

BEDFORDSHIRE 1949: 9 (8) MATCHES

CAPTAIN: A.B. POOLE

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	BHST	LN
	21, 22	JUNE	HERTS	WATFORD	FSPB A	-	PSPB SIA	PSA PSA
W, T	27, 28	JULY	R.A.F.	LUTON (WP)	FSPB A	-	PSPB SA	PSA PSA
M, T	1, 2	AUGUST	CAMBS	BEDFORD (BS)	FSPB A	FSA FA	-	PSA PSA
W, T	3, 4		BUCKS	BEDFORD (BS)	FSA VEA	-	PSPB SA	-
F, S	5, 6		HERTS	BEDFORD (BS)	PSPB USA	FSA FA	PSA PSA	PSPB SA
F, S	12, 13		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE (F.)	SS USA	FSA FA	PSA PSA	PSPB PSA
W, T	17, 18		SUFFOLK	FELIXSTONE	FSA A	-	PSA PSA	-
W, T	24, 25		SUFFOLK	LUTON (WP)	FSPB (S) A	-	PSPB SIA	-
W, T	31, 1	SEPT	BUCKS	B. WYCOMBE	FSA A	-	PSPB PSA	PSPB PSA
			AVERAGES		9 SEPT		-	-
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- JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES
- JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD
- JUNE - SEPT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH
- JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS

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2ND JUNE V NORTHANTS II AT NORTHAMPTON.

1949

BR 11 Jan, p 7 - Death Notice

"On 8 Jan 1949 Reginald Keens 71 Sidney Road, Bedford, aged 72 years. Funeral Service Holy Trinity Church Bedford Wed 12 Jan at 11.30 AM."

BR 19 July, p 15 - Jack Smith

"Behind the strips - Jack Smith still keeping interest for Queen's Works AIT at age 58"

BT 20 May, p 5 - Late Canon F. J. Howard
Full details.

LN 16 March, p 8 - Death of SSPakes

"The funeral took place last week of Mr SSPakes (Sydney Samuel) Pakes aged 87 of 139 New Bedford Road Luton who died at the Luton & Dunstable Hospital after collapsing at the Luton Liberal Club."

LN 26 May, p 10 - Funeral of CFC Coltham
Obituary - Father of CVAColtham.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

AN UMPIRE IN COUNTY CRICKET

**Kenneth McCanlis's List Evokes Some Memories :
Walter Hammond in 1928 : County C.C. And
Capt. Burke's Service**

It is just a typewritten document, sent in an unsealed envelope . . . a list of counties, towns, and dates. If we shared the heretic's opinion that cricket is a bore and the all-the-week pursuit of the game a waste of time, we should lay this correspondence aside after a most perfunctory glance through its contents. But any such opinion is strictly taboo in these columns.

Cricket memories are stirred as we take a closer look at this document, kindly forwarded by Kenneth McCanlis, former Surrey 2nd XI bowler, more recently of Bedford Town C.C., and now an umpire in the County Championship. It is a list of matches over which he has jurisdiction this season.

Lord's, the Oval, Hove, Hastings, Clacton-on-Sea, Folkstone, Maidstone, Cheltenham . . . a sequence of evocative names, especially if you have been strong-minded enough to leave the wife and youngsters to their own holiday devices and gone off to the cricket. Kenneth is "standing" at these places during the coming days of sunshine and rain. I think he has one grouse, Canterbury is not on his list—the town with that lovely ground where an oak tree stands inside the boundary line; and where I saw Lindwall crash through the Kent side twice in one day, and so vast was the crowd that I had to queue four hours for transport back to the South Coast. (Only the "brighter" cricket mongers say the public has lost interest in the first-class game).

At Lord's in 1938

Mr. McCanlis goes to cricket's headquarters for the Middlesex v Lancashire match next Saturday. Lord's . . . and memory goes back eleven years to the day England lost Hutton, Barnett, and Edrich for a handful of runs against Australia. Litchfield (Harpur Sports), Dickens, Richardson



KENNETH MCCANLIS

(Clarence), and I were in the Lord's crowd that sadly shook its collective head over the plight of English cricket. But we were to see Walter Hammond (double century) and Eddie Paynter (99) in one of the greatest-ever Test match partnerships. You never forget cricket of that mettle. The mind's eye still sees Hammond leaning gracefully into those incomparable off-drives, Fingleton's wonderful fielding, which alone deprived the master of a hundred before lunch, and the unorthodox batting of Paynter. Watch the game as it was played that day and you cease to wonder why men of literary distinction choose to write on cricket.

Two Centuries

But, to me, "Gloucestershire v. Surrey, 10th August, Cheltenham", is the entry in our Bedford umpire's cricket diary that most potently recalls a bygone year. In August, 1928, my late father ("Westerner" of *The Bedfordshire Standard*) and I saw, on the Cheltenham College ground, the Surrey bowling torn to shreds by young Hammond. The man who was to become the best English cricketer of his generation scored a century in each innings. When Hammond drove through the covers, Hobbs, great cover-point though he was, could only shrug his shoulders and wait for a return throw from an anonymous spectator.

In Surrey's second innings Wally took seven slip catches off Charlie Farker. He seemed to "smell" them as the ball was in flight from the bowler's arm, and diving with incredible swiftness he brought off catches which left the batsmen doubting the evidence of their eyes.

His Nine Wickets

The next match of the 1928 Cheltenham Week was against Worcestershire. At about 12.30 on the first day the visiting County were 23 for one; at lunch time, all out and the total 38. Hammond had found a "spot" on the pitch and he went in for lunch with nine wickets to enhance his growing fame as England's No. 1 all-rounder. In the afternoon he played an innings of 80.

The Gloucestershire man's deeds have passed into cricket

history, yet it seems only yesterday that his star was ascending. There will never be another cricketer quite like him, just as there cannot be another Alex James or Wilfred Wooller. Such men bring their own genius to our national games, and genius does not repeat itself exactly.

So back to 1949 and Kenneth McCanlis, whom I hold to be one of the luckiest of men. As I write, he may be "in the middle", watching a future England batsman walking out through the wicket-gate.

Mr. Crompton's Error

Captain Percy Burke, of 49 Castle Road, Bedford, writes that I erred a fortnight ago in stating that Frank Crompton was Assistant Hon. Secretary of the County Cricket Club for ten years before his election to the office of Hon. Secretary.

The former Bedfordshire left-hander adds: "I was appointed Assistant Secretary to Mr. W. W. Marks in 1919 or 1920, and held the post until his death. . . Mr. Marks and I organized the first County Cricket Week on Bedford School ground, Archie MacLaren bringing a team for the opening match. I also designed the score-board (now modernized) on the School ground. I believe Mr. W. W. Corfield was the Assistant Secretary before me.

"Mr. Crompton, I agree, did a great deal of writing in connexion with the Club, but in the capacity of a member of Mr. Mark's staff at the Shire Hall. He held no official position in the Club until the death of Mr. Marks in 1924."

An apology is due to Capt. Burke, though in justice to myself it should be added that I was misinformed. Mr. Crompton's memory must have been at fault.

Tom Clark

A friend who has had a good deal of County cricket experience expressed the opinion to me, when Tom Clark became a professional for Surrey in 1947, that the former Bedfordshire and Vauxhall opening batsman would be playing for England in four years' time.

So far, however, Tom has rarely appeared in the Surrey 1st XI, which just shows how good a batsman has to be to make the grade at the Oval. But he has been consistently successful in the 2nd XI. We shall watch with interest his scores when he plays for the Minor Counties Cricket Association against Yorkshire 1st XI at Lord's in June. Two years ago he made 66 and 27 in a Minor Counties v. Army match.

COUNTY XI FOR FIRST MATCH

Two New Pace Bowlers Selected: Batting Should be Strong

Bedfordshire's success in the Minor Counties Championship last year will be a spur to equal achievement this season. The side selected to open the campaign with a match against Hertfordshire at Watford on Wednesday and Thursday next looks fully capable of winning the maximum points.

This is the side: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver (vice-capt.), G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, E. C. Howard, B. E. Disbury, J. Legate, R. L. Hills, C. Bailey, P. Clark, and F. K. Breeze.

The last match Bedfordshire played at Watford was in Wilfred King's time, but it is still remembered for his innings of exactly 100, scored in 40 minutes.

Morris Not Playing

The familiar name of Sid Morris is not in the list, and it seems he will be unavailable for County cricket this season. In 1948 the writer had the impression that Morris was entering his best years as a County cricketer. He had always been regarded as essentially a fast-wicket batsman, but on the rain-affected turf at Old Trafford he played the Lancashire spin bowlers better than did the majority of his team-mates.

Morris will be missed by the County, but judging on current form, the batting at Watford should have winning totals well within its scope. Howard is scoring heavily in club cricket. His fast hundred against De Havilland Aircraft last week can be over-valued, for the bowling was ineffective on a plumb wicket; but he should be just the man if the County need runs quickly.

Glyn Owen's ability to pull an innings together when collapse threatens does not appear to diminish. Anyone who saw his match-saving display for Luton v. Bedford will agree on that score.

Promise of Breeze

Alf Gover, whose services had a habit of being withdrawn at the eleventh hour last season, is not retained, and the Club have not engaged another professional bowler. But Breeze, the Bedford player, is the best fast-bowling "discovery" the County has made for many years. Evacuated to Bedford with Rye Grammar School during the war, he returned after service in the R.A.F. to enter a local bank. Although not powerfully built, he has real pace, which he can maintain for long spells. His debut in County cricket will be one of the most interesting features of the Hertfordshire match.

Peter Clark, brother of the Surrey man, Tom, is another fast bowler making a first appearance for Bedfordshire.

If the wicket is favourable to spin, much will be expected of Colin Bailey.

The Harpur Sports wicket-keeper, A. Webster, is passed over again. But his chance is certain to come.

To Play Regiment

To-morrow a County XI play the Beds. and Herts. Regiment in a match that will be a part of the Bjenheim celebrations at Kempston Barracks. J. A. Muse, of Luton Town, is a newcomer to representative cricket in the County. The start is at 11.30 a.m.

County: A. B. Poole (capt.), K. Cousins, S. T. Morris, J. Legate, C. W. F. Rawlins, A. Coomb, R. K. Costin, J. Heady (wicket-keeper), J. A. Muse, F. K. Breeze, A. Cornell.

Hospital Cup

There is an impression abroad that now the hospitals are the concern of the State, voluntary effort is no longer needed. This mistaken view is said to be expressed by some people when the collecting-boxes come round at Hospital Cup matches.

There are many directions in which money raised voluntarily can usefully be spent. Television sets for patients and additional comforts for bed-ridden old people are only two ideas; others, no doubt, will be suggested when the matter is discussed by Hospital Cup representatives and Mr. E. H. L. Stonebanks, Secretary of the Bedford Group Hospitals Management Committee.

COUNTY'S FIELDING LAPSES : BEATEN BY HERTS.

In their first Minor Counties Championship match, Bedfordshire paid the full penalty for indifferent work in the field at Watford, where Hertfordshire won by 65 runs.

On Wednesday Tyrwhitt-Drake did Hertfordshire a great service, first by beating Poole in the toss, and then by making a dashing 59. From the moment, in the morning when Owen began turning the ball appreciably, Bedfordshire must have had mixed feelings about the dusty wicket, for the dice appeared to be loaded against a side taking fourth innings. Before the day's play had finished their fears were well grounded, half the Bedfordshire men having been dismissed for 105. They still needed 141 to get in front.

But if stumping chances and catches had been taken, Bedfordshire's close-of-play position would have been much different. Legate's running catch in the deep, which dismissed Tyrwhitt-Drake, probably reddened the ears of certain others, while the ground fielding and the speed at which the ball was chased did not always signify a genuine zeal for Bedfordshire's cause. When the alertness of veterans like Poole and Owen is especially noted all is not well with a side's out-cricket generally.

It was Luton's day so far as the visiting County were concerned. All the wickets fell to Clark (six), Owen (three), and Oliver, the Luton Town trio, and without Oliver's innings of 34, Poole would have gone to bed a very worried skipper on Wednesday night.

HERTS OPEN AT FAST RATE

The Hertfordshire opening pair, Tyrwhitt-Drake and Dexter, seized upon some loose bowling to make a fast-scoring start, the 50 appeared in 35 minutes. Owen broke the stand with his second ball at 63, but the second wicket—that of Tyrwhitt-Drake, whose easeful driving took him to a half-century in 90 minutes—eluded Bedfordshire until 120 runs were up. The Hertfordshire skipper hit eight fours.

After lunch Bennett and Simons played attractive cricket. But the medium-paced Clark, coming on with the new ball at 207 (for three), quickly changed the position. In eleven overs he sent back six batsmen at a cost of 19 runs. It was a County debut of which to be proud. His full figures were 33 overs, 8 maidens, 74 runs, 6 wickets.

Owen, the biggest sufferer from the fielding lapses, had three for 83, unjust figures for such clever bowling. In his first County match Breeze was denied a first-innings wicket, but 14 overs productive of only 30 runs tell of fast bowling that commanded respect.

Fifty-nine runs (in just under an hour) by Oliver and August represented a fine start for Bedfordshire. Oliver drove and cut from the bat's true middle, and August went his own serene way, sweeping one half-volley off his toes to the square leg boundary in a manner that promised a long stay. Then the Hertfordshire off-spinner, Holt, threw a spanner in the smooth-running works. He bowled Oliver at 59; persuaded August into a fatal and most un-August-like stroke; had Howard returning the ball into his hands at 75; and caused Hills to be brilliantly stumped at 86. Owen prospered for a while, pasting Allen four times to the ring. But Holt got him leg-before to a full toss in the last over of the day. Holt had taken five for 18 in 16 overs.

DUST—AN OMINOUS SIGN

Dust blowing from the pitch before the game was resumed yesterday was an ominous sign. And bowlers King and Holt, with Simons always giving smart help behind the stumps, were soon driving home Hertfordshire's advantage. Often the ball rose head high from a length, but the last-wicket pair, Poole and Breeze, saved the follow-on. Poole was unluckily out, playing on to his stumps. Bedfordshire were 78 behind on the first innings.

Bedfordshire's hopes now depended on getting cheap wickets at once. Breeze and Clark met the challenge, with magnificent assistance from wicket-keeper Hills, who dived to take a catch knocked towards him by first slip, this dismissing Dexter at 5. Eight runs later Hills hung himself to the on side to take an "impossible" catch, which sent Tyrwhitt-Drake back.

But the wicket now appeared to be easier. Owen and Baily attacked without success. A Bennett-Parkin stand put on 41 before Legate broke it, but a hard-hitting partnership ensued between Allen and Bennett. When the 100 was passed Dibbury dropped an easy catch at mid-wicket off Bennett's bat. This batsman should also have been stumped by Hills earlier on.

Declaring at 3.10 p.m. with Hertfordshire 251 ahead, their captain gave the visitors about three hours (including the extra half-hour) to bat.

Mildred, bowling his first over in County cricket, had Oliver caught at leg slip with one run on the board. At 42, August was taken behind the wicket. Ten score, 57 for two.

A third-wicket stand by Legate and Howard put on 68 so quickly as to raise hopes of a Bedfordshire win. But Legate had hardly completed a most gallant 50—his highest score in County cricket—when he was caught and

bowled. At 118 Howard was stumped after a typical innings, and three further wickets fell with the score at 120. The collapse was checked for a time by Poole and Baily, but when the last wicket was surrendered Hertfordshire had 20 minutes of extra time in hand and were 65 runs in front.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Legate b Owen	59
C. G. Dexter c Oliver b Owen	23
R. G. Bennett c Clark b Owen	48
R. G. Simons c Owen b Clark	48
R. L. Parkin c Legate b Oliver	20
A. B. Bell c Oliver b Clark	21
F. Allen c Legate b Clark	6
L. O. King b Clark	6
N. Edmonds c Owen b Clark	6
J. Holt c Breeze b Clark	0
J. Mildred not out	1
Extras	14
Total	245

Second Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Hills b Clarke	6
C. G. Dexter c Hills b Breeze	0
R. G. Bennett not out	77
R. G. Simons c Breeze b Clark	9
R. L. Parkin b Legate	16
F. Allen not out	44
Extras	1
Total for four dec.	153
Bowling: Clark 11.0. 3m. 19r. 2w.; Breeze 7-1-30-1; Legate 9-1-49-1.	

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Parkin b Holt	28
A. R. Oliver b Holt	34
R. L. Hills at Simons b Holt	14
E. C. Howard c and b Holt	2
J. G. Owen lbw b Holt	19
B. E. Dibbury c Simons b King	9
J. Legate st Simons b Holt	0
A. B. Poole b King	29
P. Clark c Simons b King	12
C. B. Bailey c and b Holt	3
F. K. Breeze not out	3
Extras	12
Total	167
Bowling: Holt 29.0. 10m. 48r. 7w.; King, 23-2-41-3.	

Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Simons b Bell	22
J. A. R. Oliver c Bell b Mildred	0
J. Legate c and b King	50
E. C. Howard at Simons b Allen	37
J. G. Owen b King	3
P. Clark b Allen	0
B. E. Dibbury c Parkin b Allen	1
R. L. Hills c Parkin b Allen	4
A. B. Poole lbw b Allen	11
C. B. Bailey b Holt	26
T. K. Breeze not out	0
Extras	7
Total	166
Allen 13.0. 6m. 34r. 5w.; King 12-3-20-2.	

FOOTBALLER IS COUNTY'S NEW PROFESSIONAL

Jock Chisholm To Make Debut At Luton

(By Chiltern)

Jack Chisholm, Sheffield United, and former 'Spurs and Brentford centre-half, is to be Bedfordshire C.C.C.'s new professional.

The M.C.C. gave permission for his registration by the County this week, and he will make his debut for them against the R.A.F. at Wardown in the match which begins on Wednesday week.

Until this season, Chisholm was on the Lord's ground staff, with a qualification for Middlesex, who raised no objection to him being specially registered by Bedfordshire.

A fast bowler, whose hostility with the ball the Town have experienced when he played for

It was a most impressive piece of bowling, and although Chisholm was considering an offer from a first class county, he took kindly to the suggestion that he should throw in his lot with Bedfordshire.

Since then, there has been considerable negotiation, and the whole business was sealed on Thursday when secretary Frank Crompton heard from the M.C.C. that the registration was approved.

Should Be A Great Asset To The County

APART from his bowling, he is a fine fielder, and more than useful with the bat, so it seems that the county have made an excellent capture who might help them to make another brave bid for honours this season, despite their bad start in losing to Hertfordshire.

Frank Crompton thinks that Chisholm will be available for all the county's remaining matches.

The future of his football career is a little uncertain, for he wants to leave Sheffield United, whom he joined last season, and has asked to be transferred.



Jack Chisholm

the M.C.C. and Francis Appleyard's XI in the last two cricket weeks, Jack is likely to be a great asset to Bedfordshire, who needed a really good attacking bowler of above average pace to complete what is otherwise a well varied attack.

Idea Was Born After Luton Match

THE question of Chisholm joining Bedfordshire was first mooted after the match at Luton on Whit-Tuesday, when, in a long spell in which he never failed to attack the stumps, he claimed 6 Town wickets for 67.

Saturday Sports Review

First Chance For Muse And Smith

THE County will not have a full strength side for the match with the R.A.F., and the absence of George August, Jack Legate and Peter Clark, who are unable to play in this game, enables chances to be given to two club batsmen who have been doing extremely well this season.

One is John Muse, of Luton Town, who in his first season with the club, has been most consistent with his batting.

He has the added advantage of being an excellent fielder which is always a great help.

Deputising for George August as an opening batsman will be Sid Smith, of Bedford Town, a solid, reliable sort of player, who has been well among the runs recently.

Coomb Has Been In First Class Games

COLIN BAILEY, who did not have a particularly happy time against Hertfordshire, is omitted, and A. G. Coomb, a fast-medium bowler, who has been taking wickets against first-class counties, returns to the side.

He has been playing for the Royal Navy and the Combined Services, and was in the match against Hampshire which ended yesterday.

Breeze, of Bedford Town, a bowler of pace and accuracy, deservedly gets another chance even though he was not among the wickets in the previous game, but he bowls with plenty of fire, and looks to have a promising future.

R.A.F. Bringing A Strong Side

THE team will be:

A. B. Poole (Leighton Town) captain, J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, J. A. Muse (Luton Town), R. L. Hills (Vauxhall Motors), E. C. Howard, F. K. Breeze, E. S. Smith (Bedford Town), A. G. Coomb (Royal Navy), B. E. Disbury (R.A.F.), J. Chisholm.

The R.A.F. side is not to hand yet, but they will undoubtedly be a strong combination, for they had four players in the Combined Services' XI this week.

Bedfordshire umpire will be Bill Emery, of Luton Town, and C. H. Poole, of Bedford, will be the other. Twelfth man to the Bedfordshire team will be P. G. Miller, the Bedford Modern School captain.

This Wicket Gave Bowlers Some Help

ON a wicket which could best be described as "sporting," the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire achieved a very good win over the Masters of Wellingborough School on the picturesque school ground on Thursday.

Runs never came easily for either team, though Mick Kilby, of Dunstable Town, made a huge hit for 6 in his 31 which made him the side's top scorer, and A. B. Poole, the County captain, laid about him to good effect late in the innings.

The Masters never really got on top of some accurate bowling by the Three Counties Hospital pair, Frank Mayes and George Callingham, both of whom bowled extremely well.

Three of their batsmen went to slip catches off their gloves which showed that the wicket was "doing something."

Peter Green, of the Tom Tits, Bedford, also gained some cheap wickets, and victory was obtained with 15 minutes to spare.

Ted Roberts Back To Hertfordshire Team

TED ROBERTS, one of the best known cricketers in this district, is making a come-back to Minor Counties cricket next week when he returns to the Hertfordshire team to meet Norfolk at Hertford.

Ted has been in brilliant form this season, and there is no doubt that he is still one of the most effective slow left arm bowlers hereabouts.

His return will strengthen an already strong Hertfordshire attack, and there is some prospect of that county regaining some of its pre-war prominence.

Ted has been showing what he can do with the bat, too, recently, and should be a welcome addition to the middle of the county's batting.

Don Parkin, the Town's amateur goalkeeper, is again selected.

Saturday Sports Review

Bedfordshire Recall George Callingham

FOR their cricket week at Bedford School, which begins with a match against Cambridgeshire on August Bank Holiday, Bedfordshire are to call on 14 players for the three matches, and there are no surprises in their choice.

The only one which comes anywhere near being in this category is the recall of George Callingham, the Three Counties Hospital left-arm fast bowler, for the first match of the week.

George did not play in the County side at all last season, but he is bowling with all his old fire this summer, and has earned this recognition.

Well Off For Pace Bowling Now

ALWAYS a difficult bowler to play when the ball is new, George moves it considerably, and apart from the one which goes with his arm, he straightens one now and again, too, and on a fast wicket he can be quite destructive.

With Callingham, Peter Clark and Jack Chisholm in the team against Cambridgeshire, the County should be well off for pace bowling.

They will apparently rely chiefly on Glyn Owen for the spinners, though Disbury is quite a good off-break bowler, and Jack Legate has a habit of taking wickets nearly every time he is given a chance with the ball.

Four Players From Luton Chosen

THE Town's representatives in this match will number three, and a fourth representative from Luton is Reg Hills, of Vauxhall Motors, who will keep wicket.

Team:

A. B. Poole (Leighton Town), captain; J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, P. E. Clark (Luton Town); R. L. Hills (Vauxhall Motors); G. L. B. August (Hornsey); E. C. Howard (Bedford Town); J. Legate (Henlow); B. E. Disbury (R.A.F.); G. Callingham (Three Counties Hospita.); J. Chisholm.

This looks to be quite a strong batting side, with August and Oliver opening, and probably Howard at No. 3 and Owen at No. 4.

Tables Were Turned On Bucks

THAT Cambridgeshire should open cricket week is a break with tradition, for this has been the prerogative of Oxfordshire in recent years.

The rest of the week is as usual, with Buckinghamshire the visitors on Wednesday and Thursday. Time was when this county held the whip hand over Bedfordshire, but the tables were turned last season when Bedfordshire gained a 10 wickets win at Bedford and first innings points in the return match.

I hear that Bucks are hoping for better things this season, and this may well turn out to be the match of the week.

Bowlers Changed For Second Match

FOR it, the bowling will be changed, F. K. Breeze, of Bedford Town, and A. G. Coomb, of the Navy, both pace bowlers, coming in for Callingham and Clark.

The spin department will be strengthened by the inclusion of Ian Noble, who has not played for the county so far this season, and the team will be chosen from the following twelve:

A. B. Poole, J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, E. C. Howard, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, J. Legate, R. L. Hills, I. C. Noble, F. K. Breeze, A. G. Coomb, J. Chisholm.

Noble is a slow left-arm bowler who will take some of the responsibility off Glyn Owen.

Hard Struggle With Herts Is Likely

MEETING of near neighbours, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, on Friday and Saturday will take on a new significance this season since the latter seem

to have taken on a new lease of life, and their recent win over Norfolk emphasised their new-found strength.

Piquancy will be added to the struggle by the fact that Bedfordshire were beaten by them at Watford in June, and Hertfordshire look like being highly placed in the Minor Counties table when the final reckoning comes.

While their batting is slightly suspect and perhaps they depend over-much on the first five making the runs, Hertfordshire appear to have no shortcomings in the bowling department.

Great Comeback By Ted Roberts

TED ROBERTS made a great comeback to the County side against Norfolk when he had a match analysis of 8 for 60, made up of 3 for 10 in the first innings and 5 for 44 in the second.

It will be good to see him back at Bedford, and with Jack Holt and Freddie Allen also in the attack, Bedfordshire will have to fight for their runs.

For this match, 12 players have also been chosen, with the only change from the match with Bucks being that Peter Clark will come in for Breeze.

The County are lucky to have so much bowling at their disposal, and they have seen to it that those unused to cricket day after day will not be overworked.

Good Wicket Ready For County Match

IF the weather remains fair, there should be plenty of runs scored in the Bedfordshire-R.A.F. match at Wardown on Wednesday and Thursday.

A good deal of preparation has gone into the wicket which looked a picture last night, when

Bert Holdstock said, "It was ready for play this morning."

There was no doubting that and if the weather shows no change, it should roll out a "plumb 'un" on Wednesday morning.

There has not been a bad wicket at Wardown this season, and this looks the best of the lot, so there is no fear of it not lasting the two days. In fact, it would probably last twice as long if it were necessary.

R.A.F. DECLARE 50 BEHIND : DRAWN GAME

A sporting first-innings declaration by R.A.F. made an exciting finish possible at Luton yesterday (Thursday) when Bedfordshire just failed to force a win. For the R.A.F. in their second knock, the last two batsmen delisted the County's bowling for the final ten minutes. The match was drawn, the R.A.F. being 81 behind at the drawing of stumps.

Bedfordshire made a fine effort to get the opposition out a second time in 2 hours 35 minutes, and would have succeeded but for a valiant innings of 47 not out by E. Senior.

Despite uneven batting, the County reached the respectable total of 273 in their first innings, thanks mainly to a brilliant century by Owen and a stubborn innings by Breeze who stayed for 60 minutes while the last wicket partnership added 64. Owen's share was 105. Breeze made only 6, but his defensive play was extremely valuable, and he wisely ignored everything outside the off stump.

Owen's 117, made in just over 100 minutes, included a five and 16 fours. He gave only one chance a hard one in the gully—when he was in the forties.

Earlier, Oliver and Smith had laid a sound foundation to the innings with an opening stand of 89. They had been sent in to bat on a slightly green wicket, and they did extremely well to survive the first half-hour, when the ball was rising awkwardly. Three wickets fell in the last 25 minutes before lunch, but Muse and Owen improved the position in the afternoon. A collapse followed until Owen and Breeze came together.

Chisholm, the County's new professional, took a wicket in his fifth over with the R.A.F. score at 21, but in the main the bowling did not worry the batsmen. R.A.F. looked like finishing the day in a strong position but two wickets fell in the last 15 minutes. The Bedford School bowler, J. W. Fry, had two quick successes in a steady spell.

After they had added 65 in an hour yesterday (Thursday) morning, the R.A.F. caused surprise by declaring 50 runs behind the County's total. However, it was a laudable attempt on Shirreff's part to avoid a drawn game, and Poole fell into line by changing the County's batting order in an effort to get quick runs.

Poole himself made half a century with all his old zest and aptitude for keeping the scoreboard figures moving, but later Owen and Disbury found the bowling difficult to get away. Poole declared with a lead of 267, leaving R.A.F. two hours 35 minutes' batting.

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings	
J. A. R. Oliver c Ford b Wilson	59
E. S. Smith c and b Patham	36
R. L. Hills c Roberts b Bromley	3
J. A. Muse b Wilson	37
J. G. Owen c Wilson b Patham	115
E. C. Howard c Ford b Shirreff	12
B. E. Disbury c Ford b Shirreff	1
A. B. Poole c Shirreff b Wilson	0
J. Chisholm c Shirreff b Wilson	0
J. W. Fry c Senior b Wilson	0
F. K. Extras not out	5
Extras	5
Total	273
Wilson five for 94.	

2nd Innings	
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Greensmith	34
E. C. Howard c Murray b Shirreff	23
A. B. Poole b Bromley	53
J. A. Muse lbw b Greensmith	21
J. G. Owen not out	39
B. E. Disbury run out	35
E. S. Smith not out	0
Extras	4
Total for five dec.	217

R.A.F.

1st Innings	
J. F. Roberts b Fry	35
W. Murray lbw b Chisholm	6
W. Greensmith c Hills b Chisholm	75
A. V. Plowright hit wkt. b Fry	58
A. C. Shirreff c Chisholm b Fry	2
E. B. Truishaw c Chisholm b Owen	16
R. O. Wilson b Oliver	20
E. Senior not out	9
Extras	10
Total for seven dec.	225
Fry three for 57, Chisholm two for 86, Oliver one for 14, Owen one for 41.	

2nd Innings	
W. Murray lbw b Breeze	37
A. C. Shirreff b Breeze	44
W. Greensmith c Hills b Owen	0
P. Bromley run out	0
R. O. Wilson b Owen	2
E. B. Truishaw b Owen	1
W. R. Ford c Howard b Fry	35
E. Senior not out	47
A. V. Plowright b Fry	4
J. F. Roberts c Muse b Poole	9
W. J. Patham not out	2
Extras	9
Total for nine wkts.	186
Owen three for 82, Breeze two for 22, Fry two for 31, Poole one for 0.	

BEDFORD CRICKET WEEK

BEDFORD SCHOOL GROUND
(By kind permission of the Head Master
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BEDFORDSHIRE v

August Bank Holiday and Tuesday,
August 1st and 2nd

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Wednesday & Thursday Aug. 3rd & 4th
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Friday & Saturday August 5th & 6th
HERTFORDSHIRE

Entrances to Ground, Burnaby Road,
Glebe Road, and Park Avenue.
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It is hoped that limited refreshments
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FRANK CHROMPTON Hon. Secretary.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S VISIT IN THE COUNTY WEEK

Cambridgeshire will be the opposition in the first match of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Week, which begins next Monday on the Bedford School ground.

For many years the Week's visitors have always been Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire. Now there is one change, Cambridgeshire replacing Oxfordshire. This should be a fillip to public interest. The attractive cricket played by the Oxford men made them very popular with Bedford crowds, but many have felt that at least one new fixture in the Week was long overdue.

Cambridgeshire, known to followers of County cricket in Luton, are usually a strong side. They will meet the following: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, E. C. Howard, J. Legate, B. E. Disbury, R. L. Hills, G. Callingham, P. Clark, and J. R. Chisholm.

For the Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire games the sides will be chosen from 12 players, nine of whom are available for the whole week, namely, Poole, Oliver, August, Howard, Owen, Disbury, Hills, Legate, and Chisholm. The remaining three available to play against Buckinghamshire are bowlers, I. C. Noble, F. K. Breeze, and A. G. Coomb. In the Hertfordshire match Clark is one of the twelve instead of Breeze.

Plenty of Bowling

It will be interesting to see how Bedfordshire's new professional fast bowler, Jack Chisholm (famous as a footballer), acquits himself in his first Championship matches. After experience on the staff at Lord's, he should be a great asset to the attack.

The side is well stocked with bowlers, and it ought to be good for enough runs, all the batsmen having shown excellent form in club cricket this season. Whether Sid Morris's absence will make a vital difference remains to be seen, but in any case his current record suggests that he would have done considerable deeds for the County. In 17 innings (seven not out) he has scored 1,042 runs, giving him an average of 104.2. Four times he has reached the century mark, and twice got into the nineties.

A. Webster's Claims

The selectors keep their faith in Hills as the County's wicket-keeper. Many will disagree with his retention, but we should all wish him a successful week, for the team's sake as well as his own.

Those cricketers and followers of the game who prefer the Herpur Sports man, A. Webster, have a spokesman in Captain Percy Burke. And the views of Bedfordshire's former left-handed opening batsman and wicket-keeper cannot be dismissed as of no account.

"Asset to Any County"

Captain Burke writes:—
"I recently saw Webster play an innings of 50 not out. It was not a faultless performance, but I formed the impression that with experience he will develop into a really high-class batsman. He was particularly struck with his strokes off the back foot and his deliberate placing to leg. His forward footwork was slow, resulting in his lifting the ball when driving, but run-getting propensities are undoubtedly there.

"Unhesitatingly, I affirm that he needs only experience to become a really first-class wicket-keeper," adds Captain Burke. "He would be an asset to any first-class county side, and I understand that this view was expressed by Leslie Berry when the Leicestershire cricketer was here during the war. His style is neat and effortless. . . .

"Can Bedfordshire really afford to ignore the claims of this young man?"

County Nearly Forced A Dramatic Cricket Win

(By CHILTERN)

County Cricket Was Well Supported

THOUGH the gate receipts were less than in the corresponding match last season, the attendance at Wardown for the meeting of Bedfordshire and the R.A.F. was very satisfactory.

Gate money for the two days amounted to nearly £80, proof that the keen interest in the summer game locally is still growing, and also that this fixture is a popular one.

The spectators saw some very interesting cricket and Bedfordshire could claim a moral advantage at the end for they nearly forced a dramatic win in the closing stages of the second day.

R.A.F. Declared In Arrears

EARLIER, Alan Shirreff, the R.A.F. captain, had thrown down the gauntlet by declaring his innings when the total was still 50 short of Bedfordshire's, with three wickets still to fall.

That was at 12 o'clock on Thursday, and the innings might well have lasted quite a time, and perhaps com within striking distance of the County's total.

If that had happened, the game might have been irretrievably doomed to a draw, but on the other hand, I think that behind the move was a hope that the R.A.F. bowlers might dislodge the early Bedfordshire batsmen and so start a collapse.

The Challenge Was Taken Up

A. B. POOLE, the County skipper, took up the challenge by altering his batting order, obviously with a view to making quick runs, and promoted himself to number 3. This was a good move for he played a bright innings of 53.

The County's batting was more consistent than in the first innings and while the scoring lagged somewhat during the last 40 minutes, before the declaration, 217 runs were scored in 160 minutes, which is quite a useful scoring rate.

Even so, I thought it was asking rather a lot of the R.A.F. to score 50 more runs for victory in roughly the same time.

R.A.F. Just Managed To Save The Game

A DECLARATION 10 or 15 minutes earlier would have given them a real chance of victory and also given the Bedfordshire bowlers that precious extra time in which to get the opposition out.

As things turned out, that was just what Bedfordshire needed at the end, for the ninth wicket fell with 10 minutes remaining, but the last pair played out time.

Nevertheless, it was a very interesting finish with a great change coming over the game after the tea interval when the visitors had passed the 50 mark without losing a wicket.

An hour changed the situation entirely, and from a side making

THE SCORE-BOARD

BEDFORDSHIRE, 1st Innings: 273 (J G Owen 113, J A R Oliver 59, J A Muse 37, E S Smith 36).

R.A.F. (1st Innings)

W/Cdr J F Roberts b Fry	33
A/C M Murray lbw b Chisholm	6
A/C W Greensmith c Hills b Chisholm	73
S/Ldr A V Plowright hit wkt b Fry	54
F/Lt A C Shirreff c Chisholm b Fry	2
F/Lt E B Trubshaw c Chisholm b Owen	16
S/Ldr R G Wilson b Oliver	20
F/Lt E Senior not out	9
Extras	10

Total (for 7 wks dec) 223

Bowling: Fry 3 for 57, Chisholm 2 for 86, Oliver 1 for 14, Owen 1 for 41, Brezee 0 for 15.

BEDFORDSHIRE (2nd Innings)

J A R Oliver lbw b Greensmith	32
E C Howard c Murray b Shirreff	23
A B Poole b Bromley	53
J A Muse lbw b Greensmith	21
J G Owen not out	49
B S Disbury run out	33
E S Smith not out	0
Extras	4

Total (for 5 wks dec) 217

R.A.F. (2nd Innings)

A/C M Murray lbw b Brezee	37
F/Lt A C Shirreff b Brezee	44
A/C W Greensmith c Hills b Owen	0
A/C P H Bromley run out	0
S/Ldr R G Wilson b Owen	2
F/Lt E B Trubshaw b Owen	1
W/Cdr W R Ford c Howard b Fry	35
F/Lt E Senior not out	47
S/Ldr A V Plowright b Fry	4
W/Cdr J F Roberts c Muse b Poole	9
F/Lt W J Parham not out	5
Extras	2

Total (for 9 wks) 186

Bowling: Owen 3 for 82, Brezee 2 for 22, Fry 2 for 31, Poole 1 for 0, Oliver 0 for 14, Chisholm 0 of 35.



a bid for victory, though it was always something of a forlorn hope, they became one struggling to avoid defeat.

Never Put Themselves In Front Of Clock

SHIRREFF had set the example by putting himself in first, and changing his batting order almost entirely, but the opening pair could never get sufficiently in front of the clock to really give them hopes of a win.

The Bedfordshire bowling was steadier than in the first innings on Wednesday, but it was fairly obvious that another spin bowler would have been of great assistance to Poole.

Glyn Owen kept most of the batsmen quiet, and bowled two of them around their legs.

In 22 overs, he took 3 for 82, but, for the rest of the attack, the skipper had to rely on fast-medium and medium bowling.

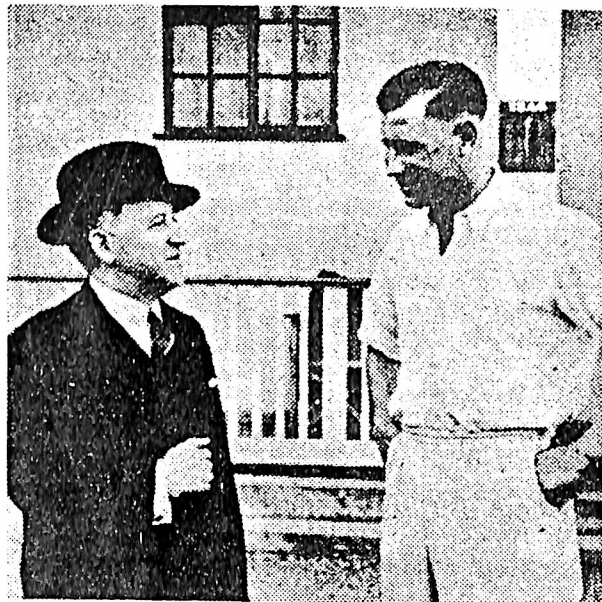
Dropped Catches

Handicapped Bowlers

JACK CHISHOLM, the Sheffield United footballer, did not make a particularly auspicious debut, but he can bowl better than this, as the Luton Town batsmen know only too well.

Possibly he was a bit short of practice, and this match may have been just what he needed to put him in top form for Bedford next week.

He had one or two good spells,



Bedfordshire County Cricket Club secretary, Frank Crompton, chats with Jack Chisholm, the county's new professional at the Bedfordshire v. R.A.F. XI game at Wardown Park, Luton. 6445D.

but there were others when he bowled too short, and that is always welcomed by accomplished batsmen, of which the R.A.F. had several.

Chisholm's figure would have been more impressive, though, had he received better support in the field, for he suffered from dropped catches, which is disheartening to any bowler in any class of cricket.

Schoolboy Showed Distinct Promise

IT would have been interesting to see what sort of success he would have had had he been able to bowl on the "green" wicket on Wednesday morning.

There really was some help for a pace bowler then, and John Oliver and Sid Smith did well to survive this difficult period.

Other bowlers, particularly Owen, and the Bedford School boy, Fry, also lost wickets because of missed catches.

Incidentally, Fry, who is only 17, looks to be a distinct proposition, for he bowled very steadily and kept an immaculate length in both innings.

Glyn Owen Bang In Form With The Bat

LUTON Town players had every reason to be pleased with their performances in the match, and the star, of course, was Glyn Owen, who followed his 113 in the first innings with 49 not out in the second, apart from bearing his share of the bowling.

He is bang in form with the bat, and this should mean a bag of runs for him next week.

Those who have played with Glyn regularly were describing his century on Wednesday as the best innings he has played in these parts, and I noticed that the first one to meet him as he came in and offer his congratulations was Bert Holdstock, who has made some very good hundreds for the County himself.

Muse Deserves To Have Other Chances

IN each innings, John Oliver helped to give his side a good start, and was a solid opener who did not neglect opportunities to push the score along.

As for John Muse, who batted at number 4, he did sufficient in his two visits to the wicket to stake his claim for a trial in the Minor Counties side.

He is a most competent batsman, and has the added advantage of being a good fielder, a part of the game which Bedfordshire cannot afford to ignore.

Good fielding wins matches, bad fielding loses them—and that is something which every side should have drummed into them before each match.

County Men Were In R.A.F. Team

THE R.A.F. were not quite so strong as they have been recently, for they were without the Rev. W. E. G. Payton and Ian Bedford.

However, they brought a very experienced side, for apart from Shirreff, who has played for Hampshire, they had J. F. Roberts, who has opened the innings for Glamorgan, P. H. Bromley, who played for Warwickshire against Kent earlier in the week, and W. Greensmith, of Essex.

B. S. Disbury, who played an attractive innings for Bedfordshire on Thursday afternoon, has played for the R.A.F. and I understand that he would have been in their side against Glamorgan next week had he not been playing for Bedfordshire.

He has been chosen to play for the Combined Services against the Public Schools at Lords on August 8 and 9.

BEDFORDSHIRE WIN BY AN INNINGS

Cambridgeshire Batting Breaks Down Twice

AUGUST-OLIVER STAND OF 157

In the opening match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Bedfordshire were in a commanding position at close of play on Monday. They led Cambridgeshire by 302 runs, half of the visitors' wickets having gone in an hour and a half for a mere 32. Feeble batting rather than any real menace in the home County's attack was the cause of Cambridgeshire's plight.

What was probably the biggest crowd to attend a County game in Bedford for many years saw cricket of varied quality and temper. Given a great start by Oliver and August, who scored 157 in an opening partnership, Bedfordshire lost wickets cheaply, but recovered when Poole and Hills came together. They added 91 for the seventh wicket.

On Tuesday there was little improvement in the visiting County's batting, and the match was over soon after three o'clock. Bedfordshire won by an innings and 142 runs.

Smith, who started Cambridgeshire's attack from the Park end, three times beat Oliver with outswingers in his first two overs. But the difficult phase passed, and soon both batsmen were playing as soundly and confidently as at any time in their long association with Bedfordshire cricket. August progressed mostly by well-placed on-side strokes, but Oliver claimed the first four, a leg-glance off Smith. The Luton man appeared somewhat uncertain in his timing when Taylor introduced spin at 21, but again Cambridgeshire's hopes of snipping this partnership in the bud were to be frustrated.

Fifty runs were scored in the first hour. Bowling four successive maidens, Smith conceded only nine runs in ten overs; but his eleventh was plundered from the first ball, Oliver taking a three and August following with two fours to leg and a cut for two.

Nearly Run Out

In the eighties Oliver would have been run out but for misfielding at forward short leg, and once August's bat got too much under a delivery from Taylor. Luckily, the ball fell in an untenanted spot close to the wicket.

It was the only poor stroke in the morning's play. Some fine late cutting and on-side hitting were perhaps the best features of the batting. Cambridgeshire's fourth bowler, the left-armed White, was treated with scant respect. Oliver reached his 50 in an hour and 35 minutes by pulling him to the ring. In the same over the 100 appeared. August achieved the half-century just later, and altogether 50 runs had been added in 35 minutes. At lunch the score was 127—Oliver 68, August 56. Although rarely encouraged by any prospect of success, the Cambridgeshire attack had not flagged, and the fielding had given very few runs away.

A lovely square cut on the half-volley by August opened

the after-lunch period, and Oliver was soon busy, driving Williams through the covers and chopping him down through the slips for four.

End of August

But at 157 August was snapped up at the wicket in trying to off-drive. He batted two hours 25 minutes, his 63 including six boundary hits.

With Disbury as his partner, Oliver hurried to his century, hitting three fours in one over. Disbury got going by cutting White square to the boundary, and he sent the 200 up in two hours 50 minutes.

The stand had added 51 quick runs when Disbury left to an l.b.w. decision. At 213 Legate, who was never comfortable against the new ball, had his stumps disturbed by Smith, and Oliver departed eight runs later, having approached the end of his stay in a blaze of aggression. His last 11 scoring strokes produced 33 runs. He was at the wicket just over three hours, and hit 16 fours. Howard played on at 221, and Sessions, an admirable wicket-keeper, stumped Owen with the total 231. Thus Taylor (taking three wickets in three overs at a personal cost of 12 runs), and Smith had, in about 20 minutes, drastically changed the state of the game.

But Poole and Hills stopped the collapse. They were still together at tea time, the total being 308; Poole's bat was almost as punitive as of old, his innings including some strong hits to leg and one crashing square-cut. Hills' unorthodox style has rarely served the County to better effect, and he gave not a semblance of a chance in a most valuable half-century. The home County's innings closed at 334.

Hills's Two Catches

It was certainly a great day for the Luton wicket-keeper, who began the Cambridgeshire debacle, for with the score at 9 Hills flung himself at a catch

wide on the leg side to dismiss Crouch. Coote, the only player who showed his scoring strokes, fell to another fine catch behind the stumps. The total was then 22, of which Coote had made 19. Of the pace bowlers, the new man, Chisholm, was the best. He occasionally made the ball "lift" from a length, although in his early overs he failed to bowl to his field.

The home County's advantage was driven home in the last 20 minutes by Owen, whose spinners had the batsmen floundering. But generally the Bedfordshire bowling was not nearly so deadly as a timid batting display would suggest.

had stolen several entertaining short runs. The score was only 49.

Another possible catch was dropped this time by Hills, and it deprived Chisholm of Crouch's wicket at 54. Hills dived wide, but could not hold the ball, although to a less agile wicket-keeper it would not have been a chance.

Chisholm, given a deserved rest, was succeeded by Oliver, who took wickets in his first and second overs. Jarvis put up a remarkably simple catch to Callingham, who was close to the bat, and White did not connect at all. In fact, there was only one scoring stroke off Oliver in his first three overs.

Good Bowling

At the other end, Owen was even more to be feared. The bowling was good and every man in the field was out for an early kill. The wicket, however, did not seem to have any vice and Cambridgeshire's complete collapse was a surprise.

Owen struck further powerful blows by getting Cambridgeshire's chief remaining hopes, Crouch and Lytton, lbw, and when Smith was bowled by Oliver eight wickets were down for 77.

Williams was run out at 3.22 p.m., when the innings closed with Bedfordshire the victors by an innings and 142 runs.

The spectators went away with mixed feelings, delight at a big win but regret over the one-sidedness of the match and the early finish.

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings	
G. L. B. August c Sessions b Parish	63
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Taylor	128
B. E. Disbury lbw b Taylor	16
J. Legate b Smith	4
J. G. Owen st Sessions b Taylor	11
E. C. Howard b Taylor	4
R. A. Poole c Crouch b Taylor	41
R. L. Hills c Sessions b Taylor	52
J. R. Chisholm c Lytton b Taylor	0
P. Clark not out	7
G. Callingham c Coote b Smith	1
Extras	7
Total	334

Bowling: Taylor seven for 80, Smith two for 72, Parish one for 11.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1st Innings	
M. A. Crouch c Hills b Chisholm	1
E. Coote c Hills b Callingham	19
P. Clark hit wkt. b Owen	7
D. Jarvis b Owen	0
C. M. B. Sessions c Chisholm b Oliver	0
W. N. White b Chisholm	3
R. A. Lytton b Owen	29
E. Parish b Chisholm	3
C. J. Smith b Chisholm	6
R. N. Williams not out	9
Extras	5
Total	90

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-22, 3-27, 4-32, 5-32, 6-40, 7-47, 8-62, 9-74.

Bowling: Owen 160, 5-31, four for 31; Chisholm 18-5-40, four for 40; Callingham 9-5-7, one for 7; Oliver, 2-1-1, one for 1.

2nd Innings

M. A. Crouch lbw b Owen	28
E. Coote c Chisholm b Clark	8
P. Clark b Chisholm	14
D. Jarvis c Callingham b Oliver	3
W. N. White b Oliver	0
R. A. Lytton lbw b Owen	9
R. A. Taylor b Oliver	9
E. Parish b Owen	5
C. J. Smith b Oliver	5
C. M. B. Sessions not out	14
R. N. Williams run out	4
Extras	4
Total	102

Oliver 80, 2m. 26r. 4w. Owen 6-1-19-5; Chisholm 6-1-14-1; Clark 11-2-26-1.

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-49, 3-55, 4-57, 5-61, 6-66, 7-72, 8-77, 9-97.

Result: Bedfordshire won by an innings and 142 runs.

TUESDAY'S PLAY

Follow-On 244 Runs Behind

On Tuesday morning the ends of the wicket were soft, and the captains disagreed on the question of starting at 11 a.m. The umpire decided on another inspection later, and play began at 11.30, with R. A. Lytton and W. N. White facing the task of rescuing Cambridgeshire from their unhappy position.

Always looking for runs, and sometimes taking them at a risk, the pair escaped run-outs three times in two overs, twice because the ball had to be thrown hard to the bowler. It was raining quite hard when Chisholm bowled White with only eight added to the overnight score.

After 15 minutes the players made a bee-line for the pavilion, but in ten minutes they returned, just in time for another shower. Glyn Owen, in the slips, juggled with the wet ball, but finally dropped it, thus giving Lytton a "life" at 47. Chisholm, the bowler who suffered, understandably found it difficult to get a length, but Owen bowled Taylor in his next over, the score still being 47, and Cambridgeshire's chances of recovery were as frail as the prospects of getting ten minutes' play without some sort of shower.

Parish and Smith put up creditable but short-lived resistance. Both were bowled by Chisholm, who now appreciated the drier ball Lytton, rather surprisingly, was denied the status of a not-out batsman, Owen beating him.

Bowled Unchanged

Chisholm and Owen had bowled unchanged throughout the morning, and Chisholm was unlucky not to get five wickets, Lytton being twice dropped off him.

Following on 244 runs behind, Cambridgeshire had an awkward 20 minutes pre-lunch period in which they could afford no loss of a wicket.

Just before the interval Bedfordshire had a further success when Coote was taken in the slips by Chisholm off Clark. Lunch score: Cambridgeshire 22 for one wicket.

Chisholm, maintaining his useful habit of getting wickets with the first or last balls of his overs, bowled Clarke, who, with the faster-scoring Crouch,

DEFEATED BY AN
INNINGS

Cambridgeshire's
Low Totals

In the first match of the County Cricket Week, at Bedford School on Monday and Tuesday, Bedfordshire defeated Cambridgeshire by an innings and 142 runs. In four and a half hours the visiting county were dismissed twice for an aggregate of 192 runs.

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings

G. L. B. August c Sessions b Parish	63
J. A. B. Oliver lbw b Taylor	128
B. E. Dibbary lbw b Taylor	16
J. Ickate b Smith	4
J. G. Owen st Sessions b Taylor	11
E. C. Howard b Taylor	4
A. B. Poole c Crouch b Taylor	41
R. L. Hills c Sessions b Taylor	52
J. R. Chisholm c Lyttleton b Taylor	0
P. Clark not out	7
G. Callingham c Coote b Smith	1
Extras	7

Total 334

Bowling: Taylor seven for 80, Smith two for 72, Parish one for 111.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1st Innings

M. A. Crouch c Hills b Chisholm	1
C. E. Coote c Hills b Callingham	19
P. Clark hit wkt. b Owen	7
D. Jarvis b Owen	0
C. M. B. Sessions c Chisholm b Oliver	0
W. N. White b Chisholm	3
R. A. Lyttleton b Owen	29
R. A. Taylor b Owen	3
E. Parish b Chisholm	6
C. J. Smith b Chisholm	9
R. N. Williams not out	8
Extras	5

Total 90

Bowling: Owen 160, 5m, 31r, 4w; Chisholm 18-5-40-4; Callingham 9-5-7-1; Oliver 2-1-1-1.

2nd Innings

M. A. Crouch lbw b Owen	28
C. E. Coote c Chisholm b Clark	8
P. Clarke b Chisholm	12
D. Jarvis c Callingham b Oliver	3
W. N. White b Oliver	0
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R. A. Taylor b Oliver	9
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Total 102

Oliver 80 * 2m, 26r, 4w; Owen 6-1-19-3; Chisholm 6-1-14-1; Clark 11-2-26-1.

A FIRST-INNINGS LEAD

Five Points for County

Bedfordshire gained five championship points for a first-innings lead over Buckinghamshire in the match that ended at six p.m. yesterday in a draw. The Buckinghamshire innings closed 31 runs behind their opponents' total. Batting a second time, the home County made 130 for five, at which score stumps were drawn.

The close-of-play position on Wednesday was that Bedfordshire had scored 275 for nine declared, and three Buckinghamshire wickets were "in the bag" at the expense of 44 runs. The home County were thus very favourably placed, although Poole, naturally anxious to make some progress in the field ere stumps were drawn, must have decided on a declaration while wishing that his side had at least another 50 runs to show for more than five hours' batting. Yet, having closed the innings in time to give Buckinghamshire 75 minutes at the wicket, he had the satisfaction of seeing his bowlers, especially Chisholm, respond most ably to a challenging situation. Thanks to them, the Bedfordshire total looked really adequate in the light of Buckinghamshire's own struggle for runs.

A RUN-SAVING FIELD

"Struggle" was more or less the key-word to the day's cricket, for at no time was there a bountiful flow of runs. The visitors' bowlers set a run-saving field, and in bowling to it they seldom deviated from a remarkable accuracy. These figures are eloquent enough: Hastie 17 overs yielding 25 runs; Battecock, 25 overs, 48 runs; Baker, 35 overs, 72 runs. In a long after-lunch spell, Baker, a slow bowler, had his off-side field so thickly populated that the batsmen rarely found any gaps.

Oliver and August, who by virtue of long and meritorious service can surely claim the honoured title, "the old firm", did not launch the Bedfordshire innings in their accustomed prolific manner. Oliver was taken behind the wicket at 34; and in fact, mortality had clouded his innings almost from the start. He might have been stumped, caught, or run out, August, too, would have "walked" if a leg-side fieldsmen had reacted sooner to an uppi stroke. However, these were isolated blemishes in the field; henceforth the Buckinghamshire out-cricketer was admirable, apart from a dropped catch at mid-off which permitted the survival of August (then 79).

THIRTY SINGLES IN HALF-CENTURY

After Oliver's dismissal, August and Disbury set out on a painstaking effort that carried the score from 34 to 172 in 2 hours and 35 minutes. They put resolute bats to the ball, but only at intervals could they pierce the ring of fieldsmen. Disbury (30 singles in an innings of 55) was at one stage in the morning's play level with his partner; they

had 21 each, but at lunch-time August's score stood at 49 and Disbury's at 25.

For half an hour after lunch the scoring quickened, August getting Baker away to the on for twos and threes, and Disbury using the off side profitably. But soon they were pegged down again. Strokes, made with the intention of keeping the scoreboard figures moving, sent the ball straight to the enemy's positions. Nevertheless, it was always interesting cricket tactically, with the batsmen seeking means to advance the tempo of the game and Buckinghamshire denying them full fruits of honest toil.

HIT HIS WICKET — AT 98

After 3 hours and 20 minutes August's score stood at 98. When he stepped back to force away a short ball the crowd began to applaud, for two runs and the completion of a century were in the stroke. But August turned from the first run to walk out—he had had the cruel luck to hit his wicket. Three boundary hits and seven threes were the chief strokes in an innings played patiently and yet not without regard to the clock. As we have suggested, there were no easy runs for the asking against this bowling and fielding.

And now—shocks to the nervous system. Five runs had been added when Baker drew Howard forward at full stretch and beat the ball. Nickless whipped off the balls and appealed to the square-leg umpire, who ruled in Howard's favour. But the bowler's umpire gave him out, caught at the wicket—a decision which obviously surprised the batsman. Disbury perished at the same total. Owen and Hills found the untenanted places in the field to take the score beyond 200, and then the former was caught at long leg.

POOLE AFTER QUICK RUNS

Poole, with good partners in Hills, Noble, Coomb, and Breeze, played a splendid knock after tea. Twice in an over he smacked Pickett through the covers for fours, and a big sweep to leg off Battecock sent the ball boundarywards like a rocket. Faced with the need for quick runs, Poole produced exactly the right innings. This was the "A.B." of pre-war days.

In the 75 minutes of Buckinghamshire batting, Chisholm bowled Bousfield at 9; Owen got cunningly through Busby's guard at 21, just when that left-handed batsman appeared likely to take root; and Chisholm overwhelmed Prince at 30 so comprehensively that a new off stump had to be sent for. By sound batting Isherwood survived some fine bowling to fight again yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY

Position of Bucks Improves

Cricket weather at last! Thursday's sunny dawning and the absence of the gale meant the best conditions of the Week. Under the cheering sun and on an easy wicket, the

left-hander, Hastie, and Isherwood faced confidently the renewed attack of Chisholm and Owen. The "feel" of the game had changed and the batsmen seemed more likely to stay than to go. Hastie, however, teased August by placing an uppiish shot a yard or two out of reach—off Chisholm's bowling—and taking a short run, as if to proclaim his immunity from "nerves." The batsmen had so few cares that Owen and Chisholm were soon succeeded by Coomb and Oliver, the "new-look" bowling of Oliver at first showing the most promise. (He bowls spinners nowadays).

At 77, Isherwood, who had scored 33, mistimed Oliver and cocked up the ball, Owen, at forward short leg, nearly bringing off the catch of the match. With an athletic leap he got his hands to the ball, but as he rolled over it escaped his grasp.

A STAND BROKEN

So it was left to Coomb to break the stand. At 79 he bowled Hastie, who, with Isherwood, had put on 49. A further wicket was deserved by Coomb, who bowled intelligently and with spirited energy. Noble's left-handed leg-breaks were tried at the School end, but Isherwood's and Baker's bats were broad, protective blades, and Owen came on again to make, with Noble, a left-armed attack at each end.

Batsmen and fielders alike were pleased to be rid of the leaves, luncheon wrappers, and ice-cream cartons which had blown across the ground during the first three days. A few butterflies, which could not be accused of diverting the attention of the cricketers, now provided the only movement around the players.

At 102 an assured appeal by Noble for l.b.w. against Baker was answered in the affirmative. Baker hardly bothered to look at the umpire, for he knew he had offended. The slow scoring of Isherwood and Cockett provoked mild criticism from spectators, who wanted a more lively response to the slow bowlers. However, a four came very occasionally.

After an hour of slow bowling, Chisholm returned to the attack—this time at the Park end—and we were wondering why Bedfordshire had included Breeze if there was no intention of using him as a bowler.

A FINE JOB

At the wicket over two and a half hours for his first 50, Isherwood's half-century was only formally acknowledged by the spectators, but he was doing a fine job for his side in holding the innings together. Lunch score, 148 for five.

Isherwood and Cockett put on 57 valuable runs before Owen separated the pair, but it was not the patient Isherwood who had to go. Cockett was leg-before. Capt. Battecock and Isherwood staged a partnership which lasted too long, for Isherwood escaped a run-out through Poole's faulty return, and then Battecock was dropped in the deep by Disbury.

Thus it was no surprise when, at 2.30 p.m., the charming partnership finally removed the shadow of a follow-on.

Battecock put up a second catch, which Noble accepted. Criticism of Isherwood from a few spectators again became pointed and audible to the players, but he had 78 runs, a deaf ear, and an eye on first innings points—and a century.

Nickless failed to detect Owen's wrong 'un and was l.b.w. at 189. The 200 went up after nearly four and a half hours' batting.

IN THE NINETIES

Pickett stayed only a few minutes, and Isherwood, lingering in the nineties, now had cause to wonder if Birrell would stop long enough for him to reach three figures. Isherwood was 99 when Chisholm bowled a maiden to him, but he got his century with a single off Owen; it was a re-strained effort, but quite possibly a match-saver.

Not content with ensuring Isherwood's personal success, the last pair apparently had visions of first-innings points after all. They could not have played more carefully if they had been opening the innings. Thirty-eight were added before Birrell was out to a catch. The innings closed at 3.45 p.m.

Contrary to rumour, there was nothing amiss with Breeze, the Bedford fast bowler, who did not bowl. It happened that he did not come into the scheme of things in the early stages, and Poole did not like to put him on at the end, when he would have little chance to show his merit.

Howard and August were sent out by Poole to open the Bedfordshire second innings.

So far Howard has had an unlucky week, for he was out before tea. Battecock brought on slow bowlers and Disbury and August scored freely in a situation that was not to be taken seriously, for there was no chance of a finish.

Coomb was unlucky enough to pull the first ball he received on to his nose, and he had to retire. Disbury had four boundaries in his 52.

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings

G. L. B. August hit wkt. b Birrell	98
J. A. R. Oliver c Nickless b Pickett	22
B. E. Disbury c and b Birrell	25
E. C. Howard c Nickless b Baker	1
J. G. Owen c Cockett b Battecock	7
R. L. Hills b Pickett	23
A. B. Poole not out	41
I. C. Noble c Birrell b Battecock	14
J. R. Chisholm c Prince b Battecock	0
A. G. Coomb c Cockett b Battecock	6
F. K. Breeze not out	2
Extras	6

Total for nine wkts. dec. 275

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-172, 3-177, 4-177, 5-202, 6-212, 7-239, 8-239, 9-261.

Bowling: Battecock 25o, 48r, 4w.; Pickett 25o-27o-2; Birrell 17-3-50-2; Baker 35-12-72-1; Hastie 17-6-24-0.

2nd Innings

G. L. B. August b Isherwood	41
E. C. Howard c Birrell b Pickett	3
B. E. Disbury not out	33
J. G. Owen lwb b Isherwood	3
J. R. Chisholm b Isherwood	10
A. G. Coomb, retired hurt	0
F. K. Breeze c Bousfield b Isherwood	18
Extras	2

Total for five wickets .. 130

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-86, 3-88, 4-98.

Bowling: Isherwood four for 27, Pickett one for 18.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

1st Innings

D. G. Bousfield b Chisholm	7
T. E. Busby b Owen	9
P. Isherwood not out	111
C. A. Prince b Chisholm	2
R. H. Hastie b Coomb	19
J. F. Baker lwb b Noble	17
J. A. Cockett lwb b Owen	34
O. G. Battecock c Noble b Owen	14
R. Nickless lwb b Owen	0
C. Pickett c August b Chisholm	5
J. Birrell c Oliver b Noble	17
Extras	9

Total .. 243

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-21, 3-30, 4-79, 5-102, 6-159, 7-185, 8-189, 9-206.

Bowling: Chisholm 41o, 10m, 87r; Coomb 19-3-50-1; Owen 35-8-81-4; Noble 10-5-15-2.

NEW FAST BOWLER WILL BE A GREAT ASSET

Batting that was Below County Class

F. Sabey, F. K. Breeze, P. Markham, E. Draper, E. S. Smith, W. Baker, and D. G. Parren.

The Harpur Sports XI will be chosen from: A. Cornell, J. Webster, D. Bennett, R. Poulter, J. Newman, R. Jarvis, R. Nightingale, T. King, G. Chance, B. Cornell, R. Webster, and N. Wilson. The match starts at 5.45 p.m.

The County Cricket Week at Bedford School opened with a Bedfordshire win that was too easy for anyone who likes to see a strong combative element in the game. Cambridgeshire, playing in the Week for the first time, felt twice within four and a half hours to the home County's attack, and Tuesday's play was over by mid-afternoon.

Without taking credit from our bowlers, it must be said that Cambridgeshire's batting was the poorest we have seen in a County match for some years. Their performance on Monday evening was an anticlimax to a day of good cricket; it was not merely that the scoring was so slow—the quality of the batting was clearly below County class. Cambridgeshire played several youngsters who may establish themselves with more experience, but on this showing they are not yet ready for County cricket.

Chisholm's Bowling

The match was hardly a reliable guide to the strength of Bedfordshire's bowling, which received rather more respect than some of it deserved on Monday night, but Jack Chisholm is undoubtedly an asset. This powerfully-built young man meets the Club's need of a stock bowler who

can stand up to a lot of work. On a good pitch he made the ball hit occasionally from a length, and his first performance in the Minor Counties Championship, giving him four wickets at a cost of ten runs apiece, promises well for the matches to come. He is also alert in the field, and his batting should be worth some useful scores.

One of His Best

The Oliver—August opening stand of 157, made in 2 hours 25 minutes, provided some of the most attractive cricket these two have ever played together. In sterner circumstances Oliver has played innings of equal, if not greater, value; but from the spectator's angle his century ranks with the finest performances of his career. A wide range of beautifully-timed strokes made it an innings that was always worth watching. August has the reputation of being a "solid" batsman, an adjective that has a slightly derogatory flavour. But he can bat as handsomely as the next man when he is in the mood.

Innings of Value

One's doubts about the County's batting lower in the order were not allayed by what happened after Disbury left.

Temporarily Bedfordshire handed the initiative to their opponents. Then Poole and Hills came together in a stand that swung the game the other way again. Hills is no stylist, but we cannot get away from the worth of 52 runs in the book, even though the manner of their making is not fashioned by the text-book.

Monday's gate, without the evidence of figures, appeared to be the best for years, but actually the takings were £11 down on last year. The amount was £101. The takings on Tuesday were £26, and on Wednesday £29.

A collection on Monday raised £15 for the National Playing Fields Association.

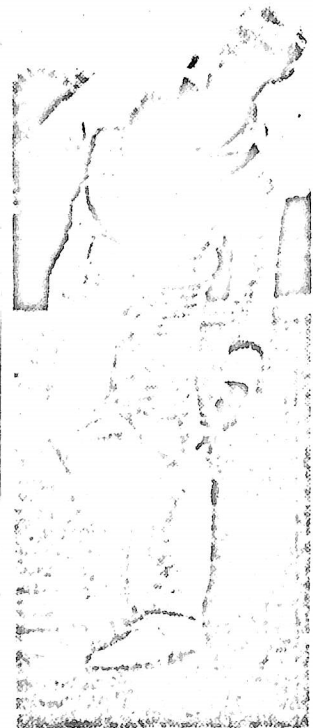
Against the Leaders

Hertfordshire, the present leaders in the Minor Counties Competition, come to Bedford to-day with a hundred per cent record, their victory over Norfolk this week being their fourth.

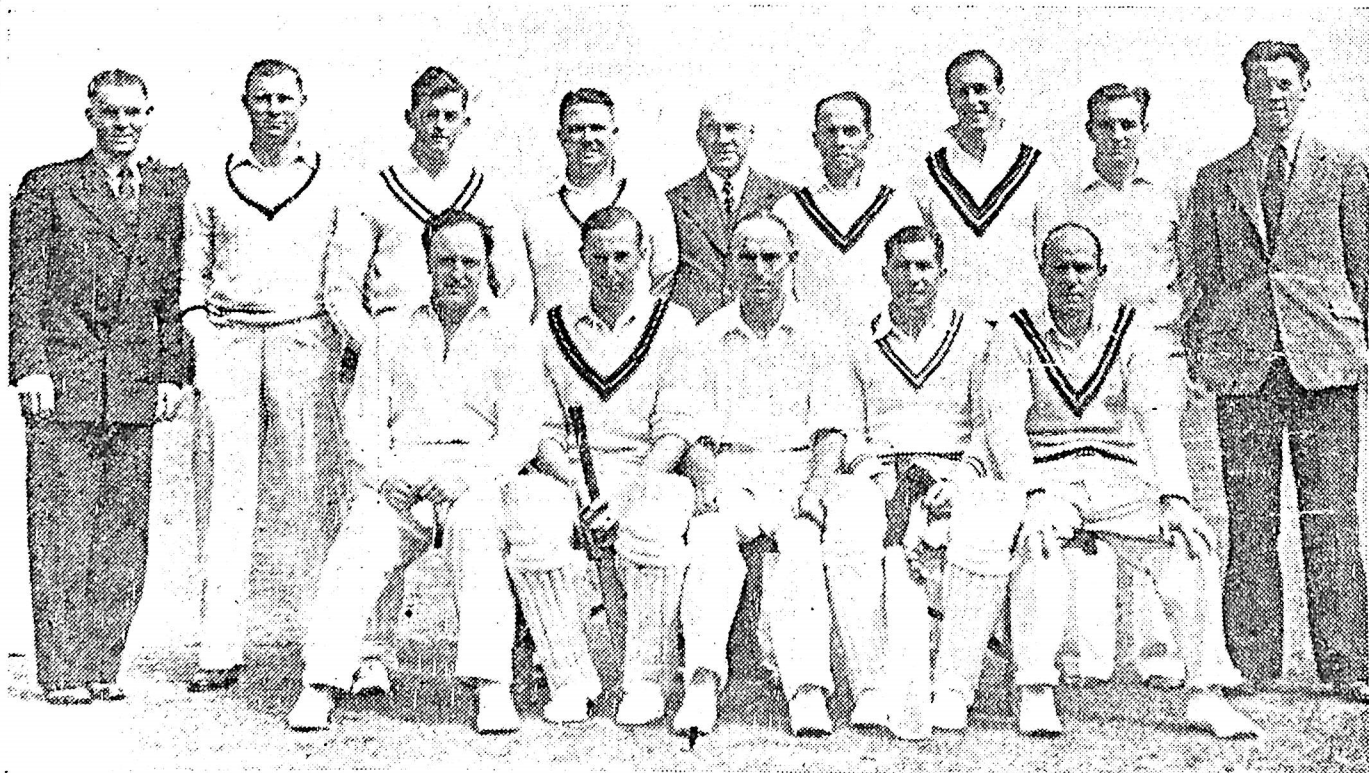
Hills is not available, J. Legate comes in, and A. B. Poole will keep wicket. P. Clarke appears instead of Breeze. Team: A. B. Poole (captain), G. L. B. August, J. A. R. Oliver, B. E. Disbury, J. G. Owen, J. R. Chisholm, A. G. Coomb, P. Clark, J. Legate, E. C. Howard, I. C. Noble.

Hospital Cup

For their Hospital Cup semi-final match with Harpur Sports at Newnham Avenue next Monday, Bedford Town play the following side: E. C. Howard, J. Pratt, D. T. Matthews, T. B. Woolliscroft, C.



can stand up to a lot of work. On a good pitch he made the ball hit occasionally from a length, and his first performance



The Bedfordshire team that took first-innings points from Buckinghamshire last week. Back row (left to right): P. Clark, J. R. Chisholm, B. E. Disbury, I. C. Noble, Mr. H. R. Neate (Chairman of Bedfordshire C.C.C.), R. L. Hills, A. G. Coomb, F. K. Breeze, and J. Legate. Front row: E. C. Howard, J. A. R. Oliver, A. B. Poole (captain), G. L. B. August, and J. G. Owen.

FIRST-INNINGS LEAD ON HERTFORDSHIRE

FINE CHANCE OF VICTORY LOST IN THE FIELD

Bedfordshire Batsmen's Aggressive Form CAPS FOR DISBURY AND COOMB

In their last match of the Cricket Week Bedfordshire gained a first-innings lead of 60 runs and thus became the first County to take Minor Counties Championship points from Hertfordshire, who are at the head of the table.

But in some degree history repeated itself. It will be recalled that at Watford Hertfordshire scored their first victory because Bedfordshire missed chances in the field. Last week Hertfordshire were permitted to escape from a perilous situation. After five wickets had gone for 86 on Friday morning, the home County's fielding temporarily, but fatally, went to pieces and the visitors, who might well have been out for 150, scored 299. Thus a fine chance of a win outright for Bedfordshire was cast away.

The man who took the leading role in the rescue of Hertfordshire was Ted Roberts, the professional, whom everyone was pleased to see playing in the Bedford Week again. (It was his first visit since 1939). But for twenty minutes after lunch his innings bore a charmed life. The fielding became all finger-and-thumbish, and Roberts was dropped at least four times. He was also nearly bowled by more than one ball.

Still, credit must be given to Bedfordshire for a fine performance. Their batting, down to the lower half of the order, took a heavy toll of an attack in which the spin bowlers twisted their fingers in vain, and the pace men, too, had little hope of reward. Oliver barely missed his second hundred of the Week. It was good to see Howard and Owen among the runs again, and Legate returned to the side to play a very useful innings.

County caps were awarded to Disbury, who had a very successful week as a batsman, and Coomb, the bowler. The Old Modernian looks faster this year, and probably he has never before shown for the County the power of penetration that was evident against Hertfordshire.

HERTS QUICKLY LOSE THREE WICKETS

For the first time in the Week, Poole lost the toss on Friday, and Hertfordshire opened their innings with Parkin and Marriott. A fast attack was shared by Coomb and Chisholm, who occasionally made the ball get up from a length. However, neither batsmen appeared troubled in the first half-hour, Parkin cutting and off-driving Chisholm to the ring.

But at 29 Bedfordshire had

two successes. Marriott played outside a ball that hurried through low from Chisholm's arm and bowled him.

In Coomb's next over Parkin, whose batting held the promise (or threat) of a long stay, aimed a blow at a ball on the leg side. A snick could be heard all over the ground, and a chorus of appeals broke out as deputy wicket-keeper Poole accepted an excellent catch; the raising of the umpire's finger was a mere formality. Two runs later Simons was l.b.w. to Coomb, whose shout was loud enough to suggest the judgment itself instead of an appeal for judgment.

What a fascinatingly unpredictable game this cricket is! Five minutes before Bedfordshire were probably composing themselves to a long, hot day in the field; and now three batsmen had gone.

THROUGH THE SLIPS

Bennett and Bell addressed themselves sternly to the rescue work. Bell sent a streaky shot off Chisholm out of slips' reach and to the boundary. An hour and a quarter's play produced 54 runs, at which stage Owen relieved Coomb, who had bowled twelve extremely good overs for an average cost of two runs each.

Hereabouts Chisholm had to retire with a badly swollen eyelid, apparently the result of a bite. His place in the attack was taken by Clark, but Chisholm returned in time to see his successor bowl Bell. 64-4-17.

The character of the play can be judged from Owen's first three overs, all maidens. Another wicket before lunch was now the aim of advancing Bedfordshire, and it was the Luton all-rounder who ful-

filled it. Bennett had cut him square for four, but in his next over this batsman mishit, Coomb taking an easy catch at mid-off. Lunch, 96 for five.

Owen and Chisholm took up the offensive when play was resumed. A big responsibility rested on the batsmen, Roberts and Bateman, whose bats were heavy with care. But the score steadily mounted. Chisholm threw his head up in despair as a ball shaved Roberts' leg stump, and at 114 this batsman ought to have been caught by Howard in front of the screen. It was one of several "lives" enjoyed by Roberts hereabouts. Owen might have got him, c and b; he gave a chance in the slips; and apparently another at the wicket.

CHISHOLM HOSTILE

Chisholm looked very hostile at this stage. Roberts, with the wisdom of long experience, withheld his bat from anything outside the off stump, and the only forcing stroke in several overs was a pull to the long-on boundary by Roberts.

A partnership of vital importance to Hertfordshire had put on 51 in forty minutes, when Coomb took the ball from Owen at the Park end. Bateman promptly helped himself to a four to leg, and a long-on hit from the other end was another ominous sign that Hertfordshire were restoring their identity as the leading County in the Championship.

Bedfordshire's ground fielding was not beyond reproach; some of it looked slightly old-aged. At 152 Chisholm made way for Oliver, who rapped Roberts on the pads without getting a favourable verdict from the umpire. Smart fielding by Owen at slip and a lovely crack for four by Bateman at Coomb's expense caused a ripple of applause. But, generally, it was a silent crowd that watched Hertfordshire's recovery.

Owen came back for Coomb, and Bateman reached quite a good-looking fifty in an hour and a half. When Noble replaced Oliver with left-armed guile, Roberts immediately went to his fifty with a four to the on. He had batted eighty minutes. Then his partner picked an Owen half-volley off the toes and the ball made haste, like a scalded cat, to the ring near the pavilion.

BATEMAN STUMPED

In Noble's next over, however, Poole ended the stand in a grand piece of stumping. Bateman went after a ball well outside the off stump, missed it, and the balls were off before he could attempt to recover his ground. The partnership had added 121 in 90 minutes. Bateman hit eight fours.

Hertfordshire's revival sent Marques out in a care-free mood, as was clear from his

first scoring stroke, a six off Owen. Twice in an over spectators at long-on were called on to field hits by the new batsman, but Noble quickly had his revenge. Marques, attempting the same stroke a third time, hit over a straight ball.

Joined by Allen, Roberts crisply drove Coomb (now replacing Owen) for four past mid-off. Chisholm and the new ball came into action at 245, but the bowler was Coomb who three times in an over put deliveries past the flashing bat of Roberts, who was trying to force the pace. The left-handed Allen twice off-drove Chisholm to the ring with an careful swing of his blade. Tea, 272 for seven.

Roberts' stay of two and a half hours ended soon after tea, when he hit a ball into mid-off's hands. In his long career he could never have played a more valuable innings, which was as old as the hills in the head. It contained nine fours.

COOMB OUT OF LUCK

Coomb persisted spiritedly when fortune was not on his side and the stumps were reminding one of the lady at the fair who has knives thrown at her, yet comes through unharmed. He deserved the last two wickets, getting Allen l.b.w. at 291 and bowling Holt to close the innings soon after five o'clock at 299.

August and Oliver opened the Bedfordshire batting to the bowling of King and Marques. Oliver got into his stride quickly. He drove both bowlers for fours in front of the wicket, and with strong wrists he square-cut King to the boundary. Meanwhile, August played his accustomed game, observing first principles and letting the runs come in their own good time. Oliver, however, was getting most of the bowling. He greeted Holt with another four past point (sending up the fifty in forty minutes); and, using his considerable reach, put the slow left-arm bowler Allen away to the long-on boundary.

A crack through the covers off Allen took Oliver's score to 44, August then being 14. At 71 Roberts came on. Memory bridged a gap of ten years as the popular Hertfordshire professional began wheeling them up from the School end.

A single down the gully gave Oliver his fifty in ninety minutes. The circumspect August, who was then 17, straight drove Allen—his first four. Close of play: 87 for no wicket, Oliver 53, August 27.

SATURDAY'S PLAY

Wicket Unaffected by Rain

On Saturday morning three no-balls in Allen's first two overs assisted Bedfordshire to the 100, made in an hour and fifty minutes.

Although there had been some rain during the night the wicket still played easily. Oliver began with square and late cuts that gave him two fours and took his score into the seventies. Although more restrained, August was no sluggard. He drove King beautifully to the off for three.

However, the rate of scor-

ing was slow. Allen and King were bowling defensively just short of a length, but when Roberts came on for Allen at 124 his first over produced eight runs.

Hertfordshire achieved their first success after an hour's play in the morning. At 132 Simons took a low catch at the wicket to dismiss August.

Disbury began by driving King straight for three, but at 142, Oliver, apparently changing his mind in the middle of a stroke, spooned up a simple catch to mid-on. His 92 included nine fours.

SPIN FOR PACE

This sudden change in Bedfordshire's fortunes caused Disbury and Howard to bat cautiously for a time. At the School end Holt introduced off-spinners in place of the quick bowling of King, who since the day's play started had sent down 13 overs for 19 runs. A powerful off-drive for four was Howard's way of greeting the change in the attack, and Disbury, once beaten by a beautifully flighted ball from Roberts, responded with a three to the off. It was canny batting against a steady attack, but, facing Holt, Howard swept a half-volley square to the ring, and took another four off the next ball, this time a hammer-blow that beat two fieldsmen near the sight-screen. In Holt's next over Howard lifted him for four towards the Chapel. Disbury was hitting from a high backlift to the region of mid-off and taking numerous singles.

With high-tossed deliveries Allen sought to tempt Disbury out further than the batsman wished to go, but a very useful partnership was unbroken at lunch, when the score was 192 for two.

Disbury hurried the score past the 200 after lunch, scoring freely off King, whom he cover-drove with precision. Bedfordshire had taken four hours over the 200. The Hertfordshire captain called for the new ball at 211, but there was no undue new-ball complex in the batting.

A SURPRISE

Howard got a four to square-leg off King. Though no risks were taken, and the match was clearly resolving itself into a matter of a first-innings lead, the batsmen looked to be completely at ease. It was a surprise when, at 219, Disbury played over a full toss from the fast bowler, Marques, and was bowled at the base of the stumps. Disbury and Howard had added 77 in an hour and a half.

With Owen as his partner, Howard drove King almost to the boundary, but in taking a third run he was very nearly run out by a quick return from Marriott. In King's next over Howard gave a hard chance to mid-off, but nothing disturbed his confidence, a perfectly-timed stroke sweeping Marques to the leg boundary. Owen pulled King for four. Then, at 243, Howard was late on the stroke in trying to drive Marques, who yorked him. The Bedford Town player had six fours in his best County innings of the season.

ENTERTAINING STAND

The crowd were then entertained to forty minutes of cricket that rattled the fields-

men, disheartened the bowlers, and took the Bedfordshire score into the lead. The batsmen were Owen and the Henlow all-rounder, Legate. In the real left handed tradition, the Luton man thumped and blazed away, called for short runs, and found in Legate a partner who was likewise willing to challenge the field. As one of Dickens' characters might have observed, Owen "smifflicated" the Hertfordshire attack. He showed a particular relish of the fast bowler, Marques, driving him in front of the wicket and through the covers while the fieldsmen looked helplessly on. Not content to play second fiddle all the time, Legate cracked Marques past mid-off for four, then turned him to the leg boundary. It was a leg-glance by Legate that put his County in front, but with the score 304 he was splendidly caught at cover by Allen, who had to chase a lofted hit and hold the ball as it was going away from him. In forty minutes the partnership had put on 61 runs.

In just over an hour Owen achieved a robust 50, Allen receiving punishment in the shape of two hearty clouts. He eventually lost his wicket in going out to Roberts, who in his last spell took four for 43. Largely due to him, the Bedfordshire innings was completed sooner than had been expected, although Jack Chisholm broke a succession of "ducks" with a merry knock. He hit Roberts for 12 in one over, including a six.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings

D. B. Patkin c Poole b Coomb	17
J. B. Marriott b Chisholm	11
R. Bennett c Coomb b Owen	27
R. G. Simons lbw b Coomb	2
A. P. Bell b Clark	17
L. Bateman st Poole b Clark	64
E. Roberts c Chisholm b Clark	86
R. C. V. L. Marques b Noble	20
F. Allen lbw b Coomb	20
L. O. King not out	5
J. Holt b Coomb	5
Extras	27
Total	299

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-29, 3-31, 4-64, 5-86, 6-207, 7-235, 8-287, 9-291, 10-299.

Bowling: Chisholm 50, 4m. 79r. 1w.; Coomb 26.4 8 73 4; Owen 22 6 65 1; Clark 12 5 18 2; Oliver 4 1 9 0; Noble 6 1 28 2.

Second Innings

D. B. Parkin not out	59
J. B. Marriott c Howard b Coomb	6
R. Bennett b Clark	9
R. G. Simons lbw b Clark	1
A. P. Bell not out	0
Extras	10
Total for 5 wks.	85

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-61, 3-69. Bowling: Chisholm 50, 1m. 5r. 0w.; Coomb 10 2 15 1; Noble 8 1 29 0; Clark 5 1 9 2; Legate 6 14 2 0; Disbury 3 1 3 0; August 1 1 0 0.

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G. L. B. August c Simons b King	39
J. A. R. Oliver c Allen b Roberts	92
B. E. Disbury b Marques	41
E. C. Howard b Marques	44
J. G. Owen st Simons b Roberts	62
J. Legate c Allen b Roberts	36
I. C. Noble c Simons b Roberts	5
P. Clark b Allen	1
A. B. Poole not out	5
A. G. Coomb c Bateman b Roberts	2
J. R. Chisholm b Marques	16
Extras	18
Total	359

Fall of wickets: 1-132 2-142 3-219 4-243 5-304 6-335 7-338 8-338 9-340 10-359.

Bowling: King 28.0. 6m. 71r. 1w.; Marques 13.3 1 49 3; Bell 2 0 8 0; Allen 34 5 92 1; Holt 20 4 47 0; Roberts 33 6 73 5; R. Bennett 1 0 1 0.

CHANGES IN THE COUNTY XI

The Cricket Week

Maximum points from the Cambridgeshire match and five for each of their first-innings wins over Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire were Bedfordshire's gains in a very successful Cricket Week. It will be noted in the Minor Counties Competition table, published on this page, that not only did Hertfordshire lose their hundred per cent record as a result of the game at Bedford, but they have had to concede the leadership to Oxfordshire.

Runners-up in 1948, Bedfordshire are at present twelfth in the table, having obtained half of the possible points, but there are still four matches to be played.

Bedfordshire may climb more than a few rungs before the season is over. The fact that they are not already nearer to last year's exalted position must be attributed largely to fielding lapses which have been fatal to their chances in both encounters with Hertfordshire.

A Chance Lost

The missed catches in last week's game allowed Hertfordshire to recover just when there was every hope of getting them out by mid-afternoon. No-one, of course, can say what would have followed an earlier dismissal for, say, 150 runs; but it is a reasonable conjecture that Bedfordshire would have held a big lead at lunch on Saturday, with plenty of time left in which to win outright.

In batting and bowling our players have it within their capacity to win the remaining matches with Cambridgeshire, Suffolk (two), and Buckinghamshire. (These Counties at present are lower than Bedfordshire in the table.) Let us hope that if they cannot come out on top each time the reason will not be poor fielding.

Breeze Neglected

Nearly all of us were puzzled by Poole's neglect of Breeze as a bowler in the Buckinghamshire game. This is the explanation offered: at the time the teams were chosen for the Week Chisholm's registration was not through, and the Committee preferred to have three fast bowlers. Chisholm, Coomb, and Breeze, on the field rather than risk being it with only one. That is why Breeze was chosen.

Poole was satisfied to leave the pace bowling in the hands of Chisholm and Coomb. If the aim was limited to securing first-innings points, these bowlers did what was expected

of them, for the Buckinghamshire innings closed 31 runs behind.

Chisholm Over-Bowled?

But if a win outright was ever conceived as possible—and surely it was possible, remembering the close-of-play position on Friday—the failure to use Breeze is difficult to understand.

Chisholm bowled 41 overs, a lot for a pace man, and his reward was three wickets. To the end of the Buckinghamshire innings, which went on for 5½ hours, the century-making Isherwood defied the four bowlers Poole called on.

Would Breeze have done more than relieve Chisholm of some of the work? Might he not have shifted Isherwood, thus succeeding where others were palpably failing? Maybe not. But at least he could have been given just one chance. The capture of Isherwood's wicket might have changed the whole balance of the game.

Still Untried

With Hills not available for the Hertfordshire match, the County could have given the Harpur Sports batsman-wicketkeeper, A. Webster, the chance he well deserves. But they didn't.

At 26 years of age Webster remains untried, and yet sound judges of the game have gone so far as to say that he would probably make the grade in first-class cricket. It is an extraordinary position.

At this end of the County there is, it seems, no divided opinion about his ability as a wicketkeeper. As for his batting, that forcing, match-winning innings against Bedford in the semi-final of the Hospital Cup unmistakably bore the stamp of County class.

Boys still at school have been brought into the Bedfordshire side, many of them when they were clearly not ready to play County cricket.

The same mistake is not being made over Webster! But just how much more experience must he acquire before the Selection Committee decide that he is worth a chance?

Record Takings

From the financial standpoint, there has never been such a successful Cricket Week. The takings amounted to £280 16s. 3d., which eclipses the 1947 record week by £17 0s. 9d., and is £39 9s. better than last year, when rain deprived the Club of a day's gate.

The daily takings were: Monday, £101 7s. 9d.; Tuesday, £26 10s.; Wednesday, £30 2s. 9d.; Thursday, £35 17s.; Friday, £35 13s. 3d.; Saturday, £51 5s. 6d. These figures include money from the sale of match-cards.

To-day at Fenner's

To-day and to-morrow Bedfordshire are at Fenner's to play the return match with Cambridgeshire, who this week scored 400 for five declared (C. Cooté 200), and even then were beaten on the first innings by Berkshire. One can only surmise that the Berkshire bowling was weak or that Cambridgeshire turned out a stronger batting side than at Bedford last week.

Eric Howard is omitted from the Bedfordshire side, and Sid Morris comes in for the first and only time this season. On Wednesday I. C. Noble withdrew because of rheumatism. He will be replaced by J. A. Muse the Luton batsman.

J. W. Fry, the Bedford School fast bowler, withdrew yesterday owing to illness. Another batsman, E. S. Smith, is included.

Team: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, R. C. Hills, B. E. Disbury, J. R. Chisholm, E. S. Smith, and J. A. Muse.

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R. J. O. Meyer, the Somerset all-rounder, is to play, on a birth qualification, for Bedfordshire against Buckinghamshire.

Cup Final To-morrow

The final of the Hospital Cup between Harpur Sports and Eversholt will be played on the Modern School ground to-morrow. After their grand win over Bedford, Harpur appear to have the better chance, but just how a game of this character will go no one can foretell. The villagers have it in their capacity to spring a surprise. They were defeated by Bedford in last year's final, but Harpur will not make the mistake of taking lightly a side that is capable of going so far in the competition in two successive seasons.

Harpur have chosen this team: A. Cornell (capt.), A. Webster, R. Webster, B. Cornell, T. Minns, T. King, J. Newman, R. Jarvis, R. Poulter, D. Bennett, and R. Nightingale. Twelfth man is A. Greene.

In their semi-final last week Eversholt's win over Ickwell was marred by injury to their opening batsman and wicketkeeper, C. Brown. In taking a run he collided with his partner, K. Cousins, and fractured a wrist. Eversholt will miss him to-morrow, for he has been one of the most useful men in the side.

MINOR COUNTIES' COMPETITION

Results to 9th August 1949
(Inclusive)

	P	W	L	W	L	n.r.	ob.	pts	av	per
Oxford	4	3	0	1	0	0	35	8.75		
Herts	5	4	0	0	1	0	43	8.60		
Hants II	6	4	0	1	1	0	48	8.00		
Lancs II	14	8	2	1	2	88	7.33			
Dorset	4	2	0	1	1	0	28	7.00		
Stafford	7	4	1	1	1	0	48	6.85		
Yorks II	12	5	1	2	3	1	69	6.27		
Glouces II	10	3	1	4	1	1	53	5.88		
Warwick II	9	3	1	4	1	0	53	5.88		
M'sex II	5	1	0	3	1	0	28	5.60		
Surrey II	13	3	1	6	2	1	66	5.50		
Bedshire	4	1	2	0	0	20	5.00			
Worces II	10	3	2	1	3	1	44	4.88		
Durham	6	2	2	1	1	0	28	4.66		
Sussex II	10	2	1	5	1	5	40	4.44		
Essex II	7	2	2	1	2	0	31	4.42		
Devon	6	0	0	3	3	0	24	4.00		
Bucks	4	1	1	0	2	0	16	4.00		
Notts II	8	1	2	3	0	29	3.62			
Nthmbrld	8	0	2	4	1	23	3.28			
Norfolk	6	1	3	1	1	18	3.00			
Kent II	9	1	4	2	1	23	2.87			
Suffolk	4	0	1	2	0	11	2.75			
Derby II	7	0	2	2	3	0	19	2.71		
Berks	4	0	2	2	0	0	10	2.50		
Lincs	8	0	4	2	2	0	16	2.00		
Camba	4	0	2	1	0	8	2.00			
Cornwall	5	0	2	0	3	0	9	1.80		
Wilts	6	0	3	0	3	0	9	1.50		
Glam II	8	0	5	2	0	1	10	1.42		
Cheshire	9	0	6	0	3	0	9	1.00		

**FIRST INNINGS
LEAD**

**Bedfordshire Waste
Chance of Win**

Bedfordshire gained a first-innings lead of 60 runs on Hertfordshire in the last match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School. Hertfordshire, who are leaders in the Minor Counties Championship, had won all their previous four matches. The fact that they escaped defeat outright last week was largely due to Bedfordshire's lapses in the field. Roberts, who rescued Hertfordshire after the side had lost five wickets for 86, was dropped several times. Scores:

HERTFORDSHIRE

1st Innings: 299 (E. Roberts 86, L. Bateman 54, Coomb four for 73, Clark two for 18, Noble two for 28, Owen one for 65, Chisholm one for 79).
2nd Innings: 85 for three (D. Parkin not 59, Clark two for 9, Coomb one for 15).

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August c Simons b King	39
J. A. R. Oliver c Allen b Roberts	32
B. E. Disbury b Marques	41
E. C. Howard b Marques	44
J. G. Owen st Simons b Roberts	62
J. Legate c Allen b Roberts	36
I. C. Noble c Simons b Roberts	5
P. Clark b Allen	1
A. B. Poole not out	3
A. G. Coomb c Bateman b Roberts	2
J. R. Chisholm b Marques	16
Extras	18

Total 359

Bowling: King 280, 6m, 71r, 1w.;
Marques 13, 5, 1, 49, 3; Bell 2, 0, 8, 0;
Allen 3, 4, 5, 92, 1; Holt 20, 4, 47, 0;
Roberts 33, 6, 73, 5; R. Bennett 1, 0, 1, 0.

COUNTY'S GREAT BID FOR WIN JUST FAILS Big Hitting in Dramatic Finish at Cambridge

A tremendous bid for victory by Bedfordshire failed by only five runs to beat the clock against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's on Saturday evening. The match was drawn.

Having enforced the follow-on after dismissing Cambridgeshire for 101 in reply to their own total of 217, Bedfordshire put Cambridgeshire out for 213 in their second innings. Bedfordshire were then left exactly 40 minutes in which to score the 98 runs required for victory.

It was a tremendous task, but Bedfordshire hit out at every ball, and though they only just failed to make the runs in time, they provided some of the brightest cricket that has been seen at Fenner's for a long time.

There was high drama when J. A. R. Oliver, who had been lashing the pace-bowlers all over the field, faced up to the last over of the match by C. J. Smith.

Sixteen Off Last Over

Twenty-one runs were required for victory, Oliver sent the first and third balls to the boundary but his next two strokes failed to penetrate the field, which ringed all four edges of the playing ground, and only two runs were taken off each. The last ball was turned beautifully to the fine-leg boundary — but the great attempt had just failed.

Oliver scored 73 in a masterful display of forceful batting, which was chanceless. He hit 12 fours and a five, and the Bedfordshire run-making averaged a little more than seven per over.

On Friday, Bedfordshire won the toss and elected to bat. They suffered quick reverses, however, and both Oliver and Disbury were back in the pavilion with only 21 on the board.

Then Detective S. T. Morris came in, and just as he started to hit out, he was bowled by a ball by Parish that came quickly off the pitch, and three wickets were down for 68.

At 76, C. L. B. August was run out following a quick return by Parish that caught him napping. The 100 went up in 135 minutes, but shortly afterwards J. G. Owen skied a simple catch for wicket-keeper Gautrey to run in front of the wicket and take with ease.

Smith-Muse Stand

With E. S. Smith and J. A. Muse together, the runs came more fluently, and the partnership added 51 runs before Smith, who had made top score of 40, was caught at the wicket. Muse was similarly disposed of at 165. The "tail" took the total to 217.

The immaculate length of C. J. Smith earned him the notable figures of five for 55 in 30.5 overs, 12 of which were maidens.

Cambridgeshire had two hours left for batting and when the opening pair, Coote and Crouch put the 50 up in 1½ hours, everything seemed to be going reasonably well for them. Then

Crouch put his legs in front of a straight ball from Oliver. It was at this point that J. G. Owen, bowling left-arm slow, came on for his second spell. In one maiden over, he sent both Gautrey (neatly stumped) and Clark on their way. In his next over, Owen had Coote, the Cambridgeshire skipper, caught at the wicket, and four wickets were down for 57. In the last few minutes, Chisholm added to the discomfiture of Cambridgeshire by disposing of both Cornwell and White for "ducks".

On Saturday morning the collapse continued, and Cambridgeshire were all out for the addition of only 38 runs.

Owen finished with five for 37 and Chisholm had three for 27.

Forced to follow on, Cambridgeshire met further disaster and thanks to the combined efforts of Oliver, Owen and Coomb, they had lost their first four wickets for a mere 26 runs.

But skipper Coote doggedly defied the Bedfordshire attack in an innings which proved to be the match saver. He made 73 runs in just under three hours and, with R. A. Lyttleton, put on 63 for the fifth wicket.

Oliver bowled consistently well throughout the Cambridgeshire second innings, taking five for 41 in 16.1 overs. Owen, was again among the wickets, but this time he was a little more expensive with four for 61.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August run out	28
J. A. R. Oliver b Smith	5
B. E. Disbury b Smith	10
S. T. Morris b Parish	25
J. G. Owen c Gautrey b Taylor	25
E. S. Smith c Gautrey b Parish	40
J. A. Muse c Gautrey b Parish	28
R. L. Hills c Gautrey b Smith	15
A. B. Poole b Smith	27
A. G. Coomb b Smith	8
J. R. Chisholm not out	1
Extras	5

Total 217

Bowling: Smith 30.5-12-55-5; Robinson 18-3-42-0; Taylor 20-8-46-1; White 14-2-39-0; Parish 6-0-30-3.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

C. E. Coote c Hills b Owen	27
M. A. Crouch lbw b Oliver	25
F. Clark c Chisholm b Owen	4
R. Gautrey c Hills b Owen	0
J. Cornwell lbw b Chisholm	0
R. A. Lyttleton b Owen	14
W. N. White b Chisholm	0
R. A. Taylor not out	10
E. Parish c Poole b Coomb	11
C. J. Smith b Chisholm	4
A. G. Robinson c Smith b Owen	1
Extras	1

Total 101

Bowling: Chisholm 22-12-27-3; Coomb 21-4-29-1; Owen 19-5-37-5; Oliver 3-0-7-1.

Second Innings

M. A. Crouch c Hill b Coomb	4
R. A. Taylor c Morris b Oliver	0
W. N. White st Hills b Owen	17
P. Clark c Muse b Oliver	1
C. E. Coote c Chisholm b Owen	73
R. A. Lyttleton c Smith b Owen	39
J. Cornwell c Poole b Oliver	28
R. Gautrey c Oliver b Owen	18
E. Parish c and b Oliver	7
C. J. Smith not out	0
A. G. Robinson lbw b Oliver	3
Extras	3

Total 213

Bowling: Oliver 16.1-4-41-5; Owen 29-7-61-4; Chisholm 18-7-43-0; Coomb 16-4-51-1; Disbury 2-1-4-0; Poole 2-0-10-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

J. A. R. Oliver not out	73
S. T. Morris b Smith	15
J. A. Muse c Parish b Robinson	0
J. G. Owen not out	3
Extras	3

Total (for 2 wks.) 93

Bowling: Smith 7-0-48-1; Robinson 6-0-45-1.

Joe Payne Returns to County XI

Joe Payne, the former Luton Town and Chelsea footballer, who has been showing good form in club cricket recently, will return to the Bedfordshire team for the game with Suffolk at Felixstowe tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday. He last appeared for the County in the Minor Counties Competition in 1946.

Other members of the side are: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, A. G. Coomb, J. R. Chisholm, R. L. Hills, B. E. Disbury, P. Clark, and J. Legate.

There are three changes from the team which played at Cambridge, Payne, Clark, and Legate taking the places of Morris, Smith, and Muse.

Bedfordshire remain 12th in the Minor Counties' table. A win last Saturday would have put them four places higher.

COUNTY'S FINE RECOVERY

Comfortable Win Over Suffolk

Adding 140 for Bedfordshire's last wicket, Jack Chisholm and Glyn Owen made a big contribution to the County's victory by ten wickets over Suffolk at Felixstowe yesterday (Thursday). Between them these two players also took 15 wickets.

Bedfordshire finished the first day with an all-out effort to force Suffolk to follow on. It had been a day of amazing cricket, for in the morning it was a question of whether the visitors, with half the side out for 74, would last until lunch.

A stubborn innings by Owen made this possible, but another wicket fell immediately afterwards, and when Jack Chisholm joined the Luton left-hander the score was 134 for nine. When he left 65 minutes later it was 274, the Sheffield United footballer having hit 92, including one six and 13 fours.

Owen had been at the wicket two hours 25 minutes for his 82, which included 11 fours. The tenth wicket stand of 140 is a record for Bedfordshire and possibly for Minor Counties cricket, while a last-wicket century in 40 minutes had to be seen to be believed.

Chisholm gave a chance in the slips at ten, but thereafter hit with great confidence, and also showed that he was not entirely ignorant of stroke play. Owen was never in difficulty with clean driving and speedy running between the wickets.

Suffolk had two wickets down for 47, and when a stand developed, Poole took a well-judged catch almost on top of the on-boundary to dismiss Ricketts. With his next three balls, Owen dismissed two more batsmen, just missing his hat-trick. With half the side out Suffolk were still 88 behind, but a patient innings by Belle enabled Suffolk to start the second day needing 29 to avoid the follow-on with two wickets to fall.

SUFFOLK FOLLOW ON

An over was more than sufficient yesterday morning to end Suffolk's innings, for with his second and fifth balls Chisholm took the outstanding wickets and the home County followed on.

With only two knocked off the arrears of 128, Bedfordshire met with further success. Clark broke the opening stand, and in the next over Chisholm claimed two victims with successive balls, making his figures for the morning four for one. Claiming the Suffolk captain at seven, Chisholm had further successes at 17 and 23. Then Suffolk were still more than 100 runs behind.

Sangster, usually an opening bat, played patiently, and the 50 went up in 75 minutes. Owen relieved Chisholm and at 62 he, too, captured two wickets with consecutive balls. At lunch the home County still needed 47 to avoid an innings defeat with two wickets left.

Colquhoun fell to smart fielding, but Sangster "farmed" the bowling and scored 71 not out in 2½ hours.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August lbw b Duckham ..	24
J. A. R. Oliver c and b Cawston ..	7
B. E. Disbury c Porter b Duckham ..	9
J. Legate c Cawston b Duckham ..	4
J. G. Owen not out	82
J. Payne b Duckham	15
R. L. Hills c Baker b Cawston ..	3
A. B. Poole c Colquhoun b Duckham ..	3
P. Clark c Henley-Welch b Duckham ..	17
A. Coomb c Colquhoun b Duckham ..	8
J. R. Chisholm b Perkins	92
Extras	12

Total 274

Bowling: Henley-Welch 100, 1m, 67r, ow.; Cawston 16-3-56-2; Duckham 20-1-102-7; Perkins 7-3-2-15-1; Crannis 4-0-22-0.

SUFFOLK

First Innings

J. M. Sangster c Hills b Coomb ..	4
H. L. Porter b Chisholm	29
B. H. Belle b Clark	69
M. R. Ricketts c Coomb b Owen ..	18
D. F. Henley-Welch c Hills b Owen ..	0
W. Duckham c Poole b Owen	0
E. Cawston lbw b Owen	4
E. R. Baker b Owen	11
G. C. Perkins not out	10
R. S. Colquhoun c Clark b Chisholm ..	0
M. Crannis c Owen b Chisholm ..	0
Extras	1

Total 146

Bowling: Coomb 14-6-25-1; Clark 15-6-21-1; Oliver 5-1-13-0; Chisholm 12-5-2-37-3; Owen 19-7-49-5.

Second Innings

H. L. Porter b Clark	0
E. Cawston c August b Chisholm ..	2
B. H. Belle b Chisholm	1
G. C. Perkins b Chisholm	0
J. M. Sangster not out	71
D. F. Henley-Welch b Chisholm ..	8
M. R. Ricketts c Hills b Chisholm ..	2
W. Duckham lbw b Owen	25
E. R. Baker c Poole b Owen	0
R. S. Colquhoun run out	11
M. Crannis b Oliver	4
Extras	8

Total 132

Bowling: Chisholm 25-8-45-5; Clark 10-3-13-1; Coomb 6-1-15-0; Owen 20-6-50-2; Oliver 2-1-1-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

G. L. B. August not out	5
R. L. Hills not out	0

Total (for no wkt.) 5

Bowling: Belle 0-3-0-5-0.

COUNTY'S GREAT BID

Bedfordshire needed only five runs for victory over Cambridgeshire at Fenner's last Saturday when stumps and the match were drawn. This dramatic finish is described in the Sports Notes on page 7, and a full report of the game appeared in the *Bedford Record* series of newspapers on Tuesday. Summary of scores: Bedfordshire, 217 (E. S. Smith 40, C. J. Smith five for 55) and 93 for two (J. A. R. Oliver 73 not out); Cambridgeshire, 101 (J. R. Chisholm three for 27, J. G. Owen five for 37) and 213 (C. E. Coote 73, Oliver five for 41, Owen four for 61).

SUFFOLK ARE REVENGED

Exciting Finish at Luton

With two minutes left for play at Wardown Park, Luton, last night, Ricketts hit a four to give Suffolk victory in one of the most exciting finishes seen on the ground for years. Left with 65 minutes to get 130 runs after Bedfordshire had declared, Suffolk went for them from the start, and despite the loss of wickets at regular intervals never let up in their search for quick runs.

Three batsmen hit sixes, and fours were commonplace. There was a time when, with seven wickets down for 93, it looked as if Bedfordshire might force a win, but Ricketts and Perkins tipped the scales in Suffolk's favour with an eighth-wicket stand of 33. Perkins hit two sixes and two fours in his 24.

In the afternoon the mystery was why Bedfordshire 33 runs behind on the first innings did not go for quick runs if a declaration was in mind. August batted through the duration of the innings just over two and a quarter hours for 33 and came in for some barracking. Hills made another fine half-century and both Meyer and Payne did some big hitting to enliven the rather drab proceedings. Earlier there had been a hard struggle for first-innings points which was gained by Suffolk only when their last pair came together.

OLIVER'S CENTURY

There was a time on Wednesday when a total of 400 looked to be quite a possibility for Bedfordshire after having been sent in to bat on a damp wicket. Despite the early dismissal of August, the wicket did not give the help to the bowlers which was expected, and by steady batting Oliver and Hills retrieved the position.

With Oliver going on towards his century, Bedfordshire topped the 200 mark for the loss of only three wickets. Oliver reached three figures after three hours 25 minutes, but was out immediately afterwards to a catch in the slips.

The new ball had been taken just previously, and this caused a Bedfordshire collapse in which wickets fell like nine-pins. Despite some good hitting by Peter Clark, the last seven added only 42 runs, and the County were out just before tea for 252.

Suffolk made a confident if slow start, but Oliver struck blows for the home County by taking two wickets before the total had reached 50. At that stage it appeared that Bedfordshire might still further improve their position before the close of play, but these hopes were dispelled by Belle and Ricketts, who mastered the bowling in the last hour and added 77 runs without being parted, the total being 125 for two.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Corke b Hargreaves	2
J. A. R. Oliver c Perkins b Hargreaves	101
R. L. Hills c Hargreaves b Perkins	53
R. J. D. Meyer c Murton b Perkins	18
J. O. Owen c Stevens b Hargreaves	24
E. S. Smith b Henley-Welch	0
J. Payne b Hargreaves	1
A. B. Poole c Corke b Hargreaves	4
J. R. Chisholm c Belle b Henley-Welch	0
P. E. Clark not out	18
A. G. Coomb c Corke b Hargreaves	5
Extras	26
Total	252

Bowling: Henley-Welch four for 15, Hargreaves four for 94, Perkins for 57.

SUFFOLK

First Innings

E. Cawston c Payne b Oliver	22
W. Duckham c Coomb b Oliver	15
B. H. Belle b Coomb	70
M. R. Ricketts c Hills b Coomb	30
D. F. Henley-Welch b Coomb	11
M. Corke c August b Meyer	50
P. J. Murton not out	60
G. C. Perkins c Chisholm b Meyer	0
J. V. Stevens b Meyer	0
M. Crannis run out	0
H. B. Hargreaves c August b Meyer	11
Extras	16
Total	285

Bowling: Meyer four for 34, Coomb three for 85, Oliver two for 32.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second Innings

G. L. B. August not out	33
J. A. R. Oliver c Corke b Hargreaves	17
R. L. Hills run out	50
R. J. O. Meyer c Duckham b Hargreaves	20
J. Payne c Henley-Welch b Crannis	25
E. S. Smith not out	6
Extras	11
Total for 4 wks. dec.	162

SUFFOLK

Second Innings

E. Cawston c August b Meyer	13
W. Duckham b Chisholm	5
D. F. Henley-Welch st Hills b Meyer	20
M. Corke c Poole b Chisholm	10
P. J. Murton b Chisholm	20
B. H. Belle c Hills b Chisholm	4
H. B. Hargreaves c Oliver b Meyer	12
M. R. Ricketts not out	14
G. C. Perkins run out	24
J. V. Stevens not out	0
Extras	10
Total for 8 wks.	132

Bowling: Chisholm four for 53, Meyer three for 69.

'Dead' Match Flared Into Violent Life At The End

After looking to be as dead as the proverbial door nail for most of the afternoon on the second day, the match between Bedfordshire and Suffolk suddenly flared into life during the last hour, and produced one of the best finishes we have seen at Wardour this season.

When Suffolk's first innings ended with a lead of 33 soon after lunch, and Bedfordshire began batting, apparently in no particular hurry to go for quick runs, a draw seemed to be the only possible result.

Oliver was out to a catch behind the wicket when he touched an away swinger after making 17 of the first 23, and Hills came in to make his second 50 of the match in good time.

At the other end, however, August was very slow, but after tea, the proceedings were enlivened by Meyer, who made 20 in 10 minutes and Joe Payne, who hit one gigantic six off Hargreaves.

Then at 5.15, A. B. Poole declared, leaving Suffolk a possible 65 minutes including the extra half an hour to get 130 runs for victory.

Why, if the intention was to try to force a win, instructions did not go out to August to push along the score, was the afternoon's mystery, for he battled for the duration of the innings, just over 2½ hours, for 33 not out.

Caution at one end was justified at the start, for an early collapse might have put Bedfordshire in danger of defeat, but once the position was consolidated, then more risks could surely have been taken.

BOTH THEORIES WENT WRONG

When Suffolk began their second innings, the position seemed to be that the task was a little beyond them and that, in any case, Bedfordshire had little chance of dismissing them in the time.

Both theories went wrong, for Suffolk achieved their objective with two minutes to spare, and there was a time when Bedfordshire seemed to have a really good chance of snatching a win, especially when seven Suffolk wickets went down for 93 with about 20 minutes still to go.

Despite the danger they were in at that point, B. H. Belle's orders were "On we go," and so they went with an eighth-wicket stand which put on 33 in double quick time, Perkins, who claimed 24 of them hitting two sixes. Hargreaves and Murton also claimed sixes, and despite the steady bowling of Chisholm and Meyer, Suffolk gained a two-wicket victory, and deservedly so.

There was excitement earlier in the day when the fight for first-innings lead was going on, and when the last Suffolk batsman came in three were still needed. These were made without difficulty, and the wicket added 35.

BEDFORDSHIRE—1st Innings: 275
(J. A. R. Oliver 101, R. L. Hills 50)

SUFFOLK—1st Innings

E. Cawston c Payne b Oliver	22
W. Duckham c Coomb b Oliver	15
B. H. Belle b Coomb	79
M. R. Ricketts c Hills b Coomb	30
D. F. Henley-Welch b Coomb	11
M. Corke c August b Meyer	50
P. J. Murton not out	50
G. C. Perkins c Chisholm b Meyer	6
J. V. Stevens b Meyer	8
M. Crannis run out	1
H. S. Hargreaves c August b Meyer	11
Extras	14

Total 281
Bowling: Meyer 4 for 34, Coomb 1 for 85, Oliver 2 for 32, Clark 0 for 28, Owen 0 for 35, Chisholm 0 for 51.

BEDFORDSHIRE—2nd Innings

G. L. B. August not out	33
J. A. R. Oliver c Corke b Hargreaves	17
R. L. Hills run out	59
R. J. O. Meyer c Duckham b Hargreaves	20
J. Payne c Henley-Welch b Crannis	25
E. S. Smith not out	6
Extras	11

Total (for 4 wks dec) 162
Bowling: Hargreaves 2 for 69, Crannis 1 for 18.

SUFFOLK—2nd Innings

E. Cawston c August b Meyer	11
W. Duckham b Chisholm	5
D. F. Henley-Welch st Hills b Meyer	20
M. Corke c Poole b Chisholm	20
P. J. Murton b Chisholm	20
B. H. Belle c Hills b Chisholm	6
H. S. Hargreaves c Oliver b Meyer	11
M. R. Ricketts not out	14
G. C. Perkins run out	1
J. V. Stevens not out	1
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks) 123
Bowling: Chisholm 4 for 53, Meyer 3 for 69.

VICTORY AT HIGH WYCOMBE

Bucks Defeated by Nine Wickets

Bedfordshire finished their Minor Counties Championship programme with a nine-wickets victory over Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe. Yesterday evening they were left only 13 runs to get in their second innings, some fine bowling having overthrown Bucks in time for Bedfordshire to win with minutes to spare.

On Wednesday Bedfordshire soon had the Buckinghamshire batsmen in trouble despite an easy wicket, for Chisholm bowled Isherwood with his second ball, and half the side were out for 70 runs. However, Hayhurst and Yates put on 66 for the next wicket. They were both caught on the boundary. The Buckinghamshire innings ended at 179, the visiting County having maintained a very keen attack.

Buckinghamshire, too, bowled with great accuracy, and their opponents were 22 hours reaching 100 runs. August was battered for his extreme caution. His score stood at 29 when he had been more than two hours at the wicket. Not until Owen joined August when the third wicket fell at 121 did the rate of scoring increase. At the close of play Bedfordshire were three runs ahead with six wickets in hand. August was 71 not out.

MEYER'S FORCEFUL INNINGS

Rain fell heavily during the night, but the start yesterday morning was delayed only 15 minutes. August and Meyer continued confidently, though the latter was mixed with his score at 17, and they had added 103 runs when Meyer was taken behind the stumps. He hit a six and eight fours.

August reached his century after five hours, and his new partner, Howard, was aggressive from the start, hitting a six and four fours in a breezy 41 not out. After August had taken his score to 126 in six hours Poole declared at lunch, with Bedfordshire 147 runs ahead. August hit 15 fours.

Buckinghamshire, in their second innings, found a wicketless bowler presenting difficulties. Chisholm bowled Isherwood in his first over. He and Meyer maintained a very hostile attack and, with the field right on their toes, Buckinghamshire lost three wickets for 12 runs.

Then Cockett and Hastie defied the bowling in a fourth-wicket stand which added 77. But a collapse followed. The wickets from the sixth to the eighth fell at 151 during three overs while Chisholm and Meyer had charge of the attack.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

T. E. Busby c Meyer b Coomb	13
P. Isherwood b Chisholm	0
C. A. Prince c Meyer b Oliver	25
J. A. Cockett c Hills b Coomb	0
J. A. Hastie c Morris b Meyer	20
A. Hayhurst c August b Owen	66
W. Yates c Poole b Owen	32
O. G. Battecock c Poole b Owen	4
J. Birrell b Coomb	0
C. Bickett b Coomb	5
A. J. Hughes not out	2
Extras	14

Total .. 179

Bowling: Chisholm, 100, 2m, 28r. 1w.; Meyer, 9-1-15-1; Coomb, 15-2-41-4; Oliver, 11-5-30-1; Owen, 10-2-40-3.

Second Innings

T. E. Busby c Hills b Chisholm	3
P. Isherwood b Chisholm	4
C. A. Prince c August b Meyer	5
J. A. Cockett b W. b Oliver	43
J. H. Hastie c August b Coomb	60
A. Hayhurst b Chisholm	15
W. Yates c August b Chisholm	0
J. Birrell c Coomb b Meyer	13
O. G. Battecock c Oliver b Chisholm	0
O. Pickett st Hills b Meyer	10
A. J. Hughes not out	4
Extras	5

Total .. 159

Bowling: Chisholm, 200, 9m, 53r. 5w.; Meyer, 16-4-2-47-3; Oliver, 6-0-28-1; Coomb, 9-1-28-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

O. L. B. August not out	126
J. A. R. Oliver b Hayhurst	22
R. G. Hills c Cockett b Battecock	29
S. T. Morris c Yates b Hastie	16
J. O. Owen b W. b Hayhurst	20
R. J. O. Meyer c Yates b Battecock	60
E. C. Howard not out	41
Extras	12

Total for five dec. .. 326

Second Innings

R. E. Disbury not out	5
A. G. Coomb b Battecock	2
A. B. Poole not out	5
Extras	2

Total for one wicket .. 14

COUNTY CRICKET AVERAGES

August and Clark at the Top

Bedfordshire, last season's runners-up in the Minor Counties Cricket Competition, have finished tenth in the table this year with a points average of 5.62. In 1948 they were second to Lancashire II, who are again champions, and their average was 7.50.

	INS.	M.O.B.	M.I.	AVGE
G. L. August	12	5	509	126*
J. A. Oliver	11	1	521	123*
J. G. Owen	11	2	221	82*
H. E. Disbury	9	2	198	55
A. B. Poole	9	3	164	41*
R. L. Hills	10	1	245	53
E. C. Howard	7	1	134	44
J. Chisholm	7	1	119	92
J. Legate	5	0	94	50
P. Clark	6	2	55	18*
A. G. Coomb	7	1	31	8

Also batted: R. J. O. Meyer, 18, 20, 60; E. B. Smith, 40, 0, 6*; A. Muse, 28, 0; C. B. Bailey, 3, 26; F. K. Breeze, 5*, 0*, 2*, 18; G. Callingham, 1; E. T. Morris, 25, 15, 16; J. Payne, 13, 1, 25; I. C. Noble, 14, 5.

* Signifies not out

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	WKTS	AVGE
Clark	108	32	214	15	14.26
Meyer	51	12	163	11	14.81
Oliver	92	16	265	17	15.58
Owen	229.5	60	584	35	16.68
Chisholm	234.5	65	566	30	18.86
Coomb	164.4	36	406	16	25.31

Also bowled: Noble 24-5-72-4; Callingham, 12-5-20-1; Breeze, 21-5-60-1; Legate, 18-3-69-1; Bailey, 3-1-3-0; August, 4-1-0-0; Disbury, 5-2-7-0; Poole, 2-0-10-0.

Seven players were included in the Minor Counties averages: August, Oliver, Owen, Disbury, Poole, and Hills (batting), and Owen and Chisholm (bowling).

Catches: Hills, 15; August, 9; Poole (captain), 8; Oliver (vice-captain), 7; Chisholm, 5; Owen and Legate, 3; Breeze, Smith, Morris, Clark, and Meyer, 2; Noble, Muse, Payne, and Howard.

Stumpings: Hills 2; Poole 1.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

Played 8; won 3; lost 2; won on first innings 3; lost on first innings 0; no result 0.

June 21-22 (at Watford) Hertfordshire 245 and 153 for four declared, Bedfordshire 167 and 166: Lost by 65 runs.

August 1-2 (at Bedford School) Bedfordshire 354, Cambridgeshire 90 and 102: Won by innings and 142 runs.

August 3-4 (Bedford School) Bedfordshire 275 for nine dec. and 130 for five, Buckinghamshire 244 dec.: Won on first innings.

August 5-6 (Bedford School) Hertfordshire 299 and 85 for three, Bedfordshire 359: Won on first innings.

August 12-13 (Fenners, Cambridge) Bedfordshire 217 and 93 for two, Cambridgeshire 101 and 213: Won on first innings.

August 17-18 (Felixstowe) Bedfordshire 274 and 5 for none, Suffolk 146 and 132: Won by ten wickets.

August 24-25 (Luton) Bedfordshire 252 and 162 for four dec., Suffolk 285 and 132 for eight: Lost by two wickets.

August 31-September 1 (High Wycombe) Buckinghamshire 179 and 159, Bedfordshire 326 for five dec. and 14 for one: Won by nine wickets.

[In the report supplied to this newspaper of the Bedfordshire v. Buckinghamshire game last week it was stated that August's innings lasted six hours. Actually he batted 5 hours 25 minutes, which was the duration of Bedfordshire's innings. Chisholm and Coomb were in charge of the attack when Buckinghamshire wickets from the sixth to the eighth fell at 131, not Chisholm and Meyer.]

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION FINAL ORDER

	P.	W.	L.	W.	I.	N.R.	PTS	AVGE
Lancs	11	20	13	2	1	2	2	141
Oxford	11	10	7	2	1	0	0	75
Hants	11	10	6	1	2	1	0	73
Staffs	11	10	6	1	2	1	0	73
Gloucs	11	14	6	1	4	2	1	86
Bucks	11	10	6	2	0	2	0	66
Herts	11	10	5	3	1	2	0	61
Surrey	11	16	5	1	7	2	1	91
Yorks	11	14	5	2	3	3	1	74
Bedfs	11	8	3	2	3	3	0	43
Warks	11	10	5	0	3	4	1	53
Midlax	11	8	1	0	6	3	2	41
Berks	11	10	2	3	5	5	2	48
Dorset	11	10	5	3	1	3	0	44
Essex	11	10	2	2	2	2	4	42
Durham	11	8	2	3	5	2	1	33
Worce	11	14	3	4	2	2	1	32
Sussex	11	12	2	2	2	2	6	43
Suffolk	11	8	2	3	1	2	0	31
Nthmbl	11	10	1	5	4	1	1	35
Notts	11	10	1	5	3	3	0	34
Kent	11	12	1	4	3	3	0	36
Camba	11	8	0	3	3	2	4	36
Devon	11	12	0	5	3	6	0	33
Derby	11	10	0	3	2	5	0	25
Lincs	11	10	0	4	3	3	0	24
Norfolk	11	10	0	4	3	3	0	23
Glam	11	10	0	5	3	1	1	18
Cornwall	11	8	0	4	1	3	0	14
Wilts	11	10	0	5	1	4	0	17
Cheshire	11	10	0	7	0	3	0	9

**A. B. POOLE IS
COUNTY XI CAPTAIN
FOR 1950**

Captain of Bedfordshire since the resumption of county cricket after the war, A. B. Poole was re-elected at the Bedfordshire C.C.C. annual meeting on Friday. He first played for the County in 1925, on leaving the Modern School. John Oliver continues as vice-captain.

Mr. W. W. Corfield is now vice-chairman of the committee, under Mr. H. R. Neate, the office becoming vacant on the death of Mr. E. F. Arnold. Mr. Frank Thorogood is a new member of the committee.

Mr. A. W. H. Poole, the hon. scorer, who has been associated with the Club for more than 50 years, and Bert Holdstock, former professional, were elected hon. life members in recognition of their services.

"NOT MUCH TO SPARE"

Increased Cost of County Cricket

A sum of £250 deposited by the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club with the Post Office Savings Bank, bringing the total in the bank to £1,081 10s. 8d. was mentioned at the Club's annual general meeting last week. Mr. E. B. Linger asked the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Neate, what were their intentions concerning these savings, and added that any information the Club could give the public would increase interest.

Mr. Neate referred to the greatly-increased cost of running county cricket. While the financial position of the Club, he said, was satisfactory, they had not a lot of money to spare. They should regard the sum deposited with the Bank as a safeguard against such set-backs as wet seasons.

The speaker added that the Club would like to secure a professional who would coach players and watch for talent in those parts of the County where the education authorities were not providing coaching. But at present the Club would have to exercise economy. They were also hoping the time would come when county matches could be increased to ten or twelve. But again finance was involved, besides the difficulty of raising teams.

CATERING FOR PUBLIC DIFFICULT

Asked if the catering for the general public at the County Cricket Week could be improved, Mr. Frank Crompton (Hon. Secretary) said this was a very difficult problem, not only in the matter of obtaining a licence from the Ministry of Food, but also in getting sufficient staff.

The annual report of the Club mentioned record gate receipts of £280 16s. 3d. for the Cricket Week. Their share of the New Zealand Test match profits would be approximately £181.

A balance on the year's working of £10 6s. 7d. was shown in the statement of accounts. The full amount received from the Test and Trial matches in 1948 was £301 1s. 10d., subscriptions and donations totalled £449 5s. 6d., and the gate takings at Bedford and Luton totalled £398 18s. 6d. Receipts amounted to £1,455 14s. 4d.

A. B. Poole was re-elected captain of the County XI, an office he has held since cricket was resumed after the war. His deputy is again J. A. R. Oliver.

Mr. Neate continues as Chairman, and Mr. W. W. Cornfield was appointed Vice-Chairman, succeeding the late Mr. E. F. Arnold. The Committee vacancy caused by Mr. Arnold's death is filled by Mr. Frank Thorokood.

Mr. J. A. Whitechurch and Major Simon Whitbread were re-elected Patron and President respectively and the following names were added to the Vice-Presidents' list: Mr. C. L. Henderson, K.C., Mr. A. B. Hawkins, Col. H. A. Deacon, Capt. Christopher Soames, Mr. D. Crossley, Mr. C. N. Reed, Mr. G. Rogers, Mr. A. Gilllett, Mr. P. Peach, and Capt. C. E. B. Stevens.

MADE LIFE MEMBERS

In recognition of their long services to the club, the Hon. Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole, and Mr. Bert Holdstock, the former professional, were made hon. life members. Mr. Holdstock was also appointed hon. umpire. Mr. Poole has been associated with the Club for over fifty years.

Mr. Crompton begins his 25th year as Hon. Secretary of the Club, and other officers re-elected were Mr. S. A. Swift, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. A. W. H. Poole, Hon. Scorer; Mr. D. J. Clark and Mr. W. Porter, Joint Hon. Auditors.

Mr. Neate told the meeting that George August, the County's opening batsman, might not be available next year. There was talk of his going abroad, but nothing definite was known yet.

The meeting endorsed the action of the Minor Counties Cricket Association in making further representations to the B.C.C. on the subject of broadcasting Minor Counties scores.

Mr. Crompton said that so far the B.C.C. had declined to restore this pre-war practice on the grounds that they had not the air space to give to it.

BEDFORD SCHOOL'S VARIED ATTACK SUBDUES TONBRIDGE

The strength of the Bedford School bowling was impressed on Tonbridge School in a two-day match at Bedford last week. Tonbridge were dismissed for 84 and 86, their opponents winning by nine wickets.

The accuracy and hostility of Bedford's attack, supported by very keen fielding, never permitted the Tonbridge batsmen to feel at ease. Spooner's slow off-spinners, mixed with faster deliveries, gained him five wickets for 18 and three for 37. J. W. Fry (three for 36 and three for 22) supplied the pace, and Mounfield (out-swingers) achieved the unusual in breaking a ball. To complete the attack was Allen, a young left-arm bowler, who is already acquiring the abilities to bowl the "Chinaman" effectively. He took two for 6.

Mounfield and Spooner dismissed M. C. Coudrey for 13 and 1; notable successes, for the Tonbridge boy has scored 181 not out and 119 against Lancing. His aggregate against Bedford School in eight innings is only 51, but in the latest match his slow bowling obtained six for 47. Meeson and Evans, in Bedford's completed innings, put up 64 for the first wicket. But the change from 97 for two to 146 all out indicated that the side's batting still requires steadiness if they are to have an outstanding season. Two of last season's Colts did well, Evans scoring useful 33 and Steven permitting only 5 byes in 170 runs. Scores:—

Tonbridge: R. M. Hickman c Evans b Spooner 18, run out 20; M. C. Coudrey lbw b Mounfield 13, b Spooner 1; B. D. Hatley b Mounfield 3, b Spooner 15; W. M. Reiss b Spooner 14, c Spooner b Allen 11; K. W. Pearce b Fry 2, b Fry 6; K. B. Payne b Fry 8, b Mounfield 0; D. A. T. Jarratt c Fry b Spooner 14, c Fry b Allen 4; C. M. Wilmot c Mounfield b Spooner 4, b Fry 11; D. H. J. Hilary not out 5, not out 4; J. E. Fouraker b Fry 0. Bedford: Evans c Fouraker b Fry 3; M. S. Meeson b Pearce 60, not out 3; J. A. Spooner run out 12, not out 19; J. W. Fry b Pearce 0; D. Lasenby c Fouraker b Coudrey 1; Thorn lbw b Pearce 0; P. A. Mounfield lbw b Coudrey 0; R. L. Keech b Coudrey 1; Leonard c Jarratt b Coudrey 24; Allen c Fouraker b Coudrey 8; Steven not out 0, extras 7 and 0; totals 146 and 25 for one wicket.

Stowe School v. Bedford School
Bedford School, defeating Stowe School at Stowe on Wednesday, scored 41 for the loss of two wickets. M. S. Meeson again playing a sound innings. But runs came slowly, for the bowling was extremely accurate and the ground fielding always smart. No one remained to support Meeson, and Bedford School were out for a moderate score. Bedford, bowling against a side which has been most successful in batting, dismissed Stowe in 26 overs. J. W. Fry bowled splendidly, with pace off the pitch, and his seven for 26 was the best performance for the School this season. J. A. Spooner (two for 15), supported him well. It was a pace-bowlers' day on a hard, true wicket. Scores:—

Bedford School: Evans 7, M. S. Meeson 32, J. A. Spooner 6, J. W. Fry 6, Wallis 0, Salt 2, Leonard 0, R. L. Keech 5, P. A. Mounfield 8, Allen 3, Steven not out 0, extras 12, total 81. Stowe School: 62.

Igranio v. Bedford Town
On Sunday, Igranio entertained Bedford Town at Kempston, neither side being at full strength. Igranio did not find runs easy to get, and Bedford Town were also opposed to keen bowlers. Only a very valuable innings of 32 by their skipper, J. Pratt, put them in a winning position. The Town had four wickets to spare when they passed the Igranio total.

Igranio: P. Smith 10, J. Taylor 6, B. York 14, P. Swann 5, J. Jones 7, S. H. Pryor 11, R. K. Jones 0, G. Collins 10, R. Smith 13, R. Linger 12, S. A. Barnett not out 1, extras 5, total 94.—Baker three for 21, Sabey two for 20, Oakley two for 7, Willows three for 21.
Bedford Town: E. Hawkins 7, D. Parren 2, C. Sabey 8, J. Pratt 32, J. Valentine 8, C. M. Thorne 20, J. Williamson not out 6, W. Baker 2, D. Oakley 1, extras 14, total for eight wickets 100.—R. Jones four for 25, R. Linger three for 37, J. Jones one for 17.

Igranio v. Rheo Sports, Slough
Igranio, entertaining Rheo Sports in this annual game for the Kent Cup, won by 58 runs. Against steady bowling the Igranio batsmen scored quite freely. The Rheo Sports batting was very soon in difficulties against a very accurate attack, only W. Butler reaching double figures.

After the cup had been presented by Mr. R. K. Fleming a dance was held in the Clubhouse.

Igranio: P. Smith 22, J. Taylor 5, V. Jeffries 10, P. Swann 3, D. W. Kent 3, S. H. Pryor 18, R. K. Jones 6, G. Collins 0, B. York 14, J. Pilgrim 2, S. A. Barnett 0, R. D. Smith not out 5, extras 10, total 96.

Rheo Sports: 38.—Swann five for 18, R. D. Smith three for 7, R. Jones two for 7.

R.B.S. v. Queen's Works
At Kempston on Sunday, R.B.S. had their first win of the season.

R.B.S.: J. Clark 4, R. Webster 7, M. Goswell 8, P. Morris 5, T. Crisp 12, C. Cullip 4, S. Rabbit 6, F. Redman 12, Gore 32, A. Jer 0, D. Bavington not out 4, extras 5, total 99. Clark three for 38, W. Davis seven for 45.

Queen's: A. Parker 5, J. Matthews 6, F. Ward 5, W. Davis 20, R. Ward 0, F. Wray 0, D. Clark 5, T. Maggs 0, E. Dwyer 1, J. Collington 3, L. Smith not out 6, extras 14, total 63.—Rabbit three for 31, Morris four for 21, Goswell three for 5.

Melits v. Elstow

Match drawn.
Elstow: Prudden 30, Nicholls 17, Minow 25, Bennett 6, Jones 13, Fagg 4, Lowe 7, George 5, Lack 0, G. Cirket 2, A. Cirket not out 0, extras 23, total 151.

Melits: D. Cook 6, C. Fuller 22, L. Fuller 2, A. Wilson not out 21, Haines not out 12, extras 2, total for three wickets 65.

Bedfordshire Constabulary v. Buckinghamshire Constabulary

In a friendly match at Leighton Buzzard on 10 June the Bedfordshire Constabulary again put up a grand score for the loss of only three wickets. Morris, with another century, and Druce, scoring 70 not out, soon brought the home score to the 200 mark.

Bedfordshire: Morris not out 110, Vass 14, Ellis 9, Miles 5, Druce not out 70, extras 1, total for three wickets 207.
Buckinghamshire: 109.—Hepworth six for 16.

Mill Hill XI v. Bedford Ramblers

The Ramblers won by six wickets and went on to score 176 all out. Wagstaff (six fours) and Gaunt (one six, two fours) being in particularly good form. The side reached the first 50 in 35 minutes, the 100 in under one hour. Mill Hill's last wicket added 36.

Mill Hill XI: 90.—Martin four for 34, Hood four for 33, Stokes one for 6.

Ramblers: W. Gaunt 28, T. Woollicroft 21, J. Valentine 0, Draper 20, J. Wagstaff 45, H. Stokes 21, G. Andrews 9, L. Hood 13, R. Ferriman not out 10, W. Martin 1, M. Green 0, extras 8, total 176.

Mill Hill II v. Bedford Town II

There was a grand finish to this game, Mill Hill winning by two runs. After Matthews had played a stylish innings, sound batting in the middle of the Bedford order kept the result in the balance. With two wickets in hand, Bedford wanted 5 runs. Then Oakley was caught on the boundary, and in the last over Harris, in attempting the winning hit, lost his wicket in the same spot. Bedford had made a gallant attempt to get the runs in the two hours left them.

Mill Hill II: 173 for seven dec.—Baker five for 53.

Bedford Town II: D. T. Matthews 55, E. Hawkins 7, D. G. Parren 21, Williamson 24, L. P. Phillips 9, E. F. Barcock 18, W. J. Baker 22, R. Hewitt 0, P. Oakley 4, R. Harris 5, R. R. Willows not out 1, extras 3, total 171.

Baptist v. Wilden

Baptist won by 11 runs in an evening match.
Wilden: W. Bridge 25, F. Pell 3, V. Pell 1, R. Stone 1, G. Wright 0, J. Ashpole 5, J. Pell not out 13, B. Ashpole 0, B. Stanton 2, V. Ashpole not wicket 52.—Northwood five for 12, 1. F. Panter 0, J. Rabbit 0, C. Howell 2, E. Pearson 0, F. White 27, J. Northwood 3, M. Flske 0, J. Kermene not out 9, F. Warnett 0, extras 1, 63.—B. Ashpole six for 33.

R.A.F. Henlow v. Southill Park

R.A.F.: Pitt 19, Hilton 11, Mekin 2, Cooper ret'd, hurt 41, Ashley 16, Goldsborough 1, Spencer 6, Griffiths 7, Humphries 2, Horwood 6, Butler not out 0, extras 7, total 118.—Ballard three for 18, Burnage three for 25, Massey two for 21, Swain one for 18.

Southill: A. J. Brunt 5, R. Godman 7, V. Grimshaw 4, G. S. Gilbert 6, K. D. Ballard 8, A. G. Burnage 2, A. C. Massey 4, A. Swain 9, G. Hunt not out 10, L. A. Brown 4, A. E. Dilley 0, extras 4, total 63.—Humphries three for 3, Butler two for 10, Mekin two for 28, Goldsborough one for 5, Pitt one for 13.

Southill Park Sunday XI v. St. Neots
St. Neots: L. Shaw 0, A. W. Howes 0, D. Fordham 46, F. Bass 38, D. Ashby not out 43, B. Wakefield not out 36, extras 6, total for four wickets dec. 189.—Dilley one for 30, Brown one for 30, Massey one for 42.

Southill: A. J. Brunt 53, R. Godman 37, A. C. Massey 30, V. Grimshaw 27, G. S. Gilbert 6, G. Hunt 2, A. E. Dilley not out 13, A. G. Burnage not out 3, extras 11, total for six wickets 190.—Ashby two for 10, Marks two for 53, Howes one for 25.

Harley Sports v. Everton

Harley: 96 for six.—R. Hull two for 7.

Everton: F. Wisson 7, W. Smith 8, R. Percy 0, C. Cotter 11, G. Lawson 2, R. Hull 8, E. Peck 6, P. Linford 0, E. Giles not out 22, E. Roberts 2, J. Sutton 1, extras 3, total 80.

Everton v. Bedford North End

North End: H. Peasey 27, D. Pickering 2, F. Housden 1, L. Chambers 6, R. Sherriffs not out 46, E. Litchfield 8, E. King 1, R. Colburn 4, G. Ward 0, K. Simmons 2, A. Woodward not out 0, extras 7, total for nine wickets 105.—Richardson three for 6.

Everton: E. Smith 1, H. Gurney 1, Jack Wisson 20, J. Wisson 26, V. Wisson 7, S. Knott 4, E. Hull 6, G. Richardson 6, R. Linford 1, J. O. Loak 1, C. Richardson not out 0, extras 6, total 79.

Roxton v. Tempsford

Roxton: G. Jeffries 1, A. Usher 15, S. Gadsden 26, B. Peet 1, L. Livett 3, D. Sugars 5, R. Clarke 4, T. Gilbert 0, L. Rogers 0, M. Cooper 2, E. Darlow 4, extras 3, total 66.—Bettles three for 18, Jackson two for 6.

Tempsford: R. Bettles 0, D. Watts 0, M. Brown 0, E. Ingram 3, G. Chapman 7, C. Jackson 4, L. Quince 2, R. Johnson 1, total 21.—Gilbert five for 8, Sugars five for 13.

Bromham Nomads v. Lotus Sports (Northampton)

For the Nomads, L. White followed a fine bowling performance with an innings of 73, which included four sixes and six fours.

Lotus Sports: 24.—L. White six for 10, D. King four for 10.
Nomads: B. Everest 10, W. E. Bowen 9, K. Bushell 2, L. White 7, W. S. Bowen 0, H. Barnett 19, R. Bruty 1, A. White not out 1, extras 8, total for seven wickets 123.

Three Counties Hospital 193 (Breeze four for 89), Bedfordshire XI 182 for eight (Leake 47, Cousins 45, J. Harris 36; Callingham four for 43).

Bedford Town 233 for two dec. (Howard 132, Smith 54), De Havilland Aircraft 122 (Bailey six for 45).

Wolverton 132 for six dec. Queen's Works 87 for six (Shepherd 26, McDonald not out 20).

Harpur Sports 165 for seven dec. (Newman 54, Jarvis 34), Vauxhall 157 for eight (B. Cornell five for 58).

Potton 16 (D. Jessop seven for six, A. Webb two for 7), West End Sunday XI 31 (J. Turnbull six for 11, E. Clarke three for 4).

Bedfordshire Times 45 for eight (Willis 14, R. G. Martin 10, Coleman 10; Bennett three for 8, M. Cirket two for 7), Elstow 43 for nine (Bennett 13, J. Minna not out 11; May six for 24, Willis three for 18).

Oakley Youth 35 (D. G. Horn not out 17; Dawes five for 15, Lawless two for 3), Tempsford 1124 (Fuller 15; Bunney four for 9, D. J. Barholomew five for 8).

Carlton School 34 for eight (Scoley five for 14, Lyman two for 3), Dickens (Harrold) 44 (Peach 21; Tones four for 3, Creasey two for 2).

North End 105 for eight dec. (R. Sherriffs not out 46), Everton 79 (J. Wilson 26; K. Simmons seven for 56, E. King three for 17).

Oxford 113 for six dec. (Green four for 30), Tom Tits 114 for nine (Hale 20, Haynes 16, Jenkins 15, Green 15, Hill 14).

Eaton Socon 115, North End 74.

Bedford and District League

POTTON'S FIRST DEFEAT : OUT FOR 44 RUNS

Little Staughton appeared likely to run up a very big score against Potton, but with 73 on the board at the fall of the fourth wicket, they proceeded to do a follow-my-leader act, all being out 20 runs later. Seventy-six of their runs were obtained by R. Thorne (who hit three sixes) and V. Banks. Thorne followed with a destructive bowling spell, and Potton tasted their first defeat of the season.

Rawlins, hitting the stumps each time, had seven wickets in exchange for seven runs against West End, who failed by 16 to reach Blunham's total of 44. He did the hat-trick.

Consistent form by Great Barford's early batsmen meant the defeat of Langford. Thirty-nine short of Barford's total, Langford might have reached it if Roberts and Dukes had received better support.

The most devastating bowling in Saturday's League cricket was by Tester (Mogerhanger), who mowed down Pertenhall for a meagre 20. He took all but one of the wickets—the personal cost, 13 runs.

The usual "local Derby" atmosphere prevailed in the Felmersham v. Pavenham match, and the finish was fully worthy of the occasion. Replied to Felmersham's total of 47, Pavenham lost nine wickets for 23. Did they abandon hope? Not they. J. Pearson (20 not out) hit out, and A. Westley (28) gave support in a splendid last wicket stand of 42. Felmersham were beaten by 18.

There were strange happenings after Potton II had passed Willington's total of 38. Potton accomplished this with eight wickets remaining, but the whole side was out for 44. During the innings six batsmen did not trouble the scorers at all.

Bowling for Turvey, Townley (six for 9) and Paynton (four for 6) were in a great hurry to dispose of Melchbourne. Hewitt's score of 7 runs was nearly half the total, Turvey winning by 39.

DIVISION I

Potton v. Little Staughton
Little Staughton: C. Banks 4, R. Thorne 40, C. Brown 0, P. Quenby 0, V. Banks 36, G. Stapleton 0, S. Stapleton 2, R. Robins not out 2, C. Stapleton 0, B. Robins 0, L. Saunders 0, extras 9, total 93.—Sims three for 27, Turnbull four for 13.
Potton: R. Pepper 4, H. Jakes 6, T. Kilchener 0, E. Clarke 9, E. Huckle 8, L. Simms 0, P. Falce 6, K. Woodman 2, J. Turnbull 0, J. Standon not out 5, S. Cole 0, extras 4, total 44.—L. Saunders three for 15, C. Brown two for 14, R. Thorne four for 8, R. Robins one for 5.

West End v. Blunham
Blunham: E. Joyce 9, G. Harding 4, F. Chapman 0, B. Sims 8, B. Stacey 5, W. Daniels 0, R. Sims 2, R. Kildman 0, R. Rawlins 1, R. Clarke 1, C. Saunders not out 0, extras 8, total 44.—G. Cooper five for 16, L. White three for 16.
West End: L. Hill 7, L. Jessop 0, J. Litchfield 3, L. Millard 0, R. King 1, F. Wells 0, C. Cooper 0, C. Anthony 1, J. Buraway 8, L. White 4, A. Walker not out 0, extras 4, total 28.—R. Rawlins seven for 7, Sims two for 13.

Langford v. Great Barford
Great Barford: F. Marsh 38, B. Norman 10, E. Lee 31, W. Norman 1, D. Page 8, W. Skevington 5, D. Jones 12, J. Breeze 12, W. Lee 2, J. Beaton not out 6, W. Page not out 13, extras 2, total for nine wickets dec. 140.—Fatterson three for 17, Huckle two for 34, Piper one for 30.
Langford: T. Chessum 5, C. Dille 12, S. Gentle 2, P. Roberts not out 36, H. Dukes 24, B. Kilby 4, H. Huckle 5, N. Pattinson 8, G. Brown 0, total 101.—Marsh three for 29, Skevington two for 20, D. Page one for 21.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Mogerhanger v. Pertenhall
Mogerhanger: S. Green 3, K. Reid 1, S. Reid not out 47, R. Reid 3, F. Jarvis 5, C. Street 0, F. Reid 1, D. Smith 2, F. Tester 4, R. Little 0, W. Wilsner 2, extras 7, total 75.—S. George three for 32, W. Pressland seven for 25.
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 1, A. George 2, J. Clark 2, V. Roddis 8, S. George 0, K. Gentle 0, F. Bull 1, W. Pressland 0, G. Weller not out 1, J. Elliott 0, D. Roddis 2, extras 3, total 20.—J. Tester nine for 13, R. Reid one for 4.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Felmersham v. Pavenham
Felmersham: V. Dittmer 0, A. Betts 1, E. Cauty 2, R. Barker 7, F. Turner 1, J. J. Turner 1, W. Parker 7, W. Cauty 0, H. Lawson not out 13, W. Turner 0, T. Bragg 3, extras 6, total 47.—Scoley six for 17, Turner three for 9.
Pavenham: A. Wildman 3, N. Wesley 5, S. Coleman 2, G. Curtis 3, A. Westley 28, J. Turner 0, J. Tandy 0, G. Scoley 0, J. Crawley 0, J. Pearson not out 20, S. Lovell 0, extras 4, total 65.—Barker five for 20, Clapham 96, Stagsden 34.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton v. West End
West End: M. Barker 1, R. Oakins 6, A. Hyde 13, A. Webb 6, D. Loft 0, B. Moore 5, S. Smart 5, J. Darwood 1, W. Bailey 10, G. Odell 10, K. Belton 3, extras 6, total 66.—H. Parker six for 34.
Little Staughton: S. Smith 1, J. Farrington 5, S. Hall 20, J. Robins 0, K. Banks 3, A. Smith 0, E. Robins 4, C. Parker 0, D. Quenby 0, H. Parker 0, D. Jordan 0, extras 5, total 48.—A. Webb three for 15, D. Loft three for 12, K. Belton two for 10.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Thurleigh II v. Hall Weston
Hall Weston: B. Hancock 9, G. Barnett 1, V. Irons 0, A. Bason 3, R. Ashwell 3, J. Barnett 0, K. Irons 3, R. Brown 0, J. Arnold not out 4, B. Bruce 0, J. Cooper 2, extras 6, total 31.—Gammons eight for 13.
Thurleigh II: R. Whitmore 8, A. Fensome 1, H. Mayea 7, L. Wildman 5, L. Franklin 9, A. Bull 7, C. Clayton 1, L. Goodman 5, G. Gammons 0, B. Ingle 0, G. Lumbis not out 0, extras 2, total 43.—J. Barnett six for 14.
Second Innings: Hall Weston 53, Thurleigh 13 for seven (J. Barnett four for 5). Thurleigh won on first innings.

Willington v. Potton

Willington: J. Moss 1, D. Hull 19, N. Sawford 0, L. Hull 5, B. Theobalds 5, B. Leonard 1, F. Martin 1, S. Cave 0, H. Cooper 2, J. Bassett not out 0, B. Robinson 0, extras 4, total 38.—E. Britten one for 14, P. Hutchinson three for 14, C. Munns five for 6.
Potton: C. Munns 18, P. Hutchinson 3, B. Sharman 5, D. Robinson 2, K. Hardy 0, W. Payne 0, L. Gurney 0, B. Chinn 0, E. Britten not out 5, B. Tear 0, B. Davis 0, extras 11, total 44.—D. Hull two for 18, N. Sawford none for 13, W. Leonard three for 0, J. Moss four for 6.

Blunham II 45 and 37 for seven (Wagstaffe four for 21, Chapman eight for 30), Sandy 48 and 17 (Marles eight for 17, Barker seven for 10).

Hospital Cup

SECOND ROUND DRAW

Bedford Town v. Blunham I.
Bedford Telephones or Sharnbrook v. Harrold.
Shire Hall v. Bedford Thursday.
Mogerhanger v. Baptist.
Ickwell II v. Potton.
Stagsden or Renhold v. Queen's Works II.
Cryseico v. North End Club.
Harpur Sports v. Wood End or Igranio.
Marston I v. Queen's Works I.
County Police v. Gas Works.
Little Staughton I v. Great Staughton I.
Eastern National or Roxton v. Kempston.
North Crawley v. Clapham I.
Ickwell I v. Cople or Thurleigh II.
West End Club v. Britannia Works.
Everholt or South End Ramblers v. Great Barford I.
To be played by 1st July.

FIRST ROUND MATCHES

Elstow v. Dickens (Harrold)
Elstow: G. Roberts 0, R. Nicholls 4, J. Minns 0, D. George 7, S. Prudden 1, R. Bennett 7, Page not out 7, V. Jones 3, H. Lowe 0, A. Clirket 3, H. Clirket 1, extras 6, total 33.—W. Shellard six for 13.
Dickens (Harrold): A. Lyman 8, G. Drage 0, W. Shellard 1, S. Faulkner 10, L. Chippall 3, E. Peach 0, G. Robinson not out 4, J. Ripplin 0, A. Larkins not out 5, extras 5, total for seven wickets 37.—Bennett five for 12.

Baptist v. Randall's
Randall's: E. Stapleton T. J. Pass 0, G. Stock 8, A. Wisson 10, J. Aser 27, R. Norman not out 10, R. Caves 6, F. Teague not out 0, extras 2, total for six wickets 64.—Flske four for 31.
Baptist: C. Dickens 4, G. Spencer 31, S. George 10, E. Pearson 1, F. Warnett 6, R. Craddock 0, J. Kermeen 1, F. White 4, P. Panter not out 6, J. Northwood 0, M. Flske not out 0, extras 4, total for nine wickets 67.—Wisson four for 34, Stock four for 29.

Clapham I v. Stawrtby
Clapham: R. Devereux 4, A. Smith 0, R. Facey 9, R. Fickering 0, D. Crane 22, C. Turner 7, K. Wilson 0, L. Wooding 1, H. Faulkner 0, D. King not out 2, D. Williams 10, extras 3, total 56.—Holton four for 28, Campbell four for 27.
Stawrtby: Longhurst 7, Marshall 6, Orchart 0, Humphreys 3, Harding 3, Campbell 3, Richardson 0, Tails 3, Bennage 13, Holton not out 3, Stevens 6, extras 2, total 49.—King five for 14, Wilson four for 33.

Queen's Works 100 for four (Loosley 38), Marston II 73 for nine (Lilly 26; Williams six for 10).
North End 112 (Colburn not out 27), Haynes 52 (King three for 8, Chapman three for 12).
Everton 58 (Sims five for 23), Potton 61 for seven (Linford four for 33).
County Constabulary 106 for one (S. Morris 56, M. Cottrell not out 47), Riseley 43 (Hepworth three for 17), Tompkins six for 26).

BEDFORD SCHOOL WIN OFF LAST BALL

Great Finish to O.Bs' Week

Bedford School scored a fine and most exciting victory over the Old Bedfordians by seven wickets in the winning run coming from the last ball of the match, which was played on Friday and Saturday.

Batting first, the Old Bedfordians seemed to be in an impregnable position when, following five innings by Pickett and Reed 280 runs were up for five wickets. J. W. Fry, who had as usual bowled fast and accurately, changed the position when, in a good spell, he took three wickets for four runs, and the innings closed at 553.

Faced with this big total, Evans and Meeson opened confidently and at the end of the first day had 60 on the board without loss. In the morning, they added a further 16 runs before Evans was bowled. J. A. Spooner then replaced Meeson and in a splendid partnership they added 187 runs. Both reached their centuries within a few minutes of each other, and shortly after Spooner was out with the score at 265, Meeson was run out having made 137, including twelve fours, and the remaining batsmen hit out to make a declaration possible at tea-time, three runs behind the O.Bs. total.

FINE CATCHING

The O.Bs. found it difficult to score quickly against the bowling of Leonard and Allen, and spectacular catches by Spooner and Sabey helped check the pace. The O.Bs. scored 95 in eighty minutes, then they declared, leaving the School 17 minutes to make 99. Leonard, Evans and Sabey all scored freely, and with the last ball to come, one run was needed to win. Sabey missed it, but the ball travelled a few yards of the wicketkeeper's gloves and a quick run gave the School a great victory.

The promise of Allen, the School's very young slow left-arm bowler, was noted by all. In the first innings he thoroughly deceived Reed's wicket, for several times he beat the Old County batsman.

Old Bedfordians: D. G. Parren c sub b Mounfield 7; b Leonard 29; E. F. Crawford-Smith b Mounfield 4; c Sabey b Allen 8; P. L. Pickett run out 83; lbw b Fry 14; C. N. Reed lbw b Allen Spooner 49; c Spooner b Mounfield 6; J. O. Cook c Spooner b Leonard 38; run out 6; R. V. Spark b Leonard 16; c Fry b Allen 1; L. C. Stephens b Fry 3; P. C. Farmer-Wright lbw b Fry 5; b Leonard 5; L. C. Noble not out 16; not out 9; J. G. Jones lbw b Fry 4; c Steven b Leonard 7; extras 58 and 5; totals 353 and 95 for eight dec.—1st innings; Fry three for 56; 2nd innings: Bedford School: D. A. W. Evans b Farmer-Wright 45; c and b Noble 59; M. S. Meeson run out 127; J. A. Spooner c Sparks b Jones 105; A. R. J. Sabey b Farmer-Wright 79; not out 5; J. W. Fry lbw b Noble 5; not out 2; D. A. Rogers c Spark b Noble 5; run out 6; C. K. Salt not out 1; R. G. I. Leonard not out 10; b Noble 13; extras 9 and 0; total, 350 for six dec. and 99 for three.

Old Bedfordians v. Inconntil

Faced with an Old Bedfordians' total of 256, the Inconntil looked to be in a desperate position when they lost their last five wickets for 46. Then D. C. Money and J. D. W. Tomlinson added 110 for the fifth wicket, the latter going on to complete a century and making the winning hit eight minutes from close of play.

The O.Bs. batted first on a wicket which played easily. Before lunch, only Disbury batted with freedom. Spark and Farmer-Wright came together and the score rose from 151 for seven to 258 in three-quarters of an hour. Reed then declared, leaving two hours 15 minutes for Inconntil to bat.

At the start of the Inconntil innings, both Disbury and Jones looked dangerous, the ball which beat Bing swinging very fast. The score was 16, but when Money batted Tomlinson, the pair put on 140 in an hour and twenty

minutes, swinging the game in Inconntil's favour. After Money's dismissal, Tomlinson, who has played several times for Derbyshire, completed a brilliant century. It took 95 minutes, and included thirteen fours. His most characteristic stroke was a powerful pull to the long-on boundary, and it was fitting that he should make the winning hit.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. Smith c Kimber b Snell 22; Vane-Petty lbw b Chinnell 0; R. E. Leach c Bing b Mills 50; C. N. Reed lbw b Mills 17; L. C. Stephens c Money b Mills 9; G. O'R. Power lbw b Chinnell 8; B. J. C. Harris c Crawford-Smith b Tomlinson 10; P. C. Farmer-Wright not out 55; R. V. Spark not out 58; extras 9; total for seven wickets dec. 258. Chinnell two for 65; Snell one for 37; Mills three for 64; Tomlinson one for 16.

Inconntil: P. J. Bing b Disbury 4; E. S. Snell b Harris 10; J. M. Dean b Disbury 4; A. Brambridge lbw b Jones 15; R. F. S. Chinnell c Smith b Jones 11; J. D. W. Tomlinson not out 117; D. C. Money c and b Harris 17; J. M. Mills not out 21; extras 12; total for six wickets 259. Disbury two for 55; Jones two for 55; Harris two for 74.

Bedford Modern School v. O.B.Ms.

The accurate bowling of Gordon Brice, the Northamptonshire player, who recently made his championship debut, and a century by S. T. Morris, the Bedfordshire batsman, played a large part in the Old Modernians' win by nine wickets over Bedford Modern School.

The School made a bad start, losing the wickets of Miller, Moon, Jepps, and Houghton, all to bowlers from Brice. From 25 for four, a stand of 40 by Gale and Holman partly retrieved the position, but following their dismissal, the remainder collapsed, and the School were all out for 102.

Feature of the Old Boys' first innings was the batting of S. Morris, who carried his bat for 115. His innings included 15 boundaries. Gale was the School's most successful bowler, his analysis being 9-26, om., 35r., 6w.

The School also began their second innings disastrously, losing three wickets for 7 runs. Gale and Houghton then added 56 for the fourth wicket, before Houghton was out to a "special" by Brice. Gale rounded off a fine all-round performance by going on to make 41, his highest innings for the first eleven.

The School were all out for 138. Brice finishing with the excellent analysis of 7-34m., 9r., 5w. The Old Boys knocked off the runs for the loss of one wicket.

Bedford Modern School: P. G. Miller b Brice 2; b Brice 0; R. B. Moon b Brice 0; b Linger 3; R. E. G. Jepps b Brice 7; c Savener b Brice 0; R. A. Gale lbw b Bailey 24; b Savener 51; S. W. Houghton b Brice 2; b Brice 22; E. D. Holman run out 28; b Brice 2; J. R. E. Cooper b Jacobs 8; b Brice 0; D. J. Kingston c Poole b Bailey 3; c Spencer b Savener 28; P. E. W. Wright c Cornhill b Jacobs 4; b Savener 8; K. Tait b Jacobs 0; not out 4; J. Marsden not out 9; c Jacobs b Savener 0; extras 1 and 20; totals 102 and 138. Brice four for 24; Jacobs three for 4; Bailey two for 24.

Old Bedford Modernians: G. H. J. Brice lbw b Tait 17; lbw b Marsden 35; S. Morris not out 115; c Miller b Wright 9; A. W. Cornhill c Miller b Tait 0; not out 0; D. W. Jacobs b Marsden 18; c Wright b Marsden 11; P. Savener b Gale 2; b Wright 14; C. B. Bailey b Gale 4; b Wright 13; A. B. Poole b Gale 29; c Kingston b Houghton 15; G. Springer lbw b Gale 2; not out 4; L. Bambridge b Gale 0; E. D. Linger c and b Wright 4; A. Raley b Gale 19; extras 11 and 4; totals 210 and 91 for six.—R. A. Gale six for 35; K. Tait two for 53; Wright three for 34; Marsden two for 17; Houghton one for 9.

Rushden Thursday v. Bedford Thursday "A"

Rushden Thursday: 137.—Rainbird eight for 51; Clarke two for 45.

Bedford Thursday: R. Howell 1; S. Lilliman 4; N. Rentle 16; G. Spavins 1; E. Rainbird 1; F. Williams 0; D. Smith 0; G. Burton 10; G. Bramble not out 2; D. Clarke 0; D. West 2; extras 1, total 59.

Eastern National Garage v. Grosvenor Club

Grosvenor: M. Green 10; A. Knappman 7; G. Wadd 0; D. Clarke 10; L. Mallows 0; O. Harvey 12; S. Lee 5; A. Ivett 0; D. Haynes not out 5; S. Lawson 2; R. Bull 5; extras 1, total 58.—Filly six for 25; Keeble three for 21.

Eastern National: J. Leadbeater 6; C. Keeble 5; F. Gatehouse 11; R. Filly 15; L. Keeler 8; H. Martin 0; T. Cole 3; E. Hutchings not out 5; J. Cooper not out 7; extras 1, total for seven wickets 61.—Clarke one for 27; Lee four for 35.

Grosvenor Club v. Olsner and Reynolds

Grosvenor: O. Harvey 0; G. Wadd 0; A. Knappman 2; L. Marriott 5; D. Clarke not out 16; D. Haynes 1; E. Faulkner 1; S. Lawson 1; W. Lee 2; R. Bull 0; W. Scott not out 1; extras 5; total for nine wickets 54.—Williamson five for 15; Vincent four for 14.

Olsner and Reynolds: Oman 5; Ratcliffe 7; Lovatt 2; Plummer 9; Hall 1; Williamson 0; Pell 0; Daville 0; Simcoe not out 6; Cox 0; Barrim 0; total 30.—Lee eight for 11; Clarke two for 19; Lee finished off the innings with a hat-trick.

Renhold II v. Igranic II

Igranic: W. Russell 1; C. Crow 2; S. Lowndes 2; Daniels 5; Chandler 0; Oldie 4; Newman 0; Besworth 2; Eccleshall 3; Pinnock 4; Emery not out 11; extras 10; total 52.—A. Duncumbe five for 9; P. Carter five for 11.

Renhold: C. Constant 13; F. Joyce 4; D. Fenton 0; C. Allen 4; J. Robinson 1; K. Rabbitt 7; J. Shorley 0; A. Duncombe 8; P. Carter 0; A. Clarke 5; J. Harvey not out 0; extras 10; total 64.—Lowndes three for 4; Bodsworth four for 22.

Kempston West End v. B. Sharpe's XI
Sharpe's XI: G. Perrin 3; G. Reeks 17; S. Dutton 2; S. Myers 1; G. Newman 27; R. Craddock 0; H. Thompson 0; B. Sharpe c N. France 6; J. Wittle 2; F. Williamson not out 0; extras 6; total 60.—Loff four for 11.

West End: T. Buraway 6; L. Hill 7; A. Palmer 9; L. Millard 5; F. Wells 2; J. Walker 4; F. Lott 1; B. Moore 0; L. Keep 2; L. Jessop not out 6; C. Cooper 9; extras 3; total 51.—Reeks three for 14.

Bromham Nomads v. Southill Park II

Nomads: B. Everest 17; L. White 20; K. Bushell 12; A. White 0; A. Kneller 10; G. Church 7; H. Barnett 11; W. S. Bowen 0; R. Brutty not out 8; S. Tysse 9; J. Church 0; extras 2; total 109; G. Dilley four for 52; Faulkner two for 19; E. Dilley one for 11; Odell two for 26.

Southill: H. Brown 1; P. Brown 0; R. Webb 2; G. Dilley 1; R. Odell 2; N. Stock 4; E. Faulkner 5; C. Chamberlain 1; W. Johnson not out 8; A. Dilley 0; E. Dilley 3; total 27.—A. White four for 9; L. White four for 18.

FOR J. TIMMS'S BENEFIT

A match took place during the week-end between an Odell team and a side captained by Mr. N. B. Wooding, and about £10 was raised for the Testimonial Fund for Jack Timms, the Northamptonshire batsman. Mr. Wooding declared at 91 for seven, and Odell had scored exactly the same total when the last man was bowled. Northamptonshire professionals Garlick, Oldfield, Nutter, and Fiddling took part, and the Odell side included Mr. H. A. Thorne, who, with Mr. Wooding, organized the match.

Bedford Sunday XI 150 for seven, Eaton Saccon 100 for five.

Ascot Training Centre 129, Sheford 69 (Bolton 25).

Bedford Ramblers 164 for seven (Wakstatte 44, Gaunt 38), Dunstable II 128 for eight (Oakley five for 21, Stokes three for 15).

Odell Leather C.C. 57 for nine (Dowdeswell 20, Inman four for 43), Berkens (Harrold) 111 for seven (Pett not out 38; Martin three for 25).

Gentlemen of Udon 175 for five dec. (T. Barry 14; M. Davies 3; W. Garsely not out 60), Officer's Mess, R.A.F., Cardington 95.

CRICKET LEAGUE

Sims Dismisses West End Cheaply

Perhaps the biggest single factor in the continued success of Potton is the bowling of L. Sims. Away from Kempston West End, Potton fell for a moderate score to Loft (four for 15), and Cooper (four for 22), but Sims shattered West End's hopes by taking seven wickets at a personal cost of a fraction over two runs apiece. Potton won by seven.

Another close finish was in the Thurleigh v. Great Barford match, the latter winning by 14 runs. Akeln Barford had Marsh to thank, this time for a half-century that gave backbone to the side's innings. The bowling of W. Skevington (four for 18), and W. Page (three for 15) did the rest.

Cople's ninth wicket pair were together when Mogerhanger's total of 40 was overtaken, and an exciting game was won by three runs. On either side runs were never easy to get against very good fielding and bowling. F. Reid made a valuable contribution to Mogerhanger's score when other batsmen were falling to A. Worral (five for 19), and E. Hull (four for 5). Cople bowled 31 overs, which yielded only 40 in 1 hour 35 minutes. Cople lost seven wickets for 21, but a stubborn 11 not out by Johns banded Mogerhanger.

In Potton II's three wicket win over Sandy, D. Munns made a fine half-century and Boston did the hat-trick.

DIVISION I

Kempston West End v. Potton

Potton: R. Pepper 9, F. Paice 6, F. Clark 9, E. Kitchener 1, J. Turnbull not out 17, J. Stander 1, K. Hardy 1, L. Sims 0, C. Munns 0, G. Randall 2, A. Harris 0, extras 2, total 48.—Loft four for 13, Cooper four for 22. West End: L. Hill 1, C. Anthony 6, M. Barker 0, L. Millard 0, P. Wells 4, J. Litchfield 13, L. Jessop 0, F. Loft 9, J. Walker not out 4, C. Cooper 1, A. Walker 0, extras 3, total 41.—Sims seven for 16, Turnbull two for 8.

Great Barford v. Thurleigh

Great Barford: P. Marsh 55, P. Usher 0, W. Norman 2, F. Seaton 2, W. Skevington 12, D. Jones 2, W. Lee 0, W. Page 0, K. Tatman 1, G. Robinson not out 1, S. Norman 0, extras 20, total 98.—A. Fensome three for 23, J. Asplin two for 12, J. Thorne two for 16, W. Asplin two for 17.

Thurleigh: J. Thorne 16, D. Swepston 1, W. Asplin 5, R. Lavelle not out 19, L. Franklin 9, J. Asplin 4, J. Wazstaffe 7, S. Asplin 9, A. Fensome 0, F. Ball 0, C. Clayton 0, extras 14, total 84.—W. Skevington four for 18, W. Page three for 15, F. Marsh two for 17.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Cople v. Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: S. Reid 3, K. Reid 0, F. Jarvis 0, C. Street 1, R. Reid 17, F. Reid 2, F. Tester 5, S. Green 1, W. Wilsher 2, P. Smith not out 2, R. Phillips 0, extras 7, total 40.—A. Worral five for 19, R. Bennett one for 9, E. Hull four for 5. Cople: E. Hull 2, R. Norman 9, R. Bennett 5, B. Hillyard 0, P. Burr 0, S. Wilsher 1, F. Johnson not out 11, A. Worral 0, D. Shingler 2, R. Minney 6, R. Fowler 0, extras 7, total 43.—R. Reid six for 15, F. Tester four for 21.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Sharnbrook 156 for five dec. (D. Clayson 47, Dimbleby not out 24), Clapham 62 (R. Face 33).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton 91 (H. Swales six for 15), Colmworth 48 (A. Ellison 23), A. Robins four for 19, H. Parker three for 16).

DIVISION IV (SECTION II)

Potton v. Sandy

Sandy: W. Askham 6, F. Quince 35, F. Butcher 3, W. Jeeves 1, G. Hall 2, B. Chapman 27, D. Filby 4, F. Jarvis 0, R. Wakstaff 0, F. Page 1, B. Butcher not out 6, extras 8, total 91.—Boston four for 10, T. Hutchinson four for 23, M. Hutchinson one for 9. Potton: D. Munns 32, M. Mingay 1, J. Hutchinson 0, L. Boston 16, P. Hutchinson 2, W. Evans 6, R. Hutchinson 1, F. Keft 4, not out 10, extras 11, total for seven wickets 101.—Jarvis three for 24, Quince two for 26, Page one for 10, Chapman one for 20.

Roxton v. Ickwell

Ickwell: C. Thompson 0, 5, F. Ebbs 11, 13, A. Woodward 1, 1, J. Newell 0, H. Price 0, 2, F. Tanner 0, 0, G. Dilnech 2, 1, J. King 0, 9, 1, Cole 0, 25, H. Norman not out 3, J. E. Reeks 3, not out 0, extras 1 and 4, totals 21 and 55.

Roxton: A. Usher 2, not out 7, G. Jefferies 2, 16, S. Gadsden 9, not out 9, F. Pret 0, L. Ewert 9, D. Sugars 0, L. Rogers 0, T. Gilbert 5, M. Cooper 1, R. Minney 7, W. Clarke not out 5, extras 3 and 10, totals 56 and 42 for one wicket.

Great Barford II v. Blunham II

Great Barford: P. Minney 16, J. Sims 15, B. Cope 17, G. Mardlin 1, M. Maskell 0, S. Skevington ret'd. hurt 35, R. Herridge 3, J. Cooper 0, R. Sabey not out 9, M. West 1, T. Sabey 2, extras 17, total 113.—L. Brown three for 23, J. Sims two for 11, P. Rawlings two for 19, A. Sims one for 18.

Blunham: C. Rawlings 5, G. Baker 5, P. Rawlings 10, J. Sims 3, L. Brown 42, F. Abbott 3, H. Sims 8, R. Harding 0, E. Jefferies 0, R. Stevens not out 0, A. Sims 3, extras 4, total 81.—P. Minney seven for 25, R. Sabey two for 7.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Marston v. Turvey

Turvey: R. Frost 22, H. Sergeant 22, R. Townley 10, A. Sugars 5, A. Gilke 1, E. Paynton 3, T. Hudson 3, J. Letts 0, D. Williams 2, M. Da-hwood not out 6, W. Cockings 0, extras 10, total 146.—A. Knight seven for 40, D. Evans two for 21, S. Knight one for 20.

Marston: J. Nicholls 9, L. Odell 7, A. Goodman 2, A. Bunker 4, A. Knight 2, C. Gaves 0, C. Thompson 5, R. Stapleton 3, V. Hale 0, D. Evans 2, G. Knight not out 0, extras 3, total 37.—F. Paynton seven for 19, A. Sugars one for 12, R. Townley one for 3.

Lavendon 34 (G. Stevens seven for 16, Newbury three for 15), Havnes 85 (J. Stevens 30; Uttley five for 22).

THE LEAGUE TABLES

Up to and including 23rd July

DIVISION I

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Potton	12	10	2	0	20
Great Barford	12	10	2	0	20
Blunham	12	7	5	0	14
Little Staughton	10	6	3	1	13
Renhold	10	4	5	1	9
Marston	10	2	6	2	6
Thurleigh	10	2	7	1	5
Langford	10	3	7	0	5
West End Club	10	2	8	0	4

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Mogerhanger	9	7	1	1	15
Cople	10	5	4	1	11
Great Staughton	8	5	3	0	10
Wilden	9	3	5	1	7
Perthenhall	8	3	5	0	6
Haynes	9	3	4	0	6
South End Ramblers	8	2	5	1	5

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Pavenham	9	7	0	0	18
Felmersham	9	6	3	0	12
Clapham	9	6	3	0	12
Sharnbrook	7	3	2	0	10
Wood End	7	2	4	0	4
Stansden	9	1	8	0	2
Oakley	9	1	8	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
West End Club	7	5	1	1	11
Little Staughton	9	5	4	0	10
Colmworth	7	3	2	0	8
Great Staughton	9	4	2	0	8
Thurleigh	8	4	4	0	8
Hail Weston	8	3	4	1	7
Keyzor	6	1	5	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Roxton	10	8	2	0	16
Ickwell II	9	7	1	0	15
Blunham	9	6	3	0	12
Tempsford	10	5	4	1	11
Potton II	9	4	5	0	8
Great Barford	9	3	6	0	6
Willington	8	2	6	0	4
Sandy	10	1	9	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Turvey	9	8	1	0	16
North Crawley	8	7	0	0	14
Melthoume	10	5	5	0	10
Riseley	8	5	3	0	10
Marston	9	4	5	0	8
Clapham	9	2	7	0	4
Lavendon	8	2	6	0	4
Haynes	7	0	7	0	0

YOUNG BEDFORD

GRANADIERS WIN K.O. CUP

Granadiers and All Saints' Boys' Club Juniors met in the final round of Bedford and District Youth Cricket League Knock-out Cup in Bedford Park on Thursday and Friday and the result was a win for Granadiers by 23 runs. All Saints put up a plucky fight and the result was in doubt until the last ball.

Winning the toss, All Saints put Granadiers in and Moon and Oakley gave them a good start until Oakley was run out. De Gras joined Moon, who was batting very well, but when Moon was out l.b.w. there was a collapse, and six wickets were down for 33. Saunders and O'Dell had a useful stand and then Hargreaves and R. Keech put on 27 runs for the last wicket. Hargreaves made 16 not out and Keech's 13 included two fours.

All Saints started very steadily on their task of making 87 runs to win. Haynes and Jessup opening to the bowling of Oakley and Hargreaves. With seven runs on the board, however, Haynes was run out from a smart return by J. Saunders, De Gras whipping off the bails before he could regain the crease.

In the meantime, Jessup was batting very steadily. After Pulley was bowled he was joined by Warman and these two took the score along to 32. Hargreaves then took two quick wickets, clean bowling Smart and Ashpole, and then Warman was caught by Keech in the outfield.

Just as it looked as though All Saints might be dismissed cheaply, Worrall took charge, scoring an excellent 21, which included one four and four threes. After he was bowled by Warren, however, the end soon came and the side was all out for 64.

Granadiers: Moon lbw b Smart 20, Oakley run out 5, De Gras b Haynes 3, Harvey b Smart 0, Warren b Smart 2, Daniels b Pulley 2, Saunders b Haynes 9, O'Dell b Smart 7, Hargreaves not out 16, Bartlett b Smart 0, Keech b Smart 13, extras 9, total 86.—Smart six for 23.

All Saints: Haynes run out 1, Jessup c Bartlett b Warren 17, Pulley b Oakley 4, Warman c Keech b Warren 14, Smart b Hargreaves 4, Ashpole b Hargreaves 0, Worrall b Warren 21, Collins c O'Dell b Warren 1, Hare not out 0, Worker b Warren 0, extras 2, total 64.—Warren five for 8, Hargreaves two for 28, Oakley one for 24.

YOUTH CLUBS' CRICKET LEAGUE

Points to Date

Section 1			
	p.	w.	l. d. pts.
Harpur Sports	15	14	1 0 28
Queen's Works	12	8	4 0 16
Bedford Boys' Club	10	6	4 0 12
All Saints' B.C.	10	6	4 0 12
Southend Y.C. "A"	10	5	5 0 10
Goldington Road	9	3	6 0 6
Elstow Road B.C.	10	3	7 0 6
Southend Y.C. "A"	5	2	3 0 4
Clapham Rd Y.C.	11	0	11 0 0
Section 2			
	p.	w.	l. d. pts.
Granadiers C.C.	12	9	3 0 18
All Saints' B.C.	10	8	2 0 16
Thurleigh C.C.	11	5	5 1 11
Bedford Boys' Club	12	5	7 0 10
Stardsen Juniors	8	4	3 1 9
Queen's Park	8	2	6 0 4
Elstow Road B.C.	9	1	8 0 2

All league fixtures are to be completed by 27th August in both sections.

K.O. Cup Semi-Final (Section 1)

Southend Y.C. "A" v. Harpur Sports.

Bedford Boys' Club v. Goldington Road Y.C.

Fixtures to be played by 20th August.

The K.O. Cup final (Section 1) will be played during week ending 27th August.

CRICKET FIXTURES (Week ending 13th August)

Section 1

All Saints' B.C. v. Goldington Road Y.C.

Clapham Road Y.C. v. Harpur Sports.

Southend Y.C. "A" v. Queen's Works.

Queen's Works v. Bedford A.T.C.

Elstow Road B.C. v. Bedford B.C.

Goldington Road Y.C. v. Southend Y.C. "A".

Section 2

Queen's Park v. All Saints' B.C.

Diemer and Reynolds v. Grosvenor Club

Diemer and Reynolds won by 16 runs.

Diemer's: V. Onan 0, G. J. Plummer 5, R. Ratcliff 0, D. Williamson 19, P. Pell not out 24, N. J. McMullen not out 24, extras 8, total (for 4 wkts.) 80. Clarke two for 7, Lee one for 6.

Grosvenor Club: M. Green 0, C. Steen 3, D. Clarke 16, D. Pallant not out 13, Harvey 3, E. Faulkner 8, S. Lawson 2, D. Johnston 0, W. Lee 7, L. Malloys not out 6, extras 6, total (for 8 wkts.) 64. McMullen four for 15, Williamson four for 43.

Bedford League

POTTON'S NARROW WIN OVER RENHOLD

In Division I, a close game was seen by a large crowd on the Recreation Ground, where Potton Town beat Renhold by 14 runs. The visitors, winning the toss, batted first, and despite useful scores by Wooton, F. Joyce, and F. Harlow, they were all out for 65. J. Standen took four for 7.

Potton soon met with a reverse, but fine batting by E. Clarke, assisted by J. Standen and K. Hardy, carried the home team to another win. Scores:

Renhold: P. Harlow 1, C. Harlow 4, W. Harlow 5, F. Shorley 6, F. Harlow 11, J. Norman 0, F. Joyce 13, R. Brice 1, J. Wooton 14, B. Cowley not out 1, A. Norman 5, extras 4, total 65. Bowling: T. Kitchener two for 20, J. Turnbull three for 12, E. Clarke one for 22, J. Standen four for 7.

Potton: R. Pepper 0, F. Paice 7, K. Woodman 3, E. Clarke 34, T. Kitchener 2, J. Turnbull 2, J. Standen 10, C. Munns 0, K. Hardy 10, P. Hutchinson 5, A. Harris not out 0, extras 6, total 79. Bowling: J. Norman four for 20, W. Harlow one for 20, A. Norman one for 8, F. Harlow one for 16, J. Wooton three for 7.

K. COUSINS'S GREAT PERFORMANCE

A Century : Then Six Cheap Wickets

Another grand all-round performance by K. Cousins was the feature of Eversholt's 135 runs win over Bedford Argus on Saturday.

Cousins was undefeated after scoring 143 runs, and then claimed six Argus wickets for only 21 runs.

His score enabled Eversholt to declare at the large total of 254 for five and his bowling was chiefly responsible for putting Argus out for 119.

Eversholt: R. Oakley 18, C. Brown 37, M. Ryan 8, K. Cousins not out 143, A. Oakley 0, E. Jarvis 3, P. Barr not out 28, extras 17, total 254 for five declared. Roberts two for 54, Smith three for 25.

Argus: A. H. Dexter 19, R. West 32, M. Birkert 9, M. Roberts 1, S. Barnes 0, R. Mians 22, B. J. Hazel 1, H. Page 5, L. F. Stonebridge 2, J. Smith not out 17, A. A. Coomb 2, extras 9, total 119. A. Oakley three for 72, K. Cousins six for 21.

EIGHT MEN OUT FOR SIX RUNS

Eight Willington batsmen added only six runs in their game with Sandy on Saturday in the Bedford and District League, Division III (Section II). After being 42 for two, the whole side were out for 48. This total was easily passed by Sandy, who thus gained the "double." Scores:

Willington: J. Moss 15, D. Hull 2, L. Hull 13, A. Beaumont 7, N. Sawford 0, R. Theobalds 4, H. Cooper 0, D. Brown 1, S. Cave 0, F. Godber not out 0, G. Baines 0, extras 6, total 48. R. Wagstaff one for 8, S. Wagstaff one for 8, Quince four for 3, Hall four for 9.

Sandy: W. Askem 6, W. Quince 11, G. Hall 7, H. Wagstaff 20, F. K. Butcher 1, W. Jeeves 10, F. Jarvis 12, R. Wagstaff 2, S. Wagstaff not out 11, J. Fage 0, B. Butcher 1, extras 6, total 87. Godber four for 13, D. Hull two for 23, Moss two for 7, Sawford one for 21.

POLICE OUT OF HOSPITAL CUP

Ickwell Through to Semi-Final

Ickwell defeated the County Police in the fourth round of the Hospital Cup in Bedford Park.

For Ickwell Reeks scored freely off the bowling of Morris and Hepworth. Then the brothers Wright added runs quickly. The Police soon lost Willis, and Morris and Cox found runs difficult to obtain off the accurate Sheldon. The former was dismissed from a fine catch in the gully.

The Police tail-enders made valiant efforts to catch up with the clock, but in the failing light they could not connect.

Ickwell meet Eversholt in the semi-final.

Ickwell: Reeks 26, Marson 0, Ralphs 7, Humphries 15, Sheldon 0, A. Wright 20, R. Wright 27, Turnbull 0, Dilleigh 2, Parrish not out 1, Hillyard 3, extras 4, total (for 9 wkts.) 105.

Police: Morris 28, Willis 0, Cox 9, Cottrell 20, Hepworth 1, Austin 18, Ellis 0, Horne not out 7, Wilby 7, Reid not out 0, extras 2, total (for 8 wkts.) 92. Collection: £9.9s. 3d.

EARLY BATSMEN OUT CHEAPLY

Kempston Defeated at Rushden

Kempston made a poor start against Rushden on Saturday and half the side was out for only 30 runs. A bright half-century by Parker and a sixth wicket partnership which added 66, enabled them to make a good recovery. The innings closed for 117. For Rushden C. O'Dell took four for 7 and D. Mantle four for 19.

Rushden batted soundly and passed the Kempston total for the loss of five wickets. They were all out for 143.

Kempston: G. Darlow 0, H. White 2, R. Turner 4, J. Ager 3, J. Tysoe 13, A. Parker 52, W. F. Bennion 22, C. Luff 11, G. Davis 5, L. Hills 0, P. Haynes 4, extras 1, total 117.

Rushden: 143.

BLUNHAM BATSMAN HITS A CENTURY IN BOUNDARIES

In an all-day match on August Monday between Sandy and Blunham a total of 534 runs were scored in 6½ hours play, and sixteen sixes and sixty-six fours were hit. Most remarkable feat was that of F. Chapman, who scored 104 runs in boundaries and sixes out of his total of 122 not out.

Batting first, Blunham totalled 219, of which Chapman, bats in at number seven, made 122. His score included no less than four sixes and twenty fours. In reply, Sandy made 172. B. Sims being top scorer with 40.

In a second knock of 45 minutes each, Blunham made 70 for eight and Sandy 94 for four.

Blunham: C. Saunders 7, R. Harding 6, E. Joyce 21, R. Kidman 0, F. Abbott 0, B. Sims 29, F. Chapman not out 122, B. Marley 0, R. Clarke 0, J. Sims 0, P. Hawkins 7, extras 13, total 219. Hoop three for 79, Chapman two for 42, Cooper one for 34, Joyce four for 54.

Sandy: R. Brown 0, H. Single 0, B. Spiller 10, A. Saunders 10, S. Cooper 25, N. Hoyle 4, F. Joyce 17, G. Cooper 16, W. Ashham 16, B. Chapman 5, A. Potts not out 1, extras 38, total 172. Clarke four for 75, B. Sims four for 12, Rawlin one for 22, Mares one for 25.

Second Innings (45 minutes): Blunham 70 for eight, Sandy 95 for four.

Old Warden v. Elstow

Elstow: C. Penden 10, P. Meares 0, B. Lowe 0, J. Minns 2, R. Bennett 13, D. George 9, V. Jones 8, F. Fane 0, B. Lark 0, K. Brown 3, M. Cirkett not out 1, extras 16, total 62. D. Berridge four for 9, G. Berridge two for 8, Vintner two for 5. Second Innings: 49.

Old Warden: R. Baylis 0, E. Cooper 15, D. Berridge 1, R. Gale 11, J. Cooper 1, G. Perinche 1, A. Cooper 7, J. Newton 1, F. Dilley 0, P. Vintner 10, G. Smith not out 4, extras 50, total 117. Bennett five for 28, Luck two for 52. Luck two for 11.

Pavenham President's XI v. Pavenham President's XI: R. Bosburg 11, L. Church 11, G. U. A. Read 3, A. Tandy 16, P. Barrett 11, A. Rowell 16, C. C. Craig 0, Rev. A. Martin 8, A. Tandy 2, Mober J. B. Ridger 6, F. Wissel not out 0, extras 2, total 88.

Pavenham: A. Whidman 12, G. Wesley 5, G. Staley 79, J. Pearson 4, F. Crawley 0, G. Curtis not out 24, H. Ashpole 2, S. Coleman 3, extras 4, total for seven wickets 95.

Clifton v. Wymington

Clifton: G. Crouch 8, T. Noble 20, P. Wright 11, A. Barker 19, D. Whatmore 49, E. Whittington 39, J. Sunderland 1, G. Maves 23, P. Whithead 1, A. Lander 1, R. Wood not out 19, extras 23, total 253. Coley four for 65, Smeathers two for 16, Desborough two for 34, J. Twelvetree two for 5.

Wymington: J. Twelvetree not out 34, D. D. D. D. D. 10, B. Lewis 6, H. B. Jolley 1, B. B. B. 2, S. B. Smeathers 1, P. Twelvetree 4, not out 7, W. Dilley 2, not out B. F. Abbott 7, F. Smith 1, C. Coley 0, extras 11 and B. totals 82 and 52 for six. P. Wright five for 19 and two for 6, G. Crouch one for 5, J. Noble one for 7, G. Maves one for 10 and one for 1, A. Barker two for 8, J. Sunderland one for 29.

Great Barford II v. Renhold II

Half centuries by G. Robinson for Great Barford and K. Rabbit of Renhold, were the features of this game, which Great Barford won by nine runs.

Great Barford II: G. Robinson 50, G. Sims 5, S. Skevington 9, P. Minney 5, J. Jeffs 8, M. Jeffs 6, S. Norman 3, R. Berridge 0, T. Sabey 4, M. Maskell 12, J. Cooper not out 12, extras 19, total 131. Duncombe five for 59, Fenton three for 39, Robinson two for 26.

Renhold II: D. Fenton 1, J. Robinson 1, D. Stapleton 22, C. Allen 4, K. Rabbit 43, A. Duncombe 0, C. Marsh 15, J. Shorley 6, H. Norman 4, A. Clarke 0, J. Stapleton not out 0, extras 14, total 123. Sabey two for 3, Sims two for 4, M. Jeffs two for 26, J. Jeffs two for 27, Robinson one for 10.

Bedford Thursday v. Phipps Brewery (Northampton)

Match drawn.

Thursday: J. Bellier 2, S. Smith 0, A. Webster 51, R. Wisson 25, W. Poole not out 55, J. Mitchell 2, N. Reilly 8, T. Rose 15, R. Sims not out 1, extras 23, total for seven wickets declared 159.

Phipps: 129 for nine (Wisson five for 58).

Diemer and Reynolds v. Stevington

Diemer's: K. Backitt not out 58, G. J. Plummer 7, D. Williamson 29, P. Pell 10, P. Crisp 0, N. J. McMillen 6, H. E. Bartram 0, F. Diemer 1, J. Webb 0, J. Daville 0, M. Linger 0, extras 4, total 99. Curtis three for 12, Puerer four for 39, Bird three for 27.

Stevington: Warwick 4, A. Cox 11, Bird 6, Purser 10, Aspley 3, Curtis 4, H. Dart 0, Bullett 3, W. Tucker 4, Day 9, B. Dart not out 0, extras 19, total 55. McMillen six for 50, Williamson four for 21.

Baptist v. Thurlleigh

Thurlleigh: J. Thorne 40, R. Swanton 1, W. Asplin 16, R. Lovell 5, J. Wagstaff 17, J. Asplin 0, B. Hill 11, S. Asplin 6, J. Beull 0, A. Fenmore 13, B. Ingle not out 8, extras 12, total 168. J. Markham three for 32, F. Butler three for 38, S. George two for 27.

Baptist: F. Housden 15, G. Clark 10, S. George 17, F. Wainett not out 34, C. George 0, E. Pearson 2, J. Markham 7, F. Wainett not out 9, extras 14, total for six wickets 140. J. Wagstaff four for 27.

Baptist v. Stevington

Baptist: G. Spencer 0, R. Craddock 12, E. Pearson 5, L. Coleman 12, A. Cooper 0, F. Wainett 6, A. Burton 3, M. Fiske not out 17, J. Northwood 6, T. Howell 0, C. George 0, extras 4, total 65. G. Curtis four for 21, W. Tucker three for 17.

Stevington: A. Cox 15, W. Bird 1, L. Cook 9, G. Curtis 32, J. Curtis 1, R. Mackness 7, L. Aspley not out 17, D. Purser not out 3, extras 1, total for six wickets 84. G. Spencer four for 30, M. Fiske two for 31.

Bromham Nomads v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: J. Dunkley 0, H. Grey 24, E. Stanton 1, R. Odell 5, W. Rich 4, C. Jeneries 9, T. Wright 5, R. Knight 0, G. Read not out 5, B. Ward 1, M. Martin 2, extras 6, total 60. Tysse four for 17, Everest two for 10, Catling one for 5, A. White one for 7, C. White one for 9.

Nomads: B. Everest feld 55, A. Batten 0, A. White 6, A. Kneller 7, W. S. Bowen 5, C. White 5, H. Barnett 3, A. Catling 6, S. Tysse 21, J. Church 1, J. Catling not out 4, extras 8, total 119. Knight four for 11, Stanton three for 26, Odell one for 24.

Bromham Nomads v. Tom Tits

Tom Tits: P. Green 14, J. Richardson 12, J. Taylor 15, J. Jones 12, S. Pryer 0, M. Hale 2, L. Maclellan 40, E. Drake 18, A. Barnett 32, J. Nightingale 8, H. Elliott not out 4, extras 16, total 171. Tysse five for 30, Church three for 25, A. White one for 25, King one for 24.

Nomads: G. Church 1, W. E. Bowen 1, L. White 5, B. Everest 58, W. S. Bowen 3, A. Catling 20, S. Tysse 15, A. White 1, D. King 1, A. Rutter not out 1, J. Church 1, extras 5, total 92. Jones four for 11, Taylor four for 7, Green two for 29.

Southill Park Sunday XI v. Letchworth

Letchworth: 42. A. Dilley five for 7, A. Swain two for 0, Ballard one for 6, A. Buttane one for 25.

Southill Park: G. Collins 3, K. D. Ballard 8, G. S. Gilbert 5, K. Roberts not out 14, V. Grimshaw 17, extras 5, total for four wickets 140. G. Robertson two for 28.

Southill Park II v. Crayke

Crayke won by 42 runs.

Crayke: C. Park 8, F. James 8, E. Davies 1, H. Childs 15, E. Mucall 2, L. Osborne 6, E. Crouch 15, R. Thornton 5, R. Wildman not out 9, D. Pulley 8, C. Sharp 0, extras 8, total 85. Clark four for 29, Faulkner three for 70, Odell three for 25.

Southill Park: I. Brown 0, P. Brown 2, R. Webb 9, R. Odell 4, J. Clark 15, E. Faulkner 0, C. Chamberlain 4, E. Dilley 3, W. Johnson 1, H. Gray 1, A. Dilley not out 5, total 44. Crouch four for 12, Mucall four for 13, Park one for 6, Davies one for 15.

Clifton v. Wymondley

Wymondley: 95. Wright five for 39, Whatmore four for 25, Maves one for 11.

Clifton: G. Crouch 0, J. Noble 0, A. Barker 0, P. Wicket 5, D. Whatmore 21, J. Sunderland 7, R. Ireland 0, G. Maves 8, R. Wood 2, M. Horwood 0, A. Lander not out 2, extras 4, total 55. R. Hony five for 20, H. Symonds five for 51.

Crosvenor Club v. Franklin's

Crosvenor: M. Green 0, H. Wadsworth 25, C. Steen 1, O. Harvey not out 11, R. Pallant not out 50, extras 5, total for three wickets 95. Cockings two for 30, Washington one for 10.

Franklin's: Lillman 14, Malbous 5, Morrison 0, Lilley 5, Washington 0, MacPherson 0, Maddox 5, Cockings 1, Rolfe 1, Tebbitt not out 5, Millard not out 19, extras 16, total for nine wickets 75. Clarke four for 19, Wadsworth one for 19, Lee two for 9, Green one for 12.

Bedford Fire Service v. Wilden

Wilden: B. Ashpole 16, W. Norman 4, J. Ashpole 16, G. Wright 10, J. Asplin 22, V. Pell 4, E. Pell 1, J. Pell 10, J. Stone 0, V. Ashpole 11, J. Jones not out 0, extras 9, total 105. Ashley two for 25, Millard three for 25, Fisher four for 19.

Fire Service: Pallant 58, Harrison 12, Eagles 7, C. Newman 47, Ashley 8, Danes 25, Read not out 6, Ames 2, extras 19, total for seven wickets 175. B. Ashpole two for 34, J. Ashpole one for 40, V. Pell two for 25, Asplin one for 25, Norman one for 0.

Bedford 210 for three dec. (E. C. Howard 105, J. Harris not out 46), Leighton Buzzard 180 for seven.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Close Win by Great Barford

Little Staughton provided Great Barford with their best game of the season in Division I on Saturday, the result being in doubt until the closing minutes. Great Barford won by one wicket, chiefly as a result of the batting and bowling of W. Page. He was top scorer with 23 and took four for 11. L. Saunders was prominent for Little Staughton. Last man in, he scored 15 and then took six Great Barford wickets for 48.

Runs were scarce at Potton on Saturday when Renhold were beaten by 14. E. Clarke scored 34 out of Potton's total of 79.

A good third-wicket partnership between W. and F. Harlow helped Renhold to gain an exciting win by three runs over Langford on August Monday. W. Harlow, top scorer with 40, also took four for 17.

Burham just failed to force a win on Saturday. Langford, their opponents, being 72 runs short of their total of 159 with only one wicket in hand at close of play. Langford took nearly two hours over their 87.

All out for fifteen in the first innings, Mogerhanger recovered in their second knock to beat Wilden by seven runs. Wilden's first innings total was only 18, and in the whole game there were nineteen "ducks". Rowlets had some remarkable analyses. R. Reinhold (for Mogerhanger) took nine for 5 in the first innings and three for 31 in the second, and for Wilden, B. Ashpole took seven for 8 and four for 17.

Despite being top scorer (33) and obtaining the best bowling analysis (five for 22), M. Evans could not save his side, South End Hamblers, from defeat by Haynes.

PAVENHAM CHAMPIONS

By virtue of their victory over Sharnbrook on Saturday, Pavenham made sure of winning the Division II (Section II) championship. After losing their first four wickets for 12 runs, Pavenham recovered through a fifth wicket stand by G. Curtis and J. Turner to come within two of Sharnbrook's total of 57. Curtis then retired with a cut shin, but returned to carry his bat for 37. He also took seven for 18.

Thurleigh could muster only a total of 11 runs against West End II, seven batsmen registering "ducks". Responsible for the collapse was L. Keep, who claimed six for 3. In a second knock, Thurleigh made 52. Keep again taking six for 3.

Eight Willington batsmen totalled only six runs against Sandy. They were all out for 48, after being 12 for two. Sandy won easily to complete the "double" over Willington.

DIVISION I

Little Staughton v. Great Barford

Little Staughton: G. Robins 13, S. Stapleton 5, R. Thorne 0, C. Brown 5, V. Banks 0, G. Stapleton 0, R. Robins 7, S. Robins 17, P. Quenby 0, S. Hall not out, B. L. Saunders 15, extras 8, total 72.—W. Page four for 11, D. Page three for 22, Skevington two for 16.

Great Barford: F. Marsh 18, A. Norman 1, E. Lee 1, W. Norman 0, W. Skevington 0, D. Page 3, W. Page 23, D. Jones 5, F. Seaton 0, K. Tatman not out 13, J. Lee not out 3, extras 7, total for nine wickets 81.—Saunders six for 48, J. Lee three for 25.

Renhold v. Potton

Renhold: P. Burlew 1, C. Harlow 4, W. Harlow 5, F. Shortley 0, F. Harlow 11, J. Norman 0, F. Joyce 15, R. Brice 1, J. Wootton 14, B. Cowley not out 1, A. Norman 5, extras 4, total 65.—T. Kitchener two for 20, J. Turnbull three for 17, E. Clarke one for 22, J. Standen four for 7.

Potton: R. Peppin 0, F. Pulce 7, K. Woodman 3, E. C. Ke 31, T. Kitchener 2, J. Turnbull 2, J. Standen 10, C. Munns 0, K. Harve 10, P. Hutchinson 7, A. Harris not out 0, extras 6, total 79.—J. Norman four for 20, W. Harlow one for 20, A. Norman one for 8, F. Harlow one for 16, J. Wootton three for 7.

Langford v. Renhold

Langford: T. Chessum 19, C. Dilley 12, S. Gentle 2, J. Swain 4, B. Killy 20, D. Sawford not out 1, P. Roberts 18, D. King 1, G. Brown 1, extras 11, total 94.—W. Harlow four for 17, A. Norman two for 23, Wootton three for 11, Duncombe one for 14.

Renhold: F. Harlow 0, G. Harlow 1, W. Harlow 40, F. Harlow 20, J. Norman 13, F. Joyce 0, R. Brice 2, J. Wootton 8, D. Fenton 0, A. Norman 0, A. Duncombe not out 0, extras 3, total 97.—Whiteman six for 35, King two for 27, Huckle one for 12, Dilley one for 8.

Burham v. Langford

Burham: B. Stacey 4, G. Harding 1, C. Saunders 45, E. Joyce 14, B. Sims 13, F. Chapman 40, B. Marles 1, R. Clarke not out 21, R. Rawlins 4, R. Sims not out 3, extras 10, total for eight wickets dec. 159.—Whiteman two for 37, King four for 43, Dilley two for 19.

Langford: T. Chessum 24, C. Dilley 12, S. Gentle 2, J. Swain 4, B. Killy 20, D. Sawford not out 1, P. Roberts 18, D. King 1, G. Brown 1, extras 11, total for nine wickets 87.—Marles one for 37, Stacey six for 18, Clarke two for 10.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Mogerhanger v. Wilden

Mogerhanger: S. Reid 2 0, K. Reid 2 16, F. Jarvis 0 4, R. Reid 0 not out 3, C. Street 2 32, F. Reid 2 not out 1, F. Tester 1, W. Wilsher 3, B. Green 0, L. Harding 0, D. Smith not out 0, extras 5 and 6, total 15 and 64.—B. Ashpole seven for 8 and four for 17, J. Ashpole three for 3 and one for 7.

Wilden: G. Wright 0 0, B. Ashpole 0 20, V. Pell 4 0, B. Pell 0 0, J. Pell 5 1, J. Ashpole not out 2 not out 21, V. Ashpole 0 3, F. Pell 0 1, Northfield 5 0, E. Stanton 0 0, R. Stone 0 0, extras 4 and 8, totals 18 and 54.—K. Reid nine for 5 and three for 31, Tester one for 9 and five for 15.

Haynes v. South End

South End: G. Ferguson 5, A. Spire 5, T. Ruff 0 1, Jones 0, R. Maddison 0, M. Evans 32, H. Allen 3, R. Pallant 24, Tompkins 2, W. Ruff 1, J. Litchfield not out 17, extras 14, total 91.—Joy five for 27, Daniels four for 20.

Haynes: R. Baker 12, C. Burnage 30, F. Bair 8, J. Oliver 0, G. Potter 23, C. Joy 4, J. Hudson 7, A. Bass 28, R. Daniels not out 10, F. Baker 6, A. Webb 9, extras 14, total 83.—Evans five for 22, Pallant one for 4, Jones one for 6, Ruff one for 14, Spire one for 15, Allen one for 25.

Perlenhall v. Cople

Perlenhall: A. George 21, Jack Roddis 8, S. George 15, V. Roddis 9, Joe Roddis 15, W. Priestand 0, F. Bull 0, J. Smith 7, J. Elliott 6, H. Stewart not out 0, W. Smith 0, extras 6, total 87.—R. Minney three for 11.

Cople: T. Hull 17, S. Norman 2, B. Hilliard 20, R. Min 5, F. Johnson 0, A. Worrall 12, R. Bennett 8, P. Burr 4, D. Shiner 14, S. Wilsher 1, R. Fowler not out 1, extras 7, total 89.—V. Roddis four for 15.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Pavenham v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 13, D. Claxson 6, D. Dunkley 10, R. Alcock 0, H. Dunkley 5, L. Paery 2, G. Baxby 1, D. Greenway 0, D. Benson 1, K. Bundell 0, J. Haslav not out 2, extras 17, total 57.—Curtis seven for 18.

Pavenham: A. Whidman 1, N. Wesley 0, S. Coleman 1, G. Curtis not out 37, A. Wesley 0, J. Turner 10, J. Crawley 21, J. Tandy 10, G. Seeley 5, J. Pearson 6, S. Lovell 3, extras 4, total 101.

Oakley v. Stagsden

Oakley: F. Rainbow 0, B. Brown 8, B. Saunders 13, J. Rainbow 8, B. Croft 6, B. Donegan 0, H. Dye 1, G. Croft 1, W. Stanger not out 4, T. Tompkinson 0, S. Moore 5, extras 4, total 51.—Donnett six for 20.

Stagsden: G. Perrin 19, L. Myers 1, M. Hunt 4, G. Newman 22, S. Dutton 0, H. Newman 0, G. Bounie 2, F. Frossell 7, J. Alder 0, W. Woolston not out 0, R. Alder 0, extras 2, total 65.—Horn five for 22.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh v. West End

Thurleigh: R. Rerrill 1, R. Whitmore 0 0, K. Wakstaff 0 not out 6, L. Franklin 1 0, L. Wildman 2 7, B. Holley 0 26, G. Gammous 3 0, C. J. Clayton 0 6, C. Mayes 0 1, C. J. Clayton 0 1, L. Goddard not out 0 0, extras 4 and 4, totals 31 and 52.—Webb four for 4, Keep six for 5; second innings, Keep six for 5.

West End: A. Hyde 5, M. Barker 8, P. Percival 1, T. Wells 2, W. Holby 1, D. Loft 3, S. Simard 0, A. Webb 3, L. Keep 14, J. Duxwood not out 5, K. Belton 8, extras 3, total 51.—Mayes four for 13.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Blunham

Roxton: A. Baber 1, S. Jefferies 2, B. Pett 11, D. Sugars 17, L. Livett 0, L. Rogers 0, W. Clarke 6, T. Gilbert 0, R. Clarke 1, E. Darlow 2, W. Stapleton not out 5, extras 3, total 45.—Rawlins seven for 30, J. Sims two for 19, A. Sims one for 14.

Blunham: P. Rawlins 4, R. Harding 8, G. Barker 0, F. Abbott 10, L. Brown 17, J. Sims not out 21, R. Stevens 0, A. Sims 20, E. Jefferies 2, H. Sims 0, J. Barker 0, extras 6, total 91.—Jefferies two for 21, Gilbert three for 28, Sugars two for 29, Usher two for 5.

Willington v. Sandy

Willington: J. Moss 13, D. Hull 2, L. Hill 13, A. Beaumont 7, N. Sawford 0, R. Theobalds 4, H. Croft 0, D. Brown 1, S. Cave 0, F. Godber not out 0, G. Barnes 0, extras 6, total 48.—R. Wakstaff one for 8, S. Wakstaff one for 8, Quince four for 5, Hall four for 9.

Sandy: W. Askem 6, W. Quince 11, G. Hall 7, H. Wakstaff 20, F. K. Butcher 1, W. Jeeves 10, F. Jarvis 12, R. Wakstaff 2, S. Wakstaff not out 11, J. Pace 0, B. Butcher 1, extras 6, total 87.—Godber four for 13, D. Hill two for 25, Moss two for 7, Sawford one for 21.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Haynes v. Clapham

Clapham: G. Hammond 15, J. Pickering 1, R. Burgess 5, R. Heiman 0, R. Bass 5, F. Pickering 6, A. Cope 12, C. Sargent 1, T. Keech 3, C. Puxer 5, B. Hunt not out 0, extras 5, total 65.—Haynes: C. Daniels 1, W. Newbury 11, A. Dear 15, B. Joffard 30, A. Keen 28, A. Bennett 17, D. Neale 4, G. Stevens not out 10, S. Potter 16, J. Baker 27, D. Parsons 2, extras 3, total 172.

HOWARD ON THE RAMPAGE

Two Sixes, 16 Fours at Stevenage

A not-out innings of 129 by Eric Howard, including two sixes and sixteen fours, was the highlight of Bedford Town's drawn game with Stevenage on Sunday.

Bedford's bowlers could make little impression on the Stevenage batsmen. Though Linger got a quick wicket the second pair carried the score to 92 before Thorn caught Hills from his own bowling.

Bedford: E. Howard not out 129, E. Smith c Allison b Gardner 0, E. Hawkins b Gardner 2, D. Parren b Woods 6, A. Thorn c Gardner b Watson 6, C. Thorn c Allison b Gardner 22, J. Tusting b Gardner 5, W. Baker b Gardner 0, M. Suckley b Hills 9, F. Breeze not out 15, extras 17, total 211. Gardner five for 58, Watson one for 21, Hills one for 31, Woods one for 88.

Stevenage: J. Cox b Linger 10, A. Hills c and b Thorn 30, R. Watson c Thorn b Linger 60, N. Gardner b Baker 19, G. Woods c Hawkins b Thorn 6, J. Allison not out 19, extras 7, total 151 for five. Linger two for 30, Thorn two for 65, Baker one for 35.

TOP SCORER AND BEST BOWLER

A Ramblers' Passenger Helps Opponents

A man who travelled with a Bedford Ramblers player to their match with Newport Pagnell on Saturday turned out for the home side, for they were one short.

He was Newport's top scorer with 34, and best bowler (four for 19). He was—K. Pickering, former Gloucestershire 2nd XI player!

The Ramblers won by two wickets, however. The result was in the balance until the final over.

Newport had five wickets down for 22, but the score reached 99.

Ramblers lost two wickets for seven, but Valentine and Draper added a valuable 40 for the third wicket. Despite Newport's bowling successes the score mounted steadily, and their total was passed with two wickets in hand. Scores:

Newport Pagnell: 99. Moller seven for 25, Hood two for 16, Martin one for 25).

Ramblers: W. F. Gaunt 1, J. Valentine 33, H. F. Stokes 2, E. Draper 20, I. Wagstaffe 4, L. J. Harper 1, R. F. Ferriman 19, W. H. Crouch 1, L. Hood 8, P. Moller 7, W. Martin not out 0, extras 6, total 102. (K. Pickering four for 19, Watts two for 4, Baxter one for 16, Danby one for 14, Warriner one for 20, Adkins one for 23)

FIVE OUT—34 RUNS BEHIND

Harpur Lose Wickets in Forcing Pace

Harpur Sports drew with Stevenage Town on Saturday in Bedford Park. At the drawing of stumps Harpur wanted 35 runs and had half of their wickets in hand.

Opening for Stevenage, Cox and Hills started well, 28 runs being scored before Hill was brilliantly caught by R. Webster at first slip. R. Watson, after an uncomfortable over from Gilbert, settled down to score a good, if rather slow, 68. The other Stevenage batsmen, apart from Harper, were not at all at home against G. Webster's leg spinners. The innings was declared closed at tea time. Harpur's keen fielding can be judged from the fact that 40 of Watson's runs came in singles.

Harpur lost Bennett and R. Webster with only nine runs on the board, but some steady batting by A. Webster and Poulter brought the score to 44. Then Webster was l.b.w. to Gardner. Poulter was joined by T. Minns, who was playing his first game since an injury some weeks ago. He went for the bowling, and it looked as if Harpur might achieve a win, but at 96 Poulter was run out in attempting a short single. J. Newman was caught in trying a big hit. Scores:—

Stevenage: J. T. Cox 15, A. Hills 10, R. A. Watson not out 68, G. Woods 3, I. C. Watson 11, B. A. Newberry 12, E. Webb 9, J. Swain 1, P. Harper 10, Gardner not out 1, extras 7, total 152 for eight dec. (G. Webster four for 42, Newman two for 25, Gilbert one for 31, Allen one for 19).

Harpur Sports: R. Poulter 52, D. Bennett 0, R. Webster 7, A. Webster 13, T. Minns not out 39, J. Newman 6, R. Jarvis not out 5, extras 5, total 118 for five.

KEMPSTON TOO GOOD FOR R.A.F.

Hills Takes Five Wickets

Kempston defeated R.A.F., Cardington, on Saturday, by six wickets.

Batting first, the Airmen made 99, but their wickets being taken by L. Hills for only 23 runs.

Tysoc and White batted soundly for Kempston, adding 42 in a second-wicket partnership, and the R.A.F. total was passed for the loss of four wickets. Scores:—

R.A.F.: Whiteley 0, Havlock 32, Hinde 3, Nadin 5, G. C. Fullerwood 2, S. L. Leader 20, F/L Carter 16, Bowes 13, Sgt Kendall 0, Cpl. Armitage 0, Clay not out 0, extras 8, total 99. (L. Hills five for 23).

Kempston: W. Tipton 5, J. Tysoc 34, H. White not out 45, J. Ager 9, A. Parker 4, G. Daniels 11, G. Darlow 11, extras 17, total 136 for six.

BATSMEN ON TOP

Bedford and Vauxhall Draw

Though there were no big individual scores at Newnham Avenue on Saturday, when Bedford Town drew with Vauxhall Motors, nearly all the batsmen reached double figures.

Batting first, Bedford lost Woolliscroft for only four runs. Then Smith and Pratt took the score to 51, when both were out. Parren, Dawes, Greenish, and Ashwell, however, kept the score moving, and a declaration was made at 168 for seven.

Bedford's attack kept runs down, but it failed to get quick wickets. At the close Vauxhall were 31 runs behind with five wickets in hand.

Bedford: E. S. Smith b Williams 26, T. B. Woolliscroft c Capstick b Williams 0, J. Pratt c Hayhurst b Nelsey 22, D. G. Parren b Lloyd 31, A. D. Dawes b Nelsey 17, B. V. J. Greenish c Hayhurst b Heymeson 22, L. G. Ashwell not out 24, J. Humphreys b Williams 12, F. Breeze not out 3, extras 11, total 168 for seven. Williams three for 29, Nelsey two for 29, Heymeson one for 36, Lloyd one for 38.

Vauxhall: A. Capstick run out 28, R. Dellar c Woolliscroft b Jenkins 4, E. Ottley c Jenkins b Breeze 27, A. Biggs c Dawes b Humphreys 28, J. Nixon not out 36, J. Wheatley c Hargreaves b Humphreys 0, R. Lloyd not out 6, extras 8, total 137 for five. Humphreys two for 34, Jenkins one for 26, Breeze one for 27.

Kempston East Methodists v. Baptist

Methodists: A. Parker 25, L. Griffin 22, H. White 30, W. Bennion 1, D. Bellamy not out 27, D. Copperwheat not out 1, extras 4, total 110 for four.

Baptist: R. Craddock 9, F. Panter 1, C. George 9, N. Scott 15, A. Burton 2, G. Spencer 18, G. Clark 19, F. Warnett not out 7, J. Rabbit 5, extras 4, total 89 for seven. (M. Gilbert three for 20, Bennion two for 15).

Diemer and Reynolds 74 for six (K Rockliffe 27; Thurleigh 79 (McMullen seven for 35)).

Diemer and Reynolds 34 (A. Duncombe five for 14, J. Robinson four for 18; Renhold II 63 (McMullen six for 24)).

RUN A MINUTE

Slaughter's Lively Knock for Queen's 'A'

Queen's Works "A" scored an easy win over St. Neots "B" on Saturday, thanks to the bowling of Maggs (five for 7) and a grand knock by Slaughter of 41, scored in 42 minutes, and including eight fours.

Only W. Payne resisted the Works' bowling, and St. Neots were all out for 68.

Chamberlain was St. Neots' best bowler, his analysis being 13o. 4 m. 25r. 7w. Scores:—

St. Neots "B": P. Barnett 19, W. Payne 25, C. Jaggard 3, A. Allen 0, R. Chamberlain 0, J. Payne not out 1, A. Jex 7, G. Childerley 0, S. Wright 0, B. Andrews 0, A. Minney 2, extras 11, total 68. (Maggs five for 7, Davis three for 19, Hammond one for 3).

Queen's "A": F. M. Woodland 5, D. J. Hammond 8, J. H. Slaughter 41, W. H. Davis 0, L. T. Shortland 11, K. M. Beane 9, R. H. Alder 1, D. R. Clarke 0, F. H. Knight not out 4, T. C. Maggs not out 5, extras 9, total 93 for eight. (R. Chamberlain seven for 25).

SWINGERS UNDO VAUXHALL II

Keen bowling by Linger, Baker, and Leahy, and a not-out half-century by E. Hawkins, gained Bedford II a nine-wicket win over Vauxhall II on Saturday.

Vauxhall batsmen could do little with Linger and Leahy who swung the ball considerably. When Baker came into the attack wickets continued to fall quickly. Then a last-wicket stand, which took the score from 52 to 83, held Bedford up.

Hawkins and Matthews put up 64 Bedford runs for the first wicket. The former and Harrison took the score past the Vauxhall total.

In a second knock of 12 overs each, Bedford made 53 for nine, to which Vauxhall replied with 71 for five.

Vauxhall II: 83 (W. Marshall not out 25, Baker four for 13, Linger four for 41, Leahy two for 21).

Bedford II: E. Hawkins not out 55, D. T. Matthews 32, G. Harrison not out 25, extras 11, total 123 for 1 dec.

CORNELL BROTHERS SPOIL EVERSHOLT'S CHANCES

Harpur Sports Win Hospital Cup for Fifth Time

Bowling unchanged, the brothers Cornell, Arthur and Bernard, played a major part in Harpur Sports' victory by eight wickets over Eversholt in the Bedford and District Hospital Cup final on Saturday. They each captured five wickets.

Harpur, who have taken part in the competition since it started 16 years ago, have now won the trophy on five of the eight occasions the Club has reached the last stage. It was Eversholt's second successive appearance in the final, a splendid achievement for a village team.

This game, played on the Bedford Modern School ground, was an anticlimax to the semi-final between Harpur and Bedford Town on the previous Monday, when excitement ran high until the end. Eversholt gave a disappointing performance, but the absence of C. Brown, their opening batsman and wicket-keeper, was a big handicap, for he has been one of the most useful men in the side. He fractured a wrist in the semi-final against Ickwell.

Captain Soon Out

On winning the toss, Ben Oakley, Eversholt's captain, opened their innings with his brother, Richard, but they were quickly separated. With the fourth ball of the opening over, B. Cornell clean bowled the captain without a run on the board. Cousins, the villagers' outstanding all-rounder, who was next in, turned the first ball he received to leg for two, but after helping to put on 16 he was dismissed in attempting a big hit.

Only one more run had been added when the third member of the Oakley brotherhood, Albert, was smartly stumped. The brothers Cornell continued to share the attack, and it was a tribute to their accuracy, as well as to Harpur's keen fielding, that only one run was scored off four successive overs. R. Oakley, a stubborn left-hander, registered the first boundary of the innings in the eleventh over, but he was fourth cut at 30, to which he had contributed 19.

More Quick Wickets

While Fleet, Ryan, and Jarvis were out for the addition of only nine runs, Barr held the fort, and the fiftieth run was scored off the fourth ball of the 22nd over. At that total, however, a good catch in the slips disposed of Barr, and soon afterwards the whole side was out for the modest score of 58. So Eversholt had not survived the 36 overs to which each innings is limited in the final.

Harpur suffered an early shock, Cousins knocking back Poulter's leg stump with only seven runs scored. A wild throw spoilt a possible opportunity of running out R. Webster at the same total, and later he was almost caught at second slip—a difficult chance. Meanwhile, Bennett kept the score moving, and the first ten overs yielded 24. At 35 Anstee relieved Cousins, and Webster was caught off his second ball

A single off the third ball of the 20th over sent the 50 up, and Bennett and A. Webster were associated in an unfinished third-wicket stand of 25 which enabled Harpur to complete their task. Webster, whose grand innings of 62 was a feature of the semi-final, made the winning hit, a four to the leg boundary. Scores:

EVERSHOLT	
B. Oakley b B. Cornell	0
R. Oakley b A. Cornell	19
K. Cousins b B. Cornell	7
A. Oakley st A. Webster b A. Cornell	0
M. Ryan b B. Cornell	0
B. Fleet b A. Cornell	0
P. Barr c B. Cornell b A. Cornell	11
E. Jarvis b A. Cornell	0
W. Munro b B. Cornell	4
E. Fleckney not out	2
M. Anstee c King b B. Cornell	1
Extras	11
Total	58
Bowling: B. Cornell 13.2 overs 5 maidens 22 runs 5 wickets; A. Cornell 13-2-25-5.	

HARPUR SPORTS	
R. Poulter b Cousins	2
D. Bennett not out	22
R. Webster c A. Oakley b Anstee	12
A. Webster not out	15
Extras	9
Total (for 2 wks.)	60

R. Jarvis, J. Newman, R. Nightingale, T. King, T. Minns, A. Cornell, and B. Cornell did not bat.

Bowling: Munro 9-2-15-0; Cousins 10-3-23-1; Anstee 4-0-13-1.

Record Proceeds

A record sum of £276 was raised by this year's competition, and after the match Mr. H. R. Neate received a cheque for this amount on behalf of the Amenities Fund of hospitals in the Bedford Group. The President of the Bedford and District League, Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch, presented the cup, of which he is the donor, to the Harpur captain, A. Cornell, and mementoes to all the players.

SPAVINS HITS 50 FOR HARPUR II

Despite a fine innings of 50 by Geoffrey Spavins, Harpur Sports 2nd XI lost by 11 runs to Northampton Vallenge at Bedford Park on Saturday. Scores:

Northampton: Seaman 4, Haugh 23, Harris 23, Wills 24, Warden 4, Roberts 15, Higginson 0, Murry 2, Boore 0, Lane 5, Forsythe 1, extras 3, total 104. G. Webster four for 32, T. Chancellor two for 14.

Harpur Sports: M. Goswell 17, A. Martin 0, S. Danes 4, G. Spavins 50, K. Ferguson 4, N. Willson 1, M. Allen 1, A. Cook 4, K. Swales 2, T. Chancellor 4, G. Webster 0, extras 5, total 93. Higginson four for 31, Boore four for 20.

TOWN FAIL TO FORCE WIN

Despite some spirited hitting by Eric Howard and F. Sabey, Bedford Town were unable to force a victory over Kettering at Newnham Avenue on Saturday, and the match was drawn.

Batting first, the visitors totalled 217 for five declared, scoring freely against a Bedford team from which several regular players were missing. These included E. S. Smith, who was assisting the County at Cambridge.

Bedford replied with 172 for six, Sabey and Parren putting on 61 for the sixth wicket. Howard's 68 included a six and four fours, and Sabey hit nine boundaries in making 48.

Bedford, at home to Bron-desbury Park on Sunday, won fairly comfortably. The visitors totalled 137, and Bedford compiled 160 for eight (Howard 51, E. S. Smith 22).

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R.B.S.: Coles 9, R. Webster 55, Goswell 29, Clarke 8, Bell 5, Redman not out 19, Morris 1, Cope 5, Rabbit not out 6, extras 8, total for seven wickets (dec.) 146. T. Martin two for 23, N. Wilson two for 34.

Times: Sharp not out 43, N. Wilson 15, Howell 11, Spavins 10, Coleman 2, Smith 4, T. Martin not out 22, extras 14, total for five wickets 121. Goswell two for 17.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Dean, daughter, and son-in-law, 24 Garfield Street, Bedford, wish to express their appreciation and thanks to all friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy and sympathy in their bereavement, and for the beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The engagement is announced between Miss Judith Mary Gurney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gurney, 15, The Rectory, Bedford, and Mr. J. Gurney, 15, The Rectory, Bedford, on 23 August at 5 p.m.

LOCAL WILLS

Mrs. Florence Mary Adenev (wife of the Rev. John H. Adenev, M.A.), of 71 Bushmead Avenue, Bedford, who died on 17th May, aged 75, left £32,434 5s. 11d. gross, with net value £32,369 3s. 2d. Duty paid £4,682. She left £100 to Ada M. Ayres, "as an acknowledgment of her long and faithful services and kindness to me and my family"; £100 to the China Inland Mission; £50 each to the Ruanda General Medical Mission, the Church Mission to the Jews, and the British and Foreign Bible Society; an annuity of £250 and personal effects to her husband; small bequests; and the residue to her sons David, Harold, Bernard, and Ronald.

BIRTHS

BENFORD. On 12 August 1949, at the Woman's Clinic, Bedfordshire, to Betty (nee Gurney), wife of Albi E. Benford, a son, a brother for Susan.

DEATHS

BOWLER. On 14 August, Elizabeth, wife of W. Bowler, 17, The Rectory, Bedford, aged 87 years.

LOCAL WILLS

EDWARDS. The Rev. Berrick Cross, M.A., Rector of Tenby and Archdeacon of St. David's since 1942, formerly Vicar of Sharnbrook, and British Chaplain in Madeira, who died on 15th May, left £1,747 2s. 5d. net value £1,866

IN MEMORIAM

ASKEW. Treasured and loving memories of a dear husband and father, who entered into rest on 21 August 1947. From his loving wife, four sons, and daughters.

IN MEMORIAM

AUSTIN. In loving memory of my dear daughter and mother, of Peter, Neve Melton, (Jane) Austin, who passed away 7th August 1948. I see, in my thoughts, his mother and father.

IN MEMORIAM

BARKER. In loving memory of a dear son and brother, Frank Barker, who passed away on 27 August 1947. From his loving mother, sisters, and brother.

Tribute to Poole

Commenting on the thrilling finish to Bedfordshire's match with Suffolk last week at Luton, the Suffolk skipper, Briane Belle, pays a tribute to A. B. Poole, in a letter to Mr. Frank Crompton. Following Poole's declaration, the Suffolk batsmen scored 132 in just over an hour, winning the game with two minutes to spare.

Mr. Belle states that Poole "turned what threatened to be a very dull finish into a really stirring encounter", and adds "There are no points awarded in the championship table for losing a match that might so easily have been saved. But I hope he will have his reward in knowing that we cricketers of Suffolk are heartily glad to have renewed our fixture with Bedfordshire. . . ."

Without doubting for a moment the Suffolk skipper's sincerity, we suggest that while Poole's declaration was a sporting one, the success of the visiting County was primarily due to the inexplicable batting policy pursued by Bedfordshire. In view of Poole's intention to declare, the need for as many runs as possible in the shortest possible time seemed obvious. Yet August batted 2½ hours for 33!

Friendly Cricket

YOUNG BOWLER'S PROMISE

Southend Ramblers flushed the season with a win over L.B.C. Bletchley by 50 runs on Sunday. On an easy-paced wicket the first three Ramblers wickets fell for 14 runs but a fourth wicket stand by Ferguson and Patient added 50. Veteran Harry Allen then hit a quick 25 before being caught in the slips. M. Allen and Nichols, the last pair, batted in a useful partnership, Nichols hitting two fours. Bletchley's batsmen found runs hard to get against the steady bowling of M. Allen and N. Evans. Allen, who bowls left-arm spinners, constantly baffled the L.B.C. men. He is a young player of real promise.

Ramblers: Ferguson 16, Spice 0, Robins 0, Barnes 12, Patient 15, H. Allen 25, Stapleton 0, Evans 6, Jones 8, M. Allen not out 6, Nichols 11, extras 11, total 110.
L. C. Hall 15, Reid 19, Sessmer 0, Judge 8, Beech 14, Cook 0, H. Dimmock 0, E. Dimmock 5, Jones 3, C. Dimmock 7, Barrett not out 4, extras 5, total 80. M. Allen six for 57, Evans three for 15.

O.R. Craddock's XI v. Steppingley

O. R. Craddock's XI proved easy victims for Steppingley on Saturday. Batting first, none of their batsmen offered any serious resistance to the bowling of G. Hawkes and E. Phillimore, and the side were all out for 25. Five batsmen registered "ducks" and six was the highest individual score. Hawkes claimed seven for 11 with only 25 balls. E. Phillimore and H. A. Farmer knocked off the necessary runs for Steppingley before being separated. In a second knock, Craddock's XI mustered 27. Copperwheat, who opened the innings, being last out for 16. Scores:—

O. R. Craddock's XI: F. Sinden 3, W. Griffiths 0, A. Rayner 0, R. Craddock 3, G. Munday 1, J. Armesden 1, C. Copperwheat 0, C. Cox 0, J. Cox 0, R. Wainor 6, A. Caine not out 0, extras 1, total 25.—G. Hawkes seven for 11, E. Phillimore three for 10. Steppingley: E. Phillimore 12, H. A. Farmer not out 20, M. Robinson 1, A. Bradford not out 6, extras 5, total for two wickets 44.

Lotus Sports (Northampton) 116 (Everest three for 28) Blunham Nomads 65 (Kneiler 19).

Southill 191 for four dec. (Godman not out 67, Burnake 56), Vauxhall 128 for seven (Hill not out 75; Massey three for 34).

Southill Sunday XI 226 for seven dec. (Burnake 84, Gilbert 65), St. Neots 117 for four (Barrett not out 45, Bowley 58).

Eaton Socon 132 for four dec. (Harvey 50, J. Smith not out 47; Kermeen three for 36), Baptist 99 (Haynes six for 41).

Gas Works 153 (Parker 34) Queen's Works "A" 100 for nine (Southgate six for 45).

Bedford and District League

FIRST DIVISION TITLE MAY BE SHARED

Great Barford, who are contesting with Potton the championship of Division I, completed their programme with a victory by 54 runs at Renhold. The home side could muster only 34 off fine bowling, in which W. Page, D. Page, and W. Skevington shared. W. Page took three wickets without conceding a run. Great Barford replied with a total of 84, although they began indifferently. In the middle of the batting order the Pages and J. Breeze produced innings that soon dispelled Renhold's hopes of snatching an unexpected win.

Potton sportingly fielded through heavy rain against Marston, to whom they lost by seven wickets. This lessens their championship chances, but if they beat Little Staughton tomorrow they will share the top place with Great Barford.

Little Staughton scored their easiest win of the season, by 74 runs, when Kempston West End visited them. Hitting two sixes and five fours, R. Thorne soon reached a fine half-century, he and S. Robins adding 46 for Little Staughton's third wicket. West End's innings was little more than a procession, Saunders taking seven for 16 and Dixon two for 5.

Another collapse in Division I was at Blunham, where Thurlough were all out for 29. The home side won by 66 runs, Joyce being top scorer with 30, although J. Thorne (seven for 24) bowled in his best form and troubled most of their batsmen. B. Sims, taking four wickets at a cost of 12 runs, was best in a keen Blunham attack.

ROXTON CHAMPIONS

Roxton have won the championship of Division III (Section II). Every home game has been won and only two away games lost. T. Gilbert and D. Burns were the club's main bowlers and the outstanding batsman has been S. Gadsden, with an average of over 20 runs.

DIVISION I

Marston v. Potton

Marston: R. Pepper 6, H. Jakes 0, Clarke not out 5, Kitchener 0, Woodman 1, Huckle 2, Turnbull 1, Standen 1, Sims 0, Gales 0, A. Price 10, extras 11, total 67. C. Copperwheat five for 57, W. Swales four for 34.
Potton: R. A. Copperwheat 5, R. Bessy 0, F. Dyer 0, D. Spalding not out 5, total 102. Copperwheat six for 57, extras 6, total for three wickets 68.

Great Barford v. Renhold

Renhold: D. Stapleton 2, F. Shorley 2, W. Harlow 1, A. Duncombe 0, F. Harlow 1, J. Norman 2, P. Buce 0, J. Wootton not out 20, S. Cowley 2, A. Norman 0, J. Shorley 0, extras 4, total 51.—W. Page three for 0, D. Page four for 16, W. Skevington three for 11.

Great Barford: F. Marsh 0, W. Norman 1, E. Lee 6, B. Norman 6, D. Page 15, J. Breeze 13, W. Page 11, W. Skevington 7, W. Lee 2, P. Usher 3, J. Jeffs not out 2, extras 8, total 84. A. Duncombe four for 17, W. Harlow four for 26, J. Norman two for 17.

Little Staughton v. Kempston West End

Little Staughton: G. Robins 0, R. Thorne 56, C. Brown 6, S. Robins 18, S. Hall 5, V. Banks 7, P. Quenby 4, G. Stapleton not out 1, L. Saunders 0, C. Stapleton 0, S. Stapleton 1, extras 5, total 102. Cooper five for 25.
West End: M. Barker 0, J. Jessop 6, S. Hill 0, B. Moore 0, J. Litchfield 4, L. Millard 2, A. Hyde 7, S. White 1, F. Lott 4, J. Walker 1, C. Cooper not out 1, extras 2, total 28. Saunders seven for 16, Brown two for 3.

Blunham v. Thurlough

Blunham: G. Harding 9, B. Stacey 1, C. Saunders 4, E. Joyce 50, R. Clarke 0, B. Sims 0, F. Chapman 1, B. Maries 4, P. Hawkins 4, F. Abbott 16, B. Sims not out 5, extras 10, total 95. J. Thorne seven for 29.
Thurlough: S. Asplin 5, W. Asplin 2, A. Ferguson 0, R. Lovell 3, J. Waxstaff 3, L. Widdiman 0, J. Asplin 1, J. Thorne not out 0, E. L. Franklin 3, F. Holley 0, C. Clayton 5, extras 5, total 29. B. Sims four for 12, B. Maries three for 10, B. Stacey two for 5.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Teversford

Roxton: A. Usher 4, B. Peet 1, L. Lively 2, W. Clarke 17, T. Gilbert 5, R. Clarke 0, L. Rogers 6, E. Darlow 11, R. Munry 1, W. Stapleton not out 1, S. Gadsden 20, extras 6, total 74.
Teversford: R. Johnson 0, C. Jackson 0, M. Brown 0, T. Ingram 1, D. Jeffries 10, R. Stacey 0, G. Faxe 0, L. Quiner not out 7, R. Bottles 2, extras 3, total for eight wickets 25.

POTTON'S BID FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Match With Great Barford to Decide

In an exciting match on Saturday with Little Staughton Potton managed to win and thus finish on level terms with Great Barford at the head of the Bedford and District Cricket League (Division I). The clubs will play off for the championship on Saturday, 17th September, on Ickwell Green.

Great Barford have been the title holders for two seasons, but Potton have beaten them twice this season. This is Potton's first season in the League.

Little Staughton, batting first on Saturday found L. Sims in fine form and were all out for 37.

Potton were soon in trouble, losing their first wicket for one run, and eight men were out before they passed their opponents' score.

Little Staughton: G. Robins 4, C. Banks 1, E. Thorne 5, C. Brown 3, S. Hall retired hurt 0, G. Stapleton 3, S. Stapleton 0, R. Robins 0, P. Quinby 0, V. Banks not out 7, L. Saunders 6, extras 8, total 37.—L. Sims six for 17, E. Huckle two for 12.

Potton: H. Jakes 2, R. Pepper 0, L. Sims 1, T. Kitchener 6, E. Huckle 2, K. Woodman 7, J. Turnbull not out 14, F. Palce 0, J. Standen 1, S. Cole 2, K. Hardy not out 0, extras 8, total for nine wickets 44.—L. Saunders Ave for 10, C. Brown four for 19.

TOWN C.C. HAD A FINE SEASON

Oliver Just Beats Payne To Top Batting Averages

The perfect weather during the summer enabled Luton Town C.C. to have one of their best seasons on record and they celebrate it to-night at their annual dinner.

Although the first team lost seven matches, some of the defeats could be attributed to their policy of seeking victory whenever possible.

Appropriately, their captain, J. A. R. Oliver, headed the batting averages just in front of former footballer, Joe Payne, whose return to the team was most welcome.

Two players, Glyn Owen and Dudley Muse, made over 500 runs, but apart from Oliver, Dudley Muse came within striking distance of this aggregate.

During the brunt of the attack Oliver was taking more than twice as many wickets as anyone else was in the bowling averages. His figures show how much he was respected by Bedfordshire, for whom he was unable to play last season.

The second team had a remarkably successful season, in which they lost only three of their 21 matches and averaged over 200 runs an innings.

The most prolific run-getter was J. C. Maden, followed by Dudley Muse, who made two centuries, but Billy Hammond topped the batting averages.

Most wickets were claimed by Dudley Muse, but John Webley showed a notable improvement on previous figures.

The Strollers won six of their 14 matches, and J. C. Maden was their most consistent batsman. Three bowlers claimed over 100 wickets, but the skipper, Dudley Muse, returned the best average.

Oliver, with an average of 40.5, had no close competition for the place at the head of affairs in Saturday XI batting, and Jim Payne was the most successful bowler.

1st XI
Played 28, Won 11, Lost 7, Drawn 9, abandoned 1.

Table with columns: Name, In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for Oliver, Muse, Owen, Payne, etc.

Table with columns: Name, O, M, R, W, Av. Lists bowling stats for Oliver, Muse, Owen, Payne, etc.

Bowled: T D Matthews, 0, 2*, 3; R D Gardiner, 18, 7*, 5*, 10*; Randall 4, 3; P. A J Webley, 14, 18, 3; J Kirby, 16, 6*, 12*, 13*, 14; 13, 32*, 0; P W Mun-; S. A. N Garside, 35*, 1, 9*, 1; Feb. 25, 1, 7, 8; T Clark, 32, 75; J Webb, 4, 10; R Timpson, 19; F Winstanley 14, C Bagealey 10; Worboys 0, A T Hunt 7*, L A; H R Gailer 0, P Brewer 6, R; 0.

BOWLING (Qualification, 20 wickets) O M R W Av. Lists bowling stats for various players.

Bowled: W D John 44-4-205-11; Webley 19-2-57-1; B G Satterley 14-5-54-3; E A Fryer 4-1-13-0; T Clark 10-3-38-8-143-1; D S; 10 4-18-215-12; J Payne 45-4-7-; C H Warman 5-2-6-0; J Kirby; 2-15-15; A J Worboys 2-0-7-39-1; 1-1-0-2-0; A F Waller 2-0-23-0; 1-1-1-0-2-0; A F Waller 2-0-23-0; 1-1-1-0-2-0.

CATCHES table with columns: Name, Name, Name, Name. Lists catch statistics.

Table with columns: Name, Name, Name, Name. Lists statistics for Strollers XI.

BOWLING table with columns: Name, Wkts, Runs, Av. Lists bowling stats for various players.

SUNDAY XI
Played 22, won 8, lost 8, drawn 4, abandoned 2.

BATTING table with columns: Name, In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for Sunday XI.

BATTING table with columns: Name, In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for another team.

BOWLING table with columns: Name, Wkts, Runs, Av. Lists bowling stats for another team.

BOWLING table with columns: Name, O, M, R, W, Av. Lists bowling stats for another team.

STUMPINGS
A F Waller 9, K Brazier 5, N Garside 2, F Winstanley 1.

SECOND XI
Played 21, won 14, lost 3, drawn 4.

BATTING (Qualification 8 innings) In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for Second XI.

Also batted: J G Owen 109; J A Muse 109*, T Riley 100; K Brazier 74 80; C H Warman 50 104; A Borrowman 14 11; H Hewison 10; J C Maden 0 23; S F Tompkins 14 0; H W Thorpe 11 0; C J Smith 12; H R Gailer 10; R D Gardiner 29 10; J Kirby 14 1*; R H Frohnsdorff 13 12 0 8; R H Timpson 1 0 24 3; E A Fryer 0 27; G Spavins 14* 10 8 3; P Tirrell 23*.

BOWLING (Qualification 10 wickets) O M R W Av. Lists bowling stats for Second XI.

Also bowled: B G Satterley 59-7-166-9; R D Gardiner 55-7-116-4; J G Owen 16-3-47-6; A W Thorpe 20-5-0-53-4; J A Muse 5-2-6-3; N H Bland 18-6-40-3; J Barnes 13-1-47-3; P W Mungall 14-1-53-3; J Kirby 50-10-138-6; A Borrowman 14-4-2-33-2; S F Tompkins 15-2-42-2; G S Hales 1, 1-0-1-2; C H Warman 7-2-17-1; C J Smith 4-1-9-1; W Hammond 2-0-8-0; B Rees 3-0-15-0; H R Gailer 3-0-12-0; V Brown 8-1-37-0; E A Fryer 1-0-3-0; S B Mace 6-0-26-0.

Catches: F Winstanley caught 10, stumped 17; J Webb c8, st2; J P Sutherland c8; E H Pugh c4; A J Worboys c4.

STROLLERS XI
Played 14, won 6, lost 3, drawn 5.

BATTING (Qualification 10 wickets) In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for Strollers XI.

BOWLING table with columns: Name, Wkts, Runs, Av. Lists bowling stats for Strollers XI.

SUNDAY XI
Played 22, won 8, lost 8, drawn 4, abandoned 2.

BATTING table with columns: Name, In, Not Out, Total, H'st Av. score. Lists batting stats for another team.

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J. A. R. Oliver

Also bowled: W D John 24-1-89-6; B G Satterley 18-2-60-1; J Payne 22-4-62-5; J P Sutherland 16-4-31-2; T Clark 15-7-10-3; A J Webley 7-0-58-0; K Brazier 5-0-10-0; D S Randall 13-1-51-1; H Thorpe 7-4-1-30-1; C V A Colling 2-0-20-1; C H Warman 5-0-42-0; H R Gailer 4-1-15-0; E A Fryer 20-4-41-6; F W J Shields 6-0-25-1; P Brewer 2-0-13-0; J Shields 1-0-4-0; G W Hammond 4-0-15-1; P Lee 3-0-26-0; J A Muse 5-0-20-2; H Chillington 2-5-1-4-2; P Clorley 1-0-3-0; F Winstanley 1-0-4-0; B Rees 10-2-48-3.

NEXT SEASON'S FIXTURES

Table with columns: Date, Opponents, Venue. Lists fixtures for the next season.

2nd XI

Table with columns: Date, Opponents, Venue. Lists fixtures for the 2nd XI.