

BEDFORDSHIRE 1950 : 98 MATCHES : CAPTAIN : AB POOLE

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	BHST	LN
W,T	28,29	JUNE	HERTS	WATFORD	FSPBN FA	-	FSA	-
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M,T	7,8		CAMBS	BEDFORD SCH	FSA FA	FSPB VFA	-	FSA FA
W,T	9,10		BUCKS	BEDFORD SCH	FSA FA	-	FSPB FA	FSA FA
FS	11,12		HERTS	BEDFORD SCH	FSA FA	FSPB FA	FSA FA	FSA FA
F,S	18,19		CAMBS	FENNER'S	FSA FA	FSPB FA	-	FSPB FA
M,T	21,22		SUFFOLK	FELIXSTONE	FSA FA	-	-	FSA FA
W,T	30,31		BUCKS	H WYCOMBE	FSA FA	-	-	-
T,F,S	14,15,16	SEPT	SR-II	THE OVAL	FSA FA	-	FSPB FA	-
AVERAGES								
REVIEW								
AGM								

- JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES
- JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD
- JUNE - OCT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH
- JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS

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BEDFORDSHIRE
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J.A.R. OLIVER
B.E. DISBURY
E.C. HOWARD
J.G. OWEN
R.J.O. MEYER
E.S. SMITH
J. PAYNE
A.B. POOLE
J.R. CHISHOLM
A.G. COOMB
S.T. MORRIS
D.C. MONEY
P.G. MILLER
M.H. J. ALLEN
M.L. HILBY
J.W. FRY
J.A. MUSE
R.A. GALE

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BEDFORDSHIRE 1950

BR 3 Jan - Honours for Bedfordshire

"Well known as a cricketer & rugby player, Wing-Comdr AD Panton DFC is awarded the OBE. Educated at Bedford School from 1925 to 1935, he later went to the RAF College, Cranwell, and on the outbreak of the war he quickly made his mark as a pilot. Early in 1940 he won the DFC and after twice being reported missing, he was eventually taken prisoner. He was also mentioned in despatches. As a Rugby player he was an accomplished scrum-half and he has appeared in the Bedfordshire cricket team on a number of occasions."

BR 31 Jan^P - Obituary of Lt Col Richard Rome Boughton OBE died Sat 28 Jan 1950 at Hinwick House

BR 26 June, p 8 - Obituary of Augustus Frederick Beyle well known former cricketer

BR 11 July, p 11 - Wicket-keeper for Harpur Sports CC Mr Arthur Robert Webster ~~was~~ second son of Mr & Mrs H Webster of 24 Argyle Street Bedford married Miss Alice Donaldson Munn. Brother R Webster, bridegroom's brother.

BT 23 June, p 10 - Full obituary of AF Beyle

BT 14 July, p 8 - Retiree from cricket of Chesham Dickens

BT 11 August, p 8 - Photo of Beds Team that Defeated Bucks.

BT 15 December, p 10

"Bedfordshire's cricket captain AB Poole sustained 3 broken ribs & cuts about the head when his car was involved in an accident with a lorry on the Bedford - Willington Rd, near Gople on Wednesday. at 3.0 PM. Mr Poole, who is employed by the Smevcop's Dept at the Shire Hall, Bedford was on his way to Euston to attend a funeral of a workman, a former employe of Beds CC.

LN 26 Jan, p 10 - Obituary of W J E may - Luton Town cricketer.

LN 22 June, p 10 - Obituary of Mr Sidney Pates at age 63 - no refs to cricket.

LN 17 Aug, p 8 - Obituary of Fred Day died aged 75 - former Luton Town footballer - no cricket ref. Died in Luton?

BT 2 June p 3 - Inquest on 12 year old ^{David Albert Windsor} ~~Edward James Goodwin~~ who was killed by a blow to the head from a cricket ball at Harold's Secondary Modern School.

MISSED CATCHES SAVE HERTS

Bedfordshire Lose Chance of Gaining Full Points

Bedfordshire had to be content with points for a first-innings lead in their opening match, versus Hertfordshire, at Watford on Wednesday and Thursday. Their commanding position at mid-day yesterday promised a comfortable win, but Hertfordshire, forced to follow on, batted much more soundly in the second innings, although, as in the corresponding match last year, they were helped by several dropped catches.

With Poole winning the toss, Bedfordshire took first innings on an excellent wicket, and August and Oliver played the bowling with ease. In putting up 112 for the first wicket, they scored at the rate of nearly a run a minute by well-timed strokes, and at lunch they were still together. The score was then 106 and neither batsman had given a chance, so far as could be judged from the pavilion.

The medium-paced Appleyard, who has returned to Hertfordshire after a period with Essex, King, Allen, and Holt had shared the attack, but had failed to make any impression on Bedfordshire's opening pair. After lunch, however, King's well-sustained bowling was rewarded, for Oliver, in attempting to cut, was bowled by a ball that came back from the off. Oliver's attractive knock included only three fours, but many fine strokes were cut off by keen fielding.

August, perhaps scoring faster than is his custom, was not disturbed by Oliver's departure. Disbury survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket, and batted adventurously until, at 142, he feathered a swinger to be caught by wicket-keeper Simons.

Appleyard gave Howard two uncomfortable overs, even though the batsman got him away twice to the leg boundary. Then the left-armed Ted Roberts, who was not used by his captain until 3.35 p.m., caused Howard to loft a ball to long-on, where King, running back, took a difficult catch.

FORCING THE PACE

Both Howard and Owen were out in trying to put their side on favourable terms with the clock. The policy of quick run-getting was continued by Meyer, the 200 appearing soon after 4 p.m., and then August was out, having scored an impeccable 88, including seven fours. Appleyard had earned his wicket; he had bowled 30 overs.

After tea Smith was soon taken at point, but Meyer helped himself to four fours off Appleyard's next over. Payne also opened his shoulders before he was caught behind the stumps.

In a ninth-wicket stand, Meyer, who was enjoying himself at the expense of his old County, and Chisholm added 31. Meyer's cover-driving was a main feature of Bedfordshire's batting, and Chisholm hit with great power. There were eight fours in the innings by Meyer.

In 90 minutes on Wednesday evening Hertfordshire lost four wickets for 49 runs. Chisholm began the visiting County's successes in the field by taking a brilliant slip catch to dismiss Parkin. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hitting against Owen's spin, was easily caught, and then King played across a straight ball from the same bowler, who successfully

lodged an l.b.w. appeal. Chisholm, too, struck a blow for Bedfordshire; his slower ball induced Appleyard to send up a simple catch at square leg.

Yesterday, without any addition to the overnight score, Bradley was l.b.w. to Coomb. This was a most valuable wicket, and nine runs later Poole stumped Dunkley. Simons, however, appeared to give a slip chance which was not taken. He and Allen, in a profitable stand for the ninth wicket, sent the 100 up, though the latter should have been caught by Owen, who missed a "sitter" in the slips.

Nevertheless, Hertfordshire were out for 119, and Poole enforced the follow-on, with Bedfordshire 162 in front. Coomb's splendid bowling was mainly responsible for this position. His Thursday morning spell brought him three wickets for five runs in seven overs, four of which were maidens.

In Hertfordshire's second innings at least three catches were missed at the outset and the tea score was 203 for three. Afterwards left-handers Allen and Carnill prevented any possibility of a Bedfordshire win, the home county batting until six o'clock, when stumps were drawn.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August	lhw b Appleyard	88
J. A. R. Oliver	b King	62
B. K. Disbury	c Simons b King	16
E. C. Howard	c King b Roberts	11
J. G. Owen	b Roberts	7
R. J. O. Meyer	not out	52
E. S. Smith	c Bradley b Appleyard	0
J. Payne	c Simons b King	13
A. H. Poole	lhw b King	1
J. Chisholm	c Tyrwhitt-Drake b Dunkley	22
A. G. Coomb	b Holt	0
Extras		9
Total		281

Fall of wickets: 1-112, 2-142, 3-176, 4-185, 5-211, 6-215, 7-234, 8-248, 9-279, 10-281.

Bowling: King four for 85, Roberts two for 19, Appleyard two for 102.

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings

D. B. Parkin	c Chisholm b Coomb	7
A. H. M. Bradley	lhw b Coomb	29
F. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Chisholm b Owen	5
L. O. King	lhw b Owen	4
F. Appleyard	c Smith b Chisholm	0
S. Dunkley	at Poole b Coomb	6
B. G. Simons	not out	23
D. J. Carnill	b Coomb	7
E. Roberts	b Chisholm	0
F. Allen	hit wicket b Meyer	24
J. Holt	b Chisholm	7
Extras		5
Total		119

Fall of wickets: 1-72, 2-34, 3-44, 4-47, 5-49, 6-58, 7-66, 8-67, 9-101, 10-119.

Bowling: Chisholm, 19.30, 8m, 33r, 3w.; Coomb, 14.5-19-4; Owen, 13-4-38-2; Payne, 4-1-9-0; Meyer, 4-0-15-1.

Second Innings

D. B. Parkin	b Chisholm	69
A. H. M. Bradley	c Owen b Oliver	59
F. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake	b Coomb	62
S. Dunkley	c Coomb b Meyer	20
B. G. Simons	c Meyer b Coomb	16
D. J. Carnill	c and b Payne	44
E. Roberts	c Poole b Chisholm	0
F. Allen	c August b Payne	45
F. Appleyard	not out	10
L. O. King	not out	6
Extras		12
Total		341

Fall of wickets: 1-114, 2-155, 3-209, 4-253, 5-242, 6-257, 7-325, 8-329.

Bowling: Chisholm, 17.0, 4m, 51r, 2w.; Coomb, 16-0-64-2; Meyer, 21-5-76-1; Owen, 16-1-66-0; Payne, 11-4-35-2; Oliver, 5-1-16-1; Disbury, 5-0-25-0.

RACE FOR WIN JUST FAILS

Fine Bid to Reach Suffolk Total

Bedfordshire made a fine attempt against the clock to beat Suffolk at Luton yesterday (Thursday), but they just failed, and the game was left drawn. Suffolk declared leaving Bedfordshire to get 107 in 42 minutes, and the response was 89 (for three) of thirteen overs.

Rain and bad light combined to stop play several times on the first day, when Suffolk had an unhappy time. Their captain, B. H. Belle, beat Poole in the toss, and decided to bat. The wisdom of this decision was certainly not evident in the early part of the Suffolk innings, for five wickets had fallen by the time the scoreboard showed 37 runs. The pace bowling of Jack Chisholm had the batsmen in difficulties until a gallant stand for the sixth wicket was made by Digings and Perkins. They took the score to 90. Oliver broke the partnership by getting Digings caught.

The Suffolk tail resisted sufficiently to bring the score up to 150, but it had been a very successful time for Bedfordshire, whose bowlers did a grand job. Chisholm attacked with real menace, and nearly all the batsmen failed to time him properly.

Bedfordshire lost August, Oliver, and Morris cheaply, but Disbury (13 not out) was shaping confidently when play finished for the day at 48 for three.

The feature of yesterday's batting by the home County was a splendid display of hitting by Chisholm. He and Poole carried the score from 128 to 190 for the ninth wicket. Chisholm hitting two sixes and twelve fours in 72 not out. Poole declared at lunch with a lead of 84.

Losing their first wicket at 24, Suffolk went very slowly in the afternoon and were barracked by the crowd.

SUFFOLK (1st Innings)

B. H. Belle lbw b Chisholm	0
P. J. Murton c Money b Payne	5
M. R. Ricketts c Money b Payne	15
W. H. Duckham c Money b Chisholm	5
M. Cooke c Meyer b Chisholm	3
T. H. Digings c Meyer b Oliver	25
G. C. Perkins hit wkt b Chisholm	39
A. Finch c Coomb b Oliver	4
J. Stevens c Morris b Chisholm	16
M. Crannis not out	12
W. Sharples c Morris b Chisholm	9
Extras	12

Total 150

Bowling: Chisholm 28o. 12m. 45r. 6w.; Oliver two for 21. Payne two for 26.

Second Innings

B. H. Belle c Money b Meyer	84
T. G. Murton b Payne	9
M. R. Ricketts lbw b Meyer	47
W. Duckham b Coomb	15
M. Cook b Coomb	9
T. Digings not out	0
G. C. Perkins not out	12
Extras	14

Total for five dec. 190
Coomb two for 49. Meyer two for 50. Payne one for 22.

BEDFORDSHIRE (1st Innings)

G. L. B. August c Crannis b Stevens	10
J. A. R. Oliver st Finch b Perkins	16
B. E. Disbury c Duckham b Sharples	13
S. T. Morris c Belle b Perkins	1
J. G. Owen run out	25
R. J. O. Meyer c Ricketts b Crannis	35
J. Payne c Belle b Crannis	18
D. C. Money c Finch b Perkins	5
A. B. Poole c Finch b Crannis	23
J. Chisholm not out	72
A. G. Coomb not out	6
Extras	10

Total for nine wkts. dec. 234
Crannis three for 55. Perkins three for 59. Stevens one for 13.

Second Innings

R. J. O. Meyer b Sharples	3
J. A. R. Oliver not out	31
J. Chisholm st Finch b Stevens	1
J. Payne st Finch b Sharples	45
S. T. Morris not out	8
Extras	1

Total for three wickets 89

CRICKET WEEK

County's All-Round Strength

Cambridgeshire, who last year took part in the County Cricket Week at Bedford School for the first time, are again Bedfordshire's opponents in the opening match of the Week, on Monday and Tuesday next. The home County field the following side: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, D. C. Money, J. Payne, P. G. Miller, B. E. Disbury, M. H. J. Allen, and J. Chisholm. The twelfth man is D. A. Briggs (Bedford School).

For the Buckinghamshire match, R. J. O. Meyer, the former Somerset captain and all-rounder, comes in for Allen, who will be twelfth man. This will be Meyer's first appearance for the County in a Bedford "Week", though years ago, of course, he came frequently as a Hertfordshire opponent.

Meyer's place in the third match, against Hertfordshire, will be filled by bowler J. W. Fry, who played for the Royal Engineers at Lord's recently. He was captain of Bedford School last year.

With Miller not available, there is a vacancy in the side to meet Hertfordshire, and a player will be chosen later.

Batsmen in Form

The all-round strength of the Bedfordshire side needs no emphasizing. The accredited batsmen are in good form, and there are run-getting capabilities in the team right down to No. 11. Though Sid Morris has not been so much in the public eye this year, as he rarely appears for Bedford Town, he has made some big scores for the Police. Glyn Owen's 57 for the Minor Counties against M.C.C. at Lord's recently proved the power of this veteran is not on the wane, and George August also did well in that match. Miller, the Modern School captain, should make his debut in favourable circumstances; it is hardly likely that heavy responsibility will rest on his young shoulders.

In the Cambridgeshire match Bedfordshire's spin attack will include young Allen, the Bedford School left-arm bowler, who has had a most successful season on a wicket which usually discourages bowlers of his type.

The pace bowling is entirely in Jack Chisholm's hands, Coomb not being available. The Bedford players, Breeze and Markham, can count themselves unlucky that they are not chosen, for they are bowling especially well just now.

Challenge to 1st XI

The green caps of Harpur Sports will be seen all day in the field at Bedford Park on Monday. Apparently there has been some good-natured argument among the members as to the relative merits of the Club's 1st and 2nd XIs, and the upshot is that the latter have challenged the former to a match.

Stumps will be pitched at 11.30 a.m. A collection is to be taken for the National Playing Fields Association.

**POINTS ON FIRST
INNINGS**

**Bedfordshire Master
Cambs Bowling**

In the first match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Bedfordshire gained first-innings points against Cambridgeshire. By mid-afternoon on Monday the match appeared to be heading for a draw. Cambridgeshire, given first innings by A. B. Poole, batted until after six o'clock for 325 runs, but Bedfordshire would probably have had them out for a much lower total had the century-making Crouch been caught in the slips when his score was 58. Many runs were given away through slowness in the field.

On Tuesday, Bedfordshire mastered the Cambridgeshire attack, losing only three wickets for a total of 386. August and Oliver opened with a stand of 68. Disbury made his highest score in County cricket and was unlucky to miss a century by only nine runs.

The way was paved for an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 138 by Morris and Owen, who were in their very best form. Though it was not easy to get the ball through a defensively-set field, the batsmen gave the crowd an entertaining display, not the least pleasing feature being their smart running between the wickets. Morris, who was at the crease while 217 runs were scored, hit the only six of the match, eight fours, and five threes.

Cambridgeshire: 1st Innings 325 (M. A. Crouch 168, C. M. B. Sessions 53; Owen five for 123); 2nd Innings 31 for one.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August	lbw b R. A. Taylor	62
J. A. R. Oliver	c Taylor b Hoyles	44
B. E. Disbury	c Gautrey b Hoyles	91
S. T. Morris	not out	110
J. G. Owen	not out	60
Extras		19

Total for three dec. . . 386

Bowling Hoyles 33o. 1m. 123r. 2w.; Taylor 20-1-57-1; Bright 23-2-80-0; Royston 25-3-73-0.

COUNTY'S SIX-WICKETS WIN

Bowlers Triumph on a Good Wicket

Bedfordshire achieved a six-wickets victory over Buckinghamshire in the second match of the County Cricket Week. It was their first outright win of the season. Yesterday (Thursday), on a batsman's wicket, Owen and company put up a splendid performance in dismissing Buckinghamshire, who concentrated on defence all day.

Perhaps the happiest cricketer on the field in the pre-lunch period on Wednesday was A. B. Poole, who chose to put the other side in, as he did in the Week's first match. This time events completely justified his decision. At 2.20 p.m. Buckinghamshire were all out for 86.

After early-morning rain came the sun, and though the wicket showed no signs of venom an Owen-Chisholm combination of spin and pace did the damage while the turf was drying. Most balls came through reasonably enough; it was the odd one that could not be trusted, and to it the Buckinghamshire batting was vulnerable in the extreme. Owen laid his snares as cunningly as ever he did; Chisholm has seldom before been so effective on a Bedford School wicket.

No one could wish for a day of more interesting cricket. Disbury played another innings of poise and balance, confirming the opinion formed during his display on the previous day—that since last season his batting has improved out of all knowledge. More strokes are at his command, and the power behind them has increased. His driving from an upright stance was a joy to see. He should be an asset to Bedfordshire cricket for many years to come.

THE POSITION CHANGES

Although Bedfordshire finished with a lead of 139, there was a period, after tea, when the 47-year-old Battcock threatened to have them out for considerably less than the total, 225, actually achieved. Bedfordshire having passed the Buckinghamshire score at a cost of two wickets, saw the position change to 137 for six. The chance of a really big lead was receding, but then Joe Payne came in to play the sort of game that is not only of immense value to a side needing runs, but ideally follows the stylish methods of a player like Disbury. In fifty minutes Payne rattled up a half-century, hitting a six and nine fours in a display of careful, beautifully-timed strokes. Throughout Payne's onslaught young Miller served the side most admirably by keeping one end shut. He made only nine and his timing of the quicker stuff was not always secure. But there was character in his effort; the rest will come with experience.

On Wednesday morning Bedfordshire had their first success at 16, when Campbell fell victim to a good catch by Chisholm in the slips. Busby, left-hander, and Isherwood carried the score by careful batting into the forties. Then Owen took over from Payne at the Park end, and in his third over a lovely ball drew Busby forward, turned in, and knocked back his leg stump.

SWIFT BLOWS

After the dominance of the bat in the Cambridgeshire match it was almost disturbing to see the balls off, but this

was only the first of the blows that Chisholm and Owen were to strike swiftly. At the same total, 45, Isherwood moved across his stumps to play Chisholm, and the raising of the umpire's finger to signify an l.b.w. decision was a mere formality; Isherwood knew his guilt without being told.

Two further wickets fell at 54. Owen dropped a ball on a length that induced the wrong stroke, and the ball spun away from Reynolds's bat for Money to accomplish a stumping. Hastie, who had hit Owen twice to the ring on the off side, was the next to go, bowled by Chisholm. Eight runs later N. Butler was l.b.w. to Owen, and Chisholm yoked Spiro and Battcock. Forty-five runs for two wickets—and now 62 for eight.

K. Butler made valuable runs, mostly off Chisholm, but at 76 he lost Peppiatt. Bedfordshire needed the last wicket at lunch. This was granted to them ten minutes after the resumption.

OLIVER OUT CHEAPLY

The prospect of a big opening stand for Bedfordshire was killed when Oliver, facing a quickish left-arm bowler, Pickett, turned a ball low into the outstretched hand of forward-short-leg. The score was then 14. August had made 13 of them, and he was batting so well that it was a surprise to see Pickett beat and bowl him at 29. The same fate almost overwhelmed Morris first ball, but he soon got off the mark with a four. He and Disbury were middling the ball and the runs accrued at a steady rate. After 65 minutes' batting Morris put 50 on the board by clouting a short one from Battcock to the mid-wicket boundary.

In a partnership which none of the bowling seemed likely to end, 50 runs were added in an hour. Disbury flashed out a lovely off drive to put Bedfordshire in the lead. So to tea, with the side 88 for two.

Like August, Morris was cut off on the threshold of a fruitful innings. At 93 he tried to drive what was probably an inswinger from Pickett that took his off stump. Seventeen runs later Disbury's knock ended in a catch at mid-off. He hit five fours and eight threes. Meyer did not survive for long, and Owen was also brief, yet pugnacious, in his stay; two straight drives for four in one over no doubt made Battcock thirst for his blood. The Buckinghamshire veteran got him, l.b.w., just as old Surrey all-rounder was working up to his most aggressive mood.

The entertaining stand between Payne and Miller followed, taking the score from 137 to 203.

Bucks made 10 without loss before close of play.

Six consecutive maiden overs, three each by Chisholm and Meyer, marked the opening of Thursday's play.

Busby broke the succession

with a single in Chisholm's fourth over. Soon there was an appeal against Campbell off Meyer, apparently for a catch at the wicket, but Money did not hold the ball.

The scoring of nice runs in 32 minutes was a tribute to the accuracy of the bowling, but Poole replaced Chisholm with Oliver, and soon gave Owen his chance in Meyer's place. There was only one scoring stroke, a boundary, made at Meyer's expense.

In his second over Owen beat Campbell three times without getting his wicket. Chasing a ball at mid-wicket, Miller ran like a sprinter in pursuit of a record—a refreshing show of speed in the field. Owen appealed for lbw against Busby, but Umpire Brown thought otherwise.

The batsmen scored only 26 in the first hour of the morning. Their ability to stay put, however, must have worried Poole. The wicket was playing easily.

After breaking the opening partnership Payne was at once replaced by Chisholm. Buckinghamshire were obviously resigned to a drawn-out fight, and their run-getting on an easy wicket was tediously slow.

At 79 Payne revived the flagging interest by scattering the stumps of Busby, who had looked as permanent as Bryan's statue. Payne bowled five successive maidens. Lunch score, 82 for two.

After an unsuccessful morning, Chisholm tried his luck with Hastie. Several times the batsman was too late on the stroke, and then Chisholm had him caught behind the wicket. Chisholm bowled Reynolds in his next over.

BADLY-NEEDED WICKET

The 100 went up soon after 2.30 p.m. Isherwood and N. Butler were now together, but Owen broke a slow but time-devouring partnership, bowling N. Butler in his 21st over at a time when the County badly needed a wicket. Owen then spun the ball off the edge of Spiro's bat into Money's hands; 138 for six, and defeat fast overtaking Buckinghamshire, despite the continued gallant resistance of Isherwood.

Peppiatt, the new batsman, put Buckinghamshire a run ahead from an unintentional stroke which nearly cost him his wicket. Owen bowled him in the next over.

Unlike most of his side, Battcock was clearly eager for runs. He cocked up a ball from Chisholm in Morris's direction at mid-wicket, but the fieldsman did not get a hand to it. Battcock's short but breezy knock ended when he swung too soon at Owen. Isherwood's valuable innings came to an end shortly before tea, when he skied the ball to Poole at mid-on. Payne finished off the innings and the players came in for tea. Bedfordshire needed 35 to win.

In his last decisive spell, Owen took five for 20. Disbury did not field after lunch because of an injured arm.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings	
T. E. Busby b Owen	25
A. Campbell c Chisholm b Payne	54
P. Isherwood lbw b Chisholm	8
J. H. Hastie c Money b Owen	57
D. Reynolds st Money b Owen	8
N. Butler lbw b Owen	12
R. M. F. Spiro c Money b Owen	11
O. G. Battcock b Chisholm	4
D. R. Peppiatt c Money b Owen	4
K. Butler c Oliver b Chisholm	14
C. Pickett not out	9
Extras	17
Total	86

Bowling: Chisholm 16.0. 4m. 34r. Sw.: Payne, 8-0-15-1; Oliver, 5-1-9-0; Owen, 12-5-19-4.

Second Innings

T. E. Busby b Payne	28
A. Campbell c Money b Payne	54
P. Isherwood c Poole b Owen	8
J. H. Hastie c Money b Owen	57
D. Reynolds b Chisholm	8
N. Butler b Owen	12
R. M. F. Spiro c Money b Owen	11
O. G. Battcock b Owen	4
D. R. Peppiatt b Owen	4
K. Butler lbw b Payne	14
C. Pickett not out	9
Extras	17
Total	173

Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-79, 3-89, 4-93, 5-136, 6-138, 7-140, 8-157, 9-170.

Bowling: Chisholm 34.0. 7m. 36r. Sw.: Payne, 20-8-30-5; Meyer, 17-2-2-0; Oliver, 7-1-11-0; Owen, 29-8-53-5.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August b Pickett	20
J. A. R. Oliver c N. Butler b Pickett	1
B. E. Disbury c Peppiatt b Battcock	61
S. T. Morris b Pickett	22
J. G. Owen lbw b Battcock	22
R. J. O. Meyer b Battcock	4
P. G. Miller c K. Butler b Hastie	56
P. G. Miller b Pickett	9
D. C. Money b Pickett	10
A. B. Poole not out	11
J. Chisholm b Pickett	7
Extras	8
Total	225

Bowling: Battcock, 29.0. 10m. 80r. Sw.: Pickett, 26-2-5-76-6; Peppiatt, 3-1-6-0; K. Butler, 3-0-17-0; Hastie, 19-1-1; Isherwood, 6-1-19-0.

Second Innings

G. L. B. August b Peppiatt	10
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Peppiatt	5
S. T. Morris b Peppiatt	0
P. G. Miller not out	8
R. J. O. Meyer st and b K. Butler	1
D. C. Money not out	4
Extras	7
Total for four wickets	35

Bowling: D. R. Peppiatt, 7.50. 2m. 18r. Sw.: K. Butler, 8-3-10-1. Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-7, 3-21, 4-22.

**A THRILLING LAST
HALF-HOUR**

**County's Bold Effort
Succeeds**

With half an hour left for play, Bedfordshire hit up 56 runs to beat Cambridgeshire at Fenner's. They lost six wickets, but achieved their aim with five minutes to spare.

Owen, who is having his best season for the County as a bowler, baffled the Cambridgeshire batsmen, and came out with a match analysis of 15.4 overs 12 maidens 113 runs 12 wickets.

After August and Oliver had given Bedfordshire's first innings a fine start, Poole and Owen made a stand of 80. Cambridgeshire were 51 behind when they went in a second time, and they were all out for 103. Their innings ended just in time to make a most thrilling finish possible. On a rain-affected wicket, Bedfordshire attacked the bowling from the outset; wickets fell—but the runs mounted up. It was grand entertainment for an appreciative crowd.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings: 210 (M. A. Crouch 42).

Bowling: Owen 35o. 8m. 77r. 7w.
Fry 17-2-57-1. Kilby 15-7-24-1.
Gale 3-1-20-1. Disbury 3-2-4-0.
Oliver 3-1-5-0.

Second Innings: 103 (R. A. Taylor 17. C. J. Smith 17. J. Hoyles 25).

Bowling: Owen 16.4o. 4m. 36r. 5w.
Fry 14-7-35-2. Disbury 5-2-3-2. Kilby 10-3-20-1. Oliver 2-2-0-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August lbw b Royston	46
J. A. R. Oliver lbw b Abbs	52
B. E. Disbury b Abbs	0
A. B. Poole b Hoyles	75
J. O. Owen lbw b Hoyles	48
J. A. Muse b Smith	2
R. A. Gale c Sessions b Smith	1
D. C. Money b Hoyles	7
P. G. Miller lbw b Hoyles	0
M. L. Kilby c Crouch b Smith	8
J. W. Fry not out	16
Extras	6

Total

Bowling: Smith three for 43. Hoyles two for 88. Abbs two for 78. Royston one for 31.

Second Innings

A. B. Poole c Abbs b Smith	21
J. A. R. Oliver c Smith b Hoyles	4
J. A. Muse c Gantrev b Hoyles	1
J. O. Owen st Sessions b Smith	4
J. W. Fry not out	15
B. E. Disbury run out	2
D. C. Money st Sessions b Hoyles	4
P. G. Miller not out	4
Extras	1

Total for six wickets .. 56

Bowling: Smith two for 32. Hoyles three for 23.

BEDFORDSHIRE ON HEELS OF SURREY 2nd XI

Bid for Minor Counties Championship

Following their victory at Cambridge last week and a first-innings lead over Suffolk on Monday and Tuesday, Bedfordshire now stand second to Surrey II at the top of the Minor Counties Competition table. Bedfordshire have one more match, with Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe, and Surrey three.

The championship position is still fluid. Warwickshire II, third in the table, have completed their programme, but other sides may yet enter the reckoning. Bedfordshire, however, have only to maintain their splendid record at High Wycombe and their chance must be rated high.

In 1948, Bedfordshire, as runners-up in the competition, exercised their right to challenge the leaders (Lancashire II) for the championship. They will do likewise this year if they finish second in the table.

This is how the three leading counties are placed:—

	1st INNS									
	P	W	L	W	L	N.R.	PTS	AVG		
Surrey II ..	11	4	0	4	2	1	66	6.60		
Bedf'shire ..	7	2	0	5	0	0	45	6.42		
War'ks II ..	12	3	0	4	2	3	56	6.22		

COUNTY LEAD ON FIRST INNINGS

Owen and Oliver in Stand of 197

In a drawn match at Felixstowe, Bedfordshire gained a first innings lead over Suffolk, whose bowling was severely punished in an exhilarating partnership of 197 by Oliver and Owen, who reached a century in two hours.

On Monday accurate bowling pegged the Suffolk batsmen down to a slow rate of scoring during the greater part of their innings.

Cawston began confidently by hooking Fry and driving Chisholm to the boundary, but at 25 he played outside an in-swinging from Fry and was bowled. Ricketts who joined Perkins, looked most uncomfortable, and was badly dropped in the slips off Payne. The first hour produced only 38 runs, and ten runs later, Bedfordshire had another success, Perkins being well caught by Fry.

Seeing the 50 up in 72 minutes, Ricketts was settling down to play some lovely strokes. Twice he hooked balls barely short of a length, but with his score in the forties he had a very uncertain period facing Chisholm.

LEG-STUMP ATTACK

At lunch Suffolk were 08 for two. Ricketts reached 51 in 98 minutes but then fell to Chisholm's leg stump attack. He gave a catch to Payne at square leg.

The cricket after lunch was painfully slow—23 minutes produced only 9 runs—and Belle played three successive maidens from Payne. He advanced his score by two in 30 minutes.

With the score at 111, Chisholm had a remarkable over. He had Baker caught behind the stumps, and the next ball bowled Duckham. The last delivery of the over wrecked Murton's castle.

Belle and Towns retrieved the position in a patient stand, the former reaching a dour 50 in 135 minutes and sending up

the 150 off the same hit.

On Monday Suffolk declared at 257 for nine, and at close of play Bedfordshire had scored 30 without loss. The position did not offer much prospect of a definite result.

The points system on which the Competition is based penalizes a side with a chance of championship honours if, entertaining no hope of a win outright, they go for a first-innings lead instead of playing for "no result", which would leave their points average unaffected.

CAUTIOUS BATTING

A correspondent writes that at first it seemed that Bedfordshire were pursuing "no result" tactics. August and Oliver were so cautious that in the 90 minutes before lunch the score crawled from 30 to 62. Possibly the wicket was difficult after the rain, but following the interval the batting was of an entirely different character. Coming together at 91 (made in three hours), Oliver and Owen entertained the crowd in a very bright partnership. The left-hander cut and drove his way to a pugnacious 50 in 57 minutes, while Oliver, although more orthodox, hit equally hard. The score went from 100 to 150 in 39 minutes; the next 50 came in 24 minutes, and the third in half-an-hour.

Oliver was unlucky to miss a century by only seven, being caught at the wicket in chasing a ball off the stumps. Owen reached his 100 in exactly two hours.

The Suffolk score was passed for the loss of three wickets. Fifty-four in the lead, Bedford-

shire declared, giving the last 35 minutes to a rather pointless second innings by their opponents. Perkins and Cawston were quickly dismissed, but no more wickets fell.

County ties have been awarded to Miller, Fry, and Kilby.

SUFFOLK	
1st Innings	
G. C. Perkins c Fry b Payne ..	17
E. Cawston b Fry ..	18
M. R. Ricketts c Payne b Chisholm ..	51
B. H. Belle c Miller b Kilby ..	85
E. R. Baker c Muncy b Chisholm ..	5
W. H. Duckham b Chisholm ..	0
P. J. Murton b Chisholm ..	0
W. R. Towns not out ..	53
J. N. Stevens b Fry ..	12
H. F. Hargreaves c August b Chisholm ..	2
M. Cranley not out ..	12
Extras ..	2

Total for nine dec. .. 257
Bowling: Chisholm 35.0, 10m. 58r.
5w.; Fry, 18.0-15-2; Payne, 25-11-60-1; Owen, 27-5-41-0; Kilby, 9-3-11-1.

Second Innings	
G. C. Perkins b Chisholm ..	0
E. Cawston b Payne ..	1
B. H. Belle not out ..	5
M. R. Ricketts not out ..	23
Extras ..	1

Total for two wickets .. 29
Bowling: Chisholm, 6-2-20-1; Payne, 5-2-8-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
G. L. B. August c Murton b Cranley ..	28
P. G. Miller b Perkins ..	23
D. E. Disbury run out ..	12
J. A. R. Oliver c Towns b Cranley ..	93
J. G. Owen not out ..	124
J. Payne c Murton b Stevens ..	1
J. Chisholm not out ..	10
Extras ..	21
Total for five dec.	311
Bowling: Hargreaves, 32-13-70-0;	
Stevens, 13-4-52-1; Cawston, 7-2-11-0;	
Murton, 6-2-19-0; Perkins, 38-17-55-1; Cranley, 14-3-49-2; Duckham, 7-1-34-0.	

Friendly Cricket

INCOGNITI FORCE A DRAW

A Fine Stand for Bedford School

After losing an early wicket to the Incogniti on Tuesday, Bedford School prospered, Meeson and Miller making a second-wicket stand of 128. They both used their feet to some accurate bowling. The scoring, however, was not fast, though later Miller and Hogg got runs at a quicker rate.

Declaring at 135 for five, Bedford School made a big effort through their spin bowlers. Carter (four for 46) and Allen (three for 49) to get Incogniti out. But Hardy and Money, in an eighth-wicket partnership, played out time. R. G. Furbank took four wickets for Incogniti. Scores:— Bedford School: Coley 1, M. S. Meeson 66, C. D. E. Miller not out 80, D. R. Wynn-Williams 7, D. A. Briggs 0, R. I. T. Hogg 17, R. I. Cartwright not out 0, extras 9, total for five wickets dec. 185.

Incogniti: Rev. R. J. B. Eddison 19, E. F. Crawford-Smith 12, B. T. Hewitt 39, Dr. H. M. Rice 2, R. O. Furbank 4, J. W. Fry 1, P. H. Cook 10, M. J. Hardy not out 29, D. J. Turner not out 18, extras 6, total for seven wickets 159.

B.M.S. Hold Northants XI to a Draw

Bedford Modern School threw with Northants Amateurs at Bedford on Wednesday. The Amateurs, taking by eight runs to reach the Schools' total, had four wickets in hand at the close. They went for the runs from the start of their innings, Oughton making 45 in 1 hour 41 minutes, but the School bowlers stuck doggedly to a difficult task and the fieldmen gave nothing away.

Gale's attractive 66 for the School included a five and seven fours. The scores were:—

B.M.S.: P. G. Miller 6, R. A. Gale 66, S. W. Houghton 2, F. D. Holman 19, R. B. Moon 0, P. H. Atkin 0, D. J. Kingston 6, K. P. Whitting 0, J. R. E. Cooper not out 10, K. Tait 2, M. G. Cave not out 21, extras 8, total for nine wickets dec. 148.

Northants Amateurs: 159 for six (J. H. Oughton 45); K. Tait three for 55, R. A. Gale two for 34, D. J. Kingston one for 18.

Amphill's Close Game

Amphill, visiting Davis C.C., Luton, maintained their winning sequence, but for the second week in succession there was a close finish. Davis recovered from a 4-0 start when five wickets were down for 51 runs. Taylor finished with 26. The analysis of six wickets for 26. Amphill started their innings really well and with R. C. Thompson playing consistently 57 runs were on the board for the loss of only two wickets. Then three wickets fell for the addition of 11 runs, including that of Thompson, whose innings was invaluable. It is Manyweathers hit powerfully, but when the ninth wicket fell the scores were level. L. Taylor made the winning hit.

Davis C.C.: 112. Amphill: R. Dillingham 4, R. Thompson 40, W. Toomes 10, J. Wilkinson 2, R. Manyweathers 28, W. Husky 0, B. Capperwhast 5, C. Penwith 11, H. Hockins 2, T. Hooper 3, L. Taylor not out 4, extras 8 total 117.

Bedford Town F.C. Supporters' Club v. Darford Supporters' Club

The return match between these sides at the Lyonic ground last week-end resulted in a win for Bedford Town F.C. Supporters' Club by 57 runs. It was a 12-a-side game.

Bedford: Comerford 9, Hammond 5, Slaughter 8, Baines 0, King 7, Blakenell 14, McMullen 8, Wildman 3, Chance 3, Smith 6, Clarke 26, Parsons not out 2, extras 4, total 110.

Darford: Halford 0, Mole 1, Farrington 16, Middleton 0, Dalton 3, Worley 4, Collett 0, Maxted 0, Riley 3, Stephens 0, Harrington 8, Hollands 13, extras 5, total 53.

Southill Park Sunday XI v. Whitbread's Brewery

Southill: R. Godman 8, A. G. Burnage 8, V. Grimsby 35, G. S. S. S. Gilbert 59, A. H. Brunt 15, R. A. Gale 9, A. G. Massey 1, G. Dillely 0, A. Swain not out 4, D. Berridge 6, L. A. Brown not out 5, extras 19, total for nine wickets dec. 109.—W. Clody four for 32, B. McQuire two for 40.

Whitbread: S. Wincote 12, L. Smith 10, W. Thudy 0, R. Baylton 12, J. Lee 8, A. H. G. Gurney 4, B. McQuire 0, E. Crocker not out 12, C. Whitfield 6, C. Ditchburn 0, extras 3, total 70.—A. Swain five for 16, R. Gale four for 15, A. Barnard one for 8.

Eversholt v. G. Franklin's XI

This annual game at Eversholt resulted in a win for the home side by 45 runs. The visitors were entertained 45 tea after which Mrs. Osborne Samuel, President of Eversholt C.C., welcomed them and Mr. Michael Franklin replied.

Franklin's: J. Impey 0, F. Kelsey 17, F. Lilley 25, A. Wildman 7, J. Mallock 6, Franklin 1, G. Aldous 4, Morrison 0, C. Roffe 1, I. Young 0, T. Casey 9, U. Cockings not out 0, total 67.—Anstee three for 27, W. Fleckney five for 9, H. Oakley three for 16, Eversholt: A. Oakley 16, R. Oakley 3, C. Brown 35, K. Cousins 4, M. Ryan 6, E. Fleckney 3, E. Jarvis 0, W. Fleckney 11, W. E. Bowler not out 5, extras 6, total 110.—Cockings six for 30, Lilley three for 25, Young two for 17.

Bromham Nomads v. Goldington Goldington: Whaley 1, Tucker 2, Sanders 9, D. Day 13, Stonebridge 7, Figg 3, Line 6, Bruumwell 1, Elin 0, Rawlins 0, Eaton Jr. not out 0, extras 3, total 42.—L. White two for 12, F. Marshall three for 3, B. Everest two for 17.

Nomads: K. Bushell 22, J. Featherstone 12, H. Burnett 14, L. White 3, W. S. Bowen 0, W. B. Everest 11, F. Marshall 10, W. E. Bowler not out 4, A. D. Catling 4, J. Hazel 12, A. White 0, extras 9, total 105.—Sanders two for 14, Stonebridge four for 27, Line four for 17.

Wildon v. H.M.B.I., Gaynes Hall Wildon: V. Pell 6, G. Wright 9, J. Franks 3, F. Pell 6, R. Stanton 3, M. Fields 2, E. Stanton not out 0, H. Stone 0, extras 3, total 60.—Turner two for 14, Greyham three for 21, Youngman four for 8. Gaynes Hall: Pitt 1, Webley 8, Croker 0, Mallard 2, Greyham 14, Leyland 3, McDonald 0, Turner 0, Mehta 21, Smith 4, Youngman not out 4, extras 6, total 65.—E. Pell three for 17, J. Stone three for 15.

Southill Park v. R.A.F. Henlow R.A.F.: Poxon 5, Horwood 3, McIntyre 17, Longworth 27, Knight 15, Cockcroft 16, Pitt not out 10, Stephens 0, McKinn 0, Hobbs 2, Faulkner 4, extras 4, total 98.—A. Swain five for 31, K. Ballard two for 25.

Southill: R. Oldman 15, A. G. Burnage 48, G. S. Gilbert 28, K. D. Ballard not out 56, E. Sanderson not out 10, extras 2, total for three wickets 154.—Mekins two for 35. Kistow 31 (K. Odell seven for 15, M. Chambers three for 14), Southill Park II 97 (J. Clark 35).

Lynton Works v. Bedford Gas Co.

Gas Co.: H. Kirkup 19, B. Leach 4, D. Swainell 1, H. E. Fiske 0, F. Manion 5, V. Holder 0, C. Denton 4, R. Denton 0, H. Chambers not out 0, B. Cook 0, Gaudine three for 14, extras 18, total 48.—R. Bond seven for 17, B. Rowlands two for 0.

Lynton Works: J. Watts 16, T. Izard 10, R. Bond 6, C. Cave 8, B. Rowlands 4, B. Burley 5, O. H. G. 15, P. Martin 3, A. Crowe 14, W. Bennett 8, C. Barwell not out 0, extras 9, total 98.—H. Fiske two for 27, D. Swainell three for 29, B. Kirkup two for 22, V. Holder one for 0.

Bedfordshire Times v. Kempston East Methodists

Kempston: Curtis 3, Turner 14, Gilbert 28, White 33, Griffin 4, Brown 0, Parker not out 22, Dodson not out 5, extras 1, total for six wickets 120.—Galley two for 24, Arnold two for 28, May two for 37.

Times: Coleman 24, Bowker 11, A. Martin 1, Arnold 19, R. G. Martin 12, Phillips 6, Galley not out 8, Crow 1, York 0, May 7, Young not out 3, extras 6, total for nine wickets 98.—Gilbert three for 15.

Bedford Co-Op v. P.O. Engineers

Co-op: Smith 7, Whiffen 20, Williams 0, Sharp 0, Roome 9, Damon 19, Litchfield not out 17, Stonebridge 0, Whitmore 3, Thomas 0, Woods 0, extras 2, total 77.—Ashton eight for 42.

Engineers: Berry 3, Ashton 12, Buswell 1, total 43.—Reynolds 0, Lamburnstone 1, Gurling 10, Anshro 0, Argent 0, Gladwell 4, Harlow not out 27, extras 2, total for eight wickets 102.—Williams four for 45, Damon two for 10.

Bacchos v. Grosvenor Club

Bacchos: Green 14, Skinner 0, E. Litchfield 1, Cheadle 0, Shireffs 35, Brice 1, Wadd 1, Marriott 1, Barfoot not out 5, R. Litchfield not out 0, extras 37, total for eight wickets 75.—Clarke four for 21, Lee three for 22.

Grosvenor Club: Clarke 2, Gregory 8, Green 9, Pallant not out 40, Harvey 16, Faulkner 7, Lee 10, Ashpole 0, Lawson 1, Marriott not out 1, extras 2, total for eight wickets 96.—E. Litchfield four for 13, Cheadle two for 30.

Shire Hall v. Biggleswade

Shire Hall: P. W. Scrivener 90, G. V. Pagey 39, L. Kay 0, P. W. Dixon 11, E. Harrison 0, J. A. Woodgate 24, C. H. Poole 13, R. Vivers not out 5, A. W. Duckett not out 0, extras 27, total for seven wickets dec. 209.—Williams three for 38, Kingston three for 36.

Biggleswade: A. Donn 32, M. Williams 25, E. Revels 19, D. Kingston 1, W. Byraves 9, F. Rogers 3, R. Bowles 15, B. Gilard 8, M. Courte 0, P. Bowles 2, P. Allen not out 0, extras 10, total 131.—Evans three for 35, Poole three for 40, B. Harrison one for 13, Scrivener three for 2.

Bedford Fire Service v. Wells

Wells: P. Wilson 8, Gatus 1, I. Wilson 5, Hebert 37, N. Wild 7, Ruff 13, Brown 0, Morris 2, Gammans 0, Goudson 0, Gotham not out 0, extras 6, total 77.—Newman six for 26, Pugham two for 8.

Fire Service: Bennett 0, Harrison ret. 53, Spavins 31, Newman 2, Head not out 19, Whiffin 2, Lamb not out 1, extras 1, total for five wickets 99.—Gammans two for 52.

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CRICKET FIXTURES

FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. Harpur Sports (2.30). Queen's Works v. Shire Hall. De Havilland Aircraft v. Bedford II. Vauxhall II v. Harpur Sports II. Queen's Works "A" v. Henlow "A". Ipswich v. Bedford Ramblers. Lynton Works v. Melitis. Bedford Argus v. Luton "Teckstar". Bedford Modern School v. King Edward's School, Birmingham. Baptist v. Eaton Secon. Henlow v. Knebworth. North End v. West Park. George Kent's v. Southill Park. Kempston v. Sandy Wanderers.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

First Division

Great Barford v. Thurlleigh. Mogerhanger v. Potton. Bedford v. Marston. Pavenham v. Little Staughton.

Second Division (Section I)

South End v. Cople. Great Staughton v. Stevington. West End Club v. Roxton. Haynes v. Pertenhall.

Second Division (Section II)

Sharnbrook v. West End Club. Turvey v. Clapham. Stavesden v. Wood End. Oakley v. Felmersham.

Cape Asbestos 89 (Parish six for 34, Clarke three for 29) and 104 (Smith three for 19, Donaldson two for 8, Weaver Sports 124 (E. Copperwheat 37) and 65 for four (R. Odell not out 36).

Bedford Town 169 for five declared (J. Pratt 58, V. J. Harris 49), Leaden End Hospital 74 (P. H. Humphreys four for 24, D. G. Jenkins two for 15).

Grosvenor Club 81 for six (Rahbird 13, Cotes 19, Gregory not out 24). Eastern National 53 (Gatehouse 12; Lee four for 7, Clarke five for 12).

North End Club 190 for seven dec. (W. Beardsmore 64, D. Pickering 80). Sthelo (Auton) 136 for six (T. Fatt three for 52, L. Chamberlain two for 43).

Dikens (Harrold) 59 (G. Riddin 18, Dilly seven for 14), Wymington 27 (A. Lyman five for three, M. Bowdler two for 7).

Melitis 54, Argus 98 for seven.

Town Meet Harpur

For their match with Harpur Sports at Newnham Avenue to-morrow, Bedford Town have one change in the side that beat Leadenend Hospital last week. E. S. Smith returns in place of A. B. Poole, who is not available. The team will be: E. C. Howard (capt.), J. Pratt, E. S. Smith, C. F. Sabev, V. J. Harris, D. T. Matthews, C. G. Jones, F. K. Breeze, P. H. Humphreys, P. Markham, D. G. Jenkins.

Harpur, whom the Town defeated on Whit Monday by five wickets, will field the following side: A. Cornell (capt.), A. Webster, J. Newman, D. Bennett, R. Poulter, R. Jarvis, R. Webster, G. Webster, B. Cornell, A. Greene, T. King.

This evening the Bedford Town "A" are away to Sandy in the Hospital Cup.

Century for Surrey

Tom Clark, the former Bedfordshire opening batsman made his highest score in first-class cricket in taking 175 off the Cambridge University bowling at the Oval on Wednesday. He joined Surrey in 1947, and now appears to be established in the 1st XI, for he has played several splendid innings this season and made runs when his side have really needed them.

Another Bedfordshire cricket personality, Kenneth McCanlis, is building a reputation as an umpire. He has accepted an invitation to "stand" during the Kingston-on-Thames Festival at the end of the season. The matches are: England XI v. Commonwealth XI and North of England v. South.

Hospital Cup

GOOD WIN FOR NORTH END

Bedford North End entered the third round of the Hospital Cup by defeating Dean at Bedford Park. Each innings lasted 20 overs.

Batting first, North End were given a good start by Beardsmore and N. Pickering. W. Beardsmore maintained his splendid form and E. Arnold, a newcomer, also played well. In his last three innings Beardsmore's scores have been 107 not out, 66, and 65 not out. Dean quickly lost three wickets, but a good partnership between Crane and Hart took the score to 54. However, the visitors finished 26 behind. Eady and Shannock, bowling unchanged, took three wickets for 43 and four wickets for 45 respectively.

North End: W. Beardsmore not out 65, D. Pickering 11, E. Litchfield 21, E. Arnold not out 19, extras 4, total for two wickets 118.

Dean: P. Crane 26, J. Hart 2, K. Hart 2, L. Hewitt 0, F. Hart 39, B. Cape not out 16, T. Willows 0, S. Lusk 1, V. Horsford not out 2, extras 4, total for seven wickets 92.

Pavenham v. Harpur Sports II Pavenham: G. Hackett 28, O. Wesley 31, A. Wesley 12, G. Curtis 2, J. Pearson 0, J. Crawley 0, S. Coleman not out 4, Turner 1, O. Wesley not out 0, extras 2, total for seven wickets 70.—G. Chance four for 29, K. Ferkinson two for 19.

Harpur II: F. Housden 1, T. King 0, A. Martin 19, W. Wilson 3, K. Ferguson 0, G. Spavins 5, G. Ouswell 12, R. Swales 1, T. Martin 0, A. Cook 3, R. Chance two for 16, T. Willows 0, S. Stoley five for 22, J. Turner three for 24. The collection totalled £2/10/0.

Little Staughton II v. Britannia Works Britannia: Harvey 1, D. Crane 4, Hill 2, Green 2, Thomas 10, B. Crane 1, Tompkins 8, Knight 1, Whittle 0, Long not out 1, Bred 2, extras 2, total 30.—R. Robins four for 13, A. Robins six for 15.

Little Staughton II: S. Marshall not out 36, C. Banks 7, A. Robins 0, R. Robins 10, C. Stapleton 0, D. Quenby 7, C. Hall not out 1, extras 1, total five wickets 62.—Harvey two for 2, Crane one for 10, Tompkins one for 19, Thomas one for 14.

Cople v. County Police

County Police: Morris 10, Ellis 0, Tompkins 0, Hepworth 46, Cottrell 0, Reid 2, Wilby 6, Keens 0, Ward 2, Archer not out 10, Hehman not out 1, extras 4, total for nine wickets 85.—R. Bennett four for 29, E. Hull one for 26, D. Shingler four for 24.

Cople: E. Hull 6, A. Worrall 0, B. Hillyard 0, R. Bennett 0, P. Burr 0, D. Thacker 1, D. Shingler 1, H. Hillyard not out 4, R. Minney 0, C. Graves 2, H. Franklin 0, extras 8, total 22.—Hepworth four for 4, Morris one for 6, Tompkins two for 1, Wilby one for 3.

Biggleswade v. Stavesden

Biggleswade: S. Rogers 2, W. Bygraves 1, E. Revels 29, P. Miller not out 48, M. King 9, extras 9, total for four wickets 98.—B. Sharpe two for 38, A. Dutton one for 7, G. Newman one for 35.

Stavesden: R. Benston 2, M. Hunt 4, O. Newman 5, B. Sharpe 35, B. Dutton 6, D. Jessup 1, H. Newman 1, F. Frost 3, J. Tibbitt 2, B. Welch 0, J. Alder not out 0, extras 7, total 64.—P. Allen six for 29, P. Bowles two for 18, M. Williams one for 12.

Bedford and District Cricket League

LITTLE STAUGHTON II TIE : R. ROBINS IN

FINE FORM

Most thrilling finish of Bedford and District League matches on Saturday was at Little Paxton, where the encounter between the local side and Little Staughton II ended in a tie.

Batting first, Little Staughton totalled 62, K. Banks carrying his bat through the innings for 26. Marshall was the only other visitor to reach double figures. Apart from Robinson and Saunders, none of the home batsmen offered much resistance to R. Robins, whose remarkable analysis read: 13b, 8m, 8r, 8w.

After losing two wickets without a run scored, Little Staughton, at home, retrieved the position mainly because of an unfinished stand by Banks and Brown. Going in at Nos. 10 and 11 respectively they contributed 40 to a total of 101 for nine. In reply, Renhold scored 62 for five, the match ending in a draw. W. Harlow (30) did most to foil Little Staughton's attack, and Brown bowled well.

Mogerhanger, visiting Great Barford, lost their first four wickets for two runs and never recovered from this disastrous start. Skevington, who had claimed three of these victims at a personal cost of two runs, was unable to continue bowling because of an arm injury, and Mogerhanger totalled 33. Ashwell taking six for 11. Great Barford passed their opponents' score for the loss of five wickets. A. Norman, the youngest player, compiled an admirable 54, going in first wicket down and being ninth out.

A Rescue Innings

Apart from J. Waxstaff, who made 97, Thurliegh's batsmen falled against Marston, who won comfortably. Thurliegh were dismissed for 42. Copperwheat, Brightman, and Faulkner all returning creditable analyses. D. Stapleton, A. Stapleton, and Lilley batted well for the winners.

Thanks to a fifth wicket stand of 43 by Dart and Tucker, Stevington became the first side to reach three figures against South End. Jack Bosworth, after a shaky start, showed that South End have another good change bowler. Helped by an opening stand of 44 by Ferguson (three fifts) and Spier, South End won by eight wickets.

Roxton, at home to Pertenhall, collapsed in dramatic fashion, being all out for seven. Six batsmen failed to score and H. Gilbert's contribution of 2 was the highest. S. George took six wickets and W. Presland three. No Pertenhall batsman reached double figures, but they won by an innings and seven runs.

Another side to fare badly was Haynes, who were dismissed for 24 and lost by 58 to Kempston West End. Batting again Haynes improved, totalling 61. Match analyses of the Kempston bowlers were Wittle five for 4, Littlefield five for 22, and Tyson seven for 19. Hills and Millard batted well for the winners and Daniels and Burnage captured three for 18 and three for 20 respectively.

Gaining assistance from a damp pitch, S. Lovell, of Felmersham, captured eight Clapham wickets at a cost of one run apiece at Clapham. He took two wickets in the first over and also achieved a hat-trick. Millard was in defiant mood, batting throughout the innings, except two balls, for eight. Felmersham won easily after losing two wickets for none.

In an exciting finish, Riseley won their first home League match of the season, defeating Lavendon by five runs. The visitors looked all set for victory when, with a first innings score of 23, they had Riseley all out for 31. It was decided to play out the four

hours, and having dismissed Lavendon for 29, Riseley needed 58 runs in 55 minutes to win. Six minutes from time the scores were level. Then Lamie sneaked a two for victory. Although three sixes and seven fours were registered during the four innings, it was a day of singles. Of 108 scoring hits, 75 were singles. Partridge, with four and 12, brought his aggregate to 111. He is the first Riseley batsman to reach 100 runs in league cricket this season.

DIVISION I

Little Staughton v. Renhold
Little Staughton: O. Robins 0, R. Robins 0, R. Thorne 7, S. Hall 7, G. Stapleton 5, S. Stapleton 7, L. Saunders 8, P. Quenby 8, V. Banks 20, C. Brown not out 14. A. Smith not out 6, extras 13, total for nine wickets 101. W. Harlow five for 34, D. Stapleton three for 18.
Renhold: D. Stapleton 7, G. Harlow 4, F. Shortley 5, W. Harlow 30, F. Harlow 8, P. Harlow not out 4, J. Norman not out 0, extras 4, total for five wickets 62.—C. Brown four for 16, V. Banks one for 10.

Great Barford v. Mogerhanger
Mogerhanger: K. Reid 0, H. Phoenix 1, F. Jarvis 1, F. Reid 1, S. Reid 0, W. Daniels 2, G. Suter 12, F. Tester not out 6, W. Wilsner 2, S. Wilsner 1, R. Phillips 3, extras 4, total 33.
Great Barford: P. Usher 3, W. Norman 5, A. Norman 34, F. Seaton 2, R. Norman 12, W. Lee 0, Ashpole 2, K. Tatman 6, W. Page 4, W. Skevington 16, J. Breeze not out 2, extras 8, total 94.

Thurliegh v. Marston
Thurliegh: F. Holly 0, J. Waxstaff 23, A. Bull 4, K. Waxstaff 0, W. Asplin 1, J. Thorne 6, L. Franklin 0, L. Friedman 7, S. Asplin 0, D. Berrill 1, J. Hartop 0, total 42.—C. Copperwheat three for 22, K. Brightman three for 8, F. Faulkner two for 2.
Marston: A. Bunker 6, F. Lilley 15, F. Faulkner 5, D. Stapleton 20, Ron Copperwheat not out 10, A. Stapleton 15, H. Caves not out 1, extras 2, total for five wickets 74.—W. Asplin two for 22, J. Waxstaff one for 15.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Stevington v. South End Ramblers
Stevington: A. Cox 18, Purser 6, W. Bird 0, Swath 0, H. Dart 19, W. Tucker 23, L. Aspley 9, R. Mackness 0, Hulet 9, B. Dart not out 3, J. Day 5, extras 10, total 102.—S. Tompkins four for 29, J. Bosworth three for 32, N. Evans two for 31.
South End Ramblers: G. Ferguson 38, A. Spier 14, L. Jones not out 41, N. Evans 17, R. Pallant not out 4, extras 1, total for three wickets 115.—Tucker one for 24, Bird one for 35, Swath one for 22.

Roxton v. Pertenhall
Roxton: A. Usher 10, G. Jefferies 1, 2, S. Gauden 0, H. Gilbert 2, 1, W. Clarke 1, W. Stapleton 0, 2, H. Minney 0, O. H. Follock 0, O. L. Livett not out 1, O. T. Gilbert 0, 2, H. Clarke 0, extras 1 and 0, totals 7 and 18.—S. George six for 1 and four for 4 (including hat-trick), Presland three for 5.
Pertenhall: J. Roddis 2, A. George 9, K. Gentle 0, O. Stapleton 2, V. Roddis 5, K. Lewis 2, H. Presland 9, S. George 1, C. Wellar not out 1, P. Roddis 3, J. Elliot 3, extras 3, total 42.

Haynes v. Kempston West End
Haynes: P. Smith 2, 12, C. Burnage 0, J. P. Baker 3, 0, C. Joys 8, 0, F. Smith 0, J. Newbury 0, G. Putter 0, 1, A. Bass 4, 6, F. Cousins 1, 0, C. Daniels 2, not out 11, V. Newbury not out 0, 21, extras 4 and 7, total 24 and 61.
West End: M. Barker 10, J. Litchfield 0, not out 0, L. Hills 19, L. Millard 19, C. Anthony 1, B. Moore 5, not out 2, J. Burdaway 6, L. White 10, S. Tyson 4, O. F. Legg 0, 2, M. Richards not out 0, 0, extras 8 and 3, totals 82 and 7 for four wickets.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Clapham v. Felmersham
Clapham: R. C. Devereux 0, R. Millard 8, T. H. Buck 0, B. V. Tamkin 1, R. P. Pickering 4, R. L. Norton 1, R. H. Facey 1, E. J. Pickering 0, L. W. Wooding 0, J. Pickering not out 0, C. A. Inskip 0, extras 3, total 21.—Lovell eight for 8, Parker two for 10.
Felmersham: A. Betts 0, V. Dittmar 0, J. Turner 2, F. Turner 13, D. Parker 4, J. Barker 19, H. Lawson 4, S. Lovell 4, O. Richardson 0, T. Bivax not out 4, D. Turner 1, extras 3, total 7.—R. Pickering four for 26, Buck five for 32, Tamkin one for 10.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton II v. Little Paxton
Little Staughton II: K. Banks not out 26, S. Marshall 11, S. Smith 2, R. Robins 1, C. Stapleton 0, J. Robins 1, A. Robins 4, D. Quenby 1, C. Parker 3, D. Jordan 0, E. Saunders 0, extras 2, total 52.—S. Juxard five for 11, A. Lubett three for 16.
Little Paxton: L. Pond 2, E. Juxard 0, P. Saunders 15, A. Bisset 8, T. Gould 4, E. Day 2, E. Robinson 16, P. Grundgeier not out 1, T. Huff 0, J. James 2, D. Smith 0, extras 2, total 52.—R. Robins eight for 8, C. Stapleton one for 12.

Coimworth v. Keysoe

Coimworth: A. Ellison 0, W. Ellison 7, S. Mathews 23, H. Swales 16, V. Fell 19, C. Stringer 0, B. Swales 5, V. Abraham 0, J. Swales 0, J. Hughes not out 4, M. Henderson 11, extras 5, total 90.—Madison took six wickets and Freeman four.
Keysoe: V. Stapleton 14, W. Madison 30, H. Wagstaff 1, B. Green 2, T. Freeman 7, G. Stapleton 2, A. Cook 1, C. Madison 7, R. Franklin 2, A. Elliott 0, R. Hartop not out 1, extras 4, total 71.—H. Swales took six wickets.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Blunham II v. Great Barford II
Blunham II: C. Rawlins 3, R. Sims 1, I. Wakefield 0, F. Abbott 3, H. Stevens 18, H. Sims 0, A. Sims 3, P. Rawlins 0, G. Barker 5, J. Sims not out 1, J. Pitts 0, extras 10, total 48.
Great Barford II: K. Beany 1, G. Robinson 2, E. Vickers 2, S. Skevington 18, W. Bidge 2, F. Minney 10, J. Jells 18, G. Mardlin 0, M. Maskell 0, S. Green 5, J. Browning not out 3, extras 6, total 50.

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Marston II v. Clapham II
Clapham: A. Cope 0, W. Faulkner 1, Alf Devereux 2, J. Loak 0, C. Loak 0, W. Loak 2, Alf Devereux 13, B. Hunt 0, F. Baker 2, D. Jones 6, K. Brown 1, extras 2, total 29.—A. Goodman four for 16, A. Knight six for 11.
Marston: J. Nicholls 2, H. Stapleton 23, A. Hudson 6, D. Faulkner 44, V. Hale 14, F. Bowker 1, C. Thompson 0, T. Ellis 2, A. Knight 1, A. Goodman 0, S. Knight 0, extras 5, total 108.—W. Loak six for 26, Alf Devereux three for 21.

Riseley v. Lavendon

Lavendon: Kitchener 23, S. Springs 1, O. Wilsner 1, O. Coney 1, 0, Bowdler 8, 10, Clare 3, Uttley 12, 0, Tompkins not out 2, O. Aldridge 4, 9, Hughes 0, O. Martin 0, not out 0, extras 4 and 6, totals 59 and 29.—Partridge five for 27 and four for 8, Allen four for 16 and two for 11, Holmes none for 0, and three for 8.
Riseley: Baines 0, 10, Allen 2, 1, Holmes 0, 11, Partridge 4, 12, L. Williams not out 5, 4, Hall 2, 0, Smith 0, 2, Lammie 4, 9, G. Williams 0, not out 8, Stanman 10, 1, Savage 0, 1, extras 4 and 4, totals 31 and 65.—Clare four for 9 and three for 26, Bowdler six for 18 and two for 16, Uttley four for 13.

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O.Bs. BEAT THE SCHOOL

Moulton and Disbury in Big Stand

In the last match of the Old Bedfordians' Week, Bedford School were beaten by five wickets. Bowling for the O.Bs, Sabey (three for 12) and Pickett (four for 18) were chiefly responsible for the School's disappointing first-innings total of 123, to which Miller contributed 44 in a sound display. His calling for runs, however, was rather erratic, and it cost the School a valuable wicket.

The O.Bs. lost their first four wickets for 53, but then came a fine stand between Moulton and B. E. Disbury, who together added 110. After they were separated five wickets fell for 49. Cartwright was the School's best bowler, taking four for 44.

Starting their second venture 89 runs behind, the School gave a better display, and though Cook (four for 25) and Pickett (three for 30) were difficult to play, Wynn-Williams, Meeson and Briggs batted attractively. Manley, in a forceful innings, hit a six.

The O.Bs. had only 69 to get, but the School maintained a good attack and fielded well. The result was that five wickets fell before the target was reached.

The standard of fielding on both sides was excellent, some very smart catches being taken.

Scores
Bedford School: D. A. W. Evans b Disbury 4, b Cook 5; M. B. Meeson b Disbury 15; C. Moulton b Cook 23; C. D. Miller b Sabey 44; C. Moulton b Disbury 17; D. P. Wynn-Williams run out 1; C. Moulton b Fleming 30; R. I. T. Hogg c Pickett b Sabey 6; C. Crompton b Pickett 1; R. L. Cartwright b Sabey 15; b Pickett 0; H. J. Manley b Pickett 0; c Disbury b Sabey 16; D. A. Briggs c Gilbert b Pickett 23; c Sabey b Cook 40; M. H. J. Allen lbw b Pickett 0; c Crompton b Cook 15; F. S. Steven b Pickett 9; b Pickett 1; J. S. Steven not out 2; not out 2; extras 0 and 7. totals 123 and 157.

O.Bs.: G. S. S. Gilbert c Manley b Allen 17; not out 17; G. D. Moulton lbw b Manley 68; b Wynn-Williams 4; P. L. Pickett b Cartwright 6; b Cartwright 25; R. H. Crompton lbw b Cartwright 4; at F. S. Steven b Allen 5; D. R. Dawes b Cartwright 5; lbw b J. S. Steven 1; B. E. Disbury c F. S. Steven b J. S. Steven 66; not out 17; R. P. Thomas run out 9; b Wynn-Williams 22; A. R. J. Sabey b Cartwright 13; c J. S. Steven b Allen 5; J. G. Cook absent 0; did not bat 0; K. V. Percy st F. S. Steven b Allen 3; c Cartwright b Allen 4; O. McF. D. Fleming not out 4; lbw b Manley 22; extras 7 and 3, total 212 and 128 for eight wickets.

Defeated by Four Wickets

Leslie Berry, Jack Walsh, G. J. Watson and J. Sperry, the Leicester cricketers, were members of the Foxy Club 2, that beat Old Bedfordians by four wickets in the fourth match (twelve-a-side) of the O.Bs. Week. Especially strong in bowling the Club had the O.Bs. out for 104. No one played Walsh with confidence until Air-Commodore H. H. Brookes, who left the School in 1922, joined Fleming at the fall of the ninth wicket. These two put up the best stand of the innings, adding 28. Although Brookes fell and slipped a crutch in his knee when he had scored a single, he continued to drive powerfully until he was well caught at mid-off. He had to have a runner.

At the tea interval the XL Club were 77 for two, but afterwards Disbury took four for 5 in a very good spell, which, however, came too late. Berry made the winning hit at 5.15 p.m., and the Club batted on. They were all out soon after 6.5 p.m., Howleson hitting eight fours in his 60 not out.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. S. Gilbert lbw b Sperry 15; G. D. Moulton b Walsh 5; J. G. Cook lbw b Walsh 10; A. D. R. Dawes c Money b Howleson 10; R. F. Thomas b Walsh 3; D. H. Dasent b Walsh 0; B. E. Disbury b Howleson 15; A. R. J. Sabey c Money b Howleson 7; K. V. Percy b Howleson 0; G. McF. D. Fleming st Money b Walsh 5; H. H. Brookes c Dupont b Howleson 19; P. D. Gilbert not out 0; extras 11; total 104.—Sperry one for 11; Walsh five for 37; Howleson five for 26.

XL Club: D. C. Money c G. Gilbert b Cook 48; G. S. Watson c Thomas b Cook 14; Capt. T. H. Hussey, I.R., b Sabey 0; F. K. Butler b Disbury 25; H. H. Dupont b Disbury 1; A. B. Poole lbw b Disbury 1; K. A. Howleson not out 60; S. Moore b Disbury 1; G. Berry run out 15; J. E. Walsh c Sabey b G. Gilbert 15; T. V. Norwood lbw b Dasent 3; J. Sperry c sub b G. Gilbert 1; extras 14; total 196.—Cook two for 13; Disbury four for 32; Sabey one for 20; Dasent one for 16; G. Gilbert two for 19.

Friendly Cricket

Dunstable v. Bedford Town Sunday XI

Apart from some stubborn batting in the middle of the order by Markham, Breeze, and Thorn, Bedford Town Sunday XI did not impress at Dunstable. Beaten by 67, Bedford lost their first four wickets for four runs, a good rate.

Dunstable: 149.—Breeze four for 41, R. Harris three for 27, Markham two for 32, Baker one for 18). Bedford: J. Pratt 2, E. C. Howard 1, D. T. Matthews 1, D. G. Parren 0, C. M. Thorn 14, W. J. Baker 2, P. Markham 28, F. K. Breeze 16, C. F. Sabey 1, R. Harris 2, J. M. Boyde 1, extras 14, total 82.

C. Franklin Ltd. v. Ellis and Everard
This was the first match between these local firms, the sides being captained by Michael Franklin and Anthony Everard. Ellis and Everard's left their opponents about ninety minutes to get 253 runs, and at a good rate. Franklin's reached the target with five minutes to spare. The match was played at Allen Park.

Franklin's: Washington 34, Wildman 9, Gryspspeit 27, Lilley 41, Filt 0, Morrison not out 11, M. Franklin 0, Impey 4, Odell not out 0, extras 3, total for seven wickets 129.—Cockings five for 44, Pemberton one for 40, R. Mann one for 16.

C. Franklin Ltd. v. Diemer and Reynolds

Franklin's: Washington 48, Lilley 44, Woods 3, Morrison not out 3, extras 2, total for two wickets 100.—Brooking two for 22. Diemer and Reynolds: Rockliffe 6, Hargreaves 28, Cox 28, Phillips not out 12, Sprink 5, Pell 5, extras 4, total for five wickets 88.—Cockings one for 40, Woods one for 20, Lilley two for 24.

Blunham v. North End Club

Blunham: B. Stacey 21, R. Harding 0, B. Sims 0, E. Joyce 10, F. Chapman 2, C. Saunders 0, A. Woodward 4, R. Clark 0, G. Harding 3, B. Marles 8, R. Rawlins 0, extras 3, total 51.—L. Chamberlain six for 33. North End: Beardsmore 17, Shirriffs 1, C. Gubart 11, Ruff 1, Pickett 3, Chamberlain 1, Foster 0, Arnold 1, Creed 0, Litchfield 0, Eady 2, extras 7, total 54.—B. Marles five for 18, B. Sims two for 12.

Shire Hall II 70 (Woodman 15, R. Beard 15; B. Everest four for 7, J. White four for 13); Blunham Nomads 77 for seven (F. Marshall 20, K. Tatt not out 15; A. Barter three for 17, L. Green two for 6).

Wilden 85 for nine (G. Robins four for 27, Little Staughton 86 for eight (R. Thorne not out 48; J. Ashpole six for 31).

Wilden 56 (Walters four for 14), Carlton Training School 53 (Mr. Flute 22; J. Stone three for 8).

Harlington 90 (M. Hall not out 48), Gravenhurst 114 for one (G. Smith 77, W. White not out 30).

F. Gale's XI 79 for seven (Hellyer 20, Ivett 28; Newman four for 30), Huttonian 99 for five (Arnold not out 52, Jarvis 22; J. Hargreaves four for 36).

Hospital Cup

STYLISH BATTING FOR HARPUR

Ten Wickets Win in Semi-Final

The second semi-final match in the Hospital Cup, between Harpur Sports and Biggleswade in Bedford Park on Wednesday, produced no surprise, and Harpur will play the final with Bedford Town on the Modern School ground on 19th August.

All out in 18.4 overs Biggleswade set their opponents 70 to get from 20 overs, a task that was accomplished by opening batsmen A. Webster and R. Webster without any apparent difficulty. In rain and poor light the brothers scored so fast that the winning hit was made off the third ball of the thirteenth over.

Although he himself showed some excellent strokes, R. Webster was content to play second fiddle to his brother, whose stylish batting was the game's best feature. The manner in which A. Webster forced the ball away over the slow outfield told of perfect timing. He hit five fours in an innings of 48. Neither batsman gave the bowlers the slightest hope of success.

Biggleswade might have reached a bigger total but for two foolish run-outs, the first of which sent back Biggleswade just as he was finding his scoring strokes. Harpur missed little in the field. A. Webster kept wicket in his best form. Nightingale fastened on to two good catches, and the bowling of the Cornell brothers kept the scoring rate within limits that offered Biggleswade no real chance of a winning total.

Biggleswade: A. P. Denny c Nightingale b R. Cornell 8, W. Bygraves run out 9, D. Kinaston b A. Webster b A. Cornell 3, P. Miller c Nightingale b R. Cornell 12, M. King run out 2, D. Carr c A. Webster b A. Cornell 14, M. J. Williams b R. Cornell 6, P. Allen run out 11, K. Gillard b B. Cornell 1, E. Revell c and b B. Cornell 3, P. Bowles not out 0, extras 0, total 69.—B. Cornell five for 34, A. Cornell two for 75.

Harpur Sports: A. Webster not out 48, R. Webster not out 23, extras 2, total (for no wicket) 75. Collection £15 12s. 0d.

Bedford and District Cricket League

KILBY'S BATTING HELPS LANGFORD TO A NARROW WIN

Langford managed to beat Great Barford by 15 runs, despite the failure of their batsmen from No. 5 onwards. Kilby's innings of 20 was invaluable in a match that favoured the bowlers nearly the whole time. Huckle and Dodson shared Barford's wickets at low cost. Page and Ashpole made Langford fight hard for their runs.

Good bowling with keen fielding in support gave Renhold a win over Potton, whose bad period continues. W. Harlow and D. Stapleton shared Potton's wickets, nine of which fell to catches, and the other was an lbw. Renhold made an unpromising start to their innings, but P. Shorley's free-scoring methods and D. Fenton's fine knock put paid to Potton's chance. Renhold had won before the fall of the seventh wicket.

A good innings by W. Asplin saved Thurligh from complete disaster in their match with Pavenham. Even with his 18, Thurligh's total was only 44, and this was beaten when Pavenham had three wickets standing. Darvell (four for 15) and Scoley (four for 20) were the thorns in Thurligh's side.

The idea that village cricketers' sole aim is to knock the cover off the ball is largely a fallacy. Take Mogerhanger, for example. They were 21 hours compiling 59 at Marston. For all but 15 minutes of this time K. Reid was at the wicket—and his score was 16, all in singles. Marston won the match by four wickets.

W. Bird, Stevington bowler, achieved the very uncommon feat of taking all ten wickets. He dismissed Pertenhall for 51, and his "hat" was obtained at a personal cost of 18 runs.

Despite this grand performance, Pertenhall won the match by three wickets after being 14 runs in arrears on the first innings. M. Bennett, with 26 retired, held their second innings together and thus enabled Pertenhall to complete their first League "double" of the season.

Sharnbrook had a field day at the expense of Stagden. They knocked up 142 for nine declared, and a feature was the fourth-wicket partnership of Dunkley and Blundell. This must have disheartened the Stagden bowlers, for even when the stand was broken there were more run-getters to come. Stagden made a poor reply. Not one batsman could attain double figures off the bowling of Knight (five for 5) and others who shared a keen Sharnbrook attack.

Marston II and Lavendon made the most of their day. At the tea interval Lavendon, out for 17 and seeing this total overtaken for the loss of one wicket, decided that their position was hopeless even if a second innings were played. So the match was ended. The teams then played a second game, which enabled them to catch up with a League fixture outstanding. Lavendon again had the worst of things.

DIVISION I

Great Barford v. Langford

Great Barford: P. Usher 1, B. Norman 2, E. Vickers 4, W. Skevington 3, A. Norman not out 17, K. Tatman 0, F. Harford 0, J. Ashpole 1, W. Lee 2, W. Page 9, J. Breeze 0, extras 10, total 49.—Huckle and Dodson took four wickets each and Whiteman one.

Langford: T. Chessum 10, E. Dodson 11, S. Gentle 1, B. Kilby 26, E. Whiteman 0, D. King 1, G. Brown 0, D. Sawford 0, N. Patterson not out 5, J. Piper 0, M. Huckle 1, extras 6, total 61.—Page four for 12, Ashpole four for 23, Breeze two for 1.

Renhold v. Potton

Potton Town: N. Price 9, H. Jakes 10, E. Clarke 1, T. B. Kitchener 1, F. Mason not out 17, E. Huckle 0, K. Woodman 0, J. Turnbull 2, D. Page 1, L. Sims 3, J. Stauden 0, extras 5, total 47.—W. Harlow five for 15, D. Stapleton five for 16.

Renhold: D. Stapleton 7, G. Harlow 0, D. Fenton 21, F. Harlow 1, F. Shorley 15, W. Harlow 0, P. Harlow 0, G. Allen 6, J. Norman 1, A. Duncombe not out 7, F. Joyce 7, extras 6, total 73.—E. Huckle three for 17, L. Sims four for 20, T. Kitchener one for 6.

Thurligh v. Pavenham

Thurligh: R. Lovell 3, W. Asplin 18, L. Wildman 7, K. Wagstaff 2, C. Clayton 0, A. Bull 1, B. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff 1, B. Huckle 1, S. Cox 6, R. Berrill not out 0, extras 5, total 44.—N. Wesley one for 3, Darvell four for 15, Scoley four for 20.

Pavenham: N. Wesley 0, A. Wildman 11, G. Curtis 13, A. Wesley 3, J. Pearson 5, T. Darvell 6, T. Higgs 12, G. Scoley not out 8, M. Higgs not out 11, extras 5, total for seven wickets 79.—J. Wagstaff two for 17, Berrill one for 12, Clayton one for 16, W. Asplin one for 26.

Marston v. Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 10, K. Reid 3, C. Street 0, W. Daniels 12, S. Reid 2, R. Reid 8, P. Tester 3, Rev. Phoenix 0, W. Wilsher 6, T. Wilsher 1, R. Phillips 1, extras 7, total 59.—W. Swales three for 20, C. Copperwheat three for 16, F. Faulkner three for 7, Marston: R. Copperwheat 12, D. Stapleton 0, R. Odell 7, Faulkner 20, D. Butt not out 6, C. Copperwheat 0, F. Bunker 6, F. Lilley 0, Ron Copperwheat not out 8, total for six wickets 60.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Pertenhall v. Stevington

Stevington: W. Purser 15, A. Cox 2, J. O. Ruffhead 1, W. Bird 0, E. Cox 8, J. Swain 11, L. Cook 5, 10, L. Albery 0, R. Mackness 1, J. Warwick 0 not out 2, J. Day not out 1, 5, extras 1 and 3, totals 45 and 53.—First innings: S. Dawson four for 6, S. George three for 18; second innings: W. Presland six for 16, S. George three for 9, Dawson one for 5.

Pertenhall: Jack Roddis 0, 2, A. George 5, 8, O. Stapleton 2, 4, M. Bennett 9 retired 26, S. George 1, 3, G. Weller 0, 7, W. Presland 3, 0, P. Challis not out 4, 4, S. Dawson 0, 5, J. Elliott 2, 4, P. Hardwick 5 not out 5, extras 0 and 4, totals 31 and 71.—First innings: W. Bird ten for 8; second innings: J. Swain three for 14, L. Cook two for 7, W. Bird three for 14.

West End "A" v. Cople

West End: L. Hill 5, L. Millard not out 11, L. Jessop 0, G. Anthony 4, J. Burroway 5, S. Tysoe 0, F. Wells 0, D. Lott 0, T. Marfell 0, Field 1, R. Burroway 12, extras 3, total 44.—Bennett five for 18, Hull four for 19, Cople: R. Munney 0, C. Graves 21, R. Bennett 5, E. Hull 0, B. Hillyard 4, R. Norman 6, F. Johnson 0, D. Shinder 19, P. Burr 13, A. Worrall not out 5, D. Thacker 1, extras 6, total 78.—Tysoe five for 10, Wells two for 31, Lott one for 18, Anthony one for 13.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Sharnbrook v. Stagden

Sharnbrook: H. Boyles 10, D. Clayton 6, H. Martin 11, R. Dunkley 30, L. Blundell 37, G. Boyles 6, F. Dowdsell 2, S. Alcock not out 9, J. Knight 18, S. Ford 0, J. Bance not out 7, extras 6, total for nine wickets dec. 142.—Welsh three for 27, Blott three for 30, Perrin two for 36, Newman one for 25.

Stagden: R. Benson 3, G. Newman 6, M. Hunt 0, G. Perrin 1, L. Myers 5, H. Newman 1, J. Ibbott 0, F. Frossell 7, B. Welch 0, R. Hammond not out 5, W. Winstanley 5, extras 6, total 53.—Knight five for 5, Blundell two for 3, Martin one for 1, Dunkley one for 9.

Clapham v. West End "B"

Clapham: R. L. Norton 30, B. V. Tankin 7, R. P. Pacey 3, R. C. Devereux 4, R. F. Pickering 4, C. C. Turner 5, L. W. 2, coding 0, K. Brown not out 4, Alf. Devereux 4, B. Worker 0, N. Burton 0, extras 4, total 61. (Darwood four for 24, Percival one for 12, Smart five for 1.)

West End: Percival 2, Darwood 0, Barker 5, Smart 5, Richards 4, Dalley not out 15, Ivde 0, King 1, White 0, Prudden 6, Wadd 8, extras 2, total 48. (Pickering eight for 24, Tankin one for 22.)

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Keysoe v. Thurligh

Thurligh: F. Bull 17, L. Franklin 20, R. Whitmore 1, F. Hollowell 7, K. Berrill 1, D. Berrill 6, F. Hogg 9, C. J. Clayton 0, G. Roberts 0, J. McCarthy not out 0, extras 8, total 61.—Freeman four for 13, Harrop two for eight, R. Maddison two for 13, C. Maddison one for 9.

Keysoe: B. Green 4, R. Maddison 1, E. Topham 4, B. Harrop 14, T. Freeman 4, G. Stapleton 10, A. Cook 0, C. Maddison 5, B. Franklin 0, R. Harrop 2, J. Hall not out 0, extras 6, total 51.—K. Berrill three for 14, R. Whitmore four for 18, Clayton one for 13.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Tempsford v. Great Barford

Great Barford: K. Bealey 1, W. Bridge 0, J. Jells 1, S. Green 0, B. Cope 17, S. Skevington 4, M. Jells 14, R. Sabey 0, J. Browning not out 0, M. Maskell 0, P. Munney 12, extras 7, total 56.—Childerley four for 15, R. Bettles three for 16.

Tempsford: R. Bettles 0, P. Dawes 1, R. Kidman 0, D. Jeffries 9, C. Jackson 5, G. Childerley 18, T. South 0, E. Ingram 41, R. Fuller 16, D. Eaton 0, M. Brown not out 0, extras 13, total 133.—M. Maskell four for 16.

Potton v. Blunham

Blunham: C. Rawlins 1, J. Sims 9, F. Abbott 4, G. Barker 16, R. Sims 3, B. Stevens 1, A. Sims 6, J. Hatters 3, E. Jeffries 2, J. Wakefield not out 1, H. Sims 1, extras 3, total 50.—J. Hutchinson four for 24, W. Drew three for 13, G. Munns two for 10.

Potton: C. Munns 2, E. Gurney 0, P. Hutchinson 0, C. Blott 2, E. Britten 26, F. Kettord 12, J. Hutchinson not out 26, K. Hutchinson 5, W. Drew 5, J. Shirley 0, C. Croot 6, extras 1, total 85.—A. Sims three for 22, R. Sims four for 19, J. Sims two for 17.

Willington 91 (H. Moss 28), Langford 41 (D. Hull five for 22, N. Sawford four for 14).

DIVISION III (SECTION III)

Lavendon v. Marston (First Match)
Lavendon: H. Kitchener 6, P. Wheeler 1, L. Spriggs 0, E. Clare 0, H. Yeomans 1, F. Tompkins 1, K. Utley 2, J. Markham 5, M. Hughes 0, L. Bailey 0, F. Kitchener 0, extras 5, total 17. (S. Knight five for 5, A. Goodman three for 1.)

Marston: H. Stapleton 5, J. Nicholls not out 9, R. Berry not out 6, extras 1, total 21 for one wicket.

Lavendon v. Marston (Second Match)
Marston: H. Stapleton 0, J. Nicholls 7, R. Berry 0, D. Faulkner 0, T. Thoburn 14, C. Caves 10, V. Hale 13, C. Thompson 0, A. Knight 0, A. Goodman 0, S. Knight 0, extras 3, total 47. (E. Clare four for 17, F. Tompkins three for 10.)

Lavendon: H. Kitchener 2, P. Wheeler 2, L. Spriggs 0, E. Clare 0, H. Yeomans 1, F. Tompkins 1, K. Utley 0, J. Martin 8, M. Hughes 3, L. Bailey 3, F. Kitchener 0, extras 3, total 22. (A. Goodman four for 11, T. Thoburn two for 0, A. Knight two for 8.)

CRICKET IN THE VILLAGES

League Elevens Can Take Defeat

Now that football is here and the village cricket table has been wired round for the winter, the lover of the summer game laments sadly that eight months must pass before cricket is again played in the butterscups at Roxton, Cople, and similar grounds in the County.

Bedford and District League cricket is still as keen as in the days of W. G. Grace. Anyone who feels that the spirit has gone from our senior cricket can still find it in the country, where the game was born. The League gives a club something to strive for all the season. If you are not fighting for promotion or the Hospital Cup, then it will be against relegation. So every game is a battle, and admittedly you won't find a free and easy atmosphere until it is won or lost. But when a really keen side, such as Great Staughton, know that the vital game is lost, you will then know a team of friendly philosophers who have learnt cricket's greatest lesson, which is how to lose like a man and give your opponents full credit.

THEY WOULD RATHER LOSE THAN DRAW

In top-class cricket the batsman is nearly always on top, but in the village, where they would rather lose than play a drawn game, the bowler is the master. There are no paid groundsmen, so that even the best wicket is sporting and the ball must be watched closely after it has pitched. The best village batsman can easily fall while tail-enders have a hit-or-miss swing and double the score. Great Barford still remember dismissing Eric Howard and Sid Smith for "ducks" three years ago.

Since the outfield is usually pasture-land, there is little scoring along the carpet, and to score more than a single the ball must be hit in the air. This makes safe catching supremely important, so the whole side is always right in the game. No game is ever lost until it is won, because it is nothing exceptional for six wickets to fall for two or three runs. Kempston West End had a side out for eight this year, and several innings have totalled less than 20.

CHEERS FOR A SIX

Spectators are not numerous, but when Bob Joy hits a six for Haynes young 'uns and old 'uns will raise a cheer that would drown anything heard in the County Cricket Week. There are usually a few young ladies watching, but after a season of inquiry it is evident that they are all married or engaged. Marriage doesn't stop country girls from looking young and pretty, as anyone who visits Pertenhall (where they give you a lovely tea) will see for himself.

You can see a game of cricket in almost every village on a Saturday, and a tea with the team is easily arranged. You won't see anything to compare with Bedfordshire scoring 300 for three. No August or Oliver will put on a hundred for the first wicket or delight you with stylish stroke-play. But the old spirit of the game abides in the villages, and this matters above all else.

ARTHUR SKERMAN.

**Friendly Cricket
MARTLETS' TOUR
OF KENT**

Six Wins: Gale's Two Centuries

On their tenth tour of Kent, the Bedford Martlets enjoyed eight successive days' cricket without a single interruption from rain, and their headquarters in the village of East Farleigh, near Maidstone, proved as delightful as ever. The Martlets won six matches. In three of these they succeeded against the clock or difficult bowling, and one of the two lost matches was decided in the last over. Against Sevenoaks Vine, the Martlets went for the runs in a spirited display, which pleased a very large crowd, but the task was beyond them.

The following is a summary of the scores:—

Martlets 250 for five dec. (R. A. Gale 111 not out, J. C. Featherstone 31, Tunbridge 187 for 14). Won by 63 runs, with seven minutes to spare.

Martlets 184 for five dec. (Barnwell 75, Old Maidstonians 101 (L. Bambridge three for 16, Featherstone three for 24). Won by 83 runs.

Martlets 184 for eight dec. (Gale 116, C. Baulock 45), Bowaters 186 for five. Lost in the last over by five wickets.

Sevenoaks Vine 260 for four dec. (F. Marshall two for 49, Martlets 153 (E. W. Giles 37). Lost by 127 runs. Gravesend 106 (Tait four for 20, Gale three for 32), Martlets 193 (H. A. Southgate 55, E. S. Voltz 50). Won by eight wickets.

At Tunbridge Wells: Blue Mantles 203 (W. Moore three for 64, Voltz four for 55), Martlets 253 for three (Gale not out 109, Southgate 70). Won by seven wickets.

Jinden Park (Tunbridge Wells) 101 (Tait five for 37, Gale three for 30), Martlets 110 (P. G. Miller not out 33). Won by three wickets.

At Chatham: Royal Navy and Royal Marines 145 (L. Bambridge five for 11, Martlets 152 for five (R. E. Jeeps not out 74). Won by five wickets.

The Martlets were captained by E. J. Conner, and sixteen players, with Alex. Davis as scorer, made up the party.

County Fire Service Defeated

In a match of 24 overs each innings, Northants Fire Service beat Bedfordshire F.S. The losers captured the first five wickets for 41 runs, but then an unbroken stand proceeded to a winning total of 109.

For the Bedfordshire XI, who batted first, Newman scored 61 not out after being missed in the gully with the score at 9.

Bedfordshire F.S.: Newman not out 61, Fisher 9, Nightingale 0, Jarvis 15, Bennett 4, Fincham not out 7, extras 5, total 97 for four.

Northamptonshire F.S.: 102 for five, Gilbert three for 26, Nightingale one for 19.

Hendon Police 120 (D. Berridge four for 50, A. Burnake three for 10, A. Massey three for 18), Southill Park Sunday XI 140 for five (Massey not out 50).

Southill Park 98 (R. Godman 22, G. Hunt 22), Kent's Athletic 127 for five (A. Swain three for 48, A. Massey two for 27).

Kent's II 100 (R. Odell six for 40, C. Choverlain three for 4), Southill Park II 116 (H. Brown 27, D. Brown 27).

Dow and Lester's 125 (G. Smith six wickets), Cravenhurst 116 (Davis 31, Harris 19).

Milton Bryan 18 (Judgate six for 5), Chalgrave 52 (A. Ludgate 18, C. Rose 29, J. Martindale five for 11, J. Reynolds four for 11).

Tuddington 64 (Church three for 60), Blunham Nomads 57 (Millman 17, K. Tait 13).

Argus 79 (H. Jones 17, S. Stevens 24; Duckett six for 23), Shire Hall 114 for seven (P. W. Scrivener 21; E. Wells 44).

Shire Hall Architects 42 (Lilley five for 11, Calkins three for 7), C. Franklin's Ltd. 51 for three (Lilley 29).

Cranfield 95 (Emerton not out 35; Hornsey five for 47), Astwood 118 for nine (D. Hornsey 58).

**League Cricket
FINE BOWLING BY
ASHPOLE**

Although without their pace bowler, Skevington, Great Barford gained two important points at Mogerhanger. They won by four wickets.

Barford's attack was in the charge of Ashpole and Breeze, the former taking seven for 14 in seventeen overs. Mogerhanger were always struggling for runs, and could muster only 52. However, this looked a winning total when a six of the 10 balls delivered to add to the batting side's difficulties. A. Norman had to retire on being struck on an elbow. But in a plucky effort the skipper, Breeze, hit 20, including a six of the 10 balls delivered to him. Though Barford had four wickets in hand on passing the Mogerhanger total, they were let out for six. Barford then made an indifferent start in their innings against Renhold, four wickets falling for a handful of runs. Then Bull and K. Wagstaff stopped the run, and Wagstaff came in later to stage a valuable innings of 29, the biggest contribution to a total of 96. Renhold were beaten by 39.

In reply to Oakley's 67, Stagsden reached 55 for six wickets, and at this stage entertained high hopes of winning. But then Burns rolled up his sleeves with the air of a bowler who meant business. He dismissed his first two batsmen, and then captured the last wicket. Stagsden's score remaining at 53. Dutton, who had watched the disasters from the other end, carried his bat out for a well-played 24. Burns took eight wickets at the trivial cost of nine runs.

Blunham II declared their second innings closed at 55 for seven, leaving Great Barford II 52 to win. Barford just managed it for the loss of eight wickets. Jeffs did the hat-trick for the winners.

DIVISION I

Great Barford v. Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 7, W. Wisler 0, H. Phoenix 7, F. Jarvis 5, K. Reid 5, E. Reid 11, F. Tester 2, H. Reid 4, F. Wisler 3, R. Phillips not out 0, C. Cooper 1, extras 7, total 52.—Ashpole seven for 14, Breeze two for 15.

Barford: W. Norman 3, B. Norman 15, A. Norman 0, P. Seaton 0, J. Ashpole 7, K. Bevaney 0, W. Page 1, E. Vickers 0, J. Breeze not out 20, S. Green 1, K. Taitman 1, extras 9, total 56.—Tester 14 for 21.

Renhold v Thurlleigh

Thurlleigh: J. Thorne 0, F. Holley 4, W. Asplin 3, L. Franklin 0, A. Bull 18, K. Wagstaff 11, B. Asplin 8, L. Wildman 7, J. Wagstaff 29, A. Fensome 3, B. Ingle not out 2, extras 11, total 96.

Renhold: D. Stapleton 1, G. Harlow 7, D. Fenton 1, W. Harlow 25, G. Allen 1, P. Harlow 15, J. Norman 1, P. Shorley 0, A. Duncumbe 0, P. Carter not out 0, extras 5, total 57.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Oakley v Stagsden

Oakley: J. Bryson 4, J. Gibbons 2, F. Rainbow 2, J. Newall 22, J. Burns not out 13, C. Bird 3, G. Rainbow 4, H. Donagan 0, T. Thompson 6, H. Croft 1, J. Saunders 0, extras 8, total 67.—Newman four for 14, Dutton four for 11, Ibbott one for 8, Hunt one for 11.

Stagsden: R. Benson 2, G. Newman 2, M. Hunt 7, G. Perrin 11, S. Dutton not out 24, F. Frossell 0, S. Myers 0, J. Alder 7, R. Harris 0, J. Ibbott 0, total 55.—Burns eight for 9, Thompson one for 11.

Sharnbrook v Turvey

Sharnbrook: A. Clayton 2, S. Alcock 0, H. Martin 6, R. Dunkley 40, D. Dunkley 3, G. Bowles 7, L. Blundell 2, H. Boyles 0, P. Hustwaite 0, L. Pacey 1, J. Knight not out 2, extras 2, total 55.—F. Pavinton three for 15, A. Sugars seven for 24.

Turvey: H. Sargent 5, R. Frost 10, D. Skevington 22, J. Kruthoffer 1, S. West 6, R. Wright 10, F. Paynton 5, A. Sugars 8, J. Simfield 5, J. Jeffs 0, W. Cuckings not out 0, total 75.—Knight two for 17, Alcock two for 12, Dunkley one for 24, Martin one for 17.

DIVISION III SECTION II

Great Barford v Blunham

Blunham: G. Rawlins 10, 15, E. Jeffries 0, A. Sims 0, J. Sims 0, F. Abbott 0, J. Stevens 3, 2, P. Rawlins 5 not out 10, R. Sims 0, 1, H. Sims not out 0, J. R. Norman 0 not out 0, M. Ransomes 1, extras 8, and 2, totals 27 and 35 for seven declared.—J. Jeffs five for 4 and three for 12, M. Maskell five for 11 and two for 9.

Great Barford: G. Robinson 5, 5, J. Jeffs 0, 4, S. Skevington 0, 3, P. Minney 0, 1, G. Mardlin 0, B. Cope 16, 15, M. Jeffs 6, 4, M. Maskell 0, 0, West 0, 0, C. Robinson 2, 3, R. West not out 0 not out 0, extras 4 and 2, totals 31 and 35 for eight.—P. Rawlins five for 11, A. Sims three for 8, R. Sims three for 12.

Hospital Cup

BEDFORD WIN THE FINAL

Harpur Batsmen in Stagnated Mood

A half-century by Eric Howard and fine bowling by Breeze were the chief causes of Harpur Sports' defeat in the Hospital Cup final with Bedford Town. While the wicket was playing somewhat unpredictably Bedford lost half of their wickets for 48 runs, but Howard and Markham added 67 in a sixth-wicket stand. Set 152 to get, Harpur never appeared likely to reach this figure, and A. Webster and Bennett were run out in their endeavours to keep the score moving, which was no easy task. Breeze and Markham, bowling throughout the innings, could rarely be forced away. The Town won by 64 runs.

Bedford: Wm. D. Matthews 0, D. Parren 22, P. H. Humphreys 8, E. C. Howard not out 54, V. J. Harris 1, E. Smith 5, P. Markham 33, T. Woollicroft 0, W. Baker 4, extras 4 total, for eight wickets, 151.—D. Cornell three for 62, A. Cornell two for 51, Minns one for 14.

Harpur Sports: A. Webster 6, T. Webster 6, D. Bennett 12, T. Minns 15, J. Newman 5, A. Greene 0, H. Poulter 10, R. Jarvis 6, A. Cornell 2, B. Cornell not out 1, C. Webster 0, extras 4, total 67.—Breeze six for 27, Markham two for 36.