

BEDFORDSHIRE 1947 : 9 (8) MATCHES

CAPTAIN: A.B. POOLE

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	ST	LN
W,T	11, 12	JUNE	ARMY	LUTON (W.P)	PFS PA	-	FS A	✓ PFS PA
W,T	25, 26	JUNE	HERTS	HERTFORD	FSPB SA	-	FS SA	✓ PFS PA
	23, 24	JULY	CAMBS	LUTON	FS A	-	PFS PFA	✓ PFS PA
M,T	4, 5	AUGUST	OXON	BEDFORD (B.S)	FSPB VFA	✓		✓ FSPB SA
W,T	6, 7		BUCKS	BEDFORD (B.S)	PFSB PFA	-	FSB A	✓ PFS PA
F,S	8, 9		HERTS	BEDFORD (B.S)	FSB	✓	VFA	✓ PFS PFA
F,S	15, 16		CAMBS	MARCH	FSB	✓	FSB A	✓ PFSB PA
W,T	27, 28		BUCKS	H. WYCOMBE	FSPB FA	-	FS SA	-
F,S	29, 30		OXON	OXFORD	FSB	✓	VFA	✓ PFS PA
				AVERAGES	5 SEPT	-	6 SEPT	-
				REVIEW	-	-	-	-
				AGM	26 DEC V.SHORT	23 DEC	20 DEC	-

- JUNE - AUG BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES
- JUNE - AUG BEDFORD RECORD
- JUNE - AUG BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH
- MAY - AUG LUTON NEWS - 1 Vol
- BEDS AND HERTS PICTORIAL - 1 Vol

BEDFORDSHIRE
APPEARANCE
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1947

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TOTAL TOTAL

NAME

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G.L.B. AUGUST
J.A.R. OLIVER
J.G. OWEN
C.V.A. COLLING
S.T. MORRIS
A.B. POOLE
D.G. HAWLEY
R.L. HILLS
A.O. HEYMESON
A.F. WALLER
T.D. MATTHEWS
E.C. HOWARD
M.W.J. DOBEYN
I.C. NOBLE
B.C. BARNWELL
A.D. PANTON
A.G. COOMB
R.D. GARDINER
G.M.F.D. FLEMING
B.E. DISBURY
G.H. TEARLE

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BEDFORD T.
LEIGHTON T.
LUTON T.
VAUXHALL MOTORS
VAUXHALL MOTORS
LUTON T.
LUTON T.
BEDFORD T.
BEDFORD T. LONDONER
LEICESTER CASUALS
APSLEY GUISE
R.A.F.
ROYAL NAVY
LUTON TOWN
BEDFORD SCHOOL
BEDFORD SCHOOL
LEIGHTON T.

GEORGE
JOHN
GLYN
VERNON
SID
DUDLEY
REGINALD
ALF
ASHER
TERRY
ERIC
IAN
ALISTAIR
ARMUR
RON
BRIAN
GEOFFREY

TOTAL
21(18)

99 88

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More Sports News



The Bedfordshire team, led by A. B. Poole, walk out to field during their two-day match against the Army at Wardown Park, Luton. 8317B

Morris's Grand Century Saved The County

When three Bedfordshire wickets fell quickly at the start of the second day of the match with the Army at Wardown, there seemed to be a distinct possibility that the county would be forced to follow on.

Half the side was out for 88, but a century stand for the sixth wicket by Morris (Bedford Town) and Hawley (Luton Town) changed the face of the game entirely.

Although Morris lost Hawley, he found useful partners among the tail-enders, and went on to complete a brilliant century in a little under three hours.

His next 50 came in 50 minutes, and he was flogging the somewhat tired bowling to such an extent that it seemed that he would complete a double century. However, in attempting a big hit to add to his tally of 17 fours, he was smartly stumped with his score at 177.

Altogether, he was in for four hours, and his spirited batting turned the game completely in favour of Bedfordshire.

EIGHTH WICKET NEARLY PRODUCE 100

With Heymeson, he was associated in an eighth wicket stand of 95, of which the Vauxhall player's share was only 11. During his long spell, Morris made few mistakes, and no chance went to hand.

The Army were handicapped by the fact that their fast bowler, Whitehead, was suffering from a back injury and could not bowl after his first spell in the morning.

Bedfordshire declared at tea time with a lead of 81, and there was a sensational start to the Army's second innings when Oliver dismissed their opening pair with only five runs on the board.

Boobyer, centurion of the first innings, was out to a fine catch by Owen off the first ball he received.

The County bowlers continued to be successful, but some lusty hitting by Josephs enabled the Army to wipe out their arrears, and when stumps were drawn they were 27 runs on with four wickets to fall. Oliver took 3 for 31, Hills 2 for 6, and Matthews 1 for 27.

THE ARMY—1st Innings	
Capt J Josephs b Owen	17
Maj B R M Hayles c and b Oliver	8
O/Cadet B Boobyer not out	116
Pte D R Guard c Hawley b Heymeson	62
Capt M W Holme run out	12
Maj J A Tresawna b Heymeson	6
Col G J Bryan c Morris b Matthews	14

Li-Col H E Scott lbw b Heymeson	0
Lt H M O Holman c Waller b Heymeson	5
Sgt J T Whitehead c Morris b Heymeson	18
Capt M Wrigley b Matthews	0
Extras	5
Total	263

BEDFORDSHIRE—1st Innings	
G L B August c Joseph b Whitehead	20
J A R Oliver c Hayles b Whitehead	10
J G Owen b Whitehead	12
C V A Colling c Hayles b Scott	15
S T Morris st Hayles b Josephs	177
A B Poole c Hayles b Scott	6
D G Hawley b Wrigley	39
R L Hills b Scott	16
A Heymeson not out	27
A F Waller not out	4
Extras	18
Total (for 8 wkts dec)	344

I D Matthews did not bat.

THE ARMY—2nd Innings	
O/Cadet B Boobyer c Owen b Oliver	0
Maj J A Tresawna c Poole b Oliver	1
Capt M W Holme lbw b Owen	34
Pte D R Guard b Matthews	22
Capt J Josephs not out	35
Maj B R M Hayles b Hills	14
Lt H M O Holman b Hills	0
Sgt J T Whitehead not out	0
Extras	2
Total (for 6 wkts)	108

BEDFORDSHIRE v THE ARMY 1947 - CONT.

Toss:

Umpires:

Result: MATCH DRAW

Close: ARMY 263; BEDS ~~126~~ 55-2 (GLB AUGUST 16^T, CVA COLLING 11^T)

Sources: BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH JUNE; LUTON NEWS 12 JUNE

HERTFORDSHIRE v BEDFORDSHIRE 1947 - CONT.

HERTFORDSHIRE

OLIVER	44	4	27	7
NOBLE	48	3	22	1
MATTHEWS	29	2	12	2
OWEN	34	1	16	0
HEYMESON	13	0	11	0
POOLE			2	0
EXTRAS	12	0	4	0
TOTAL	180	10	94	10

Toss:

Umpires:

Result: Bedfordshire won by an innings and 17 runs

Close:

Sources:

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Hertfordshire

Hawes	65	1
Bell	20	1
Booker	52	2
Allen	43	2
Holt	92	5
Extras	19	
Total	291	

Fall of Wickets

Wicket	Beds	Herts
1	2	1
2	1	2
3	-	-
4	-	-
5	-	-
6	-	-
7	-	-
8	-	-
9	-	-
10	291	-
11	10	11

Bedfordshire

Chis	44	4	27	7
Noble	48	3	22	1
Matthews	29	2	12	2
Owen	34	1	16	0
Hymson	13	0	11	0
Poole			2	0
Extras	12		4	
Total	180	10	74	10

Toss:

Captain: P.G.T. Kingsley (Hertfordshire) and A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)

Wicket-keepers: A. Givardell (Hertfordshire) and R. L. Hills (Bedfordshire)

Umpires:

Result: Bedfordshire won by an innings and 11 runs

Source: The Cricketer, 26 July 1947, p. 100.

**AN INNINGS VICTORY
FOR COUNTY**

**Hertfordshire Trapped on
Crumbling Wicket**

A patient innings of 78 by August, and confident batting by Eric Howard, were features of Wednesday's play in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire match at Hertford.

Batting first on a lifeless wicket, Bedfordshire were given a fine start by August and Oliver, who put on 71 for the first wicket. Oliver was the more aggressive. August stayed over three hours for his 78, being fifth out at 203. He saw Owen hit vigorously until the Luton batsman gave a slip catch off an awkwardly-rising ball.

Howard, brought into the Bedfordshire side when Panton dropped out, fully justified his place, and he and Morris were the only batsmen after Owen to deal confidently with Holt's cleverly-flighted spinners.

In the hour and half before stumps were drawn, Hertfordshire scored 137 for three, after Tyrwhitt-Drake got out to the first ball of the innings. Bateman and Kingsley hit with great freedom, until, with the score in the nineties, Bateman lost his wicket. Then the rate of scoring slowed down. Off the last ball of the day Kingsley gave a simple catch to short square leg.

Yesterday brought a remarkable change on a crumbling wicket. The Bedfordshire bowlers, Oliver especially, carried all before them, and the match was over before tea, the visiting County winning by an innings and 17 runs. Oliver and Noble got plenty of "life" from the turf, and Hertfordshire were always struggling.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Holt b Bell	78
J. A. R. Oliver b Bodkin	48
J. G. Owen c Wright b Holt	38
A. E. Poole b Holt	5
E. T. Morris b Holt	25
E. C. Howard lbw b Holt	50
M. Dobeyn c Bell b Hawes	2
R. L. Hill c and b Holt	2
I. A. Noble c Holt b Allen	16
A. Heymeson b Allen	3
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	19
Total	291

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake lbw b Oliver	0
P. G. T. Kingsley c Poole b Oliver	75
L. Bateman lbw b Owen	48
L. G. Wright c Matthews b Noble	14
P. E. Bodkin c Hills b Noble	10
A. F. Bell c Morris b Oliver	3
P. Hallas b Matthews	16
A. Grimsdell lbw b Oliver	0
F. Allen b Noble	9
J. Holt not out	2
E. J. Hawes b Matthews	2
Extras	12
Total	180

Bowling: Oliver four for 44, Noble three for 48, Matthews two for 29, Owen one for 34.

Second Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Oliver b Noble	4
P. G. T. Kingsley c Hills b Oliver	12
L. Bateman c Poole b Oliver	22
L. G. Wright lbw b Oliver	52
P. E. Bodkin b Oliver	10
A. F. Bell lbw b Oliver	0
P. Hallas b Matthews	0
A. Grimsdell c Morris b Matthews	0
F. Allen lbw b Oliver	2
J. Holt not out	2
E. J. Hawes b Oliver	4
Extras	4
Total	94

Bowling: Oliver seven for 26, Matthews two for 12, Noble one for 22.

Cricket

**BEDS ROUT
HERTS**

**John Oliver Was
Match Winner**

A remarkable bowling performance by J. A. R. Oliver, the Luton Town captain, was mainly responsible for Bedfordshire's great win by an innings and 17 runs in the Minor Counties match with Hertfordshire, played at Hertford on Wednesday and Thursday.

After taking 4 for 44 in the first innings, Oliver bowled with even greater success when Hertfordshire batted a second time, claiming 7 for 27 in 15.5 overs—six of them maidens.

At the close of the first day's play the scores at that stage—Bedfordshire 291, Hertfordshire 137 for three wickets—rather indicated an inevitable draw, but on resuming next day Herts were soon in difficulties, and failed in their attempt to avoid the follow-on. They still needed twelve more runs when they were all out for 180 long before lunch.

Oliver's bowling was well backed up by Noble, who took 3 for 48.

Complete disaster overtook Hertfordshire in their second innings, and they were all out for 94 runs.

Only Bateman and Wright met with any success in facing Oliver, who got plenty of life from the pitch and made the ball rise sharply on many occasions.



J. A. R. OLIVER

BEDFORDSHIRE	
J A R Oliver b Bodkin	45
G L B August c Holt b Bell ..	78
J G Owen c Wright b Holt	38
A B Poole b Holt	5
S T Morris b Holt	25
E C Howard lbw b Holt	56
M W J Dobeyn c Bell b Hawes ..	4
R C Hill c and b Holt	2
I A Noble c Holt b Allen	16
A Heymeson b Allen	3
T D Matthews not out	0
Extras	19
Total	291
HERTFORDSHIRE (1st Innings)	
T W Tyrwhitt-Drake lbw b Oliver	0
P G T Kingsley c Pool b Oliver	75
L Bateman lbw b Owen	48
L G Wright c Matthews b Noble	14
P E Bodkin c Hills b Noble	0
A P Bell c Morris b Oliver	3
P Hallas b Matthews	16
A Grimsdell lbw b Oliver	0
F Allen b Noble	9
J Holt not out	2
E G Hawes b Matthews	1
Extras	12
Total	180
HERTFORDSHIRE (2nd Innings)	
Tyrwhitt-Drake c Oliver b Noble	4
Kingsley c Hills b Oliver	12
Bateman c Poole b Oliver	22
Wright lbw b Oliver	32
Bodkin b Oliver	10
Bell lbw b Oliver	0
Hallas b Matthews	2
Grimsdell c Morris b Matthews	0
Allen lbw b Oliver	2
Holt not out	2
Hawes b Oliver	4
Extras	4
Total	94

Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire - Minor Counties

Sept 23, 27 July 1947

Cambridgeshire

C.E. Coote	27	
M.A. Crouch	49	31
R.A. Taylor	3	21
F.A. Ridgcon	1	
W.N. White	87	74
J.A. Sunshine	1	
E. Parish	21	
R.A. Lytleton	43	
J. Hoyle	0	35
S.R. Royston	38	
C.J. Smith	23	
Extras	7	2
Total	300 ✓ (2 wickets)	163 ✓

Bedfordshire

G.L.B. August	3
J.A.R. Olivier	27
M.E. Dobson	8
A.B. Poole	79
S.T. Morris	104
E.L. Harvard	24
B.L. Bunnell	2
R.L. Hills	3
I.C. Noble	31
A.D. Heyneson	1
T.D. Matthews	0
Extras	15
Total	305 ✓

Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire 1947Bedfordshire

Oliver
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Matthews
Noble
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Extras
Total

62 0
31 0
15 6
71 2
0 1
26 1
7 0
300✓ 10

25 0
13 0
37 1
40 0
31 1
15 0
2 0
165✓ 2✓

Fall of Wickets

	Runs	Balls
1	2	1
2	-	-
3	-	-
4	-	-
5	-	-
6	-	-
7	-	-
8	-	-
9	-	-
10	300	300

Cambridgeshire

Smith
Ridgers
Hoyles
White
Parish
Rypton
Crouch
Taylor
Lyttelton
Extras
Total

42 2
45 5
58 1
22 0
64 0
21 0
13 0
14 0
3 1
15
305✓

? Toss:

? Captains: A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)

? Wicket-keepers: R.L. Hills (Bedfordshire)

Umpires:

Result: Match drawn

Source: The Cricketer, 1 August 1947, p. 512

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BEDFORDSHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WARDOWN PARK, LUTON ON 23 24 JULY 1947

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

C.E. COOTE	27	
M.A. CROUCH	49	31
R.A. TAYLOR	3	21
F.A. RIDGEMAN	1	
W.N. WHITE	87	74
J.A. SUNSHINE	1	
E. PARISH	21	
R.A. LITTLETON	43	
J. HOYLES	0	35
S.R. ROYSTON	38	
C.J. SMITH	23	
EXTRAS	7	2
TOTAL	300	163

FALL OF WHTS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1ST INNS										300
2ND INNS			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OLIVER			62	0				25	0	
BARNWELL			31	0				13	0	
MATTHEWS			95	6				37	1	
NOBLE			79	2				40	0	
POOLE			0	1						
HEYMESON			26	1				31	1	
AUGUST								15	0	
EXTRAS			7	0				2	0	
TOTAL			300	10				163	2	

BEDFORDSHIRE

**FIVE RUNS LEAD ON
FIRST INNINGS**

**Morris's Fine Century for
Bedfordshire**

Bedfordshire's captain, A. B. Poole, caused some surprise when, on winning the toss, he sent Cambridgeshire in to bat at Luton on Wednesday. The visiting County opened with a partnership of 75, and though four wickets were down for 102, Poole's gamble did not come off. Aided by dropped catches, Cambridgeshire reached exactly 300, and White collared a moderate attack to such an extent that he made 87 in 105 minutes. The eighth wicket fell at 214, but unexpected resistance by the "tail" resulted in a further 86 runs being added.

The wicket played easily enough all day, and the spin bowlers were not helped by it. Matthews was the steadiest bowler, taking six for 95 in 33 overs. He shared the brunt of the attack with Noble, who bowled 35 overs and captured two for 79.

Bedfordshire started badly against the outswingers of Smith and Ridgeon. At 5, August was out to a brilliant one-handed catch at first slip, and Dobeyn left 14 runs later. Meanwhile, Oliver batted dourly. He and Poole raised the score to 56 before he fell to another slip catch. Poole and Morris were together when the day's play ended at 78 for three.

IN CENTURY STAND

Yesterday Morris played the finest innings of his County Championship career in making 104 and taking Bedfordshire to a lead of 5 runs. It was not a typical Morris century. There were only two boundary hits, and he was at the crease 4½ hours; but the situation demanded careful cricket, and the self-discipline shown by a batsman whose natural style is free and forcing was not the least admirable feature of his display.

Morris and Poole, who also batted finely, put on 103 for the fourth wicket; Howard helped Morris to add 50; but seven wickets were down for 218. However, Noble and Heymeson gave valuable aid to Morris, who was last out.

Cambridgeshire

1st Innings

C. E. Coote c Noble b Poole	27
M. A. Crouch st Hills b Matthews	49
R. A. Taylor c Oliver b Matthews	3
F. A. Ridgeon c Oliver b Noble	1
W. M. White c Hills b Matthews	87
G. A. Sunshine c Hills b Noble	1
E. Parish b Heymeson	21
R. A. Lyttleton not out	43
J. Hoyles b Matthews	0
S. R. Royston st Hills b Matthews	38
C. J. Smith c Poole b Matthews	25
Extras	7

Total 300

2nd Innings

L. A. Crouch b Heymeson	31
R. A. Taylor not out	21
J. Hoyles c Hills b Matthews	35
W. N. White not out	74
Extras	2

Total for two wickets 163

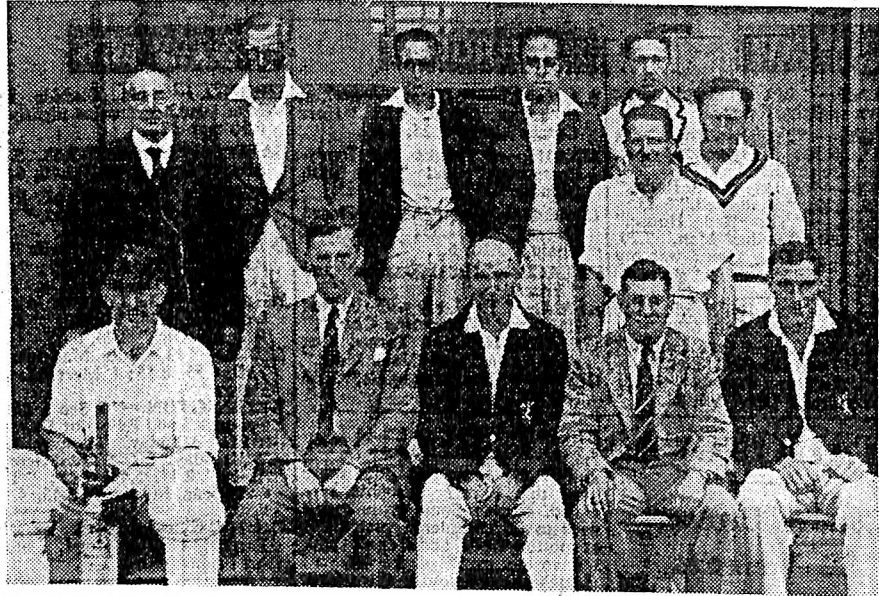
Bedfordshire

1st Innings

G. L. B. August c Crouch b Ridgeon	3
J. A. R. Oliver c Crouch b Hoyles	27
M. J. Dobeyn b Ridgeon	3
A. B. Poole c Coote b Ridgeon	79
S. T. Morris st Sunshine b Lyttleton	104
E. C. Howard c Sunshine b Lyttleton	24
B. C. Barnwell b Ridgeon	2
E. L. Hills b Smith	3
I. A. Noble run out	31
A. Heymeson b Smith	9
T. Matthews not out	0
Extras	15

Total 305

Match drawn. Bedfordshire take first innings points.



The Bedfordshire County team. Left to right, back row: A. W. H. Poole (scorer), B. C. Barnwell, A. Heymeson, R. L. Hills, M. W. J. Dobeys, E. C. Howard. I. A. Noble is standing in front of Dobeys. Front row: S. T. Morris, J. A. R. Oliver, A. B. Poole (capt.), G. L. B. August and T. D. Matthews. 9311B

Exciting Climax Arrived Two Hours Too Soon

The climax in the Minor Counties match between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire at Wardown on Wednesday and Thursday arrived too soon, for the destination of first innings points—which was the only possible decision—was decided by mid-afternoon on the second day.

This proved a thrilling struggle, with the home county passing their opponents' score with two wickets to spare.

The Bedfordshire innings was a curious mixture of success and failure. After the first day, they stood in none too happy a position with three wickets down for 78 in reply to a total of 300.

However, Poole and Morris laid the foundation of success with a bright stand early on Thursday. They took their fourth wicket partnership to 103 at the rate of one a minute before Poole was caught.

DESERVED GOOD FORTUNE

Poole was always looking for runs, and if he enjoyed a fair amount of good fortune, he deserved it for his enterprise. Most of his early scoring strokes on Thursday morning were boundaries, and at least three came through the tightly packed slips. Parish actually had four slips during his first spell.

Morris found another useful partner in Howard, and with 50 more runs on the board before the fifth wicket fell, Bedfordshire were in a strong position.

The advent of the new ball brought three quick successes to the visitors. Howard was the first victim, flicking once too often at a ball swinging away from the off stump.

Barnwell and Hills did not last long, and at lunch the position was beginning to look somewhat desperate. All this time Morris

had been batting with caution, which is rather foreign to him, and had waited patiently for the right ball to hit.

At lunch he was 71 not out, and as Noble had survived the awkward period before lunch, there was still hope.

After the interval, Noble continued to bat with the assurance of a player who deserves a higher place in the order, and the stand took the score to within 16 runs of the objective before Noble was unluckily run out.

Morris was then in the nervous "nineties," and the anxiety of the crowd was increased when he was missed at short leg with his score at 95. This did not shake his confidence, however, and with Heymeson showing a nice appreciation of the situation, the 300 mark was passed without further loss.

Morris went on to complete a grand century in 44 hours. He hit only two fours, and had seven threes, but was always attractive to watch, and Bedfordshire owed a great debt to him.

With only two hours left for play, there was no possibility of the match being finished, and Cambridgeshire lost only two wickets in building up a total of 163.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1st Innings
300 (W N White 87, T D Matthews 6 for 95.)

BEDFORDSHIRE, 1st Innings

G L B August c Crouch b Ridgeon	3
J A R Oliver c Crouch b Hoyles	27
M W J Dobeys b Ridgeon	8
A B Poole c Coote b Ridgeon	79
S T Morris st Sunshine b Lytleton	104
E C Howard c Sunshine b Ridgeon	24
B C Barnwell b Ridgeon	2
R L Hills b Smith	3
I A Noble run out	31
A O Heymeson b Smith	9
T D Matthews not out	0
Extras	15

CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 2nd Innings

M A Crouch b Heymeson	31
W N White not out	74
J Hoyles c Hills b Matthews	35
R A Taylor not out	21
Extras	2

Total (for 2 wks.) 163
Bowling: Heymeson 1 for 31.
Matthews 1 for 37.

COUNTY'S RECORD TOTAL AGAINST OXFORDSHIRE

Fine Centuries by August, Howard, and Oliver : Opening Stand of 225

Beneath 22 yards of Bedford School's immaculate turf Bedfordshire buried the hopes and aspirations of Oxfordshire's gallant bowlers on Monday. The gravediggers-in-chief were George August, John Oliver, and Eric Howard, century-making contributors to the highest score in the County Club's annals—539 for seven declared—and a record crowd watched their ruthless work. But the smile ill becomes a day of such splendid cricket, for the sun shone on the game's artistry, and the batting was perfect Bank Holiday entertainment.

Collective and individual records were broken. August and Oliver made 225 for the first wicket; August, with a double-century, and Howard achieved their best totals in County cricket; and three centuries have never before been made in a Bedfordshire innings.

Yesterday morning a new ordeal awaited Oxfordshire. Rain affected the wicket, and Noble and Owen spun them out before lunch for 134. Thus the visitors had to follow on 405 runs behind. However, they made 283 for four in their second innings, and the game was left drawn, with Bedfordshire gaining first innings points.

The "gate" exceeded by £10 the £80 taken on the first day of the corresponding match last year, so the attendance was the largest since 1921.

As patient and imperturbable as ever, August gave no chance in his long stay, and he hit 14 fours. Hard cutting and neat leg-deflections earned him many runs. Oliver, the faster scorer, drove powerfully, also reaching the boundary 14 times; and these opening batsmen thoroughly prepared the way for Howard, who, strong of forearm and shoulder, scored as freely as the sustained accuracy of Oxfordshire's bowling would permit. He hit 101 in two hours—a fine performance in which one stroke was especially noteworthy. He turned on quick feet to a low, straight ball a shade short of a length, and dispatched it with almost a bullet's speed to the mid-on boundary. There were two sixes and ten fours in his knock.

Amid the glut of runs the bowlers toiled with commendable spirit, and only towards the end of the long day did the attack invite punishment. If anyone argues that Bedfordshire should have forced the pace before tea to make possible an earlier declaration, he ignores the quality of the bowling. Poole did the right thing in letting the side bat to the close of play (and, anyway, a declaration is not permitted after 5.20 p.m. on the first day). A formidable first-innings total was essential on such a wicket.

MONDAY'S PLAY

August and Oliver took nine off Womersley's first over, but more respect was paid to the other opening bowler, the left-armed Smith, who varied his pace cleverly and came quickly off the pitch. Twice he passed Oliver's bat just outside the off stump, and his first four overs were maiden.

At 14 Reynolds (slow right-arm) relieved Womersley, and at once caused Oliver to edge a ball between first and second slip. It looked a possible catch, but Oliver was not disturbed, and a grand drive through the covers off Smith earned him four runs.

Fifty in First Hour

Fifty runs were on the board after an hour's batting. Oliver's share was 36. He got Girling (bowling in Smith's place) away to the leg boundary. Though the batsmen were always searching for runs, a keen attack gave nothing away, Reynolds conceding only 17 runs in ten overs.

August, scoring mostly from cuts, was overshadowed by his partner, who greeted the appearance of Oxfordshire's sixth bowler, James, with a fine hit to the boundary at mid-off. Oliver reached his fifty in 90 minutes, the total then being 82.

Lunch was taken at 11.3. Afterwards runs came very quickly for a time, and August completed his half-century after two hours seven minutes. When Linnett, a right-arm slow bowler, was introduced to an attack in which six others had already taken part, Oliver took three fours off his first over—two to the on-side and one past backward point. In the first twenty minutes after the interval 47 runs were added.

August, although scoring faster than in the morning, still kept about 30 runs behind Oliver, who entered the nineties by off-driving James for four. His century was hoisted after 2 hours 33 minutes. A four to mid-wicket by August off Womersley preceded yet another bowling change, Smith, the best man in the attack, being brought on again. (Twenty-three overs in his previous spells had given the batsmen only 37 runs.) Oliver, with four from a cover-drive, sent the 200 up in two and three-quarter hours. But at 225 he was bowled on his leg stump by a yorker from Smith. The partnership had lasted just over three hours, and soon after it ended August reached his 100. He proceeded to scoring with greater freedom, but at 252 he lost Owen. Then, after hitting two fours, Pantan was out at 277.

When he was 131, August survived an appeal for a catch at the wicket. He and Morris batted with a restraint not in keeping with Bedfordshire's strong position, although the bowling was always excellent. Tea, 293 for three.

Morris Bowled

After the interval the real Morris flashed out in a four past extra-cover, and August sent up the 300 after 4 hours 10 minutes. Morris opened his shoulders to Reynolds, hitting him for two fours in front of the wicket, but at 336 a good one from Womersley overthrew him.

August greeted Howard with a lovely off-drive to the ring, but the good-length ball still found him immune from the slightest semblance of indiscretion. With Howard driving powerfully when opportunity arose, the score proceeded quietly to 400 in 5 hours 15 minutes, and the next applause was for August's 200.

All day George had looked as permanent as the Albert Memorial, but his innings closed a run later. He was 'stumped' by the ever-vigilant Inge at 427.

Two Sixes for Howard

Poole and Howard put on 45 for the next wicket, the latter hitting Reynolds for three fours in one over and reaching his 50 in 1 hour 15 minutes. Twice in Reynolds's next over he lifted the ball over the sight-screen. Howard put the 500 on the board in partnership with Coomb, who, on his first County appearance, quickly got going with some admirable strokes, including a four to long-on. Howard's dismissal came in the day's last over, and the Bedfordshire innings was declared closed.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY

Visiting County Collapse After Rain

Despite fairly heavy rain earlier in the morning, play began promptly, and Oxfordshire began their huge batting task. Their opening pair, Mendl and Taylor, made a quiet start against the good-length medium-pace deliveries of Oliver and Coomb, the latter making the ball lift rather disconcertingly at times.

Mendl showed his mettle with an off-drive and square-cut for fours, and 30 runs came at almost one a minute. Poole tried his left-arm spinners, Owen and Noble, and at 41 the former Surrey professional clean-bowled Taylor with a vicious leg-break. One run later Hewitt was well caught off Noble in the gully.

Worse followed for Oxfordshire, for in the same over Noble secured two more wickets. First Reynolds fell to a catch at forward short-leg, and Linnett was bowled first ball. At this stage Noble's figures read: 7 overs, 4 maidens, 12 runs, 3 wickets.

In the next over, Owen clean bowled Goodey for a "duck" and half the side was out for 53.

Three wickets fell while the score progressed from 62 to 68.

Then resistance was offered by James and Smith, who in 40 minutes added 62 for the ninth wicket. James's 32 included five fours. Oxfordshire were all out for 134.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August st Inge b Smith	201
J. A. R. Oliver b Smith	125
J. G. Owen lbw b Reynolds	6
A. D. Pantan c and b Girling	9
S. T. Morris b Womersley	29
E. C. Howard st Inge b Girling	101
A. B. Poole lbw b Girling	21
A. Coomb not out	26
Extras	23

Total for seven wickets . . . 539

Bowling: Girling three for 118, Smith two for 131, Womersley one for 70, Reynolds one for 127.

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. Mendl st Hills b Owen	34
A. Taylor b Owen	11
R. Hewitt c Owen b Noble	1
A. Reynolds c Pantan b Noble	3
J. W. Linnett b Noble	0
D. Goodey b Owen	7
W. W. Inge c Morris b Noble	7
M. Girling c Pantan b Noble	4
P. James b Oliver	32
R. Smith not out	34
M. Womersley b Oliver	2
Extras	2

Total 134

Bowling: Noble five for 39, Owen three for 39, Oliver two for 29, Coomb none for 24.

Second Innings

J. Mendl not out	145
A. Taylor st Hills b Owen	16
R. Hewitt c Poole b Oliver	37
A. Reynolds c Heymeson b Coomb	70
J. W. Linnett b Heymeson	3
D. Goodey not out	5
Extras	9

Total (for four wickets) . . . 283
Bowling: Oliver one for 57, Coomb one for 55, Owen one for 91, Heymeson one for 31, Noble none for 40.

Bellfordshire v Oxfordshire - Minor Counties

Played at the Bellford School Ground, Bedford on Monday, Tuesday 4, 5 August 1941

Bellfordshire

G.L.B. Ingham	201	
J.A.R. Oliver	123	
J.B. Owen	6	
A.D. Punter	7	
G.J. Morris	21	
E.C. Howard	101	
A.B. Poole	21	
A.S. Gomb	26	
I.C. Noble		
A.O. Heymeson		
Extras	23	
Total (7 wickets)	539	✓

Oxfordshire

J.F. Mendall	43	143
A. Taylor	14	16
R.T. Hewitt	1	31
A.H. Reynolds	3	10
J.W. Linnett	0	5
D. Goodley	0	5
W.W. Inge	1	
M. Gisham	7	
P. James	32	
R.C. F. Smith	34	
A.D. Womersley	2	
Extras	3	1
Total (4 wickets)	133	283
	13+	

THE COUNTY ELEVEN, MAKERS OF RECORDS



In their first match of the Cricket Week, against Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire achieved the highest total in the County Club's annals, 539 for seven declared. A first-wicket stand of 225 between August and Oliver was also a record for the County. The Bedfordshire team for this memorable game is photographed above. Back row (left to right: Mr. H. R. Neate (Chairman of the Club), A. Heymeson, I. Noble, A. Coomb, E. C. Howard, G. McF. D. Fleming (twelfth man), A. D. Panton, Mr. A. W. H. Poole (scorer), Mr. F. Crompton (Hon. Secretary). Front row: R. Hills, S. T. Morris, J. A. R. Oliver, A. B. Poole (Captain), G. L. B. August, and J. G. Owen.

THE OXFORDSHIRE MATCH

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August st Inge b Smith ..	201
J. A. R. Oliver b Smith ..	123
J. G. Owen lbw b Reynolds ..	6
A. D. Panton c and b Girling ..	9
S. T. Morris b Womersley ..	29
E. C. Howard st Inge b Girling ..	101
A. B. Poole lbw b Girling ..	21
A. Coomb not out ..	23
Extras ..	23

Total for seven wickets .. 539

R. Hills, I. Noble, and A. Heymeson did not bat.

—Bowling: Girling three for 118, Smith two for 131, Womersley one for 70, Reynolds one for 127.

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. Mendl st Hills b Owen ..	34
A. Taylor b Owen ..	14
R. Hewitt c Owen b Noble ..	1
A. Reynolds c Panton b Noble ..	3
J. W. Linnett b Noble ..	0
D. Goodey b Owen ..	0
W. W. Inge c Morris b Noble ..	7
M. Girling c Panton b Noble ..	4
P. James b Oliver ..	32
R. Smith not out ..	34
M. Womersley b Oliver ..	2
Extras ..	5

Total .. 134

Bowling: Noble five for 39, Owen three for 39, Oliver two for 29, Coomb none for 24.

Second Innings

J. Mendl not out ..	143
A. Taylor st Hills b Owen ..	16
R. Hewitt c Poole b Oliver ..	37
A. Reynolds c Heymeson b Coomb ..	70
J. W. Linnett b Heymeson ..	3
D. Goodey not out ..	5
Extras ..	9

Total (for four wickets) .. 283

Bowling: Oliver one for 57, Coomb one for 55, Owen one for 91, Heymeson one for 31, Noble none for 40.

SHOULD POOLE HAVE DECLARED EARLIER?

Catches Missed Against Oxfordshire

No one could have hoped for more enjoyable holiday cricket than that provided by Bedfordshire in running up their mammoth score of 539 for seven declared against Oxfordshire on Monday. It was the County Club's highest total ever—and, strangely enough, Oxfordshire were the opposition when Bedfordshire achieved their previous best, 493 for three declared, at Banbury in 1936. On that occasion, the present captain, A. B. Poole, made 234 in 2 hours 35 minutes, the fastest scoring on record in the Minor Counties Championship.



G. L. B. AUGUST

The century-makers this week were G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver and E. C. Howard. They took full advantage of the perfect Bedford School wicket, on which the bowlers toiled with little hope of success, and the record crowd saw batting of high quality.

It was pleasing to see young Coomb do so well in his first County innings. His partnership with Howard gave us some of the most entertaining cricket of the day. He hits hard, and has the height and reach which enable a batsman to cope unhurriedly with a ball of any length.



J. A. R. OLIVER

Oxfordshire saved themselves after suffering a further ordeal on Tuesday morning, when rain made the wicket difficult enough for the left-arm bowlers, Noble and Owen, to dismiss them cheaply. When they followed on 405 runs behind, Mend



ERIC HOWARD

played a most polished innings of 143 on a pitch that had fully recovered, and real hope of a Bedfordshire win quickly disappeared.

Some spectators say that Poole should have declared earlier, but what reason could they offer for assuming that the home attack would succeed where Oxfordshire's had failed? Apart from the two hours before lunch on

Tuesday, the pitch was all in the batsmen's favour, and anything less than a really big total for Bedfordshire would have involved considerable risk.

It has to be said, however, that Bedfordshire's chance of forcing a win was not increased by the fielding. Coomb, for example, several times found the bat's edge with outswingers, but the slip-fielding was not good enough to turn chances into actual catches.

Coomb Returns

For the Hertfordshire match which starts to-day (Friday), Coomb, who was not chosen to play against Buckinghamshire, returns to the side, and another young bowler included is G. McF. D. Fleming, of Bedford School. The left-arm bowlers, Gardiner and Noble, drop out, the latter being unable to play.

Hertfordshire's team is: P. G. T. Kingsley (capt.), A. Grimsdell, L. Bateman, D. V. Cooper, D. G. Hawley, R. C. V. L. Marques, J. Holt, P. R. Hedges, L. O. King, S. Edwards, and R. Watson.

Bedfordshire v Oxfordshire 1947

Oxfordshire

Smith	131	2
Womersley	70	1
Reynolds	127	1
Gibbins	118	3
James	51	0
Taylor	6	0
Linnett	13	0
Extras	23	0
Total	539	7

Fall & Wickets

	Bed	Oxon
1	1	2
2	-	-
3	-	-
4	-	-
5	-	-
6	-	-
7	-	-
8	-	-
9	-	-
10	-	134

Bedfordshire

Oliver	29	2	57	1
Coomb	24	0	55	1
Noble	39	5	40	0
Owen	39	3	91	1
Heymeson			31	1
Extras	3	0	9	0
Total	134	10	283	4

Toss:

Captain: A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)

Wicket-keepers:

Umpires:

Result: Match drawn

Source: The Cricketer, 23 August 1947, P. 256.

Beds Owed Everything To George August

A magnificent fighting innings by George August, who scored his second successive century of the week at Bedford School, enabled Bedfordshire to achieve their best performance of the season in taking first innings points from Buckinghamshire.

He kept one end going for 7½ hours, or five minutes less than the Bedfordshire innings lasted, and it was almost entirely due to his effort that Bedfordshire passed their opponents' total.

On Thursday morning, the county stood in none too good a position with nearly 300 runs to get and two of their best batsmen out. They had another setback when Panton left with only five runs added to the overnight total.

However, Morris and Howard stayed with August in useful stands which raised the total to 152 for 5, but even then, prospects did not seem bright.

Then came Poole to play a real captain's innings and take part in a partnership of 133 for the sixth wicket. Poole had one six and nine 4's in his 69, and when he left, Bedfordshire were in sight of success, though there was a long way to go.

NOBLE STAYED WITH AUGUST

Reg Hills, after some initial uncertainty against the slow spinners of Taylor, stayed until the tea interval, but when he left, there were still 50 runs to make and only three wickets to fall.

Excitement was intense at this stage, for the Buckinghamshire bowling was still steady and accurate, and the fielding tightened up in readiness for the climax.

Ian Noble has already shown that he is just the man for the big occasion with the bat, and he

came in to stay with August and help add 52 which put the side in front.

August had completed his hundred after 5½ hours, and went on in his dour unhurried way, taking not the slightest risk. While he was there, what had seemed to be an almost impossible task, was always within the bounds of the county's capabilities.

Throughout his long innings, he did not give the semblance of a chance, and if there were long periods when he scored few runs, his play was never dull. His patience was monumental and his main scoring shots were 14 4's. If ever a man won points for his side off his own bat, he did, and his innings was one of the most courageous ever played for the county.

Buckinghamshire are probably the strongest bowling side in the Minor Counties, but although C. H. Taylor changed his bowlers repeatedly and tried all sorts of combinations, he failed to ruffle August.

The Bedfordshire innings closed at 5.50, which meant that there was no time to start a second innings.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 1st Innings

D G Bousfield c Owen b Oliver	46
P Isherwood b Oliver	3
T E Busby not out	136
J O'Connor not out	165
Extras	19

Total (for 2 wks. dec.) 369

BEDFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings

G L B August c Bousfield b Taylor	167
J A R Oliver b Battcock ..	10
J G Owen lbw b Reynolds ..	24
A D Panton b Battcock ..	4
S T Morris b Reynolds	21
E C Howard lbw b Taylor ..	16
A B Poole b Taylor	69
R L Hills c James b Battcock	17
I C Noble c Busby b Taylor	28
A O Heymeson not out	8
R Gardiner c Reynolds b Bousfield	0
Extras	33

Total 397



G. L. B. AUGUST
—his batting average is over 100.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
MAKE BIG SCORE**

**Spirited Reply by Poole
and August**

Losing the toss to the Buckinghamshire captain, on Wednesday, Poole led out a Bedfordshire side whose bowling was to prove helpless against fine batsmanship on a plumb wicket. At 5.15 p.m. Buckinghamshire declared with 369 runs, made in four and three-quarter hours for the loss of two wickets. Perhaps there is no bowler in Bedfordshire who could have lightened the home county's burden, but, at least, more variety in the attack could scarcely have made it heavier. Excluding Morris, who was given six overs, probably in desperation rather than in hope, Poole had four bowlers, and three were left arm slow to medium. Having bowled well, but without proper support in the field, against Oxfordshire, Coomb was left out of the side, and Gardiner, left-arm, was brought in.

Oliver claimed the first wicket at 13, and 58 runs later he had Bousfield out to a splendid diving catch by Owen at short-leg, after that batsman, a delightful stroke-maker, had monopolized the scoring. Next came the 47-year-old O'Connor, of England and Essex, and from the moment he off-drove Oliver for four with the nonchalance of Frank Woolley one sensed that Bedfordshire had hours of ball-chasing before them. In just over three hours O'Connor and the hard-hitting left-hander Busby, added 298 runs. Oliver occasionally caused Busby to push out an uncertain blade, and Gardiner, whose first 14 overs yielded only 14 runs, kept a good length. But generally the attack was completely mastered.

O'CONNOR, THE ARTIST

O'Connor's innings was the creation of an artist. Easeful in every stroke, he made batting look the simplest of pastimes—an art to be indulged in with the minimum of effort. His cuts and drives travelled with the swiftness that tells of perfect timing, and after he had reached a century he put the routing, finishing touches to a delightful display by hitting 50 in little more than half an hour. He gave one chance—a skier to deep mid-off, where Poole, of

all fieldmen, dropped him. His score then stood at 103. There were 22 fours in his innings and 14 in a vigorous display by Busby, who was dropped in the slips when he had passed the 100 mark. Once Morris beat him with a fine leg-spinner, thus demonstrating to the accredited bowlers that the ball would turn.

In the ninety minutes left after the declaration, Bedfordshire scored 74 and lost Oliver, who pulled a ball into his wicket at 21, and Owen. The latter's departure five minutes from the close of play was a shock, for he and August had put firm, if mainly passive, bats to the keen bowling. A ball from Reynolds, spin bowler, went through low, and Owen was out leg-before. Panton stone-walled the last over—a maiden.

YESTERDAY'S EARLY BLOW

Battcock struck a shrewd blow for Buckinghamshire early yesterday morning, for, with the first ball of his second over he knocked Panton's off stump back. Morris and August batted cautiously, as the position demanded, and the bowling gave nothing away. Battcock, in particular, was difficult to get away, and his first five overs produced seven runs.

Forty-two runs were added in the first hour, during which August, with a four to leg, completed an invaluable half-century. Soon afterwards, Morris, who was beginning to look set for a big score, was beaten by a perfect off-break from Reynolds. The fourth wicket had added 44. Another useful stand ensued between August and Howard until the Bedford Town batsman departed at 152.

Poole thus came in at a critical stage, and soon raised Bedfordshire hearts by slashing Taylor twice to the boundary behind the bowler. Lunch, 185 for five.

August and his captain continued the good work after lunch, and Poole reached his 50 in 80 minutes with a four to the square-leg boundary. At that point he had hit a six and seven fours.

August was still safe and sure in everything he did, and he completed a chanceless, well-deserved hundred with a four (all run) to long-on after he had been five hours at the crease.

It was not until the partnership had realized 133 that Buckinghamshire met with their next success. Then Poole,

in attempting to straight-drive Taylor, completely missed the ball and was bowled. Poole's splendid knock of 69 included a six and nine boundaries—shots made with all his old fierce power.

George August had been an ideal partner for Poole in a stand that had destroyed Buckinghamshire's hopes of winning.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

D. G. Bousfield c Owen b Oliver	45
P. Isherwood b Oliver	4
T. E. Busby not out	136
J. O'Connor not out	165
Extras	19

Total for two wickets, dec. 369

Bowling: Oliver 26 overs, 5 maidens, 78 runs, 2 wickets; Heymeson, 13-3-48-0; Noble, 21-2-95-0; Gardiner, 33-7-98-0; Morris, 6-0-33-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August not out	120
J. A. R. Oliver b Battcock	10
J. G. Owen lbw b Reynolds	24
A. D. Panton b Battcock	1
S. T. Morris b Reynolds	21
E. C. Howard lbw b Taylor	16
A. B. Poole b Taylor	69
R. Hills not out	7
Extras	29

Total for six wickets .. 300

(Match Proceeding)

Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire - Minor Counties

Played at the Bedford School Ground, Bedford on Wednesday, Thursday 6, 7 August 1947

Buckinghamshire

D.G. Bondfield	46
P. Isherwood	3
T.E. Busby	136
J.O'Connor	165
C.H. Taylor	
R.S. Tompkins	
D.H. Maundoe	
A.E. James	
O.G. Battcock	
G. Reynolds	
Extras	19
Total (2 wickets dec)	369✓

Bedfordshire

G.L.B. Angant	167
J.A.R. Oliver	10
J.G. Owen	24
A.D. Pantor	4
S.T. Morris	21
E.C. Howard	16
A.B. Poole	69
R.L. Hills	17
I.C. Noble	28
A.O. Heyneson	8
R. Gardner	0
Extras	33
Total	397✓

Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire 1947

Bedfordshire

Chis	78	2
Gardiner	98	0
Heyneson	48	0
Noble	93	0
Monis	33	0
Extras	19	0
Total	369	2

Fall of Wicket

Buck		Bed	
1	2	1	2
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
6	-	-	-
7	-	-	-
8	-	-	-
9	-	-	-
10	-	-	31

Buckinghamshire

Battock	81	3
Marindoe	54	0
Tompkins	44	0
Reynolds	61	2
Taylor	94	4
James	10	0
O'Connor	9	0
Bonfield	11	1
Extras	33	0
Total	397	10

- 1 Top:
- 2 Captain: A.B. Prole (Bedfordshire)
- 3 Wicket-keepers: R.L. Hills (Bedfordshire)

Umpires:

Result: Match drawn

Source: The Cricketer, 23 August 1947, P256.

Saturday Sports Review

Chiltern Writes—

THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT WEEK FOR THE COUNTY CRICKETERS

THIS has been quite a week for Bedfordshire cricket. First innings points have been taken from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, and last night the county had placed themselves in a formidable position against their near neighbours, Hertfordshire.

Big totals have been the rule on the perfect Bedford School wicket, and main talk in the pavilion has been of records.

Much digging back into memories of the old days has been going on, and the item which caused most argument during the unlit hours was whether the county had ever had three centuries in an innings before.

Spanner From Bert Holdstock

THE incomparable Bert Holdstock, old Bedfordshire and Luton Town star, rather threw a spanner into the works yesterday afternoon when he said that it had happened twice before.

No one is better qualified to know than Bert, because he happened to be one of the century-makers on each occasion. The first time was at Cambridge in 1912 or thereabouts, when, after losing three wickets for 30, Bert A. F. Morcom and George Wharmilly reached three figures.

Few could remember so far back as to be able to dispute that one, but the other happened in comparatively recent times—1923.

Wilfrid King's Quick Century Recalled

IN that year against Hertfordshire at Watford, Bert says that he and F. C. W. Newman made a century each and that Wilfrid King, who was then skipping the side, followed with 100 in 44 minutes.

That great cricket oracle, Frank Crompton, remembers this occasion, but is not quite certain that Newman was concerned. However, they all gave best to Bert, who probably knows as much about Bedfordshire cricket as any one.

Yet it was left to Frank to have the last say, for he sticks to his original assertion that a double century and two centuries in an innings is a record for Bedfordshire.

And Still The Arguments Came

NO ONE wanted to argue about that, especially when Hertfordshire secretary, Rollo Walker, chimed in to say that he thinks that that is a record for Minor Counties cricket. So there we have it, and whatever records were broken, it was a wonderful feat.

Yesterday morning when Bedfordshire won the toss, another argument had started. George August had a chance of compiling his third successive century, and of course, that gave rise to the query as to whether that had ever happened in Bedford week before.

August—Personality Of The Week

SOME would have it that Arnold Sime, now captain of Nottinghamshire, had done it, but no one had chapter and verse as proof.

After a pleasant hour or so of reminiscences, all were more or less agreed that he made two centuries and came close to completing a third. So August had a chance to achieve undying fame yesterday and for a long time he looked like doing so.

He has been the personality of the week at Bedford. Opening the innings, he has looked as safe as a row of houses. His straight bat and unflurried style has broken bowlers' hearts on that unresponsive wicket.

On The Field For Nearly Four Days

DURING the first four days, he was on the field for all but 11

hours. On Monday, he batted from 11.30 until 5.50. On Tuesday he fielded all day. The first part of Wednesday, he spent in the field, and ended the last 90 minutes at the crease.

All day Thursday, he was defying the Buckinghamshire attack until he was out 10 minutes before the close of the innings. Yesterday, he was going along in his usual smooth way, and reached 53 to bring his total for the week to 421 in three innings. Then he was bowled. He played rather a lazy shot at a good length ball, and I do not wonder at it after his marathon efforts.

Has Average Of Over 100

THIS season he has scored 502 runs for the County in five innings, and must surely head the Minor Counties averages with an average of over 100.

Yet the batting has not been all George August this week, but his feats have rather overshadowed the centuries made by John Oliver and Eric Howard, and the very good innings of A. B. Poole and Sid Morris.

Others have come along with useful scores, and there is justification in the claim that the County bat down to number 11. We saw the proof of this yesterday, when Bedford School captain, Fleming, came in last with the total standing at 284 for 9.

Lively Last-Wicket Partnership

AFTER a promising start, this score was somewhat disappointing, for at least 300 runs are required to really stand much chance of winning points at Bedford.

Fleming proceeded to show a straight bat, a hard drive and a liking for going down the wicket to hit the slower bowlers in a manner which was an object lesson to some of his more experienced comrades.

Anyway, he collected 22 in rare style, and with Alf Heymeson, holding the other end, the pair added 34 runs, which may prove to be invaluable to-day.

Oliver Out In Unusual Fashion

THE most curious incident of yesterday's play came when John Oliver was dismissed. He went out to drive, got a touch on the edge and the ball went through to Arthur Grimsdell.

The wicket-keeper appealed automatically on hearing the click, but the ball bounced before reaching him, and did not go to hand. Oliver was out of his crease watching for the umpire's finger to go up when Grimsdell gathered the ball and had the bails off in a trice.

Oliver was well out, though undoubtedly he could have got back if he had not thought that a catch had been made. The umpire came running across to tell the scorers that the verdict was "run out," which was all very unusual, but according to the rules and not unique, for John tells me that it had happened to him before.

Herts Gives Youth Its Chance

HERTFORDSHIRE have reorganised their side and are giving youth its chance, and they impressed in the field as a good all-round side.

Pat Kingsley was a bit short of bowling, but would have been better off had Barker, who skittled out Luton Town at St. Albans last Saturday, had been able to find a length.

He bowled quite well in his first spell without getting much life out of this wicket on which the ball seldom rises above stump high. With the new ball at 200, he was most erratic, and A. B. Poole, who is having a good season with the bat, soon took off most of the shine with some big hits to leg.

Morris Stayed When Runs Were Needed

THE man who held Bedfordshire together yesterday was Sid Morris, who has already made two centuries for the county this season.

He stayed when runs were most wanted, but showed little of his natural inclination to go for runs. By nature Morris is a free-scoring batsman, but he seems to be restraining himself when playing for the county, and he let much more loose stuff go by than he would when playing for his club.

The Hertfordshire bowling was steady and accurate, with L. O. King, of Stevenage, and Jack Holt, of St. Albans, bearing the brunt.

Bowlers Came Into Their Own

ONLY members of the Bedfordshire side who have not been completely happy this week are the bowlers, who, apart from their successes against Oxfordshire on Tuesday morning, when rain had affected the wicket, have had rather a trying time.

However, they came into their own a little last night when Hertfordshire began their reply, though from the start of the innings, when Pat Kingsley drove the new ball beautifully, things did not look at all hopeful.

Kingsley made 22 so quickly as to make most opening batsmen shudder, but it was beautiful cricket, and his dismissal was received with a mixture of relief and disappointment.

Glyn Owen Struck Telling Blows

THE man who struck this telling blow for Bedfordshire was Luton Town's Glyn Owen, who foxed the Hertfordshire skipper into covering up with his pads and that was that.

Then he bowled Watson with his "wrong 'un" and Hertfordshire were 30 for 2, and Owen had 2 for 0 in a little over two overs. The third wicket fell at 41 and Bedfordshire were right on top.

In an effort to gain another success before the close, A. B. Poole rang the changes on his bowlers. Oliver, Coomb, Fleming, Owen, Heymeson, Poole and even George August had a try to

obtain the all-important wicket.

However, Bateman (Welwyn Garden City) and Cooper (St. Albans) presented a stern front and were there to cause further worry this morning,

Fleming Concentrates On Length

FLEMING was given a good spell and in view of the county's somewhat poverty-stricken state so far as bowling is concerned, his performance was watched with more than usual interest.

When he played last year he was inclined to sling them down and sacrificed length for pace. Now the order has changed, for he has cut down the speed and is relying on an immaculate length. That got him the wicket of Edwards, and Fleming looks like being a fine addition to the all-round strength.

We did not see much of Coomb, but he has a nice, easy action and the ability to swing the new ball away. I am told that he bowled well without much luck on Tuesday, and the county could certainly have used him against O'Connor and Co. on Wednesday, when they had only Oliver as a bowler with any pretension to pace.

Financial Return Is Good, Too

FINANCIALLY, too, the week has been a great success, and up to last night, gate receipts for five days had been £210 11s. 3d. which is probably an all-time record, but is certainly the highest since 1921.

With the receipts from the Cambridgeshire match at Watford, the county are now £84 up on last season which was also the best since 1921.

Without being unduly optimistic, they can hope for a gate of between £40 and £50 to-day, so I should imagine that the financial state of the County Club is very healthy just now.

Beds Are Fourth In The Table

THE team's playing record deserves this support, too, for after the matches which ended on Thursday, Bedfordshire were fourth in the Minor Counties table. Surrey II. lead the way, followed by Yorkshire II. and Berkshire.

Thoughts of honours have not sprung up yet, but two or three victories would make a big difference to their points average, and they may be there or thereabouts when the end of the season comes.

Could they but add a top-class fast bowler to their strength, they could face any county with confidence, for the batting is strong and consistent, and in all their five matches, they have not failed to top the 300 mark.

A DISAPPOINTING FINISH TO THE CRICKET WEEK

Home County's Batting Throws Away Chance of Victory

In their last match of the Cricket Week Bedfordshire won on the first innings against Hertfordshire. The scores reveal how narrowly they lost the race with the clock and how excellent bowling just failed to gain full Championship points for the home County. Hertfordshire's ninth wicket in their second innings fell on the stroke of time, and they were then 90 runs behind.

But the collapse of Hertfordshire only served to intensify the general regret that Bedfordshire's batting in the afternoon had been content merely to exercise an almost lifeless, mechanical domination of the position, and that the possibility of a win outright had apparently never been envisaged. It is difficult to resist the impression that Bedfordshire's chance was lost for want of enterprising, imaginative leadership.

Soon after lunch on Saturday Bedfordshire, with a lead of 69 runs, began their second innings. At tea (4.15) they were 99 for three. The fall of August's wicket was the last incident before the interval. He had scored 34—in two hours. The large crowd had barracked mildly, dismayed at the spectacle of a County strong in batting and with eight wickets in hand drifting along the safest course and doggedly refusing to do more than ensure that Hertfordshire would not win. If this was not a travesty of sport, it was something very near it.

After tea, as though by way of an apology, Bedfordshire added nearly 50 runs in about 30 minutes before declaring, Oliver and Morris (who succeeded August) attacking the bowling as it should have been attacked earlier. A declaration at tea, with sufficient runs on the board, would have given our bowlers time to win the match.

All the blame should not be pinned on August. He is not a forcing batsman, and surely the state of the game demanded that faster scorers like Morris, Howard, and Poole should be at the wicket in the afternoon, with August held in reserve, ready to play his usual game if the Hertfordshire bowlers looked like wresting the advantage from Bedfordshire.

But loss of championship points is not nearly so serious a matter as loss of prestige in the public's eyes. There can be no doubt that the big majority of spectators were keenly disappointed with the County's performance—and this at the end of a Week in which there was every sign of growing public interest. (Gate receipts for the six days were a record).

Negation of Cricket's True Spirit

The average cricket follower does not clamour for a "result"; he does not want, as the defenders of dull play appear to believe, the game to be turned into a caricature of itself, with the bowler serving up, in every over, four half-volleys to be hit over the sight-screen. But he does expect a match to be played in the spirit which has made cricket the best game of all. Saturday's exhibition was a negation of that spirit.

Hertfordshire, 217 runs in arrears, were given an hour and 25 minutes' batting. They lost nine wickets, five of them—the fourth to the eighth—while the score progressed from 81 to 99, and yet they scored

127 as compared with Bedfordshire's 99 in two hours! The captain, Kingsley, played a most cultured and attractive innings of 60, made in 70 minutes; his partnership with Edwards (seven fours in 37) added 71 at a fast rate; and both got out in playing attacking strokes, Kingsley when eight wickets were already down and there was yet time for a Bedfordshire victory! The old Oxford Blue even promoted his most punishing batsman of the first innings—Bell—to No. 1 in the batting order.

What motive prompted the gallant cricket played by Hertfordshire? Did Kingsley think there was an outside chance of scoring 218 in the time left? Was he concerned about giving the long-suffering crowd something for its money? Or was it a case of putting his opponents to shame? The reader can take his choice!

Oliver's Unlucky Dismissal

The first 50 runs of the match were scored by August and Oliver in 40 minutes and with every sign that only palpable error on the batsmen's part would yield wickets to the bowlers. But, at 57, Oliver was dismissed while in a state of

mental confusion. He attempted to off-drive a full toss and just nicked the ball, Grimdsell took it from the bounce, but Oliver, hearing an appeal and thinking he was out to a catch at the wicket, failed to ground his bat, and the wicket-keeper whipped off the balls. The square-leg umpire's finger was raised for a run-out.

August, who had scored faster than Oliver—he was 30 when the Luton player's score stood at 18—was now joined by Owen. Runs came quickly. The Old Bedfordian, having in his two previous innings of the Week spent nearly 13 hours at the wicket, appeared to be taking up permanent residence for a third time. He reached 50 in 90 minutes. The mind's eye foresaw him raising his cap to the crowd's applause for another 100 at roughly 4 p.m. Then, with disturbing suddenness at 90, King bowled him one of his faster balls and it wrecked August's stumps.

Apparently someone had omitted to inform King that George's tenancy of the Bedford School wicket was not subject to such preemptory notice as could be served on other batsmen. Also, the gate official neglected an obvious duty, which was to put up this notice for the benefit of after-lunch

spectators: "G. L. B. August, Esq., regrets that he will not be on view this afternoon. He is—ludicrously enough—already out."

Panton, bowled at 105, failed again, and Morris and Owen were at the helm when play stopped for lunch. Score: 107 for three.

Owen Out to Easy Catch

Owen had batted with enterprise and aggression, and it was surprising to see him give a simple catch to second slip at 119. Bedfordshire's position was now anything but comfortable, and for a time Morris and Howard handled bats that were heavy with care. Morris contrived to survive while Marques, bowling really well, gained a moral ascendancy. Several times this batsman was late on the stroke, but his partner drove three half-volleys from Holt to the boundary in front of the wicket and pulled a full-toss for four. The stand prospered quietly until it had produced 68 runs in 45 minutes; then Howard hit a ball straight into mid-off's hands and thus cut short an innings that had promised much.

Joined by Poole, Morris at last found his true form in a hit past mid-off for three, and Poole sent up the 200 with a leg boundary off Marques. A square-cut for four was in the true Poole vein. Morris chopped a ball to the pavilion steps, but on reaching his 50 in just under two hours he lost Poole. A useful stand had put on 53.

Coomb was "torpedoed"—a remarkable happening on a Bedford School wicket—but Hills and Morris pushed the score along from 244 to 283. The Bedford player soon followed Hills to the pavilion. His innings had lasted 170 minutes, but it was not one of his best.

For one who was on nodding terms with the extras, Fleming showed batting ability of surprising merit. His scoring strokes were among the best that the day's cricket had to offer, and Heymeson played a steady role while 33 valuable runs were added for the last wicket.

In the 80 minutes left Bedfordshire placed their visitors in an awkward position. As Kingsley was going his stylish way he fell to the second ball bowled by Owen, and three runs later, at 30, this bowler put a "wrong 'un" through Watson's defence. Then Fleming, who has forsaken pace for spin, bowled Edwards. In the last 40 minutes Bateman and Cooper averted further trouble.

Missed Catches

The above description of Friday's play was written on that day, and it can stand. As to Saturday's play in retrospect, very little need be added in detail to what has already been said about it in general. Missed catches made it possible for Hertfordshire to save the follow-on, and they were well served by the rugged vigour of Bell, who reached 50 in 90 minutes.

One redeeming feature is that Bedfordshire have found most promising bowlers in Fleming and Coomb. Both lads took occasional punishment without losing their length.

In Hertfordshire's second innings Poole was stumper in place of Hills, who bowled spinners very effectively. The excitement of the last 45 minutes' play, in which wickets tumbled so quickly, was followed with keen interest by the crowd, who greatly appreciated Hertfordshire's gesture as well as the splendid effort by our bowlers. Scores:—

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August b King	53
J. A. R. Oliver run out	19
J. G. Owen c Marques b Holt	35
A. D. Panton b King	0
S. T. Morris c Grimdsell b Holt	72
E. C. Howard c Kingsley b Marques	35
A. B. Poole b King	32
J. G. Coomb b King	4
R. Hills b Holt	19
A. O. Heymeson not out	10
G. McF. D. Fleming c Bell b King	22
Extras	18
Total	317

Bowling: L. O. King, 42 overs, 7 maidens, 116 runs, 5 wickets; J. Holt, 40-9-87-3; R. C. V. L. Marques, 15-1-42-1; A. P. Bell, 4-2-6-0; E. J. Barker, 14-0-48-0.

Second Innings	
G. L. B. August b King	34
A. D. Panton b King	13
J. G. Coomb b Marques	3
J. A. R. Oliver not out	6
S. T. Morris c Kingsley b Holt	20
E. C. Howard not out	4
Extras	7
Total for 4 wks. dec.	148

Bowling: King, 21 overs, 5 maidens, 53 runs, 2 wickets; Barker, 5-3-3-0; Marques, 8-2-16-1; Holt, 12-2-47-1; Bell, 11-2-22-0.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
P. G. T. Kingsley lbw b Owen	22
R. Watson b Owen	7
L. Bateman b Coomb	32
S. Edwards b Fleming	6
D. V. Cooper st Hills b Owen	23
A. P. Bell not out	73
R. C. V. Marques b Owen	28
E. O. King c Hills b Fleming	25
E. J. Barker b Oliver	4
A. Grimdsell lbw b Coomb	8
J. Holt lbw b Fleming	6
Extras	14
Total	248

Bowling: Coomb, 15 overs, 4 maidens, 2 wickets, 35 runs; Oliver, 11-2-1-48; Fleming 15-3-4-3-37; Owen, 25-6-4-71; Poole, 5-1-0-20; Heymeson, 9-2-0-20; August, 1-0-0-2.

Second Innings

A. P. Bell c Hills b Oliver	1
P. G. T. Kingsley c Owen b Hills	60
L. Bateman c Poole b Oliver	1
S. Edwards c Hills b Coomb	37
D. V. Cooper c Coomb	0
R. Watson c August b Hills	0
R. C. Marques st Poole b Owen	9
E. O. King b Owen	0
E. J. Barker run out	1
A. Grimdsell not out	9
Extras	9
Total for 9 wks.	127

Bowling: Coomb 11 overs, 3 maidens, 38 runs, 2 wickets; Oliver, 5-0-22-2; Hills, 9-1-35-2; Owen, 4-0-25-2.

In the Minor Counties' Championship table, Bedfordshire and Lancashire II occupy third place. Surrey II head the table, with Yorkshire II second.

Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire - Minor Counties

Played at the Bedford School Ground, Bedford on Friday, Saturday 8, 9 August 1947

Bedfordshire

G.L.B. Angant	b King	53	b King	34
J.A.R. Oliver	not out	19	not out	67
J.G. Owen	c Marples b Holt	33	Mar b Marples	3
A.D. Pantou	b King	0	b King	13
S.T. Morris	c Grimsdell b Holt	72	c Kingsley b Holt	20
E.C. Howard	c Kingsley b Marples	35	not out	7
A.B. Poole	b King	32		
A.G. Coomb	b King	4		
R.L. Hills	b Holt	19		
A.O. Hayneson	not out	10		
G.M.F.D. Fleming	c Bell b King	22		
Extras		18		7
Total		317✓	(4 wickets dec)	158✓

Hertfordshire

P.G. T. Kingsley	Mar b Owen	22	c Owen b Hills	60
R. Watson	b Owen	7	c Angant b Hills	0
L. Bateman	b Coomb	32	c Poole b Oliver	1
S. Edwards	b Fleming	6	c Hills b Coomb	37
D.V. Cooper	st Hills b Owen	23	b Coomb	7
A.P. Bell	not out	73	c Hills b Oliver	1
R.C.V. Marples	b Owen	20	st Poole b Owen	1
L.O. King	c Hills b Fleming	25	b Owen	1
E.J. Barker	b Oliver	4	not out	1
A. Grimsdell	c Hills b Coomb	8	not out	1
Holt	Mar b Fleming	1		
Extras		14		1
Total		248✓	(9 wickets)	127✓

Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire 1947

Hertfordshire

Fall of Wickets
Beds Herts

King	42	7	116	5 ✓	21	5	53	2 ✓				
Holt	40	9	87	3 ✓	12	2	47	1 ✓	1			
Marques	15	1	42	1 ✓	8	2	16	1 ✓	2			
Bell	4	2	6	0 ✓	11	2	22	0 ✓	3			
Barker	14	0	48	0 ✓	5	3	3	0 ✓	4			
Extras	-	-	18	1 ✓	-	-	7	0 ✓	5		-	
Total			317	10 ✓			148	4 ✓	6		-	

Bedfordshire

Loom	13	4	35	2 ✓	11	3	38	2 ✓				
Oliver	11	2	48	1 ✓	5	0	22	2 ✓				
Fleming	15.3	4	37	3 ✓								
Owen	25	6	71	4 ✓	4	0	23	2 ✓				
Poole	5	1	20	0 ✓								
Heymeson	9	2	20	0 ✓								
August	1	0	2	0 ✓								
Hills					9	1	35	2 ✓				
Extras	-	-	?	0 ✓	-	-	9	1 ✓				
Total				10 ✓			127	9 ✓	10	317	-	-

✓248

Toss:
 Captains: A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)
 Wicket-keepers: R.L. Hills and A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire) and A. Grimsdell (Hertfordshire)
 Umpires:
 Result: Match drawn
 Source: The Bedfordshire Times, 15 August 1947, P.7.

THE MINOR COUNTIES
CHAMPIONSHIP

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire

In the last match of the Cricket Week at Bedford School, on Friday and Saturday, Bedfordshire took points for a first-innings lead of 69 runs. Scores:-

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August b King	53
J. A. R. Oliver run out	19
J. G. Owen c Marques b Holt	33
A. D. Panton b King	0
S. T. Morris c Grimsdell b Holt	72
E. C. Howard c Kingsley b Marques	55
A. B. Poole b King	52
A. G. Coomb b King	19
R. Hills b Holt	19
A. O. Heymeson not out	10
G. McP. D. Fleming c Bell b King	22
Extras	18

Total 317

Bowling: L. O. King, 42 overs, 7 maidens, 116 runs, 5 wickets; J. Holt, 40-9-37-5; R. C. V. L. Marques, 15-1-32-1; A. P. Bell, 4-2-0-0; E. J. Barker, 14-0-48-0.

Second Innings

G. L. B. August b King	34
A. D. Panton b King	13
J. G. Owen lbw b Marques	5
J. A. R. Oliver not out	6
S. T. Morris c Kingsley b Holt	20
E. C. Howard not out	4
Extras	7

Total for 4 wkts. dec. 148

Bowling: King, 21 overs, 5 maidens, 53 runs, 2 wickets; Barker, 5-3-3-0; Marques, 8-2-16-1; Holt, 12-2-47-1; Bell, 11-2-22-0.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings

P. G. T. Kingsley lbw b Owen	22
R. Watson b Owen	1
L. Bateman b Coomb	32
S. Edwards b Fleming	6
D. V. Cooper at Hills b Owen	23
A. P. Bell not out	28
R. C. V. Marques b Owen	73
L. O. King c Hills b Fleming	25
E. J. Barker b Oliver	4
A. Grimsdell c Hills b Coomb	8
J. Holt lbw b Fleming	6
Extras	11

Total 248

Bowling: Coomb, 13 overs, 4 maidens, 2 wickets, 35 runs; Oliver, 11-2-1-48; Fleming, 15-3-4-37; Owen, 25-6-4-71; Poole, 5-1-0-20; Heymeson, 9-2-0-20; August, 1-0-0-2.

Second Innings

A. P. Bell c Hills b Oliver	1
P. G. T. Kingsley c Owen b Hills	60
L. Bateman c Poole b Oliver	1
S. Edwards c Hills b Coomb	37
D. V. Cooper b Coomb	0
R. Watson c August b Hills	0
R. C. Marques at Poole b Owen	9
L. O. King b Owen	0
E. J. Barker run out	9
A. Grimsdell not out	1
Extras	9

Total for 9 wkts. 127

Bowling: Coomb 11 overs, 3 maidens, 38 runs, 2 wickets; Oliver, 5-0-22-2; Hills, 9-1-35-2; Owen, 4-0-23-2.

RECORD "GATES" FOR COUNTY CRICKET WEEK

Eagles' First Trial Game: New Players On View To-morrow

Apart from the unenterprising batting against Hertfordshire on Saturday afternoon, the Week at Bedford School provided some of the finest cricket we have seen for many years. What is more, Bedfordshire gained first-innings points in all three games. Now they share third place in the Minor Counties Championship table with Lancashire II. Surrey II are top and Yorkshire II second.

The points system in the first-class Championship differs from the case of the Minor Counties in that it allows four points for a first-innings lead irrespective of the ultimate result. No doubt the risk of losing five points (for their first innings lead) weighed with Bedfordshire in deciding to pursue the safest course in the Hertfordshire match. Therefore, it would surely be a desirable move if the Minor Counties, too, granted points for a lead on the first innings whatever the result of the match. It would encourage the counties to shun such spiritless cricket as Bedfordshire played on Saturday afternoon.

August's Average

George August's feats were, of course, the great feature of the Week. He scored 455 runs in four innings, which gave him an average of 113.75, and it will be interesting to see where he stands in the Minor Counties' final averages. But he did not by any means steal all the limelight. The centuries by Oliver and Howard against Oxfordshire; Poole's timely and typical 89, without which the County would probably have failed to overtake Buckinghamshire's score; Morris's fighting innings at a critical stage when the Hertfordshire bowlers looked capable of taking command on Friday—these, and others, were performances of high merit. In regard to only one place need the batting have been strengthened.

Pace Bowler Needed

In every completed innings this season the County have topped the 300 mark. As to the bowling, two good youngsters proved worthy of inclusion last week, but there is no doubt that the absence of T. D. Matthews was keenly felt. The Luton player could not be released from his work.

Poole was placed in a very unenviable position on Wednesday, when, with the Buckinghamshire pair, O'Connor and Busby, hitting the ball almost everywhere, he had only four accredited bowlers at his service, and three were left-arm, slow to medium. What happened in this game emphasized the need to search the County thoroughly for bowlers before next season's programme opens. If the search produced just one young pace bowler who could attain County standard, how very worth while it would be!

Record Takings

Frank Crompton, the County Club's Hon. Secretary, was in his happiest mood on Saturday, for he could look back on a week of record gate receipts. These amounted to £263 15s. 6d. On Monday about £90 was taken; on Tuesday £28, on Wednesday £30 15s., on Thursday £30, on Friday £34, and on Saturday £51.

Not counting members of the Club, 5,500 people attended during the week. They increased the "gates" by nearly a hundred pounds on last year, when the Week's takings amounted to £167 14s. 6d. But, of course, there were two blank days in the 1946 Week, owing to rain.

A sum of £75 19s. was taken at Luton for the Cambridgehire match, and gates for all home matches were up by £142 on last year.

Past Feats Recalled

There was much talk last week on the subject of County records after August, Oliver, and Howard had scored their centuries against Oxfordshire. Some thought that three centuries had never been achieved in one Bedfordshire innings before, but later Bert Holdstock, the old professional, dug out two instances from his long memory. At Cambridge, just before the first World War, Bert himself, A. F. Morcom, and George Wharmby each reached three figures. Then, in 1922, Wilfred King, who was captain of the side, hit exactly 100 in 40 minutes, and Holdstock and F. C. W. Newman made 118 and 104 respectively at Watford.

However, no one could recall a Bedfordshire innings that included a double century and two single centuries. So Messrs. August, Howard, and Oliver still have their place in the chronicles of local fame.

The next best Bedfordshire total to the 539 against Oxfordshire last week is 525, taken from Hertfordshire's bowling in 1928.

At March To-day

To-day, Bedfordshire start their match with Cambridgehire at March. Sid Morris has had to drop out, but the batting should not be weakened unduly, for the side includes B. E. Disbury, who headed the Bedford School averages this season. Disbury is also a good bowler.

The attack is strengthened by the return of Matthews, and Morris's place is taken by a bowler, Fleming.

Panton remains in the team. His failures last week have not shaken the selection committee's faith in him, and no doubt he will be anxious to take some runs off the Cambridgeshire bowling. The team is: G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, A. D. Panton, E. C. Howard, B. S. Disbury, R. Hills, A. B. Poole (captain), I. C. Noble, T. D. Matthews, and G. McF. D. Fleming.

Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire - Minor Counties

March, Fri, Sat 15/16 August 1947

Bedfordshire

G.L.B. Angant	st Lytton b Thomas	24	
J.A.R. Oliver	run out	34	c Collins b Tagg 27
J.G. Owen	run out	9	c Smith b Thomas 1
A.D. Pantor	c Thomas b Tagg	4	not out 16
E.C. Howard	b Thomas	12	c Lytton b Tagg 14
B.E. Dibbiny	not out	84	b Thomas 0
A.B. Poole	b Hoyles	84	not out 30
R.L. Hills	b Hoyles	10	
I.C. Noble	c Hoyles b Tagg	8	b Tagg 15
G.McF.D. Fleming	b Tagg	0	
T.D. Matthews	b Tagg	3	
Extras		35	15
Total		307 ✓ (5 wks)	118 ✓

Cambridgeshire

E.A. Burton	b Matthews	0
M.A. Crouch	c Oliver b Owen	22
G.T. Collins	b Matthews	15
R. Laxton	b Owen	61
C.E. Cote	c Howard b Poole	60
W.N. White	b Matthews	7
R.A. Lytton	not out	43
C.J. Smith	b Matthews	9
J.H. Hoyles	b Matthews	3
E.D. Tagg	c Hills b Dibbiny	6
A.F. Thomas	c Dibbiny b Matthews	25
Extras		12
Total		263 ✓

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Cambridgeshire

Smith	20	6	38	0 ✓	4	1	14	0 ✓
Hoyles	23	3	56	2 ✓	4	0	11	0 ✓
Thomas	25	5	67	2 ✓	10	4	18	2 ✓
Tagg	28.4	6	74	4 ✓	14	3	35	3 ✓
White	4	1	15	0 ✓				
Laxton	4	0	22	0 ✓				
Crouch					5	0	21	0 ✓
Lyttleton					2	0	4	0 ✓
Extras	-	-	35	2 ✓	-	-	15	0 ✓
Total			307	10 ✓			118	5 ✓

Fall of Wickets

Bees Combs

Bees	Combs
1	2
2	1
2	2
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1
10	307
-	263

Bedfordshire

Oliver	11	4	17	0 ✓
Matthews	39.4	10	79	6 ✓
Dibbiny	6	2	5	1 ✓
Owen	28	1	106	2 ✓
Poole	3	0	9	1 ✓
Extras			12	0 ✓
Total			228	10 ✓

263

Toss:

Captains: C.E. Cooté (Cambridgeshire) and A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)

Wicket-keepers: R.A. Lyttleton (Cambridgeshire) and R.L. Hills (Bedfordshire)

Umpires:

Result: Match drawn

Source: Bedfordshire Times, 22 August.

SCHOOLBOY IN BIG STAND

Bedfordshire Take First-Innings Points

AUGUST HURT

Bedfordshire took first innings points in their drawn Minor Counties match against Cambridgeshire at March on Friday and Saturday.

After losing five wickets for 93 runs, a splendid sixth-wicket partnership of 149 runs between the Bedfordshire captain, A. B. Poole, and the 17-year-old Bedford School boy, B. E. Disbury, enabled them to take a commanding position at the end of the first day.

Unfortunately, Bedfordshire lost G. L. B. August whilst in the field on Saturday morning. In brilliantly stopping a boundary he fell heavily on his left shoulder and was taken to the County Hospital, Doddington, with a dislocated shoulder. He was discharged yesterday (Monday) morning.

Run Out Off No-Ball

Batting first on Friday, Bedfordshire's opening pair, G. L. B. August and J. A. R. Oliver, put on 44 before August was caught. Nine runs later J. G. Owen was ridiculously run out off a no-ball, and A. D. Panton followed at 75. Thirty minutes before lunch they lost another wicket in disastrous fashion. Oliver hit a ball to leg and started to run; then, apparently unsighted, he thought the ball had gone to the boundary, hesitated, and was easily run out.

Poole and Disbury came together at 93. After a lunch-time score of 114 for five, these two fine batsmen batted throughout the afternoon without giving a reasonable chance and 242 runs were registered at the tea interval.

With the first ball after tea, J. Hoyles, who had opened the bowling for Cambridgeshire without success, bowled Poole, who had contributed 84 runs, including nine fours, in a real captain's knock. The last wicket partnership added 40 runs and Disbury carried his bat for an excellent 84, including four fours, the total being 307.

In just over an hour before the close of play Cambridgeshire had lost three valuable wickets for 83 runs.

Coote's Good Stand

Continuing the Cambridgeshire innings on Saturday morning, Laxton and Coote scored steadily, though in Owen's first over Fleming failed to accept a catch from Coote.

After the partnership had put on 112 invaluable runs at a critical time, Coote was beautifully caught by Howard in the long field. When Laxton was eventually dismissed he was awarded his County cap.

Cambridgeshire's final total was 263. Matthews bowled very well for Bedfordshire and took six wickets for 79 runs in just under 39 overs.

Bedfordshire started badly in their second innings, losing four wickets for 52 runs in about 20 minutes. After Noble's dismissal, Poole joined Panton at 71, and they batted safely to the close of play.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August	st Lyttleton	b	24
Thomas			54
J. A. R. Oliver	run out		9
J. G. Owen	run out		4
A. D. Panton	c Thomas	b Tagg	12
E. C. Howard	b Thomas		84
B. E. Disbury	not out		84
A. B. Poole	b Hoyles		10
R. L. Hillis	b Hoyles		8
A. Noble	c Hoyles	b Tagg	9
G. Mc.F. D. Fleming	b Tagg		3
T. D. Matthews	b Tagg		35
Extras			307

Total 307

Bowling: Smith 20 overs, 6 maidens, 38 runs, 0 wickets; Hoyles, 25-3-56-2; Thomas, 25-5-67-2; TAGG, 28.4-6-74-4; White, 4-1-15-0; Laxton, 4-0-22-0.

Second Innings

J. A. R. Oliver	c Collins	b Tagg	27
E. C. Howard	c Lyttleton	b Tagg	14
J. G. Owen	c Smith	b Thomas	1
A. D. Panton	not out		16
B. E. Disbury	b Thomas		0
I. A. Noble	b Tagg		15
A. B. Poole	not out		30
Extras			15

Total for 5 wkts. 118

Bowling: Smith, 4-1-14-0; Hoyles, 4-0-11-0; Crouch, 5-0-21-0; TAGG, 14-3-35-3; Thomas, 10-4-18-2; Lyttleton, 2-0-4-0.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

E. A. Burton	b Matthews		0
M. A. Crouch	c Oliver	b Owen	22
G. T. Collins	b Matthews		15
R. Laxton	b Owen		61
C. E. Coote	c Howard	b Poole	60
W. N. White	b Matthews		7
R. A. Lyttleton	not out		43
C. J. Smith	b Matthews		9
J. Hoyles	b Matthews		3
E. D. Tagg	c Hills	b Disbury	6
A. F. Thomas	st Disbury	b Matthews	25
Extras			12

Total 263

Bowling: Oliver, 11-4-17-0; Matthews, 39.4-10-79-6; Disbury, 6-2-5-1; Owen, 28-1-106-2; Poole, 3-0-9-1.

New County Bowler

Bedfordshire will have a new bowler for next week's game against Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe (Wednesday and Thursday) and Oxfordshire at Oxford (Friday and Saturday). He is G. H. Tearle, of the Leighton Buzzard Club, and Mr. F. Crompton (hon. secretary) says that Tearle, who is a medium-fast right-arm bowler, will play with the special consent of the M.C.C. and the concurrence of Buckinghamshire.

Unfortunately, George August will not be able to play as the result of his dislocated shoulder, and the batting strength will be further weakened for the Oxfordshire game by the absence of J. A. R. Oliver, who has been honoured with a place in the Minor Counties side against the Army, this three-day match beginning at Swindon on 30th August.

The team to play Buckinghamshire will be: J. A. R. Oliver, E. C. Howard, J. G. Owen, A. D. Panton, S. T. Morris, A. B. Poole (capt.), R. L. Hills, A. G. Coomb, I. C. Noble, T. D. Matthews, and G. H. Tearle. Twelfth man: B. E. Disbury. Disbury will replace Oliver in the game against Oxfordshire.

By the way, E. C. Howard, the Bedford Town batsman, and G. McF. D. Fleming, the Bedford School bowler, were awarded their County ties last week.

Buckinghamshire & Bedfordshire - Minor Counties

Wed Thurs 27, 28 Aug 1977 High Wycombe

Buckinghamshire

D.G. Bonfield	Man b Oliver	4	not out	44
C.A. Prince	c Poole b Noble	71	c Hills b Owen	45
P. Isherwood	b Matthews	5		
R.F. Baker	c Matthews b Oliver Owen	10		
C.H. Taylor	b Owen	114		
A.E. James	run out	17	not out	11
D.H. Macindoe	b Noble	13		
C.W.R. Byars	c Hills b Owen	69		
J.F.N. Mayhew	c Poole b Owen	23		
O.G. Battcock	not out	21		
R.S. Tompkins	c Morris b Owen	19		
Extras		4		1
Total		370	(1 wk't dec)	101

Bedfordshire

J.A.R. Oliver	Man b Baker	45	c and b Baker	34
R.L. Hills	b Macindoe	8	not out	11
J.G. Owen	b Baker	28	b Battcock	0
A.D. Pantor	b Baker	0		
S.T. Morris	c and b Battcock	12		
E.C. Howard	b Macindoe	5	not out	0
A.B. Poole	b Baker	15		
I.C. Noble	b Battcock	8		
T.D. Matthews	not out	8		
A.G. Coomb	b Baker	0		
G.H. Tearle	Man b Baker	30		
Extras		6		0
Total		165	(2 wk'ts)	45

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Oliver	9	1	47	1 ✓
Teare	6	1	17	0 ✓
Matthews	30	6	90	1 ✓
Coomb	7	1	27	0 ✓
Owen	35	4	130	5 ✓
Noble	19	3	55	2 ✓
Extras			4	1 ✓
Total			370	10 ✓

6	1	22	0 ✓
7	1	20	0 ✓
6	0	35	1 ✓
4	0	23	0 ✓
		1	0 ✓
		101	1 ✓

Fall of Wickets

	Bucks	Beds
1	1	2
2	-	-
3	69	-
4	-	-
5	-	-
6	-	-
7	-	-
8	-	-
9	-	-
10	370	165

Buckinghamshire

Bathrock	27	16	34	2
Tompkins	11	1	40	0
Baker	18	5	34	6
Macindoe	13	3	35	2
Ishewood	3	1	16	0

6 0 0 0
 165 10 2 ✓

Ton:

Captains: C.H. Taylor (Buckinghamshire) and A.B. Poole (Bedfordshire)

Wicket-keepers: J.F.N. Mayhew (Buckinghamshire) and R.L. Hills (Bedfordshire)

Umpires:

Result: Match drawn

Source: Bedfordshire Times, 29 August.

**MORE POINTS FOR
BEDFORDSHIRE**

**Fourth Position in Minor
Counties' Table**

Bedfordshire took first innings points from Cambridgeshire at March on Friday and Saturday and are now fourth in the Minor Counties championship. George August dislocated a shoulder while fielding on Saturday and was in hospital until Monday.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

O. L. B. August st Lyttleton b Thomas	24
J. A. R. Oliver run out	54
J. O. Owen run out	9
A. D. Panton c Thomas b Tass	4
E. C. Howard b Thomas	12
M. E. Disbury not out	84
A. B. Poole b Hoyles	84
R. L. Hills b Hoyles	10
I. A. Noble c Hoyles b Tass	8
G. Mc.P. D. Piening b Tass	0
T. D. Matthews b Tass	3
Extras	35

Total 307

Bowling: Smith 20 overs, 6 maidens, 39 runs, 0 wickets; Hoyles, 25-3-56-2; Thomas, 25-5-67-2; Tass, 28-4-6-74-4; White, 4-1-15-0; Laxton, 4-0-22-0.

Second Innings

J. A. R. Oliver c Collins b Tass	27
E. C. Howard c Lyttleton b Tass	14
J. O. Owen c Smith b Thomas	1
A. D. Panton not out	16
M. E. Disbury b Thomas	0
I. A. Noble b Tass	15
A. B. Poole not out	50
Extras	15

Total for 5 wks. 118

Bowling: Smith, 4-1-14-0; Hoyles, 4-0-11-0; Crouch, 5-0-21-0; Tass, 14-7-35-3; Thomas, 10-4-18-2; Lyttleton, 2-0-4-0.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

E. A. Burton b Matthews	0
M. A. Crouch c Oliver b Owen	22
G. T. Collins b Matthews	15
R. Laxton b Owen	61
C. E. Coote c Howard b Poole	60
W. N. White b Matthews	7
R. A. Lyttleton not out	45
C. J. Smith b Matthews	9
J. Hoyles b Matthews	3
E. D. Tass c Hills b Disbury	6
A. P. Thomas c Disbury b Matthews	25
Extras	12

Total 263

Bowling: Oliver, 11-4-17-0; Matthews, 39-4-10-79-6; Disbury, 6-2-5-1; Owen, 28-1-106-2; Poole, 5-0-9-1.

The first four positions in the Minor Counties Championship table, up to 16th August (inclusive) are held as follows:—
Surrey II: played 11, won 8, lost 1, won on 1st Inns. 0, lost on 1st Inns. 1, no result 1, no. of pts. 85, average per match 7.72; Yorkshire II, 14-7-1-5-1-0-103-7.35; Lancashire II, 10-5-2-1-1-1-60-6.0; Bedfordshire, 6-1-0-5-0-0-35-5.83.

COUNTY BEHIND ON FIRST INNINGS

Baker's Fine Bowling Puts Bucks in Good Position

Fine bowling by Baker, who took six for 34, including a "hat-trick", put Buckinghamshire in a strong position in their return Minor Counties match with Bedfordshire at High Wycombe on Wednesday and yesterday. For the first time this season, Bedfordshire failed to secure a first innings lead and at the time of going to press they were 261 runs behind with eight second innings wickets to fall.

On the first day Buckinghamshire, after losing three for 69 on a plumb wicket, staged a good recovery through Prince and Taylor, their captain. Their fourth wicket stand yielded 101 before Taylor, having played a fine innings, was clean bowled by Owen, who proved the most effective of the six bowlers tried. Byass was twice missed behind the wicket, and these lapses proved expensive, for he made 69, and the home County totalled 370 in just over five hours.

Bedfordshire were left with 90 minutes' batting, and in the absence of George August, who has not yet recovered from an injury, Hills was promoted to open the innings with Oliver. Hills scored eight while Oliver made 30 in confident style. Owen batted freely to help Oliver add 30 for the second wicket, but then a hat-trick by Baker, a slow spin bowler, completely changed the course of events, his victims being Owen, Panton, and Oliver. However, the Bedford Town batsmen, Morris and Howard, stayed together until the close, when Bedfordshire were 275 runs behind with six wickets in hand.

LAST-WICKET STAND

When Bedfordshire resumed their innings yesterday they were soon in difficulties against Baker, who was again in deadly form. Apart from Tearle, the Leighton Buzzard all-rounder, making his first County appearance, and Matthews, who put on 40 in a last-wicket stand, none of the batsmen stayed long. The whole side was out just before lunch for 165.

Buckinghamshire went for runs briskly in their second knock and, after scoring 101 for one wicket in little more than an hour, they declared, leaving the visitors three hours and 20 minutes in which to get 307 to win. Oliver and Hills began steadily for Bedfordshire, but at 43 Oliver gave an easy return catch to Baker, and three runs later Owen was clean bowled by Battcock.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings	
D. O. Bousfield lbw b Oliver	4
C. A. Prince c Poole b Noble	71
F. Isherwood b Matthews	5
R. F. Baker c Matthews b Owen	10
C. H. Taylor b Owen	114
H. A. E. James run out	13
D. H. Macindoe b Noble	13
C. W. Byass c Hills b Owen	69
J. F. Mayhew c Poole b Owen	23
O. O. Battcock not out	21
R. B. Tompkins c Morris b Owen	19
Extras	4
Total	370
Bowling: Oliver 9 overs, 1 maiden, 47 runs, 1 wicket; Tearle, 6-1-17-0; Matthews, 30-6-90-1; Coomb, 7-1-27-0; Owen, 35-4-130-5; Noble, 19-3-55-2.	
Second Innings	
D. O. Bousfield not out	44
C. A. Prince c Hills b Owen	45
A. E. James not out	11
Extras	1
Total for 1 wicket dec.	101
Bowling: Oliver 6-1-22-0; Matthews, 7-1-20-0; Owen, 6-0-35-1; Noble, 4-0-23-0.	

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Baker	45
R. L. Hills b Macindoe	8
J. O. Owen b Baker	28
A. D. Panton b Baker	0
S. T. Morris c and b Battcock	12
E. C. Howard b Macindoe	5
A. B. Poole b Baker	15
I. C. Noble b Battcock	8
T. D. Matthews not out	8
A. Coomb b Baker	0
O. Tearle lbw b Baker	30
Extras	6
Total	165
Bowling: Battcock, 27-16-34-2; Tompkins, 11-1-40-0; Baker, 18-5-34-6; Macindoe, 13-3-35-2; Isherwood, 3-1-16-0.	
Second Innings	
J. A. R. Oliver c and b Baker	34
R. L. Hills not out	11
J. O. Owen b Battcock	0
E. C. Howard not out	0
Total for two wickets	45

Oxfordshire v Bedfordshire - Minor Counties

Played at the Christ Church Ground, Oxford on Friday, Saturday 29, 30 August 1947

Oxfordshire

J.F. Mendell	b Tearle	17	c Owen b Noble	26
L. Barber	st Hills b Owen	46	not out	17
R.W. Haynes	Maw b Tearle	1	c Owen b Noble	2
C. Walters	Maw b Tearle	2	b Noble	1
B.H. Travers	b Tearle	0	c Morris b Noble	10
A. Reynolds	Maw b Tearle	114	not out	1
R.T. Hewitt	st Hills b Owen	0		
W.W. Inge	b Tearle	18		
L.E.G. Hemming	b Matthews	56		
M. Girling	not out	22		
R.C.T. Smith	st Hills b Owen	6		
Extras		19		9
Total		301	(4 wickets)	121

Bedfordshire

R.L. Hills	b Girling	1	c Haynes b Smith	0
E.C. Howard	c Hemming b Smith	23	c Inge b Smith	2
B.E. Disbury	b Hemming	29	b Girling	0
I.C. Noble	b Travers	0	st Inge b Reynolds	7
S.T. Morris	b Hemming	11	c Inge b Smith	105
J.G. Owen	Maw b Hemming	6	c Travers b Smith	46
A.B. Poole	c and b Smith	23	c Girling b Smith	5
A.G. Coomb	Maw b Travers	0	b Smith	0
A.D. Pantor	b Travers	0	not out	53
G.H. Tearle	not out	14	b Travers	25
T.D. Matthews	b Smith	0	b Reynolds	0
Extras		2		27
Total		109		262

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Bedfordshire

									<u>Fall of Wickets</u>			
									Oxon	Beds		
Coomb	5	3	3	0 ✓	3	1	13	0 ✓	1	2	1	2
Tearle	24	2	83	6 ✓	4	0	19	0 ✓				
Poole	1	0	7	0 ✓								
Disbury	8	2	26	0 ✓								
Owen	24	0	120	3 ✓								
Matthews	13	1	43	1 ✓								
Noble					7	3	19	4 ✓	6			
Hills					5	1	12	0 ✓	7			
Extras	-	-	19	0	-	-	9	0 ✓	8			
Total			301	10 ✓			72	4 ✓	9			
									10	301	-	109 262

Oxfordshire

Smith	19	4	7	32	3 ✓	35	7	106	6 ✓
Girthing	5	2	10	1	✓	10	0	28	1 ✓
Walters	9	2	11	0	✓	12	1	33	0 ✓
Travers	11	2	33	3	✓	13	2	40	1 ✓
Hemming	10	4	21	3	✓	8	1	11	0 ✓
Reynolds						9	3	17	2 ✓
Haynes						3	1	3	0 ✓
Extras	-	-	2	0		-	-	24	0 ✓
Total			109	10 ✓				262	10 ✓

Ton:
 Captains: (Oxfordshire) and A.B.Poole (Bedfordshire)
 Wicket-keepers: W.W.Inge (Oxfordshire) and R.L.Hills (Bedfordshire)
 Umpires: B. Bellamy (Ed) and W.E. Brown
 Result: Oxfordshire won by 6 wickets
 Source: Bedfordshire Times, 5 September

COUNTY'S FIELDING LAPSES

First Defeat Since War

A CENTURY FOR MORRIS

Bedfordshire, losing by six wickets to Oxfordshire at Oxford on Saturday, gave a disappointing performance in their last Minor Counties Championship match of the season. Fielding lapses were the root cause of the visitors' defeat—their first since the war—although their batting, with two or three notable exceptions, was uninspiring.

A fine spell of fast-medium bowling by Geoffrey Tearle, playing in only his second County match, gave Bedfordshire an encouraging start on Friday morning, when their opponents, winning the toss, took first knock on a firm and true wicket. Oxfordshire's opening pair gave them a useful send-off, putting on 38 in 50 minutes, before Mendl was bowled off his pads. This was Tearle's first wicket in County cricket, and he followed it up with three quick successes, getting both Haynes and Walters lbw and clean bowling Travers.

Missed Before He Scored

Four wickets were thus down for 56, and the home County's position would have been even worse if Reynolds, next in, had not been missed on the leg boundary off Owen before he had scored. Reynolds enjoyed another slice of luck when he was 25, being dropped at short extra cover, but in the last over before lunch two more wickets fell. First, with the total at 100, Barber was stumped off Owen after batting for an hour and 50 minutes for 46, and then, two runs later Hewitt was out in similar fashion. After lunch Inge helped Reynolds to add 39 in 25 minutes for the seventh wicket.

With Hemming in, Reynolds completed his half century, and scoring continued at a fast rate, despite frequent bowling changes. The eighth wicket partnership had realized 110 when Matthews, having taken the new ball, bowled Hemming, whose 56 included six boundaries. A few minutes later Reynolds, who was given a third "life" at 84 (a chance in the slips), reached his hundred, and when he was ninth out at 272 he had made 114. His chief scoring strokes were a six and 14 fours.

August and Oliver Absent

Bedfordshire, lacking the services of their regular opening batsmen, G. L. B. August (injured) and J. A. R. Oliver (playing for the Minor Counties against the Army at Swindon), fared badly when their turn came. They lost Hills with only three scored, and after Howard and Disbury had added 38 for the second wicket, resistance weakened so much that half the side was out for 68 and the other five wickets fell for the addition of only 41. Disbury, the Bedford School boy, was top scorer with 29, and his competence was a redeeming feature of a drab display.

Following on the next morning, 192 runs behind, Bedfordshire were soon in trouble again, losing Howard, Disbury, Poole, and Hills, for 32 runs in 45 minutes. However, Owen and Morris were associated in an attractive fifth wicket stand which yielded 69 in an hour before Owen gave an easy catch to silly mid-off. Coomb was bowled next ball, but Panton spoiled Smith's chance of a hat-trick and the lunch score was 113 for six.

Soon after the interval Morris completed his 50 in 2 hours 20 minutes. He found an admirable partner in Panton, who, after a sequence of failures gradually regained his confidence. They had the satisfaction of saving an innings defeat, and, with Morris showing more freedom, the partnership realized 101 in 95 minutes.

His Third Hundred

Morris, with his score at 93, received a nasty blow on the head from a sharply rising ball, but he continued, and reached his third hundred of the season for the County. Ten runs later his splendid innings came to a close, his 105 out of 231 having occupied nearly four hours. He hit eleven fours. After his departure the end of the Bedfordshire innings was not long delayed, and Panton was un-defeated for 53.

Oxfordshire, set to make 71 in two hours to win, accomplished their task for the loss of four wickets, all of which fell to Noble at a personal cost of 19 runs. It was surprising, incidentally, that Noble was not given a turn with the ball in the first innings, especially as he dismissed five Oxfordshire batsmen cheaply at Bedford earlier this month.

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. F. Mendl b Tearle	17
L. Barber st Hills b Owen	46
R. W. Haynes lbw b Tearle	1
C. Walters lbw b Tearle	2
B. H. Travers b Tearle	0
A. Reynolds lbw b Tearle	114
R. T. Hewitt st Hills b Owen	10
W. W. Indree b Tearle	18
L. Hemming b Matthews	56
M. Girling not out	22
R. C. T. Smith st Hills b Owen	6
Extras	19
Total	301

Bowling: Coomb 5 overs, 3 maidens, 3 runs, 0 wickets; Tearle, 24-2-85-6; Poole, 1-0-7-0; Disbury, 8-2-26-0; Owen, 24-0-120-5; Matthews, 15-1-45-1.

Second Innings

J. F. Mendl c Owen b Noble	26
L. Barber not out	17
R. W. Haynes c Owen b Noble	2
C. Walters b Noble	1
B. H. Travers c Morris b Noble	10
A. Reynolds not out	7
Extras	9
Total for 4 wickets	72

Bowling: Coomb, 5-1-13-0; Tearle, 4-0-19-0; Noble, 7-3-19-4; Hills, 5-1-12-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

R. L. Hills b Girling	1
E. C. Howard c Hemming b Smith	23
B. E. Disbury b Hemming	29
I. C. Noble b Travers	0
S. T. Morris b Hemming	11
J. G. Owen lbw b Hemming	6
A. E. Poole c and b Smith	23
A. Coomb lbw b Travers	0
A. D. Panton b Travers	0
G. H. Tearle not out	14
T. D. Matthews b Smith	0
Extras	2
Total	109

Bowling: Smith, 19.4-7-52-3; Girling, 5-2-10-1; Walters, 9-2-11-0; Travers, 11-2-35-3; Hemming, 10-4-21-5.

Second Innings

E. C. Howard c Inge b Smith	2
S. T. Morris c Inge b Smith	105
B. E. Disbury b Girling	0
A. E. Poole c Girling b Smith	5
R. L. Hills c Haynes b Smith	0
J. G. Owen c Travers b Smith	46
A. Coomb b Smith	0
A. D. Panton not out	53
I. C. Noble st Inge b Reynolds	4
G. H. Tearle b Travers	23
T. D. Matthews b Reynolds	0
Extras	24
Total	262

Bowling: Smith, 35-7-106-6; Girling, 10-0-26-1; Hemming, 8-1-11-0; Travers, 13-2-40-1; Walters, 12-1-33-0; Reynolds, 9-3-17-2; Haynes, 3-1-3-0.
Umpires: B. Bellamy and W. E. Brown.

FIRST DEFEAT SINCE THE WAR

Bedfordshire, losing by six wickets to Oxfordshire at the Christ Church ground, Oxford, on Saturday, suffered their first defeat since the war.

OXFORDSHIRE

First Innings

J. F. Mendi b Tearle	17
L. Barber at Hills b Owen	46
R. W. Haynes lbw b Tearle	2
C. Walters lbw b Tearle	0
B. H. Travers b Tearle	0
A. Reynolds lbw b Tearle	114
R. T. Hewitt at Hills b Owen	0
W. W. Indke b Tearle	18
L. Henning b Matthews	56
M. Girling not out	22
R. C. T. Smith at Hills b Owen	7
Extras	19
Total	301

Bowling: Coomb 5 overs, 3 maidens, 3 runs, 0 wickets; Tearle, 24-2-83-0; Poole, 1-0-7-0; Disbury, 8-2-26-0; Owen, 24-0-120-3; Matthews, 15-1-43-1.

Second Innings

J. F. Mendi c Owen b Noble	26
L. Barber not out	17
R. W. Haynes c Owen b Noble	2
C. Walters b Noble	7
B. H. Travers c Morris b Noble	10
A. Reynolds not out	7
Extras	9
Total for 4 wickets	72

Bowling: Coomb, 3-1-13-0; Tearle, 4-0-19-0; Noble, 7-3-19-4; Hills, 5-1-12-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

R. L. Hills b Girling	1
E. C. Howard c Hemming b Smith	21
B. E. Disbury b Hemming	28
I. C. Noble b Travers	0
S. T. Morris b Hemming	11
J. G. Owen lbw b Hemming	6
A. B. Poole c and b Smith	23
A. Coomb lbw b Travers	0
A. D. Panton b Travers	0
G. H. Tearle not out	14
T. D. Matthews b Smith	0
Extras	2
Total	109

Bowling: Smith, 19-4-7-32-3; Girling, 5-2-10-1; Walters, 9-2-11-0; Travers, 11-2-33-3; Hemming, 10-4-21-3.

Second Innings

E. C. Howard c Inge b Smith	2
B. T. Morris c Inge b Smith	105
B. E. Disbury b Girling	0
A. B. Poole c Girling b Smith	0
R. L. Hills c Haynes b Smith	0
J. G. Owen c Travers b Smith	40
A. Coomb b Smith	0
A. D. Panton not out	50
I. C. Noble at Inge b Reynolds	4
G. H. Tearle b Travers	27
T. D. Matthews b Reynolds	0
Extras	24
Total	261

Bowling: Smith, 35-7-106-6; Girling, 10-0-28-1; Hemming, 8-1-11-0; Travers, 15-2-40-1; Walters, 12-1-33-0; Reynolds, 9-3-17-2; Haynes, 3-1-3-0.
Umpires: B. Bellamy and W. E. Brown.

**COUNTY CRICKET
AVERAGES**

**George August is Leading
Batsman**

A win outright and five first innings leads give Bedfordshire a high place in the Minor Counties Championship. Occupying the seventh position in the final table, Bedfordshire lost only one match—and this was the last, against Oxfordshire on Friday and Saturday.

George August had his best season in County cricket, and heads the Bedfordshire batting with an average of 80. Top place in the bowling is filled by a 21-year-old fast-medium bowler, G. Tearle, who plays for Leighton Buzzard, and who appeared in Bedfordshire's last two matches.

BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	runs	h.s.	aver.
G. L. B. August	7	0	560	201	80.0
J. A. R. Oliver	10	1	451	123	47.88
S. T. Morris	10	0	405	105	40.5
A. B. Poole	11	1	364	84	36.4
E. C. Howard	12	1	324	101	29.65
J. G. Owen	11	0	194	44	17.65
R. L. Hills	8	0	138	68	16.0
A. D. Panton	10	2	99	53*	12.37
I. C. Noble	9	0	111	51	12.33
A. Coomb	8	1	48	26	9.6
T. D. Matthews	7	4	14	8	4.66

* Signifies not out.

Also batted: B. E. Disbury, 84 not. O. 29; O. G. Tearle, 30, 5, 14, and 23; A. O. Heymeson, 3, 9, 8, and 10; O. McP. D. Fleming, 22 and 0; M. Dobeys, 4 and 8; B. C. Barnwell, 2; R. Gardiner, 0.

BOWLING

	o.	m.	r.	w.	aver.
Tearle	34	3	119	6	19.83
Matthews	158.4	39	405	3	31.31
Oliver	146.1	25	478	20	23.9
Noble	177	49	458	17	26.35
Owen	162.4	15	665	22	30.22
Coomb	57	15	195	5	39.0

Also bowled: O. McP. D. Fleming, 21.3-6-49-3; A. B. Poole, 13-3-34-2; R. L. Hills, 13-2-47-2; B. S. Disbury, 14-4-31-1; A. O. Heymeson, 64-8-181-5; S. T. Morris, 6-0-33-0; G. L. B. August, 4-0-17-0; B. C. Barnwell, 10-0-44-0; R. Gardiner, 33-7-98-0.

Catches: R. Hills, 12; A. B. Poole, 7; S. T. Morris and J. G. Owen, 5 each; J. A. R. Oliver, 4; T. D. Matthews and A. D. Panton, 2 each; E. C. Howard, B. S. Disbury, A. O. Heymeson, G. L. B. August, and I. C. Noble, 1 each.

Stumpings: Hills, 8; A. B. Poole, 1.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL TABLE

	D	W	1st ins.	ps.	mch	ave per
			W I n.r.			
Surrey II	12	9	1 1 0 1 1	95	7.91	
Yorks II	14	7	1 1 0 1 0	105	7.35	
Lancs II	12	6	1 1 1 1 1	75	6.25	
Staffs	10	5	1 0 1 0 1	62	6.2	
Suffolk	8	4	2 0 2 0 2	46	5.75	
Oxford	10	3	1 1 4 2 0	56	5.6	
Herts	8	1	1 1 4 2 0	58	4.75	
Durham	8	2	1 1 2 2 0	58	4.75	
Kent II	10	2	2 2 4 1 1	45	4.5	
Berks	10	2	2 2 3 3 0	44	4.4	
Cambs	8	1	1 3 3 3 0	34	4.25	
Devon	10	2	2 2 3 3 0	44	4.4	
Bucks	10	1	2 2 3 3 0	39	3.9	
Herts	8	2	2 1 0 2 0	31	3.87	
Wilts	8	2	2 2 2 2 0	31	3.87	
Dorset	10	1	1 2 2 2 2	34	3.4	
Gloucs II	8	2	2 2 2 2 2	33	3.37	
Norfolk	10	2	2 2 2 2 2	22	2.2	
Notts II	8	0	1 1 1 1 1	22	2.2	
Cheshire	8	0	1 1 1 1 1	18	2.25	
Corwall	8	0	1 1 1 1 1	18	2.25	
Lincs	8	0	0 0 0 0 0	19	1.9	
Nblland	10	1	0 0 0 0 0	19	1.9	

* Signifies tied match.

COUNTY CRICKET

Professional Bowler May be Engaged

Bedfordshire's need of a stock bowler, which has been apparent since County cricket was resumed after the war, is likely to be met by the appointment of a professional with experience in first-class cricket. It is understood that the County Club Committee have a player in view.

Mr. H. R. Neate, the Club's Chairman, informed the annual meeting, held on Friday, that the Committee had been carefully husbanding financial resources with a view to securing a professional. They were determined to do everything possible to find a bowler who would "get the other side out", because that was where the County team had suffered most.

"Our batting is strong enough to top 300 or 400 runs," continued Mr. Neate, "and we feel that if we had a good steady bowler who could be depended upon to get the best wickets on the other side Bedfordshire would win most of their matches.

"The type of professional we hope to get is one who has retired from active first-class cricket and who has a business or a job. He would be ready to play in most of our matches and also to give our batsmen some practice at the nets."

Referring to the healthy financial condition of the Club, Mr. Neate said that with prices at their present high level funds would not go very far and he appealed for continued support.

A. B. Poole Captain Again

A. B. Poole was unanimously re-elected captain. He was proposed by J. A. R. Oliver and seconded by C. Rawlins. Mr. Oliver is again to serve as vice-captain.

Mr. J. B. Graham presided over the meeting, which re-elected Mr. J. A. Whitchurch Patron, Major S. Whitbread President, and Mr. Neate and Mr. E. Arnold Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Mr. Frank Crompton enters his 24th year as Hon. Secretary. Other re-elections were: Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift; Hon. Auditors, Mr. D. J. Clark and Mr. W. Porter; Hon. Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole.

In Mr. Crompton's report on a very successful year it was stated that the County's share from the proceeds of the 1947 Test Matches with South Africa is £148 8s. 11d. The late Mr. G. B. Powell, "The Pines", Mauden, had provided in his will a legacy of £25 for the Club.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Martin Routs Sharnbrook's Opponents

Saturday's League cricket was notable for good bowling performances, and the best was by Martin, who ran through Sharnbrook's opponents, North Crawley, for 22 runs. Six of his nine overs were maidens, and he took seven wickets at a cost of a run apiece. Sharnbrook lost four wickets for 11, but the tail wagged sufficiently to gain a winning total.

Oakley were also out for 22. Scoley and Curtis conducted Pavenham's devastating attack. One of the sides whose out-cricketer was not so effective was Elstow, who tried nine bowlers against Cople. Winning by seven wickets, Cople called it a day at 134 for eight.

Ickwell registered their second nine-wickets win over North End this season. The Bedford side had a long look at Ickwell's opening batsmen, Humphries and Reeks. Ninety-six runs were in the score-book before they were parted.

FIRST DIVISION

Ickwell v. Bedford North End
 Bedford North End: J. Peacock 21, S. Chamberlain 14, A. Peasey 11, W. Loakes 7, R. Colburt 10, L. Chamberlain 6, R. Sherriffs 18, G. Footer not out 9, G. Collins 0, A. Barker 14, A. Woodward 1, extras 9, total 130.
 Ickwell: D. Humphries 55, G. Reeks not out 73, A. Marsom 9, G. Dilleigh 1, J. Turnbull 1, G. Cole 0, E. Hillyard 0, H. Thompson 1, W. Cunt 1, extras 16, total for nine wickets 162.
 Bowling: Ickwell, G. Brunt four for 46, F. Ebbard two for 16, E. Hillyard one for 4, A. Marsom one for 14, G. Reeks one for 4; Bedford North End, W. Loakes six for 25, Colburt three for 12.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION II)

Oakley v. Pavenham
 Pavenham: A. Wildman 16, J. Turner 7, R. Cox 0, G. Curtis 16, G. Scoley 19, N. Wesley 12, D. Poole 14, J. Tandy 2, J. Crawley 0, G. Wesley 3, A. Ashpole not out 6, extras 12, total 107.
 Oakley: F. Rainbow 0, B. Saunders 1, J. Gregory 2, J. Newell 2, J. Pulford 0, E. Newell 3, C. Bird 0, D. Mays 5, G. Rainbow 1, B. Stapleton 4, L. Cater not out 1, extras 5, total 22, G. Curtis five for 7, Scoley five for 12.
Cople v. Elstow
 Elstow: P. Usher 0, K. Brown 1, G. Prudden 1, L. Shortland 10, M. Wilson 2, M. Brown 20, R. Bennett 0, D. Purser 11, L. Lack 6, J. Auker 1, K. Green not out 2, extras 4, total 58 (Shingler five for 16, Minney two for 9, Johnson one for 6, Worrall one for 17).
 Cople: F. Wheeler 0, E. Bartram 30, R. Burridge 1, R. Norman 17, B. Hillyard 21, C. Graves 17, R. Minney retired 20, S. Wilsher retired 11, F. Johnson 1, D. Shingler not out 11, A. Worrall 0, extras 5, total 134 for eight wickets (Bennett three for 33, Auker two for 12).

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION I)

Colmworth v. Keysoe
 Colmworth: J. Darrington 0, 9, C. Polbing 3, S. Matthews 2, V. T. Fell 2, H. Swales 4, D. Hamms 5, 0, V. G. Fell 0, S. B. Swales 1, 6, R. Chamberlain 3, 12, J. Hawkins 4, 2, W. Elmsion 0, 0, extras 7, 1, totals 28 and 49 for nine.
 Keysoe: B. Hartop 4, 1, A. George 0, 3, J. Elliot 2, 0, C. Maddinson 2, 1, R. Maddinson 0, 4, C. Stapleton 10, 0, T. Freeman 8, 0, D. Stapleton 0, 3, R. Franklin 0, 0, B. Green 0, 0, F. Warstaff 0, 0, extras 6, 7, totals 32 and 19.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION II)

Great Barford v. West End
 Great Barford: Klrby 2, Robinson 5, Minney 2, Pitts 0, Breeze 7, Fordham 5, Jeffs 0, Browning 3, Sims 1, Pitkin 0, Berridge 1, extras 3, total 29 (Jessop five for 14, White four for 12).
 West End: Ashpole 6, J. Walker 3, King 0, Jessop 0, R. J. Burraway 2, Millard 18, J. Burraway 6, White 16, Hyde not out 14, Barker 4, S. Walker 3, extras 4, total 76 (Breeze six for 29, Fordham four for 18).
 Everton 2nd 73, Tempsford 72.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION III)

Risley v. Turvey
 Risley: A. Sugara 6, B. Frost 6, J. Williams 0, R. Wright 1, F. Paynton 5, A. Williams 0, S. Newton 6, G. Cockings 3, V. Cockings 2, C. Newton 7, D. Holson not out 1, extras 5, total 42 (Partridge four for 15, Stevens three for 10, Williams three for 10).
 Turvey: G. Salter 9, R. Nicholls 8, H. Stevens 1, H. Hancock 0, G. Williams 12, C. Stevens 1, C. Crossley 9, W. not out 0, D. Brace 4, E. Rootham not out 0, D. Smeathers 1, extras 13, Sugara two for 9, Paynton two for 12, Newton one for 7).

Sharnbrook v. North Crawley
 Sharnbrook: H. Martin 0, H. Shepherd 0, H. Gray 6, W. Howe 3, F. Allen 17, R. Dunkley 6, P. Dowdeswell 6, D. Benson 2, L. Facey 10, J. Knight not out 13, J. Bance 11, extras 2, total 82 (Richardson three for 31, Stanton three for 17, Goodman one for 10, Pollard one for 14).
 North Crawley: Lancaster 1, Branden 3, Mitchell 3, Collier 2, Pollard 7, Goodman 0, Stanton 1, F. Savage run out 0, Hedge 4, Richardson 0, D. Savage not out 0, extras 1, total 22 (Martin seven for 7, Bance one for 4, Knight one for 10).

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Bedford Town 2nd v. Igranio
 Bedford: T. Woollescroft 7, E. Hawkins 5, E. S. Smith 5, D. Matthews 2, C. D. Barr 17, C. Yeo 0, R. Sheppard 12, S. Volz 10, Howe 0, R. Willows not out 2, R. R. Filby 1, extras 18, total 80.
 Igranio: S. Pryor 10, V. Ford 23, V. Jeffrey 10, W. Jones 4, P. Swann 4, S. Lowndes 4, J. Quinney not out 42, S. Fuller 1, B. York 1, T. Harrison not out 3, extras 8, total 110 for eight.
Elstow 2nd XI v. Haynes
 Haynes: G. Potter 2, J. Hudson 4, A. Keans not out 62, P. Barr 17, H. Green 0, M. Green not out 13, extras 7, total 105 for four wickets (Cirket two for 35, Franklin one for 25, Southern one for 7).
 Elstow: Cirket 4, Southern 0, Franklin 2, Ingram 2, S. Sneyson 0, Robinson 2, Newbury 2, Cave 0, Sutton 2, Bartram 0, George not out 2, extras 2, total 16 (Barber seven for 6, M. Green three for 8).
Southill Park v. R.A.F. Cardington
 R.A.F. Cardington: Cogan 5, Scott 17, Thompson 30, Woods 1, Campbell 3, Benson-Brain 0, Hance 1, Service 2, Wydell 5, Smith not out 2, Murray 0, extras 14, total 80.
 Southill: Burnage 23, Grimshaw 0, Brunt 28, Yeo 6, Godman 0, Hunt 18, King 7, Massey 0, Brown 1, Swain not out 3, Willows 0, extras 3, total 81 (Hance seven for 18).

Bedfordshire Times v. Kempston East Methodist
 Methodist: Turner 26, Curtis 0, Childersley 36, Brown 15, Mann 0, White 14, Baker 4, Bellamy 2, Gilbert not out 1, extras 10, total 106 for eight.
 Bedfordshire Times: Cook 16, Saunders not out 53, Lawrence 3, Perkins 0, Page 0, Brice 6, Martin not out 4, extras 5, total 87 for five.
 Argus 99 for nine (West 84, Coomb 82 not out, R. Bennett four for 23, Fuller two for 12), Mellis 57 (R. Bennett 21 not out, Turvey five for 7, F. Barnes three for 10, Stevens two for 12).

Town Meet Harpur

Given cricket weather, the Newnham Avenue ground's boundary ought to be lined with spectators for to-morrow's match between Bedford Town and Harpur Sports. Harpur are not quite the powerful side they once were and their 1946 victory by 10 wickets over the Town is not likely to be repeated. The Town are much stronger this year, although another good bowler would fill a need. Whatever the result, some interesting cricket is promised.

Town XI: K. Vane-Percy (capt.), E. C. Howard, S. T. Morris, M. Dobeyn, J. Pratt, C. F. Sabej, Ll. Baker, S. G. Harris, Andrews, P. Humphreys, K. McCanlis; twelfth man D. T. Matthews.

Harpur: Tom Minns (capt.), R. Poulter, A. Cornell, B. Cornell, R. Jarvis, J. Harrison, G. Webster, A. Martin, J. Newman, E. Litchfield, P. Markham.

Thurleigh v. Little Staughton
 Thurleigh: H. Swebston 17, W. Asplin 1, F. Holley not out 55, J. Wagstaff 13, J. Thorne 5, K. Wastell 7, S. Asplin 0, P. Lumbis 0, C. Parker not out 12, extras 18, total 131 for seven.
 Little Staughton: R. Thorne 28, G. Robins 3, S. Robins 0, G. Stapleton 6, J. Farrington 6, V. Barnes 1, S. Hall 0, D. Jordan 1, S. Stapleton 1, C. Bank 0, C. Brown not out 0, extras 13, total 59 (W. Asplin seven for 23, J. Wagstaff three for 5).

Eastern National v. R.A.F. Cranfield
 R.A.F. Cranfield: Watkins 10, Hill 7, Scott 0, Spence 2, Williams 25, Longlands 2, Crossley 0, Parsons 12, Cambren 0, Reynolds 0, James not out 2, extras 13, total 75 (Barker six for 21, including hat trick, D. Meadows three for 19).
 Eastern National: D. Meadows 21, E. Giles 53, S. Burton 10, A. Barker 4, A. Martin 9, G. Footer not out 3, extras 5, total 105 for five wickets.

Igranio v. N.A.A.F.I. (Biggleswade)
 Igranio: Ford 7, Jones 33, Jeffery 4, Lowndes 17, Brealey not out 19, Fuller not out 3, extras 5, total 88 to four wickets.
 N.A.A.F.I.: Singleton 1, Brunt 12, Woodward 4, Bates 0, Price 1, D. Harpur 18, Williams 5, Jeffery 0, J. Brunt 0, Ogden not out 1, Young 2, extras 2, total 54 (Jones five for 16, Jeffery four for 6).

Bromham Nomads v. Sharnbrook
 Nomads: W. Everest 5, P. Calladon 39, L. White 6, E. Gilbert 9, K. Bushell not out 34, E. Chalkley 0, W. Bowler 5, R. Butty 2, A. Everest 5, W. Mortimer not out 11, extras 8, total 120 for eight wickets (Dunkley three for 13).
 Sharnbrook: T. Ward 5, F. Barcock 9, J. Harrison 0, G. Boyles 1, R. Thompson 1, R. Bragg 0, R. Ward not out 0, D. Dunkley 1, Jeffery 0, F. Lilley 0, T. McLeod 0, extras 5, total 24 (Whit four for 8, Everest five for 11, including hat trick).

Olney v. Newport Pagnell
 Olney: A. Mynard 3, S. Dix 0, F. Lett 19, A. Berrill 12, A. Hammond 20, J. Goldsmith 5, R. Berrill 0, R. Megeary 9, L. Smith 0, E. Howson 8, R. Mawer not out 6, extras 6, total 88.
 Newport Pagnell: J. McGuire 1, M. F. Taylor 22, J. Skinner 1, E. Brandon 7, C. J. Bolton 8, L. Goldsmith 20, B. Huckle 3, C. H. Piper not out 13, extras 2, total 78 for seven wickets.

Olney v. Horton
 Olney: F. Letts 17, A. Tuckley 19, A. Mynard 5, A. Berrill 3, S. Dix 7, L. Smith 2, R. Berrill 6, R. Megeary 16, R. Mawer 2, E. Howson not out 6, A. Hammond 30, extras 4, total 116
 Horton: 45.

Ramsay v. St. Neots
 Ramsay: 101.
 St. Neots: J. Taylor 22, D. Phillips not out 109, P. R. Laycock 11, E. Kitteridge 3, F. Newman 11, J. Christmas 16, J. Summerson 1, Ricks 14, Revill 2, extras 5, total 198 for eight.

St. Neots v. Eaton
 St. Neots: S. Taylor 18, B. Wakefield 32, R. Howes 24, F. R. Sillett 5, E. Smith 9, A. Whyatt 12, W. Sewell 2, R. Sewell 2, C. Dearman not out 1, extras 5, total 110 for eight wickets (Darbyshire three for 31, Mash three for 25).
 Eaton: J. Smith 48, W. Pope 17, R. Byraves 25, F. Haas not out 18, D. Ashby not out 16, extras 2, total 124 for three.

THREE RUNS WERE WANTED

Exciting Finish in Town Game

After Bedford Town had declared at 170 for seven, Leighton Buzzard made a big effort to win, but just failed, and the game was drawn. In the last over they wanted three runs, but could not get them.

Harris badly injured his thumb while batting, but after he had retired Bedford were well served by Crawford-Smith, Sabey, and Scrivener (eight fours and a six). In a typical knock, A. B. Poole, for Leighton, hit eight fours. Scores:—

Bedford Town: E. C. Howard 1, S. Harris retired hurt 10, E. F. Crawford-Smith 42, A. G. Coomb 6, C. F. Sabey 35, E. S. Smith 14, P. W. Scrivener 54, C. Yeo not out 2, K. Vane-Percy 0 extras 6, total for seven dec. 170.

Leighton Buzzard: 168 for eight (A. B. Poole 53, Harris three for 34, Yeo two for 43, Crawford-Smith one for 21).

Defeat at Royston

On Monday, Bedford Town, who were without several of their leading players, lost at Royston by five wickets. The scores were:—

Bedford: A. Dawes 20, D. Matthews 31, J. A. Spooner 1, P. C. Farmer-Wright 1, E. Hawkins 17, C. R. Yeo 11, J. Fry 12, R. F. Ferriman 21, R. Sheppard 3, G. F. Draper 0, R. Willows not out 1, extras 16, total 134.

Royston: 201 for six.—Matthews two for 24, Yeo two for 41, Fry one for 40, Willows one for 44.

Bedford Argus v. Old Warden

Old Warden: Carlisle 29, Phillips 21, Reeks 25, Humphries 18, R. Gale not out 5, E. Cooper 0, Woodhead 1, Burley not out 4, extras 12, total for six wickets declared 115. P. Barnes three for 27, R. Minns one for 8, W. Rose one for 4.

Argus: S. Barnes 16, F. Sharp not out 71, R. Minns 2, W. Rose 26, B. Jones not out 6, extras 8, total for three wickets 129. Berridge one for 21, Reeks one for 25, Woodhead one for 40.

S. H. Pryor's XI v. E. C. Howard's XI

Pryor's XI: L. J. Harper 24, S. Chamberlain 59, Symonds 11, Pryor 3, L. Chamberlain 41, W. Baker 0, V. Jefferies 11, G. M. Beville 2, Gilbert 3, J. Taylor not out 5, A. Barnet not out 1, extras 17, total 177.—A. Cornell three for 30, D. Smith three for 20, S. Smith two for 25.

Howard's XI: R. Poulter 7, A. Martin 43, C. Prigmore 10, J. Newman 5, E. Howard 1, S. Smith 12, A. Cornell 13, D. Hammond 2, A. Green 0, T. King not out 14, Norwood 11, extras 5, total 123.—Chamberlain four for 29, Baker four for 35.

Hobkirk's v. Randall's

Hobkirk's: B. Payne 2, D. Thomas 17, E. Buckingham 4, C. Barnes 38, E. Fincham 2, Vendy 13, G. Wright not out 12, W. Payne not out 6, extras 7, total for six wickets 101.—Wisson three for 31, Piggott one for 30, Tompkin two for 8.

Randall's: Ager 5, Piggott 19, Wisson 12, Hellyer 0, Caves 14, Tompkin 0, Surridge 4, Teague 0, Norman 7, Stapleton 1, Allen not out 8, extras 4, total 74.—Thomas five for 23, Fincham three for 35, W. Payne two for 14.

PLAYED AT OVAL

Ten Wickets Win for Bedford School

Bedford School had the honour of playing at Kennington Oval on Wednesday and Thursday, when they defeated Blundell's School by nine wickets.

Quite a large crowd watched some excellent cricket, a feature of which was the century by Disbury, who completed his hundred in 119 minutes. He and Dawes added 109 for the second wicket. The School passed Blundell's first innings total with seven wickets in hand and went on to reach 263 in just over 2½ hours. Set 124 to get to avoid an innings defeat, Blundell's left Bedford School only 17 to win.

In Blundell's first knock Farmer-Wright took five for 23. Fleming was the best bowler when they battled again, obtaining four wickets at a cost of 31. Scores:—

Blundell's School, 1st innings: 139 (Disbury two for 38, Fleming two for 41, Pickett one for 25). Second innings: 140 (Disbury two for 26, Pickett two for 21, Farmer-Wright one for 37).

Bedford School: A. D. R. Dawes 40, G. D. Moulton 4, B. E. Disbury 126, J. A. Lamb 9, D. Parker 6, P. L. Pickett 0, F. A. Pinguet 9, G. McF. D. Fleming 7, i. P. Farmer-Wright 25, R. D. Payne 1, I. G. Jones not out 26, extras 10, total 263.

Bedford School, 2nd innings: A. D. R. Dawes not out 13, G. D. Moulton 6, B. E. Disbury not out 0, extras 1, total (for 1 wkt.) 20.

Disbury's Fine All-Round Record

Disbury heads the School batting averages for the season. In 20 innings (eight times not out) he scored 558 runs, giving him an average of 46.5. Dawes is second with a total of 538 and an average of 29.9, and Farmer-Wright is third (193, 27.6).

Disbury is also top of the bowling. His 47 wickets cost him 11.2 runs each. The most wickets (61) were taken by Fleming, who is a close second to Disbury, the average cost being 11.7.

Payne, the wicket-keeper, took the highest number of catches—15.

Northampton Police v. Bedford Police

Played at Northampton. Scores:—

Bedford: S. Morris 49, R. Riches 0, A. Hepworth 8, R. Salisbury 7, A. Jarvis 47, R. Jones 0, R. Ward 0, T. Clarke 1, N. Henshaw 11, E. Loughlin 0, W. Wells not out 0, extras 5, total 128. Maycock six for 26.

Northampton: 135 (for 6 wkts.) (Harris 80). Hepworth three for 56, Salisbury two for 43, Norris one for 30.

Bedford Town 2nd XI, 52; Skefko, Luton, 100 (R. Harris six for 25).

Houghton Regis, 187 (Harper five for 18); Bedford Town Ramblers, 85 (H. F. Stokes 29).

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Marston's "Double" Gives Them Championship

Marston, by completing a "double" over Pavenham last week-end, became Second Division (Section II) champion; of the Bedford and District Cricket League.

At Pavenham on Saturday, accurate bowling by Copperwheat and Swales paved the way for the visitors' victory, which, incidentally, spoiled Pavenham's unbeaten League record. Only Wildman, of the home batsmen, showed any real resistance, batting more than an hour for 18.

In the return game on Monday, Pavenham, put in first, lost four wickets for one run, but they eventually totalled 61, thanks to a grand fighting innings by Curtis. Copperwheat and Swales shared the wickets, the former now having taken 51 this season. Missed catches were Pavenham's undoing and the home side won by 23 runs.

Only three batsmen reached double figures in the Division I match between Thurlleigh and Blunham. Thurlleigh, at home, were all out for 58, Reed and Chapman each taking three cheap wickets. Their opponents, however, fared worse against the bowling of Clayton and Asplin and finished 14 runs behind.

FIRST DIVISION

Thurlleigh v. Blunham

Thurlleigh: A. Walters 16, F. Bull 4, J. Asplin 0, R. Swepston 2, P. Holley 2, C. Berrill 15, L. Wildman 0, W. Asplin 3, C. D. Clayton 5, K. Wagstaff 3, S. Asplin not out 5, extras 6, total 58.—R. Reed 21, R. Clark one for 9, F. Chapman three for 11, B. Stacey two for 11.
Blunham: B. Stacey 0, C. Saunders 2, E. Clark 9, D. Moore 0, R. Clark 2, F. Chapman 16, E. Peck 2, R. Brown 1, G. Harding 5, F. Abbott 2, G. Barker not out 1, extras 4, total 44.—C. Clayton five for 19, W. Asplin four for 20.

Everton v. North End

Everton: E. W. Smith 48, F. Wisson 1, A. Giles 6, D. Darlow 1, W. Mason 3, J. Bennett 18, B. Wisson 0, W. Smith 0, E. Hull not out 30, G. Peck 12, L. Lawson not out 3, extras 22, total for nine wickets dec. 144.—L. Chamberlain four for 54, G. Footer three for 21, K. Simmons two for 22.
North End: B. Chamberlain 2, A. Peacock 14, G. Footer 1, L. Chamberlain 29, C. Newman 1, K. Simmons 23, K. Feasey 0, A. Green 2, A. Woodward not out 30, T. Tompkins 1, W. Loakes not out 1, extras 16, total for nine wickets 120.—G. Peck four for 47, E. Hull three for 31, E. Smith two for 11.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION II)

Felmersham v. Cople

Cople: S. Wilsher 0, F. Wheeler 1, E. Bartram 12, R. Norman 1, R. Curridge not out 8, D. Shingler 6, R. Minney not out 6, E. Yerrill 0, F. Smith 0, F. Johnson 0, P. Burr 0, extras 0, totals 26 and 22.—1st innings: Sam Lovell three for 10, A. Betts three for 4, R. Barker one for 4, T. Rust one for 8, 2nd innings: Sam Lovell seven for 11, A. Betts three for 5.
Felmersham: R. Barker 0, A. Betts 9, T. Rust 0, Sam Lovell 3, F. Turner 0, J. O. J. Turner 0, H. Lawson 9, A. Odell 0, not out 9, A. Cattanaeh 6, not out 1, Sid Lovell 1, H. Dodd not out 1, extras 7, totals 56 and 16 for five.—1st innings: D. Shingler six for 17, R. Minney three for 12, 2nd innings: D. Shingler three for 7, R. Minney one for 8.

Pavenham v. Marston

Pavenham: A. Wesley 0, J. Turner 4, N. Wesley 6, H. Wildman 18, G. Curtis 7, G. Scoley 3, J. Tandy 1, D. Poole 1, R. Cox not out 2, G. Wesley 0, J. Crawley 0, extras 1, total 43.—Copperwheat four for 17, Swales four for 25, Marston: D. Stapleton 19, R. Copperwheat 12, R. Berry 6, W. Swales not out 9, R. P. Copperwheat 6, A. Stapleton 10, extras 10, total for five wickets 72.

Marston v. Pavenham

Pavenham: A. Wildman 0, N. Wesley 0, J. Turner 0, A. Wesley 0, G. Curtis 27, R. Cox 7, G. Scoley 10, J. Tandy 9, D. Poole 0, G. Wesley not out 2, J. Crawley 2, extras 4, total 61.—C. Copperwheat five for 11, Swales five for 22.

Marston: D. Stapleton 8, R. Copperwheat 11, R. Berry 7, W. Swales 5, L. Odell 18, A. Stapleton 3, R. P. Copperwheat 2, R. Bunker 6, H. Stapleton 11, C. Copperwheat 3, H. Brightman not out 1, extras 9, total 84.—Scoley six for 25.

Oakley v. Elstow

Oakley: P. Stapleton 10, 5, F. Rain-bok 6, J. J. Newell 6, 1, D. Mays 0, 10, D. Parker 11, 11, G. Rainbow 0, 1, D. Stapleton 6, 1, O. Jeffries 0, not out 1, A. Archer 2, P. Trowbridge not out 1, not out 1, J. Keech 3, 0, extras 4 and 5, totals 49 and 37.
Elstow: J. Minns 1, 3, Brown 3, 1, Prudden 1, 2, Lark 7, 0, Wilson 0, 27, Turvey 0, 0, Bennett 0, 15, George 1, not out 1, Purser 0, 1, Chapman not out 0, 1, Agher 0, extras 1 and 10, total 24 and 61.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION II)

Cople II v. Ickwell II

Cople: R. Cambers 4, E. Hull 4, D. Hull 2, A. Worrall 8, B. Hillyard 1, L. Hull 19, K. Keech 13, D. Jalkens 8, H. Franklin 4, J. Burridge not out 1, N. Cook 0, extras 3, total 67.—C. Dil-leigh three for 9, F. Ebbs three for 19, J. Robinson one for 10, H. Raybould two for 12.
Ickwell: J. Robinson 9, G. Thompson 1, C. Dilleigh 0, F. Ebbs 3, J. Newell 0, C. Thompson 10, C. Raybould 5, H. Raybould 0, E. Reeks 2, L. Norman not out 0, A. Burridge 0, extras 3, total 33.—A. Worrall six for 15, D. Hull four for 15.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Old Warden v. Elstow Abbey

Old Warden won a fine match, the result being decided in the last over. The scores were:
Old Warden: R. Bayliss 10, 37, R. Carlisle 0, not out 47, G. Phillip 4, 0, K. Crossland 8, not out 21, G. Berridge 0, A. Elliman 4, G. Bayliss 1, R. Gale 1, E. Cooper not out 17, A. Cooper 3, J. Woodhead 12, extras 3, total 110, totals 63 and 115, for two dec.—1st innings: M. Brown six for 21, Bennett three for 16, 2nd innings: Brown one for 38.
Elstow: Minns 17, 9, Pruden 9, 3, Wilson 8, 11, Lark 4, 0, Brown 11, 23, Purser 1, 0, Turvey 24, 0, Bennett 3, 5, George 2, 0, Auker 1, 1, Robinson 0, not out 0, extras 1 and 0, totals 81 and 48.—1st innings: K. Crossland five for 29, J. Woodhead three for 15, 2nd innings: J. Woodhead two for 3, E. Cooper four for 12.

Northampton Saints II v. Harpur Sports II

Harpur: A. Coles 36, G. Hackett 7, A. Martin 0, A. Green 6, A. Loosley 2, D. Hammond 7, F. Lilley 3, P. Gilbert not out 0, D. Smith 1, T. King 2, G. Chance 0, extras 17, total 81.—Belson five for 10, Talbot three for 38.
Saints: A. Lyman 3, J. Parry 25, J. Belson 35, J. England 0, N. Beattie 4, N. Adams 5, J. Leachman 0, J. Belson, Junior, 2, T. Leachman 0, T. Talbot not out 0, Linnell not out 1, extras 5, total for nine wickets 82.—D. Smith five for 10.

V. W. C. Jupp's XI v. Reynold's XI

Mr. V. W. C. Jupp, former England and Northamptonshire player, and captain, took a team to Weston Underwood to play Mr. Reynold's XI. Jupp's side won by 134 runs to 132. Highest scorers were Humfrey (64) for Jupp's XI and F. Adams (54) for Reynold's XI. For Harpur visitors, Pemberton took three for 14. Metalton two for 11.
Both teams were entertained to tea at the "Oak" and Lord Denham attended.

Milton Bryan v. Ampthill

Milton Bryan: T. Semper 6, R. Creamer 0, F. Holmes 37, G. Harris 51, J. Martindale 10, T. Reynolds 3, E. Stotes 2, T. Smith 0, G. Watson 2, J. Fuller 0, J. Lowe not out 0, extras 6, total 117.
Ampthill: T. Hooper 0, F. Blackaby not out 20, M. Piercey 0, W. Squires 0, A. Hooper 1, R. Fairer 12, E. Page 2, P. Allen 1, B. Churchill 1, P. Woods 0, R. Holt 1, extras 4, total 42.

Renhold v. Sandy

Renhold: P. Harlow 6, D. Stapleton 4, W. Harlow 24, J. Norman 0, J. Shorley 0, A. Norman 8, J. Rabbitt 0, R. Brice 5, J. Wootton not out 10, extras 4, total 35.—Boston six for 20, Jeeves two for 14.
Sandy: G. Pepper 15, W. Askham 2, H. Sinkle 5, F. Butcher 3, F. Jeeves 15, W. Jeeves 6, N. Hoole 5, L. Boston 15, L. Odell 2, W. Quince 3, R. W. Rogers not out 2, extras 10, total 81.—Harlow four for 22, Norman four for 22, Wootton two for 16.

Kempston v. Great Barford

Kempston: P. Hall 5, H. Millar 1, R. Linger 81, A. Parker 50, J. Tysoe 3, G. Darlow not out 0, extras 14, total for eight dec. 185.—Favell five for 32 (including hat trick).
Great Barford: D. Jones 33, C. Robinson 26, D. Page 25, H. Favell 23, E. Norman 44, W. Skevington 17, G. Mardlin 8, J. P. Gilbert 1, S. Skevington not out 1, P. Pitkin 0, extras 22, total 200.—Millar two for 7, Tysoe five for 28.

Eversholt v. Hogsmill C.C.

Eversholt: A. Oakley 7, K. Cousins 7, not out 45, B. Oakley 1, C. Brown not out 51, 16, E. Jarvis 0, 25, H. Burrett 2, 1, R. Oakley 2, F. Fleet 11, P. Barr Jeffs 5, not out 6, extras 4 and 0, totals 96 and 125 for five.
Hogsmill: J. Arthur 8, 7, B. Langley 26, 37, A. Tuck 4, not out 0, G. Arnold 5, 23, D. Buxton 10, 5, P. H. Sharpe 4, 13, A. Johnson 10, 3, G. Howen

2, 0, R. Forward 2, 0, W. Walters not out 10, 14, J. Turrell 0, 0, R. Moore 2, 8, extras 22 and 2, totals 108 and 112.

Bromham Nomads v. Gas Works

Nomads: L. White 9, W. E. Bowen 18, W. Mortimer 1, E. Gilbert 3, K. Busheil 3, E. Chalkley 1, B. Everest 15, W. S. Bowen 0, A. Everest 0, C. White 1, A. White not out 18, extras 2, total 82.—S. Southgate six for 36, F. Sharp two for 20, E. Buckingham one for 12.
Gas Works: E. Buckingham 17, C. Legge 2, S. Southgate 0, L. Worsley 1, B. Kircup 4, P. Green 1, G. Dear 5, F. Sharp 0, M. Shreeves 0, P. Norman not out 0, Legge 1, extras 8, total 39.—L. White one for 18, B. Everest four for 9, E. Chalkley four for 3.

Bromham Nomads v. Riseley

Nomads: L. White 0, W. E. Bowen 4, D. Beatty 0, E. Gilbert 0, K. Bushell 13, C. White 2, B. Everest 18, W. S. Bowen 1, A. Everest 6, G. Church 7, P. H. Calladine not out 2, extras 8, total 61.—W. Partridge two for 18, W. Allen six for 17, H. Stevens one for 16.
Riseley: P. Nichols 22, L. Williams 0, G. Riddpath 0, W. Allen 5, C. Dewar 0, H. Stevens 0, H. Hancock 0, C. Stevens 2, W. Partridge not out 7, C. Ball 2, L. Sharmar 2, extras 4, total 44.—B. Everest four for 10, L. White six for 30.
Dickens C.C. 42 (Hammond six for 7), Olney 64 for five.—Bozart 78 (Howarth 18, A. Berrill five for 16), Olney 50 for eight (S. Dix 20 not out), Olney 34 (Goldsmith 14), Weston Underwood 46 (Hammond seven for 18).

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF HARPUR SPORTS

Marston Reach Hospital Cup Final

Marston caused a big surprise by defeating Harpur Sports in the semi-final of the Bedford Hospital Cup at Newham Avenue on Wednesday. They won by 45 runs.

By determined effort against keen bowling, Marston scored 96 for nine, Odell's 24 including a six. Such a total was well within Harpur's capacity on season they had never been out for less than a 100. However, C. Copperwheat (six for 21), and W. Swales (three for 29) dismissed them for 51. Scores:—Marston: D. Stapleton 10, R. Copperwheat 5, R. Berry 11, W. Swales 14, L. Odell 24, R. C. Copperwheat 11, A. Stapleton 0, H. Stapleton 5, P. Bunker 2, C. Copperwheat 0, extras 14, total for nine wickets 96.—B. Cornell four for 46, A. Cornell three for 36.
Harpur Sports: R. Foulter 4, D. Bennett 0, J. Newman 2, T. Minns 8, J. Webster 1, P. Markham 0, H. Jarvis 4, A. Cornell 19, G. Harrison not out 11, G. Webster 0, B. Cornell 1, total 51.—C. Copperwheat six for 21, W. Swales three for 29.

In the final on 16th August Marston play Bedford Town or Shire Hall, who will decide the other semi-final game in Bedford Park next Monday. Start 6 p.m.

Rushden v. Harpur Sports

With only five of their regular first team, Harpur Sports were beaten by a strong Rushden side. Foulter batted in a perfect style for his 89. Rushden won by five wickets with five minutes to spare. Scores:—Harpur: R. Foulter 89, D. Bennett 9, J. Newman 1, T. Minns 30, R. Jarvis 0, N. Berwick 3, S. Knight 0, F. Seaton 0, extras 11, total for eight wickets dec. 143.—Elsdown three for 32, Tilley three for 26.
Rushden: P. Tilley 12, J. Hewitt 26, R. C. Whiteman 53, W. E. Odell 3, D. Clarke 27, R. C. Whiting not out 20, K. Elsdow 14, extras 7, total for six wickets 162.—B. Cornell three for 49.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Cricket

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

First Division

North End v. Kempston.
Blunham v. Renhold.
Everton v. Ickwell.
Second Division (Section I)
South End Ramblers v. Lynton Works.
Little Staughton v. Stagsden.
Great Staughton v. Great Barford.

Section II

Elstow v. Marston.
Felmersham v. Oakley.
Cople v. Wood End.

Third Division (Section I)

Colmworth v. Hall Weston.
Blunham v. Keysoe.

Section II

Thurlleigh v. West End Club.

Section III

Riseley v. North Crawley.
Clapham v. Turvey.
Sharnbrook v. Lavendon.

Friendlys

Bedford Town v. Vauxhall Motors.
Harpur Sports v. Rushden.
Northampton Brewery v. Queen's Works.
Shire Hall v. Kent Works (Luton).
Baptist C.C. v. AGRIS.
R.A.F. Cardington v. Bedford Postels.
Igranic v. Southill Park.
Vauxhall Motors II v. Bedford Town II.
Southill Park II v. Shire Hall II.
Queen's Works "A" v. Harpur Sports II.

SCHOOL PLAYERS TO THE RESCUE

Bedford Save Game with Vauxhall

Meeting a strong side in Luton Vauxhall at Newnham Avenue, Bedford Town badly missed Howard, Morris, and Baker, and stood in danger of defeat until later batsmen staged a rescue. Bedford lost seven for 23 in reply to a total of 185, but two Bedford School players, R. D. Payne and R. Harris (son of S. G. Harris) stayed over an hour together and spoiled Vauxhall's chance. Young Harris, a left-arm bowler, also did useful service in keeping Vauxhall's runs down. Bedford fielded poorly.

Scores:
Vauxhall Motors: 185 (F. G. Russell 62, R. Deller 60; S. Harris three for 40, R. Harris two for 19, K. McCanlis three for 44, C. F. Sabey one for 39, Humphreys one for 25).

Bedford: E. F. Crawford-Smith 0, B. Woollescrot 5, J. Pratt 0, J. Humphreys 0, S. G. Harris 6, P. King 0, K. Van-Percy 6, R. D. Payne not out 47, R. Harris 14, K. McCanlis not out 10, extras 22, total for eight 110. (Hayhurst three for 18).

Igranic v. Harpur Sports Sunday XI

Igranic: Chamberlain 49, Newman 2, Jefferies 7, York 2, Symmons 10, Footer 16, Swann 0, Feasey not out 17, Taylor 2, Harrison 1, Goodman 8, extras 10, total 124. G. Webster five for 30, Martin two for 18, Minns one for 11, Gilbert one for 23, Green one for 3.

Harpur Sports: Poulter 17, Harrison 27, A. Webster 28, E. Howard not out 23, T. Minns 1, A. Loosley 12, Hackett not out 21, extras 8, total (for 5 wkts.) 137. Swann four for 60, Footer one for 24.

Eastern National v. Clapham

Clapham: A. Smith 1, R. Devereux 18, R. Pickering 14, L. Wooding 11, C. Turner 3, C. Loak 5, K. Wilson 2, R. Facey 0, A. Wooding 1, G. Hammond 0, C. Inskip not out 0, extras 5, total 60. King four for 8, Reynolds four for 20.

Eastern National: M. King 0, E. Revells retired 22, A. Martin 9, E. Reynolds 3, E. Willis 3, L. Spyer not out 21, S. Burton 25, extras 11, total for five wickets 94.

To-night in Bedford Park: Eastern National v. R.A.F. Milton Ernest.

Bedford Thursday v. Northampton Thursday

Bedford: J. Mitchell 4, W. Poole 51, J. Ager 17, T. Rose 0, J. Hellyer 29, J. Pryor not out 21, P. Paice 2, C. Roberts 2, P. Barnes 0, G. Lilley 2, F. Willmer 2, extras 12, total 142.

Northampton: 82. Barnes five for 23, Poole two for 32, Mitchell two for 14.

Next Thursday: Bedford Thursday v. Bedford Police.

R. JARVIS HITS A GRAND CENTURY

Big Stand for Harpur at Rushden

Playing for Harpur Sports against Rushden on Saturday, Jarvis and Minns took part in what is believed to be a record stand for the club. A seventh-wicket partnership realized 176, Jarvis hitting four sixes and 14 fours in a grand display. Minns by no means played a passive role. These batsmen came together when six wickets had fallen for 31.

A partnership of 80 for Rushden's third wicket between Whiteman and Odell thwarted Harpur's hopes of winning, but the former was missed more than once in the field. The game was left drawn. Scores: Harpur Sports: R. Poulter 3, D. Bennett 0, A. Cornell 1, J. Newman 4, T. Minns not out 65, A. Martin 6, A. Webster 0, R. Jarvis not out 111, extras 17, total for six wickets declared 207. Odell three for 44, Helsdown three for 55.

Rushden: P. Tilley 30, J. Hewitt 4, R. G. Whiteman 70, W. E. Odell 32, D. Clarke not out 13, K. Helsdown 0, R. W. Whiting 4, T. Rose not out 21, extras 8, total for six wickets 182. A. Martin two for 21, G. Webster two for 53.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Nearly 200 Runs in a Sharnbrook Stand

Everton batsmen were in fine form against Ickwell, hitting up 162 for the loss of only half their wickets. They won by 80 runs. Great Staughton lost to Great Barford by 38 runs, the winners' deadly bowling, with H. Favell as its spearhead, being ineffectively countered by the home side. Six Staughton batsmen were dismissed for nought in the first innings.

Thanks to a third wicket stand by the Cople skipper, F. Johnson, and E. Bartram, in the second innings, Wood End needed 49 to win, after leading by 31 on the first innings. Wood End found runs hard to get, but just managed to win by six.

A prolific stand took place at Sharnbrook, where H. Martin and R. Dunkley failed by only eight runs to add 200 for the second wicket against Lavendon. Martin scored 138, but was twice dropped. The Sharnbrook innings lasted only 1 hour 45 minutes and 244 runs were scored for three wickets declared. It was grand cricket to watch. Lavendon, always gallant triers, were out for 64. Excitement marked the close of the Thurleigh v. West End game. Thurleigh mustered only 30 runs, but they made West End fight all the way to that modest total. Thurleigh were beaten by four.

FIRST DIVISION

Everton v. Ickwell

Everton: V. Wisson 46, J. Barnett 17, F. Wilson 24, E. Smith not out 29, D. Darlow 0, A. Giles 23, S. Cole not out 18, extras 10, total for five wickets 162.
Ickwell: O. Reeks 7, G. Dilleigh 6, A. Wright 12, C. Dilleigh 11, J. Marsom 21, C. Steen 2, F. Turner 1, J. Turnbull 10, J. Robinson 4, J. Newell 2, J. Marsom 1, extras 8, total 82.—J. O. Cook four for 35, O. Peck two for 25, O. Richardson four for 9.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION I)

Great Staughton v. Great Barford

Great Barford: D. Jones 0, E. C. Robinson 9, D. Page 3, H. Favell 18, O. W. Skevington 10, G. Breeze 5, W. Page 0, 11, G. Mardlin 0 not out 3, P. Minney 0, W. Lee 0, 4, J. Pull not out 1, 0, extras 3 and 0, totals 49 and 57.—H. Davison seven for 31, W. Davison five for 34, H. Pitt three for 31.
Great Staughton: S. Bruce 11, W. Mayle 0, 4, H. Davison 0, 2, D. Pitt 3, 5, H. Pitt not out 2, 9, W. Davison 0, 2, T. Newman 10, E. J. Harkins 0 not out 3, D. Brown 4, 0, G. Heading 0, 0, J. Dawkes 0, 0, extras 1 and 3, totals 31 and 37.—H. Favell ten for 30, W. Skevington six for 34, D. Page two for 0.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION II)

Cople v. Wood End

Cople: R. Cambers 1, 0, Wheeler 3, E. Bartram 8, 23, R. Norman 0, F. Smith not out 10, R. Minney 0, 0, Graves 7 not out 5, D. Angler 6, 1, P. Johnson 0, 46, A. Wormald 0, 0, E. Yerrill 0, extras 4 and 4, total 37 and 79 for six wickets.
Wood End: R. Ashpole 5, C. B. Ashpole 3, 7, E. Burroughs 19, 0, 1, Hutchins 7, 7, J. Burroughs 0, 14, Hutchins 0 not out 2, J. Bunney 0, 1, 1, 10, 10, K. Gilbert 0, 0, R. Millar 1, 1, 4, 1, A. Strimmer 12, 12, extras 8 and 1, totals 68 and 54 for nine wickets.

Felmersham v. Oakley

Felmersham: R. Bayliss 2, A. Betts 1, F. Turner 0, Sam Lovell 17, R. Barker 2, T. Rust 0, H. Lawson 4, A. Odell not out 19, J. Turner 9, A. Catnach 0, Sid Lovell 3, extras 10, total 75.—D. Parker six for 32, B. Stapleton four for 13.
Oakley: F. Rainbow 1, J. Newell 22, D. Mayes 2, D. Parker 6, J. Keen 12, W. Parker 0, B. Stapleton 1, B. Saunders 1, E. Newell 1, W. Strimmer not out 0, O. Jefferies 0, extras 3, total 45.—Sam Lovell four for 13, A. Betts five for 23, R. Barker one for 6.

Elstow v. Marston

Elstow: Minns 0, Prudden 0, Wilson 0, Turvey 2, Brown 26, Shortland 12, Lack 4, Pilsner 0, Bennett 10, George 1, Luker 6, extras 4, total 65.—Swales six for 20.
Marston: D. Stapleton not out 26, R. Copperwheat 4, R. Berry 8, L. Odell 3, W. Swales 6, A. Stapleton 22, R. P. Copperwheat 2, extras 4, total for six wickets 75.—Luker two for 2.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION I)

Thurleigh v. West End

Thurleigh: P. Bull 9, Wildman 4, Asplin 0, A. Bull 1, Clayton 0, Franklin 0, Lovell not out 5, Wastan 8, Oxborn 1, Holly 0, Ingle 1, extras 1, total 30.—Boyce six for 5, White 4 for 17.
West End: Walker 3, Ashpole 4, Ride-out 3, Boyce 2, Millard 1, Jessop 6, Burroughs 3, White 3, Wells 0, Hyde not out 4, J. Burroughs 0, extras 8, total 34.—Clayton seven for 11, Bull three for 15.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION II)

Sharnbrook v. Lavendon

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 138, L. Pacey 16, R. Dunkley not out 75, D. Benson 4, E. Ward not out 3, extras 8, total for three wickets dec. 244.—Robinson one for 33, Clare one for 55.
Lavendon: Harold 0, H. Kitchener 2, F. Johnson 0, B. Kitchener 14, R. Johnson 3, Robinson 18, Clare 13, J. Kitchener 6, Holmes 0, Wheeler 0, Moore not out 0, extras 8, total 64.—Knight five for 19, Martin four for 16, Bance one for 6.

Risley v. North Crawley

North Crawley: J. Lancaster 13, W. Hedge 1, F. Mitchell 1, W. Howe 2, F. Stanton 7, T. Corder not out 10, F. Savage 4, D. Savage 0, D. Coppin 6, R. Cooper 6, E. Brandon 0, extras 9, total 53.—Partridge five for 22, Allen five for 28.

Risley: O. Salter 2, L. Williams 2, W. Allen 1, G. Ridpath 1, G. Smith 0, E. Croweley 4, W. Partridge 15, H. Hancock 0, C. Stevens 0, E. Grace 5, H. Wildman not out 3, extras 4, total 38.—Howe six for 16, Hedge two for 4, Stanton one for 11, D. Savage one for 2.

THE LEAGUE TABLES

First Division

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Everton	11	5	2	4	14
Kempston	8	5	3	1	11
Thurleigh	8	5	3	1	11
Blunham	10	3	5	2	8
North End Club	10	3	4	3	9
Ickwell	11	3	7	1	7
Renhold	10	3	4	1	7

Second Division (Section I)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Great Barford	9	7	1	1	15
Great Staughton	11	6	1	1	13
Little Staughton	12	5	3	2	12
Wilden	10	5	5	0	10
Stansden	11	4	6	1	7
South End	12	2	8	2	6
Lynton Works	11	1	9	1	3

Section II

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Marston	12	11	0	1	23
Pavenham	10	8	0	1	16
Wood End	11	6	4	1	13
Elstow	10	4	5	1	9
Cople	10	3	6	1	7
Oakley	10	3	7	0	6
Felmersham	12	3	8	1	7

Third Division (Section I)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Colmworth	10	8	2	0	16
Kimbolton	11	7	4	0	14
Hill Westons	10	6	3	1	13
Blunham	10	3	6	1	7
Little Staughton	11	3	8	0	6
Keysoe	10	1	9	0	2
Great Staughton	11	0	10	1	1

Section II

	P	W	L	D	PTS
West End	10	10	0	0	20
Everton	11	7	4	0	14
Cople	12	5	6	1	11
Ickwell	12	4	6	2	10
Great Barford	11	3	7	1	7
Thurleigh	11	1	8	2	4
Tempsford	10	0	9	1	1

Section III

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Sharnbrook	11	9	1	1	17
Risley	11	5	4	2	11
North Crawley	11	5	5	1	11
Porthenall	11	5	5	1	11
Turvey	10	4	5	1	9
Clapham	12	3	8	1	7
Lavendon	12	0	11	1	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Vauxhall II v. Bedford Town II

Bedford II: A. Dawes 63, E. Hawkins 14, D. Blunt 0, D. Matthews 17, C. Yeo 0, M. Hodgson 6, P. Farmer-Wright not out 26, J. W. Fry 0, A. Draper not out 9, extras 9, total for seven dec. 143.
Vauxhall: 137 for eight (J. Wheatley 70, Yeo three for 43, Matthews two for 20, Hodgson one for 19).

Bedfordshire Times v. Post Office Engineers

P.O. Engineers: Judge 1, Buswell 10, Tipping 5, Reynolds 32, Bennett 10, Bitchener 1, P. Marsh 0, Luck 7, Osmond 10, Marsh 3, Scott 0, extras 9, total 88.—Brice seven for 40, Clark two for 25.
Times: Sharp not out 58, Clark 30, Coleman 12, Cook 7, Brice not out 1, extras 5, total for three wickets 113.—Tipping one for 2, Osmond one for 19, Judge one for 25.

Bedford Gas Co. v. 101 M.C.B. Grange Camp

Gas Co.: Lett 20, Buckingham 30, Southgate 1, Smith 6, Manton 1, Dear 0, Kirkup 3, Green 7, Sharp not out 2, Colburn 11, Waller 1, extras 18, total 100.—Wright five for 16, Plumbé four for 30, Thomas one for 1.
Grange Camp: West 12, Dollimore 1, Wilkinson 0, Plumbé 2, Bradshaw 0, Thomas 3, Weatherhead 10, Vickers 14, Highway 0, Apin 5, Wright 4, extras 4, total 55.—Southgate seven for 33, Smith three for 18.

THE HOSPITAL CUP FINALISTS

Shire Hall and Marston to Meet

TOWN'S GREAT FIGHT

Despite a grand uphill innings by Eric Howard, Bedford Town were beaten by a run by Shire Hall in a Bedford Hospital Cup semi-final in the Park on Monday. Shire Hall will meet Marston in the final at the Modern School field at 3 p.m. to-morrow.
The Town had to bat second and a good part of their innings was played in hand-light. In fact, at the end Howard and Harris were batting and scoring in semi-darkness. Howard needed to score off the last ball to win. He did not connect and Harris was run out in trying to run a bye.

How did the Shire Hall bring off this surprise? First, the bowling of Scrivener and Duckett was accurate and hostile, and secondly the fielding was superb. Many bigish hits by Eric Howard earned only a single—the batsmen did not try the second run—and G. V. Pacey brilliantly cut off a number of drives by Howard which would have been boundaries but were not even allowed. Pacey's interceptions kept Howard's score below a century.

Shire Hall's best stand, between Primmore and Pacey, was lively and productive. The collection, £21 18s. 0d. was a record for the competition. Scores:—Shire Hall: P. W. Scrivener 9, R. H. James 7, A. E. Poole 12, C. G. Primmore not out 57, G. V. Pacey not out 24, extras 9, total for 7 wickets 118.
Bedford Town: B. T. Morris 17, E. C. Howard not out 64, J. Pratt 0, C. F. Sabley 18, D. Matthews 1, Woollicroft 0, S. G. Harris 7, extras 10, total for six wickets 117.

Bedford Town Ramblers v. Lynton Works

The Ramblers won by nine wickets. Scores:—Works: W. Whitbread 0, A. Co-ke 5, E. Milton 0, R. Townley 4, J. Litchfield 4, C. Churchin 0, A. Spice 1, P. Spindle 1, C. Holday 24, Eardsmore not out 18, E. Croweley 0, extras 3, total 60.—Baker three for 18, Jenkins five for 22, Beville two for 9.
Ramblers: H. F. Stokes 46, J. Harper 13, Spooner 19, G. M. Beville 4, W. J. Baker 7, D. Jenkins 5, W. H. Crouch 3, O. H. Proffitt 10, O. S. Andrews 0, S. A. Barnett not out 0, extras 7, total for nine wickets 116.—Whitbread seven for 25, Townley one for 25, Litchfield one for 41.

Milton Bryan v. Egginton

Milton Bryan: E. Semper 14, F. Holmes 5, G. Reynolds 0, G. Harris 5, J. Mardindale 6, J. Lowe 0, T. Smith 0, W. Creamer 3, E. Stoten not out 14, J. Holmes 0, R. Creamer 2, extras 4, total 52.
Egginton: A. Anderson 3, H. Baras 14, R. Peel 5, A. Smith 28, H. Hines 11, F. Freeman 0, J. Price 0, B. Smith 11, F. Arundale not out 2, R. Cox 0, Jeeves 0, extras 8, total 85.
Olney 108 for five (A. Minard 31), Turvey 101, Horton 53 (Hammond six for 26, Mearry three for 2), Olney 122 (Inchley 31).

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Cricket

HOSPITAL CUP FINAL
Shire Hall v. Marston (3 p.m., A.M.E. Ground).

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

- Division I
 - Renhold v. Thurleigh.
 - Kempston v. North End.
- Second Division (Section I)
 - Stansden v. Great Staughton.
 - Great Barford v. Wilden.
- Section II
 - Pavenham v. Oakley.
 - Elstow v. Cople.
- Third Division (Section I)
 - Little Staughton v. Wood End.
 - Keysoe v. Hill Westons.
- Section II
 - Tempsford v. Great Barford.
 - Ickwell v. West End.
- Section III
 - Turvey v. Risley.
 - North Crawley v. Sharnbrook.
- PRELIMINARIES
 - Peterborough v. Bedford Town.
 - Hitching v. North End.
 - Queen's Works v. Wavertree.
 - Arms v. ...
 - Southall v. ...
 - Harper II v. ...
 - St. Neots v. ...
- WEDNESDAY
 - Eastern National v. Lynton Works (6.15 Bedford Road).

MARSTON'S DOUBLE TRIUMPH

League Champions Trounce Shire Hall in Hospital Cup Final

SWALES AND COPPERWHEAT IN FORM

Can it be wondered that Marston people are proud of their cricketers? A fortnight ago the village eleven became undisputed champions of the Second Division (Section II) of the Bedford and District League; on Saturday they capped a most successful season with a nine wickets' victory over Shire Hall in the final of the League's Hospital Cup at the Bedford Modern School ground. Such a double achievement is indeed remarkable for a club which has no ground (the old cricket field opposite the "Rose and Crown" has been bought for the brick industry), and which this season, in consequence, has played all its League games away and its "home" cup matches at Stewartby.

The Major Factor

Major factor in Marston's latest triumph was the accurate, medium-paced bowling of Bill Swales and Cyril Copperwheat. Once again they carried all before them, bowling unchanged to dismiss their opponents for the modest total of 65 in 80 minutes. All the batsmen, with the possible exception of Pryer, looked ill at ease against them and Shire Hall sadly missed the stiffening which A. B. Poole and R. H. James would have given to their batting. Poole was, of course, captaining the County against Cambridgeshire, and James was away on holiday.

No one suspected that the success of Swales and Copperwheat would be so pronounced when Shire Hall's captain, G. V. Pacey, winning the toss, gave his side first innings under ideal conditions. In fact, 33 were on the board for the loss of only Scrivener and Kilborn, but thereafter resistance weakened.

Half Side Out for 50

Half the side were back in the pavilion with the total at no more than 50, and it became increasingly evident that Shire Hall would not last the 36 overs to which each innings is limited in the final.

Six wickets were down for 51, seven for 52, eight for 55... until finally, Copperwheat brought the procession to a close by bowling Evans with the fourth ball of the 24th over. Pryer, promoted to open the innings in James's absence, was seventh out, batting patiently for 23 out of 52. He alone reached double figures; and so

completely did ball master bat that only two fours were hit throughout the side's innings.

Marston's opening batsmen, D. H. ("Joe") Stapleton and Reg Copperwheat, started with the brake on, as they could afford to do. A mere 11 runs were scored off the first six overs, but once Stapleton had gained the measure of the bowling, he drove in delightful style until he lost his wicket through being too venturesome. He tried to smite a ball from Poole over the Modern School Baths, failed to connect, and was clean bowled. His 38 out of 52 in barely 40 minutes included five boundaries.

Third "Final" Appearance

Although Scrivener bowled consistently well, Copperwheat and Berry saw their side safely through to a decisive victory. So Marston, making their third appearance in the final, regained the trophy which they won in 1939. It was, incidentally, the fourth time that Shire Hall had played in the final their successful years being 1936 and 1940.

SHIRE HALL

P. W. Scrivener lbw b Copperwheat	7
J. R. Pryer b Swales	23
H. A. Kilborn c A. J. Stapleton b Swales	4
C. G. Prigmore b Swales	9
G. V. Pacey b Copperwheat	0
C. H. Poole b Swales	4
A. C. Tory b Swales	0
K. Evans b Copperwheat	0
E. R. Alder run out	1
A. W. Duckett c R. Copperwheat b Swales	3
E. Wells not out	1
Extras	4
Total	65

Bowling: Swales 12 overs, 1 maiden, 33 runs, 6 wickets; Copperwheat, 11.4-1-28-3.

MARSTON

D. Stapleton b Poole	38
Reg Copperwheat not out	22
R. Berry not out	3
Extras	4
Total for 1 wicket dec.	67

L. Odell, W. Swales, A. J. Stapleton, H. Stapleton, R. P. Copperwheat, F. Bunker, H. Brightman, and C. Copperwheat did not bat.

Bowling: Duckett 7-0-28-0; Scrivener, 11-1-24-0; Poole, 4-1-11-1.

Umpires: H. Mardle and G. Graham.

Record-Breaking Year

It has been a record-breaking season for the competition, as the President, Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch, indicated after the match, when he presented the cup, of which he is the donor, to the Marston captain and mementoes to all the players. More sides than ever (57) competed, the proceeds of £254 were the highest since the competition was inaugurated in 1933, and the collection of £27 14s. 3d. at the final beat the previous best of £22 last season.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Kempston's Win by Two Wickets

Kempston's good form in Division I continues. They beat North End Club by two wickets in Bedford Park.

Thurleigh won by 30 runs on Renhold's ground in Division I. They were indebted to Thorne and W. Asplin for a good stand, and also for getting eight Renhold wickets. J. Norman was Renhold's most successful bowler.

Although they lost to Wilden on Saturday Great Barford are champions of the Second Division (Section I). Although H. Favell again bowled well for Barford he did not have the best match analysis. This went to J. Ashpole (Wilden), six for 17.

Great Staughton's heavy defeat at Stagden put paid to their championship hopes, but if they had won they would have been level at the top with Great Barford (15 pts.) in the Second Division (Section I).

Oakley did not like the bowling of Pavenham's G. Scoley, and were dismissed for 47. Oakley's plight would have been bad, indeed, but for J. Newell, who scored more than half of their runs, no other player scoring double figures. Pavenham made 89.

West End, champions of the Third Division (Section II) had a good win over Ickwell. Jessop and White troubled the Ickwell batsmen, while Jessop, bearer of an immortal name, took 70 off the Ickwell bowling.

FIRST DIVISION

North End v. Kempston

North End: A. Peasey 2, S. Chamberlain 28, L. Chamberlain 21, R. Shirreffa 0, P. Newman 3, T. Eady 2, G. Footler 8, K. Feasey 0, K. Sunnions 10, A. Woodward 12, W. Locks 1, extras 10, total 99. G. Davis four for 14, J. Tysoe two for 9.

Kempston: J. Tysoe 39, P. Hall 2, J. Bain 15, R. Turner 4, A. Parker 4, S. Smith 9, G. Darlow not out 13, M. Thomas 1, D. Brogan 2, O. Davis not out 5, extras 11, total 10, eight wickets 106.—T. Eady four for 31.

Thurleigh v. Renhold

Thurleigh: F. Bull 7, A. Walters 6, R. Swepston 6, J. Thorne 19, W. Asplin 20, J. Wagstaff 0, J. P. P. 9, S. Asplin 4, A. Bull 3, C. D. Clayton 5, K. Wagstaff not out 0, extra 6, total 87.—J. Norman six for 28.

Renhold: J. Wootton 4, P. Harlow 18, D. Stapleton 8, F. Harlow 17, W. Harlow 0, J. Norman 2, F. Shirley 1, J. Rabbit 2, G. Harlow not out 2, A. Norman 0, R. Brice 0, extras 3, total 57.—J. Thorne six for 28.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION I)

Great Barford v. Wilden

Great Barford: D. Jones 13, C. Robinson 2, D. Page 0, H. Favell 0, W. Skevington 5, J. Breeze 1, K. Tatman 3, W. Page not out 2, W. Lee 2, J. Pull 0, J. Jeffs 0, extras 1, total 39.

Wilden: W. Norman 18, B. Ashpole 2, G. Peet 3, J. Ashpole 4, J. Peil 15, B. Peet 1, R. Smith 14, N. Fensome 2, O. Wright 3, B. Peil 5, S. Whitmore not out 0, extras 8, total 75.

Stagden v. Great Staughton

Stagden: H. Newman 10, R. Benson 5, C. Anthony 0, J. Newman 1, J. Dew 4, B. Dutton 1, B. Sharp 13, G. Perrin 0, P. Frossell 2, R. Alder 13, D. Hornsey not out 8, extras 13, total 110.

Great Staughton: P. Mayle 7, H. Pitt 11, D. Button 7, S. Bruce 5, H. Davison 0, D. Pitt 7, W. Davison 0, J. Hawkins 0, C. Heading not out 1, J. Dawkes 0, T. Heading 0, extras 4, total 40.—Sharp six for 9, Newman four for 27.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION II)

Pavenham v. Oakley

Pavenham: J. Turner 1, A. Wildman 15, N. Wesley 29, R. Cox 2, A. Wesley 5, G. Scoley 0, J. Tandy 3, H. Ashpole 14, G. Wesley 7, J. Crawley 5, extras 7, total for nine wickets 89.

Oakley: P. Rainbow 0, P. Trowbridge 1, C. Bird 0, D. Mayes 3, D. Parker 3, B. Saunders 1, J. Newell 28, B. Stapleton 0, O. Jeffries 7, T. Newell 2, D. Parker 1, extras 1, total 47.—Scoley six for 29.

ICKWELL v. WEST END CLUB

West End Club: Walker 2, Ashpole 2, King 12, Rideout 12, Millard 7, Jessop 70, Burdaway 1, White 8, Wells 7, Hyde 3, Belton not out 1, extras 10, total 141. Parish three for 19.

Ickwell: Wright 7, Marson 0, Tuck 14, Parish 10, Thompson 1, Dillekh 27, Bygraves 19, Norman 6, G. Thompson 1, Reeks 0, Law not out 0, extras 9, total 81.—Jessop six for 25, White four for 24.

HOSPITAL CUP FINAL

A fortnight after becoming champions of the Second Division (Section II) of the Bedford and District League, Marston won the League's Hospital Cup on Saturday by a convincing three-wicket victory over Shire Hall in the final at the Bedford Modern School Ground. This game was yet another triumph for W. Swales and C. Copperwheat, Marston's medium-pace bowlers, who have carried all before them this season, as their combined "bag" of 140 wickets testifies.

Shire Hall: P. W. Scrivener 7, J. R. Pryer 23, H. A. Kilborn 9, C. O. Primmore 4, G. V. Pacey 0, C. H. Poole 4, A. C. Tory 0, K. Evans 9, E. R. Alder 1, A. W. Duckett 3, E. Wells not out 1, extras 1, total 55. Swales six for 33, Copperwheat three for 22.

Marston: D. H. Stapleton 38, Reg Copperwheat not out 22, R. Berry not out 3, extras 4, total for one wicket 67.—Oddell, W. Swales, A. J. Stapleton, H. Stapleton, R. P. Copperwheat, F. Bunker, H. Brightman, and C. Copperwheat did not bat.—Duckett none for 28, Scrivener none for 24, Poole one for 11.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Peterborough v. Bedford Town

There was a flood of runs at Peterborough, 433 in all, and only 11 wickets fell. Bedford batted first. E. S. Smith was again a partner in a century opening stand, the first of 127 between the previous highest of 125. Wooliscroft hit 54 out of his 77 in boundaries. Dobson hit a six in the last over to snatch a win for Peterborough. Apart from a chance in the seventies, Fowdrell was master of the Bedford bowling, in spite of playing at Hospital Cup speed to force a win. Each side batted exactly the same time, 2 hours 5 minutes.

Bedford: J. Pratt 1, F. Sabley 16, F. Matthews 15, S. G. Harris not out 9, K. V. Percy not out 2, extras 20, total for five wickets 214.

Peterborough: P. Hoskin 33, H. J. Patching 4, L. S. Pinder 10, P. Fowdrell 105, J. Vernam 35, T. Pace not out 10, A. C. Dobson not out 10, extras 12, total for five wickets 419.—Harris two for 59, Yeo two for 52.

Hitchin Town v. Harpur Sports

Hitchin: P. Allen 8, P. Foster 2, M. Hudson 17, A. W. Russell 15, E. Morgan 44, R. P. Brown 25, J. Barker 13, W. Stanley not out 5, McIntosh not out 12, extras 15, total for seven wickets 126.—A. Cornell three for 51, B. Cornell two for 35.

Harpur: A. Webster 11, D. Bennett 13, A. Martin 14, A. Cornell 0, T. Minns not out 35, J. Newman 1, H. Jarvis 1, T. King 8, B. Cornell 12, D. Hammond 11, G. Webster not out 5, extras 14, total for nine wickets 124.

Peterborough v. Harpur Sports Sunday XI

Harpur Sports: A. Webster 4, A. Harrison 43, E. Howson 17, F. Minns 60, J. Newman 6, R. Sherriffs 10, A. Martin 0, G. Hackett 5, A. Green 9, M. Goswell 10, G. Webster not out 14, extras 8, total 174.

Brotherhood: J. Wilson 0, J. Weston 9, McCutney 14, K. Woodhouse 9, C. Kew 2, T. Beck 15, R. Steels 8, J. Nicholson 2, I. Rossler 2, J. Glaver not out 12, K. Gibson 25, extras 8, total 114.—G. Webster seven for 42, A. Martin two for 21.

Eastern National v. 101 M.C.D., Kempston

101 M.C.D.: Dullimore 14, West 0, Prestcutt 7, Valour 0, Jesson 1, Wilkinson 0, Sheridan 1, Weatherhead 2, Wright 0, Wood 2, Thomas not out 0, extras 26, total 52.—Barker seven for 10 (Barker is reported to have troubled not only the batsmen but also the fieldsmen).

Eastern National: H. Dodson 0, L. Spyer 4, E. Willis 11, D. Meadows 27, M. King not out 19, A. Martin 3, A. Barker 2, B. Saunders not out 1, extras 6, total for six wickets 103.—Valour three for 12.

Sharnbrook v. Bromham Nomads

Sharnbrook: Boyles 3, G. Bayles 1, H. Gray 1, P. Barcock 1, R. Thompson 0, C. Jeffries 4, T. Bragg 2, J. Harrison 0, R. Ward 2, R. Ouell 0, J. Dunkley 0, extras 5, total 19. A. White five for 9, B. Eberst five for 5.

Nomads: R. Bruty 0, C. White 8, W. S. Bowen 0, E. Gilbert 4, K. Bushell 0, B. Everset 14, E. Chalkley not out 33, B. Stewart 0, A. Everest 10, A. White 2, R. E. Calladine 1, extras 8, total 83.—R. Ward four for 14.

Olney v. Old Northamptonians

Olney: A. Inchley 14, A. Minard 1, R. Berrill 27, S. Dix 19, A. Berrill 2, A. Hammond 4, E. Megeary 3, R. Mawer not out 36, E. Howson not out 3, extras 6, total for seven wickets 115.

Old Northamptonians: 49 for eight.—A. Berrill two for 8, Hammond four for 24, Megeary two for 17.

Eversholt 141 (K. Cousins 63, Stanbridge and Thaworth 80) (Cousins five for 33). Southill 110 (Webb 34), Amphill 113 for six (Squires not out 46). Fulfham 108, Hexton 167 for six.—Sharnbrook 49 (Mather 32), J. E. Lawrence's XI 61.—Old Warden 163 for four dec. (Gilbert 64, Bayles 60), Claphill 83 (Clare 29)—Kimbolton 139, Rushden 114.

Blagden 128 (Miller 56, Bygraves 51), Vauxhall Motors 112 (Turnbull five for 29).—Clampton 73, Strelia 111.—Bedford Gas. Co. 91, Baptist C.C. 90.—Bedford Town H 121 (Humphreys 25), Geo. Kent, Luton, 147 for three.—Bedford Town 141 (Stapleton 113 (Stokes 30), Luton Works 104.

GENTLEMEN OF BEDFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

The undertaker was at Allen Park on Wednesday night, but before there was any corpse for him. Football was the undertaker, but cricket, represented by the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire and the Bedfordshire Police, still clung to life as, indeed, it should in these summery though shortening days. A procession of footballers bounding their ball behind and past the screen, while cricketers and umpires looked on with the marked yet dignified disapproval they show when anything or anyone moves there, was an unpleasant reminder that the death of summer and cricket cannot long be delayed—despite their seeming good health. The Gentlemen of Bedfordshire and the Police played a drawn game. Scores:—Bedfordshire Police: S. T. Morris c Poole b Fleming 37, A. Vasa lbw b Fleming 39, J. Kirby b Fleming 2, M. Cottrell 0, Fleming 1, E. Druce not out 38, A. Hepworth b Cornell 15, A. Horne not out 7, extras 8, total for five wickets 137.—M. Thomas, G. Tompkins, N. Roberts, and H. Harris did not bat.—Fleming four for 38.

Gentlemen of Bedfordshire: C. V. A. Colling b Kirby 40, M. Doherty c Hepworth b Kirby 16, H. Warman lbw b Kirby 17, E. Thorogood c Horne b Tompkins 6, K. V. Percy c Kirby b Tompkins 2, J. Humphreys b Kirby 14, A. Cornell at Druce b Kirby 13, G. McP. D. Fleming not out 40, H. Walker b Horne 1, A. B. Poole not out 0, extras 9, total for eight wickets 132.—A. Duckett did not bat.—Kirby five for 41.

GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL

Martlets' Successful Tour in Kent

On their seventh tour, Bedford Martlets found Kent cricket and hospitality as delightful as ever and the weather superb. Splendidly-prepared wickets favoured the batsmen, whose chief danger came from bowlers who got pace from the pitch or swung the new ball late. Winning the toss was not always a blessing, as wickets, watered overnight, proved troublesome before lunch.

The Bedford Martlets were fortunate in that their opening batsmen, E. W. Giles and G. Bullock, both injured their hands in the first game and were unable to play the rest of the week. The absence of P. Marshall and A. G. Coomb as bowlers was also felt, but the Martlets were strong enough to give a good account of themselves, suffering only one defeat, against a powerful Gravesend side. The village of East Farleigh again proved a delightful headquarters. Next year's fixture list is already complete.

The Martlets played 6 games, won 2, drew 3, and lost 1.

Monday, 4th August: Martlets 26; for seven dec. (D. C. Barnwell 136 not out), Lloyds, Sittingbourne 145 (K. J. Pettis six for 55); won.

Tuesday, 5th August: Martlets 180 (B. C. Barnwell 49, J. P. Setterfield 65), Sevenoaks Vine 173 for four (M. Bestin 60); drawn.

Wednesday, 6th August: Martlets 145 (E. S. Vols 51), Gravesend 310 for six; lost.

Thursday, 7th August: Martlets 150 (K. J. Pettis 60), Linden Park 96 (K. J. Pettis six for 33); won.

Friday, 8th August: F. W. L. Evans's Cranbrook XI 249 for eight dec., Martlets 180 for nine (P. R. Thomas 42, M. P. Houghton 42 not out); drawn.

Saturday, 9th August: Tonbridge 276 for six dec. (E. Witherden 112 not out), Martlets 258 for seven; drawn. Martlets went for the runs. Tonbridge scored theirs in 60 overs and the Martlets in 56 overs. This match played on the beautiful ground of Tonbridge School.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Association Football

Southern League

Bath City v. Bedford Town.

London League

Bedford Town v. Crittall, 3 p.m.

South Midlands League

Division I

Luton Percival v. Luton Amateur, St. Neots St. Mary's v. Luton Old Boys, R.A.F. Henlow v. R.A.F. Cardington.

Division II

A.C. Sphinx v. Leighton United, Lynton Works v. Luton Skefco, Vauxhall Motors v. Luton Hitchin Road Old Boys.

Cricket

Bedford and District League

Second Division (Section I)

Wilden v. Lynton Works.

Section II

Pavenham v. Cople, Wood End v. Elstow.

Third Division (Section II)

Everton v. West End Club, Tempsford v. Thurleigh.

Section III

Fertenhall v. Turvey.

Friendlies

Bedford Town v. Hitchin, Harpur Sports v. Queen's Works, Harpur II v. Bedford II, Queen's 'A' v. Buntinghall, Shire Hall II v. Pavenham, Aigud v. Postal Sports C.C., Baptist v. Stewardby, Kent's Athletic v. Southill Park, Southill II v. Henlow.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Last Man Run Out with Scores Level

There was a thrilling finish to the Bedford and District League (Second Division, Section II) game between Cople and Pavenham at Cople on Saturday. With the scores level at 101, Pavenham's last man was run out. For Cople, E. Bartram hit a splendid 45, top score of the match, giving no chance until he was brilliantly caught by G. Curtis. Curtis, incidentally, took three for 14 in twelve overs, seven of which were maidens.

West End, champions of the Third Division (Section II) completed their fixtures with a visit to Everton, where they maintained their 100 per cent record by a 15 runs victory.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION I)

Wilden v. Lynton Works

Lynton Works: Milton 5, Hobday 9, Litchfield 1, Fuller 15, Spindler 4, Townley 4, Barwell 2, Sims 0, Coleman 1, Rollinson 10, Pestell not out 2, extras 9, total 41.—B. Feet six for 24, J. Ashpole three for 27.
Wilden: B. Norman 19, B. Whitmore 2, B. Ashpole 0, R. Smith 16, B. Feet 32, J. Ashpole 11, J. Peil 13, B. Peil 1, N. Fensome 1, O. Wright 3, T. Ashpole not out 0, extras 14, total 113.—Pestell four for 34, Spindler three for 22.

SECOND DIVISION (SECTION II)

Cople v. Pavenham

Cople: B. Wilsher 6, R. Norman 8, E. Bartram 45, R. Cambers 1, F. Johnson 6, K. Keech 13, C. Graves 9, A. Worrall 5, P. Burr 1, H. Franklin 2, E. Yerrill not out 0, extras 5, total 101.
Pavenham: J. Turner 2, A. Wildman 20, N. Wesley 0, H. Curtis 25, G. Curtis 13, A. Wesley 6, G. Brolley 24, J. Tandy 3, H. Ashpole 1, G. Wesley 1, J. Crawley not out 0, extras 6, total 101.—A. Worrall two for 29, F. Johnson two for 34, P. Burr one for 13, H. Franklin one for 9, R. Norman two for 10.

THIRD DIVISION (SECTION II)

Tempstord v. Thurlough II

Thurlough: F. Bull 0, R. Lovell 5, L. Franklin 17, J. Berrill 0, K. Wagstaff 0, L. Wildman 5, O. C. D. Clayton 4, A. Bull not out 13, 22, B. Hooley 6, B. Ingle 1, C. J. Clayton not out 6, 3, extras 4 and 15, totals 61 and 93.—D. Urquhart four for 20, P. Gosling two for 1. Second innings: D. Urquhart four for 17, G. Chapman four for 10.
Tempstord: G. Chapman 0, O. A. Usher 0, J. George 5, D. Urquhart 8, E. Ingram 5, 2, P. Gosling 0, D. Watts 1 not out 4, B. Infield not out 19, 0, R. Bettles 1, R. Stacey 1, B. South 6 not out 2, extras 9 and 6, totals 34 and 14 for three wickets.—C. D. Clayton seven for 19, J. Berrill three for 25. Second innings: C. D. Clayton two for 3, J. Berrill 1 for 5.

West End v. Everton

Everton: A. Gurney 12, Cole 0, G. Gurney 0, Wisson 2, Linford 0, Giles 0, Hull 18, Walls 2, L. Lawson 5, Peck 0, G. Lawson not out 1, extras 5, total 45.—Jessop seven for 24, White three for 16.
West End: Ashpole 1, Walker 1, King 6, Millard 16, Belton 1, Wells 5, Jessop 4, White 5, Rideout not out 7, Burrows 0, Hyde 2, extras 12, total 60.—Wisson four for 21, Cole four for 24.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

J. A. R. Oliver in Form

J. A. R. Oliver, Bedfordshire's opening batsman, was in fine form for the Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, against Winchmore Hill at Arlesey on Sunday. He carried his bat for 87 (13 fours) in a total of 166. Outstanding performances for the visitors, who won comfortably, were a century by A. Rao, the West India batsman, he hit 14 fours—and J. Marshall's four catches and six wickets for 55.

Three Counties Hospital: P. O. Robinson 1, E. Bircumshaw 9, J. A. R. Oliver not out 87, T. Short 3, L. Smart 4, R. R. Robinson 17, F. Mays 5, T. Webb 0, O. Callingham 13, H. Pogmore 9, R. Haywood 0, extras 18, total 166.
Winchmore Hill: H. Lambert 16, W. Smith 59, L. Lambert 61, A. Rao not out 111, B. Hasemore 6, D. Robertson 9, W. Martin not out 32, J. Peacock 2, extras 13, total for six wickets 309.

Shire Hall II v. Bromham Nomads

Shire Hall: Vivers 8, Litchfield 6, Millington 2, Harris 0, Dynes 8, Jackson 15, Newson 1, Wells 0, Smithson 0, Clifton not out 1, Britain 0, extras 1, total 42.—L. White four for 26, B. Everest five for 15.

Nomads: R. Bruty 5, L. White 0, G. White 2, F. Gilbert 7, K. Bushell 8, B. Everest 7, E. Chaikley 1, W. S. Bowen 0, A. Everest not out 1, B. Stewart 13, P. H. Calladine 0, extras 6, total 50.—Vivers six for 11, Jackson four for 33.

Southill II v. Henlow II

Henlow: K. Jones 0, L. Lynn 52, D. Dudley 2, E. Poyner 14, H. Ashwell 42, K. Prior 16, K. Charles 1, J. Redman ret'd. 65, C. Fields 8, R. Howard 8, J. Parker not out 1, extras 9, total 218. Dilly three for 34, Webb two for 42, Senior two for 8.

Southill: C. Dilly 2, R. Goodman 27, V. Goodman 57, R. Odell 21, R. Webb 15, M. Senior 2, E. Faulkner 19, D. Brown 8, J. Webb 1, R. Smith 0, A. Whymark not out 4, extras 9, total 165.—C. Fields three for 1, Dudley one for 16, Ashwell one for 42, Lynn one for 13.

Southend Ramblers v. Great Barford

A notable feature of this match was the wicket-keeping of D. Jones, who, playing in this position for the first time, caught no fewer than seven batsmen.

Southend Ramblers: Allen 9, Wiles 5, Evans 6, T. Ruff 1, Jones 4, R. King 23, Ruff 5, Hardwick 6, Chester not out 0, Tumpkins 1, Nichols 2, extras 11, total 70.—Favell six for 32, Skevington four for 21.

Great Barford: D. Jones 11, C. Robinson 21, D. Page 14, B. Norman 41, H. Favell 1, W. Skevington 2, K. Talmann 16, J. Breese not out 6, W. Falke 4, extras 29, total 145.

Bedford Town 168 (E. C. Howard 32, E. B. Smith 39, J. Humphries 44, Feast seven for 30), Hitchin Town 106 for nine (Holt 23, McCann five for 26, Babey three for 26).

Harpur Sports 127 for seven dec. (Minnis 51, Dawson three for 27, Wildman two for 18), Queen's Works 90 (Wooding 30, O. Webster five for 41, P. Gilbert four for 25).

Three Counties Hospital (Arlesey) 203 for six dec. (Bircumshaw 40, Smart 62 not out, G. B. Farnes 41).

Bedford Argus 158 for eight dec. (Eastwood 74, Kemp four for 48, Davis four for 26), Bedford Postels 94 (Duck 20, Stevens six for 17, Barnes two for 22).

Cryscio 77 (Middleton 49, Cooper three for 7, Elliman four for 18), Old Warden 160 for six (G. Gilbert 60).

Everton 211 (Col. Martell 97, V. Wison not out 40, Bain four for 45), Kempston 93 (Tysos 29, Peck six for 24).

CRICKET IN AID OF THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

There will be a cricket match at Pavenham to-morrow between Bugby's (Rushden) XI and Church's (Pavenham) XI in aid of Bedford County Hospital.

Church's team: L. Church, O. U. A. Read, A. Wesley, O. Scoley, G. Curtis, R. Horaburgh, J. Tandy, A. Odell, S. Lovell, N. Wesley, J. Turner, umpire, S. Glidis.

Tom Clark, the former Bedfordshire opening batsman, made a successful first appearance for Surrey in the County Championship, against Leicestershire at the Oval on Wednesday. Opening the innings with Fishlock, he made 51.

Cricket

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION

Oxfordshire v. Bedfordshire, Christ Church Ground, Oxford (second day).

FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. Northampton Saints, George Kent's Ltd., Luton v. Bedford Town II, Northampton Brewery v. Harpur Sports, Harpur Sports II v. Shire Hall, Bedford Argus v. Eandy, Pottun v. Shire Hall II, Queen's Works v. Skefko, Luton, Southill Park v. St. Neots, Baptist C.C. v. Eaton Bocou.

**A PROMISING
DEBUT**

**Baker's Four Wickets
for Town**

Bedford Town, although without Howard, Harris, and Morris, gained a comfortable victory over Northampton Saints at Bedford on Saturday.

On a bowler's wicket Northampton were skittled out for 78, W. J. Baker, of the Ramblers, taking four for 10 on his first appearance for the Town. Northampton made it clear that they didn't consider the game lost, but Pratt, taking every chance, raced to his 50, and the Town passed their opponents' total for the loss of six wickets. Scores:—

Northampton Saints: F. K. Thornton 8, W. C. Gillitt 1, F. L. Barton 0, R. H. Rynill 11, J. Belson 38, J. M. Warrington 1, H. Slow 3, N. Beattie not out 5, J. Slow 1, V. B. O'Dell (J. O. E. Cole 2, extras 8, total 78 (Bowling: McCanlis one for 16, Sabey two for 23, Humphries three for 21, Baker four for 10).

Bedford: E. S. Smith 4, T. Woolliscroft 2, C. F. Sabey 12, J. Harper 6, J. Pratt 51, M. W. J. Dobeyn 16, J. Humphries not out 25, K. V. Percy 8, W. J. Baker 0, K. McCanlis 8, extras 22, total for nine wickets 154. (Bowling: Cole one for 14, Belson three for 35, Warrington three for 35, H. Slow two for 28).

**Old Warden v. Bedford
North End**

North End: S. Chamberlain 21, C. Newman 11, G. Collins 0, L. Chamberlain 12, G. Footer 14, A. Feasey 3, R. Shirreffs 7, K. Simmons 37, A. Woodward 4, J. Thornber 15, A. Williamson 0, extras 10, total 134.—A. Elliman three for 18, J. Woodhead two for 21.

Old Warden: R. Bayliss 55, E. Willis 5, G. Gilbert 53, A. Elliman 26, E. Cooper 12, K. Crossland 6, R. Gale not out 0, G. Bayliss 0, G. Berridge not out 0, extras 6, total for seven wickets 163.—G. Collins three for 59.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Three Counties Hospital v. West Essex

T.C.H.: F. Bircumshaw 5, T. Short 0, F. Mays 8, E. Smart 39, R. R. Robinson 4, K. Avison not out 35, H. Fogmore 24, A. Haywood 5, I. Ward 29, extras 22, total for eight wickets dec. 171.

West Essex: H. Willshire 19, J. Impey 27, L. Pasterful 0, A. Sprakman 30, S. Cawthorn 0, E. Burrage not out 66, O. Atkins 9, extras 12, total for six wickets 163.—Fogmore five for 40.

Wildan v. Renhold

Renhold: W. Harlow 14, D. Stapleton 9, G. Harlow 2, T. Joyce 0, P. Harlow 18, R. Brice 0, F. Harlow 0, H. Fensome not out 9, F. Pell 14, extras 12, total 73.—B. Peet four for 15, J. Ashpole one for 11, J. Thorne two for 5, O. Wright one for 6.

Wildan: B. Norman 0, B. Ashpole 1, J. Ashpbin 21, T. Ashpole 0, B. Peet 17, F. Ashpole 37, J. Thorne 6, O. Wright 4, W. Pell 11, D. Whitmore 3, extras 1, total 104.—D. Stapleton four for 30, W. Harlow two for 31.

Lotus Sports Club v. Bromham Nomads

Lotus: C. Heap 0, H. Mallby 0, W. Page 1, O. Pearson 1, H. Smith 11, R. Draper 9, B. Moore 15, N. Wright 12, E. Dix 4, R. Lack 4, D. Curtis not out 1, extras 8, total 66.—L. White four for 20, B. Everest three for 30, E. Chalkley three for 8.

Nomads: L. White 1, R. Bruty 0, C. White 4, E. Gilbert 47, K. Bushell 7, F. Calladine 9, E. Chalkley 0, J. Church 0, W. S. Bowen 40, B. Everest not out 63, W. Morlimer 1, extras 14, total 186.—Page three for 15, Lack one for 39, Draper one for 37, Smith three for 23, Wright one for 17.

Turvey v. Sharnbrook

Turvey: B. Frost 19, H. Sargent 0, F. Bearlett 2, A. Clark 5, F. Paynton 9, R. Wright 15, E. Cockings 0, A. Sugars 0, M. Williams 34, P. Williams 4, V. Cockings not out 0, extras 9, total 97.—Martin two for 33, Knight two for 16, Bance five for 24, Benson one for 13.

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 7, Pacey 1, Dowerswell 0, R. Dunkley retd. hurt 2, D. Dunkley 0, R. Knight 0, F. Barcock 0, E. Ward 2, Harrison 3, J. Bance not out 0, Benson 0, extras 1, total 16.—F. Paynton six for 5, M. Williams four for 8.

Northampton Saints 78 (Belson 38, Baker four for 10, Humphries three for 21), Bedford Town 154 for nine (Pratt 51, Belson three for 35, Warrington three for 35).

Harpur Sports 195 for six declared (Jarvis 88 not out, Minns 49 not out), Northampton Brewery 118 for six (Jenley 58 not out, G. Water three for 38).

Barton 91 (Jorn) three for 14, Slate three for 23, Rowlow 174 for eight (E. Smith 102 not out, Odell four for 28).

Bedford North End 134 (Simmons 37, Elliman three for 18), Old Warden 163 for seven (Hayling 55, Gilbert 53).

Eversholt 99 (Cole four for 17), Hexton 78 (Cousins five for 20).

Bletchley 91 (Mungall three for 1, Taylor five for 32), Ampthill 114 for seven (Mungall 41 not out).

Westoning 123 for 8 (Hull six for 21), Sundon 18 (Gazeley eight for 9), Pulloxhill 162 (Ashton 81 not out), Old Lutonians 88 (H. Parker six for 39, R. Parker four for 26).