

Sports Report – Cloister Time 2023, Week 6

Monday 22nd 2023: House Basketball

After a very competition pool stage, eight teams progressed into the playoffs on Monday. All games were very competitive with several games being decided by narrow margins.

The lead in the final match, between Trant's and Furley's, went back and forth until at the end of normal time it was all square. Two minutes overtime followed in which only one basket was scored as both defences stepped up their intensity. Furley's were the eventual winners; their passing and team cohesiveness throughout the tournament shone through, but great credit should be given to the Trantites who fought hard and produced some excellent moments of skill.

Playoff day results:

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| <u>Quarter Finals:</u> | Furley's 18 v Chawker's 14 | Cook's 19 v Kenny's 11 |
| | Freddie's 4 v Trant's 11 | Hopper's 14 v Toye's 18 |
| <u>Semi Finals</u> | Furley's 10 v Cook's 9 | Trant's 8 v Toye's 6 |
| <u>3rd/4th playoff</u> | Cook's 12 v Toye's 8 | |
| <u>Final</u> | Trant's 13 v Furley's 15 (OT win) | |

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Cricket: U17A's v XL Club (h).

Electing to bat first we lost two early wickets in Hall and Macmillan before Hampel (MP) and Hockey steadied the ship and began to score more freely. Hampel struck the ball well down the ground and was prepared to take on the fielders, whilst Hockey steadily knocked the ball around. Hampel eventually fell as he once again tried to clear mid-off, bringing captain Nicholls to the crease. The pair added a fifty partnership either side of lunch until Hockey, having reached his fifty, mistakenly called for a run that was not available and was run out. Nicholls pushed on to his own half-century building small partnerships with Askew (MP) and Whillock but regular wickets began to fall and we were soon dismissed for 195 in the 46 over.

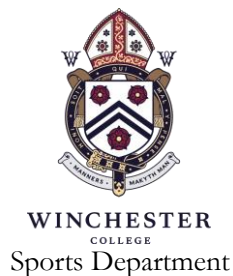
The XL Club's reply began well and only improved as we missed a few chances and were unlucky not to create a few more. The young right-hander batted very nicely on his way to fifty and his partner joined him before Howard (JP) bowled him when reverse sweeping. Howard then had the no.3 caught at cover next ball to add more intrigue to the game. Fernando (JP) returned for his second spell and Hampel took a spectacular diving catch at mid off to claim our 3rd wicket. Howard found a soft spot on the pitch to aid his removal of the no.5 and add a bit more respectability to the score-line. However, the right-hander remained and finished unbeaten on 94 to see our guests to victory. It was great to see lots of new faces playing in this game and we will no doubt be seeing more of them on Lords over the coming years. Lost by 6 wickets. 195 ao against 196 for 4. (JMB)

Golf: U16A (a)

Winchester College 1 - 5 Marlborough College

Winchester College 2 - 4 Bradfield College

In this triangular match against Bradfield and Marlborough College we lost against both other teams, but our individual players played very well and only fell behind due to the fact they had to give away multiple shots. Orca Chuen-im played very well ending up one-under-par over nine holes but only managed to beat one of his opponents and lose to the other due to the handicapping. Seb Wells played an amazing game of golf managing to finish one under too but again having to give shots, he unfortunately lost against both of his opponents despite his excellent score. Edward



Fangzhou performed very well considering this was the first game of golf he played in three months! He was the only Winchester player to beat both his opponents. Rufus Bell played his first ever round of golf admirably and impressed everyone by managing to win at least one hole but ultimately losing against both of his opponents. Adwit Sharma played well and managed to beat one of his opponents and lose to the other in a very tight game only losing one down. Pran Busrapan started his game off very well with great drives managing gaining an early lead but halfway through his game took a turn for the worse, but he still managed to beat one opponent and lose to the other. (Orca Chuen-Im (F))

Wednesday 24th May 2023

Cricket v The Pilgrims' School Boys

Yearlings A v U13A. (h) Won by 60 runs. 144 for 6 against 84 for 6.

Yearlings B v U13B. (h) Won by 8 wickets. 93 for 2 against 89 for 5.

Thursday 25th May 2023

Cricket: 1st XI v Marylebone CC & Harrow School

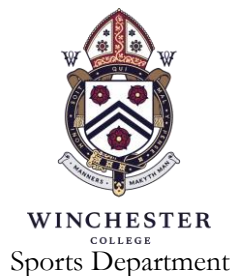
This was an impressive performance for **Lords** against a decent MCC side, especially considering we elected to bat first. This is a very brave thing to do - you have to back yourselves to set a competitive total, then give yourselves the time to bowl the opposition out.

The morning's session was good viewing - Wilf initially struggled against a good opening attack and could not find his rhythm, whereas Henry was quickly into his stride with an array of back foot punches and strong front foot shots both sides of the wicket.. Wilf was in fact dropped when on 2, but then began to find his form, one particular back foot shot hit through backward point was memorable. We progressed through the morning play and at lunch were 125-0 off 32 overs.

After lunch we wanted to push on in the afternoon and try to be 250 by the 50-52nd over, so we set about the MCC attack in a positive way, with good running between the wickets and excellent stroke play. Henry was out at 152 when he received a good ball from Sam Cheetham (OW) and was bowled. Wilf and Charlie then put on 42 in quick time, Wilf demonstrating a full array of shots - in fact he was brutal with pretty much anything that was bowled at him! We pushed on and declared at at 276-3 from 49 overs, with Wilf unbeaten on 183, an innings that included 25 x 4's and 7 x 6's. Now we had to take 10 wickets to win the match.

Seb and Alex opened up and once again bowled good lines and regularly beat the outside edge, Seb managing to take Sam Cheetham's wicket by bowling a good straight delivery. MCC then started to "dig" in. We set very attacking fields, but they never really scored at much more than 3 an over. Wilf changed the bowling around and every bowler bowled well, but we could not make the breakthrough, until Ethan was introduced to the attack. His array of leg breaks and googlies proved more difficult for the MCC batsmen and he began to make inroads picking up the next 3 wickets to fall, one with an excellent ball that left the MCC number 4, well taken behind by Wilf. Even so, with MCC only 4 wickets down entering the last 20 overs, a draw was very much looking the most likely result.

Seb was brought back on and duly obliged by taking a wicket with a good yorker. Ethan also took another wicket clean bowling the number 6 and we were pushing on for the victory, but the MCC opener was still there. He had made 55 from 125 balls when he played a shot to Callum at mid on who took a fine catch low down. Two more wickets fell to Ethan, one of them caught at short leg



by Dom to much jubilation! Seb was brought back on and in his second over he had the number 10 LBW and we had won by 105 runs. (PNG)

Harrow

Sen Colts A (h). Abandoned

Jun Colts A (h). Lost by 23 runs. 162 ao against 185 for 7.

Jun Colts B (h). Lost by 94 runs. 92 ao against 186 for 5.

Jun Colts C (h). Won by 9 wickets. 127 for 1 against 125 for 4.

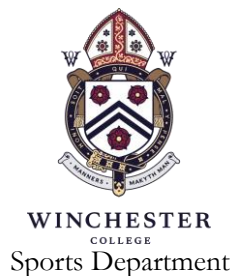
After Wednesday's victory on Lords against Pilgrim's, the **Yearlings As** were looking for more success against a strong Harrow side away. Amar Fernando (I) lost the toss and Winchester were put into the field. On a tricky, sloping pitch Ayush Shah (E) and Amar opened the bowling. The breakthrough came in the fifth over with an almost unplayable ball, which clipped the top of off stump by Amar. After a decent partnership, Tom Howard (E) caught the batsman coming down the wicket to enforce the stumping from James Redfern (A) and shortly after he picked up another. Ned Reeve (B) kept steaming in and obtained two deserved wickets, with Ayush picking up the last wicket. Harrow ended up on 157/6 off of their 30 overs.

Tom and Ayush opened the batting against some competent, accurate bowling. Winchester lost the first wicket in the third over at 14/1. Vedant Shah (D) came in at 3, but after some quality bowling Vedant was trapped LBW. A solid partnership between Amar and Tom brought Winchester back on track, however Tom ended up getting bowled to a very nice delivery. This brought James R to the crease with Amar. The two had a very good partnership of 48, until Amar was run out for a top quality 31 off 45 deliveries. James kept pushing on, but with a few quick wickets around him, things weren't looking too good for the away side. With the run rate increasing Winchester ultimately came out on the losing side, ending their innings at 127/8 off of their 27 overs to lose by 14 runs (DLS). (James Redfern, A)

A much closer game than we usually get against Harrow for the **Yearlings Bs**. A brisk start with the bat was driven by Caspar (33) and Fergus (32) but then we ran out of firepower, posting what was prove to be a below-par 128 from 25 overs. We bowled tightly without being too dangerous until Holly took three wickets to stop a procession. Great fielding from Thai and Holly in particular. There was some beautiful tight bowling from Holly, Mayin and Hector until we were in with a sniff, which unfortunately wafted away on the breeze at the end. Still, a great team spirit, and it felt like everyone was playing for each other. Lost by 6 wickets. 128 for 5 against 131 for (PAH)

Yearling Cs lost the toss against Harrow's U14D's and we were forced to bowl first. After a few challenging first overs we got settled into our regular rhythm with Mann opening the bowling and taking our first wicket in the 3rd over. Some incredible single-handed catches from Stoesser led to two more wickets in the 4th over and Harrow looked to be struggling. Then the combination of McIntyre and Robinson worked well together to limit Harrow's run potential and by the 10th over we had taken six wickets with Harrow having scored only 25 runs. During the rest of the first innings, we worked well as a team to limit the number of boundaries showing a dramatic improvement in our fielding from our previous matches. At the end of the first innings Harrow were all out for 82 runs, with the highlight being Robinson taking 4 wickets in just 2 overs.

With a relatively low score to chase down, the C's knew all they needed to do was play sensible and maintain a steady run rate to obtain an easy victory. Unfortunately, Mann was clean bowled



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by the first ball of the innings, but then the pairing of Stoesser and McIntyre built a strong partnership totalling 53 until Stoesser was run out with a spectacular throw from deep extra cover. After the 16th over we were in the position of only needing 6 runs to win with seven still yet to bat. Unfortunately, the C's took it upon themselves to decide that the best way to win the match was to hit a six to take victory. This mindset costs us three batsmen with all of them slogging at the ball and either getting caught or clean bowled. Perks and Mavor then went for easy singles instead enabling Winchester to win by 5 wickets. Won by 5 wickets. 83 for 5 against 82 ao. (JM)

After losing Barack Jin first ball of the match for a rare platinum duck, the **Yearling Ds** recovered to record a superb 62-run win over Harrow. An outstanding hundred partnership between Thomas Brabyn and Roman Ivanov (with Roman carrying the bat and finishing on 31) helped Winchester set Harrow an imposing first innings target of 140 to win. An exceptional team bowling performance followed, with all six bowlers taking wickets. John Moulds was particularly impressive, taking 2 wickets for only 7 runs off 4 overs. Won by 62 runs. 139 for 3 against 77 for 9. (JL)

Sailing v Bryanston School (h)

Congestion on the roads significantly delayed our arrival, but when we got to Spinnaker just after 3pm we found that Bryanston had already rigged the boats for us and the course had been set by the club's chief instructor, so we got afloat very quickly. The conditions were excellent for team racing, and after securing a 1,2,5 victory in the first race, and a 1,2,3 in the second; the third race was nail biting with Winchester just securing the victory with a 2,3,5 combination. With 1,2 combinations in the final two races Winchester in the end won all five races to take the match, however there was a lot of action in all of the races and the racing was much closer than the result sounds. We were also fortunate that our team had not been hit as badly by exams as the Bryanston team, so we had a slightly more experienced team. We look forward to sailing Bryanston again after leave-out. (JAAB)

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

Sporting quote for the week:

"Every time you skip a rep behind your coach's back you are not tricking him or her, you are cheating your teammates and yourself." Senquez Golson, former NFL Player

M.S. Burley

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