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## Sports Report – Cloister Time 2023, Week 1

**Monday 17th April 2023**

### **Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Harrow School (n)**

We began our season by hosting a Harrow XI at the Ageas Bowl. Batting first, we began slowly and lost Nicholls in the second over. Scoring proved difficult and after LFJ and Malik were removed in quick succession we found ourselves 52-3 in the 18th over. However, Whitfield and Morgan began busily and went about building a good partnership, with Whitfield rotating the strike and Morgan punishing anything wayward of length. They continued to push on with Morgan reaching his 50 first before Whitfield expanded his stroke-play to reach his own 50. The lunch interval did remove some momentum from their progress and as we looked to push on in the final powerplay we lost both Whitfield (63) and Morgan (84) in consecutive balls before Baker was bowled with the next. The experience of Batten, Hall and Gardiner added some late innings runs to take us to 244-7 from our 50 overs.

Morgan and Hockey opened up with the ball and the former could not be kept out of the game for long as he claimed his first scalp with the second ball of the innings. The early introduction of Whillock worked too as he bowled the Harrow opener before Baker added his first of the season with a catch by Hall at mid-off to take Harrow to Tea at 54-3 in the 15th over. Whitehead was introduced at the Pavilion End but it was Whillock's return from the opposite end that brought the next breakthrough with the score on 90. With Harrow 115-4 after 30 overs, Captain LFJ welcomed back Morgan in an impact role and he duly obliged with a brace in his first over. When Whitehead then had the set Harrow batsman caught behind for 51, Harrow were soon 122-7 from 32 overs. There followed a strong, run-a-ball partnership for the 8th wicket as hard running between the wickets and some punishing stroke play began to put us under a little pressure and take Harrow to needing less than 7 per over in the final 9 overs. At this point the skipper turned to Hall who, after conceding 6 from his first 2 balls, then drew a false stroke off a slower ball for LFJ to catch moving around from mid-off. Hall then removed the other set batsman with the second ball of his next over, removing his leg stump. He then followed this up with a slower wide ball that Gardiner took and, despite a slip and initial miss of the stumps, then removed the bats and found the striker still out of his ground. Hall's 3 wickets in 8 legal balls helped confirm the win by 46 runs to get us off to a winning start.. 244 for 7 against 198

Many thanks to Harrow for coming down to play outside of their term. We were incredibly grateful to everyone at HCCC and the Ageas Bowl for allowing us to play on the main ground and for hosting us so well throughout the day. JMB

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **Cricket:**

#### **1st XI v Epsom College (h)**

On a cold, but thankfully dry morning, we lost the toss and were put into bat. Wilf and Henry played well, scoring reasonably freely and backed up with good running too, we were comfortably placed to put on a good score of 200+. Wilf and Henry put on 72, but then we saw a mid innings wobble, in the main down to some good tight bowling from the Epsom spinners. at 119-5, we were struggling slightly, but Zain and Aaron played well and with back up from Kade and Alex too, we posted 185-9 from our 40 overs, Zain scoring 36 from 42 balls, a very mature innings. We started well in the field and reduced Epsom to 45-3, but then an excellent partnership of 71 meant that Epsom wanted 70 from the remaining 12 overs. Callum, Will W, Aaron and Ethan all responded with good spells which meant we kept taking wickets and the scoring rate rose, Epsom



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falling 24 runs short. The boys responded well, particularly as they fielded in the rain and cold, which was not pleasant at all!! 185 for 9 against 161 for 8. (JMB)

### **Yearlings A v Sherborne School (h)**

This was the first fixture for WinColl Yearlings on Meads. Sherborne won the toss and chose to bowl. Some early wickets knocked Winchester's top order to 13-3. A partnership of 40 built between Ayush Shah and James Redfern put Winchester back into a competitive position on a wicket where runs were hard to come by. The Yearling A's finished 142-8 (30) with James Redfern top scoring with 42.

Sherborne's opening batters put them into a commanding position. But after their No.1 batsman retired 52\* and some wickets, Winchester managed to build some pressure and slow the run rate. Despite this, Sherborne managed to get the target score in the last over. Lost by 7 wickets. 142 for 8 against 143 for 3. (THW)

### **Thursday 20th April 2023**

#### **Cricket v Bishop Wordsworth's School & Portsmouth Grammar School**

The 3rds lost the toss and were put in to bat by BWS 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on a sunny day but we had a slow start losing Barnes early for naught. We continued to be slow, but not Tom Symonds, who blasted an entertaining 41\* including four bombs over long on. We finished under par at 106-3. Having warmed up we went in for a bowl and they started quickly before Symonds, still blowing from his knock and Macmillan (overseas pro) picked up a few to stop Bishop Wordsworth's flow, leaving the game at 50-3 after 10. East bowled a good economical spell with hostile bouncers, but a wicket off a no ball and having not dropped a catch all game, the 3rds relapsed to their old ways and dropped 3 or 4 catches, 2 of which were in the same over. Some bombs from their skipper followed, and left Macmillan needing to restrict them to 2 off the last 6 which they achieved with a few to spare. A tough loss, but a great first game of the season, and only a sign of good things to come. Lost by 6 wickets. 106 for 3 against 107 for 4. (Gus Brooke)

On a sunny afternoon, the U17 XI won the toss and elected to bat first against Portsmouth Grammar School in the National Cricket Paper Cup competition. Henry and Charlie batted well and the running between the wickets was excellent too. They put on 164 for the first wicket, Henry making 61. Charlie went on to make his maiden ton for the College, scoring 106 from 100 balls with 12 fours and a six and with support from Seb and Stephen Lam, we posted a good score of 222-4 from our 30 overs.

Once Seb had cleaned bowled the PGS opener at 27, regular wickets then fell. Alex bowled tidily taking 1-11, as did Charlie (2-4 from 4!), but what was really pleasing was the bowling from both Sam Humphreys and George Bowder on debuts in the National competition, Sam taking 1-8 from his 3 overs and George 4-20 from his 4.1 overs, PGS were bowled out for 101, so we move onto the second round. Won by 121 runs. 222 for 4 against 101 ao. (JMB)

### **Saturday 22nd April 2023**

#### **Athletics: The Lutra Shield at The Bill Whistlecroft Stadium, Yeovil (v Sherborne, Kingswood, Dauntsey's, Clayesmore, Bryanston, Canford)**

With only one training session undertaken, the first for the vast majority in almost ten months, a senior squad bolstered by some Vth and MP boys travelled down to Yeovil to compete in the Lutra Shield. Although several pupils were slightly disappointed with their times/distances it was a more than useful first outing of the season and I have no doubt big improvements will be



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made when we head up to Dauntsey's next Saturday. There were a number of podium finishes with notable successes for Harry Draper-Barr, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in both discus and shot and 2<sup>nd</sup> in javelin; Gus Bowden 2<sup>nd</sup> in 110mH and 1<sup>st</sup> in High Jump and Kaito Kawada-Williams with a storming 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 400m and a new PB too. (MSB)

### **Cricket v Bradfield College:**

**Lords** arrived at a very damp Bradfield, particularly the outfield which had suffered from the recent heavy rain. However the pitch was dry and good, so on winning the toss we decided to bat. Wilf and Henry were positive right from the start, but also "watchful" when we needed to be, but always looking to convert 2s in to 3s etc with good running between the wickets. We scored just under 5 an over throughout the first 30 overs and at lunch we were 140-0 off 30 overs, with Wilf on an impressive 84, well supported by Henry.

In such a strong position at lunch, we set about the last 20 overs in a very positive, but professional way, taking on the bowling, but also continuing to run well. Wilf was quick to his hundred and it was a little surprising when he fell to a catch at cover, having made 132 from 112 balls - there were still 10 overs remaining, but the pair had put together an excellent 219 partnership. We continued to take the attack to the Bradfield bowlers, with contributions from Seb (13 off 11), Charlie an impressive and very unselfish 29 from 17 balls and Dom 9 from 6. Henry was the "mainstay" of the innings and batted all the way through for 112 not out, displaying some excellent scoops and a reverse towards the end of his innings and we finished on 318-3 from our 50 overs.

This was a very good score, but it was important to start well with the ball. Seb and Alex went about this well in the first 10 overs, regularly beating the bat, but we were only rewarded with 1 wicket, caught by Seb at mid on off the bowling of Alex. We then turned to spin, with both Will and Callum bowling tidily, although the Bradfield opener also batting well. At tea Bradfield were 118-2 off 30 overs, wanting 10 an over from the remaining 20 overs. For the first few overs, Bradfield attacked us well scoring at 9 an over, however once we had removed the Bradfield opener for an excellent 100, caught well by Alex at extra cover wickets began to fall regularly and from 160-2, Bradfield were bowled out for 181, Callum producing his best ever figures of 7-37. Alex also took 2 wickets to complete a comprehensive victory. Won by 137 runs. 318 for 3 against 181 ao. (JMB)

### **2nd XI (h) Won by 33 runs. 119 ao against 86 ao.**

The **3rds** won the toss and elected to bat on a cloudy day on Doggers, and after we lost a couple of early wickets Brooke (A) and Osborne Young (H) managed to steady the ship before we lost both in quick succession. This brought Payne (A) to the crease who scored a fluent 45\* which brought us to 151 from our 30. Our score was a good effort and Hall (B) and East (C) set out to take wickets in their opening spells. The Bradfield openers found their stride and were in a good position at 60-0 after 10. Brant (B) pegged back the opposition - a great effort since Ferg had not rolled over his leggies since first year. A wicket from East and one from Brooke left them needing 24 off the last 6 overs which they achieved with 8 wickets to spare. A great effort, with no training for some of the lads in over 9 months, which we were pleased with. Lost by 7 wickets. 151 ao against 152 for 3. Gus Brooke (Captain)



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Bradfield won the toss in the **Senior Colts** match and elected to bat in a game shortened to 25 overs. Davies and Malik set the tone in the early overs with some accurate bowling supported by excellent fielding. Bradfield struggled to get into any sort of rhythm and, thanks to continued consistent bowling and lively fielding, had barely passed 100 after 23 overs. They had been trying to up their rate, and unfortunately their slogs now started to pay off so that they had scored 129-7 after 25. This was a shame after such a good fielding performance, but 129 looked makeable.

Winchester batted sensibly initially, but struggled to get ahead of the rate, hitting the ball stylishly to fielders on many occasions: a couple of run outs and some accurate Bradfield bowling didn't help. In the end the scoring stalled and wickets fell as players tried to push on. The game was a lot closer than the result looks, and there is plenty to work on for the coming matches. Lost by 55 runs. 74 ao against 129 for 7. (LNT)

**Sen Colts B (a) Lost by 6 wickets. 72 ao against 73 for 4.**

On a typical 'will we, won't we' April morning the **JCA's** set off for their first game of the season. On a damp wicket James (D) lost the toss and we were put in to bat. Form from Dubai meant nothing as James fell early and Arthur (B) found himself with 14 from his first 6 balls. Aryaveer (K) struggled to get in, but managed to tick over with singles, before finding his form and striking a few fours - he finished with 36 off 71 balls. Some good stroke play and running saw Arthur reach 38 (from 43) before he fell caught and bowled. Brief cameos from Isaac (B) and Seb (A) bookended a fine innings from Stanley (K) who scored an impressive 36 from just 29 balls, including four 4's and a 6. Aaryan (I) and Rory (H) brought our total to 136 from our 30 overs.

The second innings started well and some tight bowling saw Bradfield struggle to score in the first four overs, but extras kept the scoreboard ticking over. At 45-1 off 13 the game looked delicately balanced, and at 64-2 a few overs later it looked to be edging in our favour. Sadly the combination of wickets remaining, field placements and the length of some of the bowling meant whereas our run rate had decreased in the middle overs, theirs shot up and they reached the total with a loss of only one more wicket within 24 overs. James and Archie (I) were the pick of the bowlers, with wickets going to Arthur (2) and Michael (I). The energy and efforts in the field were admirable and continued right to the very end, which is a huge positive in itself.

There are clear targets for the group and we will look to start to address these in preparation for our next matches. Thank you to Mr Smith for umpiring and all the travelling parents, whose support is always appreciated. Lost by 7 wickets. 136 for 6 against 138 for 3. (JPI)

**Jun Colts B (a) Lost by 50 runs. 73 ao against 123 for 5.**

**Jun Colts C (a) Lost by 138 runs. 148 ao against 286 for 4.**

Considering they'd never played together before, I was really pleased with the **YB's** fielding performance. We played ten (TEN) bowlers and everyone contributed. Star of the bowling line up was Lorrie Sawbridge who snaffled 3 wickets. Great spirit but then we came to the batting. Top scorers were Henry Steen and wides, with penalty runs in third place. Nuff said. Thank you to Henry who did a great job of captaining and Fergus who kept well. Lost by 107 runs. 45 ao against 152 for 8. (PAH)

The **Yearlings C** won the toss and stuck to plan A which was to bat first. The opening partnership of Barclay and Higgins played the first two overs conservatively to get a feel for the wicket, before



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quickly finding the gaps and scoring quick singles and doubles. Despite some first-match nerves, the boys settled in and began to score some runs. In the third over, Higgins hit our first boundary, and the partnership continued to score steadily until Barclay was bowled in the seventh over. After a cautious start, Robinson hit a boundary in the 14th over, but the team lost their next wicket when Higgins was dismissed at the start of the 15th over. From that point on, the wickets fell fast and opportunities to score runs were missed. With not many runs on the board, Winchester changed their strategy to try and hit as many runs as possible. At the end of their 25 overs, they had scored a total of 86 runs.

After a quick break, it was Winchester's turn to set the field and bowl. We knew we had to take an aggressive approach after falling short of our initial run target. Robinson took a positive approach to the second innings, opening the bowling and lifting everyone's spirits in the process. A great bowling partnership between Robinson and Medcroft saw Bradfield struggle to score more than a few singles in the first six overs. However, a few slightly scruffy overs from Sullivan and McIntyre gave away more extra runs than Winchester would have liked. They finally took their first wicket in the 10th over, but it was clear by then that Bradfield were on course to win. From the 14th over, we dropped a few vital catches and gave away a few more wides and no balls than we would have liked. Bradfield began to score a minimum of two boundaries per over. However, Winchester remained in high spirits and fought to the very end. In the end, Bradfield won by eight wickets, but Winchester's valiant efforts will not be forgotten anytime soon. Lost by 8 wickets. 86 for 6 against 88 for 2. (JM)

**Yearlings D (h) Lost by 11 runs. 100 for 7 against 111 for 3.**

### **Rowing: Junior Inter-Regional Regatta**

This is a race comprising of the fastest crew of each boat type from the 12 rowing regions in the UK. Winchester College is in the Wessex region, and had two boats, a J15 4+ and J14 4x+, selected to represent Wessex at the event. Being selected to represent the region is a great achievement in itself.

This was also the first regatta of the year, a change in format from the processional racing throughout the winter, to the side-by-side racing that takes place in the Spring and Summer. Both boats had very tough heats and performed well. The challenges of regatta racing were apparent however, and lessons were learned from needing to manage racing throughout the whole course.

Into the B final, the J15 4+ showed real determination and a willingness to adapt to blow away the competition and win by 17 seconds. Whilst disappointed not to have made the A final, their final time showed that is where they deserved to be. They even beat 4 crews in the J16 category. The experience will prove very valuable, with further regattas to come.

The J14 4x+, also into a B final, rowed exceptionally well from the start to the finish of their second race. Wanting to show what they were capable of, they stormed to 2nd place and should take a lot of confidence away from the day. (SJL)

### **Sunday 23rd April 2023**

#### **Cricket Development XI v Free Foresters (h)**

With the poor weather that we had on Friday, we were forced to change pitches, but the ground staff who are doing an amazing job were very helpful so that the game could go ahead. Wilf and the opposing captain decided to play a "time" game and what a great decision that was, as we



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manged to take the last wicket in the last over of the day, having bowled nearly 47 overs back to the opposition, who in turn had bowled us out in the 50th.

We started the game well, with Wilf and James Kennedy on debut playing really well and compiling a 67 run partnership at around 5 an over. Unfortunately we then lost a flurry of wickets and were reduced to 108-4, Wilf was out for 51, James for 26. Henry and Will Matthews played well for their 25 and 22 (at a run a ball) respectively, but it was Aaron who saw the innings through for 46\* and ensured we made a competitive 200 all out.

We opened the bowling with Alex and Will Whitehead, who both had good control, which meant that the Free Foresters were always behind, however they were only 2 wickets down at tea. Will bowled unchanged, 23 overs from one end, which enabled Wilf to change the bowling from the other end, however Sam Humphries also on debut bowled the last eleven overs and finished with excellent figures of 3-38. Leg spin is a difficult art, but he displayed great control especially as his spell developed. Will's spell was pretty exceptional, showing great control and skill and he finished with 7-50, quite remarkable figures including a hatrick!! Won by 62 runs. 200 ao against 138 ao

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

Sporting quote for the week:

*"Great efforts spring naturally from great attitudes."* Pat Riley, Former NBA player and coach

M.S. Burley

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