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### Further reading

## The spread of modern sport

*Graham Curry*

Below are three profiles of people who spread British sport around the world. The first two are classic examples of former public schoolboys, with the third providing an illustration of an upper-middle class member of what might be termed a local sporting elite.

### Lord Harris (cricket)

Harris was born in Trinidad in 1851, while his father was serving as governor there. He was sent to Eton for his early education and played in the Eton–Harrow cricket match at Lord's in three consecutive years from 1868 to 1870. He also attended Christ Church college, Oxford and represented the university at cricket. His county career took place in Kent but his greatest accolade was to captain England in Australia in 1878–79. From 1890 to 1895 he was governor of Bombay (now Mumbai) in India and spent much of his time there playing or watching cricket. Many writers credit him with encouraging the game in India, though others contend that he actively excluded locals.

### Canon George Ogilvie (rugby)

Canon George Ogilvie attended Winchester College, one of the great public schools of England. He later graduated from Wadham College, Oxford. After serving as a headmaster in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he moved to South Africa where he eventually became headmaster of Diocesan College, Cape Town in 1861. He was to stay there for 25 years. He introduced the game of football as played at Winchester College and this action, although Winchester football is generally a kicking game, is seen as the beginnings of rugby in South Africa. In around 1875, with the game of rugby increasing in popularity around the world, the people of Cape Colony (the area around the southern tip of Africa) adopted it and the following year the first true South African rugby club was formed. By the end of that year, Cape Town had all but abandoned the Winchester game in favour of rugby. Nevertheless, Ogilvie's championing of his favoured football form helped to sow the seeds of the game in South Africa.

### M. D. 'Mark' Nicholson (football)

M. D. Nicholson played for West Bromwich Albion in their FA Cup winning side when they beat Aston Villa 2–0 in 1892. By 1897, he worked for international travel agency Thomas Cook, and was transferred to Vienna, where he began playing for First Vienna FC, still at that time a predominantly English club. He was a successful player but is most remembered for his administrative and coaching roles. In 1900 he was elected as the first president of the Austrian Football Association. Nicholson moved on from Vienna, still working for Thomas Cook, and worked in Hamburg, Egypt and, finally, Paris, where he stayed for many years. There he played cricket and even represented France in the sport in an international against Belgium.