

### **Sports Report: Cloister Time, Week 9**

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Golf: Micklem Trophy, Sunningdale GC**

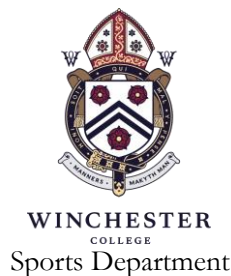
Having benefitted from the support of the OW Golf Society in providing the boys with the opportunity to play a practice round at Sunningdale last Thursday, confidence was high amongst the golf team that they could make this advantage pay against Rugby in round 1 of the Micklem Trophy.

The team of 5 were matched up in singles format and all players were keen to get off to a good start. After five holes honours were even with Rugby up in 2, Winchester up in 2 and one game level but by the 9<sup>th</sup> hole Jordan Thompson had edged ahead to give us a slender lead. As the boys came off the 13<sup>th</sup> two of the games had been determined already. Number 3 player Adrian Joly was on top form and won his game 6&5 but skipper Kushe Saggi struggled on the greens and went down to a similar score. By this time the top game was level, James Brockman was up by two and Tanvir Sood was down by two. Coming off the 17<sup>th</sup> green the match was tied 2-2 with Brockman joining Joly in victory and Tanvir going down 3&2. Having overturned a 1-hole deficit Jordan was now “dormy 1” on the last. A hooked tee shot seemed to open the door for his opponent but the Rugby first player topped one off the tee into the rough and didn’t manage to advance his second shot very far up the fairway. Thankfully, Jordan’s ball, although well offline, was playable but he struck too strong a 4 iron which went beyond the green and resulted in an under hit chip shot. Eventually both players were on the green for 4 but the Rugby player had the shorter putt. Jordan lagged up well and sank his put meaning his opponent had the chance to make his putt to win the hole and force a sudden death play off. The putt edged past the cup resulting in a halved hole and Jordan took the win to make the match 3-2.

The following morning Winchester now faced Stowe in the semi-final. The Buckinghamshire school have recently spent £2m renovating their on-site golf course and have a resident PGA pro at school every afternoon so certainly take their golf seriously. Nevertheless, confidence amongst the team was high and fine weather meant there was much to look forward to over the ensuing four hours or so.

At the halfway point Stowe had the lead in three matches and Winchester were up in two but with plenty of holes remaining there was certainly no need to panic. However, the next few holes saw Stowe creep back into Game 2 and take the lead despite Brockman’s best efforts. Kushe and Adrien found their opponents on top form and went down on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in games 3 and 5. Tanvir maintained his lead and Jordan was dominant in his game taking the match after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Brockman was striving to get back to “dormy” and at least force the match into an extra hole but he was unable to take the 17<sup>th</sup> hole and so now the game was at an irreversible 3 down. In order to allow Stowe time to grab something to eat before the final Tanvir’s game was determined a halve, even though he was 1 up with 1 to play so the match score went down 3.5 to 1.5.

Taking into consideration the limited matches played this year the golf team did well to push Stowe in the semi-finals. Nevertheless, with three of team here next year the boys should be setting their aspirations on pushing for the trophy and be prepared to invest the necessary time to hone all aspects of their play. (MSB)



**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Cricket: JCA v Portsmouth GS, (h): Hampshire Schools County Cup Final**

Jun Colts A hosted PGS on Lords in the T20 County Cup final. Having won the toss and chosen to bat PGS played positively and made the most of a few errors in the field to reach 161-6. Henry Nicholls was in fine form as he set about the target, however, he was not the only batter to succumb to a slow bowler as we lost momentum in the middle overs and finished short of the target.

**Yearlings A v KE Southampton, (h): Hampshire Schools County Cup Final**

Yearlings A played KES on Meads in a 35 over County Cup Final. They had met earlier in the term, when we had been beaten, and so we went into the game as the underdogs. George Bowder impressed with the ball, bowling 7 overs for just 14 runs as we restricted KES to 180-6. Amaar Malik and Jack Bristowe picked up two wickets each. Morgan and Bristowe put on 88 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket and we were well placed until a collapse of 30-7 concluded the game.

**Tennis v King's School, Winchester (a)**

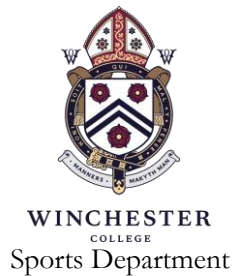
The Yearlings tennis A team travelled the short distance across town for an away fixture against Kings School. On a novel surface for the boys they played some magnificent tennis to overcome their opponents. Each pairing recorded a full set of wins but notable performances were given by Ludo Remers and Oli Tait who recovered from early breaks in two matches and Oscar Oldenhove and Harry Latimer who edged the closest encounter of the afternoon 6-3 after facing some big serves from the Kings pairing.

**Inter-House Shooting: The Goaman Pot & The Chute Pot**

A great shooting competition took place this afternoon with some excellent performances. Furley's 1 – Frankie Shropshire and Archie Sillars both shot superbly to score 50/60 to comfortably take the Goaman pot. Second were Hopper's 1 – Hugo Barnes and Zong Yang with 44/60. Third were Chawker's - Jayden Lu and Aidan Zilkha on 42/60. Cook's and Freddie's also put in a creditable performance only 1 or 2 targets behind the top 3.

The Chute cup was fought hard for with a few top scores very close. Archie Sillars (Furley's) and Jayden Lu (Chawkers) both scored 26/30 in the competition so had a sudden death shoot off for first place. Both boys scored exactly the same for 4 pairs of clays then Archie killed his 5<sup>th</sup> pair and Jayden missed one and killed one making Archie the winner. Very close after these two were Rigby Swarovski-Adams (Phil's) who was last year's winner with 25/30 and then Frankie Shropshire (Furley's), Hugo Barnes (Hopper's), James Fairly (Furley's), Maxim Koval (Freddie's) and Will Kimberley (Toye's) who all scored 24/30.

This was the best competition we have had with 33 boys taking part including some Beloe's JP. There is some great talent coming up and we plan to enter some more competitions next year. Rigby Swarovski-Adams has agreed to be captain of the clay pigeon shooting team next year. Many thanks to John Cavendish, Mark Sankey and Jonny Old for setting up the layout with testing targets and to Mr Chute and the Summerfield Family for providing the Chute cup. (MSK)



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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tennis v Westminster**

Ollie Gibbon and Rigby Swarovski-Adams headed up the **1<sup>st</sup> VI** winning their matches comfortably. Chris Lee, Freddie Van Every, Ollie Graham and Xingchen Cao followed suit and provided a pleasing Winchester win. (TERC)

Westminster arrived very late (the perils of London traffic!) but the **U15As** avoided the pitfall of exhausting themselves in practice before the opponents arrived. Overall our ground strokes and movement around the court were better and the U15As concluded a convincing victory 7-2. Particular plaudits to Miles Park and Simon Ormond who won all three of their matches. Marlborough on Saturday will be the last fixture of a term in which the As have done really well, winning most of their matches. (ACS)

The **U14As** squared off against Westminster playing on the Warden's Garden courts. Despite not having one of our A1 regulars in the match the team pulled off a 9-0 win, which was somewhat mollified by some good-natured banter between reunited prep school friends. All three pairs played fantastically although perhaps the deciding factor was Winchester's superiority at the net. (LJR)

**Cricket v Cheltenham**

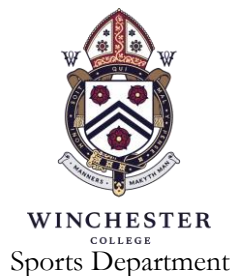
A very young **Lords XI**, without any top year players and just one lower 6th player, beat Cheltenham by 89 runs.

Paddy Fisher captaining in place of Caspar Byers, won the toss and elected to bat. We lost Henry Nicholls early, but Wilf and Zain were going well until Zain unfortunately hit a full toss back to the bowler having made 25. However, Chris Batten joined Wilf and they put on over 140 for the 3rd wicket. Chris made 70 and Wilf 88, but what was so pleasing was how they played such controlled cricket, great running with wonderful placement, a joy to watch. Unfortunately, when they both departed a mini collapse ensued, but good batting from Pat Ritchie and Alex Claisse, both on full debut, ensured we scored a competitive 252 off our 50 overs.

Cheltenham set about the run chase very aggressively, but a great catch by Pat Ritchie to dismiss their opening bat was very important. We then took regular wickets and at 92-8 the game looked over, Zain Malik with 5 wickets and Callum Whilllock with 2 bowled very well. However, their 9th wicket pair put on over 70 and as we seemed to struggling we were gifted a run out. The remaining wicket was quickly dispatched to ensure a great win. (PNG)

A costly last two overs took the **JCA** target beyond 200 and regular wickets made it hard to reach that score. Vere-Whiting, Payne and Gianni Garcia all batted well but we were bowled out with 40 balls remaining. (JMB)

**Yearlings A** made the long journey to Cheltenham College and batted first in a 35 over a side game. Openers Malik (27) and Alexander (35) both looked in good touch adding 57 for the first



wicket but neither were able to convert their promising starts into substantial scores. Wickets then fell at regular intervals as we were unable to establish any significant partnerships before Cloke-Browne made an impressive unbeaten 27 to see the side to a final total of 166-7. This seemed a little short of par on a small, fast scoring ground.

Despite an early wicket for Bowder, Cheltenham's made steady progress in reply and were always ahead of the required rate. When the fifth wicket fell at 129 however there were still hopes of victory but missed chances proved costly as Cheltenham won with 4 wickets and 5 overs to spare. George Davies bowled well with deserved figures of 3-33 and there were wickets too for Bristowe.

Again, there were further encouraging signs of progress with both bat and ball but, on this occasion, the standard of fielding was the difference between the two sides in an otherwise very competitive game. (MCE)

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

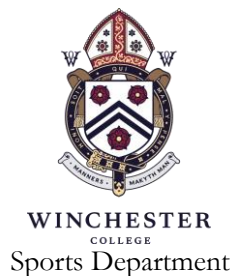
#### **Tennis v Marlborough**

The **1st VI's** top two pairs managed a perfect score line by winning all six matches comfortably. The third pair took one defeat but prevailed in the other two resulting in a decisive team victory. All in all, an appropriate performance bringing an end to a spectacular season in which Winchester's flagship team won every match.

The **2nd VI**, calling upon four Under 16 players, had a tougher time of it but together managed to complete six wins, enough to conclusively take the fixture. (TERC)

The **U15s** did not disgrace themselves in their last fixture of the season, away against Marlborough counterparts whose court etiquette was on the aggressive side of competitive. The final tallies - 7/2 to Marlborough in the As, 6/3 in the Bs and 5/4 in the Cs - flattered the hosts. There were many deuces and tie-breaks and the Cs came within a couple of points of winning their tie. If we had put away volleys at the net with more conviction the overall result could easily have been reversed. An encouragingly large number of MP boys have stayed the course with tennis this season. The As have done particularly well, and if they keep practicing this bodes well for senior success in future years. (AJS)

The **U14A and B** teams had a great final match against Marlborough. In glorious sunshine the Winchester boys started out strong leading 5-1 in the As and 4-2 in the Bs. However, Marlborough were improving and the final matches had some real nail biters. In the As Ludo Remers and Oli Tait narrowly lost in a tie break and Oscar Oldenhove and Harry Latimer squeaked out a 7-5 win against the formidable Marlborough A1 pair. Adan Rubin and Daniel Garrett were strong all afternoon producing the most decisive wins and, in the end, the As won 7-2. In the Bs there was also great tennis being played with each pair getting at least one victory despite the overall loss of 4-5. It has been a fantastic season with lots of ups and downs and I look forward to getting them all back on the courts in 10 months' time. (LJR)



The **U14Cs** played some extraordinary tennis today. The C1s and C2s won all of their games and special mention should go to Darsh's fierce serves, which left the opposition simply turning their heads in disbelief. Really strong performance!

The C2s were just as strong but with a little less oomph. However, they took every single match and even won against the opposition C1s in a nail biter. Lastly the C3s were unfortunately outclassed and although Ojeaga was unhappy with his performance, he played an incredibly smart defensive game. They even came close a few times, giving away crucial leads and making a few fatal errors. (JJP)

### **Rowing v St George's at Southampton**

This weekend, the boat club had the first matched race to date on home water. We invited St George's school to Southampton to race against our top squad group. They arrived en masse, bringing five 4s made up of athletes from the J16 and J17 squads. Similarly, we brought with us four 4s of a similar standard and we took to the water.

Conditions were blustery and challenging at times and we ran a miniature event where all crews raced each other over 1000m. Overall Winchester showed dominance in the 1st 4+ coxed by Theo Phelps. The St George's 4- was the fastest on the water for the day.

It was fantastic to finally be able to get other schools to our stretch of water and compete. We are already making plans to do the same next year. (WRH)

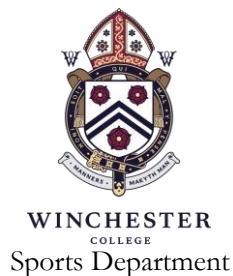
### **Cricket v Eton**

**Lords** lost the toss and were fielding, but what happened in the 39 overs before lunch made both myself and Mr Good very proud men!

We bowled with great endeavour and no little skill backed up with wonderful intent in the field too. Eton were 109-2 at lunch and we bowled 39 overs in 2 hours, a fantastic effort against a very strong Eton side. Seb Morgan, Alex Claisse, Callum Whilllock and Aaron Hockey bowled very well and Zain took a good catch at backward point.

After lunch the plan was very much the same and we followed the plans extremely well bowling Eton out for 199 in 60 overs. Callum bowled 20 overs taking 2-80, Aaron 3-22 from 10, Seb 2-37 from 12 but good spells from Alex and Paddy, particularly Alex at the start were also very important.

We knew we would receive just over 50 overs back and at 105-4 we were well placed to win the game, however the loss of Seb and some very good bowling meant that drawing the game became a good option. Wilf played very well, showing admirable concentration and good technique. He made 68 from 147 balls and batted nearly 3 hours. He was well supported by Pat Ritchie who made 19 and Callum Whilllock who batted 36 balls for 5 not out.



When Wilf was out there were 9 balls remaining and Eton required 3 wickets. Unfortunately, Aaron lost his off stump to the last ball of the penultimate over, which meant we had to play out the last 6 balls which Callum managed very well.

An excellent day with an "old fashioned" format but some great learning for all concerned and no little excitement for parents watching. Who says playing cricket for over 7 hours with a draw at the end is boring!! (PNG)

The **Yearlings A** played Eton on Saturday on Meads. In keeping with recent games, the As matched the opposition in many aspects of the game but failed to secure an elusive victory in another close fought contest.

Batting first the YA's lost Malik in the opening over before Alexander (24) and Bristowe (29) cautiously added 50 for the second wicket by which time only 10 (of the allotted 25) overs remained. Ted Miers (promoted up the order) played a cameo innings which lifted both the tempo and the total to a respectable, if still below par, 111-8.

Captain Bristowe, supported by his trusty lieutenant Bowder, used eight different bowlers as he tried to find a formula to restrict and/or bowl out the opposition. With Eton needing 51 to win from the final 10 overs the YAs were still in the hunt but it was déjà vu with costly missed chances as Eton eventually won with 5 wickets and 2 overs to spare. Bowder excelled again with his left-arm spin to finish with 4-23.

Elsewhere, the **2<sup>nd</sup> XI** bowled well at the start. Max Polley, in contrast to many of his innings this season, achieved a 39-ball duck as the 2nds were left little time to chase and therefore blocked out for a draw.

Not a good day for the JCBs, though we stuck at it. We had Capt/Skip/Best Bat on top of his form, smashing it about... Then he was run out. And all our chances went with him. Silver lining? Reynolds and Gladston did not lie down, and with the ball they turned 130-0 at halfway, to 215 7. We won that stage of the game. (APD)

### **Athletics: Inter-Schools meet at Marlborough**

It was great to take a number of boys up to Marlborough for the final club meet of the season. Pride of place were the Inter Boys team (MP&V) who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place from 8 teams. There was an event 1<sup>st</sup> place for Harry Draper Barr in the discus and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the shot; 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Jayden Lu in the high jump and 4<sup>th</sup> place in the javelin; 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in both 400m (pb) and 800m for Jack Pascoe and a number of other top 5 finishes.

Special congratulations should also go to Harry Draper-Barr for gaining selection for Hampshire in the Inter boy's discus to compete in the English Schools' championships, taking place in Manchester in July.

The junior boys finished 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 teams and there were 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes for John Sadie in the long jump and Jidechi Ohakosim in the discus, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish for the relay team. There were





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several 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes: Laolu Agunbiande in the high jump, David Sam in the 100m, Anthony Cloke-Brown in the 200m and Andre Ugalde-Tchinov in the 800m.

Club stalwart Hamish Rogers had another productive day in the senior boys' competition with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 110m hurdles and 4<sup>th</sup> in the high jump. Yugaantar Yain doubled up in the discus and shot and was up against some big and powerful athletes but performed respectably nonetheless.

A combined JP / MP team are competing in the Eastleigh & Winchester District champs on Monday and wish them the best of luck in that event. (MSB)

Sporting quote for the week:

*"Winning doesn't make you a better person, but being a better person will make you a winner." (Anon)*

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