

REPORT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CRICKET COMMITTEE.

For the Season of 1907.

As Chairman of the Cricket Committee of the Civil Service Amateur Athletic Association, I beg to submit the following report on the season of 1907:

The season opened on the 28th May with five teams competing, representing the Langevin, East, West, Outside and Militia Blocks, and each team played the other three games, the schedule finishing on the 17th September. The result was as follows:—

	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Points.
Outside	9	3	—	18
Langevin	8	2	1	17
Militia	6	6	—	12
East	3	9	—	6
West	2	8	1	5

In addition to the above twelve games, two were played with teams from the Ottawa Cricket Club, and other games, such as Married vs. Single, &c., were arranged for Saturday afternoons which proved enjoyable.

The batting averages and the number of wickets taken in bowling in the scheduled games are given at the end of this report, a summary of which is as follows:

The best batting was shown by F. Pereira, H. Ackland, F. Campbell, H. W. Brown, D. C. Campbell, G. Pereira, and F. Grierson, in the order named, all of whom scored 100 runs or over in the course of the season with the exception of F. Pereira, who only took part in five games.

The most successful bowlers were: F. H. Williamson, W. C. Ellis, G. Clarke, T. Belsey, J. Ackland, V. H. Steele, E. E. Turton, A. J. Fraser and G. Roberts in the order named, all obtaining more than 20 wickets in the course of the season. Williamson and Ellis were best with 42 and 39 respectively.

The fielding of all the teams was of a very fair order, the Langevin team being probably the best all round in this respect, and largely owing their high position in the schedule to this fact. It is impossible to select any particular men as being especially conspicuous.

The games were much enjoyed and the weather on the whole made it possible to keep strictly to the schedule. During the season some 150 players took part in the regular games, and others who were not successful in catching a place on the teams were able to have practice at the nets.

Cricket should be more popular than ever during the coming season, as the crease should be in better condition with the attention given it, but it would be well if the whole of the East Lawn could be devoted to the game, and thus allow the practice nets to be put up on the same lawn as the crease.

Experience gained in last year's play leads to the following recommendations being put to the cricket sub-committee for the coming year:

That before the season begins, a definite rule be laid down concerning games that are unfinished on the first day, fixing the day on which they are to be finished. Should either team fail to be in readiness, the game to go by default against such team.

That for all games a definite hour be set for stumps to be drawn, i.e., up to, say 1st August, 6.30 p.m., and thereafter 6 p.m., and that five minutes instead of ten be allowed between innings.

That in the interests of cricket in the Service all games shall be finished and the schedule completed so that the relative positions of the teams may be determined. This has not been definitely settled in either of the last two years. Games should be reported to some one official, who will keep the score, within one week of the time they are decided.