



**WELLINGTON
WANDERERS
CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**

**74TH ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020 SEASON**

**Dedicated to young cricketers who
keep alive the traditions of the game
through generations**

OUR OBJECTIVES

**To provide Cricketers and
Enthusiasts with an opportunity
of playing social cricket with their
contemporaries and to encourage the
game by participation in matches
against Schools and Colleges in
New Zealand.**

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC)

Notice is hereby given that the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Thursday 24th of September 2020 commencing at 6.00pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held September 19th 2019, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2020/21 Season:
 - a) Patron
 - b) President
 - c) Committee
 - d) Honorary Auditor
 - e) 12th Man
9. Subscriptions for 2020/21 Season
10. General Business

E.J. Gray

General Manager

OFFICE BEARERS - 2019/20

12TH MEN

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM, QSO,
Governor General of New Zealand

Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae
GNZM, QSO, K St J,

The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM, QSO, K St J.

PATRON

T.G. McMahan

PRESIDENT

D.S. McHardy

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

A.D. McBeth

LIFE MEMBERS

A.W. Hunt

M.D. Priest

R.J. Allan

B.A. Waddle MNZM

M.J. Coppersmith

P.W. Steele

M.J. Roche

C.J. Taylor

COMMITTEE

M.J. Roche

W.A.H. Marshall

D.S. McHardy

M.H. Wills

P.W. Steele

N.J. Cruickshank

B.H. Hall

R.J. Allan (Grants Sub Committee)

T.C. Foster (Hon Secretary)

HON TREASURER

M.J. Coppersmith

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT – 2019/20



No commentary from me on the past season would be complete without acknowledging the impact that COVID-19 has had over the course of 2020. For the Wanderers this meant the cancellation of six fixtures including the College T20 finals played for the Hunt Cup and the two matches against the Governor General's Schools XI at the Basin Reserve.

These were decisions that were not taken lightly by the Committee, particularly when we were expecting to have both the current Governor General and former Governor General, Sir Anand Satyanand, in attendance for part of the Schools XI match. As a club we are still working our way through how we will be able to operate in a "COVID-19 world" and continue to deliver our programme to support youth cricket in the greater Wellington region.

Before COVID-19 "hogged the headlines", the season was proving to be a very successful one for the Wellington Wanderers. We were able to complete 13 schools and traditional matches with very few games significantly impacted by rain. In addition, Wanderers once again played in the Kindred Cricket tournament at Karori Park playing five T20 matches over the weekend. From my perspective there were some undoubted highlights which included:

- The Willows Schools XI winning off the last ball with one wicket in hand at the Basin against the Wanderers Schools XI;
- A century scored by Wanganui Collegiate batsman, Harry Godfrey, in the season opener in October;
- The unbeaten partnership of more than 120 by Lucas Jelly and Jonty Bamber for Hutt International Boys School to take the team to victory against an attack including two UK first class bowlers;
- Having former Wellington College principal, Roger Moses, make the inaugural presentation of the Roger Moses Cup to Hamish Marshall following a Wanderers win against Wellington College;
- The outstanding performance of Saif Zaib, Onslow's Northamptonshire professional, who scored three 100s for the club, including a stand-out match against St Patrick's Silverstream, scoring 100 and taking five wickets, including a hatrick!

The school matches were played in great spirit and I have very fond memories of the question and answer session arranged after the HIBS match where the

school team was able to chat to Saif Zaib and Jack Burnham from Durham about what it is like to play county cricket in the UK, including in the same team as England star, Ben Stokes. I would like to express my thanks to all of the Wanderers players who generously gave up their time to participate in our matches and to Evan Gray for all of his efforts to wrangle these teams together. It was also really nice to play alongside some of my childhood friends against their sons and I look forward to more of this over the coming few seasons.

Away from cricket, our two major fundraising events were the season-opening golf day at Shandon and the Test Breakfast at the Basin Reserve. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Test breakfast address given by former World Anti-Doping Supremo and now Cricket Wellington Chair, David Howman. David provided a fascinating insight into some of the murkier side of global sports. It was truly eye-opening for many in the audience.

We are hugely grateful for the ongoing support for the Wanderers social functions. These are an important source of funding to support the club and we appreciate the fact that people continue to generously support these events.

I would like to record Wanderers appreciation for the ongoing support and encouragement provided to us by Cricket Wellington. Cam Mitchell and his team have been wonderful supporters of the Wanderers and it is through this connection that we have been provided with the opportunity to host matches on the Basin Reserve. We look forward to building this relationship over the coming years.

We are very thankful for the ongoing financial support provided by a number of entities including One Foundation, Infinity Foundation Ltd, Four Winds Foundation, the Norwood Trust, Sir Ron Brierley and the Cricket Wellington Trust. We have also been well supported by way of generous donations from a number of individuals. Without the generous assistance provided to the Wanderers' we would not be able to fulfil our mission to support youth cricket and we do not take this for granted.

I would like to thank Evan Gray and the Wanderers Committee for the work that you have all put into the Club over the season just gone.

Wanderers is committed to the promotion of youth cricket in the Wellington region and we firmly believe that the memories created and the opportunities provided through the Wanderers fixtures are a small, but vital part of the recipe for keeping young cricketers interested in this great game of ours. As we move into our 75th season we look forward to continuing to work with Cricket Wellington and others to support and promote youth cricket, building on the solid foundations the Wanderers have laid down since 1947.

MINUTES OF THE 73RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS' CRICKET CLUB INC HELD AT 6:25 PM ON THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE WEST PLAZA HOTEL.

MEMBERS PRESENT Richard Allan, Bryan Waddle MNZM, Chris Waddle, Matthew Roche, Murray Coppersmith, Paul Steele, Scott McHardy, Alasdair McBeth Tony Cooper, Evan Gray, Alan Orpin, Graeme Sugden, Todd Foster, David Vance, John Dean, Willie Marshall, Graeme Dobson, Mike Horsley, Gerry Morris, Brian Steele, Michael Horsley, Michael Leggat, David Lloyd, Greg McKenzie, Tony Hill, Paul Gini, Matt Wills

APOLOGIES Sir Anand Satyanand, Duncan Priest, Tony Hunt, Chris Taylor, Bryan Hall, Alan Isaac CNZM, Cam Mitchell, Craig Foster, Mark Hammond, Roger Kinsella, Jock Sutherland, Geoff Atkinson, Stephen Mills, Greg Shearer, John Martin, Richard Dean, David Bain, Hamish French, John Greenwood, Steve Tew, Rob Mercer, Jeremy Dean, John Walker, David Whiting, Stu Robb, Sally Morrison, Hamish Marshall, Everard Aspell, Steve Shearer, Nick Whittington, Andrew Watson, Michael Quigg, Bob Cubin, Chris Bishop MP, Peter Holland, Don Neely MNZM MBE, Richard Reid, David Bolt, Trevor McMahon, Nigel Blair, Doug Pollock.

A quorum was established.

WELCOME President Scott McHardy in the chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and particularly acknowledged the attendance of Life Members Richard Allan, Bryan Waddle, Paul Steele, Matt Roche and Murray Coppersmith. He also welcomed former Black Caps' opening bowler Chris Martin as our guest for the evening.

Scott congratulated Bryan Waddle who had received his NZ Order of Merit medallion from the Governor-General earlier in the day. Scott also welcomed Bryan's son Chris who had travelled from Reno, Nevada to attend Bryan's investiture.

Those present stood in silence for a period to remember Wanderers' members Sir John Anderson and Rev Fraser Patterson who had both sadly passed away during the year. Obituaries for both men appear in the Annual Report.

PREVIOUS MINUTES The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved. (Moved Scott McHardy, seconded Tony Cooper).

ANNUAL REPORT: Scott McHardy spoke to the Report which he again remarked was an excellent production by Evan Gray. The season had been a full and successful one on the field and the financial position was also much improved from last year.

Scott was delighted to report that the 2018 Golf Day at Shandon Golf Club had been well attended and all the signs were there that the 2019 version to be held later in September would also be successful.

A fixture list has been prepared already and would be circulated.

The members' database been considerably updated and this will greatly improve communication with the Club's membership.

Scott acknowledged the excellent support of Cricket Wellington staff including CEO Cam Mitchell, as well as the work done by Wanderers' Club manager Evan Gray and the Committee members.

ACCOUNTS: In speaking to the Accounts, Hon Treasurer **Murray Coppersmith** was pleased to report a surplus of \$21,966.00 after last year's deficit of \$5,559.00.

He commented on the increase in subs over the previous year and thanked the individual donors, some of whom remain anonymous. Three well attended functions netted a profit of \$17,000

The Willows game was again a significant cost, which the Club bears every two years.

The David Grey Trust funded the cost of new balls and gear.

While the Club is in a strong position with \$28,000 in the bank, future funding is likely to be more difficult to obtain with applications for Community funding being turned down more often.

In discussion around financial matters, **Alasdair McBeth** spoke to the David Grey Trust, of which he is a trustee, along with Murry Coppersmith, Richard Allan and Richard Dean. This made funds available for the benefit of youth cricket in Wellington and applications were received from Colleges, which were often in dire need of expensive new gear. It would be beneficial to work more closely with Wanderers.

David Lloyd spoke on behalf of the Cricket Foundation of which he, John Morrison and Duncan Priest are trustees. It primarily makes grants to colleges and schools for pitches and practice facilities. He acknowledged the help given by Sir John Anderson and reported that their role is being reviewed with an opportunity for Wanderers to be more involved.

Matt Wills from Cricket Wellington reported that playing numbers were showing a decline and other forms of the game were being tried to help children get started.

The Annual Report and Accounts were **accepted** (Moved Murray Coppersmith, seconded Alasdair McBeth).

NEW MEMBERS The following new members were **approved** (Moved Scott McHardy, seconded Matt Roche):

Gerry Morris, David Lloyd, Stu Robb, David Dick, Becs Barclay, Craig Pashby, Ricky Bartlett, Peter Holland, Chris Martin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were nominated for the forthcoming year.

Patron: Trevor McMahan

President: Scott McHardy

Hon Treasurer: Murray Coppersmith

Auditor: No auditor had been identified at this stage

Hon Secretary: Todd Foster

Committee: Nicki Cruickshank, Matt Wills, Alasdair McBeth, Willie Marshall, Matt Roche, Paul Steele and Bryan Hall were all available again and were nominated as a group.

All nominations were **approved** (Moved Alasdair McBeth, seconded Tony Cooper)

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The meeting **agreed** that the annual subscription for all categories of membership remain at \$50.00. (Proposed Murray Coppersmith, seconded Bryan Waddle). The meeting was reminded that the 2018 AGM had resolved to waive subs for those under the age of 23, but this had not been noted in the minutes. The meeting agreed that position for Under 23s should remain as agreed last year.

GENERAL BUSINESS Basin Reserve Trust trustee **Mike Horsley** addressed the meeting with regard to the New Zealand Cricket Museum, which has been relocated to Invercargill's Bill Richardson Transport World while the Museum Stand is refurbished.

The Trust has committed \$1m towards the Stand's refurbishment and reinstatement of the Cricket Museum in February 2021. Work is being done to raise those funds and focus groups have been established to determine how the Cricket Museum can best present New Zealand's cricket history.

Cricket Wellington President and Wanderer Alasdair McBeth then spoke to the meeting regarding the intention to 'reboot' the Wellington Cricket Trust as a fund raising entity for the benefit of Wellington Cricket.

A proposal currently on the table is to seek a 'First XI' of those making a

donation of \$100,000 each. This would contribute to reinstating the Museum Stand including the return of the Cricket Museum.

Matters that came up in a general discussion were that fewer Test matches are being played and Wellington was now competing for these games with other New Zealand centres; it should be established just what the Wellington cricket community is; an Honours Board of significant playing achievements by Wellington women and men cricketers could be established, maximising the use of the Museum Stand needs to be looked at including tours, lectures, social events etc.

Evan Gray advised that the Wanderers' Golf Day would be held at Shandon Golf Club on Friday 27 September. It looks like it will be a sell-out, although a couple more teams could be squeezed in. The assistance of Ross Bond, Gerry Morris and Brian Drake is much appreciated.

Evan also advised that Bill Francis' biography of Wellington cricketing legend Stewie Dempster Second Only to Bradman would be launched in the Norwood Room on Monday 4 November. This is the day after the second T20 International against England in Wellington. Stewie's only child, Kay Martin would be present, along with cricket historian Ron Cardwell. In the late 1960s and early 1970s Stewie had coached a group of boys including Brian Cederwall. Evan Gray, Clive Currie, Ian Smith, Bernie Wanden and Bruce Edgar, many of whom had gone on to first-class and international representation. It would be good to make the launch an opportunity for those in the Wellington cricket community to get together for an evening.

Evan also advised that the 2019/20 Wanderer's fixture list was almost complete and would be available soon.

The meeting closed at 7:10 pm with most of those present staying on for dinner at the West Plaza Hotel.

Following an excellent meal Wanderers' Life Member Bryan Waddle conducted an enlightening question and answer session with now retired New Zealand opening bowler Chris Martin (Test cap #211, 71 Tests, 233 wickets,). The new Wanderers member talked about his years growing up in Christchurch, playing for Canterbury and then Auckland, his selection for New Zealand, some of those he had bowled to – and dismissed, as well as a few words on his batting.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Club's Annual General Meeting and Dinner was again held at the West Plaza Hotel. This central city venue is an ideal location for us to complete the formalities from one season and set the platform for the next. The downstairs bar is where you will find Wanderers members meeting an hour before the AGM, renewing friendships and reliving past battles before the formal part of the evening is held.



Many batsmen saw this reaction

After the AGM the dinner is held and on this occasion we had as our guest legendary former New Zealand fast bowler Chris (Tom) Martin. Chris is relatively new to Wellington, having based himself and his family in the seaside suburb of Eastbourne where he owns the Eastbourne 4 Square.

In conjunction with Life Member Bryan Waddle he was able to regale us with many stories covering a long First Class and International career. In a thirteen year career at the top he represented, Canterbury and Auckland and also played for English county sides Warwickshire and Essex. A career totalling 233 Test Wickets, 18 ODI Wickets, 599 First Class Wickets and 193 List A Wickets tells of a lot of toil and hard work. He had an uncanny ability to take a wicket in the first over of an innings and his line across the left hand batsman meant he was able to nick off many top class openers. The mark of a top class bowler is the number of top order batsmen he dismisses and "Tommy" certainly delivered in this area right throughout his career.

In addition to attending our AGM as our guest he also played in our Annual Golf Day.

We welcome Chris Martin to the Wanderers fold and hope that his involvement with the club is a memorable one.



Chris Martin explaining to BAW how much he seams the ball



The Bowler's Foursome

GOLF DAY

Twenty six teams lined up on the first tee at Shandon on a beautiful Friday in late September to do battle for The White Rose Trophy. The prize this year for a hole in one on the 18th was \$20,000 cash. The benign weather conditions were a prime factor in many players peppering the hole in search of glory. Sadly no one was able to claim the major prize. However one player got to within a foot of the hole. We've all heard the story of the one that got away.



One foot from \$20,000.00

The golf was of a high standard with the finishing order of the Ambrose tournament being decided by fractions of a point.

The winning team, Collegians CC 2, which was captained by Wanderers President Scott McHardy prevailed over Collegians CC 3 led by Nathan Pilalis with Johnsonville CC under the tutelage of Leigh Woodcock securing third place.

Other prize winners were Tyler Tane (Closed to the pin on the 14th), John Rowland (Closest to the pin on the 7th), Mike Hartley (Closest to the pin on the 12th) and winning Captain Scott McHardy (Closest to the pin on the 16th).

Thanks must go to Shandon Golf Club and General Manager Ross Bond and his team for presenting the course in magnificent order and ensuring the players were well watered and fed both during and after the days play. Toivo Vaikvee, Steve Tarpley, Gerry Morris, John Walker, Paul Gini and Todd Foster were outstanding in enabling the smooth running of the day. Kevin Kelly and Kirstin Phipps put in a lot of work ahead of and during the day. They have been involved for over ten years now and their input has meant the day has grown from humble beginnings to what we enjoy today. Wanderers Board Member Matthew Roche was again instrumental in using his myriad golfing contacts to ensure we were able to get an outstanding field.

We had a good number of prizes donated and thanks must go to Duncan Priest for organising the golf at Bridge Pa, Darryn Hartley the golf at Palmerston North and Omanu and the accommodation at The Mount. Gerry Morris was able to secure 20 dozen beer from New World Thorndon and Board Member Bryan Hall secured generous sponsorship from Fortune Favours Brewery. Thanks to all those sponsors for their generosity and those mentioned for taking the time to approach potential donors.

The Club have set a high standard and under the leadership of Matthew Roche we will be working hard to make next year's golf day one of an equally high standard.



AMP Karori 4th place getters

Evan Gray



Graeme Sugden's Friday 4'some Pages 10-11



Lots of wickets not so many runs



Old Tablelands CC 4'some



The Treasurer's 4'some



One batsman and three bowlers



Wanderers for ever



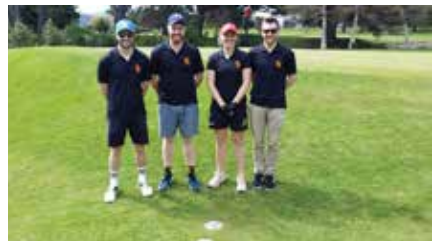
Presidents Winning 4'some



WCOB 4'some Three backs and a prop



The Villagers



Cricket Wellington Suited and Booted

DREW MARSHALL

5TH MAY 1945 – 2ND JUNE 2020

Drew Marshall, beloved husband of Kate and much loved father of William, James, Hamish and Susannah sadly passed away 2nd June in Warkworth.



Vale - Drew Marshall

William has graciously given us permission to reproduce his outstanding eulogy to a much loved dad.

Drew Marshall defied diagnosis, hanging on three days longer than doctors said was possible, passing away with family at his side at the Warkworth Hospital last month.

Born in 1945 in the dusk of World War II, Brian Andrew Marshall was named after his uncle who had fought in Crete. He attended Southwell School in Hamilton, and later St Kentigern's where he developed his love of cricket.

Things changed for the Marshall family when father Bill Marshall passed in 1960, in the middle of the Nordmeyer Labour black budget, which had introduced a 60% death duty. Two family farms had to be sold and it was deemed that Drew should leave his schooling and help his mother on the remaining farm.

Eventually the family farm was sold and Drew and brother Rod set up the Marshall Brothers Company and together bought farms in Howick and Kaipara Hills, and leased farmland at Churchill Park in Glendowie and Bastion Point in Orakei. Bastion Point threw up some curve balls. Drew's cows featured on the front page of the New Zealand Herald drinking water out of the fountain at Mission Bay. When the land was to be passed over to local iwi, Drew negotiated with Prime Minister Muldoon and held out until he was fairly compensated for all the fencing he had built.

Having learned to sail at the family holiday home in Whangaparoa, Drew decided to have a crack at the Sydney to Hobart ocean race. He and a friend set sail to Sydney and brought 10 dozen bottles of Coruba Rum which was highly sought after and expensive in Australia due to import tax, but a cheap drop in NZ. After a rough crossing of the Tasman, the contraband they snuck past customs paid for very plush accommodation, and they went on to win the One Ton Class. Drew sailed in a number of Sydney Hobart races. He also built his own boat to race the Sydney Hobart and won.

1974 saw Drew's yachting adventures take him to Torquay in England to contest the One Ton Cup with legendary skipper Chris Bouzaid. They were

to finish 3rd sailing Hati IV. Because they were not members the Yacht Squadron would not let them inside the Clubhouse to receive their prize. A very young Peter Blake was a member of that crew as was Drew's brother Rod (pictured on the right of the photo of Hati IV). Peter Blake was a struggling yachting and he lived with Drew who employed him on rigging duties.



Hati IV 3rd in 1974 One Ton Cup

Peter Montgomery speaks very highly of Drew's courage and tenacity as a yachting. He was tough and would do the jobs (scaling the rigging) others shied away from. Roy Dickson, father of Chris said to Drew that he had a son who was a promising yachting but needed to harden up, could he spend a year with you on the farm. He did and went on to have an outstanding career.

Drew met his wife Kate Marshall at a 21st party in Whitford. They shared an on and off romance for eight years before Drew proposed to Kate from a red phone box on Great South Road. After holidaying six weeks in Greece, Kate accepted. They would share 47 years of marriage. The newlyweds settled in Auckland and built their first home in Orakei before a permanent move in 1978 to Warkworth.

Livestock farming was replaced by kiwifruit and the couple built up a large-scale operation employing more than a 100 people a year. They also owned race horses together and spent many a day at Ellerslie race course.

Soon cricket was taking priority as twin sons Hamish and James Marshall's professional careers took off. Early in their Northern Districts career, the twins were playing at Seddon Park against South Africa and Drew was invited to watch from the commentary box. Commentators Bryan Waddle and Kevin Hart asked Drew which of the twins had made a catch, and Drew said "I wouldn't have a clue – ask their mother!"



Drew building his winning Sydney-Hobart Yacht

Drew had time for everyone and gave a lot to the Warkworth community, serving as chairman of the A&P Show for 25 years. He also coached rugby and supported cricket and netball.

He is remembered for his boisterous laugh and his signature sense of humour.

William Marshall

DEREK BARCLAY ALABASTER

Derek Barclay Alabaster bowled his last over on Wednesday 27th November 2019 in Christchurch aged 87. He was an elder statesman of both cricket and rugby. He was survived by his sister Molly and brothers Jack and Gren and his children Matthew, Phillipa, Lawrence and Frances.

His working life took him to Singapore and New York with the New Zealand Tourist and Publicity Board.



Bob Cubin, Derek Alabaster and Larry Macer

One of the highlights of his working life in Singapore naturally occurred on the cricket field, notably the Pedang, where he played for the Singapore CC against the touring Australian Side.

Cricket was a passion, some would say obsession for Derek. He played well into his later years, his cunning with his leg spinners was legendary. He toured overseas on many occasions with fellow Wanderer Bruce Heather with the Onslow Golden Oldies. According to Bruce, he was very effective in Australian conditions because he was able to extract extra bound.

His contribution to Wellington Collegians and Wanderers Cricket Clubs was immense. Batsmen young and old were to fall victim to the guile of his leg spinners with many an unsuspecting batsman failing to pick his googley or top spinner. One of his favourite stories is to recount the day at Waikanae when part of the opening day celebrations to celebrate the all-weather pitch, he was able to entice Martin Crowe down the wicket only to find he had misread the delivery and was caught on the long off boundary.

Derek is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

Evan Gray

DULCIE IRENE MCMAHON (NEE PERRY)

13TH JANUARY 1931 – 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

Dulcie McMahon wife of our Patron Trevor and mother to Craig, Philip, Campbell and Scott passed away earlier this year.

Dulcie and Trevor were married for 64 years, marrying in 1956. They lived for 60 years in Hataitai, a suburb that was to see them raise four sons. On leaving Wellington East, Dulcie initially worked for C. Smith Department Store (soft furnishings) in Wellington before training as a nurse and working in the Cardio Thoracic Unit at Wellington Hospital.

Dulcie left nursing to raise a family.

When the boys had grown up Dulcie went back to nursing. In Trevor's words Dulcie was "Born to Nurse." Her nursing duties were not confined to Wellington Hospital and she was to look after both her parents and her in laws. She was also to work with Trevor in the Hardware Shop in Kilbirnie.



Dulcie Irene McMahon



Trevor and Dulcie on Trevor's return from India and Pakistan

Finally selling Hataitai they moved into Rita Angus in Kilbirnie in early 2016 where she was to see out her remaining years. A wonderful life, so well lived.

Evan Gray

WHY I LOVE CRICKET: STEPHEN FRY ON LISTENING TO TMS IN LAS VEGAS, CHECKING GUNS INTO LORD'S AND IMITATING MIKE PROCTER



STEPHEN FRY: Cricket is still – with all the science, technology, psychology and broadcasting pressure – extraordinary how bat and ball are so well balanced

The first six and half years of my life were spent in Chesham, Buckinghamshire, where close family friends (they still are) were the Popplewells. Oliver, the father, was a fine first-class player, their sons were all more than adept from the earliest age. They had proper nets in their garden. I came back from an afternoon there and asked rather whiningly why my father didn't teach leg-break bowling in the way Mr Popplewell did. The eldest son, Nigel, was exactly the same age as me and went on to have a distinguished career for the great Somerset XI that included Ian Botham, Joel Garner and Viv Richards.

After Chesham I grew up in Norfolk, a minor county for cricket of course, but my prep school was in Gloucestershire and my hero of heroes was Mike Procter. I imitated him in every way, including bowling chest on off the wrong foot, which was a spectacularly bad idea.

My England XI would be Tom Graveney, Ken Barrington, Ted Dexter, Colin

Cowdrey, John Snow, Fred Titmus, Fred Trueman, Geoff Boycott, Geoff Arnold, Derek Underwood and Alan Knott – though not in that order!

“Hugh Laurie once gave me a slip-catching cradle for Christmas. We suffered severe pain trying to catch in the chill East Anglian winds”

Sadly between the ages of about 13–17 I lost interest. Adolescence interfered, I suppose. But by the mid-’70s I was a rabid fan again. I think – as a result of my generation more than anything – the match of matches for me still has to be Headingley 1981. After the horror of the Lord’s Test (although people forget it was actually drawn) and Botham’s miserable pair as captain it really looked as if English cricket wouldn’t be able to raise its head with pride for a generation. But then there was Headingley 2019...

I was doing a matinee at the Edinburgh Festival during that game. In the interval of my show I watched Stokes start to open his shoulders and go for it – the crew stood in the wings, earphones connected to TMS, and signalled to me as the second half got under way. I tried to concentrate on performing, but all the time I was glancing off stage to interpret their gestures. I missed Jack Leach’s greatest single of all time, missed the final run, but flew off stage to the news that we’d won and flew to my dressing room to watch highlight after highlight after highlight. I am still reeling to be honest.

I get ridiculously nervous at close matches. I don’t know a sporting tension like it. Rugby can make one stand on a chair and roar, and football can make one hoarse too, but for sheer nerve-jangling, fingernail-chewing, knee-jogging, buttock-clenching, heart-thumping, bowel-shattering, spine-tingling, brain-screaming nerves cricket takes the palm every time.

Lord’s of course remains a uniquely magical ground. The major cricketing nations are all so worth visiting in their own right for their people, food, culture, history, landscape, music and so on that watching cricket in any of them is always a huge treat. On the hill at the SCG, the grass yellow with Castlemaine XXXX tins; sweltering under the tin roof of the Wankhede; being offered ‘arse cream’ at Newlands (which is how the South African accent renders ice cream)... these experiences never leave one. There again a summer afternoon under a chestnut tree watching a village game has its pleasures too.

I have listened to the game in some odd places. In Las Vegas while friends were losing their money and doing god knows what, I was holed up in my hotel room listening to TMS. Filming in Madagascar and the Amazon climbing trees and hillocks to get internet coverage that would allow me to listen... anyone who travels a lot and tries to watch knows of the nightmare of sorting out a proxy server or VPN service that might just allow access to Sky Sports. The hours (and pounds) I’ve spent ...

My Favourite: Argentina allrounder Lautaro Musiani

I invited a seriously rich foreign friend to a box I’d obtained for a Lord’s ODI. I had completely forgotten that he always goes everywhere with at least one

bodyguard, so when he arrived to pick up his ticket there was an embarrassing scene at the Grace Gate, in which he was firmly told that his armed bodyguard would not be welcome a) because he was armed and b) because he didn't have a ticket.

Fortunately I did some wild phoning with Keith Bradshaw, secretary of MCC at the time, and the bodyguard checked in his gun and was allowed in. And of course my friend spent most of the match with his back to the cricket chatting to fellow guests, but the bodyguard, who was British and a huge cricket fan, gazed in blissful rapture at the match without once checking on his employer's safety or whereabouts. I took my friend William Goldman [the American screenwriter of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Marathon Man, All the President's Men and The Princess Bride] to a Lord's match too.

He regularly took me to Knicks' basketball games and Yankees baseball games when I was in New York so I thought I should repay the compliment. Bill G loved all sport – sadly he died last year – and he instantly 'got' cricket. He would ask me for years afterwards how Graham Thorpe was doing or whether Andrew Flintoff had taken any wickets lately... but like all Americans the idea of lunch and tea rather bewildered him...

Cricket is still – with all the science, technology, psychology and broadcasting pressure – extraordinary how bat and ball are so well balanced. Just when you think batting has the ascendancy and that bowlers are in trouble, there'll be a game where 140 all out is a good score. And not just because wickets are prepared to stop flat-track bullying, although naturally there's a touch of that. The standard of fielding these days is enough to keep one watching. The commitment, professionalism, flair, individual flashes of genius – these are all greater now than ever.

"I get ridiculously nervous at close matches. I don't know a sporting tension like it"

Doing a podcast with Stuart Broad, a player I've admired since he first burst on the scene, you realise just how aware, intelligent, knowledgeable and insightful he is, and most of his fellow players are. Their understanding and respect for the game seems boundless. Podcasting with him, or Broadcasting, has deepened my admiration for the remarkable people who play the game.

'Christmas and cricket?' Well I have always wanted to go to the MCG for a Boxing Day match – an Ashes Test of course – perhaps next time I'll plan my life accordingly. Otherwise it usually comes down to the latest Wisden in the stocking. My very dear friend Hugh Laurie once gave me a slip-catching cradle (a strange wooden device, ribbed like an upturned boat) for Christmas. We erected it on a snowy lawn in Norfolk and suffered severe pain trying to catch in the chill East Anglian winds. Talking of which, a Norfolk village fielder once, in late summer, seeing the ball in the air (as he thought) out of the corner of his eye just as the batsman flashed, dived to catch it and came up with a live swallow in his hands. True story.

Why do I love cricket so much? All those variables – personality, history, time, tactics, strategy, rhythm, weather – the balance between bat and ball, the fact that every player has to bat, the individual brilliance that can turn a match around, the team effort that can throttle a side, the choices a bowler has, the horrible inescapable death of a dismissal, the disjunction between the lyrical elegance of the game seen from a distance and the brutal, fizzing, bone-jarring speed, violence and danger of it close up. So many things. I don't believe a richer, deeper pastime has ever been devised.

Wanderers have written to Stephen Fry asking his availability to be our guest at our 75th Celebrations. He replied as below:

Evan –

How very good of you to write such a charming and effusively complimentary email, and so full of the kind of cricketing detail that means the world to me. Lakenham was indeed a beautiful ground. Nigel is now a highly successful lawyer in Somerset and I see different Popplewells at cricket and elsewhere from time to time most years.

The idea you propose is most alluring, but at the same time it is frankly impossible for me to be able to provide you with any kind of a satisfactory answer. I have a number of television assignments which were due to be filmed in various places around the globe, firstly in the Spring of this year and latterly reassigned to Autumn. That hope has been blown away by the persistence of the pandemic too and it now looks as though these commitments won't be fulfilled until 2021. Which means I am in a permanent holding pattern as I fly over the months ahead, and quite unable to land.

I am copying this to my assistant Jo Crocker who runs my office and diary and perhaps in a few months there will be a possibility of knowing little more about how 2021 is shaping up to look. The old yiddish phrase Mensch tracht und Gott lacht, "Man plans and God laughs" has never been truer I fear so the idea of even pencilling something in at this juncture is almost certainly worse than useless.

I have to confess however I get very little pleasure out of remote communications via webinar, streaming, Zooming, Skyping, FaceTiming etc so the idea of a video link is not very appealing ...

But your email delighted me, the history of the Wanderers inspires me, and Mother Cricket as pros like to call her, has sustained me very happily in the last month or so.

If things do resolve themselves I love the idea of coming to New Zealand and seeing you there. But prior commitments naturally must take priority.

Truly sorry I can't be more helpful than that....

Warmest wishes to you all

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
INCOME			
Subscriptions		1,500	3,700
Interest		20	18
Surplus on clothing sales		1,022	0
Donations	2	5,253	6,840
Grants	1	19,500	41,667
David Grey Youth Cricket Trust		445	2,665
Surplus on club functions	3	14,054	17,116
		41,794	72,006
EXPENDITURE			
Club administrator		41,021	34,500
Gear and balls	4	2,835	4,358
Insurance		503	470
Match expenses	5	6,314	9,346
Secretarial expenses	6	3,318	1,366
		53,991	50,040
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(12,197)	21,966

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE

	Notes	2020	2019
		\$	\$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Opening Balance		49,977	28,011
Surplus		(12,197)	21,966
		37,780	49,977
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Assets			
Ball Stocks		2,712	2,293
Bank		15,933	28,284
David Grey Youth Cricket Trust		19,135	18,690
Debtors		0	710
		37,780	49,977
Net Assets		37,780	49,977

The financial statements are prepared on a GST inclusive basis.



Murray Coppersmith BCA
Hon Treasurer

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020

1. Grants

The club was successful with a number of grant applications during the year. The amounts and the use of these funds shown as revenue in the 2020 financial year were as follows:

Issuer	Amount	Use
Infinity Foundation	3,000	Cricket Balls
One Foundation	11,500	Club Administrator
Norwood Trust	5,000	Match Expenses
	<u>19,500</u>	

2. Donations

The club received donations from a range of benefactors during the year. While many of these wish to remain anonymous, the club would like to acknowledge their on-going support.

3. Surplus on Club Functions

These comprised: a golf day; a test breakfasts at the Basin Reserve and a cocktail functions. Functions were very well supported.

4. Gear and Balls

This expense reflects balls used in Wanderers matches, as well as balls donated for use in college T20 matches and purchase of some new caps.

5. Match Expenses

These relate primarily to school matches and are shown net of contribution from Wanderers' players. The net cost is partly funded from donations and grants.

6. Secretarial Expenses

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report, establishment and maintenance of the website, including an online payment facility and bank fees.

7. GST Registration

The Club is not registered for GST.

I LEFT LORD'S DURING THAT FINAL TO SEE THE LION KING

As I left Lords around 3'oclock in the afternoon to go to The Lion King European premiere I felt uneasy. Not because I doubted England's chances of overhauling New Zealand's apparently modest 241, but because I felt guilty at deserting Bairstow for Beyonce, Morgan for Mufasa. There was no reason to suppose the rest of the day's play would be anything out of the ordinary. I'd been to Lords literally hundreds of times and more often than not left the ground simply contented to have spent time



Tim Rice

in its life affirming surroundings; it has not really mattered whether the cricket had been memorable. Okay, this was a World Cup Final – but the last one I had attended at Lords had not been a gripper. Having to leave was a drag but I doubted that this was a misjudgement that would haunt me for the remainder of my days.

But duty called. My fault for writing the movie's songs with Sir Elton in the first place. The wise folk at Disney had clearly not factored the cricket into their plans for the London launch of their latest blockbuster. So by 5 o'clock I was standing in my dinner jacket in a line of A-Listers (and lesser mortals) in an increasingly warm cinema foyer at Leicester Square, wishing I had instead attended the Los Angeles premiere a week earlier. My brother Jo was updating me with the score as Harry and Meghan were introduced to the team behind The Lion King, some of whom I had known for a quarter of a century, others new to me but, like Jofra Archer, clearly invaluable contributors to the enterprise they had recently joined.

By the time HRH got to me he was glad to be informed that Buttler and Stokes were turning things around, but it only began to be apparent that this was going to be one of the tightest finishes since W.G. Grace was a lad as we took our seats to be regaled with Lebo M's immortal opening chant to "Circle of Life". Jo was still loyally sending me the score. With 24 needed off the last two overs, an alert usher – quite correctly of course – told me to switch off my phone. Nearly two hours later I learned what I had missed.

By extraordinary coincidence, my own team, Heartaches CC, enjoyed only

our third tied match in 47 seasons earlier this summer. Extraordinary because each side scored 241 (as had England and New Zealand). The opponents were the Authors CC, and at the end of an exhilarating day's play there was no call for a super over. Both sides were happy to leave things as fates had decreed. Delighted though I was by England's triumph, I can't help feeling at times the insistence that there must be a winner at the end of a titanic struggle is misguided, and all would have gone home even happier with honours shared.

Playing against The Authors is always a joy. Their team is awash with literary talent, sometimes coupled with immaculate cover drives or probing spin, courtesy of the likes of Sebastain Faulks, Richard Beard (who scored 126 against us), William Fiennes, Jon Hotton or Tom Holland. Supervised and licked into shape by author and literary agent Charlie Campbell, they continue the century-old tradition of maintaining the strong bonds between cricket and literature.

J.M Barrie was a man of limited cricket ability but devoted to the game. His famous amateur team the Allahakbarries, founded in 1887, was studded with literary giants of the age. H.G. Wells, Arthur Conan Doyle, Jerome K. Jerome, G.K. Chesterton, A.A. Milne and P.G. Wodehouse were among those who played for him. It really was a phenomenal line-up, the creators of Winnie the Pooh, Sherlock Holmes, Bertie Wooster and Peter Pan united in their love of the drama, excitement, literacy and intelligence of cricket. And at times by the stillness, the inaction, the torpidity, the languid progress of the game – aspects of life that cricket truly reflects amid our turbulent times and our desperate need for instant gratification. Some of these literary titans were seriously good players, notably Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who actually played first-class cricket and once dismissed W.G. Grace. P.G. Wodehouse, a star fast bowler in his Dulwich College Days, was pretty handy to have in the 11 too – and of course Wodehouse immortalised the Warwickshire fast bowler Percy Jeeves, an England prospect killed in the Great War, when he created English literature's most famous gentleman's gentleman.

I see a lot of myself in J.M. Barrie. Not, I hasten to add, in literary terms – nor in terms of size, for Barrie was barely five feet tall in his socks – but as a cricketer. His skills with bat and ball appear to be similar to mine. The less said about them the better I suppose, but when I bat, to be able to call “wait” is a result. Barrie used to claim that he bowled so slowly that if he didn't like what he had delivered he had time to walk down the wicket and retrieve it before it reached the batsman. However, through the Allahakbarries he found great companionship, enjoyment and temporary escape from aspects of a wider imperfect world. How reassuring to feel, for a few hours every other summer weekend, that the most serious problems in life are within the boundaries of a cricket field. Hakuna matata.

Sir Tim Rice

A LORD'S FINAL AND LE QUESNOY REMEMBERED

Dockside was the venue as Wanderers combined with the RSA to remember a famous Great War victory for the 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade when they liberated the town of Le Quesnoy on 4th November 1918. Lieutenant Leslie Averill was awarded the Military Cross for his exploits that day.

Jeremy Coney and Daniel McHardy discussed the recently completed World Cup final and Chris Gollins as MC interviewed various RSA War Historians on the battle at Le Quesnoy. We are indebted to Gerry Morris for all his efforts in putting together this most interesting event.

As an aside Wanderer Graham Dobson's wife Jude was responsible for putting together the documentary on this famous battle where New Zealand soldiers are still remembered with great reverence. Many streets and buildings are named after those New Zealand soldiers.

Jeremy was able to give us an insight into what was going on in the commentary box at Lords and how the finale completely took hold and normally unbiased BBC Commentators were so caught up in the drama.

Sadly the results are as we know them, one win and one loss for New Zealand...

Even Coney



Le Quesnoy and Lords Remembered



Jerry Coney and Dan McHardy

STEWIE DEMPSTER BOOK LAUNCH

The Norwood Room at the Basin, the scene of many Dempster triumphs was a fitting setting for the launch of Stewie Dempster's biography. Written by Bill Francis and published by Ron Cardwell it tells the story of Stewie, from his earliest days living across the road from the Basin, where his fondness for the game of cricket was nurtured, attending Mount Cook School and Wellington Tech and then going on to great cricketing adventures all over the world.



Ron Cardwell, Bill Francis and guest



Scoreboard as it was in 1930

The biography covers in detail the first NZ Test 100 scored by Stewie on his beloved Basin Reserve, his test hundred at Lords, the home of cricket, his life in England and latterly his return to Wellington where he answered a request from Bob Vance to coach a group of Wellington youngsters, many of whom went on to represent Wellington and New Zealand.

It was fitting that his daughter Kay Martin and her family were present to hear the tributes to her father and also that so many former and some current Wellington players were able to gather and remember those years and share stories.

The Basin Reserve scoreboard was set up exactly as it was all those years ago when the names of Dempster and Mills both centurions stood proudly. When looking at the scoreboard it was almost possible to remember those far off days when New Zealand were new to International Cricket and very much finding their feet on that stage.

Bruce Edgar spoke on behalf of the group of players that Stewie coached and recalled with much fondness those days at the Basin and also turning up at the Dempster house in Darlington Ave in Miramar to hit a few cover drives and then share afternoon tea with Stewie and his wife Tresna while Stew talked of times gone by.



Andrew Watson, Todd Foster and Tony Hill



Teammates reminisce

Stewie Dempster would be very proud of what those youngsters achieved and even more so that they, like him, were able to serve the next generation in the same way he did.

TEST MATCH BREAKFAST

India were our most welcome guests as we gathered on the first morning of the Basin Test for our traditional Test Match breakfast. Both the occasion, New Zealand v India and our guest speaker David Howman CNZM, former Director General of Wada and current Chairman Cricket Wellington meant that we would have a full house and that is what transpired. One hundred and thirty Wanderers members and guests gathered in the Norwood Room as the covers came off a very green Basin test pitch.

Bryan Waddle as usual was an eloquent and knowledgeable Master of Ceremonies, Grant Cederwall was able to garner many laughs as both Auctioneer and teller of early morning jokes. However it was David Howman, the man who brought Lance Armstrong to his knees, who we all wanted to hear. His knowledge and understanding of where sport had been and where it was headed both in relation to drug taking and corruption in sport were quite staggering.

He was very open and honest and extremely funny when detailing the lengths male and female athletes will go to either avoid taking a drugs test or indeed when giving one to wrought the system with false samples. The stories had to be heard to be believed.

Those who were fortunate to hear his address would have left the Norwood Room shocked at what they had learnt. Only a very small percentage of what happens in “sport” is reported. Sadly the landscape surrounding sport as we know it or rather knew it has change forever. Money, drugs, political interference and corruption all are combining to change the face of sport forever.

Thanks to David Howman for his most frank and interesting address.

Evan Gray



Willie Wong, Wayne Norwood and Sir Anand Satyanand



Whether to bat or bowl that is the question



David Howman describing a drugs test



President Scott McHardy declares the innings closed



Bryan Waddle opens the batting



Some Wanderers and Queen Street CC Members

WANDERERS CC V WHANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

The storm clouds that gathered over platform 9 at Wellington Railway Station were an ominous sign that all was not going to go according to plan on our annual trip north to the River City to play Whanganui Collegiate, and so it proved.

Instead of all driving separately the club hired a mini-van to safely transport everyone safely up and back. The van did its job very satisfactorily but unfortunately those inside the van found the early season trip north a bridge too far.



Wanderers v Collegiate under threatening skies

On paper Wanderers had a formidable side, a mixture of youth, several Wellington and CD U19 players and senior players. Club President and former Wellington and Otago player and current MCC Member was in high spirits as he left platform 9.

Whanganui Collegiate won the toss and under threatening skies elected to bat. Aided by a blistering 100 from Harry Godfrey they reached 204-6 off their 40 overs. Bowling for Wanderers Scott McHardy and Caleb Montague both took two wickets.

In reply Wanderers succumbed rather meekly to be all out for 79. Only Andrew Wilson (and he travelled separately!) passed twenty. Bowling for Whanganui Josh Allpress and Adam Lennox completely destroyed the Wanderers batting line-up.

A win to Collegiate by 125 runs.

On the positive side Wanderers as usual enjoyed fabulous hospitality provided by our hosts. We thank them most sincerely and look forward to the coming season's encounter with a mixture of trepidation and hope.

Whanganui Collegiate: 204-6 off 40 overs, (Harry Godfrey 100no, Sean O'Leary 36, Scott McHardy 2-22, Caleb Montague 2-32).

Wanderers CC: 79-10 off 25 overs, (Andrew Wilson 24, Josh Allpress 4-14, Adam Lennox 2-18).

Win to Whanganui Collegiate by 125 runs.

WANDERERS CC V ONSLOW COLLEGE

The first home match for the season was as usual Onslow College on 1st December at Onslow. Following a humbling defeat the previous year Wanderers were looking to better things. Early morning rain meant the match was reduce to 30 overs a side. Under a leaden sky Wanderers won the toss and batted, eventually reaching 223-10 off 29.5 overs. The Northamptonshire CCC professional Saif Zaib in his first match for the club score a fluent 41 before being dismissed. Coming in at number 6 former Wellington and Canterbury



Ashan Wanasinghe and Neil Frederickson



Sunnie Chan leaves after his 100 with Sam Millmow

representative Sunnie Chan got a magnificent 101 before giving his wicket away. Matt Scoble with 24 provided substance at the end.

Callan Holgate with 2-46 and Shakeel Morar with 2-42 were the main wicket takers.

In reply before the rains came and washed away any chance of a result Onslow College were 91-0 off 10.5 overs with Matt Taylor 61no and Jake Urlich 24 no.

The hospitality provided by Onslow College was once again top shelf. We look forward to the coming season's fixture being played under clear skies.

Wanderers CC: 223-10 off 29.5 overs (Sunnie Chan 101, Saif Zaib 41, Matt Scoble 24, Callan Holgate 2-46, Shakeel Morar 2-42).

Onslow College: 91-0 off 10.5 overs (Matt Taylor 61no, Jake Urlich 24no)

Match Abandoned.



Always a great afternoon tea

WANDERERS CC v WELLINGTON COLLEGE

The Wanderers CC v Wellington College fixture dates back to our formative years, so in essence has been played for the majority of the last 74 years. It is an eagerly awaited fixture in our calendar and it shows the esteem the club holds the match in that this year's Wanderers team contained no fewer than six former first class and international players and one current first class player.

To celebrate the longevity of the fixture, Wanderers President Scott McHardy presented a trophy to be played between the two sides. We were honoured that recently retired long serving Headmaster Roger Moses agreed to have his name on the trophy and indeed was present on the day to receive the trophy from Scott McHardy and stay to present it to the winning captain.

Wanderers expected and got a battle royal. Captain Hamish Marshall won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Brian Steele and Luke Woodcock got the side off to a steady start. Runs came steadily and as wickets started to fall the score mounted. As to be expected the experience of some of the first class and international players shone through and with some ferocious hitting in the last few overs from Ewen Thompson Wanderers were able to reach 239-9 in their 35 overs.

In reply Wellington College showed great maturity in taking the game deep and it was only with a little luck that Wanderers got home by 7 runs in the last over. Coach Duncan Murray has fashioned a fine side who are able to think on their feet, read a game and most importantly fight to the end.

The parents of the College XI provided an excellent afternoon tea which was eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by both teams. Thanks should go to the parents for once again providing outstanding hospitality.

We look forward to another titanic battle when the two sides meet next season, the Wanderers 75th.



After the battle

Evan Gray

Wanderers CC: 239-9 in 35 overs, Luke Woodcock 22, Saif Zaib 31, Richard Petrie 58, Sam Mycock 32, Dion Bennett 24, Ewen Thompson 28, Ollie Johnston 3-27, Jacob Vandenberg 2-55, William Atkinson-Moses 2-26.

Wellington College: 232-9 off 35 overs, Will Stevenson 63, Sam French 58, Mika Lawrence 29, Saif Zaib 3-28.

Win to Wanderers by 7 runs.

Wellington College: 232-9 off 35 overs, Will Stevenson 63, Sam French 58, Lawrence 29, Saif Zaib 3-28.

Win to Wanderers by 7 runs.



Coach Duncan Murray (white hat) talking to his team



The Roger Moses Cup



Luke Woodcock pulling a short one



Scott McHardy presenting the trophy to Roger Moses



Captain Hamish Marshall with daughter and Roger Moses



Roger Moses presents Hamish Marshall with the Cup



Luke Woodcock looking to attack



Hamish Marshall (and daughter) with Gregor Fountain Headmaster



Dion Bennet and Hamish French, Richard Petrie and Saif Zaib Padded up

WANDERERS CC SCHOOLS XI V THE WILLOWS YOUTH XI

This season it was Wanderers turn to host the Willows Schools XI on the Basin Reserve. Mike Dormer ensures they send a side representative of all the schools that play at the Willows. Dave Kelly and Lance Ryan as coach and manager do a fantastic job with this team which is literally thrown together. Most of the boys know each other but some from the far flung reaches of the South Island are meeting their teammates for the first time.

The Basin turned it on and when Sam French the Wanderers captain



Match decided on the last ball

XI to get through to 205 all out in 47.5 overs. Bowling for the Willows XI Tom Middleton took 5-55 off 9.5 overs, able supported by Nathanael Paltridge with an outstanding 4-29 off his 10 overs.



Willows XI watch from the Ewen Chatfield Room



The start of the innings

won the toss he had no hesitation in batting first. Opener Peter Bonar from Wellington College with a solid 40, Caleb Montague from SPC Silverstream with a swashbuckling 74 and Archie Chandler with a hard hit 35 batting at 9, enabled the Wanderers



Wanderers and Willows XI's

After losing an early wicket Zac Foulkes took charge and smashed the Wanderers attack to all corners of the Basin in making an exhilarating 83. He was well supported by William Hocquard with 26 and Nick Cooke for with 35. With the Willows XI cantering to an easy victory, the loss of Foulkes

signalled a massive collapse and with one ball left in the match, 9 wickets down, three runs were needed by the Willows XI. Nathaneal Paltridge completed a memorable day when he calmly hit the last ball of the match through the covers for 4. Lachlan Bailey with 3-29 off 10 overs and Sean O’Leary with 3-49 off 9 overs were outstanding for the Wanderers XI.



Wanderers’ President Scott McHardy addressing the teams

Thanks must go to Cricket Wellington for allowing us use of the Basin and all the facilities, Ryan Holland who as match manager ensured the game ran as if it was a test match. The generosity of the Norwood Foundation and Sir Ron Brierley ensured

we would be able to host The Willows XI in the appropriate style. Finally thanks to Graeme Dobson and his team at Super Shuttle for transporting The Willows XI to and from the airport and to Evan Watkin and Henry Chandler our two umpires.



Manager Lance Ryan addresses the teams at lunch

We look forward to touring south next year and endeavouring to turn the tables.

Wanderers CC Schools XI: 205-10 in 47.5 overs, Peter Bonar 40, Caleb Montague 74, Archie Chandler 35, Tom Middleton 5-55, Nathanael Paltridge 4-29.

Willows Schools XI: 209-9 in 50 overs, Zac Foulkes 83, William Hocquard 26, Nick Cook 35, Lachlan Bailey 3-29, Sean O’Leary 3-49.



The Basin lunch is world class

Win to the Willows by 1 wicket.



Practice beforehand eases the nerves

Willows Schools XI: Sam Sheriff (Wanganui Collegiate), Zac Foulkes (St. Andrews), Matthew Boyle (St Bedes), William Hocquard (Christs College), Malthias Paltridge (Home Schooled), Nick Cooke (CBHS) < Tom McLean (Christs College, Captain), Caleb Cotton (Papanui High), Devon Flannery (Ashburton High School), Josh Bridges (Riccارتon High School), Tom Middleton (Ashburton High School), Nathanael Paltridge (Home Schooled).



Vice Captain Caleb Montague presents Tom McLean with the Don Neely Trophy



Sam French Wellington Coll and Tom McLean Christs Coll at the toss

Wanderers CC Schools XI: Peter Bonar (Wellington College), Fraser Harding (Scots College), Harry Godfrey (Wanganui Collegiate), Gus Borren (Rathkeale), Sean O'Leary (Wanganui Collegiate), Caleb Montague (SPC Silverstream), Archie Chandler (Wellington College), Sam French (Wellington College, Captain), Lachlan Bailey (HIBS), Connor Smith (Newlands College), Joel Kajendrasslean (HVHS).



Matt Roche, Dave Kelly, Keith Bitchener and Evan Watkin



Don Neely and Willie Wong

WANDERERS CC V RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Rathkeale College hosted Wanderers on a scorching hot day in mid-January. Wanderers won the toss and batted on a drying wicket. This combined with a very accurate attack was to prove too much for almost all the Wanderers batsmen none of whom were able to reach 20 save left-hander Saif Zaib the Northamptonshire CCC professional who scored a magnificent century enabling Wanderers to reach 190 all out off 45 overs.



The battle is over

In reply Rathkeale who at one stage were 95-2 collapsed to be all out for 136. Thanks must go to Brian James and his team at Rathkeale for hosting us, putting on the traditional South African Braai.

Wanderers CC: 190-10 off 45 overs, Saif Zaib 100, Will Sommerville 2-10, Gus Borren 3-22,

Rathkeale: 136-10 off 39 overs, Alf McIntosh 31, Jake Jonas 26, Gus Borren 28, Saif Zaib 3-9, Taylor Wenlock 2-17, Evan Gray 4-11.

Win to Wanderers by 54 runs



Saif Zaib pulling the ball square



Brian Steele thanks our hosts

WANDERERS CC V ST PATS SILVERSTREAM

Two days after playing at Rathkeale, Wanderers again took to the field at Silverstream under a blazing sun. Luckily for Wanderers Brian Steele won the toss and batted. In almost a mirror image of the previous match Saif Zaib caressed the ball around, scoring another magnificent 100. The only real support came from Jono Tuffin with 30 with Wanderers finishing with 237-7 off 45 overs. In reply Silverstream managed 175 in large part due to Shaun Lynch who scored 43. Bowling for Wanderers Saif Zaib took 5-15 including a hat trick. He was indeed in a rich vein of form.

Wanderers CC: 237-7 off 45 overs, Saif Zaib 110, Jono Tuffin 30.

St Pats Silverstream: 175-10 in 37.2 overs, Dominic Raynor 27, Shaun Lynch 43, Saif Zaib 5-15

Win to Wanderers by 62 runs.



Saif Zaib bowling his hatrick ball



Paul Gini and Brian Steele addressing the teams



Finally some shade

WANDERERS CC V BAY CITY BEAVERS



Karori Park a picture

Wanderers finished an exhausting week by hosting the Bay City Beavers from the bay region of San Francisco. Thanks to the generosity of the Karori CC we were able to host our guests on the main oval at Karori Park. The feedback we had from them was that it was the highlight of their tour, due to them being the main attraction and Karori was presented in magnificent order.

Bay City Beavers won the toss and decided to bat. A lively and youthful Wanderers attack restricted the visitors to a score of 172-9 off their allotted 35 overs.

In reply Wanderers were able to knock off the runs in 31 overs thanks to 50no from Scott McHardy, 32 from Brian Steele and 24 from Tony Hill.

Thanks to the Karori CC for being an ideal host and putting on a magnificent BBQ lunch for both teams.

**Bay City Beavers: 172-9 off 35 overs,
Jarrod Lovell 34, Callum Lovell 34,
Shrikanth 31, Yousuf 23no, Alex Blacktop
2-18,**

**Wanderers CC: 173-5 off 31 overs, Scott
McHardy 50no, Brian Steele 32, Tony Hill
24,**

Win to Wanderers by 5 wickets.



Scott Mchardy presenting Bay City Beavers captain Bhagya with a WWCC Cap



Scott McHardy on the attack



Bay City Beavers CC



Wanderers v Bay City Beavers

WANDERERS CC V ST PATS TOWN

St Pats Town provided the last match before the Christmas break. Wanderers had selected a very strong XI for this match and as it turned out were far too strong for an inexperienced Town XI. To be fair to the school XI they were trialling a number of their boys who were likely to make the XI in the New Year.

Wanderers CC: 296-6 in 40 overs, Saif Zaib 112, Andrew Pollock 50, Ollie Argent 37, Sunnie Chan 25, Leigh Kelly 35, Henry McIntyre 2-50.

St Pats Town: 94-10 in 32 overs: Harry Kidd 32, Matt Scoble 3-19, Ashan Wanasinghe 2-13, Ollie Argent 2-7.

Win to Wanderers by 202 runs.



Wanderers and St Pats Town XI's

WANDERERS CC V SCOTS COLLEGE

Wanderers CC: 126-9 in 32 overs, Blair Nicholson 23, Scott McHardy 24, Tim Bryant 2-17, William Fox 2-19, Fergus Kisby-McLeod 3-16.

Scots College: 130-4 in 23 overs, Finley Kruger 54, Henry Christie 38no, Richard Petrie 2-12.

Win to Scots by 6 wickets.

WANDERERS CC V RONGOTAI COLLEGE

Wanderers CC: 279-10 in 39 overs, Taylor Wenlock 32, Sam Mycock 25, Saiff Zaib 103, Matt Wills 38, George Wells 3-47.

Rongotai College: 208-10 in 40 overs, Henry Wells 48, Bevan Cox 81, Goldingham 2-18, Mycock 4-25, Saif Zaib 2-5.

Win to Wanderers by 71 runs



Henry and George Wells, Rongotai College

WANDERERS CC V HIBS

Wanderers CC: 220-10 in 40 overs, Simon Wilson 23, Saif Zaib 61, Jack Burnam 67, Bamber 3-23, Nathan Edmonds 2-47, Lachlan Bailey 2-28, Ben Wilson 2-30, William Spice 2-17.

HIBS: 222-5 in 35.4 overs, Lucas Jelly 70, Jonty Bamber 94no, Jack Burnam 2-15, Matt Scoble 2-53.

Win to HIBS by 5 wickets.

WANDERERS CC V PARAPARAUMU COLLEGE

Wanderers CC: 303-10 in 40 overs, Liam Trevaskis 34, Saif Zaib 51, Jack Burnham 75, Jeremy Morley 26, Jack Oldroyd 24, Oakley Fearon 5-45, Jack Harley 2-55,

Paraparaumu College: 33-10 in 18 overs, Saif Zaib 3-5,

Win to Wanderers by 270 runs

WANDERERS CC V COLLEGIANS PRESIDENT'S XI

Collegians CC were the host for the annual Larry Macer Memorial Shield match. This match is played every year in remembrance of Larry, a fine Wanderer, a man who loyally served Collegians CC and Wanderers over many generations.

Wanderers won the toss and batted and with everyone making some contribution totalled 201 all out in 30 overs. In reply Collegians were able to knock the required runs off in 29 overs.



End of the innings

A win to Collegians who regained the Larry Macer Shield.

Wanderers CC: 201-10 in 30 overs, Willie Marshall 33, Eddy Marshall 14, Alan Orpin 25, Scott McHardy 12

Collegians President's XI: 203- 8 in 29.5 overs

Win to Collegians President's XI by 2 wickets.



Win, lose or draw, the beer and sausages taste good



Charles Ashworth raises his cap to the winners

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WANDERERS CC V HABERDASHERS CC

Wanderers CC: 138-8 in 35 overs, Paul Brodie 21, Michael Leggat 14no, Stephen Hewson 19, Larsen 2-18, Buchan 2-29

Haberdashers CC: 139-5 in 23.2 overs, Wright 21, Hall 24, Miratana 46no, Leary 18no,

Win to Haberdashers by 5 wickets.

WANDERERS CC V GREYTOWN CC

Wanderers CC: 199-8 in 30 overs, Brian Steele 16, Tony Hill 21, Hamish Marshall 50, Richard Petrie 37, Scott McHardy 52, Spieling 3-21,

Greytown CC: 188-10 in 29.1 overs, Bayne 25, Childs 31, Murrell 46, Saunders 19, Hamish Marshall 3-9, Stephen Hewson 2-44,

Win to Wanderers by 11 runs.

WANDERERS CC V NORTH SHORE CC

Wanderers CC: 195-5 in 20 overs, Richard Petrie 37, Sunnie Chan 100, Beppo Wallace 38

North Shore CC: 158-9 in 20 overs, Russell 38, Brett 24, Sunnie Chan 2-24, Willie Marshall 2-25

Win to Wanderers CC by 37 runs.

WANDERERS CC V THE WILLOWS

Willows CC: 202-8 in 20 overs, McConnell 38, Hastillon 76, Davidson 53, Andrew Wilson 3-36

Wanderers CC: 99-10 in 20 overs, Beppo Wallace 25, Chris Nicholson 4-22, Patel 2-15

Win to Willows CC by 103 runs.

WANDERERS CC V KAIPAKI CC

Kaipaki CC: 117-3 in 20 overs, Brad Leonard 20, Chris Hyde 37, Donovan 28no,

Wanderers CC: 118-2 in 17.4 overs, Richard Petrie 63,

Win to Wanderers by 8 wickets.



Wanderers CC and North Shore CC



Relaxing watching the batting



Wanderers CC and Haberdashers CC



Prizegiving dinner



Still time for a stroll amongst the cricketers



Play in the V



Richard Petrie Takes Guard



Michael Leggat leaves undefeated

COVID-19

The Covid-19 Pandemic which struck New Zealand and the rest of the world had a major impact on the Wanderers CC at the back end of the season.

The following matches and events were cancelled as a result:

Wanderers' CC v Governor General's Schools XI

Wanderers' Past Blaze XI v Governor Generals School Girls' XI

Wanderers CC v The Law Society

Wanderers CC v HVHS

Wanderers CC v Old Tablelands CC

The Hunt Cup T 20 Tournament

The Hunt Cup T 20 Tournament Finals Day.

Certainly the cancellation of these fixtures was disappointing but pales into insignificance when we see the death and destruction caused all over the world by this invasive pandemic.

As we go to print NZ is still in Level 2 lockdown

We are hoping that this does not affect the coming season, the Wanderers' 75th. However the main thing is everyone playing in the V, making good decisions around their health and keeping safe.

**WANDERERS WISH TO THANK THE
FOLLOWING FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING
THE LAST SEASON:**

Sir Ron Brierley

Norwood Foundation

Four Winds Trust

One Foundation

Infinity Foundation

Cam Mitchell CEO Cricket Wellington and staff at Cricket Wellington

Mike Dormer – The Willows Cricket Club

Shandon Golf Club, Ross Bond and staff

DB Breweries Simon Law

Black Dog Brewery

John Porter – Porter’s Pinot

Cricket Wellington Umpires and Scorers Inc

College Sport Wellington

Carillon Club

Leisure Days

Doug Pollock

Committee Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club

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Gerry Morris and Thorndon New World

David Howman CNZM

FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Eddy and Willie Marshall



Ewen Chatfield, John Morrison and Peter Holland



Eddy Marshall sets off for his first run v Collegians President's XI



Wherever cricket is played there is a friendly dog (Coby)