

Southgate Cricket Club

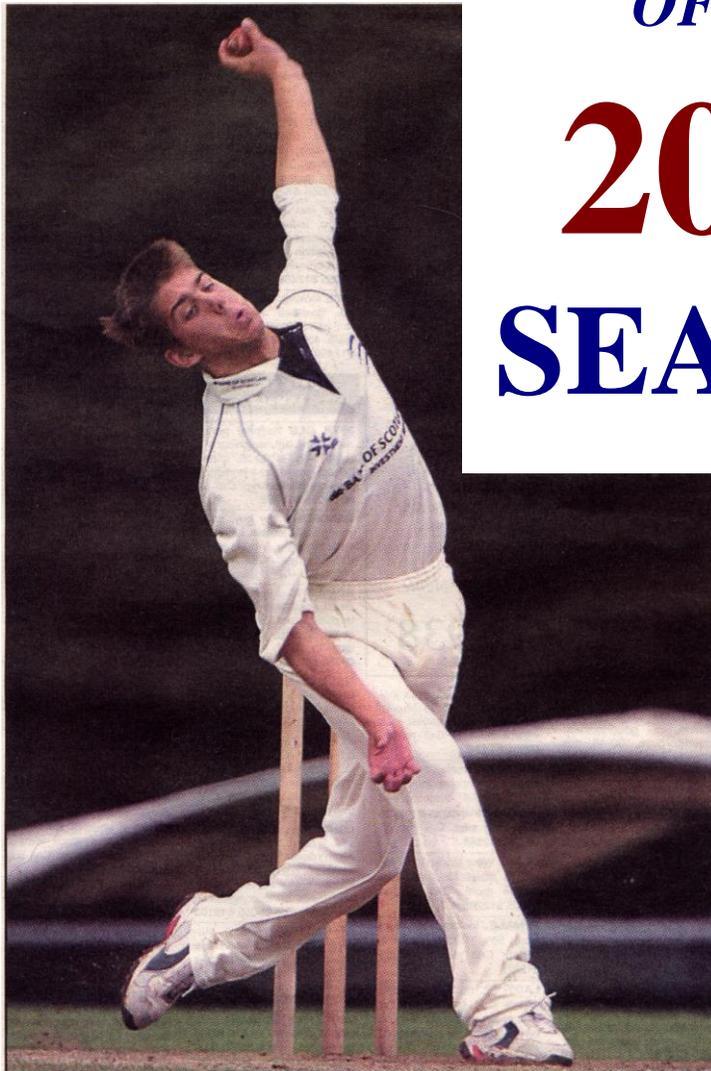


Review

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SOUTHGATE CRICKET CLUB 2002 REVIEW



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Southgate Cricket Club

2002

Results

Matches 138

Played 105

Won 35

Lost 35

Drawn 29

Abandoned 6

Cancelled 33

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THE 2002 SEASON

Ricky Gunn

The objective of promotion to the Premier Division was realised in some style, the 1st XI finishing an unassailable 45 points ahead of the runners-up, Barnes. Almost every Saturday evening throughout the summer of 2002, news spread of yet another convincing 1st XI win as Southgate steamrollered its inexorable way through the League fixture list to restore itself to a division where we have been convinced we have an inalienable right. Well, now that has been achieved, the next examination will be how we handle this elevated status amongst the star oppositions on display against us.

Not only the 1st XI gained promotion but so too the 3rd XI which, under the inspirational captaincy of Alan Jenner, after just one season ‘in the wilderness’, bounced back with timely aplomb into the 1st division of the 3rd XI League, both the 1sts and the 3rds winning their divisions by substantial margins. In many ways, though, the most creditable effort was that of the 2nd XI who have never wandered away from the 1st Division of the 2nd XI League and this year ended up in third position. The slightly less stable 4th XI too benefited from the successes above them as there was a more regular choice of capable cricketers to draw upon and this was reflected in their own best 1987 League position to date.

Jamie Jouning was again pre-eminent, fulfilling even greater promise with 565 1st XI League runs, with another 316 in cup competitions and a season’s aggregate of 1,051. His major ally with the bat was Mike Stafford who underlined his value at Southgate by also exceeding 500 League runs and totalling 1,010 for the summer. This was the first time that two Southgate batsmen had scored over 500 League runs in the same season. The batting was further underpinned by consistent scoring from William Dean and Algie Corbin, while Ben Hartman’s arrival at the wicket was enough to kill any spectator conversation in the expectancy of another explosive cameo innings.

As always, however, in the methodology of the Middlesex League points system, you can only do well if you bowl sides out, and this was satisfactorily achieved ten times in the competition. The left-arm opening attack of Jamie Thorpe and Justin Perks provided an ideal spearhead with 30 wickets apiece. Algie Corbin kept up the pressure with 24 wickets, and spinners Matt Creese and William Dean added the main sources of variation.

The 2nd XI came into their own, possibly, perhaps, astounded at their own success. For several years they have managed to restrict oppositions to gettable totals only to see the advantage frittered away by indifferent batting. This year things were to be different, the catalyst being in the form of David Woffinden. Woffers exceeded 600 League runs and found support coming from a bevy of solid batsmen, namely Steve Banyard, Alex Booth, skipper Adrian Carr, Ian Park, Michael Stevens and Nick Tohill. Michael Stevens at 15 matured with every innings, and when the skipper was reminded that he could also bowl a bit, promptly returned 5-39 at home to Hornsey. Adrian Carr led the way with the

ball, taking 46 wickets including a phenomenal 8-49 at home to Richmond. (I mention 'at home' in these instances when you consider that unlike the 3rd XI they were not playing at Gunnersbury Park or wedged on a patch somewhere between the M4 and the Piccadilly tube-line.) To end the season vying for the championship, finishing third was an exceptional achievement.

The 3rd XI benefited hugely from the rejuvenated Alan Jenner, whose return to regular cricket was as beneficial for him as it was to the club. As the wickets grew harder and Alan's appetite increased, the runs just flowed from his bat, a luxury the 3rd XI has not seen from anyone for quite a time. The side's strength has in recent years been its bowling which, with the sad exception of the previous season, has also compensated for its often unreliable batting. But with Jenner scoring freely and regular batting support coming from Stokes, Kennedy, Beatty and Bishop-Laggett, the side was bound to prosper. Keith Smart bowled so meanly that he took 25 wickets at less than 11 runs apiece in only the eight games he played. Coupled with the ever-reliable Stuart Cradock with 27 wickets at an average of 17, and Michael Limm so much more settled and effective than in his previous first season here at Southgate, the team from the end of June became truly irresistible. On top of this, Alan had made it clear he wanted to encourage the colts through their transition into adult competitive cricket which he managed to achieve without disrupting the balance of the side, and David Combe and Michael Millar will have benefited hugely from the experience and the confidence invested in them by the club.

The 4th XI enjoyed a more settled season because of the reduced disruption in the senior sides and therefore a regular available nucleus of 'better' players, although in fact 36 people represented the side, three more than in the previous year. Nevertheless, although the batting, led by Mel Dowsett with support from Ian Henley, newcomer Rowan Campbell and skipper Doug Gordon, was often adequate, there was a marked lack of penetration in the bowling. Only Nick Chadwick took 20 wickets and although Andrew Hawthorn was inexpensive, Alan Rolt was not as regularly effective as in previous years. However, new arrival Ron Hewit had a dream game against the League leaders Ealing when he dented their 68-1 in 8 overs to 69-4 from which they never recovered as we moved to a dramatic victory. Michael Stavri's innings of 24 in two hours was a character-moulding experience against incessant sledging from two 'colonials' in particular and was the final vital key to our victory.

A winter of scorebook analysis has naturally preceded the production of this annual Review. Amongst the statistics revealed is the fact that there were 26 instances of five or more wickets being taken in an opposition innings as against only 15 in 2001 (and the most since 1997). The number of hundreds slightly declined but with two league promotions in 2002, this only underlines my earlier point that to win regularly you have to bowl oppositions out. Another secret of success is not giving away too many extras. Clearly this is critical in cup matches where umpires are allowed to be excessively zealous over 'wides', and although the club found itself profiting at times from opponents' carelessness, Southgate must take every step to eliminate this waste of runs when they themselves are in the field. It's all down to concentration!

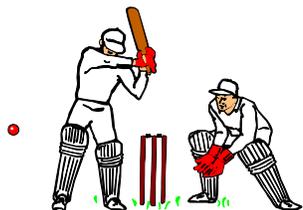
Finally, one little indulgence is missing in this latest Review – the six hitters' table. The number of instances of scorebooks being copied up after the game has meant that a large number of innings do not reveal the scoring shots. Ben Hartman certainly accounted for 20 in the 1st XI book, but his 76 not out at Dunstable, for example, shows no evidence of the probable carnage inflicted. I mention this in anticipation of fuller information in the coming season.

Good luck to you all in 2003!

RDG

SOUTHGATE CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES 2002

BATTING



	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Fielding	
									Ct	St
S. Haaris	5	5	2	261	118*	87.00	1	2	-	-
R. J. Marshall	8	8	1	378	105	54.00	2	1	1	-
D. A. Woffinden	22	19	4	754	101*	50.26	1	5	12	-
A. R. Jenner	21	21	4	840	120*	49.41	1	7	10	-
J. B. Jouning	28	27	3	1051	104	43.79	1	9	9	1
M. P. B. Kennedy	13	10	2	306	125	38.25	1	1	9	6
B. R. Hartman	28	25	8	534	76*	31.41	-	2	12	-
A. F. Corbin	26	25	5	620	70	31.00	-	4	13	-
M. D. Feeney	30	26	4	649	121	29.50	2	2	9	-
M. J. Brown	9	9	0	264	104	29.33	1	1	5	4
M. O. Stevens	34	29	4	702	95*	28.08	-	5	13	-
J. Perks	24	16	6	277	80	27.70	-	2	5	-
L. J. Stokes	22	22	3	526	72	27.68	-	2	4	-
M. T. Stafford	41	38	1	1010	89	27.29	-	7	13	-
D. G. Ashley	36	29	9	524	105	26.20	1	1	19	1
N. Tohill	15	15	2	337	56	25.92	-	1	9	-
G. S. Rowe	26	22	4	462	69	25.66	-	2	3	-
W. J. Dean	28	27	2	634	105*	25.36	1	1	12	-
S. Banyard	18	17	4	325	65*	25.00	-	2	8	-
H. M. Dowsett	29	27	1	640	68*	24.61	-	5	5	-
M. L. Creese	11	11	3	195	41	24.37	-	-	4	-
I. W. Henley	14	13	2	266	69	24.18	-	2	5	-
A. Booth	12	12	2	218	75*	21.80	-	3	4	-
I. Park	14	13	2	230	52	20.90	-	1	3	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	23	15	4	227	76	20.63	-	2	23	4
D. J. Beatty	12	12	0	244	66	20.33	-	2	3	-
J. D. Dangerfield	17	16	2	276	50*	19.71	-	1	6	-
J. E. Hobbs	16	11	4	137	50*	19.57	-	1	7	-
K. Haria	32	27	3	463	78*	19.29	-	2	6	-
A. J. Carr	24	18	2	301	62	18.81	-	1	8	-
R. D. Gunn	28	26	5	381	67	18.14	-	1	10	8
S. Flook	35	18	6	215	78*	17.91	-	1	9	-
R. Campbell	19	19	1	311	119*	17.27	1	1	11	-
S. Cradock	12	7	2	83	38*	16.60	-	-	1	-
L. P. J. Knight	6	3	0	44	39	14.66	-	-	1	-
P. R. Draper	6	6	0	87	28	14.50	-	-	-	-
D. C. J. Howell	12	9	2	100	41	14.28	-	-	6	-

(* = not out)

Continued

Batting averages continued

	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Fielding	
									Ct	St
P. A. Moran	28	23	4	269	42*	14.15	-	-	4	-
P. J. B. Bownes	11	10	1	127	47	14.11	-	-	5	-
T. Sivarajah	5	2	1	14	14	14.00	-	-	2	-
D. Gordon	15	15	1	191	64	13.64	-	1	2	-
B. Dhamarajah	18	13	5	109	35	13.62	-	-	8	-
G. P. Delf	5	4	0	54	41	13.50	-	-	3	-
M. Limm	14	7	3	53	18	13.25	-	-	6	-
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	23	17	6	144	32*	13.09	-	-	6	-
P. A. Stevens	22	18	3	190	31	12.66	-	-	7	-
M. Petherick-Collins	9	7	1	72	22	12.00	-	-	3	-
J. C. Thorpe	26	12	3	106	43	11.77	-	-	3	-
A. Lamb	5	4	0	45	21	11.25	-	-	-	-
C. Marshall	6	4	1	33	21	11.00	-	-	2	-
M. Stavri	18	14	1	140	27*	10.76	-	-	5	-
G. N. Blackmore	20	8	5	32	8*	10.66	-	-	6	-
S. Goodley	15	7	3	41	15	10.25	-	-	5	10
M. Millar	17	13	2	97	30*	8.81	-	-	3	-
N. Chadwick	24	12	7	41	9	8.20	-	-	4	-
A. G. H. Rolt	25	13	1	76	27	6.33	-	-	2	-
D. Combe	13	10	2	39	13*	4.87	-	-	1	-
P. M. Chadwick	9	3	0	13	7	4.33	-	-	1	-
R. Hewit	7	4	0	17	5	4.25	-	-	3	-
A. Hawthorn	11	8	2	21	11	3.50	-	-	-	-
D. Walters	16	11	2	18	5	2.00	-	-	1	-
M. S. Hughes	6	6	1	9	9*	1.80	-	-	1	-
K. R. Smart	11	3	1	3	2*	1.50	-	-	4	-
G. E. Slipper	7	4	4	27	18*	-	-	-	-	-

Also played:

4 matches: V. Akbar 8, 0; G. M. Burton 8*, 32, 7 (1 ct); M. Fletcher 10, 14, 0 (1 ct); J. Williams 25, 6, 7, 51 (1 ct 1 st).

3 matches: A. K. Durgacharan 0, 19, 23; R. J. Fone 19, 41, 13; S. Khan 18, 1, 0;

2 matches: J. Holloway 4*; R. Madden 15, 34; C. S. McEachern 20, 17 (1 ct); A. Popat 6, 14; J. Tailor 2*; M. Wloch 21*, 7 (2 ct); S. D. Young 92*.

1 match: R. U. Cole 0; M. Folly 11; P. H. Galloway; P. Marriage 0; A. Nelson-Cole 6; O'Dwyer; M. Saunders; T. Stevens 0; N. Taylor 0* (1 ct); C. A. Waller 1; T. P. Wheeler 18; P. Williams; J. Wood 51 (1 ct); D. Worth 3*; Ian from bar 5.
R. Blackmore 1 catch as a substitute.



BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5wkts	S/Rate (Balls/wkt)	Economy (Runs/over)
B. R. Hartman	42.4	7	132	13	10.15	5-35	1	19.69	3.09
K. R. Smart	123.2	30	372	33	11.27	7-30	4	22.42	3.01
M. L. Creese	91.3	12	296	18	16.44	5-21	1	30.38	3.23
M. Limm	112.1	27	345	20	17.25	4-65	-	33.65	3.07
S. Cradock	145.1	26	470	27	17.41	5-45	2	32.25	3.23
M. T. Stafford	239.2	34	802	46	17.43	6-35	2	31.21	3.35
G. N. Blackmore	156.2	23	566	32	17.69	4-9	-	29.31	3.62
G. E. Slipper	60.5	6	214	12	17.83	4-26	-	30.41	3.51
C. Marshall	62.0	14	202	11	18.36	3-32	-	33.82	3.26
J. C. Thorpe	238.1	39	841	45	18.68	6-33	2	31.75	3.53
J. Perks	292.3	47	1017	51	19.94	5-46	1	34.41	3.47
L. P. J. Knight	69.2	5	263	13	20.23	3-38	-	32.00	3.79
N. Chadwick	227.1	42	759	37	20.51	5-19	2	36.83	3.34
A. Hawthorn	96.3	17	336	16	21.00	4-24	-	36.18	3.48
M. O. Stevens	133.1	20	572	27	21.18	7-54	2	29.59	4.29
L. J. Stokes	85.2	12	299	14	21.35	3-33	-	36.57	3.50
D. C. J. Howell	58.0	3	259	12	21.58	2-13	-	29.00	4.47
R. Hewit	68.0	15	216	10	21.60	3-21	-	40.80	3.18
D. A. Woffinden	156.0	36	567	26	21.80	6-36	3	36.00	3.63
A. J. Carr	348.2	71	1093	50	21.86	8-49	3	41.80	3.13
A. R. Jenner	50.2	8	227	10	22.70	2-17	-	30.20	4.51
P. A. Moran	70.4	6	275	12	22.91	4-31	-	35.33	3.89
A. F. Corbin	190.2	24	780	34	22.94	5-41	1	33.58	4.09
J. E. Hobbs	160.0	18	507	21	24.14	4-46	-	45.71	3.17
S. Flook	287.4	57	936	38	24.60	3-8	-	45.42	3.25
W. J. Dean	176.2	12	679	25	27.16	6-52	1	42.32	3.85
A. G. H. Rolt	214.0	33	883	33	26.76	5-31	1	38.90	4.12
B. Dhamarajah	128.1	16	497	17	29.23	3-27	-	45.23	3.87
M. Petherick-Collins	45.2	4	221	7	31.57	3-17	-	38.85	4.87
M. D. Feeney	72.0	2	379	12	31.58	4-81	-	36.00	5.26
D. Walters	77.0	8	384	11	34.90	4-40	-	42.00	4.98
T. Sivarajah	46.0	10	154	4	38.50	2-26	-	69.00	3.35
S. Banyard	82.0	12	290	7	41.43	2-22	-	70.28	3.53
D. G. Ashley	37.0	0	195	4	48.75	2-39	-	55.50	5.27
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	63.2	11	307	6	51.16	2-25	-	63.33	4.84
J. D. Dangerfield	35.0	6	119	2	59.50	1-13	-	59.50	3.40
D. Combe	67.0	4	246	4	61.50	2-19	-	100.50	3.67

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Bowling averages continued

Also bowled (10-30 overs):

J. Holloway	12.0	4	34	4	8.50	3-11	-	18.00	2.83
D. Gordon	28.0	6	105	10	10.50	4-17	-	16.80	3.75
S. Khan	13.0	1	43	2	21.50	1-12	-	39.00	3.30
G. S. Rowe	27.0	3	87	4	21.75	2-50	-	40.50	3.22
J. Tailor	10.0	1	53	2	26.50	2-30	-	30.00	5.30
M. Millar	27.0	2	144	4	36.00	2-13	-	40.50	5.33
R. Campbell	12.0	1	77	1	77.00	1-33	-	72.00	6.41
M. S. Hughes	22.0	0	150	1	150.00	1-27	-	132.00	6.82
C. S. McEachern	12.0	1	48	0	-	0-48	-	-	4.00
V. Akbar	17.0	1	95	0	-	0-27	-	-	5.58

Also bowled (under 10 overs):

D. E. Worth	9.0	2	19	2	9.50	2-19	-	27.00	2.11
A. Popat	5.0	0	34	3	11.33	3-34	-	10.00	6.80
P. H. Galloway	2.1	0	12	1	12.00	1-12	-	13.00	5.55
S. D. Young	3.0	0	22	1	22.00	1-22	-	18.00	7.33
A. Lamb	5.0	0	29	1	29.00	1-29	-	30.00	5.80
P. Marriage	9.0	1	37	1	37.00	1-37	-	54.00	4.11
G. M. Burton	9.5	0	61	1	61.00	1-56	-	55.00	6.19
T. P. Wheeler	0.1	0	2	0	-	0-1	-	-	12.00
K. Haria	1.0	0	14	0	-	0-14	-	-	14.00
O'Dwyer	1.0	0	16	0	-	0-16	-	-	16.00
N. Tohill	8.0	1	39	0	-	0-6	-	-	4.87
M. Folly	6.0	0	42	0	-	0-42	-	-	7.00



Youth and experience on parade at Southgate 2002.

Michael Stevens ponders the match while Alan Jenner considers the motives of the photographer.



End of Season Awards

Hawker Trophy: Algie Corbin

Chris Stevenson Batting Trophy: David Woffinden

Derek Honnor Bowling Trophy: Adrian Carr

Colin Done Young Cricketer of the Year Trophy: Jamie Thorpe

Outstanding Colt: Aneesh Popat

Martin Fletcher Clubman of the Year Trophy: Mike Stafford



Piano Award: James Hobbs



Wedding Congratulations

to David and Vikki Howell
on 13th July 2002

Jamie and Caroline Jouning
on 23rd December 2002

Shaun and Evelyn Flook
on 14 February 2003 at Gretna Green

Birth Congratulations to

Richard and Kim Bishop-Laggett, a daughter Victoria, weighing
9lb, on March 16th 2002

Shaun and Evelyn Flook, a daughter Amelia Jane, 6lbs 8oz, on
September 6th 2002

Sally and Alan Jenner, a daughter Isobel Chloë Cave, 7lbs 13oz, on
October 31st 2002



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2002

BATTING

Large Totals

For:

275-6	2 nd XI v Fives & Heronians II (a)
270-5	2 nd XI v Southgate Adelaide I (a)
269	1 st XI v Old Actonians I (Ibex) (a)
260-9	2 nd XI v Teddington II (ML) (h) (and lost)
257-5	1 st XI v Hainault & Clayhall I (NCKO) (h)
251-7	1 st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (h)
243-4	2 nd XI v Ickenham II (a) (to win)
242	1 st XI v Barnes I v (ML) (a)
239-5	1 st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (a)
238-4	1 st XI v South Hampstead I v (ML) (a) (to win)
237-4	3 rd XI v Shepherds Bush III (ML) (a) (to win)
237-5	3 rd XI v Old Actonians III (ML) (h)
236-5	2 nd XI v North Enfield I (a)
235-8	2 nd XI v Ealing II (ML) (h)
235	2 nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (ML) (a)
232-9	1 st XI v Cryptics (h) (to win)
228-6	3 rd XI v Eastcote III (ML) (a) (to win)
228-9	1 st XI v St Albans I (a)
226-9	1 st XI v St Margaretsbury I (a)
226-3	1 st XI v Chingford I (h)

Against:

262-3	Barnes I v 1 st XI (ML) (a)
261-5	Teddington II v 2 nd XI (ML) (h) (to win)
261-6	Hampstead II v 2 nd XI (ML) (h)
249-4	St Margaretsbury I v 1 st XI (a)
247-5	Hampstead I v 1 st XI (Ibex) (a)
246-7	Ealing II v 2 nd XI (ML) (h)
244-7	Brentham I v 1 st XI (E. Std) (a)
242-5	Ickenham II v 2 nd XI (a) (and lost)
235-5	Fives & Heronians I v 1 st XI (h)
235-9	South Hampstead I v 1 st XI (ML) (a)
236-9	Shepherds Bush III v 3 rd XI (ML) (a) (and lost)
233	Birkbeck College I v 1 st XI (a)
230-5	Wembley IV v 4 th XI (1987L) (h)
229-9	Cryptics v 1 st XI (h)
227-8	Hainault & Clayhall I v 1 st XI (NCKO) (h)
226-4	Edmonton III v 4 th XI (1987L) (a)
225-7	Eastcote III v 3 rd XI (ML) (a) (and lost)
225-7	Hertingfordbury v 'A' XI (a)

Lowest All-Out Totals (under 100)

58 (21 extras)	1 st XI v Bromley I (NCKO) (h)
76	3 rd XI v Wembley III (h)
84	4 th XI v Ealing IV (1987L) (a)

Lowest Totals (Oppositions):

78	Alexandra Park III v 4 th XI (1987L) (a)
89	Barnes I v 1 st XI (ML) (h)
98	Wycombe House III v 3 rd XI (ML) (h)

Centuries (13)

D. G. Ashley	105	1 st XI v Cockfosters I (h)
M. J. Brown	104	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (a)
R. Campbell	119*	4 th XI v Kenton IV (1987L) (a)
W. J. Dean	105*	1 st XI v Harrow I (ML) (h)
M. D. Feeney	121	2 nd XI v North Enfield I (a)
M. D. Feeney	113	2 nd XI v Southgate Adelaide I (a)
S. Haaris	118*	1 st XI v Chingford I (h)
A. R. Jenner	120*	3 rd XI v Old Actonians III (ML) (h)
J. B. Jouning	104	1 st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (a)
M. P. B. Kennedy	125	3 rd XI v Eastcote III (ML) (h)
R. J. Marshall	105	2 nd XI v Fives & Heronians II (a)
R. J. Marshall	103	3 rd XI v Shepherds Bush III (ML) (a)
D. A. Woffinden	101*	2 nd XI v Ickenham II (a)

Large Partnerships (* = not out/unbroken partnership)

1st wkt: 121 (M. Feeney 52, S Haaris 118*) 1st XI v Chingford I (h)
1st wkt: 111 (W. J. Dean 41, M. T. Stafford 82) 1st XI v South Hampstead I (ML) (a)
1st wkt: 101 (M. D. Feeney 63, L. J. Stokes 37) 2nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (a)
2nd wkt: **200** (M. T. Stafford 89, J. B. Jouning 104) 1st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (a)
2nd wkt: 176 (R. D. Gunn 67, R. J. Marshall 105) 2nd XI v Fives & Heronians II (a)
2nd wkt: 149 (J. C. Thorpe 43, D. G. Ashley 105) 1st XI v Cockfosters I (h)
2nd wkt: 140* (J. E. Hobbs 50*, A. Booth 75*) 2nd XI v Hornsey II (ML) (h)
2nd wkt: 109 (M. T. Stafford 82*, J. B. Jouning 60) 1st XI v Acton I (Ibex) (h)
2nd wkt: 108 (M. D. Feeney 121, H. M. Dowsett 51) 2nd XI v North Enfield I (a)
2nd wkt: 103 (L. J. Stokes 72, A. R. Jenner 52) 3rd XI v Uxbridge III (ML) (h)
3rd wkt: 159 (J. B. Jouning 74, A. F. Corbin 61) 1st XI v Hainault & Clayhall I (NCKO) (h)
3rd wkt: 154 (D. J. Beatty 66, R. J. Marshall 103) 3rd XI v Shepherds Bush III (ML) (a)
3rd wkt: 126 (M. O. Stevens 80, D. A. Woffinden 63) 2nd XI v Ealing II (ML) (a)
3rd wkt: 115* (H. M. Dowsett 68*, I. W. Henley 51*) 4th XI v Edmonton III (1987L) (a)
3rd wkt: 115 (R. Campbell 119*, I. W. Henley 34) 4th XI v Kenton IV (1987L) (a)
3rd wkt: 100 (M. O. Stevens 78*, A. R. Jenner 59) 1st XI v Old Owens I (h)
4th wkt: 108 (G. P. Delf 41, R. Campbell 58) 4th XI v Kenton IV (1987L) (h)
4th wkt: 104 (M. P. B. Kennedy 125, P. A. Moran 34) 3rd XI v Eastcote III (ML) (h)

4th wkt: 102 (K. Haria 78*, A. R. Jenner 61) 2nd XI v Northampton Exiles II (h)
 5th wkt: 103 (A. R. Jenner 120*, R. Bishop-Laggett 51) 3rd XI v Old Actonians III (ML) (h)
 5th wkt: 100 (D. A. Woffinden 92*, N. Tohill 56) 2nd XI v Brondesbury II (ML) (a)
 5th wkt: 97* ((D. A. Woffinden 101*, M. P. B. Kennedy 28*) 2nd XI v Ickenham I (a)
 6th wkt: 80 (W. J. Dean 35, J. Perks 62) 1st XI v Barclays Bank I (a)
 7th wkt: 110* (K. Haria 32*, S. Flook 78*) 1st XI v Fives & Heronians I (h)
 7th wkt: 67* (P. Wilmshurst 32*, P. A. Stevens 29*) 4th XI v North London IV (1987L) (h)
 8th wkt: 106 (J. E. Hobbs 40, D. C. J. Howell 41) 2nd XI v Brondesbury II (ML) (h)
 8th wkt: 51* (D. G. Ashley 19*, J. Perks 29*) 1st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (h)
 9th wkt: 58 (R. Bishop-Laggett 76, N. Chadwick 4*) 3rd XI v Shepherds Bush III (ML) (h)
 9th wkt: 40 (J. E. Hobbs 12, S. Flook 24) 2nd XI v Hampstead II (ML) (a)
 10th wkt: 31 (N. Chadwick 4*, C. Marshall 21) 3rd XI v Shepherds Bush III (ML) (h)

BOWLING

Five or more wickets in an innings (26):

8-49	A. J. Carr	2 nd XI v Richmond II (ML) (h)
7-30	K. Smart	3 rd XI v Old Actonians III (ML) (a)
7-54	M. O. Stevens	2 nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (a)
6-33	J. C. Thorpe	1 st XI v Hornsey I (ML) (h)
6-33	S. Cradock	3 rd XI v Hornsey III (ML) (h)
6-35	M. T. Stafford	1 st XI v Hainault & Clayhall I (NCKO) (h)
6-36	D. A. Woffinden	2 nd XI v Finchley II (ML) (h)
6-52	W. J. Dean	1 st XI v Barclays Bank I (ML) (h)
5-18	K. Smart	3 rd XI v Wycombe House III (ML) (h)
5-21	M. L. Creese	1 st XI v Uxbridge I (ML) (a)
5-23	M. T. Stafford	1 st XI v North Middlesex I (Ibex) (a)
5-25	K. Smart	2 nd XI v Chorleywood II (a)
5-29	K. Smart	3 rd XI v Barclays III (ML) (a)
5-31	A. G. H. Rolt	4 th XI v Alexandra Park III (1987L) (a)
5-33	B. R. Hartman	1 st XI v Shepherds Bush I (ML) (a)
5-38	J. C. Thorpe	1 st XI v Aztecs I (E. Std) (h)
5-39	D. A. Woffinden	2 nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (ML) (a)
5-39	M. O. Stevens	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (ML) (h)
5-41	A. F. Corbin	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
5-45	S. Cradock	3 rd XI v Uxbridge III (ML) (h)
5-46	J. Perks	1 st XI v Shepherds Bush I (ML) (h)
5-52	A. J. Carr	2 nd XI v Brondesbury II (ML) (h)
5-54	D. A. Woffinden	2 nd XI v Brondesbury II (ML) (a)
5-55	N. Chadwick	4 th XI v Ealing IV (1987L) (a)
5-77	S. Cradock	3 rd XI v Eastcote III (ML) (a)
5-82	A. J. Carr	2 nd XI v Finchley II (ML) (a)

Economical bowling analyses:

A. J. Carr	27.1-13-49-8	2 nd XI v Richmond II (ML) (h)
N. Chadwick	19-7-36-4	4 th XI v Kenton IV (1987L) (h)
A. G. H. Rolt	18-3-31-5	4 th XI v Alexandra Park III (1987L) (a)
N. Chadwick	16-9-20-4	4 th XI v Alexandra Park III (1987L) (a)
J. C. Thorpe	14-8-20-1	1 st XI v Uxbridge I (ML) (h)
J. Perks	13-5-17-2	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
S. Flook	13-4-20-3	1 st XI v Barnet I (ML) (a)
N. Chadwick	10-5-11-3	2 nd XI v North Enfield I (a)
M. T. Stafford	9-3-14-1	1 st XI v Acton I (Ibex) (h)
D. A. Woffinden	9-4-16-2	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (ML) (h)
D. Gordon	9-4-17-4	4 th XI v North London IV (1987L) (h)
A. J. Carr	8-2-8-0	1 st XI v Chingford I (h)
M. L. Creese	8-4-12-1	1 st XI v Barnet I (ML) (Haileybury School)
J. D. Dangerfield	8-2-13-1	1 st XI v Uxbridge I (ML) (h)
G. N. Blackmore	7.3-4-9-4	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (ML) (a)
B. Dhamarajah	7-2-11-2	1 st XI v Old Citizens I (h)
D. A. Woffinden	7-2-11-0	2 nd XI v Hornsey II (ML) (a)

Miscellaneous

High-scoring Extras

60 extras in 1 st XI's 257-5 v Hainault & Clayhall I (NCKO) (h)
51 extras in 4 th XI's 203 v Hanwell III (1987L) (h)
49 extras in 2 nd XI's 234 v Winchmore Hill II (ML) (a)
48 extras in 2 nd XI's 275-6 v Fives & Heronians II (a)
46 extras in 4 th XI's 221-6 v North London V (1987L) (a)
43 extras in 2 nd XI's 235-8 v Ealing II (ML) (h)
41 extras in 3 rd XI's 181-8 v Stanmore III (ML) (a)
37 extras in 2 nd XI's 270-5 v Southgate Adelaide II (a)
36 extras in 1 st XI's 269 v Old Actonians I (Ibex) (a)
36 extras in 1 st XI's 204-9 v Hampstead I (Ibex) (a)
35 extras in 4 th XI's 154 v Hanwell III (1987L) (a)

Biggest victories:

125 runs	2 nd XI v North Enfield I (a)
119 runs	3 rd XI v Old Actonians III (ML) (h)

Heaviest defeats:

147 runs	3 rd XI (76) v Wembley III (h)
133 runs	1 st XI (111) v Brentham I (E. Std) (a)
97 runs	4 th XI (84) v Ealing IV (1987L) (a)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2002 1st XI League Tables

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

Teddington	18	13	3	0	0	2	142
Richmond	18	6	5	2	2	3	84
Brondebury	18	5	5	4	1	3	75
Ealing	18	5	3	4	0	6	66
Wembley	18	5	2	6	0	5	64
Finchley	18	5	2	3	1	7	62
Eastcote	18	5	1	4	1	7	59
Stanmore	18	5	2	3	1	7	52*
Hampstead	18	3	4	3	1	7	50
Winchmore Hill	18	2	5	3	1	7	44

**Stanmore deducted 10 points*

E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE - DIVISION TWO

Southgate	18	12	3	1	1	1	134
Barnes	18	8	1	4	1	4	89
Brentham	18	7	1	3	1	6	78
Hornsey	18	6	4	2	0	6	78
South Hampstead	18	7	1	2	1	7	77
Harrow	18	5	4	1	1	7	68)
Uxbridge	18	5	3	5	1	4	68)
Barclays	18	4	3	3	1	7	56
Shepherds Bush	18	5	0	3	1	9	54
Barnet	18	1	6	2	0	9	36

E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE - DIVISION THREE

Enfield	18	10	2	2	1	3	111
Ickenham	18	9	2	3	0	4	101
North Middlesex	18	6	8	0	1	3	93
Bessborough	18	6	5	2	1	4	83
Harrow Town	18	6	3	2	1	6	75
Wycombe House	18	6	3	2	1	6	75
Hampton Wick Royal	18	4	4	4	0	6	60
North London	18	5	0	3	2	8	55
Old Actonians	18	3	0	5	1	9	36
Kenton	18	1	3	7	0	7	29



1st XI

Jamie Jouning

The Southgate CC 1st XI had one of those seasons that will be remembered for a long time by all those involved. With an incredible 12 League wins (out of a possible 17) the 1st XI ran away with the 2nd Division title, finishing 45 points above their nearest challengers Barnes.

A strong start to the campaign, something that we have not enjoyed for many a year, was our intended aim and for once our ambitions were realised to great effect. A thoroughly convincing victory over a strongish Harrow side, that saw us successfully chase over 200 (an excellent 100 from William Dean providing the bulk of the runs) was followed by a less than convincing point against our traditional nemesis Barnet. However, we bounced back strongly with memorable victories over Brentham and South Hampstead. In both matches we chased sizeable totals (170 & 235) in expert fashion, finally expelling our run chasing demons! New recruit Algie Corbin led the way against Brentham with the bat (39*) whilst old hands, Mickey Stafford (82) and the inspired Jeremy Dangerfield (50) proved to be South Hampstead's chief destroyers. A convincing four points against the eternally negative Uxbridge was then followed by three wins on the trot against Barclays Bank, Shepherd's Bush and our closest rivals at the time, Hornsey. The Barclays Bank fixture saw us dismiss the opposition for 181, William Dean taking 6 for 52. We then knocked the runs off with relative ease, Jamie Jouning (67*), Algie Corbin (50) and the ever-youthful Steve Rowe (27*) doing the damage. The game against the Bush followed a very similar pattern, with Ben Hartman this time taking 5 for 33 as the opposition struggled to 162 all out, and SCC chasing the required total with room to spare and for the loss of only four wickets (Jouning 58*). The biggest game of the season so far threw up one of those wins that make you realise quite why you dedicate so much time to playing club cricket. Losing the toss for the fifth consecutive game, we were inserted on a typically placid pitch made for the steady accumulation of runs. Mickey Stafford took full advantage with an excellent 75 and with useful contributions from Matt Creese (38), Justin Perks (39*) and Dan Ashley (19*) I was able to declare just after half time on a very creditable 251. To bowl a side out on a pitch as good as this one against a solid batting line-up was always going to require something special but fortunately that's exactly what our opening bowlers, Pinky (Jamie Thorpe 6 for 33) and Perky (Justin Perks 1-40), produced. Working very much in tandem but with Thorpey, in particular, impressing with his aggressive tight line, wickets tumbled and with one over remaining we needed just the one wicket for victory. There was always only going to be one outcome (he says with a large dollop of hindsight) - two balls into the over Thorpey induced an edge, RBL held onto a fine catch behind the wicket and the celebrations began.

We suffered a minor setback against Barnes down in South London the following weekend. A high scoring game on their beautifully appointed but tiny ground saw Barnes notch up a massive 262 for 3 (including a reverse swept six). Michael Brown's superb 104 in response (on his return from Durham University) and Ben Hartman's typically robust 39 meant that we were always in with a fighting chance if only we could keep wickets in hand. It was, however, simply not meant to be and much to the SCC 2002 Review

agony of the absent skipper who was phoning in for regular updates from a wedding in Kent, we were dismissed for 242, just 20 runs short. On the hottest Saturday of the year we were bizarrely left without a game as Harrow somehow managed to produce a waterlogged pitch!! This did, however, enable the 1st XI to get together for some serious team bonding as we watched Middlesex beat Gloucester at the Walker Ground followed by a boozy BBQ chez Deano.

Our winning ways soon returned with back-to-back victories against Barnet on a dodgy pitch at Haileybury (Brown 51) and Brentham in another fine game of cricket. Chasing a solid 220 we were always up against it, despite useful contributions from Jouning (68) and Corbin (44). It was, however, left to Ben Hartman to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat as he plundered a magnificent 39 not out in only 20 odd balls. Two more-than-convincing four-point draws against Uxbridge and South Hampstead saw back-to-back 50's for Staffie and five wickets apiece (over the two games) for Perksy and Thorpey. Firmly ensconced at the top of the table, a position we had held for almost the entire season, and with only four games to go, our destiny was very much in our own hands. Various calculations had led us to believe that a single victory would guarantee promotion, whilst two victories would see us secure the title. That we won all four games is testament to the growing confidence, strength and unity of a side that had simply got better and better and had learnt how to win. The victory over Barclays Bank has already gone down in SCC folklore, chiefly as Dan Ashley has spoken of little else since his match winning partnership with Perksy in the pitch dark carried us to victory. Our title clinching five-wicket win over Shepherd's Bush saw Perksy take the Michelle (5 for 46) that his superb bowling and overall attitude over the course of the season so richly deserved. The celebrations in the bar lasted long into the night and will be fondly remembered by us all bar perhaps the poor unfortunate friend of Caroline Rowe's who had to field a number of strange 'phone calls from various drunken members of the 1st team (it's a long story!!). In the penultimate game of the year we blew Hornsey away with a performance of great power. Runs flowed from the bat of Jouning (104) and Stafford (89) whilst Algie made light work of their top order with 4 for 43. With promotion and the title firmly secured we were able to reverse the batting order against Barnes in the final game of the season. It didn't stop us posting a competitive score of 192, that Algie (5 for 41) and Creese (3 for 14) soon made look even better, as we dismissed our fellow promotion winners for a paltry 89. A hugely enjoyable karaoke evening in the bar followed, with renditions of Like A Virgin from Jamie Thorpe, I'm Too Sexy for my Shirt from Tarters, Sweet Caroline from Danno and Jouners, We are Family from the Deans, Dangerfields, Jenners and Bishop-Leggatts, virtually anything and everything from Algie and of course Queen's We Are the Champions from just about everybody. A great way to round off a truly memorable League season.

The 1st XI also played some excellent Cup cricket in 2002, including an impressive run in the Ibex. Our semi-final defeat against Hampstead represented perhaps our only disappointment of the year but even then we didn't disgrace ourselves. If, in fact, we had held onto our catches and it had not got quite so dark when we were trying to chase Hampstead's 247 against their four-pronged West Indian pace attack, then you never know, we could have been celebrating an historic double.

It's never easy singling out individuals in what was effectively a brilliant team effort but a few special mentions are probably merited. The bulk of the runs were scored by the skipper (878 League and Cup runs at an average of 42) and Mickey Stafford (721 runs at an average of 30), with very useful contributions in the League from Deano (350), Algie (293), Tarters (260), Dangers (222) and Rowey (191). The leading League wicket takers were Justin Perks (30), Jamie Thorpe (30) and Algie Corbin (24), with useful contributions from William Dean (19 League and Cup wickets) and Staffie (24 League and Cup wickets) whose performance in the limited-over form of the game was particularly impressive. Overall the team clicked as a unit and gelled exceptionally well together making my life as skipper all the more enjoyable. It really was a pleasure to lead this side and thanks to everyone who

was involved in making this such a memorable and rewarding season. Roll on 2003 and Premiership cricket!!

JB

P.S. We were very sad to say goodbye to Justin Perks (and his lovely partner Claire) who returned to their native Perth earlier this year – they will be sorely missed both on and off the field in 2003.

2002 1st XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100/50s	Ct	St
J. Perks	14	7	5	96	48.00	29*	Hornsey (h)	-/-	3	-
J. B. Jouning	15	15	2	565	43.46	104	Hornsey (a)	1/4	4	-
M. J. Brown	7	7	0	225	32.14	104	Barnes (a)	1/1	5	2
G. S. Rowe	12	9	3	191	31.83	41*	Barnet (a)	-/-	-	-
M. T. Stafford	17	16	0	509	31.81	89	Hornsey (a)	-/5	4	-
A. F. Corbin	14	14	3	293	26.63	50	Barclays Bank (h)	-/1	8	-
W. J. Dean	16	16	2	350	25.00	105	Harrow (h)	1/-	4	-
M. L. Creese	9	9	2	172	24.57	38	Hornsey (h)	-/-	3	-
B. R. Hartman	17	15	4	260	23.63	39	Barnes (a)	-/-	9	-
D. G. Ashley	16	10	5	114	22.80	22*	Barnet (h)	-/-	10	-
J. D. Dangerfield	16	15	2	229	17.61	50*	S. Hampstead (a)	-/1	6	-
J. C. Thorpe	15	5	1	35	8.75	24	Barnes (h)	-/-	2	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	7	2	0	3	1.50	3	Uxbridge (h)	-/-	8	1
S. Flook	6	1	0	1	1.00	1	Uxbridge (a)	-/-	3	-

Played in two matches: P. A. Moran.

Played in one match: D. J. Beatty 5; A. K. Durgacharan 0; M. D. Feeney 12*; S. Goodley 5 (1 ct); M. P. B. Kennedy (1 ct).

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkt	Best	v Opposition
B. R. Hartman	23.4	4	71	8	8.87	18	3.00	1	5-33	Shepherds Bush (a)
M. L. Creese	72.3	10	221	16	13.81	27	3.04	1	5-21	Uxbridge (a)
J. C. Thorpe	166.5	32	501	30	16.70	33	3.00	1	6-33	Hornsey (h)
A. F. Corbin	127.0	20	464	24	19.33	32	3.65	1	5-41	Barnes (h)
W. J. Dean	77.2	5	280	14	20.00	33	3.62	1	6-52	Barclays Bank (h)
J. Perks	190.4	30	624	30	20.80	38	3.27	1	5-46	Shepherds Bush (h)
M. T. Stafford	70.1	17	181	7	25.85	60	2.57	-	2-16	Barnet (h)
S. Flook	52.0	6	144	5	28.80	62	2.76	-	3-20	Barnet (a)
J. D. Dangerfield	35.0	6	119	2	59.50	105	3.40	-	1-13	Uxbridge (h)

Also bowled: G. S. Rowe 1-0-1-1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2002 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

Hampstead	18	9	7	2	0	0	120
Ealing	18	7	6	1	0	4	95
Southgate	18	8	2	5	0	3	93
Teddington	18	6	6	3	1	2	88
Richmond	18	6	2	6	0	4	74
Finchley	18	4	5	3	1	5	64
Bromdesbury	18	4	2	6	0	6	54)
<u>Winchmore Hill</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>54)</u>
Eastcote	18	2	2	7	0	7	35
Hornsey	18	1	2	3	1	11	22

SECOND TEAMS - DIVISION TWO

South Hampstead	18	11	4	0	1	2	127
<u>Brentham</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>95</u>
Barnes	18	8	2	2	0	6	90
Uxbridge	18	7	2	3	1	5	82
Stanmore	18	7	1	2	1	7	77
Wembley	18	6	2	2	1	7	71
Bessborough	18	4	5	4	2	3	66
<u>Shepherds Bush</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>61</u>
Barnet	18	5	0	4	0	9	54
Hampton Wick Royal	18	2	1	2	1	12	27

SECOND TEAMS - DIVISION THREE

		Tie (5 pts)						
Wycombe House	18	10		2	4	1	2	112
<u>Enfield</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>		3	2	1	4	<u>95</u>
North Middlesex	18	7		3	1	1	6	84
Harrow	18	7		2	3	1	5	82
Barclays	18	5		5	0	1	7	71
Kenton	18	5		3	6	1	3	69
Old Actonians	18	5	1	2	1	1	8	65
Ickenham	18	4		3	3	1	7	56
North London	18	3	1	3	3	2	6	52
Harrow Town	18	1		2	6	2	7	26

2nd XI League

Adrian Carr

It is surprising how easy it is to captain a good side. Cricket also becomes much more enjoyable when you're winning.

In recent years the bowling has always been adequate but the batting weak and the fielding mediocre. I am sure the regulars will agree, therefore, that the influx of Banyard, Booth, Park and Stevens made last season one of the most successful and enjoyable in memory.

Although the batting had to improve, I still believe that bowling was the key to our success. Compare the fact that six of the seven 5 or more wicket hauls came in our eight victories whereas our 16 fifties (up from only four in 2001) were split equally between the wins and the rest of the games. What I found particularly satisfying was that unlike several of our opponents, our team was not dependent upon key contributions from players of obvious 1st team pedigree (either dropped, back from Uni, unwilling to play all day cricket, second overseas player, etc.).

On an individual level, not only was Dave Woffinden unquestionably our star performer, but probably the only person with reason to be totally content with his performances. It would not be, for instance, unrealistic for Stevens, Banyard, Booth, Park, Tohill and Feeney – all of whom averaged between 14 and 25, to increase this to above 30 in 2003.

Whilst the main bowling attack of Carr, Woffinden, Blackmore, and Hobbs, ably supported by Flook, (when not with the 1st XI) Feeney and Stevens was ever reliable, there is still an obvious vacancy for someone with a bit of pace. For the second year running I remain hopeful that “nice” Steve Banyard can become “nasty” Steve Banyard and seize that opportunity.

As for the fielding, whether it was Gooders behind the stumps, Tohill plucking them out of the air at slip or Woffers, Hobbs, Park or Booth in the ring, it was a revelation, certainly as good as many first elevens I have played in.

To me the season is best summed up by the following five games.

11th May 2002: the start of another league season. However, even with the addition of Banyard, Booth and Stevens to strengthen the batting, I cannot say that I was overconfident when the reigning champions, Winchmore Hill, asked us to take first dig on their green tinged wicket. Confidence began to grow, however, as Michael Stevens and Peter Bownes compiled a useful opening stand. Memories of previous years' collapses, however, came flooding back when they were both dismissed with the total on 45. However, the first indication that things really would be different this year came when Steve Banyard (33) and Dave Woffinden took the score to 125 for the next wicket. Despite a mini middle-order collapse, Woffers (76) continued to prosper and when I added a quickfire 34 at the end, we were able to declare at an unheard of 234 for 9 in 49.1 overs. I was able to enjoy my tea, confident that we could avoid defeat by Winchmore Hill for the first time in many a year. The thought of four points, however, quickly turned to ten points as first Sean Flook (2-29) then Woffers (5-39) simply blew (perhaps a little strong!) the previously all-conquering Winchmore Hill batting apart.

By the time, however, that we travelled to Brondesbury on 8th June, doubts were beginning to creep back into my mind. Since the opening euphoria against Winchmore Hill we had lost to both Teddington and Hampstead and hung on nine wickets down against Eastcote. I was not, therefore,

happy to lose what was probably the most critical toss of the year. Inserted on a wet wicket which was only going to improve, we quickly plummeted to 46-4 against a useful seam attack. There followed, however, the best partnership of the season as Woffers and Nick Tohill (56) added 100 in 25 overs. Woffers continued on to 92 not out and after 51 overs we were able to declare at 199-8, surely enough even allowing for the improving conditions. However, despite Woffers bagging another five wickets, the game appeared to be gone with Brondesbury needing only 13 to win in three overs with three wickets remaining. Not content, however, with his runs and wickets, Woffers plucked a couple of superb catches and we just scraped home.

Having followed the Brondesbury victory by crushing a poor Hornsey side, we were certainly on a roll when Richmond visited on 22nd June. Having for once won the toss on what looked and proved to be a pretty good wicket, I proceeded to have one of those days when everything went perfectly and took 8-49 to leave us 46 overs to chase a modest 158. Even with Woffers away on holiday, the chase looked a mere formality once we had progressed to 42 in 12 overs. Wickets, however, began to tumble and soon even the four points looked lost. Alex Booth, however, playing his best innings of the year came to the rescue with a superb 50 and, ably supported by Ian Park, took us to within about 30 of winning. Again, however, a further flurry of wickets suggested that the game was gone until Matthew Feeney blasted 17 in little more than an over and Hobbs and Blackmore squeezed us home by two wickets in the final over - the most nerve-wrecking run chase for many a year.

I have no doubt that the game which took place at The Walker Ground on 10th August, now known as "Howell's Match" will be talked about for years to come. Josh Leppard, the affable Brondesbury captain, having had victory snatched from him earlier in the season was clearly looking for revenge when he inserted us on a very wet wicket and variously at 3-2, 7-4 and 32-7 looked to have the points safely in the bag. The fall of the seventh wicket, however, saw a man with a long and undistinguished record (other than as a captain) enter the arena. There are rumours that he did once make a 30 in a 3rd XI game but they have never been confirmed and are probably on a par with "I once caught a fish that was this big!" For the next hour and a half, however, David Howell's 41, ably assisted by James Hobbs (40) proceeded to compile a stand of 106 (*only exceeded eight times for the 8th wicket since 1855 and a record in a League match - Ed.*), much to the annoyance of Josh Leppard. After the overs limitation had drawn the innings to a close at 154-9, tea, which had effectively been served two hours earlier, was finally taken. At 130-9, Josh Leppard muttered some comment like "It'll be a bloody travesty if you win this game" then proceeded to edge the next ball into Tohill's ever-reliable hands at slip. Thus concluded the most satisfying game I have ever played in – thank you David.

The League season finally drew to a close on 7th September with our visit to Finchley. I think I probably speak for the rest of the team when I say that this came much too soon. We had been thoroughly enjoying our cricket and were by this stage full of confidence. Even though Finchley had been one of those bogey sides who we never seemed to get more than one point against (as we had earlier in the season) we now fully expected to beat them. After inserting them, our bowlers produced another faultless display limiting Finchley to 191-9 in 58 overs. In previous years, and even earlier this season, slumping to 70 for 4 would probably have meant defeat but nothing short of victory was contemplated and Woffers (60) and Ian Park (44 not out) ensured a five-wicket victory with several overs to spare.

With the 1st and 3rd XIs now joining us in the top divisions, I am confident of continued success in 2003.

Finally, I'm sure the entire team would wish to join me in thanking Bob Cole for umpiring throughout the season.

AJC

2002 2nd XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	50s	Ct	St
D. A. Woffinden	17	16	1	604	40.26	92*	Brondesbury (a)	5	7	-
G. S. Rowe	3	3	0	81	27.00	69	Richmond (a)	1	1	-
N. Tohill	14	14	2	311	25.91	56	Brondesbury (a)	1	9	-
A. Booth	12	12	2	218	21.80	75*	Hornsey (h)	3	4	-
I. Park	13	12	2	213	21.30	52	Ealing (h)	1	2	-
S. Goodley	10	4	3	21	21.00	8*	Eastcote (a) Bron (h)	-	3	9
A. J. Carr	18	15	1	275	19.64	62	Winchmore Hill (h)	1	8	-
J. E. Hobbs	14	11	4	137	19.57	50*	Hornsey (h)	1	5	-
S. Banyard	15	14	2	227	18.91	65*	Ealing (h)	1	6	-
M. O. Stevens	17	16	0	272	17.00	80	Ealing (a)	1	9	-
M. D. Feeney	11	10	1	130	14.44	29	Ealing (h)	-	4	-
D. C. J. Howell	4	4	1	43	14.33	41	Brondesbury (h)	-	-	-
P. J. B. Bownes	6	5	1	39	9.75	17	Winchmore Hill (a)	-	2	-
S. Flook	9	8	2	56	9.33	24	Hampstead (a)	-	2	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	4	4	2	18	9.00	9*	Hampstead (h)	-	3	1
M. P. B. Kennedy	3	2	1	9	9.00	6	Finchley (h)	-	1	1
A. Lamb	3	2	0	12	6.00	10	Eastcote (h)	-	-	-
G. N. Blackmore	12	5	5	24	-	8*	Finch (h) Bron (h)	-	6	-

Played in two matches: D. J. Beatty 3, 4 (1 ct); R. Campbell 13, 0 (1 ct); P. I. W. Wilmshurst 1;
Played in one match: B. Dhamarajah 4*; S. Haaris 56; K. Haria 9; L. Knight; P. A. Moran 4; T. Sivarajah 14 (2 ct); P. A. Stevens 0;

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
M. D. Feeney	22.0	2	104	6	17.33	22	4.72	-	2-31	Ealing (h)
G. N. Blackmore	105.5	14	420	23	18.26	28	3.96	-	4-9	Hornsey (a)
D. A. Woffinden	133.0	33	450	24	18.75	33	3.38	3	6-36	Finchley (h)
S. Flook	77.0	15	257	13	19.76	36	3.33	-	3-27	Brondesbury (a)
M. O. Stevens	30.0	3	145	7	20.71	26	4.83	1	5-39	Hornsey (h)
A. J. Carr	304.2	65	960	46	20.86	40	3.15	3	8-49	Richmond (h)
J. E. Hobbs	137.0	15	439	17	25.82	48	3.20	-	3-33	Hornsey (a)
S. Banyard	62.0	11	218	5	43.60	74	3.51	-	2-22	Eastcote (h)

Also bowled: B. Dhamarajah 5-0-31-0; L. Knight 6-0-29-2; T. Sivarajah 10-4-21-0; N. Tohill 8-1-39-0; P. I. W. Wilmshurst 0.1-0-1-0.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

2002 3rd XI League Tables

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

Ealing	18	12	3	0	1	2	133
Brondebury	18	8	6	2	0	2	106
Richmond	18	9	3	0	1	5	103
Hampstead	18	9	1	2	1	5	97
Finchley	18	6	1	4	3	4	71
South Hampstead	18	5	3	2	0	8	64
Teddington	18	5	2	1	2	8	61
Barnes	18	5	0	4	1	8	55
Wembley	18	3	1	4	1	9	39
Winchmore Hill	18	2	1	2	0	13	26

THIRD TEAMS - DIVISION TWO

Southgate	18	10	4	0	2	2	118
Eastcote	18	8	3	4	1	2	97
Brentham	18	7	3	2	4	2	88
Shepherds Bush	18	8	1	0	2	7	86
Barclays	18	6	2	1	3	6	72
Wycombe House	18	6	0	3	1	8	64
Hornsey	18	4	3	2	1	8	55
Old Actonians	18	5	0	0	4	9	54
Uxbridge	18	3	1	6	2	6	42
Stanmore	18	3	2	1	2	10	41

THIRD TEAMS - DIVISION THREE

Harrow	18	10	4	1	1	2	118
Enfield	18	10	3	0	3	2	115
Harrow Town	18	9	1	3	2	3	99
Hampton Wick Royal	18	5	4	1	2	6	69
Ickenham	18	5	3	3	3	4	68
Bessborough	18	5	3	2	1	7	65
North Middlesex	18	4	3	0	0	11	52
Kenton	18	4	0	8	1	5	49
North London	18	4	0	4	3	7	47
Barnet	18	3	1	0	2	12	36



3rd XI League

Alan Jenner



I have to say that I really enjoyed my two years off from playing regular cricket. Not once did I miss playing at the Walker on a lovely summer's evening or yearn for the cut and thrust of League cricket.

So why did I return? Unfinished business perhaps? Or was it the thought that the club really did need someone to help get the 3rd XI back where they belonged. Whatever the reason, I had a quiet word with Coley and before I knew it, Chairman Black called. He and I had two main aims. One, and most obviously, was to get the 3rd XI back into the top division. Although the success of a club stands or falls on the results of the 1st XI, it is still important for the other sides to be playing in as good a standard of cricket as possible. Secondly, and equally as important, was the need to get more colts playing regularly in the team. I knew from my previous involvement in the club that many younger players were unhappy about how they had been treated.

Our first game was against Wycombe House and I had several initial doubts. Would I be able to cope physically with playing again? Playing cricket requires different muscles to be used and all the squash I had been playing and lengths I had swum would not count for much. I had been concerned when I last played that I found fielding more difficult and had begun to drop slip catches. Good fielding had always been drummed into me – sometimes it's the only thing you do in a game - and it became important to me that I would not let anyone down. And what about parenthood? Would my new domestic arrangements affect the level of concentration and commitment that I would need to give?

It was not the perfect start! We are fortunate at SCC for having an excellent second ground but other clubs are not so fortunate. Wycombe House would be one. Playing on the M4, underneath the Heathrow flight path and enclosed at one end by the Piccadilly line was a real eye-opener. Even the wicket and changing rooms reminded me so much of playing soccer for the Old Boys.

The team very quickly settled into consistent routines and although the personnel changed from week to week, as will always be the case with lower sides, it didn't seem to make much difference to the way we played or indeed in the manner in which we enjoyed our Saturday afternoons.

The season can be divided up into two very distinct halves. The first half was typified by experiencing many new things that I for one didn't expect to see in a game of cricket. Playing at Wycombe House I have already described but Hornsey away meant playing at a Sports Centre in the County of Essex! This was bettered (I use the word advisedly) when we travelled to Old Actonians on the day England beat Denmark in the World Cup. The stories from the game are well known so suffice it to say that I have never a) played in a game like it or b) played on a ground like it and I started playing club cricket in 1969! Played seven and only one win was not the start I had hoped for and two consecutive defeats meant that by the end of June we were now at the bottom of the League.

However, the second half of the season was altogether different. It all started against the Bush who were top at the time. The day was warm, the wicket flat with short square boundaries. The toss was crucial (we won it) and as we prepared to bowl first, my team talk included the phrase '*That it's time*

we started to win some games and this would be as good a place as any to start a roll'. How prophetic those words turned out to be. Thanks to a most disciplined performance in the field, and young Marshy's excellent hundred, the winning run started and throughout July and August we turned up almost expecting to win. After the win against The Bush we won every game except Brentham (winning draw) and Stanmore (rained off). Most of the wins were pretty convincing too. Seven wickets (twice), six wickets and five wickets plus a shed load of runs better against Old Actonians.

So who were the players who committed themselves to the 3rd X1 this season? Once the season settled down and we began to win games, the key players were split into three main camps: The Old Guard, the New Boys and the Kids

The 'Old Guard' **Craddo, Kenners, RBL, Stokes and Beatty** came up trumps, time and time again. **Craddo** – still inwardly competitive after all these years; still outwardly pessimistic especially when catches go down (which seemed to happen a lot!). He is not quite so mobile as he once was but still dependable with the bat whatever the situation.

Kenners – a great Lieutenant. He was always ready to give advice and captained the side superbly against the Bush when they were stronger than we were and were busting a gut to win. Very classy batting on occasions although he often got out when it seemed most unlikely.

RBL – he played half a season in the 1st X1 and then 'asked' to come and help out the Thirds. He played a great innings against the Bush when it was really needed and, as always, was excellent in the field and in setting the right examples of how the game should be played. It is not just about batting, bowling and fielding.

Stokes – he contributed well with the bat to start with and when that fell away in the middle of the season came up trumps with the ball. He bowled lots of overs for not many when it was desperately needed, for example at Eastcote, Brentham and Uxbridge.

Beatty – intelligent cricketer who could do even better if he wanted to. It was an in and out season for Des in many ways but he always set himself high standards in the field. He was a keen instigator too in the team improving our running between the wickets.

Then there were the New Boys, some of them new to the club and some of them just new to me.

Knight – he played only a few matches but was always wholehearted and bowled a great spell against Hornsey when they were well on course to win the game.

Smart – regular but alternate week player. Happy to bat 'jack', happy to bowl when and whenever, every team needs one. I always thought he was better with the old ball rather than with the new one. He took the most wickets (together with Craddo) and always contributed to team spirit by driving miles to play (and to have a beer) and his willingness to chip in to team quizzes.

Kunjal – tried so hard to improve his game. A good team man, happy to do anything or nothing. He will have learnt much from the season.

Limm – the workhorse. *'Uphill and into the wind - no problem skipper'*; *'Sorry Limmy I'm giving someone else a bowl. Sure skip fine with me'*. *'Anyone like to score – yeah I'll do it'*. Limmy is a captain's dream and he was my first pick towards the end of the season.

The kids – ah the kids, that's why I took the job on. But I suspect like previous skippers, the dream was easier than the reality. They are never available. One week they play and do well and then they tell you that they are going on holiday or to a pop festival or they are working or the 2nd X1 have filched them on a fill-in. I have never heard of so many reasons why they couldn't play. (I must be getting old!) However, Moran, Millar, Dhamarajah, Chadwick and Combe in their different ways did enough to confirm that they have something to offer at this level.

So the League was won and promotion was secured. But why were we so successful? I believe that there are five areas: availability: key players coming up trumps, our outcricket, umpires and our all round team play.

Our availability of course depends upon the 1st and 2nd X1s and as always it changed weekly. But unlike other sides, as we entered the second cycle of games (one of the benefits of playing each team twice), our teams seemed to improve. Hornsey, Old Actonians, Barclays, Uxbridge were much weaker second time round. Only The Bush – and there might have been mitigating factors here – were stronger second time round.

Somebody always came up trumps: Marshall's excellent hundred chasing 235 against the Bush was a wonderful innings and I feel he will be a real key player for the club next year. **Kenners'** superb ton on a slow pitch and outfield against Eastcote set us up for what should have been a victory in our first home game. **Smart and Craddo** took the most wickets and it seemed that for several weeks one of them would always get a 'Michelle'. Both of them will feel they could bowl better which is a challenge for 2003 but they enabled us to bowl sides out. Never an easy thing to do. At the end of the season **RBL** rescued us against the Bush when we were in real trouble.

Our outcricket was invariably good and sometimes excellent. We didn't start well. Five dropped catches against Eastcote at home cost us a win and for the first part of the season we seemed to be dropping catches in every game; some of them were crucial. But once we got into our roll, although we still dropped catches – yours truly against the Bush is one I shall never forget - we also caught some good ones and, even better, started to run people out – well Peter Bownes did. This would be a good moment to talk about Peter. He played for the 2nd X1 when available in the first part of the season but was left out of the side and ended up playing for the 3rd X1 when work commitments allowed. He would be the first to admit that he didn't make as many runs as he would have liked but he still made a strong contribution to the team. His consistently outstanding fielding displays were a marvel to behold and set an excellent example to everyone else. It made others want to emulate him and it also showed that he wanted to play in the team, which endeared him to everyone. His running and diving catch and then a sliding run out at Barclays were really top class. It was the first time I've seen players from an adjoining match stop and applaud. It was that good.

I must be honest and say that our determination to try and get an **umpire** to stand, coupled with the willingness of Messrs Parkin, Fletcher, Bishop and Flook to do so was a major factor in us winning key games. It's often the case that sides bowling last do not always get the tight decisions, particularly lbw. But by having an impartial umpire who often did both ends meant that if batters were out then they were given out.

Finally **our team play**. I really do believe that other sides had better players. Eastcote had the best well balanced team and we had two excellent games against them. The Bush, especially in the second game, had much better players but we showed that by batting first and getting a score enables you to put additional pressure on the team who are chasing. That was the best game of the season and fittingly the game that clinched the League title and promotion. Even Brentham had a varied and skilful attack although this advantage was negated by cautious batting and uninspired captaincy.

But you cannot argue with nine wins out of ten played games and by the end of the season we had burnt everyone off, even Eastcote. All season I had a nagging worry that the balance of the team was never quite right. We always seemed to be a batter light with a spare bowler or too many batters and only four bowlers. Whatever – come the last game of the season at Stanmore, we turned up in party mood knowing that we were truly 'The Champions!'

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2002 3rd XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100/50s	Ct	St
A. R. Jenner	16	16	4	605	50.41	120*	Old Actonians (h)	1/5	8	-
R. J. Marshall	4	4	0	166	41.50	103	Shepherds Bush (h)	1/-	-	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	7	6	1	195	39.00	76	Shepherds Bush (h)	-/2	5	1
M. P. B. Kennedy	8	7	0	269	38.42	125	Eastcote (h)	1/1	7	5
L. J. Stokes	11	11	2	287	31.88	72	Uxbridge (h)	-/2	3	-
D. J. Beatty	9	9	0	232	25.77	66	Shepherds Bush (a)	-/2	2	-
P. J. B. Bownes	5	5	0	88	17.60	47	Eastcote (a)	-/-	3	-
S. Cradock	12	7	2	83	16.60	38*	Wycombe House (h)	-/-	1	-
M. Limm	12	6	3	49	16.33	18*	Barclays Bank (h)	-/-	5	-
K. Haria	10	9	1	125	15.62	59	Hornsey (h)	-/1	2	-
R. D. Gunn	6	6	1	73	14.60	29*	Uxbridge (h)	-/-	1	3
P. A. Moran	10	8	0	113	14.12	40	Stanmore (a)	-/-	1	-
C. Marshall	3	3	1	25	12.50	21	Shepherds Bush (h)	-/-	2	-
B. Dhamarajah	6	5	1	47	11.75	35	Wycombe House (h)	-/-	2	-
M. Stavri	5	3	0	25	8.33	24	Stanmore (a)	-/-	-	-
D. C. J. Howell	6	3	0	16	5.33	9	Wycombe House (a)	-/-	6	-
N. Chadwick	4	3	2	4	4.00	4*	Shepherds Bush (h)	-/-	-	-
G. N. Blackmore	2	2	0	7	3.50	6	Eastcote (h)	-/-	-	-
R. Campbell	4	4	0	13	3.25	9	Eastcote (a)	-/-	5	-
L. P. J. Knight	3	2	0	5	2.50	4	Hornsey (h)	-/-	1	-
K. Smart	8	2	1	2	2.00	2*	Wycombe House (h)	-/-	2	-
M. Millar	5	3	0	6	2.00	6	Brentham (h)	-/-	1	-
D. Combe	3	2	1	0	0.00	0*	Wycombe House (a)	-	-	-

Played in two matches: S. Banyard 6*; G. P. Delf 6, 4; M. D. Feeney 2, 1* (3 ct); 1, 4 (1 ct); A. G. H. Rolt 0; P. A. Stevens 9, 7.

Played in one match: S. Haaris 77; J. Holloway 4*; A. Lamb 12; T. Sivarajah; P. I. W. Wilmshurst.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
K. Smart	95.1	25	272	25	10.88	23	2.85	4	7-30	Old Actonians (a)
M. Limm	93.1	22	281	19	14.78	29	3.01	-	4-65	Shepherds Bush (a)
G. N. Blackmore	42.0	7	121	7	17.28	36	2.88	-	3-27	Wycombe House (a)
S. Cradock	145.1	26	470	27	17.40	32	3.23	3	6-33	Hornsey (h)
A. R. Jenner	42.2	8	175	9	19.44	28	4.13	-	2-17	Uxbridge (a)
C. Marshall	44.0	10	141	7	20.14	38	3.20	-	3-32	Hornsey (a)
D. C. J. Howell	34.0	2	142	7	20.28	29	4.17	-	2-13	Hornsey (a)
M. D. Feeney	19.0	0	109	5	21.80	23	5.73	-	4-81	Shepherds Bush (a)
L. J. Stokes	44.0	8	133	6	22.16	44	3.02	-	2-37	Eastcote (a)
L. P. J. Knight	30.0	1	115	5	23.00	36	3.83	-	3-38	Hornsey (h)
B. Dhamarajah	48.0	7	191	8	23.87	36	3.97	-	3-27	Shepherds Bush (h)
N. Chadwick	17.5	4	52	1	52.00	107	2.91	-	1-16	Stanmore (a)

Also bowled: S. Banyard 10-1-22-1; D. Combe 8-0-38-0; J. Holloway 8-2-23-1; P. A. Moran 12-0-39-1; A. G. H. Rolt 12.1-0-53-2; T. Sivarajah 10-0-44-1; P. I. W. Wilmshurst 6-2-13-1.

4th XI – 1987 League

Doug Gordon

Overall it looks like the 4th XI had a reasonable season. The bare statistics show that out of 14 league games we won 5 and lost 5, and therefore not surprisingly we finished mid-table. Naturally the statistics don't tell the full story. Some of the victories were glorious, the losses painful and the draws covered the whole spectrum from tedious to nail biting.

The season started inauspiciously on the blasted heath at Hanwell where rusty batting and loose bowling from a side cobbled together resulted in an easy loss against a side we should beat. This was the usual tale that when we have good availability we do well, but otherwise we struggle against sides we'd hope to beat.

The first major highlight was a couple of weeks later when Phil Stevens led the side to its first victory away at Kenton. This was largely due to a maiden hundred from Rohan Campbell. Rohan is a very welcome new player (despite being Australian) who bats very aggressively, so when he comes off he scores very quickly. As the season progressed we even saw some evidence of an embryonic defensive shot.

We lost against a strong MTSSC side and then drew against Edmonton. The draw was largely down to time lost because we watched the England football team in the World Cup. A feature of both games was excellent innings by Mel Dowsett. Mel was the cornerstone of the batting throughout the year, playing every match and scoring over 430 runs at an average above 30.

The next match was a disappointing loss away to Ealing, who eventually won our division by a distance. We had them in trouble on a very (un)sporting pitch, but they recovered and then bowled us out cheaply. The most significant performance was by Nick Chadwick. He took five wickets that day in a typical performance where he bowled a long spell very cheaply. Nick was the outstanding bowler for the 4th XI during the season.

Against Wembley, who were eventually to get the second promotion spot, we held on for a draw thanks mainly to a rare guest appearance by David Howell. Unfortunately the following week against North London we were on the receiving end of a similar result where, despite 10 overs at the final pair, we couldn't force a win.

There followed a short golden patch of three weeks. Hanwell were beaten at Laings in a game where two colts came to the fore. James Wood scored a mature maiden fifty and leg spin from Aneesh Popat broke the back of their batting in a performance masterminded by Ian Henley.

At Alexandra Park Nick Chadwick and Alan Rolt skittled them out for 86 on a lively wicket with excellent bowling and we won despite making heavy weather of a low target.

Heavy weather robbed us of three wins from three as rain saved Kenton. They used the maximum 52 overs to score 169, with four wickets for both Chadwick and Hawthorn, and we finished 10 short from half that number of overs thanks to another good knock from Rohan Campbell and a welcome return from University by Graham Delf.

Away at Edmonton we got to a respectable total due to 69 from Ian Henley, but much more than a respectable total is needed with their small outfield so we lost. Ian had a fine season, averaging over 30 and making several other good contributions.

The following match was perhaps the highlight of the season, where Ealing, already running away with the division and bursting with confidence, were humbled (all right, this is a bit of an exaggeration as you never see a humble Ealing side, but they were beaten!). Ron Hewit, another new player, took three wickets, as did Andrew Hawthorn. This meant an achievable target of 140. This was reached largely through a partnership between Mel Dowsett and Michael Stavri, with captain for the day Brahmin Dhamarajah bringing us home. This was one of a series of innings from Michael of increasing solidity and maturity.

The season ended on high note with victory at home against North London. Highlights of a good all round batting performance were thirties from Robert Madden, Paul Wilmshurst and Phil Stevens. Then they were bowled out in the last over by Lawrence Knight following four wickets from Doug Gordon.

So looking back, it feels like we had more than reasonable season. We achieved one of our objectives in that a few colts were introduced to senior cricket, but only David Combe and Michael Hughes were available regularly. It was good to see that by the end of the season David was a strong member of the bowling attack.

As for the old regulars, I've already mentioned that the batting revolved around Dowsett, Henley and Stavri. The seam bowling was good throughout the year. Nick Chadwick has already been mentioned, but at different times Alan Rolt, Andrew Hawthorn, Ron Hewit, Delmore Walters and David Combe bowled important spells. Sadly we were short in the spin department. Ricky Gunn kept well and Phil Stevens deputised very ably when required.

My thanks go to those who stood in as captain: Phil Stevens, Ian Henley and Brahmin Dhamarajah (possibly with more success than the regular skipper, but victory in the last game did mean that I had two wins and the others only had one each!). However, the most heartfelt thank you goes to Phil in his role as Team Secretary. It is the bottom team that benefits most from good availability and I appreciate the huge amount of work that Phil put into getting good teams out.

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2002 4th XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100s	50s	Ct	St
R. Campbell	6	6	1	235	47.00	119*	Kenton IV (a)	1	1	3	-
H. M. Dowsett	14	14	1	431	33.15	68*	Edmonton IV (h)	-	4	5	-
I. W. Henley	10	10	2	244	30.50	69	Edmonton IV (a)	-	-	5	-
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	6	6	3	69	23.00	32*	N. London IV (h)	-	-	2	-
P. A. Stevens	7	5	1	81	20.25	29*	N. London IV (h)	-	-	4	-
D. Gordon	10	10	1	150	16.66	64	N. London V (a)	-	1	2	-
K. Haria	3	3	0	39	13.00	27	MTSSC (h)	-	-	1	-
R. D. Gunn	7	7	0	85	12.14	33	Edmonton IV (a)	-	-	6	1
N. Chadwick	10	5	3	36	12.00	9*	MTSSC (h)	-	-	2	-
M. Petherick-Collins	5	5	0	55	11.00	22	Edmonton IV (a)	-	-	3	-
D. Combe	6	4	1	30	10.00	13*	N. London V (a)	-	-	1	-
A. G. H. Rolt	9	5	0	49	9.80	27	Hanwell III (a)	-	-	1	-
M. Stavri	9	9	0	85	9.44	25	Hanwell III (h)	-	-	4	-
A. Hawthorn	7	4	1	15	5.00	11	Hanwell III (h)	-	-	-	-
R. Hewit	4	2	0	10	5.00	5	Hanwl(h)/Wemb(h)	-	-	2	-
M. S. Hughes	4	4	1	9	3.00	9*	Kenton IV (a)	-	-	-	-
D. Walters	8	4	1	5	1.66	3	Wembley IV (a)	-	-	1	-

Played in two matches: G. M. Burton 8*, 32; G. P. Delf 41, 3 (3 ct); L. P. J. Knight 39; R. Madden 15, 34; M. Millar 23, 0 (1 ct); M. Saunders (1 ct); J. Taylor 2*.

Played in one match: V. Akbar 8; P. M. Chadwick; B. Dhamarajah 22* (1 ct); M. Folly 11; D. C. J. Howell 31*; S. Khan 18, 1; M. Limm (1 ct); C. S. McEachern 20; A. Popat 6, 14; G. E. Slipper; N. Taylor 0* (1 ct); J. Wood 51 (1 ct).

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkts	Best	v Opposition
D. Gordon	23.0	6	73	8	9.12	17	3.17	-	4-17	N. London IV (h)
A. Hawthorn	61.3	11	207	12	17.25	31	3.36	-	4-33	Kenton IV (h)
G. E. Slipper	15.0	2	35	2	17.50	45	2.33	-	2-35	Kenton IV (a)
L. P. J. Knight	33.0	4	119	6	19.83	33	3.60	-	3-49	N. London IV (h)
N. Chadwick	124.0	25	401	20	20.05	37	3.23	1	5-55	Ealing IV (a)
R. Hewit	68.0	15	216	10	21.60	41	3.17	-	3-21	Ealing IV (h)
A. G. H. Rolt	109.0	21	426	15	28.40	44	3.90	1	5-31	Alexandra Pk (a)
D. C. J. Howell	16.0	0	62	2	31.00	48	3.87	-	2-62	Wembley IV (h)
M. Petherick-Collins	13.0	2	80	2	40.00	39	6.15	-	2-47	Edmonton IV (a)
D. Walters	40.2	4	181	3	60.33	81	4.48	-	1-1	N. London V (a)
D. Combe	35.0	1	134	2	67.00	105	3.82	-	2-19	Hanwell (h)

Also bowled: V. Akbar 7-0-32-0; R. Campbell 5-0-33-1; B. Dhamarajah 9-2-42-0; M. Folly 6-0-42-0; 2-0-8-0; M. S. Hughes 11-0-87-1; S. Khan 5-1-12-1; M. Limm 10-2-44-0; C. S. McEachern 7-1-26-0; M. Millar 5-2-13-2; A. Popat 5-0-34-2; J. Taylor 10-1-53-2; P. Wilmshurst 13-6-25-2.

Southgate Colts

Ricky Gunn

The Colts Section underwent a boardroom shuffle as we bade farewell to Janet Bishop in the autumn of 2001. We thank her for her conscientious efforts in controlling the tiller through the choppy waters of colts cricket and wish her well in her new home in Norfolk. Meanwhile back at Southgate the Colts entertained Paul Weekes at the November 2001 Colts' Supper, on the threshold of his Middlesex Benefit Year, where he gave us a brief talk and fielded a number of searching questions on county and national cricket. Paul presented James Wood with the senior Colt of the Year Award.

The Under-11s and Under 13s took part in the winter indoor competitions held at Highgate Wood School, and thanks go in particular to Alan Vinson and John Williams for managing the sides. Indoor nets took place at Broomfield School from February to April 2002 and were very highly subscribed, especially amongst the Under 10s and 11s.

Many of the summer matches were affected by rain, and the very young ones found it difficult to compete at inter-club level, the Under 10s winning only one of their six league matches. Nevertheless, there are always signs of promise, James Eveleigh, Alex Smith and Alex Horne standing out in particular, with the Under 10s award going to James for the greatest improvement.

The Under 11s won two and lost two of their matches played, and marked talent was evident in Philip Dunnnett with unbeaten innings of 44 (to beat Southgate Adelaide) and 47 to beat Enfield, and Daniel Gilbert (50 retired against Enfield). Luke Eskesen proved a very sound all-rounder and was given the award for the most improved colt at this age group.

All-rounder Michael Hughes not only won the award for the best Under 13 player but also played six times for the Club's adult 4th XI League and Sunday sides, taking his first club wicket, Wembley IV's opening bat, fittingly caught behind by the Colts Chairman. The Under 13s won 4 and lost 3 games, with good batting coming from Stephen Combe, Scott McGuinness and the powerful Matthew Clucas. Robert Dunnnett with bat and ball, and Jamie Horne (wicketkeeper-bat) also impressed.

The Under 15s suffered most from the bad weather but won all four of their completed games and were in a very strong position when rain washed out a fifth. Janak Tailor bowled superbly (returning 4-5 against Winchmore Hill away), being well supported by Luke Eskesen, with fine contributions from all-rounders Aneesh Popat and Michal Wloch and consistent runs from Michael Millar (including 60* against Edmonton), Ashley Connick and wicketkeeper-batsman Mark Saunders. Millar, Tailor, Popat, Wloch and Saunders all represented the Club at adult level as the season progressed, and Aneesh Popat was awarded the Outstanding Colt of the Year Trophy. The excellent news is that all last year's team, with the sole exception of Tailor, will be qualified to compete at this age group in 2003.

David Alleyne was our guest of honour at the November Supper and presented the 2002 Colt of the Year Award to Aneesh Popat (Under 15s). Awards at the other age groups for showing the greatest improvement over the last season were: Under 13 Michael Hughes; Under 11 Luke Eskesen; Under 10 James Eveleigh. Caps were awarded to Stephen Combe, Janak Tailor and Mark Saunders.

My thanks are due to our coaches – Ranjit Chandrasena, Ian Millar, Alan Vinson and Derrick Worth, and especially to coach/organiser/kitman/you-name-it John Williams, without whom the Colts ship would have surely foundered. The indomitable Alun Whitaker, as ever, provided valuable support as Secretary.

Alex Lamb

As Southgate CC debated the merits last autumn of entering into Sunday league cricket, Alex Lamb, who joined us in 2002, offered his own thoughts following his experiences in the Midlands. His message to the club is reproduced here in full, and closes with the typical attitude of the true 'club man'. Alex was tragically killed in a car accident in January 2003. His mere handful of games did not give us adequate opportunity to see his full potential which a new full season would have certainly provided. However, he made an immediate social impression and was a credit to the club and his family whose loss we share.

Message from Alex Lamb

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Just to say that my club in Worcestershire started competitive cricket on a Sunday two years ago - Our Saturday firsts play at a standard which is probably two leagues below SCC, but we have 3 league teams on a Saturday, and 2 league teams plus the occasionally friendly side (numbers allowing) on a Sunday.

In our experience, Sunday League cricket has been good for the club, although one or two other not-so-committed sides have frequently cried off. This has meant the Worcs District League has invited new members into the league, whilst others have been, er, kicked out. The way I see it, as long as a club can guarantee a team for the fixtures they play in a league, then that's all that is needed. I appreciate that SCC has a reputation to uphold, but the standard we can maintain will only be determined by our results in the league.

A league, in a way, absolves the clubs from the responsibility of getting a 'decent' team out. The simple truth is that if we can't field a consistently good standard in a hypothetical Sunday league, then the team will drop down the table.

We found Sunday League Cricket to be A Good Thing; there have been teething problems, but these are mainly due to teams who were more confident about their Sunday availability than they could afford to be. As long as SCC is honest about the standard it can consistently maintain, we shouldn't have a problem.

Also, the competitive spirit of our Sunday league was not in question - our 2nd's won the league in the gloomy darkness of the last over of the last game, during which a medium pace bowler was bowling short balls to a helmet-less batsman who ended up on 99 not out, hitting a four to win. Great fun! Moreover, you wouldn't see that level of competition in friendly cricket...

Other members of my club might have different opinions, but my synopsis would be that Sunday cricket has done no harm - the amount of cancelled games has not risen, but the competition and overall enjoyment of the game has. In our case it was an entirely new league setup, and I believe there was talk of switching to a different league for the coming season, but there's no talk of going back to friendlies on a Sunday. Everyone's enjoying competitive cricket too much.

That's my perspective, anyway.

Alex Lamb

P.S. what's this about 6-a-side during November? Count me in....

