

ROYAL HIGH CRICKET CLUB THE INTERNATIONALISTS

The present Scottish Cricket Union was formed in 1909 and this date is recognised by many as the starting date for Scottish International cricket. However, some 45 matches were played between 1865 and 1908, by what could be recognised as fully representative sides. Nine players from Royal High School F.P. cricket club played in some of these matches during this period and their appearances are included in this list of Internationalists.

D.L.ADDISON SMITH - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P. and GRANGE

David Addison Smith, opening batsman and slow left-arm bowler was educated at the Royal High School and Craigmount. He played only erratically for Royal High School F.P., playing most of his club cricket for Grange.

Surrey - 1892

North of England X1 - 1894

Lancashire - 1895

Notts Amateurs - 1895

Australia - 1905

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
5	8	1	108	45	15.4	0	0	79	22	250	3	83.3

D.D.FRASER - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

David Fraser, lower order right handed batsman and right arm fast medium bowler. He only gained 6 caps for Scotland despite being one of the best opening bowlers in the country for over 10 years. He was never able to replicate his prodigious club form when representing his country. His best bowling performance was during the MCC 2nd innings of his debut match, when David took 3 for 29.

Ireland - 1968

Warwickshire - 1967

MCC - 1967, 1986, 1969

New Zealand - 1969

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
6	3	2	1	1	1.0	5	0	152	30	488	9	54.2

D.G.HALLIDAY - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P and SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND

Gordon Halliday, middle order right handed batsman and right arm medium pace bowler. He formed a lethal opening bowling partnership with David Fraser for Royal High School F.P. during the early to mid 1970's. After graduating from Edinburgh University in 1975 he moved to the Newcastle area but rarely travelled north thereafter to play for Royal High School F.P. However, he performed with distinction for the South Northumberland club and Minor Counties select side in the Benson & Hedges Cup. It was during this period that he made his two rather unsuccessful appearances for the Scotland side.

Played in 2 Benson & Hedges against Worcestershire and Gloucestershire in 1983.

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
2	2	0	3	2	1.5	0	0	5	2	10	0	-

J.T.HAINSWORTH - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P.

Tom Hainsworth, a quick opening bowler, was the Royal High School F.P. professional from 1894-1900. Nicknamed the Terror, he was a prodigious wicket taker, topping the 100 wicket mark in 1894 and 1897. It was during his second season with the Club that he was asked to assist the Scotland side who slid to an innings defeat by Lancashire.

Lancashire - 1895

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	1	0	0*	-	0	0	15	6	21	2	10.5

T.JOHNSTON - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P. and GRANGE

Tom Johnston was one of the best Scottish bats of the late Victorian era. Educated at Royal High School, he played for Grange, Edinburgh University, Kirkcaldy and Royal High School F.P. He scored 6 centuries for the Royal High School F.P. Club but never really did himself justice in Scotland colours.

United All England X1 - 1887

Surrey - 1892 (2)

Gloucestershire - 1893

North of England X1 - 1895

South Africa - 1895

Lancashire - 1895, 1899

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
8	15	1	225	33	16.1	1	0	8	3	14	0	-

D.R.LAWRENCE - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

Douglas Lawrence, lower order right handed batsman and right arm fast medium bowler. He gained 8 caps in the mid 1950's when he was bowling at his quickest. His best bowling was 4 for 56 against the MCC in 1957. His best seasons in club cricket were after his 40th birthday when speed was replaced in his bowling by marked movement. After retiring from club cricket he was a noted cricket administrator, acting as President to both the East of Scotland Cricket Association and the Scottish Cricket Union.

Ireland - 1956, 1957

Yorkshire -1956, 1958

MCC - 1956, 1957

Lancashire - 1956

Warwickshire - 1957

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
8	13	5	32	10	4.0	1	0	196.4	32	573	13	44

T.M.LAWSON - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

Tom Lawson, middle order batsman. He played 3 matches for Scotland towards the end of a lengthy period of service with the Royal High School F.P. club. With a top score of 22 against Wales in 1923 he was unable to retain his place.

Ireland - 1923

Wales - 1923

South Africa - 1924

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
3	6	0	59	22	9.8	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

A.V.McGREGOR - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P.

Angus McGregor, left handed middle order batsman and right arm medium pace bowler was educated at the Royal High School but initially played with Dalkeith along with his two brothers. He only played for Royal High School F.P. from 1890 to 1892 during which period he received one Scotland cap. He was appointed head surgeon of Hartepool in 1893 when aged only 26. Thereafter he played his club cricket for West Hartepool and represented Durham County on 8 occasions between 1895 and 1899.

Surrey - 1892

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	2	23	16	11.5	0	0	5	1	17	0	-

A.K.McTAVISH - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

Alistair McTavish, right handed batsman and wicket keeper. He was the Royal High School F.P.'s most capped player. He was a regular choice as Scotland's wicket-keeper during the 1930's, and scored the only century by a Royal High School F.P. player for Scotland, against the unlikely opponents of South America.

Ireland - 1929, 1930, 1931, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939

South Africa - 1929

Australia - 1930

New Zealand - 1931, 1937 (2)

All India - 1932

South America - 1932

MCC - 1934, 1939

Sir J.Cahn's X1 - 1936, 1937 (2), 1938, 1939 (2)

Yorkshire - 1937, 1938

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
24	39	1	911	109	23.9	12	6	3	0	13	0	-

I.MUIRHEAD - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P. and DALKEITH

Ingram Muirhead was a fastish bowler and aggressive batsman who appeared for both the Royal High School F.P. and Dalkeith clubs.

South Africa - 1894

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	0	7	5	3.5	0	0	6	2	15	0	-

J.B.ROBERTS - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P. and CLYDESDALE

Jim Roberts, right handed batsman and right arm medium paced bowler. He was a regular in the Scotland side during the late 1950's. His best bowling was 5 for 54 against MCC in 1958 while his best batting was in his first and last games - namely 27* against Yorkshire in 1956 and 31* against MCC in 1959. He moved to Glasgow in late 1956 and played for Clydesdale thereafter. He became a Scotland team selector in the 1980's.

Yorkshire - 1956, 1958

Ireland - 1957, 1958, 1959

MCC - 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959

Warwickshire - 1956, 1957

New Zealand - 1958 (2)

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
13	20	6	160	31*	11.4	6	0	217.3	55	566	19	29.7

F.R.SANDERSON - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P.

Frederick Sanderson was one of the large Sanderson family who all played for Royal High School F.P. Scored the first ever century for the Royal High School F.P. club. Had an outstanding reputation as a fielder in the deep.

Australia - 1882

Philadelphians - 1884

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
2	3	0	16	14	5.3	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

J.SANDERSON - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P.

James Sanderson was another of the noted Royal High School F.P. Sanderson family.

Cheltenham College Wanderers - 1870

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	0	14	14	7.0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

F.O.THOMAS - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

Freddie Thomas, right handed batsman and right arm medium paced bowler. He was a good club bowler before the second World War, but afterwards became one of the best club batsman in Scotland. In view of his great club form, Freddie was unlucky to only win one cap. In later years he became a noted administrator, culminating in his Presidency of the Scottish Cricket Union.

Worcestershire - 1951

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	0	21	21	10.5	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

J.J.TROTTER - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P.

James Trotter was a right arm fast bowler until he broke a collar bone playing rugby. Had a 30 year playing career with Royal High School F.P. Took for 4 wickets in his first match against Ireland in 1890. Was a German teacher at the Royal High School. Wrote one of several histories of the Royal High School which has appeared over the years.

Ireland - 1890

Lancashire - 1895

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
2	3	1	10	9*	5.0	0	0	45	16	96	4	24

E.W.WILSON - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P

Edward Wilson, left handed batsman. He scored a stack of runs for Royal High School F.P. between the mid 1920's and the mid 1950's but was only once selected for Scotland. Was also a Scottish badminton internationalist.

Ireland - 1936

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
1	2	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	-	-	-	-	-

A.L.WOOD - ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL F.P. and STONEHAVEN

Alfred Wood played a limited number of games for Royal High School F.P. but played much of his cricket for Stonehaven. A chemist by profession.

Australia - 1880, 1882 (2)

MCC - 1895

CAPS	INN	NO	RUNS	HS	AVE	CT	ST	OVER	MAID	RUNS	WKTS	AVE
4	7	1	115	35	19.2	0	0	2	0	5	1	5