

**Below, please find details of those who played on the 'Under 15' XI Cricket team at Limavady Grammar School.**

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*Words in italics are taken directly from Roesian.*

**Boys      Cricket  
Under 15 XI**

**1948**

*'The Under 14's and Under 15's played two matches each and both show considerable promise.'*

*We are indebted to the Limavady Cricket Club for allowing us the use of their ground for practices and matches.'*

**1949**

715   Edmund Harvey  
         Malcolm Mullan (Captain)

*'The Under Fifteen XI played several matches and we seem to have in them the foundation of a good team for the next few years.'*

## 1950

- 715 Edmund Harvey
- 618 Henry James Ivor Haslett
- 622 Samuel Morrell Lyons (Captain) His report states he was Captain 49-50. Roesian records Lyons as being Captain during the 1950 season.
- 676 Robert Gault McKay
- 690 James Edward Simpson (Captain)  
His report states he was Captain 1950 however Roesian records him as being Captain during the 1951 season

*'The Under Fifteen XI showed promise this year of an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> XI in years to come. They played four matches and won two of them.'*

## 1951

- 715 Edmund Harvey
- 779 James A Hunter
- 703 William James S McCunn
- 725 George Gordon McLaughlin
- 724 John Darragh McLaughlin
- 732 John A Thompson
- 754 Richard Victor Whyte

*'The Under Fifteen XI played several matches and had quite a successful season. It was gratifying to find that we have great keenness among the junior members and that the team spirit is always uppermost. ...'*

**1952**

775 John L Campbell  
715 Edmund Harvey  
758 John Alexander Haslett  
779 James A Hunter  
702 John Leslie Kyle  
36 William D Millar  
786 Matthew E G Moore  
703 William James S McCunn  
744 William John McKay  
750 Nigel Semple  
732 John A Thompson  
754 Richard Victor Whyte

*'The Under Fifteen XI showed promise.'*

**1953**

775 John L Campbell  
13 Ronald Clements  
758 John Alexander Haslett  
702 John Leslie Kyle  
35 Thomas Martin  
William D Millar  
786 Matthew E G Moore  
38 John N Mullin  
783 Samuel N McGonagle  
744 William John McKay  
52 William F Rainey  
750 Nigel Semple (Captain)

*'The 'Under 15' XI had some promising batsmen and bowlers.'*

## 1954

130	John G Barber
775	John L Campbell
13	Ronald Clements
702	John Leslie Kyle
36	William D Millar (Captain)
807	Joseph Thompson Morrison
38	John N Mullin
43	Joseph D McCurry
48	Robert J Pollock
52	William F Rainey
69	John Charles White

*'The 1954 season will be remembered for its most unfavourable cricketing weather which curtailed practices and only permitted the playing of three games each by the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 'Under 15' XI.*

*The 'Under 15' XI lost their three games but they did show promise in both bowling and batting where their attacking spirit was very pleasing to watch.'*

**1955** (photograph by kind permission of Mr John White)

- 13 Ronald Clements  
Kenneth Dallas
- 81 David O D Graham (not pictured)
- 83 James D Harper
- 84 David Heaney
- 104 Joseph D Morrison
- 38 John N Mullin (Captain)
- 43 Joseph D McCurry
- 44 Martin C McCurry
- 48 Robert J Pollock (not pictured)
- 52 William F Rainey
- 111 Samuel R Smyton
- 69 John Charles White

*'The provision of an 'Under 15' wicket still remains a major difficulty, but we hope that our opponents will bear with us for a year or two, when better facilities should be available.'*

*The 'Under 15' XI won four matches, drew one, and lost none. Their success was well-deserved as they batted, bowled and fielded consistently well. Individually, and as a team, they still showed fine spirit and willingness. Much of the credit for their successful season was due to the inspiration and skill of their captain who, himself, had a bowling analysis in the five games of 24 wickets for 46 runs.'*



**Boys' Cricket Under 15 XI 1955**

**Mr H Brown Ronald Smyton D Heaney John White Kenny Dallas James Morrison R Harper  
Ronnie Clements Martin McCurry John Mullin (Captain) Francis Rainey Desmond McCurry**

## 1956

133	David G S Avrell
761	Ian Brewster
134	William I Brown
137	Ronald M Cartwright
199	Charles G Conn
144	William G Deddis
821	William John Evans
81	David O D Graham
206	Samuel E H Harper
208	Ian H D Heaslett
104	Joseph D Morrison (Captain)
213	William R McLean
295	Barry J Rhodes A Smyton
249	Robert I S Walker

*'The 'Under 15' eleven, which contained six players under fourteen years of age won two games against Dalriada, in one of which E Harper scored 72 not out including eleven fours – a very creditable performance. They lost to CAI twice and to Foyle once.*

*With practice, especially at fielding, they should improve greatly, and the experience of match play gained by those 'under fourteen' members should help them to form the nucleus of a strong 'under fifteen' team next season.'*

## 1957

133	David G S Avrell (Captain)
195	Graham W M Bartlett
761	Ian Brewster
199	Charles G Conn
364	John A L Dobson
206	Samuel E H Harper
208	Ian H D Heaslett
209	Robert McD Hunter
362	Maurice A Jones
213	William R McLean
295	Barry J Rhodes
170	Robert M Stewart
249	Robert I S Walker

*'... Plans are also being made for a permanent 'Under 15' XI wicket and the fact that we have now moved into our new school overlooking the playing fields should enable us not only to give more attention to our wickets, but also to benefit from more frequent practice.*

*This season we made use of our newly acquired nets, and, while a glance at the score sheets does not indicate any real general improvement in our batting and bowling successes against the stronger school elevens, we feel that increased confidence and ability with bat and ball must surely follow, in time.*

*... Both teams (1<sup>st</sup> XI and Under 15 XI) had a very enjoyable season and as our new school, with its changing rooms and canteen adjacent to the pitches, will be in use next season, we look forward with ever increasing pleasure to the future.'*



## 1958

195	Graham W M Bartlett
199	Charles G Conn
203	John R Gilfillan
206	Samuel E H Harper
763	James R B Kane
248	James K Mitchell
276	John H McCaughey
268	Thomas J Wallace

*'The 'Under 15' XI won only one game out of four, but their keenness made up for any lack of skill or ability.'*

*'In August a new wicket was prepared by Mr Wakefield and our grounds man. We were very grateful indeed for the assistance given by William MacLurg, who at considerable inconvenience to himself, transported fifteen hundred sods from Ballykelly, driving the tractor kindly loaned by his parents. These sods were laid with great patience and skill by Mr Kennedy who was assisted daily by his two nephews Raymond and Wilson Kennedy. The members of our school elevens for many years to come will, I am sure, have reason to thank these fine people for providing us, with what has every appearance of being the best wicket in the district. It is hoped next season to lay another similar wicket between the senior hockey and senior rugby pitches.'*

**1959**

Burley - If this is George F Burley, he played on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team 1960/61

Callaghan

Glenn

Harrison - If this is William J Harrison, he played on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team 1960-61

Kane - If this is James R B Kane, he played for the Under 15 side 1958

R Kennedy - If this is Raymond K Kennedy, he played on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team 1960

W Kennedy - If this is Thomas Wilson Kennedy, he played on the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team 1960

Lockhead - If this is Samuel J Lockehead, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI side 1961

276 John H McCaughey (Captain)

McLaughlin

McQuillan - If this is Joseph D A McQuillan, he played on the Medallion XV side 1960/61

Neill

Peace - This could be either Royston J S Peace or his brother Trevor J H Peace who both played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI during their time at school

Played six matches: Won four, Lost two.

## 1960

Burley (see 1959 team above)

S Callaghan

R Kennedy (see 1959 team above)

McCaughey - If this is John H McCaughey, he played on the Under 15 XI team 1958, 1959 and for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI 1960, 1961, captaining the team in 1962

R Peace - If this is Royston J S Peace, he played on the 1<sup>st</sup> XI team 1960 and 1961

Further details of the matches played can be found in Roesian.

## 1961

B Archibald

J Blair

G Bloomfield - If this is Gordon H Bloomfield, his participation in other sports feature in his report

M Gilfillan - If this is William M Gilfillan, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI though the year/s is not known

T Green - If this is William A I Green, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI though the year/s is not known

M Head - If this is Michael F Head, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in 1963

J Lee - If this is Joseph Lee, he played for the Under 14 XI team though the year is uncertain

T Peace (Captain) This is probably Trevor J H Peace who played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI team in 1963 and Captained the 1964 side

V Pollock

A Sherrard - If this is Joseph Alymer Douglas Sherrard, he played for the 1963 1<sup>st</sup> XI side

577 Derek Simpson

R Simpson (Vice-Captain) If this is Ronald J Simpson, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI side in 1962 and 1963

J Warke

J Williams

The Under 15 XI won three of its seven matches. Further details are to be found in Roesian.

## 1962

- B Archibald
- J Blair
- 678 Alan Bloomfield
- H Craig
- A Giddings
- M Gilfillan - If this is William M Gilfillan, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI though the year/s is not known
- M Head - If this is Michael F Head, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI side in 1963
- F McArthur
- A Sherrard (See 1961 team above)
- K Wallace - If this is William K D Wallace, he played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI team in 1963
- B Wilson - If this is Robert J Wilson, he captained the Under 15 XI side but the year is not known

Limavady Grammar School Under 15 XI side won five of its eight matches. Further details can be found in Roesian.

## 1963

- 805 David John Anderson
- 678 Alan Bloomfield
- Craig
- 568 Robert O Dodds
- 768 James A George
- Gilfillan (see 1962 team above)
- Head (see 1962 team above)
- Hunter
- 649 John D McClean
- Nutt
- 577 Derek Simpson
- 655 Marcus T H Thompson
- 784 Robert J Wilson - Captained the Under 15 XI side but the year is unknown

Matches played: six. Won two, Lost four.

## 1964

805 David John Anderson  
800 Terence M Ball  
R Bancroft  
765 William K Brown  
741 Thomas B Campbell  
768 James A George  
686 Andrew A Meenagh  
649 John D McClean  
754 Royston C McClenaghan  
757 Joseph A A Smith  
784 Robert J Wilson (Captain)

Michael John Lee, S Mackie and Ronald I Meneary also played.

*'The 1964 season was a most enjoyable one ....*

*The Under 15 XI was more successful, (than the 1<sup>st</sup> XI) B Wilson (Captain), J George and T Ball played well and showed considerable promise.*

*Our thanks ... to Miss M Kells and the senior girls for their tea arrangements on those Wednesday afternoons when opposing teams visited us.'*

## 1965

M Alcorn  
805 David John Anderson  
J Bogle  
765 William K Brown  
741 Thomas B Campbell (Captain)  
B Crown  
768 James A George  
B Hunter  
1089 Charles Edward Rankin Johnston  
942 Michael John Lee  
754 Royston C McClenaghan  
N McMichael  
757 Joseph A A Smith  
870 Christopher David T Walker

The Under 15 XI played six matches. Won four, Lost two. Further details of these together with bowling and batting averages can be found in Roesian.

*'Junior Cricket had a very successful year. There was some excellent playing, from Campbell's outstanding intelligent, not to say cunning, captaincy, through Smith's style for occasions and the more natural play of, amongst others, George McMichael, Lee Mackie, Hunter and Johnston. Most noteworthy was the splendid keenness shown right through the teams and outside to those who did not manage to have a game. Even amongst the definite non-players were volunteers, like Cochrane and Cartwright, who came in to keep the score during the matches. It was a most satisfying season.'*

TJGB

## **1966**

- 1050 David Bartlett
- 1079 Thomas Henry Graham Cowan  
B Crown
- 1083 Albert Gurney
- 1087 Andrew Lawrence Hodge
- 1192 William Thomas Houston  
Brian Hunter (Captain)
- 1089 Charles Edward Rankin Johnston  
S Knowles  
Sean Mackie  
C Moody
- 1096 Geoffrey James McDaid  
Noel McMichael
- 1098 Robert Maurice Pollock  
V Wilson

*'Junior Cricket had quite a successful year in 1966. Indeed, all the matches might have been won if the fielding had been of the same high standard as the batting and bowling. So in 1967 I should hope to see a great improvement in fielding.'*

*As it was, the Under 15 XI, under the able captaincy of Brian Hunter, won 7 of its matches, drew 1 and lost 4. Of these four, two were against our old bugbear, Limavady Intermediate School: It is very strange how the standard of our play invariably drops against this particular school – perhaps they are too terrifyingly good. There were two other matches, draws, one against Coleraine AI which it looked very much as though we would win when the match had to be abandoned as “intonuere poli et crebris micat ignibus aether”.*

*Apart from Hunter who served well as both batsman and bowler, praise is due to, among many, Sean Mackie and Noel McMichael.'*

The Under 15 XI team won seven of thirteen matches played. In addition two matches were a draw. Details of all these matches can be found in Roesian.

## **1967**

- 1252 Charles Henry Barton  
K Bloomfield  
J Campbell
- 1079 Thomas Henry Graham Cowan
- 1083 Albert Gurney
- 1087 Andrew Lawrence Hodge
- 1089 Charles Edward Rankin Johnston  
B Love
- 1096 Geoffrey James McDaid  
A MacGinnis  
Noel McMichael (Captain)
- 1098 Robert Maurice Pollock  
V Wilson

*'The year started auspiciously with an easy win over Dalriada. McMichael and Barton, carrying their bats, made over 100 runs between them, whereupon Limavady declared. Gurney then joined McMichael at the creases to skittle out the opposition for only 14. The next match of the season, however, was against Limavady Intermediate School, and, as usual, they had the better of it. Next year perhaps!*

*For the rest, it was a mixture of ups and downs, the ups predominating perhaps, as when we won both matches against Rainey Endowed School, but the downs appearing when we had our return match with the local Intermediate School – the very score book blushingly made itself scarce during that match.*

*One hesitates to single out members of a team, but McMichael was a splendid captain, both in example and command, and all he needs now is “a divinity to shape his ends, rough hew them how he will.” He was well supported in bowling by Gurney especially, and also McDaid and the loquacious Pollock. As for the batting, there seemed to be a running competition between Johnston and McDaid to see which could produce the most gargantuan swipes, while Barton successfully stuck to his own suave brand of cricket.*

TJB

The Under 15 XI played eight matches of which three were lost, one was a draw and four matches were won. Further details of these together with bowling and batting averages can be found in Roesian.

## **1968**

- 1252 Charles Henry Barton
- K Bloomfield
- J Campbell (Captain)
- F Corscadden
- 1083 Albert Gurney
- 1087 Andrew Lawrence Hodge
- 1089 Charles Edward Rankin Johnston
- C Knowles
- L Long
- B Love
- A McGinnis
- K O'Hara
- S Rudd
- V Wilson
- J White



*'The Under 15 XI had a fair season, winning and losing an equal number of games; not quite up to the standard of 1967. This year, however, we beat Limavady Secondary School in both our matches with them, for the first time since these fixtures commenced. Quite a feat, against such a consistently good school. Next season our target must be Strabane.'*

*This season's captain was the insouciant Campbell. Although his was the top score of 33 against Rainey, who could forget O'Hara's splendid 31 in two overs against Bushmills? And mention must not be omitted of Johnston's and Gurney's excellent bowling.'*

## **1969**

L Anderson  
R Barclay  
F Corscadden  
C Knowles  
A Long  
L Long  
B Love  
Adrian McGinnis (Captain)  
K O'Hara  
R Parkhill  
S Rudd  
S Simpson  
A Spence  
J Whyte

*'Early in the year the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the U-15 XI attended a coaching session in the Agricultural Hall under the tuition of Derrick Murray, the West Indies player. This was sponsored by the Limavady Cricket Club.'*

*Junior cricket continues to flourish, although the Under-15 XI seemed to be on a see-saw all season, now defeating Bushmills easily by 6 wickets, now losing to Foyle by around 9 wickets. Barclay and Parkhill were always good for a sizeable score, while Whyte and Long showed how to rise to an occasion. The match at home against Strabane was an exciting one: who would have thought those Strabane players had it in them to pass so comfortably the 121 Limavady set them?’*