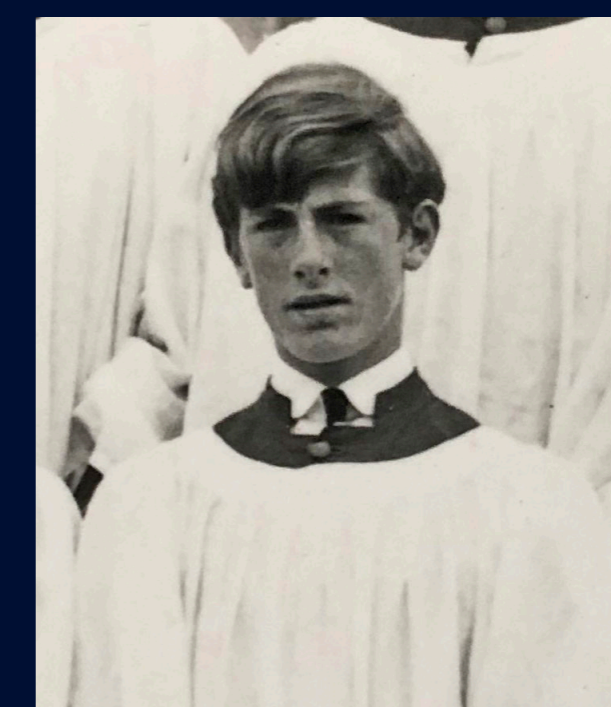


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John Geoffrey Wright, MBE

More driven on the sports field than the classroom, it was always obvious College boarder John Wright from a West Melton farm, would be a cricketer of renown.

He made the College 1st XI when he was 14, and captained the team in his final year. John represented and captained the New Zealand Cricket Team for nearly two decades until his retirement in 1993. A tenacious batsman who opened for New Zealand, he scored more than 5000 Test runs – the first New Zealand Test player to do so – with 12 Test centuries. He scored over 25,000 runs in first-class cricket, including over 59 first-class centuries, and was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to cricket in 1988.

He was appointed the first foreign coach of the Indian national cricket team from 2000–2005 during which time it won a home Test series and drew a Test series against Australia, recorded historic first away series wins against arch rivals Pakistan, and reached the final of the 2003 Cricket World Cup. He coached the New Zealand team from 2010–2012. In 2013 he led the Mumbai Indians to success in the Indian Premier League competition.



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