HE RAN HIM OUT!

BODLEY CRICKET
IN 1996

-THE RETURN OF THE FINGER-
WALTER HUMPHREY'S LOB-BOWLING IN THE ACT OF DELIVERY.

From photo by E. Hawkins & Co., Brighton.
ACCOUNTING FOR THE SEASON

"Well there's one word that moved me when a boy,
That moves today,
It's when the umpire, to the general joy
Pronounces play".

(Andrew Lang, *Play!*)

I am not entirely sure which fit of blind enthusiasm prompted me into volunteering to provide to this esteemed journal. I have a hunch that it may have something to do with a particular brand of perfumed cream, available in steel canisters from a factory in Manchester. But volunteer I did.

The 1996 season was the first the Bodleian was able to see through without having major recourse to call upon players from "outside". This, in itself, is something of which to be proud, that all the matches that were won were due almost solely to the efforts of people who have worked at the Bodleian, and for whom, hopefully, the Library means something; people willing to face the swing and seam of outrageous ball tampering in the name of Bodley. It would be nice to be able to say that this increase in personnel was a result of people being drawn to the magnet of success, but since Bodley had only managed to avoid defeat on one occasion in the last two seasons, it will have to be put down to the perverse British fascination with defeat.

To start the season with a record as threadbare of success as Bodley's and end it, if not exactly champions of all the world, then certainly a side that will be approached with a little more caution by some in the coming seasons, is to be applauded. All the more so with the start of a hopefully long running unbeaten home record against the Cambridge University Library.

The season began on a freezing June afternoon when Bodley, belying their own pre-match predictions, put the enemy easily to the sword with a disciplined display of all-round cricket; it ended on a hot, late summer evening in August, when they were soundly beaten by a Police XI (that began the game as a VI). A rise and fall that neatly encapsulates Bodley's drunken lurches in form - an analogy particularly appropriate to the final match.

I will not go on to describe each match in detail - this will be done later, in the body of the almanac - but instead mention some of the deeds, to the deliberate exclusion of no-one, that made the season for the writer.

David Busby's sprinting, scampering catch that seemed to stretch the fabric of time as he made the distance from fine leg to mid-wicket before holding the ball one-handed, to the rueful disbelief of the batsman.
Garry Cooper's decisive wicket during the home match against Cambridge when he dismissed their very own "Brian Lara" and led to celebrations not seen on a cricket field since Viv Richards invented body popping.

Alan Carter's run out technique which proved that the soul of Denis Compton lives on. (The man from whom a call to run was reputed to represent only a basis for negotiation).

A solid victory against the University Chest partly made possible by a "caught Accountant bowled Secretary" combination that showed co-operation not seen in the Secretariat since the last time the Accountant saw his career falling from the sky.

And, of course, that serene August day spent in the lovely surroundings of Worcester College watching Bodley make up for all those crushing defeats by giving Cambridge a taste of their own medicine. Victory, even for a spectator, was sweet.

Once you have read all the match reports, you will be able to examine some statistics, see who scored the most runs, who took most wickets and all manner of numerical analysis that makes cricket the sport that nine out of ten accountants, who expressed a preference, like to stay at home and read about. But the most important statistic is that everyone, including those brave people who came to support us, had a big hand in making Bodley's eleven such a delightful team to be with, helped to make the season really worthwhile. That is the one thing that really stands out.

Oh, and did Bubbles enjoy the season? Yes, most definitely, but that's easily accounted for.
**MEET THE PLAYERS**

**Stuart Ackland**
Some odd goings-on this season - 52 odd goings-on as last year's Mr Consistency scored plenty of runs in a swashbuckling style, with exciting knocks against Dyson Perrins and Cambridge. Why the form change? Well, Stuart's mental preparation prior to batting is unique, involving slowly circumnavigating the boundary as the previous partnership unfolds. His bowling was superb, as were his photography and overall organising skills. Thanks Stuart, and don't worry, The Finger won't mention that quacking innings against the Bookmovers.

*Best moment:* Bowling Bodley to victory against Cambridge.
*Worst moment:* Surely he couldn't really have dropped that soft catch against Physical Chemistry?

**Pete Allmond**
Ewe would hardly have believed it at the start of the season - Pete topping the bowling averages. Tup the averages he did, having been threatening to bowl all winter, he took the ram by the horns and spun his way through the Six O'Clockers and Botham's mob, pulling the wool over many a batsman's eye. His batting was reminiscent of Allan Lamb at his finest. Should he choose to don the umpiring coat next season, David Shepherd had better watch out!

*Best moment:* Three-wicket hauls in successive matches.
*Worst moment:* Losing his fags against Botham's Bollocks.

**Stephen Arnold**
Kept his batting average and nose bleeds in check this season, which no doubt ingratiated him to the opposition. His offer of a coaching video to sort out Stuart's bowling clearly proved something - though exactly what is uncertain, however Stephen remains the team's keenest technician. Some lively bowling was highlighted with his combative 2 for 4 against the Chest. Drank his way to the top of the beer averages with some monumental scoring against the Police.

*Best moment:* Used the longest word of the season - *crepuscular* - when describing our batting performance against the Six O'Clockers in 1995.
*Worst moment:* The run outs were wondrous and plentiful - take your pick.

**Dave Busby**
Dave's cricket, especially in the field, has come on leaps and bounds this year. We at The Finger can only put this down to a total lack of net practice. As well as providing possibly the year's best cricket with his catch against the Police, he also provided us with the most satisfying moment, the Ringer put down at Worcester College.

*Best moment:* Running catch against the Rozzers.
*Worst moment:* "It's coming home, it's coming home."
**Alan Carter**

Alan's Linford-like running between the wickets is a lasting memory of the season. His wickets total of four in four games was most welcome.

*Best moment:* Top of the run out league.

*Worst moment:* Top of the run out league.

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**Andrew Colquhoun**

Andrew's penchant for pies puzzled many of the lads - we've decided to put it down to supporting Worcestershire. Still, the phrases "Bramley" and "Mr Kipling" are admittedly perplexing - does it have anything to do with the weight or consistency of cricket bats?

*Best moment:* Stunning catch at square leg against Plant Sciences.

*Worst moment(s):* Unique achievement in being the only player to have appeared on the losing side in consecutive matches against Bodley.

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**Garry Cooper**

The fact that Garry took a worryingly long time to get going this year makes his various positions in the averages table all the more impressive. Top wicket taker, sixth best batting figures and four catches. As we said last year, what a bastard. Still, be careful batting with him, fourth in the run out league.

*Best moment:* General performance against Cambridge at home.

*Worst moment:* 4-6-4-6-6.

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**John Duffy**

John will never play for the Bodley XI again after his Bookmovers gave us a humiliating thrashing on the last game of the season.

*Best moment:* Six not out against Physical Chemistry.

*Worst moment:* New, improved, fielding technique lead to days off with bruised feet and toes.

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**Paul Firkin**

By getting run out by Pete for calling him an "old man", Paul provided us all with one of the better moments of the season. But hang on... we lost that game, didn't we?

*Best moment:* Two wickets against Plant Sciences.

*Worst moment:* Whining all the way back from Cambridge.

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**Alan Fisher**

A far more diplomatic season this time round. Alan's umpiring was predictably in limited demand, which tended to mean he didn't strike up such a healthy rapport with our opponents. Psyched out by Pete in his best innings against the Bollocks, Alan's batting was packed with unfulfilled potential. However, some astute field placings brought him a burgeoning collection of spectacular catches in the deep, dovetailing neatly with many a wily bowling display.

*Best moment:* Numerous superb boundary catches.

*Worst moment:* The ostrich and cat joke on the bus back from Cambridge.
**Martin Kauffmann**
Limpet-like Martin again proved nigh-on impossible for opponents to dismiss, crowning his season with a fine display in our final match. One of the select bunch of three players who have appeared in every Bodleian victory (*can you name the other two*? Martin's aggressive fielding is one of the team's greatest strengths. Another is his scoring, Kauffmann pencil power having rescued numerous dire situations in the scorebook.

*Best moment:* Gritty unbeaten innings to save Bodley's dignity against the Rozzers.

*Worst moment:* Out lbw against Physical Chemistry - The Finger wonders which one of Bodley's notorious umpires was responsible.

**Richard Lindo**
As we all congregate outside Blackwells waiting to load up the coach against Cambridge, heavily laden with bags of kit, spare clothes and things, Rich walks down the street with nothing apart from the clothes he stands up in. Us mere mortals can only marvel at such a relaxed approach. As always Richard performed well on the field. One question though, what's all this about weight training?

*Best moment:* An excellent run out at Cambridge.

*Worst moment:* Being offered the next over against West Witney only for Mike Webb to serve up his daisy cutter to remove the last bat on his final ball.

**Andrew Mackinnon**
Bodley's new opener found excellent form with the bat, which is a stroke of luck for Bodley as their other recognized batsmen seemed to have a collective off-season. Andrew nearly didn't play for us at all as he was thinking of moving out of the area, we hope for the same next year, or God help us.

*Best moment:* His unbeaten innings against the Six O'Clockers.

*Worst moment:* Leaving the post-Cambridge celebrations to go and see Tricky in concert.

**Nick Millea**
Making plasticine models of Wallace and Gromit with his girlfriend when he should have played for us against West Witney more than make up for the lack of any potential piss-taking ball balancing this season. As with last year, buy Nick a pint, there wouldn't be cricket without him.

*Best moment:* An unbeaten 50 against the Chest.

*Worst moment:* Out for nought at Cambridge, and Dyson Perrins and not very many against the Six O'Clockers.
Andrew Milner
Bodley’s all-rounder, the Library’s Botham, the Michael Barrymore of the book world has had another excellent season for the XI. From the unbeaten 38 against Physical Chemistry to his last over against the Police, Andrew has helped us win many a match over the summer. We tried really hard to find a crap performance and came up with nowt. He did get nought against Plant Sciences mind you.

Best moment: Last over against the Police.
Worst moment: Inability to stop anything on the boundary two overs previously.

Ian Rose
As with last year Ian turned up to take Nick’s place against West Witney. In scoring one run he probably did about as well as Nick would have done anyway. As ever we are grateful for Ian wicketkeeping and hope to see him again next year.

Best moment: An excellent dismissal of Andrew Colquhoun.
Worst moment: Tessa falling asleep during his innings.

John Sharp
A rare specimen in the team - John is the proud possessor of a cricket bat, badly in need of some active service. The less said about this the better, as the Accountant also owns a particularly fearsome fencing foil. A great enthusiast, John is usually present in the crowd if he misses games, and is always present in the pub afterwards. If the friendly against the Bookmovers is anything to go by, look out for some runs next year.

Best moment: That match-winning catch against the Chest.
Worst moment: Run out by a man on a mission in his debut innings without facing a ball.

Steve Waterman
The find of the season. Dare we say more? Well yes, Steve’s juggling catch to dismiss a certain Cambridge player, alone was sufficient to make his season memorable, let alone topping the batting averages and coming in second to Pete on bowling. Even an "interesting" opening over at home to Cambridge contrived to unsettle and induce their star man to succumb to The Gunslinger three balls later.

Best moment: Where do we begin? What about an all-round match-winning display against the Six O'Clockers?
Worst moment: Given out lbw for three against Physical Chemistry (by Ackland); and run out against the Chest by his runner (Ackland).

Nick Watts
This West Brom nutcase from the RSL so impressed his footballing colleagues that he was roped in for cricket, where his dribbling talents in the field look equally at home at The Hawthorns or Edgbaston. Nick is somewhat unusual for our team - he appears to be motivated, setting targets to better his previous score in each game - what is remarkable is his 100% success rate. Watch out for some big scores next season.

Best moment: Lively innings against the Rozzers.
Worst moment: West Bromwich Albion 1, Colchester United 3.
BODLEY’S PAGE 7 FELLA

THE TICKLER
Mike Webb

Last year's batting hero unfortunately found his form inversely proportionate to York City's cup performances, but at least the bowling began to pay dividends, especially since he's now perfected the Barnes Wallace delivery. Scottish holidays and muntjac wrestling have restricted Mike's appearances this year, but the team's best throwing arm remains as accurate as ever.

Best moment: Bowling a batsman on the fourth bounce at West Witney.

Worst moment: Buying an over-sized Richie Richardson sun hat that spent more time floating around the outfield than on his head.

APPEARANCES

Stuart Ackland (Map Room) 9
Pete Allmond (Reader Services) 5
Stephen Arnold (Cataloguing) 10
Dave Busby (Upper Reading Room) 8
Alan Carter (Duke Humfrey) 4
Andrew Colquhoun (RSL) 4
Garry Cooper (Library Stores) 9
John Duffy (Conservation) 4
Paul Firkin (Stack) 5
Alan Fisher (RSL) 10
Martin Kauffmann (Western Manuscripts) 7
Richard Lindo (Lower Reading Room) 7
Andrew Mackinnon (English Faculty Library) 8
Nick Millea (Map Room) 9
Andrew Milner (English Accessions) 10
Ian Rose (Tessa's husband) 1
John Sharp (Accounts) 6
Steve Waterman (Secretariat) 7
Nick Watts (RSL) 3
Mike Webb (Western Manuscripts) 6
The most memorable feature of the season was not, as might be assumed, the victory against Cambridge, but some truly appalling running between the wickets, where none of our twelve run outs ever required the use of a video replay, nor Alan's itchy finger. If a Bodley batsman was run out in 1996, he was run out by miles. As a form of tribute to some hugely entertaining moments *The Finger* has produced a run out league table for the season, points awarded as follows:

- **Involvement in a run out** 1 point
- **Dismissed - run out** 2 points
- **Blame for the run out** 3 points

* Blame has been determined by *The Finger*’s independent panel.

Run outs are recorded thus:

- Dismissed batsman in *italics*
- Blamed batsman in *bold*

Figures in parentheses represent points gained in each incident.

Full details are featured on the next page:
**Physical Chemistry**

Andrew Milner (3) & Alan Carter (4)

**Plant Sciences**

Garry Cooper (3) & Stephen Arnold (4)

Stephen Arnold (3) & **Alan Carter (4)**

Alan Carter (4) & John Sharp (3)

**Dyson Perrins**

Garry Cooper (4) & Nick Millea (3)

**University Chest**

Nick Millea (1) & Steve Waterman (2)

runner: Stuart Ackland (4)

**Earth Sciences**

**Alan Carter (6)** & Stephen Arnold (1)

Pete Allmond (4) & Paul Firkin (3)

**Botham's Bollocks**

John Sharp (6) & Alan Fisher (1)

Dave Busby (1) & **Andrew Mackinnon (6)**

**Cambridge (H)**

Garry Cooper (1) & **Stephen Arnold (6)**

Garry Cooper (1) & Stuart Ackland (6)

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The Finger's panel has, after much consideration, nominated its top three run outs of the season - do they match yours? See page 34 for the results......
ADVICE ON BATTING

Running Between the Wickets

Calling for a run only when the ball is in front of you makes sense when played in a text book. In practice this is not the case. If the ball is behind you and the call becomes the responsibility of your fellow batsman, take no notice of him. In the case of Club Cricket he may well be drunk, stoned, watching a sunbathing nymphet on the boundary, unfamiliar with the rules, myopic or in favour of your dismissal because of an argument you had the previous evening. Don't under any circumstances trust him.

Never be pressured into running. On occasions you may be batting with a Twitcher who arrives as your wicket and shouts 'Yes!' while the ball is still in flight. If this happens shout 'No!' and play the shot.

If the Twitcher should race back to the other wicket, observe the stroke you've played, shout 'Yes!' and begin to run, wait for him to arrive, then grab him by his lapels, pull him towards you, stare deeply into his eyes and say quietly 'No!'. By this time he will be out and no longer a problem to you. Always call 'Yes!' or 'No!'. To call 'What do you think John?' leads to a conversation and impairs running.

When a fellow batsman is blessed with a stutter run him out at the first opportunity even if it means tripping him up half way down the wicket.

If the ball is in the hands of either the wicket keeper or the bowler it is inadvisable to run, still be running or be at the same end of the wicket as your partner. Should you be standing by your fellow batsman at one wicket while the ball is at the other end of the wicket are being removed this means one of you is out. A decision must be made, preferably in your favour. Be the first one to speak. 'John, you utter wally, you could have made a fifty today. Hard luck mate,' is the best psychological move. He will be half way back to the pavilion before he realises you ran him out.
MATCH RECORDS AND REPORTS

7th May 1996
Bodleian Library v Physical Chemistry
at Mansfield Road
Jack Cox Trophy: 20-over game

**Bodleian Library** 93-8 (20 overs)
Milner 38, Fisher 16

**Physical Chemistry** 82 all out (18.5 overs)
Cooper 2-11, Fisher 2-12, Ackland 2-19

**Bodleian Library** won by 11 runs

*From the press box*
Report by Alan Carter

A storming start from Andrew Milner provided the foundation for one of our "low scoring victories". In an innings not marred by the reticence of later outings, the openers put on over half the totals score in double-quick time - what followed did not bode well for the rest of the match; the late arrival of a wiry South African (no shorts and shoes!) signalled the end of any resistance from our batsmen. Even one of our more experienced cricketers could not resist the rather quick arm action of our beach-hardened attacker and the impeccable LBw decisions which surprised us all. Caring nothing for his future prospects, Stuart was not afraid to raise the finger against even our most elevated colleagues. 93 on the board (thankfully our "Sprinbok" opponent seemed to have lost both his bike and his shoes) a somewhat humbled Bodley XI took the field. Again a great start - Stephen Arnold's incredibly economical 1 for 7, Garry Cooper's 2 for 11. Then the ball starts to fly to the boundary - fielders running in all directions until...one safe pair of hands (belonging to Alan Fisher) proved again how important it is to keep your eye on the ball. What placement! What judgement! If catches win matches this one certainly did - all out for 82. Returning to the crease after eight years had been a most enjoyable experience - surely the trophy would have our name on it - we had not reckoned with the might of Plant Sciences.
First XI against
Plant Sciences XI

(Friday 31 May)
Bodleian entered this match on a tide of success
and were hoping to extend their unbeaten run
to two matches. Unfortunately, although
Bodleian bowled and fielded well, Plant Sciences
bowled with control and spirit to deny Bodleian
any easy scoring opportunities.

We did well to restrict Plant Sciences to less
than ninety runs especially since they had
scored one hundred and forty five against the
Chest XI in a previous match. Bodleian, as a
whole, were lively in the field but special
mention must go to Andrew Colquhoun for a
one-handed catch at square; to Alan Fisher for
three catches in the deep; Stephen Waterman
for some attacking batting and to Alan Carter
for running out the Accountant for nought
(never wise).

The rest of the team were: Stephen Arnold,
Garry Cooper, Paul Firkin, Richard Lindo (wk)
Nick Millea (capt.) Andrew Milner and John
Sharp. Andrew Mackinnon was twelfth man
and kept score.

Bubbles
5th June 1996
Bodleian Library v Dyson Perrins
at Mansfield Road
Jack Cox Trophy: 20-over game

**Dyson Perrins** 83-9 (20 overs)
Cooper 2-7, Fisher 2-9, Mackinnon 2-12, Ackland 2-17

**Bodleian Library** 78 all out
Ackland 17, Lindo 12

**Dyson Perrins won by 5 runs**

*From the press box*
Reports by Sarah Flynn and Stuart Ackland

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**View from the Boundary**
(or, Pass the apple pies Debbie)

The venue, as usual, Mansfield Road; the opposition, Dyson Perrins (related to a certain brand of sauce! I think we should be told). A loyal band of spectators turned out to support Bodley’s finest in the latest bout of the ‘sport of kings’ on Wednesday 5 June at 5:30 pm. (OK, so we arrived after 5.00, but the intention was there.)

Dyson Perrins were batting; serious measures seemed called for. Debbie produced bridge rolls with ham; Kirsty and Sarah joined in the munching and - mirabile dictu - the opposition ended their innings at a winnable 9 for 76 (83 with extras). Eating obviously had some effect on what was going on in the field, but a challenge had been laid down.

Bodley’s batting innings had a low-key beginning. More bridge rolls and some crisps. Hannah started on the pasta. Matters improved. A mid-order stand (plenty of cheers from team comrades and supporters) - with Richard Lindo and Stuart Ackland contributing mightily - brought our team within reach of victory. The secret weapon - individual apple pies, with second bottles for some, followed by lashings of pistachio nuts - was produced. ‘Ten to make and the match to win’ was never more apt. But where was the chocolate cake? Alas, stumps and balls did what they do naturally, and victory was narrowly snatched from our grasp at 78 all out (off 19.3 overs).

More drinks were of necessity consumed subsequently, but the boys - and the weather - done good, and this particular sisterhood will be happy to reconvene. Why not join us next time? Better bring a hamper...

Nick walks into the changing room. Replaces lyrics cycling shorts with nice, clean cricket trousers (how does he get the grass stains out?).

“Right lads, shall we bat first or field if I win the toss?”

“Bat skipper”, we all say in unison, “it’s bloody boilling out there”.

“Right”, he says, “I’ll win the toss and we’ll bat”.

Relief all round as it’s the hottest day of the year so far. Nick walks off with the opposition captain (more of ‘im later) to some mysterious place where captains go to toss together. Paul Firkin wanders the room looking for a spare white shirt to wear while the rest of the team turn up. ‘Bloody hell it’s hot, hope the captain wins the toss so we can keep out of the sun”.

Nick returns, ‘right lads, we’re fielding’... Tosser.

So we all stand in the sun, throwing balls to each other, the ones without hats trying to borrow his hats off those who have them while field positions are sorted. The boundary on the pavilion side is short and we try to work out how best to bowl against this. The opposition came to bat and the game starts.

Andrew Milner opens, his first over goes for just one. Stuart Ackland follows, customary appeals for low and two fours for his. The batsmen find their eye but fairly soon wickets start to tumble. Ackland gets two clean bowled, Garry Cooper gets two and so does Alan Fisher. Richard Lindo has three useful overs and Paul gets a wicket as well. Andrew Mackinnon weighs in with his new, lower trajectory delivery and gets his usual caught and bowled, and a clean bowled. It should be said that Andrew’s bowling did seem to pick up after the arrival of the Bodley supporters club. Kirsty, Dowson, Sarah Flynn, Debbie Stevenson and Rachael Lowery. We get them all out for 83 and are well satisfied. Much slapping of backs and mentions of how easy it is going to be. When will we learn.

Good fielding all round, special mention to John Sharp, Nick Watts and Andrew Colquhoun, who took a good catch off Garry.

So to the batting. Our initial jubilation at their score is soon diminished as first Andrew Milner, then Alan, then Andrew Colquhoun and Garry and Nick lose their wickets for hardly any runs. Andrew Mackinnon gets a useful 11 and Richard manages to stay in a good time, getting 11 but it’s not enough and we are all out for 78, just six runs short.

It was felt by a few of our team (all right, by me) that the game wasn’t played on the proper spirit by the opposition captain. He changed his field after nearly every ball, tried to run one of the batsmen out when he went for a little walkabout to try and calm his nerves and kept his own three overs till the last. His full toss deliveries were not much fun for us less experienced batters.

So off to the pub, spectators and all. The game was discussed over a pint or three. As Nick and I gazed over the room we realised the worth of it all. Where else would you find the Personnel Officer talking to someone from the Stack, from English Accessions, from the RSL, Archivists who haven’t been at the Library long talking to the chap in charge of the bookkeepers who has. It made us feel quite paternal.

One last thing, who was that ginger-haired masked man.
THE BODLEY XI AGAINST CAMBRIDGE, 28th JULY, 1996

THE BODLEY XI AGAINST WEST WITNEY WANDERERS,
4th AUGUST, 1996
Bodley's XI vs University Chest XI

In the same week as Bodley withdrew his illumination from the University another event has transpired to rock the foundations of the establishment. Bodley's XI bettered a Chest XI at that most gentlemanly of sports, cricket.

Bodley, batting first, belied their previous form by scoring 132 for 5 at over a run a ball. Standing tall over this total was Captain Nick Millea's fine innings of fifty. This represents a personal best for Millea and a new high score for the team. He was ably assisted by Mackinnon and Waterman (who both kept the scorers busy.)

The Chest, in reply, approached their task with gusto, reaching 116 for 8 by the close. With four overs to go and two batsmen well set Bodley were staring defeat in the face. They responded by raising their game. Allmond clean bowled one of the dashing duo and Waterman induced a false stroke from the other, in the following over, for him to be well caught on the boundary by Sharp. These two wickets clinched the match.

Further mention should go to Ackland for lively fielding; to Colquhoun and Fisher for holding good catches and to Kauffman for being present in both this year's winning XI's. (a connection?) The other members of the team were Webb and Arnold, Busby was twelfth man and scoreboard attendant.

With two matches left Bodley need to win both to keep their Jack Cox Trophy hopes alive, but a victory such as this, by 16 runs, can only improve their expectations. The next match is on 28 June at 5.30pm - why not come and support? I shall leave you with popular commentator Geoffrey Boycott's remark about the margin of victory "you can prove 'owt wi' numbers."
28th June 1996
Bodleian Library v Earth Sciences
at Mansfield Road
Jack Cox Trophy: 20-over game

Bodleian Library 84 all out (19.4 overs)
Millea 36, Lindo 14

Earth Sciences 85-1 (15.5 overs)
Fisher 1-18

Earth Sciences won by 9 wickets

From the press box
Report by Dave Busby

Bodley's Record Soiled

The mood of national sporting mourning hung over a gloomy Mansfield Road Ground last Friday, as the Bodley XI crashed out of the Jack Cox Trophy.

Playing Earth Sciences, Bodley batted first and faced a strong bowling attack, initially in drizzly rain. An uncertain innings was anchored by another workmanlike knock of 36 by Nick Millea and featured the calming influence of Richard Lindo. Good catching and dodgy running between the wickets (Mr. Allmond's running leaving Mr. Firkin less than tickled) left Bodley all out for 84.

In reply Earth Sciences built a solid opening stand of 46 despite tight bowling from Stuart Ackland and athletic wicket keeping from Millea. Millea's stumping off Alan Fisher's bowling was Bodley's highlight as the opposition won by nine wickets.

Although disappointed by this result and our exit from the competition, post-match reflection concentrated on a reasonably successful introduction to University inter-departmental cricket and hopes for success in the last game in the J. Cox campaign.
2nd July 1996  
**Bodleian Library v Pharmacology**  
at Mansfield Road  
Jack Cox Trophy: 20-over game

**Pharmacology** 154-5 (20 overs)  
Carter 2-27, Mackinnon 1-20

**Bodleian Library** 98-5 (20 overs)  
Waterman 33, Milner 15

**Pharmacology won by 56 runs**

*From the press box*  
Report by Stuart Ackland

Nick and I, showing the sort of foresight that can only come from working in the field often called "Cartographic", decided to drop out for this match to give those not playing that often the chance of a game. How right we were, though in fairness to the rest of you, we didn't play that badly, just that they played a lot better.

I watched the game sitting between Bill Clennell and Alan Carter's three year old girl, Alice. Bill was impressed with Richard's display behind the stumps, putting it down to the fact that rich used to do weight training quite a bit. Alice, on the other hand, kept on asking questions:

"Why has that man missed the ball?"
"Why have those sticks been knocked over?"
"Why has Daddy let the ball go between his legs?"
"Why doesn't John Major call a General Election and denounce the European ecu, thus ending years of political intrigue on a global scale?"  
(Are you sure about that last one? - Ed.) Relief from the adorable, but inquisitive small one was only to be had when her younger sister fell off her chair and started screaming the place down. Nurse Stevenson was on hand with a jaffa cake which did the trick.

Anyway, memorable moments. Steve Waterman's six, Dave's seven-ball overs, his attempt to give Stephen the guard by wagging his finger to the left, then to the right, and his general Dickie Bird stance at the crease, Stephen's figures conceding just five runs off three overs, Garry's continued run of form, Andrew's innings, and Alan's two wickets (despite his wife telling his children as he came up to bowl:

"Look, Daddy's going to throw the ball now".

It's easy to laugh when you're not playing (I certainly had no problem), so I'll end by saying that we did well to not only stay in right to the end, but also to register our second highest score of the season so far. Well done lads.
GOTCHA...ALLMOND SNAPPED AT OXFORD RAVE NIGHT BEFORE CAMBRIDGE CLASH

In another super soarer way SUN exclusive we can show you the picture that has shocked the cricketing world. Pete Allmond snapped dancing the night away at Deirdre's, one of Oxford's seedier hot spots the night before the away match at Cambridge. Bodley's gallant bunch of lads were thrashed the next day. Allmond was seen leaving the nightclub at five o'clock on the morning of the match. He appeared sheepish when realised he had been clocked by your Sun man leaving the place of shame.

When asked for a reason for this disgusting behaviour by Sun reporter Dick Willis Allmond, 86, replied "You can #*! *** you #*#*!". One of his fellow cricketers, who refused to be named, said "It's terrible, the bouncers never let me in."

The reaction from the cricket world was similar in its outrage at such a sickening act. Jonathan Ringer, Cambridge captain and close personal friend to the shamed spinner, said he was saddened by the news but secretly revealed that he was glad not to have to face a man at the top of his game. He then went on to comment "John, can you come round a pace, sorry I don't know your name but can you go to middle-leg. Graham can you drop back..." Nick Willea, Bodley captain, said it was a sad day for Library cricket. He described Allmond as a "canny lad mind." Sheep loving Allmond, one of Bodley's more popular players, was unavailable for comment yesterday.

THE SUN SAYS: There's only one word for someone who would do this to their team - BAAANETHEC.

Story continues on pages 2, 3, 5, 7 and 11.
24th July 1996

**Six O'Clock Club v Bodleian Library**
at University College, Abingdon Road
20-over game

**Bodleian Library** 100-4 (20 overs)
Mackinnon 45*, Waterman 30

**Six O'Clock Club** 70 all out (19.4 overs)
Allmond 3-4, Waterman 2-8, Arnold 2-17

**Bodleian Library won by 30 runs**

*From the press box*
Report by John Duffy

"REVENGE!"

The Six O'Clock Club gave the Bodleian a severe trouncing in this fixture last year - so this game will go into the cricketing annals as the Bodleian's first revenge victory - at last! But one player could not lose whatever the result - inconstant all-rounder (or should that be all round incontinent?) John Duffy showed disloyalty of Haw-Haw like proportions by fielding for the opposition and narrowly avoiding his first catch (well, it would have been off S.W.'s batting and I've no desire to follow Lemming Ackland's name into the Secretary's "people to fire at the first opportunity" book).

So Bodley in to bat first and things are not looking good when Nick Millea is savagely dismissed for one, with Mike Webb following shortly after for seven. However, salvation arrives in the shape of Andrew Mackinnon and the not quite so much of a shape Steve Waterman (give it time, Ed.) Notching up a series of singles and fours, they haul Bodley back from the brink of disaster until S.W. is given lbw after achieving his 30. Andrew Mackinnon lasted the innings to make a valiant 45 not out. After 20 overs a good but reachable 100 for 4 total is set for the opposition.

The Six O'Clockers tried to recover from the Duffy handicap but were unable to produce any answers to Bodley's probing bowling display. All of Bodley's bowlers were on form with wickets tumbling at regular intervals throughout, the last falling to "Tickler" Allmond in the closing over of the game.

This was a good all-round performance - the Six O'Clockers' low batting total being due mainly to good bowling, with the Bodleian's magnificent total due in no small part to the Mackinnon/Waterman stand of 55.

The game was talked through several times in the pub over the road (the Berkshire House), and more importantly over the pint with a strong Bodleian contingent in evidence, but my abiding memory is of a puzzled landlord staring at my Republic of Ireland football jersey, shaking his head in bewilderment, and repeating in a strong Irish brogue, "Cricket!"

Thanks must go once again to our good-humoured hosts for their hospitality and an excellent tea.
**28th July 1996**

**Cambridge University Library v Bodleian Library**

at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge

40-over game

**Bodleian Library** 93 all out (21.3 overs)

Ackland 24*, Cooper 21

**Cambridge University Library** 94-4 (16.2 overs)

Cooper 3-26

**Cambridge University Library** won by 6 wickets

*From the press box*

Report by Stuart Ackland

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**Bodley’s Waterloo**

A main course of defeat, with a side salad of loss followed by a thrashing of a pudding was served to the Bodley eleven on Sunday by the old enemy, Cambridge. Hopes were high after last year’s close game and recent good results. Maybe we should have realised that it wasn’t our day when we swung into our usual lay-by for the traditional demolishing of the giant pasty only to find the shop shut. The look on Dave Busby’s face will stay with me forever.

Anyway, to matters of sport. The bus left Oxford at eleven and, after a brief tour of Cambridge (OK, we got lost) we arrived at two. The game started straight away, Bodley batting first with Nick Millea and Andrew Mackinnon opening. Bodley was then struck by the usual problem, rapid loss of early wickets, first three go for just nine runs after Mike Webb replaced Nick at the crease. Garry Cooper (a welcome return to form), and Andrew Milner settle things down and Bod go from 16 for 3 to 58 for 5. Then we are 58 for 8 as Richard Lindo is clean bowled on his second ball. The tail enders try but the opposition are too good, Dave gets two, Stuart Ackland gets 24 and Paul Firkin falls victim to a marvellous slip catch without scoring. So there you are, Bodley all out for 93 after just 21 overs...time for tea.

To make matters worse it starts raining, just to rub salt in the wounds we remember that one of the opening bats played against us in the first game and actually scored more by himself than we did as a team. His link with Cambridge Library is that he is the landlord of the captain. We realise how much trouble we are in when their openers insist on having the sightscreen moved. Such levels of professionalism/vanity are way beyond the Bod. Highlights were few, but worth mentioning are the following - getting their captain out for seven, an excellent catch in the field by Andy Mac, Garry’s bowling and a great run out by Richard who was, as always, the coolest man on the field.

Cambridge win in just 16 overs, we all traipse off with heads hung low. To make matters worse they then thrash us in the beer match, the only highlight being another catch by Andrew, though there were some doubts over the speed of his reactions and most of us ended up by putting it down as a fluke.

So overall a disappointing day and questions need to be asked as to whether it is worth going again if the game is to be so one-sided and the Cambridge captain takes it as seriously as he does. Both sides' attitude to the game is so different that it seems hard to justify such a journey every year. The constant field changes and bringing on of superior players with no connection to the Library make such a loss that much harder to take. Yet again the Bodley players were left to drink by themselves as the Cambridge team left as soon as the game finished. One good side to the day was that this year we managed to take along a bowls team to play their counterparts from Cambridge. An excellent day's play for our lot wasn't spoilt by a narrow defeat and this, at least, looks like a regular fixture.

The journey to Oxford was slightly marred by going back via the motorway, but high spots would have to be the communal singing from the back of the bus, lead by Dave and Arnold Ratley (special mention of Dave’s moving solo rendition of ‘Football’s coming home’), Alan Fisher’s jokes, Oxford United terrace songs from the seventies and a visit to the worst pub in Christendom (or was it Rickmansworth) just to allow a certain person who shall remain nameless (but catalogues books), to go to the toilet.
1st August 1996
Botham’s Bollocks v Bodleian Library
at Mansfield Road
25-over game

Bodleian Library 131-8 (25 overs)
Milner 41, Allmond 16, Fisher 16

Botham’s Bollocks 136-4 (22.5 overs)
Allmond 3-10, Milner 1-19

Botham’s Bollocks won by 6 wickets

From the press box
Reports by "Bubbles" and Nick Millea

Salt and Linacre Cricket
On the first day of the New Financial Year
Bodleian again took to the green sward to do
battle with a Linacre college eleven.
Unfortunately, no matter how the numbers
were ‘adjusted’, the result was always the
same. Bodleion lost by six wickets.
Bodleian, batting first on a true, quick pitch,
fought well against fast effective bowling,
Milner striking out for a swiftly scored 41
while Allmond secured the other end with
sensible, opportunistic batting. The only
blemish in a solid performance being the
Accountant’s post-financial year stress
disorder-induced run-out. A cruel cutting-
down in his prime. From their twenty-five
overs Bodleian reached 134 in total.

The Linacre college reply was one of
composed efficiency after a few moments of
doubt against Milner and Arnold when both
bowlers were unlucky not to take wickets. It
was only when Allmond, who is shaping up
into a Wilfred Rhodes - both opener and off-
spin bowler - was brought on that wickets
began to fall, Allmond taking three in the
closing overs. This valiant effort was not
even enough to stem Linacre’s inexorable
march to victory. The non-strike batsman’s
plaintive cry of ‘leave some for me’ were
ignored as the winning runs were scored
with a six.

The remaining members of Bodleian’s
side were:- Millea (capt. and wkt.), Bushy,
Colquhoun, Fisher, Mackinnon, Watts and
Webb. D. Stevenson was twelfth person
and audience.  

Bubbles

Botham’s Bollocks were a combination
based on Linacre and Mansfield
Colleges, keen to get some match
practice. Their ranks included a
college chef, an ex-amateur
French-based racing cyclist, and a
block with the best throwing arm
we’d seen all season. Just one
problem, when the ball came his
way, it invariably sped through
him and progressed to the
boundary, from whence he would
hurl the ball back to the keeper.
Andrew Colquhoun and Pete
opened, seeing off a blistering
opening spell until Andrew fell
lbw in the eighth over. Pete kept
Andrew Milner company for a Bodleian
record stand of 62, 41 of which
were blasted around the ground by
Andrew. Cue a Bodleian collapse from
78-1 to 79-4 as Andrew, Pete and
John Sharp succumbed, before Alan
Fisher and Nick Watts steadied the
ship with a partnership of 36. It
was in this passage of play that
one of the season’s defining
moments occurred. An agitated
Allmond raced onto the pitch,
foaming at the mouth to pronounce:
"Alan, have you seen my
fags?"

"I’ve got other things on my
mind right now", replies Alan, and
two balls later he was out.
Quick runs from Mike, Dave
and Andy Mac brought Bodleian to a
respectable 25-over total of 131-
8.

The Bollocks start
comfortably, but a second wicket
stand of 79 saw them close in our
total. Pete put a brake on
proceedings with three wickets for
ten in four overs, including a
rare stumping taken in six monthly
installments by Nick Millea.

Their final total of 136-4
was made with just over two overs
left, making for an enjoyable
game, and a useful session in the
Mansfield Road bar afterwards.
4th August 1996
West Witney Wanderers v Bodleian Library
at The Leys, Witney
Timed game

West Witney Wanderers 96 all out (28 overs)
    Ackland 2-12, Webb 2-13, Milner 2-18

Bodleian Library 98-8 (29.2 overs)
    Milner 29, Cooper 26

Bodleian Library won by 2 wickets

From the press box
Report by Andrew Mackinnon

BODLEIAN XI vs West Witney Wanderers, 4.8.96

Returning to the scene of one of our heaviest defeats last season, many of us were simply looking forward to roasting slowly in the sun and enjoying the post-match analysis in the pub afterwards. However, some exceptional performances, a fine team effort and a batting order collapse combined to produce one of our finest, if most nerve-wracking, victories to date.

WWW batted first, and some tight bowling from Andrew Milner and Gary Cooper soon had them reeling at 21 for 4. Enter RSL renegade Andrew Colquhoun, who helped put on 50 for the next wicket in a fine display of controlled batting. Once that partnership was broken, however, Bodleian again dominated, Stuart Ackland picking up a couple of wickets, and Mike Webb bringing the innings to an abrupt close with two wickets in two balls, the second of which bamboozled the batsman by bouncing at least twice before it got to him - this, combined with the fact that he played at least 4 shots at it, none of which connected, all went to make him look very sheepish as the stumps tumbled. 96 all out.

Buoyed (if not bloated) by the magnificence of Jacquie Dean's tea-time cakes, Bodley's pair of opening Andrews (Milner and Mackinnon) strode purposefully out to bat and, apparently desperate to get back to the pavilion while there was still cake remaining, proceeded to put on 42 for the first wicket in double quick time. The loss of a couple of quick wickets followed, but Gary Cooper took control with a fine innings of 26. When he was fourth man out with the score at 71, however, events took a decided turn for the worse, and tension on the boundary was unbearable as the score limped to 91 for 8. West Witney were appealing for everything at this point, and their most successful bowler's run-up was getting closer to the boundary edge with every ball. This eventually proved to be their undoing, however, as Martin Kauffmann and Stephen Arnold stood firm, and Bodley took the victory as everyone missed the fastest ball of the game, which ran through behind the wicket-keeper for 4 byes. And thus the team wended its way home happily victorious, full of cake and with a lot more grey hairs than on the way.
17th August 1996

Bodleian Library v Cambridge University Library
at Worcester College
40-over game

Bodleian Library 157–8 (40 overs)
Cooper 31*, Waterman 31, Milner 23

Cambridge University Library 108 all out (33.2 overs)
Ackland 4–29, Cooper 3–15

Bodleian Library won by 49 runs

From the press box
Report by Nick Millea

Howard's End

Dateline Saturday 17 August.... the Harcourt Arms, Jericho.... awash with communal joy and bonhomie as Bodley's battling braves convened to relive a sublime day in the sunshine; a day when the once invincible Cambridge University Library cricket team were cut down to size and given a sound thrashing amidst the sylvan splendour of Worcester College.

Things didn't start too well. Cambridge were reluctant to stage the pre-match toss, even after Jacqueline had inserted her pen into the pitch and pronounced it "a better". Their delaying soon became apparent when a certain Mr Howard, ex-landlord of the Cambridge captain materialised on the horizon. A bit of a pain, this chap. He clobbered us for 97 first time we met, then an unbeaten 50 last month. We had hoped not to see him. A brief discussion ensued, Ringer called "tails", and much to Nick's amazement (and delight), invited Bodley to bat. "Let's see if my hunch pays off", chuckled the Cambridge man.

Nick and Andy Mac set the ball rolling with a steady if unspectacular opening which saw both of them back in the pavilion with 42 on the board, leaving Andrew Milner and Garry to set about any loose stuff Cambridge sent down. As Bodley's Librarian arrived Andrew powered a smashing on-drive into the tennis courts to signal our intent of setting the opposition a testing total. Steve Waterman blasted a whirlwind 31. Garry (31 not out) guided the tail-enders through to the end, amusing all present by running out a pedestrian Stephen Arnold and over-optimistic Stuart, just failing to complete his hat-trick when Martin Kauffmann scrambled home for two byes off the last ball. Bodley's total, 157 for 8, top score, somewhat opportunistically with 40 was Extras, courtesy of match ball sponsor Jack Flavell's astute purchase, which the Cambridge bowlers were spraying around most generously.

And so to tea. What followed was one of the season's highlights. In the pavilion, awaiting the players and spectators was a wondrous spread prepared by Alan Preston, on a sabbatical from his janitorial duties. Book this man - he did us proud (thanks for the fiver, Alan). This also gave us the chance to activate our cunning plan. Our regular opening bowlers were held back, and Garry proceeded to clean bowl Mr Howard for 1. What followed was a disgracefully uninhibited exhibition of celebration, the likes of which had not been seen since Alan Fisher's triumphant Jig when he heard Oxford had taken the lead at QPR. The Map Room contingent even dared to speculate the game was won. Cambridge's other opener didn't last much longer, departing with thrashing bat and bloodcurdling banter, caught behind. Cambridge dug in. Tension mounted. A boundary-bound drive was pursued and spectacularly retrieved by a waving Dave and Pete, incurring the wrath of the batsman.

"What are you playing at? If it's a boundary you wave your hand in the air!" "Shake it around, like you don't care", came the ultimate Busby put-down which immediately lightened the atmosphere and induced an apology from Cambridge. Still, they progressed. Alan was kept busy on the boundary; Martin pounced on everything coming his way; Andy Mac patrolled the infield. The score moved on to 64 for 2. Stuart joined the attack and quickly made the breakthrough ably assisted by Steve Waterman's ball juggling skills. Pete chipped in with another wicket which brought a familiar face to the crease - Andrew Colquhoun, plumb lbw first ball (still, the umpire must have blinked), but he soon fell victim to a steepling Stephen catch. Stuart bagged four quick wickets. Nick a couple of catches and Andrew Milner sent the last man's middle stump crashing. Cambridge all out for 108.

Thanks to John Sharp for scoring, Helen Rogers for organising the ground, and to the many spectators for coming along and supporting the team.

As for the Harcourt Arms, was it a dream? I could have sworn we saw Bubbles in there.

Here's to next year - long may this winning run continue.
Paul Sullivan and David Vaisey, just two amongst many at the match, celebrate the Bodley victory over Cambridge at Worcester College.
21st August 1996
Cowley Area Beat Officers v Bodleian Library
at Headington Cricket Club
20-over game

Cowley Area Beat Officers 115-7 (20? overs)
Milner 4-27, Fisher 2-11

Bodleian Library 66-9 (20 overs)
Waterman 14, Watts 12, Kauffmann 12*

Cowley Area Beat Officers won by 49 runs

From the press box
Reports by Stephen Arnold and Stuart Ackland

The last cricket report of the season!

After recent encouraging form and “revenge” victories over some of our previous con-
quersors, there were grounds for optimism as the Bodley cricket team took to the field at Headington Cricket Ground on the 21 August to pit themselves once more the might of the Cowley Area Beat Officers.

The CABOTTES won the toss and chose to bat first, but with tight opening overs by Milner and Ackland, supported by good all-round fielding and fine running catches by Cooper and an awesome Bushby effort, the opposition were being contained when they had only reached 49 for 3 wickets after 12 of their allotted 20 overs. However, the score rate accelerated thereafter owing to some lusty middle- and late-order hitting, culminating in one spectacular over which yielded 30 runs, peppered the roofs of adjacent bungalows and provoked cries from neighbours of “What are the police doing about this?”. Bodleian pride was somewhat restored, if the total score not greatly affected, by a final triple-wicket maiden bowled by Andrew Milner.

A total of 116 to win in 20 overs on a ground with shortish boundaries was a reasonably tall order though by no means impossible, but once again the fragility of Bodley’s batting was exposed by steady, accurate, medium-pace bowling. Wickets fell regularly and cheaply, the only batsmen to cover themselves in any sort of glory by reaching double figures being Steve Waterman, Nick Watts and Martin Kauffmann. A total of 66 for 9 was made possible only through the contribution of Extras.

The fact that only one of the top six in the batting order scored more than 5 indicates the need to add more consistency and perhaps defensive technical awareness to Bodley’s other undoubted qualities before we can hope to compete with these gallant policemen. It hardly needs adding that the match was played in the utmost good humour and sporting spirit and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, save perhaps the owners of certain bungalows.

It only seemed just under a year ago that Bodley XI went to Headington to play the Police, a match which resulted in one of the finest cricket reports ever to grace a not always appreciative Newsletter. Unfortunately they also stuffed us good and proper, something which couldn’t happen again after the Saturday match against Cambridge, surely?

Bodley started well. They managed to get all eleven players there well before the Police showed up, so we put them in to bat, and good bowling by Andrew and Stuart managed to keep the score down, considering you could spit from wicket to boundary on one side. In fact, both bowlers opened with a maiden each. Garry makes a good catch off Andrew to remove one opener, and the second goes after skying a ball to Dave on the boundary. Now, I know we have seen some good catches this season, Alan has taken many on the boundary, Andy Mac took two excellent slip catches against the old foe, and John Sharp took a high ball in the deep against the Chest, but for me this beat the lot; it seemed that Dave had to run half the length of the field and was still flat out when ball went to hand. Excellent stuff.

The bowling remained tight, Alan picking up Jackie Raw’s husband law, and Garry’s opening three overs go for eight runs. Then all hell breaks loose - Garry gets hit for three fours and three sixes off his last over and we go from a hopeful 49 for 3 to 112 for 4. Alan takes an excellent catch to remove the bowling Botham, and then Andrew, in a wonderful display takes three wickets in four balls to finish off the innings. Due to some strange scoring, the Bodley end up bowling 21 overs, no connection between this oversight and the scorer’s beer intake per chance?

So we bat. The usual Bodley collapse results, Nick Millet goes for five, Andrew for one, Alan is clean bowled for nought, and Stuart is caught for nought attempting a shot which will haunt him forever.

Steve steadies the boat, playing his usual mixture of defensive blocking and occasional swipe at anything loose. He finally goes for 14, the highest score of the day. Martin and Nick Watts produce a heartwarming stand of 32, each scoring 12 until Nick is caught and bowled. John Sharp walks to the crease, unfortunately he is now walking back to the pavilion. Don’t worry John, your time will surely come. John Duffy keeps his wicket against the last ball and the Bodley end up on 66 for 9 off 20 overs. Considering the poor showing from most of us, this wasn’t that bad. At least we managed to avoid our lowest score ever (45 runs).

General impressions after the match were OK, though it would have been a lot worse if we had got stuffed against Cambridge the Saturday before. We also wondered if the lack of The Tickler had hindered us at all. Still, over a few pints we realised what a marvellous season it had been, then we wondered how the hell had The Buzzer held onto that catch.
To show that statistics can prove anything, The Finger has produced this unique exclusive Run out averages table for the Bodley squad:

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The moral of the story - when batting for Bodley, avoid a spot in the order near Messrs Arnold, Carter, Cooper and Sharp.
STATISTICS

BATTING

Highest score

50* Nick Millea v Chest
45* Andrew Mackinnon v Six O'Clockers
41 Andrew Milner v Botham's Bollocks
38 Andrew Milner v Phys Chem
36 Nick Millea v Earth Sciences
33 Steve Waterman v Pharmacology
31* Garry Cooper v Cambridge (H)
31 Steve Waterman v Cambridge (H)
30 Steve Waterman v Six O'Clockers
29 Andrew Milner v West Witney

Individual runs total

175 Andrew Milner
158 Steve Waterman
125 Andrew Mackinnon
113 Nick Millea
108 Garry Cooper
59 Alan Fisher
52 Stuart Ackland
47 Richard Lindo
32 Mike Webb
26 Stephen Arnold
24 Nick Watts
17 Pete Allmond, Alan Carter
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John Duffy 6*, 0*
Ian Rose 1

Sixes hit

1 Stuart Ackland
   Steve Waterman
Highest partnerships

62  Pete Allmond & Andrew Milner (2nd) v Botham's Bollocks
55  Nick Millea & Steve Waterman (5th) v Chest
    Andrew Mackinnon & Steve Waterman (3rd) v Six O'Clockers
49  Garry Cooper & Steve Waterman (4th) v Cambridge (H)
42  Nick Millea & Andrew Mackinnon (1st) v Chest
    Andrew Milner & Andrew Mackinnon (1st) v West Witney
41  Andrew Milner & Alan Fisher (1st) v Phys Chem
40  Garry Cooper & Andrew Milner (4th) v Cambridge (A)
36  Alan Fisher & Nick Watts (5th) v Botham's Bollocks
    Nick Millea & Andrew Mackinnon (1st) v Cambridge (H)

Highest partnership by wicket

1st  42  Nick Millea & Andrew Mackinnon v Chest
    Andrew Milner & Andrew Mackinnon v West Witney
2nd  62  Pete Allmond & Andrew Milner v Botham's Bollocks
3rd  55  Andrew Mackinnon & Steve Waterman v Six O'Clockers
4th  49  Garry Cooper & Steve Waterman v Cambridge (H)
5th  55  Nick Millea & Steve Waterman v Chest
6th  26  Stephen Arnold & Steve Waterman v Plant Sciences
7th  12  Garry Cooper & Stuart Ackland v Cambridge (H)
8th  33  Richard Lindo & Stuart Ackland v Dyson Perrins
9th  23  Stuart Ackland & Dave Busby v Cambridge (A)
10th 6* Alan Carter & Paul Firkin v Plant Sciences
**Bowling**

Best bowling

- 4-27 Andrew Milner v Cowley Rozzers
- 4-29 Stuart Ackland v Cambridge (H)
- 3-4 Pete Allmond v Six O'Clockers
- 3-10 Pete Allmond v Botham's Bollocks
- 3-15 Garry Cooper v Cambridge (H)
- 3-26 Garry Cooper v Cambridge (A)
- 2-4 Stephen Arnold v Chest
- 2-7 Garry Cooper v Dyson Perrins
- 2-8 Paul Firkin v Plant Sciences
  - Steve Waterman v Six O'Clockers

Wickets total

- 14 Garry Cooper
- 12 Stuart Ackland
  - Andrew Milner
- 9 Alan Fisher
- 8 Pete Allmond
- 7 Steve Waterman
- 6 Stephen Arnold
- 4 Alan Carter
- 3 Paul Firkin
  - Andrew Mackinnon
  - Mike Webb
Bowling averages
(Qualification: 10 overs)

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Also bowled
Andrew Colquhoun 7-0-49-0
Paul Firkin 6-0-14-3
Richard Lindo 5-0-25-0
Mike Webb 4-0-33-3

FIELDING
Catches

6 Alan Fisher
4 Andrew Colquhoun
   Garry Cooper
   Andrew Mackinnon
   Andrew Milner
2 Stuart Ackland
   Stephen Arnold
   Nick Millea
   Steve Waterman
1 Dave Busby
   Martin Kauffmann
   Richard Lindo
   John Sharp

Most catches in an innings

2 Andrew Colquhoun v Plant Sciences
   Alan Fisher v Plant Sciences
   Andrew Mackinnon v Dyson Perrins
   Nick Millea v Cambridge (H)

Stumpings

2 Nick Millea
1 Richard Lindo
THE BODLEY XI AGAINST CAMBRIDGE, 17th AUGUST, 1996

STARTLED REACTIONS TO THE NEWS THAT JONATHAN RINGER HAS APPLIED FOR A JOB AT BODLEY
HE RAN HIM OUT (3)

The Finger's panel of experts is delighted to announce the results of our Run Out of the Season or ROOTS Award.

In third place.....

Pete Allmond & Paul Firkin v Earth Sciences
Three balls to go, nine wickets down, no chance of winning, and Pete tickles the ball straight to short mid-wicket, calling Paul for an impossible run. Paul is out by miles without facing a ball - he should have known better - you never call "The Tickler" an "old man" in the dressing room before the game.

In second place.....

Alan Carter & John Sharp v Plant Sciences
Alan had just ended Stephen's marathon knock of 11, and decided to make the penultimate over of the innings as memorable as possible. On his debut, John was called for a suicidal run without facing a single ball - indeed John only made it a third of the way down the pitch before the stumps were broken, as Alan's shot had travelled no more than a couple of feet from the bat - John's abject look of horror will remain with the umpire for ever.

AND THE WINNER OF ROOTS 96 IS.....

Alan Carter & Stephen Arnold v Earth Sciences
Part Two of what we hope will be a long running series involving two of Bodley's poorer judges of what constitutes a run. How their team mates on the boundary enjoyed this one. Stephen played a solid drive beyond mid-on for a comfortable two, possibly three at a pinch. Stephen made two easily, but where was Alan? Out by half a pitch lumbering along for his second. A memorable walk back to the pavilion as well. Nice one lads - can't wait for next season.

The Finger would also like to point out that while guesting for West Witney at Garsington, Stephen and Dave were batting down the order, needing over a hundred to win off very few overs. What happened? Stephen (3 not out) ran Dave out without receiving a ball!
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Finger wishes to place on record its thanks to the following:

* To the Hall Stars from Northumberland County Council who agreed not to sue when seeing last year's effort;

* To Julie Groom for cataloguing last year's offering onto OLIS;

* To our opponents for daring to take us on (in many cases not for the first time), and for proving to be such genial hosts (with the obvious exception);

* To Bill Baker, the Mansfield Road groundsman, for the preparation of the pitch, opening the bar, and regular loan of the club's cricket kit bag;

* To Helen and John Rogers for fixing up the Worcester College ground;

* To Philip Oliver, the Worcester College groundsman, for use of the ground on our biggest day of the season, and for the useful pre-match advice issued to the skipper;

* To Alan Preston for the amazing catering provided at Worcester;

* To Jack Flavell for supplying the match ball at Worcester;

* To Jacqueline Dean for making excellent cakes at Witney;

* To the Bodleian Library for assisting in funding transport costs for the visit to Cambridge;

* To our long-suffering supporters - far too numerous nowadays to mention by name, but always hugely welcome at every game;

* And finally to Stuart Ackland, Rosemary McCarthy, Nick Millea, John Sharp and Debbie Stevenson, without whom The Finger would not have been possible.
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