster, who removed three of the top order, allowed the Club to take control. Gareth Griffiths bowled some very accurate flighted off-spin and finished with 3 for 15 off 14.3 overs. Some excellent fielding supported the bowlers and BGS were finally dismissed for 112, giving a win to MCC by 142 runs.

Mike Neale

21st June v FINCHAMPSTEAD CC

Match cancelled

MCC Team: *J.A.Woolhead**; *R.G.R.Barlow*; *N.I.Gavin-Brown*; *T.A.Brown*; *G.J.Ellis†*; *M.Jacobs*; *N.D.Morrill*; *A.Soni*; *A.J.Stokes*; *R.E.Toohy*

21st June v KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 35 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.J.Heaton 100*, J.R.Holliday 56*)
Kirkham Grammar School (G.H.Williams 4-25)

201-2 dec
166

MCC Team: *R.E.W.G.Horridge**; *G.N.Blackmore*; *P.A.Coughlin*; *D.R.Green*; *M.J.Hackett†*; *N.J.Heaton*; *J.R.Holliday*; *D.J.Otway*; *G.H.Williams*; *N.A.Yates*

22nd June v MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL

MCC won by 45 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.Ansell 70, A.N.Smith 53*, D.King 3-45)
Magdalen College (N.Murray 61)

236-6 dec
191

MCC Team: *J.D.H.Griffiths**; *S.J.Ansell*; *N.A.Baldwin*; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *E.J.Carpenter*; *N.T.Hayday†*; *N.J.Hunt*; *J.W.F.Marx*; *J.A.Ross*; *A.N.Smith*; *R.J.Taylor*

After last year's terrific run chase by the Scholars, the match manager felt it would be nice to end his twelve-year tenure of this fixture with a win. Plans were laid and the side loaded with a mix of experience, guile and youth. Simon Ansell and Nick Hayday opened the innings and compiled a solid stand of 93 before the latter was caught and bowled by King for 34. Ansell was then joined at the crease by Rupert Taylor before he was out for 70. Hunt went in as 'Lunch Watchman' and saw the Club to lunch on 136 for 2.

Two wickets fell cheaply immediately after the break, leaving the Club at 152 for 4. Alan Smith came in and made an unbeaten 53 to set up the declaration at 236 for 6 off 48 overs.

Marx and Carpenter opened the bowling and made scoring difficult for the boys who proceeded to 22 for 2 at the break. After tea, they failed to come terms with the guile of the Club's attack, tumbling to 93 for 7. With 20 overs remaining, Murray and Tomlin brought the scoring rate up as they took to the occasional left-arm-unorthodox of Ansell and the flighted offerings of Hunt, putting on 92 in fifteen overs before Murray was run out for 61. The last two wickets fell quickly to leave the School 191 all out, and the Club victorious by 45 runs. To their immense credit the boys had pursued the target all the way, and this message was conveyed to the Master in charge of Cricket.

Jolyon Griffiths

22nd June v THE ORATORY SCHOOL

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (G.V.T.Bretten 66)
The Oratory School (P.Knox 64*)

195-5 dec
196-3

MCC Team: *J.B.K.Howell**; *R.J.Arthur*; *G.V.T.Bretten†*; *D.I.A.Brook*; *J.P.C.Carr*; *N.S.Cobb*; *D.J.R.England*; *J.W.O.Freeth*; *R.G.A.Gunn*; *D.B.P.O'Sullivan*; *M.C.Walton*

22nd June v DARTFORD CC

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: Dartford CC

MCC (D.Leach 102, J.A.Howgego 73, G.Snowdon 3-8)
Dartford CC (E.Bradbrook 74, C.W.Denness 5-63)

221-9 dec
222-7

MCC Team: *A.D.Bourne**; *R.N.G.Bloch*; *J.Craigs*; *C.W.Denness*; *J.A.Howgego*; *S.R.Oakes*; *D.Leach*; *S.Salisbury*; *M.A.Skinner*; *M.S.J.Tombs†*; *J.M.Baker-White*

The toss was won by Dartford and they decided to field first. The wicket was reasonably hard, but very green. A wicket was lost to the very first ball of the game and the Club continued to find batting hard against Dartford's opening bowlers, losing a further four wickets within the first twelve overs for 30 runs. This brought Leach and Howgego together, who defiantly put on 130 before Howgego was dismissed for 73. Craig Denness then provided good support for Leach to see him through to a fine hundred. Pushing for a declaration, MCC lost wickets quickly at the end, finally finishing on 221 for 9.

Dartford began their reply steadily. An early change of bowling brought a wicket for Oaks but Dartford consolidated and put on 80 for the next wicket. The re-introduction of Denness brought him five wickets in an inspired spell of bowling on a fast flattening wicket. Dartford's young Hallam battled very well at the end and the winning runs were scored with two balls to spare. It was a very good day's cricket enjoyed by everyone and, to be fair, the result could have gone either way. Had MCC held catches early on, the game would have been over very quickly.

Andrew Bourne

23rd June v STEVENAGE CC

MCC lost by 1 wicket

Toss: Stevenage CC

MCC (J.A.M.Molins 66, A.Dattini 5-90)
Stevenage CC (A.Burroughs 46, D.Carr 90, M.Sinclair 46, P.D.O.Logan 3-105, S.M.Prodger 4-23)

261-7 dec
262-9

MCC Team: *R.J.Austin**; *S.A.A.Block*; *F.Klokker*; *Maj.P.D.O.Logan*; *J.A.M.Molins*; *M.W.C.Olley†*; *D.Ord*; *C.R.Pimlott*; *S.M.Prodger*; *D.M.Robinson*; *Q.Sheikh*

Stevenage won the toss and invited MCC to bat first on what would turn out to be an excellent batting surface. The innings was opened by Sheikh and Block. Both played aggressively and looked to dominate the home side's attack, posting 50 for the first wicket before Block became the first of Dattini's five victims. Jason Molins showed his unquestionable class and, despite losing Sheikh, raced to 50 in only 43 balls. However, Klokker and Robinson both fell cheaply and, when Molins missed a straight one just before lunch, the innings was petering out at 149 for 5.

After lunch, first Pimlott, then Ord, assisted Prodger in pushing the score above 220. 40 off the final five overs of the innings allowed the Club to declare at 261-7.

Logan bowled without luck at the start of the Stevenage innings. Block, and then Sheikh, both haemorrhaged runs at the other end as Stevenage raced to 70 off the first 15 overs. The rate was stemmed only by an excellent spell of slow bowling by Prodger either side of tea and the continued efforts of Logan. Unfortunately, Prodger's spell was curtailed by a long standing knee injury and the Stevenage pair of Carr and Sinclair feasted heavily on the back-up part-time bowlers before he was able to resume. Prodger and Logan each picked up a further two wickets, before a broken scoreboard caused confusion in the closing stages of the game.

With the visitors' total displayed as 262, the fielding side believed a run-out off the final ball of the Stevenage innings to have tied the match. However, it turned out that MCC had only scored 261 - a broken plate in the scoreboard having led to the wrong total being displayed. The disappointment of losing was quickly dispelled by the thought that we had participated in a wonderfully exciting game of cricket.

Rob Austin

24th June v COVENTRY SCHOOL

MCC won by 39 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (E.J.Foster 60, M.Lascelles 67, J.Arshad 4-54)
Coventry School (A.Jones 75, R.Sanghi 6-50)

225-7 dec
186

MCC Team: *J.Foster**; *D.J.Barber*; *D.J.Bowett*; *E.J.Foster†*; *B.E.Hughes*; *A.Hussain*; *M.Lascelles*; *Mushtaq Mohammed*; *C.S.Ralston*; *R.Sanghi*; *D.Shardlow*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat on a glorious day. Three early wickets fell but a partnership of 138 between 17-year-old Edward Foster and Mark Lascelles put the Club in a strong position. The innings faltered a little in the quest for runs against some tight off spin bowling by Marillier and eventually closed at 225.

Coventry started well and reached 47 before three wickets fell in quick succession. At 92 for 6, the school seemed to have lost the initiative. Some lusty blows by the captain, A. Jones, who made 75, brought the school back into contention but once again three wickets fell rapidly. The final wicket was taken with six overs remaining and the school still 39 runs short of the target.

Rajesh Singh bowled tidy leg-spin for his six wickets, which included a fine caught and bowled to dismiss the dangerous Marillier for 15. It was a very enjoyable game on an excellent pitch - fine weather and a few beers completed a good day.

John Foster

WELSH SCHOOLS WEEK

24th June v CHRIST'S COLLEGE, Brecon

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.J. Ankers 52, Wolfe 4-64) 205-7 dec
Christ's College (A.J. Davies 3-12) 149-9

MCC Team: T.J.P. Davenport*; R.W.J. Ankers; B.J. Clayden; R.I. Clitheroe†; C.M.P. Davenport; J.R.P. Davenport; A.J. Davies; K.J. Goodman; M.G. Pether; N.M.A. Prichard; R.C. Weston

25th June v MONMOUTH SCHOOL

MCC lost by 3 wickets Toss: Monmouth

MCC (R.W.J. Ankers 56) 196-6 dec
Monmouth School (C.M.P. Davenport 4-74) 197-7

MCC Team: T.J.P. Davenport*; R.W.J. Ankers; B.J. Clayden; R.I. Clitheroe†; C.M.P. Davenport; J.R.P. Davenport; A.J. Davies; K.J. Goodman; M.G. Pether; M.J. Smart; R.C. Weston

26th June v LLANDOVERY COLLEGE

MCC won by 61 runs Toss: Llandovery College

MCC (J.R.P. Davenport 75*, B.J. Clayden 45, M.J. Smart 58*) 194-1 dec
Llandovery College (J. Davies 45, D.J. Barber 4-49) 133

MCC Team: T.J.P. Davenport*; D.J. Barber; B.J. Clayden; C.M.P. Davenport; J.R.P. Davenport; P. Davenport; P.H. W.E. Lazarus; C.G. Norton; M.G. Pether†; M.J. Smart; R.C. Weston

The Welsh Schools Week was played in brilliant sunshine, starting at Brecon, where a fine 52 by Richard Ankers, ably supported by Neil Pritchard and others, allowed MCC to declare at 205 for 7. At the end of the day the school were 149 for 8, having been well on course to win the game following a stand between the school's captain, Wells, and Jones. The match was drawn.

At Monmouth, some fine bowling by the school meant a declaration at half time at 196 for 6. Again, Ankers showed what a good batsman he is, recording another 50. MCC bowled well enough on a slow, flat, low wicket and Robbie Weston, who takes over the Welsh Schools Week games from the writer next year, brought the school back into the game when they looked set on shutting up shop. The school won off the last but one ball of the last over.

The Llandovery game was as usual more fun than a challenge and fine batting by candidates James Davenport and Matthew Smart (75 not out and 58 not out respectively) set the school a total of 195 to win. The school were 133 all out with Dave Barber taking 4 for 49, and Tim Davenport returning figures of 0.1 overs, 1 wicket, for no runs to complete his final act as match manager for MCC.

Much fun was had by all concerned and thanks must go to the three schools for their entertainment during the week. Long may it continue.

Tim Davenport

24th June v ALDENHAM SCHOOL

MCC won by 68 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (I. Mulholland 69*) 206-6 dec
Aldenhams School (A.E. Varley 6-15) 138

MCC Team: S.P. Moffat*; D.M. Bowen; R.D. Brooker; J.M.W. Clemow; N.J. Fielden; N.D. Goh; D.A. Hanson†; A.S. Lewis; S.A. Morris; I. Mulholland; A.E. Varley

Played in glorious sunshine, this exciting match went to the final couple of overs to reach an outcome. MCC posted a total of 206 for 6 in only 45 overs, giving a minimum of 55 overs available for the school. 53 of these were required to secure a result.

The backbone of the Club's total was provided by dashing batting from probationer Ian Mulholland who scored 69, not out. He was ably backed up by solid twenties and thirties from the rest of the top order batters. Aldenhams School set about their task of chasing the total with gusto and, at tea, the game was in the balance as Aldenhams coasted to 65 for 1. This meant a chase of only four runs per over with nine wickets in hand. However, the game was soon turned in MCC's favour with typically cunning left-arm-orthodox bowling from Andrew Varley. His patience and accuracy gave him figures of 6 for 15 off 8 overs, and effectively won the game for MCC.

Scott Moffat

24th June v ARDINGLY COLLEGE

MCC won by 79 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (N.I. Gavin-Brown 87*) 214-5 dec
Ardingly College (D. Anderson 53, P. Cobb 3-45, A.G.K. Hooper 3-49) 135

MCC Team: A.G.K. Hooper*; N.I. Gavin-Brown; W.B. Cartledge; P.S. Cobb; S.D. Gauthorpe; J.S. Harvey; R.L. Johnson†; R.E.A. Lowe; A.W. McAllister; J.A. Ross; S. Simmonds

24th June v ASHVILLE COLLEGE

Match drawn Toss: Ashville College

MCC (Randie 3-47, Woolman 3-77) 211-9 dec
Ashville College (Cherock 62, Walsh 49*, M.J. Smart 4-29, R.W.G. Ross 3-18) 174-7

MCC Team: M.J. Smart*; M.G. Cousen; J.I. Foggitt; J.C. Henderson; W.G. Hodson; S.J. Holgate; R. Hutchinson; A.J. Mitchell; D.M. Rawlings; R.M. Rawlings; R.W.G. Ross

MANCHESTER SCHOOLS WEEK

24th June v THE HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (A. Mujtaba 100*) 218-4 dec
The Hulme G.S. (D.A. Lees 3-30) 180-7

MCC Team: D.A. Lees*; J.P. Butler; S.I. Fernando; M.J. Hackett†; J.F. Kloppenburg; Asif Mujtaba; W.G. Read; Iqbal Saddique; A.G. Thurstan; G.H. Williams; N.A. Yates

25th June v WILLIAM HULME'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 171 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (N.A. Yates 72*, J.F. Kloppenburg 97) 205-3 dec
William Hulme's G.S. (W.R.T. Chalk 3-16, D.O. Brown 3-10) 34

MCC Team: Dr. P.A. Brown; M. Arnold; D.O. Brown; W.R.T. Chalk; A.J. Good; J.D. Gray; J.F. Kloppenburg; S.J. Plevin; R.D. Whalley†; J.R. Wileman; N.A. Yates

26th June v CHEADLE HULME

MCC won by 110 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (T. Alam 104, F. Alam 56) 238-6 dec
Cheadle Hulme (G. Ladsors 56, B. Anderton 3-47, W.R.T. Chalk 3-30, T. Alam 3-10) 128

MCC Team: P.A.G. Babbage*; F. Alam; T. Alam; B. Anderton; P.A.G. Babbage; W.R.T. Chalk; P.M. Daniels; C.R. Fleet; A.J. Good; J.D. Hughes; F. Kloppenburg; D.A. Sparks

27th June v MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 111 runs Toss: Manchester GS

MCC (S.C. Yates 54, P.J. Berry 51, P. Martin 3-76) 217-4 dec
Manchester Grammar School (D. Madden 58, J.P. Whittaker 4-30, A. Wilgoss 3-33) 106

MCC Team: A.G. McIlroy*; P.J. Berry; A.J. Good; D.R. Green; T. Hodson†; D.A. Jones; D.A. Sparks; S.C. Yates; M. Johnson; J.P. Whittaker; A. Wilgoss

28th June v STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Stockport GS

MCC (D.A.Sparks 61, J.D.Hughes 53)

170-5 dec

Stockport GS (A.J.Good 3-16, W.R.T.Chalk 3-20)

96-9

MCC Team: *P.A.G.Babbage**; *W.R.T.Chalk*; *A.J.Good*; *J.D.Gray*; *J.D.Hughes*; *L.H.Jackson*; *C.S.Lamb*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *D.C.Sandiford†*; *D.A.Sparks*; *N.A.Yates***24th June v CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA**

MCC won by 49 runs

Toss: MCC

45 overs

MCC (B.J.Debenham 70, M.W.Cowell 82, M.Parmar 76*)

279-4 dec

Cricket Club of India (K.More 55, M.Rajawat 82)

230-7

MCC Team: *A.I.C.Dodemaide**; *M.Alam*; *R.Bhardwaj*; *S.Burger*; *M.W.Cowell*; *O.A.Dawkins*; *B.J.Debenham*; *N.J.Hunt*; *T.P.O'Gara*; *M.Parmar†*; *K.Staple*

MCC was delighted to welcome visiting tourists and good friends, the Cricket Club of India, to Shenley Park for this fixture.

MCC won the toss and had the first use of a good-looking surface. Experienced players Ben Debenham and Mark Cowell started steadily, then increased the tempo as the ball lost its hardness. Ben was first to fall, to the unlikely bowling of ex-Test wicket-keeper Kiran More, for an excellent 70. Probationer Manoj Parmar quickly settled and, despite losing Cowell for an impressive 82, then several middle-order partners at regular intervals, pushed the score to 279 for 6 at the completion of an agreed 45 overs. He finished a fine 76 not out.

Some tight early bowling from Staple and Hunt quickly put pressure on the visitors and, despite some substantial contribution including a partnership of 108 for the fourth wicket, CCI were always behind the rate and finished their quota on 230 for 7.

Best for the tourists were Rajawat with 82 and More, completing a fine all round display, with 55. Young Cricketer Sarel Burger was the leading wicket taker for MCC, with 3 for 54, but it was a good team bowling and fielding performance that carried the day. Both teams enjoyed the social time swapping gifts and thanks post-match, before sending off the visitors for the remainder of their tour with good wishes. It was a truly successful day all round.

Tony Dodemaide

24th June v LEIGHTON PARK SCHOOL

MCC won by 44 runs

Toss: Leighton Park School

MCC (J.D.Relleen 77*, J.D.H.Griffiths 45)

170-3 dec

Leighton Park School (J.Dowdell 46, G.P.Hewitt 4-45, Dr.J.A.Brady 3-31)

126

MCC Team: *Dr.J.A.Brady**; *S.J.Ansell*; *G.W.V.Carter*; *T.T.N.Gadsby*; *J.D.H.Griffiths*; *G.P.Hewitt*; *J.W.E.Marx*; *N.A.Oldridge†*; *J.D.Relleen*; *G.T.Roper*; *L.M.Tenneson***24th June v OAKHAM SCHOOL**

MCC lost by 6 wickets

Toss: Oakham School

MCC (G.N.Jackson 77, R.J.Evans 95, L.H.Jackson 76*)

284-3 dec

Oakham School (B.Makwana 60, G.Firmin 91*, M.Boyce 76)

286-4

MCC Team: *J.J.Bull**; *R.Bolstridge*; *S.A.Bradford*; *R.J.Evans*; *K.W.Exton†*; *M.I.Gidley*; *G.N.Jackson*; *L.H.Jackson*; *D.M.Kingham*; *P.J.Sears*; *P.G.Wright*

Put in to bat, MCC began strongly against keen and enthusiastic bowling and fielding. Russell Evans and probationer Geoff Jackson showed their experience and skill in dealing with the school attack, both passing 50. Although the school had maintained their effort and discipline throughout the morning session, the Club was well placed at 169 for 1 at lunch.

After lunch, another probationer, Luke Jackson, showed excellent timing from the outset as he and his namesake continued to put the school under pressure. Geoff Jackson was finally dismissed for a well-made 77; Luke, however, continued on past his half-century, adding 68 in good time with Martyn Gidley. The declaration came after 58 overs with the Club on 284 for 3, Luke Jackson remaining not out on 76.

Faced with a daunting target, the School openers began positively, before the first wicket fell at 39. The introduction of spin posed new problems for the

school, Gidley, in particular, proving difficult to get away. The wicket of Cook left the school at 84 for 2, and when Makwana, who had played a series of rumbustious strokes to reach 60, skied Bradford to extra cover, the game was in the balance at 118 for 3.

The fourth wicket pair of Firmin and Boyce proceeded carefully as Gidley, Bradford and Peter Wright applied the pressure. The final twenty overs began with the School still requiring 135 for victory, and further tight bowling saw the run rate increase. However, the chase was paced impeccably. Both Firmin, who had shown excellent timing and shot selection throughout, and Boyce, who blossomed after early difficulties, reached excellent 50s. When Boyce was well caught at cover off Bolstridge, ending a partnership of 156, only 10 more were required from three overs. Firmin finished matters in style, with a magnificent six over mid-wicket taking him to 91 not out and completing a memorable victory for the school.

James Bull

24th June v QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Blackburn

MCC won by 172 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.R.Wileman 75, M.J.Brown 50*)

218-3 dec

QEGS (S.Plevin 5-18)

46

MCC Team: *Dr.P.A.Brown**; *A.F.Baker*; *M.J.Brown*; *P.A.Coughlin*; *N.J.H.Fielden*; *T.Hodson†*; *M.C.Lomas*; *S.J.Plevin*; *R.D.Whalley*; *J.B.Wharton*; *J.R.Wileman***24th June v WARWICKSHIRE PILGRIMS CC**

MCC won by 8 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (H.Marshall 48, S.Andrew 48*)

206-8 dec

Warwickshire Pilgrims CC (A.P.Cole 3-44)

198

MCC Team: *C.E.Sketchley**; *S.Andrew*; *A.P.Cole*; *H.W.Fairbanks*; *H.Marshall*; *W.Marshall*; *C.Roberts*; *M.Tamsett*; *M.Trubshaw*; *G.Underdown*; *S.P.Wakefield†***25th June v BETHANY SCHOOL**

MCC won by 139 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.Cornett 56, M.A.Skinner 48, F.Booth 45)

226-5 dec

Bethany School (J.R.Fosbraey 4-20)

87

MCC Team: *J.Hartridge*; *R.J.Arthur*; *F.D.Booth*; *A.T.B.Brocklehurst*; *M.J.Cornett*; *J.R.Fosbraey*; *J.P.Horne†*; *P.A.Motum*; *M.A.Skinner*; *M.S.J.Tombs*; *J.M.Baker-White***25th June v HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE**

Match drawn

Toss: Hurstpierpoint College

MCC (S.Farnsworth 47, A.Sinclair 3-39)

238-5 dec

Hurstpierpoint College (R.C.Kemp 5-49, C.J.P.Baker 3-41)

202-9

MCC Team: *M.J.Semmence**; *C.J.P.Baker*; *S.C.G.Copleston*; *S.P.Farnsworth*; *N.T.Hayday†*; *P.E.Jansen*; *R.L.Johnson*; *R.C.Kemp*; *A.S.Lewis*; *A.W.McAlister*; *A.Parker***25th June v KING'S SCHOOL, Macclesfield**

Match tied

Toss: MCC

500th Anniversary

MCC (Rev.R.Marsden 76, M.P.W.Jeh 47*, J.D.Bean 72*)

231-2 dec

King's School (A.Day 152, R.M.O.Cooke 6-46)

231

MCC Team: *J.K.Pickup**; *J.D.Bean*; *S.N.Bolton*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *P.M.Daniels*; *A.M.James*; *M.P.W.Jeh*; *A.B.Lemmey†*; *Rev.R.Marsden*; *J.E.R.Nichols*; *A.Scambler*

A tied result in the school's quinquenary year was a fine way to celebrate 500 years, and the Spirit of Cricket.

The school were in confident mood, having won this fixture three times in the last five. Bob Marsden was the rock of the MCC innings, making a well-crafted 76 before he was brilliantly taken at slip by 17-year-old Alan Day. The score was 133 for 2 at lunch, with intentions to reach 220 by 3.30. J Bean disregarded instruction and put all bowling to flight resulting in a ridiculously early declaration at 3.10!

The school attacked the Club's bowling with vigour, making 89 for the first wicket. Day continued his personal crusade, putting all bowling to the sword. His 100 came up and then his 150. The school were almost there. It looked as though, despite the control of Cooke and Jeh, they would win at a canter. Then the old maestro, Cooke, threw up another tantalising orbit ball, tempting Day into a false stroke, which landed in the welcoming expanse of Bean. There was a glimmer of hope. The school were 231 for 8, the scores level. Another wicket fell and three balls later there was a ricochet and a scampered run out: a tie - the first for 500 years. A fitting farewell.

James Pickup

25th June v LAWRENCE SHERIFF SCHOOL

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (Slassor 3-79) 173-8 dec
Lawrence Sheriff School (A.R.Roberts 3-52, T.Lunel 3-31) 175-8

MCC Team: C.S.Ralston*; C.Cheslyn; J.M.Edington; J.Foster; J.Goodman†; B.E.Hughes; T.Lunel; A.Owen; A.R.Roberts; M.J.Tunaley; S.H.Wootton

25th June v MONKTON COMBE SCHOOL

MCC won by 113 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (N.I.Gavin-Brown 95, W.B.Miller 108) 234-5 dec
Monkton Combe School (R.J.Taylor, G.D.Harding 4-44) 121

MCC Team: D.J.Holman*; N.I.Gavin-Brown; N.S.Cobb; R.B.H.Du Boulay; D.J.R.England; G.D.Harding; C.St.J.Lamden; R.T.Love; W.B.Miller; R.D.C.Scales†; R.J.Taylor

25th June v POCKLINGTON SCHOOL

MCC lost by 4 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.Cooper 105) 218-6 dec
Pocklington School (J.Bolam 45, R.Booth 60, A.J.Mitchell 4-62) 220-6

MCC Team: S.J.Simpson*†; S.J.Cooper; N.L.Fletcher; J.I.Foggitt; S.A.Halls; C.R.E.Harrison; W.G.Hodson; R.Hutchinson; A.J.Mitchell; R.M.Rawlings

MCC's 218 for 6 was dominated by probationer Cooper's magnificent century. All seven batsmen scored double figures, but only Cooper managed more than 20, as he smashed 105.

Pocklington started their innings very positively, taking advantage of some wayward bowling and attacking field placings to score 60 for 0, after 15 overs, at tea. Immediately after the break, Mitchell struck, having one of the openers stumped for 30. However, the loss of a wicket did little to stop the school's momentum and they moved to 126 for 2 with 20 overs left.

The last hour proved to be an exciting, tense affair, with the school scoring at about five an over and the Club taking wickets at regular intervals. The game entered the last over with MCC needing four wickets and the boys requiring 10 runs. Two balls later the game was over. What a fantastic effort by the boys to score 220 for 6 in the 52nd and final over.

Stephen Simpson

25th June v ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

MCC won by 116 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.B.Livermore 93, R.J.Mann 49, D.J.Shirt 53*) 233-3 dec
Royal Hospital School (K.J.Crossley 6-21) 117

MCC Team: L.P.G.Austin*; K.J.Crossley; T.R.Gould; N.Fox; S.J.B.Livermore; D.R.Mann; R.J.Mann; Major M.E.Roythorne; D.J.Shirt†; D.R.Thomas; I.J.P.Tufts

25th June v WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 56 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (U.Valjee 101*) 235-2 dec
Watford GS (S.J.Atherton 4-78, N.D.Goh 3-36) 179

MCC Team: A.P.Scott*; S.J.Atherton; R.D.Brooker; T.A.Coleman; S.J.Foster; D.A.Hanson†; I.Mulholland; T.P.O'Gara; N.D.Goh; U.Valjee

26th June v BOLTON SCHOOL

MCC won by 33 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.J.Heaton 55, Liversedge 3-19) 170-9 dec
Bolton School (J.P.Whittaker 6-44, A.G.McIlroy 4-30) 137

MCC Team: D.C.Sandiford*†; P.R.Burling; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; N.J.H.Fielden; N.J.Heaton; W.G.Lovell; S.Mahboob; A.G.McIlroy; J.P.Whittaker; G.H.Williams; S.C.Yates

26th June v BRITANNIA ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

MCC lost by 1 wicket

Toss: Britannia RNC

MCC (A.Duke 4-26, M.Cox 3-0) 78
Britannia RNC (S.J.Plevin 5-28, G.L.Seymour 3-17) 79-9

MCC Team: R.J.Austin*; P.D.Crispin; O.R.D.Dennis; J.H.Duder; D.P.Duggan; S.L.Feast†; S.J.Plevin; D.Pope; G.L.Seymour; M.Voigt; E.Wheeldon

Invited to bat first, MCC made a bad start, losing 'Ord' to the second ball of the match. As would be the case with many of the 18 wickets that would fall after this one, the pitch played a considerable part in his demise. With the exception of Voight (on loan for the day from the college) MCC's batsmen clearly struggled on a pitch of variable bounce and speed. The order of the day clearly seemed to block the straight ones and smite those not-so-straight. Wickets fell regularly and the ignominy of being dismissed before lunch was narrowly avoided, although the innings only lasted two balls on the resumption. Only three batsmen made double figures in the Club's (apparently) paltry 78.

BRNC'S innings started in similar fashion, with Thornley edging a sharp catch to slip in the first over. Wickets tumbled and, at 9 for 6, MCC was clearly on top. Three small partnerships brought the score to 46 for 9, but still it seemed only a matter of time before the Club triumphed. BRNC's last pair of Bass and Cox had other ideas, somehow managing to nudge and nick the remaining 33 runs for victory. For MCC, Simon Pelvin bowled an excellent unchanged spell. His figures of 5 for 28 do not reflect how well he bowled.

Rob Austin

26th June v COLFE'S SCHOOL

Match tied

Toss: MCC

350th Anniversary

MCC (J.Butterfill 116*) 215-4 dec
Colfe's School (Cullum 60, Horder 4-43) 215

MCC Team: A.S.Byers*; S.Baker; J.Butterfil; D.A.Gilliland; M.C.D.Horder; G.A.Pointer; A.Rodgers; D.A.Scott; C.H.Fellows-Smith; C.D.M.Tooley; A.R.Wightman

Colfe's made this fixture one of the focal points of a year of celebrations for its 350th anniversary, and provided an occasion to remember.

MCC's innings was built around James Butterfil, who joined the side at about two hours notice: his hundred against his old school was an education of correct technique and classical strokes. The school bowled and fielded with the sort of discipline rarely found in school out-matches, and an enticing declaration at 215 for 4 set the day up better than anyone could have hoped.

Pointer and Horder made early inroads with the ball, but a fine captain's knock of 60 from Cullum provided the school with a platform for a serious push for victory. With 5 overs left, 35 were needed with four wickets in hand. This was blown apart by the left-handed Harman, who made 28 off the next 8 balls. Panic among the MCC side was only mildly assuaged with Holme's dismissal from the first ball of Horder's second spell.

Then the drama really began. Number 11 batsman, Foster, struck what appeared the decisive blow towards the extra-cover boundary off Pointer, but Charles Fellows-Smith's leap got a crucial fingertip to slow the ball's progress and set off in pursuit pulling the ball up inside a blurred line at the fence near the railway to produce the finely poised situation of scores level, nine men down, last over in a perfect midsummer's evening. Horder's first ball completed the day, and hit the base of middle stump. It was a tie.

The result befitted an excellent occasion. This fixture has a strong tradition and Colfe's School's organisation and attention to detail made for an unforgettable day's cricket.

Tony Byers

26th June v CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA 'A'

MCC won by 105 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.Van Bunge 54)
Cricket Club of India 'A'

216-7 dec
111

MCC Team: M.P.W.Jeb*; S.Bennett; A.J.L.Barr; B.Donaldson; C.H.Offer; G.R.Owton†; V.S.Sethi; R.E.Toohy; D.Van Bunge; M.Van Nierop; S.Wijeratne

On a pitch that would have made the visitors feel right at home, MCC did well to scrape together 216 for 7 off their 45 overs. Tasmanian Ben Donaldson made a steady 31, whilst young Dutchman Dan Van Bunge was impressive in making 54, crashing five huge sixes in the process. Sri Lankan U19 representative Sahan Wijeratne looked accomplished in dealing with the spin threat of CCI, making 27.

The MCC team then turned in a superlative fielding performance to back up some disciplined bowling. CCI made just 111, never recovering from a poor start. Seven different bowlers shared the wickets, as the captain did his best to ensure that every member of the team got involved in one way or another. Vishal Sethi, Ben Donaldson and Clive Offer took brilliant catches in the outfield, to showcase an MCC performance of some distinction. As is the case with any Indian cricket team, the match was played with an enthusiasm and energy that is typical of the way in which the Spirit of Cricket is treasured by both these famous clubs.

Michael Jeb

26th June v LANCING COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (Z.Sadiq 94, B.Hawley 3-37)

201

Lancing College (A.Dodsworth 54, R.Kemp 4-34)

159-8

MCC Team: J.D.Robinson*; P.D.Atkins; W.Wingfield-Digby; P.M.Goulstone; N.T.Hayday†; R.C.Kemp; G.Prince; Z.Sadiq; T.F.White; S.D.Wickham; J.G.Wills

26th June v LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (B.J.Debenham 51, T.Martin 5-46.)

189-7 dec

Lord Wandsworth College (R.J.Woods 3-18, C.H.Woods 3-35)

134-9

MCC Team: S.J.Ball*; J.A.Brady; B.J.Debenham; J.W.Freeth; R.Hutchinson; J.W.FMary; T.J.Spencer†; L.M.Tenneson; A.P.N.Walton; C.H.Wood; R.Woods

26th June v NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS' CA

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC

161

North Yorkshire Schools CA (D.Swell 62, M.I.Mortimer 3-23)

162-6

MCC Team: J.I.Foggitt*; N.A.Bourke; Dr.N.P.Durham†; P.N.Hepworth; J.D.Love; A.J.Mitchell; M.I.Mortimer; R.M.Rawlings; R.J.Robinson; M.J.Smart

26th June v PATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.C.Burton 61, R.T.J.Howell 102*)

230-3 dec

Pate's Grammar School (Alder 55, A.T.Crouch 4-51, C.S.J.Coley 4-46)

141-8

MCC Team: Dr.C.St.J.Lamden*; N.C.Burton; C.S.J.Coley; I.M.Collins; A.T.Crouch; Dr.P.J.Craig; N.G.Grice†; D.J.Holtum; R.T.J.Howell; Pledge; S.S.Surridge

26th June v SHERBORNE SCHOOL

MCC won by 64 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.M.Attfield 50, J.G.C.Rowe 79)

226-4 dec

Sherborne School

162

MCC Team: J.D.Ricketts*; J.M.Attfield; N.I.Gavin-Brown; B.Gay; C.E.Dowdall; C.S.Kemp; T.G.Rankine†; S.W.D.Rintoul; H.T.Rogers; J.G.C.Rowe; G.D.Spelman

26th June v ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE

MCC won by 94 runs

Toss: St George's College

MCC (M.J.Homes 105*)

232-3 dec

St George's College (C.J.S.Evans 3-23)

138

MCC Team: C.J.S.Evans*; J.M.Edington; R.H.Ford; J.C.Hare; G.P.Hewitt; M.J.Homes; W.B.Miller†; D.B.P.O'Sullivan; P.D.R.Pearce; J.D.Relleen; A.J.Stedman



MCC was invited to bat first on a glorious day at St George's College in Weybridge. Runs came steadily against the College attack, which bowled a good line and length, but unfortunately lacked the required penetration. After the fall of an early wicket, Matt Homes (105 not out) and Warren Miller (42) both batted well and were rarely troubled by the bowlers. Miller was out shortly before lunch, well caught by the 'keeper. After the usual fine lunch, the runs continued to flow, allowing the declaration at 232 for 3 with both Julian Hare (40 not out) and Homes punishing some tired bowlers.

The runs mounted slowly when the College batted and, although there were some exceptions, most of the wickets were lost to unnecessary shots. MCC kept the game open at all times and although the middle order battled hard, they could not hold on. The final wicket fell in the 6th over of the final hour with St George's still 94 adrift. Occasional bowler Phil Pearce took the final wicket, which was just reward for some fine spin bowling. The Club's bowlers all did well, with Andy Stedman and Jamie Edington, in particular, impressive.

Chris Evans

26th June v SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 167 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.N.G.Bloch 91, S.P.Wakefield 87)

253-3 dec

Sutton Grammar School (M.T.Harrison 5-20, M.J.Church 3-18)

86

MCC Team: I.M.Wilks*; R.N.G.Bloch; M.J.Church; A.Dean†; J.R.Fosbraey; M.T.Harrison; J.G.Knapper; Dr.H.J.Patel; D.J.Shirt; R.S.Smith; S.P.Wakefield

26th June v UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL

MCC won by 102 runs

Toss: University College School

MCC (T.A.Coleman 86, P.J.Leatham 61, B.Kirmani 3-35)

230-7 dec

University College School (S.J.Atherton 4-27)

128

MCC Team: A.P.Scott*; M.S.Abluwallia; S.J.Atherton; C.A.Bassett; R.J.Baxter; T.A.Coleman; S.J.Foster; J.C.Hurrell; P.D.J.Johnston; P.J.Leatham; N.A.Oldridge†

26th June v WARWICK SCHOOL

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: Warwick School

MCC (B.E.Hughes 54, A.Wilkinson 3-67)

199

Warwick School (A.Wilkinson 47, R.Rigby 64)

200-7

MCC Team: A.N.Crockett*; B.De Souza; M.Gidley; B.E.Hughes; P.Joshi; Dr.T.Lunel; J.Meredith; R.G.Paterson†; R.Sanghi; J.Wall; Flt-Lt C.M.Whyborn

26th June v WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL**MCC won by 64 runs**

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.Sykes 56)

206-4 dec

West Buckland School (D.Bowser 62, J.Rhodes 5-39)

142

MCC Team: *G.S.Glendinging**; *J.Andow*; *J.S.Booth*; *R.L.Cadwallader*; *C.R.S.Dare*; *A.C.Griffiths*; *J.Rhodes*; *J.A.Sykes*; *J.W.Maunder-Taylor*; *D.W.Terrington*; *A.Wright*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. Opening for MCC, probationer James Sykes made a solid 56, ably supported by Tony Wright (43). In a break with tradition, there was no batting collapse in the side's total of 206 for 4 off 52 overs; and it is to the school's credit that none of the six bowlers used were really taken apart, even by the frequently destructive John Booth (35, not out) or Cliff Dare (27, not out).

In reply, the school made a cautious start. An early run out brought 14-year-old Dan Bowser - who, the previous day, had scored an excellent 49 in the school's win over a Forty Club XI - to the crease in the fourth over. Both he and his fellow batsman seemed content to dig in and see off the opening attack, aware that they would have at least 50 overs to bat. Bowling changes at either end brought MCC no great change in fortune. The reintroduction of Devon's John Rhodes eventually brought the breakthrough - though not before Bowser brought up a truly well-deserved 50 with three boundaries. Only when he departed four overs later for 62 (bowled Rhodes) for the eighth wicket did a win seem beyond the school's reach. The boys were eventually all out for 142 with Rhodes finishing on 5 for 39.

Graeme Glendinging

27th June v BRIGHTON COLLEGE**MCC lost by 5 wickets**

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.D.Murray 92*, G.D.Price 71*)

228-2 dec

Brighton College (C.Grammer 45, R.Young 102*)

229-5

MCC Team: *M.P.Lawrence**; *M.B.Abington*; *M.T.Harrison*; *N.C.S.Hobbs*; *T.M.Lord†*; *M.D.Murray*; *G.D.Price*; *B.Smith*; *R.H.D.Spink*; *Rev.R.T.Thomas*; *D.C.Heaton-Watson*

The MCC openers, Murray and Smith, made a good start against keen bowling and outstanding ground fielding from a well-organised College side. After the loss of Smith, some powerful blows by Heaton-Watson continued the momentum before he fell to a good low catch at mid-off. Lunch was taken at 130 for 2 and Murray and Price built on this to allow the declaration to be made a little before halfway at 228 for 2.

College openers Grammar and Young made a slow but steady start in the session before tea, reaching the interval with their opening partnership intact. The introduction of the slow-left-arm of Abington (a master at the school) had the desired effect for the Club with the capture of two quick wickets and the last 20 overs began with the game nicely poised; the College needing a little over 100 runs with eight wickets in hand. The loss of the captain, Burton, early in the last hour seemed to have tipped the balance MCC's way but the arrival of the 14-year-old Gating (nephew of Mike) resulted in a powerfully hit 38 which brought the required rate down. Despite a couple of late wickets, a mature 100 by the 15-year-old opener Young (who had earlier kept wicket tidily) saw the college home with two overs to spare.

Mark Lawrence

27th June v DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL**MCC won by 10 wickets**

Toss: Dauntsey's School

Dauntsey's (K.H.A.Powell 4-21, J.C.Barrett 3-2)

51

MCC

55-0

MCC Team: *A.T.Crouch**; *R.A.Bagnall*; *J.C.Barrett*; *A.P.C.Beard*; *R.J.Greatorex*; *K.H.A.Powell*; *T.Stayt*; *S.A.Sylvester*; *D.A.W.Young†*; *K.D.Young*

27th June v ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL**MCC won by 104 runs**

Toss: MCC

MCC (C.Lewis 65, N.Mohammed 70)

257-6 dec

Enfield Grammar School (S.J.Atherton 5-45)

153 all out

MCC Team: *D.M.Bowen**; *S.J.Atherton*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *N.J.Fielden*; *C.Lewis*; *S.P.Moffat*; *N.Mohammed*; *S.Mohammed*; *W.R.G.Sellar*; *C.Shaw*; *A.E.Varley*

27th June v EPSOM COLLEGE**Match drawn**

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.M.Jones 81, C.H.Offer 101, Pooley 4-61)

222-5 dec

Epsom College (Vernon 58, R.Underwood 6-55)

198-9

MCC Team: *J.R.Wileman**; *C.S.Bates†*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *G.P.Hewitt*; *C.G.Jackson*; *P.M.Jones*; *E.W.Lawrence*; *C.H.Offer*; *J.D.Relleen*; *G.T.Roper*; *R.D.Underwood*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. The school attack bowled with enthusiasm but opening batsmen Paul Jones and Clive Offer, were at the top of their game, dispatching anything slightly off-line to the boundary. Offer fell just before lunch for 101 and Jones was dismissed shortly after the interval for 81. The MCC innings closed on 222 for 5 with Pooley the pick of the school bowlers taking 4 for 61.

In reply Epsom College came out all guns blazing, and scored at five an over up to the tea break. Once the two openers perished after the interval, the scoring rate slowed somewhat but the school were still in with a chance of victory up until the last few overs, when the pressure created by tight spells bowled by Bob Cooke and Robin Underwood (6 for 55) caused a flurry of wickets. Epsom College held on to draw the match, ending up on 198 for 9.

Jon Wileman

27th June v KING'S SCHOOL, Ely**Match drawn**

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.C.Pearse 58*, J.S.Waters 76, S.H.Aldous 48)

245-5 dec

King's School (S.H.Aldous 4-39)

197-9

MCC Team: *R.J.Claxton**; *S.H.Aldous*; *R.Bowens*; *Cooper*; *A.C.Dobson†*; *J.A.C.Pearse*; *J.L.Pool*; *Maj.M.E.Roythorne*; *T.J.Spencer*; *R.Spratt*; *J.S.Waters*

This was a very enjoyable day's cricket with MCC scoring 245 for 5, and in reply, the school scoring 197 for 9. The school played positive cricket throughout, and could have won the game. The MCC score was underpinned by J.Wales, 76, and J.Pearse, 58 not out. MCC bowled well with the youthful J.Pool bowling with determination and enthusiasm.

Richard Claxton

27th June v LORD'S & COMMONS**MCC won by 57 runs**

Toss: MCC

MCC (S.P.Henderson 80, J.J.J.Brennan 108*)

228-5 dec

Lord's & Commons (M.Spelman 45, J.C.Huntington 4-35)

171

MCC Team: *R.Armist**; *M.Austen*; *J.P.Barnes*; *J.J.J.Brennan†*; *P.Cayford*; *T.G.Graveney*; *S.P.Henderson*; *J.C.Huntington*; *J.W.Maunder-Taylor*; *A.W.Wreford*; *T.M.S.Wright*

27th June v MILL HILL SCHOOL**MCC won by 121 runs**

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.P.O'Gara 74, N.D.Goh 69)

247-5 dec

Mill Hill School (K.J.Goodman 4-23, G.J.Rickman 4-6)

126

MCC Team: *G.J.Rickman**; *S.Bennett*; *N.D.Goh*; *K.J.Goodman*; *M.Hatton*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *I.Mulholland*; *T.P.O'Gara*; *A.T.Philipson*; *M.F.Wahab†*; *S.D.Wickham*

27th June v NEWPORT FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL**MCC won by 33 runs**

Toss: Newport Free GS

MCC (D.J.Shirt 57)

178-6 dec

Newport Free Grammar School (Chilton 50, A.K.Jenner 3-24)

145

MCC Team: *A.K.Jenner**; *L.J.Bell*; *D.J.Goldsmith*; *P.M.Goulstone*; *C.D.Lee*; *J.Lock*; *T.Montague*; *W.J.Pegram*; *J.L.Salt*; *D.J.Shirt†*; *S.Smith*

27th June v TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

MCC won by 5 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.G.C.Rowe 88, J.E.Vigar 114*)
Tonbridge School (E.Chilcott 114, S.P.H.Gane 4-48)

252-1 dec
247

MCC Team: *A.S.A.Townsend**; *G.R.Brealy*; *C.S.Charlton*; *C.W.Dennis*; *J.A.Ford*; *S.P.H.Gane*; *J.S.Hodgson*; *O.Khan*; *J.G.C.Rowe*; *J.E.Vigar*; *S.C.Willis†*

MCC lost the toss and were asked to bat. After three chances were put down in the first three overs, the openers proceeded to dominate on a typically good batting track. Jamie Rowe scored quickly to finish with 88, before lunch was taken at 161 for 1. Afterwards John Vigar carried his bat to 114 not out, supported by Giles Brealy. The innings was declared with the score on 252 for 1.

The school lost two early wickets, before consolidating. With the score on 175-5 with 25 overs to go, they were well positioned to win the game. However, a change of tactics and bowling, which introduced Omar Khan to the attack and brought back Craig Denness, resulted in three important wickets being taken, closely followed by the run out of the school's captain, Fred Chilcott, who batted impressively for 114. With the score on 247-9 with two overs to go, it was left to Simon Gane to take the last wicket.

Having played positive attacking cricket, the final result certainly did not reflect the school's recent run of losses. The nail-biting finish was enjoyed by all and many thanks are due to the Club's players who stuck with it to gain the victory.

Andrew Townsend

27th June v WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.D.Bairstow 80, M.W.Garside 55, T.E.J.Cooper 69, R.M.Rawlings 52*)
Woodhouse Grove School (M.Bottomley 67, J.Bedford 70)

269-4 dec
216-7

MCC Team: *S.N.Hartley**; *A.D.Bairstow*; *C.L.M.Best*; *T.E.J.Cooper*; *M.W.Garside†*; *P.A.Harand*; *W.G.Hodson*; *S.T.Laurence*; *A.J.Mitchell*; *R.M.Rawlings*; *R.C.F.Wadkin*

27th June v WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

MCC won by 144 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (I.M.Collins 102*, T.Williams 3-57)
Wycliffe College (T.Fawcus-Gibbs 52, J.W.Dean 3-20)

233-4 dec
89

MCC Team: *S.J.Y.Scott**; *J.S.Brooks†*; *N.C.Burton*; *I.M.Collins*; *J.W.Dean*; *S.J.N.Gray*; *S.G.Hinks*; *R.J.W.Holdsworth*; *T.Lunell*; *J.L.P.Meadows*; *D.W.Terrington*

A and AS levels deprived the school of its captain and some of its more senior players. However, mindful of the school's dramatic win a year ago, MCC was determined to post a competitive total. The school was set a target of 234 for victory, Iain Collins having made a century and the Rev. Stephen Gray (a former school chaplain) showing no mercy, with some punishing blows towards the end of the innings.

The declaration was unnecessarily ambitious; despite the rusty leg-spin of Jem Brooks, the school batsmen failed to make a chase of it. Jake Dean was MCC's best bowler and helped us to a big victory with overs to spare. The school, as ever, staged a very enjoyable day for all and it is a reflection of the value of fixture that most of the MCC team have asked to play again next year.

Stephen Scott

28th June v BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (C.M.Taylor 75, R.M.Nichols 60, M.W.Garside 57)
Batley GS (L.Goddard 102*, T.Owens 144, R.M.Nichols 3-83)

258-5 dec
260-3

MCC Team: *N.D.Leech**; *R.M.Atkinson*; *T.E.J.Cooper*; *Dr.P.A.Coughlin†*; *M.W.Garside*; *S.A.Halls*; *R.M.Nichols*; *D.M.Rawlings*; *R.J.Robinson*; *C.M.Taylor*; *Dr.M.J.Toogood*

28th June v BISHOP VESEY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.J.Greatorex 106, R.M.Cox 57)
Bishop Vesey's GS (Brocklebank 82, Irvine 54, S.N.Barnes 3-42)

286-5 dec
228-6

MCC Team: *P.A.Venes**; *S.N.Barnes*; *J.S.Brooks*; *R.M.Cox*; *R.J.Falconer*; *R.J.Greatorex*; *R.A.Hawthorne*; *D.P.Mather*; *R.A.McGregor*; *D.J.Otway*; *B.C.Thompson†*; *K.C.Williams*

Having won the toss, MCC batted and were able to declare on 286 for 5, after 50 overs. Richard Greatorex scored a hundred before lunch, ably assisted by Richard Cox, 57, and David Otway, 44. In reply the school were 228 for 6 wickets at the close, the batting of Brocklebank, 82, and Irvine, 54, and the bowling of Stuart Barnes (3-42) being the highlights.

Whilst the game petered out into a tame draw, due mainly to a 'feather bed' wicket, we were very impressed with the standards of the school team. For the past two years, the school has benefited from the introduction of an indoor school, sporting four nets, and a bowling machine. The school employs ECB coaches and, from January each year, pupils are given 90 minutes coaching each week. With other local schools taking advantage of the facility, it can only bode well for West Midlands cricket in the future.

Paul Venes

28th June v BRADFIELD COLLEGE

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: Bradfield College

MCC (R.M.O.Cooke 53*, W.Tod)
Bradfield College (J.Morris 72)

186-8 dec
187-3

MCC Team: *F.P.A.O'Connor**; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *C.S.Charlton*; *P.Clark†*; *B.J.Colbeck*; *R.M.O.Cooke*; *N.H.Grice*; *R.C.Kemp*; *M.T.Madurasinghe*; *S.D.Snell*; *M.E.Sullivan*

MCC batted first on an evenly-paced pitch in overcast conditions but were soon in trouble against the college's opening bowler, Tod, who picked up the first three wickets with just 24 runs on the board. Bradfield's bowlers all bowled a full length and their fieldsmen supported the attack with a high standard of ground fielding and catching. The lunch interval provided MCC with some relief, and a rearguard action led by the gritty R.M.O.Cooke (53*) and ably supported by M.E.Sullivan (20) and J.A.Brady (12) brought a degree of respectability to a total of 186 for 8.

Bradfield's batsmen batted with freedom and energy against an MCC attack, which was awash with variety, ability and experience, and punished anything that was not in the zone. The openers, Eade and Hall, put on 44 for the first wicket and Morris (72) with Woodiaffe (41) increased the momentum after tea in partnership of 107, to bring the school home with five overs of the last hour to be bowled, and just three wickets lost. Well done Bradfield College: future MCC sides will have to play well to beat this young, up-and-coming side.

Finbarr O'Connor

28th June v CARDIFF CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.I.Clitheroe 98, J.P.J.Sylvester 49)
Cardiff CC (Elias 65, C.M.P.Davenport 5-53)

223-3 dec
220-8

MCC Team: *C.P.Metson**; *M.B.Bixby*; *R.I.Clitheroe*; *D.G.Cummins*; *C.M.P.Davenport*; *J.Davies*; *J.L.Davies*; *M.P.W.Jeb*; *P.H.W.E.Lazarus*; *M.J.Smart*; *J.P.J.Sylvester*

28th June v PRIOR PARK COLLEGE

MCC won by 54 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.C.Barrett 64, S.Williams 3-65)
Prior Park College (D.Bunge 3-35)

206-8 dec
152

MCC Team: *A.P.C.Beard**; *R.A.Bagnall*; *J.C.Barrett*; *A.T.Crouch*; *P.Hickerton*; *C.H.Offer*; *A.Pynegar*; *D.Semken*; *D.Van Bunge*; *M.Van Neirap*; *D.C.Heaton-Watson*

28th June v WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND

MCC won by 3 wickets

Toss: WCBS

WCBS	(J.A.Banham 3-4)	104
MCC	(Barry 52)	105-5

MCC Team: J.A.Banham*; D.J.Barber; C.E.Dowdall; R.H.Leachman; W.Leachman; M.Manners; G.T.Roper†; R.Taylor

Having established a set of rules whereby we can now have a genuinely competitive game, this year I had the pleasure of having the highest number of MCC Members playing. Five full Members, one probationer, two groundstaff and the young son of a full Member, W.Leachman, son of R.Leachman, making up the full number of nine players.

MCC, when fielding, always have three players blindfolded, and bowl four of their overs blindfolded, and when batting, one of the batsman is always blindfolded. The blindfolds get shared round, so no one is blindfold for too long and everyone gets a chance to experience playing cricket by sound. This year's game was also the most exciting game we have had for many a year. Whilst chasing 104, one and a half hours may not sound much; when batting blindfolded runs can be hard to come by and wickets can fall quickly, MCC clinched victory in the final over with three to spare. A barbecue was arranged for after the game and enjoyed by all.

This fixture is always on the look-out for players. You do not have to be a young current player, just willing to give it a go and play in the spirit of MCC.

James Banham

**RNIB****challenging blindness****29th June v ST PAUL'S SCHOOL**

MCC won by 4 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC	(J.A.M.Molins 112, D.S.McHardy 81*)	245-4 dec
St Paul's School	(J.Lofdahl 59, J.E.Vigar 5-55)	241

MCC Team: G.Morgan*; B.J.Colbeck; J.D.H.Griffiths; M.Maini; G.J.McCartney; D.S.McHardy; J.A.M.Molins; C.R.Pimlott; S.S.Surridge; B.C.Thompson†; J.E.Vigar

30th June v EMBLEY PARK SCHOOL

MCC won by 123 runs

Toss: Embley Park School

MCC	(N.J.Hunt 59)	205-5 dec
Embley Park School	(W.J.T.Follett 3-39, C.Taylor 3-17)	82

MCC Team: C.H.Forward*; D.J.C.Allom; M.T.C.Allom; R.J.Arthur; W.J.T.Follett; N.J.Hunt; J.H.Rea; A.J.Stokes; C.Taylor; R.J.Taylor; D.A.W.Young†

30th June v HORNSEY CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC	(A.R.Danson 103)	253-6 dec
Hornsey CC	(N.Fergus 80, N.J.Haste 4-68, P.D.Loman 3-42)	223-9

MCC Team: G.J.Ellis*†; Dr.A.L.P.Clark; B.J.Colbeck; A.R.Danson; N.J.Haste; P.D.Loman; J.A.M.Molins; C.R.Pimlott; A.J.Potter; S.Salisbury; S.D.Wickham

MCC won the toss and elected to bat on what seemed a fairly slow but true pitch. Jason Molins, the current captain of Ireland, started briskly before being bowled by an in-swinging from Alastair Scott. Thereafter, a number of talented MCC batsmen departed for low scores, after giving important support to Andrew Danson on his way to a fine century. Arnie Clarke closed the innings with a fluent half-century against his former club, as MCC declared on 253 for 6.

Hornsey started off well, before Nick Haste bowled both openers, leaving the home side on 49 for 2. Simon Wickham induced Sanjay Patel to offering a catch in the covers and pretty soon it was 70 for 5. This did not deter Hornsey from chasing the win. Saturday skipper N. Fergus made good progress with the lower middle order, and with seven overs, fifty runs and three wickets to fall, all results were possible. When Paul Loman's off-breaks coaxed Fergus to hole out at mid-off for 80, the Club had a glimpse at the last pair. Fifteen-year-old Edward Waite had the last word, as he held out bravely to finish with 16 not out, in the face of some quick bowling from Nick Haste who finished with 4 for 68. Hornsey ended thirty runs short on 223 for 9 in 51 overs. It was good cricket all round.

Geoff Ellis

30th June v STOWE SCHOOL

MCC won by 186 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC	(R.T.J.Bostock 55, R.W.J.Ankers 69*)	224-3 dec
Stowe School	(A.S.Morton 3-22, J.D.R.Benson 3-0, N.Jhala 3-2)	38

MCC Team: L.B.Turner*; R.W.J.Ankers†; J.D.R.Benson; R.T.J. Bostock; N.D.Grice; A.Hussain; N.Jhala; A.S.Morton; J.A.C.Pearse; M.C.M.Pearse; D.A.Shardlow

1st July v BANCROFT'S SCHOOL

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC	(R.Mirza 66)	207-8 dec
Bancroft's School		80-2

MCC Team: R.S.Booth*; N.D.Eaton; S.W.Gant; R.J.Mann; R.Mirza; P.L.Rogers; J.S.Salt; A.Sattar; D.J.Shirt†; C.R.Thomas; M.S.Webber

1st July v BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC	(M.Laidler 46, S.T.Lawrence 79)	162-2
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MCC Team: M.W.Cowell*; R.J.Barlow; C.Couell; A.D.Glover; W.G.Hodson; I.J.Houseman; M.Laidler; S.T.Lawrence; A.J.Mitchell; R.J.D.Wilkins†

1st July v CLAYESMORE SCHOOL

MCC won by 162 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC	(G.P.A.Herring 102, Dr.C.St J.Lamden 53, R.E.Toohy 69*)	242-2 dec
Clayesmore School	(R.A.Bagnall 3-13)	80

MCC Team: J.C.Barrett*; R.A.Bagnall; R.G.R.Barlow; T.A.Brown; A.T.Crouch; R.J.Greatorex; G.P.A.Herring; Dr.C.St J.Lamden; Lt-Col.A.T.D. Lerwill; R.E.Toohy; J.A.Woolhead

1st July v EMANUEL SCHOOL

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC	(C.E.Dowdall 79*, Leatham 3-47)	238-6 dec
Emanuel School		14-2

MCC Team: J.D.Ricketts*; D.J.Anderson; C.E.Dowdall; T.W.Harrison; P.E.R.Jansen; C.S.Kemp†; H.J.H.Loudon; A.W.Maclay; M.Morgan; J.L.Pool

1st July v THE KING'S SCHOOL, Canterbury

MCC won by 69 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.G.C.Rowe 52)

151-4 dec

The King's School (P.D.Johnstone 3-23, H.J.W.Wright 3-18)

82

MCC Team: G.R.Brealy*; P.B.Allen; A.M.T.Janmohammed†; P.D.Johnstone; R.C.Kemp; J.Middleton; J.G.C.Rowe; S.Salisbury; J.M.Baker-White; S.C.Willis; J.G.Wills; H.J.W.Wright

1st July v KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MCC won by 162 runs

Toss: Kingston GS

MCC (J.M.Edington 58)

224-6 dec

Kingston GS (M.M.Rajabali 3-14, G.P.Hewitt 3-4)

62

MCC Team: J.A.N.Donnelly*; D.W.D.Barlow; W.B.K.Wingfield-Digby; J.M.Edington; G.P.Hewitt; R.G.Kirby; R.Marshall; A.T.Philipson; M.M.Rajabali; Flt-Lt C.M.Whyborn; S.J.Young†

1st July v JOHN LYON SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.D.Goh 102, I.Smith 54)

217-5 dec

John Lyon School

113-4

MCC Team: Dr. R.K.H.Wyse*; S.J.W.Andrew; D.C.A.Titchener-Barrett; P.S.Cobb; C.M.Gupte; C.J.Hardcastle; J.M.Kershen†; N.D.Goh; I.Smith; M.I.M.Umarji; U.Valjee

WIRRAL SCHOOLS WEEK

1st July v MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, Crosby

Match abandoned

Toss: Merchant Taylor's School

MCC

2-0

MCC Team: A.Chapman*; J.M.Armstrong; J.P.Atkins; P.R.Burling; R.J.Cross; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; I.Glazer; A.J.Good; D.R.Green; T.Hodson†; A.P.Nichols

2nd July v WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Wirral Grammar School

MCC (J.M.Armstrong 51)

149-5 dec

Wirral Grammar School (T.J.Bostock 5-40)

132-9

MCC Team: A.Chapman*; J.M.Armstrong; J.R.Atkins; T.J.Bostock; R.J.Cross†; N.J.H.Fielden; A.J.Good; P.Haughton; A.Robertson; N.A.Yates

3rd July v BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: S.T.Crawley*; J.R.Atkins; A.Chapman; P.A.Davis; D.R.Green†; N.D.Goh; A.J.Good; S.M.Patel; S.J.Plevin; W.G.Read; D.C.R.Waterfield

4th July v KING'S SCHOOL, Chester

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (E.Owen 4-16)

177-8 dec

King's School (G.Hughes 63, P.A.Davis 3-18)

176-7

MCC Team: S.T.Crawley*; J.R.Atkins; P.A.Davis; M.B.Johnson; D.A.Jones; A.J.Good; A.B.Lemmey†; D.J.Orway; S.J.Plevin; G.A.Smith; A.J.Syddall

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. Johnson and Atkins put on 51 for the first wicket before both fell to Owen, the King's captain, who was the pick of the bowlers with 4 for 16. The boys stuck to the task and it took a flurry at the end to get MCC to the declaration at 177 for 8.

King's made a poor start against Plevin and Davis - a run out to take them to 1 for 2 was not what the game required. MCC opened up the game with 18 overs of spin to a positive field, and the boys pleasingly grew in confidence. G.Hughes blossomed once the hard-hitting Jordon got going. He struck the ball well and, despite tight spells at the end from Good and Plevin, got the school into a position of winning the game. His mistake was probably to take

a single from the first ball of the last over, and he could not conjure up a boundary off the final ball of the match, which was consequently an excellent draw.

Steve Crawley

5th July v LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: R.E.W.G.Horridge*; J.R.Atkins; I.R.Cross; C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin; J.D.Gray; M.J.Hackett†; P.Hassan; J.E.R.Nichols; D.J.Orway; T.E.H.Prime; J.B.Wharton

1st July v ST AMBROSE COLLEGE

Match abandoned

Toss: St Ambrose College

MCC

43-0

MCC Team: N.J.Fielden*; I.Cross; A.H.Dawson; A.F.Gofton; J.D.Gray; P.A.Hunter; N.D.Murrills; S.J.Plevin; D.C.Sandiford†; J.B.Wharton; G.H.Williams

1st July v TETTENHALL COLLEGE

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.P.W.Jeh 71*, M.J.Marvell 74*)

185-1 dec

MCC Team: B.Lees*; S.J.Atherton; D.A.Banks; W.R.T.Chalk; S.T.Corbett; N.R.Davis; M.P.W.Jeh; M.J.Marvell; J.D.Mayer; D.B.Middleton; N.A.Yates

1st July v TRINITY SCHOOL

MCC won by 102 runs

Toss: Trinity School

MCC (R.J.Falconer 75, G.L.Wood 55)

214-5 dec

Trinity School (M.R.Donald 4-20)

112

MCC Team: M.A.Rowland*; C.J.P.Baker; M.Boothroyd; M.R.Donald; R.J.Falconer; P.J.Furner; J.A.King; J.G.Knapper; C.H.Offer; J.E.Vigar; G.L.Wood

2nd July v BISHOP'S STORTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Bishop's Stortford High School

MCC (P.M.Goulstone 45, N.Mohammed 54, A.Wilcox 3-63, M.Sellers 4-54) 218

Bishop's Stortford HS (C.Wilton 55, M.Oxenham 48, N.Mohammed 4-12) 141-9

MCC Team: T.S.Smith*; C.J.Box; P.M.Goulstone†; A.I.MacKinlay; N.J.Maley; N.Mohammed; S.Mohammed; J.Read; N.A.S.Smith; S.Smith; Flt-Lt C.M.Whyborn

2nd July v CANFORD SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.T.C.Allom 77, D.J.C.Allom 50, K.Rathbone 3-35, R.Tolley 4-81)

240-8 dec

Canford School (J.Holt 51*)

119-6

MCC Team: C.H.Forward*; D.J.C.Allom; M.T.C.Allom; W.J.T.Follett; G.P.A.Herring; Lt-Col A.T.D.Lerwill; G.Prince; M.Timmouth; D.Weir; D.A.W.Young†; P.W.G.Young

2nd July v CRANBROOK SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.Towner 4-39, O.Reynolds 3-27)

131

Cranbrook School (R.Kemp 4-44)

95-9

MCC Team: B.Smith*; R.J.Arthur; C.J.P.Baker; G.R.A.Campbell†; E.W.De Mouna Correia; M.T.Harrison; D.A.Gilliland; R.C.Kemp; R.Matthews; J.A.Ross; S.J.W.Warmington

2nd July v DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL

MCC won by 54 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.P.W.Jeh 87, J.P.Butler 57)

241-7 dec

Dean Close School (J.Jenkins 68, A.C.J.Elwood 4-46)

187

MCC Team: *R.J.W.Holdsworth**; *R.Bolstridge*; *N.C.Burton*; *J.P.Butler*; *A.C.J.Elwood*; *G.B.Grant*; *R.T.J.Howell*; *M.P.W.Jeh*; *C.S.Kemp*; *N.E.F.Laughton*; *R.E.A.Lowe*

2nd July v DUKE OF YORK'S ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *S.Salisbury*; *P.B.Allen†*; *A.D.Bourne*; *J.W.Godden*; *P.A.Hunter*; *P.D.Johnstone*; *M.Morgan*; *P.A.Motum*; *P.D.R.Pearce*; *D.J.Twiddy*; *J.M.Baker-White*

2nd July v HYMERS COLLEGE

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *S.J.Simpson*†*; *R.M.Atkinson*; *R.J.Barlou*; *S.Cooper*; *C.W.Farrell*; *N.L.Fletcher*; *S.A.Halls*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *P.A.Harrand*; *M.Laidler*; *G.A.Smith*

2nd July v KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Chelmsford

Match drawn

Toss: KEGS

MCC (J.Hurrell 86)

187-3 dec

King Edward VI Grammar School (R.Williams 100, K.J.Goodman 4-25)

159-8

MCC Team: *B.J.Debenham**; *T.H.Ballentyne*; *R.D.Coulson†*; *K.J.Goodman*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *P.M.Jones*; *E.W.Lawrence*; *C.D.Lee*; *J.L.Salt*; *A.Sattar*; *L.M.Tennison*

2nd July v KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL, Wimbledon

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: King's College School

MCC (D.Waugh 70*, J.Bensohn 3-69)

223-6 dec

King's College School (O.Ferne 100, R.M.Wight 3-51)

227-7

MCC Team: *R.S.Luddington**; *J.W.Assersohn*; *T.B.J.Beagent*; *J.C.Enderby†*; *G.P.Hewitt*; *T.P.Howland*; *N.A.Johnstone*; *G.Morgan*; *T.E.Percival*; *D.Waugh*; *R.M.Wight*

2nd July v THE KING'S SCHOOL, Worcester

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.S.Scott 60, M.Parmar 68*)

200-4 dec

The King's School (P.Burdon 61, H.Diamond 59, S.N.Barnes 3-21)

201-6

MCC Team: *G.J.Lord**; *S.N.Barnes*; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *A.T.Crouch*; *B.M.De Souza*; *S.Eustace*; *W.Hardy*; *M.Mohammed*; *M.Parmar†*; *M.S.Scott*; *R.E.Walker*

2nd July v THE PERSE SCHOOL

Match drawn

Toss: Perse School

MCC (I.J.P.Tufts 105, M.J.Marvell 101)

241-3 dec

Perse School (P.E.Wellings 4-33)

139-9

MCC Team: *J.G.S.Agar**; *Maj.J.M.J.Bennett*; *W.R.T.Chalk*; *N.T.Gadsby*; *S.J.B.Livermore*; *C.S.Martin*; *M.J.Marvell*; *I.J.P.Tufts*; *G.A.Pearson†*; *G.W.Roberts*; *P.E.Wellings*

2nd July v ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.Nunn 47, M.Philips 4-23, A.Moir 3-1)

185

Royal Grammar School (Burton 52)

168-7

MCC Team: *R.A.Hawthorne**; *S.J.Birtwistle*; *L.Bowmaker*; *A.Ferguson*; *J.Gill*; *P.Goodwin*; *A.Mustard*; *A.O.Newman*; *M.North*; *M.Nunn*; *C.Robson*

2nd July v ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

MCC won by 147 runs

Toss: St Bartholomew's School

MCC (M.P.Wingfield-Digby 52, M.P.Chase 54*, T.Heath 3-69)

236-8 dec

St Bartholomew's School (C.F.Horne 3-6, C.H.Wood 3-12)

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MCC Team: *A.R.Wingfield-Digby**; *M.B.Bixby*; *M.P.Chase*; *A.O.Wingfield-Digby*; *M.P.Wingfield-Digby*; *C.E.Dowdall*; *C.F.Horne*; *R.Humphreys*; *G.Roner*; *M.P.Vockins*; *C.H.Wood*

2nd July v HARLEQUINS CC

MCC won by 129 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.J.Ankers 64, A.R.Danson 62, J.G.C.Rowe 52, E.R.Fowler 58*, S.Khan 3-43)

271-5 dec

Harlequins CC (J.Claughton 77*, A.W.Maclay 4-20, J.D.Ricketts 4-10)

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MCC Team: *J.D.Ricketts**; *R.W.J.Ankers†*; *A.S.Birkett*; *C.S.Charlton*; *A.R.Danson*; *E.R.Fowler*; *S.P.Henderson*; *H.J.H.Loudon*; *T.Lunel*; *A.W.Maclay*; *J.G.C.Rowe*

3rd July v ASHFORD CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *A.K.Evans-Gordon**; *R.G.R.Barlou*; *T.A.Brown*; *I.M.Collins*; *G.J.Ellis†*; *J.C.Huntington*; *A.Soni*; *R.E.Toohy*; *B.H.Woodbridge*; *R.J.Woods*; *S.J.Young*

3rd July v CHRIST'S COLLEGE, Finchley

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *J.D.Dangerfield**; *D.C.S.Titchener-Barrett*; *C.A.Bassett*; *G.N.Blackmore*; *R.D.Coulson†*; *P.M.Gouldstone*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *T.E.Percival*; *B.J.Spencer*; *J.W.Maunder-Taylor*; *U.Valjee*

3rd July v CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *J.C.T.Maxwell**; *E.T.R.Bowes*; *C.E.Dowdall*; *R.C.Kemp*; *J.G.Knappert†*; *R.H.Leachman*; *Lt-Col A.T.D.Lerwill*; *A.W.McAlister*; *C.E.Igolen-Robinson*; *R.J.Veillard*; *S.J.W.Warmington*

3rd July v ISLEWORTH & SYON SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *G.M.Overy**; *R.J.Arthur*; *R.Bhardwaj*; *J.W.Hamilton*; *R.Z.Lipka*; *R.D.Minor†*; *D.Nockles*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *A.M.Reid*; *M.Shorts (snr)*; *M.Shorts (jnr)*

3rd July v KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, Godalming

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *A.P.N.Walton**; *A.T.R.Titchener-Barrett*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *R.B.Fenwick*; *G.P.Hewitt*; *R.A.C.Jerman*; *T.W.M.Johns*; *M.I.O'Mahony*; *S.W.G.Pheasant*; *D.C.Heaton-Watson*; *G.L.Wood†*

3rd July v LORD WILLIAM'S SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *M.E.Sullivan**; *P.D.Atkins*; *B.J.Colbeck*; *J.M.Coles*; *S.G.Lynch*; *M.T.Madurasinghe*; *W.B.Miller*; *R.J.Robinson*; *G.F.Watts*

3rd July v PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *D.C.Briance**; *C.J.P.Baker*; *J.R.Fosbraey*; *R.J.Gough*; *B.J.Hardy*; *B.J.Newton*; *G.D.Price*; *K.B.Smith*; *N.J.L.Trestail*; *R.J.Woods*

3rd July v READING SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *C.D.H.Palmer**; *S.Burger*; *J.W.Dean*; *A.Dindar*; *S.D. Gawthorpe*; *B.E.Hughes*; *J.F.S.Rowland*; *C.D.H.Palmer*; *Dr. S.S.Patel*; *J.L.Pool*

3rd July v ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Worcester

MCC won by 118 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (B.M.De Souza 81, M.Parmar 113) 224-3 dec
RGS (A.Wilkinson 46, R.K.Illingworth 5-19) 106

MCC Team: *G.J.Lord**; *Dr. J.A.Brady*; *A.T.Crouch*; *B.M.De Souza*; *A.Gilgrass*; *R.J.W.Holdsworth*; *R.K.Illingworth*; *M.P.J.Jeb*; *M.Parmar†*; *M.Thorburn*; *Dr. M.D.Vockins*

3rd July v WHITGIFT SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *D.M.Woods**; *S.H.Courtney*; *I.J.Curtis*; *M.R.Donald*; *G.R.Duckett*; *G.P.A.Herring*; *C.H.Offer*; *K.K.R.Patel*; *P.E.Rice*; *G.W.Roberts†*; *R.R.Sanghi*

4th July v ABINGDON SCHOOL

MCC won by 106 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (C.W.Cemlyn-Jones 73, B.Garner 3-41) 194-9 dec
Abingdon School 88

MCC Team: *I.J.Curtis**; *N.A.Baldwin*; *S.Burger*; *G.W.Eykyn†*; *J. Hampshire*; *C.W.Cemlyn-Jones*; *A.Marlow*; *E.J.Montague*; *M.E.Sullivan*; *D.Van Bunge*; *G.F.Watts*

4th July v BARCLAYS BANK CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.J.Brown 119) 248-7 dec
Barclays Bank (E.W.Lawrence 4-36) 177-7

MCC Team: *G.K.Wells**; *R.D.Brooker*; *M.J.Brown*; *N.D.Gob*; *J.W.Hamilton*; *P.M.Jones*; *E.W.Lawrence*; *A.W.McAlister*; *M.W.C. Olley†*; *J.D.Relleen*; *Flt-Lt. C.M.Whyborn*

4th July v BARNET CC

Match cancelled

MCC Team: *M.R.Evans**; *C.Beagles*; *R.Bhardwaj*; *C.J.Box*; *P.M. Daniels†*; *A.S.Lewis*; *R.Mitchinson*; *P.G.Morgan*; *A.S.Morton*; *C.M. Pitcher*; *M.A.Skinner*

4th July v ELTHAM COLLEGE

MCC won by 35 runs

Toss: Eltham College

MCC (A.Wightman 102*) 252-3 dec
Eltham College 217

MCC Team: *M.R.Surguy**; *S.Baker*; *D.Barrett*; *M.J.Bluett*; *A.J.Caswall*; *W.D.Evans*; *J.P.Hinton*; *M.C.D.Horder*; *G.A.Pointer*; *K.Staple*; *A.Wightman*

4th July v EXETER SCHOOL

MCC won by 162 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (Lt-Cdr D.A.H.Wells 52, B.E.Hughes 69, A.C.Griffiths 62*) 221-3 dec
Exeter School (D.J.Barber 4-26, S.M.Priscott 3-7) 59

MCC Team: *G.W.Evans*†*; *D.J.Barber*; *J.H.Duder*; *I.Gompertz*; *A.C.Griffiths*; *B.E.Hughes*; *S.M.Priscott*; *J.Rhodes*; *J.A.Sienesi*; *T.R.Taylor*; *Lt-Cdr D.A.H.Wells*

4th July v KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, Birmingham

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.E.Walker 68, N.R.Davis 80*, N.Brandrick 3-77) 240-6 dec
King Edward's School (J.D. Mayer 3-19) 168-7

MCC Team: *J.D.Mayer**; *S.T.Corbett*; *R.M.Cox*; *N.R.Davis*; *B.Lees*; *A.F.Lloyd*; *A.M.J.Little*; *A.N.Mackelworth†*; *D.B.Middleton*; *D.K.Pashley*; *R.E.Walker*

4th July v KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, Southampton

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.Boyd 3-27, A.Warrick 3-38) 118
King Edward VI School 120-6

MCC Team: *P.A.Arnold**; *N.Clark*; *J.Fosbracy*; *C.J.Good†*; *G.Hodgins*; *I.Messenger*; *M.Shepherd*; *M.Tomlinson*; *S.Tomlinson*; *D.C.Heaton-Watson*; *P.Young*

4th July v REED'S SCHOOL

MCC lost by 6 wickets

Toss: Reed's School

MCC (R.J.Veillard 54, S.S.Surridge 82, K.B.Smith 51*) 234-2 dec
Reed's School (J.Worrall 77*, J.Dodd 65*) 235-4

MCC Team: *L.J.Moody**; *T.B.J.Beagent*; *T.C.Hicks*; *J.G.Knapper†*; *R.E.A.Lowe*; *T.S.Matharu*; *A.T.Philipson*; *K.B.Smith*; *S.S.Surridge*; *R.J.Veillard*; *B.H.Woodbridge*

4th July v SIR JOSEPH WILLIAMSON'S SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *M.Morgan**; *A.D.Bourne*; *A.Dean*; *C.V.Fry*; *J.A.Howgego*; *N.A.Johnstone*; *G.Morgan*; *J.M.Baker-White*

4th July v SOUTH WOODFORD CC

MCC won by 7 runs

Toss: South Woodford CC

MCC (R.Mirza 70*, K.Sharp 4-45) 226-8 dec
South Woodford CC (A.I.MacKinlay 5-44) 219

MCC Team: *A.Sattar**; *R.W.J.Ankers†*; *S.C.Ecclestone*; *N.C.S.Hobbs*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *A.I.MacKinlay*; *N.J.Maley*; *R.Mirza*; *M.M. Rajabali*; *M.I.M.Umarji*; *U.Valjee*

4th July v SURREY U17s

MCC won by 84 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.J.Carter 51, A.M.T.Janmohammed 59, A.Cama 4-34) 204-6 dec
Surrey U17s (A.J.R.Bird 4-45) 120

MCC Team: *P.Bedford**; *C.S.Bates*; *A.J.R.Bird*; *T.J.Carter†*; *J.C. Hare*; *A.M.T.Janmohammed*; *R.H.Leachman*; *G.R.E.Martin*; *M.P.Rea*; *R.Sanghi*; *R.D.Underwood*; *S.D.Wickham*

The match against Surrey U17s is always a pleasure. This year, MCC batted first and were kept in check by accurate bowling. Gary Martin and Radesh Sanghi both made good starts but fell short of high scores, being dismissed within a few runs of each other, before Abee Janmohammed made a stylish 59. Carter's 51 was the highlight of the innings, on-drives and drives through extra cover and mid-off provided proof, if any were needed, that a straight bat can be effective. Alex Cama was the pick of the U17s' bowling with 4 wickets. MCC declared on 204 for 6.

In reply, Surrey started well and a good partnership between J. Laidler and S. Mills took them to 96, needing 108 runs from 20 overs. However, the first ball of the 20 overs produced a wicket, prompting the innings to collapse. Ali Bird bowled an excellent line with his leg-spin and took 4 for 45, returning to clean up number 11 with five balls to spare.

The U17s were invited to consider MCC as a route to become professional cricketers, through the Young Cricketers scheme, and to consider the Spirit of Cricket. Thanks go to Reigate Priory for excellent hospitality.

Paul Bedford

4th July v WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

MCC won by 80 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.Joshi 73, C.M.P.Davenport 74, G.Oram 4-63, E.Harper 3-32) 212-7 dec
Wells Cathedral School (G.Oram 72, R.C.M.Davis 4-42) 132

MCC Team: *N.M.A.Prichard**; *A.Bartlett*; *J.J.J.Brennan†*; *T.Cheesman*; *C.M.P.Davenport*; *J.R.P.Davenport*; *T.J.P.Davenport*; *R.C.M.Davis*; *P.Joshi*; *C.Pearce*; *N.J.Pitts*

5th July v BROMSGROVE DISTRICT SCHOOLS XI

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *G.J.Toogood**; *D.J.Barber*; *B.A.W.Bellamy*; *T.J.Bostock*; *P.A.Coughlin*; *M.J.Dallaway*; *W.G.Hodson*; *A.F.Lloyd*; *A.J.Pollock*; *M.J.Toogood†*; *R.E.Walker*

5th July v CHIGWELL SCHOOL

MCC won by 11 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.C.Richards 73, D.M.Roe 51)

164-3 dec

Chigwell School (K.J.Goodman 5-13)

153

MCC Team: *B.J.Clayden*; *A.P.Clarke*; *C.M.P.Davenport*; *J.R.P.Davenport*; *N.C.S.Hobbs*; *K.J.Goodman*; *P.M.Jones*; *A.C.Richards*; *D.M.Roe*; *J.L.Salt†*; *A.Sattar*

Overnight rain continued into the morning. Conditions were therefore not ideal, but candidates Alex Richards and Paul Jones made a steady start against a very useful school opening attack. Danny Roe joined Richards in a partnership of 60, before Alex sacrificed his wicket in the quest for quick runs, having scored a classy 73. Dan then completed his half-century in a partnership of 62 with Andrew Clarke, and the declaration came after only 39.5 overs.

The school's top order set about their target in positive fashion, as the Club's bowlers struggled to keep their footing on the wet surface. Two unnecessary run-outs curbed their progress but, at 84 for 3, the School were strong favourites to win. Keith Goodman was called into the attack and tore through the middle order. However, Ditta (38) and Skanda Kumar (21) saw the School to within 23 runs of victory, as he was rested. It is to the great credit to the School that Keith had to be recalled, and he grabbed two wickets in consecutive balls to secure victory by eleven runs. This was the only defeat the School suffered this summer and they are to be congratulated on a magnificent season.

Barry Clayden

5th July v CITY OF LONDON FREEMAN'S SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *S.E.Penfold**; *R.B.Fenwick*; *G.P.Hewitt*; *M.J.Holmes*; *R.L.Johnson*; *J.G.Knapper†*; *Dr.C.St.J.Lamden*; *Dr.H.J.Patel*; *J.D.Relleen*; *J.L.Wood*

5th July v COKETHORPE SCHOOL

MCC won by 76 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.E.Vigar 80, G.Phillips 54)

228-3 dec

Cokethorpe School (C.Wynd 85, D.W.Terry 5-20)

152

MCC Team: *I.J.Curtis**; *B.W.Byrne*; *T.Lunel*; *G.Phillips*; *D.A.Shardlow*; *M.E.Sullivan*; *G.T.Roper†*; *D.W.Terry*; *A.Thomas*; *J.E.Vigar*; *K.Went*

A very attractive but small ground, Cokethorpe proved to be a sunny oasis surrounded by miserable wet weather elsewhere. The school were enthusiastic hosts. MCC won the toss and elected to bat first, opening with Gary Phillips and probationer John Vigar. Cokethorpe's bowling was steady but lacked any penetration or threat, and Phillips (54) and Vigar (80) eased their way to an opening partnership of 148 before being replaced by probationers David Shardlow and Tim Lunel. They batted in a restrained and sympathetic fashion against spirited school fielding and continuing tidy bowling. MCC declared at 228 for 3.

A positive nine runs off their first over suggested some aggressive intent from the Cokethorpe batsmen for their innings, particularly from Wynd. Occasional bowler Doug Terry struck three times with the new ball, however, to reduce the school to 35 for 3, his first wickets for the Club. Wynd continued aggressively, and put on 68 for the fourth wicket with the school's captain, Jess. Once Wynd was out for 85, the innings began to stutter against the MCC's off-spin variations. At 152 for 6, it appeared they might get within shouting distance of their 229 target. Sadly, an abrupt end came with their last four wickets falling for no runs, as MCC's Terry completed his first five-wicket haul (5 for 20), a good comeback after the nine off his first over. MCC won by 76 runs.

Ian Curtis

5th July v THE KING'S SCHOOL, Grantham

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *T.S.V.Pope**; *R.J.Barlow*; *M.A.Fell*; *R.Hand*; *T.Hodson†*; *A.V.Pope*; *S.J.Rimington*; *A.J.Syddall*

5th July v KINGSWOOD SCHOOL

MCC won by 62 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.West 3-22)

152

Kingswood School (J.G.A.Frost 3-16, B.E.Hughes 3-5)

90

MCC Team: *Dr.M.E.D.Jarrett**; *S.H.Aldous*; *S.M.Brogan*; *R.Chaudhuri*; *L.Cooper*; *J.G.A.Frost*; *B.E.Hughes*; *J.L.Pool*; *J.A.Sienesi*; *R.F.Thomas*; *D.A.W.Young†*

5th July v WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.R.Roberts 46, J.M.Attfield 51)

175-6

MCC Team: *J.R.G.Hawkins**; *J.M.Attfield*; *D.R.Clark*; *S.J.Foster*; *E.R.Fowler*; *N.J.Haste*; *A.Hussain*; *T.M.Lord†*; *R.J.Pack*; *A.R.Roberts*; *A.C.Storie*

5th July v SEVENOAKS SCHOOL

MCC won by 85 runs

Toss: Sevenoaks School

MCC (P.R.Downton 50)

164-9 dec

Sevenoaks School (D.A.Gilliland 6-13)

79

MCC Team: *P.R.Downton**; *R.J.Arthur*; *C.S.Charlton*; *D.A.Gilliland*; *P.J.Hulston†*; *D.J.Kidd*; *T.M.Lord*; *S.M.Prodger*; *J.H.Rea*; *R.J.Veillard*; *A.G.Warrington*

MCC IN EUROPE - FRANCE 'MINI-TOUR'**6th July v FRANCE 'A'**

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC

130

France 'A'

133-5

MCC Team: *O.N.J.Ash**; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *S.M.Hewitt*; *P.D.Hole*; *N.I.S.Jones*; *Lt-Col.A.T.D.Lerwill*; *J.D.Pearce*; *T.S.Matharu*; *J.Middleton*; *N.C.Philpot*; *J.W.Maunder-Taylor*

7th July v PARIS XI

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC

190-7 dec

Paris XI (Tahir 47)

191-7

MCC Team: *O.N.J.Ash**; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *S.M.Hewitt*; *P.D.Hole*; *N.I.S.Jones*; *Lt-Col.A.T.D.Lerwill*; *T.S.Matharu*; *J.Middleton*; *J.D.Pearce*; *N.C.Philpot*; *J.F.Short*

The mini-tour started with the assembly of players from several corners of Europe. The make-up of the squad was an interesting cross-section of, mainly, continental-based players who had priority for selection. Five different nationalities were represented, and players living in five different European countries had been selected.

The first fixture was against a strong French team benefiting principally from a 20-year difference in age-per-player. The French side bowled extremely accurately and fielded with great enthusiasm. MCC were under pressure and our innings was a stop-start affair with no batsman able to establish himself for long. Ed Correia was going well at the end, but ran out of partners, and the 130 total was not enough to pose a challenge - 180 would have been an interesting target. Despite losing wickets regularly, France won with five wickets and some overs to spare. It was suggested that the MCC players be sent for immediate fielding practice, but this was rejected by the team in favour of an opportunity to sample the post-match delights of French cuisine.

The next day, the squad made the shorter journey to the Paris suburb of Meudon for a match against a Paris XI. Former Ireland international Jack Short replaced the candidate James Maunder-Taylor for this match, bringing some additional wizened experience at the expense of youth. MCC won the toss and elected to bat, getting off to a slow start due to fine accurate bowling with the new ball by the Paris XI's Azhar and Jones. Some good middle order support and acceleration later in the innings from Tim Lerwill and Ed Correia, to support Jack Short's 41, enabled a declaration to be made at 190 for 7.

In reply the Paris XI, chosen principally from Standard Athletic Club members but strengthened with cricketers from four other clubs, lost an early wicket. Paul Wakefield, himself a Playing Member of MCC, was dismissed

playing a shot which no one present could remember ever having seen in a coaching manual. Gelling and Tahir then batted well in the face of good spin bowling from Pearce and put Paris in a strong position. There then followed a mini-collapse taking Paris from 56 for 1 to 117 for 6 within the space of a few overs. MCC kept the game open, however. With some good fortune, courage and excellent running between the wickets, Jones and Edwards put together the decisive stand of the Paris innings which enable them to squeeze home by three wickets. It was an excellent game played in good cricket spirit and fully vindicated this first weekend of fixtures for the MCC Continental Europe team, which looks forward to reuniting next year for more of the same.

Oliver Ash

7th July v FOLKESTONE CC

MCC won by 28 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (T.Irvine 60) 263-5 dec
Folkestone CC (L.Morgan 52, S.J.Oakes 4-38) 235

MCC Team: S.Salisbury*; P.B.Allen; R.N.G.Bloch; A.D.Bourne; M.C.Clapham; T.Irvine; A.M.T.Jammohammed†; N.Millar; S.J.Oakes; J.M.Baker-White; A.R.Wightman

8th July v HARVEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned Toss: Harvey Grammar School

MCC (S.N.V.Waterton 59, T.M.Lord 69) 212-3 dec
Harvey Grammar School 59-3

MCC Team: S.Salisbury*; A.D.Bourne; M.C.Clapham; S.R.Cleobury; J.W.Godden; T.M.Lord†; H.J.H.Loudon; N.Millar; M.A.Skinner; S.N.V.Waterton; J.M.Baker-White

8th July v KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, Bath

Match abandoned

MCC Team: S.N.Barnes*; N.C.Burton; N.S.Cobb; J.R.P.Davenport; K.St. J.Emery; R.J.Greatorex; Capt. R.Love; D.J.Orway; N.J.Pitts; W.B.Miller; B.C.Thompson†

8th July v KING EDWARD VI CAMP HILL SCHOOL

MCC lost by 3 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (B.E.Hughes 58, R.B.Fenwick 90) 197-6 dec
King Edward VI Camp Hill School (Stuckey 76, Southwood 72) 200-7

MCC Team: S.H.Wootton*; R.B.Fenwick; R.P.Hartley†; B.E.Hughes; B.Kotze; A.Owen; A.V.Pope; C.F.B.P.Rudd; E.Simms; B.Smith

8th July v ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE

MCC lost by 4 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (C.D.M.Tooley 84*, M.J.Bluett 84*) 201-4 dec
St Dunstan's College (Giddins 49, D.Kitchingman 48) 202-6

MCC Team: C.D.M.Tooley*; D.Barrett; M.J.Bluett; N.Bluett; D.Butterfill; A.Clarke; G.W.Eykyn†; P.J.Furner; M.C.D.Horder; J.M.H.Hornsby; O.Khan

8th July v TIFFIN SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: Tiffin School

MCC (R.Bhardwaj 55, J.W.O.Freeth, M.Patel 3-47) 217-6 dec
Tiffin School (R.Uthayashanker 72, J.W.O.Freeth 3-50) 146-7

MCC Team: D.J.M.Blizzard*; P.B.Allen; R.Bhardwaj; B.G.Blyth; J.W.O.Freeth; M.A.Geller†; P.J.Goodwin; A.K.Evans-Gordon; P.L.Hollis; B.C.MacDonald; N.H.Reynolds

Despite early morning rain and a poor forecast, the game was able to start just before noon. MCC were put into bat and Bruce Blyth (24) and Nigel Reynolds (39) gave us a solid start. After an interruption for rain, Freeth and Bhardwaj (55) combined to add 82 for the fourth wicket. Hollis (29) accelerated the scoring rate so that MCC could declare at 217 for 6, just as Freeth reached his half-century. MCC attacked before tea and both opening bowlers Goodwin and Hollis

were rewarded with a wicket in the session. After tea, Uthayashanker played well, attacking the bowling with some excellent shots. However, wickets started to fall at the other end and, under pressure, he departed for 72. The school then defended resolutely against some aggressive off-spin bowling from Freeth (3 for 50) and the guile of Evans-Gordon (1 for 40). The school's innings closed on 146 for 7.

David Blizzard

8th July v WALES

MCC lost by 2 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (S.J.Dean 87, B.J.Debenham 54, A.G.W.Lewin 108, M.Wilshire 4-75) 314-9 dec
and (P.E.Wellings 60*, I.Capon 3-45) 153-8 dec

Wales (O.A.Dawkins 57, A.Robinson 4-63, J.D.Batty 4-47) 205
and (A.Beasley 64, M.Wilshire 65, J.D.Batty 6-108) 264-8

MCC Team: S.J.Dean*; P.D.Atkins; J.M.Attfield; J.D.Batty; B.J.Debenham; A.G.W.Lewin; D.E.Ralfs; A.Robinson; R.S.Smith; C.J.Townsend†; P.E.Wellings

9th July v CHISLEHURST & SIDCUP GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: R.J.O'Sullivan*; R.N.G.Bloch; A.Dean†; S.P.H.Gane; O.Khan; A.W.J.Middleton; M.R.Newman; O.T.Price; S.Salisbury; C.H.Fellows-Smith; K.Staple

9th July v ST ALBAN'S SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: D.C.L.Beynon*; S.J.W.Andrew; S.Burger; S.M.Clements; N.D. Goh; M.H.James†; A.S.Lewis; C.S.Martin; D.J.Robinson; J.A.Ross; G.L.Seymour

10th July v BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (J.D.Kershen 57, Kemp 5-44) 175-8 dec
Bedford Modern School 65-6

MCC Team: R.S.C.Blumire*; J.M.Coles; M.J.Eyles; J.D.Kershen†; A.W.McAlister; M.Morgan; R.N.Morgan; R.J.Pack; A.R.Roberts; A.J.Trott; J.W.Walter

10th July v DARTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Match abandoned

MCC Team: J.C.Murrin*; M.B.Abington; Maj.J.M.J.Bennett; T.Bruce; S.C.G.Copleston; P.J.Furner; A.R. Giles†; T.Heelis; A.W.McAlister; J.H.Rea; B.J.Tabor

10th July v HAMBLETON CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: S.R.Dryden*; P.B.Allen†; S.J.W.Andrew; R.W.J.Ankers; C.J.Good; B.J.Hardy; J.C.Hurrell; M.P.Rea; S.Salisbury; C.A.Stevens

10th July v KNOWLE & DORRIDGE CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: J.Foster*; M.Bainford; S.Burger; A.F.Goffon; A.Hussain; M.J.Lascelles; A.N.Mackelworth†; C.E.Pagnell; A.J.Syddall; Dr.M.J.Toogood

10th July v PHILIP MORANT SCHOOL

MCC lost by 1 wicket Toss: MCC

MCC Philip Morant School (K.J.Crosley 4-43, A.Sattar 3-59) 155-6 dec 160-9

MCC Team: K.J.Crosley*; L.P.G.Austin; S.M.Hewitt; R.J.Mann; A.W.J.Middleton; C.G.S.Perkins; M.G.Pether†; J.L.Salt; A.Sattar; D.J.Shirt

Copford CC promised a beautiful venue for the fixture, and all thanks are due to the groundsmen for allowing us to play on a very wet July wicket. The game

was rain affected, and MCC declared generously in order to allow the school side to bat when a finish seemed unlikely. Guest player Tom de Groot looked as though he might win the game for the school, until he was dismissed by Sattar. Former England player and old boy of the school, Neil Foster, joined old boy Woodward for the final two overs with five needed and nine wickets down. The game went to the final over, but Woodward hit the third ball into the trees to ensure the school's first win over MCC since the fixture began in 1998.

A former England player, a beautiful ground, both sides playing in the drizzle to ensure a finish, a final-over victory and delight for the school side. The spirit of cricket is alive and well in Essex!

Kevin Crossley

10th July v MARCHWIEL OUTLAWS CC

MCC lost by 8 wickets Toss: Marchwiel Outlaws CC

MCC (P.J.Berry 87, P.D.Carroll 61*) 227-6 dec
Marchwiel Outlaws CC (Mitchell 100*, A.Barr 52, M.P.W.Jeh 49*) 231-2

MCC Team: R.E.W.G.Horridge*; P.J.Berry; D.O.Brown; P.D.Carroll; M.W.Cowell; J.Evans; A.B.Lemmy; W.G.Lovell; J.E.R.Nichols; D.J.Otway; W.R.Read

12th July v BRADFIELD WAIFS CC

MCC won by 32 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (L.R.F.Stoughton 84, D.Anderson 3-37, E.Dillon 3-89) 241-8 dec
Bradfield Waifs CC (N.E.Ward 57, S.Burger 3-31, S.S.Patel 3-57) 209

MCC Team: P.E.Wellings*; M.S.Ahluwalia; R.G.R.Barlow; S.Burger; R.Haxby; Capt.B.M.W.Langman; P.J.Leatham; Dr. S.S. Patel; S.M.J.Roberts; V.S.Sethi; L.R.F.Stoughton

12th July v ELLESMERE COLLEGE

MCC won by 105 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (M.J.Marvell 68, G.L.Home 56, N.Watson-Jones 3-47) 202-4 dec
Ellesmere College (R.Baxter 55, P.A.Barrett 4-5) 97

MCC Team: D.A.Jones*; P.A.Barrett; P.R.Burling; T.Hodson; G.L.Home; E.L.Home; T.J.Home; A.J.Good; M.J.Marvell; R.D.Whalley; S.C.Yates

12th July v OLD WELLINGTONIANS CC

MCC won by 47 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.J.Ankers 59, T.C.Hicks 57, G.Tysoe 5-41) 176-8 dec
Old Wellingtonians CC (C.S.Charlton 5-41) 129

MCC Team: S.P.Henderson*; R.W.J.Ankers; A.S.Birkett; C.S.Charlton; P.J.Deakin; J.C.Enderby; T.C.Hicks; J.C.Huntington; M.P.E.O'Connor; J.D.Relleen; M.W.A.Van Neirp

12th July v SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CC

50 over match

MCC lost by 53 runs Toss: Sydney University CC

Sydney University CC (E.Quoyle 66, E.Cowan 55) 231-7
MCC (P.Murphy 4-47) 178

MCC Team: A.E.McKenna*; A.Bethel; M.R.Bradshaw; D.R.Clark; S.Clark; N.R.Gaywood; P.N.Hepworth; O.R.E.Hutton; R.C.A.M.McCarthy; D.B.Pennett; R.Pined

Excellent weather, high quality opposition, and a warm welcome at Savile Park, home of Castleford Cricket Club, ensured an entertaining day's cricket.

Sydney won the toss and elected to bat on a slow but consistent wicket. Despite an early breakthrough, the Australians battled through the first fifteen overs, and Ed Cowan and Ed Quoyle produced the partnership of the match. Cowan, a compact 19-year-old left hander, showed an ability to adapt to the conditions and kept his head even though the visitors were scoring at less than four per over. Early as it was, this proved to be a match winning performance.

The MCC bowling was a little erratic, despite excellent spells from Hepworth, McCarthy and Pennett, and the Sydney total of 231 for 7 was around 30 runs too many on a slow wicket and large outfield.

MCC began steadily eventually reaching 106 for 1, but a combination of

increased pressure, excellent fielding, and poor running left the lower order with too much to do. Excellent bowling by Saunders, King and Murray ensured the Australians eventually won by 53 runs. The man of the match for the visitors was Cowan, at just 19. He is an accomplished First Grade cricketer, and the way he adapted to English conditions suggests he may go on to bigger and better things.

Ed McKenna

14th July v CASTLEFORD CC

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (D.F.Watts 73, T.Glover 3-34, D.Wainwright 4-55) 223-8 dec
Castleford CC (P.J.Heseltine 5-77) 216-8

MCC Team: G.J.Toogood*; Dr.P.A.Brown; S.J.Cooper; P.A.Coughlin; R.I.Frost; M.W.Garside; C.R.E.Harrison; P.J.Heseltine; R.M.Nichols; R.J.Robinson; D.F.Watts

14th July v HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: R.M.Sawney*; P.B.Allen; D.J.M.Blizzard; J.C.Enderby; J.D.H.Griffiths; P.J.Goodwin; S.M.Prodger; M.M.Rajabali; N.Sen; Dr.M.E.Sullivan; C.C.Sutherland

14th July v UNITED HOSPITALS CC

MCC won by 82 runs Toss: United Hospitals CC

MCC (J.D.R.Benson 52, J.R.Wileman 63*) 222-4 dec
United Hospitals CC (J.Jacobi 67, J.W.Assersohn 3-14, G.J.Rickman 3-45) 140

MCC Team: G.J.Rickman*; R.W.J.Ankers; J.W.Assersohn; J.D.R.Benson; S.Burger; J.W.F.Marx; M.P.Rea; S.Salisbury; S.D.Wickham; J.R.Wileman

15th July v EALING CC



MCC lost by 5 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC (R.G.R.Barlow 74, Ashok 3-13, Atherton 3-17) 188-9 dec
Ealing CC (Chapman 82) 192-5

MCC team: T.A.Brown*; R.G.R.Barlow; J.C.Barrett; A.K.Evans-Gordon; S.J.Foster; O.Hayat; A.N.Mackelworth; J.D.Mayer; S.Salisbury; A.Sattar; A.Soni

15th July v PETERBOROUGH BEACONS SCHOOL

Match drawn Toss: Peterborough Beacon's School

MCC (J.H.Fuller 68*, S.J.B.Livermore 52, L.H.Jackson 47*) 232-2 dec
Peterborough Beacons School 139-6

MCC Team: D.F.Ralfs*; C.R.Borrett; J.H.Fuller; M.Hair; S.M.Hewitt; L.H.Jackson; S.J.B.Livermore; N.Mohammed; S.Mohammed; M.S.L.Rollinson; D.A.Shardlow

The school won the toss and elected to field on day blessed with glorious sunshine. Steve Livermore wasted no time in reaching 50 with a series of glorious strokes before returning a catch to Perridge. Joe Fuller and Luke Jackson took the score to 145 for 2 at lunch after which the run rate was accelerated in the push for a declaration, that came at 232 for 2. Fuller and Jackson ended unbeaten on 68 and 47 respectively.

The school innings started slowly with a surprising objective of survival against some very attacking fields. The introduction of Jackson before tea gave MCC their first success. After tea the Club could not find the breakthrough to take quick wickets despite several changes in bowling. The school laboured to 139 for 6 from 58 overs with all the bowlers contributing elements of success. It was an enjoyable day and we owe many thanks to the school and Peterborough Town CC for their hospitality.

Dominic Ralfs

16th July v OLD COLFEIANS CC

Centenary match

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: Old Colfeians CC

MCC (J.P.Hinton 70, J.Butterfill 50, D.Graston 4-25, R.Humm 4-47) **201-8 dec**
Old Colfeians CC (Z.Murray 51, S.Baker 3-69) **202-7**

MCC Team: A.S.Byers*; J.R.Arkins; S.Baker; D.Barrett; M.J.Bluett; J.Butterfill; Dr.A.L.P.Clarke†; J.P.Hinton; M.C.D.Horder; M.R.Newman; M.R.Surguy

16th July v SOUTH CRAVEN SCHOOL

MCC won by 147 runs

Toss: South Craven School

MCC (A.J.Syddall 70, R.E.Walker 90) **219-3 dec**
South Craven School (N.J.H.Fielden 3-7) **72**

MCC Team: R.J.Robinson*; M.J.Birks; A.F.Gofton; N.J.H.Fielden; A.J.Mitchell; R.M.Nichols; G.Phillips; A.J.Syddall; R.E.Walker; R.D.Whalley†

17th July v CRANLEIGH CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (S.Salisbury 87, J.W.L.Toller 59*, Perry 3-30) **196-8 dec**
Cranleigh CC (R.A.McGregor 3-15) **183-9**

MCC Team: R.A.McGregor*; J.W.Assersohn; J.R.Atkins; A.W.McAlister; A.W.J.Middleton; M.R.Middleton; D.J.Orway; M.T.E.Peirce; S.Salisbury; M.R.Strong; J.W.L.Toller†

MCC batted first in glorious conditions. Atkins (37) and Salisbury (87) pushed the score to 70 before the spinners started to get a grip. MCC were soon 85 for 5, and probationers Toller and McAlister batted well to bring the score to 131 before two more wickets fell. The captain, batting 10, joined Toller and added 63 runs for the ninth wicket before declaring at 196 for 8 after 60 overs. Toller's innings of 59 not out was a highlight.

Cranleigh started well and shortly before tea were 70 for 1 with Gripper, the Zimbabwean Test player, looking threatening. The captain, expecting a leisurely graze in the infield, was forced into the attack, and disposed of Gripper and Warburton to walk off for tea at 71 for 3. A mixture of bowling after tea left Cranleigh the very gettable target of 80 runs with 5 wickets standing at the start of the last 20 overs. The run-rate never left the required rate of four per over, but, following a recent knee operation, Mark Middleton hobbled through 16 overs of left-arm spin and exerted enough pressure, with assistance from Strong and Assersohn, to have Cranleigh 182 for 9 with two overs left. The last two hung on well despite some good bowling for an exciting finish to a very satisfactory day.

Rowan McGregor

17th July v KNOWLE CC

150th Anniversary

MCC won by 50 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.R.P.Davenport 51, R.T.J.Howell 101) **248-5 dec**
Knowle CC (A.Taylor 80, W.A.Hughes 5-85) **198**

MCC Team: S.J.Windaybank*; K.R.Blackburn; I.M.Collins; C.M.P.Davenport; J.R.P.Davenport; S.G.Hinks; R.T.J.Howell; W.A.Hughes; P.A.Redwood; Dr.R.F.Schoonheim†; M.Thorburn

On a day blessed with good weather, MCC won the toss and elected to bat. Kevin Blackburn and Ian Collins provided a solid start with some excellent positive batting, but the innings was dominated by Richard Howell's aggressive 100. He received good support from James Davenport who made a patient 50 before MCC declared at 248 for 5.

Mark Thorburn took three early wickets to give MCC an impressive start. He bowled a good line to have all catches caught behind the wicket. Will Hughes, bowling off spin, then teased the batters, and took five wickets using flight and turn. Adam Taylor for the home team, played some fine shots, and for a while they were looking as if they could chase the target. Good catching meant the Knowle side, celebrating their 150th year, were bowled out for 193.

Steve Windaybank

17th July MCC EAST MIDLANDS v MCC EAST ANGLIA

Match drawn

Toss: MCC East Midlands

MCC East Midlands (D.A.Shardlow 70*, N.R.Gaywood 66) **268-5 dec**
MCC East Anglia (G.A.Bucknell 104, S.J.B.Livermore 90) **267-9**

MCC EM Team: D.M.Kingham*; J.J.Bull; D.R.Clarke; R.D.Coulson†; N.R.Gaywood; D.I.Goodson; G.Jackson; R.J.Pack; A.R.Roberts; D.A.Shardlow; G.R.Thompson

MCC EA Team: M.S.L.Rollinson*; T.Alam; D.Aldridge; S.A.Bradford; G.A.Bucknell; B.J.Clayden; B.J.Debenham; J.H.Fuller; S.J.B.Livermore; J.D.Pilch; D.E.Ralfs

A game where 535 runs are scored and all three results are possible from the last ball is usually considered 'a winner'. This was no exception. As one of several sub-plots, the caterers had been told the wrong day so a late call to the local pub meant lunch was delayed by 20 minutes. As a result, Dominic Ralfs extended his miserly spell to 20 overs, making it necessary for East Midlands to accelerate for a declaration after the lunch interval. Tight bowling from Steve Bradford made things difficult at first but then Dave Shardlow started to flow and a quickfire onslaught from Dave Goodson, of 26 off 10 balls, meant a defendable 268 for 5 was set.

East Anglia started solidly but slowly, and looked to be falling well behind the run rate until Steve Livermore joined Guy Bucknell at the wicket. The two of them seemed to be playing a different game and put themselves within a whisker of an easy victory. Then Andy Roberts took the key wicket of Livermore, Dave Goodson snared Bucknell with a sharp lifter, and suddenly East Midlands sensed victory. With ten required off two overs and three wickets in hand, Dave Goodson nearly pulled it off, managing to scone Barry Clayden in the process, but he bravely battled on. With three required off the last ball, East Anglia managed only a leg-bye and an honourable draw was a good and fair result for a top day.

Thanks should be paid to our hosts at Holcot for a great venue.

Duncan Kingham

17th July v TEDDINGTON CC

MCC lost by 6 wickets

Toss: Teddington CC

MCC (S.Burger 76*) **221-4 dec**
Teddington CC (E.Hill 140*) **227-4**

MCC Team: J.R.Wileman*; C.J.H.Bates†; M.R.Bellhouse; S.Burger; T.J.Carter; O.Khan; G.Morgan; C.H.Offer; R.M.Pearson; G.J.Rickman; R.E.Toohy

17th July v TRING PARK CC

MCC lost by 2 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (U.Valjee 83, J.D.Kershen 110) **229-4 dec**
Tring Park CC (Stephoe 57, Bowyer 78, J.W.Walter 3-50) **230-8**

MCC Team: W.E.Hubbick*; W.D.G.Dunn; O.Hayat; J.D.Kershen†; S.Mack; M.Morgan; A.S.Morton; D.A.Shaw; M.E.Sullivan; U.Valjee; J.W.Walter

18th July v BANBURY CC

MCC won by 63 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.M.Roe 61, B.E.Hughes 81*, Azar Shah 5-50) **207-6 dec**
Banbury CC (A.Jarvis 52, D.M.Roe 3-11) **144**

MCC Team: Dr.M.P.E.O'Connor*; J.R.Clarke; C.W.G.Goldsmith; O.Hayat; B.E.Hughes; R.D.Minor†; S.K.Parker; J.D.Relleen; D.M.Roe; C.A.Stevens; J.Thorpe

18th July v BICKLEY PARK CC

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: Bickley Park CC

MCC (S.Salisbury 53*, C.Barton 5-50)
Bickley Park CC (T.Francis 61, T.Irvine 59)209-9 dec
210-6MCC Team: S.Salisbury*; J.R.Atkins; A.D.Bourne; A.J.Good; H.J.H.Loudon;
N.Millar; M.R.Newman; J.A.Ross; M.A.Skinner; J.M.Baker-White; S.C.Willis†

The ground at Bickley looked an absolute picture on arrival: a mass of green and blossom. MCC were inserted on a seaming wicket and made steady progress but lost wickets in the process. A magnificent lunch matched the general welcome and hospitality from all corners of the club. Bickley Park boasts Baroness Thatcher as an ex-tea lady, and the wonderful spread would have fed many more. A late flurry enabled MCC to declare at 209 for 9.

Bickley's innings saw the sun appear and any demons vanish. Accomplished batting by the early order put them well on target and, despite a late fight back by the Club, Bickley eased home with 4 wickets and three overs to spare. The entertainment did not end at stumps, and we look forward to renewing friendships in 2004 with another club that fully embraces the Spirit of Cricket.

Steve Salisbury

18th July v BOURTON VALE CC

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.Eady 70*)
Bourton Vale CC (Du Toit 112*, P.Hawtry 69*)200-9 dec
203-3MCC Team: G.D.Hodgson*; K.R.Blackburn; I.M.Collins; R.Eady; K.St J. Emery;
W.A.Hughes; Dr.T.Lunel; M.R.Newman; G.Shepard; D.R.Terrington†; M.Thorburn

MCC won the toss and elected to bat, on a firm pitch in humid conditions. The Bourton Vale opening bowlers, Edworth and Pike, fully utilised the conditions to take an early wicket apiece. Terrington and Blackburn offered some resistance to take the score to 70, before the MCC innings began to subside through poor batting against consistent seam and spin-bowling. However, Eady, supported by the lower order, made a fine 70, running well between the wickets and attacking the loose ball as the bowlers tired, to shepherd the score from 103 for 7 to 200 for 9 declared. The wickets were evenly shared between the Bourton Vale bowlers with Pike and spinner Du Toit providing the greatest threats.

The MCC opening bowlers of Thorburn and Eady posed a number of questions to the Bourton Vale batsmen with the new ball, which continued to provide both swing and seam movement early on. The game was evenly poised at tea, with the score 40 for 3 from 10 overs. The experienced Hawtry, and the overseas professional Du Toit, then took the game away from MCC, dominating the spin of Shepard and Hughes. Both played positively and ran well between the wickets, despatching any loose balls comfortably to the boundary. Du Toit went on to a commendable 100, whilst Hawtry was particularly severe on the spinners and provided the backbone to the successful run chase. Bourton Vale thoroughly deserved their victory, having outplayed MCC throughout the day.

The hospitality and generosity of our hosts was to be commended, and I look forward to another great contest next year.

Dean Hodgson

18th July v COLCHESTER & EAST ESSEX CC

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.A.Lewis 50, R.Sestak 5-14)
Colchester & East Essex CC (S.McKiernan 92, A.Sattar 4-36)172
176-7MCC Team: B.J.Debenham*; R.W.J.Ankers; S.M.Brogan; W.Burnell; K.J.Goodman;
N.J.Haste; N.S.C.Hobbs; J.C.Hurrell; J.A.Lewis; M.G.Pether†; A.Sattar**18th July v SLOUGH CC**

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.M.B.Clemow 63*, Amin 3-41)
Slough CC (Kar 46*, Sher 51, A.J.Trott 4-53)219-7 dec
222-5MCC Team: R.S.C.Blumire*; J.M.B.Clemow; J.M.Coles; G.Jackson; A.Hussain; S.Mack;
M.Morgan; R.N.Morgan; R.J.Robinson; A.J.Trott; J.W.Walter**21st July v SIR PAUL GETTY'S XI**

MCC lost by 6 wickets

Toss: Sir Paul Getty's XI

MCC (W.Morrice 6-51)
Sir Paul Getty's XI (G.Morgan 67, D.J.Terbrugge 3-28)160
162-4MCC Team: R.E.W.G.Horridge*; S.N.Barnes; M.J.Birks†; M.G.Boocock; M.J.Brown;
J.D.Gray; M.T.Harrison; E.L.Home; R.O.Jones; R.K.Lynch; D.J.Terbrugge**22nd July v WEMBLEY CC**

MCC won by 1 run

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.K.Chadwick 121*, B.Webb 3-68, L.Kayler 3-38)
Wembley CC (L.Kayler 66, M.M.Rajabali 4-81, O.Hayat 3-18)207-6 dec
206MCC Team: T.K.Chadwick*; C.A.Bassett; S.Burger; O.Hayat; C.W.Norsworthy;
M.M.Rajabali; M.Rashbrook; J.Thorpe; U.Valjee; M.W.Van Neiroop

MCC won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a very good wicket.

Chadwick and Valjee got the Club off to a good start, putting on 63 before Valjee was caught behind sweeping for 32. Two quick wickets followed, then Chadwick and Rashbrook steadied the innings, putting on 41 before Rashbrook departed for 24. MCC then upped the tempo of the innings. Chadwick and Norsworthy put on 50 for the fifth wicket, before Norsworthy was bowled by a ball that kept low for a 'rapid' 7. MCC were able to declare at 207 for 6 off 50 overs, Chadwick ending unbeaten on 121.

Wembley, after losing an early wicket, threatened to overhaul MCC in quick time, L. Kayler scoring a very good 66 before being dismissed by Rajabali. The wicket became susceptible to spin, and Rajabali and the Danish MCC Young Cricketer Omar Hayat, bowling left-arm orthodox and off-spin respectively, tied down Wembley and took wickets steadily.

Wembley reached 193 for 8 with three overs left. Five runs came off the first, tense over. The fifth ball of the penultimate over yielded four runs, to take the score to 202 for 8 before a dramatic run out made it 202 for 9. In the last over, bowled by Rajabali, four runs came off three balls, then Wembley's last man pushed the ball to cover and shouted for a run. Van Neiroop, the Dutch Young Cricketer, fielded the ball and a direct hit of the stumps meant MCC had won a tense match by one run.

Tim Chadwick

22nd July v MALDEN WANDERERS CC

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC
Malden Wanderers CC (H.Smith 59, J.Bond 49*)222
225-3MCC Team: S.N.Waymouth*; D.C.A.Titchener-Barrett; G.D.Beckett†;
J.R.Boddington; R.Kotkamp; P.D.R.Pearce; M.P.Rea; E.J.Rees; G.J.Rickman;
R.W.S.Seabrook; P.D.C.Wise**23rd July v ISLE OF WIGHT CA**

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.G.R.Barlow 46, T.A.Brown 54, S.Goldsmith 3-68, C.E.Sketchley 3-38)
Isle of Wight CA241-9 dec
171-8MCC Team: C.FE.Goldie*†; S.J.W.Andrew; R.G.R.Barlow; T.A. Brown; A.Bull;
P.R.C.Came; A.K.Evans-Gordon; W.Robins; S.Salisbury; A.Soni; R.E.Toohy**23rd July v SHEPHERDS BUSH CC**

Match cancelled

24th July v CHESHAM CC

MCC lost by 4 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.S.Seabrook 54*, L.Dearlove 3-56)

217-7 dec

Chesham CC (S.Brinklow 74, P.Clifford 75, G.Eykyn 3-27)

220-6

MCC Team: *N.D.Bruce**; *M.Alam*; *T.Alam*; *P.Clark†*; *R.N.Dowle*; *Prince C.A.O.Shokoya-Eleshin*; *G.W.Eykyn*; *A.S.Morton*; *S.M.Prodger*; *R.W.S.Seabrook*; *L.M.Tennison*

MCC captain, Nigel Bruce, won the toss and elected to bat. The traditionally amiable Chesham wicket had been enlivened by light overnight rain and the opening pair found the early overs a struggle. Consequently, MCC lost three wickets before the score reached 35. George Eykyn and probationer Adam Morton set about repairing the damage and by lunch the Club were on 75 for 3. The stand had reached 78 before Eykyn was held at short fine leg off a top-edged pull for 30 and, two balls later, Morton fell leg before for 37. At 113 for 5, further rebuilding was required, and Prodger (32) and Seabrook added 43. Seabrook (54 not out) gradually found his touch and, in partnership with skipper Bruce, added an undefeated 36 in quick time for the eighth wicket, allowing the Club to declare on 217 for 7.

The innings took its toll, with Sho'oya-Eleshin (thumb) and Bruce (back) struggling with injuries. When Prodger's knee went after bowling five overs, the Club had lost two key bowlers. Clifford, the Chesham number 3, immediately found his fluency and, in partnership with Brinklow, took the game away from MCC. Clifford was eventually bowled by MCC veteran Rod Dowle (also the Chesham president) for 75 but, with Brinklow batting on, Chesham seemed on course for a comfortable victory. At 209, with Chesham needing only 9, George Eykyn's occasional leg breaks struck twice in three balls, and in the next over Temoor Alam finally won an lbw shout, removing Jones for 1. With the first ball of his next over Eykyn took his third wicket in seven balls and, from 209 for 2, Chesham had slipped to 212 for 6. Normal service was resumed when new batsman Harland smashed his first two balls for four to win the game for Chesham by four wickets.

MCC (literally) limped off the field, leaving Bruce to reflect on an incredible sequence of injuries, and the twenty missing runs that would have made this into a tight contest.

Nigel Bruce

24th July MCC EAST MIDLANDS v MCC NORTH WEST

MCC NW won by 121 runs

Toss: MCC NW

MCC North West (J.P. Butler 111, S.A.Bradford 8-69)

202-9 dec

MCC East Midlands (S.Mahboob 4-30, D.A.Lees 5-15)

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MCC North West: *A.C.J.Elwood**; *M.Arnold*; *J.R.Atkins*; *J.P.Butler*; *A.J.Good*; *T.Hodson†*; *D.A.Lees*; *S.Mahboob*; *D.J.Otuway*; *J.P.Whittaker*; *S.C.Yates*

MCC East Midlands: *P.J.Hacker**; *R.J.Barlow*; *S.A.Bradford*; *E.J.Crowther*; *N.R.Gaywood*; *R.P.Gofon*; *D.I.Goodson*; *T.Lunel*; *T.Kirk*; *P.J.Sears*; *C.M.Taylor†*

With the euphoria of having beaten MCC London South at Lord's in May still fresh, MCC North West travelled to Chesterfield for their annual encounter with MCC East Midlands, intent on taking their unbeaten run into double figures. Winning the toss and electing to bat, the visitors got off to a poor start, losing James Atkins early on to the wily Peter Hacker, before Jamie Butler and Steve Yates steadied the boat. Butler was in particularly dominant form, striking the ball to all parts of the ground. This partnership put on 69 before Yates perished to the leg spin of Bradford, who snatched two more quick wickets before lunch.

Soon after the interval, Bradford struck again to leave the visitors in the relatively shaky position of 107 for 5. However, Shahid Mahboob (Kearsley and Pakistan) strode to the wicket intent on matching Butler, who had now reached his 50, shot for shot. As the two great men slugged it out, East Midlands, in a display of philanthropy, proceeded to drop seven chances. Butler, in particular, took full advantage, hitting six sixes and eight fours in his 111, before skying another enormous drive to the reliable Gaywood for Bradford's fifth wicket. Mahboob departed shortly afterwards to leave the tail to take the score beyond 200 and declaration. Bradford, in his final qualifying game for the Club, ended with the spectacular figures of 8 for 69 off 15.4 overs.

With an hour and 50 minutes, plus twenty overs, to get the required 203, East Midlands were soon on the rack, losing openers Colin Taylor and Peter Sears to the rampant Mahboob before the tea interval. Having persevered

before the break without a 'lid', Lunel was bowled first ball afterwards having donned one. However, the 'Devon Dumpling' Nick Gaywood and Tim 'Captain' Kirk restored some respectability to the score before the introduction of David Lees into the attack removed any chance of a home win. His superb 5 for 15 from just 27 balls precipitated an early end to the game and saw the North West home by an unprecedented margin of 121.

The hospitality provided by Chesterfield CC was, as ever, superb and grateful thanks go to all concerned.

Tony Elwood

24th July v GLOUCESTERSHIRE GYPSIES CC

MCC won by 13 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (K.R.Blackburn 110)

237-5 dec

Gloucestershire Gypsies CC (D.Terrington 59, J.W.Dean 7-84)

224

MCC Team: *J.L.P.Meadows**; *K.R.Blackburn*; *D.I.A.Brook*; *R.I.Clitheroe*; *J.W.Dean*; *H.G.Ellison*; *M.D.J.Ingham*; *N.J.Pitts*; *P.A.Redwood*; *S.J.Y.Scott*; *R.I.Trotman*

24th July v REIGATE PRIORY CC

Centenary match

MCC won by 8 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (M.J.Homes 98, B.Sairag 3-46)

231-7 dec

Reigate Priory CC (F.Shroff 52, S.Ellis 95, M.R.Dixon 4-76)

223

MCC Team: *T.Patel**; *C.S.Bates†*; *Z.Bharucha*; *E.T.R.Bowes*; *M.W.R.Bowes*; *M.R.Dixon*; *C.E.Dowdall*; *M.J.Homes*; *R.E.A.Lowe*; *S.Simmonds*; *D.C.R.Waterfield*; *S.D.Wickham*

24th July v SEVENOAKS VINE CC

MCC won by 10 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (T.W.Harrison 55, P.M.Goulstone 49, Grenidge 4-52, Leeke 3-22)

211

Sevenoaks Vine CC (Bowden 66*)

201

MCC Team: *G.D.Spelman**; *B.Billings*; *M.W.Cowell*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *P.M.Goulstone†*; *H.J.H.Loudon*; *J.G.C.Rowe*; *R.P.W.M.Hands*; *T.W.Harrison*; *G.D.Spelman*; *C.D.M.Tooley*

24th July v UXBRIDGE CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.Patel 58, D.M.Shaw 77, D.C.Brian 48, Stevans 4-63)

273-7 dec

Uxbridge CC (Smith 64, A.Sattar 3-75)

266-9

MCC Team: *D.R.Goodman**; *R.W.J.Ankers†*; *D.C.Brian*; *C.G.Jackson*; *J.T.Moore*; *M.G.O'Reilly*; *J.Patel*; *A.M.Reid*; *A.Sattar*; *D.M.Shaw*; *P.D.C.Wise*

25th July v NOTTS AMATEURS CC

MCC won by 69 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (K.Cooper 4-13)

182-8 dec

Notts. Amateurs CC (A.F.Gofon 3-25)

113

MCC Team: *R.Bolstridge**; *E.J.Crowther*; *A.F.Gofon*; *D.I.Goodson*; *T.Hodson†*; *M.I.Langford*; *R.J.Pack*; *N.A.T.Pearson*; *T.J.H.Pearson*; *T.R.Shaw*; *G.Thompson*

25th July v HIGH WYCOMBE CC

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC

229-8 dec

High Wycombe CC (Jones 61, Smith 100)

231-3

MCC Team: *N.E.Ward**; *W.Wingfield-Digby*; *J.D.Hampshire*; *O.Hayat*; *A.Herrington*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *S.M.J.Roberts†*; *R.J.Robinson*; *F.W.S.Russell*; *A.Stewart*; *M.W.Van Neirop*

26th July v DORKING CC

MCC lost by 3 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.T.Philipson 58, A.M.T.Janmohammed 137, T.Davies 3-12)

249-6 dec

Dorking CC (N.Harris 53, A.Ellis 60, M.M.Rajabali 5-63)

252-7

MCC Team: *N.Sen**; *S.A.Blyghon*; *K.Ingram*; *A.M.T.Janmohammed†*; *T.S.Matharu*; *C.H.Offor*; *T.P.O'Gara*; *A.T.Philipson*; *N.Sriharan*; *M.M.Rajabali*; *D.Wijeratne*

26th July v PUDSEY ST LAWRENCE CC

MCC won by 114 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.D.Whalley 61, R.G.R.Barlow 53*, G.Singh 3-74) **285-6 dec**
 Pudsey St Lawrence CC (C.Bailey 116, S.Mahboob 3-65, R.C.A.M.McCarthy 4-4) **171**

MCC Team: *R.A.Flack**; *A.D.Bairstow*; *R.G.R.Barlow*; *T.E.J.Cooper*; *W.G.Hodson*; *S.Mahboob*; *R.C.A.M.McCarthy*; *M.I.Mortimer*; *A.J.Syddall*; *J.A.Sykes*; *R.D.Whalley†*

26th July v RADLEY RANGERS CC

MCC won by 76 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.D.Minor 65, I.M.Collins 105, H.Firebrace 5-34) **275-6 dec**
 Radley Rangers CC (H.Firebrace 58, I.J.Curtis 3-47, C.E.Pragnell 3-35) **199**

MCC Team: *I.J.Curtis**; *I.M.Collins*; *E.W.De Moura Correia*; *G.W.Eykyn†*; *D.R.Fulton*; *G.E.Griffiths*; *A.J.T.Halliday*; *T.Lumel*; *R.D.Minor*; *N.A.Oldridge*; *C.E.Pragnell*

26th July v SIMMONS & SIMMONS

MCC won by 84 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (G.Morgan 111, C.Barlow 3-45) **244-8 dec**
 Simmons & Simmons (D.Barker 48, C.H.Fellows-Smith 6-29) **160**

MCC Team: *C.H.Fellows-Smith**; *P.B.Allen*; *R.Bolstridge*; *Dr.J.A.Brady*; *D.R.Green*; *C.F.Horne*; *S.N.C.Massey*; *G.Morgan*; *D.J.E.Norcross*; *A.S.Pearson*; *C.J.Townsend†*

26th July v WILLOW WARBLERS CC

Match drawn

Toss: Willow Warblers CC

Willow Warblers CC (H.J.H.Loudon 94, M.J.Semmence 52*) **253-7 dec**
 MCC (J.G.C.Rowe 117, H.J.H.Loudon 4-23) **203-6**

MCC Team: *S.P.Henderson**; *J.W.Assersohn*; *C.Beagles*; *C.S.Charlton*; *J.C.Hare*; *D.S.Harrison†*; *T.C.Hicks*; *A.W.J.Middleton*; *M.T.E.Peirce*; *J.G.C.Rowe*

The Spirit of Cricket is alive and flourishing. MCC only had ten men and put up a brave effort against a strong, vibrant Willow Warblers. The Club did not ask for any help but fielded enough players to record a 'winning draw'.

Willow Warblers batted first, and scored well on a quick outfield and flat wicket. Hugo Loudon scored an excellent 94, cutting, pulling and driving MCC all over as we bowled too short. Beagles bowled good flighted leg-breaks, and was well rewarded with 2 for 48 off 13. All other Willow Warblers batted well and helped score quickly so that they had time to bowl at the Club.

A brilliant 100 from James Rowe almost put the Club in a winning situation but, when he was caught on the fence, MCC still required too many to have a realistic chance of the win. The situation was not helped by having only ten players.

It was, however, a wonderful day of cricket, with the hospitality as good as ever and a great deal of fun - roll on 2003 for an MCC victory.

Stephen Henderson

26th July v WIMBLEDON CC

MCC won by 19 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.A.S.Smith 71*, R.M.Pearson 4-17, P.Swift 3-34) **183-8 dec**
 Wimbledon CC (A.J.R.Bird 4-65, N.A.S.Smith 4-17) **164**

MCC Team: *A.P.Tarrant**; *A.J.R.Bird*; *A.S.Birkett*; *G.R.Bieber*; *T.E.Goodyer*; *E.W.R.Hill*; *J.L.Pool*; *N.A.S.Smith*; *S.D.Smith†*; *C.C.Sutherland*; *M.C.Walton*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. The sun was shining, the Pimms flowing and, unfortunately, the wickets falling. Only Elliott Hill (non-Member) managed to reach double figures out of the top four and, at 12.45, the Club were 39 for 7. A solid partnership between N. Smith and A. Birkett saw us to lunch and then on to a competitive total.

A solid start from Wimbledon stalwart Bedford and his opening partner Cloughton saw the Club looking down the barrel again. N. Smith, again, and A. Bird clawed us back into it with four wickets apiece and it was left to the MCC match manager to bowl his one ball to claim the ninth and final wicket. Victory by 18 runs and a most enjoyable day.

Adam Tarrant

27th July v RMA SANDHURST

MCC won by 23 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.S.McHardy 67, C.H.Forward 54, R.J.Greatorex 49) **237-4 dec**
 RMA Sandhurst (M.Stait 46, J.Mackley 49, Maj.P.D.O.Logan 6-41) **214**

MCC Team: *Lt-Col.A.T.D.Lerwill**; *Dr. J.A.Brady*; *W.J.T.Follett*; *J.W.D.Freeth*; *R.J.Greatorex*; *C.J.Good†*; *D.R.Green*; *M.S.Gurney*; *C.H.Forward*; *Maj. P.D.O.Logan*; *D.S.McHardy*

Including two half-centuries, three near-misses and a hat-trick, played under the watchful eyes of the RAF Red Arrows display team (courtesy of the Farnborough Air Show), serenaded by a Regimental Band in the Pavilion and an ever increasing number of spectators, this enjoyable and absorbing match was won by the Club by 24 runs with only four overs of play left.

MCC was able to declare on 237 for 4 due mainly to an opening partnership of 129 by Scott McHardy (67) and Charles Forward (54) and a cameo innings by Richard Greatorex (49), with support from Doug Green (11), Chris Good (1, not out) and Martin Gurney (1, not out).

The RMAS reply started solidly with 31 for no loss at tea but immediately afterwards Paddy Logan took four wickets - the last three forming a hat-trick. Officer Cadets Strait (46) and Mackley (49) played a full range of attacking shots against the spinners before both were removed by Logan, who finished with figures of 6 for 41 off 13 overs. Officer Cadet Lundy (27) briefly threatened to win the match, but the tail could not sustain his effort and the last man was stumped down the leg side by Chris Good off Dr Julien Brady with the RMAS still 24 runs short. Having lost by one wicket in the final over last year, this was sweet revenge and the players went on to thoroughly enjoy HM The Queen's Jubilee Band Concert and Fireworks on the lakes behind the Pavilion. A cracking day was enjoyed by all.

Tim Lerwill

30th July v CHEAM CC

MCC lost by 6 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (P.Bedford 61, H.Jafri 3-34) **232-8 dec**
 Cheam CC (G.Lamb 139*) **233-4**

MCC Team: *P.C.Fladgate**; *J.W.Assersohn*; *C.J.P.Baker*; *J.K.Barrow*; *P.Bedford*; *J.M.Coles*; *R.Nathan*; *C.H.Offor*; *D.Phillips*; *S.Salisbury*; *T.J.Wade*

30th July v SHEFFIELD COLLEGIATE CC

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC **30-0**

MCC Team: *J.P.Hespe**; *M.G.Boocock*; *A.R.Danson*; *M.R.Dixon*; *R.I.Frost*; *R.A.Kettleborough*; *S.Mahboob*; *A.E.McKenna*; *R.M.Nichols*; *J.A.Sykes*; *R.D.Whalley†*

31st July v BOYNE HILL CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *M.E.Sullivan**; *G.D.Beckett†*; *P.Dolphin*; *S.G.Lynch*; *A.S.Ranawat*; *V.S.Ranawat*; *E.J.Rees*; *D.A.Shaw*; *A.C.Storie*; *T.J.Wade*; *P.D.C.Wise*

31st July v SUNDERLAND CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *H.D.W.Wordsworth**; *G.N.Blackmore*; *R.N.D.Craig*; *K.St.J.Emery*; *A.D.Glover*; *T.Hodson†*; *I.J.Houseman*; *N.J.C.Kay*; *S.Mahboob*; *S.K.Parker*; *R.J.Robinson*

1st August v NORTH EAST PREMIER LEAGUE U21s

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *H.D.W.Wordsworth**; *G.N.Blackmore*; *N.A.Bourke*; *J.Davidson*; *K.St.J.Emery*; *S.T.Lawrence*; *S.A.Halls*; *T.Hodson†*; *I.J.Houseman*; *N.J.C.Kay*; *S.Mahboob*

1st August v BLACKHEATH CC

MCC won by 114 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (A.R.Wightman 96, S.Burger 50*)

244-4 dec

Blackheath CC (J.Olafawo 47)

130

MCC Team: *G.Sivyer**; *A.J.R.Bird*; *S.Gane*; *J.W.Godden*; *S.L.J.M.Hawk*; *S.P.Henderson*; *R.A.C.Jerman*; *R.Mirza*; *S.Snell†*; *A.R.Wightman*

2nd August v CAMDEN CC

MCC won by 53 runs

Toss: Camden CC

MCC (M.C.M.Pearse 82, P.D.C.Wise 59, N.South 3-27)

193-6 dec

Camden CC (D.P.Duggan 7-37)

140

MCC Team: *G.A.Pearson**; *M.S.Ahluwalia*; *M.J.Birks†*; *D.P.Duggan*; *J.C.Hurrell*; *D.Owen*; *J.A.C.Pearse*; *M.C.M.Pearse*; *C.R.Pimlott*; *N.A.S.Smith*; *P.D.C.Wise*

Put into bat on a very wet pitch the Club started slowly. As the pitch dried and confidence grew, runs came more freely through Manraj Ahluwalia and Phil Wise. The innings, however, was anchored around Pearse senior who batted through to the dying overs. Ever watchful in defence, he punished enough bad balls to see us through to a respectable total. Wickets were then lost in a short dash for runs.

Ignoring the weather forecast, the sun shone on the Camden innings, which soon became the Danny Duggan show. Ably supported by Nigel Smith, Jeff Hurrell and Phil Wise, he weeled away from the start, baffling all who faced him. Bowling with admirable control, coupled to considerable spin and lift, his figures of 19-2-37-7 certainly did not flatter him. In fact, we put down two chances and almost all the runs conceded were in boundaries hit through an attacking field. A thoroughly enjoyable game was completed in fine style.

George Pearson

2nd August v SPALDING CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *E.G.Sly**; *G.A.Bucknell*; *A.M.Cade*; *J.H.Fuller*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *R.C.Hibbitt*; *L.H.Jackson*; *M.S.L.Rollinson†*; *D.M.Shaw*; *T.R.Shaw*; *J.W.J.Sly*

4th August v QUIDNUNCS CC

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.S.McHardy 89, E.How 5-56)

190

Quidnuncs CC (S.Mohammed 61*, J.W.O.Freeth 3-62)

191-5

MCC Team: *C.A.Stevens**; *M.J.Birks†*; *M.J.Brown*; *A.R.Danson*; *J.W.O.Freeth*; *N.J.Hunt*; *G.J.McCartney*; *D.S.McHardy*; *A.W.Maclay*; *D.M.Roe*; *A.Sattar*

5th August v HOLMESDALE CC

Match drawn

Toss: Holmesdale CC

MCC (P.D.C.Wise 59, M.Parmar 132*)

212-1 dec

Holmesdale CC (V.S.Sethi 5-55)

154-9

MCC Team: *A.S.A.Townsend**; *A.D.Bourne*; *C.W.Denness*; *C.G.Jackson*; *M.Parmar*; *S.Salisbury*; *V.S.Sethi*; *G.R.Shears*; *B.Tabor†*; *S.N.V.Waterton*; *P.D.C.Wise*

A day that looked set to be interrupted by rain ended in a full day's cricket. MCC was inserted, and both openers took lunch on 50, not out, on a slowish wicket which made batting difficult. After lunch, Manoj Parmar took control ending with a very impressive 132 not out. Guy Shears, who came to the wicket after Phil Wise was dismissed for 59, could do little other than play a supporting role. MCC declared at half time with a score of 212 for 1, which certainly did not reflect the difficult conditions.

Holmesdale started their innings solidly although were never in complete control due to the variable bounce. 14-year-old D. Whitehead showed good potential but gave MCC the breakthrough, falling to Craig Denness just before tea. The final session of the day was dominated by Vishal Sethi who ended with figures of 5 for 55 off 16 overs. With two wickets required from the final ten overs, an MCC victory looked certain, but neither the pace of Craig Denness nor the flight and guile of Stuart Waterton could undo the final pair, and the home side finished on 154 for 9.

As always the Club was well looked after and the game was played in good spirit. Thanks are due to all those involved, particularly the MCC players and those who were called in at late notice.

Andrew Townsend

5th August v HORTON HOUSE CC

Match drawn

Toss: MCC

MCC (G.A.Bucknell 76, N.Pryer 3-48)

248-4 dec

Horton House CC (R.Reynolds 106*)

195-7

MCC Team: *D.M.Kingham**; *G.A.Bucknell*; *D.J.Clark*; *S.P.H.Gane*; *P.J.Heseltine*; *A.Hussain*; *T.Lunel*; *D.J.Millns*; *N.A.T.Pearson†*; *D.A.Shardlow*; *D.M.Shaw*

MCC won the toss and batted. A solid start was provided by Guy Bucknell and David Shardlow, with Bucknell falling just short of a sumptuous lunch. After lunch, progress was steady, and the slow flighted leggies of Neil Pryer proved the most difficult to deal with. David Clarke and Philip Heseltine both played shots around the wicket to provide a good defendable 248 just short of half time.

The 'old ex pro', David Millns, proved hot to handle and Simon Gane bagged Horton's top order batsman, Woolstenholme, before the innings had time to get going. Consequently, Horton were always chasing their tails and captain Reynolds had to bat at his best to keep them from folding completely. Let off by a dropped catch on 6, he made the most of it with some lusty blows for five big sixes included in a match-saving 106 not out. Horton were, as usual, great hosts and another top day was enjoyed by all.

Duncan Kingham

6th August v NORTH MYMMS CC

MCC lost by 7 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (D.M.Robinson 103*, Searle 3-37)

187-6 dec

North Mymms CC (S.M.Clements 55)

190-3

MCC Team: *N.Gilbert**; *W.A.Curness*; *J.M.Kershen†*; *P.D.Loman*; *I.Mulholland*; *D.M.Robinson*; *G.T.Roper*; *R.S.Smith*; *M.W.Van Neirop*; *J.Walford*; *P.D.C.Wise*

After some excellent work by the North Mymms members, following recent heavy rains and an overnight deluge, the match was able to start after lunch.

On a slow but surprisingly even wicket MCC made a decent start before Wise fell LBW to Mather for 18 with the score on 31. At 77 for 3, Mulholland joined David Robinson and put on an excellent stand of 78, providing the backbone to MCC's total of 187 for 6 declared. The highlight of the innings was an excellent 103 not out from Robinson who showed great skill and temperament to get MCC to a decent total.

Two cry offs from bowlers the previous day meant that MCC's attack was depleted and never really threatened the North Mymms' batting, which contained three ex-Minor Counties players. West Indian import Byam got them off to a very brisk start, which was consolidated by an excellent Simon Clements (55) and by Mark Saxby (39 not out). North Mymms reached the winning total in the penultimate over of the match.

Nick Gilbert

6th August v SUNBURY CC

MCC lost by 2 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC (J.E.Vigar 128)

246-7 dec

Sunbury CC (S.Salaria 45, N.Farnsworth 53, N.A.Johnstone 3-55)

247-8

MCC Team: *G.Morgan**; *J.W.Assersohn*; *R.Bhardwaj*; *R.Chaudhuri*; *W.Johnson*; *N.A.Johnstone*; *C.S.Kemp*; *R.G.Kirby*; *M.Laidler*; *A.J.Potter*; *J.E.Vigar*

6th August v WESTCLIFFE-ON-SEA CC

MCC won by 15 runs

Toss: Westcliffe-on-Sea CC

MCC (B.J.Debenham 76*) 179-7 dec
 Westcliffe-on-Sea CC (A.R.Wightman 3-45, K.J.Goodman 4-31) 164

MCC Team: *M.S.A.McEvoy**; *R.W.J.Ankers†*; *B.J.Clayden*; *B.J.Debenham*;
K.J.Goodman; *J.Hurrell*; *P.M.Jones*; *A.I.MacKinlay*; *D.M.Roe*; *S.Salisbury*; *A.R.Wightman*

7th August v BRADFIELD CC

Centenary Match

MCC won by 76 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (I.C.Hampshire 61) 223-6 dec
 Bradfield CC (T.Taylor 56, R.J.Barlow 4-17) 147

MCC Team: *R.W.Ibbotson**; *R.M.Atkinson*; *R.J.Barlow*; *M.G.Boocock*;
G.A.Bucknell; *M.R.Dixon*; *R.I.Frost*; *A.F.Gofton*; *I.C.Hampshire*; *T.Hodson†*;
R.A.Kettleborough; *A.E.McKenna*

The forecast bad weather held off and a thoroughly enjoyable match helped our hosts to celebrate their centenary. On a muggy day and with a damp track there was plenty for the bowlers. Dave Hall took an excellent slip catch to dismiss Matt Dixon but fine batting from Ian Hampshire, Richard Kettleborough, Rob Barlow and Ian Frost (until he retired hurt with a pulled hamstring) enabled the Club to declare with a respectable 223.

Bradfield lost a couple of early wickets before Tim Taylor hit a brisk 56. MCC's trio of leg spinners, Mark Boocock, Rob Barlow and Matt Dixon, then bowled us to victory shortly before the close of play. Youngster John Barker offered strong resistance and played some fine shots. The hospitality was excellent, the setting picturesque and with their extended club house, Bradfield CC looks well set for the start of their second century.

Richard Ibbotson

7th August v WANSTEAD CC

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.W.J.Ankers 69, P.M.Jones 51, M.J.Brown 63*) 230-5 dec
 Wanstead CC (A.Akram 54) 118-1

MCC Team: *P.L.Rogers**; *R.W.J.Ankers*; *R.S.Booth†*; *M.J.Brown*; *D.J.Clark*; *P.M.Jones*;
J.L.Salt; *G.R.Shears*; *I.J.P.Tufts*; *B.Wakeford*; *P.D.C.Wise*

8th August v BISHOP'S STORTFORD CC

MCC won by 118 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (R.S.Smith 64, Dever 4-38) 183-7 dec
 Bishop's Stortford CC (P.M.Jones 3-5) 65

MCC Team: *N.J.C.Gandon**; *R.W.J.Ankers*; *R.G.R.Barlow*; *G.A.Bucknell*;
P.M.Daniels†; *N.C.S.Hobbs*; *P.M.Jones*; *N.J.Maley*; *A.Sattar*; *P.G.Sawyer*; *R.S.Smith*

8th August v DEVON DUMPLINGS CC

Centenary Match

Match abandoned

Toss: MCC

MCC 83-3

MCC Team: *H.T.Rogers**; *C.R.S.Dare*; *J.H.Duder*; *G.S.Glendinning†*;
A.C.Griffiths; *R.G.Kirby*; *T.Lunel*; *J.Rhodes*; *M.R.Richards*; *J.A.Sienesi*; *A.Wright*

Sadly, a game which was designed as the highlight of the Devon Dumplings' centenary year was ruined by the weather. We had to play on a used wicket, which had irregular wet patches, so conditions favoured the bowlers. There was heavy cloud cover too. MCC won the toss and batted. To lively and accurate bowling, we lost 3 wickets for 47, most of these made by Griffiths, who looked impressive. Duder and Lunel retrieved the position with confident and effective play to 83 for 3 in 33 overs before the threatened rain closed in and stopped play after one hour and four minutes.

We hung around after lunch, hoping to resume, but the rain did not relent for a moment, and the game was called off at 3.45.

Peter Spencer

8th August v THE FORTY CLUB

Match drawn

Toss: The Forty Club

MCC (C.E.Dowdall 75*, C.D.H.Palmer 51, D.Pegg 3-53) 227-8 dec
 The Forty Club (R.Walton 73, T.C.Hicks 3-41) 193-7

MCC Team: *C.D.H.Palmer**; *C.J.H.Bates†*; *Dr. P.J.Craig*; *J.W.Dean*;
C.E.Dowdall; *C.J.Good†*; *T.E.Goodyer*; *T.C.Hicks*; *C.W.Norsworthy*; *J.L.Pool*; *C.A.Stevens*

The Forty Club entertained the MCC at a new venue in Hampshire. The attractive Hursley Park Cricket Club played host, providing an excellent pitch when the rest of the country was under water, and first class catering ensured a good day, despite permanent drizzle from 4pm onwards.

Having lost the toss, MCC's Good and Bates started well on a greenish track, and set the trend for batsmen getting in and then failing to follow it through. Dowdall, however, batted well for 75 not out and Palmer took advantage of some weary bowling to set the Forty Club 228 to win. Stevens was the pick of the MCC bowlers with his 11 overs costing 14 runs. Hicks wheeled away in increasingly difficult bowling conditions, but MCC lacked the edge to prise out Walton of the Forty Club who steered them to safety, and 193 for 7 at the close.

Charles Palmer

8th August v LOUGHTON CC

MCC won by 5 wickets

Toss: MCC

Loughton CC (N.D.Eaton 2-10, J.R.Fosbraey 3-48, K.J.Goodman 2-20) 210
 MCC (P.D.C.Wise 46) 213-5

MCC Team: *D.J.Clark**; *S.P.Bridgman*; *P.Clark†*; *N.D.Eaton*; *J.R.Fosbraey*;
K.J.Goodman; *T.A.Laird*; *R.Mirza*; *D.P.B.O'Sullivan*; *M.I.M.Umarji*; *P.D.C.Wise*

9th August v DE FLAMINGO'S

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.M.O.Cooke**; *J.M.Armstrong*; *P.D.Armstrong*; *J.W.Assersohn*; *G.N.Blackmore*;
J.R.Butler; *T.A.Coleman*; *C.J.Good*; *D.R.Green*; *Dr A.Lemmey†*; *A.G.McIlroy*

9th August v GERRARDS CROSS CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *J.M.Coles**; *P.D.Atkins*; *J.K.Barrow*; *P.Bedford*; *N.D.Goh*;
R.M.Graham; *S.G.Lynch*; *P.J.O'Reilly*; *C.R.Pimlott*; *M.S.L.Rollinson†*; *D.M.Ward*

9th August v SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE CC

Match abandoned

MCC Team: *R.W.Ibbotson**; *R.M.Atkinson*; *R.J.Barlow*; *T.J.Bostock*; *P.A.Coughlin*;
R.P.Hodson; *T.Hodson†*; *R.A.Kettleborough*; *A.E.McKenna*; *A.V.Pope*; *A.J.Syddall*

13th August v IRELAND

MCC lost by 5 wickets

Toss: MCC

MCC and (D.M.Ward 97, T.W.Harrison 46, M.W.Cowell 55) 294-7 dec
 second innings forfeited

Ireland and first innings forfeited
 (N.O'Brien 111, A.White 76) 297-5

MCC Team: *D.M.Ward**; *L.Bouter*; *M.W.Cowell*; *A.G.J.Fraser*; *M.T.Harrison*;
T.W.Harrison; *S.N.Hartley*; *R.K.Lynch†*; *G.Prince*; *P.M.Such*; *D.Waugh*

14th August v MCC NORTH EAST v MCC EAST MIDLANDS

MCC East Midlands won by 6 wickets

Toss: MCC EM Region

MCC North East (J.D.Love 45, S.T.Lawrence 66*) 234-3 dec
 MCC East Midlands (S.K.Parker 48, A.F.Gofton 86, S.M.Brogan 45) 235-4

MCC North East: *J.C.Henderson**; *R.J.Barlow*; *M.R.Bradshaw†*; *J.I.Foggitt*; *C.R.E.Harrison*; *S.A.Kellett*; *S.T.Lawrence*; *J.D.Love*; *R.C.A.M.McCarthy*; *D.M.Rawlings*; *M.J.Smart*

MCC East Midlands: *T.Kirk**; *R.J.Bolstridge*; *S.M.Brogan*; *N.R.Gaywood*; *A.F.Gofon*; *D.I.Goodson*; *A.Hibbert*; *C.J.Maber†*; *F.O'Neil*; *S.K.Parker*; *S.J.Rimington*

Castleford CC did a magnificent job in preparing an excellent pitch. Overnight moisture persuaded East Midlands skipper, Tim Kirk, to insert the North East and, for the first hour, openers Simon Kellett and veteran Miles Rawlings had to battle against both swing and seam movement. Following the openers' departure, Jim Love treated the small crowd to some thumping drives in his 45. Probationers Bradshaw and Lawrence put together an unbeaten fourth wicket stand of 78 before North East declared, leaving the East Midlands 46 overs to chase 234.

A steady start by Parker and Gofon, against some excellent bowling from Richard McCarthy, put East Midlands in a reasonable position before Foggitt struck with the aid of a smart stumping by Ryan Bradshaw. Gofon continued untroubled and, with the help of Steve Brogan, pressed on. An excellent catch by Miles Rawlings off young leg spinner Robert Barlow removed Gofon and when McCarthy returned to remove Brogan, the odds were on a draw, as East Midlands still required 41 off the last four overs. David Goodson had other ideas, striking two massive sixes off the unfortunate Barlow to lead East Midlands home with four balls left. Robert Barlow had an element of revenge, bowling Goodson with the scores level - a case of too little too late.

Jeremy Henderson

14th August v MIDLANDS CCC

50 over match

MCC lost by 2 runs Toss: MCC

Midlands CCC (D.Banks 57, M.Davies 55, K.C.Williams 3-28) 166-5
MCC (P.D.Atkins 55, A.Gough 3-14, D.Banks 3-44) 164-9

MCC Team: *P.D.Atkins**; *R.Chaudhuri*; *R.M.Cox*; *M.J.Dallaway*; *R.A.Flack*; *E.L.Home*; *M.P.W.Jeb*; *R.J.Pack*; *L.Potter*; *K.C.Williams*; *S.J.Young†*

14th August v THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

Match drawn Toss: Hurlingham Club

MCC (A.R.Wightman 57, R.S.M.Morris 95, J.De La Pena 3-31) 233-6 dec
The Hurlingham Club (C.Peerless 53, A.R.Wightman 3-14) 168-9

MCC Team: *L.B.Turner**; *J.P.B.Barnes*; *W.Wingfield-Digby*; *T.E.Goodyer*; *J.D.Kershen†*; *Capt.B.M.W.Langman*; *R.S.M.Morris*; *G.J.Rickman*; *C.H.Fellows-Smith*; *A.R.Wightman*; *T.J.Wade*

This was the first fixture between MCC and Hurlingham for many years and turned out to be one of the warmest days of the summer. The ground looked an absolute picture despite having been under water only 4 days earlier.

Hurlingham won the toss and asked MCC to bat on a damp, soft wicket. Ex-Surrey bowler Jason de la Pena made early in-roads until a solid partnership between Sean Morris (95) and Tony Wightman (57) enabled MCC to declare at 233 for 6. Morris, in particular, played fluently, using the fast 'billiard table' outfield to his advantage.

Ben Langman and Tony Wightman used the new ball to good effect for MCC and put Hurlingham behind the clock by tea at 47 for 4. A good innings by Peerless threatened briefly after tea, but wickets kept falling at crucial times to thwart any attempt to close in on the Club's total. Hurlingham, however, hung on in the last 20 overs and finished on 168 for 9.

A great day was had by all, with Hurlingham's wonderful hospitality the highlight.

Lloyd Turner

15th August v HAMPSHIRE HOGS CC

MCC won by 111 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (J.P.C.Carr 81, T.C.Hicks 50, C.Bazalgette 4-66) 218-8 dec
Hampshire Hogs (M.Allom 51, T.C.Hicks 3-9, B.Hooper 3-36) 107

MCC Team: *B.J.Newton**; *J.P.C.Carr*; *R.N.D.Craig*; *J.W.Dean*; *R.J.Gough*; *C.J.Good†*; *T.C.Hicks*; *B.Hooper*; *N.J.Hunt*; *K.B.Smith*

MCC batted first on one of the hottest days of the year. Carr and Hicks batted very well, putting on 120 for the first wicket. After a very large lunch, the Hogs

slowed down the pace of the ball and bowled tightly, taking a further seven wickets to reduce MCC to 218.

The Club started off bowling very well, with MCC Young Cricketer Barry Hooper taking two quick wickets, likewise Richard Craig. MCC Member Dom Allom batted very well for the Hogs, but the MCC attack was always too strong and the Club won by 111 runs. Once again everyone enjoyed the day at this magnificent ground.

Ben Newton

15th August v ROLLESTON CC

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC (G.A.Bucknell 55, G.Dent 3-27, A.Mellor 5-44) 195-9 dec
Rolleston CC (J.Woodburn 59, P.Allen 56 A.V.Pope 5-67) 188-9

MCC Team: *I.S.Anderson**; *N.Barker†*; *G.A.Bucknell*; *D.R.Green*; *E.W.Lawrence*; *A.V.Pope*; *M.J.Tunaley*; *G.R.Shears*; *G.A.Smith*; *A.J.Syddall*

16th August MCC NORTH EAST v MCC NORTH WEST

MCC NE won by 102 runs Toss: MCC NE Region

MCC NE (H.Williams 107, N.A.Bourke 68) 235-4 dec
MCC NW (R.E.W.G.Horridge 44) 133

MCC NE: *J.P.Fordham**; *R.J.Barlow*; *N.A.Bourke*; *S.A.Halls*; *C.R.E.Harrison*; *I.J.Houseman*; *R.Hutchinson*; *R.C.A.M.McCarthy*; *R.M.Nichols*; *J.A.Sykes*; *H.Williams*

MCC NW: *A.C.J.Elwood**; *J.R.Atkins*; *J.P.Butler*; *T.Hodson†*; *R.E.W.G.Horridge*; *D.A.Lees*; *A.G.McIlroy*; *S.Mahboob*; *D.J.Otway*; *W.J.Sharp*; *S.C.Yates*

The summer of 2002 will be remembered more for its rain and floods than its sunshine but, on a glorious day in August, MCC North West finally relinquished their seven-year unbeaten record against all-comers to the 'old enemy' from across the Pennines.

Winning the toss for the North East, Pat Fordham elected to bat on a white, flat wicket that gave little assistance to the bowlers. Williams and the left-handed Sykes made slow but steady progress against Mahboob and Lees, though both were quick to punish anything short of a length. Sykes eventually fell to McIlroy, just before lunch. Afterwards, Bourke and Williams both hit the ball extremely hard with the latter completing a fine century, allowing the home side to declare on the stroke of half time.

North West's tactic of fielding a strong batting line-up came unstuck when first Atkins (who had suffered a nasty blow to the head whilst fielding) and then Yates fell to McCarthy without scoring. Butler and Sharp saw the visitors through until tea, but neither lasted long after the break, and only Horridge (44) made any appreciable inroad in the 236 runs needed for victory. The last five North West wickets fell for just 33 runs and, when Horridge shouldered arms to a deceptively flighted in-ducker from leg-spinner Barlow, it signalled the end for the visitors.

McCarthy, Harrison, Houseman and Nichols took two wickets apiece for the visitors and the North West, who finished the game 102 runs short, were made to rue the three chances they dropped, whilst the North East held on to all theirs. Credit must go to Roland Horridge, however, who, mindful of HQ's edict that Playing Members '...should wear the Club colours whilst representing MCC...', kept his sweater on throughout the day whilst the temperatures soared in the high 80s!

The hospitality afforded by Castleford CC was excellent and grateful thanks go to all concerned.

Tony Elwood

18th August v STOCK EXCHANGE CC

MCC won by 128 runs Toss: MCC

MCC (D.S.McHardy 61) 186-6 dec
Stock Exchange CC (R.Chaudhuri 5-11) 58

MCC Team: *G.R.Bieber**; *R.Chaudhuri*; *A.R.Danson*; *A.W.Maclay*; *P.Marchant*; *G.J.McCartney*; *D.S.McHardy*; *M.W.C.Olley†*; *C.H.Fellows-Smith*; *R.H.D.Spink*

Due to a late change of venue, the game was played on a slightly wearing wicket and MCC were fortunate to bat first on a lovely day for cricket. Excellent knocks from McHardy and Spink allowed the captain to declare with 186 runs on the board and, on a wicket that was turning and bouncing, he had every confidence in his bowlers.

Despite having a very strong batting line up, the Stock Exchange were always going to struggle, and the Club's bowlers all bowled well enough to induce some rash shots. Raj Chaudhuri picked up five wickets and, helped by some good catching, the Club ended up winning by a comfortable margin.

Bob Baxter

20th August v SOUTH WALES CRICKET ASSOCIATION

MCC lost by 1 wicket Toss: South Wales Cricket Association

MCC	(R.W.Ankers 59, G.Grant 3-36)	147
South Wales Cricket Association	(M.J.Smart 3-34, B.Lloyd 4-46)	148-9

MCC Team: *M.T.Phillips*; R.W.Ankers; I.Bridgeman; N.J.Brown†; M.P.W.Jeh; P.H.W.E.Lazarus; B.J.Lloyd; S.A.Morris; M.J.Smart; J.P.J.Sylvester; P.Williamson*

21st August MCC YORKSHIRE v MCC SCOTLAND

Match drawn Toss: MCC Scotland

MCC Yorkshire	(S.T.Lawrence 63, N.Kay 85*)	196-4 dec
and	(A.J.Steward 5-19)	190-9 dec

MCC Scotland	(P.J.Drinnen 100*)	212-8 dec
and	(G.M.Butchart 63, R.J.Barlow 3-43)	173-7

MCC Yorkshire: *R.A.Flack*; N.A.Bourke; Dr.N.P.Durham†; R.I.Frost; I.C.Hampshire; N.J.C.Kay; S.T.Lawrence; M.I.Mortimer; N.D.Muirhead; S.K.Parker*

MCC Scotland: *P.J.Drinnen*†; G.M.Butchart; T.A.Coleman; D.Cornforth; P.Drummond; J.Kerr; C.W.Mullins; S.M.Patel; S.J.S.Smith; A.J.Steward; J.Woodhill*

Played at Hewarth CC in York, this game culminated in a very close draw. Put in, Yorkshire scored 196 with Nick Kay and Steve Lawrence scoring the bulk of the runs. In reply, Pete Drinnen scored a superb century when Scotland were under the cosh. On the second day, Scotland bowled well, especially Steward. Yorkshire declared 174 ahead, and Scotland finished two short after a fine final over by Nigel Muirhead.

Robert Flack

21st August v PAIGNTON CC

Centenary match

MCC won by 25 runs Toss: MCC

MCC	(R.Chaudhuri 89, N.A.Folland 50, Ward 3-20)	246
Paignton CC	(Ahmed 106, Benton 65, J.Rhodes 3-43)	221

MCC Team: *R.I.Dawson*; K.R.Blackburn; N.J.Brown; R.Chaudhuri; T.Edwards; N.A.Folland; N.T.P.George; W.M.George; A.C.Griffiths; A.J.Proctor; J.Rhodes*

22nd August v CORNISH CRUSADERS CC

Match drawn Toss: MCC

MCC	(K.Blackburn 47, J.E.M.Nicolson 59, R.I.Dawson 55, Trenworth 3-53)	249-9 dec
Cornish Crusaders CC	(Newt 86, Lello 53, R.I.Dawson 3-41)	226-7

MCC Team: *T.J.Angove*; K.R.Blackburn; R.Chaudhuri; R.I.Dawson; W.M.George; P.Joshi; J.E.M.Nicolson; I.G.Osborne; L.Sanders; D.Simpson; A.P.Sutcliffe*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket that seamed throughout the day. After the early loss of Sutcliffe, candidates Blackburn (47) and Joshi (24) put together a good partnership. Unfortunately, after the departure of Joshi, wickets fell very quickly and the Club were 95 for 5 just before lunch. At this stage, Nicolson (59) and Dawson (55) came together and, in a very entertaining stand, took the score to 197. The lower order all chipped in and the declaration came at 249 for 9.

The Crusaders lost two early wickets, but made good progress. At 175 for 3, the game was evenly balanced. Dawson returned for a second spell and removed Newt (86), while Joshi, who bowled a long spell of leg-spin, claimed the wicket of Lello (53). The Crusaders were 226 for 7 at the close. This was a good game of cricket, played on a beautiful day, and was enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

Trevor Angove

26th August v BARNSTAPLE & PILTON CC

MCC won by 7 runs Toss: Barnstaple & Pilton CC

MCC	(R.H.D.Spink 74*)	221-6 dec
Barnstaple & Pilton CC	(S.Cole 69, G.J.Rickman 4-76)	214

MCC Team: *N.A.Folland*; M.J.Archer; P.M.Goulstone; R.K.Lynch†; J.Rhodes; A.C.Richards; G.J.Rickman; R.H.D.Spink; M.D.Syddall; P.Warren; J.A.Woolhead*

MCC won the toss and elected to bat. The wicket proved a little difficult early on and the ball stopped on the top order batsmen. Consequently, MCC soon found themselves in some trouble at 63 for 4 and then 100 for 5. P. Goulstone threatened to play a major role before being caught, but the major innings of the day came from R. Spink who played some glorious shots on his way to 74, not out. Folland declared rather generously on 221 for 6 after 49 overs.

Two early wickets put MCC on top, but generous helpings of tea slowed the march to victory. In fact, Barnstaple batted extremely well and put themselves in a winning position heading into the last 20 overs needing only 80 with wickets in hand and the wicket looking ominously flat. A fine innings of 69 by S. Cole looked like winning the game, but MCC tightened up and the batsmen were teased from one end with the leg-spin of G. Rickman bowling 22 overs. Good second spells from J. Rhodes and P. Warren led the comeback, and Barnstaple were eventually bowled out in the last over, 7 runs short of victory.

It was a hard fought game, enjoyed by all, with the MCC playing some good cricket to win narrowly.

Nick Folland

27th August v GRANGE CC

MCC lost by 5 wickets Toss: MCC

MCC	(J.S.Gray 4-22)	141
Grange CC	(T.A.Woodhill 59*, G.M.Butchart 3-18)	142-5

MCC Team: *C.W.Mullins*; I.R.Beven; G.M.Butchart; D.M.Cornforth; J.Everett; J.Kostoris; A.M.J.Lyttle; E.J.McIntyre; H.K.More†; R.E.More; P.A.Veness*

28th August v NIDDERDALE AMATEUR CRICKET LEAGUE

MCC won by 140 runs Toss: MCC

MCC	(M.P.Syddall 74, S.Mahboob 48)	235-3 dec
Nidderdale Amateur Cricket League	(A.V.Pope 4-16)	95

MCC Team: *I.J.Houseman*; A.J.Good; W.R.Hagen; T.Hodson†; S.J.Holgate; S.Mahboob; R.C.A.M.McCarthy; A.V.Pope; A.J.Syddall; M.P.Syddall; K.C.Williams*

29th August MCC IRELAND v MCC NORTH EAST

MCC Ireland won by 4 wickets Toss: MCC North East

MCC North East	(P.J.Fordham 74, M.G.Cousen 92, M.J.Robinson 49*)	264-4 dec
MCC Ireland	(S.J.S.Warke 75, S.A.I.Dyer 41, D.A.Lewis 55, A.Dunlop 50*)	266-6

MCC North East: *J.C.Henderson*; R.G.R.Barlow; N.A.Bourke; M.G.Cousen; Dr.N.P.Durham†; J.I.Foggitt; P.J.Fordham; J.R.Goldthorpe; R.W.Ibbotson; M.I.Mortimer; M.J.Robinson*

MCC Ireland: *K.Bailey*; T.G.Dagg; A.R.Dunlop; S.A.I.Dyer; G.D.Harrison; C.J.Hoey; J.H.E.Hool†; D.A.Lewis; J.D.Mathers; P.McCrum; S.J.S.Warke*

1st September v GOODWOOD CC (Duke of Richmond's XI)

300th Anniversary

MCC won by 6 wickets Toss: Duke of Richmond's XI

Duke of Richmond's XI	(C.S.Cowdrey 68, A.J.R.Bird 6-109)	203
MCC	(M.C.J.Nicholas 47, B.J.Debenham 69, M.W.Gatting 54)	204-4

MCC Team: *M.W.Gatting*; A.J.R.Bird; Dr.P.A.Brown; R.Stormonth-Darling; B.J.Debenham; Dr.C.M.Gupte; M.C.J.Nicholas; A.Parker; C.M.Taylor†; S.C.Taylor; R.Wilkinson*

This was an excellent fixture, superbly arranged through the Duke of Richmond. It was the third fixture of the club's 300th anniversary celebrations

on a wonderful ground, with a beautiful wicket and out-field, and some strong local support. John Barclay, the captain of the Duke's side, and Mike Gatting, captain of MCC, led both sides superbly, and it was a close match. The Duke's side batted first, with Barclay, Chris Cowdrey, Adrian Jones, Paul Parker and Peter Graves outstanding. Alistair Bird bowled his leg-breaks beautifully and won the Man of the Match Award. Colin Taylor kept wicket well and Rory Stormonth-Darling bowled very economically (his seven overs conceding only nine runs). MCC won the match with excellent contributions from Gatting, Nicholas, Debenham and Peter Brown, with Gupte also making a good knock. Both ladies, Alison Hills for the Duke's side, and Claire Taylor for MCC, were very well received, very popular and, played well - and this was an imaginative addition to a great celebration match. It was a fine MCC victory.

Colin Ingleby-MacKenzie



Paul Hulbert

1st September v NORWICH CC

MCC lost by 109 runs

Toss: Norwich CC

Norwich CC (Free 55, Foster 82*)
MCC (Lester 4-13, R.Austin 3-41)

268-5 dec
159

MCC Team: P.A.Motum*; E.D.C.Brennan; J.J.J.Brennan†; N.I.Gavin-Brown; J.Hartridge; J.P.Horne; B.Motum; S.Salisbury; M.P.Syddall; M.S.J.Tombs; J.M.Baker-White

2nd September v COMBINED SERVICES

MCC won by 6 wickets

Toss: MCC

Combined Services CC (B.T.P.Donelan 4-11)
MCC (S.Cooper 3-18)

102
104-4

MCC Team: G.J.Toogood*; P.J.Deakin; B.T.P.Donelan; Dr.N.P.Durham; N.S.Hartley; M.P.W.Jeh; R.Kotkamp; R.K.Lynch†; R.C.A.M.McCarthy; S.Mahboob; A.R.Roberts

2nd September v GREAT GLEN CC

Centenary match

MCC won by 37 runs

Toss: MCC

MCC (N.J.Hunt 111)
Great Glen CC (R.Needham 56, A.F.Gofton 3-25, M.J.Tunaley 3-47)

243-5 dec
206

MCC Team: T.Kirk*; A.F.Gofton; A.Gough; N.J.Hunt; A.V.Pope; T.S.V.Pope; S.J.Rimington†; P.J.Sears; A.J.Syddall; M.P.Syddall; M.J.Tunaley

Centenary celebrations are without doubt special occasions, and Great Glen laid out the red carpet from start to finish. Their hospitality was outdone only by their commitment to cricket and making the day special for all concerned.

Having elected to bat, MCC lost Pope (Jnr) early. Former Great Glen player Neil Hunt then dominated proceedings until he was eventually out for 111. Three candidates all made valuable contributions with the bat; M. Syddall, 33, A. Syddall, 34 not out and Gofton, 19 not out. Both Elks and Hincks bowled with control and were unlucky to come away with only three wickets between them. MCC set Great Glen 244 to win in over three and a half hours.

The home team got off to a shaky start, losing three wickets for only 20 runs. Their recovery owed much to a marathon innings of 56 in 47 overs by R. Needham. Skipper Harvey Gardiner provided sterling support with a well crafted 22. Great Glen were finally all out in the last over for 206. The centenary celebrations went on well into the night and MCC were left in no doubt that the Spirit of Cricket was alive and well in the peaceful village of Great Glen.

Tim Kirk

5th September MCC LONDON SOUTH v MCC IRELAND

Match drawn

Toss: MCC London South

MCC LS (T.J.Carter 61, G.Morgan 53, D.Dunn 4-87, C.J.M.McKibbin 3-76)

255-8 dec
177-6

MCC Ireland (A.T.Rutherford 58*)

MCC London South: P.Bedford*; A.F.Baker; C.S.Bates†; T.B.J.Beagent; T.J.Carter; A.M.T.Janmohammed; G.Morgan; C.H.Offer; P.D.R.Pearce; N.A.S.Smith; K. Staple

MCC Ireland: J.H.E.Hool*; D.Dunn; S.A.I.Dyer; W.G.Hodson; J.D.Mathers; P.McCrum; C.J.McKibbin; M.P.Rea; A.T.Rutherford†; W.A.Waite; S.J.S.Warke

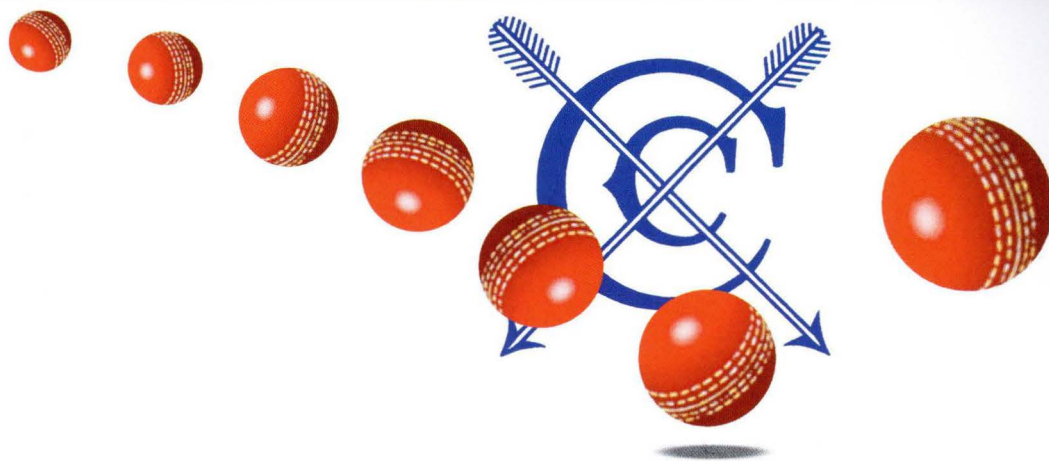
A flat pitch with low but even bounce produced some good displays of batting. After London South won the toss and elected to bat, Tim Carter (61) scored heavily with the pull shot which would have disappointed the bowlers, who seemed convinced that at least one ball would whistle around his ears. Candidate Abeer Janmohammed played well for 42, until he was out offering a leading edge to a leg-spinner. Gordon Morgan (53) hit the spin of both Chris McKibbin and David Dunn at least once an over to the boundary and sometimes, to please the crowd, he carried out this feat twice. At 156 for 5, things could have gone awry but Bedford, Smith and finally Staple moved the score steadily to 255 for 8 declared.

The Ireland opening pair of Warke and Dyer had been in good form in a run chase versus the North East region in Malahide the previous week, and both got well into line but, in identical fashion, both were dismissed by Aidan Baker. Michael Rea struck back with some good extra cover drives, and on one occasion ensured that the writer had to run 100 yards to the boundary in consecutive balls. Firstly Rae (38) and Waite, then Hool and Rutherford scored freely to keep up with the five-an-over target, but dismissals at key times effectively ended the run chase. The bowlers tried in vain to find some inspiration on a true pitch, and the sensible batting of Paul McCrum (20 not out) and 'Nipper' Rutherford (58 not out) ensured that honours were even.

Paul Bedford



CROSS ARROWS CC



CROSS ARROWS IN 2002

Matches: Played 5, Won 0, Drawn 2, Lost 2, Abandoned 1

14th August

v ROYAL HOUSEHOLD CC, at Frogmore
Match drawn

Cross Arrows CC 257-4 dec
(J.Rodham 62, A.Warrington 55, P.Sawyer 42*, J.Moore 41*)

Royal Household CC 193-8
(M.Goddard 48, L.Dearlove 47, S.Chisholm 41, S.D.Welch 5-36)

10th September

v BUTTERFLIES, at Eastcote CC
Match abandoned

11th September

v STAGE, at Eastcote CC
Stage won by 6 wickets

Cross Arrows CC 252-6 dec
(A.Sattar 65, C.Naughten 56)

Stage CC 253-4
(A.Padhani 90*, M.Isepp 55, W.Chitty 53)

12th September

v STOCK EXCHANGE CC, at Ealing CC
Stock Exchange won by 6 wickets

Cross Arrows CC 179-9 dec
(S.Salisbury 40, R.Brewster 5-44)

Stock Exchange CC 183-4
(J.Freedman 83*, V.Hill 54)

14th September

v ADASTRIAN, at RAF Vine Lane
Match drawn

Adastrian 165
(R.Tulloch 50, M.Rajabali 5-36)

Cross Arrows CC 106-7

Due to the re-laying of the outfield at Lord's, all Cross Arrows matches during 2002 were played away from home. Home fixtures will be played on the Nursery Ground at Lord's once again during the 2003 season



The ground at Frogmore, where the Cross Arrows played The Royal Household CC on 14th August



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Sir Donald Bradman's 254 against England in 1930 remains the highest innings at Lord's by an overseas player, whilst Graham Gooch's 333 against India in 1990 is still the best individual score recorded at Lord's. In 1972, Australian Bob Massie made his Test debut at Lord's, finishing with a match bowling analysis of 16 for 137 - figures that have never been surpassed. Derek Underwood, meanwhile, remains the only bowler to have taken more than 10 wickets twice in Lord's Tests - 11 for 80 against New Zealand in 1969 and 13 for 71 against Pakistan in 1974.

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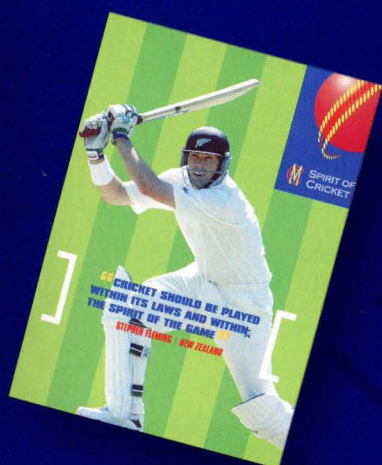
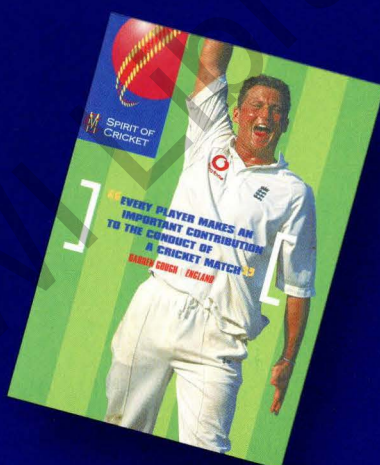
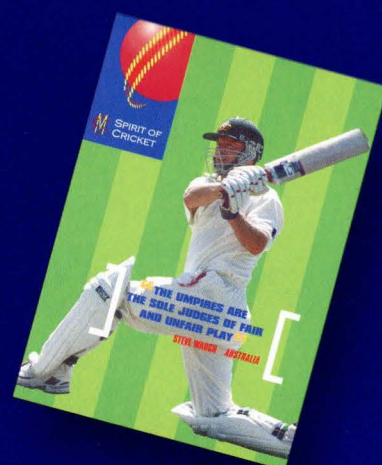


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