

THE INTERNATIONAL CAVALIERS TELEVISED MATCHES 1965–1968

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2018 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the final televising on BBC2 of the weekly one-day matches played by the International Cavaliers, an arrangement which had begun in 1965. The International Cavaliers team was an exciting and varied combination of past and present international and county cricketers. The televising of their matches gave an opportunity to see in action both retired players, such as Denis Compton, Godfrey Evans, Jim Laker and Frank Tyson, plus current internationals, such as Lance Gibbs, Rohan Kanhai, Deryck Murray, Mushtaq Mohammad, Saeed Ahmed, Bobby Simpson and Garry Sobers. There were also some very exciting newcomers – one cannot forget how players such as Hylton Ackerman, Keith Boyce and Clive Lloyd burst onto the scene! In only the second fixture (for the Cavaliers against Nottinghamshire) Jim Parks established an unbeaten record for the fastest fifty (in 16 minutes), scoring all 72 runs in a fifth-wicket partnership with Alan Oakman, who remained on 70* throughout and to the end of the innings soon afterwards! Jim Parks also scored the fastest fifty (in 22 minutes) during 1966, the following season. Ironically he was on the losing side on both occasions.

Over the course of four televised seasons there were a total of 77 fixtures. Of these 55 were against the first-class counties, plus a further six against past and present teams of Oxford and Cambridge Universities (the Cavaliers won five of these, with the other abandoned). According to listings in the *Radio Times* matches were played ‘for a purse of 100 guineas’ and in aid of either that year’s local county beneficiary, the local CCC Development Fund or a local or national charity.

For some reason there were no fixtures against either Lancashire or Northamptonshire, though Lancashire were represented in part by one match against a Roses XI, one against a Lancashire Selectors’ XI and one against the Lancashire League. In contrast two matches were played against Somerset in 1966. Of the four fixtures against Derbyshire, the three scheduled to be played at Chesterfield (1966–1968) all had to be abandoned due to rain, no play being possible at all on one occasion. The match against Warwickshire in 1967 ended early with the Cavaliers passing Warwickshire’s total of 100 in just over 20 overs for the loss of only one wicket; to provide a full afternoon’s entertainment the Cavaliers continued to bat for their full 40 overs, reaching a total of 196 for eight.

Towards the end of each season there was an annual fixture against a West Indies XI, always played at Blackheath. Also at the end of the 1966-1968 seasons the Cavaliers played a Rest of the World XI – and lost each time! In 1967 a match was played

against the Indian touring team. The five remaining fixtures not mentioned above were against the following teams – Ted Dexter’s XI (only three overs possible), the Duke of Norfolk’s XI, the Bradford League, the Lincolnshire League and a Trent Bridge Taverners XI.

These matches (with their 40 overs per innings format) provided the inspiration for the first-class counties John Player League, which replaced them on BBC2 from 1969. The main structural change was that the maximum number of overs allowed for each bowler was reduced from nine to eight; in 1965 there had even been a few instances of bowlers managing to get away with bowling ten overs! The International Cavaliers continued to play against a variety of teams for two more seasons, but were then disbanded. However, the spirit of the Cavaliers was to be seen briefly again in two special televised matches in June 1969 and 1971 between past and present teams of Oxford and Cambridge Universities; the first of these matches (both played at Cambridge) included an innings of 105 by Tony Lewis and the second a very rare appearance by Peter May.

Somehow the new John Player League never seemed to have quite the same appeal to me. Anyway in the meantime I had become a Christian and found other ways of spending a Sunday afternoon. In due course the televising of a complete match was to cease, starting in 1981 when it was relegated to being just one feature of Sunday Grandstand, only part of a match being shown.

The following records are compiled for the most part from my own scorebooks which will account for the occasional discrepancy. Many played both for and against the International Cavaliers and the figures show their combined records. After every match there was a Man of the Match Award; I regret that I never made a note of these, though on many occasions the recipient would be obvious. My thanks to Stewart Gillies of the Newspaper Reference Team at the British Library for searching out the details and scorecard of the one match which I was lacking, the one played against Kent at Maidstone on 1 August 1965. The report appeared in *The Gazette* (Maidstone) two days later.

Note: in the following records International Cavaliers has been abbreviated to IC where convenient.

1. MATCH RECORDS

RESULTS SUMMARY

Year	Matches	Won	Lost	No result	No play
1965	15	6	7	1	1
1966	20	9	9	1	1
1967	20	12	5	1	2
1968	22	10	8	3	1
TOTALS	77	37	29	6	5

Of the completed matches, 32 were won by the side batting first, 34 by the side batting second.

TEAM RECORDS (Total numbers of overs in brackets)

HIGHEST TOTALS (250+)

312-2 (39)	v Somerset	Taunton	1967
270-5 (36)	for Essex	Ilford	1968
261-6 (40)	v Sussex	Bexhill	1965
259-7 (37.5)	for Somerset	Bath	1966
257-7 (38)	v Somerset	Bath	1966
253-4 (40)	v Cambridge University	Cambridge	1966

LOWEST TOTALS (below 100)

63 (22.5)	for Hampshire	Tichborne	1967
64 (21.4)	v Bradford League	Bradford	1967
76 (25.1)	for Somerset	Taunton	1968
94 (33.3)	v Hampshire	Tichborne	1968

HIGHEST MATCH AGGREGATES (450+)

517 (74.4)	IC (312-2) v Somerset (205)	Taunton	1967
516 (75.5)	IC (257-7) v Somerset (259-7)	Bath	1966
479 (77)	IC (247) v India (232-6)	Southport	1967
467 (78)	IC (232-9) v Warwickshire (235-5)	Birmingham	1968
462 (80)	IC (253-4) v Cambridge University (209-7)	Cambridge	1966
461 (76.3)	IC (230-4) v Duke of Norfolk's XI (231-4)	Hove	1966
458 (78)	IC (228-9) v Leicestershire (230-8)	Leicester	1965
452 (78.2)	Essex (225) v IC (227-7)	Chelmsford	1965

LOWEST MATCH AGGREGATES (below 250)

106 (34)	IC (64) v Bradford League (42-3)	Bradford	1967
127 (44.5)	Hampshire (63) v IC (64-7)	Tichborne	1967
204 (58.2)	Warwickshire (100) v IC (104-1*)	Stratford	1967
232 (65.1)	IC (156) v Somerset (76)	Taunton	1968
244 (76)	Kent (120) v IC (124-6)	Canterbury	1967

** The innings of the International Cavaliers was then continued to 196-8.*

LARGEST MARGINS OF VICTORY

107 runs	IC (312-2) v Somerset (205)	Taunton	1967
9 wickets	IC (104-1) v Warwickshire (100)	Stratford	1967

NARROWEST MARGINS OF VICTORY

5 runs	Kent (132-9) v IC (127-8)	Canterbury	1966
1 wicket	IC (219-9) v Middlesex (217-4)	Stanmore	1966

2. BATTING RECORDS

MOST RUNS (250+)	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
E.R.Dexter	35	35	5	876	104	29.20	1	4
G.S.Sobers	26	24	9	795	105	53.00	1	5
R.B.Simpson	17	17	1	555	83	34.68	–	6
R.G.A.Headley	11	11	0	460	110	41.81	1	3
Younis Ahmed	18	16	1	433	65	28.86	–	2
Mushtaq Mohammad	13	13	1	412	75	34.33	–	5
C.H.Lloyd	11	11	1	405	86	40.50	–	4
K.D.Boyce	30	24	7	375	64	22.05	–	1
R.B.Kanhai	14	14	3	372	73*	33.81	–	3
H.M.Ackerman	9	9	0	363	152	40.33	1	1
Saeed Ahmed	24	22	2	345	53	17.25	–	1
J.M.Parks	11	10	0	292	75	29.20	–	2
T.E.Bailey	26	20	5	289	49	19.26	–	–
G.Boycott	9	9	1	281	84*	35.12	–	2
J.N.Shepherd	15	13	2	259	47	23.54	–	–

The record of the only other batsman to score three fifties is as follows:

J.H.Edrich	4	4	0	246	95	61.50	–	3
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MOST RUNS IN

A SEASON (200+)	Year	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
E.R.Dexter	1966	15	15	1	476	88*	34.00	–	3
G.S.Sobers	1967	16	16	3	391	86	30.07	–	2
R.B.Simpson	1968	14	14	1	370	83	28.46	–	3
H.M.Ackerman	1967	9	9	0	363	152	40.33	1	1
G.S.Sobers	1968	7	5	4	306	105	306.00	1	2
Younis Ahmed	1966	13	12	1	291	41	26.45	–	–
E.R.Dexter	1967	10	10	2	282	104	35.25	1	1
B.Hassan	1968	15	11	1	244	56	24.40	–	2
Mushtaq Mohammad	1965	8	8	1	239	66	34.14	–	3
B.A.Davis	1968	9	9	2	237	65	33.85	–	2
R.G.A.Headley	1966	6	6	0	213	110	35.50	1	–
C.H.Lloyd	1968	7	7	0	213	62	30.42	–	2
R.B.Kanhai	1967	8	8	1	212	58	30.28	–	2
R.G.A.Headley	1965	4	4	0	208	78	52.00	–	3

The above shows the complete batting records of H.M.Ackerman, B.A.Davis and B.Hassan.

BEST AVERAGES	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
B.L.D'Oliveira	4	4	3	117	51*	117.00	–	2
Aftab Saeed	3	3	2	94	45*	94.00	–	–
C.D.Fearnley	3	3	2	85	63	85.00	–	1
D.L.Amiss	4	4	1	190	102*	63.33	1	–
G.C.Cooper	3	3	1	124	46*	62.00	–	–
J.H.Edrich	4	4	0	246	95	61.50	–	3
P.H.Parfitt	3	3	1	123	89*	61.50	–	1
C.Forbes	11	6	4	119	25	59.80	–	–
E.J.Barlow	3	3	0	167	74	55.66	–	1
G.S.Sobers	26	24	9	795	105	53.00	1	5
J.T.Murray	5	5	1	193	51	48.25	–	1
J.C.Laker	17	10	9	46	12*	46.00	–	–
R.G.Pollock	7	7	2	225	64	45.00	–	2
K.W.R.Fletcher	7	7	2	224	101	44.80	1	–
R.G.A.Headley	11	11	0	460	110	41.81	1	3
M.J.Horton	3	3	0	125	62	41.66	–	2
C.H.Lloyd	11	11	1	405	86	40.50	–	4
H.M.Ackerman	9	9	0	363	152	40.33	1	1
R.T.Virgin	4	4	0	161	84	40.25	–	2

Qualification: at least 40 runs in a minimum of three innings. B.Ward scored 43 and 65 (avge 54.00) in his two innings.

CENTURIES

152	H.M.Ackerman	v Somerset	Taunton	1967
110	R.G.A.Headley	v Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	1966
105	G.S.Sobers	v Oxford University	Oxford	1968
104	E.R.Dexter	v West Indies XI	Blackheath	1967
102*	D.L.Amiss	for Warwickshire	Birmingham	1968
101	K.W.R.Fletcher	for Essex	Brentwood	1966

In 1965 the highest score was 98 by J.B.Bolus for Nottinghamshire at Nottingham.

MOST HALF-CENTURIES IN CONSECUTIVE INNINGS

3	R.B.Simpson	54, 74, 57	in 1966
	<i>R.B.Simpson also scored</i>	<i>47, 61, 59, 47</i>	<i>in 1968</i>

MOST SIXES

19	G.S.Sobers
16	E.R.Dexter
15	K.D.Boyce
14	C.H.Lloyd

MOST DUCKS

4	R.R.Ramnarace	(in 13 innings)
4	E.R.Dexter	(in 35 innings)
3	O.S.Wheatley	(in 3 innings)
3	A.S.Brown	(in 6 innings)

HUNDRED & RECORD PARTNERSHIPS

1st wicket

240	H.M.Ackerman (152) & Sadiq Mohammad (84) v Som	Taunton	1967
132	R.B.Simpson (74) & Hanif Mohammad (82) for D of Nfk's XI	Hove	1966
127	R.T.Virgin (84) & G.Atkinson (51) for Somerset	Bath	1966
123	P.M.Walker (63) & Mushtaq Mohammad (75) v Camb U	Cambridge	1966
103	M.Bissex (64) & T.E.Bailey (45) v Sussex	Bexhill	1965
103	R.W.Barber (70) & H.M.Ackerman (45) v Worcs	Worcester	1967
101	A.Jones (72) & R.C.Davis (43) for Glamorgan	Barry Island	1966

2nd wicket

168	Mushtaq Mohammad (71) & E.R.Dexter (104) v WI	Blackheath	1967
136	Mushtaq Mohammad (66) & E.D.Weekes (70) v Middx	Wembley	1965
130	J.H.Edrich (75) & M.J.Stewart (51) for Surrey	Cheam	1968
124	B.Ward (65) & B.Taylor (73) for Essex	Ilford	1968
117	R.B.Simpson (83) & E.J.Barlow (45) v Kent	Canterbury	1968
109	M.J.Horton (62) & R.G.A.Headley (78) for Worcs	Kidderminster	1965
100	H.M.Ackerman (46) & R.G.Pollock (64) v Middx	Lord's	1967

3rd wicket

159	G.S.Sobers (86) & C.H.Lloyd (86) v India	Southport	1967
128	M.J.K.Smith (62) & R.B.Kanhai (73*) v Trent Bridge Tavnrns	Nottingham	1968
123*	E.R.Dexter (88*) & B.F.Butcher (49*) v Oxford U	Oxford	1966
101	E.R.Dexter (81) & J.M.Parks (46) v Duke of Norfolk's XI	Hove	1966

4th wicket

95	M.J.K.Smith (63*) & J.Fellows-Smith (43) for Oxford U	Oxford	1968
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5th wicket

108	J.M.Parks (75) & Saeed Ahmed (38) v Somerset	Bath	1966
101	R.B.Simpson (47) & G.S.Sobers (105) v Oxford U	Oxford	1968

6th wicket

108	Hanumant Singh (50) & R.Saxena (71*) for India	Southport	1967
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7th wicket

77*	M.J.Procter (25*) & A.S.Brown (48*) for Glos	Bristol	1965
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8th wicket

64	D.L.Murray (33) & C.Forbes (34*) v Glamorgan	Cardiff	1965
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9th wicket

70	Aftab Saeed (38*) & D.W.White (53) v Glos	Bristol	1965
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10th wicket

43	B.J.Meyer (41) & J.Davey (13*) for Glos	Bishops Cleeve	1967
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The above shows the only innings of E.D.Weekes, B.F.Butcher, Hanumant Singh, R.Saxena and M.J.Procter.

3. BOWLING RECORDS

MOST WICKETS (12+)	M	O	M	R	W	Avge	4WI	BB
T.E.Bailey	26	151.4	12	711	38	18.71	3	5-37
G.S.Sobers	26	168.5	19	576	34	16.94	3	5-21
L.R.Gibbs	21	141.5	15	627	25	25.08	1	5-11
R.N.S.Hobbs	7	48	3	262	19	13.78	2	6-43
E.R.Dexter	35	65.5	2	381	19	20.05	–	3-3
J.C.Laker	17	117	8	555	17	32.64	–	3-28
K.D.Boyce	30	159	17	696	17	40.94	–	3-34
R.R.Ramnarace	18	102.5	11	401	15	26.73	–	3-16
M.Bissex	11	43.3	2	194	14	13.85	–	3-23
Mushtaq Mohammad	13	74	3	412	14	29.42	–	3-36
D.L.Underwood	7	50.1	8	193	13	14.84	1	4-33
B.R.Knight	11	65.3	5	322	13	24.76	1	4-18
D.W.White	17	100.4	6	419	13	32.23	1	5-27
N.J.N.Hawke	8	53.5	4	263	12	21.91	1	4-22

The records of the only other bowlers to take wickets in an innings twice are as follows:

J.M.Allan	3	23	1	104	11	9.45	2	6-33
D.B.Close	6	28	2	145	10	14.50	2	4-24

MOST WICKETS

IN A SEASON (10+)	Year	M	O	M	R	W	Avge	4WI	BB
G.S.Sobers	1967	16	120.5	15	377	30	12.56	3	5-21
L.R.Gibbs	1967	17	108.5	15	438	19	23.05	1	5-11
T.E.Bailey	1968	10	52.2	2	253	16	15.83	2	4-28
R.R.Ramnarace	1968	18	102.5	11	401	15	26.73	–	3-16
B.R.Knight	1967	7	45.3	4	206	12	17.16	1	4-18
N.J.N.Hawke	1967	8	53.5	4	263	12	21.91	1	4-22
T.E.Bailey	1967	6	36.2	6	159	11	14.45	1	5-37
J.M.Allan	1966	2	18	1	67	10	6.70	2	6-33
Younis Ahmed	1966	13	37	3	189	10	18.90	–	2-26
K.D.Boyce	1966	14	75	6	329	10	32.90	–	3-34
Saeed Ahmed	1968	19	71	1	432	10	43.20	–	3-73

The above shows the complete bowling records of N.J.N.Hawke and R.R.Ramnarace. In 1965 the most wickets taken was nine by D.L.Underwood (avge 16.00 in five matches), Intikhab Alam (avge 21.22 in four matches, this being his complete bowling record) and Mushtaq Mohammad (avge 23.88 in eight matches).

BEST BOWLING AVERAGES	M	O	M	R	W	Avge	4WI	BB
H.C.Latchman	5	24	1	99	11	9.00	1	4-44
J.M.Allan	3	23	1	104	11	9.45	2	6-33
R.N.S.Hobbs	7	48	3	262	19	13.78	2	6-43
M.Bissex	11	43.3	2	194	14	13.85	-	3-23
D.B.Close	6	28	2	145	10	14.50	2	4-24
D.L.Underwood	7	50.1	8	193	13	14.84	1	4-33
P.J.Sainsbury	6	40	3	176	11	16.00	-	2-17
G.S.Sobers	26	168.5	19	576	34	16.94	3	5-21
A.S.Brown	8	40.5	4	194	11	17.63	1	4-54
Younis Ahmed	18	39.2	3	204	11	18.54	-	2-26
T.E.Bailey	26	151.4	12	711	38	18.71	3	5-37

Qualification: at least 10 wickets. Nasim-ul-Ghani took 9 wickets (avge 18.88) with a best of 5-49.

Note the high proportion of slow bowlers.

5 WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

8.3-4-7-6	J.W.Holder	for Hampshire	Tichborne	1968
9-3-20-6	A.Ward	for Bradford League	Bradford	1967
9-0-33-6	J.M.Allan	v Gloucestershire	Bishops Cleeve	1966
8-0-43-6	R.N.S.Hobbs	for Essex	Ilford	1968
5.5-2-11-5	L.R.Gibbs	v Hampshire	Tichborne	1967
9-2-21-5	G.S.Sobers	v Leicestershire	Leicester	1967
9-1-27-5	D.W.White	v Leicestershire	Loughborough	1966
6-0-30-5	G.A.Cottrell	for Cambridge U	Cambridge	1967
6.2-0-37-5	T.E.Bailey	v Sussex	Hove	1967
8.1-1-49-5	Nasim-ul-Ghani	v Roses XI	Southport	1966
9-0-56-5	R.C.Roopneraine	v Essex	Brentwood	1966
7-0-65-5	V.Subramanya	for India	Southport	1967

The above shows the complete bowling records of V.Subramanya and A.Ward. In 1965 the best bowling analysis was 9-2-33-4 by D.L.Underwood v Hampshire at Tichborne.

4 WICKETS IN CONSECUTIVE INNINGS

J.M.Allan	9-0-33-6	v Gloucestershire	Bishops Cleeve	1966
	9-1-34-4	v West Indies XI	Blackheath	1966
D.B.Close	9-1-50-4	for Yorkshire	Middlesbrough	1966
	5-0-24-4	for Roses XI	Southport	1966

MOST ECONOMICAL BOWLING ANALYSES (most overs for runs scored)

3-3-0-1	L.R.Gibbs	v Bradford League	Bradford	1967
3-2-2-0	M.C.Fearnley	for Bradford League	Bradford	1967
6-3-4-1	D.Shackleton	for Hampshire	Tichborne	1967
8.3-4-7-6	J.W.Holder	for Hampshire	Tichborne	1968
9-5-7-1	H.J.Rhodes	v Yorkshire	York	1967
9-4-9-2	H.J.Rhodes	v Glamorgan	Cwrt-y-Gollen	1967

The above shows the complete bowling record of M.C.Fearnley.

MOST EXPENSIVE BOWLING ANALYSES (70+ runs scored)

9-0-81-1	B.D.Wells	for Nottinghamshire	Nottingham	1965
9-0-75-0	B.A.Langford	for Somerset	Taunton	1967
7-0-74-0	P.S.Robinson	for Somerset	Taunton	1967
9-0-74-1	L.R.Gibbs	for Warwickshire	Birmingham	1968
9-1-73-1	J.Fellows-Smith	for Oxford U	Oxford	1968
9-0-73-3	Saeed Ahmed	v Glamorgan	Swansea	1968
9-0-71-1	N.I.Thomson	v Essex	Ilford	1968
8-1-70-1	N.A.T.Adcock	v Somerset	Bath	1966

The above shows the complete bowling records of N.A.T.Adcock, N.I.Thomson and B.D.Wells.

4. WICKETKEEPING RECORDS

MOST DISMISSALS (10+)

22	(12ct, 10st)	in 18 matches	T.G.Evans
13	(6ct, 7st)	in 16 matches	D.L.Murray
10	(7ct, 3st)	in 5 matches	D.L.Evans

MOST DISMISSALS IN A SEASON (6+)

8	(5ct, 3st)	in 11 matches	T.G.Evans	1968
6	(2ct, 4st)	in 2 matches	T.G.Evans	1965
6	(5ct, 1st)	in 4 matches	D.L.Murray	1967
6	(5ct, 1st)	in 6 matches	J.M.Parks	1966

MOST DISMISSALS IN AN INNINGS (4+)

5	(4ct, 1st)	J.G.Binks	for Yorkshire	Huddersfield	1968
5	(2ct, 3st)	T.G.Evans	v Hampshire	Tichborne	1965
4	(4ct)	D.L.Evans	v Somerset	Taunton	1968

5. FIELDING RECORDS

MOST CATCHES (9+)

17	in 35 matches	E.R.Dexter (including 1ct as wicketkeeper)
14	in 30 matches	K.D.Boyce
11	in 11 matches	Sadiq Mohammad
11	in 26 matches	G.S.Sobers
10	in 15 matches	J.N.Shepherd
10	in 26 matches	T.E.Bailey
9	in 17 matches	R.B.Simpson

MOST CATCHES IN A SEASON (6+)

8	in 14 matches	R.B.Simpson	1968
8	in 15 matches	E.R.Dexter (including 1ct as wicketkeeper)	1966
7	in 10 matches	K.D.Boyce	1965
7	in 16 matches	G.S.Sobers	1967
6	in 6 matches	Sadiq Mohammad	1967
6	in 7 matches	J.C.Laker	1967
6	in 19 matches	Saeed Ahmed	1968

MOST CATCHES IN AN INNINGS (3+)

4	A.S.Oakman	for Sussex	Hove	1968
3	B.A.Davis	v Surrey	Cheam	1968
3	E.R.Dexter	v Roses XI	Southport	1966
3	J.C.Laker	v Essex	Westcliff	1967
3	R.G.Pollock	v West Indies XI	Blackheath	1966
3	D.W.White	v Essex	Chelmsford	1965

6. ALL-ROUND RECORDS

200 RUNS & 10 WICKETS (averages in brackets)

T.E.Bailey	289 runs (19.26)	38 wkts (18.71)	in 26 matches
M.Bissex	210 runs (23.33)	14 wkts (13.85)	in 11 matches
K.D.Boyce	375 runs (22.05)	17 wkts (40.94)	in 30 matches
E.R.Dexter	876 runs (29.20)	19 wkts (20.05)	in 35 matches
Mushtaq Mohammad	412 runs (34.33)	14 wkts (29.42)	in 13 matches
Saeed Ahmed	345 runs (17.25)	10 wkts (44.00)	in 24 matches
J. N. Shepherd	259 runs (23.54)	10 wkts (41.50)	in 15 matches
R.B.Simpson	555 runs (34.68)	11 wkts (39.36)	in 17 matches
G.S.Sobers	795 runs (53.00)	34 wkts (16.94)	in 26 matches
Younis Ahmed	433 runs (28.86)	11 wkts (18.54)	in 18 matches

100 RUNS & 10 WICKETS IN A SEASON

K.D.Boyce	1966	195 runs (27.85)	10 wkts (32.90)	in 14 matches
R.R.Ramnarace	1968	119 runs (9.15)	15 wkts (26.73)	in 18 matches
Saeed Ahmed	1968	195 runs (13.00)	10 wkts (43.20)	in 19 matches
G.S.Sobers	1967	391 runs (30.07)	30 wkts (12.56)	in 16 matches
Younis Ahmed	1966	291 runs (26.45)	10 wkts (18.90)	in 13 matches

The above shows the complete all-round record of R.R.Ramnarace. In 1965 Mushtaq Mohammad scored 239 runs (34.14) & took nine wickets (23.88) in eight matches.

MATCH DOUBLE – HALF-CENTURY & 4 WICKETS

M.J.Horton 52 & 4-37 v Glamorgan Barry Island 1966

G.A.Cottrell scored 47 & took 5-30 for Cambridge U at Cambridge in 1967.

100 RUNS & 10 WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

D.L.Murray 232 runs (21.09) 13 dismissals in 16 matches

Despite playing 18 matches T.G.Evans scored only 28 runs in nine innings, being not out in five of these.

7. OTHER RECORDS

MOST APPEARANCES (for International Cavaliers in brackets)

35 (31)	E.R.Dexter
30 (24)	K.D.Boyce
26 (22)	T.E.Bailey
26 (20)	G.S.Sobers
24 (all 24)	Saeed Ahmed
21 (all 21)	D.C.S.Compton
21 (16)	L.R.Gibbs

The record of D.C.S.Compton, one of the most prominent members of the International Cavaliers, is given here for the sake of interest:

224 runs (avge 14.93), four wickets (avge 48.75), five catches in 21 matches

RECORDS AS CAPTAIN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CAVALIERS

Matches		Won	Lost	No result	No play
26	E.R.Dexter	9	11	3	3
18	D.C.S.Compton	10	7	1	—
8	G.S.Sobers	6	1	1	—
6	R.B.Simpson	4	2	—	—
4	D.B.Close	2	1	—	1
3	T.E.Bailey	2	1	—	—
3	T.W.Graveney	1	2	—	—
3	J.C.Laker	1	2	—	—
3	M.J.K.Smith	1	2	—	—
1	T.G.Evans	1	—	—	—
1	A.C.D.Ingleby-Mackenzie	—	—	—	1
1	F.S.Trueman	—	—	1	—

Most of the above were also occasionally captain of the International Cavaliers' opponents, with the following results:

Matches		Won	Lost	No play
7	G.S.Sobers	3	3	1
2	D.B.Close	2	–	–
2	T.W.Graveney	1	1	–
2	R.B.Simpson	2	–	–
2	M.J.K.Smith	1	–	1
1	T.E.Bailey	–	1	–
1	E.R.Dexter	1	–	–
1	F.S.Trueman	1	–	–

TEN MOST MEMORABLE PERFORMANCES (in chronological order)

1965

1. J.M.Parks (72 including fastest 50 in a 5th-wicket partnership of 72 with A.S.Oakman) v Nottinghamshire
2. D.W.White (53 with five sixes in a 9th-wicket partnership of 70 with Aftab Saeed) v Gloucestershire
3. K.D.Boyce (64 with six sixes in a 7th-wicket partnership of 76 with Aftab Saeed) v Hampshire

1966

4. J.H.Edrich (95 with five sixes, three of them off consecutive deliveries) v Glamorgan
5. M.J.Kitchen (65* with five sixes, winning off the penultimate delivery) for Somerset

1967

6. A.Ward (9-3-20-6 including 4-3-1-4 in the middle of his spell, on his only appearance) for Bradford League
7. H.M.Ackerman (152 with four sixes in a 1st-wicket partnership of 240 with Sadiq Mohammad (84) followed by a whirlwind 49* by E.R.Dexter to take the score to a record 312-2 in 39 overs) v Somerset
8. C.H.Lloyd (86 with five sixes on his first appearance in a 3rd-wicket partnership of 159 with G.S.Sobers who also scored 86) v India

1968

9. E.R.Dexter (1-0-3-3 including three wickets in four deliveries) v Middlesex
10. J.W.Holder (8.3-4-7-6 including at one stage 3-2-1-4, on the first of only two appearances: 9-2-24-0 on the other) for Hampshire

The inclusion of the televised non-Cavaliers Varsity matches in 1969 and 1971 would affect and add to the main records above as follows:

MOST RUNS (250+)	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50
E.R.Dexter (+Cambridge U)	36	36	5	887	104	28.61	1	4
A.R.Lewis (+Cambridge U)	7	7	0	327	105	46.71	1	2
M.J.K.Smith (+Oxford U)	13	11	1	257	63*	25.70	–	3

CENTURIES

105 A.R.Lewis Cambridge U v Oxford U Cambridge 1969

7th WICKET HIGHEST PARTNERSHIP

83 A.R.Lewis (105) & J.I.McDowall (38) Cambridge U v Oxford U Cambridge 1969

MOST WICKETS (12+)	M	O	M	R	W	Avge	4WI	BB
E.R.Dexter (+Cambridge U)	36	73.5	3	412	20	20.60	–	3-3

MOST DISMISSALS (10+)

14 (7ct, 7st) in 17 matches D.L.Murray (+Cambridge U)

MOST DISMISSALS IN AN INNINGS (4+)

6 (5ct, 1st) S.A.Westley Oxford U v Cambridge U Cambridge 1969

200 RUNS & 10 WICKETS (averages in brackets)

E.R.Dexter (+Cambridge U) 887 runs (28.61) 20 wkts (20.60) in 36 matches

100 RUNS & 10 WICKETKEEPING DISMISSALS

D.L.Murray (+Cambridge U) 234 runs (21.27) 14 dismissals in 17 matches

MOST APPEARANCES (for International Cavaliers in brackets)

36 (31) E.R.Dexter (+Cambridge U)

THE INTERNATIONAL CAVALIERS MEMORABILIA FROM TELEVISED MATCHES 1965–1968 AN APPENDIX (2024)

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H.M.Ackerman's record innings of 152 (v Somerset 1967) ended in him being run out; according to the commentator (believed to have been John Arlott) this was the only way in which anyone was ever going to dismiss him.

E.J.Barlow's complete batting record consisted of 74, 45 and 48.

M.C.Cowdrey scored only 76 runs in nine innings (two of which were not out), with a highest score of only 24. He did, however, manage to take three wickets in two overs (2–0–16–3 for Kent in 1965). No Kent batsman managed to score a fifty for or against the Cavaliers.

E.R.Dexter had some unusual experiences against Somerset:

In 1966 he decided to keep wicket instead of J.M.Parks, as he considered it impossible for the Cavaliers' total of 257 in 38 overs to be beaten. However, it was overtaken with one ball to spare – firstly due to an opening partnership of 127 by R.T.Virgin (84) and G.Atkinson (51), then by some tremendous hitting from M.J.Kitchen (65*).

In 1967 the Cavaliers' record innings of 312 for two was limited to 39 overs due to the time taken to retrieve the ball from an adjacent graveyard into which Dexter had hit successive sixes off P.J.Robinson at the end of his rapid 49*. This time in reply R.T.Virgin (54) and M.J.Kitchen (95) were unable to bring about an unexpected victory for Somerset, falling 107 runs short.

J.H.Edrich's complete batting record consisted of 51, 95, 25 and 75.

T.G.Evans played in 18 matches, but scored only 28 runs in nine innings, being out in five of these. He had nearly as many dismissals as runs – 12 catches and ten stumpings.

J.A.Flavell played in eight matches without ever having an opportunity to bat.

L.R.Gibbs had an analysis of 3–3–0–1 against the Bradford League in 1967, surely one of the earliest cases of a spinner opening the bowling in a limited-overs match. In all he scored 27 runs (avg 5.40), only two more than the number of wickets he took (25, average 25.08).

D.Kenyon had a sequence of innings in 1968 in which he scored 1, 0, 1 and 1 before recovering with a final score of 58. In all, he scored 124 runs from eight innings, averaging 15.50.

J.C.Laker was on one occasion wired up to commentate on an over he was bowling. Overall he was dismissed only once in his ten innings, with a batting average of 46.

J.T.Murray's complete batting record consisted of 41*, 48, 49, 4 and 51.

J.M.Parks registered the fastest fifty in 1965 (16 minutes v Nottinghamshire) and in 1966 (22 minutes v Somerset), but ended up on the losing side on both occasions. On the first of these he monopolised a fifth-wicket partnership of 72 with A.S.M.Oakman.

R.Saxena made the highest score by a batsman appearing on only one occasion (71* for India in 1967).

G.S.Sobers was not the only member of his family to appear. His brother Gerald played on three occasions, scoring 41, 1 and 34. On the last of these, they shared a fifth-wicket partnership of 68 against Essex in 1967.

A.Ward was, on his only appearance, one of only four bowlers to take six wickets in an innings (9–3–20–6 for the Bradford League in 1967).

E.D.Weekes made the second-highest score by a batsman appearing on only one occasion (70 v Middlesex in 1965). He was due to appear in one other match which had to be abandoned without any play possible.

O.S.Wheatley was dismissed for a duck in each of his three innings. He eventually managed to score 1* for Cambridge University Past and Present in a special televised Varsity Match in 1969.