

COUNTY CRICKET

Bedford Bowlers in Trial at Luton

To-morrow (Saturday), at Wardown Park, Luton, Bedfordshire C.C.C. will hold a trial match in preparation for the revival of the Minor Counties' Cricket Championship, in which the County have eight fixtures, as in pre-war seasons, although the qualifying number is now only six.

After six years of inactivity there is certain to be much new blood in the County XI this year, and to-morrow's sides, captained by A. B. Poole and J. A. R. Oliver, Bedfordshire's captain and deputy respectively, will give the selectors a good idea of the talent available. From the Bedford end of the County the players chosen are Sid Morris, Eric Howard, Arthur Cornell, Gordon Brice, and L. H. Hill. Morris soon found his run-getting form this season, but Howard has been out of luck so far. Cornell, the Harpur Sports skipper, and Hill, a member of the Bedford School team in 1944, well deserve their chance as bowlers, and young Brice, the Luton Town footballer, may be just the man on whom the County can rely for pace bowling. He has a strong frame and a perfect action.

SON OF FORMER COUNTY PLAYER

Another bowler of whom much is expected is C. W. F. Rawlins, an Old Bedford Modernian and a son of Charles Rawlins, the former County player. He is only eighteen years of age, but is already showing himself to be a fast bowler of considerable promise.

Two Bedfordshire stalwarts, Poole and George August, were early among the season's century-makers in club cricket, "A.B." for Leighton Buzzard, thrashing the Bedford attack last week, and August hitting up a hundred for Hornsey Rise.

Others who will appear in the trial are Glyn Owen, the Surrey 2nd XI and Luton all-rounder, who topped the Bedfordshire batting averages in 1939; G. Bircumshaw and E. Smart (Three Counties Hospital); T. Clark, J. Nixon, P. Clark, and wicket-keeper R. Hills (Luton Vauxhall); R. Costin (Dunstable); Dudley John, T. D. Matthews, D. G. Hawley, and A. Worboys (Luton Town); and D. Grady (Kent's XI, Luton). The start is at 11.30 a.m.

Bedfordshire open with a match against Hertfordshire on 26th and 27th June at Hertford, and the first home games are in the County Week at Bedford School. As usual, the visitors are Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire. Then follow away fixtures with Cambridgeshire (at Fenner's on 16th and 17th August), Buckinghamshire (High Wycombe, 21st-22nd August), and Oxfordshire (Oxford, 23rd-24th August), and the final match is at Luton against Cambridgeshire (28th-29th).

PRESENTATION TO MR. FRANK CROMPTON

Mr. Frank Crompton, Hon. Secretary of Bedfordshire C.C.C. for the past twenty-one years, has been actively associated with the Club since 1914, and during the Bedford Week his valuable services will be publicly acknowledged. A presentation in the form of a cheque is to be made to Mr. Crompton, whose work for cricket is not confined to Bedfordshire. He is Hon. Secretary of the Minor Counties' Cricket Association.

COUNTY CRICKET TRIAL

Probable Players for Hertfordshire Game

To-morrow (Wednesday) the Bedfordshire C.C.C. selectors will choose the eleven to play in the Club's first Minor Counties Championship match since 1939—against Hertfordshire at Hertford on 26th and 27th June.

A. B. Poole, the captain, his deputy, John Oliver, George August, and Glyn Owen—players of established reputation in County cricket—are automatic choices, and my forecast (writes H. J. D.) is that the remaining seven places will go to Tom Clark, A. Heymeson, and Reg Hills (Vauxhall Motors), Sid Morris (Bedford Town), T. D. Matthews (Luton Town), and Arthur Cornell and Gordon Brice (Harpur Sports).

If this proves to be the team, the County should have an ample and well-varied attack, and the "tail" in the batting would appear to be short.

The trial match at Wardown Park, Luton, on Saturday, in which the teams were skippered by Poole and Oliver, could not have helped the selectors very much, at any rate on the positive side, except in so far as three of the seven men I have listed did enough to be certain of invitations to Hertford.

Batsman of Class

Tom Clark, twenty-one-year-old batsman, will surely be August's new opening partner; although very subdued—he was 1½ hours making 24—he looked a player of real class, sound in defence and a stylish stroke-maker.

The other two were bowlers—Heymeson, who took all the six wickets that fell on Oliver's side for 25 runs, and Matthews (five for 20). The former is the old Oxfordshire slow left-arm bowler. He and Matthews (medium) thrived on poor batting.

Eric Howard (Bedford), in a second knock, played the brightest cricket of the day in a stand with D. G. Hawley (Luton), and either of them may be preferred to Morris. But whereas Morris has been batting consistently well this season, Howard has yet to strike his best form.

We saw two very smart wicket-keepers in Hills and Grady (Kent's XI). On Saturday's showing, Hills's batting should make him first choice for the County.

Little Help From Wicket

A lifeless wicket was of little help to bowlers of the type of Cornell, Brice, and R. F. Hill (Queen's Works). Cornell (two for 8 in seven overs and one for 5) did well enough to get his chance at Hertford, and, although generally erratic in length and direction, Brice bowled the left-handed Smart (Three Counties) with a lovely ball that uprooted the off stump—an indication that he may be, on faster wickets, a pace bowler of considerable value to Bedfordshire. His one-handed catch, a few inches from the ground, that sent back his club captain, Cornell, was among the game's few stimulating incidents. Young Rawlins, son of Charles Rawlins, kept a good length, but he is not ready for County cricket yet.

Oliver's eleven won the match by four wickets. Scores:—

A. B. Poole's XI: G. L. B. August c Morris b Matthews 24, J. Nixon b Oliver 11, G. Bircumshaw b Matthews 0, D. G. Hawley b P. Clark 11, E. C. Howard c Costin b Cornell 11, D. Grady c Matthews b Cornell 3, A. Worboys b Matthews 4, G. Brice c Cornell b Matthews 3, C. W. F. Rawlins b Matthews 0, A. Heymeson b Hill 1, A. B. Poole not out 1, extras 4, total 73.

Bowling: Hill one for 15, Oliver one for 8, P. Clark one for 18.

Second innings: A. Nixon b P. Clark 7, G. Bircumshaw c Matthews b Cornell 0, E. C. Howard b Matthews 29, D. G. Hawley b John 24, G. Brice not out 2, extras 5, total for four wickets 67.

Bowling: P. Clark one for 8, John one for 0, Matthews one for 14.

J. A. R. Oliver's XI: T. Clark c Brice b Heymeson 24, E. Smart b Heymeson 9, R. Costin c Rawlins b Heymeson 5, W. D. John lbw b Heymeson 2, S. T. Morris c August b Heymeson 4, R. Hills not out 19, P. Clark c Howard b Heymeson 3, R. Hill not out 9, extras 8, total for six wickets 83.

Second innings: A. Cornell c Brice b August 7, E. Smart b Brice 14, R. Costin not out 8, D. J. John not out 0, extras 10, total for two wickets 39.

Bowling: Brice one for 0, August one for 5.

CRICKET SCORES

THE MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Match drawn. Bedfordshire take 3 points for 1st innings lead.

Hertfordshire v. Bedfordshire

Hertfordshire (1st Innings)
 N. E. Lane c Oliver b Cullingham 0
 F. Roberts c Matthews b Heymeson 24
 Rev. Dr. Barholmieux c Clark b Heymeson 20
 P. G. T. Kingsley c Poole b Heymeson 18
 T. G. Purver b Heymeson 7
 M. A. Wiggs at Hills b Heymeson 14
 W. L. Clark c Poole b Heymeson 7
 A. Grimsdell b Owen 5
 E. C. Hawes not out 25
 R. Watson c Nixon b Heymeson 9
 Extras 4
 Total 141

Second Innings
 Lane lbw b Matthews 13
 Kingsley b Matthews 117
 Bartholmieux at Hills b Owen 2
 Purver c Callingham b Heymeson 43
 Roberts run out 9
 Wiggs b Matthews 17
 Allen b Matthews 10
 Clark not out 3
 Grimsdell not out 3
 Extras 19

Total for 7 (dec.) 235
 Bowling: Matthews 4-70, Owen 1-45, Heymeson 1-45

Bedfordshire (1st Innings)
 Clark lbw b Hawes 94
 G. L. B. August lbw b Roberts 41
 J. Nixon st Grimsdell b Roberts 3
 R. Hills c Grimsdell b Hawes 25
 J. G. Owen run out 17
 J. A. R. Oliver c and b Allen 30
 S. T. Morris b Allen 2
 A. B. Poole lbw b Roberts 2
 A. Heymeson c Kingsley b Allen 1
 G. Callingham not out 0
 T. D. Matthews b Allen 0
 Extras 213

Total 213
 Bowling: Allen 4-85, Roberts 3-55, Hawes 2-58

Second Innings
 Clark b Watson 0
 August lbw b Watson 1
 Owen not out 37
 Morris lbw b Roberts 19
 Nixon b Roberts 2
 Oliver not out 8
 Extras 8

Total for 4 wickets 69

Other Results
 Queen's Works 78 (Shenard 33 nct), Skelco 88 for seven.
 Southill 111 (K. D. Ballard 41 not out, W. Baker 7-46), Igranic 76 (Massey 3-11, Swain 3-16).
 Argus 104, Stewartby 107 for seven.
 Shire Hall 150 for four dec., Baptist 87.
 Queen's Works 2nd XI 43 (Chance 6-19), Harpur Sports 2nd XI 48 (Clarke 6-24).
 Keysoe 71, Little Staughton 30.
 B. W. Goodman's XI 141 (Thorogood 54), Kimbolton 184 for nine (Wakelield 47, P. H. Hill 34, P. Wills 9-80).

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Division I

Blunham v. Kempston

Kempston: H. Parker 1, W. Tipton 21, J. Bain 5, K. Gilbert 11, H. White 4, L. Cambers 4, G. Darlow 0, W. Davis 7, F. Bell 0, R. Walker 14, M. Gilbert not out 0, extras 7, total 73. (R. Reid 3-20, E. Clarke 3-28, R. Clark 2-11).
 Blunham: C. Sanders 9, R. Reid 1, R. Brown 20, E. Clarke 0, F. Abbott 4, R. Clarke 3, F. Chapman 18, W. Daniels 11, G. Harding 1, T. Reid 0, A. Buckle not out, extras 6, total 76. (W. Davis 4-31, L. Cambers 2-20, R. Walker 2-1).

Little Staughton v. South End

Little Staughton: S. Stapleton 6, R. G. Thorne 8, B. Stapleton 8, E. Robins 5, C. Brown 2, E. Robins 1, L. Saunders 0, V. Banks 4, S. Marshall 0, G. Hall not out 7, G. Robins 7, extras 8, total 90.
 South End: M. Tarren 0, L. Jones 0, P. Ames 0, B. Buxby 0, P. Dobson 9, H. Allen 0, E. Allen 0, 9 Norman 9, S. Tompkins 0, S. Tysoe 2, W. Nichols not out 0, extras 1, total 21.

Everton v. Bedford North

Bedford North End: A. Peasey 10, R. Sherriffs 3, R. Colbert 3, G. Footler 0, E. Newman 4, H. Woodward 13, D. Smith 22, J. Dunsmun not out 15, W. Loak 8, J. Fensome 0, J. Perry 2, extras 6, total 83.
 Everton: F. Hull 0, B. Webb 15, E. Giles 5, G. Peck 2, V. Wisson 1, G. Peck 2, W. Smith 0, G. Richardson not out 10, R. Hull 0, extras 4, total 61.

Division II

Lynton Works II v. Great Barford

Great Barford: B. Peet 1, K. Tatman 19, W. Norman 15, R. Smith 10, E. Jones 9, Robinson 5, E. Lee 7, J. Ashpole 17, S. Green 0, J. Breeze 5, R. Cooper not out 0, extras 11, total 140. (S. Bennett 4-24, D. Simpson 3-2).
 Lynton Works: D. Simpson 2, S. F. Beardmore 1, H. Ives 0, A. Fuller 1, A. Spice 1, S. Bennett 0, J. Kermeen 0, W. Bennett 1, T. Rollinson 0, Denison 1, F. Oliver not out 0, extras 0, total 7.

Wood End v. Thurlleigh

Wood End: W. Hutchings 4, R. Sandbrook 0, J. Bunny 5, J. Burrough 8, V. Ashpole 5, F. Loft 0, T. Burrough 6, E. Burrough 0, B. Ashpole 0, D. Wall 5, L. Jessop not out 2, extras 5, total 36. (W. Ashpole 5-13).
 Thurlleigh: A. Walton 17, W. Asplin 5, F. Asplin 5, C. Berrell 0, S. Asplin 0, F. Thorne 12, J. Winstan 4, L. Bull 1, R. Winstan 5, C. Taylor 2, E. Holly not out 2, extras 0, total 51. (V. Ashpole 5-16).

Southoe 25 and 43 for 11; dec. (H. Davison 6-7, W. Davison 3-16).
 Great Staughton 25 and 58 for none (H. Davison 56 not out).
 Steppingley 3 (S. Kugh 5-5), Wootton Bassett 52 (C. Patten 8-19).

Division III

Pavenham v. Sharnbrook

Pavenham: E. Clare 17, J. Turner 16, G. Scoley 3, N. Wealey 25, J. Crawley 1, G. Curtis 8, G. Wesley 0, J. Tandy 7, D. Poole 2, S. Giddle 1, K. Ashpole 6, extras 8, total 97.
 Sharnbrook: H. Martin 7, H. Grey 2, H. Shepherd 9, H. Boyles 1, F. Allen 0, R. Dunkley 0, R. Wildman 0, F. Boyles 1, F. Bygrook 1, T. Bragg 1, R. Knight 5, E. extras 2, total 29.

Elstow Abbey v. Lavendon

Lavendon: F. Paynton 6, G. Marshall 7, G. Harrison 18, L. Bailey 2, P. Tomkins 9, E. Clare 0, F. Wright 18, F. Spriggs 2, G. Chapman not out 11, D. Martin 5, J. Quemy 0, extras 3, total 81. (Auker 3-16, Brown 3-26).
 Elstow Abbey: R. Brown 1, R. Bennett 4, J. Auker 5, P. Usher 6, J. Minns 12, L. Shortland 20, A. Herbert 6, G. Bartram 21, G. Roberts retired 21, F. Chapman not out 8, W. Robinson 0, extras 6, total 121. (Paynton 3-23).

HOSPITAL CUP

First Round

Kempston v. Free Church

Free Church Thursday: R. Nichols 3, R. Sheppard 10, E. Watson 1, J. Ager 12, W. Poole 1, Hellyer 3, Block 0, Rose 0, Mitchell not out 2, Brett 0, Caves 0, extras 2, total 41.
 Kempston: F. Hoar 11, H. Parker 7, J. Bain not out 26, K. Gilbert 5, White 1, M. Thomas not out 2, extras 1, total for four wickets 51. (E. Watson 2-26).

OTHER MATCHES

Letchworth v. Bedford Town

Letchworth: 31.
 Bedford: J. Pratt 1, S. Morris 11, E. C. Howard 2, K. V. Percy 32, E. Barr 1, R. Maple 13, Hawkins not out 6, extras 14, total for six wickets 80.

Bedford School v. Romany C.C.

Romany C.C.: 51. (Disbury 6-22, Picket 3-13).
 Bedford School: 11. Goudge 3, B. E. Disbury 8, R. D. Payne 0, P. C. Farmer-Wright 27, Daves 4, Daughtry not out 6, Meadows 17, Gilbert 3, G. MCF. D. Fleming not out 4, extras 6, total 171 for eight wickets.

Harpur Sports v. Queen's Works

Queen's Works: T. Wooding 0, H. Boyce 5, E. Coltridgie 0, E. Barcock 0, N. Macdonald 0, K. Wilson 0, S. Prossell 8, D. A. Thompson 22, J. Smith 8, E. Walker 5, W. Childs not out 1, extras 6, total 57.
 Harpur Sports: S. Dodd 5, A. Peacock 3, A. Webster 9, W. Smith 2, T. Newman 0, T. Bennett not out 2, Smith 4, E. Bennett not out 2, O. H. Keyes 0, extras 0, total 63.

Stewartby v. Meppershall

Meppershall: May 23, Thompson 2, Ansell 0, Avison 27, Callikam 45, Lawrence 13, A. Taylor 1, Harris not out 10, B. Taylor 3, Doggett 1, extras 7, total 119. (Bloomfield 3-25, Ansell 3-23).
 Stewartby: M. Campbell lbw b May 7, Stone not out 56, Barnwell not out 38, extras 12, total for 8 wickets 127.

B.M.S. v. Queen Elizabeth's School

Queen Elizabeth's: 134.
 B.M.S.: Burgess 7, Muggleton 8, Coomb 6, Davis 1, G. Hobbs 0, Clarke 7, Houghton 20, Bramwell 2, Graves 3, Pollard not out 1, Roberts 0, extras 5, total 60.

Bedford 2nd XI v. Biggleswade

Biggleswade: F. Rogers not out 60, W. Byraves 11, C. Yeo 37, P. Miller 4, P. Bowes 8, King 17, A. Giles 3, E. Revels not out 8, extras 17, total for six wickets dec. 165. (Willows 3-36).
 Bedford 2nd XI: Barcock 9, Thomas 0, Rogers 13, Doherty 28, Matthews 0, Stokes 21, Sleightholme 0, Sheppard 12, Wyde 12, Crouch not out 16, Willows not out 0, extras 19, total for nine wickets 119. (E. King 3-9, L. Lake 3-25).

H.A.F. Henlow v. Harpur Sports

Harpur Sports: H. Keyes 18, F. Foubert 53, J. Webster 0, E. Howard 62, T. Minns 17, J. Newman 6, W. Smith 9, G. Brice 0, E. Jervis 5, G. Cornell 8, extras 4, total 186.
 H.A.F. Henlow: Sukcedo 0, Wilson 14, Potts 14, Byatt 14, Kohire 34, Wyrro 0, Green 12, Shephenson 11, Lewis 3, Warne 1, Palding 4, extras 4, total 111.

Bedford School 2nd XI v. Bedford Postels C.C.

Bedford Postels: F. Millman 10, P. Butler 2, E. L. Chambers 1, L. G. Goodwell 46, F. Stott 3, C. E. Tomalin 6, T. Fisher 0, L. Kemp 0, E. K. Miller 2, E. Davis 0, J. Hammond not out 0, extras 3, total 73. (Harris 4-26).

Bedford School 2nd XI: Walsh 8, Salt 4, Lamb 0, Kemp 3, Brentford 12, Barnes 11, Norwood 0, E. Keech 1, Harris 0, Preston 8, Strong not out 5, extras 14, total for six wickets 8-29.

Grange Camp v. Lynton Works

Lynton Works: A. Corke 1, R. Towler 10, F. Markham 0, W. Whitbread retired hurt 30, P. Humphreys 2, P. Spindler 14, J. Litchfield 19, S. Scutcliffe 13, C. Churchin 0, H. Richardson 5, A. Stringer not out 2, extras 3, total 99. (Plum 7-26).
 Grange Camp: Thorne 0, Dickings 1, Sallet 9, Sheridan 1, Morgan 0, Bassford 0, Thorogood 7, Fuller 5, Jones 0, Plum 0, Welsh 0, extras 3, total 26.

Igranic v. North End Club

Igranic: V. Jefferies 0, J. Taylor 1, O. Collins 3, W. Baker 8, B. Fryor 29, W. Andrews 20, D. Hammond 17, G. Newman 16, R. Bass not out 8, P. Jones 4, A. T. Jenkins 0, extras 13, total 118.
 North End Club: G. Sheridan 19, B. Chamberlain 20, L. Chamberlain 15, G. Newman 6, G. Footler 0, E. Litchfield 10, J. Dunham 9, F. Newman 0, R. Colbert 0, D. Smith not out 0, J. Perry 0, extras 4, total 76. (Baker 7-25).

Aspley Guise 91, Bow Brickhill 36.

Mr. C. Stone's XI 94 (E. Barnwell 53), Marston 47.

Everholt 131 (B. Oakley 44, P. Pies 36), Franklin's 44.

Marston 122, Marston 44.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

Bedford and District League

Division I

Everton v. Blunham.
 Kempston v. Ickwell.
 Renhold v. North End.
 South End v. Lt. Staughton.

Division II

Thurlleigh v. Stagsden.
 Wood End v. Lynton Works.
 Cople v. Oakley.

Division III

West End v. Hall Weston.
 Lavendon v. Risleley.

Friendlies

Bedford v. De Havilland's.
 Three Counties Hospital v. Harpur Sports.
 Igranic v. Argus.
 Queen's Works 'A' v. Henlow.
 Harpur II v. N'ton, Saints II.
 Biggleswade v. Shire Hall.
 Baptist v. Carlton.

Heymeson The Star Man

Beds' Lead Over Hertfordshire

By CHILTEBN.

Bedfordshire ended the first day of their Minor Counties match with Hertfordshire at Hertford yesterday in a strong position. They were 24 runs ahead, with eight wickets in hand.

For this they were largely indebted to Heymeson, of Vauxhall Motors, for some brilliant bowling, and a magnificent innings of 84 not out by T. Clark, also of Vauxhall.

Clark, with August, consolidated Bedfordshire's position with an opening stand of 84 after Herts had been dismissed for 141.

Herts won the toss and took first innings, but must have quickly doubted the wisdom of the decision, for on a wicket that was taking spin the Bedfordshire bowlers were most hostile.

Heymeson was always difficult to play. He fought the ball cleverly and turned it quickly. His analysis was 7 for 55, in 17.3 overs. At one time he had 5 for 30.

At lunch Herts were 55 for 3, but wickets fell quickly in the early afternoon. Eight were down for 97, but the fall put on some valuable runs, aided by errors in the field. Callingham took 2 for 31, and Owen 1 for 11. Both Oliver and Matthews bowled well, but had no luck.

CONFIDENT BATTING

August and Clark batted in most confident style for 1½ hours before August, who was pretty severe on anything short of length on the leg side, was out. He hit one glorious six.

Nixon, never comfortable, was out at 100. Hills joined his Vauxhall team mate, and the score mounted steadily. Clark never gave the semblance of a chance. He reached his 50 in five minutes under the two hours, after which he speeded up his scoring, was never in trouble, so far has hit nine 4's, and when play ended he was only six short of making a century in his first appearance in the Minor Counties Competition.

Ted Roberts, the former Haspenden bowler, bowled steadily for 2½ hours, and batsmen could never take liberties with him.

HERTS.	
N E Lane c Oliver b Callingham	0
E Roberts c Matthews b Heymeson	24
Rev S D Bartholomew c Clark b Heymeson	20
P G T Kingsley c Poole b Heymeson	18
T G Purver b Heymeson	7
M A Wiggs st Hills b Heymeson	7
W L Clark c Poole b Heymeson	14
A Grimpsdell b Owen	5
F Allen c Nixon b Callingham	25
E C Hawes not out	8
R Watson c Nixon b Heymeson	9
Extras	4
Total	141

BEDS	
G L B August l w b Roberts	41
T Clark not out	94
J Nixon st Grimpsdell b Roberts	3
R Hills not out	22
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wks)	165

To bat: J G Owen, J A R Oliver, S T Morris, A B Poole, T D Matthews, G Callingham, and A Heymeson.

COUNTY XI'S MATCH AT HERTFORD

Young Opening Batsman's Great Debut

JUST MISSES CENTURY

Bedfordshire, after bowling and batting splendidly at Hertford on Wednesday, relaxed their grip on the situation in the game against Hertfordshire, and at the time of writing hopes of a Bedfordshire victory in their first Minor Counties Championship match since 1939 were disappearing. They collapsed yesterday morning after leading Hertfordshire by 24 for the loss of two wickets on Wednesday. In mid-afternoon yesterday Hertfordshire were 135 for three in their second innings.

Rain delayed the start for an hour on Wednesday. Kingsley, the Oxford Blue, beat Poole in the toss and had the doubtful advantage of electing to bat first. Callingham (fast-medium left-arm) had Lane caught in the slips with one run scored, and at 39 the Rev. Dr. Bartholmeux's adventurous knock met its logical end. He fell to a catch at deep mid-on in attacking Heymeson, the Vauxhall left-arm bowler, who found the wicket responsive to spin. However, the ball turned slowly and the pitch was never so difficult as subsequent batting failures suggested.

Ted Roberts, one of the few links with pre-war Hertfordshire cricket, dropped on to his right knee and square-cut Matthews to the ring—a stroke of classic flavour—hit Heymeson for four, then smote against that bowler's spin, giving backward-point a simple catch. Lunch, 55 for three.

ON THE RACK

A brief but very heavy down-pour during the interval, followed by sun—and the invading County had Hertfordshire on the rack in the early afternoon. August dropped Kingsley, but Heymeson, aided by two fine running catches at mid-off by Poole, claimed two wickets (including that of Kingsley's) at 71, and the sixth and seventh at 89 and 93. The "tail" struck back. Allen, in particular, hit valiantly.

Flighting and spinning the ball with experienced guile, Heymeson took seven for 55 in 17.3 overs; Callingham two for 31, and Owen one for 31.

August and Clark opened the Bedfordshire innings, and when, an hour and a half later, August was leg-before to Roberts the pair had compiled 64. Hertfordshire's attack rested with two fast-medium and two slow left-arm bowlers. Of these, Roberts alone made any real impression on the batsmen, who took no risks and yet dealt severely with the short or over-pitched ball. August hit Watson gloriously for six to leg, and altogether his was an innings typical of a player who has served Bedfordshire so well for many years.

STYLISH INNINGS

A new power has arisen in the County's cricket. The youngster Clark, of Luton Vauxhall, not out 94 at the day's end, made a Championship debut that was rich in the qualities of an opening batsman. Tall and strongly built, he played forward beautifully, making full use of his height, and hit powerfully both to the on and off. On Wednesday evening's lifeless turf the

ball often "stood up", but never once did Clark make his stroke too soon; he kept the ball "on the carpet." There were nine fours in his stylish innings up to the close of play on Wednesday, when Bedfordshire were 165 for two—24 in the lead. They had batted nearly three hours.

Of the skill and accuracy of Roberts's bowling his figures were eloquent: 30 overs, 49 runs, 2 wickets.

Yesterday (Thursday) morning Clark had the bad luck to lose his wicket without adding to his overnight score, and thus failed by six runs to achieve a century in his first official County match. His downfall was the prelude to a Bedfordshire collapse. Getting plenty of pace from a drying wicket, Hawes had Clark l.b.w., and at 169 Owen was run out when his partner Hills, did not respond to a call for a run. Grimsdell brilliantly caught Hills off a sharply-rising ball at the same total. Unperturbed, Oliver hit eleven in one over, and Morris looked confident, but Allen, who had been patiently sending down his left-arm spinners, bowled the Bedford batsman.

After an hour's play Poole and Oliver sent up the 200, but a few runs later both fell, Poole hitting his wicket and the vice-captain returning a simple catch to the bowler. The innings closed at 213, 72 in front of the Hertfordshire total.

Before lunch Kingsley and Lane scored 36 in an opening stand for the home County, but on the resumption Lane was l.b.w. to Matthews after being dropped. Bartholmeux was stumped, then Purver and Kingsley added 60 for the third wicket. Purver was missed in the outfield by Clark and Nixon.

(Match proceeding)

WRONG POLICY AT HERTFORD? TOWN TEAMS' CUP DEFEATS

Although Bedfordshire could not maintain the commanding position which was theirs when play closed on the first day and Hertfordshire's second-day recovery even put them in danger of defeat, the match at Hertford, last week gave the visiting County good cause for satisfaction. Bedfordshire took three points for first innings lead—a very encouraging beginning to the season and one that will surely give a fillip to public interest in Bedford's August Cricket Week, the first for seven years.

Splendid bowling and batting marked Bedfordshire's play on the Wednesday. The old Oxfordshire slow bowler, Heymason, led a really hostile attack that went through Hertfordshire's ranks for 141. Then August, batting as though there had been no six years' interruption of County cricket, and his new partner, Tom Clark, laid the foundations of what appeared likely to be a really formidable Bedfordshire score which might even engulf the home side in an innings defeat. Eighty-four for one and, at close of play, 165 for two—a truly strong position.

But cricket is the most incalculable of games. The visitors were all out on the following morning when they had added 48 runs. Hertfordshire proceeded to pile up the runs, Kingsley playing a cultured innings of 117 and declaring 163 ahead. Scoring with equal facility and ease all round the wicket, the former Oxford Blue hit a six and 12 fours.

Quick Dismissal

Given 75 minutes' batting, Bedfordshire were left to attempt scoring at a rate of slightly over two runs a minute or play for a draw. The quick dismissal of August and Clark discouraged the former course. The pitch was wearing, though still not very difficult. It was soon apparent that a Bedfordshire win was not a practical proposition, and why the batsmen took the risk of unnecessary short runs is not at all clear. A stand by Owen and Morris lasted long enough to dispel the danger to the batting side.

I did not see Thursday's play, but a colleague who went tells me that probably the turning point in the game came in the hour before lunch. If Kingsley and Lane, the opening batsmen, had been parted then, Bedfordshire's task would have been much easier. By making frequent bowling changes, Poole tried hard to deal a blow that might have vitally affected the position, but the batsmen were equally determined to stay—and they did.

If the keenness of the team as shown in this match is any criterion, Bedfordshire should have a successful season. Over-anxiety may have accounted for several dropped catches, for there was no slackness in the field and the picking-up was of a high standard.

The Wrong Policy?

Nothing is easier in cricket than being wise after the event, but I think it possible that Bedfordshire's batting policy on Wednesday evening was wrong. Whatever a captain decides to do, his calculations are always liable to go awry. However, should not the August-Clark performance have been followed at once by forcing batsmanship such as Poole, Morris, or Owen might well have provided? The wicket was easy, but, after August, Poole sent in Nixon, a left-handed defensive batsman, who groped in uncertainty against the slow stuff until he served Bedfordshire's cause by getting himself out.

Hills came next and the rate of scoring quickened, but not to the degree which the situation called for. No one knew what would happen the next morning, and all the runs possible were needed before any change took place in the game's fortunes. As we have seen, a change did take place. But this savours of wisdom after the event, so I'll say no more on the point.

A left-handed batsman is a valuable asset to any team, and the County cannot hope for a better cricketer to fill the role than Glyn Owen. To choose Nixon just because he is a "south-paw" is therefore not necessary, and surely he should not be preferred to a batsman like Eric Howard.

A Smart Move

Two points in brief about the match: (1) Poole, who is always searching for a chance to break a troublesome partnership, pulled off a very neat piece of tactical warfare. While Ted Roberts had his eyes on the advancing bowler "A.B." signalled to a fieldsman to move in unobserved by the batsman. Sure enough, the ball went to the fieldsman, who ran Roberts out. (2) An unusual sight—at one stage in Bedfordshire's second innings two left-handed batsmen were being bowled to by two left-arm bowlers.

Shock for Shire Hall

Village sides can always be expected to administer shocks when they meet town cricketers, especially if they are playing at home. Last week the surprise defeat of the Shire Hall by Everton in the Hospital Cup took place in Bedford Park, and the first three batsmen the villagers overthrew for a handful of runs were A. B. Poole, the County captain, Eric Howard, and Percy Scrivener! Only Charlie Poole made double figures. The Everton bowlers, E. Hull (seven for 22) and G. Richardson (three for 26) are to be congratulated.

Thurleigh, too, triumphed over the townsmen. Bedford C.C. sent quite a strong side to the village, where they had to work hard for runs against keen bowling. Thurleigh got the runs with three overs and four wickets in hand, C. Berrill and W. Asplin making a fifth-wicket stand of 47.

Another surprise in the Cup games was Lynton Works 1st XI's failure at Stagsden. After Markham, taking seven for 19, had put Stagsden out for 35, Lynton proceeded to show what a real batting procession looks like. Five wickets down for 4 runs, seven down for 8, eight down for 12; then a ninth-wicket stand to raise Lynton's hopes, but the side could total only 24. Bowler who led the Stagsden onslaught: Sharp, with six for nine.

Harpur's Cup Successes

Scoring victories over Elstow and R.A.F., Cardington, respectively, Harpur Sports 1st and 2nd elevens are among the last eight teams in the Cup. If the Harpur sides happen to clash in the remaining stages there

should be an exciting struggle.

In the Elstow match J. Newman, Harpur's left-hander, hit three sixes and a four in one over. His partner, A. Webster, finished the assault on the unhappy bowler with a single: 23 off six balls! A. Cornell (five for 20) and G. Brice (five for 34) bowled unchanged for the winners.

In the League

In League cricket North End lost at Renhold, but the villagers would have been in a poor way without W. Harlow when it came to scoring the 47 runs needed to win. He made 40 out of a total of 60.

Two hours for 77—that was the extent to which Kempston bowlers kept Ickwell batsmen in a subdued mood at Springfield. Cambers sent down 16 overs, conceded 25 runs, and captured six wickets. Despite keen bowling by E. Hillyard (four for 18), Ickwell suffered defeat.

In Division II Oakley beat Cople by only 8 runs after leading them by 30 on the first innings. In their second venture at the crease Cople made 36, thus leaving the visitors seven to win. Oakley lost four wickets for 5 runs and went down for a total of 15 before the attack of F. Johnson (five for 6) and E. Hull (five for 7), the latter performing the "hat trick". In Cople's first knock B. Stapleton took five for 16 and J. Pulford three for 7.

Dulwich Defeated

Bedford School, a very good side this year, defeated Dulwich College by five wickets in London on Saturday. The accuracy of the School's bowling can be judged by the fact that Dulwich took over an hour to score their first 30 runs, and Fleming (four for 37), in particular, commanded respect. With Disbury in his usual run-getting mood, and Daughtry playing a forcing game, the School recovered from early batting disasters and won in quick time.

G. Webster Returns

Features of the week-end friendly cricket were A. B. Poole's vigorous 83 as a guest player for Bedford v. De Havilland's; hard-hitting displays for Harpur Sports elevens by Brice and Jarvis; and a fine Harpur stand between A. Webster and Tom Minns against Three Counties Hospital, who just averted defeat. The County should keep their eyes on Webster. He is a very quick stumper and much above the average as a batsman.

His brother, George Webster, the leg-break bowler, is back from the East. This means plenty of trouble for batsmen. Five Three Counties wickets at a cost of 33 announced George's return.

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NEW BOWLERS FOR COUNTY WEEK

Bedford School Players in Selected Sixteen

Sixteen players are on the Bedfordshire C.C. Selection Committee's list for the County Cricket Week, which opens at Bedford School on 5th August. They are: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver (vice-capt.), J. G. Owen, G. L. B. August, S. T. Morris, T. Clark, T. D. Matthews, A. D. Panton, A. Heymeson, R. L. Hills, G. McF. D. Fleming, K. McCanlis, G. Brice, B. E. Disbury, G. A. Miles, and D. V. Gladdish.

Fleming and Disbury are members of the very successful Bedford School XI. The former is a medium-paced bowler with many wickets to his credit, while Disbury has made some useful scores as an opening batsman. Although he is new to Bedfordshire County cricket, McCanlis is one of the most experienced players in the list, for he was Surrey 2nd XI's fast bowler over a long period in the '30s. Miles, another newcomer, is a member of the Luton Police Force. His pace may prove valuable to the attack. Panton played for the County against Cambridgeshire last year, and is said to be batting well this season.

Mr. Crompton's Service

In the Cricket Week, thirty-two years' service to the County Club will be recognized when Mr. Frank Crompton, Hon. Secretary, is called upon during the Wednesday tea interval in the match with Buckinghamshire to receive a cheque. This has been subscribed to by many members and supporters of the Club.

From 1914 to 1924 Mr. Crompton assisted the late Mr. W. W. Marks, then Hon. Secretary, on whose death in 1925 Mr. Crompton was appointed to the office. He has now completed twenty-one years of devoted work in this capacity, and the healthy financial condition of the Club is largely due to him.

Since January last year Mr. Crompton has been Hon. Secretary of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, and he represents that body as a member of the Cricket Advisory Committee and the Board of Control for Test Cricket. He has been a member of the Minor Counties Committee since 1924, and also of the Selection Committee for representative matches with touring teams.

When the Patron of the Bedfordshire Club, Mr. J. Arnold Whitechurch, asks the President, Major Simon Whitbread, to make the presentation on 7th August, older members will no doubt recall a similar ceremony which took place twenty-two years ago. On that occasion Major Whitbread's father, the late Mr. S. Howard Whitbread, presented a gold watch to Mr. Marks in appreciation of his twenty-four years' service to the Club.

Barnwell's Fine Form

Bernard C. Barnwell (O.B.M.), the Aspley Guise all-rounder, is giving bowlers a lot of punishment this year, and twice recently he has got out within sight of centuries. Cricket, of course, is in the Barnwell blood. He is the son of the late Charles Barnwell, a good player in his day, and is a nephew of the

brothers Frank and George, whose fast bowling gained them the respect of all batsmen called on to face it. Bernard, too, can "sling 'em down", and powerful shoulders are also behind his forcing batsmanship.

Roy Crompton (O.B.), son of Mr. Frank Crompton, played a big part in Leighton Town's win over Berkhamsted. In a total of 195 for four he made 75 not out, a wide range of strokes yielding him runs all round the wicket. He took three wickets for 33 runs and made a catch.

Presented with Ball

A sportsmanlike gesture was made by R.A.F., Cardington, to P. Spindler, the Lynton Works bowler. In recognition of Spindler's "hat-trick" (all clean bowled) the Airmen presented him with the ball. The feat was performed after four of the first five batsmen for R.A.F. had scored 118 between them, and the whole side were out for 147. Spindler had four for 20. Lynton's batting failed until F. Humphreys and R. Thompson got together in a last-wicket stand that carried the score from 53 to 97.

Kempston's Struggle

Cricket's uncertainty was shown in the Kempston v. Little Staughton game. Every run in an even struggle was eagerly taken as Kempston, after early batting failures, approached the visitors' total, for the issue remained in the balance almost to the end. Kempston won by three wickets, H. White playing a valuable innings which followed the dismissal of four men for about 20 runs. Dick Thorne, given several "lives" in the field, nevertheless batted well for the losers.

South End, set to get 83, were 20 behind when their last man fell to Everton's keen attack, in which G. Peck, with six for 24, took the most prominent part. Five for 22 represented good bowling by W. Nichols for South End.

Good Bowling

In Division II, D. Jones and J. Ashpole scored 50 of Great Barford's 96 runs against Lynton Works 2nd XI, for whom E. Pestell took five for 33. The Works could do little with the bowling of B. Peet (five for 19), who was ably assisted by Ashpole (three for 35), and were all out for 59.

Thurleigh beat Oakley by eight runs in a bowlers' match. Batting first, Thurleigh lost three wickets for no runs, but Swebston stopped a complete rout. After G. Rainbow, with eight for 20, had put them out for 44, J. Thorne (seven for 22) and W. Asplin (three for 11) dashed Oakley's hopes.

Strange Record

So far Lavendon have played eight matches in Division III—and lost them all. Yet in friendly cricket they have beaten all-comers! Their latest League defeat was by Pavenham, for whom G. Scoley returned the impressive figures of eight for 16. Only Wright of the Lavendon batsmen was able to play him with confidence, contributing 24 to a total of 45. In Pavenham's two innings E. Clare had 10 for 52 and F. Paynton six for 33.

Five Riseley batsmen failed to score and the side totted only 19 against Elstow in Division III. Brown and Bennett

taking the bowling honours with six for 6 and four for 9. Elstow made 71.

Good all-round form by Page helped West End to beat Sharnbrook. He was in a fifth-wicket stand of 48 with Ashpole and captured seven wickets for nine runs. Sharnbrook's innings including five "ducks."

Old Bedfordians' Week

The Old Bedfordians' Week, first since 1939, takes place from 22nd to 28th July, and the cricket programme is as follows: Monday, v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire; Tuesday, v. Public School Wanderers; Wednesday, v. R.A.O.C.; Thursday, v. Forty Club; Friday and Saturday, v. the School.

Lawn tennis, swimming, and golf are other features of what should prove a very enjoyable Week.

Over four hundred runs were scored in the Bedford School v. Incogniti match. Put in to bat, the School had 66 on the board when the opening pair, Goudge and Disbury, were parted, and Incogniti had the task of making 199 to win after tea. Scoring at a fast rate, they overtook this total with time to spare, Mendl hitting up a brilliant 82. A. R. Alston, the B.B.C. cricket commentator and former Bedfordshire skipper, made 39 not out.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Including 13th July

First Division					
	P.	W.	L.	Pts.	
Ickwell	8	6	2	0	12
Kempston	6	4	1	1	9
North End Club	8	3	3	2	8
Blunham	8	4	4	0	8
Renhold	8	5	4	1	7
Little Staughton	9	1	3	1	6
Everton	9	3	5	1	6
South End	5	2	0	1	5
Second Division					
	P.	W.	L.	Pts.	
Thurleigh	8	7	1	0	14
Great Barford	6	6	0	0	12
Stagsden	6	5	4	0	6
Coyle	6	3	4	0	4
Oakley	6	2	4	0	4
Wood End	7	2	5	0	4
Lynton Works	8	2	6	0	4
Third Division					
	P.	W.	L.	Pts.	
Pavenham	7	6	1	0	12
Elstow	8	6	2	0	12
Hall Weston	6	5	1	0	10
West End	6	2	3	1	5
Sharnbrook	7	2	4	1	5
Riseley	7	1	6	0	2
Lavendon	8	0	8	0	0

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

Bedford and District League

Division I
Blunham v. Southend.
Everton v. Kempston.
Little Staughton v. Ickwell.

Division II
Stagsden v. Lynton Works II.
Thurleigh v. Great Barford.
Oakley v. Wood End.

Division III
Sharnbrook v. Riseley.
Hall Weston v. Lavendon.
West End v. Pavenham.

Other Matches

Bedford Town v. Letchworth.
Bedford School v. R.A.F.
Cardington.

Kettering v. Harpur Sports.
Queen's Works v. Northampton Saints.

Baptist v. Shire Hall.
Eversholt v. Argus.
Igranic v. Southill.

Kimbolton School v. Bedford 2nd XI.
Vauxhall 2nd XI v. Queen's Works "A."

B.M.S. Club v. Harpur Sports 2nd XI.

TEAMS FOR COUNTY CRICKET WEEK

Fourteen Players Chosen : Jack O'Connor's Visit

The August Holiday Week this year brings back Minor Counties Championship cricket to Bedford, and to see teams from Oxfordshire, then Buckinghamshire, and finally Hertfordshire once more taking the field at Bedford School will revive memories of many fine matches played in the period between the two wars. (Though we may think that at least one change in these fixtures would be a good thing, especially if a visit by a Second Eleven of one of the stronger first-class County Clubs could be arranged).

Fourteen players have been invited to assist Bedfordshire during the Week, and of these eight are to take part in all three matches. The eight are A. B. Poole (captain), J. A. R. Oliver (vice-captain), G. L. B. August, T. Clark, J. G. Owen, A. D. Panton, R. L. Hills (wicketkeeper), and T. D. Matthews. B. E. Disbury, the Bedford School opening batsman, and G. A. Miles, the Luton policeman, and K. McCanlis, bowlers, fill the remaining three places against Oxfordshire in the first game. In the Buckinghamshire encounter on the next two days McCanlis plays again, and S. T. Morris and G. McF.D. Fleming, Bedford School bowler of medium pace, come in for Disbury and Miles.

In the side to meet Hertfordshire one place is to be left open until the Buckinghamshire game ends. McCanlis, Morris, and Fleming are not named in the ten selected. Heymeson, the old Oxfordshire slow bowler who did so well for Bedfordshire at Hertford, is brought in, and Miles returns.

Panton and Morris

Some surprise will be caused by the selection for the whole Week of Panton, who is new to County Championship cricket, whereas Morris, it seems, will play only once. Little is known in the County about Panton's cricket, for he is a R.A.F. officer with few opportunities to play locally. Morris, well experienced in County cricket, helped to avert a possible batting collapse at Hertford and has made a lot of runs this season.

The chances given to Disbury and Fleming are in keeping with the County's long-established policy of bringing in young players straight from the Schools. These two cricketers have helped to make Bedford School's 1946 record the best for many years, and they should justify their selection next week.

There appears to be plenty of bowling available, although one notices that Brice, the Harpur Sports fast bowler, has been left out entirely. On paper, the batting looks strong down to the middle of the list, but there may be quite a "tail". George August has developed century-making habits this season, and he has that fine young Luton cricketer, Tom Clark, to open with him.

Franklin Still Playing

After the long interval of war few names in the visiting sides are familiar to Bedford cricket followers. The Buckinghamshire captain and wicketkeeper, W. B. Franklin, will be remembered, however. He first played County cricket in 1912!

A popular member of Franklin's side will be Jack O'Connor, formerly of Essex and now coaching at Eton. He made 72 centuries in first-class cricket and played for England against South Africa and the West Indies. In his generation he could be classed among the very finest batsmen who were never able to win a regular place in England teams. Now that County cricket is resumed O'Connor takes the place of Edwards, the Buckinghamshire professional for many years.

In the Minor Counties competition Bedfordshire occupy fifth place with the three points gained from their first innings lead over Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, gaining full points from one match played, are top on the average basis, but Yorkshire 2nd XI are well ahead on points, having won four matches outright, gained first innings lead three times, and lost once.

Thurleigh's Cup Win

Though both Harpur Sports teams are no longer concerned with the Hospital Cup, they have the satisfaction of knowing that they were knocked out in two of the most thrilling matches played since the competition was inaugurated.

North End's defeat of the first XI was followed on Friday by a remarkable win by Thurleigh at Harpur second XI's expense. A large crowd at Newnham Avenue saw them win off the last ball but one of the 24 overs allotted.

Thurleigh preferred to know exactly how many runs were wanted to the advantage of batting first, and the fact that they would have very much the worst of the light did not deter their captain from putting Harpur in. Young Poulter played a capital innings, exactly suited to the Bedford side's needs, and the total, 127 for six, looked more than adequate.

Fours in Semi-Darkness

Even at the start of the Thurleigh innings the light was poor enough to have made a County batsman appeal against it. Twenty minutes from the end the villagers seemed in a hopeless position, rain was falling, and the light was so bad that many people considered the game should be abandoned. But young Berrill somehow contrived to hit fours in the semi-darkness. He reached the boundary eight times in an almost incredible innings. When the last over was called Thurleigh still required five runs, but a left-handed off drive by Clayton sent Harpur from the field a defeated team.

It was indeed a grand victory, though Harpur's holding let Thurleigh escape four run-outs, and another factor was George Chance's failure to bowl a defensive length in those critical overs towards the end.

North End and Thurleigh meet in the final on 17th August.

Behind the Clock

Although the Old Bedfordians went through their Cricket Week without a victory, in the last three matches the clock was just a little too quick for them or results might have been different. There was a particularly close finish to the match with the Forty Club. Set 202 to get in two and a half hours, the O.B.'s began slowly, but with Arnold Sime batting aggressively, they had reached 192 for eight when five minutes' play remained. D. B. Coleman and Sime, in a tense at-

mosphere, made the scores equal and the result was a tie. The last R.A.O.C. wicket eluded the O.B.'s when they were 60 runs ahead; and against the School the 90 runs they needed in 35 minutes were only 13 too many. Both these games were drawn.

Queen's Works and R.A.F. Henlow, drew at Allen Park, the Airmen requiring 26 runs with five wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. R. Odell played a fine innings for Queen's, his 60 including eight fours, and he was particularly strong on the off. Queen's made 130.

Henlow made little attempt to go for the runs, although Polidore batted more enterprisingly late in the innings.

Swales, the Stewartby Works bowler, just missed the rare feat, in the match with Leagrave, of taking all ten wickets. He got nine at a cost of 27 runs.

By Eight Wickets

South End are having a very lean time in Div. I of the League. Although L. Jones and S. Allen batted very well and the team reached the respectable total of 117, Ickwell inflicted an eight wickets defeat in Bedford Park, the home bowlers receiving harsh treatment from G. Reeks, who hit up 73.

Requiring 85 runs to beat Kempston, Renhold had scored only 48 when their ninth wicket fell, but G. Harlow and Brice, the last batsmen, were by no means convinced that the match was lost. They stayed to add 29, Brice getting out at 77, seven runs short of the Kempston total. Jim Bain, the Kempston all-rounder, failed to score for the first time this season, but he took six wickets for 10 runs in eight overs.

In Div. II, Great Barford recovered their winning form at Cople. The home side tumbled twice, for 36 and 28, and in the two innings B. Peet totalled 12 wickets. The cost was a mere 15 runs. J. Ashpole (six for 34) was Peet's accomplice.

West End went to Lavendon, in Div. III, and won by an inning and 85 runs. Page (seven for 16), Belton (five for 9) and Daniels (three for 0) ran through the home side for 22 and 29. With West End reaching a score of 134, Paynton bowled very steadily to take four for 22.

Other victors on "foreign soil" were Elstow, whose bowlers, Bennet (four for 13) and Brown (four for 14), disposed of Sharnbrook for 30.

COUNTY CRICKET WEEK

AT BEDFORD SCHOOL
BEDFORDSHIRE
v. OXFORDSHIRE
Bank Holiday & Tuesday, 5 & 6 August
v. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
7th and 8th August
v. HERTFORDSHIRE
9th and 10th August
Hours of play: 1st day 11.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; 2nd day, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Visitors are requested to bring their own refreshments.

COUNTY'S FIRST INNINGS LEAD OVER OXFORDSHIRE

Largest Crowd Since 1921 Sees Fine Century by Tom Clark

Not since 1921, when Archie MacLaren brought a team to play Bedfordshire, has there been such a large crowd on Bedford School Field as the one which assembled on Monday for the opening of the County Cricket Week. Spectators completely encircled the arena—an expanse of rich green which has never looked in better condition—and watched Bedfordshire build up a big score against Oxfordshire on a perfect wicket. Before close of play the visiting County had lost two wickets for 82 runs, 236 behind the opposition's total.

At three o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) Oxfordshire were out for 280, and Bedfordshire held a first-innings lead of 38.

The day's chief honours went to young Tom Clark, of Luton Vauxhall, who made his first century in the Minor Counties Championship. Against Hertfordshire a few weeks ago he marked his County debut with an innings of 94, and so it would appear a safe assertion that he is Bedfordshire's greatest "find" for many years. On Monday he gave not the semblance of a chance in a stay of three hours, put the straightest of bats to the good length ball, and brought out some powerful, stylish scoring strokes whenever the bowling invited them. It was a display characterized all the way by the sound judgment and cricket sense one usually finds only in a more experienced player.

Poole had the immense good fortune to win the toss, and sent in August and Clark to face Toynbee (fast medium) and Wakefield (medium left-arm). Clark got off the mark with a four to leg in Toynbee's first over, but at 14 his partner pulled a ball from Wakefield into his wicket. Owen joined Clark, and both looked supremely confident. They gave the field a lot of work by taking short runs, and Owen beautifully square-cut Merritt to the ring. It was a surprise when, at 42, Owen played forward to Wakefield and gave third-man a catch.

With Oliver at the wicket the 50 went up in exactly 50 minutes, but the new batsman did not look comfortable against Wakefield, who, when he was relieved by Senior after an hour had bowled 10 overs for 19 runs and had taken two wickets. Oliver greeted the new bowler by hitting him to the sight-screen. Clark was playing some lovely strokes. He clouded Senior to the leg boundary, and reached his 50 in an hour and a quarter. The 100 was hoisted in 80 minutes. Both batsmen were now right on top of the bowling, but Oxfordshire's fielding gave nothing away.

Clark and Oliver had added 74 in 40 minutes, when the latter was run out from an accurate throw by Senior at square-leg. The score was then 116. Joined by Pantone, Clark got a four with a model off-drive, and Pantone turned Wakefield to the fine-leg boundary. Lunch was taken at 153 for three.

After lunch the score con-

tinued to mount steadily, and it was obvious that the bowlers were not getting the slightest help from the wicket. Wakefield bowled a defensive length with seven fieldsmen on the off side, and managed to keep the batsmen quiet. After two and a half hours at the wicket Clark reached his hundred, in which there were six fours, and the 200 was passed a few minutes later.

Three fours by Clark—a straight drive and two on-side shots—preceded a neat leg deflection which gave Pantone his 50, made in 85 minutes. He was not so sure in his timing as Clark, but he was playing a most valuable innings. At 248, however, Clark gave bowler Miller a return catch. He had hit nine fours and nine threes, and the partnership with Pantone had added 132.

Disbury's Promise

Pantone did not long survive the Luton player, and a splendid catch at mid-wicket disposed of Hills. The only batting that remained was seen in a stand of 28 between Poole and the sixteen-year-old Bedford School boy, Disbury. Cautious and aggressive in turn, "A. B." made a typical stroke in lifting Wakefield to the screen, and he hit three other fours. Disbury stayed long enough to show himself a batsman of promise. Bedfordshire were 304 at the fall of the seventh wicket, and all out for 318.

Wakefield's steadiness in the Oxfordshire attack did much to keep the rate of scoring down on a wicket that could only be described as a gift to batsmen. His 39 overs yielded 94 runs, and he took half of the wickets.

In the remaining hour and forty minutes Oxfordshire reached 82 for two by batting that took no chances. At 25 McCanlis captured his first wicket for Bedfordshire, and Owen had Garne taken behind the stumps just before the close. In thirteen overs Matthews bowled seven maidens.

Owen in Bowling Form

On Tuesday morning it was clear that unless the game produced the unexpected, as cricket often does, chief interest would be centred on the struggle for first-innings points. The weather was overcast when the not-out batsmen Edwards (35) and Senior (1) resumed against the bowling of Miles and Owen. In the third over,

with only one run added, Senior was out l.b.w., the scoreboard reading 83-3-2. Miller, the new batsman, soon showed his hitting powers, cutting his first ball for four, and the total reached three figures after the innings had been in progress 135 minutes.

Only 39 runs were scored in the first hour—a tribute to steady bowling and smart fielding. At 121 Oxfordshire suffered another blow, Edwards being caught at the wicket when two short of his half-century. His painstaking innings lasted two hours and fifty minutes, and he hit only one boundary.

Woodward and Miller added 68 in 50 minutes for the fifth wicket, before Miller, in trying to sweep a ball from Owen to leg, was out l.b.w. He hit four boundaries during a stay of 100 minutes. Another bright partnership, between Woodward and Ingle, realized 48. Ingle playing on to his wicket in the last over before lunch.

Quick End After Lunch

After lunch, Woodward, joined by Wakefield, punished Miles for two boundaries, and he looked well set for his century. Owen tempted him to hit against the spin, and he was caught at cover-point. His care-free innings of 82 in as many minutes included ten fours, mostly from square cuts.

Without a run added, Money was dismissed in similar fashion. Five runs later Toynbee was clean bowled, and the innings closed at 280, so that four wickets fell after lunch for the addition of 43 runs in less than an hour. Owen was Bedfordshire's most successful bowler with his left-arm spinners. He took seven for 73.

On Monday about 1,600 people paid for admission at the gates, receipts amounting to nearly £80.

Match drawn. Bedfordshire take 3 points for first innings lead.

BEDFORDSHIRE

(1st Innings)

G. L. B. August b Wakefield	5
T. Clark c and b Miller	139
J. G. Owen c Edwards b Wakefield	13
J. A. R. Oliver run out	29
A. D. Pantone b Miller	53
A. B. Poole c Senior b Wakefield	53
R. L. Hills c Senior b Merritt	5
B. S. Disbury c Inge b Wakefield	17
G. A. Miles not out	9
K. McCanlis c Inge b Wakefield	0
T. D. Matthews st Inge b Merritt	3
Extras	16
Total	318

Merritt 2-85, Miller 2-55.

(2nd Innings)

G. L. B. August c Inge b Merritt	1
T. Clark b Merritt	10
J. G. Owen c Woodward b Toynbee	47
J. A. R. Oliver not out	69
A. Pantone not out	12
Extras	3
Total for 3 wkts.	142

OXFORDSHIRE

(1st Innings)

A. Taylor lbw b McCanlis	17
D. Edwards c Hills b McCanlis	48
J. Garne c Hills b Owen	28
E. Senior lbw b Owen	2
W. Miller lbw b Owen	58
D. G. Woodward c Poole b Owen	82
W. W. Inge b Owen	15
M. Wakefield not out	18
D. C. Money c Poole b Owen	0
L. L. Toynbee b Oliver	4
D. Merritt b Owen	3
Extras	5
Total	280

Bowling: Owen, 28.2 overs, 4 maidens, 75 runs, 7 wickets; McCanlis, 25.5, 5, 53; 2: Oliver, 11.5, 20, 1.



TOM CLARK, brilliant young Vauxhall batsman, made a faultless century for Bedfordshire.

Beds Led On First Innings

The first match of the Bedford cricket week, in which Oxfordshire provided the opposition in the Minor Counties championship, developed into a fight for first innings points, with Bedfordshire taking these honours by 30 runs.

Winning the toss on the first day, Bedfordshire made 318, thanks to a brilliant century by Tom Clark the Vauxhall Motors opening batsman, who was ably assisted by Fanton, Poole and Oliver.

At one time on the second day, Oxfordshire looked likely to lead on first innings, but a fine spell of bowling by Glyn Owen, the Luton Town all-rounder, brought their innings to an abrupt close.

After lunch on Tuesday there was never any prospect of a definite finish, though the home county had shocks when they batted a second time and found their opening pair back in the pavilion with only 16 runs on the board.

However, the Luton Town pair, Owen and Oliver, relieved the situation with a stand of 75 before Owen was brilliantly caught when three runs short of his half-century. Oliver went on to reach his, and was not out at the end with 69 to his credit. He hit six fours.

In the Oxfordshire innings, Owen took seven for 73 in 28 overs, McCanlis two for 63, and Oliver one for 20.

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T Clark c and b Miller	139
J G Owen c Edwards b Wakefield	13
J A R Oliver run out	29
A D Pantou b Miller	53
A B Poole c Senior b Wakefield	33
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K McCanlis c Inge b Wakefield	0
T D Matthews st Inge b Merritt	3
Extras	18
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W G Woodward c Poole b Owen	82
W W Inge b Owen	15
M Wakefield not out	18
D G Money c Foole b Owen	0
L L Toynbee c Oliver	3
D Merritt b Owen	3
Extras	5
Total	280

BEDFORDSHIRE: SECOND INNINGS	
G L B August c Inge b Merritt	1
T Clark b Merritt	10
J G Owen c Woodward b Toynbee	47
J A R Oliver not out	69
A D Fanton not out	12
Extras	3
Total (for 3 wks.)	142

County Cricket

**Bedfordshire Hopes Dashed
By Bucks Late Stand**

At tea-time yesterday in their home match with Buckinghamshire at Bedford School, Bedfordshire had every right to be pleased with themselves, for they had dismissed five Bucks batsmen for 146. When a further wicket fell 14 runs later, it looked as though the visitors would be out for a moderate score. At the close of play it was a different story, for the total had risen to 345 with one wicket still standing.

That Beds' hopes were not realised was due primarily to an aggressive seventh wicket partnership of 123 by Yates and Prince, who showed scanty respect for some tiring bowling and pushed the score along at a fast rate.

Yates gave a difficult chance to square leg early in his innings and he turned this let-off to such an advantage that he rattled up a century in just over two hours and was still there at the end.

Even the new ball, taken by Oliver and Fleming, failed to slacken the rate of scoring and Yates took the shine off it quickly by driving it to the side-screen several times in quick succession. A heavy shower during the

morning limited play before lunch to 20 minutes and when the first wicket fell at 20 it looked as if the pitch might be difficult as it dried.

However, Jack O'Connor, former England and Essex star, found no difficulty in the wicket or the bowling, and batted in effortless fashion for an attractive half-century which included a six off Heymeson.

Matthews, of Luton Town, was the most successful and most consistent of the Beds. bowlers, and it was a feather in his cap that he bowled O'Connor with a yorker that took the leg-stump.

In his opening spell he bowled 21 overs for 64 runs and three wickets.

Hills kept wicket in his usual competent style, but the Beds. fielding was not distinguished by its accuracy.

BUCKS: FIRST INNINGS

L G Baker c Hills b M'Canlis	10
T E Busby run out	41
J O'Connor b Matthews	87
S S Peters c Hills b Matthews	21
F Fisherwood c Fleming b Matthews	4
D Sears st Hills b Owen	8
W Yates not out	117
C A Prince lbw b Heymeson	40
O G Battcock c Oliver b Matthews	18
W B Franklin b Poole	8
R Tompkins not out	17
Extras	10

Total (for 9 wkts.) 345

Bedfordshire: D. L. G. August, T. Clark, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, S. T. Morris, A. B. Poole, R. L. Hills, A. Heymeson, K. M'Canlis, G. M. F. Fleming, T. D. Matthews.

During the tea interval presentation was made of a cheque for £205 16s. 6d. to Mr. Frank Crompton in recognition of his 21 years as hon sec. of the Bedfordshire Club.

The presentation was made by the President, Major Simon Whitbread.

Major Whitbread was introduced by Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch, the club's patron, who said that Mr. Crompton's work for the club had extended in all over 32 years.

RAIN STOPS COUNTY MATCH

After Buckinghamshire's Fine Batting

Shortly after the tea interval on Wednesday, first day of the Bedfordshire v. Buckinghamshire match at Bedford School, the visiting County had lost six wickets for 160 runs. But there was no "tail" for Matthews and his fellow-bowlers to pounce on and destroy out of hand. Buckinghamshire ended the day with a wicket standing—and 345 runs on the board.

Their ability to bat right down the list was a real blow to Bedfordshire's hopes, especially after the attack had proved so effective in mid-afternoon and had disposed of five batsmen while the score progressed from 110 to 160. Although the ball popped occasionally, the morning rain, which delayed the start until 1.10 p.m., soon dried out of the wicket, leaving it very much in favour of the batting side, and the home County's bowlers, Matthews (who, in one spell of 21 overs had three wickets for 64 runs), Owen, and McCanlis, did extremely well. They deserved rather better support in the field.

Hitting back after tea, Buckinghamshire achieved their formidable total largely through a seventh-wicket stand of 123 by Yates and Prince. With the latter playing the quieter role, Yates, a powerful stroke-maker, thumped the ball to all parts of the field. After he had reached a hundred in under two hours, the left-armed Heymeson beat him twice in an over with leg-breaks of seductive length, and the bowler would have had him caught deep on the off-side if the fieldsmen concerned had decided who among them was the right one for the job. But these incidents apart, it was batting that grew fat and jolly on whatever the bowlers served up. Often seen to be smiling, Yates suggested a schoolboy who, by some mischance, had been left alone with the picnic-basket and was happily devouring the contents thereof. Fourteen fours indicated the measure of Yates's appetite—and it was grand cricket to watch.

O'CONNOR'S ARTISTRY

Earlier, the former Essex batsman, Jack O'Connor, had given rare artistry to a half-century. He turned Matthews repeatedly to fine-leg with strokes that proclaimed his class, and the best of his hits in front of the wicket was a straight drive for six off Heymeson. He and Busby took the score from 20 to 110 for the second wicket. Matthews bowled him with a yorker.

The general taste for open-shouldered hits was getting a little taded when Poole added himself to a list of six bowlers. His first ball turned from leg and broke Franklin's wicket. No-one enjoyed the "joke" more than the bowlers who had suffered affliction. But No. 11 batsman, Tompkins, promptly returned them to earth by striking two fours and a six. And that, not inappropriately, was how a day of most enjoyable cricket ended.

Buckinghamshire declared at their overnight total of 345 for nine.

TIME FOR PRACTICE

Rain fell practically continuously yesterday (Thursday) morning and there was no play before lunch. At half-past two the captains inspected the wicket and decided that play might be possible an hour later. Both teams practised fielding while waiting, Bedfordshire using the "cradle" and Buckinghamshire concentrating on improving their throwing-in.

The sun began to shine quite hotly, but at tea-time the rain came down again and the match was abandoned. There being no result, the match will not be included in the Championship table.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

(1st Innings)

L. O. Baker c Hills b McCanlis	10
T. E. Busby run out	41
J. O'Connor b Matthews	57
S. S. Peters c Hills b Matthews	21
P. Isherwood c Fleming b Matthews	4
D. Sears at Hills b Owen	9
W. Yates not out	117
C. A. Prince lbw b Heymeson	40
O. G. Battcock c Oliver b Matthews	15
W. B. Franklin b Poole	5
R. Tompkins not out	18
Extras	10

Total for 9 wkts. dec. 345

Bedfordshire bowling: Matthews, 29 overs, 7 maidens, 95 runs, 4 wickets; Oliver, 15-3-46-0; McCanlis, 18-3-55-1; Owen, 11-2-39-1; Heymeson, 19-2-60-1; Fleming, 2-0-20-0; Poole, 2-0-20-1.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

The Hertfordshire team to play in the last match of the Week to-day (Friday) and tomorrow will be captained by the Oxford Blue, P. G. T. Kingsley, who made a fine century against Bedfordshire at Hertford earlier in the season. S. D. Rhodes, formerly of Nottinghamshire and Sir Julian Cahn's XI, is also in the side.

After the Oxfordshire match A. D. Panton was recalled to his R.A.F. Station. His place in today's Bedfordshire team will be taken by S. T. Morris.

A DRAWN GAME WITH OXFORDSHIRE

Home County in Front on First Innings

On a perfect wicket batsmen were nearly always in the ascendancy in Bedfordshire's match against Oxfordshire on Monday and Tuesday, and the first County Cricket Week at Bedford School since 1939 opened with a draw. Bedfordshire took three Minor Counties Championship points for a first-innings lead of 38 runs.

Monday's attendance was the largest for a County match in Bedford since 1921, when A. C. MacLaren, of England and Lancashire fame, brought a team of "stars" to oppose Bedfordshire. About 1,600 paid at the gates, receipts amounting to nearly £80.

Exactly 400 runs were scored in 8½ hours on the first day, and on Tuesday morning, when Oxfordshire, with eight wickets in hand, needed 237 runs to pass Bedfordshire's total of 318, it was clear that unless the unexpected happened, the struggle for first-innings points would provide the chief interest.

Oxfordshire came near to taking the points, thanks to sound batting by Edwards, Miller, and Woodward. At one period they were 52 runs behind with four wickets outstanding, but there was no sting in their tail and the rest of the side was dismissed for the addition of only 14 runs.

OWEN'S GOOD MATCH

Owen, the former Surrey professional, was the spearhead of the home attack, and he always kept the batsmen playing. Fighting the ball skillfully, he captured seven wickets with his left-arm spinners at a cost of just over 10 runs each. When Bedfordshire batted a second time he demonstrated his all-round ability with an innings of 47. His quick fielding in the gully was also a feature.

The Luton Vauxhall player, 22-year-old Tom Clark, will also have happy memories of the game. In making his first century in the Minor Counties Competition he more than confirmed the good impression he created on his debut for the County against Hertfordshire at Hertford a few weeks ago, when he scored 94. On Monday he gave an almost faultless display for three hours, putting the straightest of bats to the good length ball and revealing powerful, stylish scoring strokes whenever the bowling invited them.

Panton although not so sure in his timing as Clark, also played a valuable innings of 53, and he and the Luton player put on 132 for the fourth wicket. Disbury, of Bedford School, stayed long enough to show himself a batsman of promise. Scores:

BEDFORDSHIRE (1st Innings)	
G. L. B. August b Wakefield	3
T. Clark c and b Miller	139
J. C. Owen c Edwards b Wakefield	13
J. A. R. Oliver run out	29
A. D. Panton b Miller	53
A. R. Poole c Senior b Wakefield	33
R. L. Hills c Senior b Merritt	3
B. S. Disbury c Inge b Wakefield	17
G. A. Miles not out	9
K. McCanlis c Inge b Wakefield	0
T. B. Matthews st Inge b Merritt	5
Extras	16
Total	318

Wakefield 5-94, Merritt 2-85, Miller 2-55.

(2nd Innings)	
G. L. B. August c Inge b Merritt	1
T. Clark b Merritt	10
G. C. Owen c Woodward b Toyndee	47
J. A. R. Oliver not out	69
A. Panton not out	12
Extras	3
Total for 3 wks.	142

OXFORDSHIRE

A. Taylor lbw b McCanlis	17
D. Edwards c Hills b McCanlis	48
J. Carne c Hills b Owen	28
E. Senior lbw b Owen	2
W. Miller lbw b Owen	58
D. G. Woodward c Poole b Owen	82
W. W. Inge b Owen	15
M. Wakefield not out	18
D. C. Maney c Poole b Owen	0
L. L. Toyndee b Oliver	4
D. Merritt b Owen	5
Extras	5
Total	280

Bowling: Owen, 28.2 overs, 4 maidens, 73 runs, 7 wickets; McCanlis, 23-5-53-2; Oliver, 11-5-20-1.



The Bedfordshire team leaving the field after dismissing Hertfordshire for 246 runs on Friday.



August and Clark going out to open the batting for Bedfordshire.

ANOTHER BLANK DAY IN COUNTY CRICKET WEEK

Bedfordshire Well Placed When Rain Intervenes in Hertfordshire Game

The first Bedford Cricket Week for seven years was severely hit by the weather. Not a ball was bowled on the second day (Thursday) of the Buckinghamshire game, and on Saturday the Hertfordshire encounter shared the depressing fate of cricket in many parts of the country, heavy and almost continuous rain from Friday evening until ten o'clock the next morning making play impossible. Two or three inspections of the Bedford School wicket were carried out by the captains, A. B. Poole and P. G. T. Kingsley, but there was never much hope of the game proceeding, and at four o'clock it was abandoned.

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technique of an older hand and brain, and his stroke-play last week was a delight to watch.

Poole beat Kingsley in the toss, and though there was some surprise when he gave Hertfordshire first innings, events amply justified his decision. Hertfordshire's 246 was not a large total, and the top-

scorer, Tyrwhitt-Drake, was missed behind the stumps off Miles in the second over of the match. In just under two hours after tea Bedfordshire replied with 95 for the loss of only one wicket. Thus they were well on the way to collecting three more Championship points for a first-innings lead. That seemed as much as one could reasonably hope for in a two-day match played on such a perfect wicket.

Tyrwhitt-Drake's escape meant that Bedfordshire had to wait until 40 runs were on the board before the bowling had its first success. Owen turned a ball away from Kingsley's bat, and Hills stumped the Oxford Blue, who was a yard out of his ground. This made way for the former Nottinghamshire captain, Rhodes, who drove Owen to the off for four. The batsmen looked at their ease with the bowling, but at 83 Miles had Tyrwhitt-Drake smartly caught by August not far from the batsman's left hip. Eleven runs later Oliver, replacing Miles, took Rhodes' leg stump with a yorker. Lunch, 106 for three.

In the afternoon Hallas, batting with considerable freedom, and Swallow put on 54. A run-out ended the stand, and at 150 and 161 further successes for Bedfordshire promised a quick end to the innings.

Hertfordshire, however, are never really "up against it" until Ted Roberts is out, and it was this popular "pro" who stood in Bedfordshire's way, not for the first time in his long

career. He and Bell went to 201 for the seventh wicket. Then Roberts and Grimdsell came together in a useful stand.

Owen and Matthews had the longest spells in the Bedfordshire attack. Bowling 26 overs without a rest, Owen performed very creditably on a wicket that took his spin too slowly. Matthews bowled 28 overs and conceded an average of only two runs an over.

Opening the Bedfordshire innings with Clark, August fell at eight—his forward stroke beaten by a ball of perfect length from Hawes, fast-medium. Panton made an uncertain start, surviving a very confident l.b.w. appeal, but his batting gained in confidence. He scored slowly, yet he was again an admirable partner for Clark, who went his untroubled way to a handsome half-century. A sharp chance at mid-wicket was the only flaw in the Luton youngster's display. Scores:

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S. D. Rhodes b Oliver	18
P. Hallas st Hills b Heymeson	42
L. Swallow run out	18
A. P. Bell c Heymeson b Matthews	50
R. Champton lbw b Owen	5
E. Roberts c Miles b Matthews	41
A. Grimdsell run out	15
R. Crownshaw not out	7
E. G. Hawes b Matthews	1
Extras	1
Total	246

Bowling: Matthews 28.2 overs, 8 maidens, 57 runs, 3 wickets; Oliver 8.1, 25.1; Miles 10.5, 26.1; Owen 35.5, 88.2; Heymeson 12.10, 51.1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August b Hawes	4
T. Clark not out	56
A. D. Panton not out	27
Extras	8
Total for one wicket	95

J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, A. B. Poole, S. T. Morris, R. L. Hills, G. A. Miles, A. Heymeson, and T. D. Matthews did not bat.

THEN CAME THE RAIN

**One Day's Play in Match
with Hertfordshire**

At the close of play on Friday Bedfordshire were strongly placed in the final match, against Hertfordshire, of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, but heavy and almost continuous rain during the night soaked the wicket and no further play was possible. After several inspections of the pitch by the captains the game was abandoned at four o'clock on Saturday.

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COUNTY CRICKET CLUB'S UNLUCKY WEEK

Estimated Loss of Ninety Pounds on Blank Days

Knowing the English weather as we do, it would have been too much to hope that the County Cricket Week would be blessed by continual sunshine. But two blank days—Thursday and Saturday—out of six in the first Bedford cricket festival since Hitler turned our energies to more serious business, were really "beyond the limit." Friday night's heavy rain was a particularly cruel blow, for the position at close of play in the Hertfordshire match promised most interesting cricket on the morrow.

As for the rained-off Buckinghamshire encounter, people who take a half-holiday in mid-week are usually unfortunate. In my recollection of pre-war "Weeks" it seems that the matches with Buckinghamshire had a habit of finishing before lunch or falling foul of the weather on the second day, to the mutual disadvantage of the County Club's finances and the cricket-going public.

Heavy Loss

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Indeed, Clark's success was the most gratifying feature of the Week. His century against Oxfordshire was made in the grand manner—an innings full of elegant strokes and basically so sound. Even in his defensive play his class was apparent to all. I rather fancy that the Hertfordshire bowlers would not have seen the last of him on Saturday until his second century for the County had been recorded on the scoreboard.

Panton's Success

Clark shared two long partnerships with A. D. Panton, who made a very good debut in County cricket. Panton looked an uncertain starter and the ball was not always in the middle of his bat, but he played two innings of great value and some skill.

George August's failures were just an example of what can

happen to a batsman of proved worth, and I do not think they are likely to worry the selection committee in picking the sides for the remaining matches. Oliver, Owen, Poole, and young Disbury of Bedford School made some good-looking runs against Oxfordshire, and it was one aspect of the dismal situation the weather afterwards created that, to our regret, there were no more opportunities of seeing the County bat lower than Clark, August and Panton.

The County's Bowling

Bedfordshire's bowling varied much in quality, but an attack of sustained hostility and penetration is too much to expect when wickets are guaranteed to last for days unless rain and sun combine to damage the surface. Matthews, Owen, and some of the other bowlers did well in the circumstances, though I still think it a pity that a chance was not given to Gordon Brice, the Harpur Sports player. Brice is in his early twenties. Last week Bedfordshire played a 34-year old fast bowler for the first time. That is hardly the right age to start in County cricket, and Brice ought to have been preferred in one game at least if only on account of his youth. He has not yet reached his best bowling years, but experience gained now may well produce good results in the near future.

Arthur Cornell is another bowler who does not appear to impress the selectors, yet at his best he is surely worthy of a chance.

Astute Captain

I thought that A. B. Poole worked Matthews and Owen a little too hard at times, but in all other respects he skippered the side admirably. Poole is a very astute cricketer. I surmise that he regards a growing partnership between batsmen as a direct challenge to his own wits when he is in the field, and all the time he is searching for the most likely way to separate them. Just before Oliver got Rhodes, the former Nottinghamshire player, on Friday with a fast yorker on the leg stump I saw Poole address a few words to the bowler. It certainly seemed as though Oliver acted on captain's instructions.

At Fenner's To-day

There are three changes in the Bedfordshire side to play Cambridgeshire at Fenner's to-day (Friday) and to-morrow. R. H. Crompton makes his first appearance for Bedfordshire, taking the place of S. T. Morris, who is unable to play, and A. Capstick and D. V. Gladdish come in for A. D. Panton and G. A. Miles. B. S. Disbury is twelfth man.

A. B. Poole, G. I. B. August, T. Clark, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, R. L. Hills, A. Heymeson, and T. D. Matthews are all available.

Hospital Cup Final

To-morrow's chief attraction in local cricket is the Hospital Cup final on the Bedford Modern School field. North End

and Thurlleigh, who scored such thrilling victories over the Harpur Sports teams in the semi-final games, will provide a town-and-country struggle that should draw a very large crowd.

The game starts at three o'clock. Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch, Chairman of the County Hospital, will be there to present the cup and medals.

H. J. D.

TALKING IN THE PAVILION

The Cricket Umpire as a Man of Humour

Time was on our hands as we waited in the Bedford School Pavilion. The score-board announced the overnight position in the Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire match to a deserted, rain-drenched field, and out in the middle the wicket-covers were forlorn, black smudges on a vista of rich green. Cricket was never more than a remote possibility—this wretched English weather had seen to that. But we stayed on in hope and in reminiscence. We recalled old triumphs—Wilfred King spinning Buckinghamshire to destruction on this very ground in the early 'twenties, for instance—and the mind's eye looked around the crowded gallery of personalities that have so enriched the best of games. Cricket was ever an abundant source of good talk. The rain may ruin a game and drive a County Club treasurer to despair, but it cannot reduce the pavilion to silence.

My excellent companions at tea on Saturday were Messrs. Cutler and Tregear, the umpires, who, like nearly all professional members of the white-coated fraternity, gave much of their youth to active cricket. What a fund of stories they had to tell! Perhaps you may think there is little scope for humour in an umpire's life as he stands and waits for the end of the long, long day. Well, it largely depends on the man himself. Certainly he must never allow his attention to be diverted from the game for a moment, but if he is a man of wit these nearest the wicket are always likely to hear a comment that will start them chuckling.

One well-known umpire who shall be nameless came into several of Mr. Tregear's yarns. In a certain County game this worthy had occasion to give a batsman out, caught at the wicket. "I wasn't out, umpire," said the disgruntled batsman on his way to the pavilion. Came the quick rejoinder: "Well, you look at the scores in to-morrow morning's paper and see for yourself!"

"BLOOMIN' AWFUL"

In response to a shout of "How's that?" from an over-keen young bowler who, making his debut in a County side, had rapped the batsman on the pads in his first over, this same umpire said: "Bloomin' awful! I've a damned good mind to signal a wide!"

A bowler got a little too vocal for an umpire's peace of mind. At last an absurd appeal provoked him to retort: "For heaven's sake shut up, man. It's like umpiring in a parrot-house!"

And then there was that story, told by Mr. Tregear, about the umpire with a taste for practical joking. The pavilion clock showed half a minute to the

lunch interval when the umpire called "Another over." The fieldsmen changed over and took up their positions. Then, as he removed the balls, the man in the white coat said solemnly, "But I think we'll take it after lunch"—and walked away from the pitch without batting an eyelid!

But when all such lighter moments are recorded it remains to be said that the umpires have but a small part in the game's great seasonal comedy. From mid-morning until evening their task calls for intense concentration. Not for them the relaxation that a cricketer can enjoy while his side is batting. They can mar a game to a degree beyond the power of any player, and if their fallibility is such that a few bad reports reach headquarters their livelihood is at an end.

So, when the umpires step into their onerous office as the clock strikes half-past eleven on a sunny morning, give them your applause. In a sense they are the most important people on the field, and if anyone thinks that theirs is a comfortable, easy job for an old cricketer in his declining years let him mark the words of Mr. Cutler. "Retired professional cricketers who take up umpiring often have little idea of what is demanded of them," said Mr. Cutler. "It is the most difficult job in cricket. A batsman can run his partner out foolishly, and nothing is heard of it. But if an umpire blunders he doesn't always get away with it so easily."

H. J. D.

MATTHEWS'S FEAT FOR COUNTY

26 Maidens Out of 51 Overs

CLARK AGAIN IN FORM

Wherever and whenever Bedfordshire play cricket this season, rain is not far away. The game with Cambridgeshire at Fenners on Friday and Saturday was badly interfered with on the second day, and after Cambridgeshire had batted nearly all Friday for 279, scoring at under 50 runs an hour, Bedfordshire, with 13 on the board, could not resume until 4.30 on Saturday. When stumps were drawn Bedfordshire were 64 for two wickets, and the match was drawn.

If this game is remembered—unfortunately there was little cricket of the kind which the memory retains—it will be on account of T. D. Matthews, whose accurate, unflagging bowling for 51 overs was partly responsible for Cambridgeshire's tedious batting. Twenty-six of Matthews's 51 overs were maidens. If Matthews broke no records he deserved to do so, for his work was done on a batsman's dream wicket. Clark was again in form, being undefeated with 38.

Spectators Were Sleepy

Poole was unlucky to lose the toss, and spectators were unlucky, too, for Cambridgeshire, heavily defeated the previous day by Suffolk, took not the slightest risk. Many a spectator must have been more nearly asleep than awake most of the time.

The foundation for the Cambridgeshire total was laid by Coote and H. W. F. Taylor. Coote, the captain, batted 4½ hours for his 133 and hit 19 boundaries. He had slow periods but occasionally opened his shoulders. Taylor presented a stolid, non-scoring bat to the bowlers and took 2½ hours to make 25. When wicket-keeper Hills caught him the Bedfordshire team's sigh of relief could almost be heard in the scorer's box which, at Fenners, is a very long way from the wicket! The last had not been heard of the Taylors, however, for R. A., brother to H. W. F., a sound bat and a faster scorer, collected half a century.

County's Keen Fieldsmen

What made Bedfordshire look a good side—and kept some interest in the match—was the keenness of their bowling and fielding throughout a tiring day. Such eagerness to save a run is not found in all sides. Hills had a good day, dismissing H. Taylor and B. Cangley, the Cambridge "blue", with catches off Matthews.

Saturday's Play

With only an hour and a half available for play on Saturday it was improbable that Cambridgeshire would get first-innings points.

August and Clark resumed confidently. Loose bowling was quickly detected and punished, August hitting a three and Clark finding the boundary twice. This was followed by sterner stuff. Over an hour's

batting was necessary to carry the overnight total of 13 to 50. To celebrate the achievement August cut a quick ball through the slips for four. Shortly afterwards he failed to get on top of a good ball from Howard and the bowler, with clever anticipation, held the catch. Owen stayed a few uncomfortable minutes before skying a catch to cover.

With about eight minutes to go, Oliver defended adequately, while Clark hit three valedictory boundaries on the leg side. Scores:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

C. E. Coote c Oliver b Owen	133
M. A. Crouch c Gladdish b Matthews	7
H. W. F. Taylor c Hills b Oliver	25
J. A. Sunshine b Matthews	7
R. A. Taylor c Matthews b Owen	50
B. G. M. Cangley c Hills b Matthews	15
S. R. Roytson b Matthews	12
G. W. Howard b Matthews	0
D. W. Brown c Gladdish b Owen	16
S. M. Tebbitt c Heymeson b Owen	4
T. R. Morton not out	1
Extras	9

Total 279

Bowling: Matthews, 51 overs, 26 maidens, 80 runs, 5 wickets; Owen, 25.2—4—54—4; Oliver, 19—6—35—1; Heymeson, 25—5—67—0; Gladdish 10—3—22—0; Poole, 5—1—12—0.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 26, 2—114, 3—125, 4—225, 5—240, 6—246, 7—256, 8—273, 9—277, 10—279.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August c and b Howard	20
T. Clark not out	38
J. G. Owen c Cangley b R. Taylor	5
J. A. R. Oliver not out	0
Extras	3

Total for 2 wickets . . . 64

A. Capstick, A. B. Poole, R. H. Crumpton, R. L. Hills, D. V. Gladdish, A. O. Heymeson, and T. D. Matthews did not bat.

DRAW AT FENNERS

On Friday and Saturday Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire drew at Fenners, rain interfering with the game on the second day. Points of note were C. E. Cote's century for Cambridgeshire, T. D. Matthews' remarkable bowling (he sent down 51 overs of which 25 were maidens), and excellent fielding by Bedfordshire.

Cambridgeshire 279 (C. E. Cote 133 R. A. Taylor 50, T. D. Matthews five for 80).
Bedfordshire 64 for two wickets (T. Clark not out 38).

OUT FOR 31

Rain Helps Bedfordshire to Escape Defeat

COLLAPSE ON TRICKY WICKET

Bedfordshire will long remember their first visit in 24 years to High Wycombe, where they met Buckinghamshire on Wednesday and Thursday in the Minor Counties Championship. Buckinghamshire, batting first on a soft wicket which appeared to give bowlers little help, scored 291. Bedfordshire opened their innings one and a half hours before the close of play, but were dismissed in just over an hour for 31! G. L. B. August and T. Clark (who has been invited to have a trial with Surrey) opened the second innings and kept their wickets intact, the overnight score being 8 for no wicket.

Rain intervened yesterday, and Buckinghamshire had to be content with first-innings points.

Bedfordshire's collapse (surprising in view of the recent steadiness of their batting) may well have been caused by the vagaries of a drying wicket. Warm sunshine followed the rain of Tuesday, and though Buckinghamshire found plenty of runs in the wicket, it was clear that conditions had changed when Lund and Batcock proceeded to "carve up" Bedfordshire's best run-getters.

A STYLISH BATSMAN

L. G. Baker and C. H. Taylor opened for Buckinghamshire, but with 7 on the board Taylor was bowled by Matthews. J. O'Connor, the former Essex player, joined Baker and this partnership yielded 92, O'Connor reaching his half-century off the first ball after lunch. O'Connor was caught by Oliver off Matthews. Baker continued to bat stylishly.

As his partners were dismissed Baker became steadier, waiting for the right balls to hit. His 131 out of 291 was a fine performance. Bedfordshire's fielding was again good. Matthews took six for 81.

DISASTROUS START

A disastrous start resulted in Bedfordshire losing three for 11. August was at the crease for almost half an hour without scoring, but he could not play himself in and was bowled by Batcock.

Bedfordshire batsmen could make nothing of the bowling of Lund (seven for 9) and Batcock (three for 17), and no man reached double figures.

EIGHT BALLS BOWLED YESTERDAY

Eight balls were bowled and two runs scored yesterday (Thursday) morning—and then came rain, the inevitable rain for the second day of Bedfordshire's matches. A heavy shower, followed by drizzle, drove the players to the pavilion, and there they remained.

At four o'clock the wicket was inspected, the result being that the game was abandoned.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

L. G. Baker b Owen	131
C. H. Taylor b Matthews	2
J. O'Connor c Oliver b Matthews	50
C. A. Prince b Matthews	11
C. Fisherwood lby b Gladdish	1
S. S. Peters b Matthews	8
W. Yates c Owen b Gladdish	13
O. B. Franklin c Poole b Oliver	19
O. C. Batcock c Clark b Matthews	17
R. S. Tompkins b Matthews	12
V. Lund not out	2
Extras	25
Total	291

Fall of wickets: 1 for 7, 2-99, 3 for 110, 4-138, 5 for 162, 6-185, 7 for 219, 8-251, 9-287, 10-291.

Bowling: Oliver 19 overs, 5 maidens, 55 runs, 1 wicket; Matthews, 42.3, 13, 81, 6; Poole, 3, 1, 16, 0; Gladdish 24, 2, 69, 2; Owen, 13, 0, 45, 1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
O. L. B. August b Batcock	2
T. Clark lby b Lund	0
J. G. Owen c Franklin b Lund	4
J. A. R. Oliver b Lund	4
A. D. Panton b Batcock	6
A. Capstick c and b Lund	0
A. B. Poole c Franklin b Lund	9
R. H. Crompton c Batcock b Lund	0
R. L. Hills c Batcock b Lund	0
D. V. Gladdish b Batcock	1
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	5
Total	31
Fall of wickets: 1 for 3, 2 for 7, 3-11, 4-19, 5-19, 6-22, 7-28, 8-28, 9-31, 10-31.	
Bowling: Batcock 11.1 overs, 8 maidens, 17 runs, 3 wickets; Lund, 11, 4, 9, 7.	
Second Innings	
O. L. B. August not out	1
T. Clark not out	7
Extras	2
Total (for no wicket)	10

OPENING BATSMEN'S HUNDREDS

August's Valuable Contribution

FIRST INNINGS LEAD FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

By each scoring a century while no other player compiled more than 42, two opening batsmen—G. L. B. August for Bedfordshire, and B. M. Travers (the Oxford "blue") for Oxfordshire, stole most of the limelight in the Minor Counties Competition match at the Christ Church Ground, Oxford, on Friday and Saturday. The game ended in a draw, Bedfordshire gaining a first innings lead of 34 runs after a fight full of good cricket.

George August's return to form in Minor Counties cricket was doubly welcome. It was not only the foundation of Bedfordshire's total, but broke a sequence of small scores, he having previously made only 73 runs in seven completed innings for the County this season. He was at the wicket for just over four hours in making 106—a painstaking but valuable effort. Seventh out at 248, he hit eight boundaries. He was missed at second slip at 46 and again at 102.

A Brilliant Innings

The fact that Oxfordshire came so near to gaining a first innings lead was largely due to Travers's brilliant innings. He dominated the play on the second day, carrying his bat for 167, which included a six and eighteen fours. During a stav of four and a half hours he favoured no stroke in particular, driving clean and hard on the off side and timing his on shots so well that the outfielders had little chance to cut off the run. Apart from a difficult chance to short leg when he had made five, his innings was flawless.

Rain during the night made it necessary for a new wicket to be prepared on Friday morning, and Poole, winning the toss, gave Bedfordshire first innings on a wicket that was lifeless. August and Clark, the opening pair, took no risks, and the home County tried four bowlers before the 50 went up after nearly 70 minutes. Guilfoyle, in particular, kept the batsmen quiet, starting with five successive maidens and conceding only 16 runs in his first spell of 11 overs.

Clark's batting was especially sound, but at 63 he should have been out, deep square leg dropping an easy catch off James, the Oxford City footballer. In the last over before lunch, however, Clark was caught behind the wicket, having scored 42 in 105 minutes. After the interval August received admirable support from Owen and Oliver, who helped to add 52 and 51 for the second and third wickets respectively. Pantan was soon out, but a fifth-wicket partnership between August and Poole increased the score from 192 to 235.

Carefree Hitting

A feature of the closing stages of the innings was some carefree hitting by Gladdish, and, in a lesser degree, by Heymeson. Their ninth wicket stand yielded 55 in double-quick time, Gladdish hitting two sixes (both off Guilfoyle) and two fours. This was the only time when liberties were taken with Oxfordshire's bowling, and Guilfoyle would have returned remarkable figures if he had not been punished so severely towards the end. Only 35 runs were knocked off his first 30 overs.

During 45 minutes' batting on Friday, Oxfordshire scored 32 for the loss of Mendl at 18. The next morning Travers monopolised the scoring, and he completed three figures out of a total of 148. Barker and Mason gave him useful support, but half the side was out for 191 when lunch was taken. The resumption was delayed by rain. Then Travers and Inge, both aggressive, sent the score along at a good rate. Inge scored 20 of the 36 added for the sixth wicket before he fell to a splendid one-handed catch by August at forward short leg.

A two to leg off Owen gave Travers his 150 and made the total 251, and, with both Travers and Girling batting confidently, Bedfordshire's chances of first innings points dwindled. Girling, however, became over-confident and mishit a ball from Gladdish into Poole's hands at cover when the partnership had realized 45. That was the end for the home County. Their last three wickets fell for eight runs, Wakefield, Guilfoyle, and James all failing to score.

On a pitch that gave he and his colleagues little or no help, Matthews again bowled uncommonly well, his five wickets costing less than 16 runs each. In his final spell, from lunch until the end of the innings, he captured four wickets for 45 runs in 13.4 overs.

It is singular that the first innings totals were almost the same as those in the match between the counties at Bedford earlier this month. Then Bedfordshire, batting first, totalled 318, and Oxfordshire replied with 280, this game being drawn, too.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August run out	106
T. Clark c Inge b Girling	42
J. G. Owen c and b Guilfoyle	29
J. A. R. Oliver c Travers b Wakefield	21
A. D. Pantan c James b Wakefield	15
A. B. Poole b Guilfoyle	5
R. H. Crompton b Wakefield	6
R. L. Hills b Guilfoyle	24
A. O. Heymeson b Wakefield	36
D. V. Gladdish lbw b Wakefield	0
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	25
Total	314

Bowling: Wakefield: 34.4 overs, 11 maidens, 73 runs for 5 wickets; Travers, 20-3-45-0; Guilfoyle, 36-14-61-3; James, 19-4-60-0; Girling, 16-6-37-1; Mendle, 1-0-13-0.

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
J. F. Mendle c T. Clark b Matthews	5
B. H. Travers not out	167
L. Barker st Hills b Heymeson	19
J. Mason c Hills b Poole	16
E. Senior c Heymeson b Oliver	4
F. Wylie b Matthews	10
W. W. Inge c August b Matthews	20
M. Girling c Poole b Gladdish	28
M. Wakefield b Gladdish	0
J. Guilfoyle b Matthews	0
P. James c Oliver b Matthews	0
Extras	11
Total	280

Bowling: Oliver 19 overs, 4 maidens, 50 runs, 1 wicket; Matthews, 33.4-11-79-5; Gladdish, 11-4-25-2; Poole, 5-0-31-1; Heymeson, 11-1-38-1; Owen, 10-1-46-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
Second Innings	
August not out	4
Clark not out	0
Extras	2

Total (for no wicket) 6
Bowling: Travers 4-2-4-0; Guilfoyle, 3-3-0-0.
Umpires: Harris and Fair service.

JOE PAYNE RETURNS

For their last match of the season, against Cambridgeshire at Wardown Park, Luton, on Wednesday and Thursday, Bedfordshire will have the assistance of Joe Payne, the Chelsea footballer, whose knee injury has kept him off the cricket field this season, and I. C. Noble, of Leicester, captain of the Bedford School XI in 1932, who will play for the County under a special registration.

Other members of the side are: A. B. Poole (captain), G. L. B. August, T. Clark, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, A. Capstick, R. L. Hills, A. O. Heymeson, and T. D. Matthews.

The game will be a benefit match for R. V. Ward, Bedfordshire's pre-war professional, and it is hoped that cricket enthusiasts will show their whole-hearted appreciation of his valuable services to the club.

Beds' Strong Position

Slow Scoring At Wardown

After an unexciting, and often dull, day's cricket at Wardown yesterday, Bedfordshire finished with a decided advantage over Cambridgeshire in R. V. Ward's benefit match, and are in a position to force a win to-day.

Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Cambridgeshire must have doubted quickly the wisdom of their decision when the first three wickets fell for 23.

On a wet wicket which was taking spin slowly, the visitors' batsmen flattered the accurate Bedfordshire bowling to such an extent that only 18 runs came in the first hour, and the two hours before lunch produced only 55 runs.

Had it not been for Cangley, who was the only one to show any enterprise, Cambridgeshire would have been dismissed for a much lower total than 147. He batted nearly three hours for his chanceless 73.

JOE PAYNE'S BOWLING

Most successful of the home bowlers was Joe Payne who, forsaking his usual fast bowling for slow off-spinners, bowled to a leg trap, took 4 for 38. Noble, on his first appearance for the county, returned the remarkable analysis of 28.3 overs, 21 maidens, 15 runs, 2 wickets, which gives a complete picture of the ultra-caution of the visiting batsmen. Owen had 2 for 32, and Oliver bowled 14 overs to take 1 for 10.

Left with 2½ hours' batting, Bedfordshire were given a solid start on a wicket which seemed to have rolled out easier. Taking no risks, August and Clark put on 38 in the first hour, but two runs later August made a poor shot and was easily caught at mid-off.

Frequent showers interrupted the later play, but Owen brought a little brightness into the general gloom by hitting the ball hard and looking for runs all the time.

CLARK SUBDUED

R. A. Taylor bowled 10 overs for four runs in his opening spell, but Owen set about spoiling these figures. Clark was strangely subdued, and, although he never looked in real difficulty, when rain applied a premature closure, he had been in 110 minutes for 25. By contrast, Owen had been batting only 40 minutes for his 22.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—First Innings

C E Coote c Matthews b Noble	5
M A Crouch lbw b Oliver...	7
H W F Taylor lbw b Payne	3
B G M Cangley st Hills b Payne	73
R A Taylor st Hills b Owen	14
F A Ridgeon c Poole b Matthews	5
S R Royston c Matthews b Owen	8
C W Wilkinson b Payne...	7
J Hoyles b Payne	6
W H Cockell b Noble	2
T R Morton not out	1
Extras	16

Total 147

BEDFORDSHIRE.—First Innings

G L B August c R A Taylor b Morton	16
T Clark not out	26
J G Owen not out	22
Extras	11

Total (for 1 wkt) ... 74

J A R Oliver, A Capstick, A B Poole, J Payne, R L Hills, I C Noble, A Heymeson and T D Matthews to bat.

FIRST INNINGS LEAD FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Clark and Owen in Big Second-Wicket Stand

Rain seriously interfered with Bedfordshire's last Minor Counties Competition match of the season, against Cambridgeshire, at Wrodown Park Luton, on Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday). The game ended in a draw, Bedfordshire taking points for a first innings lead.

Cambridgeshire, winning the toss, batted first, and they lost Coote with only 11 runs on the board. Cautious batting followed and only 18 runs were scored in the first hour's play. H. W. F. Taylor took 50 minutes to score three before he was out l.b.w. to Joe Payne, the Chelsea footballer, whose knee injury had kept him out of the County side this season.

A third-wicket partnership between R. A. Taylor and Cangley yielded 45 runs before Taylor was stumped, and Cangley was dismissed in similar fashion after batting admirably for more than three hours in scoring 73. None of the other batsmen stayed long, and evidence of the slow rate of scoring is shown by the fact that of the 96 overs which were bowled during the innings, 51 were maidens.

In less than two hours Bedfordshire scored 74 for the loss of August (at 40) before rain stopped play for the day.

A feature of yesterday morning's play was a splendid second-wicket partnership between Clark and Owen which realized 109, and enabled the home County to pass their opponents' total without further loss. The pair were separated when Owen was caught, and five more wickets fell before lunch for the addition of 50.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings	
C. E. Coote c Matthews b Noble	5
M. A. Crouch lbw b Oliver	4
H. W. F. Taylor lbw b Payne	73
B. G. M. Cangley st Hills b Payne	14
R. A. Taylor at Hills b Owen	5
F. A. Ridgeon c Poole b Matthews	8
S. R. Hoyston c Matthews b Owen	7
C. W. Wilkinson b Payne	6
J. Hoyle b Payne	2
W. H. Cockell b Noble	1
T. H. Morton not out	16
Extras	16
Total	147

Fall of wickets: 1 for 11, 2-16, 3-23, 4-68, 5-80, 6-91, 7-113, 8-140, 9-141, 10-147.
Bowling: Oliver, 14 overs, 7 maidens, 10 runs, 1 wicket; Matthews, 20-9-36-1; Noble, 28-3-21-15-2; Payne, 17-8-38-4; Owen, 17-6-52-2.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August c R. A. Taylor b Morton	16
T. Clark lbw b Ridgeon	68
J. O. Owen c Ridgeon b R. A. Taylor	57
J. A. R. Oliver c and b R. A. Taylor	24
A. B. Poole c Coote b Ridgeon	4
A. Capstick c Hoyle b R. A. Taylor	0
J. Payne c Morton b R. A. Taylor	12
R. L. Hills lbw b R. A. Taylor	8
A. O. Heymeson b Wilkinson	8
I. C. Noble not out	22
T. D. Matthews not out	5
Extras	26
Total	250

Fall of wickets: 1 for 40, 2-149, 3-155, 4-165, 5-165, 6-191, 7-205, 8-215, 9-234.
Bowling: Hoyle, 19 overs, 3 maidens, 51 runs, no wickets; Hoyston, 3-2-4-0; R. A. Taylor, 42-2-19-67-5; T. Morton, 11-5-18-1; Wilkinson, 10-0-39-1; Coote, 1-0-1-0; Ridgeon, 17-1-43-2.

MINOR COUNTIES' TABLE

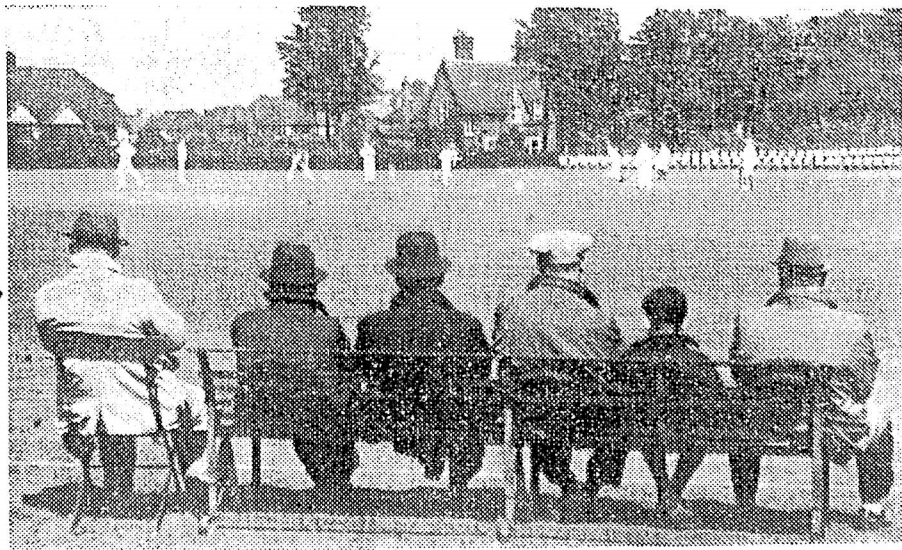
Bedfordshire were placed ninth in the Minor Counties' Competition (table dated up to 24th August inclusive). They had an average of 2.5 points per match, with ten points won.

At Oxford on 23rd and 24th
August:

Bedfordshire, 314 (G. L. B.
August 106, T. Clark 42, M.
Wakefield five for 73), and 4 for
no wicket; Oxfordshire, 280 (B.
H. Travers not out 167, T. D.
Matthews five for 79).

Match drawn. Bedfordshire
take three points for first inn-
ings lead.

SUMMER IN ENGLAND — 1946



Sports Chat

By "Chiltern"

Minor Counties Cricket Could Be Brighter

AFTER the match between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire at Wardown, A. B. Poole, the county captain, awarded colours to Terry Matthews, the Luton Town bowler, who has played in all eight matches this season, and heads the bowling averages with 28 wickets at a cost of just over 20 apiece.

No one has earned the honour more than Matthews, who has borne the brunt of the attack all through the season, and has performed some marathon bowling feats.

Without his steadiness and accuracy, Bedfordshire would have been in a bad way. He took only one wicket against Cambridgeshire, but the wicket did not favour pace bowlers, and spinners reaped the biggest harvest.

Joe Payne In A New Role

JOE PAYNE demonstrated what a good cricketer he is by bowling off-spinners instead of his usual fast stuff, and he moved the ball so well, and kept such an immaculate length that he returned the very good figures of 4 for 38.

There is every reason to hope that Joe will be available for the county regularly next season, and his presence in the side will be doubly welcome, for he is a fine batsman, too.

who puts them down a little faster than the normal bowler of this type.

The opposing batsmen could make nothing of him, and he will doubtless be given further opportunities next summer. Incidentally Bedfordshire took the field with three slow left-arm bowlers.

Beds. Were In A Strong Position

THE best cricket in a disappointing match was seen in the first 50 minutes of the second day when Tom Clark and Glyn Owen went for the bowling to such effect that they put on 75 runs.

It was excellent, attractive cricket, but on the dismissal of Owen who was speedily followed to the pavilion by Clark, the scoring rate dropped greatly despite the efforts of Poole and Payne to get runs quickly.

By 2.30, Bedfordshire had built up a lead of 103, and looked to be in a very good position to force a win until rain brought a hold-up.

Poole was keen to make a resumption just after 5 o'clock, but the Cambridgeshire captain did not agree that the wicket was fit for play. The umpires were called in and they decided that it was unfit.

Did Not Win Or Lose A Match

THUS Bedfordshire came to the end of one of their most curious seasons. Only one of their eight matches was not materially affected by rain, with the result that they did not win a match, or lose one.

They have achieved the respectable position of seventh in the table, and can look forward to even better things next season, when, as Frank Crompton, the secretary, says, there must be some fine weather.

The Minor Counties competition will be strengthened by the addition of Surrey II, Notts II, Gloucester II, Kent II and Wiltshire.

The six "Macs" watching the Minor Counties championship match at Wardown, where Beds entertained Cambridgeshire on Wednesday and Thursday. On the far side of the ground can be seen some of the 1,500 chairs placed on the ground by the Parks Committee. Their emptiness signifies the state of the weather.

Percentage System Is Wrong

MANY cricketers with whom I have spoken recently are of the opinion that something should be done to increase the competitive spirit in the Minor Counties.

Firstly, the percentage system, by which positions are calculated, has brought about some queer happenings. This system means that a win on first innings worsens a team's position.

When a team is out for championship honours, it is far more beneficial to them to avoid taking first innings points and to concentrate on

making certain that a "no result" is achieved, which does not count in the league table.

That has been done recently. It is against the best interests of the game, and does not add to the attractiveness of cricket.

The captain who adopts such tactics is not really to blame—it is the system which is wrong.

Split Country In Four Divisions

THE best solution I have heard is that the country should be split up into four divisions in which each team plays the same number of matches.

Points should be awarded as they are in first-class cricket, and the leading team in each division to go into semi-finals, which will decide the destination of the championship.

Unless each team does play the same number of matches, there seems no alternative to the percentage system.

Luton's opinion of Minor Counties cricket will be that it needs brightening up, and spectators on Wednesday had an unfortunate experience of it during the Cambridgeshire innings. I can assure them that it is not all as bad as that.

Weather Pulled Down Receipts

RECEIPTS for the two days came to just over £30, which was very good considering the bad weather. A collection in aid added £6 5s. to the receipts, which were for Reg. Ward's benefit fund.

Tom Clark tells me that he is going to the Oval next Saturday to play in a Surrey Club and Ground match.

I hope he does well, for I am sure he will be a success in first-class cricket. He has the temperament for the job, and there is no question of his ability.

His average of over 60 for the County this season proves that. After that match, Tom will be turning his attention to football, and he hopes to have a few outings with Aston Villa, on whose books he is as an amateur.

CRICKET

Beds County Averages

	BATTING		Bowling		Ave.
	Ins.	Not out	Rns.	Sc.	
T Clark	11	4	454	139	64.84
J A R Oliver	8	3	179	69 n.o.	35.80
A D Pantou	5	2	103	53	34.33
J G Owen	8	1	190	57	27.14
G L B August	11	2	199	106	22.11
A B Poole	5	0	63	33	12.60
R L Hills	5	0	42	25	8.40

Also batted.—T D Matthews 0, 3, 0 n.o., 0 n.o. 5 n.o.; A Heymeson 1, 24, 8; S T Morris 19, 6; J Nixon 3, 2; E H Crompton 0, 5; A Capstick 0, 0; I C Noble 22 n.o.; J Payne 12; D V Gladdish 1, 36; G A Miles 9 n.o.; K McCanlis 0; B S Disbury 17; G Callingham 2 n.o.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
T D Matthews	260.3	88	561	28	20.01
J G Owen	155.4	23	426	20	21.30
A Heymeson	98.3	9	316	11	28.72
J A R Oliver	118	32	284	7	40.56

Also bowled.—D V Gladdish 45-9-116-4; I C Noble 28.3-21-15-2; J Payne 17-8-33-4; G A Miles 31-6-85-1; K McCanlis 41-6-108-3; A B Poole 15-2-79-2; G Callingham 23-3-80-3; B S Disbury 4-0-25-0; G McD. Fleming 2-0-20-0

Luton Lose Police "Derby" Match

Despite a plucky innings by Vass, who carried his bat through the innings, Luton Borough Police were beaten by 43 runs by Beds. County Police. Scores:

BEDS. COUNTY POLICE 140 (Hepworth 55 not out, Wilby 23, Tomkins 23, Kirby 7 for 72).

LUTON BOROUGH POLICE 97 (A Vass 39 not out, Kirby 15, Wilby 7 for 37).

THE SCOREBOARD

CAMBRIDGESHIRE: 1st Inns. 147 (J Payne 4 for 38).

BEDFORDSHIRE: 1st Inns.

G L B August c R A Taylor b Morton	16
T Clark lbw b Ridgeon	68
J G Owen c Ridgeon b R A Taylor	57
J A R Oliver c & b R A Taylor	24
A B Poole c Coots b Ridgeon	4
A Capstick c Hoytes b R A Taylor	0
J Payne c Morton b R A Taylor	12
R L Hills lbw b R A Taylor	8
A Heymeson b Wilkinson	8
I C Noble not out	22
T D Matthews not out	5
Extras	26
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	250

I. C. Noble, making his first appearance in the team, is a very consistent left arm bowler

COUNTY CRICKET
AVERAGES

Surrey Trial Player at
Top of Batting

Tom Clark, who goes to the Oval to-morrow (Saturday) to have a trial for Surrey, heads the Bedfordshire batting averages at a figure more than twice as high as that of his nearest rival. An average of 64.85 is truly remarkable in a player's first season in County cricket. Clark and T. D. Matthews, both Lutonians, are the only Bedfordshire players to receive County caps this year. Matthews, too, is a newcomer to the County ranks, and his steady, medium-paced bowling was the spearhead of the attack. Of his 260 overs no fewer than 88 were maidens.

BATTING

	inns.	not out.	runs.	inns.	avrg.
T. Clark	11	4	454	139	64.85
J. A. R. Oliver	8	3	179	69	55.8
A. D. Panton	8	3	103	37	34.35
J. G. Owen	8	1	193	57	37.14
G. L. B. August	11	2	199	106	22.6
A. B. Poole	5	0	63	33	12.6
R. L. Hills	5	0	42	25	8.4
T. D. Matthews	5	3	20	5	4.0

Signifies not out.
Also batted: A. Heymeson, 1, 24, 8;
I. O. Noble, 22 not out; S. T. Morris, 6,
19; D. V. Gladdish, 1, 36; J. Payne,
12; B. S. Disbury, 17.

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	avrg.
J. Payne	17	8	38	4	9.5
T. D. Matthews	260.5	88	561	28	20.0
J. G. Owen	155.4	23	425	19	22.42
A. Heymeson	98.3	9	316	11	28.72
G. V. Gladdish	45	9	116	4	29.00
J. A. R. Oliver	118	32	275	6	45.83

Also bowled: I. O. Noble 28.5-21-15-2;
G. Callaghan 23.3-0-80-2; K. McCanlia
41-6-108-3; A. B. Poole 15-2-79-2.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
FINAL TABLE

	P	W	L	D	No	pts	avg.
	in.	in.	in.	in.	obtd		
Buckinghamshire	8	3	0	0	5	15	5.0
Suffolk	8	3	0	0	3	36	4.87
Yorkshire 2nd	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.36
Staffordshire	8	1	0	0	0	1	4.0
Oxfordshire	8	1	0	0	0	0	3.62
Hertfordshire	8	0	0	0	1	2	19
Bedfordshire	8	0	0	0	1	19	5.15
Dorset	8	0	0	0	0	0	3.8
Cornwall	8	0	0	0	0	0	3.5
Cheshire	8	0	0	0	1	12	2.4
Lincolnshire	8	0	0	0	0	0	2.33
Durham	8	0	0	0	0	0	14
Devonshire	8	0	0	0	0	0	14
Norfolk	8	0	0	0	0	0	10
Cambridgeshire	8	0	0	0	0	0	10
Lincolnshire	8	1	3	0	0	0	8
Berkshire	6	1	4	0	1	0	8
Worcestershire	10	1	6	0	2	1	8
Worcestershire	8	0	5	1	1	1	4

MAY REMAIN WITH BEDFORDSHIRE

Young Batsman's Future Not Yet Decided

Tom Clark, the young Vauxhall Motors batsman, who was second to Wilson, of Yorkshire 2nd XI, in the Minor Counties averages last season, may continue to play for Bedfordshire.

Achieving an average of 64.66 runs and a total of 454 in his first season in County cricket, Clark attracted the attention of Surrey C.C.C., who gave him a trial. He has been offered terms as a professional, but at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, held in the Shire Hall on Wednesday, the captain of the County XI, A. B. Poole, stated that the question of Clark going to Surrey was by no means settled. Clark, he added, had not yet come to a decision.

Mr. Frank Crompton (Hon. Secretary) reported that the Club was in a good financial position and had received the sum of £78 9s. 10d. as a share of the profits of the 1946 Test matches against India.

Tribute to the work done by Mr. Crompton and others on behalf of the Club was paid by the Chairman of the General Committee (Mr. H. R. Neate).

UNBEATEN IN 1946

A. B. Poole's report on the 1946 season stated that only four of the 1939 side were available, yet the Club was able to field a team that compared very favourably with the pre-war eleven. Bedfordshire shared with the champions (Suffolk) and runners-up (Buckinghamshire) the distinction of not losing a match, and owing to the appalling weather they were deprived more than once of good chances of winning outright. The batting had been sound and the totals satisfactory, the bowling rather more steady than hostile, but there was room for general improvement in the fielding.

Mr. J. A. Whitechurch and Major Simon Whitbread were re-elected Patron and President respectively.

Mr. Poole and J. A. R. Oliver were unanimously chosen as captain and vice-captain again.

Four former captains, Messrs. Rex Alston, Fred Rawlins, W. A. Sims, and E. D. Dynes, and the present skipper were elected Vice-Presidents, to whose list the following were also added: Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve, Admiral Cunningham, Commander Willis, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. White, Mr. B. W. Vane-Percy, Mr. K. Vane-Percy, Mr. C. Rawlins, junior, Dr. Miller, Mr. J. Langley, Mr. H. B. Newton, Dr. Griffiths, Mr. T. S. Lucking, Mr. G. Sharpin, Mr. H. Davies, Mr. C. R. B. Tingey, Mr. E. Neate, and Mr. H. H. Neate.

The following officers were re-appointed: Mr. E. Arnold, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Crompton, Hon. Secretary; Mr. S. A. Swift, Hon. Treasurer; Messrs. A. G. Oldfield and D. J. Clark, Hon. Auditors; and Mr. A. W. H. Poole, Hon. Scorer. Mr. E. Neate was chosen to fill a Committee vacancy.

RETURN OF LEAGUE CRICKET

Three Divisions Proposed for This Year

The Bedford and District Cricket League, whose activities have been suspended since 1940, will re-start this summer, when, it is hoped, there will be at least 24 clubs competing in first, second, and third divisions. The Premier Division will not be revived until competitive cricket is in full swing again and the strength of the clubs can be gauged.

The League's Hospital Cup competition will continue on the same basis as last year, all clubs going "in the hat" together instead of being drawn in sections. This is considered to be the best way of ensuring an interesting final between two strong sides.

Twenty clubs were represented at the League's annual meeting, held in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Bedford, on Saturday, Mr. C. Hinde presiding. They were: Harpur Sports, Kempston, Bedford Ramblers, Queen's Works, Bedford North End, Lynton Works, Clapham, Everton, Blunham, Elstow, Little Staughton, Ickwell, Risley, Sharnbrook, Thurleigh, Cople, Lavendon, Great Barford, Stagsden, and Pavenham.

Harpur Sports, however, will not enter the League this year, as "friendly" fixture lists have already been arranged for the club's two teams.

Several alterations to rules were approved. The League is to be open to clubs in the County "and the vicinity", thus making provision for teams just over the borders. A rule that a club be fined 2s. for failing to send a representative to general committee meetings is to be enforced more strictly than in the past.

TO DIVIDE POINTS

In all cases where play is not possible owing to bad weather the points will be divided between the clubs concerned. This is to prevent postponed fixtures causing a congestion at the end of the season.

The registration fee for each player is to be 2s., instead of 1s.; and the subscription payable to the League by each team increases from 5s. to 10s.

In the past no player was eligible until his name had been registered by the League secretary at least four days. Now the period is only 48 hours. The fee for umpires is increased from 5s. to 10s., plus travelling expenses.

If the score-books do not agree, leaving the result of a game in doubt, and one of the captains (or both) refuses to sign them, the books are to be forwarded to the League Secretary for examination.

The Hospital Cup entrance fee is increased from 2s. to 5s. The number of overs per innings can be from 18 to 24, with 36 in the final.

Officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch; Chairman of Committees, Mr. C. Hinde; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. S. Northwood; Secretary, Mr. A. F. Parrish (who intimated that he intended to relinquish the post when the League was running properly again. He was appointed about fourteen years ago); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. C. Crouch; Hon. Auditors, Mr. A. Cambers and Mr. H. Rutter; representatives on the County Cricket Club Committee, Messrs. O. Dickens, Crouch, and Parrish; representative to County Hospital, Mr. Parrish.

The Secretary reported a balance in hand of £12 13s. 9d.

BEDFORD CRICKET CLUB

T. N. Whalley to Captain First XI Again

An anonymous donation of £84 to the Bedford Town Cricket Club was reported at the Club's annual meeting on Thursday, Mr. F. Crompton presiding. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Hardy, said that though the Club was in a sound financial condition, the purchase of new equipment and improvements to the Newnham Avenue ground would involve heavy expenditure.

Mention of S. G. Harris' outstanding all-round performances last season was made in the annual report presented by the Secretary (Mr. D. T. Matthews). Harris headed both the batting and the bowling averages. He made 317 runs, averaging 28.8, and took 51 wickets at a cost of 7.2 runs per wicket. E. Hawkins was second in the batting with 208 runs (average 23.1), and T. N. Whalley was third with 205 runs (22.8).

Second in the bowling was K. McCullis (23 wickets, at an average of 8.5 runs), and F. Sabev was third (14 wickets at 16.8 runs each).

Mainly owing to the inclement weather, ten of the twenty matches played were drawn. Eight were won.

The Mayor (Mr. J. A. Canvin) was re-elected President, and the following were added to the Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. Boggas, S. J. Hague, J. J. Voyce, N. Hobart, P. Burke, J. H. Twamley, G. H. Thomas, and C. A. E. C. Howard.

Mr. T. N. Whalley is to captain the first eleven again, with Mr. K. V. Percy as his deputy. The Committee is to appoint a captain and vice-captain of the second team. Messrs. Matthews and Hardy were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Mr. H. F. Stokes was appointed Match and Team Secretary. Mr. A. G. Stephens is to continue as Auditor.

The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs. S. G. Harris, A. Brace, F. Crompton, K. V. Percy, and F. Barcock.

EVERSHOLT C.C. REVIVED

Eversholt Cricket Club was revived at a meeting held last week, when the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. Brazier, reported a balance in hand of £80 10s. Mr. H. J. Humphreys, who presided, referred to the loss the club had suffered through the death on active service of Mr. F. Impey, a good player and keen supporter. The company stood in tribute to his memory.

Mr. Brazier resigned the office of Treasurer on account of advancing years, and he was heartily thanked for his services. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. J. Humphreys; Vice-Presidents, Rev. W. G. D. P. Mercer, Messrs. Berrett, Brett, Burges, Phillips, Roberson, Simpson, Waller, F. Watson, R. Watson, Wells, and Woodland; Captain, Mr. B. Oakley; Vice-Captain, Mr. P. Barr; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Ryan; Secretary, Mr. J. S. Smith; Groundsmen, Messrs. Bert and J. Oakley; Umpire, Mr. A. A. Cox; Scorer, Mr. J. Oakley.

CRICKET STARTS TO-MORROW

Bedford Town Entertain Queen's Works

Bedford Town and Queen's Works make an early start to the cricket season with a match at Newnham Avenue to-morrow (Saturday). The Town will be strengthened this year by the return from H.M. Forces of several of the club's best players—Eric Howard, Sid Morris, Kenneth Percy, and Ernest Watson, for instance—and with the playing membership at its highest it is probable that a third eleven will be raised. The Team Secretary is H. F. Stokes, 29 Alexandra Road.

T. N. Whalley is captain of the 1st XI again, and his deputy is K. V. Percy. There is plenty of batting and bowling in the following side against Queen's: T. N. Whalley (captain), K. V. Percy, S. G. Harris, E. C. Howard, S. Morris, K. McCanlis, F. Sabey, J. Pratt, E. S. Watson, B. J. Caton, E. Hawkins.

R. T. Sheppard takes over the captaincy of the 2nd XI, with Willows vice-captain.

The Queen's Works side will be much the same as last year, and is to be skippered by "Wicker" Childs, who came out of retirement in 1945 to make a great difference to the Works' attack. Steve Barcock is vice-captain. There are many promising young players at the Works, and at the moment the problem is finding enough cricket equipment for them. With an "A" side to help all this young talent to develop, the club is very optimistic about the future.

BEDFORD TOWN 1st XI FIXTURES

Apr. 27, Queen's (h); May 4, Harpur Sports (h); May 11, Bedford School (a); May 18, Dunstable (h); May 25, Leighton Buzzard (a); June 1, Peterboro' (h); June 8, Luton (h); June 10 (Whit-Monday), Royston (h); June 15, Vauxhall (h); June 22, Letchworth (a); June 29, De Havilland's (h); July 6, Northampton Saints (a); July 13, Hitchin (a); July 20, Letchworth (h); July 27, Luton (a); Aug. 3, R.A.F., Henlow (h); Aug. 5 (Bank Holiday), Royston (a); Aug. 10, Vauxhall (a); Aug. 17, Peterborough (a); Aug. 24, Hitchin (h); Aug. 31, Dunstable (a); Sept. 7, Morris Motors (h); Sept. 14, R.A.F., Henlow (a); Sept. 21, Northampton Saints (h). Sunday fixtures: June 23, R.A.F., Cranfield (a); June 30, Queen's Works (a); July 7, Morris Motors (a); July 21, Peterborough (a).

QUEEN'S WORKS 1st XI

Apr. 27, Bedford (a); May 4, Trinity Coll., Cambridge (h); May 11, Northampton Brewery (h); May 18, Skefko (h); May 25, Waterlow's (h); June 1, Northampton Brewery (a); June 8, Tabulators (h); June 15, Wolverton (h); June 22, Harpur Sports (a); June 29, Northampton Saints (a); July 6, R.A.F., Cardington (h); July 13, Tabulators (a); July 20, Northampton Saints (h); July 27, R.A.F., Henlow (h); Aug. 10, R.A.F., Cardington (h); Aug. 17, Wolverton (a); Aug. 24, Harpur Sports (h); Aug. 31, G. Ken's (a); Sept. 7, R.A.F., Henlow (a).

FREE CHURCH THURSDAY C.C. REVIVED

The Bedford Free Church Thursday C.C. is to begin again after a lapse of four years. At the annual meeting Mr. Sydney A. Smith was appointed Chairman; Mr. D. Hall, Captain; and Mr. T. L. Rose, Secretary. It is hoped to field a useful side, and the Thursday's season opens next Thursday with a match against the Borough Police at Bedford Park. Thursday players connected with the churches are invited to join. Mr. A. Braggins has accepted the Presidency.

MARSTON MORETAINE C.C.

No pitch is available for Marstone Moretaine C.C., which has just been re-formed, so all their fixtures are to be played away from home. Mr. W. Allen is Chairman, and Mr. Francis Giles is Secretary and Treasurer.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE
Division I

NORTH END WIN BY FOUR
Bedford North End Club, who defeated Blunham by four runs on Saturday, were indebted to their captain, Footer, who made the only double figure score of the game. Scores:—

Blunham: C. Saunders 3, F. Chapman 3, G. Harding 4, R. Reid not out 7, E. Clarke 0, R. Clarke 2, P. Brown 0, W. Daniels 3, T. Abbott 4, R. Ashwell 0, F. Reid 2, extras 4, total 32.

North End Club: C. Newman 1, R. Shirreffs 1, A. Feasey 1, A. Woodward 8, J. Dunham 0, G. Footer 16, R. Colburn not out 7, J. Fensome 0, D. Smith 1, W. Loak 1, J. Perry 0, extras 0, total 36.

RENHOLD'S FIRST VICTORY

Renhold gained their first victory when they beat Ickwell by 39 runs. Hill's merry innings for Renhold included three sixes and a four and totalled only 24! W. Harlow's steadier 28 and A. Norman's 20 were also valuable. Ickwell could not settle down against the bowling of Hill (five for 27), J. Norman, and F. Harlow, and only G. Delleigh and Hillyard reached double figures. Scores:—

Renhold: W. Harlow 28, P. Harlow 9, J. Norman 0, F. Harlow 6, A. C. Hill 24, A. Norman 20, W. Day 0, G. Harlow 4, R. Newell 0, C. Allen 1, M. Clarke not out 0, extras 10, total 102.

Ickwell: J. Turnbull 4, A. Marsom 6, G. Reeks 6, A. Bennett 0, G. Delleigh 11, E. Hillyard 11, C. Tompson 2, C. Delleigh 0, G. Tompson 3, G. Parish not out 8, H. Norman 2, extras 8, total 63.

TEN KEMPSTON MEN WIN

Playing a man short at Little Staughton, Kempston won by 11 runs. Scores:—

Kempston: K. Gilbert 4, H. Parker 14, J. Baine 4, S. Smith 7, L. Cambers 9, G. Darlow 0, W. Davis 4, W. Tipton 6, R. Walker not out 1, M. Gilbert 0, extras 10, total 69.

Little Staughton: S. Stapleton 0, R. Thorne 3, G. Stapleton 2, S. Robins 2, C. Stapleton 18, G. Robins 0, E. Robins 7, C. Brown 0, V. Banks 18, B. Ruff 0, L. Saunders not out 3, extras 5, total 58.

Division II

WOOD END'S VICTORY

Kempston Wood End dismissed Oakley for 35 at Wood End on Saturday and won by 23 runs, despite Pullford's excellent bowling (eight for 13). Scores:—

Kempston Wood End: W. Hutchings 15, R. Sandbrook 11, V. Ashpole 11, E. Burroway 4, L. Burton 0, B. Ashpole 3, T. Burroway 1, L. Jessop 9, D. Wall 1, D. Jessop not out 1, H. Welch 0, extras 2, total 58.

Oakley: A. Archbal 1, D. Williams 6, J. Pullford 0, F. Rainbow 0, J. Newell 3, D. Saunders 4, G. Saunders 3, G. Rainbow not out 12, J. Gregory 0, B. Goff 0, T. Bird 0, extras 1, total 35.

COPE'S EIGHT-WICKET VICTORY

Entertaining Stagsden on Saturday, Cople won by eight wickets. The bowlers were on top throughout. Scores:—

Stagsden: F. Beard 2-1, H. Newman 3-0, G. Newman 10-12, B. Sharp 10-6, W. Woolston 0-3, F. Herbert 0-0, F. Cooper 4-0, F. Frossell 0-3, P. Pollard 0-0, L. Armstrong 3-2, J. Northwood 0-1, extras 4-0, totals 36-28.

Cople: S. Wilsher 0-3, R. Cambers 0, P. Wheeler 0, E. Hull 17-10, B. Hillyard 2, R. Sauridge 3-13, R. Minney 5-10, F. Johnson 2, A. Worrall 3, B. Brown 4, T. Eason 1, extras 3, totals 40 and 36 (for two wickets).

OTHER MATCHES
LYNTON WORKS' 1st XI v. R.A.F. (CARDINGTON)

Played at Kempston, where Lynton won by 20 runs. Scores: Lynton Works: A. Corke 4, W. Whitbread 6, R. Townley 5, F. Humphreys 14, P. Spindler 2, P. Markham 5, S. Scutchings 4, C. Curchin 3, C. Chapman 2, H. Richardson 0, A. Stringer not out 4, extras 2, total 51. Hané seven for 17.

R.A.F., Cardington: Cooper 10, Scott 5, Hanes 10, Cross 0, Hinch 0, Salter 1, Lye 0, Duncan 1, Wilds 1, Banks 0, Jeffreys 0, extras 3, total 31. Markham five for 9.

HARPUR 2ND XI'S BIG SCORE

B consistent batting Harpur Sports 2nd XI ran up a formidable score on Saturday, and Baptist lost by 156 runs. For Harpur, Chance took six for 27. Scores:—

Harpur Sports 2nd XI: A. Wiles 19, R. Pouller 48, E. Smith 15, G. Hackett 12, B. Jarvis 38, A. Lobley 13, E. Seaton not out 41, E. Harrison 0, M. Goswell 0, B. Cornell 7, G. Chance not out 14, extras 0, total (for nine wks.) 207.

Baptist: C. Dickens 13, F. Housden 2, G. Spavins 14, S. George 0, F. White 1, P. Hall 2, F. Warnett 6, E. Pearson 2, A. Cox 1, B. Cox 2, H. Fiske not out 0, extras 7, total 51.

FIRST WIN—BY FIVE RUNS

Lavendon scored their first win of the season over Carlton Training School. The batting of F. Paynton, and the bowling of E. Clare (four for 9) and A. Sugars (four for 16) were features. For Carlton, B. Whittingham took five for 13. Scores:—

Lavendon: G. Marshall 8, F. Paynton 22, A. Sugars 1, F. Tompkins 0, R. Wright 2, E. Clare 5, R. T. Green 3, G. Chapman 0, F. Spriggs 1, J. Quenby 0, W. Clarke not out 0, extras 2, total 44.

Carlton Training School: L. Flute 6, G. Wathen 6, J. Irwin 3, R. Cook 2, S. Richardson not out 5, B. Whittingham 3, F. Parsons 0, A. Murgatroyd 3, B. Slade 0, J. Williamson 3, F. Cottle 0, extras 8, total 39.

Leighton Buzzard, 200, for three wks, dec. (A. B. Poole not out 127); Bedford Town, 129 for nine wks. (J. Pratt not out 45, E. Hawkins 20).

R.A.F., Henlow, 110; Harpur Sports, 101 for six wks.

Queen's Works, 118 (M. Macdonald not out 33); Waterlow's (Dunstable), 69 for eight wks.

Bedford Argus, 168 for two, dec. (F. R. Sharp not out 80); Eversholt, 74 (R. Martin five for 19).

George Kent's (Luton), 157 (Barnes three for 7); Bedford Town 2nd, 169 for five wks. (S. Morris 99, R. Maple 38).

Harpur Sports Sunday XI, 138; Igranic, 75.

Shire Hall 79; Igranic, 93 for eight wks.

Henlow, 146 (R. Legate 69); Queen's Works "A", 112 for eight wks. (F. Slaughter 31).

Southill Park, 141; Biggleswade, 123 for seven wks.

Steeple Morden, 71; Biggleswade 2nd XI, 37.

Pulloxhill, 63; Flamstead, 60. Bedfordshire County Police, 75; Eastern National, 123 for seven wks. (R. Stapleton 50).

Bedford Free Church Thursday, 141; Carlton Training School, 36 (E. C. Howard five for 12).

Keysoe 39, Dean 47. Potten 132 (F. Paice 74), Bedford School 3rd XI 83 (Buck 29 not out).

Great Barford 62 (J. Breeze 23; Ashpole five for 21), Wilden 31 (Gilbert five for 15, Breeze four for 9).

BATTING FAILS TWICE

Modern School Dismissed for Low Totals

Bedford Modern School, suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday, when St. Albans School thoroughly exposed their batting weaknesses. To a total of 35 K. W. Hobbs contributed 19. For the Modern School, Coomb took five for 16, and Pollard four for 31. Scores:—

Bedford Modern School: G. R. Clarke 0, J. H. Bramwell 1, A. G. Coomb 2, M. P. Houghton 1, J. H. L. Davis 0, K. W. Hobbs 19, Furnival 1, Glynn-Jones 2, R. F. Muggleton 7, T. J. Fitt 0, B. L. Pollard 0, extras 2, total 35.

St. Albans School: 83.

ANOTHER COLLAPSE

The Modern School batsmen again failed on Wednesday, this time against Wyggeston School. Coomb took five for 20. Scores: Wyggeston: 108 for eight wickets, declared.

B.M.S.: Clarke 7, Bramwell 0, Coomb 11, Hobbs 9, Houghton 1, Davis 0, Graves 1, Burgess 0, Muggleton 2, Roberts 2, Pollard not out 0, total 33.

LYNTON OUT FOR TEN!

Lynton fared disastrously at Thurlough, where J. Thorn (five for 2) and W. Asplin (five for 8) dismissed them for 10. Thurlough did not experience the same difficulty, for six of their batsmen exceeded the Lynton total. F. Rollinson took five for 31. There was no extra in either innings. Scores:—

Thurlough: A. Walton 10, W. Asplin 3, J. Asplin 13, C. Berrill 11, S. Asplin 17, P. Thurman 0, J. Wagstaff 0, R. Swepston 4, C. Clagton 16, F. Bull 11, J. Thorn not out 6, total 91.

Lynton Works: J. Beardsmore 1, D. Simpson 1, H. Ives 5, E. Pestell 1, J. Kermeen 0, A. Oliver 1, T. Rollinson 0, S. Bennett 0, A. Dennison not out 0, R. King 1, W. Bennett 0, total 10.

Division III

KNIGHT'S CHEAP WICKETS FOR SHARNBROOK

Cheap wickets by Knight (eight for 9) assured Sharnbrook of victory at Riseley. Holmes and Stevens bowled well for Riseley. Scores:—

Riseley: C. Holme 11, F. Gell 3, H. Stevens 7, C. Crowsley 0, 4, W. Partridge 0, E. Short 1, E. Hancock 0, C. Wallis 7, 8, C. Stevens 0, C. Ball 1, R. Nicholls not out 1, extras 6, totals 27 and 21 for three.

Sharnbrook: H. Shepherd 0, 2, K. Wildman 15, 10, R. Dunkley 2, 6, H. Boyles 9, 3, H. Martin 4, 5, F. Barcock 1, 0, T. Bragg 6, 2, R. Odell 2, 3, R. Knight 0, 1, D. Benson not out 2, 0, C. Jeffries 1, 2, extras 10, 6, totals 52 and 40.

PAVENHAM WIN GAME OF LOW SCORES

Pavenham, at home to Kempston West End, won a game of low scores, the bowlers having a field day. Scores:—

Pavenham: A. Wesley 6, 0, J. Turner 16, 0, N. Wesley 3, 3, G. Curtis 0, 35, not out, G. Scoley 1, 2, not out, G. Wesley 1, J. Crowley 9, W. Billing 1, J. Tandy not out 6, H. Ashpole 0, D. Poole 2, extras 9 and 3, totals 54 and 43 for three.

West End: Hyde 2, 2, Williams 1, 4, Belton 0, 12, Page 5, 2, J. Burroway 6, 22, R. Burroway 3, 4, J. Hyde 2, 0, F. Hall 1, 2, Berry 0, 0, Harris 2, 0, S. Walker 2, 7, extras 3, 3, totals 27 and 58.

FIELDING MUCH IMPROVED

Bedford School Defeat Adastrians

Contributing factors to Bedford School's victory over the Adastrians on Saturday were keen bowling by Farmer-Wright (11 (four for 11) and Pickett (three for 22); a much-improved standard of fielding; and a late stand by Fleming and Pickett. After the Adastrians' total of 83 had been passed the School forsook caution and there was some spirited hitting. Pickett reached his 40 in just over half an hour, and his stand with Fleming carried the score from 71 to 132.

The Adastrians were kept on the defensive, and at lunch-time they were 57 for six. The side were out by three o'clock for 83.

When the School lost four quick wickets and the score was 62 for six, things did not look too good, but Fleming and Disbury raised the score to 71 very slowly before Disbury left. Then came Pickett's fine partnership with Fleming. Scores: Adastrians: Flt-Sergt. Sells 22, S/L. Body 1, S/L. Lee-Smith 2, F/Lt. Greenwood 13, S/L. Andrews 10, W/O. Rixson 9, S/L. Hodges 0, G/C. Amlot 3, G/C. Bale 14, S/L. Aspinall 3, F/Lt. Woolf not out 4, extras 5, total 83.

Bedford School: S. Y. Goudge 12, Payne 22, Kemp 2, B. E. Disbury 16, Farmer-Wright (1) 3, Daughtry 4, Meadows 0, G. McF. D. Fleming 28, Pickett 40, Gilbert 7, Farmer-Wright (2) not out 5, extras 15, total 154.

OUT IN 47 MINUTES

Bedford School beat Aldenham School on Tuesday by 55 runs. Pickett (five for 11), Fleming (two for 0) and Farmer-Wright tumbled the home side out in 47 minutes. Scores:—

Bedford School: S. Y. Goudge 26, Payne 4, Kemp 6, B. E. Disbury 11, Farmer-Wright 2, Daughtry 3, Meadows 8, G. McF. D. Fleming not out 18, Pickett 1, Gilbert 1, Farmer-Wright 0, extras 6, total 88.

Aldenham School: 33.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

Bedford and District League

Division I

South End v. Blunham. North End v. Renhold. Kempston v. Everton. Ickwell v. Little Staughton.

Division II

Lynton Works II v. Stagsden. Great Barford v. Cople. Thurlough v. Oakley.

Division III

West End v. Lavendon. Pavenham v. Hail Weston. Elstow v. Sharnbrook.

Friendlies

Bedford Town v. Peterboro'. B.M.S. v. Emmanuel School. R.A.F., Chicksands, v. Harpur Sports.

Northampton Brewery v. Queen's Works.

Shire Hall v. Stewartby.

Eaton Socon v. Baptist.

Kent's XI, Luton, v. Lynton Works.

St. Neots v. Potton.

Queen's Works "A" v. Vauxhall 2nd XI.

Harpur Sports 2nd XI v. Waterlow's.

R.A.F., Henlow, v. Southill.

SUNDAY

Stewartby v. Harpur Sports.

AN EASY WIN FOR HARPUR

W. Smith and Peacock in Best Form

Apart from Barton, R.A.F., Chicksands, failed against the Harpur Sports bowlers. W. Smith (five for 21) and B. Cornell (four for 14), on Saturday, and Harpur, who had declared with six wickets in hand, won by 48 runs. Peacock made an excellent 44, and other Harpur players batted well. Scores:—

Harpur Sports: S. Dodd 25, A. Peacock 44, H. Keyes 6, T. Newman 17, W. Smith not out 20, T. Minns not out 7, extras 10, total (for four wickets, dec.) 129.

R.A.F., Chicksands: Brice 11, Law 0, Barton 34, Watmore 1, Beesley 2, Gavin 13, Bennett 0, Beeby 9, Cooper 0, Braggington 0, Harrison not out 7, extras 4, total 81.

A LAST-WICKET STAND

Biggleswade Have Best of Drawn Game

On a wet wicket at Kempston runs were hard to get, and a low-scoring match between Igranic and Biggleswade ended in a draw, the home side wanting 28 runs with only one wicket standing when stumps were drawn. It was an exciting finish, Pinnock and Purser holding Biggleswade up just when victory appeared to be within the visitors' grasp.

There was some keen bowling for both sides. King took the main honours for Biggleswade with four for 25; Lake had two for 13, Yeo two for 3, and Allen one for 3. Baker (five for 31) and Collins (four for 23) were the best of the Igranic bowlers. Scores:—

Biggleswade: F. Rogers 26, W. Bygraves 3, C. Yeo 10, A. Giles 5, E. King 0, E. Revels 7, N. Rogers 0, L. Lake 8, R. Huckle 1, P. Allen not out 11, S. Smith 1, extras 2, total 74.

Igranic: Andrews 0, Bass 0, Hammond 2, Jefferies 3, Baker 0, Collins 25, Taylor 2, Jones 10, Newman 0, Purser not out 3, Pinnock not out 4, extras 6, total (for nine wickets.) 47.

COOMB HITS OUT FOR B.M.S.

A big third-wicket stand by Coomb, who hit a six and seven fours, and Hobbs was the main feature of the Bedford Modern School's match with Emanuel School on Saturday. Emanuel saved the game. At close of play they were 91 runs behind and had four wickets standing. Scores:—

B.M.S.: Clarke 7, Bramwell 6, Coomb 62, Hobbs 45, Houghton 0, Hague 3, Glynn-Jones 5, Graves not out 11, Muggleton 6, Burgess not out 1, extras 12, total for eight wickets (dec.) 158.

Emanuel School 67 for six wickets.

BY TWO WICKETS

Queen's Works Lose to a Northampton XI

Cox, bowling for Northampton Brewery on Saturday, found a damp wicket much to his liking, and after the Queen's Works opening batsmen had scored 28 for the first wicket he claimed the next three wickets for the addition of only four runs. Five batsmen were out with the score at 33, but Collingridge, playing with restraint, improved the position, and runs came slowly. He was ninth to go, at 66, and then Dawson and Odell added 25 in a valuable final stand. Smart fielding caused the Brewery to lose three wickets for eight runs—there were two run-outs and a fine catch—but a fourth wicket stand of 42 followed. The pitch was now easy, but Queen's had eight men out for 88. However, the Brewery managed to win by two wickets in a keen finish. Scores:—

Queen's Works: H. Boyse 23, S. Wildman 5, E. Collingridge 24, S. Barcock 0, M. Macdonald 0, E. Walker 1, W. Childs 4, A. Buchanan 0, S. Frossell 2, R. Odell 14, J. Dawson not out 16, extras 2, total 91.

Northampton Brewery: 97 for 9 wickets. Wildman two for 18, Childs two for 24, Walker three for 50.

FINE BOWLING IN LOCAL CRICKET : LEAGUE TEAM OUT FOR SEVEN

Bowlers continue to reap a bountiful harvest, and in few local matches last week-end was run-getting easy. Great Barford's achievement in dismissing Lynton Works 2nd XI for seven runs was one of the high lights.

Letchworth struggled for runs against Harris (seven for 14) and McCannis (three for 11), and their visitors, Bedford Town, replied to a modest 31 with 80 for six. Percy contributed a skipper's rescue knock after the Town had begun badly.

Gordon Brice, twelfth man for Bedfordshire at Hertford this week, had a profitable week-end with the ball. On Saturday he made a new ball swing to such effect that Queen's Works lost half their wickets to Harpur Sports for three runs, and his final figures were five for 5 in six overs. Playing for Harpur v. R.A.F., Henlow, on Sunday, he had another five wickets at a cost of 45. In this match E. Howard and R. Poulter made a big third-wicket stand.

Six Runs Defeat

Despite their batting disasters, Queen's lost by only six runs to Harpur. "Wicker" Childs founds the drying turf responsive to his spin, and without Tom Minna's 34 Harpur would have fallen short of the required total of 58. Childs took six for 31 and E. Walker four for 32. All Harpur's runs were from the bat, Jack Smith "keeping" for Queen's as soundly as ever he did in his long career.

One of the few matches in which the bat mastered the ball was Shire Hall v. Baptist. Pacey (50), Scrivener (43), and Jones (33 not out) helped Shire Hall to a total of 150 for four declared. Baptist made 87.

Encouragement

A supporter of Keysoe C.C. has promised to augment the Club's funds by 5s. every time the team wins a home match.

Captain Percy Burke, the former Bedfordshire batsman and wicketkeeper, is to give a prize to the Bedford Town cricketer who is considered to have made the most progress by the end of the season.

Lynton Works' attack, in the hands of Stringer (five for 9) and P. Markham (five for 14), overwhelmed a Grange Camp XI, who were out for 26. Another successful bowler in "friendly" cricket was J. Shaw, Stewartby's specialist in slows, who had six Argus wickets for 29. The Stewartby batsman, Campbell, made 60, bringing his total in his last three knocks up to 192.

Stubborn Tail

An excellent 60 by F. Rogers did not lead to a Biggleswade victory, for Bedford Town 2nd XI, needing 166, managed to keep their last wicket intact when 46 behind. Bedford had a stubborn "tail."

A first-wicket partnership between Stone and Barnwell put on 100 runs for Stewartby against Meppershall on Sunday, and won the game. Stone had previously shared bowling honours with Bloomfield.

Division I of the League produced an exciting finish, Kempston sustaining their first defeat at the hands of Blunham by

three runs. Blunham's eighth and ninth wicket fell with the scores even at 73, but Buckle, last man in, kept his end up.

South End's first three batsmen were dismissed for "ducks" by Little Staughton bowlers, Brown and Saunders, and further disaster immediately followed when Bushby was run out, also for nought. Though Dobson batted stubbornly, South End compiled only 31, leaving the villagers winners by 68.

Taking five wickets at a cost of two runs each, the Everton bowler, E. Hull, had a good match against Bedford North End. But North End's score of 83—to which their batsmen near the "tail" contributed the most—was beyond Everton's powers, the Bedford players winning by 27.

Lynton 2nd XI Debacle

There appears to be close rivalry between teams for the doubtful honour of achieving the lowest score of the season. Cople's five in the Hospital Cup nearly lost the "lead" to Lynton Works 2nd XI, who in Division II got themselves out for seven against Great Barford. Peet (six for 3) and Ashpole (three for 4) wrecked Lynton's innings. Peet had previously made 43, so the Bedford men will have good cause to remember his name.

In Division III, Sharnbrook batsmen caused Fayenham little trouble. Facing a total of 97, they fell to the attack of G. Scoley (seven for 13) and D. Poole (three for 14), and Sharnbrook were defeated by 68.

In the Hospital Cup, Free Church Thursday were beaten decisively by Kempston, for whom F. Hoar (five for 24) and L. Cambers (three for 13) bowled well. Kempston, set an easy task, lost three wickets quickly, but Bain's good knock saw them through.

'Monty' at To-day's Match

Men who served their country in various theatres of war—two of them enduring years of captivity—will be watched by Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein this (Friday) afternoon—but not on a parade ground. The great soldier is to see the twelve-a-side Old Bedfordians v. Bedford School cricket match on the School ground, wickets pitched at 2 o'clock. He will have tea with the teams in the pavilion.

The O.B.'s team, composed almost entirely of Service men, is: C. W. Rippon (capt.), G. L. B. August, A. C. Fitt, D. B. Coleman, A. D. Pantou, E. F. Crawford Smith, K. V. Percy, A. W. Sime, J. G. Cook, N. H. Golding, C. H. Lincoln, and Major I. R. McIntosh.

Memorial Match

Harpur Sports' side to play Charlie Dickens's XI in Bedford Park on 4th and 5th July will be picked from the players named below. The match should provide some attractive cricket; funds raised are for the widows of Charlie Cox and Denis Collison, Harpur players who gave their lives in the war.

A. Cornell (capt.), A. Peacock, S. Dodd, T. Minns, G. Brice, E. Howard, W. Smith, J. Newman, E. Smith, H. Keyes, A. Webster, G. Webster.

CRICKET SCORES

HOSPITAL CUP

Second Round

Thurleigh v. Bedford Town

Bedford: D. T. Matthews 27, R. F. Farriman 12, E. R. Maple 1, M. Dobbyn 39, H. F. Stokes 0, C. D. Barr 0, R. A. B. Rogers 0, L. B. Phillips 3, S. P. Keetch not out 4, C. D. Barnes not out 1, extras 9, total for 8 wickets 92.
Thurleigh: A. Walters 0, R. Swebston 12, J. Asplin 6, C. Berrill 52, S. Asplin 3, W. Asplin 15, J. Thorne not out 6, J. Wiggstaff not out 1, extras 1, total for 6 wickets 90.

Elstow v. Harpur Sports

Harpur: S. Dodd 10, A. Peacock 9, A. Webster 42, T. Minns 0, J. Newman 43, W. Smith 3, A. Cornell 0, R. King not out 7, extras 9, total for 7 wickets 129 (Bennett 5-43).
Elstow: Usher 4, Brown 4, Bennett 12, Minns 0, Roberts 8, Prudden 5, Shortland 5, Auker 4, Herbert not out 3, Barratt 9, Shelton 0, extras 5, total 59.

Shire Hall v. Everton

Everton: E. Hull 0, Wison 2, Durlow 7, Webb 17, Gurney 3, V. Wison 10, Richardson not out 15, extras 4, total for 6 wickets 64. (Furlong 4-58).
Shire Hall: Scriver 1, A. B. Poole 3, Howard 4, Pacey 0, Chissell 7, Prier 9, C. H. Poole 19, James 0, Jackson 2, Vivers not out 2, Furlong 1, extras 0, total 48.

Lynnton Works 2nd XI v. Blunham

Blunham: B. Stacey 3, C. Sanders 3, R. Brown 11, E. Clarke 21, P. Clarke 5, P. Chapman 11, W. Daniels 3, W. Sawford 0, J. Abbott 1, G. Harding not out 0, R. Reid 0, extras 2, total 65. (Pestell 4-9).
Lynnton 2nd: D. Simpson 1, E. Pestell 3, A. Spice 0, H. Ives 1, A. Fuller 21, W. Bennett 7, J. Beardmore not out 16, J. Kermeen 1, B. Bennett 2, T. Rollinson not out 12, extras 3, total for 8 wickets 67. (Reid 5-22).

Stagsden v. Lynnton Works

Stagsden: P. Frossell 0, C. Newman 10, B. Sharp 1, P. Beard 3, H. Newman 2, L. Armstrong 0, F. Herbert 3, R. Benson 4, C. Cooper 5, W. Woolston 0, J. Northwood 0, extras 1, total 35.
Lynnton Works: Litchfield 0, Cork 2, Markham 2, Humphreys 0, Townley 0, Scutchings 2, Spindler 3, Curchin 1, Beardsmore 7, Stringer 6, Richardson 0, extras 1, total 24.
R.A.F. Cardington: 82 (E. Smith 4-36).
Chance Sports 2nd XI 85 for seven.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Division I

Kempston v. Ickwell

Ickwell: J. Turnbull 2, A. Matson 14, A. Wynn 0, G. Rees 19, G. Brunt 14, E. Hillyard 4, H. Thompson 3, A. Bennett 2, G. Dilbligh 6, C. Thompson 0, G. Parrish not out 5, extras 8, total 77. (W. Davis 2-24, J. Bain 2-10).
Kempston: W. Tipton 0, A. Parker not out 27, J. Bain 22, H. Parker 15, K. Gilbert 1, H. White 0, L. Chambers 4, extras 9, total for 6 wickets 79.

Everton v. Blunham

Everton: S. Wison 20, F. Wison 14, L. Wison 2, S. Webb 4, J. G. Cook 2, V. Wison 0, G. Richardson 5, W. Smith not out 23, G. Peck 4, E. Hull 6, H. Gurney not out 13, extras 6, total for 9 wickets (dec.) 102.
Blunham: Stacey 3, Saunders 3, Brown 17, E. Clarke 19, Abbott not out 1, Daniels not out 0, extras 3, total for 4 wickets 46.

Renhold v. North End Club

North End Club: A. Peasey 4, R. Shyrens 16, J. Dunham 2, R. Colburn 2, G. Footter 8, D. Smith 2, W. Loak 0, P. Newman 4, N. Fensome not out 2, F. Farmer 0, J. Fensome 1, extras 5, total 46. (P. Harlow 4-9, J. Norman 3-13, A. Norman 3-19).
Renhold: P. Harlow 2, C. Allen 0, W. Harlow 40, A. Norman 0, F. Harlow 6, A. Norman 0, J. Woolton 0, G. Harlow 1, C. Constant 3, R. Newell 2, M. Clarke not out 0, extras 6, total 69. (J. Dunham 4-24, W. Peck 3-23).

Division II

Lynnton Works 2nd XI v. Wood End

Lynnton Works: D. Simpson 3, H. Richardson 1, J. Beardsmore 1, E. Pestell 5, H. Ives 0, T. Buch 9, C. Curchin 8, J. Kermeen 7, W. Bennett 0, T. Rollinson 4, A. Dennison 4, extras 3, total 46. (W. Hutchings 4-14, V. Ashpole 4-16).
Wood End: W. Hutchings 1, Bambrook 0, J. Bunny 2, J. Burriway 12, V. Ashpole 0, T. Burriway 17, E. Burriway 0, Wall 7, Jessop 0, B. Ashpole 1, Hurnage 0, extras 1, total 41. (Rollinson 3-12, Pestell 3-12, Simpson 3-19).

Thurleigh v. Stagsden

Stagsden: H. Newman 3, C. Newman 13, B. Sharp 4, R. Benson 2, P. Frossell 0, F. Herbert 0, S. Armstrong 3, W. Woolston 1, C. Cooper 0, R. Pollard 0, J. Northwood not out 0, extras 3, total 31.
Thurleigh: A. Walters 18, R. Swebston 12, J. Asplin 23, S. Asplin 2, W. Asplin 2, C. Berrill 41, J. C. Thorne 12, J. Wiggstaff 5, F. Bull 0, F. Herbert not out 3, C. Clayton 2, extras 5, total 124.

Cople v. Oakley

Cople: F. Wheeler 0, 1; R. Cambers 5, 1; E. Hull 1, 5; R. Minney 3, 8; B. Hillyard 0, 5; F. Johnson 0, 8; S. Willmer 1, 3; K. Keech 0, 1; T. Fitch 2, 0; A. Worrall 9, 2; J. Burridge 5, 0; extras 2, 2; totals 28, 36.
Oakley: A. Archbell 3, 0; D. Williams 1, 0; J. Newell 0, 0; B. Saunders 4, 4; J. Fulford 13, 1; F. Rainbow 4, 2; G. Saunders 10, 2; B. Donegan 0, 0; D. Parker 2, 0; B. Stapleton 8, 0; G. Rainbow 11, 4; extras 4, 2; totals 58, 15.

CRANFIELD LEAGUE

Division I (South Section)

Grafton v. Great Staughton

Great Staughton: H. Davison 1, Sid Bruce 2, Davison 1, J. Malle 0, Sam Bruce 5, J. Smith 3, Cooper 3, D. Pitt not out 8, D. Button 1, J. Dawkes 2, C. Franklin 1, extras 6, total 35.
Grafton: A. Seward 28, B. Peach 2, B. Baker 0, R. Sholley 3, J. King 4, A. Garner 20, T. Russell 0, R. Ellum 0, E. Davis 0, J. Brittain 1, J. Berrill not out 1, extras 2, total 61.

OTHER MATCHES

Bedford Town v. De Havilland Aircraft G.C.

De Havilland: B. Baxter-Jones 7, M. Nottley 13, A. C. Browning 54, F. Macdon 2, H. Bray 0, E. Child 10, H. Harris 7, T. Hayward 0, A. Foster not out 16, H. Bush 6, V. Wheeler 5, extras 5, total 125. (McE. Canlis 5-55, Harris 3-47, Barr 2-18).
Bedford: A. B. Poole not out 32, K. V. Percy 1, E. C. Howard 15, J. Pratt 10, C. D. Barr not out 14, extras 8, total for 3 wickets 130.

Bedford School v. Old Bedfordians

Old Bedfordians: G. L. B. August 16, C. W. Rippon 20, J. A. Cook 5, A. D. Panton not out 53, W. A. Sims 10, N. H. Golding 0, E. F. Trawford-Smith 4, K. V. Percy 0, O. H. Lincoln 15, L. R. McIntosh not out 15, extras 4, total for eight dec 143. (Diabury 3-40).
School: Onudge 1, Diabury 7, Payne 0, Farmer-Wright 1, Meadows 13, Daughtry 1, Dawes 0, Gilbert 0, Kemp not out 0, extras 2, total for 7 wickets 61. (Sims 4-9, Cook 2-8).

Dulwich College v. Bedford School

Dulwich: J. R. C. Bentall 26, J. G. H. Smith 10, F. E. Coultas 4, W. M. Mitchell 22, A. V. Hughes 16, J. B. Evans 5, P. H. Ford 6, M. H. Bushby not out 5, J. C. Bailey 9, E. R. Maddison 3, J. R. Thomas 1, extras 9, total 116.
Bedford School: S. Y. Goudge 1, B. F. Diabury 62, R. D. Payne 4, E. O. Farmer-Wright 3, A. R. F. Dawes 7, G. W. Daughtry 13, extras 2, total for 5 wickets 123.

B.M.S. v. City of London School

B.M.S.: J. H. Bramwell 4, R. E. Muggleton 9, A. O. Coomb 5, K. W. Hobbs 7, J. H. L. Davis 1, J. A. Burgess 9, M. P. Houghton 29, J. M. S. Hague 5, G. R. Clarke 19, R. F. Graves 15, B. L. Pollard 0, extras 12, total 115.
City of London: 91.

Three Counties Hospital v. Harpur Sports

Harpur: S. Dodd 3, A. Peacock 7, A. Webster 24, T. Minns 37, W. Smith 20, J. Newman 4, E. Smith 6, H. Pogmore 2, R. Hayward not out 53, H. Keys 1, Webster 11, extras 12, total 189. (Callingham 3-35, Pogmore 3-35).
Three Counties Hospital: E. Smart 39, T. Short 0, G. Bircumshaw 1, F. Mayes 7, E. Bircumshaw 37, R. Robinson 4, P. G. Robinson 6, H. Pogmore 2, R. Hayward not out 6, G. Callingham 4, A. Hayward not out 1, extras 9, total 116. (Brice 3-27).

Northampton Saints v. Queen's Works

Queen's Works: Wooding 9, H. Boyce 26, S. Barcock 36, M. Macdonald 54, Canlis 5-55, Harris 3-47, Barr 2-18).
Bedford: A. B. Poole not out 32, K. V. Percy 1, E. C. Howard 15, J. Pratt 10, C. D. Barr not out 14, extras 8, total for 3 wickets 130.

Queen's Works v. Bedford Town

Queen's Works: R. Wooding 9, H. Boyce 26, S. Barcock 36, M. Macdonald 54, Canlis 5-55, Harris 3-47, Barr 2-18).
Bedford: A. B. Poole not out 32, K. V. Percy 1, E. C. Howard 15, J. Pratt 10, C. D. Barr not out 14, extras 8, total for 3 wickets 130.

Kent's XI (Luton) v. Harpur Sports

Kent's XI: 132. (Brice 7-45).
Harpur: Lodd 9, Peacock 2, Webster 22, G. Harrison 14, G. Brice 24, Wiles 14, Hackett 22, E. Cornell 4, Arves 2, extras 3, total 186. (Chatterley 5-65).

Baptist v. Carlton Training School

Baptist: C. Dickens 5, F. Housden 9, G. Spavins 6, P. Hall 5, F. Warnett 0, A. Collins 4, F. White 18, E. Pearson 3, A. Cox not out 36, F. Green not out 13, extras 6, total for 8 wickets (dec.) 98. (Hulatt 3-52, Pickup 2-24).
Carlton Training School: 10, Hulatt 53, Irwin 13, Murgatroyd 1, Faulkner 3, Flute 3, Richardson 0, Whittingham 1, Pickup not out 0, Clowes not out 1, extras 3, total for 8 wickets 68. (A. Collins 5-32, A. Cox 3-11).
Newlow 79 (K. Wilson 4-46).
Harpur 85 for eight (R. Legate 7-26).

Stewartby v. Kent's XI (Luton)

Stewartby: R. Nicholls 6, Cook 40, Barnwell 17, Longhurst 39, Fuller 11, Smart 5, Denton 3, Swales 0, Shaw not out 7, E. Nicholls 12, Campbell not out 8, extras 6, total for 9 wickets dec. 154.
Kent's: Inxram 17, Stace 0, Harmer not out 104, Thurley 2, Chatterley 0, Pearson 3, Roberts 4, Baines 14, extras 15, total for 7 wickets 159.
Harpur Sports 2nd XI 154 for six dec. (R. Jarvis 54, D. Bennett 36), Northampton Salus 2nd XI 65 (B. Cornell 6-25, G. Hnekket 3-3).

Shire Hall 146 (Scrivener 55, Allen 4-15, King 4-54), Biggleswade 127 for nine (Miller 44, Scrivener 4-35, Furlong 3-29).

Bedford Town 140 for six dec. (A. Brunt 57, R. Polldre 3-34), R.A.F. 118 (E. Clarke 41, Beville Bates 64 not out, Potts 43 not).

Potter 53 (Copley 3-8, Cooper 3-7), St. Neots 15 (J. Staden 7-4), Biggleswade 2nd XI 78 (Harris 5-26), Hales St. George's 14 (Auburn 6-6, R. Huckle 2-3), Pulloxhill 34 (C. Poulter 7-11), St. Hawking's XI (Luton) 50 (Hubert Parker 3-5, B. Dollimore 2-4), Aspley Guise 71 (C. Stone 32, Cousins 7-24), Everholt 57 (B. Oakley 26, Blodfield 7-29), Stewartby 107, Fhorpras Peterborough, 108 for 8 wickets.

Igranic 139 for eight dec. (J. Taylor 56, V. Jefferies 32), Argus 106 for Ave (Pateman 5), Igranic 112, Mr. Sandbrook's XI 146 (Rose 54, Pateman 30).

Southill Park 139 for six dec. (A. Brunt 57, R. Polldre 3-34), R.A.F. 129 for one (Bates 64 not out, Potts 43 not).

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

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Division I

Blunham v. Renhold, South End v. Kempston, Ickwell v. Everton, Little Staughton v. North End.

Division II

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Division III

Pavenham v. Risley, Sharnbrook v. Lavendon, West End v. Elstow.

Friendlies

Northampton v. Bedford, Bedford School v. Leys School, Harpur Sports v. R.A.F. Chicksands, Queen's Works v. R.A.F. Cardington, Shire Hall v. Skefko, Argus v. Queen's Works "A", Baptist v. Marston, Biggleswade v. Harpur 2nd XI.

CRICKET SCORES

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Division I

Kempston v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: R. Thorne 33, S. Stapleton 1, C. Brown 2, E. Robbins 1, S. Hall 9, S. Robins 1, G. Stapleton 0, C. Stapleton 8, S. Marshall 8, G. Rounis 0, V. Banks not out 11, extras 7, total 69. (W. Tipton 4-20, J. Blair 2-16, L. Cambers 2-23, W. Davis 1-17).

Everton v. South End

Everton: F. Wisson 1, D. Darlow 15, L. Wisson 6, E. Giles 9, J. Wisson 10, J. Barnett 10, G. Richardson 7, R. Hull 0, G. Peck 13, H. Gurney 7, E. Hull not out 1, extras 3, total 22. South End: M. Tarrant 14, J. Ruff 6, W. Ruff 11, D. Eagles 0, Tompkins 4, Tysoc 0, Nichols 7, S. Allen 0, L. Jones 4, J. Eagles not out 2, H. Allen 1, extras 5, total 62.

Division II

Great Bedford v. Lynton Works 2nd XI

Great Bedford: D. Jones 19, E. Lee 2, J. Breeze 6, W. Norman 0, J. Pull 5, B. Peet 7, J. Taitman 4, Ashpole 31, K. Taitman 0, S. Green not out 2, C. Kirby 3, extras 11, total 96. Lynton Works: Beardsmore 11, Pettell 0, Buck 8, Fuller 13, Ives 0, W. Bennett 2, Kermean 2, Oliver 6, Doyne not out 0, extras 4, total 59.

Oakley v. Thurlleigh

Thurlleigh: A. Waiters 0, R. Swepton 17, J. Wastaff 0, C. Berrill 0, W. Aspin 8, J. C. Thorne 3, P. Thurman 0, K. Wastaff 9, C. Clayton 2, P. Holley 9, F. Hull not out 0, extras 5, total 44. Oakley: B. Saunders 11, P. Stapleton 5, J. Newell 0, J. Fulford 0, G. Saunders 2, T. Archbell 3, P. Rainbow 1, D. Parker 2, C. Bird not out 0, J. Hardwick 0, G. Rainbow 11, extras 1, total 36.

Stagsden v. Cople

Cople: F. Wheeler 2, R. Chambers 1, E. Hull 13, B. Hillyard 3, R. Minney 1, S. Wilsher 1, K. Keen 1, A. Worrall 7, I. Burridge 0, W. Leonard 0, H. Franklin 0, extras 4, total 33. (B. Sharp 6-13). Stagsden: G. Newman 16, L. Armstrong 0, J. Burley 7, P. Beard 0, H. Newman 6, R. Benson 10, F. Prossell 7, F. Herbert 0, C. Cooper 5, W. Woolston 0, H. Sharp 0, extras 6, total 63.

Division III

West End v. Sharnbrook

West End: Millard 0, Hyde 1, King 4, J. Walker 0, Ashpole 11, Page 31, Linton 5, Burrows 6, Daniels 0, A. Walker 1, S. Walker not out 1, extras 14, total 74. (Boyles 4-10). Sharnbrook: Shepherd 16, Wildman 0, Allen 1, Eoyles 0, Barcock 6, Bragg 0, Dunkley 3, Knight 4, Benson 0, Jeffries 0, Odell not out 0, extras 0, total 39.

Riseley v. Kilstow Abbey

Riseley: P. Gell 0, H. Stevens 2, G. Hopkins 0, C. Williams 0, W. Partridge 1, C. Holmes 4, S. Litchfield 0, C. Ball 3, C. Stevens 0, E. Rootham 1, F. Nicholls not out 4, extras 4, total 19. Kilstow: Prudden 10, Usher 5, Bennett 1, Minns 12, Brown 1, Shortland 7, Wilson 11, Roberts 3, Herbert 3, Barratt not out 2, Hawkins 4, extras 12, total 71. (Partridge 3-11, Holmes 3-20, Williams 2-4).

Lavendon v. Pavenham

Lavendon: G. Marshall 0, P. Jackson 3, P. Paynton 3, R. Wright 24, A. Cony 0, D. Clarke 0, E. Clare 0, G. Harrison 1, R. Barber 0, A. Panter 0, R. Barber not out 1, extras 4, total 45. Pavenham: J. Turner 0, E. G. Clare 9, 7, G. Hooley 5, 2, M. Wesley 0, J. G. Curtis 24, 4, J. Tandy 6, 2, D. Poole 3, 10, W. Billing 0, 5, G. Wesley 0, not out 8, E. Guidic 0, 6, G. Oldie not out 5, 0, extras 6, 4, totals 62, 69.

HOSPITAL CUP

Third Round

Harpur Sports v. Marston

Marston: A. Peddar 7, D. Stapleton 13, S. Smith 5, H. Stapleton 14, C. Copperwheat 0, R. Berry 24, R. Copperwheat 6, W. Swales 1, D. Lunnon not out 19, C. Thompson not out 1, extras 7, total for 8 wickets 97. (W. Smith 4-25, T. Munro 2-12). Harpur: S. Dodds 18, A. Peacock 18, A. Webster 0, J. Newman 22, T. Minns not out 43, W. Smith not out 10, extras 0, total for 4 wickets 111.

Harpur Sports 2nd XI v. Lynton Works 2nd XI

Harpur Sports 2nd XI: R. Foulter 13, A. Wiles 39, E. Litchfield 15, D. Pickering not out 20, R. Jarvis 0, G. Harrison not out 17, extras 2, total for 4 wickets 136. Lynton Works 2nd XI: A. Spice 6, T. Buck 2, J. Beardsmore 7, A. Fuller 10, H. Ives 23, B. Bennett 5, E. Pestell 0, S. Perkins not out 26, B. Hermanson 0, J. Rollinson 7, B. Bennett 1, extras 7, total 101. (G. Chance 5-27).

Other third round results:

Everton 82, Thurlleigh 94, (A. Stagsden 14), (A. North End beat Stagsden 2-1).

OTHER MATCHES

Bedford School v. Ingonniti

Bedford School: S. Y. Goudie 37, B. K. Disbury 70, R. D. Payne 15, P. C. Farmer-Wright 17, Dawes 23, G. W. Daughtry 0, J. M. Meadows 5, Gilbert 8, P. L. Pickett 1, I. P. Farmer-Wright not out 10, Brentford 3, extras 8, total 198. Ingonniti: B. W. Roughton 26, G. M. T. Rollinson 9, W. R. P. Chamberlain 3, E. C. Smallinger 32, E. F. Crawford-Smith 12, K. J. Mendi 82, P. H. Palmer 2, A. R. Admitt not out 39, E. T. D. Babin 10, I. W. V. Browne not out 2, extras 3, total for 8 wickets 220.

Hitchin v. Bedford

Hitchin: G. Baber 6, S. Harris 21, E. Howard 3, M. Dobayn 18, J. Pratt 18, B. Caxon 4, E. Hawkins 1, D. Matthews 6, C. D. Barr 33, L. Phillips 9, M. McCullis not out 0, extras 5, total 126. Bedford: G. Baber 6, S. Harris 21, E. Howard 3, M. Dobayn 18, J. Pratt 18, B. Caxon 4, E. Hawkins 1, D. Matthews 6, C. D. Barr 33, L. Phillips 9, M. McCullis not out 0, extras 5, total 126.

Vauxhall Motors v. Harpur Sports

Vauxhall: J. Nixon 27, T. Clark 101, A. Capstick 15, K. Woolley 8, J. Whistley 14, F. Russell 8, J. Clarke not out 9, extras 11, total for six (dec.) 193. Harpur: S. Dodds 4, A. Peacock 17, A. Webster 49, E. Smith 8, J. Newman 22, G. Brice not out 18, W. Smith not out 6, extras 6, total for 5 wickets 130.

Letchworth Tabulators v. Queen's Works

Tabulators: R. Watson 25, G. Chance 13, A. Tasker 9, E. Corry 46, P. McBride not out 39, D. Chapman 3, E. Cook 3, W. Tooley 12, J. Savill 5, extras 4, total for 8 wickets (dec.) 159. (Childs 4-51, Wildman 3-72, Barcock 1-11). Queen's Works: E. Woodling 0, H. Boyle 7, E. Colledge 10, S. Barcock 12, R. Odell 8, M. Macdonald 2, D. Thompson 3, S. Wildman 10, D. Wood not out 13, B. Prossell not out 2, extras 3, total for 8 wickets 72.

R.A.F. Cardington v. Lynton Works

R.A.F. Cardington: P. Lt. Scott 33, P. A. C. Kennedy 4, W/O Baller 32, P. Sgt. Carter 33, S. Ldr. Lee Smith 20, A/C Atwood 0, P/Lt. Wilkinson 0, A. Headley 0, P/O Manning 2, P/Lt. Hulme not out 2, extras 21, total for 9 wickets 147. (A. Stringer 3-39, R. Townley 2-47). Lynton Works: A. Spice 3, B. Scutlings 5, C. Curchin 8, F. Spindler 4, R. Townley 7, A. Cooke 0, H. Richardson 9, F. Hamblin 38, W. Gade 16, T. Bees 3, P. Parratt not out 12, S. Brown 4, extras 14, total 199.

Cambridge and County

School v. B.M.S.

B.M.S.: J. H. Bramwell 34, R. P. Muggleton 6, J. A. Burgess 1, K. W. Hobbs 3, A. G. Coomb 8, M. P. Houghton 4, R. F. Graves 25, K. D. Ballard 3, G. R. Clarke 6, J. H. L. Davies not out 4, B. L. Pollard not out 4, extras 16, total for 9 wickets (dec.) 114. Cambridge and County: (Coomb 4-24, Houghton 3-14).

Cople v. Haynes

Cople: Wheeler 1, Cambers 14, B. Hillyard 2, Minney 7, Hillyard 11, Hull 9, Johnson 3, Worral 1, Burridge 0, Hoidaway not out 0, Eagie 1, extras 6, total 55. (Barber 4-14). Haynes: Barr 4, Hudson 9, Hulace 0, Green 66, Binna 2, Herbert 0, Daniels 0, Joy 3, Stevens 3, Geary 11, Barber not out 3, extras 7, total 108. (Hull 5-23).

Lavendon v. Olney

Olney: L. Goldsmith 3, F. Darlow 0, J. Moore 4, S. Dix 19, J. Carter 0, H. Brock 0, P. Millward 4, D. Huckle 3, F. Whiting 1, J. Rice 10, W. Longland not out 1, extras 0, total 45. (P. Paynton 5-17, R. Green 4-20, P. Tompkins 1-9).

Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports

Harpur: Foulter 22, Harrison 40, A. Webster 14, Brice 9, Howard 16, Keyne 35, Newman 10, Pickering not out 10, Jarvis 14, Litchfield 26, O. Webster not out 1, extras 3, total for 9 wickets (dec.) 165. (Boyse 8-73). Queen's Works: O'Dell 0, Barcock 30, Wooding 10, Colledge not out 21, Boyse 0, Wood 5, Macdonald not out 2, extras 2, total for 3 wickets 70. (Howard 2-15).

Stourbridge v. Stetchley

L.M.S.: Head 8, Barnes 0, Tow 2, Judge 1, Bird 14, Palmer 1, Dimmock 0, Bain 0, White 3, Skilleter 2, Brown 1, extras 3, total 36. (Bloomfield 4-10, Stone 2-18). Stourbridge: Lowe 10, Hare 50, Denton 14, Longhurst 1, Bloomfield 15, Barnwell not out 79, Campbell not out 56, extras 13, total for 5 wickets 204.

Kimbolton v. Igranis

Igranis: J. Taylor 1, J. Andrews 0, G. Collins 1, D. Hammond 0, B. Pryor 5, V. Jefferies 26, P. Chibbert 9, J. Bass 2, N. Jones 1, A. Jenkins 39, W. Baker 1, extras 19, total 95. Kimbolton: J. Stacer 10, J. Nicholls 9, J. Dewey 2, B. Brown 2, T. Brown 2, M. Ingram 6, J. Campbell 38, W. Gade 16, T. Bees 3, P. Parratt not out 12, S. Brown 4, extras 14, total 199.

Vauxhall Motors 2nd XI

156 (Chance 4-75, E. Cornell 4-49), Harpur Sports 2nd XI 105 for six (Bennett 37, Hackett 28 not).

Other Results

St. Neots 174 for five (Kitteridge 50, Howes 44 not, Wakefield 38), Kilsley (Cambridge-shire) 30. Hitchin 2nd XI 173 for six dec. (A. King 87 not, Barnes 2-11), Bedford 2nd XI 105 (C. Matthews 35 not). Queen's Works 'A' 137 for eight dec. (J. Slaughter 7-18), Eversholt 111 (K. Couans 50). In an "old-time" match Battedden beat Milton Bryan, 122 to 70. Former cricketers who had not played for many years took part, the oldest being Mr. Ernest Pickering, who is North Buckinghamshire Constabulary 134, Bedford Police 52.

Many Bedfordians will regret to hear that Mr. Stanley Victor Asbury (O.B.M.), died suddenly on 13th July while on service in India; he was a corporal in the Intelligence Corps, and he went out about July, 1943. Corp. Asbury was 24, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. T. Asbury, of Standen, Duloe Road, St. Neots. After leaving Bedford Modern School he went to Bede College, Durham, where he won his teacher's certificate. Mr. Asbury was a fine cricketer and won his colours for the 1st XI at the Modern School.

Town Bowlers In Form

Splendid bowling by Matthews, 6 for 39, and Worboys, 3 for 40, paved the way for Luton Town's win over Bedford Town at Wardown. Luton lost half their wickets for 44, but won without further loss, due to a fine partnership by Fryer and Randall. After they were separated, wickets again fell quickly. McCanlis took 3 for 48.

BEDFORD TOWN	
M Dobeys b Worboys	15
T Matthews b Matthews	0
F Saby b Worboys	12
E O Howard c Waller b Matthews	27
J Pratt b Matthews	0
B Eaton b Matthews	5
K Watson lbw-b Worboys	2
K McCanlis c Waller b Worboys	18
P Spindler not out	5
A Collins b Matthews	4
Extras	7
Total	91
LUTON TOWN	
B G Batterley b McCanlis	0
D Deyong c Saby b Collins	19
E H Pugh c Pratt b Collins	7
O V A Colling c Howard b McCanlis	6
A J Webley c Collins b McCanlis	5
E A Fryer b Spindler	28
D S Randall run out	27
A J Worboys c Pratt b Spindler	3
A P Waller c Eaton	4
C Tyrrell run out	2
T D Matthews not out	2
Extras	15
Total	116

Collapsed After Bright Start

After appearing to be in a strong position at Bedford, Luton Town II lost five wickets for 10 runs, and when the end came were still 12 behind with the last pair together. Sutherland, 4 for 32, and Bland, 4 for 36, were largely instrumental in dismissing the home side for 106.

BEDFORD TOWN II—Sheppard c Berriford b Sutherland 5; Dumble c Dighton b Shields 23; Sowerbutts b Bland 28; Stokes b Bland 2; Davey lbw-b Bland 17; Wylde c Berriford b Shields 1; Croun b Sutherland 2; Harris c Webb b Sutherland 18; Barnes b Sutherland 6; Orchart c Sutherland b Bland 2; Willows not out 0; extras 2. Total 106.

LUTON TOWN II—D Wood b Wylde 5; J Shields b Barnes 5; G Winstanley c and b Davey 32; J Webb b Davey 24; J P Sutherland run out 10; R Dighton b Davey 4; P Bush lbw-b Barnes 2; E Berriford run out 0; N Bland not out 0; G Spavens not out 2; extras 10. Total (for 8 w) 94.

Dunstable's Century Opening Stand

Dunstable Town had an easy win over R. J. Kerry's XI and passed their opponents' total of 84 without losing a wicket. R. Costin and Hammond put on 113.

R J KERRY'S XI—J D Kirby c Rennie b Eyles 16; E Druce lbw-b Druce 13; R Norris b R Costin 22; E M Taylor c Dawson b R Costin 0; A Vass c Ross b R Costin 11; T Betts c Costin b Eyles 0; W Cottrell b Eyles 4; B Brown b Eyles 0; D P Thomas c Holmes b R Costin 3; G Soper c Ross b R Costin 4; R J Kerry not out 2; extras 9. Total 84.

DUNSTABLE TOWN—R Costin ret 55; W Hammond ret 55; A Eyles b Cottrell 18; D Bird b Cottrell 0; M Alexander run out 4; R Holmes b Thomas 10; P Rennie not out 11; extras 3. Total (for 6 wks) 136. Did not bat: A Ross, B Dawson, A Fetch, G Costin.

Thorne Was Too Much For Old Lutonians

Replying to a big total by Eaton Bray, Old Lutonians' batting broke down completely against the bowling of J. Thorne, 7 for 16, and Davie, 3 for 30.

EATON BRAY—J Thorne run out 33; F Thorne c Bell b Wilson 12; A Davie c Adkin b Wilson 20; L Garwood hit wkt b Widman 6; H Rollings b Widman 0; S Fountain run out 4; B Rogers b Bell 32; D Maunders not out 24; J Wood not out 3; extras 13. Total (for 7 wks dec) 185. Did not bat: S Hardy, H Pratt.

OLD LUTONIANS—S G Cressay b J Thorne 0; A M Hill b J Thorne 6; P Adkin b Davie 1; P W Mungall c J Thorne b Davie 7; R Cadger c Wood b J Thorne 14; H Wilson lbw-b J Thorne 0; R A Widman c Hardy b J Thorne 1; R Tiller c Davie 4; E G Bell b J Thorne 4; A Aitken not out 0; extras 1. Total 47.

Way Paved By First Pair

A first wicket stand of 85 in an hour by Hills and Woolley laid the foundations of Vauxhall Motors' fine win at St. Albans. They just beat the clock and had two wickets in hand at the end.

ST. ALBANS	
W L Clark b E. Clary	0
A B Hacker b Hayhurst	7
D B Turner not out	61
K Hacker lbw-b Parkin	34
J Pavey c Kerlock b Woolley	21
G Beaumont not out	28
Extras	12
Total (for 4 w dec)	181
Did not bat: G F Barry, D V Cooper, W H Lismore, J A Holt, J L Ewins.	
VAUXHALL	
R Hills (c) c Holt b Lismore	53
K Woolley st Hacker b Holt	44
F O Russell st Hacker b Holt	21
A Kerlock lbw-b	21
P Clark c Beaumont b Jerry	27
G Dimmock c Ewing b Holt	0
C Humphries c Beaumont b Holt	2
B B Higgins b Holt	2
F Saxby not out	4
E Parkin not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 8 w)	167
Did not bat: H Hayhurst.	

Brilliant Century By Reg Hills

Vauxhall Motors owed everything to Reg Hills who made 121 not out in two hours. He hit 11 fours. The winning hit was made in the last over.

KINGSBURY TOWN—F Harnett lbw-b Saxby 57; J Summersell b Humphries 3; B Chapman c Saxby b Woolley 10; P Shine b P Clark 1; S Chamberlain b Higgins 46; H Moores c Winstanley b Higgins 8; G Rich c Woolley b Humphries 17; H Parkin not out 29; J Elliston not out 6; extras 7. Total (for 7 wks dec) 183. Did not bat: A Sawyer, G Baker.

VAUXHALL—R Hills not out 121; K Woolley b Shine b Sawyer 17; P Clark Shine b Baker 17; H Chapman c Shine b Baker 3; C Humphries b Sawyer 7; J Winstanley b Baker 12; F Smith-Paterson b Sawyer 2; B Higgins lbw-b Sawyer 4; H Jones not out 0; extras 7. Total (for 7 wks) 190. Did not bat: F Saxby, P Bransfield.

Weir's Six Wickets For Schoolmasters

A second wicket stand by Kirkham and Chapman and good bowling by Weir 6 for 40, put Luton Schoolmasters on the victory path at Welwyn.

LUTON SCHOOLMASTERS—H A Weir c Baverstock b Willett 8; H Kirkham c Dollimore b Willett 52; W H Chapman b G Pateman 34; J Gordon b Pressley 1; H T Hassard c Rawlinson b C Pateman 11; J Grant not out 25; R A Swallow c O Pateman b Willett 8; C W Baggeley not out 17; extras 4. Total (for 8 wks) 180.

Did not bat: W Williams, I Moyie and N Barnard.

WELWYN—C Pateman b Weir 22; F Campbell b Weir 7; E Willett c Williams b Weir 7; R Berry run out 4; B Baverstock c Chapman b Baggeley 21; L Hassard b Weir 14; G Pateman c Kirkham b Weir 0; R Rawlinson b Weir 0; R Pressley c Kirkham b Baggeley 9; A Dollimore b Baggeley 11; D Jordan not out 0; extras 3. Total 108.

Dunstable Win The Waterlow's "Derby"

Tamsett 6 for 14 and Fletcher 4 for 25 were much too good for Waterlow's (London) who were well beaten by their Dunstable colleagues.

WATERLOWS (LONDON)—F Lebon b Fletcher 5; A Aylward b Tamsett 4; E Morris c and b Fletcher 0; S Shipman b Tamsett 0; F Wolfe b Tamsett 0; J Shipman c Poyser b Tamsett 13; S Mead c Flewin b Fletcher 8; F Watkins b Tamsett 2; A Clayton c Bear b Fletcher 0; S Kennard b Tamsett 2; A Nash not out 6; extras 7. Total 46.

WATERLOWS (DUNSTABLE)—F Bear b Shipman 6; G Mills c Shipman b Lebon 39; P Flewin lbw-b S Shipman 21; W Loft c and b Nash 20; T Poyser not out 25; E Grant not out 12; extras 8. Total (for 6 wks) 131. Did not bat: A Aplin, T Mead, N Gibbons, D Fletcher, H Tamsett.

Banville Batsmen's Lean Time

W. Coles's XI had an easy win over Banville at Harpenden. Carr took 7 for 30. Of the home bowlers, only H. Day 3 for 16 met with much success.

W COLES'S XI—A Russell b Hill 20; W Carr lbw-b Keene 7; J Delves c Keene b Day 28; E Jays b Day 36; R Foster run out 3; L Muckleston b Day 14; W Coles not out 13; extras 14. Total (for 6 wks dec) 136. Did not bat: R Jeffries, O Turner, J Fleckney, R Muckleston.

BANVILLE—P Davis b Carr 9; W Grant lbw-b Carr 14; W Hill c Jays b Carr 0; Hunt c Russell b Jays 0; D Keene b Carr 6; H Day b Carr 1; S Pepper c Delves b Carr 0; N White b R Muckleston 2; K Davis not out 1; J French b Carr 2; R White c L Muckleston b R Muckleston 4; extras 7. Total 46.

Last Pair Played Out Time

Skefko recovered from a bad start, and their last pair managed to save the game against R.A.F., Cardington. For Skefko, Dunbar had 4 for 40.

R.A.F. CARDINGTON—Russell b Dunbar 4; Scott b Dunbar 17; Salter c Simmonds b Jones 35; Carter, Moody b Jones 20; Aspinall run out 18; Kennedy st Simmonds b Dunbar 20; Clay run out 7; Foster st Simmonds b Barry 0; Hance c Munns b Dunbar 7; Walton not out 0; Woolf b Bird 3; extras 9. Total 138.

SKEFKO—Cosshall lbw-b Salter 2; Simmonds c Hance b Salter 0; Dunbar c Carter b Salter 19; Bernasconi c Carter b Woolf 4; Moody c Clay b Woolf 18; Walker run out 15; Munns c and b Woolf 34; Clay c Carter b Woolf 6; Groucutt b Hance b Bird not out 13; Jones not out 0; extras 5. Total (for 9 wks) 121.

Bunker Held Up Flamstead

G. Bunker, of Stanbridge, who carried his bat for 39 was chiefly responsible for Flamstead's third defeat of the season. E. Godfrey took 5 for 20 and Cherry 6 for 21.

STANBRIDGE—A Olney c Smith b Godfrey 13; W Cherry b Godfrey 2; G Bunker not out 39; F Millies b Godfrey 0; A Jones c Oote b Godfrey 0; E Holmes c Caswell b Godfrey 0; G Miller b Hayes 6; K Kirby b Hayes 1; G Horne run out 2; W Jones run out 3; G Henly b Smith 0; extras 11. Total 71.

FLAMSTEAD—P Lee c Horne b Cherry 3; Hayes b Cherry 2; E Smith c Olney b Kirby 0; F Oote c Jones b Cherry 2; E Godfrey c Jones b Cherry 6; W Papworth b Cherry 21; J Welch b Jones 2; J Caswell run out 8; F Papworth b Jones 2; H Anstee not out 1; extras 4. Total 54.

Electricity Batsmen Had A Bad Day

Apart from Wasem and Graassem, Luton Electricity failed completely against Bird, 5 for 29, and Oliver, 4 for 16. Houghton Regis won without loss, Atkinson and Brewin putting on 99.

LUTON ELECTRICITY—W B Wasem c Wallace b Bird 26; G Hales b Bird 1; A Thomas b Wing 0; J Green b Oliver 5; J Storer b Bird 1; H Thompson b Oliver 0; P Grassam not out 19; O Steventon b Bird 0; K Helliwell b Bird 0; T Woodcock b Oliver 3; J Downing b Oliver 0; extras 4. Total 59.

HOUGHTON REGIS—E Atkinson b Thomas 24; B Brewin b Steventon 80; R Mace b Steventon 8; L Bleasby b Thomas 0; T Wallace c Hales b Grassam 8; J Oote c Hales b Steventon 1; A Bird c Thompson b Thomas 42; W Birch b Steventon 5; G Oliver not out 38; extras 10. Total (for 8 wks) 216. Did not bat: A Wing, H Tindall.

20 Wickets Fell For 50 Runs

Bowlers took all the honours at Sundon, where 20 wickets fell for 50 runs. For the home side, Hull took 5 for 8 and Newitt 4 for 8. Dimmock, 3 for 2, and Webb, 3 for 8, were Pulloxhill's best.

PULLOXHILL—E Ashton b L Hull 0; Harry Parker b Newitt 0; B Jellis b L Hull 2; S Dollimore b Newitt 1; B Parker b L Hull 2; J Dimmock b L Hull 3; Hubert Parker run out 0; H Vass b L Hull 4; S Webb c K Hull b Newitt 2; J Jellis b Newitt 2; L Snapp not out 0; extras 2. Total 18.

SUNDON—W Newitt run out 1; L Hull c B Jellis b R Parker 0; L Fountain c B Jellis b R Parker 0; H Billington lbw-b Webb 12; F Billington b Webb 4; K Hull b Webb 0; F Hull c Webb b Dimmock 9; A Keene b Dimmock 0; H Day c Ashton b Dimmock 1; M Hull hit wicket b Dollimore 2; D Neal not out 0; extras 3. Total 52.

Eversholt Won By Nine Runs

In a close finish at Aspley Guise, Eversholt won by nine runs.

EVERSHOLT—B Oakley 17; K Cousins 1; E Jarvis 19; W Fleckney 22; L England 8; F Fleck 0; E Carr 17; A Oakley 5; R Jeffs 0; M Anstee 3; M Ryan not out 12; extras 9. Total 111.

ASPLEY GUISE—B Barnwell 83; H O Cowley 7; J Blofeld 0; R Gilbert 24; J Royden 0; J Bluffield 0; G Wooding not out 33; E Kitchener 9; S Eagles 1; H Bradford 1; A Treadway 8; extras 9. Total 109.

Excitement At Wardown

In a thrilling finish at Wardown on Sunday, Houghton Regis snatched a win over A. F. Waller's XI. The deciding hit was made with less than five minutes to spare. Winstanley forced the pace at the close of the home side's innings with a quick half-century, and Hammond and Brewin put the visitors on the way to victory with a first-wicket stand of 64. Fryer took 5 for 33.

A F WALLER'S XI	
E H Pugh b Oliver	48
D Deyong b Oliver	23
B G Scatterley b Oliver	20
A J Webley o Davis b Oliver	18
E A Fryer st Brewin b Swain	6
J Shields, run out	0
A F Waller b Bird	15
G Winstanley not out	50
C Spavens not out	7
Extras	4
Total (for 7 w dec)	168
Did not bat: C Tyrrell, T D Matthews	

HOUGHTON REGIS	
W Hammond b Fryer	60
B Brewin b Fryer	54
L Bleaney lbw-b Winstanley	13
J Goode c Waller b Winstanley	21
R Stripp c Webley b Matthews	19
A Davis c Webley b Fryer	8
G Oliver c Spavens b Fryer	3
J Seaton not out	4
A Bird b Fryer	4
O Swain not out	0
Extras	9
Total (for 8 w)	173
Did not bat: J Oliver	

Leighton Survive Early Disasters

After dismissing King's Langley for 128, Poole 4 for 36 and J. E. Arnold 3 for 33, Leighton Town lost two wickets for one run. However, J. E. Arnold and Bone put on 83 in quick time and Leighton went on to win by six wickets.

KING'S LANGLEY.—B W Atkins b	
F O Arnold 11, D S Laidler c F O Arnold b Poole 24, D C Doubleday c Thorogood b F O Arnold 0, L U Foster b Poole 13, A F Cowley c Richards b J E Arnold 2, N E Edmonds lbw-b J E Arnold 1, A W I Warren c Heady b J E Arnold 8, C Holroyd not out 34, D Morgan c Thorogood b Poole 6, A Stanbridge b Poole 0, E E Howgego lbw-b F O Arnold 14; extras 13. Total 128.	

LEIGHTON TOWN.—B Baker b Howgego 0, J V Heady b Edmonds 1, J E Arnold c Edmonds b Holroyd 40, W G Bone not out 69, P Thorogood c Howgego b Edmonds 6, J W Richards no 18; extras 18. Total (for 4 wks) 156. Did not bat: W G Borrett, F A Cramp, F O Arnold, A B Poole, T Slater.	
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Leighton's Batting Was More Solid

Although nine Wing batsmen made only 15 between them, the final total was 127. However, Leighton's batting was solid and they won with some ease.

WING.—H Corkett b Cramp 72, F Hammerton b Cramp 0, A Green c King b Arnold 1, W Roadnight b Arnold 0, A Woolhead c Arnold b Tearle 39, Clarke lbw-b Tearle 0, M Robinson c Richards b Cramp 4, K Bandy not out 6, W Sutton b Cramp 4, J Bate c Messer b Cramp 0, T Jordan b Tearle 0; extras 1. Total 127.	
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LEIGHTON.—J Richards c Green b Hammerton 40, J Evered b Clarke 10, W G Borrett b Clarke 20, J E Arnold c Roadnight b Hammerton 21, F Cramp not out 48, B Morris c Hammerton b Clarke 4, D Tearle st Green b Clarke 27, A Messer b Bandy 17, O Olney b Clarke 0, H King b Clarke 4; extras 10. Total (for 9 wks) 201. Did not bat: L W Nash.	
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Leighton II Succeed In Local "Derby"

In a high-scoring match, Leighton Town II. won their local "Derby" with the Foresters. Watling played a splendid unbeaten innings for the winners.

LEIGHTON FORESTERS.—G Whitney lbw-b Neager 19, S Dickens b Tearle 7, G Farmer lbw-b Clara 39, F Davis b L Brantom 9, A Green c and b L Brantom 0, G Waddington b Tearle 30, J Hounslow b L Brantom 13, R Andrews b Husson 19, R Whitney b L Brantom 0, C Donovan b Tearle 13, B Whitney not out 13; extras 12. Total 132.	
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LEIGHTON TOWN II.—L Brantom c B Whitney c Waddington 21, P Day st G Whitney b B Whitney 2, H Husson b R Whitney 6, J Watling not out 69, H Brantom b Donovan 30, D Tearle b R Whitney 25, N Duenas lbw-b R Whitney 2, H King not out 4. Total (for 6 wks) 163. Did not bat: A Messer, A Clara, L Nash.	
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Fine All-Round Work By M. Carr

M. Carr played a big part in Toddington's comfortable win over Knebworth. He made 30 and took 7 for 17.

TODDINGTON.—A Russell b Rogers 11, M Carr hit wkt b Hearne 30, J Delva c Pink b Rogers 0, H Sheppard c Hearne b Rogers 11, E Jays b Rogers 10, R Cress b Pink 23, W Coles c Rogers b Fitness 26, D Coles not out 2; extras 25. Total (for 7 wks dec) 140. Did not bat: L Muckleston, R Muckleston, J Fleckney.	
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KNEBWORTH.—Mulhead c Jays b Carr 6, Squires c D Coles b Carr 15, Hearne st Fleckney b Jays 1, Rogers b Carr 10, Fitness b R Muckleston 14, Folland c W Coles b Carr 0, Robinson c Fleckney b Carr 1, Harris c Delva b Russell 5, Pink b Carr 6, Sheppard b Carr 1, Prior not out 1; extras 14. Total 74.	
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Ampthill Just Fail To Force A Win

Tingey, with a score of 36, saved Campton from defeat against Ampthill Town.

P Aldridge (20), R Underwood (15) and N Cole (20), were the principal home scorers in Ampthill's total of 101 for 9 wickets declared. When the match ended Campton had lost nine wickets for 51. Five of their batsmen failed to score.

Markyate Won, Then Collapsed

Although Markyate beat Ferndale by seven wickets, a remarkable collapse followed and the last six fell for the addition of only eight runs. Newall took 6 for 26. For the winners, Cain had 5 for 33.

FERNDALE.—Sumner c Sudford b Cain 5, F Lovegrove c Cain b Hullah 1, G Seaver c Sudford b Cain 31, Woods b Cain 5, Vaas c Archer b Hullah 0, Haydon b B Mead 16, Newall c Hullah b B Mead 0, Stubbs not out 17, Newson b Hullah 7, Barret c and b Cain 1, Martin c Sudford b Cain 0; extras 12. Total 94.	
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MARKYATE.—H Archer b Seaver 21, R Cain b Newall 6, W Hullah c Haydon b Newall 46, G Sudford c Martin b Newall 7, L V Honeybone c Wood b Seaver 26, N Pruden c and b Newall 0, B Mead b Lovegrove 0, J Mead b Newall 1, T Timberlake b Lovegrove 0, L Spary not out 0, J Groom b Newall 0; extras 4. Total 112.	
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Luton Corporation Transport beat Lord Ampthill Lodge R.A.O.B. at Bell Close. G Stevenson made 22 of the Transport's 51 for 5, and their opponents replied with 41 (Brown 23).

OLD BEDFORDIANS BEATEN

Modern School Bowler Aids the Town

Bedford Town defeated the Old Bedfordians by seven wickets on Saturday at Newnham Avenue. They got the opposition out for a modest 78. Coomb, the Modern School captain, causing a collapse when he was introduced to the Town attack at 61 for six. He took the last four wickets—all clean bowled—in four overs at a cost of five runs.

After a steady opening, Morris collared the Old Bedfordians' bowling and hit up a half-century in just over an hour. His best shots were six fours. Howard (a six and three fours) figured with Morris in a third-wicket stand that put on 49. Noble was the only effective bowler for the Old Bedfordians. All six wickets to fall in the Town innings were his for 31 runs. Scores:—

Old Bedfordians: S. Y. Goudge 1, R. F. Thomas 2, R. Crompton 13, M. P. Dawes 13, D. J. Blunt 27, A. D. R. Dawes 0, C. L. Lincoln 3, P. Farmer-Wright 8, P. D. Gilbert not out 4, G. McD. Fleming 0, I. C. Noble 2, extras 5, total 78. McCaillis three for 37, S. G. Harris three for 31

Bedford Town: S. Morris 52, M. Dobejn 1, A. G. Coomb 9, E. C. Howard not out 40, C. F. Sabey 5, B. Caton 4, R. F. Ferriman 2, E. S. Watson not out 5, extras 12, total (for 6 wkts.) 130.

ARGUS AVERT DEFEAT

Southill Park and Argus played a drawn game at Southill Park on Saturday, the visiting team being 62 runs behind with eight wickets down at the drawing of stumps. The first three batsmen made the majority of Southill's runs and the remainder gave little trouble to the Argus attack, in which Stevens (four for 55) and D. Minns (two for 7) did well. The Argus innings also opened promisingly, and solid batting half-way down the list warded off the danger of defeat. Scores:

Southill Park: A. Brunt 22, A. Burnage 41, R. Roberts 49, R. Faulkner 3, C. Odell 7, A. Massey 3, H. Roberts 14, K. D. Ballard 0, G. Hunt 10, A. Swain not out 11, L. Brown not out 1, extras 18, total, for nine wickets, declared, 179.

Argus: F. Sharp 13, S. E. Bateman 17, W. Rose 1, B. Jones 13, H. Page 14, A. Coomb not out 30, R. Martin 0, S. Stevens 17, J. Smith 0, R. Minns not out 1, extras 11, total, for eight wickets, 117. Massey two for 28, Burnage one for 23, Swain one for 8, Ballard two for 15, Hunt two for 6.

BLUNHAM IN FRONT OF BAPTIST

Blunham scored a win over Baptist by 23 runs in Bedford Park, only George and Graham of the home batsmen reaching double figures. E. Clarke (five for 24) and R. Clarke (three for 2) had the Baptist struggling for runs. G. Spavins (five for 24) and George (three for 23) led the Baptist attack. Scores:

Blunham: C. Saunders 3, R. Brown 29, F. Chapman 12, E. Clarke 0, R. Clarke 0, R. Reed 14, W. Daniels 11, G. Harding 14, T. Joyce 6, D. Moore not out 3, A. Buckle 0, extras 6, total 98.

Baptist:—F. Housden 3, E. Pearson 8, G. Spavins 2, S. George 23, F. White 4, C. Whitbread 2, T. C. Rose 5, A. Cox 0, P. Hall 1, G. Graham not out 13, P. Green 3, extras 11, total 75.

Bedford XI Lose at Royston

After declaring with three wickets in hand on Monday, Royston defeated a Bedford Town XI by 93 runs. Scores:

Royston 207 for seven wickets declared (Collins four for 56, Caton one for 35, Howard one for 33).

Bedford Town XI: M. Dobejn 26, D. T. Matthews 1, E. Hawkins 17, E. C. Howard 0, B. Caton 33, R. Sheppard 4, A. Collins 6, T. N. Whalley 16, C. Matthews 7, R. Willows 0, L. Dumble not out 4, extras 0, total 114.

WITH FIVE MINUTES TO SPARE

Igranic's Defeat at Biggleswade

Biggleswade beat Igranic at Fairfield on Saturday by three wickets. They had only five minutes to spare at the end, and the win was largely due to big hitting by the tail-enders. E. Smith scored five fours in his 27. Score:—

Igranic: J. Taylor 17, W. Baker 11, S. Chamberlain 59, J. Andrews 4, S. H. Pryor 1, V. Jeffries 10, Turner 20, A. Jakins 5, Quinney 11, G. Wright 7, P. Swann not out 1, extras 20, total 166.

Biggleswade: F. Rogers 40, W. Bygraves 11, E. Giles 11, P. Miller 1, P. Bowles 37, E. Revels 3, E. King not out 14, J. Turnbull 0, E. Smith not out 27, extras 24, total (for 7 wkts.) 163.

Town In Race Against Time

After a great effort, Luton Town just failed to beat the clock at St. Albans on Saturday. Left with two hours to get 196 runs, they made 98 in an opening partnership of an hour by Pugh and Winstanley. After both had been dismissed Owen and Worboys pushed the score along, but the effort to force the pace cost wickets, and at the end the Town were 12 runs behind with three wickets in hand.

The home side had first use of a good wicket, but Oliver and Worboys used the new ball to such effect that four wickets were down for 34. However, Beaumont played a fine innings and was well supported by Hacker. Oliver took 3 for 41, Owen 3 for 67, and Worboys 2 for 37.

W H Ringham c J Webb b Oliver	4
D V Cooper lbw—b Oliver	12
M A Wiggs c Oliver b Worboys	2
G F Beaumont b Owen	78
H S Raouf b Worboys	5
G F Jarry c Fryer b Owen	15
F Pavey c Worboys b Owen	9
D B Turner b Oliver	9
A S Hacker c Satterley b Matthews	34
W Lismore not out	10
Extras	11

Total (for 9 w dec) 195
Did not bat: J L Ewing

LUTON TOWN	
E H Pugh st Hacker b Lismore	42
G Winstanley lbw—b Lismore	49
J G Owen c Ringham b Jarry	31
A J Worboys b Jarry	19
J A R Oliver c Beaumont b Wiggs	18
E A Fryer c Cooper b Ewing	5
J Webb not out	7
J Shields b Ewing	5
Extras	8

Total (for 7 w) 183
Did not bat: B G Satterley, T D Matthews, O Tyrrell

Century And Wickets For P. Clark

The Bohemians were no match for Vauxhall Motors on Sunday, and were tumbled out for 77. P. Clark was the most successful bowler with 3 for 39, and when his turn came to bat, took the honours here, too, with a sparkling unbeaten century.

BOHEMIANS—J A Sunshine c Capstick b P Clark 7; C J Challis c Humphries b A Nelsey 12; H Smith b Russell 5; A Rose c Russell b P Clark 10; G Kelly b P Clark 0; S Dunkley b Russell 1; C Marcus c and b Thos Clark 32; F Walters not out 2; J Sydenham b Nelsey 1; J Biggs junior c Russell b Thos Clark 5; extras 6. Total 77.

VAUXHALL MOTORS—T Clark c Sunshine b Miller 23; R Dellar b Walters 3; C Humphries b Rose 19; P Clark not out 107; G Russell not out 28; extras 6. Total (for 3 w) 184. Did not bat: B Higgins, S Spary, A Nelsey, A Adams, A Capstick, F Smith-Petersen

Motors' Good Start Not Maintained

After dismissing the first four Mill Hill batsmen for 39, the Vauxhall Motors bowling was mastered by Murray, who was unlucky to miss a century, and the visitors passed the 200 mark. Despite this total, Hayhurst took 5 for 45 and Russell 4 for 17.

Vauxhall went for the runs, and P. Clark and Bradbury batted well, but wickets fell at regular intervals, and they were beaten by 24 runs.

MILL HILL: B Cohen Hayhurst 1; F W Tomka c Russell b Hayhurst 19; F A Pigott b P Clark 1; D F Lesty lbw b Hayhurst 13; J A Mussett c Humphries b Russell 26; F A Murray not out 93; W G Benyon-Wynsor b Russell 2; W G Laws lbw b Russell 1; T Graham b Russell 10; K D King c Dimmock b Hayhurst 19; A G Danielli b Hayhurst 1; Extras 28; Total 203.

VAUXHALL: E Dellar 2; b King 9; C Bradbury c and b Pigott 36; A Capstick b King 12; F G Russell c Cohen b Pigott 12; P Clark c Cohen b Benyon-Wynsor 49; C Dimmock c and b Pigott 1; A Kennlock b Pigott 10; C Humphries c Murray b Benyon-Wynsor 10; B B Higgins not out 4; E Partin c Pigott b Lesty 22; H Hayhurst b Lesty 0; Extras 8; Total 179.

Town's Fight To Avoid Defeat

A big holiday crowd at Wardown saw Vauxhall Motors have the better of a drawn match. Sent in to bat on a good wicket, they recovered from the shock of having Nixon bowled by the second ball of the match, and thanks mainly to Peter Clark, Capstick and Spary reached 203 after batting for 2 hours and 40 minutes.

Humphries and Young enlivened the proceedings at the tail-end of the innings with some big hitting, and the latter hit one grand six. Worboys bowled extremely well to take 5 for 59. Randall had 3 for 66 and Ward 2 for 53.

Against some accurate bowling by Clark and Young, the Town's early batsmen failed, and with four wickets down for 29, they were definitely fighting a losing battle.

However, Worboys and Satterley stopped the rot, and after the latter had left, Joe Payne joined Worboys in another brisk stand. Payne hit five fours in his 33, and the Town saved the game with something to spare. For Vauxhall Young took 3 for 13 and Clark 2 for 27.

VAUXHALL MOTORS	
J Nixon b Worboys	0
A Capstick c Waller b Ward	47
R Dellar c Payne b Ward	15
J Wheatley b Randall	0
S Spary b Worboys	36
P Clark c Waller b Randall	53
C Bradbury b Worboys	1
E Chappell b Worboys	0
C Humphries b Worboys	21
G Young c Winstanley b Randall	18
H Hayhurst not out	2
Extras	11

Total 203

LUTON TOWN	
E H Pugh st Capstick b Clark	9
G Winstanley b Young	5
B G Satterley b Hayhurst	19
R V Ward b Young	0
E A Fryer c Chappell b Clark	2
A J Worboys b Nixon	36
J Payne c Clark b Young	33
A J Webley lbw—b Humphries	12
D S Randall not out	8
A F Waller not out	0
Extras	13

Total (for 6 w) 135
Did not bat: R B Webb

Schoolboys In Big Stand For Town

Luton Town gained a very comfortable win over Hitchin Town at Wardown on Tuesday. Ward, 4 for 43, did best when Hitchin batted, and a feature of the Luton innings was a stand of 87 by Wood, of Luton Grammar School, and Anness, of Dunstable Grammar School. The former was unbeaten with 77.

HITCHIN TOWN—P Allen b Ward 61; C F Coxall b Ward 1; J H Smith b Ward 3; W Stanley b Ward 0; E Norgan st Waller b Webb 40; R Flint c Webb b Colling 4; T Rainbow c Colling b Winstanley 12; C Foster b Satterley 4; R Foster c Webb b Satterley 3; R Russell not out 11; F Anderson lbw b Winstanley 0; O Tyrrell b Webb 1; extras 6. Total—151.

LUTON TOWN — G Winstanley c Allen b Anderson 10; D Wood not out 77; R Anness b Allen 43; E H Pugh b Allen 10; C V A Colling not out 20; extras 13. Total (for 3 wks.)—173.

C Maden, A F Waller, J Shields, G Hales, R V Ward, B G Satterley and J Webb did not bat.

Cheap Wickets For Gladdish

In an exciting finish at AC-Sphinx, Dunstable, on Sunday, K. J. Kerry's Dunstable XI just failed to force a win over E. H. Pugh's Luton XI. The last pair of the visitors managed to play out time.

A feature was the bowling of Gladdish, who took seven for 46 in 21 overs. For Luton, Owen had five for 62.

R. J. KERRY'S XI—W Hammond c Owen 30; F Sear b Oliver 0; M Kilby b Owen 21; A Burchell c Owen 36; B Brewin lbw b Owen 3; F Flewin not out 32; K Brazier b Matthews 14; A Ross b Owen 8; B Dawson not out 7; extras 42. Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 195.

D V Gladdish and P Rennie did not bat.

E. H. PUGH'S XI: J Shields b Burchell 3; E H Pugh b Gladdish 36; J A R Oliver lbw b Gladdish 25; J G Owen lbw Gladdish 12; E A Fryer c Flewin b Gladdish 8; F Thorogood b Gladdish 1; C V A Colling c Sear b Gladdish 12; B G Satterley not out 4; J Webb b Gladdish 0; R B Webb b Kilby 3; T D Matthews not out 3; extras 18. Total (for 9 wks.) 125.

Close Thing For Town II

Luton Town II just beat St. Albans II in a close finish at Wardown. R B Webb, 7 for 39, curbed the activities of the visitors' batsmen, and they were all out for 98. Luton had lost eight wickets for 82, but a stand between Webb and Sutherland enabled them to win without further loss.

ST. ALBANS II—C V Cooper b Webb 9; Brooker c Webley b Webb 13; Weatherhead b Webb 4; Hiron b Webb 8; W Cooper run out 1; Barnes b Webb 4; Hinton b Bland 13; Smith not out 25; Botham b and b Rydehard b Webb 5; Wieck c Berrisford b Webb 4; extras 8. Total—98.

LUTON TOWN II—G Hales b W Cooper 15; D Wood hit wkt. b C Cooper 14; R Dighton run out 24; A J Webley c Rydehard b W Cooper 10; G Spavens lbw b Barnes 13; B Rees c Brooker b Barnes 1; D S Randall b C Cooper 0; E Berrisford b Barnes 0; J P Sutherland b W Cooper 12; R B Webb c Brooker b Rydehard 14; N Bland not out 3; extras 3. Total—114.

Dramatic Last Over At Wolverton

There was an exciting finish to the Dunstable Town v Wolverton Town match at Wolverton, when an aggregate of 307 runs was fairly evenly shared. Dunstable declared at 156 for 9, but Wolverton made such a spirited reply that when the last over was called they required only 12 to win. In a hit-or-miss finish they just failed.

DUNSTABLE TOWN: H Schofield lbw—b Adams 17; W Hammond c McKaig b Lloyd 62; A Ross c Smith b Adams 4; R Costin lbw—b Brocklehurst 18; A Burchell b Brocklehurst 8; A Petch c Coxhill b Brown 11; R Holmes run out 3; D Gladdish c Lloyd b Brown 0; B Dawson not out 16; G Costin c Brocklehurst b Brown 10; P Rennie not out 1; extras 4. Total (for 9 dec) 166.

WOLVERTON TOWN—G Payne st G Costin b R Costin 36; P Lloyd c Hammond b Schofield 66; F Brown c G Costin b Rennie 7; P Brocklehurst c R Costin b Gladdish 5; V Davies b Burchell 3; L Smith not out 18; K McKaig run out 3; F Nottingham b Burchell 0; extras 13. Total (for 7 w) 151. Did not bat: C Jones, L Bright, A Jackson.

Scored 266 Runs And Were Beaten

Nearly 550 runs were scored at Henlow on Monday and only nine wickets fell. Nuttall who made a not out century and Dunbar put on 168 for the third wicket. This was capped by an opening stand of 177 for the home side who won by nine wickets.

LEAGRAVE—A Nuttall not out 100; O Asbury b R Legate 3; R Wood b R Legate 9; A Dunbar c Prior b A Mabbitt 89; P Cain lbw b A Mabbitt 28; L Ford c Vine b J Legate 7; E Smith b J Legate 12; A Swain b J Legate 1; E Howarth not out 2; extras 15. Total (for 7 wks. dec.)—266.

R Hudson and Stan Ford did not bat.

HENLOW—A Mabbitt c Howarth b Nuttall 87; P Bywaters c Swain b Smith 89; R Legate not out 87; S Bywaters not out 4; extras 41. Total (for 2 wks.)—382.

R Legate, J Cooper, W Jordan, K Jones, W Rawlings, D Vine, H Prior did not bat.

All-Round Work By Hexton

A fine innings of 93 by Dear enabled Hexton to declare with their score past the 200 mark. Sutton, 4 for 30, and R. Botsford, 3 for 11, followed up with some fine bowling.

HEXTON—O Wilson b Inskipp 0; R Botsford c Whitton c b Inskipp 0; R Cole b Aldridge 47; E Cole b Inskipp 2; G Simkins lbw—b Aldridge 11; P Dear b Aldridge 93; J Allingham b Aldridge 11; H Appleby not out 29; extras 16. Total (for 7 w dec) 208. Did not bat: H Summerfield, E Paine, H Sutton.

MR J BOTSFORD'S XI—Aldridge c and b Appleby 23; Underwood c Allingham b B Botsford 3; Cole st R Cole b Sutton 7; Manyweathers st R Cole b Sutton 14; Inskipp c R Cole b Sutton 10; R Stern b Appleby 1; Whitmore lbw—b R Botsford 1; J Botsford c Simkins b R Botsford 0; Mann c R Botsford b E Cole 2; Westrope c Appleby b Sutton 5; B Stern not out 0; extras 7. Total 73.

Runs Came Quickly At Leighton

Fast scoring was the rule at Leighton on Saturday when Tring kept up a rate of 100 an hour, and Leighton also rattled up the runs quickly when they replied. Time beat them, but they made a most adequate reply. On a day in which bowlers came in for heavy punishment, Sowman did well to return seven for 80.

TRING—G C Jones b Sowman 69; O Price b Poole 44; T F Mitchell c Sowman b F Arnold 57; F J Hedges b Sowman 4; P R Hedges b Sowman 39; H Lockton b Cramp 8; W Rodwell c Cramp b Sowman 7; N J Hartley not out 9; F Howlett c Bone b Sowman 0; D Westcott b Sowman 1; R Webb b Sowman 4; extras 3. Total 245.

LEIGHTON TOWN—J V Heady c Howlett b Lockton 45; J W Richards c Rodwell b Hartley 20; W G Bone c Jones b Hartley 7; J G Walling c Jones b Hartley 7; A B Poole c Price b Hartley 49; F Thorogood lbw—b Price 17; extras 2. Total (for 5 w) 175. Did not bat: J E Arnold, F A Cramp, E Sowman, F Day, F C Arnold.

Another Fine Win For Houghton Regis

Houghton Regis registered another brilliant victory on Monday, when they beat Dunstable Town by 22 runs.

Gladdish, Dunstable, had another good day with the ball, taking 5 for 58 in 16 overs, while A. Wing played a big part in Houghton's success with 4 for 12.

HOUGHTON REGIS: B Brewin b Gladdish 18; R Mace b Gladdish 4; E Atkinson lbw b Schofield 10; J Bleasby c Brazier b Burchell 3; R Stripp b Burchell 15; M Tompkins b Burchell 6; J Good c Burchell 9; O Parker c Brazier b Gladdish 9; F Calcott b Gladdish 2; G Oliver not out 16; A Wing b Gladdish 12; Extras 4. Total 109.

DUNSTABLE TOWN: W Hammond b Oliver 36; K Brazier lbw b Tompkins 2; R Costin c Parker b Wing 1; A Ross c Parker b Wing 0; A Burchell c Atkinson b Wing 0; H Jagger c Mace b Wing 0; F Wells not out 108; D Gladdish b Tompkins 12; H Schofield lbw b Oliver 4; G Costin c Atkinson b Tompkins 0; A Kyles b Oliver 0; Extras 5; Total 86.

Bowlers Held The Upper Hand

King's Walden won a match in which bowlers held the upper hand. For them, Bottoms had 5 for 20 and Shaw 5 for 26, while Pedley, 5 for 20, did well for Old Lutonians.

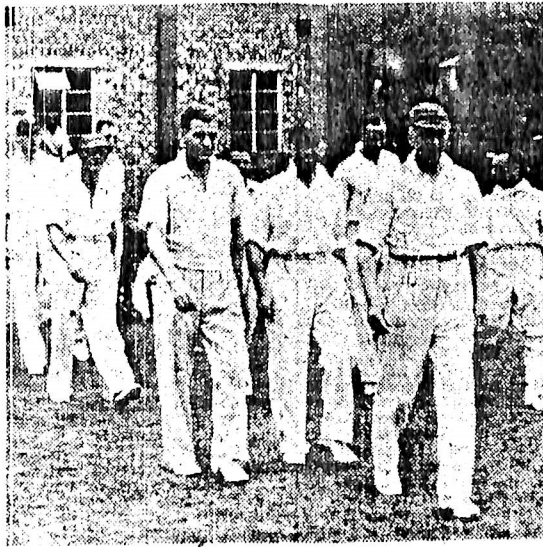
KING'S WALDEN—H Shaw b A M Hill 7; R Field c R Tiller b H G W Pedley 36; W Harley c P C Whalley b H G W Pedley 9; E Shackelford c R C Whalley b H G W Pedley 6; A Bottoms b H G W Pedley 4; J Bottoms lbw—b R Cadger 0; B Shaw lbw b R Cadger 2; D Jenkins run out 16; P Lee c B A Widdman b R Cadger 2; R Gray b H G W Pedley 0; R Palmer not out 6; extras 4. Total 87.

OLD LUTONIANS—P C Whalley lbw b Shaw 14; R Cadger c Harley b Shaw 23; A M Hill b Shaw 3; S G Creesey c Lee b Bottoms 4; T B Whalley b Shaw 0; R W Munsall c Palmer b Bottoms 0; H Wilson lbw—b Shaw 1; R A Widdman c Lee b Bottoms 64; E G Bell b Bottoms 2; H G W Pedley not out 5; R Tiller b Bottoms 5. Total 48.

Feast Of Runs At Skefko

LEAGRAVE AND LIMBURY—T Cain lbw b Bird 0; W Crouch c Bullough b Walker 33; R Woods c Jones b Bird 10; S Brooker b Bird 8; D Frost c Bird b Beardsley 10; L Cox b Bullough 24; E Smith c Beardsley b Lea 64; L Ford b Lea 55; R Hudson not out 3; S Ford b Dunbar 3; extras 20. Total (for 9 w dec) 200. Did not bat: S B Smith.

SKEFKO—J Coeshall b S Ford 10; E Beardsley c Cox b S Ford 4; A Dunbar b S Ford 4; M Bullough c Cain b S Ford 52; L Simmonds c Crouch b S Ford 59; A Walker c L Ford b Brooker 2; R Lea b S Ford 12; S Bird b S Ford 2; E Haworth not out 5; extras 7. Total (for 8 w) 155. Did not bat: W Jones, — Hall.



Arthur Fryer leads out the Luton Town O.C. team in the local "Derby" on Monday, when, in front of a large crowd on the Wardown ground, they drew with Vauxhall Motors.
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Luton Members' Success For County

THERE was never much hope of a decision in Bedfordshire's match with Oxfordshire and that they repeated their performance against Hertfordshire and took first innings points was due mainly to the activities of the Luton members of the side.

Tom Clark, of Vauxhall Motors, stole the honours on the first day with a brilliant century.

On Tuesday when Oxfordshire were making a fight for the lead, Glyn Owen came along with a grand bowling performance, and took seven wickets for just over ten runs apiece.

Then, when things looked decidedly sticky for the home county in the second innings, Owen and Oliver put a stop to any Oxfordshire hopes of bringing about a collapse.

John Oliver At His Best

JOHN OLIVER was unlucky to be run out in the first innings when he was going along nicely, but he showed his best form in making 68 not out.

I should think the selectors are very pleased with this result, and Alistair Panton justified the confidence placed in him.

The sternest test is being faced against Buckinghamshire in the match which ends today, and the week concludes with a meeting with Bedfordshire's nearest rivals, Hertfordshire.

Big crowds have been the rule at Bedford, and after the large attendance at Wardown on Monday, the County Committee will be hoping for big things from Luton in the way of financial support when they stage the Cambridgeshire match at Wardown at the end of this month.

Big Week-end For Clark Family

IT has been a big week-end for the Clark family, for apart from Tom's century for the county, brother Peter, who is regarded as a bowler primarily, came along with 49, 107 not out and 53 in successive innings.

He took some wickets, too so he will have happy memories of this August Holiday. His 53 was probably the most valuable of the three innings for it put Vauxhall Motors in a strong position against the Town, who, at one time, were in danger of suffering a defeat.

The appearance of Joe Payne undoubtedly helped to draw the crowd to this match, and the older habitués of Wardown say they have never before seen more people there.

I should say that at the peak period, there were close on 2,000 there. This is an additional argument for Luton's plea to stage more county matches.

Schoolboys Took The Limelight

IT was schoolboys' day at Wardown on Tuesday when Derrick Wood, the Luton Grammar School cricket captain and Anness, of Dunstable School, put up a fine show with the bat.

Both have been coached by Glyn Owen, who arrived back from Bedford in time to see his charges figuring in a big stand.

Wood shows real promise, and his 77 not out was a masterly effort. The Town club are giving every encouragement to youngsters, and they now have at least three of whom high hopes are entertained.

Wood certainly looks a good proposition, for he has all the shots, and he plays them fluently.

Reg Ward, who has been taking a lot of wickets in the west of England has been in the Town team during the week-end, and has bowled most steadily without a great deal of good fortune.

Town's Chance For Revenge

ONE of the two teams who have beaten Luton Town this season, Enfield, provide the opposition at Wardown on Saturday, and the Town will be keen to obtain revenge.

They will still be without County men, Oliver, Owen and Matthews, but Dudley John returns and Reg. Ward is again available. Team:

E. A. Fryer (capt.), A. J. Worboys, A. F. Waller, R. V. Ward, G. Winstanley, W. D. John, B. G. Satterley, A. J. Webby, R. B. Webb, C. V. A. Colling, J. Shields.

The second team visits Wembley II.

Team: J. P. Sutherland (captain), W. J. Emery, N. Bland, H. R. Gailer, D. Wood, R. Dighton, N. Garside, S. P. Tompkins, J. B. Roots, G. Spavens, J. Reid.

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FRIDAY.

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SATURDAY.

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Wembley II v. Luton Town II.
Vauxhall Motors v. Bedford Town.

Bedford Town II v. Vauxhall Motors II.
Hazel's v. Vauxhall Motors Extra.

Dunstable Town v. Skefko.
Harpenden v. Barnet.
Electrolux v. Leagrave.
Taddington v. Percival's.
Hexton v. Pulloxhill.
Sundon v. Commer-Karrier.
Flamstead v. Wheathampstead.

BOWLS

SATURDAY.

Luton Town v. Vauxhall Motors.
Kent's v. Luton Town.
Vauxhall Motors v. Waterlow's.
Welwyn Garden City v. Luton Co-op.
Skefko v. Bedford Borough.

Stumps Were Hit 17 Times

After dismissing Pulloxhill for 56 (Hill-Wood 5 for 12, Sutton 4 for 18), Barton collapsed completely and could muster only 27. Webb took 5 for 15 and R. Parker 4 for 9.

In all, 17 batsmen were bowled.

PULLOXHILL.—Harry Parker b Sutton 10; E. Ashton b Sutton 1; R. Parker b Sutton 2; J. Dimmock b Day 6; L. Sharp b Sutton 1; S. Webb b Hill-Wood 3; W. Dix b Hill-Wood 0; Hubert Parker b Hill-Wood 1; F. Burrows c Gutteridge b Hill-Wood 17; J. Jellis b Hill-Wood 2; P. Vass not out 3; extras 10. Total 56.

BARTON.—B. Sturgess b R. Parker 0; J. Darnell run out 2; R. Waller b R. Parker 2; H. Hill-Wood c Dix b Webb 8; J. Day b R. Parker 2; G. Hyde b R. Parker 5; G. Gutteridge b Webb 2; A. Cole b Webb 0; R. Harris b Webb 1; D. Mann not out 1; P. Sutton b Webb 0; extras 3. Total 27.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

WATERLOW'S 134 (F. Sear 50, T. Poyser 24), HOUGHTON REGIS 71 (J. Goode 20, S. Hardy 6 for 42).

MARKYATE 173 for 5 dec (W. Hullah 57, L. Honeybone 36), HARPENDEN METHODISTS 70 (P. Wright 20, E. Fountain 5 for 2).

EVERSHOLT 187 (B. Oakley 47, K. Cousins 41; T. Norris 6 for 44), R. COLES'S XI 52 (F. Fleet 8 for 17).

LEIGHTON TOWN 211 for 6 dec (J. V. Heady 79, A. Rickard 37 not out, W. G. Bone 35), LEIGHTON BUILDERS & ASSOCIATED TRADES 159 (E. Gregory 48, R. Dawson 38, W. G. Bone 6 for 41).

Sundon Were Narrow Winners

SKEFKO II—G. Morgan b L. Hull 0; J. Holden c Dolve b R. Hull 12; B. Clay b L. Hull 2; W. Carter run out 49; J. Green b C. Billington 15; E. Howarth c R. Hull b C. Billington 6; W. Jones c C. Billington b L. Hull 28; J. Wooliscroft c F. Billington b L. Hull 8; F. Houghton b L. Hull 0; R. Wiseman not out 6; A. Butterfield c C. Billington b R. Hull 1; extras 4. Total 127.

SUNDON—L. Hull c Jones b Butterfield 29; B. Garsley b Wooliscroft b Holden 13; J. Dolve b Holden 1; M. Hull c Houghton b Holden 1; W. Newitt c Jones b Butterfield 30; S. Bass c Wiseman b Jones 2; H. Billington c Carter b Wiseman 25; C. Billington lbw-b Lutterfield 8; F. Billington b Holden 0; F. Hull b Holden 10; R. Hull not out 3; extras 13. Total 134.

Bowlers On Top

TODDINGTON—A. Russell c E. Carr b W. Fleckney 5; M. Carr lbw-b M. Anstee 18; J. Dolve b F. Fleet 9; H. Sheppard c Jarvis b F. Fleet 6; E. Jayes b M. Anstee 1; A. Muckleston c B. Oakley b M. Anstee 9; W. Coles c and b M. Anstee 4; L. Muckleston run out 0; W. Muckleston b M. Anstee 0; J. Fleckney b M. Anstee 0; R. Muckleston not out 10; extras 18. Total 80.

EVERSHOLT—R. Oakley b M. Carr 1; K. Cousins c M. Carr b W. Muckleston 0; M. Ryan b W. Muckleston 3; W. Fleckney b M. Carr 10; L. England b M. Carr 0; B. Oakley run out 0; E. Jarvis c R. Muckleston b W. Muckleston 14; E. Carr b M. Carr 2; P. Barr b M. Carr 0; F. Fleet b W. Muckleston 21; M. Anstee not out 0. Total 61.

HOLIDAY CRICKET SCORES

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division II

LYNTON WORKS 2nd XI v. THURLEIGH

Lynton Works II: J. Beardsmore 0, W. Beardsmore 8, J. Litchfield 11, R. Townley 1, A. Buek 5, C. Curchin 1, B. Perkins 2, A. Dennison 2, H. Ives 0, T. Rollinson 3, A. Cambers not out 0, extras 5, total 38. (W. Asplin 6-17, C. Berrill 3-6).
Thurleigh: R. Swepston 0, F. Bull 1, J. Wagstaff 0, S. Asplin 2, A. Walters 18, C. Berrill 4, C. Clayton 0, W. Asplin 16, J. Thorne 1, K. Wagstaff 12, F. Holley not out 1, extras 9, total 64. (R. Rollinson 5-18).

OAKLEY v. STAGSDEN

Oakley: Arenbell 2-2, D. Parker 0-1 not out, F. Rainbow 2-19, J. Gregory 3-1, G. Saunders 6-10 not out, B. Saunders 4-12, J. Newell 9-6, C. Bird 0-2, G. Rainbow 4-9, R. Stapleton not out 0-0, E. Newell 0-1, extras 0-7, totals 39 and 70 for nine wickets, dec. (Cooper 7 for 13).

Stagsden: G. Newman 7, J. Burley 2-6, F. Beard 3-not out 1, R. Benson 9-3, H. Newman 1-not out 1, W. Woolston 6, F. Frossell 4, C. Cooper 4, F. Herbert 0, L. Armstrong not out 3-0, J. Northwood 1, extras 3-3, totals 43 and 14 for three wickets.

WOOD END v. GREAT BARFORD

Wood End: J. Burraway 0, J. Bunny 5, W. Hutchings 0, V. Ashpole 0, E. Burraway 0, T. Burraway 0, F. Loft 0, D. Wall 1, B. Ashpole 1, D. Jessop 10, L. Jessop not out 4, extras 9, total 30. (B. Peet 5-11, J. Ashpole 5-10).

Great Barford: D. Jones 0, E. Lee 1, R. Smith 11, K. Tatman 0, B. Peet 6, W. Norman 11, F. Ashpole 19, G. Robinson 4, W. Bridge 1, E. Winney 0, R. Cooper not out 2, extras 2, total 57. (V. Ashpole 3-23, W. Hutchings 4-28, F. Loft 2-4, J. Burraway 1-0).

Division III

HAIL WESTON v. SHARNBROOK

Sharnbrook: H. Grey 3, H. Martin 48, H. Boyles 5, F. Allen 36, F. Barcock 0, T. Bragg 2, J. Knight 0, D. Benson 0, R. Odell not out 2, G. Boyles 0 extras 9, total 105. (P. Barnett 3-1).

Hail Weston: F. Catling 0, P. Barnett 3, K. Irons 16, G. Beale 9, V. Irons 0, E. Simcoe 12, J. Veale 5, H. Basson 2, J. Catling 2, J. Barnett not out 2, J. Cooper 0, extras 5, total 57. (Martin 7-19).

OTHER MATCHES

BEDFORD TOWN v. OLD BEDFORDIANS

Old Bedfordians: S. Y. Goudge 1, R. F. Thomas 2, R. Crompton 13, M. P. Dawes 13, D. J. Blunt 27, A. D. R. Dawes 0, C. L. Lincoln 3, P. Farmer-Wright 8, P. D. Gilbert not out 4, G. McD. Fleming 0, I. C. Noble 2, extras 5, total 78. (Coomb 4-5, McCanlis 3-37, Harris 3-31).
Bedford Town: S. Morris 52, M. Dobejn 1, A. G. Coomb 9, E. C. Howard not out 40, C. F. Sabey 5, B. Caton 4, R. F. Ferriman 2, E. S. Watson not out 5, extras 12, total for 6 wickets, 130. (Noble 6-31).

HARPUR SPORTS 2nd XI v. BEDFORD TOWN 2nd XI.

Harpur: A. Wiles 31, D. Bennett 30, G. Harrison 49, D. Pickering 0, A. Webster 49, R. Jarvis 8, G. Hackett not out 2, extras 8, total for six wickets, dec. 198. (W. Crouch 3-50).

Bedford: E. F. Barcock 11, E. Hawkins 5, K. Sowerbutts 18, L. Dumble 18, C. Matthews 18, R. Rogers 8, H. Stokes 19, R. Willows 3, R. Sheppard 4, C. Barnes 2, W. Crouch not out 0, extras 15, total 121. (Litchfield 4-20, King 3-23, Chance 3-29).

ROYSTON v. BEDFORD TOWN

Royston: 207 for seven wickets, dec. (Collins 4-56, Caton 1-35, Howard 1-33).

Bedford Town XI: M. Dobejn 26, D. T. Matthews 1, E. Hawkins 17, E. C. Howard 0, B. Caton 23, R. Sheppard 4, A. Collins 6, T. N. Whalley 16, C. Matthews 7, R. Willows 0, L. Dumble not out 4, extras 0, total 114.

STEWARTBY v. SHIRE HALL

Stewartby: Campbell 40, Stone 26, Barnwell 15, E. Nicholls 14, R. Nicholls 13, Cook 6, Longhurst 4, Shaw not out 17, Blofield 5, Lowe 2, Smart 3, extras 22, total 167.

Shire Hall: Scrivener 35, Pacey 0, James 40, Fryer 17, Vivers 2, Andrews 3, Tory 12, Beard 5, Jackson 1, Russell 7, Furlong not out 0, extras 7, total 129.

STEWARTBY v. MR. HAWKINS' XI (LUTON).

Stewartby: Campbell 4, Stone 23, R. Nicholls 2, E. Nicholls 18, Longhurst 8, Cook 1, Blofield 24, Lowe 1, Smart not out 10, Fuller 2, Hudson 0, extras 4, total 97.

Mr. Hawkins' XI: Vass 16, Woods 39, Pease 30, Winstanley 13, Poulter not out 33, Pedley not out 16, extras 17, total for four wickets, 164.

EVERSHOLT v. R. COLE'S XI (FLITWICK)

Eversholt: R. Oakley 10, M. Ryan 12, K. Cousins 41, B. Oakley 47, E. Jarvis 38, W. Fleckney 16, H. Burrett 0, M. Anstee not out 16, P. Barr 1, F. Fleet 0, E. Fleckney 0, extras 6, total 187. (T. Norris 6-44).

R. Cole's XI: E. Washington 0, R. Gazeley 0, R. Jones 1, T. Washington 16, W. Thompson 1, R. Washington 0, Gudin 1, R. Cole 6, T. Norris 9, H. Gazeley not out 10, C. Smith 0, extras 8, total 52. (F. Fleet 8-17).

Igranic, 166 (S. Chamberlain 59); Biggleswade, 168 for seven (F. Rogers 40, P. Bowles 37, E. Smith 27 not out).

Southill Park, 179 for nine dec. (A. Burnage 41, R. Roberts 49, Stevens 4-55, D. Minns 7-7); Argus, 117 for eight (A. Coomb 30) not out, Hunt 2-6, Ballard 2-15).

Blunham, 98 (Brown 29, Spavins 5-24, George 3-23); Baptist, 75 (George 23, E. Clarke 5-24, R. Clarke 3-2).

Biggleswade, 78 and 79 (F. Rogers 27); Harstap, 61 and 161.

Potton, 161 (Sims 30, Kitchen 25); Biggleswade 2nd XI, 49 (Standen 7-20).

Leagrave, 206 for seven dec.; Henlow, 282 for two (Mabbitt 91, Bywaters 89, Legate 57 not out).

Pulloxhill, 56 (Hill-Wood 5-12, Sutton 4-18); Barton, 27 (R. Parker 4-9, S. Webb 5-15).

Ampt Hill, 94; W. Squires' XI, 63 for six.

PETERBOROUGH v. HARPUR SPORTS SUNDAY XI

Harpur Sports: S. Dodd 15, R. Poulter 39, A. Webster 40, T. Minns 31, E. Howard 2, A. Cornell 0, W. Smith 7, R. Jarvis 36, G. Brice 26, G. Webster 0, B. Cornell 1, H. Keyes not out 0, extras 21, total 218. (Woodhouse 3-12).

Peterborough: T. Smith 18, T. Western 4, L. Day 6, W. Bishop 4, C. Alpe 0, T. Wilson 4, K. Woodhouse 4, C. Kew 0, K. Gibson not out 10, C. McCartney 0, S. Glover 7, J. Oliver 4, extras 2, total 63. (G. Webster 3-12, Howard 4-13, B. Cornell 3-16).

BEDFORD POSTELS C.C. v. CAVENDISH C.C. (LONDON)

Cavendish (London W.D.O.): Bullivant 8, Forman 35, L. Evans 2, Bird 0, Adams 0, Taylor 0, Castle 23, Pettitt not out 25, Weatherly 0, Cronin 0, W. R. Evans 2, Bowyer 7, extras 4, total 106. (Stott 5-28).

Bedford Postels: Millman not out 106, Boyles 22, Stott 1, Williams 10, Chambers 4, Thurley not out 10, extras 1, total for four wickets, 154.

ICKWELL v. BLUNHAM

Blunham: R. Brown 9, C. Saunders 1, F. Chapman retired 70, J. Scriven 15, E. Clarke 53, A. Clarke 6, W. Daniels 18, E. Joyce not out 18, D. Moore 0, D. Daniels not out 7, extras 16, total for eight wickets, dec. 213.

Ickwell (two innings): A. Marsom 5-not out 0, G. Reeks 10-5, K. Humphries 9-0, J. Turnbull 40-6, A. Thompson 1-6, G. Dilleigh 7-11, G. Parrish 1-0, A. Wynn 6-2, R. Milton 6-5, H. Norman 2-0, E. Reeks 0-1, extras 8-7, totals 94 and 43. (Bowling: first innings, Chapman 4-17; second innings, Chapman 2-2, Reid 3-13).

Toddington, 80 (Anstee 6-16); Eversholt, 51 (Carr 6-23, W. Mucklestone 4-28).

Silsloe, 39 (Barber 6-19, Daniels 4-16); Haynes, 150 (Hudson 25, Barr 25; Yeomans 5-49).

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

Bedford and District League

Division I

North End v. Ickwell.
South End v. Renhold.
Kempston v. Blunham.
Everton v. Little Staughton.

Division II

Cople v. Wood End.
Great Barford v. Oakley.

Division III

Riseley v. Hail Weston.
Sharnbrook v. Pavenham.
Lavendon v. Elstow.

Other Matches

Vauxhall Motors v. Bedford.
Queen's Works v. R.A.F. Cardington.
R.A.F. Henlow v. Harpur Sports.
Harpur Sports 2nd XI v. Shire Hall.
Argus v. Igranic.
Thurleigh v. Baptist.
Southill v. R.A.F. Chicksands.
Bedford 2nd XI v. Vauxhall Motors 2nd XI.
Queen's Works 2nd XI v. Northampton Saints 2nd XI.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Everton Win by Six Wickets

Little Staughton lost by six wickets at Everton, for whom J. Wisson and Richardson batted well. The side's bowlers also were in form, G. Brown, an opening batsman for the visitors, being the only player to show confidence against the attack. Scores:—

Little Staughton: R. Thorn 2, G. Brown 16, S. Hall 1, V. Banks 10, G. Stapleton 3, S. Stapleton 3, S. Robins 9, S. Marshall 0, G. Stapleton 7, L. Saunders not out 10, R. Robins 2, extras 7, total 70.

Everton: S. Wisson 1, J. Wisson 29, J. Barnett 17, E. Hull 2, G. Richardson not out 26, V. Wisson not out 8, extras 4, total for four wkts. 87.

Division II

OAKLEY'S POOR SCORE AT GREAT BARFORD

Oakley batsmen fell easy victims at Great Barford to the bowling of B. Peet (five for 15) and J. Ashpole (four for 16). The home side won by 36 runs.

Great Barford also fared badly at the crease, but late in the innings E. Lee and W. Bridge made a useful stand. Oakley's bowlers were S. Rainbow (five for 29), J. Pulford (three for 24), and J. Newell (two for 2). Scores:—

Great Barford: W. Norman 7, B. Peet 14, R. Smith 5, K. Tatman 0, D. Jones 0, J. Ashpole 0, J. Tatman 6, E. Lee not out 20, E. Mincey 1, W. Bridge 14, R. Cooper 0, extras 4, total 70.

Oakley: P. Stapleton 4, F. Rainbow 0, J. Pulford 0, T. Archbell 0, G. Sanders 6, J. Newell 5, B. Saunders 0, D. Parker 1, B. Donagan 2, G. Rainbow not out 10, C. Bird 3, extras 3, total 34.

COPLE LOSE TO WOOD END

Cople: R. Cambers 1, F. Wheeler 3, R. Surridge 4, E. Hull 5, B. Hillyard 0, R. Mincey 17, S. Wilsner 6, A. Worral 7, W. Leonard 4, J. Burridge 1, R. Eagl not out 4, extras 1, total 53.

Wood End: G. Burroway 15, J. Bunny 9, V. Ashpole 1, E. Burroway 6, T. Burroway 0, W. Hutchings 11, D. Wall 10, D. Jessop 0, B. Ashpole 4, L. Jessop not out 1, extras 11, total for nine wkts. 68.

Division III

INNINGS DEFEAT FOR RISELEY

Riseley were dismissed twice for 56 by West End, who won by an innings and 5 runs. In a harvest of cheap wickets Belton had the biggest share—ten for 10—and other West End bowlers to do well were Burroway (four for 11) and Daniels (four for 19). Partridge (six for 13) was best in the Riseley attack. Scores:—

West End: J. Walker 13, Hyde 2, Williams 11, Millard 12, R. Burroway 2, Ashpole 7, Belton 2, Daniels 1, J. Burroway 4, S. Walker 0, A. Walker 0, extras 7, total 61.

Riseley: Gell 0-0, Rootham 1-2, Crowsley 2-1, W. Stevens 0-2, Ball 0-23, Holmes 0-5, Partridge 1-0, Wallis 1-3, C. Stevens 7-0, Hancock 0-0, Nicholls 2-3, extras 2-2, totals 15 and 41.

EIGHT WICKETS FOR A PAVENHAM BOWLER

Scoley was in grand form with the ball for Pavenham against Sharnbrook, and he took the leading part in his side's win by nine runs. He hit the stumps seven times and

had eight wickets at a cost of 29 runs.

At one period it seemed that Sharnbrook's score of 58 was good enough, for Pavenham lost seven wickets for 39 runs, but a stand of 15 by Tandey and Curtis altered the position. Sharnbrook's bowling was shared by Knight (four for 16), Benson (three for 20), and Martin (three for 29). Scores:—

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 6, H. Grey 3, H. Shepherd 9, F. Allen 0, H. Boyles 0, F. Barcock 4, R. Wildman 0, T. Bragg 5, R. Knight 3, D. Benson not out 11, G. Boyles 5, extras 12, total 58.

Pavenham: A. Wesley 0, J. Turner 10, A. Wildman 0, G. Scoley 6, N. Wesley 11, G. Curtis 15, D. Poole 4, J. Crawley 1, J. Tandey 11, B. Billing 5, H. Ashpole not out 2, extras 2, total 67.

SIMCOE'S DEADLY SPELL

At Riseley on Saturday, Hail Weston won by four wickets a match spoiled by continuous rain. Riseley were dismissed for 29 by Simcoe, who took six wickets at a run each, and Cooper (two for 9). For the home side Partridge claimed four for 16. Scores:—

Riseley: F. Gell 1, H. Stevens 2, C. Ball 3, W. Partridge 0, C. Stevens 3, R. Nicholls 2, E. Hancock 4, G. Wrench 0, G. Rootham 5, R. Wesley 1, J. Litchfield 2, extras 6, total 29.

Hail Weston: G. Beal 2, P. Barnett 4, J. Barnett 5, J. Veale not out 7, V. Irons 0, E. Simcoe 12, K. Irons 6, extras 5, total for six wkts. 41.

CLOSE CALL FOR ELSTOW AT LAVENDON

E. Clare, Lavendon's captain, declared his side's innings at only 48 for eight when Elstow were the visitors. The gamble nearly came off, for Elstow lost eight wickets for 42 runs on a rain-drenched wicket, but thanks to an enterprising knock by J. Auker they reached 63. Scores:—

Lavendon: F. Paynton 21, E. Clare 2, G. Marshall 1, R. Wright 9, G. Harrold 4, L. Bailey 0, R. Green 1, A. Sugars not out 1, R. Panter 0, F. Kitchener not out 0, extras 9, total for eight wkts. dec. 48. (R. Bennett five for 21).

Elstow: B. Wilson 11, C. Prudden 2, J. Auker 22, A. Shortland 0, B. Minns 4, R. Bennett 1, M. Brown 0, V. Roberts 4, B. Auker 0, J. Herbert 3, J. Snelson not out 0, extras 10, total 63. (R. Paynton six for 21, E. Clare two for 9).

MARTLETS' TOUR OF KENT

Centuries by H. Southgate and B. C. Barnwell

The Bedford Martlets Cricket Club resumed a pre-war custom by touring Kent last week. It was the Club's sixth tour of that county, and one of the most enjoyable.

The team played six matches, won three, drew two, and lost one. Playing under the captaincy of E. J. Cooper, the following comprised the party: E. S. Volz, F. Marshall, B. C. Barnwell (O.B.M.), H. A. Southgate (O.B.M.), A. G. Coomb and M. P. Houghton (of the 1946 Bedford Modern School XI), P. R. Thomas (Dulwich College), N. E. Gillham and V. A. Gubbins (Southgate), K. J. Petts and G. N. Bullock (Wolvyn Garden City), J. H. Holland (Maidenhead), and W. Moore (Tonbridge).

Features of the tour were two fine centuries, one by Henry Southgate, who hit 24 fours and two sixes off the Gravesend bowling, and the other by Barnwell against Linden Park. Barnwell and Moore figured in a seventh-wicket stand of 202. Several other attractive innings were played for the Martlets, and on the bowling side, Coomb, the Modern School captain, Marshall, and Volz were in excellent form.

THE RESULTS

Lloyd's Sports, Sittingbourne. 121 (Coomb four for 28, Marshall four for 32, Moore two for 16); Martlets, 255 (Southgate 51, Bullock 63, Volz 61).

Martlets, 262 for eight dec. (Barnwell 124, Moore 87); Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells, 193 for eight (Marshall four for 60, Moore two for 13, Volz two for 33).

Martlets, 280 for eight dec. (Southgate 186); Gravesend, 191 (Volz five for 61, Moore three for 28, Coomb two for 33).

Martlets, 227 for three dec. (Thomas 76, Volz not out 51, Barnwell not out 40); Royal Marines, Chatham, 235 for three.

F. W. L. Evans's XI, 72 (Coomb six for 27, Moore three for 10); Martlets, 178 for four (Southgate 80, Houghton not out 30). Played at Cranbrook School.

Weald of Kent, 168 for four dec. (Marshall two for 26, Southgate one for 22); Martlets, 74 for six (Thomas not out 39).

OTHER MATCHES

BIO HITTING FOR SOUTHILL AGAINST CRYSELCO

Cryselco Works just managed to ward off defeat at Kempston, where they met Southill Park. They had one wicket standing and were 81 runs behind when stumps were drawn.

For Southill, a stand by E. Giles and G. Hunt put on 85 runs for the third wicket, and then Giles and A. Swain shared another partnership. This added 48 for the fourth wicket. Giles hit four sixes and seven fours, and Hunt three sixes and four fours.

A big opening stand by James and Middleton gave Cryselco a fine start, but after they were parted wickets quickly fell to C. Odell (three for 29), A. Burnage (three for 39), and A. Swain (two for 7).

Cryselco's bowling was in the hands of R. A. Crouch (three for 68), E. Middleton (one for 36) and D. Boyce (one for 35). Scores:—

Southill Park: A. Brunt 5, A. Burnage 8, E. Giles 74, G. Hunt 53, A. Swain 37, M. King 21, C. Odell 4, E. Revels 9, extras 1, total for seven wkts. dec. 212.

Cryselco: F. James 44, E. Middleton 54, E. Davies 1, L. Osbourne 8, F. Wells 6, D. Boyce 1, J. W. Emmings 0, R. A. Crouch 0, V. Godman not out 9, V. Rodnight 0, E. Metcalf not out 0, extras 8, total for nine wkts. 131.

AN M.P. SHINES WITH THE BAT

Stewartby visited Wolverton on Saturday, the home side winning after Stewartby had declared.

The spectators were treated to a fine display of batting by their Member of Parliament, Mr. Aidan Crowley (an Oxford "Blue" and former Kent County player), who made 68 in a stand of 110 with V. Davis. Scores:—

Stewartby: Campbell 19, E. Nicholls 17, Smith not out 68, Longhurst 3, Shaw 0, Orchard 1, Bonaer 0, R. Nicholls 7, Rowe 1, Lilley not out 4, extras 4, total for eight wkts. dec. 124.

Wolverton: Payne 9, Lloyd 16, Davis not out 53, A. Crawley 68, Brocklehurst 0, Nottingham 0, McKaig 4, Tomkins not out 1, extras 6, total for six wkts. 157.

SEVEN WICKETS FOR NINE RUNS

Hatley St. George were tumbled out for 23 by Sims (seven for 9) at Potton, the home side winning by 75. Scores:—

Potton: Paice 5, Hardy 1, Huckle 4, Sims 4, Boston 12, Wilby 12, Gurney 14, Kitchener not out 30, Worboys 0, Hutchinson not out 12, extras 10, total for eight wkts. dec. 98.

Hatley: C. Hales 4, Hughes 2, Chaffey 0, Thacker 3, Harris 0, F. Starr 7, Purkiss 0, A. Starr 0, S. Hales not out 0, Leonard 0, Dickerson 0, extras 1, total 23.

Bedford Borough Police, 147 for five dec. (S. T. Morris 113 not out); Bedfordshire Police, 110 (Cottrell 36, A. Bellamy eight for 44).

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES

County Hospital Cup

(Final)
North End v. Thurlleigh (Modern School field, 3 p.m.).

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Harpur Sports v. Hitchin.
Wolverton v. Queen's Works.
Bedford Tn. 2nd XI v. Argus.
Igranie v. Chire Hall.
Southill v. R.A.F. Chicksands.
Baptist v. Marston.
Queen's Wks. 'A' v. St. Neots.
Hitchin 2nd XI v. Harpur 2nd

NORTH END'S FIRST HOSPITAL CUP

Thurleigh Collapse against Barker

Thurleigh, the giant-killers of this year's Hospital Cup competition (to reach the final they defeated Bedford Town among other clubs), were beaten in the final by North End Club on Saturday at the Modern School field. It was the first time North End have won the County Hospital Cup. Barker took five of the Thurleigh wickets for 18 runs. He bowled Swebston and Wagstaff with his first two balls, and had Berrill caught in the same over.

Thurleigh, despite a stand by S. Asplin and Walters, found run-getting difficult after these early shocks, and their chance of a win disappeared when S. Asplin and Thorne were run out. Barker and W. Baker (two for 16) quickly ended the innings.

It was a particularly good day for Barker. His 37 extricated North End from the unhappy position caused by the keen bowling of W. Asplin and Thorne. Feasey reached double figures, and the last man in, Barker, took part in a very useful stand. W. Asplin took seven for 51 and Thorne three for 22.

Record Proceeds

Mr. J. Arnold Whitechurch, who presented the cup and medals, mentioned that the competition had this year realized the record sum of £141, including the biggest collection ever taken, £22 that day on the ground.

The scores were:—

NORTH END CLUB	
A. Feasey b W. Asplin	12
S. Chamberlain c Walters b Thorne	2
L. Chamberlain c Berrill b Thorne	6
R. Shirreffs b Asplin	1
W. Baker st Swebston b Asplin	37
G. Footer b Asplin	0
D. Smith c and b Asplin	7
G. Collins lbw b Asplin	7
A. Woodward b Asplin	5
J. Dunham not out	2
A. Barker b Thorne	11
Extras	11
Total	93
THURLEIGH	
R. Swebston b Barker	0
S. Asplin run out	19
J. Wagstaff b Barker	0
C. Berrill c S. Chamberlain b Barker	0
A. Walters c Feasey b Barker	9
W. Asplin b Dunham	2
J. C. Thorne run out	3
K. Wagstaff b Barker	0
F. Bull b Barker	0
C. Clayton b Barker	2
F. Holley not out	1
Extras	9
Total	50

MORRIS AND PRATT IN GOOD STAND

Town Lose by Three Wickets

If S. T. Morris and J. Pratt had not made a good first-wicket stand for Bedford Town at Peterborough on Saturday, Peterborough's margin of victory would probably have been larger than three wickets. These batsmen took the score to 89 but then Bilsborrow, the Peterborough medium-paced bowler, had a good spell and dismissed Pratt and Howard without further score. Morris, close

to his fifty, left at the same total. Both Morris and Blunt were caught at mid-on by Patching.

Harris and Matthews resisted the bowlers for a long time, but the innings closed at 125, which was scored in two hours. Bilsborrow took four for 43 and Ellcome three for 19.

Bedford had a quick success, Pratt taking Haycox at point off Sabey, but Collins was not shaken and his 66 not out was the chief factor in Peterborough's victory. Percy took two for 20 and Harris two for 40. Scores:—

Bedford Town: S. T. Morris c Patching b Beels 47, F. Sabey b Ellcome 3, J. Pratt c Haycox b Bilsborrow 32, E. Howard lbw b Bilsborrow 0, Blunt c Patching b Bilsborrow 0, S. Harris b Spechley 13, B. Caton b Bilsborrow 4, D. Matthews b Ellcome 10, E. Harbins b Ellcome 2, K. Percy b Spechley 3; K. McCanlis not out 0, extras 11, total 125.

Peterborough C.C.: J. Haycox c Pratt b Sabey 3, G. T. Collins not out 66, W. Woolstencroft b Percy 15, T. Greenwood st Morris b Percy 0, L. Beels b McCanlis 2, H. Patching c Matthews b Harris 27, L. Pinder run out 0, R. Bilsborrow b Harris 0, Cheeswright not out 0, extras 14, total (for seven wickets) 127.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Pavenham Win the Third Division

Pavenham entertained and defeated Elstow, their nearest rivals, on Saturday, and won the championship of the Third Division. It was a very sporting game. Pavenham had to thank N. Wesley and A. Wildman for a stand of 30 against keen bowling. J. Turner took six for 15 for the winners. Scores:—

Pavenham: J. Turner 1, A. Wildman 14, G. Scoley 1, N. Wesley 19, G. Curtis 6, A. Wesley 0, D. Poole 1, J. Tandy 4, W. Billing 2, S. Crawley 3, S. Glide 1, extras 1, total 53.

Elstow: Wilson 4, Prudden 0, Usher 0, Shortland 5, Minns 0, Bennett 5, Brown 1, Roberts 9, Auker 3, Herbert 1, Snelson 0, extras 2, total 30.

Kempston Ups and Downs

Kempston easily defeated Renhold in Division I on Saturday, Parker and Bain giving them a good start. No Renhold player reached double figures; in fact, "Mr. Extras" headed the list with five. J. Norman at leg-slip took two fine catches which helped Bain to return an average of six for 9. L. Cambers had four for 11. Scores:—

Kempston: A. Parker 26, J. Tysoe 3, J. Bain 45, H. Parker 1, G. Darlow 5, H. White 10, D. Norman 3, R. Turner not out 13, L. Cambers 8, extras 6, total (for eight wks. dec.) 120.

Renhold: F. Harlow 0, J. Norman 1, W. Harlow 0, T. Hill 4, A. C. Hill 2, C. Constant 2, A. Norman 4, P. Harlow 1, J. Wootton 0, R. Newell not out 1, R. Brice 5, extras 2, total 22.

In their recent match with Blunham, Kempston were soundly beaten. Blunham thus bringing off a double. There were seven "ducks" in Kempston's 21. Scores: Blunham, 66

(L. Cambers five for 34, Bain four for 10); Kempston, 21 (Stacey six for 9, Reid three for 10).

MATCH WON OFF LAST BALL

L. G. Ashwell, bowling the last ball of the game between Free Church Thursday and Bedford Insurance Institute, in Bedford Park, scattered the stumps, and the Free Church won by 58 runs. Burnage carried his bat through the Institute innings and had the best score of the match. Scores:—

Free Church Thursday: W. G. Poole 6, R. Sheppard 3, L. G. Ashwell 13, E. Watson 33, J. Ager 8, J. Hellyer 23, W. Rose 47, T. L. Rose not out 26, D. Hall not out 16, extras 6, total 181.

Insurance Institute: Quickenden 17, Burnage not out 53, Dawson 33, Maddox 0, Line 0, Fuller 0, Young 3, Parrott 4, Birkett 1, Draper 0, Gooch 0, extras 12, total 123.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. W. Beck and family wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement; also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Chamberlain and family, of Colmworth, wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives, friends, and neighbours for help and sympathy shown to them in their bereavement; also for letters received.

Mr. H. Denton and family, of 80 Bedford Avenue, Bedford, wish to express their sincere thanks to all friends and neighbours for the sympathy shown during their recent bereavement; also for all flowers.

Mrs. George Myers, of 13 Newnham Street, Bedford, wishes to express her sincere thanks to friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown during her husband's long illness; also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson, Post Office, Wilstead, Bedfordshire, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind thoughts and sympathy in their sorrow and loss; also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. A. Tuffnell and family wish to thank all friends for the kindness and sympathy shown in their recent bereavement; also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. W. Watts and son, 69 Wellington Street, Bedford, wish to thank all relatives, friends, and neighbours for all the support and sympathy shown to them in their sad loss, and for the beautiful flowers. Please accept this, as only acknowledgement.

BIRTHS

ALLAN.—On 15 August, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, to Winifred (née Hoddy), wife of A. F. Allen, Knotting Green, near Bedford, a son (Adrian).

BEBB.—On 15 August, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Rosemary (née Hankford), wife of Emlyn Bebb, a daughter (Sylvia Laraine).

BRAGGINS.—On 18 August 1946, at Rena Nursing Home, Hitchin, to Hilda (née Neys), wife of Charles Willison Braggins, a second son.

BRITTON.—On Friday, 16 August, at the County Hospital, Bedford, to Truda and Ray, the gift of a son (David John).

COLLINGS.—On 17 August, at "Sunnydale" Nursing Home, Northwick, to Pamela (née Heikhton), formerly of 117 Spring Road, Kempston, wife of Pat Collings, the gift of a son (Barry Graham).

COOKE.—On 21 August, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooke, the gift of a son (Michael).

DRACUP.—On 17 August, at 11 Coventry Road, Bedford, to Elizabeth, wife of Ronald V. Dracup, the gift of a daughter (Anne Christine), a sister for Alan.

FRANKS.—On 11 August, to Lillian (née Lawson), wife of F. A. J. Franks, a daughter (Angela Valerie).

IBBETT.—On 19 August, at the Bedford County Hospital, to Edith (née Sargent), wife of F. W. Ibbett, a son (Reginald George), a brother for Frances.

KEEP.—On 14 August, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, to Sebili (née Godfrey), wife of Geoffrey Keep, of Cotton End, the gift of a daughter (Jacqueline Ann).

LENTON.—On 18 August 1946, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Mary (née Tysoe), wife of John Lenton, the gift of a daughter (Patricia Mary).

ODELL.—On 16 August 1946, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Margaret, wife of Joseph T. Odell, 63 Upper Shelton Road, Marston, the gift of a son (Stuart Tysoe), a brother for Graham.

PEDDAR.—On 18 August, at Cheltondale Nursing Home, Castle Road, Bedford, to Nancy, wife of Philip B. Peddar, 116 Gladstone Street, Bedford, a daughter (Margaret Nan), a sister for Michael.

SARGEANT.—On 20 August, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Phyllis, wife of C. F. S. Sargeant, a son (Michael).

STARMER.—On 15 August, at 27 Grosvenor Street, Bedford, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Starmer, a daughter (Margaret Joy), a sister for Rosemary.

TURTON.—On 20 August 1946, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Alison Rosamond, wife of Eric B. Turton, 9, 2, Winifred Road, Bedford, the precious gift of a daughter (Jill).

WHILE.—On 20 August, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Mr. and Mrs. Whiles, Cranfield, the gift of a daughter (Rosemary Ann).

WOODCOCK.—On 21 August 1946, at the Rena Nursing Home, Bedford, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodcock, 299 Amphill Road, Kempston, a son (Raymond Charles), brother for Tony.

CHRISTENING

MISLOP.—On the first anniversary of their wedding, 9 August 1945, the infant daughter, Penelope Ann, of Major and Mrs. J. A. Mislop, was christened at St. John-in-the-Wilderness, Nant Tal, by the Venerable H. W. B. Cotton, Archdeacon of Lucknow. The godparents are Mr. C. D. Campbell, Mrs. P. Mislop-Walker, Mrs. M. Cameron.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The marriage arranged between Lindsay Benjamin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Chesire, of 112 George Street, Bedford, and Winifred Irene, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Branson, of Tottenham, London, will take place at the Abbey Church, Elstow, on Saturday, 24 August, at 4 p.m.

The marriage arranged between Henk A. Dwarboesch and Patricia Clark, of 3 Park Avenue, Bedford, will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 31 August. All friends welcome at the church.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Frank Housden, 42 Colly Road, Bedford, and Miss Joy, of 26 Sandhurst Place, Bedford, will take place at Rothway Road Baptist Chapel, Bedford, on Saturday, 24 August, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at chapel.

The engagement is announced between Sydney Park, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Luck, of 86 Tower Street, Bedford, and Joan Fox, eldest daughter of Mrs. Fox, 6 Spenser Road, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between the Rev. John Fort Walker, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. H. F. Walker and Mrs. Walker, of Park Road, Peterborough, and Myrtle Wade, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Wade, of Chelsea Cottage, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

MARRIAGES

ARNOLD-CORWOOD.—On Saturday, 17 August 1946, at St. John's Church, Moulton, Northwich, Cheshire, S.S.T. Fred Willard Arnold, U.S.A.A.F., Goshen, California, to Miss Irene Corwood, 40 Mile Road, Bedford.

BIGGS-FOSTER.—On 17 August 1946, at St. Mary's Church, Newcastle, Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, Bedford Road, Marston, to Edna Sheila, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Foster, Marham Road, Horncastle.

CARNEGIE-GUNDRY.—On 17 August 1946, quietly at Christ Church, Bedford, Patrick James, son of the late Capt. A. A. Carnegie, O.B.E., and Mrs. Carnegie, of 26 Stiles Road, Hampstead, N.W.5, to Ruth Dale, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gundry and Mrs. Gundry, of 3 Phillpotts Avenue, Bedford.

COWER-MORBY.—On 19 August 1946, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, by the Vicar of Kensington, Reginald Cower, of London and Paris, and lately of St. Paul, Bedfordshire, to Hilda Morby, of London, and formerly of Olney, Buckinghamshire.

WARD DYER HINMAN.—On Tuesday, 20 August 1946, at All Saints', Shawell, Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Dyer, of Bedford, to Margaret, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hinman, of the Old Rectory, Shawell, Leicestershire.

SILVER WEDDINGS

HASSALL-MASSEY.—On 24 August 1921, at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, by the Rev. John Lindley, Charles John Hassall and Florence Massey. Present address: "Oaklands", Bedford Road, Wootton, Bedfordshire.

WICKENS EDWARDS.—On 25 August 1921, at All Saints' Church, Wroxton, Oxfordshire, by Archdeacon E. Courtenay West, Edward Edward Wickens, of Russell Street, Dalry, Bedford, to Julia Edwards, of "Rosebank", Wroxton, Oxfordshire.

GOLDEN WEDDING

LEIGH-MORECROFT.—On 22 August 1896, at the Primitive Methodist Temple, Handacre, Bedfordshire, by the Rev. A. T. Albert Leigh, to Isabel C. M. Morecroft. Present address, "Lynton", Oakley Hill Road, Clapham, Bedford.

DEATHS

BROWNING.—On 17 August 1946, at "Lane End", St. Albans, Catherine Lucy, widow of J. D. Browning, late of "Kitchen End", near Silsoe, Bedfordshire, aged 89 years.

BUTLER.—On 18 August 1946, Ailre Emma Butler, Post Office, Wilstead, Bedfordshire, aged 74 years. Interred at Manchester.

FOSTER.—On 19 August, suddenly, Emma, wife of Mr. G. E. Foster, aged 61 years.

GODFREY.—On 21 August, Florence Emma Maud Godfrey, 43 College Road, Bedford, aged 61 years.

JOHNSTON.—On 17 August 1946, Michael Colin, aged 4 years, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of 48 Cordington Road, Bedford. R.I.P.

NOTTINGHAM.—On 19 August 1946, beloved husband of Rose Nottingham, 26 King Street, Kempston, in his 57th year.

STEWART.—On 17 August 1946, Florence Ethel Stewart, dearly loved wife of Samuel Stewart, 53 Huny Hill Road, Bedford.

TUFFNELL.—On 17 August 1946, Arthur Tuffnell, Rumber Cottage, Wilstead, Bedfordshire, aged 66 years.

IN MEMORIAM

ANSELL.—In loving memory of dear Ken, who passed away on 22 August 1945.—From mum and dad at Cuddington, aunties and uncles at Shefford, Melbourne, and High Wycombe.

ASKEW.—Treasured memories of a dearly loved husband and father, Sydney James, who passed away on 21 August 1945.—From his loving wife and family, 6 Cauldwell Place, Bedford.

ASKEW.—In ever-loving memory of our dear brother, Sydney James Askew, who passed away on 21 August 1945.—From his sisters, Nell and Evelyn, Foster Street and Queen Street, Bedford.

BARKER.—In ever-loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. Frederick Arthur Barker, who died of avianitis whilst a prisoner of war in Japanese hands on 25 August 1943.—From mum and dad, sisters, and brothers, Bedford, Sandy, and Renhold.

BLACK.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Evelyn, who passed away on 28 August 1943.—From Gwen.

BUNCOINE.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Ada, who fell asleep on 25 August 1942.—Lizzie and Fatty.

CARR.—In ever-loving memory of my dear husband, Samuel, who entered into rest on 26 August 1936.

CLARK.—In proud and loving memory of a dear son and brother, Basil John (Jack), who died of beri-beri whilst a prisoner of war in Japanese hands on 23 August 1943.—From mother, sister, and brothers.

DEAG.—In loving memory of James Deag, who passed away on 23 August 1945.—From his loving wife and family, 13 Lovell's Homes, Oakley, Bedfordshire.

ENDERSBY.—In loving memory of my dear mother and father, Elizabeth Endersby, who passed away on 25 August 1936, also Edward Endersby, on 1 September 1941.—From 14 High Street, Biggleswade.

EVANS.—In loving and undying memory of our darling mother, Charlotte Evans, who was called to rest on 21 August 1945.—From all her children, 16 Hatvey Road, Goldington, Catkin, Elbow Vale, Bedford.

EVANS.—Treasured memories of our darling grandma, Charlotte Evans, who fell asleep on 21 August 1945.—From all her grandchildren.

FRENCH.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Caroline French, who passed away on 24 August 1944.—From her loving sons and daughters, Harry, Jack, Rose, and May.

GALE.—In loving memory of my dear father, who passed away on 19 August 1933.—From his daughter Maude, mum, and Harold.

COFF.—In loving memory of Lily Coff, a dear wife and mother, who was accidentally killed on 23 August 1943.—From her husband and son, B Dudley Close, Kempston.

GREGORY.—In ever-loving and affectionate remembrance of my dear wife and pal, Maude Florence, who passed over on 26 August 1945.—Harry.

HARRIS.—Treasured memories of our darling son, Roy, taken suddenly from us 27 August 1934, aged 71 years.—From mummy, daddy, brothers Neil and Colin, and granddad, Oxford, and aunties and uncles, Bedford.

HOLMES.—In loving memory of Lottie, a dear sister and daughter, who passed away on 21 August 1945.—From her loving father, brothers, and sisters, Lavendon.

HOLMES.—In loving memory of a dear mother, Emily Holmes, who passed away on 23 August 1927.—From her loving daughter and son, Lily and Frank, Houghton Conquest and Wootton.

MAYES.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, David Mayes, who passed away on 19 August 1944.—From his loving wife and family.

NEALE.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, F. St. Donald Neale, who was killed on 27 August 1944.—From mum, dad, Walter, Betty, Thelma, and Ruby, 9 Sidney Road, Bedford.

PURSER.—In ever-loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Annie Purser, who died on 23 August 1938.—From her husband and children at Bedford, Biggleswade, and Haspenden.

SHARMAN.—Treasured memories of my dear mother, Emily Sharmar, of Clonhill, who passed away on 25 August 1942.—From her loving son Arthur, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, Gratton Road, Bedford.

STANTON.—In proud and treasured memories of our dear sister and auntie, Mabel, who fell peacefully asleep on 27 August 1945.—From Redgley, Fla. and Connie, 3 Thurligh Road, Milton Ernest.

STANTON.—Treasured memories of our dear sister, Mabel Mary Stanton, who left us so suddenly on 27 August 1945.—From Ethel and Owen, "Homesley", Milton Ernest.

STANTON.—In fond and loving memory of dear Auntie Mabel, who left us suddenly on 27 August 1945.—From Gertrude, Bithery, and Gordon, Ruters Cottage, Thurligh.

TYSOE.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Florence, who passed away on 20 August 1942.—From her husband and children.

**LAST PAIR PLAY
OUT TIME**

**Bedford 2nd Just Miss
a Win**

C. Burgess and Jackson, Hitchin 2nd XI's last pair, played out time on Saturday and deprived Bedford 2nd of the expected win. E. Hawkins was top scorer for Bedford, and Stokes also played a valuable innings. Davey and Wyld each took three Hitchin wickets. Scores:—

Bedford Town 2nd: E. Barcock 3, E. Hawkins 32, B. Sowerbutts 2, T. B. Wooliscroft 4, E. Watson 2, R. T. Sheppard 13, C. Matthews 13, R. Stokes not out 23, E. Davey 5, R. Wyld 0, E. Crouch 0, extras 7, total 104.

Hitchin 2nd: 70 for nine.

**HARPUR TOO GOOD
FOR QUEEN'S**

Queen's Works have had a poor batting season. On Saturday, entertaining Harpur Sports, they were skittled out for 46 by bowling which was steady but not exceptional. E. Smith took six for 12. Dodds was in good form for Harpur, his 56 including some powerful drives. Scores:—

Queen's Works: E. Wooding 2, R. Odell 11, E. Collingridge 10, S. Barcock 5, H. Boyse 2, M. Macdonald 4, S. Wildman 1, E. Walker 7, D. Thompson 2, S. Frossell 0, J. Smith not out 0, extras 2, total 46.

Harpur Sports: S. Dodds 56, A. Peacock 0, A. Webster 5, R. Poulter 11, J. Newman 0, R. Jarvis 10, E. Smith not out 0, extras 4, total (for 6 wks.) 86.

**SHIRE HALL'S GOOD
FIGHT**

**Yeo's Not-Out Innings
for Biggleswade**

Shire Hall struggled hard against Biggleswade at Bedford Park on Saturday, but were beaten by 13 runs. Yeo (33 not out) was concerned in stands which placed Biggleswade in a good position. Allen (Biggleswade) had the best bowling figures (six for 24). Scores:—

Biggleswade: Rogers 14, Bygraves 8, Yeo not out 33, Giles 6, Revels 11, E. Smith 1, Allen 1, Carr 11, Roberts 0, Bumpstead 0, S. Smith 5, extras 29, total 119.

Shire Hall: Scrivener 15, Pacey 15, James 16, Martin 22, Chissell 0, Poole 1, Vivers 7, Tory (not out) 9, Beard 1, Jackson 4, Furlong 0, extras 16, total 106.

**MORRIS'S CENTURY
HABIT**

**Good Work for Town
and Police Clubs**

S. T. Morris, the Bedfordshire, Bedford Town, and Borough Police batsman, now finds century-making a habit. He has scored three for the Police this season, and has an average of 85 for them. On Saturday, Morris scored 104 in quick time at Newnham Avenue for Bedford Town against Hitchin.

Bedford Town dismissed Hitchin for 76, S. G. Harris taking six for 33. In reply, Bedford hit up 176 for five, Howard assisting Morris in an opening stand of 56. Scores:— Hitchin Town: 76.

Bedford Town: S. T. Morris retired 104; E. C. Howard 28, J. Pratt 9, F. Sabey 13, B. Caton 14, D. J. Blunt not out 4, R. J. Harris 0, extras 4, total (for five wks.) 176.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Kempston, Champions of First Division

Kempston, by defeating North End Club at Bedford Park, became champions of the First Division. D. Smith had a "hat-trick" for North End. Scores:

Kempston: W. Tipton 18, A. Parker 12, J. Bain 0, R. Turner 12, H. Parker 1, J. Tysoe 31, H. White 23, H. Gilbert 0, L. Cambers not out 19, G. Darlow 0, R. Walker 0, extras 8, total 124.

North End Club: A. Feasey 1, S. Chamberlain 5, L. Chamberlain 6, R. Sherriffs 13, R. Colburn 1, G. Footer 10, J. Dunham 7, D. Smith 7, A. Woodward 9, W. Loak 5, J. Fensome not out 3, extras 12, total 79.

RENHOLD OVERWHELMED

Everton overwhelmed Renhold mainly through Darlow's 43, and gained their sixth successive win. Renhold were dismissed in twelve overs for 21 runs, E. Hull taking four for 7. Scores:—

Everton: D. Darlow 43, J. Wisson 10, S. Wisson 1, J. Barnett 24, J. G. Cook 0, G. Richardson 14, V. Wisson 1, E. Hull 8, E. Giles 7, R. Hull 2, G. Peck not out 3, extras 8, total 127.

Renhold: P. Harlow 7, W. Harlow 0, G. Constant 1, J. Norman 2, T. Hill 3, A. C. Hill 1, R. Newell 0, M. Clarke 5, A. Norman 0, J. Wootton 2, R. Brice not out 0, total 21.

Division II

THURLEIGH AND GREAT BARFORD TO PLAY OFF

Great Barford and Thurleigh both won their matches on Saturday and have ended the season with 22 points in Division II. The championship will be decided by a play-off in Bedford Park to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. There will be neutral umpires.

GREAT BARFORD SKITTLE OUT STAGSDEN

Robinson's 22 not out for Great Barford against Staggsden topped the Staggsden total by two. Peet took five Staggsden wickets for 8 and J. Ashpole four for 8. W. Woolston took four for 7 for Staggsden. Scores:—

Great Barford: R. Smith 1, D. Jones 0, Robinson 22, W. Norman 0, B. Peet 0, J. Ashpole 7, K. Tatman 8, E. Lee 1, W. Bridge 2, E. Minney 9, R. Cooper not out 0, extras 6, total 58.

Staggsden: R. Benson 0, C. Anthony 2, G. Newman 0, F. Beard 4, H. Newman 0, B. Sharpe not out 5, F. Frossel 2, W. Woolston 2, F. Herbert 0, J. Northwood 1, extras 4, total 29.

THURLEIGH RECORDS

Thurleigh's victory at Cople provided three records. Not only did Thurleigh get their highest score of the season, but the brothers Asplin both made their highest scores in League cricket. Scores:—

Thurleigh: S. Asplin 3, R. Swepston 7, J. Asplin 43, J. Wagstaff 14, A. Walters 6, J. C. Thorne 3, W. Asplin 56, L. Franklin 5, K. Wagstaff 0, C. Clayton 2, F. Bull not out 4, extras 14, total 157.

Cople: R. Cambers 0, S. Wilshaw 7, H. Hillyard 16, R. Minney 3, F. Johnson 7, E. Hull 7, B. Hillyard 0, A. Worrall 0, J. Burridge not out 5, R. Eagle 0, extras 7, total 52.

Division III WILSON THE MATCH-WINNER

Wilson, the Elstow Abbey opening batsman, practically won the match on his own account. Bennett took six for 12 for Elstow. Scores:—

Elstow Abbey: Wilson 57, Prudden 0, Usher 5, Shortland 1, Brown 2, Bennett 2, Roberts 7, Auken 6, Herbert 4, Bartram 0, Snelson not out 0, extras 6, total 90.

Hail Weston: J. Catling 7, P. Barnett 7, J. Veale 4, F. Catling 1, K. Irons 4, V. Irons 7, E. Simcoe 0, J. Barnett 2, J. Cooper 0, R. Andrews 1, M. Kitchener not out 0, extras 8, total 41.

OTHER MATCHES

Biggleswade, 119 (Yeo not out 33); Smre Hall, 106.

Royston, 101; Henlow, 49 for six.

Southill Park, 100 for three, dec. (Ballard not out 38); Meppershall, 55 and 44 for three.

Pulloxhill, 106 (Hub. Parker 40); Steppingley, 13 (S. Webb seven for 3).

Amphill, 55; H. Whittamore's XI, 98.

Hitchin Town, 76 (S. G. Harris 6-33); Bedford Town, 176 for five (S. T. Morris 104).

Bedford Town 2nd, 104 (Hawkins 32); Hitchin 2nd, 70 for nine.

Queen's Works, 46 (E. Smith 6-12); Harpur Sports, 86 for 6.

Bedford Borough Police, 158 for five (Morris not out 108); Cambridge Police, 92 for three.

South End, 12 and 53 for five; Ickwell, 77.

Pagan C.C. (Bedford), 107; D. Harris's XI (Silsoe), 110 for four.

Grafton Works, 38 (Skevington 4-2); Box End, 29 (Lewis 6-7).

Bramley, 85 (E. Litchfield 3-11); Harpur Sports, 204 for four (R. Poulter not out 45, A. Martin not out 40).

North End Club, 113 (D. Smith not out 30); Camden Sports Club, Cambridge, 57 (L. Chamberlain 6-26).

Queen's Works "A", 71 (Dawson 18, B. Mathews not out 16); Northampton Saints "A", 81 for eight (J. Perry not out 50, Odell six for 32).

Silsoe, 100 for four (Legate not out 62, Dawes (I) two for 18); Pagan, 107 (Farmer-Wright 32, Legate five for 9).

R.A.F., Henlow, 148 (Polidre 35, McCanlis seven for 29); Pagan, 177 (A. Dawes 77).

CRICKET FIXTURES

Bedford and District League

Division I

Renhold v. Little Staughton, Ickwell v. North End.

Division II

(Championship Play-off)
Thurleigh v. Great Barford (Bedford Park).

Other Matches

Dunstable Town v. Bedford Town.

Harpur Sports v. Northampton Brewery.

Bedford Town 2nd v. Harpur Sports 2nd.

Argus v. Baptist C.C.

Hitchin v. Southill Park.

Shire Hall v. Lynton Works.

George Kent (Luton) v. Queen's Works.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT
CRICKET LEAGUE**

**ICKWELL FALL TO
KEMPSTON BOWLERS**

After having 35 on the board for three wickets, Ickwell were tumbled out by L. Cambers (five for 10) and J. Bain (five for 23), and Kempston won easily. The League champions lost Tysoe at four, but Bain hit up 43 (three sixes and three fours). Scores:

Ickwell: G. Reeks 10, A. Marson 2, J. Turnbull 1, A. Bennett 20, H. Thompson 1, G. Dilleigh 0, C. Dilleigh 7, G. Parrish 0, H. Ebbs not out 2, C. Thompson 0, H. Norman 0, extras 4, total 47.

Kempston: W. Tipton not out 25, J. Tysoe 1, J. Bain 43, H. Parker 6, Sid Smith not out 10, extras 4, total for three wickets 89.

FINAL TABLES.

First Division

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Kempston	14	9	4	1	20
Everton	14	8	4	2	18
Blunham	14	6	6	2	14
Ickwell	14	5	7	2	13
North End Club	14	5	7	2	13
Renhold	14	4	7	3	10
Little Staughton	14	3	7	4	10
South End Ramblers	14	2	11	1	5

Second Division

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Thurlleigh	12	11	1	0	24
Great Barford	12	11	1	0	23
Stagsden	12	6	6	0	12
Wood End	12	4	8	0	8
Oakley	12	3	9	0	6
Cople	12	3	10	0	6
Lynton Works II	12	2	10	0	4

Third Division

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Pavenham	12	11	1	0	22
Hall Weston	12	8	4	0	16
Kilow	12	8	4	0	16
Sharnbrook	12	4	7	1	9
West End	12	3	8	1	7
Riseley	12	1	11	0	2
Lavendon	12	0	12	0	0

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. E. Holmes and Mrs. R. Hills (daughter) wish to thank all friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their great loss.—59 Broad Street, Clifton, Bedfordshire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Metcalf and family, 18 Moulton Avenue, Bedford, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the beautiful flowers and sympathy shown to them in their recent loss.

The family of the late **Mrs. Sarah Ann Isabel Page, 25 Trinity Road, Bedford,** wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for the help and sympathy in their recent bereavement, and for all floral tributes. Kindly accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mrs. Steward and family wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement, and for beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

BIRTHS

BANKS.—On 1 December, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Hazel (nee Maple) wife of L. Banks, the gift of a son (David Michael).

BURGESS.—On 4 December, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Marie (nee Morcan), wife of A. W. Burgess, 1 Ridgeway Road, Kempston, the gift of a son (Alan John).

BURTON.—On 1 December, at 23 Kimbolton Road, Bedford, to Olive (nee Chapman), wife of Donald Burton, of 10 Cowper Road, Bedford, the gift of a son (Alan John).

CAMERON.—On 29 November, at No. 4 Ruden Road, Bletsoe, to Dorothy (nee Jefferies), wife of R. Cameron, the gift of a son (Melvyn Robert).

CHURCH.—On 30 November, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Dorothy (nee Wright), wife of George Church, 25 Gloucester Road, Bedford, the gift of a son (Bruce Reginald).

CHURCHMAN.—On Tuesday, 26 November 1946, to Beatrice, wife of Geof. W. Churchman, the gift of a daughter (Marie Elizabeth), a sister for Keith.

CLARKE.—On 25 November, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, to Pauline (nee Wildman), wife of H. Clarke, the gift of a son (Barry Paul).

COOPER.—On Thursday, 28 November, at the Rens Nursing Home, Bedford, to Adeline, wife of Francis Cooper, Cinques Road, Gamlingay, the gift of a son (David Francis James).

COX.—On 30 November, at 90 Vinery Road, Cambridge, to Evelyn (nee Furness) and Charles Cox, of 66 High Street, Oakley, Bedfordshire, the gift of a son (Edward Charles Ernest).

DAWE.—On 28 November, 1946, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, to Grace (nee Rowland), wife of Major R. L. Dawe, a daughter.

FAULKNER.—On 30 November 1946, at Bedford County Hospital, to Daphne (nee Harris), wife of B. E. Faulkner, 58 Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moretaine, the gift of a son (Howard).

GEARY.—On 29 November 1946, at Bedford County Hospital, to Ivy, wife of Gerald Geary, a son (Raymond), a brother for Ivor.

HARDING.—On Thursday, 28 November, at Bedford County Hospital, to Lenna (nee Bland), wife of H. C. Harding, of Eltham, the gift of a daughter (Stella), a sister for Christopher.

HEADLAND.—On 30 November, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Elaine (nee Hand), wife of John Headland, a daughter (Amanda).

HUGHES.—On Wednesday, 27 November, at 2 Dudley Close, Kempston, to Vera (nee Warner), wife of John R. Hughes, the gift of a daughter (Patricia Ann).

IRWIN.—On 1 December 1946, to Joan (nee Matthews), wife of Mr. A. H. Irwin, of 29 Howbury Street, Bedford, the gift of a son (Michael).

KEEN.—At the Rens Nursing Home, Bedford, on 1 December 1946, to Ivy (nee Woodward), wife of Cyril Keen, 12 Brackley Road, Bedford, the gift of a daughter (Lesley Ann).

RAMOS.—On 30 November, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ramos (nee Winifred May Ibbott), 611 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., U.S.A., the gift of a daughter (Eleanor), by cable.

RICHARDSON.—On 4 December, at the Elms Nursing Home, Kempston, to Muriel (nee Kirby), wife of G. Richardson, the gift of a daughter (Patricia Marion).

ROBINSON.—On 3 December, at the Rens Nursing Home, Bedford, to Valerie (nee Somers-Vine), wife of Roy C. Robinson, a daughter (Susan).

SINFIELD.—On Friday, 29 November 1946, at Bedford County Hospital, to Christine (nee Hinde), wife of R. W. Sinfield, 11 Winchester Road, Bedford, the gift of a son (Paul Reginald).

SWANNELL.—On 28 November, at 23 Kimbolton Road, to Mabel (nee Scott), wife of W. R. Swannell, a precious gift of a daughter (Shirley Anne).

WARREN.—On 3 December, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, to Iris (formerly Whiting), wife of Charles Edward Warren, of 154 Wendover Drive, Bedford, a son (Timothy Charles).

WATSON.—On 26 November 1946, at Chantry Avenue, Kempston, to Mr. and Mrs. Watson, a daughter (Christine Susan), a sister for Carol Ann.

WILES.—On 27 November, at 15 Stunt Road, Kempston, to Marjorie (nee Ashpole), wife of George Wiles, the gift of a son (Raymond George).

YORK.—On 26 November, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, to Sheila (nee Polson), wife of Frederick T. York, of 17 Waterloo Road, Bedford, a son (Alan Frederick).

CHRISTENING

HENWOOD.—The christening took place on 1 December at All Saints' Church, Milton Ernest, of Zena Patricia, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Henwood, Queens Park, Bedford. Canon Morgan officiated. The godparents were Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Dew, Mr. H. Austin.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The engagement is announced between Dennis Frank, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Dancer, of 14 Trinity Road, Bedford, and Peggy Doris, only child of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Claridge, of 17 Trinity Road, Bedford.

The marriage arranged between Derrick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dighton, Bluntingsham, and Nancy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Champkin, of 17 Dudley Street, Bedford, will take place at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford, on Thursday, 12 December, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church.

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Neville Busing Gray, Beds., and Mrs. J. W. Gray, of 19 The Garlands, Scarborough, Yorkshire, and Kathleen Ruth Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Courtenay Smith, 325 Bedford Road, Kempston.

The marriage will take place on 5 December between Lieut. Geoffrey Rowland Hill, Royal Engineers, eldest son of Capt. and Mrs. Douglas B. Hill, of 19 Church Road, Bedford, to Marina, eldest daughter of Signor and Signorina Giovanni Cavalleri, of Pola, Istria, Italy.

The engagement is announced between Sgt. E. C. Keech, of Apley, and Miss Nellie Warren, of Fenlake Road, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between John Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Luck, "The Forge," Little Houghton, Northamptonshire, and Celia Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Payne, 37 Stuart Road, Kempston, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between Harold, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pelling, of 48 Wheatley Avenue, Corby, Northamptonshire, and Pat, eldest daughter of Mrs. N. F. Clark and the late Mr. W. C. T. Clark, Moss Lane, Elstow.

The engagement is announced between Neville Sawford, 25 High Street, Blunham, second son of Mr. Sawford, "The Garage," Kempston, and Joan, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barker, 105 High Street, Blunham.

The marriage arranged between Alec Henry Whitmore, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitmore, of 9 High Street, Kempston, and Mary Jessie Bandy, only child of Mrs. Franklin and the late Mr. Thomas Bandy, of Cople, and stepdaughter of Mr. W. J. Franklin, of 56 York Street, Bedford, will take place at Russell Park Baptist Church, Denmark Street, Bedford, at 2.30 on Monday, 23 December.

MARRIAGES

AINSWORTH-THOMSON.—On 3 December 1946, at St. Mary's Church, Axminster, Gerald Hutchinson, only son of Mr. Ainsworth, 57 Charter Road, Bedford, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Lloyds Bank House, Axminster.

HAYLOCK-CHANDLER.—On 30 November 1946, at Ely Cathedral, Woodbine Hill, Bedford, 56 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford, to Ena Mary, daughter of the late Charles William and Mrs. Chandler, of Leagrave, Bedfordshire.

DEATHS

BREARY.—On 29 November 1946, Thomas Stephen Breary, 15 Station Road, Oakley, Bedfordshire, aged 81 years.—Cremated at Kettering.

BROWN.—On 27 November, at the Bedfordshire Sanatorium, Dorothy Brown, of 6 Oakley Road, Clapham, aged 39.

BURNIDGE.—On 4 December, Francis Robert Burnidge, of 35 Leighton Street, Woburn, aged 81.

DAINTON.—On 2 December, Grace Dainton, 118 Coventry Road, Bedford, aged 73 years.

DAVIS.—On 25 November 1946, Ethelbert George Davis, of 15 St. Andrew's Road, Bedford, and devoted beloved husband of Gladys, and loving father of Clive and Raymond, aged 52 years.

DEXTER.—On 2 December, David John Dexter, 12 Adelaide Square, Bedford, aged 31 months.

HARPER.—On 1 December, James Henry Harper, 21 Park Road North, Bedford, aged 54 years.

HERBERT.—On Sunday evening, 1 December 1946, at 5 Elstow Road, Bedford, Sarah Ann Herbert, in her 93rd year, mother of Kathleen Jacobs. After a long life of loving service to others.

LITCHFIELD.—On 30 November, James Charles Sidney Litchfield, 51 Coventry Road, Bedford, aged 20 years.

MARTINDALE.—On 2 December, at St. Peter's Hospital, Bedford, William Martindale, aged 75 years. Funeral Saturday morning, 11 o'clock, at the Parish Church, Kempston.

STEWART.—On 28 November 1946, Frederick John, beloved husband of Lucy Stewart, School House, Bohnhurst, aged 74 years.

BUTCLIFFE.—On 29 November 1946, John Butcliffe, 8 Newham Avenue, Bedford, aged 80 years.—Cremated at Cambridge.

TAYLOR.—On 28 November 1946, Ernest John Taylor, of 7 Roundham Road, Pailinton.

WEBB.—On 2 December 1946, Abel Went, 21 Lovell Homes, Oakley, Bedfordshire, aged 76 years.

WILLSHAW.—On Tuesday, 3 December 1946, at 10 Gladstone Street, Bedford, Frederick Willsshaw, aged 75 years.

WRIGHT.—On 30 November, Kenneth Herbert Wright, 15 Westbourne Road, Bedford, aged 20 years.

IN MEMORIAM

ASHTON.—In ever-loving memory of a dear husband and father, Stephen Ashton, who died suddenly on 2 December 1945.—From Lil, Joan, and Tom, 48 Owyn Street, Bedford.

BANDY.—In ever-loving memory of dear mum, Ann Bandy, who passed away on 5 December 1939.—From Ciss and family, also Lilian.

BOWLER.—Loving and treasured memories of our dear ones, mum (Catherine Mary), and auntie (Rose Elizabeth), who were called to rest on 8 December 1935 and 25 April 1940.

CAMPIN.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William J. Campin, who passed away on 5 December 1945.—From his loving wife, Bill, and Marjorie.

CHASTY.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Kate L. Chasty, who passed away 9 December 1943.—From her loving son and daughter, 18 Aspley Road, Bedford.

CLARKE.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William George, who passed away on 7 December 1945.—From his devoted wife and daughters, Doreen and Sheila.

CLEGG.—Cherished memories of my darling baby son, Barrie, who was taken into God's keeping, 7 December 1945, aged 19 months.—From his ever-loving mum, and Jo-Anna, nainie, and granddad, Stoke-on-Trent (late of Bedford).

CLEGG.—Treasured memories and ever-present sweet thoughts of Barrie, our darling Godchild, who was taken from us, 7 December, 1945, aged 19 months.—From his loving Auntie Phyllis, Uncle Alec, Pamela, and Vilma.

COX.—In ever-loving memory of our dear father, Harry Cox, who died on 4 December 1931.—From his sons and daughters, 32 Corn Street and 32 Dudley Street, Bedford.

COX.—In loving memory of dear granny, who passed away on 6 December 1945.—From Lily, Cyril, and Judy.

CRADDOCK.—In loving remembrance of a dear husband and father, Samuel Craddock, 12 High Street, Houghton Conquest, who passed away on 5 December 1943.—From a sorrowing widow, son, and daughters.

DARLOW.—In loving memory of our dear sons, Wallace Frank and William Thomas, who passed away on 5 December 1944 and 13 December 1922.—From their loving mother and father.

DARLOW.—Cherished memories of our brothers, William and Wallace, whom God took to rest on 13 December 1922 and 9 December 1944.—From Glad, Will, and family.

DAVIES-HYMAN.—In treasured memory of a dearly loved husband, who passed away on 10 December 1944.—From his loving and devoted wife Rose.

EATS.—Treasured memories of our darling baby, Judith, who passed away on 4 December 1945, age 1 year and 9 months.—From her loving mummy and daddy, 56 Harrington Street, Bedford.

EATS.—Sweetest memories of dear little Judith, who passed away on 6 December 1945, aged 1 year and 9 months.—From her loving mother, Mrs. Thacker, 97 Hartington Street, Bedford, and sisters and brother, Bedford, Wales, and Derby.

FELLOWS.—In proud and treasured memory of our dear sons and brothers, Able Seaman, and Able Seaman, E.N. reported missing, presumed killed, 9 December 1942, aged 20 years, and Pte. Reginald Fellows, died whilst a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, 5 August 1943, aged 24 years.—From their loving mother, Mrs. Thacker, 97 Hartington Street, Bedford, and sisters and brother, Bedford, Wales, and Derby.

FULLER.—In everlasting memory of Sapper Percy Fuller, who was accidentally drowned in North Africa on 6 December 1943.—From Granny and Doris, Bedford.

GAUNT.—In affectionate remembrance of a dear sister, Florence Hilda Gaunt, who passed away on 4 December 1945.—From all her sisters and brother.

GOOCH.—Treasured memories of a beloved son and brother, F/Lt. Michael Gooch, R.A.F.V.R., killed in a flying accident whilst on active service on 6 December 1945; buried on the island of St. Eustace, St. Vincent, by Margaret, Pemberley Avenue, Bedford.

GREEN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Robert Henry Green, who passed away on 6 December 1941.—From his loving wife, Florrie.

GREEN.—In loving memory of a dear mother and nannie, Florence Eliza Green, who passed away on 6 December 1943.—From Connie, Stan, and Brenda.

HALE.—In ever-loving memory of a dear mother (Winifred M. Hale), who died on 5 December 1944.—From her son Vic, also Doreen and Grandson Peter (Marston).

HANCOCK.—In memory of our dear mother, Emma Hancock, who passed away on 1 December 1945.—Bet, Fred, and Kate, 85 Risborough Road, Bedford.

HARDWICK.—Loving memory of dear old dad, Charles Hardwick.—From his loving wife and children, Kempston, Bedford, and Aberdeen.

HARPER.—In loving memory of a dear father, Charles Harper, who died on 6 December 1944.—From Ted and all at 24 Acacia Road, Bedford.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, who passed away on 3 December 1940.—From his loving wife and family at 112 Tavistock Street, Bedford.

KING.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mary King, who passed away on 7 December 1942.—From her loving husband and children, 11 King Street, Kempston, Bedford, and Watford; also grandchildren, Kempston and Peterborough.

IN MEMORIAM

LAIRD.—We remember with love and treasured memories a loving husband and father, Edward George Laird, who was called to rest on 1 December 1943.—From his loving wife and children, 199 Cardington Road, Bedford.

LAIRD.—In loving memory of our dear Ted (Edward Laird), who passed away on 1 December 1943.—From mother, Doris, and Glen, Bedford.

LANE.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Bertha, who entered into rest on 10 December 1945.—From her loving husband and family, 10 Bridge Road, Bedford.

LAY.—Fondest memories of our son and brother, Chr. B. V. Lay, R.A., killed in Italy on 4 December 1944.—From mum, dad, and Peter.

LAYNES.—In sweetest remembrance of my dear husband, Arthur, who passed away on 10 December 1945.—From his broken-hearted wife.

LAYNES.—In loving memories of a dear father and granddad, Arthur Laynes, who passed away on 10 December 1945.—From Grace, Ted, Una, and Shirley, Finchley.

LAYNES.—In fondest remembrance of our dear dad, Arthur Laynes, who passed away on 10 December 1945.—From Emily and Edward, Scotland.

LAYNES.—Treasured memories of our dear father, who fell asleep on 10 December 1945.—From his loving children, Jessie and Ted.

LAYNES.—In never-fading memory of my dear father, who was called to rest on 10 December 1945.—From his loving son Gordon, London.

LAYNES.—Cherished memories of our beloved father and a dear granddad, who fell asleep on 10 December 1945.—From Edna, Fred, and Peter, 44 Dudley Street, Bedford.

LEE.—In loving memory of my dear daughter, Doris Elizabeth, who passed peacefully away on 6 December 1945, aged 11 years.—From dad.

LEE.—Treasured memories of darling Doris, who fell asleep on 6 December 1945.—From Alice, George, Doreen, and Stan.

LLOYD.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Sydney Thomas Lloyd, who passed away on 8 December 1936.—From his loving wife, sons, and daughters, Bedford and Weltonborough.

LONNON.—In loving memory of Stella, who passed away on 5 December 1945.—From Charles, Flora, and Joan.

LONNON.—In loving memory of Stella, who passed away on 5 December 1945.—From mum, Mabel, and George.

LONNON.—To the dear memory of Stella, who passed away on 5 December 1945.—From Stan.

MARSH.—(Felmersham) Treasured memories of a dear mother and grandma, who passed peacefully away on 8 December 1945.—Always remembered by George, Jessie, and grandchildren.

MORRIS.—In never-fading memory of "Bill", who passed away on 11 December 1944.—From his ever-loving wife, 12 Box End, Kempston.

MORRIS.—In ever-loving memory of our dear dad, who passed away on 11 December 1944.—From his five children.

MUNRO.—In ever-loving memory of my dear husband, Cpl. Thomas Munro, killed in Italy, 9 December 1944.—Interred in Bologna British Cemetery.—His loving wife.

MUNRO.—To the treasured memories of a dear son and brother, Cpl. Thomas Munro, who was killed in Italy on 9 December 1944.—Interred Bologna British Cemetery.—Father, mother, and sister Alice.

MUNRO.—To the dear memory of our dear brother, Cpl. Thomas Munro, killed in Italy, 9 December 1944.—Interred in Bologna British Cemetery.—Sister Chriss and brother-in-law John.

MUNRO.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Cpl. Thomas Munro, killed in Italy, December 1944.—Interred in Bologna British Cemetery.—Sister Mary and brother-in-law Ron, Ilford.

MUNRO.—In loving memory of our son-in-law, Cpl. Thomas Munro, killed in Italy on 9 December 1944.—From Mr. and Mrs. Spreadborough, also Dorothy and Tom.

PACEY.—In ever-dear and loving remembrance of Ezra Pacey, of Park Road East, Bedford, who passed on on 9 December 1919, aged 76.—Bertha, 75 Foster Hill Road, Bedford.

PITTS.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who died on 3 December 1943.—From dad, Owen, and family.

PITTS.—In ever-loving memory of my dear mother, who died on 5 December 1943.—From her old Em.

PLEDGEH.—In ever-loving and treasured memory of Stephen, a beloved son and brother, who gave his life in Holland, 1944.—Mum, Gladys, John.

ROGERS.—Treasured memories of Cpl. Norman Rogers, killed 8 December 1944.—From mum, sisters, and brothers.

SMITH.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Jane Smith, who passed away on 8th December 1942; also her beloved husband, John, who passed away on 21 May 1929.—From their loving children.

SPRECKLEY.—In loving and unfading memory of my dear devoted wife, Caroline, who died on 6 December 1943.—From her loving husband, 10 Elstow Road, Bedford.

STAPLETON.—In loving memory of our dear son, Walter George Stapleton, who passed away on 6 December 1944.—From his loving mother, father, and brother.

THORNGATE.—With fragrant and happy memories of darling Pat, who fell asleep on 1 December 1943.—From nanna and grandpa, Riseley, and all at Sharnbrook.

WELLS.—Remembering a devoted wife and mother, Elizabeth Wells, who passed away on 6 December 1945.—From her husband and children, Bedford and China.

WILDMAN.—Treasured memories of a dear husband and daddy, Aubrey Eric Wildman, who passed away on 7th December 1945.—From his loving wife and children, Sharnbrook.

WILDMAN.—In ever-loving memory of a dear son and brother, Aubrey Wildman, who passed away on 7 December 1945.—From his loving father, brothers, and sisters, Sharnbrook.

WILLEY.—In loving memory of dearest mum, Kathleen Elizabeth, who passed away on 6 December 1942.—From her children, Arthur (an Engineer Officer, M.N.) and Kathleen.

WOODS.—Treasured memories of a dear wife and mother, Lizzie Woods, who passed away on 10 December 1929.—From her loving husband and children.

WRENCH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ann Wrench, who passed away on 9 December 1944.—From her son and daughter-in-law, Thurleigh.