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Sports Report: Cloister Time, Week 6

Tuesday 7th June: Cricket: Development XI vs Rifles (h)

A young and enthusiastic Development XI took on The Rifles on Lord's. Batting first after winning the toss opening pair of captain Fletcher Rhodes and Amaar Malik played watchfully at first before accelerating to compile a century opening stand - Amaar making 39 and Fletcher a well-crafted 85. James Kennedy scored 21 and showed glimpses of his outstanding form for the Yearlings before Jack Bristowe gave the innings some real impetus and urgency in scoring an impressive 50 not out, off just 53 balls. The captain declared on 225-5 from 51 overs.

The Rifles made steady progress towards their target and when the 6th wicket fell at 164 with 11 overs remaining in the day's play we appeared to be in the 'box seat' but the momentum shifted as The Rifles struck a couple of big sixes and eventually got home to win by 3 wickets in the penultimate over. However, all our bowlers acquitted themselves well – Sam Humphreys was the stand out and deserved better than his figures of 2-56 suggest. There were wickets too for Stanley Askew, Aneesh Kulkarni and Fletcher Rhodes.

Overall an excellent game of cricket with all four results possible virtually throughout which was a measure of Fletcher's well-timed declaration and the way in which both sides approached the game. Ultimately though The Rifles proved to have a shade more firepower in their artillery. (MCE)

U17 XI vs Marlborough College, The Cricket Paper National U17 Cup (a)

We won the toss and elected to bat, which looked a really good decision when we were 104-0 off 18 overs. Wilf had scored 56 off 45, but was then stumped playing a switch hit! We still progressed well with Zain hitting 52 and at 146-2 with 10 overs left were well placed to post a very good score off our 35 overs. However, a mid-innings wobble saw us collapse to 155-7! Alex Claisse contributed a useful 14 off 13 balls, but it was left to Will Matthews and Callum Whillock, who both batted very sensibly and with clear minds to put on 25 off the last few overs which ensured we set Marlborough 200 to win.

We did not start well in the field, conceding 16 off the first over and 25 off the first 13 balls! However, a good catch by Wilf at extra cover accounted for Marlborough's best player, followed by another wicket and some parity was restored! Marlborough's 3rd wicket pair put on a run a ball 50 partnership ensuring they were never needing much more than 6 an over, but a direct hit by Pat Ritchie was a key moment and broke the partnership. We then managed to create some pressure and the scoring rate required increased but we were also very grateful when Marlborough had a mix up, which resulted in another run out and their number 3 who had batted well was out for 47. We then took regular wickets and the run rate climbed further, eventually bowling Marlborough out for 152 and a win by 47 runs.

Alex Claisse will bowl much better and take fewer wickets, however he finished with 5-43, Will Whitehead bowled well and economically conceding less than 4 an over and Dom Hall finished with 1-33. We certainly did not play at our best, but we managed to find a way at key moments in the game and we progress through to the last 8 of the National Competition. (PNG)



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Thursday 7th June

Cricket v Eton College

This was a really good game for the **Development XI** which we lost by 4 wickets with 10 balls to spare. We won the toss and made a good score of 236-4 from our 45 overs. We lost Henry Nichols early on but Zain and Fletcher put on a good partnership of 63, with some excellent stroke play on both sides of the wicket. Fletcher was then bowled by a ball that moved back into him, but Zain and Seb then put on another 54 and we were set for a decent score. Seb Morgan then accelerated brilliantly with shots all around the ground including 4 big sixes and thoroughly deserved his 100! He was well supported by George Gardiner (32*).

We bowled well initially although were slightly guilty of too many wides, but managed to restrict Eton to around 4 an over. With 10 overs left Eton required 78 off the last 10 with 6 wickets in hand. Unfortunately, we then conceded 40 off the next 3 overs through good hitting and running between the wickets, but also one or two bad balls. However, the team kept battling, tried to keep the new batters on strike etc, but eventually lost with 10 balls to spare.

A good game of cricket, with plenty of learning to take and on reflection at the end of the game, it was probably our extras count that was the main contributing factor to the loss. (PNG)

Harrow School

Jun Colts A (h): Lost by 7 wickets. 111 for 5 v 113 for 3.

Jun Colts B (h): Lost by 7 wickets. 79 ao v 83 for 3.

A very strong Harrow bowling attack created a harrowing experience for the **JCC** batters, not helped by our all-or-nothing, death-or-glory approach. Only stout resistance by Charlie Haywood with 11 was noteworthy as we fell to 39 ao. An early wicket by Jamie Cotterell gave us a flicker of hope but it was quickly doused as they easily knocked off the rest of our total. A learning experience, I hope. (RS)

Yearlings A (a): Lost by 3 runs. 162 for 7 v 165 for 9.

Yearlings B (a): Lost by 66 runs. 170 ao v 173 for 4.

Yearlings C (a): Lost by 8 wickets. 80 ao v 82 for 2.

The **Yearling Ds** continued their impressive unbeaten run this season with a quite remarkable six wicket victory over Harrow. Superb batting performances from Zain Naqui (27 not out) and Will Hammerson-Jones (a quick-fire 23) followed a fine team bowling effort that saw wickets from Chiang, Jackson, Morris-Weston, Nakao, Naqui, Hammerson-Jones and Simpson (who took 2 for 6 off 3 overs). Well done to all involved in this excellent all-round performance and particularly those boys who stepped in late to the team – a great example of loyalty to their peers. (JL)

Golf: U18A vs Eton College (n)

Winchester 1 - Eton 2

Our Captain for the day Taanvir Sood partnered up with Harry Xu in the first match and the pair battled well throughout - combining for a better-ball-score of 1 over par. On a windy afternoon this is very good golf but it wasn't quite good enough to see off a very strong pair of scratch golfers from Eton; with the point going Eton's way down the 18th hole. Our third pair, Joshua Ooi and Hugh Williamson-Jones - both fully embroiled in their IGCSEs, with their golf games slightly rusty - also succumbed but this match was not quite so fiercely contested, with the Winchester losing



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out in the country. Winchester's point came with an emphatic win in the second match. Tim Kashirin & Freddy Fisher managed to tear themselves away from their own exam preparations to tear past their opposition in fine style, 4&3. (RSM)

Tennis v Marlborough College (a)

U18A: Won 8 -1.

U18B: Won 9 -0.

Overall a cracking day for the Junior Colts As & Bs. Winchester and Marlborough showed off great tennis and it was a pleasure to see superb rallies, great positioning and some skilful volleys. Winchester very much dominated the day with a decisive overall score of 13:5 (8-1W for the As & 5-4W for the Bs). Both sides played with a great respect and spirit. (JJP)

Saturday 11th June

Athletics: Hampshire Schools Athletics Association Championships, Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth

This was an excellent set of performances from the five boys competing at the Hampshire Schools Athletics Championships. Hamish Rogers (VI1,D) jumped 1.71m to take the Senior Boys high jump title and in the Intermediate Boys (U17) competition Gus Bowden (V,F) took 1st place with a jump of 1.70m. Gus then took 2nd place in the Intermediate 100mH with a pb of 16.0s. JP pupil Rory McGregor (H) took 1st place in the Junior Boys Long jump with a new pb of 5.33m. Harry Draper-Barr (VI2, I) secured the senior discus title with a pb of 39.16m and Tim Kashirin (VI1, E) finished runner-up in the Senior Boys 200m. Gus and Rory gain selection to represent Hampshire at the South & South East Inter-Counties championships next weekend. (MSB)

Cricket v St Edward's School, Oxford

Having been invited to bat first on a grassy wicket, la Fontaine Jackson and Nicholls set about run scoring cautiously for **Lords**. The slow medium pace of the first change bowler proved particularly tricky to get away, which eventually lead to Nicholls being run out as we sought to put more pressure onto the bowler and fielding side. Malik helped LFJ accelerate a little as they scored 52 in the next 10 overs before Malik dragged on. We reached 120-2 from 30 overs at lunch and were keen to kick on in the last 20 overs. Some tighter bowling made this difficult, LFJ also dragging on after passing 50 and Batten caught making us 156-4 in the 41st. Morgan and Ritchie both looked positive in their approach, willing to hit over the top, before both also departed, leaving us 175-6 from 44. A boundary-free 40 run partnership from the last 6 overs from Hall and Gardiner helped us to 215-6 at the close of our innings, which we felt was competitive on a slow and challenging surface.

Our reply with the ball did not begin well. Wides on both sides of the wicket, plus some gratefully accepted 'freebies' allowed the Teddies opening pair to keep the score ticking, before they put their foot down as Hall and Fisher entered the attack. With Teddies 98-0 in the 18th over, and the coaches fearing the worst, the introduction of Whillock brought some control and the crucial breakthrough we needed. Skipper Fisher then saw an opportunity to bring back Morgan in a master stroke before tea. Whillock had removed the Teddies Skipper before Morgan, bowling to the England U19 keeper, followed up a dispatched bouncer with a perfect delivery that took a fine outside edge through to Gardiner. He then removed the other opener thanks to a good catch from LFJ above his head at first slip before Whillock added his third before Tea, through a very sharp catch from Gardiner off a bottom edge.



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With us having fought our way back into the game, but the scoring rate not likely to be an issue for our hosts, Hall returned from the other end and kept things tight in a 4 over spell after Tea, whilst Whillock continued his good form to complete his 5-wicket haul, thanks to catches by Malik and Batten. Claisse replaced Hall and Fisher took over from Whillock. The former missed a tough return catch but was relieved to see another chance taken by Nicholls only a few balls later. Morgan contributed to a run out for the 9th wicket with a smart throw into Gardiner before Fisher claimed the last with another good catch for Gardiner to wrap up a 42 run victory that had looked most unlikely for much of our time in the field. (JMB)

2nd XI won by 10 runs

The **3rd XI** arrived at St Edward's, won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Fennell (I) and Fisher (B) strode out to bat after usual opener Captain Kleingeld (G) went missing at the start of play. The St Edwards openers bowled well combining bouncers and full balls from both ends to restrict the 3rds to 36/2 after 10. The 3rds were struggling at 43/3 after 12 but a partnership worth 57 between Brooke (22) and Harker (46), and then some lower order fireworks from Simpson (G) and Osborne-Young (H) brought the 3rds to 142-8 from 25 overs.

St Edward's cruised with relative ease - 39/0 after 8 - before the injured Burge (F) sparked a wicket and bowling became tighter from the former, Brooke (A), and McCreery (A). After 15 overs St Edward's began to accelerate after sloppy displays of fielding allowed them to reach 116/3 from 21 with Osborne-Young (H) taking a wicket. East (C) charged in to bowl the last over with the opposition requiring 4 from 6 and then 2 from 2 before the ball was cracked for 4. A tough, close loss for the 3rds. (Gus Brooke, A)

The **JCA**s were never quite in control of the game but fought hard, showing resilience to dig themselves out of tough situations. A first ball drop is never a great start, especially when their openers rack up an 89 partnership over 18 overs, giving themselves a great platform from which to get to 174-4 off their 30. An impressive total on the large and relatively slow pitch. Bowder was the pick of the bowlers, keeping them to only 25 off his 6 as they were trying to expand. Husband and Humphreys got the wickets.

A first ball wicket is never a great start, especially when we fall to 12-2. Bristowe was going nicely, playing particularly well off his legs, but we lost regular wickets around him - small partnerships where Jack was ably supported by Kheterpal and Cloke Brown were the highlights. Needing 8 an over for the last 12, Jack and Anthony started to expand, before Jack was dismissed on 45. A flurry of wickets made it seem we weren't going to get near their total, but Henry and Anthony batted excellently for the 10th wicket, putting us within touching distance at the expense of Henry's bat and leg! Ultimately, we fell 20 runs short. (BMG)

The old age "catches win matches" came true as the **JCB** beat St. Edward's fairly comfortably in the end. Winning the toss and bowling first Winchester had to work hard to break a solid opening partnership but when Jonas Bhattacharya took the first of his 4 wickets for 11 runs in 5 overs the door was opened. The bowling unit took regular wickets, with 3 catches held and a Run Out to finish the innings. Jonas' two wicket maidens were noticeable as the first maidens bowled this season. The opposition's total of 110 was definitely "gettable" but would have been less if we had not bowled 17 wides in total.



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With partnerships of 27, 28 and 41 the U15B team did indeed make comfortable progress towards 111 with contributions from all and a little help from 4 dropped catches. Jonny Inglis deserves mention for his 17 up front as he stepped in, along with Stefan Ungureanu, to help a team weakened by CCF absences. The decisive contribution came from Milo Hoffmann, who continued his good form with the bat, scoring an unbeaten 35. (JM)

A steady opening stand between Will Haggard and Kostyia Riabi for the **JCCs** blossomed into a more expansive middle section with Kostyia in dominating form with an excellent 44. Important cameos by Charlie Smith and Preston Zhong kept the score ticking along and we ended with our best score of the summer of 152 for 7. St. Edwards fought back well in their innings but good bowling by Fred Holdsworth with 3-21, and two wickets a piece for Rajesh Pakreshi and Will Haggard kept them to 141-8. (RS)

The **Yearlings A** were in good spirits after a close game versus Harrow. Mr Taylor and Mr Connolly had talked to us about our energy levels in the field and didn't want us to let them slip. It's safe to say that their prayers were answered with great energetic opening spells by Stanley Askew (K) and James Kennedy (D). Their hard work was backed up well by Archie Lawson (I, returning from a broken wrist) and Arthur Hampel (B). They both bowled through their seven overs in our first 35 over game of the season and took a wicket a piece really strangling the batsmen. Pace off continued to work with Freddie Spearing getting through some overs rapidly and not being hit for many. Towards the end the batsmen looked more comfortable against Stanley and James and were able to nudge themselves to a somewhat defensible total of 142.

The batting got off to a bad start with our two in form batters getting out early on to their opening bowler. Stanley came in at 3 and made a very valuable 39 but even that couldn't prevent us from finding ourselves 81-7 in the 25th over. Freddie Spearing (I) and Michael Jin (I) our number 8 and 9, then pulled off an incredible feat with an almost run a ball partnership of 50 before the pressure finally got to them. We lost on the last ball, needing five more to win. Another "nearly game" for our team but with plenty of positives and lessons for those humble enough to learn them. We go again in the County Cup on Wednesday. Thank you to the coaches, umpires and to all of the supporters. (Archie Lawson, I)

The batting in the **Yearling's B** match was a bit of a rollercoaster, but Jamie (36), Sam and Hugo started things off well before Olli (43*) and Vardhan helped post a par total of 150.

Then, it was all wickets, wickets, wickets, seven of which were clean-bowled. Sam found a perfect length and movement in the air to take 3-5. Then Ben bamboozled from the very first ball with leggies and devastating googlies to finish with 4-21 and the man of the match. (PAH)

Rufus won the toss for the **Yearlings C** and decided to put St Edwards into bat first so that we could chase a total. They managed to reach 145 for 4 off 25 overs after we got some crucial early wickets. We could not though unpick their best batsman, although he was reasonably contained. Our batting was solid and some big hitting to the boundary was seen. A rain shower couldn't halt our progress as the RPO decreased with each delivery. Finally, the total was reached with over 3 overs to spare and 6 wickets in hand. Some aspects to work on but another strong performance by the team, in both batting and bowling. (PM)



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Badminton v Canford School (h)

The Winchester Badminton Team played their last fixture of the year against Canford School on Saturday. The team had one of their strongest pairings yet with Rudra Patel and Richmond Yeung, JP Cheng and Alvin Yu, Yuyao Xie and Ben Wen, Ashmit Pande and Derek Wen as the four pairs. The team had their most dominant performance of the year not losing a single match against Canford. Each player performed brilliantly in their singles matches with the highest score being 21-7. Each pair then played all of Canford's pairs with Ashmit and Derek pulling off a surprising 21-15 victory against Canford's first. The rest of the match sailed smoothly as the new pairing of JP Cheng and Alvin did not disappoint. To end the day, the boys played mixed matches with the teams which both teams enjoyed. Overall, the match was a fitting last fixture for our captain Richmond Yeung from the fifth year. We hope to continue this momentum into the upcoming season.

Sailing: 1st v BSDRA Thames Valley Championships

We took quite a young team to the BSDRA Thames Valley – four of the six sailors were in MP or JP, and one of the helms was in MP and one in JP. We had some good racing, winning 6 out of 10 races, and we were really pleased with the team's sailing. Unfortunately, that wasn't quite enough to get us into the semis and finals, so overall, we were sixth place as our last two races were against very tough opposition. With our team being much younger than most of the opposition, they are learning a lot from each event and gaining a very strong team spirit – they are developing into a force to be reckoned with. (JAAB)

Tennis: (h) & (a) v Canford School

The 2nd pair, Ollie Gibbon and Xingchen Cao and 3rd pair, Rigby Swaroski-Adams and Lukas Brunner, put in solid performances scoring two victories each for the 1st VI and both only losing to Canford's strong 1st pair. The match of the day was the last in which both 1st pairs met and both were unbeaten all season to date. It was a tense opening but Chris Lee and Freddie Van Every settled into a winning rhythm going 4 - 1 up. This was helped by strong serving and receiving by Freddie and particularly sharp net-play by Chris. However, Canford responded and, breaking serve, won the next 2 games. Despite nervous errors on both sides in the following minutes, Winchester finally prevailed without losing a further game. Overall, a great day out with Winchester coming away with a 7 - 2 victory with only two matches still to play in the calendar.

The 2nd VI managed an impressive 8 - 1 win with some consistent rallying and, at times, successful net-play. The only slight hiccup was the first pair's unexpected loss to Canford's third. The afternoon culminated in a tense duel between both third pairs with Charlie Sokol and Niccolo Buccellati finally closing out the win, 7 -5. (RJHM)

An extraordinary day of tennis on Palmer. The **Yearlings** and **Junior Colts** played side by side and faced a determined and competitive Canford opposition. The weather was good although a strong wind meant serving and some stronger shots needed adjustment. While some of the matches look a whitewash on the scoresheet, most games were close and deuces were a common sight on the majority of courts. Special mention in the Junior Colt side should go to Harry Latimer and Ludo Remers. The did not drop a set and played with composure and cleverness. The Yearlings did equally well and only lost two sets overall, giving Winchester a whopping result of 14:4. Canford were great sports, polite and civil young men. A great day of school sport. (JJP)



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Rowing: Marlow Town Regatta

Winchester College Boat Club attended Marlow Town Regatta on the 4th June. A traditional river regatta, with two or three boats racing side-by-side. The event was run very well and a really good atmosphere created for all those racing.

WCBC had four boats racing, a J14 octo and J14 quad. A J15 eight and Jake Crehan Mills in the J16 single scull. The J14 quad and J14 octo both won their events (the quad was in the top of three J14 quad bands). This meant 14 different boys from the J14 squad went away with medals. The J14 octo final was extremely close and the boys showed real grit to get the win.

Jake Crehan Mills raced in the J16 single category, whilst not proceeding on from the heat, there was some really positive feedback from the experience and some positive steps taken. A J15 eight raced, with some boys not having much race experience, they had a good race against Radley, losing by 3/4 length. It was a pleasing performance, that allowed the group to come together.

Overall, it was a really good last external race of the year for the J14 and J15 squads. They will now look forward to Winchester match and the last few weeks training in Winchester. (SJL)

Sunday 12th June

Croquet: U18B v Eton College Boys-U18B (a)

We have been looking forward to resuming fixtures this summer, and for opportunities for our newer recruits to play in matches. A team of four novices went to Eton today, where they play on astro, to experience competitive croquet. Despite the home team having the advantage of a familiar surface, our budding players only lost 2-1 to their first pair. All players hit some good shots and showed promise. With thanks to Eton for hosting the fixture. (DIF)

All fixtures details can be found on: <https://sportsfixtures.winchestercollege.org/>

Sporting quote for the week:

“Good teams don't care about who scores. Good teams just care about scoring; they don't care who does it”

(George Karl, Former NBA Coach Utah Jazz)

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