

ANOTHER RUGBY LOSS

T. D. Thevenard Killed in the United States

A FATAL ACCIDENT

Sportsmen, and particularly Bedford Rugby Club followers, will regret to learn of the death as the result of an accident in the United States of America of T. D. Thevenard, who for many seasons was a popular and outstanding threequarter for the Bedford Rugby Club and the East Midlands. He was attached to the Fleet Air Arm, and had gone to America in connexion with the overseas training scheme.

An Old Bedfordian, Theodore D. Thevenard was at Bedford School

from 1925 to 1930. He distinguished himself at Rugby, and was a good cricketer and gymnast. His play for the Bedford Rugby Club was of a consistently high standard. A very strong runner and a sturdy tackler, he was first choice for the right-wing threequarter position for many seasons. Occasionally he played at fly-half, and showed the resource demanded of a player in this position. In the 1936-37 season he played in an English Trial. Of a quiet though friendly disposition, Thevenard will be remembered with affection by players, officials, and supporters of the Club.

Much sympathy will be felt for his widow, formerly Miss Beryl Eileen Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Glass of Beverley Crescent, whom he married in July last year.

"T. D.'s" elder brother, Flying-Officer George Thevenard, O.B., was killed earlier in the war.

The war has now claimed four well-known Rugby Club players in Thevenard, "Jimmy" Power, "Micky" Staples, and "Bunny" Warren; and Sam Powell, Ellis Walshe, and "Teddy" Greave are prisoners of war. J. G. Rogers, who was seriously hurt in an air crash many months ago, is still in hospital, but is progressing well. Both Jack's brothers are now in the Royal Air Force.



LOSS TO COUNTY CRICKET

Death of Squadron-Leader Roger Winlaw

The Bedfordshire County Cricket Club has suffered a big loss by the death, on active service, of Squadron-Leader Roger de Winton Kelshall Winlaw, the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club captain. Aged thirty, and the elder son of the Rev. G. P. K. Winlaw and Mrs. Winlaw, of Houghton Conquest, he was a man of sterling character, with marked gifts of leadership, and his quiet, genial personality endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He leaves a widow and two young children, Anthony and Juliet. Squadron-Leader Winlaw was well known through the County and was extremely popular at Houghton Conquest, where his father has been Rector since 1931. When on visits to his parents he often read the lessons at the church and always took a keen interest in parish activities.

SCHOLAR AND ATHLETE

He was a Sixth-Former at Winchester, and a Sizar at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he took an honours degree in classics and history. It was as a sportsman, however, that he was most widely known. He was an accomplished athlete, and gave early indications of his ability at Winchester, where for two years he captained the cricket eleven. On going up to Cambridge—to St. John's College—he soon won distinction, having the honour of being a double Blue. He played for both elevens for three seasons, and was captain of football in 1933. His stylish batting and quickness in the field won for him a place in the Surrey County Cricket Club eleven, for whom he played many excellent innings. On taking up a scholastic appointment at Harrow, his time for first-class cricket was restricted. He captained the Surrey Seconds in the Minor County Championship for one year, and he also played for the Gentlemen and the Minor Counties XI.

He had played occasionally for the Bedfordshire County eleven while a freshman at Cambridge, and in 1936 he accepted an invitation to become captain. At this time the County team's playing record was only moderate, but by his quiet confidence, enthusiasm, and example, Roger Winlaw inspired his men to greater heights. The 1937 season was the best enjoyed by the team for many years, and Bedfordshire was a force in the Minor Counties Championship competition. His death has robbed the Club of a captain from whom a great deal was expected in the future.

On leaving the University he concentrated more on cricket than on football, but he played occasional Soccer games and signed amateur forms for Luton Town A.F.C. He was also outstanding at fives. In 1931 he won the singles in the Jester's Club championship and also the doubles, with Mr. J. H. Lamb.

GIFTS OF LEADERSHIP

On the outbreak of war he joined the R.A.F. His gifts of leadership were quickly recognized and he won promotion. He took part in many operational flights, and for some time past, as a volunteer, he had been a night-fighter. He had long been interested in aviation and was an instructor to the Air Training Corps at Harrow, which was one of the first schools to form a Corps.

It was a sad week-end for the Rev. G. P. K. Winlaw and Mrs. Winlaw, for on Saturday they

had notification that their younger son, Lieut. Ashley W. E. Winlaw, of the Intelligence Corps, and also a Bedfordshire County cricketer, had been wounded in the Middle East in October.

A TRIBUTE

In a tribute to the late Squadron-Leader Winlaw, Mr. Frank Crompton, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, writes: "The members of the County Cricket Club deeply deplore the loss on active service of the captain of the County XI, Squadron-Leader R. de W. K. Winlaw. Affectionately known to all in the Club as Roger, he first played for Bedfordshire when still a freshman at Cambridge, following a distinguished record at Winchester. After coming down from Cambridge, he captained Surrey 2nd XI for one year. He also appeared for the Gentlemen and the Minor Counties XI. He then accepted the captaincy of the Bedfordshire XI, which he held until the outbreak of hostilities.

"Roger very quickly demonstrated his ability as skipper and batsman and the County XI under his leadership became a really well-balanced team, combining team spirit with superb fielding, batting, and bowling. In 1937 the team enjoyed the best season since 1906, when they secured fourth place in the Minor Counties table.

"By his qualities of heart, no less than by those of mind, Roger greatly endeared himself to all. His natural love of his intense interest in all that men said and thought and did was never cramped or narrowed. In our bitter loss we are proud of his career and grateful for a store of happy memories."