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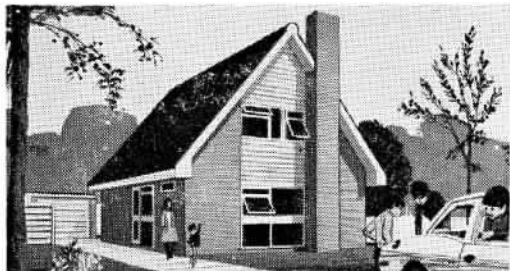
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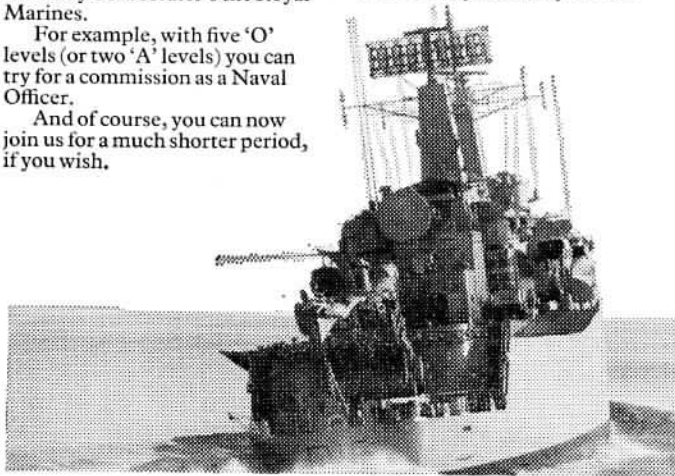
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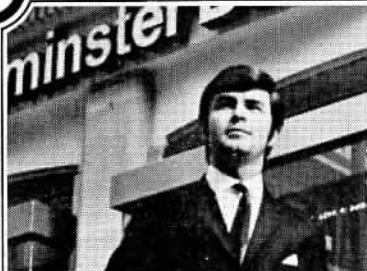
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NEWS AND NOTES

We are sorry to lose from the staff Mr. E. G. Bennett and Mr. J. E. Linnell, foundation members of the school, who are retiring from teaching, although the latter will be resuming in a part-time capacity.

Also Miss J. Davies who left us in January 1972 to return to the Land of Song. Mr. J. C. Campbell is to take up a post at Worcester Royal Grammar School.

Miss R. Proud and Mr. E. Winkworth are staying in the vicinity, the former to join the staff of Weston Favell Upper School as English Teacher and Librarian; the latter to teach Mathematics in Delapre Upper School.

We welcome as newcomers to the staff:

Mrs. J. Ebsworth, Mrs. B. M. Fuller, Miss H. L. Mills, Mrs. P. A. Taylor and Mrs. S. M. Wright.

Mr. K. Brunskill is to be married in August as is Mr. H. Sykes and we wish them both much happiness.

Congratulations to Mr. K. K. Price on being appointed Principal of the new Trinity Evening Institute.

And to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. J. Rooke on the birth of a second daughter.

Mrs. Diane Willis (nee Headland), Head Girl of this school 1963-1964, who trained for teaching at the Rachael MacMillan College has been appointed Head Teacher of Wallace Road Nursery School in succession to Mrs. E. H. Bennett who is to retire at the end of this term after over twenty years in charge of many nursery children among whom have been included a number of sons and daughters of past and present members of our staff.



MR. E. G. BENNETT
B.A.

With the retirement of Mr. Godfrey Bennett, not only does the school lose one of its most valued and longest-serving teachers, but the Common Room loses a member whose advice and help were always given willingly and were always of value.

Mr. Bennett came to Northampton on September 6th, 1933. After a period of service at the Intermediate School, now partly demolished, on Campbell Square, he was promoted to the Technical College in January 1940. Here he subsequently taught English, French and Mathematics in the Commerce Section of the Junior Technical School which, in 1945, became the Technical High

School, itself later to become the present Trinity Grammar School. In the latter Mr. Bennett has been for some 16 years Head of Modern Studies with special responsibilities for English.

Many of Mr. Bennett's former pupils, as I know from occasional meetings, speak of him with affection and respect, remembering especially his good humour, unwounding wit and understanding of their difficulties. As colleagues, over many years, there are many teachers who remember acts of kindness and helpfulness extended to them in times of private unhappiness. The school will miss his guidance and example.

But he leaves behind a well-organised and successful department and, especially, a Library well stocked with books helpful in all activities of the school. To the building of the School Library Mr. Bennett gave unstintingly of his time and energy.

We shall, all of us, both his past and present colleagues and pupils, regret his retirement, wish him many years of active life to enjoy his leisure in company with Mrs. Bennett and hope that he will continue to maintain his associations with us and the School.

A.C.

MR. J. E. LINNELL
C.G.L.I.

At the end of the term Mr. Linnell retires after 41 years in teaching.

Before entering the profession, he served an apprenticeship in Building and Shop-fitting.

He was first appointed at Staffordshire Education Committee as Handicraft Master, and moved to Northampton to take up a post at Bective School which opened in 1934. In 1936 he was appointed to the College of Technology, where in those days work was divided between Junior Technical Students and Evening Students.

During the war, the college was also developed into an Army Training Centre, on a shift system, and for a time he was in charge of basic trades courses in Building and Engineering.

In 1944 the Junior Technical School became the Trinity High School housed in the College, and 1945 brought the first 11 + students.

Departments were created, to one of which Mr. Linnell was appointed as Departmental Head for Handicraft, a post he has held up to the present time. When the new school was built in Trinity Avenue, the Staff were encouraged to help in the organisation and equipping of rooms and Mr. Linnell's contribution concerned the Workshop Block.

During my years with Mr. Linnell he has been a staunch colleague and a friend, giving advice and support when needed and encouraging younger members of staff to introduce new ideas for the benefit of the department.

He is a long standing member and a fellow scout of the St. Edmund's Branch of the B.P. Scout Guild, and has always been an enthusiastic worker to promote Scouting.

I would like on behalf of the Staff and School, to wish Mr. Linnell a long and active retirement, and both Mr. and Mrs. Linnell many happy years ahead.

L.G.A.C.



'ROYAL' DEGREE

March was a royal occasion for the Cockerill family.

Alderman and Mrs. T. H. Cockerill, of St. George's Avenue, Northampton went to Leeds on that day to see their son, Tony, receive his Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.) degree from the Duchess of Kent, Chancellor of that city's University.

Mr. Cockerill, 30, has been awarded the comparatively new degree for a thesis on the brewing industry — a field in which his father was engaged until his retirement.

He spent nearly eight years on the subject and his studies took him to the U.S.A.

An old boy of Trinity Grammar School, he graduated at Leeds University and held lecturing appointments at Leeds before becoming research officer with the Department of Applied Economics at Cambridge. He is a member of Magdalene College.

Mr. Cockerill is married and has a son aged two.

SPEECH DAY 1972

We may consider it a compliment that the speaker at our annual prize-giving on 16th March, Miss Eleanor Macdonald, M.B.E., B.A. Hons., a Training and Careers Development Consultant, was moved to write to say how much she had enjoyed coming to the School and how impressed she was with the smoothness of the arrangements and the "forth-coming" reaction of our boys and girls. In our turn we must record the impact that her lively address had on the audience. Speaking from the wide experience of a long and varied career she held her listeners, who must have taken away valuable information and advice.

Our new Chairman of Governors (Alderman R. P. Dilleigh) presided and the Deputy Chairman, Miss P. Hennings, M.B.E., a friend for many years to this school, presented the prizes to present pupils and to those of our ex-students whose new-found proclivities permitted.

An interesting feature was the participation by the Head and Deputy Boys and Girls in the presentation of the Sports Reports and the seconding of the vote of thanks proposed by The Worshipful, The Mayor, Alderman C. E. Stopford to the Speaker and others taking part in the ceremony.

The published programme listed an even greater number of examination successes among the statistics and records, outstanding facts being that fifty pupils gained Major Awards and Scholarships during the year 1970-71 and of these twenty-seven proceeded to Degree Courses. Thirteen former scholars graduated at University or gained high professional qualifications.

These and similar achievements are a source of great satisfaction to the Headmaster and his Staff.

BADMINTON CLUBS

Sixth Form

A sixth-form badminton club was run this year by P. Brookes and G. Popple under the sometimes watchful eye of Mr. Spence who even showed us, no less than once, his prowess as a badminton player. Run on Friday nights after school, the club was attended moderately well and several regulars developed considerable skill. A sixth form tournament was well supported and provided stimulating and enjoyable competition.

P. M. BROOKES (6UM2).

Lower School

This year a club has also started for the junior and middle schools — it has gained support mainly from the boys, and enabled a badminton tournament to be held, open to pupils of all years. This was held during lunchtimes and after school and was won convincingly 15 - 3, 15 - 3 by P. Blincow and D. McGillivray. It is obvious that badminton is a popular extra-curricular activity.

It is hoped that the club will continue to flourish and produce some really good players.

H.M.

THE BRIDGE CLUB

On the whole, the Bridge club was well attended during the last school year and recruited several new players, including members of the staff.

A tournament was organised on a league basis during Friday lunch-times, when many interesting and closely contested rubbers were played. E. Ukleja (6 US1) — R. Watts (6 UM2) and G. Rab (6 US1) — B. Hayes (6 UM1) were the two most successful pairs with the highest total of points.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Winkworth for supervising.

R. WATTS.

CHESS CLUB REPORT 1971/72

The Chess Club was well attended this year and some promising young players took part. R. Watts (6 UM2) played excellently to take maximum points in the league, with D. Savage (6 UM2) and R. Grinling (5S) who both played poorly at the start of the tournament, sharing second place. The School Chess Competition was won by D. Savage with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in a tense struggle with R. Watts. The School Chess Team entered the 'Sunday Times' Chess Tournament last year. We won the first game 5 - 1 but lost the second game on handicap, although we won the game 4 - 2.

Thanks to Mr. Rooke for supervising for this year.

D. SAVAGE.

PLAY-READING GROUP

A Play-Reading Group has recently been formed by Mr. Brewer for members of the Lower Sixth interested in this aspect of English. As we are still very much an "infant" society we have not yet had the opportunity to experiment much with different types of plays and have concentrated mainly on modern "kitchen sink" dramas, most notably "Look Back In Anger."

There are normally parts for everyone and as it's so informal people quickly overcome their shyness and some very interesting accents have emerged. Although no one is compelled to take a part, it's so enjoyable that very few people refuse. It is amusing to hear somebody reading a heroic part one week and that of a weak-kneed "creep" the next.

We meet on Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the library. Anyone sincerely interested in drama is welcome.

MARIAN BARRY (6LG).

THIRD YEAR DRAMA CLUB

The aim of the Club is to provide an opportunity for anyone interested in drama to participate in various activities such as mime and improvisation on a given subject. Instead of working from scripts and plays already written, the members have acted their own plays, making up the action and dialogue as they went along, usually with only a few minutes discussion and preparation beforehand. The Club has been attended throughout the year by an enthusiastic group of pupils and the work produced has been of a very high standard. Previous experience in drama is not necessary and we invite anyone from the fourth year to come along.

K.B.

SUBBUTEO CLUB

The Club had an active, if fluctuating, membership who met every Monday lunch-time to take part in both League and Cup competitions. R. Sharpe proved to be the most consistent player and eventually 'did the double', but only after many hard-fought games with determined opponents.

H.S.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

This newly formed Society has yet to establish its identity in school but some satisfying work has been done by the few enthusiastic members.

Thanks to Mr. Campbell for organising the Society.

K.S.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

An encouraging start was made to the year when some forty members, a proportion of them from the School for Girls, attended our first meeting.

A variety of meetings was organised on the broad basis of practical Archaeology and several eminent local archaeologists spoke to the Society. Coupled with one of these meetings, a display of archaeological work in the Development Area of Northampton was organised in the Library and the Milton Keynes Development Corporation Archaeologist, Dennis Mynard talked about his work in the Northampton area.

Complementary to the meetings, fieldwork was organised with the help of Robert Moore of the Guildhall Road Museum and John Williams of the Northampton Development Corporation. Fieldwalking groups were active throughout the winter and sites from the Iron Age to Anglo-Saxon have been discovered, further details of which were published in the first of the Society's Newsletters.

A hard core of members evolved and these participated in excavations and in other Minority Time Archaeological activities such as helping the Museum's Conservation Laboratory and on the excavations at Ecton (Neolithic settlement) and Greyfriars (a Franciscan friary). These members,—Mark Maryan, Susan Eves and John Page,—also helped with the organisation of meetings and other activities and we are very grateful to them, as we are to all the visiting speakers.

During the year we became affiliated to the Northants Federation of Archaeological Societies and the name of Trinity Grammar School Society is occurring with increasing frequency in the records of the Federation.

We hope for a revival of interest next year so that the scope of the Society's activities can be extended even further.

G. DUDBRIDGE and A. BODDINGTON.

FIRST XV 1971/72

Rugby Football

This year's team was far better than last season's. It showed its potential in the first match by beating a touring side, Worth School, Essex, by 20 points to 4, and with a convincing win over Corby Grammar School.

The two most satisfying games of the season were, firstly, against Sponne School, Towcester, whom we beat by 20 points to 13 to break their eighteen month unbeaten record and, secondly, against Alderman Newton School, Leicester, with whom we drew 4 points each.

The biggest win of the season was 62 points to 0 over Bletchley Grammar School; the most disappointing defeat was sustained against Trinity R.F.C. in the annual match for the F. C. Wright Trophy by 3 points to 20, after a hard game.

On the last day of the Spring term, the School won an entertaining, open game against a composite side of Staff, former pupils and Saints players by 13 points to 3.

Several boys were included in the County Grammar Schools' Trials and R. Sharpe, P. Manning and A. Sturgess were chosen to play for the County Second Fifteen.

Colours were awarded to R. Sharpe (captain), R. Perkin, P. Bailey, P. Manning, M. Burgess, D. Keilthy and A. Sturgess.

The inter-house rugby championship was won by Mobbs who were undefeated.

The School entered teams in three Sevens competitions and gained some success at Aylesbury where the U-16 team were beaten in the final after leading at half-time by 8 points to nil.

G. C. GRIMSHAW.

UNDER 15 RUGBY 1971/72

Having suffered two miserable seasons without any success, we decided our only salvation was to throw the ball around and enjoy our rugby. Naturally we suffered some defeats, as against Dunsmore 48-4, but we found we were enjoying the game again.

At Leicester we played Alderman Newton's, who had a formidable pack and a record to go with it, and though we lost 16-0 it was the turning point of the season. From that game on, the team worked wonders: Lee and Miller became a very good half-back pair; the Gardners became strong men; our midget front row of Pearce, Badcock and Boyce became a redoubtable trio; Jones, Capell and Tomalin became experts at back row play; the unlikely Nicklin added power to our loose play, and Dickens and Peck began to run the ball in all directions.

Finally, Northampton Grammar School fell foul to our mood, when we ran them off their feet in the Cup semi-final. The final itself, against Cherry Orchard, was an anti-climax, but we did win. In the meantime we had, surprisingly, won the league as well, so for all the hard work we reaped just reward.

I would like to pay tribute to Currey, Spokes, Swann (that tackle) Newman (that try!) and Turner who never reached the heights but were necessary cogs in a very well oiled machine.

K.P.



Under 15 XV 1971/2

UNDER 14 RUGBY 1971/72

Season 1971-72 proved to be the most successful ever for an U.14 side at Trinity. During the season fifteen games were played and all of them won.

The year started well with good wins against Cherry Orchard and Spencer and in the first away game Dunstable G.S. were defeated by 80 - 0. However, this was not the highest score of the season. In the preliminary round of the Town Cup the team beat N.G.S. by 114 - 0, Pancoust scoring 34 points in this game. The team went on to win the cup by beating Guilsborough 34 - 0 in the final.

Half way through the season a report of the team's progress appeared in the magazine 'Rugby World' and as a result of this a team from Feltbridge Junior R.F.C. in Sussex offered to travel

to Northampton to play the U.14 side. The game was arranged for a Sunday and the side played very attractive rugby to win easily by 35-0. A return trip to Sussex has been arranged for next season.

The side scored an average of over forty points a game and the main scorers were:—

Pancoust	166 pts. (9 tries, 2 pen., 26 con.)
Catlin	160 pts. (40 tries)
Sharpe	78 pts. (19 tries, 1 con.)

The year ended with the annual Northampton Schools seven-a-side competition. Here the school entered two teams and such is the dominance of Trinity rugby at this age group that both teams reached the final. The first team won 24-0.

During the season six boys represented the Town Boys side. They were Catlin, Sharpe, Pancoust, Bowen, Barnes and Palmer.

Next season, as U.15's, two sides have been entered for Town League and cup competitions.

Because they had such an outstanding season the whole team were awarded colours.

Playing record

1st XV	W.15	D. 0	L. 0	Pts. For	624	Pts. Ag.	52
2nd XV	W. 1	D. 1	L. 1		30		42
3rd XV	W. 1	D. 0	L. 0		18		4

R.B.



Under 14 XV 1971/2

BOYS' HOCKEY

The team had only four fixtures this year and only managed to win one of them. Two of the other games were lost and the forth game was drawn.

After Wellsted had left school Popple was the only player of real ability in the side and the results reflect this lack of players in vital positions.

A school Under 15 side was started this year and, although they lost both of their games (both against older sides), several promising players for the future emerged in Hoddle, Clifton, Hartwell and Rance.

R.B.

GIRLS' HOCKEY 1972

1st XI

This team suffered greatly in its performance by the players' lack of discipline in attending practices. Consequently, a consistent team was not picked until half way through the season. Matches were played on Wednesday afternoons.

Games played	Won	Drawn	Lost
10	5	—	5

Ruth Warwick proved a responsible captain and, together with Wendy Whiteley, was selected for the County Final Trials. Wendy was then chosen for the reserve County XI.

Colours for hockey were presented to Heather Cundle, Susan Gee, Wendy Whiteley, Susan Hollis.

Under 15 XI

This team had a most depressing season, playing five games, and losing four. Jacky Morris, however, has played skilfully and consistently as Centre Forward.

Under 14 XI

This team promises some good hockey talent. Although they did not play well as a team, there are individuals who have shown themselves to be skilful and intelligent players. We hope for better results and more fixtures next year.

Played 2 games — Won 1 game — Lost 1 game

H.M.

SUMMER HOCKEY COMPETITION

Every Monday lunchtime for the first half of the summer term, games in a seven-a-side hockey tournament were played on the College of Technology's all-weather surface.

Eight teams entered, four from Trinity, two from the College of Art and two from the College of Technology. The teams were divided into two leagues, each team playing all other sides in their league. The winners and runners up in each league qualified for the semi-finals.

League One was easily won by the Trinity staff side and the runners up were the Trinity school team. In League Two the Technical College staff won and the Technical College students were the runners up.

The Trinity school side won their semi-final as did the Trinity staff team who played some superb hockey to beat the Technical College students by 5 - 0. Mr. Collings scored four of these goals.

The final was a very tense game. It was played at a breathtaking pace (which did not suit the staff side!) and the school team soon went into a 1 - 0 lead. However, the staff equalised just before half time. The score was still the same at full time and so two periods of extra time were played — much to the horror of the staff.

In the end the final was decided by the team having the most corners during the game. On this the staff won by 3 - 0!

The staff team which performed magnificently throughout was:— Mr. Frost, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Winkworth, Mr. Bennett, Miss Mills, Mr. Collings, Miss Broadhurst.

School team:— Simons/Hartwell, R. Warwick, W. Warwick, Popple, Cook, W. Wightly, Carmichael.

R.B.

STAFF V. SCHOOL HOCKEY MATCH

When it was first suggested, the idea of a staff versus school hockey match seemed an attractive one. To the team chosen this proved to be an illusion. It was not to be a lighthearted game but a serious bid for victory. So the team went into training in earnest.

To most of us, nostalgically remembering our hockey playing days in the past, basic skills such as hitting and stopping the ball seemed to be beyond our ability, and the more complicated movements were unthinkable. The sheer physical effort of running was a feat in itself. After the initial shocks in the practice game the team began to make great strides and as the date of the match approached we were determined to win.

The match was due to be played the day before half-term when the school would have the opportunity of watching the game. As the teams walked to the pitch it began to rain but, undaunted, we began to play. The game was fast and ruthless, each player making full use of his or her talents, whatever they were. The final result was a win for the staff with four brilliant goals scored by Mr. Collings and Mr. Bennett. The school managed one goal, somewhat scrambled, scored by Carmichael. The fact that the school had been sent home long before the end of the match on account of the continuous rain did not dampen our enthusiasm and our delight at having won.

K.B.

UNDER 16 SOCCER

The Under 16 team were runners up in the Northampton Schools' League. Hopes were high that we would win the league for the second year running but although some convincing wins were recorded, we were comprehensively beaten by Cherry Orchard, the League winners, and twice carelessly drew games that should have been won.

The team played consistently well and enjoyed their football.

A.H.

1ST XI CRICKET 1971

As far as results were concerned, the season was only average, the team winning only three of their ten games. These victories were against Bletchley G.S., Dunstable G.S. and the Staff team.

Berridge captained the side very well all season and not only did he have several reasonable innings but he also had the year's best bowling figures of 7 for 31. Newman also bowled well as did Avil, when he was not troubled by his back.

The batting was not up to the standard it should have been. Several of the middle order batsmen were out for low scores far too often and there was only the occasional good innings played. Freeman's 52 against the Staff was the highlight of the season.

There were two really memorable games during the season. The match against British Timken, which ended in a tie, was remarkable for the fact that Timken lost their last five wickets while trying to get the one run they needed to win. The other game, against the Staff, produced some fine cricket from both sides. After a sensational start to the game, when one of the school openers was out to the first ball of the match, the school team produced good innings from Freeman, Ross and Berridge. They eventually declared at 159 for 5. At tea, the Staff were 29 for 5 but a series of good partnerships steered the Staff to 156 before they finally succumbed. Mr. Bennett was not out with 104.

The full record for the season was:—

Played 10 — Won 3 — Drawn 3 — Lost 3 — Tied 1

Colours were awarded to Carmichael and Steele.

R.B.

UNDER 15 XI — CRICKET

The team had a moderately successful season, winning all their friendly games and most of their Town League games. Unfortunately, the most important matches in the League, against Bective and Cherry Orchard, although closely fought, were both lost and so the team did not win the Championship.

Special mention must be made of the efforts of D. Sturgess as captain, and the successes of N. Mortimer, M. Dunn, R. Simons and D. McGillivray.

H.S.

CRICKET UNDER 14

The Trinity Grammar Under 14 remained undefeated (indeed this present side has lost only one match in two and a half seasons). The standard of play was very high and was characterised by stylish, sensible batting led mainly by Turner, Miller and Barnes; the accurate left arm bowling of Clifton; and, of course, enthusiastic fielding. The fact that the Under 14 XI easily defeated or out-classed all opposition — including the Town and County Grammar School and Wellingborough against whom the excellent scores of 150 for 5 and 147 for 4 respectively were reached — seems to indicate that, when these players mature in the not too distant future, Trinity Grammar School should have a really powerful 1st XI.

R. NEWTON.

CRICKET UNDER 13

The Under 13 XI, playing town league matches and against local grammar schools, had a moderate season, winning five of their nine matches.

Promising performances included the forceful batting of Barnes and Bowen and the "googly" spin bowling of Barnwell who should gain many wickets in the future.

CRICKET TOUR 1972

Last summer, the first Trinity Grammar School cricket tour was undertaken. The party consisted of past and present school 1st XI members. Six matches were held in the Bournemouth area; the school party adding colour and character to that most dignified of summer resorts.

Of the six matches played, three were won, two drawn and one lost. The two best matches were, strangely, the drawn fixtures against Milton Abbey Public School and Richard Taunton's College, Southampton. In the former — on a perfect batting wicket — Trinity Grammar School bowlers found it hard work and Milton amassed 187 for 6 declared. Trinity Grammar School batsmen — notably Berridge and Haycock — were not dismayed and, despite being left an hour's less batting time than the public schoolboys, reached 185 for 5 with all Milton's fielders lining the boundary in the last over. Against Taunton's, the roles were reversed. With the Southampton side chasing runs AND losing wickets the match hinged again on the last over. Riches failed to dismiss the last two batsmen but stopped them gaining the three runs they needed for victory — cliff-hanger cricket. Both these matches were reported in that bastion of the cricket field — the 'Daily Telegraph'.