



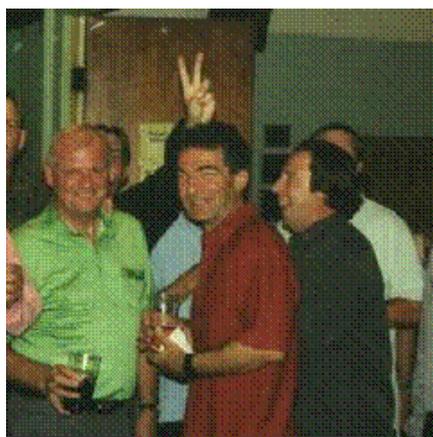
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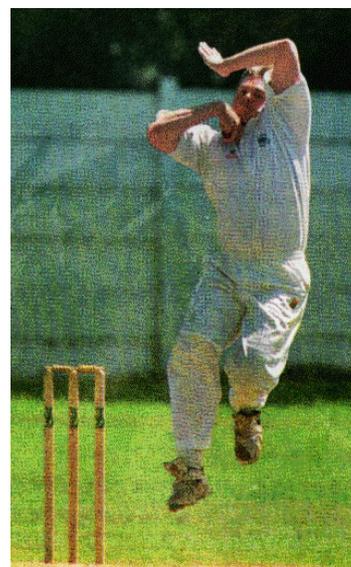
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**Middlesex
County
League
3rd XI
Champions**



SOUTHGATE CRICKET CLUB 2000 REVIEW



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Southgate Cricket Club

Results

Matches 131
Played 109
Won 33
Lost 30
Tied 1
Drawn 40
Abandoned 5
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THE 2000 SEASON

Ricky Gunn

When the cricket season for the year 2000 finally got started it had been preceded by the wettest April since 1766 when records began. Cricket was so hard to come by in those early weeks that 1st XI players were positively elbowing each other to get into games against the Adelaide and Marlow in the desperate quest for match practice. The county side suffered a similar fate as the superhuman attempts to stage a Benson & Hedges round between Middlesex and Surrey ultimately came to nought. The water seeped inexorably upwards at the Adelaide end of the main table, resulting in a quagmire which even the combined efforts of such supremos as Steve Martin, Mike Gatting and Ian Gould could not control.

There is no desire here to steal the thunder of any of the League captains whose reports, eagerly and excitedly composed and submitted by October (thank you Bill), await you within - and good reading they make, too. Suffice to say, following relegation to the 2nd division of the Middlesex County League 1st XI section, the 1st XI started well, lost composure halfway and then consolidated strongly to finish 5th out of ten. Only two games were lost but draws were not converted into wins when it mattered. Nevertheless, there were many positive indications of success awaiting us in 2001. Amongst the bowlers it was again Colin Saville who was the mainstay, his concentration and guile bringing him 38 League wickets at a miserly cost of 15 runs apiece, a superb performance at that level of the game. Matt Creese returned to the form that we know him to be capable of and provided an admirable foil with 23 wickets, and skipper William Dean 17. Stuart Tohill again scored most League runs (456), but was run close by Michael Brown who began to reveal the class and style that marks him above others, averaging over 50 in his nine innings. Jeremy Dangerfield again exceeded 300 League runs. Perhaps on the topic of knock-out cups the less said the better. It was not a year to remember with much pride but, of course, it also meant no valuable prize money which had helped reduce the stress on our hard-pressed Treasurer the previous year.

The 2nd XI again was not convincing but again contrived to avoid relegation, this time by the healthy margin of 18 points. There were occasional good batting performances but it was Sivarajah who caught the eye with 19 wickets at an average of ten in the ten games he played. Newcomer Russell Foster was a valuable asset with both bat and ball, and Peter Bownes, Nick Tohill and skipper Adrian Carr all exceeded 250 runs, the latter also taking 22 wickets.

The 3rd XI became 3rd XI League Champions. There is much one could say in addition to what may have been said at the time and since, but the reader is directed to David Howell's rivetting report for the blow-by-blow analysis of how oppositions successively failed to drive home simple opportunities to beat us. (I feel permitted to say "us" since the editor was, through consistently poor club availability, privileged to be present on the field to witness several of these remarkable victories.) After the previous (1999) season it was said that the thirds had come third with "no stars". It might

be tempting to try the same ploy this time, and the batting was decidedly fragile on occasions but, at respective stages of the season, opposition 3rd XI top order batsmen had no reply to Sean Flook, Andrew Crawford and Willie Wilkins with the new ball, coupled with the subsequent intervening permutations of Stuart Cradock, Chris Marshall, Geoff Blackmore, Richard Crabtree, Doc Howell and James Barber. A look at the 3rd XI League bowling averages will reveal the true extent of their wicket-taking and containment abilities. An interesting and indicative statistic is that, throughout the campaign, the average opposition opening partnership was only 15 as against Southgate's 43.

2000 saw the 4th XI embark on their first foray into league cricket with the 1987 League, playing home and away fixtures against the unusual (for Southgate) likes of Hanwell, North London, and Edmonton, along with some more familiar names whose senior sides are found in the Middlesex League. Although it was a step into the unknown, and the results was eminently creditable in many respects, the side was not consistently strong enough to knock down opposing sides with the ease which a Southgate 4th team might have been expected to have done. Nevertheless, there were some good batting performances on some 'sporting' wickets from Mel Dowsett in particular with 296 runs at an average of 74, skipper Doug Gordon, Charlie McEachern, Pat Moran, Matt Feeney and Shripal Shah. Paul Wilmshurst, Alan Rolt (before his injury) and Charlie McEachern bowled with some success, with good returns also coming from Hugh Ellis, Shripal Shah, and Matt Feeney.

In a season heavily curtailed by bad weather, followed later in the summer by the cancellation of fixtures through non-availability of players, 2000 was the least productive season in terms of runs scored and wickets taken since before the 2nd World War when the Club only played on Saturdays (plus a few mid-week matches). Mike Brown scored the most runs (671) in only 12 appearances, followed by Ricky Gunn (664) in almost three times as many outings. (The respective averages of the two manifest the relative chasm in ability between them but the editor maintains a premise that after 32 seasons at Southgate, and with sheer dogged persistence, his cricket career has still yet to 'peak'.) Stuart Tohill scored 646 and Matthew Feeney 588, while Jamie Jouning, Richard Marshall, Pat Moran and Nick Tohill also exceeded 500. Colin Saville took the most wickets with 40, followed by Sean Flook (38), Stuart Cradock (38), Geoff Blackmore (35) and Matt Creese (33). No-one came anywhere near approaching the evergreen Gunn (ha! ha!) with a total of 38 catches and stumpings. (Someone else can write this stuff if they really want to!).

Elements of the 3rd XI plus guests from other XIs under the studious guidance of Howell and Crabtree engaged upon a short but inevitably debilitating tour in the south of England to prepare themselves psychologically for the impending Saturday league match at home to Winchmore Hill (no problem!).

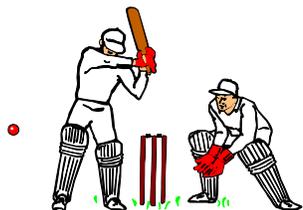
Sadly no fewer than 19 Sunday games were called off through lack of playing support, and consequently a number of under-strength sides were fielded against much stronger oppositions. Southgate was not alone, however, in experiencing this sad malaise, but clearly we have either to be realistic in terms of 21st century culture or view it as a passing blip which will resolve itself very soon. The Club was privileged to be invited to take part in Hemel Hempstead's 150th anniversary cricket week, and although our mid-week strength was also lacking on the occasion, Geoff Blackmore's Southgate XI at least socialised well and played their part in the festive camaraderie.

Writing this in mid-winter, a reunion of players from 1981/82 was occasioned by the arrival in England of Chris ('Rocket') and Lyn Stevenson from Perth at the end of a family holiday in Europe. Today's players would do well to emulate Rocket's dedication and concentration on the cricket field, and never-failing desire to take up the challenge (I bet Simon Hughes still remembers!). The Club's new 'vision' sees Peter Jouning as Southgate's first 1st XI manager and we wish him, as we wish ourselves, every possible success for the 2001 season.

RDC

SOUTHGATE CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES 2000

BATTING



	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Fielding	
									Ct	St
M. J. Brown	12	12	1	671	120	61.00	2	4	5	-
C. Marshall	17	7	6	56	22	56.00	-	-	11	-
H. M. Dowsett	19	18	4	454	107*	32.49	1	1	8	-
G. S. Rowe	12	12	1	357	64	32.45	-	1	3	-
S. J. Tohill	22	21	1	646	74	32.30	-	5	6	-
J. D. Dangerfield	19	18	5	405	53*	31.15	-	1	1	-
N. J. Tohill	23	21	4	527	101*	31.00	1	3	8	1
M. P. B. Kennedy	11	9	2	211	41	30.14	-	-	7	3
A. R. Jenner	8	7	0	203	72	29.00	-	2	3	-
T. J. Lambe	11	8	2	173	56	28.83	-	1	1	-
R. D. Gunn	34	30	6	664	86*	27.77	-	4	23	15
R. Bishop-Laggett	20	18	3	402	46	26.80	-	-	11	1
R. Foster	14	13	4	237	41	26.33	-	-	5	-
M. R. Taylor	7	7	0	131	35	26.20	-	-	4	-
C. Hackett	13	10	1	244	93	26.11	-	1	3	-
P. J. Bownes	13	13	3	283	58	25.72	-	2	5	-
P. M. G. Honnor	11	10	1	226	57	25.11	-	2	1	-
M. L. Creese	15	14	0	345	78	24.64	-	2	6	-
M. Feeney	29	27	3	588	75*	24.50	-	4	7	-
J. Mosley	14	14	3	266	94	24.18	-	2	2	-
J. B. Jouning	23	23	0	543	105	23.60	1	2	15	1
R. J. Marshall	28	28	3	555	67*	22.20	-	3	2	-
D. A. Woffinden	11	11	1	210	61	21.00	-	1	4	-
T. Sivarajah	13	7	5	42	18	21.00	-	-	-	-
S. Shah	11	9	0	182	78	20.22	-	1	3	-
D. Gordon	18	17	1	320	47	20.00	-	-	2	-
F. Ismael	20	12	6	142	42	20.00	-	-	5	-
S. Flook	33	18	9	178	32	19.77	-	-	6	-
C. S. McEachern	19	18	2	308	89	19.25	-	2	6	-
G. N. Blackmore	32	16	7	173	43	19.22	-	-	6	-
P. A. Moran	34	33	5	536	59	19.14	-	3	5	1
S. H. Stevens	19	16	2	268	49	19.14	-	-	3	-
J. E. Hobbs	24	22	2	377	104	18.85	1	2	12	-
B. R. Hartman	26	24	3	392	112*	18.66	1	-	5	-
S. Mahmood	13	13	0	237	56	18.23	-	1	5	-
M. Greenup	12	11	2	163	37	18.11	-	-	2	-
A. K. Durgacharan	20	19	1	323	55*	17.94	-	3	3	-
A. J. Carr	24	21	2	335	54	17.63	-	1	6	-

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Batting averages continued

	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Fielding	
									Ct	St
D. Beatty	18	17	0	295	54	17.35	-	2	7	-
S. Cradock	20	12	4	138	30	17.25	-	-	6	-
W. J. Dean	25	23	6	289	65	17.00	-	1	10	-
S. Cradock	19	11	4	116	30	16.57	-	-	6	-
G. P. Delf	16	16	2	221	55*	15.78	-	1	3	-
M. Stavri	8	8	1	104	34	14.85	-	-	-	-
J. Barber	7	7	2	74	30	14.80	-	-	3	-
R. C. Crabtree	16	11	3	113	25*	14.12	-	-	4	-
E. McGee	12	9	0	126	36	14.00	-	-	3	1
I. W. Henley	16	14	2	164	40	13.66	-	-	4	-
M. Lenton	8	6	2	52	25	13.00	-	-	2	-
M. C. Smethers	18	9	1	89	47	11.12	-	-	13	6
A. Crawford	14	9	2	74	24*	10.57	-	-	3	-
P. Stevens	13	11	1	105	24	10.50	-	-	1	1
B. Dhamarajah	12	10	0	103	32	10.30	-	-	-	-
R. U. Cole	5	5	1	38	17	9.50	-	-	1	-
A. G. H. Rolt	12	7	2	47	15	9.40	-	-	1	-
G. E. Slipper	8	3	1	18	9*	9.00	-	-	2	-
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	25	12	1	96	25	8.72	-	-	7	-
J. C. Thorpe	25	11	4	58	18*	8.28	-	-	3	-
C. Saville	17	9	5	33	12	8.25	-	-	2	-
P. M. Jouning	8	6	1	41	19	8.20	-	-	1	1
M. Fletcher	6	5	2	23	19*	7.66	-	-	-	-
P. M. Chadwick	9	7	2	37	12	7.40	-	-	2	-
M. Stevens	10	10	3	50	14	7.14	-	-	1	-
C. Ford	11	6	1	35	11	7.00	-	-	2	1
S. Goodley	15	8	4	27	12*	6.75	-	-	6	4
D. C. J. Howell	18	9	2	44	12	6.28	-	-	4	-
W. Wilkins	10	2	1	6	6*	6.00	-	-	1	-
A. Bond	6	3	1	7	4	3.50	-	-	1	-
A. Hawthorn	8	3	1	5	4	2.50	-	-	2	-
L. McGee	9	4	1	4	4*	1.33	-	-	-	-
D. H. Ellis	8	4	1	1	1	0.25	-	-	3	-

Also played:

4 matches: D. Combe 6, dnb, 4, 5 (1 ct); I. Malik 12, 0, 4; D. Walters 1*, 1, 0;

3 matches: G. M. Burton 40, 43* (1 ct); N. Chadwick 0*; R. Galloway 0, 41* (1 ct); S. Khan 0, 0*, 54 (1 ct); M. Tohill 10, 11, 20; C. A. Waller 10, 29, 16.

2 matches: B. Bacon, 2*; N. B. Bishop 6 (1 ct); R. Blackmore 0.

1 match: E. Barber 30; E. Carlile 0; Chiari 0; R. Draper 15; R. J. Fone 68*; P. H. Galloway; C. K. Gibson (1 ct); E. Goates 0* (1 ct); A. Green 0; G. A. Jardine 42; Jay Kotak 0; Jim Kotak 4; N. F. Lowen; R. Madden 15; S. Martin 4 (2 ct); R. W. McGee; H. Mohammed 14; M. Randall 10; F. P. Ruoff; M. Smith 18 (1 ct); A. Sodhi 26; A. Vinson; Weissman; D. Wood 1; J. Wood 14; D. E. Worth; D. Wray 3; S. D. Young 5.



BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5wkts	S/Rate (Balls/wkt)	Economy (Runs/over)
A. G. H. Rolt	45.5	13	124	11	11.27	4-4	-	25	2.70
T. J. Lambe	37.0	12	102	8	12.75	2-0	-	28	2.75
T. Sivarajah	133.3	46	302	33	13.13	5-18	2	24	2.26
S. Cradock	187.4	39	523	38	13.76	7-41	2	30	2.78
M. Lenton	47.3	9	111	8	13.87	3-10	-	36	2.33
W. Wilkins	81.0	20	239	17	14.05	5-45	1	29	2.95
M. L. Creese	147.1	33	507	33	15.36	6-67	4	27	3.44
S. Shah	56.1	8	202	13	15.53	5-39	1	26	3.59
J. Barber	46.4	13	157	10	15.70	5-31	1	28	3.36
M. Feeney	66.2	5	317	20	15.85	5-38	1	20	4.77
C. Marshall	124.0	22	415	26	15.96	4-39	-	29	3.34
D. H. Ellis	70.0	18	181	11	16.45	5-15	1	38	2.58
A. Crawford	151.5	40	416	25	16.64	4-20	-	36	2.73
C. Saville	231.3	55	667	40	16.67	6-16	4	35	2.88
R. C. Crabtree	73.2	18	246	13	18.92	3-16	-	34	3.35
G. E. Slipper	74.0	16	231	12	19.25	5-32	1	25	3.12
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	125.0	21	443	23	19.26	6-23	1	33	3.54
S. H. Stevens	52.1	5	219	11	19.90	3-27	-	28	4.19
S. Flook	265.3	67	793	38	20.86	4-24	-	42	2.98
W. J. Dean	106.5	4	493	23	21.43	4-24	-	28	4.61
A. Bond	37.1	7	111	5	22.20	3-11	-	45	2.98
J. D. Dangerfield	61.2	15	233	10	23.30	3-19	-	37	3.79
B. R. Hartman	152.0	29	455	19	23.94	4-24	-	48	2.99
G. N. Blackmore	223.0	35	871	35	24.88	4-32	-	38	3.90
C. Ford	69.5	5	330	13	25.38	4-81	-	32	4.72
J. E. Hobbs	129.5	21	436	17	25.64	3-11	-	46	3.35
C. S. McEachern	134.5	5	547	21	26.04	5-36	1	39	4.05
J. C. Thorpe	192.1	48	603	23	26.21	4-47	-	50	3.13
S. Mahmood	67.0	9	279	11	26.36	5-64	1	37	4.16
D. C. J. Howell	99.5	14	357	13	27.46	2-13	-	46	3.57
A. J. Carr	194.1	25	750	27	27.77	2-12	-	43	3.86
R. Foster	109.0	16	387	13	29.76	4-52	-	50	3.55
A. Hawthorn	46.4	8	197	5	39.40	2-0	-	56	4.22
C. Hackett	78.0	13	285	7	40.71	3-29	-	67	3.65
P. A. Moran	59.0	2	372	7	53.14	2-57	-	51	6.30
B. Dhamarajah	50.0	10	194	3	65.00	1-26	-	100	3.88
F. Ismail	101.3	12	420	6	70.00	1-13	-	102	4.13

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Bowling averages continued

Also bowled (10-30 overs):

D. E. Worth	15.0	3	29	3	9.66	3-29	-	30	1.93
S. Khan	17.0	5	38	3	12.66	2-26	-	34	2.23
R. Galloway	15.5	0	45	3	15.00	3-18	-	32	2.84
N. J. Tohill	12.2	1	49	3	16.33	2-14	-	25	3.97
A. R. Jenner	10.0	0	46	2	23.00	2-38	-	30	4.60
M. O. Stevens	20.1	2	70	3	23.33	2-13	-	40	3.47
E. Goates	12.0	4	32	1	32.00	1-32	-	72	2.66
L. McGee	24.0	1	140	3	46.66	1-8	-	48	5.83
P. M. G. Honnor	26.0	2	95	2	47.50	1-7	-	78	3.65
N. Chadwick	27.0	2	124	2	62.00	1-30	-	81	4.59

Also bowled (under 10 overs):

E. Barber 8-3-20-2; G. M. Burton 3.3-1-12-0; G. P. Delf 6-1-25-0; A. K. Durgacharan 3-0-9-0; M. Fletcher 1-0-4-0; C. K. Gibson 5-0-19-0; D. Gordon 7-0-28-0; A. Green 6-0-31-1; J. B. Jouning 1-0-5-0; I. Malik 9-1-41-0; G. S. Rowe 8-1-37-1; M. R. Taylor 4.2-1-13-1; S. J. Tohill 5.1-1-24-0; A. Vinson 8-1-32-1; C. A. Waller 3-1-16-0; D. Walters 6-0-20-0; Weissmann 7-0-39-0; D. A. Woffinden 5-0-36-1.

Paul Galloway - on the move



Paul, Jane and Maxine have moved away from Barnet (and an almost 30-year association with Southgate C.C.) to Devon where they are now running a holiday home complex. Paul would be pleased to keep in touch with old cricketing colleagues, any of whom will be more than welcome to drop in, if they are in that part of the world, at:

Higher Watchcombe Farm

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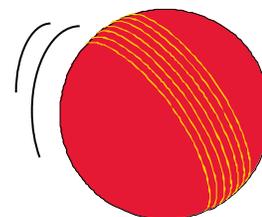
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Six-hitters of 2000



B. R. Hartman	15
H. M. Dowsett	14
C. Hackett	9
R. Bishop-Laggett	7
M. L. Creese	7
R. D. Gunn	6
M. P. B. Kennedy	6
P. A. Moran	5
M. J. Brown	4
J. Mosley	4
N. Tohill	4

Three each:

A. J. Carr
 J. Dangerfield
 W. J. Dean
 M. Greenup
 I. W. Henley
 F. Ismael
 J. B. Jouning
 C. S. McEachern
 G. S. Rowe

One each:

G. N. Blackmore
 S. Cradock
 G. P. Delf
 P. M. G. Honnor
 G. A. Jardine
 T. J. Lambe
 G. E. Slipper
 S. J. Tohill
 D. A. Woffinden

Two each:

S. Mahmood
 R. J. Marshall
 M. R. Taylor

Total: 123 (1999: 86)



End of season awards

Hawker Trophy: Colin Saville

Chris Stevenson Batting Trophy: Stuart Tohill

Derek Honnor Bowling Trophy: Colin Saville

Colin Done Young Cricketer of the Year Trophy: Jamie Thorpe

Outstanding Colt: Michael Stevens

Martin Fletcher Clubman of the Year Trophy: Chris Marshall



Piano Award: Steve Rowe

Congratulations



to Jeremy and Denise
Dangerfield on the birth of
their son

James Norman

on February 23rd 2000

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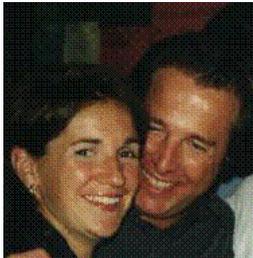
to Richard and Kim
Bishop-Laggett

who did it all in 2000, but
especially on the birth of their
daughter

Charlotte Margaret

on September 18th

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to David Howell and Vikki on
their engagement at Christmas

* * * * *

and

to Peter and Barbara Jouning

on becoming grandparents to **Conrad Guy** on 11 December 2000,
thanks to the efforts of Adam and Monique. The grandfather presented
the innocent babe with a miniature bat from Lord's (and Jamie is a very
proud uncle!).



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000

BATTING

Large Totals

For:	249-4	4 th XI v Edmonton IV (Lge) (a)
	245-8	4 th XI v Edmonton III (Lge) (a)
	244-6	1 st XI v Harrow I (Lge) (a)
	241	1 st XI v Cryptics (h)
	240	1 st XI v Ickenham I (Lge) (a)
	237-5	3 rd XI v Eastcote III (Lge) (a) (to win)
	236-5	2 nd XI v Stanmore II (Lge) (a)
	234-6	3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (h)
	234-8	2 nd XI v Richmond II (Lge) (h)
	232-8	4 th XI v Winchmore Hill IV (1987 League Cup) (a)
	229-4	2 nd XI v Wembley II (a)
	227-6	4 th XI v Edmonton III (Lge) (Oak Hill Park)
Against:	286-6	Wanstead I v 1 st XI (a) (Evening Standard Cup)
	267-8	Harrow I v 1 st XI (Lge) (h)
	248-8	Teddington III v 3 rd XI (Lge) (a)
	246-7	Edmonton III v 4 th XI (Lge) (a) (to win)
	235-8	Eastcote III v 3 rd XI (Lge) (a)
	234-4	Wembley IV v 4 th XI (Lge) (a)
	233-5	Winchmore Hill IV v 4 th XI (1987 League Cup) (a) (to win)
	233-6	Richmond III v 3 rd XI (Lge) (a)
	229-2	Wheathampstead I v 2 nd XI (h)

Lowest All-Out Totals

	81	3 rd XI v Finchley III (Lge) (a)
	83	4 th XI v Winchmore Hill IV (Lge) (a)
	89	2 nd XI v St Albans II (h)
	92	3 rd XI v Teddington III (Lge) (a)
Lowest Totals: (Oppositions)	23	Edmonton III v 4 th XI (Lge)) (Oak Hill Park)
	67	North Middlesex I v 1 st XI (Lge) (h)
	67	Hampstead I v 1 st XI (Lge) (h)
	73	Buckhurst Hill II v 2 nd XI (h)
	75	Hornsey II v 2 nd XI (Lge) (a)
	84	Brondesbury III v 3 rd XI (Lge) (h)
	91	North London V v 4 th XI (1987 League Cup) (a)
	98	St Albans I v 1 st XI (a)

Centuries (7)

M. J. Brown (2)	120	1 st XI v President's XI (h)
	107	1 st XI v Enfield I (Lge) (h)
H. M. Dowsett	107*	4 th XI v Edmonton IV (Lge) (a)
B. R. Hartman	112*	1 st XI v Hertford I (h)
J. E. Hobbs	104	2 nd XI v London Colney (a)
J. B. Jouning	105	1 st XI v North Middlesex I (Lge) (h)
N. J. Tohill	101*	1 st XI v Wheathampstead II (a)

Large Partnerships (* = not out/unbroken partnership)

162	3 rd wicket	C. S. McEachern (89) & H. M. Dowsett (67*) 4 th XI v Brondesbury IV (Lge) (at Old Owens, Potters Bar)
146	3 rd wicket	M. L. Creese (78) & J. B. Jouning (105) 1 st XI v North Middlesex I (Lge) (h)
131	2 nd wicket	J. E. Hobbs (71) & P. J. B. Bownes (58) 2 nd XI v Uxbridge II (Lge) (h)
125	1 st wicket	M. J. Brown (120) & S. H. Stevens (25) 1 st XI v President's XI (h)
124	1 st wicket	S. Khan (54) & R. J. Marshall (67*) 2 nd XI v Chingford II (h)
121*	1 st wicket	G. P. Delf (55*) and M. Feeney (53*) 3 rd XI v Pymmes (h)
120	1 st wicket	J. Mosley (58*) & D. Beatty (54) 3 rd XI v Stanmore III (Lge) (h)
113	4 th wicket	A. R. Jenner (71) & H. M. Dowsett (33) 3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (h)
112	2 nd wicket	S. Shah (78) & E. McGee (36) 4 th XI v Edmonton III (Lge) (a)
106	1 st wicket	D. Beatty (23) & R. D. Gunn (86*) 3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (a)
106	2 nd wicket	S. H. Stevens (49) & S. J. Tohill (55) 1 st XI v Harrow I (Lge) (a)
106	4 th wicket	N. Tohill (71) & R. Bishop-Laggett (38) 2 nd XI v Richmond II (Lge) (h)
103	2 nd wicket	M. J. Brown (107) & S. J. Tohill (44) 1 st XI v Enfield I (Lge) (h)

Other notable stands:

60*	7 th wicket	G. M. Burton (43*) & A. Crawford (24*) 3 rd XI v Stanmore (Lge) (a)
54*	7 th wicket	M. Feeney (51*) & P. Stevens (17*) 4 th XI v Wembley IV (1987 Lge) (a)
46	8 th wicket	G. N. Blackmore (30) & A. Crawford (12*) 3 rd XI v Hornsey III (Lge) (h)
43	8 th wicket	W. J. Dean (35*) & I. Malik (12) 1 st XI v Ickenham I (Lge) (h)
32	10 th wicket	F. Ismael (29*) & A. Hawthorn (4) 4 th XI v North London V (Lge) (a)
30	10 th wicket	G. N. Blackmore (13*) & S. Flook (17) 2 nd XI v Ealing II (Lge) (a)
25*	10 th wicket	J. C. Thorpe (10*) & C. Marshall (14*) 2 nd XI v Uxbridge II (Lge) (h)

BOWLING

Five or more wickets in an innings (20):

S. Cradock	7-41	2 nd XI v London Colney (a)
C. Saville	6-16	1 st XI v Hampstead I (Lge) (h)
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	6-23	4 th XI v Hanwell III (1987 League Cup) (a)
C. Saville	6-65	1 st XI v Enfield I (Lge) (a)
M. L. Creese	6-67	1 st XI v South Hampstead I (Lge) (h)
D. H. Ellis	5-15	4 th XI v Edmonton III (Lge) (h, Oak Hill Park)
T. Sivarajah	5-18	2 nd XI v Brondesbury II (Lge) (h)

S. Cradock	5-22	3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (a)
T. Sivarajah	5-26	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (Lge) (a)
J. Barber	5-31	3 rd XI v Richmond III (Lge) (h)
G. E. Slipper	5-32	Southgate XI v 1987 League XI (h)
C. S. McEachern	5-36	4 th XI v North London V (Lge) (a)
S. Shah	5-39	4 th XI v Hanwell III (Lge) (a)
M. L. Creese	5-44	1 st XI v Marlow I (h)
W. Wilkins	5-45	3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (h)
M. L. Creese	5-50	1 st XI v Ickenham I (Lge) (a)
C. Saville	5-59	1 st XI v Shepherds Bush I (Lge) (h, Shenley)
S. Mahmood	5-64	1 st XI v Wanstead I (Evening Standard Cup) (a)
C. Saville	5-94	1 st XI v Harrow I (Lge) (h)
M. L. Creese	5-100	1 st XI v Harrow I (Lge) (a)

Note: D. E. Worth took a hat-trick for the Southgate XI v 1987 League XI (h).

Best bowling against Southgate:

Sketchley	6-33	Watford Town I v 1 st XI (h)
Rohal	6-38	Hanwell III v 4 th XI (Lge) (h, Oak Hill Park)
Driver	5-1	St Albans II v 2 nd XI (h)

Economical bowling analyses:

C. Saville	18-11-16-6	1 st XI v Hampstead I (Lge) (h)
S. Cradock	10.3-8-6-4	3 rd XI v Brondesbury III (Lge) (h)
G. N. Blackmore	8-5-4-2	3 rd XI v Finchley III (Lge) (h)
G. N. Blackmore	11-6-10-1	3 rd XI v Hornsey III (Lge) (h)
M. Lenton	10-6-10-3	1 st XI v North Middlesex I (Lge) (h)
F. Ismael	10-5-10-0	3 rd XI v Pymmes (h)
J. C. Thorpe	6-5-1-1	2 nd XI v Buckhurst Hill II (h)
J. C. Thorpe	6-4-3-1	1 st XI v Wheathampstead II (a)
A. G. H. Rolt	6-4-3-2	4 th XI v North London V (1987 Cup) (a)
T. J. Lambe	6-4-4-1	3 rd XI v Chorleywood II (a)
J. C. Thorpe	6-3-6-1	2 nd XI v Uxbridge II (Lge) (h)
C. Marshall	7-3-8-1	3 rd XI v Teddington II (Lge) (h)
D. C. J. Howell	6-3-8-1	3 rd XI v Stanmore III (Lge) (a)
D. H. Ellis	9-4-12-1	4 th XI v North London V (1987 Cup) (a)
A. Bond	9.1-2-11-3	1 st XI v North Middlesex I (Lge) (h)
J. E. Hobbs	7-3-11-3	1 st XI v St Albans I (a)
A. G. H. Rolt	5-4-4-4	4 th XI v Edmonton III (Lge) (h, Oak Hill Park)
T. Sivarajah	13-6-15-1	2 nd XI v Teddington II (Lge) (a)
T. Sivarajah	8-2-9-0	2 nd XI v Wembley II (a)
A. Hawthorn	8-2-10-1	2 nd XI v Buckhurst Hill II (h)
T. Sivarajah	8-2-12-2	2 nd XI v Uxbridge II (Lge) (a)
S. Flook	18-9-24-4	2 nd XI v Ealing II (Lge) (h)
C. Saville	18-9-24-0	1 st XI v Enfield I (Lge) (h)
S. Cradock	14-5-17-2	3 rd XI v Stanmore III (Lge) (h)
A. Crawford	13.4-7-20-4	3 rd XI v Stanmore III (Lge) (a)
A. Crawford	14-5-21-2	3 rd XI v Stanmore III (Lge) (h)
C. Marshall	9-3-13-3	4 th XI v North London V (1987 Cup) (a)

FIELDING

Most wicketkeeping dismissals in an innings:

5 (3 ct 2 st) R. D. Gunn 1st XI v North Mymms I (a)

In the field:

4	M. Feeney	4 th XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (h)
3	D. Beatty	3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (Lge) (a)
3	H. M. Dowsett	4 th XI v Old Citizens (a)
3	J. B. Jouning	1 st XI v South Hampstead II (Lge) (h, Shenley)
3	J. E. Hobbs	2 nd XI v Ealing II (Lge) (h)
3	J. E. Hobbs	2 nd XI v Brondesbury II (Lge) (h)

Note: three unidentified catches 2nd XI League match v Finchley II (a);
 one unidentified catch 2nd XI League match v Richmond (a)
 one unidentified catch 1st XI v Welwyn Garden City (a).

Miscellaneous

High-scoring Extras

51 in Teddington III's 248-8 v 3rd XI (Lge) (a)
 47 in Fives & Heronians II's 223-5 v 2nd XI (a)
 43 in 1st XI's 212-6 v Blackheath I (NCKO) (a)
 40 in 2nd XI's 164 v Finchley II (Lge) (a)
 41 in Knebworth II's 212-4 v 2nd XI (a)
 36 in Edmonton III's 246-7 v 4th XI (1987 Lge) (a)
 35 in 4th XI's 232-8 v Winchmore Hill IV (1987 Cup) (a)
 34 (inc 22 wides) in Winchmore Hill IV's 233-5 v 4th XI (1987 Cup) (a)
 33 in 4th XI's 245-8 v Edmonton III (1987 Lge) (a)
 32 in North London V's 94 all out v 4th XI (1987 Lge) (h, Oakhill Park)

Biggest victories:

204 runs	4 th XI (227-6) v Edmonton III (23) (Lge) (h, Oakhill Park)
152 runs	1 st XI (219-4) v North Middlesex I (67) (Lge) (h)
10 wickets	3 rd XI v Pymmes (122) (h)
9 wickets	3 rd XI v Winchmore Hill III (131) (Lge) (a)
9 wickets	3 rd XI v Stanmore III (123) (Lge) (h)
9 wickets	4 th XI v Hanwell III (111) (Lge) (a)
9 wickets	2 nd XI v Chingford II (130) (h)
9 wickets	2 nd XI v Buckhurst Hill II (73) (h)
8 wickets	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (75) (Lge) (h)

Heaviest defeats:

9 wickets	'A' XI (158) v Hertingfordbury (a)
9 wickets	4 th XI (83) v Winchmore Hill IV (Lge) (a)
9 wickets	2 nd XI (155) v Finchley II (Lge) (h)
8 wickets	2 nd XI (119) v Tring II (a)
166 runs	1 st XI (120) v Wanstead I (286-6) (a) (Evening Standard Cup)
156 runs	3 rd XI (92) v Teddington III (248-8) (Lge) (a)

DOMINIC FOX

Dominic Fox, so full of life at 32, died on 6th December 2000 after a short diagnosis of acute myeloid leukaemia. A gentleman, taken far too early from his devoted family, and wife of three years, Silke.

Dear Dominic, the only medium pacer never to bowl a bouncer. Imagine a graceful, if unhurried run up, a classic bound, high front arm and arched back, landing on too many occasions on - his Achilles heel - the wrong side of the popping crease.

Did Dom ever hurry? An Harrovian with strong roots in English soil, a stoic manner, yet a zany humour which gathered many friends across a broad recreational range. Dominic studied cricket, gaining an advanced coaching award in his early 20's. It was in which he sought answers to his Achilles heel. There were so many answers, all tried with degrees of success, like the golfer trying cures for the slice or hook. Dom kept a reference sheet in his breast pocket from which Steve Rowe was once given a brief review in the middle of a 10-ball over. The next game v Finchley, it all came together and our local enemy were destroyed by Dom's 8-32 and he led the victorious Southgate in with a gracious nod and a smile.

Dominic's case had exotic stickers appended from his global travels. I recall stories of cricket on ice as a New Year tradition in St Moritz, and to Dominic, this would have combined all his dreams. He had 'designs' on interiors long before the TV series began, and once enlightened me with a vision of an African sunrise across a wall, an elephant foot stool was to be duplicated and inverted onto the ceiling to give the impression of the beast having landed above. The younger members of the team always enjoyed Dom's theories and his stories guaranteed to keep me distracted from the serious nature of cricket.

Dominic's faith in cricket's lessons for life were never more to the fore than when he had to deliver a 10-minute dissertation to his peers and the assessor (myself) for his Senior coaching Award at Chelmsford. Usually candidates gave a rehash of a passage from the MCC Handbook. Not so Dom. He started with Aristotle, flavoured it with a little Latin, added Wellingtonian tactics at Waterloo, and threw in a quotation from Wordsworth to embellish his theory of 'defensive field placement'. His audience acclaimed an innovative and worthy dissertation with a spontaneous standing ovation. According to the marking rules, I had to dock one mark for exceeding the time limit by 45 seconds, so I recorded 11/10, minus 1 = 10/10. The idea came to me from Dominic's concepts.

Like your life, Dominic, we would have loved it to have gone on much longer. We enjoyed the brief time when we experienced your influence, and we will cherish the moments of true talent.

Your playing colleagues, Hazel, and myself have all been left the better for knowing you.

Mike Dunn

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2000 1st XI League Tables

	Played	Won 10pts	Tied 5pts	Drawn 4pts	Drawn 1pt	Aband 1pt	Lost 0pts	Total Points
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E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE - DIVISION ONE

Brondesbury	18	9	1	3	0	2	3	109
Finchley	18	7	0	4	3	3	1	92
Teddington	18	8	1	0	2	2	5	89
Winchmore Hill	18	7	0	2	2	1	6	81
Eastcote	18	6	0	3	2	2	5	76
Brentham	18	4	0	3	4	2	5	58
Uxbridge	18	4	0	2	6	1	5	45
Wembley	18	3	0	2	3	2	8	43
Hornsey	18	2	0	3	3	2	8	37
Stanmore	18	2	0	5	2	3	6	35

E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

Richmond	18	10	0	5	2	1	0	123
Faling	18	7	0	6	1	2	2	97
Shepherds Bush	18	7	0	2	1	1	7	80
Hampstead	18	5	0	4	3	1	5	70
Southgate	18	3	0	6	5	2	2	61
Ickenham	18	5	0	1	5	1	6	60
North Middlesex	18	3	0	4	3	2	6	51
Harrow	18	3	0	2	6	2	5	46
South Hampstead	18	2	0	3	6	1	6	39
Enfield	18	1	0	4	5	1	7	32

E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE - DIVISION THREE

Barnet	18	7	0	6	0	2	3	96
Barnes	18	8	0	2	2	2	4	92
Staines & Laleham	18	7	0	2	1	4	4	83
Wycombe House	18	6	0	1	6	3	2	73
Bessborough	18	5	0	3	1	4	5	67
Barclays Bank	18	4	0	3	2	4	5	58
North London	18	4	0	3	3	2	6	57
Hayes	18	5	0	0	2	4	7	56
Hampton Wick Royal	18	0	0	2	1	2	9	51
Old Actonians	18	0	0	1	5	5	6	24

1st XI

William Dean

The 2000 season started and finished successfully with the 1st XI playing much attractive and purposeful cricket. The batsmen all scored runs freely, the bowlers bowled with aggression, skill and guile, the fielding was excellent. If it wasn't for June and July we would surely have been promoted!

We began with excellent wins against Blackheath and Ealing in the National. Both victories were classic Southgate cup cricket performances, played to a tried and tested formula - batting first, conserving wickets, accelerating steadily and hitting lustily at the end. Then keeping it tight with steady seam bowling, introducing the spinners mid innings, gradually applying pressure ensuring a late flurry of wickets and the opposition's demise. The pattern is the same, the individuals change.

In the Blackheath game Stuart Tohill and Jeremy Dangerfield were the main contributors to a total of 212. Matthew Creese and Colin Saville put Blackheath behind the rate and saw them eventually finish 20 runs short. In a low scoring game at home to Ealing, Jamie Jouning was the main contributor with an excellent 47 out of an eventual 156-8. A shared bowling effort then restricted a very strong Ealing XI to a mere 145-8 off their 45 overs.

Two of our first three league games were washed out, the exception being a very comprehensive victory over North Middlesex. In this game Jamie Jouning, batting as well as he has for several seasons, scored an impressive 105 (his third league hundred) and was well supported by a hard-hitting Matthew Creese (78). Our declaration came well before half time with 219 on the board. A Southgate seam attack of Hackett, Hartman, Lenton and Bond all then contributed to the opposition's dismissal for just 67. We had just won our first three competitive games.

It was at about this stage that our season came well and truly off the rails. A first round Ixex tie against Brondesbury would never be easy, but with only four regular first team players available it was going to take a small miracle for us to see Round 2. Predictably the miracle didn't happen and we were well and truly outclassed, losing by 61 runs. The following day saw us all out for a paltry 135 against a mediocre Ickenham attack and lose by eight wickets, which was not the ideal preparation for our third round National Cup tie against Hainault and Clayhall. Somewhat predictably, we lost this too - which was the first time that I've lost three competitive games in a row. To do so with such under-strength sides inside three days was really depressing.

What followed was a series of performances in which we really failed to click as a side. There were games when we batted well and games when we bowled well, but we rarely managed to combine both in the same games. To compound things, we got into a very bad habit of dropping important catches.

We batted very well at Hampstead, Stuart Tohill holding the innings together with a fine 65, but failed to bowl them out once Ben Hartman had taken the first four Hampstead wickets. We batted well against Harrow, but chasing 267 was never going to be a realistic target. We were thoroughly outclassed and outplayed in the game at Richmond and could only manage a scores-level draw at

Enfield when chasing 202. In the Evening Standard competition we went out to Wanstead at the first hurdle. The less said about this game the better; suffice to say that we lost by 166 runs.

We were very unfortunate at this time to lose home advantage for seven consecutive games. The consequences of this were, firstly, that we were unable to play on a surface that suited our undoubted superiority in the spin bowling department and, secondly, the difficulty in building team and club spirit. Shenley definitely did not suit us (three games, three points) and the low point of the season came when we were forced to block out for a single point against North Middlesex whom we had so convincingly beaten earlier in the season.

The return to Southgate saw our fortunes change. At last we could prepare a typical late summer Southgate wicket for Sav and Creese to ply their trade. The first game back home was against Hampstead. We won the toss and elected to bat, but were quickly reduced to 18 for 4. What followed was our best cricket of the season. Stuart Tohill and Jeremy Dangerfield put on 80 for the fifth wicket against an attack containing the rapid Jamaican Kirk Powell and Middlesex's Paul Weekes. Ben Hartman's quickfire 34, including seven exquisite boundaries, completed the innings, bringing the total up to 147. Colin Saville then bowled 18 overs of the highest quality off-spin, taking six Hampstead wickets for a mere 16 runs. Matthew Creese supported him admirably with his best spell of the season, claiming 4 for 48. Hampstead had been dismissed for 67 and we all breathed a sigh of relief as ten valuable points put us clear of any relegation danger.

We finished the season in great style. The main contributor with the bat was Michael Brown, who showed everyone what a fine talent and attitude to the game he has. He put together a run of scores that underlined his class: 79 at Harrow, 120 on President's Day, 107 against Enfield, and 65 at South Hampstead, bringing his league aggregate up to 422 in only nine innings. In each of the last six league games we posted daunting targets (in even time) and defended them on each occasion. The winning draw against Enfield saw their relegation to division 3 and the final game of the season saw us put in a near perfect display against South Hampstead. All the batsmen scored runs (including the evergreen Steve Rowe), seven good catches were held, and we won by 30 runs. Most significantly, it showed what a good side we can be.

There are many lessons to be learnt from this eventful and topsy-turvy season. Firstly we need to remember that we have some very talented cricketers at the club. Michael Brown and Stuart Tohill are accomplished batsmen, Sam Stevens, Matt Creese and Saquib Mahmood also show great potential with the bat. Jamie, Jeremy, Ben Hartman and myself are all capable of playing innings that dramatically change the course of a game, Ben Hartman can bowl a first class spell of accurate pace bowling, and Sav and Creese are as good as it gets when it comes to bowling spin. It is essential that we believe in our own and each other's cricketing ability all of the time.

Secondly, it has become increasingly apparent that we lack an overseas player of the highest quality. All the sides bar Enfield now contain an overseas star, so we are effectively competing at a disadvantage.

Finally, we need to maximise our chances of performing our best. This means that practice and warm-ups need to be better structured, we need to maximise our use of home advantage and we need our best players to be available more often. It may sound as if the professional era is upon us. That may be the case; however, what we learnt most from this season is that as a club we need to be in the top division. That will be our aim in 2001.

WJD

2000 1st XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100/50s	Ct	St
M. J. Brown	9	9	1	422	52.75	107	Enfield (h)	1/3	5	-
G. S. Rowe	3	3	1	76	38.00	39	Enfield (a)	-/-	1	-
S. J. Tohill	14	13	0	456	35.07	74	Hampstead (a)	-/3	3	-
J. D. Dangerfield	15	14	3	310	28.18	53*	Richmond (h)	-/1	1	-
J. B. Jouning	15	15	0	371	24.73	105	N. Middlesex (h)	1/1	10	1
M. L. Creese	12	11	0	266	24.18	78	N. Middlesex (h)	-/2	4	-
S. Mahmood	10	10	0	178	17.80	56	Ickenham (a)	-/1	2	-
M. Lenton	3	2	1	17	17.00	12	Ealing (a)	-/-	-	-
A. K. Durgacharan	12	11	1	161	16.10	55*	S. Hampstead (a)	-/2	1	-
W. J. Dean	17	15	5	157	15.70	35*	Ickenham (h)	-/-	7	-
S. H. Stevens	12	11	2	125	13.88	49	Harrow (a)	-/-	2	-
I. Malik	2	1	0	12	12.00	12	Ickenham (h)	-/-	-	-
B. R. Hartman	18	16	1	174	11.60	45	Ickenham (a)	-/-	4	-
C. Hackett	7	5	1	46	11.50	26	Harrow (h)	-/-	2	-
C. Saville	14	7	5	21	10.50	9*	Shepherds Bush (h)	-/-	2	-
S. Goodley	8	5	3	20	10.00	12*	Shepherds Bush (h)	-/-	2	3
N. J. Tohill	6	5	1	26	6.50	16*	Ealing (h)	-/-	2	-
A. Bond	4	2	0	7	3.50	4	Ickenham (h)	-/-	-	-
D. Beatty	2	1	0	1	1.00	1	Hampstead (h)	-/-	-	-
M. C. Smethers	6	2	0	0	0.00	0	Ealing(a)/Ick'm(a)	-/-	2	2

Played in one match: S. Cradock dnb (1 ct); M. Feeney dnb; S. Flook 0*; S. Khan 0*;
J. Mosley 6 (1 ct); T. Sivarajah dnb; J. C. Thorpe dnb; D. A. Woffinden 0. J. Creese took 1 catch
as substitute.

BOWLING

Overs Mdns Runs Wkts Av'ge S/R Econ 5wkt Best v Opposition

A. Bond	15.1	3	36	3	12.00	30	2.37	-	3-11	N. Middlesex (h)
C. Saville	204.3	50	586	38	15.42	32	2.86	4	6-16	Hampstead (h)
W. J. Dean	61.5	2	268	17	15.76	22	4.33	-	4-24	N. Middlesex (a)
M. L. Creese	116.4	28	406	23	17.65	30	3.48	3	6-67	S. Hampstead (a)
B. R. Hartman	100.0	23	291	15	19.40	40	2.91	-	4-24	Hampstead (a)
J. D. Dangerfield	50.2	15	154	6	25.66	50	3.05	-	3-19	S. Hampstead (h)
S. H. Stevens	38.0	5	165	6	27.50	38	4.34	-	3-27	N. Middlesex (a)
C. Hackett	43.0	10	137	2	68.50	129	3.18	-	2-17	N. Middlesex (h)
S. Mahmood	24.0	1	122	0	-	-	5.08	-	0-11	Hampstead (a)

Bowled in one match: S. Cradock 2-1-2-1; A. K. Durgacharan 3-0-9-0; M. Feeney 2-0-12-0;
S. Flook 11-2-36-2; J. B. Jouning 1-0-5-0; M. Lenton 10-6-10-3; I. Malik 2-0-12-0; T. Sivarajah
7-0-40-1; J. C. Thorpe 6-1-16-0; N. J. Tohill 8-3-25-0.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2000 2nd XI League Tables

	Played	Won 10pts	Drawn 4pts	Drawn 1pt	Aband 1pt	Lost 0pts	Total Points
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SECOND TEAMS - DIVISION ONE

Winchmore Hill	18	8	4	1	3	2	100
Brondesbury	18	6	6	1	2	3	87
Hornsey	18	7	3	2	2	4	86
Ealing	18	7	2	3	2	4	83
Stanmore	18	7	0	5	2	4	77
Finchley	18	5	5	1	3	4	74
Teddington	18	5	1	3	3	6	60
Southgate	18	2	5	5	1	5	46
Uxbridge	18	1	3	3	3	8	28
Richmond	18	1	0	5	3	9	18

SECOND TEAMS - DIVISION TWO

Hampstead	18	10	3	1	3	1	116
South Hampstead	18	8	4	2	2	2	100
Ickenham	18	7	2	1	3	5	82
Wembley	18	6	4	3	2	3	81
Eastcote	18	4	5	3	2	4	65
Harrow	18	5	0	3	3	7	56
Shepherds Bush	18	4	2	3	3	6	54
Brentham	18	2	7	3	2	4	53
North Middlesex	18	4	1	3	3	7	50
Enfield	18	0	0	6	1	11	7

SECOND TEAMS - DIVISION THREE

Barnes	18	11	3	2	0	2	124
Barnet	18	9	2	2	2	3	102
Wycombe House	18	8	3	0	3	4	95
North London	18	8	3	0	1	6	93
Old Actonians	18	4	6	2	1	5	67
Staines & Laleham	18	4	4	5	2	3	63
Bessborough	18	5	1	6	1	5	61
Barclays Bank	18	5	0	6	2	5	58
Hampton Wick Royal	18	3	3	1	3	8	46
Hayes	18	0	0	1	1	16	2

2nd XI League

Adrian Carr

At the time of writing this report (September 2000), Leicester City have just beaten Chelsea to go joint top of the Premier League. I mention this not (just) to wind up Bob Cole but to make the point that, unlike with football, effort and dedication alone will not produce relative success at cricket.

In order to be successful, a cricket team must have a couple of stars who are capable of playing at a higher level. New Zealand with Richard Hadlee and Martin Crowe were a good example of this, and for many years, Lara, Ambrose and Walsh covered up gaping inadequacies in the West Indies which have recently been so dramatically exposed. In 1999 Steve Rowe made eight appearances for the 2nd XI, Jamie Jouning seven, Andy Webster four, Alvin Durgacharan four, Ben Hartman three and Chris Hackett two, while Alan Jenner played in every game. In contrast, 2000 saw just six appearances from Steve Rowe and one each from Alvin and Saquib Mahmood. Whereas batters Steve Rowe, Peter Bownes, James Hobbs, Nick Tohill, Richard Bishop-Laggett, and Russell Foster, and bowlers Siva, Sean Flook and Jamie Thorpe all performed to something approaching the best of their abilities, the fact remains that the regular input of a couple of first team players would have been essential for the team to have been successful. Winchmore Hill who won the League for the second year running had Duncan Elder who according to folk lore we have been unable to dismiss for five years, Ealing's openers were Manroj Aluwalia who has recently captained the League representative side, and Ferreira who the week after playing against us made a first team hundred, and Finchley fielded almost an entire team of first XI quality players in the home fixture. Even Uxbridge who were relegated had a batsman in each of the games who scored classy, quick-fire, match-shaping 70s and 90s which none of us came close to matching all season.

2000, therefore, was always going to be a difficult season, particularly with our 1st XI playing in the 2nd Division - South Hampstead or Enfield 1st XI v Finchley or Brondesbury 2nd XI would have been an interesting contest. Nine players have already been mentioned but together with the captain, Mike Smethers, Simon Goodley or RBL as wicketkeeper, and Greenup, Woffinden, Blackmore and Cradock, the squad should have been strong enough to obtain a comfortable mid-table placing irrespective of the absence of the stars necessary to challenge for the title. The problem, however, was availability. Consistency of selection is another vital ingredient for success but an incredible total of 33 players represented the 2nd XI in 2000. Whereas the captain and vice-captain missed only one game between them, several others whom I had expected to build the team around played a handful of games only. Can I please ask for more commitment in this area next season? Selection will certainly depend on it!

I would like to thank those players who were brought into the side, often at very short notice, for just the odd game, especially as the 3rd XI was definitely the team to be in in 2000 - well done David,

Richard, etc. Talented young players such as Richard Marshall, Charlie McEachern and Matt Feeney were at least given an opportunity to savour the higher standard of cricket but must now work out how to adjust their games if they are to succeed at this or 1st XI level.

If there was a star player it was undoubtedly Siva, whose wickets cost only 10.89 runs each and were all top order batsmen, but 10 appearances and thus only 19 wickets emphasises the availability problem. Russell Foster also caught the eye by the time that 7, 8 and 9 in the order (Foster, Carr and Hobbs) had become 1, 2 and 3. Scoring at well over a run a ball against opening attacks with a lowest score of 26 in 5 innings was certainly something to watch. I only hope that a failure to reach 50 and play a match-shaping innings will be reversed next year.

Without having had the uncertainty of selection to worry about, top run scorer Peter Bownes (274) also impressed as did RBL who failed to mention his average all season.

I do not believe that winning the toss in only four out of seventeen games in any way contributed to our struggle. When we batted first we frequently secured four points but when chasing we were invariably hanging on for one point. Whilst our two wins admittedly came from bowling first, it must be stressed that they were achieved on the only really wet and obvious result wickets that were played on all year. If I have learnt anything from my first season as captain it is that on the flat pitches at the Walker Ground it is essential for spinners to bowl at least 30 of the 50 overs. Whereas our seamers took 48 wickets away, this reduced to only 31 at home (including nine against Ealing on the wet wicket).

Last but not least I must mention our fielding. At the height of our relegation struggle we dropped over 20 (yes, twenty) catches in four or five games. If half of those chances had been taken, we would certainly have secured a further 15 points. If two-thirds had been taken, we could quite conceivably have had a further 30 points. If you cannot bat at 12.30 p.m. no amount of practice will help you later in the afternoon. But I have little doubt twenty minutes of fielding practice each Saturday will lead to improved results.

I hope this report is read in a constructive rather than a negative light but we cannot deny that we escaped relegation by the skin of our teeth. The good news is that we start next season on an equal footing with all other clubs and I strongly believe that with improved availability, the addition of an experienced batsman scoring over 400 runs, James Hobbs returning to form as a match-winning slow bowler taking over 30 wickets, and improved catching, we can look forward to success in 2001.

Finally I would like to thank Andrew Parkin for umpiring. I hope you can be with us again next season.

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2000 2nd XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	50s	Ct	St
G. S. Rowe	6	6	0	194	32.33	64	Richmond (a)	2	-	-
N. Tohill	10	10	1	269	29.98	68	Richmond (h)	2	5	-
R. Foster	12	12	4	235	29.37	43	Finchley (h)	-	5	-
P. J. B. Bownes	12	12	1	274	24.90	58	Stanmore (a)	2	5	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	11	10	1	213	23.66	42	Teddington (a)	-	6	1
D. A. Woffinden	7	7	1	127	21.16	39*	Ealing (h)	-	3	-
T. Sivarajah	10	7	5	42	21.00	18	Winchmore Hill (a)	-	-	-
S. Cradock	7	6	2	81	20.25	30	Uxbridge (a)	-	1	-
J. E. Hobbs	16	15	2	235	18.07	71	Stanmore (a)	2	8	-
A. J. Carr	17	16	1	256	17.06	54	Richmond (h)	1	3	-
G. N. Blackmore	6	2	1	17	17.00	13*	Ealing (a)	-	-	-
M. Greenup	11	10	2	126	15.75	30	Finchley (h)	-	2	-
J. Mosley	5	5	1	50	12.50	20	Brond (a)/Tedd (a)	-	-	-
S. Flook	10	6	2	40	10.00	17	Ealing (a)	-	-	-
M. C. Smethers	8	5	1	40	10.00	17	Richmond (a)	-	9	1
J. C. Thorpe	9	4	2	19	9.50	10*	Uxbridge (h)	-	1	-
R. J. Marshall	6	6	0	42	7.00	18	Uxbridge (a)	-	-	-
S. Goodley	3	2	0	7	3.50	6	Ealing (a)	-	1	-
C. Marshall	4	2	2	21	-	14*	Uxbridge (h)	-	-	-

Played in two matches D. Beatty 0, 4; S. H. Stevens 23, 1; M. R. Taylor 12, 12.

Played in one match: A. Crawford dnb; A. K. Durgacharan 23; J. Barber 12; R. C. Crabtree dnb (1 ct); M. Feeney 1; R. D. Gunn 0; M. Lenton 7; S. Mahmood 34 (1 ct); I. Malik 4; C. S. McEachern 2; W. Wilkins dnb.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
T. Sivarajah	100.0	32	207	19	10.89	32	2.07	2	5-18	Brondesbury (h)
A. Crawford	17.0	2	46	3	15.33	34	2.70	-	3-46	Ealing (h)
M. Lenton	14.4	2	57	3	19.00	29	3.88	-	3-57	Uxbridge (h)
S. Mahmood	14.0	3	41	2	20.50	42	2.92	-	2-41	Stanmore (a)
S. Flook	98.0	30	287	12	23.91	49	2.92	-	4-24	Ealing (h)
C. Marshall	32.0	3	96	4	24.00	48	3.00	-	2-29	Richmond (a)
A. J. Carr	139.1	15	553	22	25.13	38	3.97	-	2-12	Hornsey (a)
J. C. Thorpe	65.0	11	235	8	29.37	49	3.61	-	3-35	Uxbridge (a)
G. N. Blackmore	17.1	1	90	3	30.00	34	5.24	-	1-0	Hornsey (a)
R. Foster	94.0	13	340	10	34.00	56	3.61	-	4-52	Teddington (a)
S. Cradock	40.0	7	166	4	41.50	60	4.15	-	2-28	Richmond (h)
J. E. Hobbs	67.1	7	258	5	51.60	81	3.79	-	3-32	Hornsey (h)

Also bowled: I. Malik 6-0-17-0; C. S. McEachern 6-0-30-0; S. H. Stevens 0.1-0-0-1; M. R. Taylor 4.2-1-13-1; N. Tohill 7.2 0-35-1; W. Wilkins 8-3-14-0; D. A. Woffinden 1-0-13-0.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2000 3rd XI League Tables

	Played	Won 10pts	Tied 5pts	Drawn 4pts	Drawn 1pt	Aband 1pt	Lost 0pts	Total Points
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THIRD TEAMS - DIVISION ONE

Southgate	18	11	1	1	1	2	2	122
Brondesbury	18	10	0	5	0	2	1	122
Ealing	18	9	0	0	2	3	4	95
Finchley	18	6	1	3	2	3	3	82
Richmond	18	6	0	3	2	3	4	77
Winchmore Hill	18	6	0	1	1	2	8	67
Teddington	18	5	0	1	3	2	7	59
Hornsey	18	4	0	2	3	2	7	53
Eastcote	18	1	0	2	2	1	12	21
Stanmore	18	1	0	1	3	2	11	19

THIRD TEAMS - DIVISION TWO

Wembley	18	12	0	3	0	2	1	134
Hampstead	18	8	0	6	2	2	0	108
Harrow	18	8	0	2	2	3	3	93
South Hampstead	18	5	0	3	4	2	4	68
Shepherds Bush	18	5	0	3	1	3	6	66
Ickenham	18	6	0	0	3	2	7	65
Brentham	18	5	0	2	4	2	5	64
Uxbridge	18	4	0	1	3	3	7	50
Enfield	18	3	0	3	3	2	7	47
North Middlesex	18	0	0	0	1	1	16	2

THIRD TEAMS - DIVISION THREE

Barnes	18	12	0	1	0	1	4	125
Wycombe House	18	10	0	4	1	2	1	119
Old Actonians	18	9	0	3	1	1	4	104
Barnet	18	7	0	3	0	2	6	84
Barclays Bank	18	7	0	2	3	2	4	83
North London	18	7	0	1	3	1	6	78
Bessborough	18	5	0	2	4	2	5	64
Hampton Wick Royal	18	2	0	3	4	3	6	39
Staines & Laleham	18	2	0	0	3	2	11	25
Hayes	18	0	0	0	0	4	14	4

3rd XI League

David Howell

Even if you were the club ostrich, I defy you not to have heard that Southgate 3rd Team lifted the 2000 premier league trophy for the first time since the reign of Captain Black in 1986. A truly memorable season from start to finish, which provided countless moments to savour for years to come. Everyone who played for the side made a valuable contribution at some stage even if various individuals were called upon more than others to make that extra bit of difference. However, in my opinion, I do believe that the league was won not only by the best side, but also by the team that generated the best spirit on and off the pitch which proved to be a critical factor in our success.

We commenced battle in traditionally freezing conditions at home against Teddington. Following our low first innings score, a win or loss appeared to be the only result possible (not the last time this comment was made about a game played last season!) but we battled against the odds to ‘steal’ the 4 points by virtue of a very gutsy bowling performance. Following a good start by Teddington, we clawed our way back into the game and with a cloudburst imminent, meticulous calculations by Captain Black showed us to be approaching a very close run-rate decision for the four points. We reached approximate parity but Teddington did not appear to have done their homework. As huge black clouds gathered over Walker School, Andrew Crawford returned to the attack and the field was dispersed to stop any boundaries. Crawfs delivered a perfect maiden to sneak us ahead on run-rate, just as raindrops the size of golf balls hit the square. Four points out of nothing and we were on our way!

About this stage of the season, top club pundit R. U. Cole Esq predicted impending doom and almost certain relegation for the side as he could not see how we were going to score any runs. In addition, he agreed to reward any subsequent win with a jug as he felt rather sorry for us and needed to give us something to aim at. His worries were not unfounded as we were certainly light on batters and a number of the newly recruited ‘first teamers’ at the top end of the club were not exactly setting the world on fire. After the second selection of the season, the side that journeyed to Winchmore Hill, although mustard keen, agreed that they would not fancy chasing much more than about 150. However, this was not to be an issue as Stuart Cradock in his first game of the season produced a miserly spell picking up five wickets and was ably supported by Geoff Blackmore, as we restricted The Hill to 130 all out. The job was by no means done but the development of a lucrative partnership between Duncan Beatty and Ricky Gunn (eventually our two top run scorers) proved instrumental in our victory. Delboy, got an extremely unattractive but crucial 20 odd and held an end down while the master-blaster Gunn (86) carted the attack around the ground in a fashion that only he can. Rain threatened again but the jubilant team returned to Southgate with 10 points in the bag, consumed the first of many foaming jugs of ale from the President and took the roof off at The Dipali.

Week 3 and we really were weak! The traditional glut of new players had either failed to deliver, turn up or simply joined other clubs, leaving the cupboard somewhat bare. It was with therefore with some delight that when I inspected the ground on this particular Saturday, there were ducks merrily swimming on the square, so the threat of Lindley et al on a wet-one was averted.

Hornsey away and the captain in France all week, flew up to Scotland for a wedding on the Friday. Fortunately, Easyjet had an early flight on Saturday morning which also connected with the outbound flight Mrs Craddock was taking to Malaga. This meant Craddo could pick up the captain at Luton and everything was fine. The sun shone but Mark Taylor didn't turn up and Crawfs had turned off his radar for the day. They got off to a flyer but then Woffers arrived (courtesy of the 4th team) and a combination of Crabtree, Blackmore, Craddo and the captain managed to wrestle back the initiative and bowl out Hornsey for 136. Gunny then couldn't find his credit card or Tesco's supersaver card (but I have yet to work out quite why he needed them when he was padding up). Gunny then saw Chris Waite warming up to bowl and almost had a seizure, in scenes reminiscent of any of the times Bob Cole has met John Lindley on a cricket pitch (who allegedly has dismissed Bob 2,451 times in club cricket). Crabbers tried to pacify Gunny and informed him that Waite was now 87 and was perhaps not quite the force he was in the previous century. However, it was to no avail and Gunny soon returned and promptly found his credit card in his pocket where he had left it. Richard Marshall then played the sort of innings we know he is capable of and set us up for victory. A minor collapse showed Hornsey our lack of depth but Crabbers 25* and Blackmore steered us to the 10 points – more presidential ale was drunk.

Stanmore 3's who have proved to be a bit of a bogey side over the years didn't put up much of a fight, managing a paltry 123 all out. Now sporting a new opening combo of James Mosley and Delboy, we put them to the sword, both openers scoring 50's, leaving us top of the league and Cole muttering something about needing to work overtime to fund us.

An horrific accident on the M25 saw us start our game with Richmond at 3.15. We only had eight but decided to have a go at fielding knowing the others were close behind. It sort of worked and we were in the game, but Richmond had a team stacked with talent (in which Steve Goldie who I can never recall batting lower than 4 against us, was number 10 on merit). They chalked up a challenging 233 on a shirt-front but we gave it our all. Woffers (61), Marshall R and Delboy all played good innings but we just ran out of steam. Needing 8 off the last 2 balls for the 4 points, Craddo smashed one into the score box but hit the last one into the stumps at the other end, only collecting the single for 1 point. A disappointed side watched England beat Germany and cheered themselves up with a Chinese, out in the sticks.

So to the first showdown with Brondesbury who, with us, were already drawing away from the chasing pack. We put in a quite magnificent performance and absolutely stuffed them, bowling them out for 84. Craddo bowled a beautiful spell taking 4-6 off 10 overs including a cowed 4 from their number 11 from his penultimate ball! Beatty and Taylor knocked them off with Taylor hitting a huge six into Ellington Court to clinch the victory. President spotted in Southgate, in animated conversation with man sporting Barclays crest on the breast pocket of his blazer.

Eastcote next, odd bunch of chaps who we have not really gelled with over the last couple of seasons. The major perpetrator of the 'bad blood' in the previous year's fixture was now safely on the other side of the world but we hired in another transatlantic guest (Jarders) for the fixture. This game was somewhat marred by stories of breakages which the chaps all thought very amusing. The first was a potential relationship wrecker where somehow the captain, while on the phone to Marshall C trying to

find an eleventh man, managed to knock over Vikki's brand spanking new glass bathroom cabinet. Not content with smashing into a million pieces, the cabinet also took a significant gouge out of the newly painted wall and a decent chunk out of the new toilet lid. The second incident involved the six that Taylor had put into Ellington Court the previous week, which in fact had gone straight through someone's sunroof and was returned with interest to Chris Sexton. Fortunately, we didn't have seven years bad luck with Marshall and Siva taking the wickets and Beatty 52, Jardine 42 and Taylor 35 knocking off the 164 we required. Vikki eventually saw the funny side of the day's events but Bob didn't as another table topping presidential jug was devoured.

Then the wheels fell off. The next two weeks were totally depressing and the less said about them the better. We had a weakish batting line up at Finchley and in truth the only person who looked like holding up a very good Finchley attack was the president himself, who had been drafted in at the last minute and scored a courageous 17. 81 all out was a miserable return but we regrouped in the vain hope of pulling off an unlikely victory. However, a quite appalling fielding display ended any hope of that and we were easily beaten. Next up were Teddington away, with us still league leaders. Not for long, however, as we recorded the biggest league loss ever experienced by a Southgate side, being on the wrong end of a 156 run thrashing. We were quite awful in every department, conceding 51 extras, dropping about 10 catches and missing countless run-outs. In reply to Teddington's 248 we got 92, with Gunny getting half of those on his own. From a position of some strength we had contrived to throw a 13 point lead away in the space of two games.

Tour offered some needed respite and 'relaxation' with a number of 3rd team stalwarts in the party. A quite unbelievable cross-county telephone dialogue then took place on the Friday night/Saturday morning between myself and Chris Marshall as players cried off left, right and centre for the home Winchmore Hill encounter. At 12.45 on the Saturday morning I officially had eight players. At the last minute, Alan Jenner answered our prayers and said he could play between the hours of 2.30 and 6.30. Bob then said he could play after 3, when the honorary members' lunch was over. Willie Wilkins then agreed to drive back from Dorset and would also reach us about the same time as Bob and Jens. Further divine intervention was required for the toss which was successfully negotiated. Gunny and the fit again Kenners had simple instructions – stay there! They did to good effect until Jens got his chance, hitting an invaluable 71, well supported by Mel Dowsett. Bob then emerged to rattle up a few late runs with the captain. Against all the odds we racked up our top score of the season to date. Then enter Delbert Wilkins from the Mayfield Avenue end. He really got the hammer going, peeling off a succession of quick deliveries to rip out the Hill's top order. Marshall and Jens then finished things off and we were back on the winning trail and Bob was back up at the bar!

Ealing away was possibly one of our most complete team victories. With Ealing at full strength, we toiled away in the field getting overs in quickly on a very hot day with Blackmore and the captain doing most of the bowling, restricting them to 163 all out. Gunny set off at a terrific pace again, well supported by RBL, Barber, Kenners and the limping Crabtree. We pipped them with an over to go to once again taste the fruits of Bob's wallet.

A strong side set about Hornsey at home and bowled them out for 112. Surely plain sailing for the star-studded line-up we had put out. At 62-7, things looked a little unhealthy after a succession of poor shots had seen a parade of batters rejoin the nervous skipper on the sidelines. Enter Blackmore (30) and Crawford 12* who batted with dogged determination to bring us near to our goal, leaving the captain to get the necessary single to win the game and secure the regulation 10 pints of Fosters from Bob.

Back to Bushey Park and Stanmore away. Another peculiar week of availability left the side again a little light on proven run-makers at this level. However, this was a game where Matthew Feeney scored his first league fifty and I certainly hope this is the first of many that he scores for the club. Another recruit to the cause, young Geoffrey Burton bludgeoned 43 in no time and Crawfs, after the rear-guard action of the previous week, opened his shoulders for a quickfire 20 odd enabling an early declaration. Crawfs then tore Stanmore apart with the ball, with Wilkins, Marshall and the skipper nipping out the rest and the president, who had been recalled to the side, taking a rather sharp slip catch, which at least softened the blow of another weekly wallet invasion.

Richmond put another strong side out against us and looked good for 200 plus at 150-4. However, an odd turn of events saw the tables turn. After a fruitless few overs from the skipper, a change was required. However, Crawford pulled up in delivering the first ball of his second spell and Barbs took over. The captain stayed on, bowled Goldie with his next ball, leaving Barbs to get 5 for nothing at the other end, as we bowled them out for 171! Another youngster, Cliff Waller, supplied a useful 30 and Kenners 40 but we still had a lot to do. Brahman Dharmarajah then hit a beautifully struck 32 in quick time ably assisted by Pat Moran. Another tight finish saw us needing 8 off the last over with Moran now joined by the nervous captain at the crease. Pat took complete control and we sailed home with a ball to go – a great victory. The president was overheard discussing cancellation of his impending trip to America due to cashflow problems.

Throughout this great spell of victories, Brondesbury produced equivalent form, also winning every game. All was set for the big ding-dong 20-pointer at the top of the table but it rained and rained and rained! Privately, we didn't think it was the worst result as we had an easier run-in than them but it was still very frustrating.

Then I had to leave the team behind due to an unavoidable meeting in Florence, so Crabbers took on the mantle of leader. It was to be another heart-stopping affair in my absence. Total confusion over the start time saw us turn up late with Kenners tossing up for Crabbers! Then already relegated Eastcote, played with gay abandon in reaching a huge 235. At 37-3 with Gunn, Delboy and Steve Rowe all back in the pavilion, we were up to our necks in it. But Jens with another fantastic 72 and Marshy 56* got us right back on target leaving Kenners (39 off 23 balls, including 2 straight sixes) to clinch a remarkable victory. The chianti tasted pretty sweet when the news filtered through, and even sweeter when it emerged that Brondesbury had only got 4 points. We were back at the top with one game to play and I toasted the boys until 5 a.m. on a roof-top terrace overlooking one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

'So, how do we play it?', was the most debated point on email tennis during the next week. We all agreed not to change the way we played and to go out to beat Finchley in some rare style leaving Brondesbury no chance of a reply. We met early, netted and got into gear for the critical battle. Everything went according to plan. We took early wickets (Crawfs again with 4), took blinding catches (Blackmore in the gully to dismiss one of the Hodges brothers), and all the bowlers chipped in to dismiss Finchley for 113. A gentle tea and we set about the total. At 40-0 off 7 overs it looked good as over with Delboy accumulating in good fashion. Then disaster as we lost the next 6 wickets for just 19 runs. The back ground started to fill with club members and the tension built and built. Bob Baxter was also on site to give us a running commentary of Brondesbury's progress at Stanmore. Blackmore and Crabbers then produced a vital stand, occupying the crease, picking up whatever they could. Crabbers took about half an hour to get off the mark but that was fine – occupation of the territory in the middle was of paramount importance. Every run got applause and the remaining batters, Crawfs, myself and Willie prepared ourselves. At 97, the partnership was broken, Crabbers

departing with an invaluable 13. At 106, Blackmore's vigil ended leaving just a handful needed. Then further disaster, Brondesbury won at Stanmore effectively leaving them 5 points ahead of us and Crawfs was bowled with no further addition to the score. Enter Wild Willie, without a solitary run to his name for the season, to join the captain. I have replayed the next passage of events in my head a number of times now and I still have to pinch myself to believe that they occurred as they did. Willie somehow got a two off his first ball down to fine leg. I then got a single off the first ball of the next over leaving Willie on strike. It was gloomy now and not so easy to see, but it didn't stop Willie taking a huge stride down the wicket to the next ball, stroking it past extra cover for four invaluable runs and to scenes of delirium on the boundary. Scores were now level which (we were fairly confident!) meant if we lost another wicket, a tie would give us 5 points and the league by virtue of winning more games than Brondesbury. However, out in the middle, I was not 100% sure of this fact! I was now back on strike and was immediately rapped on the pads in what felt like a fairly adjacent position to the woodwork – Tim's finger remained in his pocket. The next delivery clanged again into my pads, as my cultured heave across the line failed to connect with the ball. This time the finger was raised. Finchley celebrated a great fightback and the tie. We remained just a little muted until Blackers produced the league rules to finally confirm that we had indeed reached our goal. Then we went completely mad! Having dipped into his offshore account, Bob had enough cash to reward us for one final win. We then thanked him by soaking his best green shirt and trolleys in champagne, to his disgust, as he had packed all his other darts-tops for the USA. Champagne and curry were the order of the day and we celebrated late into the night.

I look back with immensely fond memories of the season. We played some very good cricket and some pretty poor stuff as well but the fact remained, when it all looked like going horribly wrong, we stuck together as a team and a number of people helped the side at extremely short notice to whom we were indebted. I cannot remember playing in a side that had quite as much fun together and it certainly was an honour to captain the team. Unfortunately, due to my studies, I am handing the leadership mantle back to Captain Black again for the forthcoming season, whom I am sure will do an excellent job. It remains for me to thank all the people who have supported me over the last three years including the committee, my vice-captain Crabbers, everyone who has played, Tim Bishop and Martin Fletcher who have done the bulk of the umpiring, all the scorers including the two Bens and Michael and of course, Vikki, for understanding that spending Saturdays with the chaps somehow keeps me sane!

DCJH

Collectors' Note

Southgate C.C. Annual Review

Surplus back copies of annual *Reviews* for the following years are available from Ricky Gunn:

1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1986, 1983.

Master copies which can be photocopied are also available for all the years 1982 to date except 1988.

2000 3rd XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	50s	Ct	St
A. R. Jenner	4	4	0	178	44.50	72	Eastcote (a)	2	3	-
M. R. Taylor	5	5	2	107	35.66	35	Eastcote (h)	-	4	-
J. Mosley	4	4	1	103	34.33	58*	Stanmore (h)	1	-	-
M. P. B. Kennedy	10	8	2	183	30.50	41	Richmond (h)	-	7	3
D. A. Woffinden	3	3	0	83	27.66	61	Richmond (a)	1	1	-
R. J. Marshall	7	7	2	138	27.60	56*	Eastcote (a)	1	1	-
M. Feeney	3	3	0	80	26.66	65	Stanmore (a)	1	2	-
R. D. Gunn	11	11	1	248	24.80	86*	Winchmore Hill (a)	1	7	1
D. Beatty	11	11	0	249	22.63	54	Stanmore (h)	2	7	-
G. N. Blackmore	11	7	2	86	17.20	30	Hornsey (h)	-	2	-
P. A. Moran	7	6	1	82	16.40	24*	Richmond (h)	-	2	-
J. Barber	6	6	2	62	15.50	30	Ealing (a)	-	3	-
B. Dhamarajah	4	4	0	62	15.50	32	Richmond (h)	-	-	-
R. C. Crabtree	12	8	3	71	14.20	25*	Hornsey (a)	-	3	-
S. Cradock	7	3	1	24	12.00	17*	Richmond (a)	-	3	-
H. M. Dowsett	3	3	0	35	11.66	33	Winchmore Hill (h)	-	2	-
A. Crawford	12	8	2	65	10.83	24*	Stanmore (a)	-	3	-
R. U. Cole	4	4	1	30	10.00	17	Finchley (a)	-	1	-
W. Wilkins	8	2	1	6	6.00	6*	Finchley (h)	-	1	-
D. C. J. Howell	15	7	2	25	5.00	12	Winchmore Hill (h)	-	2	-
D. H. Ellis	4	2	0	1	0.50	1	Teddington (h)	-	1	-
C. Marshall	7	2	2	6	-	3*	Tedd (h) Finch (a)	-	7	-
S. Flook	4	1	1	4	-	4*	Richmond (a)	-	1	-

Played in two matches: R. Bishop-Laggett 46, 6; J. C. Thorpe 5, 2; C. A. Waller 10, 29.

Played in one match: B. Bacon dnb (1 ct); G. M. Burton 43*; E. Carlile 0; G. P. Delf 0; G. A. Jardine 42; G. S. Rowe 5; T. Sivarajah dnb; A. Sodhi 26.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
S. Cradock	73.4	22	146	14	10.42	32	1.98	1	5-22	Winchmore Hill (a)
S. Flook	39.0	10	88	7	12.57	33	2.25	-	3-31	Stanmore (h)
W. Wilkins	71.0	17	234	17	13.76	25	3.29	1	5-45	Winchmore Hill (h)
R. C. Crabtree	59.0	17	174	12	14.50	30	2.94	-	3-16	Stanmore (h)
T. Sivarajah	18.3	5	46	3	15.33	37	2.48	-	3-46	Eastcote (h)
A. Crawford	130.5	38	341	22	15.50	36	2.60	-	4-20	Stanmore (a)
J. Barber	46.4	13	157	10	15.70	28	3.36	1	5-31	Richmond (h)
C. Marshall	69.0	13	246	15	16.40	28	3.56	-	4-39	Eastcote (h)
G. N. Blackmore	81.1	24	237	12	19.75	41	2.92	-	4-36	Ealing (a)
J. C. Thorpe	20.0	8	44	2	22.00	60	2.20	-	1-14	Teddington (h)
D. C. J. Howell	82.5	12	283	11	25.72	45	3.42	-	2-13	Hornsey (a)
D. H. Ellis	28.0	10	66	2	33.00	84	2.35	-	1-14	Teddington (h)

Also bowled: A. R. Jenner 10-0-46-2; G. S. Rowe 8-1-37-1; D. A. Woffinden 4-0-23-1.

4th XI

Doug Gordon

The 4th XI's first season in league cricket was undoubtedly a success. We finished a respectable fourth out of eight in our division and were runners up in the knock-out competition. More importantly the majority of games were close and competitive, mixed in with a few easy wins, a few disappointing losses and a couple of wash-outs. A recurring theme was that when we had a strong side we could match any team we played, but when we suffered due to poor availability (mostly further up the club) we struggled. With more consistent availability we would have seriously challenged for promotion.

The team was split into the under 20's and the over 40's. (And in most cases you could say *Well-under 20 and well-over 40!*). Both categories contributed equally, but I did hear it said that the youngsters contributed to the runs and wickets while the rest of us mostly contributed our wisdom! In particular I was pleased that several of the younger lads who were making up the numbers a year or two ago really strengthened the team and won a few games for us. In this category were Patrick Moran, Matthew Feeney, Paul Wilmshurst and Charlie McEachern (all right – he is just over 20). Fauzan Ismael, Michael Stavri, Brahman Dhamarajah and Michael Stevens also made regular useful contributions and have the potential to get even better.

Of the older brigade Mel Dowsett deserves a special mention. He regularly got lots of quick runs for us, including what was surprisingly his maiden hundred. Early in the season Alan Rolt took plenty of wickets and was sorely missed after he was injured (on the field – not in the bar, where he remained in evidence). Others who added to our success and deserve my thanks were Peter Jouning who stood in as captain and Phil Stevens who stood in as wicketkeeper, against his better judgement. The bowling was definitely strengthened when Hugh Ellis and Chris Marshall turned out for us on a few occasions each, showing that one or two good bowlers make a real difference.

Of course a consequence of playing well down the club is that you get opportunities in higher teams and so many of those mentioned above weren't in the 4th XI all the time, but when we had a reasonable team we had good games. Highlights were:

Home vs Edmonton III. We batted first at Oak Hill Park and scored well over 200 in quick time with all the batsmen getting a few and then bowled them out for 23 (Ellis five wickets, Rolt four wickets), a record league victory for any Southgate team.

Away vs Hanwell (cup). After starting well (Feeney nearly 50), the middle order collapsed drastically and Eddie McGee and Michael Stavri were needed to fight hard to get us to any sort of total (approx 130). Alan Rolt was injured so we were a bowler short, but an excellent team effort led by six wickets from Paul Wilmshurst saw us home.

Cup Final v Winchmore Hill. We could not have batted better. Charlie McEachern top scored with 70+ and Ian Henley got a rapid 40, but everyone chipped in to get us to 232 from 45 overs.

Unfortunately our bowling wasn't tight enough at the start and they were always up with the rate, but a couple of wickets towards the end slowed them down and they wobbled under pressure. This excellent comeback meant it was down to the last ball, which sadly for us was a no-ball and we lost! It would have been great to win, but there was consolation in earning respect from our local rivals.

(As an aside there was quite a big crowd at the Hill that day, but it did not compare with our biggest which was the first game of the year at Oak Hill Park. There were hundreds there, but sadly they weren't there to see the return of top class cricket to the Park, but to play on the bouncy castle and several got quite irate at us hitting a hard ball in the direction of their beloved kids!)

Home v Winchmore Hill. Our last league game of the season (and only one at Southgate) gave us revenge. Again we batted very well throughout the team, but particularly Feeney and Dowsett, to get 210. This time we had a secret weapon in Jamie Thorpe who shook them up and Matt Feeney cashed in with five wickets and four catches at the other end. We beat the team that won our division and gave them a real scare.

So if, like me, you agree that the 4th XI is about playing enjoyable games, having a laugh with mates and providing meaningful, competitive cricket for youngsters on their way up through the club, I think we succeeded on all counts.

DC

BILL READ



Older members were saddened to learn of the death on 19th September 2000 of Bill Read, at the age of 67, after major surgery at Papworth Hospital.

Bill played for Southgate from 1973 to 1978, captaining the Extra 1st XI in his last two seasons. Formerly a medium quick bowler, he reverted to off-spin on arrival at Southgate which brought him over 300 wickets in his six seasons here. His 70 wickets in 1977 (at only 14.78), and 60 in 1973 (18.46) were his most productive years, with 7-44 against Boyne Hill being his best return.

A kindly man, good conversationalist, and always encouraging, he did not doubt his own ability with either ball or bat (to mutual amusement with his colleagues), although batting opportunities were relatively few. In professional life he had studied art and ceramics at Hornsey School of Art in the late 1940s/early 50s, and was Head of Department at Creighton School where he taught art for twelve years. He was closely involved in developing the new GCSE art courses and in 1984 was appointed joint chief examiner by the London Examination Group. After retirement he continued as a consultant for several local education authorities.

Bill continued to play cricket after he and Shirley moved to Hunstanton, before recently retiring to Suffolk where Bill had hoped to return to painting for pleasure. Shirley keeps in close touch with the club through Bob and Anne Cole, and we extend our condolences to her.

RDG

2000 4th XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100s	50s	Ct	St
H. M. Dowsett	8	7	3	296	74.00	107*	Edmonton IV (a)	1	1	1	-
M. Feeney	3	3	1	137	68.50	51*	Wembley IV (a)	-	1	4	-
R. D. Gunn	2	2	0	125	62.50	78	Edmonton IV (a)	-	1	1	1
P. A. Moran	6	6	1	167	33.40	42*	Hanwell III (a)	-	-	1	-
F. Ismael	9	4	1	86	28.66	42	Edmonton III (a)	-	-	4	-
S. Shah	5	4	0	105	26.25	78	Edmonton III (a)	-	1	1	-
C. S. McEachern	7	6	1	125	25.00	89	Brondesbury V (h)	-	1	3	-
E. McGee	4	2	0	48	24.00	36	Edmonton III (a)	-	-	1	1
D. Gordon	10	10	1	175	19.44	47	Edmonton III (h)	-	-	1	-
M. Stavri	6	6	1	81	16.20	34	North London V (a)	-	-	-	-
G. P. Delf	3	3	0	46	15.33	36	Hanwell III (a)	-	-	-	-
I. W. Henley	9	8	1	79	11.28	23*	Edmonton IV (a)	-	-	3	-
A. G. H. Rolt	4	2	1	10	10.00	10*	North London V (h)	-	-	-	-
P. Stevens	8	6	1	54	9.00	17*	Wembley IV (a)	-	-	1	1
M. Stevens	5	5	2	25	8.33	12*	Brondesbury V (a)	-	-	-	-
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	10	6	1	36	7.20	17	Brondesbury V (a)	-	-	3	-
P. M. Jouning	5	3	0	18	6.00	18	Edmonton III (a)	-	-	-	1
D. Coombe	4	3	0	15	5.00	6	Brondesbury V (a)	-	-	1	-
L. McGee	3	2	1	4	4.00	4*	Winchmore Hill (a)	-	-	-	-
D. Walters	4	3	1	2	1.00	1*	Brondesbury V (a)	-	-	-	-
D. H. Ellis	2	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Played in one match: E. Barber 30; N. Chadwick 0*; P. M. Chadwick 8*; B. Dhamarajah (dnb); A. Hawthorn 4; Jay Kotak 0; Jim Kotak 4; G. E. Slipper (dnb) (2 ct); J. C. Thorpe 11; C. A. Waller 16; D. Wood 1; J. Wood 14.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
A. Hawthorn	4.0	4	0	2	0.00	12	0.00	-	2-0	North London V (a)
A. G. H. Rolt	31.5	8	78	9	8.66	21	2.44	-	4-4	Edmonton III (h)
D. H. Ellis	24.0	4	72	8	9.00	18	3.00	1	5-15	Edmonton III (h)
E. Barber	8.0	3	20	2	10.00	24	2.50	-	2-20	Winchmore Hill (h)
S. Shah	22.1	1	65	6	10.83	22	2.93	1	5-39	Hanwell III (a)
M. Stevens	13.1	2	33	3	11.00	26	2.50	-	2-13	North London V (h)
M. Feeney	15.1	2	65	5	13.00	18	4.28	1	5-38	Winchmore Hill (h)
J. C. Thorpe	11.0	3	30	2	15.00	33	2.72	-	2-30	Winchmore Hill (h)
G. E. Slipper	20.0	7	65	4	16.25	30	3.25	-	4-65	Edmonton III (a)
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	65.0	7	237	12	19.75	33	3.64	-	3-28	North London V (h)
C. S. McEachern	62.0	8	247	11	22.45	34	3.98	1	5-36	North London V (a)
B. Dhamarajah	15.0	7	26	1	26.00	90	1.73	-	1-26	Hanwell III (a)
N. Chadwick	9.0	1	30	1	30.00	54	3.33	-	1-30	Winchmore Hill (a)
P. A. Moran	11.0	2	75	2	37.50	33	6.81	-	2-75	Wembley IV (a)
L. McGee	6.0	1	44	1	44.00	36	7.33	-	1-44	Edmonton III (a)
F. Ismael	51.5	4	198	3	66.00	104	3.81	-	1-15	North London V (h)
D. Walters	6.0	0	20	0	-	-	3.33	-	0-20	Winchmore Hill (a)
C. A. Waller	3.0	0	16	0	-	-	5.33	-	0-16	Winchmore Hill (a)