

KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

K. C. Campin, Young County Cricketer

Local cricket and Rugby football have suffered a loss by the death of Sergt.-Navigator Kenneth C. Campin (O.B.M.), elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Campin, 6 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moretaine, who was killed in a flying accident in Scotland on 10th January.

Aged 22, Campin was a sportsman of exceptional promise, who made his mark in cricket and Rugby at the Modern School and played in the Bedfordshire Eleven when he was sixteen. After many fine bowling performances for the School, he made his debut for the County against Cambridgeshire in 1939, taking four for 79 in the first innings and one for 26 in the second. In the return match at Luton his figures were three for 31 and three for 12, and in the final averages for the season he was third with 11 wickets at a cost of 186 runs.

SEVENTY WICKETS IN A SEASON

For Leighton Buzzard in 1941 he bowled 154 overs, taking 70 wickets at a cost of 434 runs (average 6.2), and in his first over against Luton Town he did the hat trick, finishing the match with eight for 16. He headed the club's bowling averages that year and attracted the attention of Northamptonshire C.C.

Campin played full-back for the School XV and several times he figured with conspicuous success in the Town side.

Before joining the R.A.F. Campin was employed in the County Civil Defence organization at the Shire Hall. He was a keen member of the Shelton Road Methodist Church, being associated with the Young Men's Circle and Sunday School there. He will be greatly missed by many friends.

The following tribute has been received:

"We sportsmen of Marston feel deeply the loss of our great friend, Ken Campin, who has given his life for his country. Ken was respected and admired by us all for his true sportsmanship. He played both football and cricket with the same loyalty to his team as he showed in serving his country. He has been taken from us at an early age, but his fine qualities will be an example to the young sportsmen of Marston."

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Monday. A service was held in the Shelton Road Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. W. J. Paradine Frost (Circuit Minister), and Mr. Bert Thompson was at the organ. A large congregation was present.

The bearers were four Sunday School teachers, Messrs. J. Burridge, A. Brinsley, J. Gillett, and H. Robinson. These were replaced at the gates of the churchyard by four airmen from an R.A.F. station. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and on the top was a large floral cross from the parents, brother, and sister. At the graveside the Circuit Minister was assisted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Nowell-Rostron.

The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Campin (father and mother), Miss Q. Campin (sister), Mr. C. Roberts (grandfather), Mr. and Mrs. F. Roberts (uncle and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. J. Campin (uncle and aunt),

Mrs. W. Campin senior and Mrs. W. Campin junior (grandmother and aunt), Mr. and Mrs. H. Roberts (uncle and aunt), Mrs. H. Faulkner and Miss A. Hurtham (aunts), Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson (cousins), Mr. S. Bettell and Mrs. M. Bettell (uncle and cousin), Mr. J. Robinson (uncle), Mr. and Mrs. E. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bettell, Miss A. Evans, Mrs. F. Keep, Mr. S. Evans, Mrs. Braines, Mrs. Medcraft, Mrs. L. Hughes, and Miss A. Allen (cousins), Pte. Dennis Lunnon, R.A.F., and Mr. D. Smith (friends).

Corpl. Clifford Campin (a brother, serving in Holland) and Ice-Corpl. W. Campin (uncle) were unable to be present.

Mr. L. Blacklock (County A.R.P. Officer) and Mr. K. M. Bryson (A.R.P. Officer) represented the Shire Hall; and cricket interests were represented by Mr. Frank Crompton (Hon. Secretary, Minor Counties Cricket Association and Bedfordshire County C.C.), Mr. A. B. Poole (vice-captain of Bedfordshire XI), Mr. Stan Knight (Marston C.C.). Other representatives were: Messrs. J. Stapleton, J. Jiggles, J. Bennett, and B. Keep (Home Guard); Messrs. Tom White-more and J. Tuffnell (Special Constabulary); Messrs. E. J. Hillson and G. Owen (British Legion); Mrs. G. Owen (W.V.S.) and Mrs. S. Nowell-Rostron (Mothers' Union).

FLORAL TRIBUTES

Wreaths were from: Mum, Dad, Clifford, and Queenie; Grandpa Roberts, Uncle Fred, and Aunt Ida; Granddad, Grandma Campin; Uncle Jack and Auntie Mary; Uncle Harry and Aunt Clara; Uncle Bill and Auntie Marjorie; Great-Grandpa, Aunt Mary, Aunt Annie, and Uncle Albert; Auntie Angie; Uncle Sid and family; Uncle Sam, Aunt Polly, and family; Uncle John, Aunt Nell, Hedley, and Helen; Little Bryan; Mrs. Cole and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Hilda, and Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. Beard, and Lily; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen, John and Margaret; Polly, Laura, Alice, and Louie (Britannia Road);

Pals John and Tom; Pal Dennis; Mary (Cranfield); Daphne; Mrs. Bailey, Rose and Robert; Commanding Officer, Officers, and N.C.O.s, R.A.F. Station; The Air Crew Section, R.A.F. Station; Marston Branch, British Legion; Marston Cricket Club; Marston Methodist Forces Fund; Marston Home Guard; Jimmy, Fred, William, Leo, and Leonard (275 Company); A.T.S. Members, No. 11 M.S.D.; Bedfordshire County Cricket Club; Cryselco Forwarding Department.

**THE LATE MR. BERTRAM
PEEL**

**Former Bedford School
Cricket Captain**

One of Bedford School's best cricketers nearly half a century ago, Mr. Bertram Lennox Peel died in Edinburgh on Friday, aged 63. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Lennox Peel, and was in the School XI for three seasons, being captain in 1900. He made three centuries for the School, where he was a scholar from 1894 to 1900, and altogether he compiled 1,097 runs as a member of the Eleven.

While a student at Hertford College, Oxford, he played cricket for the Harlequins and the Authentics, and he later had the distinction of being in the Scotland XI. From 1924 until the early part of the war Mr. Peel was a classical master at Edinburgh Academy.

Mr. Peel was the eldest of six brothers who attended Bedford School. C. Lawrence Kinloch Peel (1894-02) and Denis H. Peel (94-05) also played in the School XI for three seasons, D. H. being captain in 1905. Lawrence was awarded the C.B. in the King's Birthday Honours List last year. Capt. Geoffrey Peel (1902-13) and Sec.-Lieut. Ambrose E. Peel (1906-16), both of the Bedfordshire Regiment, were killed in action in the last war. Ronald T. Peel, C.B.E., M.C., was at the School from 1900 to 1911.

**"DICK" ROGERS IS
HERE AGAIN**

**Modern School Cricket's
"Grand Old Man"**

At 92 years of age, Mr. "Dick" Rogers still believes that a change of scene and company is good for a man. He spends winter in Yorkshire with his daughter or in Oxford with his son. When summer is on the way "Dick" packs his bags again, but this time his destination is certain to be Bedford. Travel where he may during the long, cold months, it is unthinkable that his summer home should be any other than the house (No. 52) at the top of Clarendon Street. For here he is near his life's work and monument—the Bedford Modern School playing field, which, about 60 years ago, he created out of a wasteland of thistles, weeds, old tins, and kettles. Soon after his appointment to the post of groundsman in 1883, Dr. Poole, then Head Master, entrusted him with that formidable task, and though for the past 19 years he has lived in retirement, "Dick" has never been able to leave for long the scene that is so dear to his heart.



A week or two ago he returned from Yorkshire, and when, next term, willow blades are flashing in the sunshine, "Dick" will be on the field, as always, to keep his discerning eye on the School's cricket.

"RETIRED, NOT HURT"

When, in 1926, Old Modernians made him a gift of a handsome sum of money, and masters and boys presented him with a gold watch, "Dick" looked back on 43 years' grand service as cricket coach and groundsman, and said in the accents of his native Oxfordshire: "I am not bowled out, neither am I run out. I have retired, not hurt." So, in the terms of the game he loves best, he indicated that his long innings had been a happy one. But his retirement was more official than actual. With Cyril Rogers succeeding him, "Dick" doubtless considered that a father's experience and advice could not be discarded, and Cyril's knowledge of turf and ability to prepare a wicket good enough for a first-class match owe much to his guidance. As for coaching, "Dick" took the under-fourteens until he was ninety. What better proof could there be of the School's faith in him than that he should be allowed, despite his years, to handle boys of an age at which wise coaching is all-important if their promise is to be fulfilled?

Richard Rogers belongs to Modern School cricket for all

time, for no one has done more to inculcate the love of the game into the boys of successive generations. Himself a County batsman, he has in so many cases proved his capacity for bringing the cricketing talents of others to fruition. From nine years of age A. O. Jones was under "Dick's" wing, and every lover of the meadow game knows that name—the name of an England captain and of an all-rounder whose power is still spoken of whenever cricket's golden age is discussed. "Dick" watched over the flowering of Jones's exceptional talents in the late 'eighties, and his opinion is that the School never had such a fine side as that captained by Jones. Including L. G. Brown, J. O. Anderson, C. H. S. G. Loraine, T. M. C. Hunt, and the Potter brothers, F. W. and H. C., this team had an unbeaten record in 1887.

SCHOOL'S BEST BATSMAN ?

If Jones was the best all-round cricketer the School has produced, "Dick" thinks the highest honours for batting should go to N. T. D. Oliver, who captained the 1902-3 XI's. In 1903 there were three Oliver brothers—N. T. D., E. C., and R. E.—in the team, and the middle 'nineties saw the advent of the Turner brothers, W. C. D., A. J., and W. M., all of whom later played for Essex. Colonel A. J. Turner also had the honour of appearing in the Gentlemen of England XI.

Among the great number of other fine cricketers whose abilities "Dick" helped to mould were T. M. C. Hunt, the Berkshire bowler, and E. H. Philbrick, Leicestershire wicket-keeper.

Modern School cricket was in a very real sense "Dick's" mission in life, and he seemed to have regarded summer's other leading sport, rowing, with ill-concealed disfavour. It is on record that he once said to a School cricketer apparently out of form, "Well, there's a river and a boat club. Why don't you join that? You'll never do any good here." On another occasion "Dick" watched a member of the boat club making runs, and was overheard saying to himself, "Pity about that blooming river—I wish it was 20 miles away."

AGAINST TOM RICHARDSON

Many good scores made in County and club cricket stand as testimony to "Dick's" powers as a batsman. He first played for Bedfordshire in the '80's, when Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Head Master of Dunstable Grammar School, was captain; and in 1895 he headed the County averages at 42 runs per innings. Consistency was one of his best qualities, as can be judged by the fact that his highest score for Bedfordshire that season was 78, against Norfolk. In his last County match, at the Oval, that most lion-hearted of fast bowlers, Tom Richardson, was in the Surrey 2nd XI, and "Dick" made about 30 runs. One of "Dick's" most vivid memories is Bedfordshire's victory by eight wickets over Surrey 2nd XI at Luton.

Bedfordshire was able to put a very fine side into the field in those days. Among "Dick's" team-mates were W. F. Brown, slow left-arm bowler; Fred Potter; Tom Brown, fast bowler; L. G. Brown, wicket-keeper; Tom Small and Gilder, Luton players; and C. G. Pope, a Cambridge Blue.

Two of "Dick's" finest knocks for Bedford Town were 162 not out (his highest score) against Tufnell Park, and 112 not out against Luton.

Although "Dick" had first-hand experience of Tom Rich-

ardson's pace, he considers Arthur Mold, of Northamptonshire and later of Lancashire, to have been the fastest bowler he ever met. He recalls that in one match, on what is now the Bedford Rugby Club's ground and was the Modern School's playing field when "Dick" was appointed groundsman, Mold's attack broke the fingers of Dr. Chillingworth and H. W. Ocle.

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THE GREAT RECORD OF "DICK" ROGERS

He Laid Most Grounds in Bedfordshire

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"Dick" Rogers has spent the greater part of his ninety-two years in one little corner of the earth—the Bedford Modern School playing field, which came into being under his supervision more than half a century ago and was in his expert care until 1926. But his name crops up quite inevitably wherever Old Modernians meet; be the place thousands of miles from Bedford, "Dick" is mentioned just as surely as is the School.

What a joy it is for them to remember the "grand old man", to picture him against the background of their schooldays, perhaps moving about the field as summer blossomed all around, and pausing to tell Jones minor at the nets to "keep that bat straight", or maybe bending over a wicket he had just prepared and feeling the texture of it like a cloth-buyer testing materials. Yes! "Dick" is regarded with warm affection by all O.B.M.'s, and especially those whom he taught the arts of cricket. They think of him as one of those men who enrich the nature of the game and invest it with character.

A FORMIDABLE TASK

Last week I wrote that the Modern School playing field was "Dick's" monument, built by himself. Go back over sixty years and visualize a youngish man in a bowler hat with a very narrow brim and wearing a big white tie. He is interviewed by the Head Master, Dr. Poole, shrewd judge of a man if ever there was one, and young "Dick" is engaged as groundsman. The ground? A stretch of pasture land off Goldington Road—later the County Ground—but Dr. Poole has a formidable task in store for "Dick". The day soon comes when the Head takes him to see some acres of waste land covered with hillocks, thistles, weeds, and old tins, and says it is henceforth Bedford Modern School cricket ground.

Undismayed, "Dick" set to work. There is no need after all these years to say what a success he made of the job or to emphasize that the Modern School cricket table has been spoken of in the most laudatory terms by such noted players as Michael Falcon.

But "Dick's" reputation was not to be confined to the Modern School, and the remarkable fact is that he laid out more grounds in Bedfordshire than all other people put together. An idea of his labours may be gained from this list of the grounds he put down: the old County Ground in Goldington Road, Bedford School ground (developed), Elstow School ground, Allen Park, Bedford High School ground, Bedford Croquet Club lawns, Wardown Park (Luton) cricket ground—one of the finest in England, in the opinion of many cricketers—and the playing fields at Kimbolton Grammar School and Dunstable Grammar School.

A PERFECT GROUND

Even beyond the borders of Bedfordshire, "Dick's" services were called upon. There is the story of the touring cricketer who, while travelling through the West of England, saw what

he considered to be as perfect a cricket ground as he could imagine. He made inquiries as to who made it. The reply was: "R. Rogers, professional, Bedford Modern School."

When, in 1917, Allen Park was opened with a match between Bedfordshire and Norfolk, Michael Falcon described the wicket as one of the best and truest he had ever known. It was only a year before that "Dick" laid this ground, and for a wicket to win such praise after so short a time was testimony indeed to his skill. "Dick" himself thinks Allen Park is one of his best achievements.

He was given the task of developing Bedford School ground by Mr. Phillpotts and the beautiful wickets which groundsmen over since have been able to prepare there owe much to his pioneer work. The High School ground is entirely the work of the Rogers family. After "Dick" had laid it his eldest son, Henry—more popularly known as Jack—became groundsman. At that time Henry was only 15, and for three years his father superintended his labours. Henry Rogers is still the High School groundsman, a post he has occupied for over forty years.

UNIQUE FAMILY RECORD

The Rogers family's record in ground-keeping is surely without equal. "Dick's" father, Charles, was groundsman at Balliol College, Oxford, for 45 years. "Dick" had four brothers, all of whom were groundsmen and who blessed England—especially Oxford colleges—with groundsmen sons. They were: Harry Rogers, at Worcester College for 52 years; Joe, at Magdalen College 41 years; Alfred, at Exeter College for 33 years; and Peter, at St. John's for 31 years. Harry, aged 90, is still living. One of "Dick's" numerous nephews is groundsman at Radley College, where "Dick" himself began his life's work at 15 years by rolling turf for a shilling a week. He secured his first appointment two years later when he was given charge of the ground at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, where he met the lady whom he was to marry. She died in 1929 after fifty years of happy married life. Before coming to Bedford, "Dick" was engaged by Worcester College, Oxford, and Felstead School, and in those days he played cricket for Oxfordshire.

"Dick" has three sons carrying on the family tradition. Cyril succeeded him at the Modern School, Henry has charge of the High School ground, and Basil—at one time a professional cricketer for Glamorgan—is groundsman at St. John's College, Oxford, where he took over from his uncle twenty years ago.

Before the last war "Dick" was an umpire in the Minor Counties Championship. He "stood" at a Cardiff match in which an Australian eleven, including Warwick Armstrong, Clem Hill, Victor Trumper, Noble, and Ernest Jones, opposed a team selected from Glamorgan, Wiltshire, and Monmouthshire.

Cricket and the job "Dick" did so well have grown into the very texture of his being. The sunshine of many summers has burned on his fine face and left the healthy tan that denotes a man of the open air. Long may he yet be spared to see his field white with young cricketers, and, in the mind's eye, to watch the silent hosts of the past as they flicker, run-stealing and ball-chasing, across the screen of his memories.

H. J. D.

CRICKET SCORING IN THE MODERN WAY

Bedford Bowler Invented a New System

This summer there has appeared on the local cricket scene one Kenneth McCanlis, who, from 1934 to 1936, played regularly for Surrey 2nd XI as a fast bowler. Married to a Bedfordian, formerly Miss Vera Mathers, he now lives in the town, and on Saturday afternoons he sends down rather slower deliveries to the opponents of Bedford Town C.C. Strained leg muscles compelled him to give up fast bowling, but he remains a fine cricketer and also a keen student of the game.



His keenness is not confined to the arts of cricket. Years ago McCanlis turned his attention to the statistical side and found it so fascinating that, in collaboration with his brother, he evolved a far more comprehensive system of scoring than had hitherto been known. The score book commonly in use tells you a lot—but by no means everything. The McCanlis system enables you to see, from the mere record, a match in retrospect with a greater degree of accuracy. Nowadays numerous English county clubs and every other cricketing country, with the exception, strangely enough, of Australia, favours the system. The late Mr. Rogers, Bedfordshire Cricket Club's scorer, used it for several seasons up to the war.

It differs in various ways from the old score books, yet the scorer's work is simplified as soon as he has taken due note of the instructions given. The fundamental change is in the matter of recording a batsman's runs and a bowler's analysis. The McCanlis brothers have merged the two processes. Instead of long lines opposite the batsman's name there are squares wherein his runs and the balls delivered to him are recorded at the same time.

Thus it is possible to see at a glance the number of balls received, and the runs scored therefrom, by any batsman from any bowler. Here is the incontrovertible truth about a player's rate of scoring. Mr. McCanlis thinks that the time a batsman spends at the wicket is, in most cases, misleading. The important factor is the number of deliveries he actually receives.

AT THE BOWLER'S END

Explaining his system to me (writes H. J. D.), Mr. McCanlis showed me instances, from his records of county matches, where batsmen have been at the bowlers' end for almost every ball of several overs in succession. There are other circumstances to be taken into account. Mr. McCanlis recalled how a famous England cricketer won the Lawrence trophy for the fastest hundred a few seasons ago. He appeared to be two or three minutes faster than another batsman who made a hurricane century in the same season. The point overlooked was that the trophy winner made his runs in one partnership, whereas the other man saw four wickets fall. And each fallen wicket meant a delay of at least two minutes.

It would need more space than is available to deal in detail with the McCanlis scoring system. But here are a few points. The cumulative score is shown above each over; so, too, is the number of overs bowled by each man sharing in the attack and the number of runs scored in an over. There is a space for notes. Against the batsman's name are two squares marked "time in" and "time out", and another space in which is written the position of the fieldsman who may catch him. At a glance the score sheet tells you all; and, what is important for the scorer, the calculations to be made at the end of an innings are considerably minimized.

K. McCanlis, grandson of a Kent County cricketer, had the unique experience of taking wickets with his first and last deliveries for the Surrey 2nd XI. His best performance was six for 13 against Suffolk eleven years ago.

**HOSPITAL CUP FINAL
DATE FIXED**

The final of the County Hospital Cup competition between R.A.F. (Cardington) and R.A.F. (Little Staughton) will be played at the Bedford Modern School ground at 2.30 p.m. on 25th August.

The game should attract a large crowd, for the Little Staughton side will have the assistance of R. E. S. Wyatt (England and Warwickshire), while Cardington can command the services of R. J. Partridge, the Northamptonshire all-rounder, and W. Nevell, the Middlesex bowler.

HARPUR No. 1 XI's BEST PERFORMANCE

Harpur No. 1 XI accomplished their best performance of the season at Bedford Park on Saturday, when they inflicted the first defeat on R.A.F. (Chucksands), who included County players in Grimshaw and Neale. Harpur won by 78 runs.

For the R.A.F., only Lewis made any resistance to the good bowling of A. Cornell (three for 15) and Baker (four or 15). Cornell completed a fine all-round performance when Harpur batted, scoring 53 with shots all round the wicket. He was well supported by Minns and Baker. Scores:—

R.A.F.: Sheerson 9, Rawston 0, Grimshaw 7, Neale 10, Lewis 21, Harrison 0, Geddie 2, Meek 5, Scofield 4, Shimman not out 6, Newbury 7, extras 12, total 83.

Harpur: Peacock 11, Bennett 4, Webster 2, A. Cornell 53, Minns 32, Coomb 1, Chamberlain 2, B. Cornell 1, Baker 35, Keyes 2, Chance not out 2, extras 16, total 161.

OTHER RESULTS

Bedford Town, 162 for seven dec. (Ward 73, Bird four for 34); Skefko, 60 (Shields 29, Harris five for 7).

St. Neots, 66 (L. McCanlis four for 16, K. McCanlis three for 9, Humphreys two for 5); Bedford Town, 185 (Sabey 88, Whalley not out 37, Ayres six for 45).

Bedford Town 2nd XI, 73 (Ferriman 19, Sheppard 18, Sparkes six for 19); Queen's Works, 128 (Coomb 92).

Biggleswade, 132 for six dec. (E. Smith not out 53, Bygraves 28, Dimmick four for 37); Harpur Sports No. 2 XI, 58 for two (Harrison 23).

Baptist C.C., 164 for three dec. (George not out 76, Shreeves 38); Thurleigh, 45 (Norman six for 14, Argent three for 22).

Eastern National, 125 for five dec. (T. Smith 52, J. Brunt 35); R.A.F., 126 for seven (F/O. Macdonald 58).

Lynton Works, 144 for three dec. (Spindler not out 75, Spice not out 55); Kent's Athletic, Luton, 69 (Davis five for 29, Litchfield four for 14).

Bedford Northern, 133 for eight dec. (Marsh 50); Hobkirk's XI, 70 (Payne 24).

YOUNGSTERS' CHANCE TO SHINE

School Cricketers to Play in Northants Trial

Four members of this season's Bedford School XI, S. Y. Goudge, I. Wugstaffe, P. H. Padwick, and G. McD. Fleming, will appear for the Young Amateurs of Northamptonshire XI against Captain K. H. D. Bolton's XI at Spinney Hill, Northampton, next Thursday.

With the idea of helping Northamptonshire's search for young amateurs, Capt. Bolton, Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, has arranged the match. He has got together an eleven of the best from the schools, and put them, against a team of his own, in which there is sufficient talent to secure a real test. The young players have been carefully chosen, and their cricket credentials have been card-indexed for future reference.

Six schools are represented in the young amateurs' side. In opposition, Capt. Bolton will have several county men, including A. B. Poole, the Bedfordshire captain, and Jim Smith, the Middlesex and England fast bowler and hitter.

Hugh F. Kerr, the Bedford School bowler, assisted the Northern Public Schools against the Southern Schools at Lord's on 9th and 10th August. The Southern Schools won by an innings and 117 runs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Vauxhall (Luton) 120 for nine declared (A. Pacey 36, T. Clarke 29, R. Linger four for 41, K. McCannis three for 38); Bedford Town 119 for five (E. E. Ward 72 not out, A. Heymeson three for 46).

Harpur Sports No. 1 XI 155 for five declared (A. Peacock 63, A. W. Cornell 35, Venn three for 53); R.A.F. (Henlow) 95 (Morrison 49, Fotts 28, T. Minns four for 2, G. Chance two for 12).

Harpur Sports No. 2 XI 105 (E. Harrison 20, J. Hulatt six for 27, A. Norman three for 30); Baptist C.C. 104 (A. A. Coomb 43, R. King four for 11, B. Cornell two for 24).

Vauxhall Juniors (Luton) 76 for seven declared; Ampthill Youth Club 42.

HARPUR SPORTS WIN AT WELLINGBOROUGH

Playing at the "Dog and Duck" ground, Wellingborough, on Sunday Harpur Sports beat Priory C.C. by six wickets. Priory, batting first, were never comfortable against the strong Harpur attack, and they were all out for 51. J. Quinney, home on leave, bowled extremely well, taking four for 18 runs in 14 overs. W. Smith also bowled well.

Harpur had some early shocks when they batted, losing Peacock and Dodd cheaply, but the necessary runs were soon obtained. J. Newman and L. Chamberlain were in good form. Scores:—

Priory C.C.: Adnit 17, Loomes 1, Robinson 2, Knight 6, Fitch 6, Evenson 1, Smith 0, Pearce 10, Bond 2, Hardwick 3, Whitney not out 0, extras 3, total 51.

Bowling: J. Quinney four for 18, W. Smith three for 14.

Harpur Sports: S. Dodd 3, A. Peacock 0, J. Newman 25, J. Quinney 2, L. Chamberlain 23, R. Foulter 0, T. Minns not out 10, A. Webster 2, extras 10, total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 75.

Bowling: Robinson four for 17.

LOW SCORING GAME

In a low-scoring game, B.C.H. St. Neots, beat Great Barford by nine runs at Great Barford on Saturday. Scores:

B.C.H.: J. H. Lloyd 3, A. Haggart 2, R. Hightot 3, F. Wolfe 1, W. Searle 3, E. Sheller 7, R. Luff 11, M. Emsley 0, G. Hitch 7, R. Jones 0, Dibson 0, extras 3, total 50.

Great Barford: E. Lee 1, J. Ashpole 1, K. Tatman 5, D. Jones 1, Claude Robinson 1, R. Cooper 9, J. Tatman 5, J. Bundy 11, A. Minney 1, G. Robinson 0, B. Cope 0, extras 5, total 41.

**IMPRESSIVE BATTING
AVERAGE**

T. Smith played another fine innings for Eastern National on Sunday, taking 55 off the Igranic bowling at Kempston. His average for his last five innings is 64, and he also took six of Igranic's wickets for 42 runs.

A 12-a-side match was drawn, it finishing with the busmen four wickets in hand and wanting only nine runs to win. Scores:—

Igranic: T. Wooding 8, Hammond 11, L. Chamberlain 10, S. Chamberlain 5, C. Newman 1, H. Pryor 0, W. Baker 34, F. Stubbs 2, R. Sparks 17, R. Jones 2, G. Collins not out 7, S. Barcock not out 11, extras 17, total (for 10 wickets dec.) 125.

Eastern National: J. Brunt 8, A. Webster 3, T. Smith 55, A. Peacock 0, J. Newman 20, D. Meadows 22, H. Boyce not out 1, R. Ibbott 2, extras 5, total (for 7 wickets) 117.

OTHER RESULTS

Bedford Town 158 (T. N. Whalley 48, D. T. Matthews 29, Childs five for 80); Queen's Works 138 for five (E. Wooding 88, L. Bambridge three for 45).

Harpur Sports No. 1 XI 190 for four dec. (R. Nightingale not out 67, S. Dodd 33, W. Smith not out 32, A. Peacock 31); Harpur Sports No. 2 XI, 141 for nine (W. Baker 41, R. King 37, J. Quinney four for 40).

Baptist 71 (Bloomfield five for 26, Smith three for 35), Stewartby 88 for eight (C. Stone not out 30, Norman five for 21).

North End Club Single Men 157 for seven dec. (A. Peacock 47, L. Chamberlain 39, S. Chamberlain 30), Married Men 15, for six (S. Dodd 54, W. Baker 60).

**SOUTHGATE'S BATTING
FEAT**

Henry Southgate, one of Bedfordshire's finest batsmen between the two wars and a product of "Dick" Rogers's coaching at the Bedford Modern School, has had a truly remarkable spell of run-getting for Maidenhead. On three successive days he scored centuries: 136 against the Maccabi Association (a London Jewish side) 101 not out v. R.A.F. (White Waltham), and 105 v. Asgrove C.C., Slough.

HOSPITAL CUP FINAL

R. E. S. Wyatt will captain the R.A.F. (Little Staughton) against the Cardington Airmen in the final of the Hospital Cup at Bedford Modern School ground to-morrow (Saturday). Both sides will be at full strength and a keen match is expected.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S
GOOD START**

**Bright Batting in County
Match at Bedford**

In the first match of the war for both counties, Cambridgeshire made a good start against Bedfordshire at the Bedford School ground yesterday (Thursday), their opening pair scoring 51 for the first wicket. The home County fielded three members of their pre-war side — A. B. Poole (captain), J. A. R. Oliver, and H. A. Southgate — while five old players appeared in the Cambridgeshire eleven, which also included B. M. Trapnell, the Cambridge University bowler.

Rain delayed the start for half an hour. Cambridgeshire, winning the toss, elected to bat, and C. E. Coote, their captain, who is groundsman at Fenner's, opened the innings with Taylor. Coote, a left-hander, began confidently, and he hit a four to leg off the first ball, from Cornell, the Harpur Sports all-rounder. He also punished Bambridge, bowling from the School end, for two boundaries, but the Bedford Modern School bowler should have had Coote's wicket when he had made 17. Mays missing a fairly easy catch at deep square leg.

Scoring was at the rate of a run a minute in the first half an hour, and the bowlers did not appear to be getting much assistance from the wicket. Oliver, first change for Cornell, bowled well, without luck, and Coote, with a single to leg, off Poole, brought the visitors' total to 50 in 58 minutes. One run later Matthews, the sixth bowler to be tried, broke the partnership with his fifth ball, Coote hitting it straight into Poole's hands at forward short leg. Coote's 28 included three boundaries.

When Leeming joined Taylor, the scoring pace slackened somewhat, and the pair remained together until the luncheon interval, when the total was 70 for one.

Cambridgeshire's bright batting after lunch was a contrast to the dull and cheerless weather. At 98 Taylor was caught low down at first slip, his chanceless innings of 43 having occupied nearly two hours.

Leeming continued to force the pace, and when he was third out at 141, he had made 53 out of 80 in 75 minutes. He hit five 4's. With only two runs added, Ellis was caught at slip without scoring.

Scores at 5 p.m. were:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
C. E. Coote, c Poole, b Matthews	28
H. W. F. Taylor, c Oliver, b Mays	43
E. A. Leeming, st Hills, b Mays	53
R. H. Ellis, c Matthews, b Mays	0
B. M. W. Trapnell, c Matthews, b Mays	21
H. J. Rose, c Hills, b Matthews	7
S. M. Tebbit, b Matthews	4
J. L. Lawrence, c Hawley, b Matthews	12
G. F. Abbs not out	19
T. W. Eley, c Mays, b Cornell	0
T. R. Morton, c Mays, b Matthews	1
Extras (1 lb, 1 w, 2 nb)	4

Total 192

Bowling: Cornell one for 49; Mays five for 47; Matthews four for 38.

BEDFORDSHIRE: A. B. Poole (captain), T. Clark, J. Nixon, H. A. Southgate, J. A. R. Oliver, D. G. Hawley, F. Mays, R. Hills, A. W. Cornell, T. D. Matthews, L. Bambridge.
Umpires: T. Shaw and G. Watts.

Proceeds of the game will be devoted to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

RAIN SPOILS COUNTY
CRICKET

Rain spoiled what promised to be an interesting finish to the one-day match between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire at the Bedford School ground on 9th August. When the weather caused the game to be abandoned as a draw just after six o'clock, Bedfordshire had scored 66 without loss, and thus needed 127 to win, with nearly an hour and a half left for play.

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Leeming (53), Taylor (43), and Coote (28) gave Cambridgeshire a good start, the first three wickets yielding 141. The other seven wickets, however, fell for only 51, Mays taking five for 47 and Matthews four for 38.

Bedfordshire were left with 150 minutes' batting. Their opening pair, T. Clark, of Luton Vauxhall, who is the Hitchin Town footballer, and J. Nixon, a left-hander, who has assisted Rishton in the Lancashire League, put on 66 without being separated before rain caused the match to be abandoned just after six o'clock. Clark was 38 and his partner 23.

Mr. Frank Crompton, Bedfordshire's secretary, was in charge of arrangements for the game, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Gross receipts totalled more than £100.

RETURN MATCH

For their return match against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's this Saturday, Bedfordshire have made two changes in the eleven fielded at Bedford.

H. A. Southgate drops out for the inclusion of J. G. Owen, a regular member of the County side before the war, who on one of his last appearances in the team, in August, 1939, scored 155 against Cambridgeshire, his second wicket stand with N. E. Browning (178) realizing 282.

The other change is the inclusion of J. Webster, the Cambridge "Blue", who is a science master at Bedford School. Webster, who has appeared in the Festival matches at Birmingham this week, takes the place of L. Bambridge, the Bedford Modern School bowler.

A. B. Poole is to again captain the team, which will also include T. Clark, J. Nixon, J. A. R. Oliver, D. G. Hawley, F. Mays, R. Hills, A. W. Cornell, and T. D. Matthews.

COUNTY HAVE WORST OF DRAW

Oliver and Poole to the Rescue at Fenner's

A gallant seventh wicket stand between A. B. Poole, their captain, and John Oliver, saved Bedfordshire from almost certain defeat in their return match against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday. As it was, Bedfordshire had the worst of a drawn game, finishing 124 runs behind with only two wickets in hand.

Poole and Oliver came together when Bedfordshire were in the doldrums, having scored only 94 for the loss of six wickets in reply to their opponents' formidable total of 296 for three declared. Bedfordshire's early batsmen never looked like giving the home bowlers serious trouble. There was some sensational cricket soon after tea when Clark, Owen, and Hawley were dismissed in four balls. At this stage Trappnell, the Cambridge University spin-bowler had captured three wickets for 15 runs in eight over, three of which were maidens.

The dismissal of Mays at 9 brought Poole and Oliver together with about 70 minutes remaining for play. They took the score to 168, when Poole was clean bowled. His 39, which included four boundaries, was worth a hundred to his side. At the close Oliver was undefeated for an invaluable half-century.

Earlier in the day the visitors won the toss and sent Cambridgeshire in, but Poole's move never met with the success he anticipated. A splendid opening stand between Coote and Taylor showed that the wicket had no terrors for them. They scored 110 in 88 minutes before Coote was caught in the gully. When the score was 163, Taylor had his leg stump knocked back. He defied the attack for two hours and 20 minutes while he put together a flawless 73.

Carefree batting by Sunshine Ridgeon, and Trappnell delighted the spectators. Ridgeon declaring the innings closed when Cambridgeshire had registered 296 in 205 minutes. Sunshine was at the wicket for 105 minutes to make 87 not out. Scores: Cambridgeshire: C. E. Coote 61, H. W. F. Taylor 73, J. A. Sunshine not out 87, F. A. Ridgeon 40, B. M. W. Trappnell not out 31, extras 4, total (for 3 wkts dec.) 296.

Bedfordshire: T. Clark 34, J. Nixon 8, A. D. Panton 11, J. G. Owen 15, J. A. R. Oliver not out 50, D. G. Hawley 0, F. May 7, A. B. Poole 39, R. Hills 1, extras 3, total (for 8 wkts.) 172.