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## Sports Report – Cloister Time 2024, Week 7

### Tuesday 4th June 2024

Cricket: U17 National Schools' Plate v Christ College, Brecon (a):

After a long journey and despite the rather gloomy weather we managed to start and complete the game. We won the toss and elected to field, which proved to be a good decision by Will as we bowled the opposition out for 52.

Amar took two important wickets at the start, one of them a very good catch by James R at point, which set us on our way, but it was really the introduction of our two left arm spinners that did the damage. Casper W bowled with great control and guile, bowling 5 overs and taking 4-7 and Ray N who was hit for two boundaries in his first two balls having the slightly unusual figures of 1.3 overs, 4-9, all dismissals being bowled! Issac H also took a wicket.

We chased down the 52, with both Vedant and Will playing some good stokes both sides of the wicket and both remained unbeaten, Vedant on 21 and Will on 17 respectively. We move onto the next round where we go to Mount Kelly in Devon. (PNG)

### Thursday 6th June 2024

Cricket U14A's v Lord Wandsworth College, Hampshire Schools' Cup (h):

Lost by 1 run. 206 for 7 against 207 for 5.

### Tennis v Radley College

The **1st VI** returned from Leave Out stronger than ever, with a fully fit Xing and a team hungry for another victory. The day started out in ideal fashion, with Winchester going up 3-0, thanks to clinical performances by Park and Tait against the Radley 2nd pair, as well as Oldenrove and Garrett dispatching the opposition's best with great efficiency. As the second round of play progressed, the match was quickly falling in our favour, with just the last round left to play. Cao and Latimer managed to continue their unbeaten run after sudden resistance came from the opposing 1st pair, thus sealing the fixture as an 8-1 win to Winchester. [H Latimer, X]

An exam riddled **2nds** played Radley at home. There were debuts from Joshua (K), Will (F) and Martin (I). First pair Inglis (B) and Williamson-Jones (A) won two close matches with breaks in the final game to win 7-5, before a better performance against the first pair, winning that match 6-3. Gueguen (H) and Mulford (K) won their opening match 7-5 before losing their second 5-7. The 3rd pair of Chipperfield (F) and Moreno gave a good account of themselves, stepping up against a tough opponent. L 4-5.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> VI** team, having had a decent season so far, was rallied together at the last minute by an encouraging Mr. Mercer. The opponents tuned out to be Radley's third senior VI. The sun was intense and that made for some heated games. 1st pair, Wilson T (X) and Holly W (I) playing up a year, stormed past their 3rds 6-3 and proceeded in similar fashion against their 2nd and 1st pair, 6-3 and 6-2 respectively. Holly and Wilson's sharpness at the back of the court could not be underestimated with consistently decent performance at the net as well. The 2nd pair, Arthur D (H) and Pholnart S (H), after a disappointing 6-4 loss in round one, managed to pick themselves up to impressively win the next two matches, 7-6 and 6-3 respectively. Arthur's dominance at the net partnered by Phol's quick, clever shots from the back of the court made light work of the 2nd



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pair especially. Our 3rd pair, Daniil V (F) and Will B (D) notably managed to win against Radley's 2nd and 3rd pairs, 6-4 and 7-5 respectively. The opposition was no match for Daniil's merciless volleys and Will's ever-consistent serves. The overall score was 7-2 to Winchester, a satisfying and rewarding afternoon.

The **U15s** enjoyed a competitive afternoon of tennis at Radley, with everything to play for in both the A and B teams coming into the final round of matches.

In the **B team**, Harry S showed grit in serving out to win his and Winn's first match (6-4), with Harry L and Kourosch winning a tight second match against Radley's B2 pair (7-6). However, although competitive, Radley prevailed in the other B team matches and won the fixture 7-2.

The **A team** fixture was of a very high standard, with smart tactical play by Oscar and Geza nearly earning them a win against both the Radley A1 and A2 pairs, narrowly missing out 7-6 in each match. Freddie and Gregory hit some strong ground strokes, earning an important win over the A3 pair. In the end the fixture came down to a tie break in the match up of the A1 pairs, and despite a few earlier unforced errors, Alban and Dima found their form to win the match 7-6, meaning the A team notched up another narrow but impressive victory (5-4) against a strong team. Well done all! (TDF)

Under the glaring sun, the Radley boys dared to face Winchester **U14As**. Armed with their racquets in a vicelike grip, the Winchester boys stood steadfast away from home.

Phoom and Proad won two of their games with relative ease. However for the Winchester A3 pair, Ismail and Edward, they had a hard time with their matches and had no such luck. Winchester's A1 pair consisting of Barton L and Mathieu L fought their hard-won battles winning 6-1 for both of Radley's A2 and A3 pairs. Radley's A1 held up well against them, but in the end with Barton's ferocious serve and Mathieu clutching with a life-dependending forehand rally, the Winchester A team won. Overall the A team won 5:4. [B Li (X)]

The **U14Bs** had an enjoyable but unsuccessful day against Radley in their Astro courts. Despite really long and great rallies making all the games go to deuce, the results ended up being a bit one-sided. The B1 pair Freddie SD and Theo P and B2 pair of Danny M and Fergus B managed to win one match displaying some fantastic tennis. The B3 pair of Hugh Z and Madj J were eventually beaten after a tough match. Overall the B team were beaten 7-2. [Proad Devaphalin (H)]

The Winchester **U14C** team had a great time today at Radley College. The Winchester Boys stood strong under the blazing heat away from home. It started off with Winchester C1, Barnaby and Arlen, against Radley C2 resulting in a close win for Winchester of 6-4. Next was Winchester C2, Skylar and Thomas, against Radley C3. They fought hard however they were beaten by Radley with a score of 6-2. Winchester C1 continued to play Radley C2 pair beating them 6-4. However, for the last match, Winchester C1 had a very close against Radley's C1 and lost 5-7. Winchester C2 continued to play Radley's C1 and had a hard time with a loss of 2-6, however, Skylar and Thomas persevered through the next match and had a comfortable win of 6-2 against Radley's C2. Winchester C3, Ludo, who was by himself, had his first match against Radley's best C team pair. Ludo was the star of the show and beat Radley's C1 pair with the score of 6-4. He then continued



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to beat Radley's C2 with the score of 6-4 and beat Radley's C3 confidently 6-0. Overall, as a team, Winchester had a great win of 6-3 matches against Radley. [P Kitrungrueangkul (C)]

### **Inter-House Badminton (Jam Pot & Claw Pot)**

The inter-house badminton singles and doubles competition saw some closely contested matches throughout. The singles crown was claimed by Ayson from Cook's and the Freddie's pair of JP and Ricky took the doubles title.

### **Friday 7th June 2024**

#### **Cricket v St. Edward's School, Oxford in National T20 Cup (a):**

After a rather frantic journey to Oxford and after a very busy exams week, we managed to start the game at 5.30pm. Henry won the toss and elected to bat. Teddies bowled well at us, particularly in the first 4 overs, finding their lengths well and we were unable to make full use of the powerplay. James was bowled by a decent yorker, but Henry and Charlie did well to take us to 77 after 11.4 overs, when Charlie was LBW for 31. At this stage a score of 145-150 did look on, which would have been competitive, however we never had the one really good scoring over we required and despite useful contributions from Aaron, Stephen and Rhys, we closed on 131-6 off our 20 overs, Henry making 28.

We needed a good start, however the St Edward's openers took our opening attack on fully utilising the Powerplay, with some excellent striking of the ball and it was not until the 11th over that we took our first wicket, with St Edward's score already on 98! At this stage we saw some good fight from our lads, taking two more quick wickets and at 107-3 off 14 there was still hope. Alas, despite taking another wicket, St Edward's reached their target with 17 balls left. Both Stan and Aaron were the pick of our bowlers, Stan impressively after his first over, returning good figures of 2-20 from his 4 overs and Aaron 1-16 from his 3 overs. (PNG)

### **Saturday 8th June 2024**

#### **Athletics: HSAA County Championships. Portsmouth**

Eleven WinColl athletes had gained selection to represent Eastleigh & Winchester schools at the Hampshire Schools' Athletics Championships in Portsmouth. First up was Athletics' Captain Gus B (F) who won the Senior Boys 400m hurdles and in the process broke the school record. Gus also claimed the high jump county title and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110m Hurdles – a superb day's work. Other senior medallists on the day were Cookites Jad G, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SB Shot Put and Discus and Jeffrey C runner up in the SB Long Jump. There were third places finishes for Kaito KW (F) in the SB 400m and Anthony CB (B) in the SB 200m.

Amongst the younger age groups, Felix C (E) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Inter Boys 100m Hurdles and Osamede A (G) threw a huge pb in the Junior Boys Shot to claim first place. There were commendable performances also from Issa D (I) in the Inter Boys 800m, Ivor M (G) in the IB 1500m, Seb B (G) in the IB long jump and 200m and Ed F (B) in the long jump too. (MSB)



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### **Cricket v St. Edward's School, Oxford**

We returned to St Edward's on Saturday to play our 50 over match in the John Harvey trophy. Henry again won the toss and elected to field.

The same two St Edwards' openers from last night's match came in and attacked from the start. Unfortunately, we were unable to be consistent enough with both our lines and lengths, despite Henry trying to find the right combination of bowlers. The two openers had put on 143 in just over 20 overs, when George managed to break the partnership. The other opener continued to play well punishing anything short or too full, scoring an excellent hundred. At one stage a score of over 400 looked possible, but once again the lads showed good spirit, Alex and Stan in particular bowling good second spells and St Edward's closed on 356-6.

We needed a really positive start, but alas found ourselves 8-2, with Charlie and James both dismissed. However, a good partnership of 54 between Henry and Stephen gave us a little hope although the required run rate was climbing all the time. We then lost regular wickets against good disciplined bowling and found ourselves 77-6. Nevertheless, Rhys initially, and then Stan gave their captain good support, Rhys making 28 of 29 balls and Stan 34 off 25 balls. Henry once again was our mainstay scoring 76 but we were all out for 183 from 43 overs.

A disappointing two days, but we can all take some positive learning as we move onto the last three weeks of the season, with much to play for

**2nd XI** won by 7 wickets.

Following a great win over Bryanston, the **3rd XI** were hopeful going into the game against St Edward's. After winning the toss and opting to bat, we started off strongly and put early pressure onto the opposition bowlers. Kheterpal (38) and Haines (14) ensured that a strong foundation was set as we entered the latter half of the innings. Useful contributions were shared amongst the team, with both Ingram (28) and C Simpson (16) playing some excellent strokes. We ended on a respectable 148 for 7 after 20 overs. In the second innings, H Simson (A) and M Collison (K) both picked up two wickets, helping us to keep the opposition under the required run rate. A tight couple of overs by T Miers (B) kept us ahead of the game, leaving the opposition batsmen struggling to find the boundary. In the end, C Simpson (G) bowled a tidy last over, meaning that we won by 8 runs in a well-fought match. We look forward to our final game of the season against Radley. (V. Kheterpal F)

The **4th XI** elected to bat after captain Bhattacharya won the toss against Lord Wandsworth College on a day of alternately cloudy and sunny weather. Our openers House and Spearing got us off to a solid start. After a couple of wickets fell, it fell on Baxendale to steady the innings, which he did splendidly, waiting patiently for the bad balls to attempt his big hits, making it to a team top score of 33. The last few overs saw some good slogging from Bell, Judge and Clark, getting us to a highly defensible total of 130.

LWC's innings began shakily, with our opening bowlers (Bhagobati and Perks) managing to extract every bit of speed and bounce out of the initially unpromising Lav Meads wicket. But despite long strings of dot balls that beat the bat, their openers kept their wickets and the scoreboard ticking.



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The main breakthroughs come when Maxence entered the attack, with one c & b to dismiss one of their openers an especially impressive piece of fielding. Baxendale did well with the ball and also took a blinder of a catch at long on. Alas, the LWC middle order managed to stay in. Aided by a regular stream of wides, they managed to get close to their target by the 19th over. A couple of boundaries took them to 131 with seven balls to spare.

An enjoyable and competitive game, with especially impressive performances from Baxendale and Maxence, and the usual high standard of keeping from Clark. (NGK)

U15A (h):

The **U15B** struggled to hit our lengths in the first half of the Teddies innings; the short bowling was regularly finding the boundary as two good partnerships got them to 106/2 at the start of the 14th over. A sharp run out from Bruno, followed by a superb spell from Thai (12-3) limited them to 141/7 at the end of their 20 overs.

Gabriel and Bruno's opening stand of 116 from 14 overs had us well ahead, but a direct-hit run out from the boundary removed Bruno (39) and started a mini collapse. Somehow it all came down to the last ball, from which we needed 4, but Gabriel (87\*) cleared the ropes with ease. Having lost a few close games it was great to be on the right side of this result: The diggers won by 5 wickets. (MJR)

With ice creams on the line for run-scoring and wicket-taking, the **Jun Colts C's** were very fired up for their match against Teddies. Batting first, Winchester put on a very solid 124 with a particularly impressive 31\* from H Medcroft (F) with a few great shots to pick up the runs at the end. Then in the field, Winchester started excellently, holding the Teddies batsmen to well below the required run rate for the first 10 overs. However, without a wicket for a while the partnership grew in confidence and started picking up the pace eventually chasing down the required total with just over an over and 6 wickets to spare. Given they were a player down for the entire game, Winchester should be very pleased with their performance and look to finish with a win against Radley. (JOC)

The **Yearlings As** were playing Teddies on a nice sunny June day. The Wicket was rather green. Casper (E) won the toss and decided to have a bowl. Will (H) and Ray (D) opened with some brilliant overs with multiple maidens. Will also claimed two of the opening three batsman for 0 and 4. Unfortunately there were also 2 dropped catches on their Number 1 batsman. Winchester then went on a slight dry spell with both batsman collecting 50s and having a partnership of 120. Finally Casper broke the partnership with a good delivery which was played on. In the 35th over Casper forced the number 1 batsman into chipping the ball straight to mid on to end a very impressive innings of 106 runs. Their total was an impressive 221.

Ray (D) and Felix (E) stepped out to the crease. Both of them were looking comfortable hitting the gaps. Sadly, Ray edged one to keeper. Lewin (H) came out and very shortly after was run out at the non-strikers end with a very unfortunate decision. Isaac (K) and Felix (E) were ticking along nicely when Isaac didn't quite get the distance to the boundary. Thankfully the fielder slipped and fumbled the ball - though he still managed an excellent one handed stop to prevent four. Unluckily the next ball the fielder at deep mid-wicket took at great catch to take Isaac for 20. The score was



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still chaseable as we were a couple of runs above them at this point in the innings. Shortly after Caper (E), Hector (H) and Ollie (B) got out for low scores with Felix (E) feeling bewildered at the other end. After a good innings Felix got out for a respectable 28 to remove almost all hope of victory. Max and Will (H) were at the crease with an unreachable total. They hit a couple of nice shots and then fell leaving Oscar (X) and Sam (A). Oscar played with intent but unfortunately missed one and brought our innings to a close with Sam ending on 2\*.

Overall, Very well played by Teddies however on another day the scores could have been very different. [JPT]

#### U14C's v Lord Wandsworth College

Expectations that **Yearling D** against Teddies' B team was going to a tricky match seemed to be realised after a quick loss of wickets in the first few overs, Yearlings D having elected to bat first. However, admirable batting performances from Conor O'S and Nate P brought the team total 65 all out. All over however it was not, with Alexander S taking his first wicket with the second ball after tea. With wickets taken in quick succession by Theo L and Oliver S, there seemed more than a flicker of hope. Our target however was ultimately a reachable one for our opposition and was made after 13 overs. (TMP)

#### **Sailing BSDRA Thames Valley Championships (a):**

Arriving at Datchet Water Sailing Club on Saturday, there was a solid breeze blowing across the lake. The reservoir is built above ground level so it always has good breeze, and while not sailing you can see Windsor Castle on the far side of the lake, and watch the planes taking off from Heathrow which is about two miles away. Given the nice central location, 20 teams came to battle it out for the Thames Valley Area Championships.

Our teams arrived in buoyant mood, this being the first event for some time (perhaps since before the pandemic) that we were able to field two full Firefly teams of 6 sailors each. Winchester Blue consisted of Hensher (helm), Hollard (crew), Balmain (helm), Fitzwilliams (crew), Edwards (helm) and Bonsall (crew). Winchester Red consisted of A Parkinson (helm), Warner (crew), Büchner (helm), Varouxakis Thomas (crew), Amelie (helm) and Huxley (crew).

The event was sailed in cutdowns (smaller sails) due to the strong breeze. From my position on the finish boat (recording boats as they cross the line) I wasn't able to see much of the racing, but the teams had some well-contested races and learnt a lot. In the end, both teams won four of their eight races, with Winchester Blue placing 8th/20 in the event overall, and Red 11th/20. But I think that these positions do not tell the full tale - there was some very competitive racing at the top of the fleet and the races lost against the teams who eventually came near the top of the table were hard-fought battles not walk-overs.

We were very pleased to field two teams and given that most of the sailors involved will still be with us in the new academic year this is very promising for future development of the squad. [JAAB]



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### Tennis v Sherborne

Coming into the match, the **1st VI** had never played against Sherborne before. Nevertheless, we were confident and got off to a strong start, leading 2-1 after the first round, thanks to 3rd pair Oldenhove and Garrett dismantling the opposing 2nd pair. The second round of play progressed in a similar fashion, with a quick 6-2 win for 2nd pair Park and Hammerson-Jones over Sherborne's 3rd pair, and a second win of the day for the ruthless 1st pair of Latimer and Cao (who, having already broken one set of strings, was now using Mr Mercer's spare racket), taking Winchester up 4-2. Strong serving and accurate returns from Park and Hammerson-Jones respectively helped them to rapidly win their final match 6-1, against their opposite pair, snatching the victory for Winchester 5-4. Despite Sherborne's impressive 1st pair taking all three sets, the fixture was ours overall by the tightest of margins. [M Park, F & H Latimer, X]

The **2nds** played Sherborne for the first time on Saturday. Winchester started off quickly with the Ludo (I) and Oli (G) winning their first match 6-1. The second pair of Hugh (A) and Johnnie (B) recorded their third 7-5 in as many days against Sherborne's first pair and the third pair of Sophia (H) and JP (E) also won 7-5. Ludo and Oli continued their form in the second match picking up another 6-1 win and Sophia and JP won 6-3. With the match secured at 5-1 after two rounds, The final matches were a dead rubber. Oli and Ludo finished their sweep of Sherborne while the other two matches went to tie breaks and the results were split, Hugh and Johnnie claiming a second win of the day. W 7-2. [H Williamson-Jones, A]

This was the first time the schools had met in a tennis fixture. As the sun rays beat down upon the courts at Littleton a truly well-matched **3<sup>rd</sup> VI** encounter began. Representing Winchester: Ollie F (G) & Martin MdB (I), John S (I) & Stefan U (B) and William C (F) & Josh M (K) The former managed to bring home 3 tight wins, proving a strong competitive strength. John and Stefan found themselves in even more finely balanced encounters and nearly managed to come through, winning all, but dropped one match in the tie-break. Will and Josh fared well too and prevailed over the opposition taking all 3 sets. Finishing relatively late owing to the closeness of the matches, the final score-line displayed a commanding 8 - 1 victory to Winchester although this didn't quite tell the whole story as described above.

Sherborne had impressively made the journey to Littleton Tennis Club in good time arriving just after the **Senior Colts A** arrived (from a mere 10 minutes away!). Despite them having only a team of 4, we rotated our pairs around so everyone could take on their players. Daniil V (F) and Henri B (F), Theo C (A) & Will Budden (D) and Arthur D (H) and Phol S (H) paired up and managed to win all 8 sets they played, an impressive display of competitiveness.

Daniil and Henri managed 2 wins with conclusive 6-3 and 6-1 victories against the first and second Sherbourne pairs respectively, with clinical volleys from Daniil and Henri consistently hitting opposition corridors to take the points.

Phol and Arthur spared little mercy too finishing both matches 6-2. Arthur's quickness and surgical precision at the net, combined with Phol's impossible consistency from the baseline, combined to form a fierce pairing,



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Our final pair also had a good afternoon with Theo providing bullet-like ground strokes that Sherbourne simply could not deal with, whilst Will's rapid first serve left the opponents scrambling at times.

In fairness, the score-line of 6 - 0 does not represent a true reflection of the closeness of some of the matches. However, the sweet victory was a satisfying end to a successful match season. [TERC]

The mighty **U15A** Wykehamists, armed with racket and ball, began the journey to face the little known foe, Sherborne. The battle bus raced through the picturesque country landscape until they finally arrived on the battleground. Alban and Dima, like Federer and Nadal, rained winner after winner on their opponents and dispatched all three pairs mercilessly. The shot of the day came from Dima - a ferociously hit backhand, a whip down the line, that left spectators and opponents applauding.

A similar tale can be told about Leo and Vas, the dynamic duo, who swept their opponents off the court. The opponents had no answer for the hard-serving Vas and Leo's cultured forehand. They two raced into a 3-0 victory over their pairs, hardly dropping a set. Most impressive of all were the exploits of Xander and John. They won all of their games without dropping a set. All boys participating came out victorious, with the A's winning 8-1, B's 7-2 and C's 7-2. [JA]

The **Yearlings A** played some excellent tennis in the summer sunshine, sprinkled with a warm breeze at the tennis courts at Sherborne. The third pair of Edward and Ismail had a great day-winning two of their matches relatively easily. The second pair Phoom and Proad also managed to win two, beating their complementary pair 6-0 at the end. A standout performance from Phoom when recovering from his groin injury (after Sherbourne A1 shot a terrifically fast ball towards Phoom). With some difficulties at the start, the A1 pair managed to win all their sets. Though Barton and Mathieu had slight miscommunication with their respective A1 pair, their quick-thinking and Wykehamical-determination eventually won them their last set. Overall, the U14As won 7:2. (B Li)

The **Bs** had a great day against Sherborne School, with every pair winning at least two of their matches. We faced heavy resistance against the opposing team's B1s, however managed to overcome them by sweeping through the remaining two pairs with great net and baseline play. (H Zhou).

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

Sporting quote for the week:

*"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."* Former UCLA Basketball Coach, John Wooden

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