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Sports Report – Cloister Time 2023, Week 9

Tuesday 20th June 2023

Cricket:

U18 Girls v Marlborough College (a).



Marlborough College were excellent hosts for our first ever girls cricket fixture. Playing pairs, Winchester batted first and faced some quick and accurate bowling from Marlborough. All players kept their heads and whilst the pace took some adjusting to, we scored some well earned runs. Ines opened with confidence and Cecily and Rosaleen were not afraid to swing the bat with intent. Marlborough were disciplined with the ball and their experience showed as they took some excellent wickets. Swapping over after tea, we were strong in the field with reliable throwing and backing up from Anna and Olivia as well as brilliant catch from Allie. Marlborough scored runs more freely and quickly than we did but as captain, Maya marshalled the bowlers and the field very well and clean bowled a Marlborough player with a first rate delivery too. Much credit to all of the Winchester players who encouraged each other throughout. Amara was nominated by Marlborough as our player of the match.

This was the first cricket fixture that any of the girls had played in so their commitment augurs well for greater success next year. They learnt an enormous amount and thoroughly enjoyed themselves too. Our thanks to Marlborough for playing a great game in just the right spirit. [AEH]

U17A v Clifton College (a).

Henry managed to win the toss again and we elected to bat first; there had been some overnight rain around, but the pitch was hard if a little green.

We had a great start aided by some slightly wayward bowling and put on 46 for the first wicket in just over 6 overs, when Henry inside edged to the Keeper. Seb quickly followed caught down the leg side by the keeper. Ethan looked good, playing neatly off his legs and straight down the wicket, but then played across one to the same bowler and was LBW and we were 71-3, although the run rate was still good. Charlie and Jack looked to consolidate a little, but the run rate slowed and when Jack was run out the pair had put on 54, but only 10 overs remained. Charlie was also run out a little later for a well constructed 46, although unusually for him this had come off 80 balls! We were indebted to both Aaron and Stephen, who both made useful scores of 25 (20 balls) and Stephen 17 (20 balls), which meant that with two overs to go a score of close to 200 was still on, however some good bowling restricted us to a score of 183-9. We felt this was competitive, but we knew we would have to bowl well and take our chances.



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We changed the bowling around a little with Alex taking the new ball alongside Aaron. To Henry's credit this decision worked really well. Alex was able to move the ball away from the bat on a regular basis, bowling an excellent line. Aaron extracted some movement into the bat and with some good field placings on either side of the wicket Aaron took the first 3 wickets. There were two catches on the leg side and some quick thinking from James who saw the opener out of his crease "dawdling" and threw the ball standing back to complete the stumping. Clifton then had a mix up which resulted in a run out and found themselves at 27-4 from 10 overs. Seb came onto bowl switching ends with Alex and bowled with good control whilst Alex maintained his lines but from the other end.

Ethan replaced Seb, Charlie replaced Alex, both bowled again with great control and wickets fell regularly. Seb came back on for another two overs and took a wicket caught at slip by Henry, Charlie bowled five overs unchanged from the other end and Clifton were bowled out for 86, Ethan picking up the last wicket well caught by Seb in the deep. Aaron finished with 3-22, Seb 1-13, Ethan 2-14, Charlie 3-7, Alex 0-24 (very unlucky not to pick up a couple of wickets) - an excellent all round performance. We play Merchant Taylors in the National Quarter Final next. Won by 97 runs. 183 for 9 against 86 ao. (PNG)

Yearlings A v The Portsmouth Grammar School (h). Hampshire School Cup Final

Amar Fernando won the toss and we elected to bat. On the familiar Meads pitch, our top batsmen gave us a very steady base with George Coles opening with a total of 21. Vedant Shah very nearly obtaining a 50 at 49 runs and Amar Fernando with 34 runs. At the end of the innings we were 163 for 6.

Ayush picked up an early wicket against their opener which gave us very good momentum for the rest of the match. Isaac picking up four wickets, we then started steadily picking up wickets and eventually comfortably won the game by 64 runs. Isaac Leung [JP, K]

House Shooting

Well done to Toye's who win the Goaman Pot (best house pair) with 36/60 and to George Stephenson from Toye's who wins the Chute Cup (high gun) with 19/30. Will Gladston from Hopper's came a close second to George with 18/30. It was a very testing layout with some challenging targets that caught many of you out! (MSK)

Wednesday 21st June 2023

1st XI v Bradfield College (a). Last 16 of T20 National Schools Cup

We lost the toss and found ourselves in the field. Bradfield were away to a fast start with 12 off the first over and showed their intent right from ball 1, which went for four. However in Callum's next over, Dom took a good catch at Mid off and with Seb bowling tidily at the other end, we managed to steady the run flow. Will came on and immediately bowled the Bradfield Number 3. Bradfield at this stage were 30-2 in the 5th and with the introduction of our spinners we managed to restrict the boundaries and at 75-3 in the 13th we were in the game. However the Bradfield Number 5 played excellently combining superb sweeps, with paddles and great intent with his running, and the run rate increased as Bradfield scored 52 between the 13th and 19th overs. Callum bowled a great last over, taking two wickets and only conceding four runs, one an excellent catch diving low down to Seb at long on - Seb took two other catches too. Will finished with 2-16 from his four, Ethan 1-22 and Callum 3-33 and we needed 137 for victory.



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We required a strong positive and intelligent start, however we soon found ourselves 10-3 in the 3rd over! Henry played well and we looked to have recovered a little to 25-3 but he was then out caught at backward point. We then lost both Dom and George in quick succession and were 37-6 in the 10th over. Losing both wickets and not scoring at a good enough rate is extremely costly especially in a T20 match! To our credit we kept going. Seb, although not at his fluent best and surviving a dropped catch, was still there and Aaron added some impetus so we managed to move onto 72 requiring 56 from the last 5 overs. Unfortunately Aaron was then well caught in the deep just when we looked as though we had a little ascendancy. Zain came in and played well, but we lost Seb still requiring 46 with only 14 balls remaining. We kept going but the rate proved too much with us closing on 116-8. A disappointing result, but with the Season very much still alive we need to pick ourselves up and look forward to the last week of term. Lost by 21 runs. 116 for 8 against 137 for 6. (PNG)

Athletics: Winchester & Eastleigh Year 9 & 10 Championships

Our athletes attended the Winchester & Eastleigh Yr 9 & 10 Championships on Wednesday. With the majority of our team Year 9 we were always likely to be up against some very physically developed opponents from Year 10 amongst the 16 other competing schools and this proved to be the case. The standout performances were from Issa Duggan (MP, I) and Edward Fangzhou (JP, B) who performed very well in this competition coming close to their personal bests in the 1500m and Discus respectively and finishing in the top 3 in their events. Overall, the team finished 6th/19 schools. (DS)

Thursday 22nd June 2023

Cricket v Cheltenham College (a)

On a perfect day for batting the **JCs** won the toss and on a good pitch elected to bat first. James (D) and Arthur (B) started well building a solid foundation of a 46 partnership before Arthur top edged one to backward square. Hugo (I) joined James at the crease and they managed a partnership of 59 in relatively quick time, with James bringing up yet another half-century whilst adding the majority of the runs before Hugo fell. This brought Stanley (K) to the crease and he and James built a solid partnership rotating the strike well and punishing the bad balls to keep the scoring rate ticking over. Soon enough, James, having somewhat farmed the strike, brought up his second century of the season scoring excellently all around the ground. However eventually Stanley fell for a well-made 38, ending the 117 partnership and in quick succession James was dismissed for a superb 122. From then on handy contributions from Rory (H), Isaac (B) and Aryaveer (K) took us up to our highest ever score (and indeed the highest we can see on record in recent years) in 35 overs of 271.

Due to a slow over rate we got straight out and Stanley and Seb W (G), on debut, started well, each picking up a wicket early to dismiss both of their openers. Seb was particularly impressive going at just two runs per over and was backed up by Isaac who bowled tightly with good consistency. Soon though, leg spin was bought on at both ends and both Freddie (I) and Arthur bowled well creating pressure. This was rewarded with a brilliant direct hit run out from Freddie. Arthur improved as he got into his spell and took regular wickets including a beautiful googly to pick up his first 5fer ending with 5-31 and helping us bowl out Cheltenham for 152 and win by 119 runs. A mention must go to Aaryan who, while fielding, doubly dislocated his finger. All in all a great win and thanks to Mr Taylor and Mr Smith for their coaching, and scoring and umpiring respectively. Won by 119 runs. 271 ao against 152 ao.



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Despite a breezy start for the **U15Bs** against Cheltenham (45 for 0 after 6 overs) thanks to 25 from Mitchell and 25 from Gordon, Cheltenham were able to regain control thanks to a talented spinner and 135 for 9 off 25 overs felt difficult to defend on a small pitch. Margolin and Sharma used the turning wicket to try and halt the Cheltenham advance (Margolin bowling one peach of a googly to take his first of two wickets) and good discipline in the field meant that it took 20 overs to get to the winning line - but get there they did. Lost by 7 wickets. (JM)

After coming off of a convincing victory against PGS in the County Cup Final, the **Yearlings A** were looking for more success against Cheltenham. Following a very tedious two hour bus journey, Amar Fernando (I) lost the toss again and we were put into field. The boundaries were really small and there were many runs to be had. The Cheltenham opening pair were looking very solid and ended up getting a 162 runs partnership, after Isaac Leung (K) got the breakthrough with James Redfern (A) taking a great one handed catch at backward point. The second wicket came fairly quickly after, with Ayush Shah (E) picking up a wicket and soon followed by Amar getting a wicket caught and bowled in the next over. Cheltenham ended up on 243/3 after their 30 overs with one of their opening batsman getting 135*!

Winchester opened up with George Coles (D) and Ayush. The lads knew that a big chase was needed but was certainly possible. George and Ayush played very well to start off our innings, with an array of boundaries being hit all around the ground and the pair passing a 50 partnership in the 6th over. The first wicket fell in the 7th over with George being caught but making a solid 36 runs. Vedant Shah (D) and Ayush built a brilliant partnership, with Ayush passing 50 in the 17th over we were looking on track. He ended up making an excellent 79 runs, and the pair had a 118 run partnership! Vedant Shah kept pushing on and passed 50 and ended up making a quality 59 runs. With the run rate increasing Winchester ultimately came out on the losing side, although the Yearlings A put in a valiant effort, ending on 217/5 off of our 30 overs. Lost by 26 runs. 217 for 5 against 246 for 3. (James Redfern, JP, A)

Another narrow loss for the **YBs** but enjoyable all the same. On a good wicket with a fast outfield, Cheltenham put on a decent 138 from 20 overs. Archie was the pick of the bowlers with 3-18. We batted well with Fergus scoring 40 and Henry 30 but came up 5 runs short. The difference was probably extras. Lost by 7 runs. 132 for 4 against 139 for 8. (PAH)

Tennis v St Edward's School

And so it ended: another unbeaten season for the **1st VI** who flung themselves into the Itchen afterwards with triumphant abandon. Particular credit should go to Apostolides and Howman, who saw off the oppo's second pair to set us on the path to victory and were the first to win in the final round, thus sealing the unbeaten season. W6-3

Elsewhere, the **2s** handed out a 9-0 pasting, Harry Latimer marking his senior debut with a 6-0, 6-0, 6-0 scoreline! W9-0 (RJHM)

The **U15A** team produced a dominant performance against St. Edward's. The first pair of Max Jackson and Arthur James-Duff were imperious winning all three matches 6-0, and the second pair of Phol Suksriwong and Rocket Boon-Long won all three matches as the team won 8-1 overall. (KF)



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The **U15B** Tennis team produced a strong performance against St. Edwards to win the fixture 7-2 overall. The first pair of Will Budden and Henry Ding were the stars of the afternoon, winning all three of their matches 6-2. (KF)

Saturday 24th June 2023

Athletics v Dauntsey's School, Canford School, Sherborne School, King's Bruton, Monkton School (a)

For our last athletics meet of the year we took 23 athletes to Dauntsey's School for their end of season quadrathlon event consisting of the 100m, 800m, Long Jump and Shot Put, which all competitors had to compete in.



Our inter boys kicked off the competition by not only winning the 800m but claiming 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place with Ivor Martin and Issa Duggan fighting for the victory, Ivor claimed the win with a close photo finish. Our senior boys had strong finishes in all the four events which ultimately led to Kaito Kawada-Williams claiming the overall bronze medal and Gus Bowden finishing with the Silver Medal.

The Junior boys competition was close with some fantastic competitors from Canford, Dauntsey's and Sherborne. Seb Browning finished with the silver medal overall, only 5 points off gold.

Cricket v Canford School

Once again and even with a different captain, **Lords** found themselves in the field. We were without Wilf and Dom, so Chris took over the Lords captaincy for the first time. Alex and Aaron bowled a very decent opening spell, Alex once again beat the outside edge on several occasions until the opener was well caught by Seb at second slip and it was great to see Alex bowling with 3 slips. Aaron at the other end bowled a good line and was disciplined. Alex picked up a further wicket when the Canford skipper who had played well, edged a ball that bounced and moved away to George and at 24-2 we were on top.

We changed to spin and both Will and Callum in particular found plenty of bounce and turn, although Will was struggling a little with an injury to his finger. To Canford's credit they played really well and put on 76 for the 3rd wicket until Charlie took a good catch at point off Callum. From 102-2, Canford collapsed to 110-6 against both Callum and Charlie. We were not quite at our best after lunch and were indebted to Will Matthews who ran out the Canford number 7 with a direct hit. Pat Ritchie bowled a tidy spell and Charlie's 10 overs only went for 27. Alex



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returned to bowl the last man with a slower ball and Canford were 166 all out, Callum taking 3-50, Alex 3-24, Charlie 2-27 and Pat 1-10.

Charlie and Henry played very positively with good shots down the ground and through the off side, plus excellent choices of sweeps and they put on an excellent partnership of 85 for the first wicket, Charlie falling for a well constructed 45 and Henry 38. It was left to Chris and George to secure the win with a good stand of 63, Chris was 40* and George 21* and we won in the 32nd over with 8 wickets in hand. Won by 8 wickets. 167 for 2 against 166 ao. (PNG)

2nd XI (a) Lost by 32 runs. Canford 176 for 6 against 144 for 5

The mighty **3rd XI** travelled to St Edward's, Oxford on a lovely sunny afternoon. Teddies chose to bat in a T20 Blast. Winchester kept the ball on good length and line and restricted them to 55-2 off 12 but they then accelerated to finish 147-5. Henry and Gus opened up well but credit to all bowlers who kept them to a beatable score. Some dropped catches were not to affect us as the chances were tough.

In reply Angus (46) and Ted (28) got us off to a great start reaching 80 before we lost them both. Anthony and Gus then came and went quickly but then James (28) and Isaac (22) played some creative shots to put on 53 before again departing with just 10 runs needed to win. Enter Dom Jackson to pummel two boundaries for a great win. Well done boys. Won by 4 wickets. 148 for 6 against 147 for 4. (JRD)

Jun Colts A (a) Lost by 6 wickets. 194 for 4 against 192 for 6

After along hot Thursday came a glorious Saturday and a straightforward win for the **JCB Diggers**. Things started well when Ethan Xiao threw down the stumps to remove one of the Canford openers in just the second over. Thereafter, despite the odd wide counting for 2 in this game, the U15B bowled with good control and wickets fell regularly throughout the Canford innings. Their total of 124 for 7 in 25 overs never seemed quite enough. Of note on the bowling front were the spinners Margolin and Sharma, Margolin extracting considerable turn off the wicket in particular. Mehrotra's two wicket maidens in a row was also key in limiting Canford's progress.

In reply, Gordon hit all the bad balls to the boundary (eventually scoring 52) and was well partnered by Sawhney and Simpson (33 not out) as the finishing line was crossed with 9 overs to spare. Won by 7 wickets. 125 for 3 against 124 for 7 (JM)

After a close defeat against Cheltenham College, the **Yearlings A** team were reading for their next match against Canford. Amar Fernando(I) won the toss and chose to bat. George Coles(D) and Ayush Shah(E) opened the batting. Unfortunately, we lost George early but after that Ayush Shah and Vedant Shah(D) put up a brilliant partnership of 129 in about 19 overs. Most bad deliveries were well put away with both players playing very confidently through the leg side and rotating the strike backward of square on the offside as well. After the 15th over, the two really started to accelerate scoring 10-12 runs per over regularly. We were 154-1 after 21 overs when we lost Vedant (lbw) for an excellent 52. Ayush and Amar ran well towards the backend of the innings and Ayush finished on 90, being run out on the last ball of the innings. Winchester finished on 188-4 at the end of 25 overs.



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With a lot of runs to play with, Amar struck early with the wicket of their best player in the first over. Amar and Isaac Leung(K) picked up three early wickets before Tom Howard(E) picked up another three. We had a slight wobble in the middle overs when one of their batsmen hit the gaps very well, however we removed him with an outstanding catching by Caspar Edwards(A) running back from mid on. Laurie Sawbridge(H) finished the job and we bowled Canford out for 66. A victory by 122 runs.

Happy news to report with a comfortable 7 wicket victory for the **Yearlings B**. Everyone bowled tightly with two wickets each for Gabriel and Bruno but Mayin was the pick of the bunch, taking 4-11. The run chase was over quickly with some lusty boundaries by Fergus and debutant Charlie. "But what about Archie's catch?" I hear you say. Well, let me tell the tale. Nine wickets down and Mayin is on the verge of a "five fer". So Hector has been told to bowl an over but on **no account to take a wicket**. Hector trundles in and bowls. The batsman swings and edges it to Archie at first slip. "Don't catch it!" yells the team. Archie ignores them and dives to his left like a sheep carcass being hurled by a trebuchet at the Mongol Siege of Caffa. Archie wheels away in celebration and the innings is over. Next time, Mayin. As ever we are indebted to the vocal support of Granny Turvill's Barmy Army. Won by 7 wickets. 58 for 3 against 57 ao. (PAH)

House Badminton

Over the past week or so the House badminton competition has been taking place, expertly coordinated by Rudra Patel (VI1, I). The pool matches in both doubles and singles were whittled down to the finals which occurred on Friday and Saturday. In the doubles, the Trant's pair of Yuyao Xie and Vincent Guegen defeated Alvin Yu and Alex Pan of Hopper's 2-1. In the singles match the two top players in the school, Rudra Patel and JP Cheng (VI2, E) battled it out and Rudra came out on top, 2-1, to take the title for Hopper's.

Sunday 25th June 2023

Chess: Hampshire Megafinal (individual)

With over 200 entries, this was the biggest Hampshire Megafinal yet. Children aged 6-18 from Hampshire and surrounding counties played 6 rated games of chess and had a great time at Winchester College. One had come from as far as Hull, having arrived there recently from Lviv. A small number of our own pupils were also playing, and several have qualified for the Gigafinal.

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

Sporting quote for the week:

The measure of who we are is how we react to something that doesn't go our way. (Gregg Popovich, NBA Coach, San Antonio Spurs)

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