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Sports Report: Cloister Time, Week 8

The penultimate week of term has not seen any reduction in the sports programme with hundreds of boys still practicing and representing the school in matches. It has been especially gratifying to see a number of top year boys continue to turn out and play for the school in these last few weeks of term, making the most of their time at Winchester. In particular I'd like to thank Paddy Fisher, Alex Mani, Paul Edwards, Edward Bence, Conrad Dodd, Tom Burge, Luke Kleingeld, Rigby Swarovski-Adams, Ollie Gibbon, Dom Du Bouley, Guy Jones, Will Simmons, Edward Beveridge, Hamish Rogers and Tim Kashirin for all their efforts and commitment to school sport this term.

Tuesday 21st June: Cricket v Bradfield College

Jun Colts A (h): Lost by 116 runs. 56 ao v 172 for 7.

On a hot afternoon and with weakened bowling resources in particular, **the U15Bs** struggled to contain a powerful batting line-up. Particular credit goes to Maxence for his energetic patrolling of the boundary. In reply, the star of the show was Milo Hoffman with 80 not out, though he received some good support from Max Collison too. The game may have been lost but in batting the overs and putting together a decent total the U15Bs once again showed that they don't tend to go down easily. Bradfield batted first and scored 240 for 5, Winchester scored 151 for 7 in reply. (JM)

Jun Colts C (h): Lost by 10 wickets. 82 ao v 83 for 0.

The **Yearlings A** took to the field for the first innings, with a brilliant spell from Archie Lawson, who bowled 7 overs, of which 3 were maidens, only 11 runs were conceded and he gained a well-deserved wicket. Isaac Claisse came into the attack later in the innings, where he bowled plausible line and length and could have picked up a few wickets. The innings finished with the opponents having scored 214, well above par due to some poor work in the field. There are a few take-aways from this innings, which we will hopefully implement into our next game.

James Kennedy and Arthur Hampel opened up the batting, playing the pace well and getting off to a good start. James Kennedy stayed on valiantly, scoring a well-deserved half-century. Rory McGregor came in later on, putting in a great effort to score some runs, emphasising the importance of quick singles and scoring in the gaps. Unfortunately, we were overcome and fell to defeat. We will come back stronger and utilise all practise sessions and with more games to come this season are looking for a successful end to the season would be ideal.

Once again, thank you to Mr Conolly and Mr Taylor for administering the match and coaching us. We will be resilient! (Aryaveer Baljee, K)

Yearlings B (a): Lost by 8 wickets. 69 ao v 70 for 2.

On a hot and sunny afternoon, the **Yearlings C** lost the toss and took to the field. They were active and showed much energy and desire for victory. Bradfield's strong batting proved difficult to dislodge with Alberto taking two wickets with a low economy. The target set was 144, this was always going to be a hard target. Our wickets fell quickly, three in one over and Bradfield bowled with pace and accuracy. Toby and Rufus Winkley shared the highest run total with 8 runs. 31



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Extras helped our push. Sadly, by the 16 over, all wickets were lost. A good final game and the team will surely build upon their experience next year. (PM)

The **Yearling Ds** completed a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Bradfield to record their fifth consecutive win of the season. Runs from Will Hagger (35 not out), Luke Edwards (19 not out), Max Jackson (16) and Will Hammerson-Jones (11) saw Winchester home to their target of 145 with more than two overs to spare. The Ds are now facing the realistic prospect of achieving a rare undefeated season, with only the final fixture against Radley to come next week. (JL)

Thursday 23rd June

Athletics: Eastleigh & Winchester District Schools' Track & Field Competition

A team consisting of 7 MP and 2 JP boys competed at the Eastleigh & Winchester Inter-Schools' Track & Field Team Competition. With one competitor per event a number of the boys doubled up in two events or one event plus relay and impressively finished 2nd place out of 12 schools, narrowly missing out on the victory by just 3 points. Top performer on the day was Jad Garlick who won both the shot put and discus to take maximum points. Jad not only broke the school record for the 4kg shot put but also broke the competition record too! There was an excellent first place finish for Jeffrey Chan in the triple jump and Maxwell Yu took 2nd place in both his heat and the final of the 400m. The relay team also put the after-burners on to claim a podium place with a fine 3rd place finish in the 4 x 100m. (MSB)

Cricket:

2nd XI v Bedales School (h): Tie. 134 for 8 v 134 for 3.

Cheltenham College

Lords lost the toss and we found ourselves in the field on what looked a good batting surface. We started well with the ball bowling good lines with Alex and Dom opening up. We were however wicketless until the 8th over when a fantastic piece of fielding claimed a wicket. Alex, at 3rd man, dived full stretch to prevent a certain 4 and palmed the ball in-field where Wilf, running from 1st slip, collected and threw to George who took the bails off as the Cheltenham opener was running for a third run!! Unfortunately, the rest of our fielding did not quite reach these levels again!! However, we bowled well and economically; Callum (1-23 off 10), Will Matthews (2-38) on debut and Will Whitehead (1-16 off 10) and at lunch Cheltenham were 64-5 off 30 overs!

After lunch, again we were a little sloppy with some of our "out cricket" but Cheltenham never really pushed up the run rate and finished 153-8 off their 50 overs, Dom finishing with 2-27.

Wilf and Henry set about the reply with good intent playing each ball on its merit and it was good to see Henry return to form. Wilf played well, hitting any short or full-length ball mainly to the boundary, one shot over mid-on particularly impressive! Wilf finished on 88 and Henry 49 as we won by 10 wickets, an impressive unbroken stand of 154.

We are now top of the John Harvey Trophy with a winner takes all game against Radley to come next Thursday. (PNG)

Jun Colts A (h): Won by 11 runs. 189 for 1 v 178 ao.

Jun Colts B (h): Lost by 10 wickets.



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On a warm, rather than hot day, which was threatening rain and thunderstorms, **Yearlings A** hosted Cheltenham in a 30 over John Harvey Cup game on Doggers. We lost the toss and were put into the field by the opposition captain. The Cheltenham openers then took advantage of some slightly wayward bowling from our opening pair with an unbroken 50 partnership. Taking pace out of the attack produced instant results; Freddie Spearing (I) dismissed one opener after a good take (on the second bite at it) behind the stumps from Aaryan (I). A brilliant shy at the stumps from Arthur (B) accounted for another wicket early doors and was a great example of what our fielding can look like at its best. Freddie and Archie's (I) spell pulled things back for us with both bowlers costing less than 4 an over, bringing the overall run rate back down to a more manageable five. Isaac (B) was extremely impressive and kept their big hitter at bay with a tight line outside off stump. Spin continued to prove very useful as Arthur and Seb (A) kept them to an attainable target of 170-5 from their thirty.

Rory had a meteoric rise from the tail end to No.2 but unfortunately failed to find gaps and was clean bowled by their opener. It was clear after the loss of another wicket at 20-2 that we needed some serious digging in. James (D) did this extremely well. However, some badly judged shots and running between the wickets left James and Stanley (K) at the crease. James made a well fought 30, but wickets continued to fall. Stanley and Aryaveer (K) stuck at it and formed a decent partnership before Aryaveer was given out to a full toss which initially looked to be a no ball. Some big hitting from Isaac, a fifty from Stanley and, on return from injury, a good knock from Archie left us needing 14 off 12. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we didn't quite get there in the end, falling five short of the tie.

We look forward to the next few games, particularly the county cup final. As we continue this very enjoyable season, I would like to thank the umpires, ground staff and parents who contributed to a great atmosphere on Doggers today. (Freddie Spearing, I)

Yearlings B (h): Lost by 8 wickets. 88 ao v 89 for 2.

Friday 24th June: Rowing: Henley Qualifiers

A great performance from the 1st VIII in progressing through the time trials to make it through to the 1st day of competition at Henley Royal Regatta. The bo7ys race on Tuesday in the 1st round of the Princess Elizabeth Cup against Norwich School.

Saturday 25th June

Athletics: Triangular match v Canford & Dauntsey's at Canford.

In the final match of the season it was great to see a strong showing across all the two competition age groups. Amongst the juniors there were 1st place finishes for Hunter Liu in the 100m & 200m, Maxwell Yu in the 300m, Jeffrey Chan in the long & triple jump and Jad Garlick in the shot put. The senior athletes taking 1st place were Jack Pascoe in the 400m, Jason Nzewi in the 800m, Hamish Rogers in the 100mH, Gus Bowden in the high jump and Harry Draper-Barr in the shot put and discus. These performances helped see Winchester to victory across the boys' competition.

Cricket v Canford School

What a great game of cricket played on the Ageas main ground as **Lords** hosted Canford at the home of Hampshire CCC. A fantastic experience for both the lads and parents, the only slightly disappointing part was that there were not more people there to watch and enjoy.



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We won the toss, but were reduced to 37-3 against some good, tight bowling. Henry edged to the wicket keeper, Zain to first slip and Wilf was caught at deep mid-wicket. Chris and Fletcher had to then rebuild which understandably was a little slow at first, but we managed not to lose further wickets and were 87-3 off 30 at lunch giving us a platform to push on. This we did; Fletcher and Chris played very well as a partnership. Chris looking to rotate the strike and Fletch looking for boundary options and their stand of 148 was superb in the circumstances. Pat Ritchie followed up with a more than useful 24* off 12 balls, timing the ball very well and we posted 231-7 from our 50 overs, which was a great effort especially from lunch.

However, we knew we needed to bowl well and taking two early wickets was just what was required, but the Canford Number 4 ensured that they were always up with the run rate being particularly ruthless on anything bowled wide of the off stump. Paddy turned to himself and Callum and this steadied the ship taking valuable wickets and both bowling through their 10 overs, Paddy 1-33 and Callum 3-33. At tea Canford were 112-6 from 30 overs, but with their key batsman still in. Unfortunately, what should have been a 20 minute break became an hour due to rain, but the Ageas ground staff were superb in both covering and then removing the covers as soon as possible so that we did not lose any overs.

We did not bowl as well as we needed to and Canford kept up with the rate. Despite losing a couple of wickets they still required 23 from the final 3 overs with 2 wickets in hand. Ed Jack, part of the Hampshire Academy and Canford's best batter had played a great innings and hit 15 in the third from last over although he was slightly fortunate in that the 3rd ball went to long-on where Wilf took the catch but could not avoid stepping over the rope! Canford required 7 from 2 overs and then 6 from the last 7 balls but after Fletch had bowled a great first 5 balls the last ball went for 4 unfortunately leaving Canford requiring 2 from the last over and then 1 from 5 balls. Canford's Jack took a single off the first ball but then Alex produced a great yorker to remove the number 10 batsman. The scores were level; last man in and much excitement in the stands. Alex bowled a full-length ball which their number 11 managed to squeeze out through the off side ensuring a win for Canford with 3 balls to spare. A really good game, with loads to take from as we approach a very important final week. (PNG)

2nd XI (a): Won by 7 runs. 155 ao v 148 ao.

Jun Colts A (h): Lost by 1 wicket. 180 for 4 v 182 for 9.

The **JCB's** dug themselves into a hole to be 11 for 6 after 5 overs having chosen to bat first, including two run outs that were the batting team's fault. However, Maxence dug them out again (95) with a little help from Jamie Cotterell in a 43 run partnership from the 7th wicket, and a little bit more help again from Benedict Judge (44) in a partnership of 115 for the 8th wicket.

Canford were kept behind the run rate in their reply by disciplined bowling from Jonas Bhattacharya (2 for 16 from 5 overs) and Max Collison (also 2 for 15 from 5 overs) but it needed Maxence, in his first match spell of the season, to bowl the Canford opening bat when he was on 55 for the game to be secured. Winchester won by 20 runs. Winchester 176 all out in 25 overs Canford 156 for 7 in 25 overs. (JM)

Yearlings A (a): Lost by 14 runs. 132 for 90 v 146 for 9.



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Yearlings B (a): Lost by 39 runs. 56 ao v 95 for 8.

Sailing: Inter-House Competition – Clementi Pot

Congratulations to Beloe's who claimed first place in the inter-house sailing regatta. Kenny's and Freddie's took 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Tennis v Radley College

History beckoned for the 1st VI, with a second consecutive unbeaten season the prize if Radley could be seen off on Palmer Field. Rigby SA celebrated his accession to the captaincy by promoting himself to 1st pair along with Lucas Brunner; they brought home two points from a possible three. As usual, Freddie VE and Chris Lee and this, along with the half point brought in by Xing Cao and Ali Cliff (on 1st VI debut) was enough to seal a remarkable season. With five of this team still at the school next year, the future looks bright.

The 2nd VI haven't lost since the first day of the season and their 9-0 victory was their fourth clean sweep of the term. Particular mention goes to Yasu Suzuki playing his last match for Win: Coll: and bringing home the bacon as ever despite the apparent lack of anything even approximating a backhand! (RJHM)

The **Jun Colts** capped an excellent season – the As haven't lost since a 4-5 reverse to MCS at the very start of term – with two 8-0 dismantlings of Radley. Both points dropped were on tie-breaks. Thought now turn to the ISTA Championships at Eton this weekend where Harry Latimer, Oscar Oldenhove, Adan Rubin and Dan Garratt will test themselves against the best Independent-School pairs in the country. (RJHM)

In blustery conditions the **U14A** made light work of Radley, dropping only a handful of games. Will Hammerson-Jones (A) and Max Jackson (A) worked particularly well together and volleyed especially effectively. They conceded just one game. Phol Suksriwong (H) and Theo Coles (A) also volleyed well, and Daniil Vorobev (F) and Wilson Tang (Coll.) produced some excellent rallies from the back of the court. Won 9 – 0. (BHGC)

All fixtures details can be found on: <https://sportsfixtures.winchestercollege.org/>
Sporting quote for the week:

"It takes time to create excellence. If it could be done so quickly, more people would do it."
(Former UCLA Basketball Coach, John Wooden)

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