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Salisbury	Adam	Oxford	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
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Ahmadi	Sami	Queen Mary's	Medicine
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Hashmi	Kieran	Queen Mary's	Physics
Kwon	Oh Hun	Queen Mary's	Dentistry
Patel	Neil	Queen Mary's	Economics
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Sporting Activities

RUGBY

1st XV

The First Team enjoyed a largely successful season from 2012-2013. Out of misfortunes of the previous season, the boys knew they would really have to step up their game if they wanted to avoid another year of near misses. On paper, the team was looking promising with the formation of a much revered, oriental front row; the arrival of Harry Griffiths (taller than the rest of the back-line put together) and the discovery of Pete Chamberlain, a fly-half who could actually catch the ball.

And so, with shiny new kit and a well-rehearsed Rufio we turned up at Grist's to face a Wallington side that had beaten us the previous year. The result – a convincing 46-5 win featuring some very cheeky side-steps from our centre combination of Nick Shuttleworth and Harry Griffiths and some serious groundwork from the mighty Min. Mozza's verdict – not bad.

From then on, the side showed that they could play. Big wins came in against Latymer, Haberdashers' and Emanuel with some really impressive open, attacking rugby from the whole team, not to mention the superb touch judging of Matteo Probert. The camp was optimistic but, of course, there were sterner tests just around the corner. St Benedict's was an agonising away fixture where we found ourselves two points up with just minutes to go despite never really reaching fifth gear. But, in the same way as has happened countless times over the years, we conceded a last minute try and lost the match. KCS was the site of our round 2 fixture in the Daily Mail cup. Tiffin really showed up in what became an exhilarating match, ending with a very similar last minute winning try for King's. The stand filled with King's boys may have out sung our supporters (Mozza and Leung) but, on the pitch, we really deserved to win it. As it turned out, dropping into the Vase competition was actually a blessing in disguise. Of the match against St Paul's, the less said the better. We were absolutely useless and comprehensively outplayed.

The next half-term kicked off with a 61-13 thrashing of Windsor and an excellent win over a decent Trinity side. The pack, and especially our second rows, Louie Mackee and Kiran Richards, showed remarkable maturity in maintaining possession during the closing minutes of the game to seal the win. Playing RGS Guildford away in Shalford is always a daunting task and in a tight and physical game Dmitri Dharmasena scooped up a charge down to score under the posts. With the game locked at 7 points all, it took a Pete Chamberlain wonder drop-goal to give us a lead and then a magnificent tackle from Louie Mackee in the dying moments to clinch an epic win.

After a fine win over Wimbledon College the team found themselves with a great opportunity in the Daily Mail competition. Round 6 of the Vase brought us a fixture against Chislehurst and Sidcup at Esher Rugby Club. Alex Hawkings showed why he's the man and James

Gledhill made an authoritative debut at full-back in arguably the best win of the season. Next came an outstanding Round 7 victory against Cranbrook. Dmitri Dharmasena was excellent, making some clattering tackles and Will Nichols, the self-styled fastest man in Surrey, showed why he's the fastest with an impressive solo try (mainly because of the nature of his opposite number), but some have argued that he profited from a tailwind.

Now Regional Vase champions, Tiffin marched on to a national quarter final against Plymouth College... in Plymouth. On an unplayable quagmire the game was a mess. Although we were much the better side, silly mistakes allowed Plymouth to sneak a lead with minutes to go. The rest of the match was played in the Plymouth 22. Realising the ref was not going to use his disciplinary cards, Plymouth conceded penalty after penalty to kill the match and bring the most devastating loss of our season. We've all played through many defeats over the years but this one was by far the toughest. As well, at least we had a hot shower to cheer us up and 5 hours in the bus to get home to Kingston.

The remainder of the rugby union season was a tad anti-climactic as I think we all recognised that the team had the potential to have reached greater heights. Nevertheless, our record does demonstrate that the 1st XV was a successful side. Out of 19 fixtures we won 14 and finished with a points difference of +217.

After a forgettable sevens season, bar one fine win over Bishop Stortford, we started playing rugby league. Having improved enormously in the early rounds to become SE England champions, we were drawn against Wakefield in the quarter-final (defending national champions and top seeded team). Somehow, Tiffin were suddenly tough. We put in big hit after big hit and Louie Mackee's incessant runs just destroyed Wakefield in a superb display by the magnificent XIII. With our egos through the roof, we went up to Derby to play Runshaw College in the semi-final of the British Colleges R.L. Championship. However, a combination of arrogance, sloppiness and a very sharp opposition left Tiffin way behind the pace and our title dreams in tatters.

It has been an indescribable pleasure being part of Tiffin rugby. Amongst the team there are some really talented players. For me mentions must go to the following stand-out players: John Willison, as vice-captain, who always led from the front; Louie and Kiran, our second rows, who worked tirelessly and effectively; Pete Chamberlain, who controlled the game exceptionally at 10 and of course Will Nichols, by now the fastest man in the world, who finished the rugby union season with an impressive try tally of 14.

A massive thank you must go to Mr White (HBSH) and Ed Leung who have both been tremendous coaches and mentors for the team. They offered technical help and great advice throughout the season. TIPRA also continued to play an essential role in supporting the club. Some of the parents have been loyal as anything. Jayne Mackee and Dilli Dharmasena, in particular, deserve many thanks. Finally, we must thank Mr Morris,

whose unfaltering belief, humour and trainer style was always at the heart of team. After a win, there's no one you would rather listen to. After a loss, there are few who dish out criticism in such a painful way. Mr Morris could not care more about the club and the boys could not care more about what he thinks. As a result, the team buzzes.

Thank you all for a great season and Tiff-what?

Rory Goldring

The author of the above article, Rory Goldring has been a superb leader for school rugby. Always at the heart of the team effort, he has consistently carried the ball further than any other player and also topped the tackle count. Over his seven years in the school his contribution has been second to none and he has developed into the finest forward we have produced for many seasons.

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RUGBY TOUR TO CANADA

After months of arduous preparation under the watchful eye of Mr Wilson and Mr White the Tiffin senior rugby team gathered at Birkenhead Avenue ready to depart upon an epic journey to Ottawa and Toronto for the 2013 Canada Rugby Tour. Inspired by the actions of Peter Chamberlain to press on with his rehab, support the team, take the role of chief photographer and most importantly fines collector, 30 brave souls departed the familiar locations of Kingston and breezed through the checks at Gatwick thanks to the unbelievably helpful tour representative.



With time to spare before the flight the team began to acclimatise to conditions in Canada by tucking into pancakes at McDonalds; unfortunately, lost in the pleasure that this delivered, Sam Grant managed to leave his passport behind. After this minor hiccup the squad boarded the plane only to notice the lack of T.Vs. This was quickly forgotten by one member of the tour party, Joshua Graham, when he dispatched his fifth in flight meal, courtesy of his fellow tourists. In addition to Mr White and Mr Wilson the team was joined by Mr Cathcart and Mr Morris who had already begun to research the local places of interest such as the infamous Black Eagles. Arriving at the Toronto Pearson airport the team was strengthened further by the addition of Mr Marley, not to mention Harry Roth who deemed himself above the team by flying in from USA .

An enjoyable coach ride saw the tour rules set out and the first of many fines racked up by Sharif Dougramaji; the first of many which were collected by the newly appointed fines master Peter Chamberlain. Harry Griffiths was selected as leader of the world renowned Tiffin Rugby Choir. The most important duty was given to the youngest member on tour, Ed, the mesmeric task of protecting team mascot, Frankie the flying fish, with his life. A lot of responsibility for someone resembling Tracy Beaker, and sure



enough this duty was short lived as Frankie was led astray on multiple occasions. Some say by a sly chef but all we know is that Ed could not cope with so much responsibility at such a young age. The first accommodation of the trip was at the University of Victoria, Toronto and was very impressive, though the electronic card system proved too much for some of the boys and for Mr White. After an enthusiastic touch session in idyllic settings the squad rested up ready for the challenges tomorrow would bring.

The first of these challenges was the all you can eat breakfast, an idea that the front row, especially Hamish Brechin who has inherited his father's appetite, seemed to read as "can you eat all?" After the first of many trips to Seven Eleven the team came out ready for training charged up on the local cuisine, Gatorade. However, two members of the team decided to arrive late, dressed for a night out on the town. Harry Griffiths, confused and dazed, looked across to roommate



James Gledhill for guidance and it was this moment that marked the start of the tour romance that would see its ups and downs over the course of the trip. In our free time we were provided with a lot of entertainment. The evening saw the first of the many brilliant excursions with the boys making their way down to the Rogers Centre to watch the Toronto Blue Jays take on the LA Dodgers. Sharif went up against the spiciest chicken in town in order to impress the waitresses; he came out on top, leaving with only a few tears in his eyes. After a

RUGBY LEAGUE



George Griffiths leads the Under 14s out for the London/S.E. Schools Final at Saracens' Allianz Park ground

[Photo: Bill Prentice, O.T., K/M]

RUGBY LEAGUE



Angelo Buter on the charge



Man-of-the-Match Marcus Yeow receives his presentation

[Photo: Bill Prentice]

RUGBY LEAGUE



Marcus Yeow beats his man



Josh Kim links

[photos: Bill Prentice]

THE VICTORIOUS UNDER 14 SQUAD



[photo: Bill Prentice]

FIRST XV



John Willison drives through



and Alex Hawkings nails his man

[photos: Bill Prentice]

FIRST XV



Will Nichols, fastest man in the world...



Harry Griffiths mauls



*and Louie Mackee rules the line-out
[photos: Bill Prentice]*

WIMBLEDON



Charlie Skirrow, captain of Ballboy Team AA, presides at Andy Murray's moment of triumph

mind-blowing game of the highest quality the Blue Jays fell short again for the 8th home game in a row as LA Dodgers squad favourite Yasiel Puig delivering the killer 'dinger'.



The next day saw another trip into the heart of the city and up the famed CN tower. Despite it not being the clearest day the views were dazzling, especially those seen through the glass viewing platform. The best view in the house was that of Henry Willis who preferred to look through the glass floor from 10m away rather than in the handstand position that Arravin Jeyakarunakaran adopted. The team then boarded the school bus and were transported to Fletchers Field for the first game against Team Ontario. The team was led out by returning player Nick Shuttleworth and took to the field to face what can only be described as 15 mythical giants. A costly slow start meant the team had to fight back and were deterred further by injury to try scorer James McGrath who had implemented the 'Jimmy Special' nicely to dart in and level the scores. With the gap widening Ben Delchiappo was moved to centre with devastating effect, holes began to open up and the gap narrowed. Unable to complete an outstanding phase of

play, the Tiffin team fell short and a lucky try for the opposition left the final score at an unrepresentative 19-5. Tom Morris should be praised for his performance selected by the opposition coaches as the man of the match.



A relaxed day followed with numerous trips to the shops including a particularly memorable occasion in which Gagan Sidhu attempted to flood the store. Entertainment was provided by members of the touring group during our free time. Lucas 'frog' Vicary, a lost member of cirque du soleil, demonstrated his keen interest in the art of juggling. Arravin and Will Murphy as members of the GCSE dance class showed their gymnastic talents including one particularly daring move over a sleeping spectator. The night saw Mr Marley, poker aficionado, set up a tournament for the boys which came down to the wire but was won by James McGrath who took home the prizes, which he is still enjoying to this day. The day also saw a continuation of the singing started the previous day with Jersuaem added to the extensive repertoire of the boys that already included other greats such as Cockles and Mussels and the legendary Kolo-Yaya Toure song.



Day 5 started with a trip to Niagara Falls where the team embarked on the Maid of Mist excursion. This brilliant experience was just what the boys needed and they went into the second game against Burlington in high spirits. The team was captained by Harry Griffiths who also picked up the man of the match award for his strong defence, superb try and the first successful kick on tour which was applauded by Mr Morris. He and Jordan formed a very successful centre partnership, running great lines off each other. The team went out strongly from the first whistle to the last and dominated the game, especially the forwards who controlled the game and were strengthened with the return of David Belcher who was revolutionary at the breakdown. However, we did some of this illegally by conceding many penalties, causing two of our players, Sharif Doug and Will Murphy, to be yellow carded. Strong performances were put in by Greg Lobo, with some outstanding tackles, Angus Watkins contributing two great solo tries and being compared to Jamie Roberts due to his imposing physique, Ed Ervin covering kicks and igniting many counter attacks, Harry Roth for his hard, direct running and Tim Baker for exhibiting his interesting tackle tech-



nique to mention a few. Even though he wasn't awarded man of the match Sam Dale had an absolute blinder at second row, disrupting opposition ball at any given opportunity and tackling anyone that came into his path; he will be missed this season. The final score was 32-12 Tiffin. Post match celebrations ensued and saw the start of the first-win songs. Notable performances came from Aaron Sira with the universal tune that is the Spongebob theme song. Other successes were Mr White's Father Abraham on the coach. Undoubtedly the star of the show was Ash Grover with his magical rendition of 'she said by Plan B'.



The last night in Toronto was spent in the sack before the early awakening the next morning for our 5 hour trip to Ottawa. The whole journey was spent sleeping or watching movies on various devices. Ottawa University provided a stark contrast to Toronto with the high rise accommodation that we were situated in. Standard Mr White organisation skills (as well as listening skills from the group) led to the team waiting in the wrong building in which many of the rooms were still being built. Luckily the team found the right block and were happy to occupy the top two floors. Once unpacked and rooms allocated, we headed out for a short and sharp training session to get us in the mood for the game the following day. Dinner that had already been paid for was gratefully accepted by a few members of the team who had spent all their money in the mall, on fines or on bright orange vests (Joshua Graham). The rest of the evening was spent at leisure touring the city and sourcing the local supermarket.



An early morning training session took place to fine tune the backs move, nail the lineout throws and organise the defence. A few wise words from Mr Morris and the boys were ready for the final test the tour had to offer us. Rest of the morning was spent clearing out the local of Gatorade. The coach was boarded as we headed to the Canadian national stadium to face Eastern Ontario U18. Conditions couldn't have been better as we stepped off the coach and warmed up; wasn't too hot, wasn't too cold and it was dry. However, things dramatically changed as we stepped out for kick off: the heavens opened as we experienced the worst lightning storm Ontario had seen all summer, which meant the start was delayed by 30 minutes. Due to the conditions both teams were afraid to spread the ball so each team kept it tight in the forwards in the opening exchanges. As per usual, George was overflowing with



adrenalin and unfortunately slipped on the wet surface after a scrum, and in a series of unfortunate events his elbow ended up making contact with the face of his opposite number. And everyone, knowing George's passive nature, was quick to console him as he was clearly distraught that he had been involved in this incident. A few line breaks from Nick Shuttleworth resulted in nothing, tough tackling from the forwards kept the Canadians at bay and we reached half time at 0-0. After drying off in the changing rooms the team came back out reinvigorated after team talks from the elite coaching panel. A dominating first 10 minutes which involved a big hit from Nicholas Shuttleworth on our 22 resulted in turnover ball and after great offloads from James Gledhill, Sharif and Harry Griffiths we were on the opposition 22, and it looked like we were set to score the try



of the tour until the ball went into and out of the hands of Henry Willis. Wanting to correct his mistake Henry motivated the forwards as they drove closer to the line, with strong carries from Muhammad Muammar breaking the gain line at every attempt - only for Tom Morris to implement a 'Jimmy Special' to score in the corner; unsurprisingly we missed the conversion. Tiffin continued to pile on the pressure but it was to no avail. Easy kicks at goal were turned down by the captain and Louis Freeman took it into his own hands by attempting a



cross field kick from in front of the posts. After these failed attempts in crossing the line we decided it would be easier to kick at goal from the touch line, but sadly all the team left their kicking boots at home. Going into the last 10 minutes only one score up every player put their body on the line to prevent the opposition from

scoring. Those 10 minutes couldn't have gone by any slower and we were rewarded for our great efforts with a 5-0 win. A special mention has to go to the man of the match Joshua Graham for his great performance on the pitch for the numerous tackles and carries he made; also his performance off the pitch was outstanding, putting away 3 plates full of the 'best tea on tour'. Songs once again ended our night on a high.

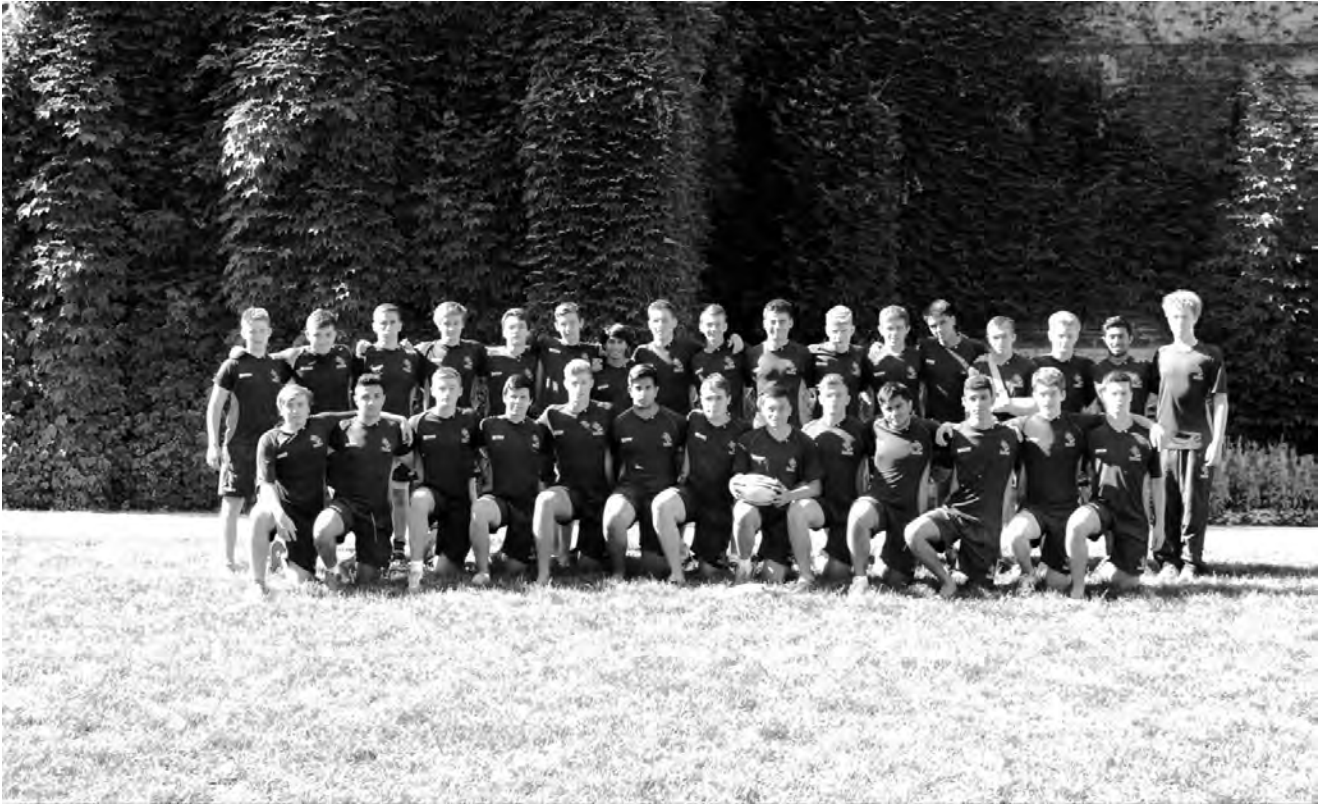


As this epic quest neared its end the boys were given a chance to explore Ottawa, after a truly remarkable experience aboard a vessel that had somehow mastered land and water, aptly named the duck tour. We were surprised to pass a familiar face on the duck tour as a monument of our very own James the spider Gledhill had been erected. Even though the tour guide was very experienced in her occupation Mr White seemed to think it was more of a true and false tour by questioning many of the facts given. After their excursion the boys ventured off without the capable supervision of Ian and Gary. This led to a few boys getting (permanent) tattoos. And one boy, Russell Davies, took



a brave step in his life and saw through the pain of a temporary henna. Amongst the rebellious tats were 2 fairies, a pair of pandas, homage to Frankie and also something that should not be mentioned this early. Whilst these boys rebelled against the caring hands of the teachers others opted to spend their last few dollars on Ottawa's local cuisine, McDonalds, and do some last minute shopping for family. A number of boys felt particularly sore from the previous game so they looked for the best masseuse around who happened to be lying with them, Gagan Sidhu, who was gaining work experience to expand his personal statement.

As the final night soon approached, tension mounted as rumours circulated about the large array of awards



on offer. The first set of awards had a somewhat serious tone in comparison to the rest of the tour. First up was Henry - winning the punctuality award as he had a knack for being late wherever we were and whatever we were doing. Next was Harry Roth - winning the award for the untidiest room, an award George and Angus would not dispute. This was followed by an award that all boys agreed with which was presented to Sam Grant, for having feet for hands - he has an uncanny ability to drop just about everything, which is truly remarkable for an ex-Harlequins Academy player. Although not awarded, best hands on tour should go to a surprising candidate, prop forward Hamish Brechin. Finally an award followed for the Drama Queen of the tour, elevating the victor to royalty in a matter of seconds - this award fell upon Ben Delchiappo for a bit of a strop when his stuff was 'stolen' from his room. After the main awards for the evening we moved on to the biggest hit and best try of the tournament, which interestingly were awarded to the smallest two players on tour, Greg Lobo and Angus Watkins respectively, Greg for a cracking dump tackle on an opponent twice his height and width, and Angus for a beautiful Jamie Roberts esque line to split the defence in two, but of course as this tour was run by Mr White, the awards could not go without a hiccup, and Angus was in fact given the wrong award. Finally up stepped Sharif Doug to claim the best tourist award; the award speaks for itself but he was a truly remarkable character on tour, and embraced the spirit of the tour without fault. He broke his award within 5 minutes of receiving it. The night was finished with one final Father Abraham to say goodbye, and the group ended the tour with a smile on their face; even Moh.

Peter Churchill, Nick Shuttleworth and Ben Delchiappo

2nd XV

The 2nd XV had a mixed season with an extremely promising start which unfortunately slipped away as the season progressed. It all started so well with satisfying victories over Wallington, Latymer and later Emanuel. In all of these games the pack proved too powerful and the extremely large group of players available meant that the squad was incredibly strong. The team managed very early on to spot each other's strengths and through committed training sessions the boys were able to develop a playing style that they took to the matches on Saturday morning. Unfortunately against Haberdashers' and Trinity the team were unable to have the vital finishing touch that they needed to kill the game off and ended up losing both matches by only one score. Then came St Benedict's and St Paul's and in both these matches we failed to start playing until it was too late. Conceding cheap tries very early on in both games meant we spent the rest of the match struggling to get back into the game, and although good defence and aggression was shown towards the end of both of these matches, it was clear that if we ever wanted to compete against sides such as St Paul's we needed to start the games like this. Then came a welcomed victory for the 2nd XV against Isleworth and Syon's first team. We proved far superior technically to the opposition and were able to take a large lead going into half time, a lead which we managed to keep until the full time whistle was blown, ending the first half term on a high note.

Coming back from the half term break we were keen to continue our winning form and we did so against Windsor with a fantastic team performance. Reigate was the closest game of the season and ended in a draw. The weather was terrible with rain pouring down and the

temperature absolutely freezing. Reigate scored straight from kick off with some woeful defending and then they scored again five minutes later. With some tough words from Mr White we realised we weren't going to waste our Saturday morning making up the numbers for the opposition to play against. We regrouped and through a Sam Grant try managed to get back into the game, taking a half time lead. The weather got continuously worse as did the pitch and this meant the large Reigate pack was able to make many yards around the fringes. Eventually the strong Tiffin defence buckled and Reigate managed to bundle over our try line. However, we managed to stay within one score and in the dying minutes of the game Ben Temple went over in the corner to even the match. The game ended 28 all.

Unfortunately it was from here where the season started to go downhill as with other commitments getting in the way of training we were rarely able to train with a full squad which then showed on a Saturday. Sides such as RGS Guildford and King's College proved too strong for us and disappointing losses against teams such as Wimbledon College meant that the morale was low in the team. With a lot of games at the end of the season being called off, due to awful weather, our last game was against St George's Harpenden. We desperately wanted to win our last game of the season and send the upper sixth out on a bang. While the opposition took an early lead, the lads were not about to let this game slip away from them. The pack pulled together and the backline executed from the quick ball that was provided meaning that Tiffin were victorious, ending the season on a fantastic high note.

On the whole the 2nd XV promised a great deal and at times played some fantastic rugby; however, with a more consistent turn out to training the season could have undoubtedly come with more wins. On a much more positive note we must acknowledge our forward pack that was superb throughout the season. Our line-out was unmatched by other teams and they gave the perfect foundation from which the backline could play. Led by our outstanding captain David Belcher, the forwards consisted of Hamish Brechin, Maxwell de Podesta, Harish Vijayapaskaran, Gagan Sidhu, Tim Baker, Sam Grant, George Faulkner, Max Funcheon-Dinnen, Kasey Purvor and Sam Crawford. Meanwhile our backs offered more variety and pace out wide: they consisted of Taichi Hobbs, Angus Watkins, Oscar Herrera, Matt Elmore, Ben Temple, Rich Marvin, Will Brunt and George Powell. Finally, we must give a huge thank you to Mr White who helped immensely in developing all of our performances and was great fun throughout the year. He managed to convert the team into a structured, organised group and helped with our tactical side of the game greatly. Although we didn't necessarily play to our true potential we enjoyed every minute of rugby we played and the team are extremely grateful for Mr White and the team spirit he created.

Angus Watkins

U16 XV

The winter weather of the 2012/13 season had much to answer for. Given how many matches were lost to it

during the season, there was an inevitable impact on motivation and attendance levels at training. That said, the bad weather period in January was also the time in which the more hardy members of the squad made their greatest improvements in ball handling and it was a great shame that they didn't get more match time to show this more potent attacking threat.

Great successes; we had few. Impressive performances in defeat; there were a good number. So, there is satisfaction to take from the season and marked improvements to report, although the reflections will be of unfulfilled promise and a very damp squib of a close to the season.

In the early fixtures of the year, following a disappointing defeat to Wallington, we were impressive against Latymer. We dominated possession from the outset, took an early lead and were secure enough in defence to sustain it. Confidence levels were high and the atmosphere at training sessions was buoyant as we prepared for the known strengths of St Paul's and St Benedict's. In the former, whilst outclassed, we played with heart and good structure and it was no disgrace to lose. Moreover, there were significant positives to take from the game. For one, we scored the opening try of the game with a successful execution of a 'Circleball'. Mo Muammar was the beneficiary; he broke through a hole in the defence to give us the lead. This must have angered St Paul's and the lead proved to be short-lived. Hard as they had to work for their tries, we had to concede that their execution of chances and their clinical ball handling were far superior to our own.

As we approached half term, we had practised to ensure secure scrum and lineout ball. Rylan Ramakrishnan and Ross Davidson lifted Henry Willis very effectively and gave a consistently good platform to work from. Also, our rucking had improved to the extent that, when firing, we could compete with any other pack on the circuit. Our frailties lay in the three-quarter line and, as St Benedict's, RGS Guildford and KCS Wimbledon proved, organisation, communication and confidence were generally lacking in defence. With a lack of real potency in attack, against a good side, and despite the best efforts of the pack, we ended up conceding significantly more than we scored.

The back division did work tirelessly to increase the threat they posed and were more confident against Windsor in a comprehensive 21- 5 victory – one of the season's highlights. Another highlight came in the match against Reigate, where a 'Downey Ball' was beautifully executed. In a move straight off the training ground, the half-backs created a gap and timed a pass well for Sharif Dougramaji to ghost through and score under the posts. Sadly their 'big guy' ran more scores through the holes in our defence than we did and the final score line was a disappointing defeat and a definite missed opportunity.

There then followed a particularly tough run of matches – Trinity, RGS Guildford and KCS Wimbledon – that, on paper, we were never likely to win. Very impressive and aggressive in competition with Trinity, we reduced the previous year's 60 point thrashing to 0 – 26. The pack rose to the occasion and made an impressive Trinity side work hard for their victory which, although emphat-

ic, left much to be positive about. Not quite the same could be said about our attempts to withstand the RGS and KCS onslaughts.

With all the cancellations, the last fixture of the year against Wimbledon College was not only the final opportunity to play together as a year group, but the last chance to fulfil the season's ambition of beating a side that we had historically lost to. Gifting them three tries left an insurmountable task. Although the performance level of the middle third of the game was unrecognisable from that of the first 15 minutes, and although we fought back to score twice, our defensive frailty allowed them two more tries and a win with flattering score line. All members of the squad deserve praise for their efforts and perseverance, but the most notable improvements were made by Ross Davidson, who has completed the transition in the last 3 seasons from wing, to back-row to the cornerstone of the scrum at tighthead. His body position when rucking and scrummaging and his general upper-body strength have made him an invaluable asset to the pack. Also, special mention should be given to the improvements that Sharif Dougramaji made. Now a definite in the side at centre, his aggressive defence and tenacity were heavily relied upon by the back division. Al Taki and Jeevan Bajwa deserve a mention as those who secured more regular roles in the A team than in previous seasons; each is a very worthy team player.

This report can't pass without reference to the side's stalwarts and most influential players, Henry Willis and Tom Morris. Henry is a true leader and an excellent technician. With an abundance of stamina, his fitness levels are exemplary, and his influence and doggedness in competition are second to none. Tom is a robust scrum half who rarely yields possession or ground. With the flexibility to play at hooker or in the back row, he is an excellent all-round talent. His greatest strength is his instinctive understanding of what to do at tackle situations – most of the time on the right side of the law. An aware tactician too, he will surely feature prominently in the 1st XV.

U16B XV

Given that all U16B fixtures after Christmas were lost to bad weather, the 2012/13 season can be shortened to just 2012. Playing only 8 matches in the year was a desperate shame, given the levels of enthusiasm and commitment amongst the squad. Indeed, it was to some individuals' great credit that they continued to train through to the end of February in the faint hope of matches going ahead as planned. Particular mention goes to Soman Hamid, Jed Cotgrove, Charlie Worthington (until he broke his ankle!), Will Murphy, Jeremy Bridge and Ash Grover for their reliability.

Of the matches that did go ahead, there was a decent success ratio and some very memorable team performances. Coming from behind to beat Wallington in the opening match of the season showed promise and then running what was basically Emanuel's U16A team very close was also encouraging. Whilst beating Clarendon Fancourt 80 – 0 was a satisfying result, the highlight has to be our victory over St Paul's. Albeit their C team, judging by their reaction to the defeat, they were cer-

tainly not expecting to lose. We held the majority of possession, retained it with confidence, and the barrage of attacks that they were subjected to by Stefan Evans, Jonny Ashenafi, Finn Stewart-Hayman and Ed Ervin was simply too great. A final score of St Paul's 17, Tiffin 36 reflected our dominance and desire.

Against Trinity a few weeks later, in another impressive team performance, we would on this occasion have to settle for second, if only by a 5 point margin. After an excellent start, Alex Keane suffered a dislocated shoulder, which was not only horrendously painful for him, but delayed the game for some time and meant that we lost our early momentum. We then conceded two scores and spent the rest of the game clawing our way back. With just a couple of minutes remaining, Ed Ervin made one of his infamous breaks from the base to score in the corner and Tarun Mehta shaved the wrong side of the post with the difficult conversion which would have drawn us level. Sadly, it was not to be and a last minute penalty sealed them a victory by 13 – 8.

Despite being the 17th November, this proved to be the start of the end of the season. We were outclassed in the comprehensive defeats to RGS Guildford and KCS Wimbledon. Then came the rain – weeks of rain – and any chance to regain pride was lost.

Although the U16 season finished in anti-climactic fashion, the season's final fixture against St George's Harpenden saw Sharif Dougramaji and Russell Davies enjoy success on debut for the 1st XV while a plethora of U16s played significant parts in the 2nd XV victory.

The whole squad have been a pleasure to work with and, whilst we cogitate over what might have been had the As clicked together to their full potential or had the Bs any post-Christmas fixtures, it is with fondness that we reflect on this season and with confidence that we look forward to these boys forming cohesive and successful 1st and 2nd XV squads over the next two years.

CO/AI

U15 XV

Due to fixture abnormalities, the U15s were predominantly a touring side before Christmas. Fortress Grist's was preserved for cup fixtures and Thursday games sessions, but despite this, the Tiffin U15 vintage of 2012-13 was a particularly enjoyable one. The squad arrived in Year 10 boasting, nay, confessing to the miserable record of having won 5 games in their entire Tiffin careers. The fact that the U15s had overhauled this dubious record before Christmas is testament to the work-rate and enthusiasm that the boys put in.

The season opened with a 66-7 demolition of Wallington, aided by 2 hat-tricks. Both Leo Kim and Dan Baumann managed to cross the whitewash three times, and the U15s ran riot against some rather undercooked defence.

The following week the test was sterner, but the U15s were still too strong for Richard Challoner. Hugo Khan managed to deprive the backs of excellent possession, albeit amassing an impressive 4 tries in a 34-7 victory. He developed a penchant for the unspectacular

throughout the season, specialising in scoring tries from a distance of less than 12 inches.

The U15s were unceremoniously dumped out of the Daily Mail Cup in Guildford in late September, also suffering a broken finger to hooker Tom Newsome, a boy who has had absolutely no luck with injuries throughout his Tiffin rugby career. Louis Sutcliffe's dramatic injury further depleted the front row, and so the majority of the muscle work had to be provided by Shane Jayakrishna and Geshopan Tharmarajah. Both boys expertly demonstrated a quiet determination to put the good of the team ahead of their personal interests.

A hard-fought win away at Latymer was just the tonic for a recovering squad, and the U15s demonstrated notable resolve in the face of extreme pressure as the bodies tired. The last 5 minutes of defensive work was a significant turning point, as the team would previously have folded in the face of aggressive running from a team chasing a comeback victory. The final score of 31-26 betrays the dominance that Tiffin showed in the first half, when Hugo's trademark close-range finishing had seen him bag a hat-trick.

Disappointing performances away to both Haberdashers' Aske's and St. Benedict's were hard to take, but the U15s bounced back to defeat St. Paul's 24-17 in Barnes. Again, the defence needed to stand strong in the final minutes after an excellent start. This was arguably the U15s' finest performance of the year, where both commitment and execution combined to overcome an excellent opponent.

The Daily Mail vase competition provided some Thursday afternoon entertainment, and a heated encounter with Rutlish forced the U15s to show their mettle. After some ferocious exchanges, and a truly fabulous tackle from the ever-reliable Haris Amin, it was Tiffin's rugby which won the day, running in several scores to take the match convincingly 48-19. The cup run was ended by St. George's Weybridge, as an injury-hit squad ran out of steam.

The U15s were pipped at St. Olave's and Wimbledon College, but secured fine victories away at Windsor and St. George's Harpenden in what remained of their weather-hit 15-a-side season. The particularly impressive quality of this squad is not their post-match singing in the minibus, but their resilience and collective spirit, which I look forward to watching blossom, as the squad moves to Wednesday afternoon rugby.

7s

The U15 7-a-side 2013 vintage were blessed with an unusual amount of pace and ball skills. In the Surrey Schools competition in Caterham, the U15s topped their group, scoring a hatful of tries to enter the premier knockout competition, the cup. Despite losing narrowly in the quarter finals, the boys showed no shortage of endeavour and flair for the game, and were sparked to life by the dynamic running of Ben Chandler and Dan Baumann.

In the perennially-strong John Fisher 7s, the U15s were drawn in a group containing both Whitgift and Brighton College, where only the top 2 sides would progress to the afternoon matches. Tiffin rattled Whitgift in the ear-

ly stages, and only lost to a wicked bounce with the game on a knife edge in the dying seconds. A demolition of Windsor followed, including a fabulous individual score from Ben Chandler. His dummy, sidestep and searing pace opened up the Windsor defence for him to touch down under the posts without a finger laid on him. Brighton College narrowly won the decisive showdown for progression into the plate competition, but Tiffin won the last match well. To discover later that Whitgift won the tournament, and Brighton were victorious in the plate, is testament to the performance of the U15s in 3rd place. This is certainly a 7s side with potential.

U15 Rugby 'Star Man' – Dan Baumann

U15 7s Player of the Year – Ben Chandler

U15 Players' Player of the Year – Geshopan Tharmarajah

An enormous vote of thanks is also due to Ali Watkins, for his unfailing support and inspirational coaching of the U15 squad.

The squad and coaches also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the travelling band of parents and supporters, whose vocal support and lifts to and from matches often only receives rather monosyllabic gratitude. Thank you on behalf of all of them!

AM

U14 XV

It was another very good season for the U14As, coached by Mr Wilson, with 13 wins and 3 losses. The team also managed to win the Rugby League London Regional Final.

Still rusty from the summer break, Tiffin came up against Wallington for the first game of the season. Tiffin started the game switched off, conceding three tries in the opening fifteen minutes. A second half comeback was not enough and the game finished 38-12 to Wallington. The team then went on to defeat Richard Challoner and Latymer comfortably before almost losing after a disappointing performance against Haberdashers' Aske's which was only saved by a last ditch tackle. After a slow start to the season the Tiffin forwards started to dominate their opposition. The pack of Chris Judge, Hosouk Lee, Ji Kim, Phillip Park, Luke Kim, Ali Fouladiasl, Josh Kim, Arash Hussaini, Sid Nath and George Griffiths helped to get Tiffin moving forwards and provide good ball for the backs. The power of the forwards was too much for St Benedict's with Tiffin scoring over 60 points and St Benedict's only able to return 5 of their own. The following game against St Paul's was one of the best of the season with both forwards and backs linking brilliantly. Tiffin won the game 35 -17. All season the backline of Conor Fulton, Harry Woodcock, Will Sharp, George Prentice, Marcus Yeow, Angelo Buter, Will Burdess, Stefan Frost, Elijah Cho, Marek Kaczmariski, Joseph Ahan and Sam English tackled hard and passed well and this game was no exception.

The next two games against Rutlish and Windsor were won comfortably but then we were faced by a stronger test in the form of Trinity. Tiffin could have won the

game but we were not up to our usual high standards of rugby, knocking on and dropping the ball in vital positions. In the end we lost 12-17 and this will be a game we would very much like to win next year. Reigate, the strongest team we faced, were our next opponents. Their superb handling proved too much for our defence in the first half and we found ourselves four tries down. The team showed excellent morale and character and dug deep to give Reigate a very good game in the second half. The final score was 10-34 to Reigate. The following weekend saw us beating RGS Guildford with a score line of 19-5. Tiffin then travelled to KCS Wimbledon and after a strong performance came away victors. On our return from Christmas, Tiffin defeated Wimbledon College 36-0. Unfortunately the weather stopped us playing eagerly anticipated games against Hampton and RGS High Wycombe. We finished the union season on a high, beating St George's Harpenden 38-0.

In rugby league Tiffin won the London Regional Final by a convincing margin of 58-8 against Gilberd School after a close game in the semi-final against St George's. The regular rugby union squad was strengthened with the addition of Hugo Whitaker and Ekow Daniels. Unfortunately Tiffin's run in the National Cup was ended after a close fought defeat by St Peter's and St Paul's who went on to reach the final.

Our thanks go to Mr Wilson for being such a great coach and supporting our development as a team.

George Griffiths (Captain)

A traditionally slow start to the season by the Under 14As saw them lose the first game of the season for the third year in a row to Wallington Boys! However, from there they didn't look back. An excellent season saw the U14s win 13 and lose just 3. The 3 they lost were by a mere handful of points, but the games they won were usually one way traffic, with both forwards and backs adding to the scores.

Unfortunately, due to the weather post-Christmas quite a few games and training sessions were cancelled, which slightly hampered the great progress that was made in the first term.

During the season a number of the previous year's B team players made their A team debuts and in fact became regular fixtures come the end of the season, most notably Hugo Whitaker in the forwards and Will Sharp in the backs. When the A team photo was being taken there were at least 25 boys lined up as having represented the A team on several occasions which is real testament to the strength in depth of the squad.

Rugby League was once again a success with a great day out to the London Finals which were played at Saracens' home ground, Allianz Park. An outstanding man of the match performance by Marcus Yeow helped Tiffin win very convincingly and hold on to their London region trophy. A quarter final cup run in the National Competition was also very pleasing.

This is a talented squad of players, and if they commit to improving they will continue to be successful throughout their time at school.

Best of luck to the boys for the coming Under 15 season.

GW

U14B XV

The strength of a B team can be measured by how many players are able to step up to play A team rugby and in this particular year group there were plenty. It was a hugely successful season with many victories but it was the style in which the boys played that most impressed. A well drilled and skilful pack generally had the measure of their opponents, mainly because they could adapt their game so well. They rucked and mauled when called to do so, but also developed an off-loading game that was difficult for defences to handle.

With the pack going forward, the backs were always going to get good ball, and they put it to very good use. They moved the ball through the hands superbly, played in the wide channels and stretched opposition defences. When defending themselves they were rock solid and took pride in their organisation.

It was a hugely enjoyable year and I wish the boys every success next year.

SC

U13 XV

This season was a very interesting one for us. We ran Wallington close in our first match of the season and followed this up with a win against Latymer School.

One incredibly important match which boosted our confidence was against Wimbledon College. The previous year we had been absolutely thrashed fifty-something to nil and with half-time approaching, on a freezing November morning, we were 0-12 down and lucky to be so. Then, just before the break, a charging run from our top try-scorer Nnaemeka Anyamele set-up number 8 Joe Tiernan to crash over for our first points. Our confidence restored, we proceeded to score again and with the conversion points in the bag, we took the lead. Although we conceded a couple of tries late on, this really was a heartening performance and proved to ourselves that we were capable of competing with the best. Strangely the loss to Wimbledon led us onto a winning streak and we finished the season with a resounding 29-0 victory over St George's Harpenden.

Our star players amongst the forwards were Nnaemeka Anyamele and Luke Harden whose power and athleticism were able to break open any defence we came across, while in the backs Daniel Morlans Whitehead played consistently well all season at scrum-half, with Ali Butt and Lucas Strange providing guile and pace to the back line.

All in all, the three words which summed up our season best would be: we have improved.

Louis Palmer
Captain

U13B XV

This was a relatively tough season for the U13 B team, which contained some disheartening losses to some huge teams, such as Haberdashers' and Trinity, Croy-

don. However, there were also some really impressive wins recorded, from the 12 man victory against a full 15 at Reigate in the tipping rain to the smooth and full-flowing one at the beginning of the year in the bright sunshine at Wallington.

The team was led commandingly by Andrew Gilligan who scored more than twenty tries and set a real example by bludgeoning defences with his hard, direct running and driving back attacks with some big tackles. He was well supported in the scrum by Kiran Dasani at number eight, Okasha Ahmed in the second row and Adam Ismail at prop. These boys put in notable performances, though there were boys who played more occasionally, like Dylan Hillier, who tried their hearts out all season.

The backs were ably ordered by Jawaad Khan at 10, who is a nippy little runner and a hard tackler, though again he couldn't have performed the way he did without fast runners outside him like Adam Henderson and Henry Maxwell. All three of these boys also had useful boots on them and could kick the ball tactically in an effective manner, which helped wingers Joe White and Tom La Frenais and full back Jake Fawssett to make some much needed yards out wide.

Tries were scored from both tight, steely forward play and quick moving back play, too, in the 2012-13 season, although there were teams that just couldn't be overcome due to their size. Hopefully this team grows both upwards and outwards, as greater stature will help them beat teams far more easily in future.

Thank you to the squad of boys and to their parents for bringing the boys to matches and supporting from the touchlines, too – this really was valued.

BR

U12 XV

After losing the first match of their seven year long campaign against a very well organised and experienced Habs side the U12s finished off their first half term of rugby with two impressive matches, beating a physically strong Richard Challoner on the Friday and drawing with an experienced Oxted team the following day. Based on these two performances, I thought that we were favourites for the match against Hampton which was to be played on the first Saturday of the second half of the Michaelmas Term. Even after 5 minutes I still thought that Tiffin would prevail but then the realisation struck- Tiffin had forgotten one of the fundamental rules of rugby which is if you have the ball make sure that you keep it. Time and time again the ball was taken into contact and Hampton turned us over. This allowed Hampton over 80% of the possession of the ball and, with statistics like that, there was only going to be one result which was a Hampton victory, and so it proved. Despite some resolute defence Hampton scored 5 tries, converting one, to win by a rather flattering score of 27-0.

Solely on the back of this result you would not have given the U12s much chance of any success at the Surrey U12 tournament held at RGS Guildford on a very wet Monday. The pool of 5 consisted of ourselves, Caterham, Dulwich, Oxted and Ewell Castle. Only the win-

ners and runners up would progress into the knockout stages. The first match was against Caterham and, despite a spirited fightback in the second half, the 2 tries that Tiffin scored in the first half were more than enough to win the game. Victories over Oxted and Ewell Castle followed and the boys' confidence began to grow. Their forward play was excellent, nothing like the shoddy rabble that had strolled around the field at Hampton, and the backs used the hard fought for ball with great effect. The group decider was against Dulwich College, undefeated all season. The boys played very well but couldn't quite cope with the extra pace that was apparent in most of Dulwich's play. Our cause was not helped by having to play on a very wide pitch.

The loss against Dulwich meant that Tiffin went into a very strong plate competition and in the semi-final were drawn to play against John Fisher. I thought that the forwards could not raise their game any further but I was to be proved wrong. An almost flawless display of rucking, pick and go and great ball presentation in the tackle meant that John Fisher hardly touched the ball and, when they did, solid tackling from an energised backline stopped them in their tracks. The winning score of Tiffin 7 John Fisher 0 fails to reflect the dominance that Tiffin exerted over the opposition on the field.

The final was to be against Trinity. An early try for Trinity made a victory for Tiffin less likely and so it proved to be. A period of pressure on the oppositions 22 failed to result in a try and the match was over. However, being runners up, even if was the plate competition, in such a strong competition is an excellent result for a team in which only 4 of the players had played much rugby before starting at Tiffin just half a term previously.

However, the four members of the team who had played a significant amount of rugby before joining Tiffin could not have been better role models for the rest of the less experienced boys on which to base their own games. In the forwards JoJo Cronin was willing to play in any position and always with fire in his belly, driving the ball at the heart of the opposition's defence. This gave a focus for the rest of the forwards and it was great to see the likes of Benji Speirs, Harry Manley, Tej Deol, the two Mos (Mo Zaman and Awsaf Muhammad) Jie Long Yang, Sami Shori and David Mason follow JoJo's lead.

Behind this formidable pack Huw Morris, Sam Gunman and Hayden Hyde gave structure to the backs and once Henry Brooking, Jason Noone and the other flyers learnt strategy of how to play the game we had a potent attacking force that also possessed a brick wall like defence.

Unfortunately the weather yet again had a very disruptive influence on fixtures either side of the Christmas break and even if the matches did go ahead they were often played in far from ideal conditions. Those matches that did go ahead were all hard fought and it was great to see how quickly this group of boys learnt from their mistakes and responded to advice.

The two games that really stood out for me were those against Wimbledon College and John Fisher. The match

against College was played in an absolute mud bath apart from a strip of grass about six feet wide running down one side of the pitch. It was along this strip that both teams managed to conjure up enough skill to score a try apiece and although Tiffin probably had a greater percentage of the ball overall the match ended in a draw. Funnily enough the game against John Fisher also ended in a draw but rather than being a low scoring war of attrition was a festival of running rugby with both teams scoring tries from all parts of the field. Unfortunately with 10 seconds to go Tiffin kicked away possession and Fisher crossed over our line to level the scores.

We were to meet Fisher on three more occasions before the season's close, all in the shortened form of the game. Fisher were victorious in the semi-final of our own Browne Trophy but the boys got their revenge at the John Fisher 10-a-side tournament, neither sides going on to win the respective tournaments. The season's conclusion was to be at the Surrey Seven-a-side tournament where Tiffin and John Fisher met in the final of the plate. Oh, what a cruel game is sevens, and despite our playing the better rugby John Fisher's pace and size were our undoing. The boys were distraught, having fought so hard, not just on that day, but throughout the season, to get to a position where the result would give a suitable reward for their efforts. But it was not to be.

I would like to finish off with a message to all of the boys who represented the U12s throughout the season. You all made the season a most enjoyable one, win, lose or draw. Your commitment as a whole to the team collective was splendid and made training on even the wettest and coldest of days in one of the wettest and coldest of winters a pleasure.

Well done, everyone.

TW

FOOTBALL NOTE

While aficionados of the Premier League witnessed Aston Villa banish relegation fears with a 6 goal thrashing of di Canio's Sunderland (Monday 29 April), the more discriminating viewer was able to watch the first leg of the FA Youth Cup final from Carrow Road on ITV4, in which Norwich City beat Chelsea 1-0 courtesy of an added-time penalty thumped in by home captain and recent Tiffinian **Cameron McGeehan**, wearing number 4 for the yellow and green Canaries.

Cameron went on to repeat the feat at Stamford Bridge in a 3-2 win to secure the trophy for Norwich. Earlier he had hauled down an opponent who ran past him, leading commentator Sam Matterface to say: "Whatever school he went to, that was the rugby department showing its abilities there" (Well done DM, SC et al!)

Hearteningly, while the Norwich team celebrated victory in front of its supporters, its captain was seen commiserating with the losers – his former team-mates – for which he was roundly praised by SKY pundits. We offer Cameron our very best wishes for his future career.

TM



Cameron McGeehan

On 19 June The Daily Telegraph published an article on Ireland and British and Irish Lions centre three-quarter **Rob Henderson**, based on an interview covering his return "to his alma mater, Tiffin School". Rob reminisced on his early footballing days, before he first walked through the doors of Tiffin, and said "The head of rugby, **Dave Morris**, was a wonderful guy who took an interest in all the kids, whether you were a sportsman or not. We started rugby training on a Tuesday afternoon and he just threw me a ball and said "start running!" "It did not take Morris long to recognise Henderson's sporting prowess". This article provided another deserved tribute to the school's sports staff.

TM



1st XV Captain Rory Goldring

CRICKET

1st XI

There are matches that linger long in the memory and there are matches that are quite simply extraordinary in their ability to dumbfound all logic, all cricketing form and all right-minded people. Your present correspondent has watched many such combats but none so remarkable as the 1st XI match against City of London Freeman's in late June. The misfortune that struck our middle order batting on the courts of Wimbledon last summer was to show its hand again with disastrous timing. The excellent Peter Chamberlain suffered a severe dislocation of the shoulder whilst training for that well established summer sport, rugby league, whilst the equally excellent Shiva Krishnan, not to be out-done, suffered an equally severe dislocation to his knee whilst displaying his *entre-chat* on the dance floor - at the Connaught Rooms no less. To lose one middle order batsman to a freak accident is unfortunate; to lose a second on the very next day can only be described as reckless! With both players out for the remainder of the season, the Holland tour would have to be equipped with slings, crutches and mobility vehicles for the crippled but more urgently, there were City of London Freeman to face. An important toss was won but by midday the Tiffin score read 17 for 3 with players and yours truly beginning to wonder how they were going to spend the rest of the day. A dogged partnership of 39 between the combative Josh Graham and Vinay Samtani saved some face and then of 41 between Dmitri Dharmasena and Samtani displayed limited respectability at 116 for 5. It was left to skipper Priyesh Patel and Samtani to add a further 94 damaging runs and a further hour and a half at the crease for the 6th wicket whilst Samtani brought up a magnificent century - his first and probably the most important that he will ever score! It was left to the free scoring Joe Baugh to take the score to 230 for 6 and Priyesh Patel to a tactically significant mid-over declaration! In reply, Freeman began well, survived through the tea interval and reached 59 without loss until the unlikely looking twins, Priyesh Patel and Bashir Bhatti, came on as 2nd and 3rd changes respectively. By now the wicket was turning responsively. Patel struck immediately. Bhatti responded. A collapse of considerable proportions ensued in which 38 overs of uninterrupted spin brought figures of 2 for 56 for Patel and extraordinary career best figures of 8 for 40 for Bhatti. The answer to how to spend the rest of the day suddenly became crystal clear.

This 1st XI was the youngest ever in Tiffin history with boys beginning the season at the age of 13 in the case of wicket-keeper and opening batsman Conor Fulton and at the age of 14 in the case of Vinay Samtani, Bashir Bhatti and Arjun Rana. We have never had players' birthday parties at tea time on match days before! That they held their places unquestionably throughout the season bears witness to their exceptional talent and indeed confirms a difficult selection policy at the start of the season. Bashir finished with 45 wickets, a remarkable statistic in the light of the number of matches played with overs limitations and for a debut season in the 1st XI. Vinay added another century to his

tally in Holland and finished the season at the top of the averages with 465 runs. Arjun Rana scored one fine half century and will be a more consistent performer next year for he has fine technique. Conor Fulton took to the wicket-keeping role with supreme confidence, adjusting to the demands of all day cricket and latterly to the demands of opening the batting, with aplomb. He finishes with 329 runs at a decent enough average and with a top score of 65. He will have learnt a lot in a short time and the way that he has risen to every challenge set before him has been eminently impressive. Few players can have begun their careers opening 1st XI batting at the age of 13. Not even Alec did that! With a brilliant pair of hands, Conor's wicket-keeping was almost faultless. It is difficult to remember a missed chance.

But enough said of the youngsters. They rightly stole much of the limelight. All eleven of the regular side will feature in this season's edition of Wisden, Joe Baugh in both batting and bowling averages for his excellent season as the side's principal all-rounder and for much of the season, opening bowler! Vice Captains Shiva Krishnan and Peter Chamberlain would have scored significantly more runs but for their untimely pratfalls but what a huge part both played in the fielding of a side that was at times quite brilliant. Priyesh's captaincy improved like a half decent Château Margaux with age. Thank goodness he was open to persuasion on occasions from the coach. He produced a couple of entirely surprising knocks with the bat, bowled better and better as the season progressed and was an exceptional slipper. His award of the Ben Lyon fielding cup was a very straightforward decision. To complement a brilliant pair of hands in the field, Alan Hutcheson hit 2 delightful half centuries in an aggregate of 414 runs. By his standards he will feel this to be a modest return for he has the timing and the balance to be a really dominating batsman. Once he stops tinkering with his technique and becomes less reliant on his back foot play, he will surely make the transition towards consistent runs and even centuries next season. Josh Graham earned his spurs half way through the season and made an immediate impact. He fields with ridiculous commitment and many would argue the damage he has inflicted on himself, notably at St George's College, has actually improved his looks. Always one to relish a challenge, Josh will be an automatic choice next year and he will doubtless want to add to his 202 respectable runs in 2014. Deliberately left until last is the incorrigible Angus Watkins who again has bowled with staggering consistency throughout the season. Apart from the assault launched against him at Reed's, Angus gave the captain the reins that he needed in the opening overs and his control of line and length brought a wonderful harvest of 36 wickets at 16.36 apiece. As one batsman remarked to umpire Nigel Legg on escaping to the non-striker's end, "He's unplayable!" Indeed he was at times, his 5 for 21 against Lord Wandsworth College being the pick of his performances. But this was no less than he deserved for no one showed more enthusiasm for the game, more commitment to practice and more heart for the team ethic.

The season finished with a fantastic flourish despite the absence of the walking wounded. Crushing wins against John Fisher and City of London Freeman's were followed by 4 wins from 4 games during the highly enjoyable tour of Holland before being quite correctly brought down to earth by the staff at the annual Widger match. Prior to half term, the win over St. Paul's was the undoubted highlight in what was a difficult start. Both Reed's and Hampton were too strong on the day but after the win against Kingston Grammar School, the side should have done better in the close losses to Emanuel and Lord Wandsworth College, both of whom were allowed off a sizeable grappling hook.

There was so much to savour in 2013. The spirit of the 1st XI was exceptional, their enjoyment of the game boundless and the way in which they played their cricket – competitive yet scrupulously fair minded – brought nothing but adulation from Rotterdam to Hamersmith. It was not just the 1st XI, though. The 2013 school season saw some brilliant results particularly from the lower school sides. Chris O'Connell and Mike Kennis produced an Under 12 side that returned the best results from that age group for about two decades. Old Tiffinian Rathulan Gnanendran transformed an Under 13 side that had never won a game into a combative unit and Tim McCann's Under 14 team produced his second best season in 40 odd years and that with his wicket keeper and principal batsman spending the entire season in the 1st XI. With most of Alex Marley's side conscripted into the 1st XI, the U15 XI struggled at times but nonetheless played some attractive and highly enjoyable cricket.

People need to be thanked. Mr I. Langrish retires after 20 odd years of helping to run school cricket at the top end. We will miss his astute running of the 2nd XI but he needs to put in some more time on the golf course if he is ever to get his handicap down. Mr. Shaw, too, needs some return on the huge Saturday commitment that he gives to the school. His team management has never been short in the idiosyncratic department and for that at least he will be irreplaceable. We thank them both whole-heartedly for their energy and enthusiasm but at the same time leave the door ajar for when they feel the urge to return under colours.

Barring more calamities, Peter Chamberlain takes over as Captain of School Cricket in 2014. He will have the nucleus of the current side at his disposal since only Shiva Krishnan, Dmitri Dharmasena and Priyesh Patel, who have given vast quantities of their time and talent to the success of Tiffin cricket, will have departed. Plans for 2014 are already well established. The winter indoor leagues have started and winter practices are just around the corner. It's going to be another exciting season!

MW

2nd XI

From the start of the season at Trinity, where we held out for a fine draw, we thought that this season was going to be far better than the last, not least with warm dry weather allowing us to actually play our fixtures, and with a more experienced side, the season ahead looked promising. Sadly, the theme of the season for

the 2nd XI was losing games that should really have been won.

Following a fiery opening spell from Tim Edgar and Sam Jones, allied with some sharp catches, Tiffin had St George's College, Weybridge reeling at 36 for 6. The fact that this became 193 for 9 was no fault of the ten who turned up that day and gave of their best but the dilemma that faced the 2nd XI for much of the season was illustrated in microcosm in this game as they were let down by an unexplained no-show by one of their so-called team mates that meant they were both a bowler down and a fielder short. Now whether that would have made a difference to the outcome (a heavy defeat by 108 runs) is questionable but when you have a side on the rack you have to be able to drive home your advantage. Disappointingly, the team got themselves into winning positions in a number of games that they went on to lose and it is a very frustrating theme that at no stage during the season were we able to put out our first choice eleven as the same old story of competing interests, notably early season call-ups to the 1st XI due to the on-going rugby league season, the ever-earlier exam period - which some parents seem to think means all revision and no play, plus the lure of chasing balls at Wimbledon, deprived the side of their strongest players. This is not to denigrate those who made the effort to turn out, often at very short notice. At Hampton in a low scoring game another 20 runs, a fifth bowler and a couple more wickets would probably have seen us to victory. It was a similar story away at St. Paul's. After a respectable batting performance, led by Ben Carter with a superb 44 not out, Tiffin were in a good position with 160 on the board. However, a poor display in the field, including conceding 32 extras, allowed St. Paul's back into the game and handed them victory. This display from Ben was typical of his performances throughout the season. Many a fine innings, some belligerent and some hard-fought, saw him seize his place on the bus to Holland for the end of season 1st XI tour where he was far from out of his depth. Accumulating runs was the not the team's forte. Regular openers Matt Sandford and Aneesh Sachdeva saw off some useful opening attacks only to get out once set, but did manage the one half century the side scored all season. As for the bowling, Ed Ervin and Tom Morse regularly led the attack but although good pace meant that runs were hard to come by early on in the opponents' innings, the lack of wicket-to-wicket bowling meant that neither achieved what they should have in terms of the number of wickets. With settled batsmen at the crease it was then never easy for the rest of the attack to bowl at, particularly when the side lacked a spinner. Saying this, particular mention must go to Sam Jones who always picked up wickets, and to Ollie Neely who was always the "go-to" man when trying to break a partnership. Tim Edgar proved successful later on in the season, notably away at Hampton, whilst Sharif Dougramaji, when present, proved a pacy and useful change bowler who was always capable of taking wickets. Sharif also has the potential to produce match-changing innings with the bat but needs to be more circumspect with which balls he chooses to hit, or try to hit, to the boundary. Patience in time will deliver its just rewards –

there is no need to try and hit the leather off every delivery!

On a more positive note there were occasions when the combined efforts of the team produced unlikely outcomes. At Lord Wandsworth College having struggled to accumulate a modest total of 155 runs and giving away 42 extras (a particular Achilles heel where the side were over-generous to their opponents), despite some very wayward bowling spells at the death in the last ten overs, when the opposition were cruising to their target, the radar of the bowlers switched on and wides were avoided; and with tight fielding Tiffin were able to apply some pressure to the batsmen which restricted them to only 132, securing victory, building on the comfortable win against Kingston Grammar School the weekend before.

Although many games slipped through the team's fingers it must be said that in patches the Seconds played some great cricket and with a young side still available for the 2014 season, if those patches can turn into whole games there is potential for greater success. One person who will not be there next season is Mr Langrish who is stepping down as the Coach/Team Manager. The 2013 team, and several before, owe him a great debt. Finally, thanks should also go to perennial parental supporters Messrs Brunt, Sandford and Ervin who witnessed the good and the bad throughout.

Will Brunt and IL

3rd XI

After a barren 2012, the 2013 season was a much brighter period for the 3rd XI. The core of Year 11 players provided the spark to a well-balanced line-up, which was ably led by Azhar Siddiqui.

George Yang proved to be a valuable asset to the team as an opening batsman, helping to set a good platform for the players to come. Mohit Samtani was ever-reliable at number 3, while Tharsh Balenthiran, Kit Davey, Tarun Mehta, Diptarko Chowdhury and keeper Russell Davies took it in turns to try to out-score the extras column. And believe me, that isn't easy.

The depth in bowling this year was huge. Pacemen Tim Edgar and Malik Oddy, as well as swing king Harry Eaton, made cameo appearances, taking wickets with the new ball. Before long, the skipper himself would come on to build pressure, invariably tempting the batsman to try a shot that wasn't there to be played. Then came the spinners: Luke Sansom provided plenty of turn with his leg spin while off spinner Alex Harrison offered some subtle changes of pace. Both combined well to take apart the middle order. George Yang frequently showed his all-round ability, obtaining good bounce to clean up the tail.

It has to be said that the bowlers were backed up well by the fielding, which was always full of energy. There were a couple of screaming catches taken over the season, and there was always plenty of chirp provided by the infielders when things weren't going to plan. Russell Davies in particular could always be relied upon for this, even if his idea of an lbw appeal was to yell 'come on Shaw, that must be out!'

The challenge for next year is to build upon the success of this year. With a little bit of luck, a long winning streak should be just around the corner.

Alex Harrison

U15 XI

It would be fair to say that MW has a keen eye for emerging cricket talent at Tiffin School, and he couldn't fail to notice the burgeoning skills of the U15 cricketers of the summer of 2013. That he would use some of these youngsters to supplement the 1st XI came as no surprise to anyone, but it did mean that the U15 XI was comprised very differently from the U14 side of the previous year. Vinay Samtani, Bashir Bhatti and Arjun Rana were all 1st XI mainstays for Saturday fixtures, but did return for Thursday afternoon matches.

Dominic Jones captained the new-look U15 side, and his belligerent determination was invaluable for the team, and helped to create a very expectant and positive atmosphere. Alas, his qualities were also admired by the All-England Lawn Tennis club, and so he missed the end of the season to ball boy at Wimbledon, along with Ira Shokar, Abhilash Sivaraman, Joe McKenzie and Rob Singleton. Max Talman was the mainstay in the team, and he was tremendously impressive behind the stumps, organising the field and keeping very tidily. His runs and calmness in the middle were truly invaluable. The strength-in-depth of the U15s was in evidence, as they were competitive all the way through the season, and would have won more matches without the unfortunate absenteeism!

An opening day defeat away to Trinity highlighted the major problem: lack of runs. Against tight, accurate bowling, runs were accumulated rather slowly, and so the final overs of the Tiffin innings tended to be littered with inelegant shots in the selfless pursuit of a competitive team total. Although this was a common drawback, the team success was always the priority over personal batting averages, and that is to be admired.

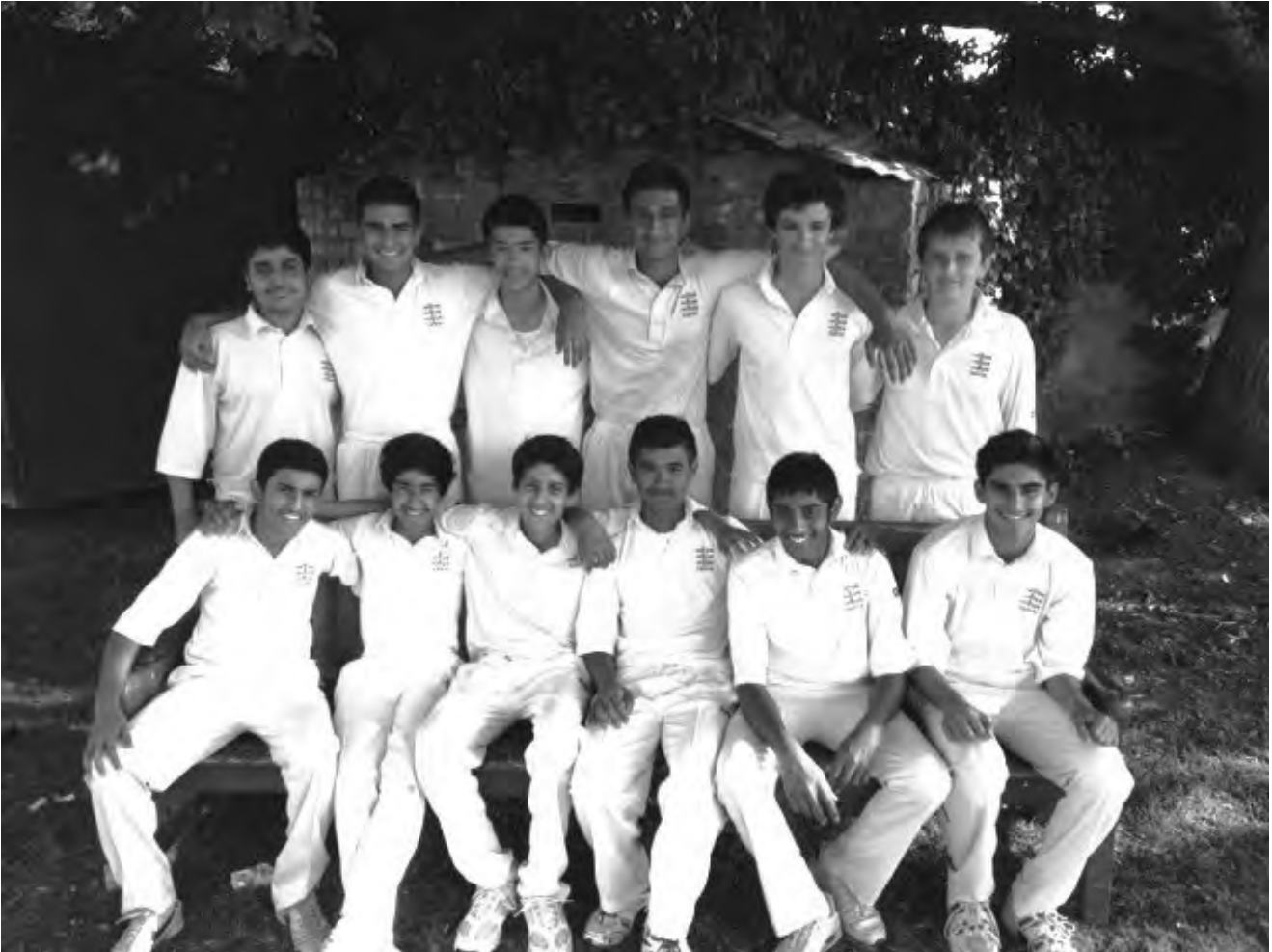
Wimbledon College defeated the U15s on their first Thursday match, as one talented opposition player single-handedly managed to bat and bowl us out of the game. Only Vinay's 51 in reply gave the Tiffin colts any sort of respectability.

The first victory came against Emanuel, as Max Talman (64) and Minura Abeykoon (37) put the visitors' bowling away with sumptuous hitting. Chasing a total in excess of 150 was always going to be a tough test for Emanuel, and the U15s shared the wickets around when in the field. Tahaa Shuaib (2-18) and Ira (2-13) removed the danger men before Areeb Anis-Alavi (2-4) and Rob (2-13) dismissed the middle order. Abhilash's first delivery finished the match, and the U15s made a winning start at Grist's.

Gordon's School felt the wrath of a rejuvenated Arjun Rana in the Surrey Cup, back from his 1st XI exploits, as a fantastic catch in the slips was followed up by an unbeaten 49. He was ably assisted by Vinay Samtani (30) and that was enough to see the U15s into the next round.

The Duke of Edinburgh was responsible for depleting both Hampton and the Tiffin U15s on the following Sat-

U15 XI



urday, but only Tahaa's clubbing resistance of 28 worried the Hampton attack, in a narrow defeat.

Against KCS on Monday June 17th, Ira's spell of 7 overs, 3 maidens, 2-21 halted the Wimbledon charge, and chasing 153 to win off 28 overs, the U15s had to employ their opening bowlers to hold out for a draw. Indeed it was quite a challenge for Tahaa to curb his natural aggressive style, but it was a valiant effort, as the KCS spinners crowded the bat.

Reigate were bowled out very cheaply at Grist's next up. Ira's 5-24 in 5 overs skittled the visitors, assisted ably by Dom Jones (2-6) and one apiece for Areeb Anis-Alavi, Tahaa and Harvir Bhamra. Despite our losing 3 batsmen cheaply, Pablo Hughes' 17* was enough to win the game, as the U15s experimented with a new-look batting order.

The U15s progressed well in the cups, with wins over Wilson's and Shirley Park. The latter match was decided by a sprawling catch from debutant Matt Hinks, as Harvir Bhamra (3-5) induced a loose shot from the Shirley Park danger man, as Tiffin's large total held firm. Vinay (75*) guided the Tiffin innings.

Against the perennially strong St. Paul's, the U15s batted very sensibly to 131-3 off 32 overs. 40s from both Arjun and Vinay put the colts into a strong position, but in the field, the Tiffin U15s were unable to stem the flow of runs, and were defeated with 8 balls to spare.

Three wickets from the variations of Josh Cook (3-20) put Tiffin in a strong position against John Fisher, bowling the visitors out for 98. Minura Abeykoon (56) showed an array of attacking shots, including 11 boundaries, to chase down the total comfortably. The unbeaten Shaan Sethi (25*) knocked off the winning runs in a surprisingly sensible innings.

The Surrey Cup semi-final saw a big-hitting Whitgift side come to a sodden Grist's for a 10 over bash and crash fixture. The U15s took too long to adapt to the conditions, and finished second best, despite some phenomenal bowling from Bashir Bhatti.

Despite losing their last fixtures against CLFS and Guildford, the U15s made great progress over the duration of the season. Running between the wickets improved (Dom and Minura began communicating again) and inelegant shots were far more infrequent. Bowlers decided (following Ira's successful lead) that line and length were key components, and the captaincy was always very sensible.

Fielding was a real strength of the U15s, and fielding sessions on the MUGA and slip cradle proved popular as ever. The catch of the season was made by Subhdeep Biswas, who held a tracer bullet in the KCS game. Without his intervention, that ball would probably still be rising! To Subs' credit, he managed to hold a second one in the next over, with his hands still ringing!

Overall, 28 players represented the U15A team over the course of the season, of whom 19 took wickets. Four players passed 150 runs, and 9 players made more than 50 runs in the course of the year. The strength in depth of this age group is very promising, and I wish them very well as they proceed to senior cricket.

A huge thank must be extended to all the U15 parents for this year. Your lifts, scoreboard occupancy, score-book checking, and assistance with teas made this a very enjoyable year. We are very grateful.

AM

U15B XI

The U15B XI had a successful and enjoyable season. The large squad rotated regularly and over 20 students represented the school. Pablo Hughes, Ben Chandler and Shaan Sethi shared the captaincy role very effectively and were able to get the most out of the players. Pablo's all round ability, with bat, ball and in the field, was fantastic and he was rewarded with a number of games in the A team. Ben kept wicket extremely tidily conceding very few byes, taking a number of stumpings and catches, and organising his fielders efficiently. Shaan brought cricketing nous and a sense of humour to every game, batting and bowling well and throwing himself around in the field.

Thuva Mathetharan made enormous progress throughout the season. A highly technical and thoughtful approach with the bat allowed him to score runs every time he played and he bowled with accuracy and pace. Yatha Sivakumaran also batted very well, playing straight and running intelligently between the wickets. These two have a bright future ahead of them. Harry Jarvis made a number of contributions with the ball whilst Mahdi Murtaza bowled very well, fielded athletically and made some good contributions with the bat.

Levindu Perera batted in true one day style, punishing the bad ball and accumulating runs quickly. Although it didn't always come off, his contributions were very valuable and always pushed the scoreboard along. Joe McKenzie on the other hand really valued his wicket, accumulated runs consistently and was electric in the field.

Rishi Satkunarajah was extremely reliable with the ball in hand. He took wickets regularly but most importantly bowled a good line and length which was extremely economical. Anirudh Jeyakumar didn't quite have Rishi's consistency but pace and bounce bought him wickets in most games whilst Haris Amin fell somewhere betwixt and between. He was also effective with the bat in the middle order and he fielded well. Chet Johal, Gaurav Kapoor and Edan Umrigar were useful all-rounders, demonstrating a good understanding of the game and Kit Davey, flitting between the 3rd XI and the U15Bs, was always available when needed and performed well for both teams.

Many thanks to all the boys for their commitment to training and their company on Saturdays.

SC

U14 XI

A couple of days before the season's opener it was confirmed that team captain, wicketkeeper, and arguably

best bat, Fulton the fulcrum, would not be gracing the Under 14s on Saturdays. Whilst congratulating Conor on what would become a high-achieving summer in the First Eleven, one must stress what an onerous fardel this imposed upon a group preparing to face a galaxy of 13+ re-inforced independent schools, and indeed the wicketkeeping conundrum was never truly solved. Losing leading figures to Wimbledon in due course increased the difficulty.

That after two heavy defeats in the early encounters Tiffin rose so admirably to the challenge was in no small part due to the emergence of **Krishan Sachdeva** in his role as the new captain. Though at times his keenness, sense of urgency and desire for perfection led to a somewhat impatient, sergeant-majorly attitude towards his charges, they as a unit responded loyally: most improved their own statistics, there were numerous PBs, and a string of memorable results in the final third of term.

These were secured, moreover, without the Golconda of match-winning strike bowling – the best of the quicks, **Prannay Roy**, took only 7 wickets, scatter-gun **Matt Hinks** 9 before tennis claimed him and **Gian Shori**, denied regular overs after initial inaccuracy, 5. Exacerbating this deficiency the fielding, brilliant in practice, proved strangely inconsistent in the middle until late June and July.

So how did the Under 14s rack up 9 wins and a draw from their 13 fixtures? (indeed, one is tempted to surmise that it might have been 10 – Trinity's bravura was punctured with Tiffin rapidly 44 for 0 in the first until an horrendous run out turned their fortunes). The regular top three all passed 300 runs and aggregated over one thousand between them in school games. **Sachdeva** relished the responsibilities of captaincy as cats do fish, and combining watchful defence with pleasing strokeplay recorded three fifties; fellow opener **George Griffiths** proved revelational, unafraid to go aerial, annihilating Wimbledon College with his maiden century; and gun bat **Daniaal Bhatti**, who accumulated murderously at a run a ball or better, was just short with 92 not out against Kingston Grammar. Thus we generally embarked at aunto.

Behind them, middle order maestros **Gian Shori** and **Will Sharp** each comfortably exceeded a hundred runs at an average above 20: their apogee came one Monday evening at Grist's when adding 62 off 59 deliveries with a plethora of scintillating cricket shots to double our score and realise the school's first ever victory over KCS Wimbledon at this level, with three balls to spare. One highly experienced coach judged this the best Year 9 batting he had ever seen. Team man **Hinks** (close to class – he will excel next year) and **Aniket** "The Flail" **Borawake** (43 in a partnership of 107 with **Griffiths** versus Wimbledon College) both approached a hundred, and **Ramir Kharay** added length and strength to the order on several occasions, as did **Matt Stevenson**. Another vital factor in their success was "Golden-arm" **Anish Khanna**, whose 17 wickets often took out key opponents, and who changed persona when not in harness to become "Catch-a-match" **Khanna**. Some useful new ball stints from **Borawake** helped later on, too.

Settling into my armchair with an aching back the day after The Widger, in which Kapilan Balasubramaniam and Rathulan Gnanendran purveyed 27 overs out of 34, I heard Nasser Hussain bemoaning the lack of chances his son, a leg-spinner, received in 20/20 matches and advocating a longer version of the game in schools to give spinners, especially young leg-spinners, more bowling, thus enabling them to improve. How pleasing, then, to report that our four spinners, **Sachdeva, Jackson, Sharp** and **Bhatti**, captured 51 wickets. The captain's 23 featured 8 for 45 against Emanuel, while leggie **Yusuf Jackson** overcame a dispiriting start to lead the victory charge at City of London Freeman's with 4 for 8 before destroying Whitgift's recent conquerors RGS Guildford with 5 for 12, including a hat-trick, in a triumphant finale. He also top-scored on debut for the Third Eleven!

And criticism of the fielding is relative, as exceptional quality existed. **Hinks, Bhatti, Sachdeva, Shori, Sharp, Stefan Frost** and **Kharay** all possess superb hands: we effected over fifty catches (with reserves **Ben Studdert** and **Tharusha Amarasinghe** both holding match-winning efforts), there were 9 run outs (**Frost** and **Borawake** to the fore here), and brave stand-in gauntleteer **Griffiths** contributed 8 catches and 3 stumpings. Hampton and Trinity deserved to beat us, we met Epsom when depleted, played poorly, and lost on overs, and Reigate, who had previously marmalised this squad, fought back from 54 for 7 to draw. At home the team adopted the MGD approach – meet, greet, defeat – and this without a single LBW decision for us from me all season! Successes encompassed Kingston Grammar (caught **Shori** bowled **Sharp**, with one ball to spare), St George's Weybridge for only the second time in 24 years, Surrey Cup semi-finalists City Freeman's, the afore-mentioned KCS (despite **Prannay's** malfunctioning nostril) and RGS Guildford. The overall tally of 9 victories make this the second best Tiffin Under 14 team of all time behind only 1977's, which boasted future England captain Alec Stewart and County Championship winner Mark Feltham.

That RGS Guildford game demands a retrospective. I had returned late the night before with the First XI from the Netherlands to discover our three ball boys were unavailable, partly offset by having a weary **Conor** back, and the First XI square had been unwatered through the hottest week of 2013. It was 30° in the shade, we lost the toss, and Guildford were soon 98 for 3 at 5½ per over. But as **Yusuf** skilfully utilised a crumbling pitch, supported by **Krishan's** off-spin, and electric fielding – 8 catches and a stumping – there occurred a subtle shift of emphasis. The boys had delivered virtually everything I had yearned for from the season even before undertaking the daunting prospect of reaching 109 on that deteriorating surface, and I told them so. 40 for 1, in defiance of Guildford's express, looked promising, 71 for 5 much less so, and 100 for 5 more hopeful. Then the visiting umpire put in a telling burst to tilt the odds yet again – only for the excellent **Gian Shori** to stand tall and hammer their recalcitrant leg-spinner (who had earlier been detected attempting to damage the ball) into the hedge at midwicket to seize victory with 2 balls remaining. This was the ultimate

frisson of a season to relish, fatigue fleetingly forgotten in the euphoria of achievement. At a stroke **Gian** had replaced the taut, terse atmosphere of suspense with one of extrovert elation as parents walked on to celebrate this fitting finale, banter sparkled and cameras clicked before these happy heroes.

Also providing the nostalgia of the future for me will be the St. George's umpire who, when his team collapsed from 132 for 2 to 154 for 8 chasing 206, asked me if we would accept a draw so that they could catch their transport home; the Tiffin batsman having just been bowled shouldering arms at Reigate who asked me: "Should I not have left that one?"; the Hampton umpire who after we were all out for 80, suggested we forego the tea interval as: "It looks as though it might rain, and it would be a shame to spoil the game."; and the declaration 30 minutes before half-time after 24 overs against Emanuel which allowed us to return them 43 and win in the last – surely the epitome of exquisite judgements...

My thanks go to MW for providing safe surfaces, CO and Rat G. for great groundwork of a different sort, John Jackson, our immaculate resident scorer, and Heena Sachdeva who covered when necessary, and not making teas; but pre-eminently to the boys themselves, who provided an affable milieu all summer, ensuring that my task of redacting their exploits here has been one of unadulterated pleasure.

TM

U14 B XI

The cricket season this year has been very enjoyable and has gone by extremely quickly. The results have been mixed: we won half of the games and usually lost narrowly due to a lack of commitment. Nevertheless, we have had some outstanding batting and bowling performances. Throughout the year we bowled extremely well with only 2 of all the players that played in our team this year not bowling.

Our most economical bowler this year was Robert Pitman. He also produced outstanding figures, bowling a great spell of 8 wickets for 7 runs against Reigate.

Ironically, Rob's great bowling figures against Reigate ultimately led to a Tiffin loss in the most frustrating match of this season. We took a team of 9 to Reigate despite 18 turning up to training. Reigate elected to bat. None of their batsmen reached double figures except for one (10) due to excellent bowling as said above by Robert Pitman. He was helped by Jack Parker, Ben Studdert and Akash Muthiah's first Under 14B wicket, which limited a weak Reigate side to 66.

However, 3 quick successive wickets toppled our openers and left us floundering at 3-4. Then our extremely consistent Will Burdess and Joe Gooding stepped up to the crease where they hit 37 off the bat: Will (20) and Joe (17). The end was creeping closer as Tiffin closed in on a win at 60-5, requiring 7 to the win the match. But 2 successive wickets left us at 60-7. In a normal match scenario this would be fine but we were now down to our last wicket. We ended up requiring 2 runs when Joe Gooding was caught out.

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*Dillan Goss, Awsaf Muhammad, Jivan Singh, Aum Joshi, Keerat Khaira, Ravneet Kapoor,
Sami Shori and Huw Morris, Rokeby Cricket 6 aside Plate Winners*

[photo: MW]

TOP TIFFIN TEAMS: THE UNDER 12s



Pace from Jivan Singh

[Photo: CO]



Huw Morris on the attack

[Photo: COJ]

TOP TIFFIN TEAMS: THE UNDER 14XI



BACK: Prannay Roy, George Griffiths, Gian Shori, Will Sharp, Matt Hinks, Stefan Frost.
FRONT: Ramir Kharay, Anish Khanna, Aniket Borawake, Krishan Sachdeva (captain), Yusuf Jackson, Daniaal Bhatti

[Photo: MW]

CONQUERORS OF KING'S



Under 14s Will Sharp and Gian Shori

[Photo: MW]

CENTURION



George Griffiths of the Under 14s

[Photo: MW]

SPIN KING



Bashir Bhatti, 8 wickets for 40 v. City Freemen's. If only he had played at The Oval instead of Kerrigan...

[Photo: MW]

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*Alan Hutcheson, Rathikk Ramesh, Ollie Neely, Sam Jones, Angus Watkins and Joe Baugh
[Photo: Anna Jones]*