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Sports Report: Cloister Time, Week 4

Thursday 13th May

Basketball: U18 v Barton Peveril 6th Form College

The last school basketball match was in February 2020 and with minimal school training in months, along with exam absences led to the senior debut for two u16s. The opposition's team included several academy players, in a programme that trains 6-8 hours per week. Such was their passing and movement that Winchester created far more shooting opportunities, and restricting the opposition to 60 showed great determination. In the end, one can't help thinking that with even a couple of hour's training, the result might have been different. On the day, Barton Peveril deserved their victory, but the Winchester team came away having earned the respect of the opposition's coach and compliments from the referee. Stand out performance was Charles Tang with 21 points. L60-38 (LNT)

Tennis v Canford

A solid win for the **1st VI** team helped by the adept tactical play of Ollie Gibbon and Archie Sillars. Having won 2 matches, they managed to come back from a set down against Canford's strong, first pair to share the points. Jack Lonergan and Te Pungpapong used a hard-hitting approach to win 2 out of their 3 as did Hamish Duncan and Rigby Swarovski-Adams who called upon impressive power when serving and rallying. Final result 6½ - 2½.

The **2nd VI** team was the strongest I have ever seen it and made short work of Canford. A particular highlight was seeing Xingchen make his senior team debut. The final score was 7.5-1.5. (TERC)

The **U14A** team played away against Canford and came home with a 9-0 win. Our A1 pair made short work of the opposition while there were some hard-fought battles being won by the A2 and A3 pairs. **The U15A** team played well and secured a 6-3 win. The top two pairs were undefeated although the A1 player won their final match in a nail-biting tie breaker. Although there were no parents supporting the matches, there was quite a crowd near the end as lots of other Canford pupils were waiting to use the courts after the matches. (LJR & AJS)

Golf v Charterhouse (a)

A somewhat exam-weakened Winchester side lost 0.5 - 2.5 to Charterhouse at the lovely Worplesdon GC.

Jordan Thompson & Taanvir Sood had a quality game with several birdies from both teams preventing either side getting their noses too far in front. In the end, both teams finished very steadily leaving the match in a stalemate at the close.

In the second match Tim Kashirin & David Wu both drove the ball very well and battled hard to keep in touch with a strong Charterhouse pairing but did eventually succumb 2 down. Both these Freddieites were showing signs of hitting some form and as the consistency comes through the term, they'll be a force to be reckoned with.

Our final pairing had a couple of younger players Harry Xu & Jack Bristowe (on debut for the senior team) and they struggled early in the match, finding themselves 4 down quite quickly.



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Pleasingly, they both got their heads down and managed to keep the score at 4 down for the rest of the round, showing much promise, should they manage to avoid a slow start next time.
(Jordan Thompson)

Saturday 15th May Tennis v Abingdon

Despite a rain-soaked weather forecast, the decision to go ahead proved a wise one as the full tally of matches was completed.

Both **1st** and **2nd VI** teams needed to be re-configured at the last minute due to illness and injury, and Archie Sillars playing with a strapped hand. Thanks go to Kento Yoneda and Samir Viswanathan for stepping in and agreeing to play for the opposition who had their own problems with 2 indisposed players. However, the results could not have been better with Winchester winning all 18 matches.

Although marred by a slight delay for rain, the **Jun Colts** put in some good performances against Abingdon School on KP. The **As** won convincingly, 6-3, Abingdon's 1st pair proving to be too great an obstacle for any of our pairs to overcome. They were taken very close by Cao and Sawbridge, but even they were overcome in a tie break. Graham and Park comfortably eased to victory in their other two games with some impressive serving from Graham in particular, and Ormond and Barklam did similarly. The story was a little different for our **Bs** who lost 2-7. This final score line doesn't do justice to how close some of the games went, however. Henry Menard gallantly stepped in to play for a missing Abingdonian and, unfortunately for us, played his part in two victories for our opposition! (BHGC)

There were some great games amongst the **U14** contests but unfortunately, torrential rain prevented some of the final matches from concluding and had to be scored as they stood. Our **A-pairs** came away slightly bruised and only took one match (Winchester A1 vs Abingdon A2). Some boys were slightly dispirited by the premature ending as they felt they had a few matches in the bag. Harry Latimer and Oscar Oldenhove performed very well.

The **Bs** did slightly better and the B1 Team took home 2 matches but let their guard down in their last match against their equals which they lost 3:6. The B2s managed to secure a win against the higher opposition team but were generally outclassed. Stefan Ungureanu in the B1 Team had some extraordinarily strong serves and was frustrated about their loss against Abingdon's B1.

The **Cs** struggled to get into their matches although special mention should go to Darsh and OJ who decisively won their first match, had a bitter defeat in their second match and come out victorious in their final match. (JJP)

Rowing: Winchester College J15 vs Southampton University

This weekend the **J15** rowers were finally able to compete against another crew and, despite torrential rain, the team headed to the Solent to race Southampton University's 3rd 8+. Both crews had similar rowing experience and so the boats were evenly matched as they started their long 4km paddle side by side. The J15s quickly showed their dominance on the water and were visibly moving ahead of the university crew as they ended their low rate paddle.



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Once they had reached the bottom of the stretch the crews lined up to race over 1000m at rate 22. The J15s took a commanding lead in the first 500m and so in subsequent pieces the J15s underrated the senior crew by 2spm. Both crews repeatedly raced over the 1000m at 24, 26 and 28. Each time the J15 crew, coxed by Jos Darwin Vogel, was started at a disadvantage and underrated; but every piece was won by the J15s WinColl boys.

The crew hasn't had any racing experience and so the coaching team were very impressed by their composure and rhythm, which was led by George Travis and Lawrence Hagger. The final piece was over 700m and the Southampton crew was un-capped on the rate and went down the track at a staggering 36spm. The J15s on the other hand were rate capped at 32 and moved confidently through the opposition.

Despite difficult conditions and an older, more mature, crew, the J15s showed themselves to be true athletes and represented the college excellently. We look forward to more races against the Southampton University and hopefully some races against crews of the same age! (WRH)

Cricket v Marlborough College

After a quiet but mostly dry week, it looked likely that we would lose all of our games to rain on Saturday. Despite all the away games being cancelled and with some adjustments to the playing schedules we got lucky in the end with only a few showers interrupting play as seven teams managed to play games against Marlborough.

The **Lords** match was switched to Winchester as the Marlborough pitch was unplayable due to the heavy rain which had fallen earlier in the week. Our sincere thanks go to our groundstaff again who ensured we had a good, dry wicket to play on here.

Once again, we lost the toss and were fielding, but on the day and with more showers forecast this was not necessarily a bad thing and having reduced Marlborough to 132-7, we were in the ascendancy. This was due in the main to Malik, 2-28 from his 8 overs and Whillock, 3-32 from his 8, Tall also took the other 2 wickets. However, we were unable to force home the initiative and the 8th wicket pair put on over 80 runs. Marlborough scored 70 off the last 6 overs eventually finishing on 231-8 off their allotted 40 overs.

We started our reply off well, Nicholls and Malik put on over 30, but an unfortunate run out, followed by a collapse meant that at 70-5 we were effectively out of the game. This was more down to us "finding ways of getting out" rather than excellent bowling. Batten and Gardiner staged a mini recovery, Chris once again was the pick of the batters scoring 37, but we were eventually bowled out for 133, with overs remaining.

A disappointing day, one that I hope we take much learning from in terms of how we close out innings and our overall energy in the game. (PNG)

Winchester **3rdXI** lost the Toss and were put into bat; not one of our best starts as after 3 overs we were 0-2! Then some steady batting from Pradyum Thakur (19) and James Nutting (18) helped us slowly set a target. Tom Burge then played excellently for 33* to set 125.



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Marlborough started strongly and the two openers played some lovely flowing shots to take command. Luke Kleingeld picked up two late wickets and had a hat trick ball that was dispatched for 6! we were beaten by 8 wickets from a strong Marlborough 3rd XI. (JRD)

After winning the toss the **JCA**s lost two early wickets. Kulkarni and Hockey went about building their partnership, through good running between the wickets and putting the bad ball away. They accelerated the partnership past 100 from 84 balls as Hockey reached 50. He continued to pull the ball well until he lost his partner, and the strike, as wickets fell at the other end. From a very promising position we struggled to score freely in the closing overs, despite a cameo from Vere-Whiting. 179/9 was still a very defendable total even if it was a little short of what it might have been.

We did not begin well enough with the ball, offering boundary opportunities on both sides of the wicket, perhaps struggling with the left-hand/right-hand combination at the crease. We struggled for control from either end and dropped a chance in the 10th over that would prove costly. Marlborough raced to 100-0 and coasted to the target, with wickets from Kulkarni and Hockey barely slowing the scoring rate. The opening batsman who had been dropped then finished the game off, scoring 99* himself. (JMB)

Sunday 16th May

Athletics

The competitive season for a couple of our athletes began on Sunday as Hopperites Harry Draper-Bar (V) and Poom Phetkeereeskul (VI2) took part in a specialist throws event at Winchester's track facility. In heavy downpours and strong winds which made throwing extremely difficult both boys threw County standard distances in their respective disciplines (Discus for Harry and Javelin for Poom). It was a great experience for both boys, especially as some of the top male and female discus throwers in the country were taking part, notably GB and Olympian athlete Lawrence Okoye.

Athletics really kicks into gear this week with Athla on Thursday and then the first inter-schools meet of the season at Dauntsey's on Saturday. (MSB)

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

Sporting quote for the week:

"If a coach cannot trust your effort and commitment at practice, in the gym or in the classroom how can you be trusted to play in a game?" (Anon)

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