



THE CRICKETER CUP YEAR BOOK

2021



Richard Ellison presents the Cricketer Cup to Olly Durell (Old Tonbridgians) at the 2019 final

THE CRICKETER CUP 1967-2019 ORDER OF MERIT

Rank	School	From	To	Seasons	Matches	Won	Lost	% Won	Winners	Runners-up
1	Old Tonbridgians	1967	2019	53	171	134	37	78.36%	16	6
2	Old Malvernians	1967	2019	53	166	123	43	74.10%	10	6
3	Old Cranleighans	2007	2019	13	37	26	11	70.27%	2	3
4	Oundle Rovers	1969	2019	51	140	92	48	65.71%	3	6
5	Charterhouse Friars	1967	2019	53	142	92	50	64.79%	3	3
6	Bradfield Waifs	1967	2019	53	128	78	50	60.94%	3	3
7	Shrewsbury Saracens	1967	2019	53	124	74	50	59.68%	3	2
8	Old Wellingtonians	1967	2019	53	123	72	51	58.54%	2	1
9	Repton Pilgrims	1967	2019	53	119	68	51	57.14%	2	3
10	Old Bedfordians	2011	2019	9	21	12	9	57.14%		
11	Eton Ramblers	1967	2019	53	113	62	51	54.87%	2	2
12	Harrow Wanderers	1967	2018	52	114	62	52	54.39%		5
13	Old Wykehamists	1967	2019	53	101	51	50	50.50%	3	1
14	Uppingham Rovers	1967	2019	53	103	50	53	48.54%		2
15	Old Cliftonians	1969	2019	51	95	45	50	47.37%	1	2
16	Old Brightonians	1969	2019	51	95	45	50	47.37%	1	
17	Old Alleynians	1969	2019	51	95	44	51	46.32%		1
18	Radley Rangers	1967	2019	53	97	44	53	45.36%		1
19	Old Merchant Taylors	1969	2019	51	92	41	51	44.57%		
20	Old Eastbournians	2011	2019	9	16	7	9	43.75%		1
21	Marlborough Blues	1967	2019	53	91	39	52	42.86%	1	
22	Rugby Meteors	1967	2019	53	89	37	52	41.57%	1	1
23	Felsted Robins	1969	2019	51	87	36	51	41.38%		
24	Sherborne Pilgrims	1967	2019	53	88	35	53	39.77%		
25	Haileybury Hermits	1969	2019	51	82	31	51	37.80%		1
26	St Edward's Martyrs	1969	2019	51	82	31	51	37.80%		
27	Old Blundellians	1969	2006	38	61	23	38	37.70%		1
28	Downside Wanderers	1969	2019	51	80	29	51	36.25%		1
29	Stowe Templars	1969	2019	51	79	28	51	35.44%		1
30	Lancing Rovers	1969	2010	42	61	19	42	31.15%		
31	Old Cheltonians	1969	2019	51	73	22	51	30.14%		
32	Old Amplefordians	1969	2019	51	71	20	51	28.17%		
33	Old Hurst Johnians	2017	2019	3	4	1	3	25.00%		
34	Old Whitgiftians	1969	2017	49	65	16	49	24.62%		
35	Old Cholmeleians	1969	2019	51	67	16	51	23.88%		
36	Old Westminsterians	1967	2010	44	51	7	44	13.73%		
36	Old Millfieldians	2019	2019	1	1	0	1	0.00%		

Totals:

1,665

3,224

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50.00%

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OFFICERS OF THE CRICKETER CUP

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EDITORIAL

Rays of hope. By the time this yearbook appears, a new cricket season will hopefully be under way in clubs and particularly schools. It is impossible yet to know what damage might have been caused to the roots of the game by the loss of an entire school cricket season. It behoves all of us who love cricket to make a monumental effort to get the game going again in this country and the Cricketer Cup will be part of that. We look forward to a brilliant competition and the opportunity it gives for the players to regain contact with their schools and with each other. Included within their teams will hopefully be many who left school last year without the opportunity to experience the thrill of a final school cricket season.

In this edition of our yearbook, we celebrate the rich history of the Cricketer Cup through the eyes of former players in Ted Dexter, Richard Ellison and Geoffrey Dean. We also profile a new President in Nick Pocock of Shrewsbury Saracens and Hampshire. The yearbook is smaller than usual as we launched last summer a new website www.thecricketercup.com which not only includes news of the 2021 competition but also gives access, through Cricket Archive, to all our team and individual records. There are still errors to be found in those records, and some missing scorecards, for not all clubs kept immaculate records of the games they played, so please get in touch via the website if you spot any errors.

We suffered the sad loss earlier this year of Alan Lorenz, who has been an incredibly generous benefactor of the competition since 2005 through his friendship at Charterhouse with Joe Ullman. Alan always attended the final when he could, his infectious enthusiasm reaching out to all those he met.

As a competition we are much indebted to our schools who make their pitches available to us. Let us hope that a full school cricket season can be played. Alumni cricket clubs could be on the cusp of even greater things, for, in addition to the thirty-four teams competing for the Cricketer Cup this year, another sixteen alumni clubs play in the Cricketer Trophy, while more are queuing up to join in 2022. The 2021 Cricketer Trophy draw can be found on our website. It is also hoped that a women's competition can be launched in the next two or three years. Commercially we have signed on a new partner, Manyatta, makers of bespoke beaded belts, for whose support we are grateful. I wish good luck to all the teams competing for the Cricketer Cup this year in what is an eagerly anticipated return of the game and I hope that many of you will come down to watch the final on the lovely Arundel Castle ground on Sunday 8 August.

David Walsh
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INTRODUCING NICK POCOCK, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE CRICKETER CUP



At the 2021 AGM, Nick Pocock (Shrewsbury Saracens) was elected President of the Cricketer Cup, succeeding Tony Winlaw in that office. Nick excelled as a games player at Shrewsbury, captaining the cricket eleven for two years and also winning the Eton Fives National Schools Championships. He made his debut for

Hampshire CCC in 1976 and captained the county from 1980-84 scoring 3,790 runs in 127 appearances.

Nick's playing involvement in the Cricketer Cup was spread over seventeen years from 1972-89. He played in three finals for the Shrewsbury Saracens, winning two of them in 1977 and 1987. His performance in the 1977 Final at Burton Court is regarded as one of the most commanding individual performances in the history of the competition. Nick took 4-16 with his slow left arm medium bowling to dismiss Oundle Rovers for 117 before cracking an unbeaten 96 off 80 balls as the Saracens cruised to victory. Two trips to Epernay with Moët & Chandon, ten years apart, secured his affection for the competition.

After retiring as a professional cricketer, Nick has enjoyed a career in insurance and set up Hedgehog Risk Solutions, arranging insurance cover for athletes' bonuses, which he sold in 2015. He has been a long-standing Committee Member of MCC and President of Hampshire CCC, enjoys playing golf for the County Cricketers Golfing Society and MCC Golfing Society, and is a member of Swinley Forest Golf Club. He is honoured to have been elected President of the Cricketer Cup and much looks forward to active involvement in the competition during his term of office.

Nick Pocock batting in 1977 final



GEOFFREY DEAN, BUMPER AND THE CRICKETER CUP



Geoffrey Dean has written for The Times and Daily Telegraph since 1990, covering more than 100 Test matches as well as multiple first-class games and one-dayers. He played in the Cricketer Cup for Eton Ramblers from 1986 to 1997.

Many Tonbridgians, or men of Kent, would have seen Zak Crawley at the crease earlier, but my first sighting of him as a cricket writer for The Times was one very cold day in a championship match at Edgbaston in mid-April 2019. The then 21-year old warmed the cockles with some majestic strokeplay, leading your correspondent to write:

“Crawley underlined his promise with a second career hundred that impressed the watching England selector, James Taylor. Crawley, who came into this match with a first-class average of 28 from 21 appearances, slipped through the net in England age group cricket, but may be a late developer. At 6’6”, he is hard to miss, and if he continues to play as well as he did here, England Lions selection should follow with the possibility of even higher recognition.”

Crawley, whose progress I have followed with great interest since, is of course one of a plethora of Kent cricketers to have played in the Cricketer Cup for Old Tonbridgians. Sadly, we were never drawn against them in the twelve years I played in the competition for Eton Ramblers. Matthew Fleming’s appearances for us were fleeting, although he did once take six for 32 against Harrow Wanderers in 1987, skilling them for 101. He was then run out for nought as we failed dismally to pass such a paltry total, being bowled out ourselves for 85. In those days, we seldom could withstand the pressure of having to chase down a target, however small. When, five years later in 1992, we won the competition for the first time, we only managed to do so because we batted first in every round.

That brings me onto Johnny Barclay, without whose masterly captaincy we would never have been triumphant that year. Even on green tops, which we unashamedly produced for home matches to suit our strength, Barclay would elect to bat first. Behind the genial facade was a ruthlessly astute captain, and the best man-manager I ever played under. He’d had enough prima donnas at Sussex to deal with, notably Imran Khan who, in one frustrating day in the field at Hove, was in a major sulk and acting Pathan prince rather than great fast bowler. “Come on Immy, I need you to give me one of your special spells,” Barclay told him. “What do you know about fast bowling?” came back the haughty response. Quick as a flash, Barclay replied: “Immy, if I knew as much about fast bowling as you do, I wouldn’t be throwing my toys out the pram.” His ego suitably massaged, Imran ran in and turned the game with a burst of wickets.

One of Imran’s contemporaries at Oxford University was former England off-spinning all-rounder Vic Marks, who played for Old Blundellians against the Ramblers in 1997 at Eton. Marks came in to bat at number four or five, looking agitated for some reason. I’d left my then eight-month old labrador, Bumper, in the pavilion with the Blundells players but he cannot have liked the look of them very much as he kept barking at them. “Can’t you stop your dog barking,” Marks muttered as he walked past me at the top of my run-up. “Sorry Vic...not much I can do about it,” I replied. Clearly intent on taking out his irritation on my bowling, he attempted an ambitious drive on the up, nicked off and was caught behind. He stormed off to much amusement from my team-mates who wound him up further with comments that the dog was all part of a plan to get under the opposition’s skin. He wasn’t of course.

Bumper was the same dog who a few years later, created a minor news story in a championship match I was covering at Guildford. Yorkshire were batting and frustrating Surrey with some tailend resistance. The ball was hit into the press tent where Bumper picked it up and brought it to me like the good retriever he was. Saqlain Mushtaq, the bowler at the time, refused to bowl with the same ball after seeing the bite marks in it. Surrey captain Adam Hoolioake was obliged to take the second new ball which, fortunately was available, and his seamers immediately took the last three Yorkshire wickets with it. All the papers present carried the story, which even made it onto Test Match Special. The Wisden Almanack reported Bumper had “savaged the ball”, a pronounced piece of poetic licence given he had it in his mouth for only a few seconds!

TED DEXTER AND THE CRICKETER CUP

The early years of the Cricketer Cup were notable for the number of current first-class cricketers who played in the competition. Among them was Ted Dexter, who, in that inaugural year in 1967, led Radley Rangers to what has been their only final. Dexter had been in semi-retirement from first-class cricket for two years, but he returned to play for Sussex and England in his final season in 1968. In 1967 he captained Radley Rangers in all four rounds of the Cricketer Cup, making 37 against Uppingham Rovers and taking 2-20, 78 not out and 1-50 against Eton Ramblers, and 6 and 0-8 in the semi-final against Old Malvernians. In the final he took 3-54 against Repton Pilgrims and then, going in at number three, made 80 not out as Radley succumbed for 144 to lose by 96 runs. He made further appearances for Radley in 1968 when he made 75 against Harrow Wanderers, going on to play his final two Tests against Australia later that year. He then played twice more in 1973, scoring 59 in what was probably his last innings in any competitive cricket, before being bowled by Simon Dyson of Old Alleynians, who was himself perhaps the outstanding bowler in Cricketer Cup history. Ted Dexter is now 85 years old and has just published his autobiography *85 Not Out*. It details his colourful and well-lived life, not only as one of England's best and most exciting batsmen in the second half of the twentieth century, but one full of adventure and variety. In a long career with England, Dexter captivated all those who came to watch his thrilling style. He was a dashing batsman who loved to take on fast

bowling, most electrifyingly when scoring 70 off 75 balls off Wes Hall and Charlie Griffith in 1963. Between 1958 and 1968, he played 102 innings for England, scoring 4502 runs at an average of 47, also took 66 wickets and captained England 30 times.

I contacted Ted earlier this year to ask him about his memories of the Cricketer Cup. He particularly recalled 'the enjoyment of first-class cricketers rubbing shoulders with weekend club players and it not always being obvious which was which'.

In his first game at Radley in 1967 he came in at 101-1, having been used to some 'pretty quick hostile stuff in Test cricket'. This time 'when the first ball left the bowler's hand I was hopelessly early on the stroke and nearly gave a dolly return catch. I remember distinctly having to wait for ever for a ball which took longer to reach my end than the natural laws of physics intended'. In the final he recalled that his own bowling was more expensive than Radley's club bowlers, while his was a lone effort with the bat on a rain affected pitch: 'I was getting runs but not fast enough. I encouraged my batting partners to strike out a bit, but they put a misplaced trust in me to carry the day single-handed. I failed'. I also asked him how difficult it was for current county players to get time off to play in the Cricketer Cup. He replied that the matches were played on Sundays, when county cricketers only played in benefit games and 'anyway, as an amateur, I could please myself'. Ted Dexter has been one of the great characters of English cricket, he paid tribute to The Cricketer for organising the Cup which 'we all enjoyed so much', while his obvious commitment to the Cricketer Cup has been a source of great pride to all who have followed.

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TEST CRICKETERS WHO HAVE PLAYED IN THE CRICKETER CUP (* Test match captain)

Name	Club	Period	Tests
TE Bailey	Old Alleynians	1949 to 1958/59	61
GHG Doggart	Old Wykehamists	1950	2
PBH May*	Charterhouse Friars	1951 to 1961	66
DB Carr*	Repton Pilgrims	1951/52	2
MC Cowdrey*	Old Tonbridgians	1954/55 to 1974/75	114
R Subba Row	Old Whitgiftians	1958 to 1961	13
ER Dexter*	Radley Rangers	1958 to 1968	62
Nawab of Pataudi*	Old Wykehamists	1961/62 to 1974/75	46
RM Prideaux	Old Tonbridgians	1968 to 1968/69	3
RA Hutton	Repton Pilgrims	1971	5
GRJ Roope	Bradfield Waifs	1972/73 to 1978	21
RW Tolchard	Old Malvernians	1976/77	4
VJ Marks	Old Blundellians	1982 to 1983/84	6
DR Pringle	Felsted Robins	1982 to 1992	30
ACS Pigott	Harrow Wanderers	1983/84	1
JP Agnew	Uppingham Rovers	1984 to 1985	3
RM Ellison	Old Tonbridgians	1984 to 1986	11
CS Cowdrey*	Old Tonbridgians	1984/85 to 1988	6
JJ Whitaker	Uppingham Rovers	1986/87	1
JP Stephenson	Felsted Robins	1989	1
PCR Tufnell	Old Cholmeleians	1990/91 to 2001	42
H Morris	Old Blundellians	1991	3
NV Knight	Felsted Robins	1995 to 2000	17
CJ Connor* (Ms.)	Old Brightonians	1995/6-2005	16
ESH Giddins	Old Eastbournians	1999 to 2000	4
RJ Kirtley	Old Cliftonians	2003	4
ET Smith	Old Tonbridgians	2003	3
AJ Strauss*	Radley Rangers	2004 to 2011	100
JWA Taylor	Shrewsbury Saracens	2012 to 2016	7
NRD Compton	Harrow Wanderers	2012/13 to 2016	16
CJ Jordan	Old Alleynians	2014 to 2015	8
OJD Pope	Old Cranleighans	2018 to 2020/21	17
RJ Burns	Old Whitgiftians	2018/19 to 2020/21	23
Z Crawley	Old Tonbridgians	2019/20 to 2020/21	12

CRICKETER CUP FINALS 1967-2019

1967	Burton Court, Chelsea	Repton Pilgrims 240 for 8 (R.A. Hutton 69*, C.S. Warner 54) beat Radley Rangers 144 (E.R. Dexter 80; W.H.M. Pyne 4 for 25) by 96 runs.
1968	Burton Court, Chelsea	Harrow Wanderers 135 lost to Old Malvernians 137 for 5 (J.M. Davies 63*) by 5 wickets.
1969	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Brightonians 213 (A.B.D. Parsons 68, W.N. Sabey 51) beat Stowe Templars 57 (M. Rowland 6 for 18, A.R. Harland 4 for 24) by 156 runs.
1970	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Wykehamists 199 (B.L. Reed 62) beat Old Tonbridgians 105 (D.P. Toft 52; R.J. Priestley 4 for 17) by 94 runs.
1971	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Tonbridgians 151 (N. Heroys 75) beat Charterhouse Friars 84 for 6 (R.M.K. Gracey 4 for 19) on faster run rate in rain affected match.
1972	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Tonbridgians 220 for 9 (C.M. Smith 90) beat Old Malvernians 106 by 114 runs.
1973	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Tonbridgians 217 lost to Rugby Meteors 219 for 5 (J.L. Cuthbertson 73*, D.A.C. Marshall 56*) by 5 wickets.
1974	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Wykehamists 109 for 9 (S. Dyson 4 for 11) beat Old Alleenians 32 for 5 on faster run rate in rain affected match.
1975	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Malvernians 234 for 9 (R.W. Tolchard 84, J.G. Tolchard 57; R.C.S. Titchener-Barrett 4 for 49) beat Harrow Wanderers 137 by 97 runs.
1976	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Tonbridgians 249 for 5 (M.C. Cowdrey 74, A.H.V. Monteuiis 52*) beat Old Blundellians 79 (N. Heroys 4 for 12) by 170 runs.
1977	Burton Court, Chelsea	Oundle Rovers 117 (N.E.J. Pocock 4 for 16, T.M. Lamb 4 for 23) lost to Shrewsbury Saracens 118 for 1 (N.E.J. Pocock 96*) by 9 wickets.
1978	Burton Court, Chelsea	Oundle Rovers 212 for 6 (D.C. Holliday 86) lost to Charterhouse Friars 213 for 1 (E.J. Craig 85*, J.M.M. Hooper 68*, C.J.S. Bidwell 50) by 9 wickets.
1979	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Tonbridgians 151 beat Uppingham Rovers 146 for 9 (D.A. Stewart 71) by 5 runs.
1980	Burton Court, Chelsea	Marlborough Blues 204 beat Old Wellingtonians 173 for 9 by 31 runs.
1981	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Wykehamists 185 lost to Charterhouse Friars 186 for 1 (N.H.L. Sellars 91*, C.J.S. Bidwell 78) by 9 wickets.
1982	Burton Court, Chelsea	Old Malvernians 104 for 8 declared lost to Old Wykehamists 75 for 9 (D.H. Price 4 for 14) on faster run-rate in a rain affected match.
1983	Burton Court, Chelsea	Haileybury Hermits 110 (J.D. Carr 5 for 12) lost to Repton Pilgrims 113 for 3 (J.D. Carr 60*) by 7 wickets.
1984	Vincent Square, Westminster	Old Malvernians 107 (M.P. Hickson 4 for 21) lost to Old Tonbridgians 110 for 3 (N.J. Kemp 55*) by 7 wickets.
1985	Vincent Square, Westminster	Repton Pilgrims 73 lost to Oundle Rovers 74 for 7 (P.N. Bradburn 4 for 11) by 3 wickets.
1986	Vincent Square, Westminster	Downside Wanderers 228 (S.P. Henderson 66, T.A. Cotterell 55, A.R. Bernard 51; R.C.W. Mason 5-42) lost to Old Malvernians 229 for 4 (N.R.C. MacLaurin 63) by 6 wickets.
1987	Vincent Square, Westminster	Shrewsbury Saracens 194 for 7 (D.J. Pollock 52) beat Old Cliftonians 136 (T.M. Lamb 4 for 17) by 58 runs.
1988	Vincent Square, Westminster	Oundle Rovers 220 for 8 (A.S.A. Townsend 107*) beat Shrewsbury Saracens 201 for 6 (A.D. Hobson 67) by 19 runs.
1989	Vincent Square, Westminster	Oundle Rovers 257 for 4 (J.P.C. Mills 81, P.H. Edwards 70*) beat Shrewsbury Saracens 249 for 7 (R.D.N. Topham 62, E.L. Home 51) by 8 runs.
1990	Vincent Square, Westminster	Harrow Wanderers 124 (H.T. Tunnicliffe 4 for 12) lost to Old Malvernians 125 for 6 by 4 wickets
1991	Vincent Square, Westminster	Old Tonbridgians 251 for 6 (J.I. Longley 95, C.S. Cowdrey 69) beat Charterhouse Friars 224 for 7 (G.I. MacMillan 84, C.J.S. Bidwell 55) by 27 runs.
1992	Vincent Square, Westminster	Eton Ramblers 199 for 9 (R.D.O. MacLeay 65, C.W.V. Robins 52) beat Repton Pilgrims 84 (J.R.T. Barclay 4 for 19) by 115 runs.

1993	Vincent Square, Westminster	Old Cliftonians 304 for 4 (J.L.P. Meadows 144*, W.M. Lawry 106) beat Old Tonbridgians 229 (A. Owen-Browne 66, C.J. Hollins 55*; A.M. Fine 6 for 46) by 75 runs.
1994	Vincent Square, Westminster	Old Cliftonians 169 (G.H.J. Rees 57; R.M. Ellison 4 for 30) lost to Old Tonbridgians 172 for 2 (J.M.W. Sale 65, R.M. Ellison 55*) by 8 wickets.
1995	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Old Malvernians 237-8 lost to Old Wellingtonians 238 for 5 (T.P. Hodgson 79, T.P. Newman 65*) by 5 wickets.
1996	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Bradfield Waifs 226 beat Uppingham Rovers 203 (D.J. Kennedy 62) by 23 runs.
1997	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Old Tonbridgians 178 (J.A. Ford 59) lost to Bradfield Waifs 179 for 2 (S.A. Seymour 93, S.P. Bridgman 52) by 8 wickets.
1998	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Rugby Meteors 234 for 8 (R.R. Montgomerie 80, B.C.A. Ellison 61) lost to Old Tonbridgians 235 for 3 (C.D. Walsh 105*, J.A. Ford 70) by 7 wickets
1999	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Old Tonbridgians 244 for 5 (C.D. Walsh 69, R.M. Ellison 50*) beat Bradfield Waifs 85 (M.J. Barham 5 for 25) by 159 runs.
2000	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Charterhouse Friars 171 for 8 (E.T.R. Bowes 70; M.P. Hickson 6 for 27) beat Old Tonbridgians 152 (J.N.B. Bovill 5 for 25) by 19 runs.
2001	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Oundle Rovers 204 for 8 (T.W. Harrison 60) lost to Eton Ramblers 206 for 5 (A.J.R. Loudon 64) by 5 wickets.
2002	Bank of England Ground, Roehampton	Bradfield Waifs 142 lost to Old Tonbridgians 145 for 4 (J.G.C. Rowe 62) by 6 wickets.
2003	Sir Paul Getty's Ground, Wormsley	Harrow Wanderers 190 for 8 (A.N.L. Cox 64) lost to Old Tonbridgians 191 for 2 (C.D. Walsh 98*, J.P. Pyemont 71*) by 8 wickets.
2004	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Old Tonbridgians 201 for 6 beat Old Malvernians 152 (J.R. Wileman 56; J.P.Pyemont 4 for 48) by 49 runs.
2005	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Bradfield Waifs 259 for 7 (J.R. Perkins 65, P.R.C. Came 54; A.P. Hollingsworth 4 for 71) beat Charterhouse Friars 205 (J.R.C. Hamblin 73, A.P. Hollingsworth 56) by 54 runs.
2006	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Old Tonbridgians 161 for 9 lost to Old Malvernians 148 for 4 (M.A. Hardinges 62) on faster run rate in a rain affected match.
2007	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Old Tonbridgians 251 for 8 (J.P. Pyemont 54) beat Oundle Rovers 184 by 67 runs.
2008	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Old Malvernians 178 (D.C. Nash 70; H.C. Watkinson 4 for 14) beat Old Cranleighans 152 (S.R. Waters 68) by 26 runs.
2009	Old Deer Park, Richmond	Repton Pilgrims 219 for 7 (C.R.H. Sindrey 69) lost to Old Tonbridgians 222 for 3 (M.J. Banes 88*) by 7 wickets.
2010	Denis Compton Oval, Shenley	Old Malvernians 209 for 7 (D.C. Nash 55*; J.E. Austin 4 for 46) beat Oundle Rovers 136 by 73 runs.
2011	Denis Compton Oval, Shenley	Eton Ramblers 141 for 9 lost to Old Malvernians 145 for 4 (J.R. Wileman 51) by 6 wickets.
2012	Denis Compton Oval, Shenley	Shrewsbury Saracens 199 for 8 beat Harrow Wanderers 89 (S.J. Barnard 5 for 31) by 110 runs.
2013	Church Road, Wimbledon	Old Cranleighans 218 for 9 (B.R.M. Scriven 82) lost to Old Tonbridgians 221 for 8 (F.K. Cowdrey 84*) by 2 wickets.
2014	Church Road, Wimbledon	Old Cranleighans 243 for 8 (A.C. Cope 98, D.I. Allen 63) beat Bradfield Waifs 209 for 9 (C.S. Williams 104*) by 34 runs.
2015	Church Road, Wimbledon	Old Malvernians 229 for 9 (A.G. Milton 57) beat Eton Ramblers 150 (W.M. King 5 for 25) by 79 runs.
2016	Arundel Castle, Sussex	Old Malvernians 251 for 8 (A.G. Milton 102, T. Kohler-Cadmore 76) beat Old Cranleighans 196 (C.T.Griffiths 6 for 28) by 55 runs.
2017	Arundel Castle, Sussex	Old Wellingtonians 182 (E.G.C. Young 100) beat Old Eastbournians 102 (J.J. Dewes 5 for 28) by 80 runs.
2018	Arundel Castle, Sussex	Old Cranleighans 175-8 (M.G.K. Burgess 56) beat Old Malvernians 123 by 52 runs
2019	Arundel Castle, Sussex	Oundle Rovers 124 lost to Old Tonbridgians 127-4 (F.K. Cowdrey 74*) by 6 wickets

CRICKETER CUP PROFILE RICHARD ELLISON

Richard Ellison has the distinction in the Cricketer Cup of playing in winning Old Tonbridgian sides twenty years apart, in 1979 and in 1999. He is one of 34 Test cricketers to have played in the competition; only Roger Tolchard on this list has played in more Cricketer Cup matches, 37 to Richard's 31. Richard's most dramatic game for England was in 1985 when his bowling helped England to a memorable Ashes win. He played for the Tonbridge 1st XI in his first year and captained the school side in 1977 and 1978, distinguishing himself as much with the bat as the ball. After a degree at Exeter University, he made his Kent debut in 1981 and played for them until 1994. He played in 11 Tests and 14 ODIs for England before retiring to begin a teaching career at Millfield, where he became master-in-charge of cricket and nurtured many fine players. He presented the cup to the Old Tonbridgians at the 2019 final. I put some questions to him about his Cricketer Cup and Test memories.

When did you first play for the OTs in the CC and what are your memories of that first match?

I first remember watching the OTs play on the Head while I was at school, generally before going into Sunday evening chapel. I left Tonbridge in 1978, played for the OTs in 1979 and remember a match at Cheltenham College in one of the early rounds when I received a serious ticking off from Nick Heroys and other senior members of the team for an unfortunate remark to the groundsman. The 1979 side won the final at Burton Court in a low scoring game against Uppingham Rovers.

At school you were as good with the bat as the ball, a genuine all-rounder. Is there a reason your batting in first-class cricket did not reach the same heights as your bowling?

I also thought of myself as an all-rounder in my early days as a professional. I probably did not work hard enough on my batting technique or the mental side of scoring runs. I also spent a lot of time warming up for bowling to ensure my back was alright.



Did you manage to play CC cricket at all when you were playing first class for Kent?

Yes, only in one year. I was allowed to play in 1994 my last year at Kent. I also remember driving from the Oval in 1984 to Vincent Square to watch the team receive the trophy after defeating the Old Malvernians.

What memories do you have of CC games after you retired from first class cricket and how difficult was it to adjust back to 'amateur' games? Are there any particular CC matches you remember?

I remember playing in 1995 and travelling up on a number of Sunday mornings from Somerset to play 'home' matches on the Head. We never seemed to get a game at Sherborne. Paul Box-Grainger was the captain and he was keen to keep me involved. The next year I was captain and I found it difficult to work at Millfield and fully commit to captaining the CC side so I had to step down. I suppose the match I remember was the win in 1994 against Old Cliftonians who had thumped the OTs in the 1993 final. I also recall how accommodating Jono Arscott was towards me when he was captain. He was always happy to have me play, bat at 6, bowl a few overs, see how they went and then either keep me going or remove me from the attack. Playing CC was great fun and it certainly developed long lasting friendships with Tonbridge cricketers from the 1960s through to the current day. These connections I hope have been enhanced through the U15 four school Festival at Millfield in April and the 1st X1 festivals at Tonbridge in July each year.

What are your personal memories of that great Ashes summer in 1985, and particularly the Edgbaston Test when you had match figures of 10-104?

I went on the winter tour to India in 1984/5 and played in the World Championship of Cricket in 1985. I didn't however play in the last 2 test matches on the tour of India. I returned to Kent for pre-season and rolled my right ankle in the nets and tore the ligaments. I remember working really hard on my fitness by swimming and running in order to regain my fitness and when I returned to the Kent side had some success with the ball. When your name starts to appear in the press and the cricket correspondents who were watching the games start to mention your name you know you have a chance. I remember playing in a Benson and Hedges quarter or semi- final at Grace Road and mentioning to David Gower that I was going to force my way into his thoughts and

make him select me. The rest is history and to play a part in the last two tests of an Ashes series was memorable. What I recall most clearly was the deafening noise from the Edgbaston crowd as I was running in to bowl from the City End of the ground on the Saturday evening. In the second innings I was trying to bowl a ball across Alan Border, but instead it nipped back and took the top bail, bowling him through the gate.

What are your thoughts on Millfield coming into the CC?

Firstly I'm delighted for Nick Brothers and all the other Old Millfieldians who have patiently worked so hard in order for the OMs to start playing in the Cricketer Trophy and eventually be invited to play in the CC. They have bided their time and done all that has been asked of them so that they can participate. I feel it is important they take the competition and the other participating teams seriously and treat them with respect. I also hope that the other schools see the introduction of the OMs as a good thing and something which adds to the overall quality of what is currently a high-class competition.

Could they win the CC in 2021?

Anything is possible. The key thing for them is that they get commitment from a strong group of say 30 players who want to play old boys cricket. If they can do this, they have a chance, but they must take the competition seriously.

CRICKET ARCHIVE

The new Cricketer Cup website gives free access to all the competition's records and statistics through Cricket Archive, a database owned appropriately by The Cricketer magazine and with which the Cricketer Cup has arranged a financial deal. Cricket Archive also houses a multitude of other cricket records, which can be accessed by subscription.

Here you can find match scorecards going back to inception of the competition in 1967. Our own records are only as good as the information provided by the competing clubs and there are still 142 missing or incomplete scorecards outstanding from the 1,635 Cricketer Cup matches played, mostly from the early years of the competition.

The website also includes the individual records of around 5,000 players who have played in the competition. These include not just famous cricketers like Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, the Nawab of Pataudi and Andrew Strauss among the 34 Test players to have played in the Cricketer Cup. Many have achieved distinction in other walks of life like Lord Hamblen, Justice of the Supreme Court, who played in an Old Westminster side in 1982 which also included Sky cricket reporter, Charles Colville. Chris Hollins won the competition with Old Tonbridgians in

1994 and went on to win the nation's hearts in Strictly Come Dancing. Phil Spencer, popular presenter of the property show Location, Location, took 7-30 for Uppingham Rovers against Old Westminsters in 1990.

Here too you will find broadcasters like Henry Blofeld (Eton Ramblers), Jonathan Agnew (Uppingham Rovers), Christopher Martin-Jenkins (Marlborough Blues) and Phil Tufnell (Old Cholmeleians); cricket administrators like Donald Carr (Repton Pilgrims), Tom Harrison (Oundle Rovers), Tim Lamb (Shrewsbury Saracens) and Ed Smith (Old Tonbridgians); and those who have made their names in other sports. These include England rugby captain Nick Easter (Old Aldeynians), Jamie Salmon (Old Wellingtonians), who played rugby for both England and the All Blacks, squash champions Nigel Broomfield (Old Haileyburians) and Dick Hawkey (Old Merchant Taylors) and Bill Waugh (Old Wellingtonians) who won more than a hundred caps for England and Great Britain at hockey.

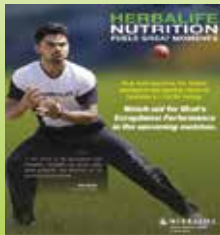
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The Cricketer Cup 2021 Draw

Bye Round: 23rd May 2021

Round 1: 13th June 2021

Round 2: 27th June 2021

Quarter Finals: 11th July 2021

Semi Finals: 25th July 2021

Final: 8th August 2021

Lancing Rovers
v
Old Chiltonians

Shrewsbury Saracens
v
Bradford Walls

Old Malvernians
v
Old Badfordians

Harrow Wanderers
v
Old Cholmeleians

Halleybury Hermits
v
Uppington Rovers

Dowside Wanderers
v
Old Cheltonians

Marborough Blues
v
Rampton Pilgrims

Winner of Bye Round
v
Old Millfields

Old Eastbourneians
v
Winner of Bye Round

Sharborne Pilgrims
v
Old Merchant Taylors

Old Cranleighians
v
Folsted Robins

Old Wykehamists
v
Stowe Templars

Oundle Rovers
v
Charterhouse Friars

St. Edward's Martyrs
v
Old Wellingtonians

Rugby Meteors
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Old Tomridgians

Old Ampthorpeians
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