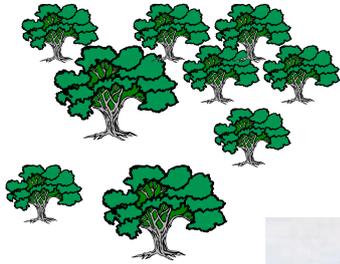


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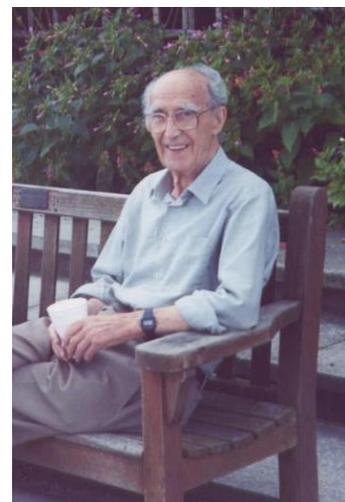
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Southgate Cricket Club

2004 Results

Category	Matches	Won	Drawn	Lost	Cancelled
1 st XI Middx League/ Cups	26	6	7	12	1
2 nd XI Middx League	18	10	6	1	1
3 rd XI Middx League	18	6	4	6	2
4 th XI 1987 League	18	11	4	2	1
1 st XI Chess Valley League	9	5	0	4	0
1 st XI Friendly	9	1	2	4	2
2 nd XI Friendly	11	1	6	4	0
Other Friendly	17	5	1	8	3
Totals	126	45	30	41	10

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THE 2004 SEASON

Ricky Gunn

So ended a year of mixed fortunes for Southgate Cricket Club. The disappointment suffered by the 1st XI in 2004 by getting relegated from the Middlesex County League Premier Division was ironically countered by two distinct successes elsewhere in the Club. The 2nd XI won their League for the third time and the 4th XI won the 3rd division of the 1987 League thereby finally prising themselves upwards after narrowly failing to do so the previous year – so it's Wembley and Teddington next summer for the 4ths which will be a little bit *déjà vu* for many of the senior protagonists! The 3rd XI, meanwhile, maintained a comfortable position in their League's 1st Division under a timeshare captaincy of David Howell and Des Beatty. More of all this with the captains' reports later in this publication.

From an editorial (and consequently statistical) viewpoint, 2004 was awash with batting records but, at the top level anyway, unfortunately less so for bowling, all unfolded later in this *Review*. Foremost amongst these performances was Matt Creese's 184 not out in the League against Finchley, by far the club's highest league score, the third best in Southgate's history, and the highest since 1906. Gavin Wates, from Perth, Western Australia, also eclipsed Chris Payne's 28 year-old record 1st XI League runs aggregate and his third wicket stand of 241 with Matt Creese against Finchley was the highest ever partnership for any wicket for Southgate, beating Horace Wass and Mervin Glennie's 231 for the 2nd wicket at Hertford in 1949.

Such was the volume of new players we were able, in the earlier part of the season, to field five sides on a Saturday, and once in July we fielded four teams on a Sunday for the first time for some years. However, many of the new arrivals quickly drifted away: whether it was through frustration at having to work their way up through the lower teams it is difficult to know, although players with obvious talent were prepared to take their chance and prove their point and become loyal clubmen.

John Williams' enterprise in establishing a Development XI proved to be an undoubted success. The objective was to provide regular cricket for young players aged 16-18 who had outgrown the colts facilities but might easily become lost to the club while they fought unsuccessfully against adults for the available places. In the event, most of the better young players found themselves regularly representing the club in adult matches, so much of the Development side was staffed with existing colts from the age of 13 upwards, but stiffened with three adults per game drawn from the coaches and a few dads who provided mature guidance and support. The successful transition of our younger cricketers into the adult game was one of the most significant aspects of 2004.

Of the Club's youngsters, 17 year-old Michael Stevens stood apart. He exhibited considerable powers of concentration and batting ability, beginning with two hundreds in the 2nd XI League and, on promotion to the 1st XI, scoring a further 300 runs at an average only slightly under 40, and ending the season with 1,111 runs. Len Stokes scored 891, in fairness, mostly at the lower end of the club, Gavin Wates 796 and Dan Ashley 751. Len also claimed

most wickets (52), with Adrian ('Sage') Carr taking 48. 2nd XI skipper Dave Woffinden returned remarkable figures of 8-41 against Barnes amongst his 35 League wickets. It was good to welcome the return of wicketkeeper Tim Lucas who found himself precipitated sharply into the 1st XI – but didn't quite manage to take the most victims for the season(!).

The Sunday Chess Valley League has continued to provide quality cricket with the added advantage of exploring aesthetic venues in deepest Hertfordshire. A good early run promised promotion in consecutive years but we lost momentum at the end.

The Annual Dinner in March was attended by a disappointing record low number who nevertheless enjoyed a typically hilarious speech from popular Winchmore Hill wicketkeeper Dave Littlewood, replying to Dave Woffinden who spoke on behalf of the club.



(Left-right round the table) Ricky Gunn, Martyn Kennedy, Doug Gordon, Derek Honnor, Andrew Hawthorn, Ian Massey, Alan Flook and Mel Dowsett at the Annual Dinner, Bush Hill Park Golf Club

Phil Stevens' Fantasy League continued to provide much pleasure and amusement and hopefully also added to individual incentive to succeed on the field of play. Dan Ashley's weekly results bulletins were eagerly awaited, and these have become a valuable source of historical information.

As the 2004 *Review* finally goes to press (now February 2005 as I compose), we look forward to the Club's 150th anniversary season, punctuated by events masterminded by our President, Peter Jouning, with the help of a dedicated sub-committee. We wish ourselves an enjoyably momentous year only chastened, perhaps, by the sad news of the recent deaths of two prominent former Southgate cricketers, Norman Lowen and Denis Parr – both at the age of 92, and former school classmates. Southgate Cricket Club is grateful to both for their contributions to the club on and off the field over many years, and we send our sincere condolences to their families.

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BATTING AVERAGES 2004

	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest (* = n.o)	Average	100s	50s	Ct	St
M. L. Creese	11	11	2	478	184*	53.11	2	1	12	-
G. A. Wates	23	22	3	796	130	41.89	2	4	8	-
D. Gordon	14	6	4	79	31*	39.50	-	-	7	-
L. J. W. Stokes	32	26	3	891	115*	38.74	1	7	10	-
M. O. Stevens	35	34	5	1111	109*	38.31	2	6	19	3
M. P. B. Kennedy	7	7	0	263	85	37.57	-	3	3	-
A. R. Jenner	12	11	3	300	94*	37.50	-	2	9	-
D. A. Woffinden	19	19	4	560	62	37.33	-	7	5	-
D. G. Ashley	29	27	6	751	78	35.76	-	5	9	-
A. Elech	21	19	0	635	136	33.42	1	1	8	-
P. A. Stevens	9	5	2	97	44*	32.33	-	-	7	-
P. M. G. Honnor	9	8	0	245	59	32.25	-	3	-	-
H. Rosenvinge	9	9	3	191	68*	31.83	-	2	2	-
G. P. Delf	7	6	2	122	49	30.50	-	-	2	-
M. Lombard	11	9	2	211	62	30.14	-	1	3	-
J. B. Jouning	28	26	4	647	80	29.41	-	5	8	2
S. Haseen	23	22	1	581	127*	27.66	1	2	11	-
B. R. Hartman	24	22	2	551	89*	27.55	-	3	3	-
N. J. Tohill	28	25	3	601	103	27.32	1	1	4	1
T. Lucas	22	13	6	189	87*	27.00	-	2	20	7
R. J. Marshall	17	17	0	456	110	26.82	1	3	3	-
I. Park	15	13	4	239	60*	26.56	-	1	3	-
S. Cradock	14	7	5	53	13	26.50	-	-	3	-
W. J. Dean	19	16	2	369	66	26.36	-	1	6	-
G. S. Rowe	28	27	4	593	98	25.78	-	5	11	-
S. Banyard	18	17	1	402	83	25.12	-	4	9	-
J. C. Thorpe	20	18	5	314	101*	24.15	1	1	7	-
R. Loganathan	6	6	0	144	67	24.00	-	1	1	-
J. T. Sambrook	25	21	2	453	69	23.84	-	2	8	-
K. Haria	22	17	2	354	65	23.60	-	2	4	-
M. Millar	15	14	3	253	75	23.00	-	2	5	-
F. Mir	28	23	10	302	55	23.23	-	1	9	-
A. Hoskin	15	13	3	220	71	22.00	-	1	9	-
A. M. Jouning	9	8	0	174	63	21.75	-	2	2	-
S. McGuinness	30	20	5	316	69	21.07	-	3	11	1
A. Booth	13	12	2	209	58*	20.90	-	1	3	-
H. M. Dowsett	28	25	5	406	69	20.30	-	3	8	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	20	14	4	196	41	19.60	-	-	12	2
R. D. Gunn	26	22	5	322	52	18.94	-	2	21	7
D. J. Beatty	11	11	0	207	44	18.81	-	-	1	-
R. Johnson	16	14	1	244	54	18.77	-	2	4	-
L. Wooldridge	11	7	3	71	38	17.75	-	-	4	-

Continued

Batting averages continued

	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest (* = n.o)	Average	100s	50s	Ct	St
I. C. Salter	27	24	3	372	70*	17.71	-	2	4	-
M. T. Stafford	22	17	4	224	53	17.23	-	1	11	-
S. Flook	26	10	5	86	31	17.20	-	-	15	-
R. Devarakonda	17	13	3	170	30	17.00	-	-	4	-
M. Wloch	6	5	1	63	25	15.75	-	-	1	-
J. D. Dangerfield	15	14	0	212	42	15.14	-	-	1	-
A. S. Salter	15	11	3	117	30	14.62	-	-	1	-
M. T. Clucas	28	18	2	232	66	14.50	-	1	5	-
A. J. Carr	28	11	7	58	24*	14.50	-	-	5	-
B. Dhamarajah	18	11	3	115	25	14.37	-	-	2	-
H. Cahill	14	6	4	27	20	13.50	-	-	10	5
T. Siddiqui	16	9	2	92	40	13.14	-	-	3	-
M. Tailor	7	7	2	63	21	12.60	-	-	2	-
M. D. Feeney	9	9	0	108	27	12.00	-	-	1	1
M. S. Hughes	11	7	0	60	31	8.57	-	-	5	-
T. Sivarajah	6	4	2	17	8	8.50	-	-	1	-
N. Topiwala	6	3	0	20	11	6.66	-	-	-	-
G. N. Blackmore	11	5	1	26	18	6.50	-	-	5	-
A. G. H. Rolt	23	12	3	50	16*	5.56	-	-	1	-
S. Jackson	8	5	1	19	10	4.75	-	-	1	-
M. Stavri	10	7	2	22	12	4.40	-	-	8	-
D. C. J. Howell	10	4	1	7	4	2.33	-	-	3	-
A. Habberley	15	6	2	7	4	1.75	-	-	1	-
D. Walters	10	4	2	0	0	0.00	-	-	1	-
A. Hawthorn	10	1	1	12	12*	-	-	-	2	-

Also played:

Five matches: A. Combe 5, 3, 39, 7, 14 (1 ct); S. Combe 8, 0, 1, 4, 11 (2 ct); P. Dunnett 37, 0*, 4, 35, 38* (1 st); A. Hussein 2, 29, 17, 25 (2 ct); S. Rose 3, 2, 22*, 3, 2 (2 ct); G. E. Slipper 0*, 32; P. I. W. Wilmshurst 8*, 6, 0, 0, 0 (1 ct).

Four matches: P. J. B. Bownes 12, 45, 25; G. M. Burton 6, 6, 13* (2 ct); R. Dunnett 0, 8, 4, 2 (3 ct); M. Fletcher 3, 0, 0; R. Hewit 0; J. Knight 6, 43, 14*, 17.

Three matches: L. Chandy 12*, 26*, 6; (1 ct); P. Draper 11, 32* (1 ct); C. Fox 50, 13, 21 (2 ct); P. Fox 0, 8, 0 (1 ct); J. Futerma 2*, 16 (2 ct); S. Goodley 5*; E. Pyzer-Knapp 0, 0.

Two matches: P. M. Chadwick 7, 5; B. Cheema 41*, 12; S. Goldbart 0, 0; M. Harif 17; L. Johnston 4, 9 (1 ct); D. McGonegle 0; C. Morgan 0, 15; L. Nitschke 3, 2; M. Swann 16, 19; J. Wilson 50, 2 (1 ct).

One match: N. Bakrania 8; J. Barnett 5; N. Chadwick 0*; A. F. Corbin 18; A. C. Davis 2; B. Depala 8, 6*; Shiva Dindyal 3; L. Farrell 4* (1 ct); W. Fitcharris 14; D. Fitzpatrick 27; M. Fitzpatrick 0; G. Flack 0* (2 ct); N. Greenwood 6; I. W. Henley 25; J. E. Hobbs 10; J. Horn 2; P. M. Jouning 0; D. Kalawahandi 1; V. Khosla 10; P. Marriage 5*; C. Marshall; P. Patel 8; D. Pyzer-Knapp 14; D. Shah 1 (1 ct); Y. Thisanayagam 0; C. A. Waller 82 (1 ct); S. Williams 8.

BOWLING AVERAGES 2004

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5wkts	S/Rate Balls/wkt	Economy Runs/over
A. Hawthorn	80.0	14	258	20	12.90	5-23	1	24.00	3.22
G. S. Rowe	24.0	4	93	6	15.50	3-15	-	24.00	3.87
A. Popat	21.4	3	97	6	16.16	4-31	-	21.66	4.47
J. Knight	20.0	4	83	5	16.60	2-11	-	24.00	4.15
D. A. Woffinden	205.2	47	670	38	17.63	8-41	2	32.42	3.26
D. G. Ashley	38.0	6	143	8	17.87	3-39	-	28.50	3.76
S. Flook	225.1	52	717	38	18.87	5-29	2	35.55	3.18
L. J. W. Stokes	260.3	41	984	52	18.92	5-22	1	30.05	3.77
G. N. Blackmore	107.3	20	383	20	19.15	6-22	1	32.25	3.56
M. O. Stevens	24.4	0	96	5	19.20	4-13	-	29.60	3.93
R. Devakaronda	36.5	4	200	10	20.00	3-8	-	22.10	5.42
R. Johnson	83.1	19	283	14	20.21	3-34	-	35.64	3.40
M. T. Clucas	113.0	9	445	22	20.23	4-5	-	30.82	3.93
A. J. Carr	275.1	46	1009	48	21.02	6-22	4	34.39	3.66
M. S. Hughes	56.5	8	193	9	21.44	3-16	-	37.88	3.39
M. T. Stafford	212.1	25	808	37	21.83	5-54	1	34.40	3.80
J. D. Dangerfield	27.0	1	139	6	23.16	3-31	-	27.00	5.14
G. A. Wates	220.3	35	789	34	23.20	7-73	1	38.91	3.57
B. Dhamarajah	91.4	13	281	12	23.42	3-25	-	45.83	3.06
A. G. H. Rolt	131.0	7	681	29	23.48	5-102	1	27.10	5.19
M. Millar	55.0	4	245	10	24.50	3-59	-	33.00	4.45
A. Habberley	85.0	12	337	12	28.08	3-18	-	42.50	3.96
J. C. Thorpe	211.2	31	764	30	25.46	6-28	1	42.20	3.61
M. Lombard	47.0	6	186	7	26.57	4-34	-	40.28	3.95
A. Hoskin	69.0	6	293	11	26.63	4-25	-	37.63	4.24
F. Mir	230.0	39	969	36	26.91	4-15	-	38.33	4.21
T. Siddiqui	179.0	25	717	26	27.58	4-12	-	41.30	4.00
W. J. Dean	137.0	17	585	21	27.85	5-67	1	39.14	4.27
I. C. Salter	194.2	19	928	33	28.12	4-30	-	35.33	4.77
A. Elech	148.5	17	538	19	28.32	3-18	-	47.00	3.61
D. Combe	57.0	12	175	6	29.16	4-21	-	57.00	3.07
T. Sivarajah	76.0	19	238	8	29.75	3-27	-	57.00	3.13
R. Loganathan	37.0	0	214	7	30.57	2-35	-	31.71	5.78
R. Dunnett	23.0	3	93	3	31.00	2-20	-	46.00	4.04
G. E. Slipper	24.0	7	67	2	33.50	1-1	-	72.00	2.79
D. Walters	61.1	11	202	6	33.66	2-24	-	61.16	3.30
S. McGuinness	94.0	17	334	10	33.70	3-34	-	56.40	3.55
N. J. Tohill	28.0	3	140	4	35.00	2-23	-	42.00	5.00
S. Cradock	180.0	34	668	19	35.15	4-21	-	56.84	3.71
L. Wooldridge	123.0	25	439	12	36.58	2-18	-	61.50	3.56
B. R. Hartman	20.3	0	130	3	43.33	2-27	-	41.00	6.34
A. S. Salter	58.5	5	273	6	45.50	3-76	-	58.83	4.63

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Bowling averages continued

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5wkts	S/Rate Balls/wkt	Economy Runs/over
D. C. J. Howell	54.0	2	287	6	47.83	2-48	-	54.00	5.31
M. L. Creese	53.0	11	194	4	48.50	4-15	-	79.50	3.66
D. Gordon	20.0	7	69	1	69.00	1-15	-	120.0	3.45
N. Topiwala	26.0	2	155	2	77.50	1-34	-	78.00	5.96
S. Banyard	42.0	5	159	2	79.50	1-23	-	126.0	3.78
S. Jackson	65.0	9	265	3	88.33	2-28	-	130.0	4.07
M. Tailor	27.0	0	184	2	92.00	1-22	-	81.00	6.81
A. Hussein	26.0	5	132	1	132.0	1-40	-	156.0	5.07

Also bowled (under 20 overs):

R. Hewit	12.3	3	41	6	6.83	3-8	-	12.50	3.28
B. Cheema	14.0	5	39	5	7.80	4-14	-	16.80	2.79
B. Depala	11.5	1	29	3	9.66	3-7	-	23.66	2.44
A. F. Corbin	11.5	2	43	4	10.75	4-43	-	17.75	3.63
E. Pyzer-Knapp	15.0	0	67	6	11.16	4-20	-	15.00	4.46
M. Wloch	14.1	0	56	4	14.00	2-1	-	21.25	3.95
J. Futerman	15.0	0	101	4	25.25	2-29	-	22.50	6.73
J. Sambrook	10.0	2	53	2	26.50	2-26	-	30.00	5.30
P. Dunnett	11.1	2	27	1	27.00	1-9	-	67.00	2.41
P. M. G. Honnor	13.0	1	60	2	30.00	2-22	-	39.00	4.61
M. D. Feeney	13.0	0	71	2	35.50	1-25	-	39.00	5.46
L. Chandy	13.5	0	77	2	38.50	1-37	-	41.50	5.70
S. Goldbart	10.0	0	65	1	65.00	1-29	-	60.00	6.50
G. M. Burton	11.0	0	76	1	76.00	1-21	-	66.00	6.90
P. I. W. Wilmshurst	13.2	1	96	1	96.00	1-21	-	80.00	7.20
M. Harif	12.0	0	38	0	-	0-15	-	-	3.16
Y. Thisanayagam	11.0	0	41	0	-	0-41	-	-	3.72

Also bowled (under 10 overs): N. Bakrania 5.0-0-22-1; A. Booth 2.0-1-4-0; N. Chadwick 7.0-0-20-0; A. Combe 2.0-0-15-0; S. Combe 4.0-0-17-2; Shiva Dindyal 5.0-0-34-1; L. Farrell 7.0-0-44-1; D. Fitzpatrick 2.0-0-11-0; S. Haseen 7.0-0-31-0; J. E. Hobbs 1.0-0-5-1; L. Johnston 5.0-0-31-1; J. B. Jouning 4.1-0-31-1; P. M. Jouning 2.0-0-13-0; V. Khosla 2.0-0-6-0; C. Marshall 8.0-2-15-1; P. Marriage 7.0-0-25-0; R. J. Marshall 3.0-0-21-2; D. McGonegle 8.0-0-54-2; L. Nitschke 4.0-0-35-0; H. Rosenvinge 1.0-0-15-0; D. Shah 8.0-0-44-1; M. Stavri 2.5-0-22-1; P. A. Stevens 3.0-0-28-0; C. A. Waller 4.0-0-17-0. Anon 4.0-0-44-1 v Langleybury.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2004

BATTING

Large Totals

For:	331-5	1 st XI v Finchley I (ML) (h)
	321-7	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
	302-2	4 th XI v South Hampstead IV (1987 League) (a) to win
	298-5	1 st XI v Old Albanians I (Chess Valley League) (h)
	293-7	1 st XI v Teddington I (ML) (h)
	292-6	1 st XI v Chipperfield I (Chess Valley League) (a)
	286-8	1 st XI v Langleybury I (Bertie Joel Cup) (a)
	284-6	1 st XI v Stanmore I (ML) (h)
	281-6	1 st XI v Ealing I (ML) (h)
	271-5	2 nd XI v Barnes II (ML) (a)
	265-9	1 st XI v Stanmore I (ML) (a)
	246-1	1 st XI I v Barnes I (ML) (a) to win
	243	1 st XI v President's XI (h) and lost
	241-1	4 th X v Hanwell III (1987 League) (a)
	241-3	2 nd XI v Finchley II (ML) (a)
	240-3	1 st XI v Uxbridge I (h)
	238-3	2 nd XI v Knebworth Park II (a)
	237-6	3 rd XI v Finchley III (ML) (h) (and lost)
	237-8	1 st XI v Harpenden I (Chess Valley League) (a)
	235-6	2 nd XI v South Hampstead II (ML) (h)
	233-5	3 rd XI v South Hampstead III (ML) (a) (to win)
Against:	309-6	Teddington III v 3 rd XI (ML) (h, Enfield GS)
	308-4	Wembley III v 3 rd XI (ML) (a)
	301-5	South Hampstead IV v 4 th XI (1987 League) (a) and lost
	300-2	Ealing I v 1 st XI (ML) (a)
	284-8	Richmond I v 1 st XI (ML) (h, Shenley)
	284-9	Langleybury I v 1 st XI (Bertie Joel Cup) (a)
	282-2	Ealing I v 1 st XI (ML) (h) to win
	275-9	Teddington I v 1 st XI (ML) (h)
	272-9	Finchley I v 1 st XI (ML) (h)
	267-4	Stanmore I v 1 st XI (ML) (a) to win
	257-5	President's XI v 1 st XI (h)
	247-6	Fives & Heronians II v 2 nd XI (h)
	241-2	Barnes I v 1 st XI (ML) (a) and lost
	238-6	Finchley III v 3 rd XI (ML) (h) (to win)
	232-7	South Hampstead III v 3 rd XI (ML) (a) (and lost)
	230-9	Barnes II v 2 nd XI (ML) (a)

Lowest All-Out Totals (under 100)

60	2 nd XI v Barnet I (Chess Valley League) (a)
68	5 th XI v Hendon & Edgware (a)
94	2 nd XI v Hampstead II (ML) (h) (but won)
97	1 st XI v Chingford I (a)

Lowest Totals (Oppositions):

41	Highgate Development XI v Development XI (h)
55	MTSSC v 4 th XI (1987 League) (h)
67	Hampstead II v 2 nd XI (ML) (h) (48.3 overs)
73	Mayfield v 5 th XI (a)
73	Shepherd's Bush III v 3 rd XI (ML) (h)
78	Hanwell III v 4 th XI (1987 League) (a)
93	North London V v 4 th XI (1987 League) (a)
94	MTSSC v 4 th XI (1987 League) (a)

Centuries (12)

M. L. Creese	184*	1 st XI v Finchley I (ML) (h)
M. L. Creese	124*	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (a)
A. Elech	136	1 st XI v Langleybury I (Bertie Joel Cup) (a)
S. Haseen	127*	4 th XI v Hanwell III (1987 League) (a)
R. J. Marshall	110	3 rd XI v Teddington III (ML) (a)
M. O. Stevens	109*	2 nd XI v Barnes II (ML) (a)
M. O. Stevens	101*	2 nd XI v Finchley II (ML) (a)
L. J. W. Stokes	115*	4 th XI v South Hampstead IV (1987 League) (a)
J. C. Thorpe	101*	1 st XI v Uxbridge I (h)
N. J. Tohill	103	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
G. A. Wates	130	1 st XI v Ealing I (ML) (h)
G. A. Wates	100	1 st XI v Finchley I (ML) (h)

Large Partnerships (* = not out/unbroken partnership)

1st wkt	179	(P. M. G. Honnor 59, R. J. Marshall 110)	3 rd XI v Teddington III (ML) (a)
1st wkt	155	(M. O. Stevens 109*, G. S. Rowe 93)	2 nd XI v Barnes II (ML) (a)
1st wkt	147	(S. McGuinness 69, L. J. W. Stokes 70)	2 nd XI v Kings Langley II (a)
1st wkt	138*	(A. Booth 58*, I. Park 60*)	3 rd XI v South Hampstead III (h)
1st wkt	135	(S. Haseen 68, L. J. W. Stokes 70)	2 nd XI v Knebworth Park II (a)
1st wkt	117	(M. O. Stevens 43, R. J. Marshall 63)	1 st XI v Old Albanians I (CVL) (h)
1st wkt	101	(M. L. Creese 124*, J. Sambrook 45)	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (a)
2nd wkt	170	(L. Stokes 115*, M. Millar 75)	4 th XI v S. Hampstead IV (1987 Lge) (a)
2nd wkt	150	(N. J. Tohill 103, J. B. Jouning 71)	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
2nd wkt	148*	(S. Haseen 127*, M. Millar 31*)	4 th XI v Hanwell IV (1987 Lge) (a)
2nd wkt	145*	(M. L. Creese 124*, J. B. Jouning 54*)	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (a)
2nd wkt	130	(M. O. Stevens 101*, S. Banyard 66)	2 nd XI v Finchley II (ML) (h)

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2nd wkt 119 (L. Stokes 74, M. T. Clucas 66) 4th XI v Edmonton IV (1987 League) (a)
 3rd wkt **241** (M. L. Creese 184*, G. A. Wates 100) 1st XI v Finchley I (ML) (h)
(Club record)
 3rd wkt 139* (J. B. Jouning 55*, G. A. Wates 80*) 1st XI v Knebworth Pk I (Fed Cup) (a)
 4th wkt 126 (H. Rosenvinge 68*, R. Johnson 51) 4th XI v Kenton IV (1987 Lge) (h)
 4th wkt 126 (D. G. Ashley 78, W. J. Dean 66) 1st XI v Chipperfield I (CVL) (a)
 5th wkt 104 (D. A. Woffinden 60*, D. G. Ashley 52) 2nd XI v Stanmore II (ML) (h)
 5th wkt 101* (P. A. Stevens 44*, S. McGuinness 61*) 5th XI v St Ignatius (a)
 6th wkt 95 (D. A. Woffinden 55, I. Park 34) 2nd XI v Brondesbury II (ML) (a)
 9th wkt 42 (F. Mir 33*, T. Siddiqui 13) 1st XI v Tunbridge Wells I (h)
 10th wkt 33 (F. Mir 5*, J. C. Thorpe 26) 1st XI v Teddington I (ML) (a)

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Five or more wickets in an innings (16):

8-41	D. A. Woffinden	2 nd XI v Barnes II (ML) (h, Laings)
7-73	G. A. Wates	1 st XI v Teddington I (ML) (a)
6-22	A. J. Carr	'A' XI v Hertingfordbury (a)
6-22	G. N. Blackmore	3 rd XI v Finchley III (ML) (a)
6-28	J. C. Thorpe	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
5-22	L. J. W. Stokes	4 th XI v North London V (1987 League) (h)
5-23	A. Hawthorn	4 th XI v Hanwell III (1987 Lge) (a)
5-29	S. Flook	2 nd XI v Barnes II (ML) (a)
5-35	A. J. Carr	2 nd XI v Stanmore II (ML) (h)
5-37	A. J. Carr	2 nd XI v South Hampstead II (ML) (a)
5-51	S. Flook	2 nd XI v Teddington II (ML) (a)
5-53	D. A. Woffinden	2 nd XI v Ealing II (ML) (h)
5-54	A. J. Carr	1 st XI v Hampstead I (ML) (h)
5-54	M. T. Stafford	1 st XI v Hampstead I (ML) (h)
5-67	W. J. Dean	2 nd XI v Ealing II (ML) (a)
5-102	A. G. H. Rolt	2 nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (a)

Economical bowling analyses:

A. J. Carr	24.0-13-25-4	2 nd XI v Hampstead II (ML) (h)
S. Cradock	14.1-5-21-4	3 rd XI v South Hampstead III (ML) (h)
M. L. Creese	13.0-5-15-4	1 st XI v Winchmore Hill I (ML) (h)
D. A. Woffinden	13.0-5-19-3	2 nd XI v Hampstead II (ML) (h)
A. J. Carr	13.1-4-22-6	'A' XI v Hertingfordbury (a)
G. N. Blackmore	13.0-4-22-6	3 rd XI v Finchley III (ML) (h, Shenley)
S. Flook	10.0-4-12-0	2 nd XI v Ealing II (ML) (h)
F. Mir	10.0-5-13-1	1 st XI v Preston I (Chess Valley League) (a)

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S. Flook	9.0-3-12-2	2 nd XI v Enfield II (h)
D. A. Woffinden	9.0-6-13-2	2 nd XI v Teddington II (ML) (h)
T. Siddiqui	8.4-3-12-4	1 st XI v Ealing I (ML) (h)
B. Cheema	8.0-4-14-4	2 nd XI v Knebworth II (a)
D. A. Woffinden	6.0-2-8-2	2 nd XI v South Hampstead II (ML) (h)
S. McGuinness	6.0-2-9-1	4 th XI v North London V (1987 League) (a)
S. McGuinness	5.0-1-6-1	4 th XI v Perivale IV (1987 League) (h)
S. McGuinness	5.0-3-3-0	5 th XI v Hendon & Edgware (a)
B. Dhamarajah	5.0-3-4-1	2 nd XI v Winchmore Hill II (a)
G. A. Wates	5.0-2-6-1	1 st XI v Stanmore I (ML) (h)
R. Hewit	5.3-3-8-3	5 th XI v Mayfield (a)
L. J. W. Stokes	4.4-2-5-4	4 th XI v North London V (1987 League) (a)

Miscellaneous

High-scoring Extras

80 extras in 4 th XI's 302-2 v South Hampstead IV (1987 League) (a)
<i>(Club record)</i>
56 extras in 1 st XI's 287-8 v Langleybury I (Bertie Joel Cup) (a)
51 extras in Langleybury I's 284-9 v 1 st XI (Bertie Joel Cup) (a)
48 extras in 3 rd XI's 202-9 v Wembley III (ML) (h)
44 extras in 4 th XI's 239-3 v North London V (1987 League) (a)
43 extras in 4 th XI's 210-8 v Kenton IV (1987 League) (a)
40 extras in 2 nd XI's 241-8 v Finchley II (ML) (a)
38 extras in 3 rd XI's 237-6 v Finchley III (ML) (h)
35 extras in 4 th XI's 216-3 v North London V (1987 League) (h)

Biggest victories:

10 wickets	3 rd XI v South Hampstead III (ML) (h)
239 runs	1 st XI v Barnes I (ML) (h)
176 runs	1 st XI v Old Albanians I (CVL) (h)
146 runs	4 th XI v North London V (1987 League) (a)
142 runs	3 rd XI v Shepherd's Bush III (ML) (h)
101 runs	4 th XI v Perivale IV (1987 Lge) (h)
100 runs	4 th XI v North London V (1987 Lge) (h)

Heaviest defeats:

126 runs	2 nd XI v Barnet I (CVL) (a)
9 wkts	1 st XI v Brondesbury I (ML) (a)
9 wkts	1 st XI v St Albans I (CVL) (h)
9 wkts	2 nd XI v Kings Langley II (a)
9 wkts	3 rd XI v Ealing III (ML) (h)



End of Season Awards 2004

Hawker Trophy: Shared between Gavin Wates & David Woffinden

Chris Stevenson Batting Trophy: Gavin Wates

Derek Honnor Bowling Trophy: Len Stokes

Colin Done Young Cricketer of the Year Trophy: Michael Stevens

Outstanding Colt: Scott McGuinness

Martin Fletcher Clubman of the Year Trophy: Dan Ashley

Steve Rowe "Dunkirk" Trophy: Scott McGuinness



Piano Award: David Woffinden

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Fantasy League: Team Winner: Dan Ashley
Best performer: David Woffinden

2004 Club Competition Winners

National Knock-Out: Kibworth (Leicestershire) beat
Ockbrook & Borrowash (Derbyshire) by five wickets at Lord's

Evening Standard Competition: Finchley (£6,100 prize)

Ibex Trophy: Osterley

Middlesex County League: Richmond

Middlesex Federation Cup: Finchley

Middlesex Federation Vase: Edmonton

Middlesex Federation Cricket (Tom Brown) Shield: Potters Bar

Middlesex Club Twenty/20: MX20s: Middlesex Tamils

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

FIRST TEAM LEAGUE TABLES 2004

Played Won Tied Drn Drn Abnd Lost Total Penalty TOTAL
10pts 5pts 4pts 1pt 1pt 0pts Pnts Pnts POINTS

DIVISION ONE (E.C.B. PREMIER LEAGUE)

Richmond	18	10	0	2	1	1	4	110	-1	109
Brondesbury	18	9	0	3	1	2	3	105	0	105
Ealing	18	7	0	5	2	0	4	92	-1	91
Winchmore Hill	18	6	0	2	5	1	4	74	0	74
Finchley	18	6	0	2	5	2	3	75	-7	68
Stanmore	18	5	0	3	4	2	4	68	0	61
Teddington	18	3	0	4	2	2	7	50	0	50
Southgate	18	3	0	4	3	1	7	50	-3	47
Barnes	18	1	0	1	3	0	13	17	0	17

DIVISION TWO

Eastcote	18	9	0	3	2	2	2	106	-5	101
Ickenham	18	9	0	2	1	2	4	101	-5	96
South Hampstead	18	7	0	3	2	1	5	85	-3	82
Brentham	18	6	0	4	3	1	4	80	-5	75
Enfield	18	6	0	2	6	1	3	75	0	75
Barclays	18	6	0	2	3	1	6	72	-5	67
Uxbridge	18	4	0	3	2	3	6	57	-1	56
Shepherds Bush	18	3	0	5	2	2	6	54	0	54
Wembley	18	4	0	2	3	3	6	54	-1	53
North London	18	1	0	0	2	2	13	14	-3	11

DIVISION THREE

North Middlesex	18	8	0	3	3	2	2	97	0	97
Hornsey	18	8	0	3	2	1	4	95	0	95
Harrow Town	18	7	0	2	4	1	4	83	0	83
Wycombe House	18	7	0	2	3	1	5	82	0	82
Kenton	18	6	1	3	2	2	4	81	0	81
Highgate	18	6	0	3	3	1	5	76	0	76
Barnet	18	5	0	4	1	1	7	68	-3	65
Harrow	18	4	0	5	3	2	4	65	0	65
Bessborough	18	4	0	0	2	4	8	46	0	46
Hampton Wick R.	18	1	1	0	2	1	13	18	-3	15

1st XI League

Jamie Jouning

The 2004 season was a massive, massive disappointment – simple as that. Despite having a side that was supposedly “too good to go down” we still conspired to get relegated, albeit by three measly points. I can’t help but feeling desperately saddened by the knowledge that we will be playing 1st division cricket next year in what is the Club’s 150th Anniversary. The situation as it is, however, leaves us only one option and that is to bounce back and bounce back quickly, and that is exactly what we are committed to doing in 2005.

So where did it all go wrong? How could we have started so well and fallen away so badly? How did such a talented collection of cricketers manage only three victories (two of those against fellow strugglers Barnes) all season? There are no hard and fast answers – just a number of contributory factors. It is only when these are added together that the cracks begin to appear.

And it all started so promisingly. Our first home fixture of the year saw us clock up a massive 331 against Finchley. Matt Creese, in his first full year back at the Club having just graduated from Durham University, showed what we had been missing with a breathtaking 184 not out. Gavin Wates, our new overseas recruit from Perth, chipped in with an immaculate 100. We then reduced Finchley to 261 for 9 and were desperately unlucky not to secure all ten points. We fought hard against Ealing in game two despite being thoroughly outplayed for long passages. The Creese run machine contributed another fluent 63. We then came agonisingly close to our first win of the season at home to Stanmore. Jeremy Sambrook (69) and Gavin Wates (74) posted most of the runs before Thorpey almost rolled over the opposition in an impressive opening burst. We came up short again, however, taking nine of the ten wickets required – bowling sides out on Southgate’s track was clearly going to be difficult.

A very comfortable victory over Barnes followed, made significant by another unbeaten 100 from the ever-burgeoning bat of Creese. We amassed another sizeable total at home against Teddington with old hands Jouning (67) and the increasingly reliable Hartman (89) wreaking havoc. Teddington chased well but the game was always within our grasp and had Staffie and Sage had a little more luck, Teddington could easily have lost all ten wickets as opposed to the seven they did. Five games played and we could and perhaps should have won at least four of them.

And so to the turning point of the season – Brondesbury away. A diabolical performance in every sense of the word – it was back-to-earth-with-a-thump time. Rolled over for 204, Brondesbury then brutally exposed an increasingly threadbare attack knocking off the runs inside 40 overs. It should have been just the wake-up call we needed but rather than galvanising us into action it sent us spiralling towards oblivion. We somehow failed to negotiate four points in a rain affected game at home to Hampstead the following Saturday

and were then taught a lesson in chasing modest targets by local rivals Winchmore Hill. This victory over an out of sorts Southgate side put the Hill at the top of the table and should have provided just the kick up the backside we required – needless to say, it didn't! Richmond outplayed us the following week up at Shenley but rain came to the rescue providing a much-needed point.

It was at this stage that we lost the service of two of side's most instrumental figures, one for five weeks the other for good. Creeseey was the first to go disappearing off to Thailand for five weeks to find out for himself exactly what a "ladyboy" really looked like. Staffie had also called it a day, frustrated by his lack of opportunity with the bat and bored of his journey around the M25. What followed is perhaps therefore, hardly surprising, particularly in view of the fact that Elech also disappeared for five of these six fixtures. The rot started against fellow relegation candidates, Finchley, in a must-win game. The only positive to come out of a bitterly disappointing defeat was the batting of Michael Stevens (67) who, having been called up from the 2nd team on merit, revealed to the 1st XI his undoubted potential. One loss became two and then three as we went down without much of a struggle to Ealing and then Stanmore.

Scoring runs didn't appear to be the problem with Wates (130 & 78) and Jouning (37 & 80) beginning to show signs of consistency. The problem - quite clearly - lay in the bowling department. With no Staffie, Sage struggling to weave his web on unhelpful wickets and Deano only recently back from injury, we lacked penetration and control. There was no one able even, to tie up one end. Without Elech and with Thorpe only sporadically fit/available the seam bowling responsibility lay almost entirely with Watesey. Faisal Mir, up and down from the two's like a yo-yo, tried his heart out but failed to find the discipline required at the top level.

We were now firmly in the mire and with fives games to go, a minimum of two victories seemed to be necessary. We secured the first easily enough against a weak Barnes side in a game that saw Tohers complete his maiden 1st XI League century and Thorpe blast out the opposition with 6 for 28. Next up was Teddington away. At 77 for 5 we were in all sorts of trouble, but incredibly spirited and technically proficient knocks from Hartman (82) and Dean (41) allowed us to crawl past the 220 mark. With Teddington only a few points ahead of us, the outcome of this game was to prove vital and thanks almost entirely to a Herculean effort from Gavin Wates we almost made it. With a bowling line-up thin by even our standards, Thorpey and Gavin wheeled away virtually all afternoon. Gavin bowled unchanged for 30 overs picking up 7 for 73 and taking us within one wicket of a momentous victory. It was, however, not to be and when we discovered in the bar after the game that our two nearest relegation rivals had both won, the writing was well and truly on the wall.

Despite scoring a meagre 111 – thanks entirely to Messrs Stevens (30) and Dean (36*) – we fought hard against Brondesbury taking their first five wickets for 48 runs. With only one fit bowler in Watesey, the other five were always going to be hard to come by!! Hampstead away was all about the toss and yes, I lost it. We did very well to score 167 on a damp track that had plenty in it for seamer and spinner alike. Michael Stevens came of age with a highly impressive 48 against Weekes et al whilst Ahmad returned to smash 43 and show us what might have been. We started with three fit bowlers and within four overs were reduced to one (Watesey). The wicket had eased anyway and with a one-dimensional (quite literally!) bowling attack, we had no chance. The other results went against us and we were down. The fact that we defeated Winchmore Hill handsomely in our final fixture and that Teddington

lost theirs, meant that the gap between survival and relegation was a mere three points (the very number that we had been deducted for a consistent slow over rate!!).

So what positives can be taken from an ultimately disappointing season? The batting of Creese (452 at 65) and Wates (655 at 44) was at times a joy to behold. I can think of no two players in the entire Middlesex League who I'd rather watch bat. Gavin's impressive year saw him break Chris Payne's longstanding League run record – one that had remained unbeaten since 1977. Michael Stevens took his chance and grabbed it with both hands proving beyond doubt his mettle as a 1st XI batsman (307 at 39). At only 17 he has a very bright future indeed – for the sake of the Club let's just hope Middlesex don't whisk him away too soon! Ben Hartman (363 at 33) entertained on and off the field, bringing a more disciplined approach to his batting, if not his social habits, in 2004. The skipper also contributed with the bat (450 at 32) although the big match-winning knock failed to materialise.

Timmy Lucas, returning to the Club after a long absence, kept solidly and took all the chances that came his way. Good to have you back Tim. Ahmad (286 at 32) threatened to ignite but his poor availability in the crunch part of the season proved a crushing blow. Jez Sambrook (240 at 30) surpassed expectation with the bat and was unfortunate to lose his place when the balance of the side shifted. Deano (141 at 24) returned from injury to provide some much needed steel to the middle order and some much needed support to his skipper. Tohers meanwhile (260 at 22) - despite a maiden League century and a brilliant match-winning knock in the Federation Cup - would probably be disappointed with his final return. His attitude on the field and in the bar was exemplary, however, and his uncanny ability to be the drunkest man at the party kept us all royally entertained.

It is of significance that there is far less to admire on the bowling front. Only Watesey (21 wickets at 30) – once he adjusted his length to suit English wickets – provided any real consistency. Thorpey (23 at 26), when his back allowed, showed how effective he can be when he puts his mind to it. His ability is unquestionable – it is his attitude that at times requires the real work but I'm confident next year will see the making of him as a mature club cricketer! Sage had a mixed season by his own high standards but still picked up 17 wickets at 34 and a 2nd XI Championship Winners medal to boot. Creesey took just the four wickets – all in the final game of the season – but showed enough ability in this 13 over spell to suggest that he will be a massive factor with the ball in 2005. Tariq Siddiqui also showed considerable promise with the ball and we hope to see him injury free next year. I've also got a strong feeling that Faisal will come of age in 2005 – if he bowls as fast and as accurately as he did against the Hill in our last game, then 1st Division batsmen be warned.

Despite a tough season, spirit within the team remained good all year. Laughter was a constant presence and it's testament to the team dynamic that even as relegation loomed we remained positive. Credit also to those guys who came up from the 2nd XI and gave their all – Dan Ashley, Jeremy Dangerfield, and Rob Johnson spring immediately to mind. Finally on behalf of the 1st XI, I'd just like to thank Derek Honnor for scoring so expertly throughout the course of the season and for his support and words of encouragement to me. Thanks also to the President - Peter Jouning - Jim Conroy, Sandy, Maccie, Graham, Ron, John. Fred, Tim, Tony et al for their unwavering support during what has been a difficult season. Roll on 2005.

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2004 1st XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out; SR = runs per 100 balls)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	SR	H'st	v Opposition	100/50s	Ct	St
M. L. Creese	9	9	2	452	64.57	86.09	184*	Finchley (h)	2/1	11	-
G. A. Wates	17	16	1	655	43.66	87.80	130	Ealing (h)	2/3	7	-
M. O. Stevens	10	10	2	307	38.37	45.34	69	Finchley (a)	-/1	6	-
B. R. Hartman	15	13	2	363	33.00	71.17	89*	Teddington (h)	-/2	2	-
J. B. Jouning	16	15	1	449	32.07	66.71	80	Stanmore (a)	-/4	5	-
J. Sambrook	10	10	2	240	30.00	44.52	69	Stanmore (h)	-/1	2	-
A. Elech	11	9	0	227	25.22	53.03	44	Ealing (a)/Bron (a)	-/-	4	-
W. J. Dean	8	7	1	141	23.50	62.66	41	Teddington (a)	-/-	3	-
M. T. Stafford	9	6	2	88	22.00	61.11	31*	Ealing (a)	-/-	2	-
N. J. Tohill	16	13	1	260	21.66	63.88	103	Barnes (h)	1/-	4	1
J. C. Thorpe	12	10	3	68	13.60	72.34	26	Teddington (a)	-/-	4	-
D. G. Ashley	3	3	0	38	12.66	54.28	27	Winchmore Hill (a)	-/-	-	-
R. Johnson	2	2	0	22	11.00	54.16	13	Stanmore (a)	-/-	1	-
S. Jackson	2	1	0	10	10.00	62.50	10	Ealing (a)	-/-	-	-
J. Carr	12	5	3	20	7.00	80.00	14*	Winchmore Hill (a)	-/-	1	-
F. Mir	9	5	2	20	6.66	44.44	7*	Teddington (h)	-/-	2	-
T. J. Lucas	12	6	4	12	6.00	17.39	6*	Winchmore Hill (a)	-/-	12	3
J. D. Dangerfield	4	4	0	21	5.25	50.00	15	Barnes (h)	-/-	-	-
A. Hussein	2	1	0	2	2.00	5.40	2	Ealing (a)	-/-	1	-
T. Siddiqui	3	2	0	1	0.50	5.88	1	Brondesbury (h)	-/-	-	-
S. Goodley	2	1	1	5	-	31.25	5*	Ealing (a)	-/-	-	-
G. S. Rowe	1	1	1	18	-	138.46	18*	Ealing (h)	-/-	-	-
S. Flook	1	1	1	1	-	25.00	1*	Hampstead (a)	-/-	-	-

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wkt	Best	v Opposition
R. Johnson	3.0	0	23	1	23.00	18	7.66	-	1-23	Stanmore (a)
J. C. Thorpe	167.0	25	607	23	26.39	44	3.63	1	6-28	Barnes (h)
M. L. Creese	35.0	9	117	4	29.25	53	3.34	-	4-15	Winchmore Hill (h)
T. Siddiqui	30.0	5	119	4	29.75	45	3.96	-	2-58	Hampstead (a)
G. A. Wates	183.3	31	635	21	30.23	52	3.46	1	7-73	Teddington (a)
F. Mir	56.4	6	292	9	32.44	38	5.15	-	4-28	Winchmore Hill (h)
A. J. Carr	120.0	11	584	17	34.35	42	4.86	1	5-54	Hampstead (h)
A. Elech	81.5	9	320	9	35.55	55	3.91	-	3-54	Barnes (a)
M. T. Stafford	123.0	14	502	14	35.85	53	4.08	1	5-54	Hampstead (h)
S. Flook	9.0	0	37	1	37.00	54	4.11	-	1-37	Hampstead (a)
A. Hussein	9.0	3	45	1	45.00	54	5.00	-	1-40	Ealing (a)
W. J. Dean	34.2	5	177	2	88.50	103	5.15	-	1-46	Finchley (a)
B. R. Hartman	6.3	0	49	0	-	-	7.53	-	0-20	Brondesbury (h)
N. J. Tohill	3.0	0	25	0	-	-	8.33	-	0-25	Ealing (h)
S. Jackson	12.0	4	57	0	-	-	4.75	-	0-25	Stanmore (h)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

SECOND TEAM LEAGUE TABLES 2004

	Played	Won 10pts	Tied 5pts	Drawn 4pts	Drawn 1pt	Abnd 1pt	Lost 0pts	Total Points
DIVISION ONE								
Southgate	18	10	0	3	3	1	1	116
Richmond	18	9	0	5	2	1	1	113
Teddington	18	5	0	6	3	1	3	78
Finchley	18	5	0	6	1	1	5	76
Stanmore	18	6	0	2	4	0	6	72
Ealing	18	5	0	3	4	1	5	67
Brondesbury	18	3	0	4	7	2	2	55
Hampstead	18	3	0	5	2	1	7	53
Barnes	18	4	0	1	5	0	8	49
South Hampstead	18	0	0	0	4	2	12	6
DIVISION TWO								
Kenton	18	10	0	3	1	1	3	114
Brentham	18	7	0	3	4	3	1	89
Uxbridge	18	7	0	1	5	2	3	81
Eastcote	18	6	0	4	2	2	4	80
Barnet	18	5	0	4	4	1	4	71
Wycombe House	18	5	0	1	5	1	6	60
Shepherds Bush	18	4	0	4	1	2	7	59
Wembley	18	3	0	5	3	2	5	55
Winchmore Hill	18	2	0	4	3	2	7	41
Bessborough	18	2	0	1	2	2	11	28
DIVISION THREE								
Acton	18	11	0	3	1	1	2	124
Enfield	18	9	0	3	3	1	2	106
North Middlesex	18	9	0	1	2	1	5	97
Barclays	18	9	0	1	0	1	7	95
Harrow	18	7	0	2	3	1	5	82
Hornsey	17	6	0	1	2	0	8	66
Old Actonians	18	5	0	3	2	0	8	64
Ickenham	18	5	0	2	3	1	7	62
Harrow Town	18	5	0	2	2	1	8	61
Hampton Wick Royal	17	1	0	0	0	1	15	11

2nd XI League

David Woffinden

At the club dinner in March I made some bold predictions about the outcome of the 2004 2nd XI League. Year on year, the standard continues to improve with most sides featuring former 1st XI regulars, overseas players or players unwilling or unable to play all day cricket and, in one case, a current county professional. I was confident, though, that our players were a match for anyone and that we would succeed because we would have the bottle to finish the job when the pressure was really on.

As I said at length at the end of season supper, the feature of the season for me, and what set us apart from our rivals, was that we were not reliant on a star player - we were a team. We had players who once they got the chance would step up, take that chance and take responsibility for the game. I'm thinking in particular of regulars such as Mike Stevens, Steve Rowe, Steve Banyard, Dan Ashley and Shaun Flook and players who found themselves out of the side at various stages in the season such as Adrian Carr, Faisal Mir, Ian Park, Alex Booth, Pat Honnor and RBL. We played positive cricket throughout, were outstanding in the field and turned up each and every Saturday expecting to finish the day with ten points.

The first half of the season went even better than we had expected. After the first fixture was abandoned without a ball being bowled we won five of the next seven games and picked up winning draws in the remaining two fixtures to reach the halfway mark 20 points clear of our nearest rivals.

Our season was kick-started by Michael Stevens' maiden century in our successful pursuit of 240 at Finchley. Mike batted through to finish 101* and in the process added 130 for the second wicket with Steve Banyard (66). The following week five wickets from Sage enabled us to limit Stanmore to 168 all out and another century stand, this time between Dave Woffinden (60*) and Dan Ashley (52) took us to our second victory of the season.

Then came frustration. Away to Barnes, we declared early on 271 for 5, courtesy of our third century partnership in three weeks, a second hundred from Mike (109*) and a rapid fire 93 from opening partner Steve Rowe. Despite Shaun Flook's five-wicket haul we were unable to prise out the final wicket and finished with four points. Having fallen just short against Barnes, we managed to finish the job in our next game. Defending 203, Shaun Flook was again the pick of the bowlers, picking up 4 for 18 as Teddington were bowled out for just 127.

Ealing were next to receive the treatment. Excellent opening spells from Leigh Wooldridge, who must be one of the most consistent new ball bowlers in the 2nd XI league, and Shaun Flook set the tone. William Dean, making his 2004 second team debut, flighted the ball well

finishing with five wickets and half centuries from Mike Stevens and the skipper saw us to victory with six wickets in hand.

Following a four pointer against a strong but negative Brondesbury side we were back to winning ways against reigning champions Hampstead. Put into bat we were able to declare at halfway at 203, thanks mainly to a quick fire 72 run 6th wicket partnership between Danno (58*) and Matt Feeney. Two high quality spells from Leigh Wooldridge and four wickets from Tariq Siddiqui then saw us pick up the ten points with ten balls to spare. Our final opponents in the first half of the season were South Hampstead. Steve Rowe led the way again with 98 before all the bowlers combined to roll a weak South Hampstead over for 152.

Crunch time, Richmond away. A poor track and a good opposition bowling attack, but no excuse for our 115 all out. Only Jeremy Dangerfield showed sufficient application, top scoring with 42. On a rain-affected day, Richmond had 36 overs for their reply and were 46 for 1 with 20 overs to go. Tight, tight bowling and fielding and four wickets each from Deano and Woffers left Richmond needing eight off the last over with one wicket in hand. Richmond refused to go for it and came off the field strangely satisfied with their winning draw. I'm sure they are looking back now cursing their lack of adventure.

The rough trot continued the following week with only Faisal Mir and Jez distinguishing themselves in our only defeat of the season, at home to Finchley. We were then quickly back to winning ways, with captain Dan Ashley at the helm. Stanmore's 183 for 5 was comfortably overhauled with Steve Banyard, Danno and Alex "I'll leave the country if you keep calling me Biffa" Booth starring with the bat.

With Middlesex in occupation of the Walker Ground, Barnes were entertained on the sporting Laing Sports track and eight of the visitors generously gifted their wickets to Woffers' slow medium trundle. In reply we were in dire trouble at 23 for 5, but were rescued by an 88 run partnership between Ian Park (42) and Pat Honnor (50) who, with finishing touches from RBL, got us to the four-point total. A great recovery and arguably the four points that made the difference at the end of the season.

Much has been made of the declining standard of County Cricket and this was readily apparent when Teddington showed no shame in sneaking a current Middlesex all-rounder into their 2nd XI for some match practice. Pro-slayer Shaun Flook despatched him first ball and in company with RBL (31*) held him at bay with ease for the last nine overs to pick up the point.

Ealing's visit to the Walker Ground the following week marked one of our most comprehensive performances. Shaun Flook was on fire with the new ball and Tariq Siddiqui cleaned up the tail as Ealing limped to 152 all out in 55 overs. Steve Banyard controlled the chase to finish 65* and together with Danno (45) took us to victory with more than five overs to spare and with seven wickets in hand.

A lacklustre performance away at Brondesbury, featuring another negative declaration from a strong Brondesbury side, saw us restricted to a one point losing draw and relinquish our top of the table position for the first time since week four. This left two crucial games, home against Hampstead and away against South Hampstead. To be in with a chance, we had to win both games.

Hampstead first. One of those games, as Sage wisely observed, that you will remember even if you forget its context in our championship winning season. That we produced this performance without our linchpins, vice-captain Danno and Mr Angry, Shaun Flook, and with the season on the line, makes the magnitude of the performance hard to express. On a soaking wet slow track we were put into bat. Based around 52 from Woffers, opening for the first time and eventually 9th man out, we ground our way to 92 all out in 43 overs. Hampstead were extremely confident of chasing it down, “don’t know why this lot are top of the league” being one quote which sticks in the mind. With the ball and in the field we refused to allow Hampstead to even get into the game. Faisal Mir (11.3-3-21-3) and Woffers (13-5-19-3) backed up a peerless display from Sage (24-13-25-4) and Hampstead were all out for 67 in 48.3 overs.

Going into the last game we were confident that we would beat South Hampstead but this still left us reliant on Teddington not losing to Richmond if we were to win the league. Sage’s five wickets and half-centuries from Richard Marshall and Danno meant that victory in our game was never in doubt and we faced an anxious wait before news arrived that Teddington had held out for a draw and we were crowned champions.

It was a season of two halves. The first half saw us dominate almost every game and the feature of the second half was resilience in adversity, admittedly mostly adversity of our own making. 29 players in total represented the 2nd XI this season and we should all be very proud of our achievement. If there was one defining factor in our success it was our strength in depth. With strong performances from our leading players we crushed traditional powerhouses such as Ealing, Finchley and Teddington, but for me there were three key points in the season: had we caved at any of those points we would not be champions. Ian Park and Pat Honnor saving the game against Barnes and our two successful defences of small totals, 115 against eventual runners up Richmond and 92 against reigning champions Hampstead. All this is why we are the 2004 2nd XI Champions.

DAW

Extract from the SCC Weekly Bulletin, August 2004

Defending 94 all out and with a potential 58 overs to be bowled the 2nd XI needed a monumental performance to save the game and to keep their season alive. Sage was relegated from his favoured Adelaide End and bowled 24 overs for only 25 runs, picking up 4 wickets in the process (24-13-25-4). Using all his variations, Sage's control was exemplary and by keeping the game so tight he allowed us the luxury of bowling the nearly 49 overs we needed to bowl Hampstead out. After 34 overs, Hampstead had scored only 34 runs and Sage's contribution to this was 17-12-8-3.

2004 2nd XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100/50s	Ct	St
M. O. Stevens	7	7	2	321	64.20	109*	Barnes (a)	2/1	3	-
D. G Ashley	13	13	5	410	51.25	58*	Hampstead (a)	-/3	3	-
D. A. Woffinden	16	16	3	452	34.76	62	Brondesbury (h)	-/6	5	-
G. S. Rowe	14	13	1	310	25.83	98	S. Hampstead (h)	-/2	8	-
P. M. G. Honnor	3	3	0	75	25.00	50	Barnes (h)	-/1	-	-
J. D. Dangerfield	8	7	0	168	24.00	42	Richmd (a)/Finch (h)	-/-	2	-
F. Mir	8	8	4	95	23.75	29	Finchley (h)	-/-	-	4
S. Banyard	15	15	1	309	22.07	66	Finchley (a)	-/3	7	-
A. Booth	7	6	1	109	21.80	39	Stanmore (a)	-/-	1	-
I. Park	9	7	2	108	21.60	42	Barnes (h)	-/-	3	-
W. J. Dean	4	3	0	64	21.33	39	Brondesbury (h)	-/-	2	-
R. J. Marshall	6	6	0	112	18.66	51	South Hampstead (a)	-/1	1	-
S. Flook	16	4	3	18	18.00	10	Teddington (a)	-/-	13	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	10	6	3	53	17.66	31*	Teddington (a)	-/-	11	-
M. D. Feeney	4	4	0	57	14.25	27	Hampstead (a)	-/-	1	1
J. T. Sambrook	5	4	0	47	11.75	27	Ealing (h)	-/-	3	-
L. Wooldridge	10	6	3	33	11.00	10*	Hampstead (a)	-/-	1	-
R. Johnson	4	4	0	30	7.25	11	Finchley (h)	-/-	-	-
T. Siddiqui	4	4	1	0	0.00	0	Teddington (a)	-/-	2	-
A. J. Carr	5	2	2	4	-	4*	Hampstead (h)	-/-	-	-
H. Cahill	4	1	1	0	-	0*	Brondesbury (h)	-/-	1	-

Played in two matches: G. N. Blackmore dnb, dnb (1 ct); A. Hoskin 14, 1 (3 ct); S. Jackson dnb, 4* (1 ct); T. J. Lucas dnb, dnb (3 ct 1 st).

Played in one match: P. J. B. Bownes dnb; A. Hussein 17, A. M. Jouning 3 (1 ct).

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wks	Best	v Opposition
A. J. Carr	91.0	24	217	18	12.05	30.33	2.38	2	5-35	Stanmore (h)
W. J. Dean	39.4	4	149	11	13.54	21.63	3.75	1	5-67	Ealing (a)
D. A. Woffinden	179.2	44	558	35	15.94	30.74	3.11	2	8-41	Barnes (h)
J. D. Dangerfield	15.0	1	67	4	16.75	22.50	4.46	-	3-31	Brondesbury (h)
S. Flook	144.1	35	473	25	18.92	34.60	3.28	2	5-29	Barnes (a)
F. Mir	97.2	19	345	17	20.29	34.35	3.54	-	4-51	Finchley (h)
T. Siddiqui	78.0	12	270	12	22.50	39.00	3.46	-	4-12	Ealing (h)
L. Wooldridge	109.0	21	402	10	40.20	65.40	3.68	-	2-18	Teddington (h)
R. Johnson	16.0	1	50	1	50.00	96.00	3.12	-	1-32	Stanmore (a)
S. Banyard	37.0	3	146	2	73.00	111.0	3.94	-	1-23	S. Hampstead (a)
S. Jackson	23.0	3	98	0	-	-	4.26	-	0-42	Stanmore (a)

Also bowled: D. G. Ashley 1.0-0-5-0; G. N. Blackmore 4.0-0-29-0; A. Hussein 6.0-1-15-0; G. S. Rowe 4.0-1-14-2; M. O. Stevens 7.0-2-20-0.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE

THIRD TEAM LEAGUE TABLES 2004

	Played	Won	Tied	Drawn	Drawn	Abnd	Lost	Total
	10pts	5pts	4pts	1pt	1pt	1pt	0pts	Points
DIVISION ONE								
Ealing	18	11	0	4	0	1	2	127
Hampstead	18	11	0	2	1	1	3	120
Richmond	18	10	0	0	3	1	4	104
Finchley	18	6	0	3	2	2	5	76
Teddington	18	6	0	2	0	2	8	70
Southgate	18	6	0	1	2	3	6	69
South Hampstead	18	5	0	2	0	2	9	60
Brondesbury	18	4	0	3	4	3	4	59
Wembley	18	4	0	0	1	1	12	42
Shepherds Bush	18	1	0	0	4	2	11	16
DIVISION TWO								
Kenton	18	10	0	4	1	2	1	119
Harrow	18	8	0	6	1	1	2	106
Barnes	18	10	0	0	2	1	5	103
Brentham	18	6	0	3	2	2	5	76
Enfield	18	5	0	3	5	2	3	69
Eastcote	18	6	0	1	2	1	8	67
Stanmore	18	5	0	3	3	2	5	67
Winchmore Hill	18	5	0	3	3	1	6	66
Barclays	18	0	0	2	4	3	9	15
Wycombe House	18	0	0	0	2	5	11	7
DIVISION THREE								
Harrow Town	16	11	0	1	0	1	3	115
Hornsey	16	9	0	1	0	1	5	95
North London	16	9	0	0	3	2	2	95
Uxbridge	16	7	0	6	0	0	3	94
Old Actonians	16	6	0	0	3	1	6	64
Ickenham	16	6	0	0	2	1	7	63
North Middlesex	16	5	0	2	2	1	6	61
Barnet	16	3	0	1	0	2	10	36
Bessborough	16	0	0	0	1	1	14	2

3rd XI League

David Howell

Another year, another season complete and now the dust has settled, a time to reflect. So, how was 2004 for the 3rd XI? Well, we produced some all-round team performances that would have surely humbled opposition in far higher echelons (for instance, Finchley at Shenley). However, we also transpired to rewrite club records by being flogged for over 300 in consecutive weeks during the holiday season. From that brief description, you will see that we had a rather mixed season!

The captaincy of the side in 2004 was shared by Des Beatty, and myself, which arose as neither of us could solely fill the post due to work commitments. I will start by saying what a pleasure it was to share this role with Des who captained his games with great verve and a good deal of success. The spirit of the side was upbeat throughout the season, even when we had bad days at the office and, as always, the clientele that represented the side produced high quality banter and repartee throughout our Saturday afternoon sojourns.

We started off the season at home to Richmond. We didn't really get enough runs to challenge a much-improved Richmond side and were indebted to 62 from new player Morne Lombard who proved useful with the bat and ball but even more so with the 12-seater bus he drove to away games. We were well beaten on the day with our bowlers unable to contain a Snelling who turned out for them and pugged them to victory.

South Hampstead was a different story with Blackmore (three wickets) and Cradock (four) doing the damage with the ball. Booth and Park with unbeaten 50s saw us home by ten wickets and our first points were on the board. Another strong side took on Teddington the following week and we bowled them out for a most competitive target, William Dean, Sivarajah and Rob Johnson among the wickets. A magnificent opening stand of 179 between Pat Honnor (59) and the plundering Richard Marshall (110) virtually saw us home to another ten points. A nailbiter against Wembley saw the introduction of my player of the season, Ian Salter, to the side. Ian picked up three wickets as Wembley stuttered to 201 after half time. In reply, 32 from Des, 41 from RBL and a hard-hit and crucial 25 from Andy Hoskin put us in striking distance. However, a flurry of wickets saw Craddo and Siva at the crease and they superbly saw us to the victory, which was toasted long into the night.

So, 30 points from 30, surely championship form? However, the next game began to expose some of the deficiencies in the side. A strongish side went to Ealing and at 0-2, we suddenly remembered that there were a number of good sides in our league with attacks not dissimilar to the Crawford/Wilkins axis that was so vital to our championship win of a couple of years back. Our batters dug in, with Jens making 94 and Pat Honnor another 50. However, we just didn't have the potency of their attack and although try as we did, we were unable to contain their talented batting line-up registering a great win in a fine chase. The next week Simon

Jackson, who produced a fine and hostile spell against the league leaders, Hampstead, bolstered us. Simon looked extremely capable of knocking down decent 3rd team batsmen (and much higher). It was to our and the club's disappointment that he pulled up injured in this fixture, not bowling another ball all season. Let's hope 2005 proves to be a better year for Simon and he takes a hatful of wickets. Back to the fixture, and although we let them get 50 too many, we were still in with a good chance. However, apart from 32 from RBL and 40 from Tariq Siddiqui, we were undone by a very high quality bowling attack, their Aussie ripping us apart on a deteriorating wicket, but just failing to finish the job as we clung on for one point.

Back to good things against the Bush. An imperious 81 from Kenners and more clogging from Hoskin set us up which left Ian Salter to wipe out their top order with four wickets as we romped to victory. Perhaps the pinnacle of the season was the performance at Shenley where we had severely under performed the previous year.

We were strong with such names as Dangerfield appearing on the teamsheet. We bowled and fielded brilliantly, none more so than Geoff Blackmore (6-22 in 13) and Rob Johnson who picked up three wickets, turning the ball alarmingly. We easily picked up ten more points, Des top scoring with 31, leaving us to revel in the glory of a victory against perennially difficult opponents, at a most beautiful setting.

Rain denied us progress against Brondesbury and our bowling impotency was again exposed against Richmond in the return fixture, where we were unable to press home our upper hand with a killer blow as they hung on, Ian Salter taking another three wickets.

By the end of July, cracks were starting to appear in our side as the summer holidays began to take their toll. I inserted South Hampstead on a baking hot day, banking on them being weak and chasing on our favourite away ground (see bulletins in 2001, 2002 for details of magnificent run chases involving Seccull, Jenner, RBL and Matt Goodley). They were a good bit stronger than the previous fixture and we did really well to contain them to 231, Ian Salter taking four wickets with his leg-spin and Craddo bowling a miserly spell. Great knocks from Beatty, Bownes and Adam Jouning complemented the master of this ground, Alan Jenner, who scored an outstanding 68* as we cruised to another ten points.

At this point we were well placed for an assault at the title, with back-to-back games against lowly Teddington and Wembley to follow. Sadly, it was not to be. With the greatest respect to those of us that did play, with the side bereft of names such as Dangerfield, Dean, Wooldridge, Johnson, RBL, Siva, Park, Booth, Honnor, Jackson, Bownes and the injured Jenner, we were unable to compete against the ever-improving standard of teams in the 3rd team Premier League in the remaining games of 2004.

That said, amongst the more dubious records we broke over the next few weeks, there were some notable performances. Teddington took our attack for 304 but our reply was propped up by 56* from Scott McGuinness, a performance which saved the game and won the Dunkirk award. The following week we bettered ourselves by going for 308! We regrouped at tea, agreed we would give it our best shot and be very positive. Shortly afterwards, at 4-3, it became evident it really was not our day.

Ealing once again proved to be too strong and apart from a belligerent 71 from Andy Hoskin, we were well beaten by nine wickets. We put in a much-improved performance against

Hampstead, Marshy hitting 71, but they produced a chase worthy of champions as we missed vital chances and lost impetus. Many thanks to Aneesh Popat, Alex Habberley and the evergreen Alan Rolt all of whom contributed to an enjoyable final game against Finchley. Kenners top scored with 85 but again we were unable to stem the flow of runs, our local rivals taking the points.

So in summary, many good points about the year, none more so than the emergence of a high quality youth player in Ian Salter, who I hope will go on to bigger and better things in the club.

We were in with an outside chance of winning the league until well over half-way but the lack of a genuine strike bowler in some of our early season matches and then the dreadful club availability in August sadly made that achievement impossibility. I don't know the answer to either of those problems but only hope that in the club's 150th year we all do everything we can to ensure that we make the club as strong and competitive every week as possible, which undoubtedly will reap dividends!

DCJH

Congratulations

to

David and Tamara Woffinden on the birth of

Jacob Thomas Woffinden
on 31 October 2004

and

Len and Catherine Stokes on the birth of

Zack Leonard Stokes
on 12 January 2005

2004 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	9	8	3	245	49.00	94*	Ealing (a)	-/2	7	-
M. P. B. Kennedy	4	4	0	192	48.00	85	Eastcote (h)	-/2	2	2
R. J. Marshall	5	5	0	231	46.20	110	Teddington (a)	1/1	1	-
A. Hoskin	8	6	2	155	38.75	71	Ealing (h)	-/1	4	-
S. McGuinness	3	3	1	71	35.50	56*	Teddington (h)	-/1	-	-
P. M. G. Honnor	6	5	0	167	33.40	59	Teddington (a)	-/2	-	-
M. Lombard	8	7	2	160	32.00	62	Richmond (h)	-/1	2	-
A. Booth	4	4	1	89	29.66	58*	South Hampstead (h)	-/1	2	-
R. Bishop-Laggett	7	5	1	109	27.25	41	Wembley (h)	-/-	1	1
H. Cahill	7	4	3	25	25.00	20	Ealing (h)	-/-	7	5
R. Johnson	3	2	1	22	22.00	22*	Teddington (a)	-/-	1	-
D. J. Beatty	11	11	0	207	18.81	44	South Hampstead (a)	-/-	1	-
P. J. B. Bownes	3	3	0	92	17.60	45	South Hampstead (a)	-/-	-	-
K. Haria	3	3	0	54	17.33	25	Wembley (a)	-/-	-	-
S. Cradock	14	8	5	53	16.60	13*	Finchley (h)	-/-	3	-
I. Salter	13	10	2	101	12.62	44	Finchley (h)	-/-	1	-
H. Roseninge	7	7	1	73	12.16	37	Hampstead (h)	-/-	1	-
A. M. Jouning	5	5	0	54	10.80	21	South Hampstead (a)	-/-	1	-
B. Dhamarajah	6	4	0	43	10.75	22	Ealing (h)	-/-	2	-
S. Haseen	8	7	0	74	10.57	42	Richmond (a)	-/-	1	-
M. Millar	3	3	1	17	8.50	8*	Richmond (h)	-/-	1	-
G. N. Blackmore	7	4	1	23	7.66	18	Teddington (h)	-/-	2	-
R. D. Gunn	3	3	0	18	6.00	10	Brondesbury (h)	-/-	3	-
D. C. J. Howell	9	3	1	7	3.50	4	Hampstead (a)	-/-	3	-
T. Sivarajah	3	2	2	20	-	10*	Wmbly (h) SBush (h)	-/-	1	-

Played in two matches: W. J. Dean 3. dnb (ct 1); I. Park 4, 60*; L. J. W. Stokes 21, 12; M. D. Feeney 5; T. Siddiqui 40.

Played in one match: J. D. Dangerfield 12 (1 ct); A. Habberley dnb; S. Jackson 4*; A. Popat 27; A. G. H. Rolt 2; A. S. Salter dnb; M. Swann 16; L. Wooldridge dnb (1 ct).

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wks	Best	v Opposition
R. Johnson	27.1	7	84	5	16.80	33	3.09	-	3-35	Finchley (a)
G. N. Blackmore	88.3	19	298	16	18.62	33	3.36	1	6-22	Finchley (a)
I. Salter	117.2	14	552	21	26.28	34	4.70	-	4-30	Shep Bush (h)
W. J. Dean	37.0	5	139	5	27.80	44	3.75	-	3-63	Teddington (a)
S. Cradock	180.0	34	668	19	35.15	57	3.71	-	3-26	Richmond (a)
D. C. J. Howell	46.0	1	258	6	43.00	46	5.60	-	2-48	Brondesbury (h)
A. Hoskin	42.0	3	173	4	43.25	63	4.11	-	1-20	Wembley (h)
B. Dhamarajah	41.0	5	140	3	46.66	82	3.41	-	2-44	Richmond (a)

Also bowled: A. Booth 2-1-4-0; M. D. Feeney 3-0-20-0; A. Habberley 7-2-35-0; S. Haseen 7-0-31-0; P. M. G. Honnor 13-1-60-2; S. Jackson 11-1-28-2; M. Lombard 17-0-95-1; S. McGuinness 10-0-52-0; M. Millar 7-0-33-1; A. G. H. Rolt 3-0-17-2; H. Roseninge 1-0-15-0; A. Salter 6-0-51-1; T. Siddiqui 17-4-80-3; T. Sivarajah 24-7-69-3; L. J. W. Stokes 9-0-74-1; L. Wooldridge 14-4-37-2.

THE 1987 CRICKET LEAGUE

2004

DIVISION 1	P	W25	W20	D	L	A	F+	F-	Bat	Bowl	Pts
Twickenham III	18	7	5	5	0	0	1		44	19	358
Brondesbury IV	18	2	6	5	4	1			50	30	257
Ealing IV	18	3	2	5	6	2			78	36	243
Brondesbury V	18	1	5	6	5	0		1	70	35	230
MTSSC	18	4	1	6	6	0			51	36	214
Acton III	18	2	3	5	7	1			62	35	214
Alexandra Park III	18	1	2	7	7	1			84	54	210
Richmond IV	18	0	4	6	6	2			74	39	207
Teddington IV	18	0	3	7	7	1			80	39	186
Wembley IV	18	0	2	11	4	1			88	48	184

DIVISION 2

Edmonton III	18	4	9	4	0	1			25	14	306
Twickenham IV	18	4	6	2	4	2			41	19	294
Acton IV	18	3	6	5	3	1			60	18	280
North London IV	18	2	6	3	6	1			69	18	264
Highgate	18	3	3	6	4	2			68	31	248
Mill Hill Village III	18	2	5	1	8	2			38	20	222
Mill Hill Village IV	18	1	4	2	9	2			39	35	193
Polytechnic III	18	0	3	3	11	1			85	37	189
Alexandra Park IV	18	1	2	6	8	1			67	36	175
Winchmore Hill IV	18	0	1	4	12	1			80	48	155

DIVISION 3

Southgate IV	18	4	7	4	2	1			40	19	306
British Airways	18	4	4	7	1	1	1		68	26	301
Perivale III	18	2	7	6	2	1			57	22	276
South Hampstead IV	18	2	3	4	7	1	1		80	20	239
Kenton IV	18	0	6	8	3	1			58	42	227
Hanwell III	18	3	2	2	7	1	1	1	42	31	215
MTSSC	18	0	4	5	7	1	1		72	35	214
Edmonton IV	18	1	4	3	8	2			65	25	209
North London V	18	0	2	3	10	2		1	71	26	151
Perivale IV	18	1	1	4	9	1		2	59	29	140

Previous League Winners

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
1997	Acton III	Old Actonians III	Mill Hill Village III
1998	Richmond IV	Polytechnic III	MTSSC III
1999	Richmond IV	Old Actonians III	Teddington IV
2000	Brondesbury IV	Twickenham III	Winchmore Hill IV
2001	Teddington IV	Harrow Town III	Twickenham IV
2002	Twickenham III	Brondesbury V	Ealing IV
2003	Twickenham III	Ealing IV	Acton IV

4th XI – 1987 League

Doug Gordon

In 2004 the 4th XI won the 3rd division of the 1987 League by the narrow margin of a few points. Despite being top all season, rivals were snapping at our heels throughout, so we couldn't relax until tea of the last game. This success was particularly satisfying as we missed out on promotion last year by even fewer points.

The season got under way at British Airways, after the false start of the first game being washed out before a ball was bowled (thankfully this was the only time we were seriously affected by the weather). We expected BA to be strong. There is a strong tradition of good clubs joining the league and going through the lower divisions quickly and BA seemed to be the candidate this year. An early season game, where most players were happy just to knock off a bit of rust, was won because of a good opening spell from David Combe. This put them on the back foot immediately and led to a final total of only just over a hundred. Despite this we also struggled and needed a good partnership from Martyn Kennedy and Graham Delf to lay the foundation of a winning start. As it turned out this win was vital, as BA ended second in the league by a margin less than the difference in points from this game.

During this part of the season there was a period of excellent availability where we fielded five teams. This meant that the 4th XI fielded some players used to playing further up the club. North London V's were despatched by a team including Adam Jouning, Hugh Rosenvinge and Andy Hoskin.

The next game was our first set back. We played a Perivale III's team that featured a potential professional, who had just arrived in the country and was playing a few games whilst looking for a contract. So despite having them 19-4, including two stumpings by Ricky Gunn off Alan Rolt, they got to 191 with 95 from the pro. It turned out he was really a bowler and put us under real pressure, though as is often the case, the wickets mainly came at the other end. Doug Gordon marshalled the tail as we hung on for a draw eight down.

To some extent the season was defined by the game away against South Hampstead. They batted first on a small ground and blasted 301-5. At tea we were dispirited and hoping for a draw. Len Stokes and Doug Gordon made a steady start and the young South Hampstead bowlers became frustrated. Then Michael Millar played a fine innings of 74 that won the game. Michael played a full array of shots that completely took the game away and the South Hampstead heads went down. Len Stokes kept the other end ticking over and finished with 115 not out and we were comfortable winners only two down. After that there was belief that we would do well.

The first loss came at home to Edmonton, but that was followed by four wins in a row. Hugh Rosenvinge and Rob Johnson starred in a run chase against Kenton after a fine spell of bowling from Morne Lombard to restrict the target. MTSSC were shot out for 94 by Andrew Hawthorn and Ron Hewit. Perivale IV's were beaten because of a fine innings from Adam Jouning and good bowling from Brahman Dhamarajah and Morne Lombard.

Hanwell then suffered at the hands of Salman Hasseen. Salman joined this year. He is a hard-hitting stroke-playing opener who had been building up to a big one all season. He had several 20-40's and consistently looked good just before chipping out. This time he played quietly while Mel Dowsett attacked, but when Mel was out for 69 Salman picked up the initiative. He finished on 127 not out, including seven sixes. Andrew Hawthorn then took five wickets and Len Stokes four to wrap the game up quickly.

The return game with BA was a tense affair. It looked like early wickets and tight bowling would restrict BA to a low score, but they got away from us just at the end of the innings to score 220. After we lost two early wickets we didn't have the confidence to push along the scoring rate, so finished on the wrong end of a draw at 150-7. Graham Delf and Kunjal Haria were the backbone of the batting that day.

There followed a straightforward win against North London and then a more challenging game at Perivale III's. They were bowled out for a moderate total of 160 due to four wickets from Aneesh Popat. However, our batting looked thin on paper. Fortunately both Ricky Gunn and Mel Dowsett batted so well that we got them for three down.

By this time we were into the holiday season and the luxury of players guesting from further up the club was a distant memory. We hung on to a draw against South Hampstead due to a rearguard action by Phil Stevens, Matt Clucas and Adrian Salter. Matt then went on to star in a win over Edmonton, where he followed up two wickets with 66 runs to help win the game. We then lost away to Kenton. A decent total of 210, built around a good fifty at the top of the innings from Kunjal Haria, but with contributions all down the order seemed enough at tea. However, Kenton cruised to victory by seven wickets. Because of the points system in the 1987 League this was not disastrous. Scoring 180 runs batting first ensures ten points compared with a twenty for winning batting second.

As BA had failed to win a couple of games we were still leading the table with two games to go. The penultimate game at home versus MTSSC was in danger from the weather, but we were determined to play, even on a wet pitch. It turned out that a fairly strong looking MTSSC side were given the bums rush and dismissed for only 55. This was due to an excellent opening spell from Matt Clucas and Brahman Dhamarajah, who between them bowled 13 overs for only 15 runs and took three wickets. The wickets came purely through pressure generated by accuracy and aggression. The lower half of the order was then cleaned up by Alex Habberley and a remarkable spell from Len Stokes where he took four wickets in ten balls. MTSSC were a strong bowling side, but after early jitters Kunjal Haria and Mel Dowsett saw us home.

There was some confusion around the points total for BA going into the last game. They'd had a game against Perivale IV cancelled a couple of weeks earlier and claimed the points as a forfeit. Perivale insisted it was a normal abandonment due to a wet pitch. While this was still being sorted out by the League committee we worked out that if we got ten points from the last game, ironically against Perivale IV, then it didn't matter what BA or the committee

did. The best way to achieve this was to bat first and get maximum batting bonus points. We did this thanks to a determined 80 from Len Stokes and good contributions from Ram Devarakonda and Scott McGuinness. The bowling and fielding was then the worst of the season! We pulled ourselves together and the game ended in a draw with Perivale a couple short and nine down – the way, some people will have you believe, all games finished before leagues were introduced.....

Looking back on the season I'd say the success was due to players in three categories:

Old 4th XI regulars: there are a number of players who have played regularly for the 4th XI over the past few years who made significant contributions at some time during the season. They made life easy by playing when they could and didn't grumble when asked to play for a 5th team at the start of the season or were dropped to the 3rd XI later on. I put Andrew Hawthorn, Michael Stavri, Alan Rolt, Phil Stevens, Ricky Gunn, Kunjal Haria, Len Stokes, Mel Dowsett, and me in this category. Special mention must go to Mel. As vice-captain he was always supportive, stood in and skippered the side four times and was always available. He also scored loads of runs, often when they were most needed.

New players just passing through: particularly at the start of the season we had a few good players who turned out for the 4th XI because the club was strong. This was usually only for a game or two. In each case the attitude was spot on. They played hard and made the difference in a couple of games.

Youngsters coming through from the colts: in nearly every game we had at least three teenagers playing. It has been the long-term objective of the 4th XI to provide an introduction to competitive men's cricket for senior colts. This year there was a crop of lads who had reached the stage where they played a big part in every game. This was one of the most satisfying aspects of the year. The most regular were Matt Clucas, who opened the bowling every week and invariably got one or two wickets, Michael Millar, who established himself at number three and played some fine innings, and Scott McGuinness, a very useful all-rounder who scored quick runs in the middle order and bowled very tightly. There were several others, such as Michal Wloch, Alex Habberley, Michael Hughes and Aneesh Popat, who played a few games and hopefully will play many more next year.

So we had a good balance of players. We often had a strong team and when we didn't, everyone pulled together to play well and get a result. This meant 2004 was successful and enjoyable. Let's hope next year is as much fun.

DG

2004 4th XI League Averages

BATTING

(* = not out)

	Mchs	Inns	N/O	Runs	Av'ge	H'st	v Opposition	100/50	Ct	St
D. Gordon	13	5	4	76	76.00	31*	Perivale III (h)	-/-	7	-
L. J. W. Stokes	15	13	3	543	54.30	115*	S. Hampstead IV (a)	1/4	5	-
S. Haseen	8	8	1	299	42.71	127*	Hanwell III (a)	1/-	10	-
K. Haria	10	8	2	225	37.50	58	Kenton IV (a)	-/1	4	-
H. M. Dowsett	16	14	3	303	27.54	69	Hanwell III (a)	-/3	7	-
M. Millar	9	8	1	191	27.28	75	S. Hampstead (h)	-/2	4	-
M. T. Clucas	13	6	1	131	26.20	66	Edmonton IV (a)	-/1	3	-
R. D. Gunn	10	7	3	101	25.25	45	Perivale III (a)	-/-	12	5
A. Salter	4	2	0	48	24.00	28	Kenton IV (a)	-/-	1	-
M. P. B. Kennedy	3	0	0	71	23.66	60	British Airways (a)	-/1	1	-
S. McGuinness	6	3	0	62	20.66	38	Perivale IV (a)	-/-	5	-
P. A. Stevens	6	3	1	43	20.25	26*	S. Hampstead IV (h)	-/-	6	-
G. P. Delf	5	4	0	71	17.75	49	British Airways (h)	-/-	-	-
M. Wloch	3	2	1	14	14.00	11*	Perivale IV (a)	-/-	1	-
R. Devarakonda	4	2	0	27	13.50	22	Perivale IV (a)	-/-	1	-
A. G. H. Rolt	8	3	1	20	10.00	16*	Kenton IV (a)	-/-	-	-
N. Topiwala	4	2	0	17	8.50	11	Edmonton IV (h)	-/-	-	-
M. Taylor	3	3	1	15	7.50	11	S. Hampstead IV (h)	-/-	-	-
M. Stavri	7	5	1	8	2.00	7	British Airways (h)	-/-	5	-
R. Hewit	3	1	1	0	-	0*	Kenton IV (a)	-/-	2	-
A. Hawthorn	7	1	1	12	-	12*	S. Hampstead IV (h)	-/-	2	-
D. Combe	5	2	2	12	-	12*	British Airways (a)	-/-	-	-
B. Dhamarajah	3	0	0	0	-	-	-	-/-	-	-

Played in two matches: A. Habberley 2, dnb; A. Hoskin 10, 13* (2 ct); A. M. Jouning dnb, 56; M. Lombard dnb, 26 (1 ct); H. Rosenvinge 50*, 68* (1 ct); D. Walters 0*, dnb (1 ct); P. I. W. Wilmshurst 8*, 6 (1 ct).

Played in one match: S. Combe 8; M. S. Hughes dnb; R. Johnson 51; C. Morgan 0; A. Popat dnb (2 ct); I. Salter 0; G. E. Slipper dnb.

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Av'ge	S/R	Econ	5wks	Best	v Opposition
M. Lombard	25.0	6	68	6	11.33	25.00	2.72	-	4-34	Perivale IV (h)
A. Hawthorn	53.0	6	184	16	11.50	19.87	3.47	1	5-23	Hanwell III (a)
S. McGuinness	24.0	7	58	5	11.60	28.80	2.41	-	2-24	Brit Airways (h)
B. Dhamarajah	27.4	4	79	6	13.16	27.66	2.85	-	3-25	Perivale IV (h)
L. J. W. Stokes	152.1	32	498	34	14.64	26.85	3.27	1	5-22	North London (h)
D. Combe	50.0	11	111	6	18.50	50.00	2.22	-	4-21	Brit Airways (a)
M. Millar	42.0	3	185	9	20.55	28.00	4.40	-	3-39	S. Hampstd IV (h)
M. T. Clucas	77.0	7	316	14	22.57	33.00	4.10	-	3-27	Perivale III (h)
A. Salter	42.0	4	164	6	27.33	42.00	3.90	-	3-76	Edmonton IV (a)
A. G. H. Rolt	45.0	1	220	8	27.50	33.75	4.88	-	2-28	Edmonton IV (a)

Also bowled: R. Devarakonda 8.5-1-43-3; D. Gordon 18.0-7-44-1; A. Habberley 15.0-1-60-2; R. Hewit 7.0-0-33-3; A. Hoskin 9.0-2-28-2; M. S. Hughes 6.0-0-20-2; R. Johnson 9.0-4-21-1; A. Popat 7.4-1-31-4; I. Salter 6.0-0-15-1; G. E. Slipper 12.0-1-54-0; P. A. Stevens 3.0-0-28-0; M. Taylor 5.0-0-45-1; N. Topiwala 17.0-2-96-1; D. Walters 7.1-1-38-1; P. I. W. Wilmshurst 5.0-1-27-0; M. Wloch 6.0-0-28-0.

Chess Valley League

Dan Ashley

The 2004 Chess Valley League season was one of two halves and any number of other clichés. Looking to build on 2003's triumphant league division four title, a very strong side (on paper) took to the field at Chipperfield. That opening match of the season took place the morning/afternoon after the first XI's night before where the majority of the side had overindulged in Denise Dean and Caroline Jouning's cocktails and were feeling somewhat under the weather. The weather, however, was feeling fine with the sun out in full force blazing over the picturesque Chipperfield common to set the perfect summer scene.

Young Michael Stevens disturbed the tranquillity as he sped across the common desperately trying to get his kit on and keep his breakfast in before opening up with Steve Rowe (who was still dismissing rumours that he may have acquired a future son-in-law that fateful night before). We finally posted a whopping 292 in our 45 overs thanks to half centuries from Rowe, Ashley and Dean.

The original game plan had been to bowl the opposition out for very little, knock the runs off and get back to watch us lose in the last minute to France. Instead we racked up a shed load of runs and then bowled them out for very little. A bowling attack of Siva, Flook, Stafford, Carr and, making his sole appearance for the season, James Hobbs, was more than enough for the ten men of Chipperfield and we dismissed them for just 102.

Two weeks later we entertained Old Albanians at home. A quick 43 from Stevens, scoring at a better rate than Richard Marshall, set the tone. Marshall and Johnson then blasted half-centuries each before falling in quick succession. A quick wobble in the middle was rescued by Thorpey and Deano who matched each other run for run as they both smashed rapid 40 not outs.

Needing a boundary off the last ball to break 300 for the first time in division three, Thorpey only managed a two and we settled on 298 from our 45 overs. The slow trundle of Carr, Ashley and Stafford took care of the Albanian batsmen as we dismissed them for 122.

Another away game and another trip to a lovely common in Hertfordshire. We didn't get close to 300 this time but thanks to half-centuries from Stevens and Johnson we posted a competitive 237. The rain at teatime and bowling restrictions on young Ian Salter made our task in the second innings a much tougher one.

A very solid and sensible knock from their overseas player and an incredibly accomplished innings from a young colt threatened to take the game away from us as they put on over 100 for the third wicket. However, clever bowling from Staffy and Rob Johnson at the death secured victory by 14 runs, something that had seemed highly improbable a few overs before.

The visit of Tring saw us chasing for the first time as they posted 179. At 150–5 with 15 overs remaining it looked like we would be chasing a sizeable total. However, Michael Steven's 4-13 in 4.2 overs wiped out the middle order and tail. We didn't make things easy when chasing with a number of people getting in and then getting out. A captain's innings from Steve Rowe of 53 not out including 11 fours in 15 scoring shots took the game and the points away from Tring.

At the halfway point we had taken maximum points from our four games and amassed a run rate more than double our nearest rivals. Our most local rivals, Southgate Adelaide, were next and we dismissed them for 146 in 37 overs with Geoff Blackmore picking up three wickets.

A blistering 36 from Salman, whilst wickets fell all around him, ensured we maintained the advantage and just as it looked as if things were getting a little too tight Nick Tohill blasted 44. When Tohers and Salman fell in quick succession we looked in trouble but a sensible knock from Mel Dowsett made sure any wobbles were vanquished as he got his head down and saw us through with six overs to spare.

Five victories from five meant only defeat in all four final games and other results going against us could prevent successive promotions. Funny old game, season of two halves etc. With the 1st XI in action the following two weekends, we sent weakened teams out against St Albans and Barnet and got royally stuffed.

Despite posting 39 for the first wicket at home to St Albans we were dismissed for 100 and a nine-wicket defeat was recorded before tea. Only batting second the following week made the Barnet game last beyond the tea interval. We restricted Barnet to 186 but we slumped to 18-5 in reply and were finally dismissed for just 60.

With just two games remaining we knew that victory at Preston would be enough and we would not have to beat undefeated league leaders Chingford to go up. Preston away was another morning-after-a-night-before though, and this time Michael Stevens failed miserably to keep his dinner in. The majority of the side had over-indulged on any and every optic the Walker Ground bar could offer celebrating the seconds' league triumph the previous day.

We managed to restrict them to 188 and had the game in the bag after Rowey and Faisal had steadied the ship. However, a terrible lbw decision against Rowey followed by Faisal's departure soon afterwards swung the match back in Preston's favour. With wickets being thrown away all over the place and a refusal of any batsmen (drunk, sober or too hungover to come to the crease) to bat with common sense left us 10 runs short having needed only 30 runs off the last six overs.

There was a certain inevitability about the final game of the season. The Middlesex League programme had finished a fortnight earlier and the chilly mid-September weather was too much for us. Despite fifties from Michael (a 50 the week before would have been more use) and Rowey and a competitive total of 180, Chingford raced to victory in 40 overs losing just three wickets.

In the end it is difficult to gauge whether or not a failure to achieve successive promotions really is a failure. It's obviously disappointing to throw away the enormous lead we had with just three games to go. However, the side we had didn't suddenly implode. The players from the top of the club were unavailable and players from lower sides gave good accounts of themselves against opposition of a higher standard than they would face on a Saturday.

We'll strive to find a good mix again next year and to win every game. With fewer all day games there is also the hope that more first teamers will fancy a game on a Sunday, if these fixtures don't clash with cup games. Either way we'll be aiming to win the league and to bring competitive Sunday cricket to as many Southgate members that want it.

DGA

Chess Valley League

First XI Division Three

	P	W	T/A	L	NRR	Pens	Pts
Chingford	8	8	0	0	27.65	0	32
Chipperfield	8	6	0	2	4.76	0	24
St. Albans	8	5	1	2	6.75	0	22
Southgate	8	5	0	3	7.14	0	20
Barnet	7	4	0	3	4.02	0	16
Preston	8	3	2	3	-9.55	2	14
Harpenden	8	3	0	5	0.48	0	12
Southgate Adelaide	7	2	1	4	-5.04	0	10
Old Albanian	8	1	0	7	-16.31	0	4
Clarendon	8	0	0	8	-15.81	2	-2

Denis Parr

Denis Parr, President of Southgate Cricket Club 1977-80, died on 7 February 2005 at the age of 92 after a long illness. Born in Palmers Green, Denis was an Old Boy of Southgate County School, an exact school contemporary of Norman Lowen. As a medium pace bowler, Denis played cricket for Southgate County Old Boys and Northern Nomads and became a Southgate club member in 1935. Serving on the General Committee at various times between 1948 and 1963, Denis was the club Fixture Secretary from 1949-56, 1st XI vice-captain 1956-58, Extra 1st XI captain 1959-60, and 2nd XI captain 1962-63. He was elected as a vice-president in 1962.

His bowling achievements include 7-34 for the 1st XI vs Frogs 1943, 7-59 1st XI vs Bank of England 1949, and 7-36 for the 2nd XI vs Cockfosters II in 1963. He also returned figures of 8.3-3-8-5 vs Nore Command in 1957. Denis (32*) shared in an unbroken 9th wicket stand of 80 with Peter Fisher (47*) vs Radlett in 1951 and last wicket stands of 52 (with Rupert Burton vs Brentwood, 1947) and 47 (with Peter Fisher vs Buccaneers 1945).

A genial, kind-hearted, and generous man, his presence with his wife Dee at cricket social events has been much missed in recent years. We pass our sincere condolences to Dee, son Derek, and their family.

RDG

Sunday 2nd XI

Len Stokes

When I got the e-mail from the club secretary sometime around Christmas 2003 asking me if I wanted to be one of the skippers of the club on a Sunday during 2004, I immediately sought out the advice of my old schoolfriend Alan Rolt. His advice was simple - make sure everyone gets a game then try and win it.

On this basis, I have tried during this year to avoid fresh air games at all costs (especially for the younger team members). To this end, the old adage about there being good captains, lucky captains and the perfect captain who is both good and lucky has come to my rescue on many occasions. I have often been blessed this year with the most ridiculous good fortune.

The Sunday 2's have won more than we have lost, got the better end of most of the draws and brought on some of the club's younger cricketers building on the incredible enthusiasm (and ability) of Ricky Gunn and his colts coaching staff. Indeed it has been the overriding pleasure of the year to see the performances of some of the younger players.

Whilst I am sure these will be mentioned elsewhere, there are certain cricketing achievements which some of these young men will doubtless remember for a long time. I remember my first ever hundred like it was only yesterday and the pat on the back that came afterwards from the senior pro and captain which indicated to me that at last I was a member of the XI was a significant sporting experience.

I write from the purely personal perspective as it is only fair to congratulate what one has personally seen. I am sure other members of SCC have equally good things to say about our future stars.

In alphabetical order of surname:

Matt Clucas (15)

Has come on as a swing bowler this year and would often open the bowling in Sunday 2's cricket on merit. Grew noticeably stronger during the year and is going to be a handful as he gets older. For 15 years old this lad is already a clever bowler and knows how to get poor players out easily. His hard-hitting batting is a transformation from the lad 12 months earlier. The 66 he scored at Edmonton in a league game chasing 230 with a very out of nick Sunday 2's skipper at the other end was a revelation and holds great promise.

Alex Habberley (16)

Magnificent spell at Botany Bay at the start of the year when he was clearly the best bowler on view on either side. Bowled well on many other occasions and his batting is only marginally worse than the other club all-rounder in the making Jamie Thorpe (19 going on

12). Next season we are going to try to coach Alex to hold the end with the rubber on it which will probably make him a better batsman than Thorpey.

Scott McGuinness (15 going on 10)

How good will Scott be when he is fully grown. The number of times this season Scott has come into bat to be immediately surrounded by fielders because of his diminutive stature only to see them rapidly disappear as the ball leaves the bat at approximately three times the velocity it arrives has caused much wry amusement in the wizened old skipper's eyes. His bowling and fielding exploits have been superseded only by his natural enthusiasm and incredible availability record. A genuine pleasure to have in the side.

Michael Millar (16)

Next year Michael graduates from the ranks of the colts. The step up in class will not affect this young man too much as his confidence grows with every innings. His magnificent innings of 75 against South Hampstead was reminiscent of a young Dangerfield, standing very tall and smashing almost everything through extra cover. My personal highlight of the summer.

Ian Salter (16)

Rescued us with a superb 70 not out at Winchmore Hill when the Fixture Sec mistakenly got us a game against their 1's. He also made several other contributions with the bat on a Sunday as we gave him the opportunity to express himself. His bowling will no doubt come under the spotlight in the 3rd XI league report. An excellent fielder also, he contributed magnificently to the overall standard.

The one award that is missing from the end of year supper is the most improved player award. For those of us that have come to know Ram Devarakonda over the last two years, it is almost impossible to reconcile the SCC 2003 member to the player we have this year. Although Ram did not get a 50 for us this year it was certainly not for lack of effort or application. He is also a man that makes it very easy to skipper as he is happy to bowl when we have loads of batting and vice versa.

When you pick a Sunday 2's side you always look for a class act who is going to make the game a little easier for you to control. This year, we have had at various times, Tim Lucas, Michael Stevens and Jamie Thorpe guesting from the first XI. I can also remember telling contributions from Brahman Dhamarajah, Jamie Wilson, Kunjal Haria, Richard Marshall and Salman Haseen. None of these players look out of place in the Sunday league side. All have been incredibly supportive of the younger element and on occasions have done a job with the bat and thrown their wicket away to give others a game. This is the principal reason we have not had a single centurion this year although I am certain that Tim and Mike Stevens would have found it relatively simple when they gave up on skipper's orders.

The best game of the year was undoubtedly the Isambard game against a bunch of Aussies who could all bat and all bowl. We declared slightly after half time, bowled spinners at them to keep it interesting and got it to a last ball finish all four results possible. The amusement in the bar afterwards as each Aussie in turn tried to figure out why they hadn't won, followed by the realisation that they had actually enjoyed themselves, followed by the drunken bonhomie

that Bob Cole's team of the 80's used to have almost every Sunday night was a pleasure for all to behold.

As I draw this to a close, I realise I have typed the word pleasure quite a bit. Hopefully it was as much of a pleasure for all those who played. Let me apologise to anyone I have missed out, (I have not missed anyone out deliberately) and I look forward to playing cricket with you all again in the special SCC summer of 2005

LJWS

Development XI

Through the enterprise of John Williams, ten fixtures for an experimental Development XI were arranged, the idea being that cricket could be made available to young cricketers who had outgrown the Under 15 age group but might otherwise find it difficult to gain selection to adult sides. This would at least encourage many to continue playing rather than drift away from the game. In the event, many of the adolescent players were, in fact, active colts, since the club's 15 and 16 year-olds were invariably selected for – with no small success – for the club's adult fixtures. These 40-over matches provided opportunities for players such as Phil Dunnett who only became 13 in July but who played innings of 37 and 35 with rare maturity against the mixed youth/adult oppositions, and Ramanan Logathanan (67 against Highgate and 42 against Hornsey). James Knight bowled with formidable aggression and hit the ball very hard, Michael Hughes' sustained accuracy complemented his batting ability, and Michal Wloch enjoyed some success with both bat and ball. There was some courageous leg-break bowling from Edward Pyzer-Knapp (4-20 at Winchmore Hill) and David McGonegle who should both be very pleased with their results, but the most satisfying aspect was the fielding, with some remarkable catches taken and consistently good ground work. Sam Rose gained in confidence behind the stumps and proved that, given the chance, he too can bat. Matt Clucas's appearances when not performing for the adult Sunday side were generally spectacular with either fierce pulling when batting or fireworks with the ball, clean bowling three in his 4-5 at home to Highgate. Valuable contributions were invariably also welcome from the senior players involved, not least Andrew Combe and SCC coach Colin Fox who proved that a 13-year break between innings was insufficient to prevent a well-earned fifty at Winchmore Hill. Geoff Slipper and Pat Draper also played valuable parts in meeting the objectives of the Development XI.

Sometimes we found ourselves playing sides who were not clearly on the same wavelength as far as team balance and educational content was concerned so it was a tribute to the boys' resilience that they did not give up when mature opponents appeared to be taking advantage. We look forward to 2005 with confidence and excitement.

RDG

Southgate Colts

Ricky Gunn

The colts averaged a hundred in number during a pleasingly successful summer. The Under 15s under Scott McGuinness won five of the six games played (two others abandoned) with some often stunning performances, the major players all contributing strongly to the adult sides at the weekends. Joel Futerman took the most wickets but honours were also shared by Michael Hughes, Minesh Tailor, Scott McGuinness, Rob Dunnnett and Sam Goldbart. After a diffident start to the season the batting began to sparkle, with two good innings from Stephen Combe, and consistent scores from the fluent McGuinness (an unbeaten 50 at Winchmore Hill) and the somewhat less subtle but powerful Matt Clucas. Qualification for the County Finals sadly came to a halt in July at the hands of Barnet.

The Under 13s started uncertainly with two defeats but eventually finished up with three wins (plus three more abandoned). Ramanan Logathan batted well, playing five significant innings, Daniel Pyzer-Knapp kept wicket with some promise, but the bowling generally lacked penetration.

The Under 11s won their league by a large margin. Mo Gandhi again excelled, scoring 208 runs for four times out, and had support this year from Partha Dave (97 runs) and Daniel Simms (71). The major wicket-takers were Simms (12) and Jonathan Lauras (11), although they were particularly well supported by Partha Dave and Michael Lassman. The fielding was at times quite spectacular. The only game lost was the last one, in the county play-offs, to a powerful Potters Bar side.

The Under 10s won 5 and lost 4, with 4 cancelled. Joe Gandhi (84 runs, four times out) was the only batsman to show real scoring potential, although this is not to criticise those who managed to survive at the wicket whilst valuable extras were being earned. Michael Donovan (11 wickets) and Anup Trivedi (10 wickets) benefited from the value of accuracy. Ashley Sivarajah (7 wickets plus a few runs) and Hiren Depala showed good all-round potential – including in the field.



At the Middlesex Colts Association Supper held at Old Actonians CC in October, the Under 11s and the Under 15s collected trophies for winning their respective leagues during the summer. Here we see Michael Hughes receiving the Under 15 trophy from MCCC Academy Director Toby Radford.

The guest of honour at the ever-popular Colts Annual Supper in November was Simon Cook, formerly of Middlesex CCC but now with Kent. Simon presented performance awards to Scott McGuinness (U15), Philip Dunnnett (U13), Mo Gandhi (U11), and Joe Gandhi (U10). Awards for Endeavour were presented to Matt Clucas (U15), Philip Dunnnett (U13), Partha Dave (U11), and Michael Donovan (U10).

Caps were awarded to Ramanan Loganathan, Bhavik Depala, Daniel Pyzer-Knapp, Daniel Simms, Partha Dave, Joe Gandhi, Anup Trivedi and Michael Donovan.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the noble band of coaches who have given up so much of their time to carry out their duties and to manage and umpire the games. It is always invidious to mention names but John Williams has been a tower of strength to the club in general, and me in particular. A special word of appreciation, too, goes to Ian Millar who believes he is retiring from running the Under 15s after many years

RDG

NORMAN FREDERICK LOWEN

2 December 1912 – 21 January 2005

David Lowen

Dad and his great friend from childhood, Den Parr, both decided to join Southgate in the early 1930s. Den's application for membership was accepted: Dad's was rejected – apparently because he was from “the village” and, therefore, not suitable for a gentleman's cricket club.

I never once heard him express any bitterness about the snub. Instead, he played for Southgate County Old Boys – captaining them for 10 years after the war and taking 9-24 against Southgate 2nd XI in 1953: sweet enough revenge.

But for that incident, my father's accurate left-arm round the wicket would probably have been a feature of Southgate cricket over nearly 70 years rather than a mere 30 or so.

He retired from Old Boys' cricket when nearly 50 to enjoy following me around cricket grounds (with my mother, B) to watch me play just as I had followed him as a boy, my scorebook in hand and - like him in later years – cricket kit at the ready in constant hope of a game.

But it didn't work out. He was soon annoyed up with people stopping him in Chase Side to congratulate him on an appearance in the Honours List of the Southgate and Palmers Green Gazette, and forcing him to admit it was me not him. Thirty years later, Saturday and Sunday nights were still built around phone calls between London and Leeds in which both of us talked the other through each ball faced and each delivery despatched, always building the drama to outdo the other.

He made his comeback at Luton in the mid 60s when (at last) Southgate were one short and we soon played again on a tour (Wimborne in Dorset, I think). By then he must have been in his mid 50s and I remember him being very stiff in the field. I told him maybe it was time to retire properly – and of course, that provoked him to another 30 years of regular cricket. He was obstinate, vain, competitive – and very, very good.

Ricky Gunn's statistics state that Dad took 5 for 7 in 9.4 overs in a match for the 2nd XI at Loughton in 1973 (aged 60) and 1 for 19 off 15 overs for the 1st XI at home to Esher in 1977 (so, aged 64). That's serious nagging length.

Ricky also reports a couple of other similar tales. In 1993 (that makes him a mere 80), he took 2 for 16 in seven overs for Southgate Vets against Winchmore Hill Vets to generate the Enfield Gazette headline “80 year old Norman gives Hill a few headaches”.

One month later (Ricky again), in Southgate's third strength team on the day, Bourne End, near Hemel Hempstead were 208 for 4 and with 300 the inevitable prospect when Dad came on to bowl. Within nine balls, he took 4 for 7: the opposition lost their momentum and declared on 244 for 9. What Ricky (nor the captain that day) doesn't know is that during the evening, Dad was almost an hour on the 'phone to me complaining that he should have been put on earlier, that he'd suggested it again and again, that he said he knew how to get them out, that there was no point in turning out if he didn't get a “proper” bowl, that they wouldn't have got 100 if he'd opened the bowling – and so on.

Six years later, reports Ricky again, (in 1999, so the old trundler is now 86), and Peter Nixon (73) bowled the first 14 overs of a match for Winchmore Hill Vets against Old Owens, and dived to stop a ball at slip. His last match was against Harpenden, aged 87.

We played together on tour at Cromer in 1973 and the last time we played together was for the Vets against Winchmore Hill. We opened the batting together (thank you, Martin). To be honest, I was more interested in watching him bat than concentrating on the job at the other end. To serve me right, I was out first: Dad was more upset than I was.

I always knew him as a bowler rather than a batsman but newspaper cuttings from before the War always had him batting in good club sides at number three. Indeed, we all know him as a very steady medium pace bowler gradually fading to accurate slow. However, I know from what Den Parr and others have told me that in his youth he was all pace and fire – and not much control.

Indeed, while playing for an Army representative team in the Middle East, he was approached by Guy Willat, who suggested he should come to Derbyshire nets after war. Willat, said Dad, reckoned he was really quick. Dad never did go. When he came back, he was more concerned about resuming his career in the bank on wages so low that he couldn't afford the time off work or the train fare to Derby.

Somewhere, there must be match statistics from the years with Southgate County Old Boys when I was in the scoreboard and a slim young lad called Jouning was keeping wicket in his white school cap. He was mean in length then, accurate and his action was fluid and relaxed.

I played with him once for a President's XI (Jack Spring, perhaps) against Southgate Compton at Hadley Field. I was fielding at square gully or silly point. He bowled three balls which – from the movement of the batsman – went with his arm into the bat. I just knew one ball soon he would hold back to find the edge – and was confident Dad could deliver it. Sure enough, the next ball came off the outside edge straight to me and thankfully I held it. Silly mid-on came up to me and asked: "How come you were smiling all the way through his run up and delivery? It was like you knew what was going to happen."

In his later years at Southgate, Dad was honoured to be a Vice President and always delighted to be asked to help, whether with the Colts or manning the phone in the pavilion on Middlesex match days. He wore his club tie with true pride.

He was so proud of the Colts who made it through to the first team. He was proud to have developed their skills but even more proud if he had helped instil in them an understanding of how the game should be played and enjoyed.

It's hard to know how to pick highlights from a life as full, and as happy as Dad's: it wasn't just cricket.

Banker: from junior clerk in the Harley Street branch of the Westminster Bank at a salary of £90 a year, aged 17, to manager of Mill Hill Broadway on retirement.

Politician: chairman of the Barnet constituency for the Liberals and East Barnet local council candidate at a time and in a ward where the Conservatives always won. He did better than any previous candidate, coming within a few votes of winning.

Singer: from choirboy at St Andrew's Church to the chorus of Finchley and Friern Barnet Operatic and Dramatic Society, venturing on stage in his 70s - only when he knew he could no longer steal the limelight from B.

Dancer: grumbling in his 80s, that he was no longer allowed to dance onstage with the youngest and sprightliest of the girl partners.

Old Scholar of Southgate County School: Treasurer and Chairman of the Old Scholars Association, Treasurer of the Old Scholars Dramatic Society, watching B onstage, and prime mover in the acquisition of the Hadley Field ground at Chalk Lane, Cockfosters.

Soldier: in the Middle East, where he was adjutant to the Brigadier-General, Sir Travers Blackley, at the heart of the wartime administration of what was then Tripolitania, in modern Lebanon and Palestine. He was awarded the BEM for his services.

Racegoer: with me for many years at Cheltenham and sharing with Jenny and me the nostril of a couple of very very slow hurdlers.

Golfer: at Old Fold Manor and at the pitch and putt with Tommie, Johnny and Guy, in his 90s.

Footballer: with 8 goals on his 38th birthday – a club record for the Old Boys (did he ever stop telling us all?) and before that with Conway, Tufnell Park and the Westminster Bank. A career which ended when he dried his boots in the oven trying to fit in two games in one day – and burnt them to cinders.

His was a life which centred on Southgate as did the lives of Lowens for centuries before him. The name Lowen is derived from “Leofwynne”, which has the Celtic and Cornish language meaning of “Good Friend”. The Earl of Leofwynne was brother to Harold II, killed at the Battle of Hastings. His lands were in what is now North Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, including the hunting grounds of Enfield Chace. When the Earl and retainers were removed by the Normans, they grouped at the South Gate to the Chace and stayed there.

A Lowen was confined to the stocks in Southgate in the 14th century for sheep stealing and another Lowen was Keeper of the Dunghills in London in the 17th century. In the 19th century, Lowen’s Farm was between The Green at Southgate and Powys Lane. Even in the late 1950s, almost every Lowen in the London ‘phone directory was still living in Southgate.

Dad’s grandfather, Frederick, played for Southgate Village against the Southgate Club at the Walker ground in 1889. Dad’s father, also Frederick, kept goal for Southgate football club when they played on the second field behind the almshouses. He had a trial for Spurs and was a regular for Barnet FC.

I am delighted to have continued our family association with the Walker Ground and Southgate cricket - and I hope I have a few more games to come. My son, James, has also played a couple of games for Southgate with some success. But our working lives have taken us to new parts of the country and, for me, a tough brand of cricket which only the Jim Conroys can understand (or perhaps enjoy).

Dad’s example of determination and energy, allied to his humour, will always inspire me – turning his arm over before a game with a cigar clenched in his teeth. The man had style.

When 90 and starting to decline, he walked in the morning from Avenue Road to Cockfosters to make an appointment to see the doctor. He did so and then walked back home. In the afternoon, he walked up again – but the doctor cancelled the appointment. Next morning, I was with him, so we both walked up to Cockfosters and saw the doctor together.

“Sorry,” she said, “about yesterday. I hope you got a bus OK.”

“I walked”, said Dad.

“Oh, walked? Twice in a day at 90? You must be fit!”

“No”, said Dad, very seriously...“I haven’t played cricket for three years now....”

But, then again, he did still sip the odd Guinness to keep him going long after others had given up.

DTL

Career statistics of current players to end of 2004 season

...where figures are available and so far calculated.

Includes all Southgate C.C. League, Cup and friendly matches but not 20-over competitions.

Batting and Fielding

	Matches	Innings	N/Os	Runs	Highest	Average	100s	50s	Fielding	
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					(* = not out)					
D. G. Ashley	120	103	27	2453	105	32.28	2	13	51	1
S. Banyard	55	51	10	1189	121*	29.00	1	7	19	0
D. J. Beatty	104	101	7	1870	72*	19.89	0	6	25	0
R. Bishop-Laggett	344	284	66	5353	89*	24.56	0	17	179	16
G. N. Blackmore	377	209	81	2125	100	16.60	1	2	125	0
M. J. Brown	61	60	2	2515	120	43.36	6	15	22	7
M. L. Creese	105	89	15	1694	184*	22.89	2	6	46	0
J. D. Dangerfield	641	550	101	10013	129*	22.40	6	36	223	2
W. J. Dean	501	462	48	11858	141*	28.64	10	63	206	0
G. P. Delf	121	112	14	1984	136*	20.24	2	9	33	0
M. L. Dowsett	424	389	40	7785	114*	22.30	2	31	97	0
A. K. Durgacharan	387	340	49	7226	123	24.83	4	32	120	0
S. Flook	402	215	72	2242	101*	15.68	1	5	114	0
D. Gordon	314	297	28	5350	100*	19.89	1	22	81	0
R. D. Gunn	893	798	94	15986	130*	22.70	10	72	486	280
B. R. Hartman	242	202	35	3720	112*	22.34	2	11	72	0
P. M. G. Honnor	172	156	23	3774	124*	28.38	4	24	25	0
D. C. J. Howell	338	198	42	1548	68*	9.92	0	1	88	0
A. R. Jenner	999	939	152	23663	132*	30.07	21	133	386	4
J. B. Jouning	505	486	48	12413	138*	28.34	10	73	207	20
M. P. B. Kennedy	151	112	29	2102	125	25.33	1	9	96	44
G. S. Rowe	1144	1079	133	30023	163*	31.74	33	178	439	1
R. J. Marshall	195	188	17	4336	117	25.36	7	19	34	0
M. T. Stafford	133	113	16	2664	105	27.46	2	14	46	0
M. O. Stevens	141	123	20	2715	109*	26.36	2	14	52	4
L. J. W. Stokes	322	264	56	6027	134*	28.97	8	25	70	2
J. C. Thorpe	153	79	30	911	101*	18.59	2	2	28	0
N. J. Tohill	100	93	12	2305	132	28.46	3	8	28	3
S. Tohill	49	46	3	1659	146	38.58	2	10	19	0
D. A. Woffinden	138	122	27	2914	104*	30.67	2	17	46	0

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Average	Best	5wkts	S/Rate	Economy
								(Balls/wkt)	(Runs/ov)
D. G. Ashley	142.0	18	584	25	23.60	3-14	0	34.08	4.11
S. Banyard	213.0	33	759	20	37.95	3-30	0	63.90	3.56
G. N. Blackmore	3386.0	736	11153	598	18.65	6-11	13	33.88	3.24
M. L. Creese	1040.3	193	3561	185	19.25	7-37	14	33.74	3.42
J. D. Dangerfield	3565.5	650	11835	592	19.99	7-23	14	36.14	3.31
W. J. Dean	2488.3	275	10138	402	25.22	6-40	6	37.14	4.07
A. K. Durgacharan	2589.5	357	10032	455	22.05	8-60	22	34.15	3.87
S. Flook	3041.1	605	10607	392	27.06	6-27	7	46.55	3.49
D. Gordon	199.4	27	967	38	25.45	4-17	0	31.52	4.84
B. R. Hartman	1031.5	155	3844	157	24.48	8-33	4	39.42	3.73
A. Hawthorn	2648.4	503	9300	349	26.65	7-12	4	45.53	3.51
P. M. G. Honnor	289.0	46	1123	42	26.74	4-18	0	41.29	3.89
D. C. J. Howell	1431.1	183	5967	175	34.10	7-27	2	49.07	4.17
G. S. Rowe	4857.4	925	16480	833	19.78	9-21	12	34.99	3.39
M. T. Stafford	988.0	150	3607	171	21.09	7-86	6	34.66	3.65
M. O. Stevens	415.1	55	1703	86	19.80	7-54	3	28.96	4.10
L. J. W. Stokes	2373.0	443	9071	419	21.65	8-30	9	33.98	3.82
J. C. Thorpe	1172.4	201	4038	190	21.25	6-28	3	37.02	3.44
N. J. Tohill	106.0	5	510	20	25.50	6-44	1	31.80	4.81
D. A. Woffinden	655.5	149	2258	117	19.29	8-41	7	33.63	3.44