

BEDFORDSHIRE 1951 : MATCHES 9 (8)

CAPTAIN: A.B. POOLE

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	LN	BHST
W,T	30,31	MAY	LEICS 2ND	LUTON	FS SA ✓	-	-	PFS ✓
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W,T	8,9		BUCKS	BEDFORD	FSA ✓	-	PFS ✓	PFA ✓
F,S	10,11		HERTS	BEDFORD	FSA ✓	FSA ✓	PFS ✓	PFA ✓
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			REVIEW		10 SEPT ✓	-	-	-
			AGM		10 SEPT ✓	-	-	-

- JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES
- JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD
- JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS
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J. LEGATE  
S.T. MORRIS  
M.L. KILBY  
J.R. CHISHOLM  
D.C. MONEY  
A.G. COOMB  
A.B. TOOLE  
G.H. TEARLE  
P. MARITHAM  
J.G. OWEN  
E.S. SMITH  
J. PAYNE  
E.C. HOWARD  
B.E. DISBURY  
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# BEDFORDSHIRE CRICKET HONOURED

## Three Members Of Team In Minor Counties' XI

BY CHILTERN

AN indication of the position Bedfordshire have attained in Minor Counties cricket is given by the selection of three of their players to play for the Minor Counties XI against Kent at Canterbury on June 6, 7 and 8.

Two of them are members of Luton Town, John Oliver and Glyn Owen, and both have been "capped" before, but this is a new honour for the fast-medium bowler, A. G. Coomb.

Coomb, who bowled well last season and topped the County's averages with 13 wickets at a cost of 13.46 each, probably gained his place on the strength of his opening spell in the challenge match against Surrey II at the Oval when in 11 overs, he dismissed Brazier, Clark and Whitaker for a mere 19 runs.

The weather prevented Bedfordshire from forcing home the advantage this gave them, but it was a very fine piece of bowling.

Owen, who led the Bedfordshire batting averages with 366 runs, an average of 52.28 and also took 34 wickets for 18.52 each, played for the Minor Counties in both their matches last season.

### Have Lost Only Two Matches Since 1939

JOHN OLIVER was chosen for the match with the M.C.C. at Lords, but had to stand down at the last minute because of injury, and his place was taken by the other Bedfordshire opening batsman, George August.

He has however, made previous appearances in the side, and his batting has been remarkably consistent since the war.

In the championship, Bedfordshire have the remarkable record of having lost only two matches since 1939, and they have finished as runners-up in two of the last three seasons.

In their first challenge match against Lancashire II at Old Trafford, they received one of their rare defeats.

### Leicestershire II Are Playing At Wardown

THE County's season opens at Wardown on Wednesday week when Leicestershire II are the visitors for a friendly match which will last two days.

The Bedfordshire side is not completed yet, but the following have accepted invitations:

A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, D. C. Money, M. Kilby, D. Markham, J. Legate, J. Chisholm.

Markham is a fast-medium bowler who plays for Bedford Town, while Legate (Henlow), a useful batsman, has made several previous appearances for the County.

Glyn Owen is not available for this match.

## Saturday Sports Review

### Place For Tearle In County Side

BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.'s side to meet Leicestershire II at Wardown on Wednesday and Thursday has now been completed and will include eight of the regular side of last season.

Absentees are Glyn Owen and B. E. Disbury, who are not available and Joe Payne, who has not played any cricket yet this season.

Peter Markham (Bedford Town) and Jack Legate (Henlow) had already been invited to fill two of the vacancies and the other place goes to Geoff Tearle, the Leighton Town all rounder.

### Only One Player From Luton Town

TEARLE is no stranger to this grade, for he has played for the County in Minor Counties cricket and in the last two matches of 1947, took 6 for 119 and made 72 runs in four innings with a highest score of 30.

Last season his only appearance was in the one-day match with Northants II at Wardown.

With Owen and Payne not playing, John Oliver is the only member of Luton Town in the team which will be:

A. B. Poole (Bedford T), capt., J. A. R. Oliver (Luton T), G. L. B. August (Horseley), S. T. Morris, D. C. Money, A. G. Coomb (Bedford), M. L. Kilby (Dunstable T), P. Markham (Bedford T), J. Legate (Henlow), G. Tearle (Leighton T), J. Chisholm.

### Meet Northants II At Leighton

TEARLE, Legate and Markham are also included in a Bedfordshire XI to meet Northamptonshire II in a one-day match at Bell Close, Leighton, on Thursday week.

Of the regular County side, only Poole, Disbury, Kilby and Money are included and, apart from Tearle, two other members of Leighton Town are chosen in Bob Costin, who has already played for the County in the Minor Counties competition, and A. P. Reynolds.

Luton Town's sole representative in the side is John Muse, their number 3 batsman, who played in one Minor Counties match in each of the last two seasons.

### First Chance For Russell Carlisle

A NEWCOMER to representative cricket is young Russell Carlisle, of Henlow, who showed distinct promise when playing for Francis Appleyard's XI against the Town last week.

These matches arranged in addition to their normal programme in the competition are giving the County an opportunity to have a real look at the talent they have available, as well as providing some good class cricket for those who support the summer game.

Team:

A. B. Poole (Bedford T), capt., B. E. Disbury (Bedford), M. L. Kilby (Dunstable T), D. C. Money (Bedford), J. Legate, R. Carlisle (Henlow), R. K. Costin, A. P. Reynolds, G. Tearle (Leighton T), J. A. Muse (Luton T), P. Markham (Bedford T).

### Ladies' Cricket Team For Luton?

IS Luton to have a ladies' cricket team? If members of a certain local school Old Girls' Association have their way, it will.

A dozen of their members got together at a meeting this week and decided that something should be done about popularising ladies' cricket locally.

Probably the fact that there is an Australian team touring this country at the moment, gives added weight to the idea and if the enthusiasm is as widespread as my correspondent seems to think, then there is no reason why a club should not be formed.

Then, though the problem of a suitable ground would have to be faced.

# Morris Bats His Best for County

Bedfordshire's two-day friendly match with Leicestershire 2nd XI at Luton ended yesterday evening in a draw. Sid Morris had a very good match, following a useful first-innings knock with an attractive display after tea yesterday, when he and Kilby added 118 for the fourth wicket.

In the first stage of Wednesday's play it seemed that Bedfordshire's gamble in not including a recognised spin bowler would come off. The opening bowlers, Chisholm and Markham, each claimed a wicket before the score had reached double figures, but Sargeant and Saunders (Australians who are qualifying for Leicestershire) allowed no further successes to the fielding side in the pre-lunch period.

They raised the score from 5 to 122. Long before the stand was ended Poole must have sighed for a slow bowler. He gave Legate a turn with the ball, but although the Henlow man bowled steadily, the batsmen were never in trouble.

It was left to the pace men, Chisholm and Coomb, to bear the brunt of the attack. Coomb took five for 102, and Chisholm four for 64, both delivering 29 overs. Bedfordshire did quite well to get the visitors out for 257, as the wicket was easy.

Bedfordshire lost August, Oliver, and Legate for 64. Morris (19) and Kilby (11) were together at the close.

The best and brightest phase in yesterday morning's play was a partnership of 59 by Morris and Chisholm, both of whom scored quickly. Chisholm had some luck, but he was very severe on Spence, off whom he took 22 in two overs.

Bedfordshire lost three wickets at the one total, but Poole and Coomb relieved the situation.

In an effort to keep the game alive Poole declared 35 minutes before lunch with his side 52 runs behind. But Leicestershire did not respond in the same spirit. Some dreary batting produced only 140 runs in 160 minutes, though it must be said that the Bedfordshire bowling was steady and the fielding keen. When Leicestershire declared the home county were left 125 minutes to get 193 runs.

When stumps were drawn Bedfordshire were 53 runs behind.

## Leicestershire First Innings

K. Smith b Chisholm	0
T. Saunders c Money b Coomb	72
W. Hallam lbw Markham	2
M. Sargeant lbw Coomb	56
R. Day b Chisholm	1
B. Martin c Poole b Coomb	38
L. Spence c Money b Chisholm	12
P. Smith lbw Coomb	13
W. Ashdown b Chisholm	18
P. Corral c Money b Coomb	13
J. Sperry not out	17
Extras	15

Total . . . . . 257

## Second Innings

K. Smith b Coomb	31
T. Saunders c Money b Chisholm	34
M. Hallam c Morris b Tearle	40
M. Sargeant not out	25
B. Martin c Coomb b Tearle	0
K. Day not out	4
Extras	6

Total (for four wickets dec.) 140

Tearle two for 6. Coomb one for 25. Chisholm one for 42.

## Bedfordshire First Innings

G. L. B. August lbw Sperry	6
J. A. R. Oliver c Sperry b Spence	25
J. Legate c K. Smith b Spence	17
S. T. Morris c Sperry b Day	44
M. L. Kilby c Spence b Sperry	15
J. Chisholm c Spence b Sargeant	34
D. C. Money c Ashdown b Sargeant	0
A. G. Coomb not out	25
A. B. Poole hit wkt b Spence	25
G. H. Tearle not out	7
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wickets dec.) 205

P. Markham did not bat. Sperry two for 42. Day one for 49. Spence three for 85. Sargeant two for 20.

## Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Corral b Sperry	0
J. A. R. Oliver c Corral b Sperry	4
J. Legate c Saunders b Day	2
S. T. Morris c Spence b Sargeant	63
M. L. Kilby not out	52
D. C. Money not out	2
Extras	16

Total for 4 wickets . . 139

# FINANCIAL LOSS ON COUNTY MATCH

## Cold Weather Kept Down The Gate At Wardown

**BY CHILTERN**

Luton's growing reputation for providing good support for county cricket received something of a setback this week when the gate money for the two days of Bedfordshire's match with Leicestershire II was only a little over £10.

Yet, two years ago, when Luton was allotted a match outside the Minor Counties competition and the Royal Air Force provided the opposition, gate receipts were £82.

EXPLANATION of the meagre support accorded the County this week probably lies in the fact that the weather was scarcely warm enough to watch cricket in comfort.

Although there was sunshine on both days, a cold wind doubtless kept away many people who had intended to make their way to Wardown.

There was only a handful of spectators on Wednesday afternoon when, normally, a large crowd can be expected and, curiously enough, more money was taken on Thursday than on the first day.

### Barely Covered The Cost Of Cricket Balls

THE aim of the Town cricket club is to provide the best possible cricket at Wardown and they would like to increase their quota of county matches—which is something Bedfordshire cannot do in present circumstances.

They can only hope that this week's financial return will not discourage the County Committee from fixing an annual friendly match at Luton.

The takings would scarcely cover the cost of the new balls used in the match, and a considerable deficit will have to be faced.

### Tried To Produce An Interesting Finish

THE captains, A. B. Poole and W. H. Ashdown, famous former Kent opening batsman, who is now Leicestershire's coach, did their best to produce an interesting finish, for there were two declarations on Thursday.

Poole closed his side's first innings, even though they were still 52 runs behind, and when Ashdown declared, Bedfordshire were left with two hours to make 193 to win.

Such a task might not have been beyond them but for the fact that three early disasters cut down the scoring rate at the start of the innings.

### Bad Start To The Second Venture

NOT often does one see that dependable opening batsman, George August, fail to score and not only did that happen, but he was dismissed by the first ball of the second innings.

Paddy Corral, who has been Leicestershire's first choice wicket-keeper for years, but who is now being kept out by Firth, a new arrival from Yorkshire, made a brilliant catch on the leg side off the bowling of Jim Sperry.

Earlier in the week Sperry was playing for Leicestershire against Kent, and he has been one of his county's stalwarts for a number of years.

### Morris And Kilby In Century Stand

WHEN Legate and Oliver left in quick succession, three Bedfordshire wickets were down for only 11 runs, and instead of a race for victory they saw the shadow of defeat.

Loss of another cheap wicket would have been serious, but the situation was saved by a century partnership between Sid Morris, of Bedford, and Mick Kilby, of Dunstable Town.

Once they settled down, both batted attractively and produced good scoring strokes, and they had raised the score to 129 before Morris was out for a well-played 63.

### Kilby's Value As An All-Rounder

THE left-handed Kilby stayed to complete his half-century just before the close and the quality of his batting suggests that he will make a lot of runs for the county.

Originally it was his fast bowling that earned him a place in the side, but he did not bowl much in this match.

Still, it looks as if Bedfordshire have discovered a very good all-rounder, with the ability to make runs early in the batting order.

Sid Morris contributed two polished innings which aggregated 107, and he and Jack Chisholm produced the brightest cricket of the match on Thursday morning in the first innings.

### Brisk Innings By Jack Chisholm

CHISHOLM, promoted to number six, had some good fortune, being dropped twice, while another catch was misjudged, but he certainly demonstrated his hitting powers by taking 22 off the leg-spinner, Spence, in two overs, including two sixes.

After this pair had put on 59 in quick time, crisis set in, three wickets falling at the same total of 148.

However, the storm was weathered by Poole and A. G. Coomb, who each contributed 25.

In the past, Coomb has often occupied the place of number 11 in the batting order, but he showed during this innings that he is a considerably better batsman than he has been given credit for.

### Bedfordshire Always Looking For Runs

THERE was plenty of colour about the Bedfordshire batting and most of the batsmen

## The Complete Scoreboard

LEICESTERSHIRE II  
1st Innings; 257.

BEDFORDSHIRE  
1st Innings.

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J A R Oliver c Sperry b Spence	25
J Legate c K Smith b Spence	17
S T Morris c Sperry b Day	44
M L Kilby c Spence b Sperry	15
J Chisholm c Spence b Sargeant	34
D C Money c Ashdown b Sargeant	0
A G Coomb not out	25
A B Poole hit wkt b Spence	25
G Tearle not out	7
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 205  
P Markham did not bat.

LEICESTERSHIRE II  
2nd Innings

K Smith b Coomb	31
P Saunders c Money b Chisholm	34
M Hallam c Morris b Tearle	40
M Sargeant not out	25
B Martin c Coomb b Tearle	0
R Day not out	4
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wks dec.) 140  
Bowling: Tearle 2 for 6, Coomb 1 for 25, Chisholm 1 for 42.

BEDFORDSHIRE  
2nd Innings

G L B August c Corral b Sperry	0
J A R Oliver c Corral b Sperry	4
J Legate c Saunter b Day	2
S T Morris c Spence b Sargeant	63
M L Kilby not out	52
D C Money not out	2
Extras	16

Total (for 4 wks.) .... 139

showed a liking for going for the runs, which suggests that they will be an attractive side to watch this season.

Leicestershire's batting on Thursday afternoon was disappointing, and although the Bedfordshire bowling was accurate, it was rather flattered by the batsmen who took 145 minutes to muster 140, the total at which Ashdown declared.

How much more run-conscious Bedfordshire were is shown by the fact that their second innings lasted only 35 overs, as against the 53 overs which Leicestershire had for only one run more.

### Chisholm And Coomb Had Long Spells

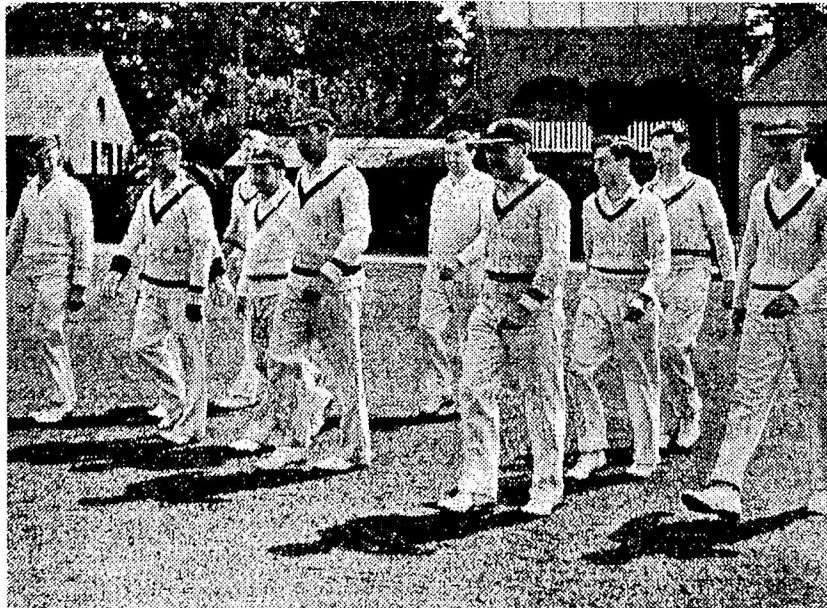
POOLE was handicapped by the lack of a good slow bowler, and Glyn Owen, who was not available for this match, would have been invaluable.

As there is an apparent shortage of slow bowlers in Bedfordshire, the accent in attack was on fast-medium bowling.

Peter Markham, playing in his first County match, was given the new ball, bowled quite accurately and gained an early wicket in the first innings.

However, the mainstays of the bowling were Chisholm and Coomb who, in the two innings, bowled 88 overs between them.

## Saturday Sports Review



The Bedfordshire XI, led by A. B. Poole, taking the field in their match with Leicestershire II at Wardown on Wednesday. G5332F

### Two Not Available For Herts Match

DISAPPOINTING news is that neither Morris nor Disbury will be available for the first Minor Counties match of the season against Hertfordshire at Watford on June 27 and 28.

The absence of Morris, in particular, will be felt, for he is a most reliable number 4, and as Disbury usually bats at number 3 there will have to be some reshuffling of the order again.

That being the case, the success of Mick Kilby came opportunely and one of the vacancies may be solved by putting in Glyn Owen at number 3, the position he occupied for a considerable time in the County side.

### Two Who Have Claims For Places

REGARDED as certain to be in the side against Hertfordshire are Poole, Oliver, August, Owen, Money, Kilby, Chisholm, and Coomb.

There is still a doubt about whether Joe Payne will be able to play this season but, if he is available, he will surely go straight into the side.

There will be a place for another batsman in place of Morris and one candidate will be Jack Legate, who batted quite competently in the first innings, though he failed in the second and thus lost an opportunity of

strengthening his claims for inclusion.

John Muse, of Luton Town, is another who must be regarded as a contender for a place.

### Holdstock's Prophecy Came True

LEICESTERSHIRE are not members of the Minor Counties competition, but this was by no means the first meeting between the counties.

After the match, someone was recalling that they had fixtures with each other in the middle 1920s at the time when Bedfordshire also played Kent II.

That led to someone remembering Bert Holdstock, then one of Bedfordshire's opening batsmen, coming back from a match with Kent and saying that a boy of sixteen had kept wicket against them and that in his opinion he would play for England.

The name of the boy wicket-keeper? Leslie Ames—and how right Bert's prophecy turned out to be.

### Matches Arranged For Town's Juniors

THE Town's fixture secretary, Charlie Warman, has lost no time in getting some matches for the junior members of the club.

The decision was made at the Committee meeting on Monday and by yesterday he had arranged two with Vauxhall Juniors on their new ground for the evenings of June 15 and July 10.

There is also the probability of matches against Luton Grammar School later in the season.

## Bedfordshire's Two Runs A Minute Victory Race

A Bedfordshire XI scored at the rate of nearly two runs a minute when left with only 140 minutes to get 250 runs to beat Northants II at Bell Close, Leighton, on Thursday, a feat they accomplished with 10 minutes to spare.

In the main they were indebted to B. E. Disbury, who made a brilliant not out century, but he received valuable support from G. H. Tearle (Leighton Town) and J. A. Muse (Luton Town).

After batting nearly four hours for 249 Northants declared with nine wickets down and, after tea, Bedfordshire treated the spectators to a glorious display of fast hitting. When the winning hit was made, they still had seven wickets in hand.

Northants had to exercise some caution when their opening pair, Davis (E) and Barrick, both of whom have held places in the first team, were dismissed with only 21 runs on the board.

Greasley, who made a century against Leicestershire in the County Championship, played a rescue innings of 81 which included two sixes and 12 fours.

Even so, the sixth wicket fell at 158, but stubborn resistance was encountered from the two 18-years-old batsmen, Norman and Allen, who put on 58.

There was an early setback when Bedfordshire began their difficult task, for Reynolds, who never looked comfortable, was dismissed with only 12 on the board.

However, Disbury and Tearle put an entirely different complexion on matters. They collared the bowling to such an extent that the first hour after tea brought 120 runs and put Bedfordshire right in the game with a winning chance.

Tearle's half-century came in even time and Disbury batted only just over an hour for his. Between them they added 141 before Tearle was dismissed and, with his departure, Northants' hopes must have increased.

However, if they did, they reckoned without the quick-scoring John Muse, who admirably helped Disbury to keep the rate of run-getting going and who hit two glorious sixes.

Muse was dismissed just before the winning hit, a drive for four by Disbury, came.

NORTHANTS II	
E Davis c Money b Disbury	4
P Barrick c Legate b Kilby	9
P Arnold c Muse b Legate	25
D Greasley lbw b Markham	81
A Liddell lbw b Legate	6
H W Wright c Legate b Markham	24
M Norman not out	52
M Allen c Money b Legate	18
J Wyld c Money b Tearle	8
F Hobbs b Legate	5
Dilip Sen not out	7
Extras	10

Total (for 9 wkts dec) . . . . . 249  
Bowling: J Legate 4 for 34; P Markham 2 for 57; B E Disbury 1 for 7; M L Kilby 1 for 52; G Tearle 1 for 69; A P Reynolds 0 for 20.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
B E Disbury not out	140
A P Reynolds b Liddell	3
G Tearle b Barrick	62
J A Muse c Greasley b Arnold	42
J Legate not out	0
Extras	6

Total (for 3 wkts) . . . . . 252  
R K Costin, M L Kilby, D C Money, R Carlisle, A B Poole and P Markham did not bat.

Bowling: P Arnold 1 for 49; A Liddell 1 for 53; D Barrick 1 for 63; F Hobbs 0 for 27 and D Greasley 0 for 55.



**Saturday Sports Review**

**COUNTY WITHOUT MORRIS AND DISBURY**

**The Town Provide Three Against Hertfordshire**

**BY CHILTERN**

Bedfordshire make their debut in this season's Minor Counties cricket competition on Wednesday week when they visit their old rivals, Hertfordshire, on the ground of West Herts at Watford.

This match always represents a severe test, and it is unfortunate from the Bedfordshire point of view that they will have to go into it without the players who would have occupied places at numbers 3 and 4 in their batting order.

PLAYERS who will be missing from the side are Sid Morris, who batted so well in both innings against Leicestershire 11 at Wardown recently, and Brian Disbury, who made a hurricane hundred against Northants 11 at Leighton last week.

As replacements, the county have called upon Jack Legate, of Henlow, and Eric Howard, of Bedford Town.

Legate played against Leicestershire and batted well in the first innings at number 3. He is also a useful change bowler and was among the wickets in last week's match at Leighton.

**Howard Played Only Once Last Season**

HOWARD, of course, has held a regular place in the side and has won his county cap, but his appearances last season were limited to one—against Hertfordshire on the same ground.

I am told that this season he is batting extremely well for his club and much may depend at Watford on the success of both these players.

For the captain, A. B. Poole, there is something of a problem in arranging his batting order, for presumably he will wish to avoid having the two left-handers, Glyn Owen and Mick Kilby, too close together in the order.

**Will Owen Go Back To Number 3?**

AGAINST Leicestershire Kilby occupied Owen's usual place at number 3 and made a splendid half-century in the second innings.

Until a season or so back, Owen was the county's number 3, but probably the skipper took into account the amount of bowling he was doing and considered that a lower place was more suitable.

For this match Owen could go back to his old place, which

would probably mean Kilby batting at number 5 or 6 with Legate and Howard in the intermediate positions.

**Strong Batting Side On Paper**

ON paper this is an extremely strong batting side, for, to follow, there are Joe Payne, A. B. Poole, Jack Chisholm, David Money, and Arthur Coomb.

It may be that Payne, whom everybody is glad to see in the county team again, will go in higher than seems to be indicated at present, but number 11 seems to be booked for Coomb, despite the very good innings he played at Wardown recently.

There should be plenty of bowling available, too, and with Owen and Payne playing, Poole will have a good deal more variety at his disposal.

**Fewer Points For First Innings Lead**

THE chosen team is: A. B. Poole (Bedford Tn.), captain, J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, J. Payne (Luton Tn.), G. L. B. August (Horsey), E. C. Howard, A. G. Coomb, D. C. Money (Bedford Tn.), M. L. Kilby (Dunstable Tn.), J. Legate (Henlow), J. R. Chisholm.

Obviously in an effort to obtain a greater percentage of decisive results in the championship this season, there has been a change of rule with regard to the number of points allotted to a team gaining first innings lead in a drawn game.

**May Result In More Risks Being Taken**

INSTEAD of the old arrangement of the team gaining the lead taking five points and their opponents three, first innings lead will now be worth only three

points, with the other side taking only one.

On the other hand, the number of points for an outright win remains at 10, so the margin will probably encourage more risks to be taken in an attempt to achieve a finish.

This aim will be aided by the fact that during 1951 and until Law 15 is amended, the Minor Counties will be at liberty to experiment on that law as follows:

The captain of the batting side may declare an innings closed at any time during a two-day match, provided there are no freak declarations.

**Brighter Cricket Could Result**

EFFECT of this, so far as the Minor Counties competition is concerned, is to widen the scope of declarations on the first day which, in the past, had to be made not later than 1 hour, 40 minutes before the time agreed upon for drawing stumps.

This may encourage declarations to be made within the period that was previously banned and, to attain that end, to step up the rate of scoring on the first day by the side taking first innings.

The result of these two moves could be more decisions and a general brightening of the cricket, for drawn matches have become all too much part and parcel of Minor Counties cricket, limited as it is to two days.

1 Hertfordshire 1951

Herts v Beds West Herts Ground, Watford 27,28 June

Herts won by 6 runs Points 10

Toss Beds Hipple & D'Arcy

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Herts 1st innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c August	b Legate	106	(7x4s, 10x3s, 13x2s)
DB Parkin		b Coomb	6	
KD Spivey	c Payne	b Coomb	14	
GF Webb		b Payne	0	
+RG Simons	c Poole	b Coomb	34	
DJ Carnill	c Payne	b Coomb	6	
RW Fenn	c Payne	b Coomb	18	
CVL Marques		b Coomb	11	
LO King	c Coomb	b Chisholm	14	
FR Allen	c Money	b Chisholm	0	
J Holt	not out		0	
Extras	Byes 8, leg byes 2, no balls 1		11	
Total	All out 77.1 overs		220	

FoW 1-13 (2), 2-38 (3), 3-43 (4), 4-140 (5), 5-150 (6), 6-185 (1), 7-201 (7), 8-206 (8),  
9-217 (10), 10-220 (9)

Bowling

Coomb	25	9	64	6	Owen	9	0	23	0
Chisholm	16.1	2	59	2	Legate	7	4	10	1
Payne	20	5	53	1					

Beds 1st innings

GLB August	c & b	Holt	10
*AB Poole	c Fenn	b Holt	18
J Legate	c Parkin	b Holt	17
JAR Oliver	c Holt	b King	44
JG Owen	lbw	b Holt	0
ES Smith	c & b	Holt	5
J Payne		b King	18
MC Kilby	c Webb	b Fenn	25
+DC Money		b Holt	23
J Chisholm	not out		3
AG Coomb	c Fenn	b Holt	1
Extras	Byes 10, leg byes 3, wides 1, no balls 2		16
Total	All out 81.5 overs		180

FoW 1-29(2), 2-33 (1), 3-88 (3), 4-94 (5), 5-104 (4), 6-104 (6), 7-123 (7), 8-173 (9),  
9-179 (8), 10-180 (11)

27,28 June 1951 (cont)

Bowling									
Marques	1	0	2	0	Holt	35.5	15	61	7
King	18	6	43	2	Allen	9	1	28	0
Fenn	18	10	30	1					

Herts 2nd innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c & b			Coomb	17
DB Parkin	c Oliver			b Coomb	8
KD Spivey	c Money			b Coomb	16
GF Webb				b Coomb	11
+RG Simons	lbw			b Coomb	21
RW Fenn	c Legate			b Payne	15
DJ Carnill	c Money			b Coomb	39
CVL Marques				b Chisholm	0
LO King	not out				11
Extras	Byes 2, leg byes 1				3
Total	8 wickets dec		42.5 overs		141

FoW 1-15 (2), 2-42 (1), 3-47 (3), 4-56 (4), 5-81 (6), 6-106 (5), 7-109 (8), 8-141 (7)

Bowling									
Coomb	21.5	6	80	6	Payne	6	0	21	1
Chisholm	15	2	37	1					

Beds 2nd innings

*AB Poole	c Spivey			b Fenn	5
J Payne	c Tyrwhitt-Drake			b King	11
J Legate	c Carnill			b Fenn	1
JAR Oliver	c King			b Fenn	7
JG Owen	c Holt			b King	24
J Chisholm	st Simons			b Holt	33
ML Kilby	c Simons			b King	20
DC Money	c King			b Holt	9
ES Smith	not out				25
AG Coomb	c Spivey			b Fenn	27
GLB August	lbw			b Holt	1
Extras	Byes 8, leg byes 4				12
Total	All out		55.3 overs		175

FoW 1-15 (1), 2-21 (3), 3-21 (2), 4-32 (4), 5-54 (5), 6-112 (6), 7-122 (7), 8-126 (8), 9-165 (10), 10-175 (11)

Bowling

King	23	7	58	3		
Fenn	16	5	54	4		
Holt	16.3	5	51	3		
	Herts scorebook		Watford Observer	29-6-51		Account

# COUNTY LOSE BY SIX RUNS

## Gallant Effort by the Tail-End Batsmen

In a tense finish at Watford yesterday evening, Hertfordshire defeated Bedfordshire by six runs after a very gallant fight by the visiting County's tail-end batsmen. A. G. Coomb made a great all-round effort for Bedfordshire. After taking twelve wickets in the match at a cost of about 12 runs each, he figured in a ninth wicket stand that only just failed to bring his side victory.

Coomb's partner was his Bedford Town clubmate, E. S. Smith, a late deputy for Eric Howard, who withdrew through illness.

It was a very fine effort on a wicket that had helped the bowlers all day.

Winning the toss on rather a dull, chilly Wednesday morning, Fenn for Hertfordshire in a decision one was inclined to leave to events either to justify or confound. The wicket gave no early signs of being difficult, but the Hertfordshire skipper must have felt satisfied when, in the first hour, three wickets fell for 43 runs. Coomb, bowling well from the start, had Parkin pulling a ball into his stumps at 15, and, with Payne taking a splendid catch wide to the left hand at first slip, Spivey left at 58. Five runs later Webb badly misread a short ball from Payne which he tried to pull, and he was bowled.

Tyrwhitt-Drake, however, was batting quite freely. He played some uppish strokes and kept the fieldsmen hopefully expectant, yet always the ball dropped in the unattended places. His driving, especially in the region of mid-off, was very strong. He and Simons stayed until lunch, at which the score was 103 for three, and not until 140 appeared on the board was the stand broken.

Tyrwhitt-Drake went on to reach his first century for Hertfordshire in two hours 55 minutes, but just later he was caught near the long-on boundary. Smith to go, at 185, Tyrwhitt-Drake had hit seven fours and ten threes, and the only chance he had given was a hard one in the gully, where Owen, setting his hands to the ball, failed to hold it.

### PAYNE'S SLIP CATCH

The last four Hertfordshire wickets went for the addition of 39 runs, Coomb using the new ball to good purpose and again finding a splendid first-slip ally in Payne, who dived to take a low catch which ended Fenn's stylish innings.

Although Chisholm got the last two wickets, he was not at his best. The conditions did not suit Owen, and Oliver was unable to bowl because of a groin injury. So Coomb and Payne bore the brunt of the attack, the former delivering 25 overs at a cost of only 64 runs and taking six wickets. It was one of his most impressive performances for the County. Legate bowled steadily and had the satisfaction of dismissing Tyrwhitt-Drake.

In the two and a half hours' play remaining on Wednesday the Hertfordshire bowlers did a grand job for their side, and at the close Bedfordshire were 93 runs behind with three wickets in hand. Poole, who partnered August instead of Oliver, began as though he meant to stay. Twice he cut Fenn to the ring, but at 29 a brilliant catch near the bat dismissed him, and four runs later August also went.

Bedfordshire's position was improved by Oliver and Legate in a third-wicket stand which added 55. Oliver, despite his injury, punished with relish any bowling which was short of a length, but after Legate, who hit a six off Holt, left at 88, Hertfordshire again struck effectively. Holt quickly got Owen leg before, and while the score stood at 104 Oliver and Smith lost their wickets. An aggressive knock was Payne's way of dealing with quite a serious position. At the close Holt had taken five for 56 in 22 overs.

Despite a damp wicket on which the ball was liable to pop, Kilby and Money pushed the score along at a lively rate yesterday morning. Neither batsman was entirely happy against Holt, but the bowling from the other end was faced confidently, and a most valuable partnership had accounted for 50 runs before Money was bowled.

The Bedfordshire innings ended 40 runs behind the home county's total. When Hertfordshire opened their second venture, Tyrwhitt-Drake was obviously out for quick runs. After hitting two fours he was dropped behind the wicket off Chisholm. Coomb was again the more accurate of the pace bowlers, and at 15 he forced Parkin to give an easy catch at forward short leg.

Neither Chisholm nor Payne could make much impression at the other end, but Coomb dealt further blows for the visiting county. He took a sharp return catch to get rid of Tyrwhitt-Drake at 42, and five runs later Money atoned for his previous lapse by taking a ball which Coomb turned off the edge of Spivey's bat. At lunch Hertfordshire were 53 for three—93 runs on.

Coomb bowled Webb soon after lunch. Simons and Fenn opened their shoulders, but becoming too venturesome Fenn gave a catch in the slips, making the position 81 for five.

Mainly because of Carnill's knock, Bedfordshire did not dispose of their opponents as cheaply as they had hoped. But Tyrwhitt-Drake made a sporting declaration, leaving Poole and his men 182 to get in a possible 160 minutes, and on a wearing wicket. Poole's acceptance of the challenge is shown by the fact that he and another hard-hitting batsman, Payne, opened the innings.

Coomb bowled throughout the Hertfordshire second innings and again took six wickets.

Bedfordshire lost half their second-innings wickets for 54, but following a spirited innings by Owen, Chisholm and Kilby retrieved the situation in an entertaining sixth-wicket stand of 58, Chisholm obtaining 24 of his 35 in boundaries.

When the extra half-hour was started Bedfordshire needed 40 runs and Coomb and Smith were together for the ninth wicket. They carried the score from 124 to 169 before Coomb was out. Twelve minutes remained, 17 runs were needed—and in went the last man, George August. He and Smith, in a tense atmosphere, added ten; then an appeal against August was upheld, and a great match was over. Five minutes remained.

Bedfordshire	
1st Innings	
G. L. B. August c and b Holt	10
A. B. Poole c Fenn b Holt	18
J. Legate c Parkin b Holt	17
J. A. R. Oliver c Holt b King	44
L. G. Owen lbw Holt	0
E. S. Smith c and b Holt	5
J. Payne b King	18
M. L. Kilby c Webb b Fenn	23
D. C. Money b Holt	23
J. Chisholm not out	3
A. G. Coomb c Fenn b Holt	1
Extras	1
Total	180

Bowling: Holt 35.5o. 15m. 61r. 7w.; King 18-6-43-2; Fenn 18-10-30-1.

2nd Innings	
A. B. Poole c Spivey b Fenn	5
J. Payne c Tyrwhitt-Drake b King	11
J. Legate c Carnill b Fenn	1
J. A. R. Oliver c King b Fenn	7
J. C. Owen c Holt b King	24
J. Chisholm st Simons b Holt	33
M. L. Kilby c Simons b King	20
D. C. Money c King b Holt	9
E. S. Smith not out	25
A. G. Coomb c Spivey b Fenn	27
G. L. B. August lbw b Holt	1
Extras	12
Total	175

Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-21; 3-21; 4-32; 5-54; 6-112; 7-122; 8-126; 9-165.

Bowling: King, 25o. 7m. 58r. 3w.; Fenn, 16-5-54-4; Holt, 16.3-5-51-3.

Hertfordshire	
1st Innings	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c August b Legate	106
A. K. Parkin b Coomb	6
K. D. Spivey c Payne b Coomb	14
J. Webb b Payne	0
L. G. Simons c Poole b Coomb	54
D. J. Carnill c August b Coomb	6
L. W. Fenn c Payne b Coomb	18
R. C. L. V. Marquis b Coomb	11
L. O. King c Coomb b Chisholm	14
P. Allen c Money b Chisholm	0
J. Holt not out	0
Extras	11
Total	220

Bowling: Coomb 25o. 9m. 64r. 6w.; Chisholm 16.1-2-59-2; J. Payne 20-5-53-1; Owen 9-0-23-0; Legate 7-4-10-1.

2nd Innings	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c and b Coomb	17
D. V. Parkin c Oliver b Coomb	8
K. D. Spivey c Money b Coomb	16
G. F. Webb b Coomb	11
R. G. Simons lbw Coomb	21
R. W. Fenn c Legate b Payne	13
D. J. Carnill c Money b Coomb	39
R. C. L. V. Marquis b Chisholm	0
L. O. King not out	11
Extras	3
Total (for eight dec.)	141

Bowling: Coomb 21.5o. 6m. 80r. 6w.; Chisholm 13-2-37-1; Payne 6-0-21-1.

# COUNTY LOSE A THRILLER

## Beaten By Six Runs With Only Three Minutes Left

BY CHILTERN

From the evidence of recent results, the most important and revitalising thing that has happened in Minor Counties cricket for a long time is the change in the allotment of points for a drawn game.

Previously, when a side gained first innings lead in a match that was not finished, they took five points which were sufficient to keep championship hopes alive and which did not encourage captains to take risks in order to take extra points for an outright win with the attendant danger of losing what they had already won.

NOW first innings lead is worth only three points, which affects adversely the percentage of points gained, with the result that counties are more than ever going all out for wickets.

To some extent this change in the law brought about one of the most tense and interesting finishes I have seen for years when Hertfordshire beat Bedfordshire at Watford on Thursday by six runs and with three minutes to spare. The fact that their brave effort did not earn them even a single point has damaged Bedfordshire's prospects of making another bid for the championship.

### Bedfordshire Looked Like Winning

THE situation is not irretrievable, but to stand a chance they must win a high percentage of their seven remaining matches.

Fortunes in the match at Watford swung from one side to another in bewildering fashion and there were at least two occasions during their second innings when Bedfordshire looked booked for success in the difficult task of scoring 182 runs on a wicket which was helping the bowlers and on which the ball always tended to pop.

The Hertfordshire skipper took his courage in both hands by making a declaration that left Bedfordshire 160 minutes to get the runs and there were some who thought he had been over-generous.

### Half Were Out For Only 54

WHAT he had to do, though, was to gauge the situation to give his bowlers sufficient time to dismiss Bedfordshire and, from the low scoring in the previous innings, his policy seemed justified.

Victory seemed to be within the grasp of the home county when the tea interval was reached with Bedfordshire's score only 45 and Poole, Payne, Legate, and Oliver all back in the pavilion.

Nine runs later, Owen was un-

lucky dismissed by a ball that popped off a good length and Bedfordshire's last hope seemed to have gone.

### Grand Innings By Jack Chisholm

AT the other end, Jack Chisholm had been taking things quietly while Owen was scoring most of the runs, but he took command of the situation and while his partnership with Mick Kilby lasted Bedfordshire were always in with a chance.

He played a really valuable innings before picking out the wrong ball from Jack Holt to try to hit out of the ground and his dismissal was followed by that of Kilby and Money in quick succession.

At that point Bedfordshire's hopes dropped to near zero, but along came the Bedford pair, Arthur Coomb and Sid Smith, with a fighting partnership that took the score to within 17 of victory.

### The Situation Was Most Dramatic

THEN Coomb, who showed once again that he is a much better batsman than most people think, was caught in the deep, and the dramatic situation was that with 11 minutes to go and one wicket in hand, Bedfordshire needed 17 runs.

Last man in was George August, who usually opens the innings, and the score crept nearer and nearer the target until in what would have been the next to last over of the day, August played back to Holt.

The ball rapped him on the pads, there was a loud appeal, the umpire's finger went up and that was that.

### Joe Payne Was Sent In First

WAS it a mistake to reshuffle the batting order and send Joe Payne in first?

This was probably done because the skipper thought that the wicket would play easier before the effects of the roller wore off and he wanted to get as many runs on the board as possible before that happened.

As things turned out, Joe did not get going, probably because he is not used to facing the ball with the shine on it, and he would have been most useful later on.

Jack Legate was out to a very good catch and John Oliver, for the second time in the match, got a ball that rose sharply off a length and found the top of his bat.

### A Mistake Not To Take First Innings

THE other decision which gave rise to discussion was that made by Poole in giving Hertford-

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shire first use of the wicket on winning the toss.

Here again this could have been a successful gamble and probably would have been had Tyrwhitt-Drake been dismissed cheaply, but the fact remained that the wicket played more easily before lunch on the first day than at any subsequent time.

With their batting, which was potentially stronger than that of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire might well have run up a score of 300, which would probably have been a match-winning total.

### Invaluable Stand By Kilby And Money

THE fact was that the wicket did not help the bowlers in the opening hours because it was too wet and it was not until Bedfordshire began their first innings that it really became spiteful to any degree.

One of the features of Thursday's play was the eighth wicket partnership between Mick Kilby and David Money that added 50 invaluable runs and really put the visiting county back into the game with a chance.

Hertfordshire found runs by no means easy to get in the second innings and they might well have been out for 120.

Their seventh wicket fell at 109, but Bedfordshire lost the initiative when Carnill and King got together and put on 32 runs in brisk style.

### Coomb Took 12 Wickets For 144

THIS was really Arthur Coomb's match, for he took six wickets in each innings for an aggregate of 144 and followed this up with splendid batting.

Jack Chisholm has often bowled better, but was more

## Dunstable Beat Luton In Festival Match

A Luton XI was well beaten by a Dunstable XI on Wednesday night at Dunstable where the match was held as part of Dunstable's Festival celebrations.

Each innings was restricted to 24 overs and the winning team won a cup which is to be put up for annual competition between two representative teams.

Dunstable batted first, and made 131 for 9 wickets. Dan Grady was their most successful batsman, making a bright 37 before Hayhurst (Vauxhall) dismissed him. Chatterley (Kent's) was the most dangerous Luton bowler and his final analysis was 4 for 7.

Only three Luton batsmen reached double figures—Booking, Hayhurst and Colling. Lodder took six wickets for Dunstable at a cost of a little under six runs apiece.

DUNSTABLE XI: D. Harris run out 10, B. Martin hit wkt b Clark 4, D. Grady lbw b Hayhurst 37, D. Whittingham b Chatterley 15, D. Fletcher b Hayhurst 28, J. Lodder c Muse b Chatterley 1, P. King c Palmer b Hayhurst 7, A. Cherry b Chatterley 0, J. King b Chatterley 10, C. Bourne not out 7, J. Conway not out 2; extras 10. Total (for 9 wks) 131.

LUTON XI: K. Palmer st Brady b Fletcher 8, J. A. Muse b Lodder 5, Booking b Cherry 20, F. R. Lloyd c Bourne b Lodder 8, A. F. Waller lbw b Fletcher 7, A. Borrowman b Fletcher 1, C. V. A. Colling c Fletcher b Lodder 10, P. Clark b Lodder 1, F. Chatterley not out 4, H. Hayhurst b Lodder 13, T. Matthews c King b Lodder 8, extras 5. Total 84.

accurate on Thursday than he was on the previous day.

One wondered why Glyn Owen was not called upon to bowl in the Hertfordshire second innings, for the wicket was obviously responsive to spin.

In the main, though, Poole pinned his faith on the fast-medium bowling of Coomb and Chisholm, and the only other bowler he put on was Joe Payne.

### Unlucky Ground For Bedfordshire

TO a large extent Tyrwhitt-Drake followed similar tactics, but the off-spinner, Jack Holt, came on to play a large part in the triumph, though he was treated with rather less respect than in the first innings.

The West Herts ground is not a lucky one for Bedfordshire, for they lost there two years ago.

However, the match produced the type of cricket the public likes to see and finishes of this sort will do much to increase the popularity of the Minor Counties competition.

The Bedfordshire captain is all out to achieve definite results and there may be other matches of a similar calibre.

### The Scoreboard

HERTFORDSHIRE: 1st Innings 220 (T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake 106, A. G. Coomb 6 for 64).

BEDFORDSHIRE (1st Innings)	
G. L. B. August c and b Holt	10
A. B. Poole c Fenn b Holt	18
J. Legate c Parkin b Holt	17
J. A. R. Oliver c Holt b King	44
J. G. Owen lbw b Holt	0
E. S. Smith c and b Holt	5
J. Payne b King	28
M. L. Kilby c Webb b Fenn	25
D. C. Money b Holt	23
J. R. Chisholm not out	3
A. G. Coomb c Fenn b Holt	1
Extras	16
Total	180
Bowling: Holt 7 for 61, King 2 for 41, Fenn 1 for 30.	

HERTFORDSHIRE (2nd Innings)	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c and b Coomb	17
D. Parkin c Oliver b Coomb	8
K. D. Spivey c Money b Coomb	11
G. F. Webb b Coomb	11
R. G. Simons lbw b Coomb	21
R. W. Fenn c Legate b Payne	15
D. J. Carnill c Money b Coomb	39
R. C. V. Marques b Chisholm	0
L. O. King not out	11
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wks dec)	141
Bowling: Coomb 6 for 80, Payne 1 for 21, Chisholm 1 for 37.	

BEDFORDSHIRE (2nd Innings)	
A. B. Poole c Spivey b Fenn	5
J. Payne c Tyrwhitt-Drake b King	11
J. Legate c Carnill b Fenn	11
J. A. R. Oliver c King b Fenn	7
J. G. Owen c Holt b King	24
J. R. Chisholm st Simons b Holt	33
M. L. Kilby c Simons b King	20
D. C. Money c King b Holt	9
E. S. Smith not out	25
A. G. Coomb c Spivey b Fenn	27
G. L. B. August lbw b Holt	1
Extras	12
Total	175
Bowling: Fenn 4 for 54, Holt 3 for 51, King 3 for 58.	

# COUNTY TAKE FIRST INNINGS POINTS

## Lincolnshire Batsmen Avert Defeat

In their second Minor Counties Championship match, at Sleaford on Wednesday and Thursday, Bedfordshire secured three points for first innings lead. They declared yesterday afternoon, setting Lincolnshire 289 to get in 190 minutes, and though the bowlers made an all-out effort, the home County had four wickets intact when stumps were drawn. Lincolnshire were then 127 behind.

In Lincolnshire's second innings Coomb, who again bowled in his best form, quickly separated the opening pair, but a delaying stand followed between Spyvee and Todd, who made a half-century. Further good efforts in Lincolnshire's cause were made by later batsmen. Coomb and his colleagues sustained the attack with commendable spirit, but they could not bring about the dismissal of Money, who was undefeated at the close, having played an invaluable innings for his side.

On the opening day Bedfordshire, winning the toss and batting first on a plumb wicket, suffered a setback after 20 minutes when Howard was out lbw with only 12 runs on the board. Disbury, however, was undismayed by Howard's fate, and hit his first ball to the off boundary.

After Marlow had bowled six overs, the Lincolnshire captain, Alan Money, brought on Stone, a slow to medium-paced bowler, and when Ladbroke relieved Pogson at the other end it was obvious that the batsmen were taking no chances.

Bedfordshire took 70 minutes to set their first 50 runs, and the second-wicket stand between August and Disbury took the score to 86 before August snicked the ball into the wicket-keeper's hands. Lincolnshire bowling lacked variety, but their fielding was quite strong, and Disbury was well caught in the slips when he appeared well set. Oliver lost his wicket in the same way, but not before he had seen Legate and Chisholm return to the pavilion. Bedfordshire declared at the tea interval with the score at 263 for eight.

Bedfordshire's bowlers gave nothing away, and the home County lost their first two wickets at 19 and 33 respectively. Todd, a left-hander, was the only batsman to settle down, and he was undisturbed for 76 at the close of play, when Lincolnshire were 119 runs behind with five wickets in hand.

### LEAD OF 91

Lincolnshire's first innings ended after 40 minutes yesterday morning. The remaining five wickets fell for 28 runs, and Bedfordshire had a useful lead of 91. Todd failed to add to his overnight score, which included 12 fours. Marlow opened prominently, hitting Chisholm twice to the boundary in the first over, but the first ball of Chisholm's third over broke the partnership between Marlow and Todd, the latter being caught at the wicket by Money.

Marlow, with a two to mid-off, saved the follow-on. Runs then came at the rate of just under one a minute until Marlow was caught at the wicket with the score at 172. With Coomb and Chisholm attacking in their best form, the last three wickets fell for five runs.

August and Howard, the Bedfordshire opening pair, began slowly, scoring only three runs in the first 25 minutes. With the total at 14 Howard was bowled by Stone.

But August later found his scoring strokes, and compiled a very good 41 before he was caught at first slip.

Oliver and Disbury put on 54 in quick time, and Oliver was batting really well when he was caught at the

wicket. Disbury, too, played another fine innings. He was always searching for runs, but Armitage eventually ended his attractive knock with a smart piece of stumping. As soon as Chisholm lost his wicket Poole declared, shortly before 3 o'clock, at 197 for six.

Lincolnshire were set the formidable task of getting 289 in 190 minutes. Swift was quickly caught behind the wicket, but Lincolnshire, presumably under orders to play for a draw, proceeded to bat cautiously.

### BEDFORDSHIRE First Innings

G. L. B. August c Armitage b Pogson	34
E. C. Howard lbw b Marlow	4
B. E. Disbury c Stone b Pogson	64
J. A. R. Oliver c Stone b Ladbroke	62
J. Legate c Merryweather b Stone	2
J. R. Chisholm st Armitage b Stone	20
A. B. Poole not out	38
G. Tearie c Pogson b Marlow	13
J. Payne c Money b Marlow	15
D. C. Money not out	17
Extras	1
<b>Total (for eight wkts. dec.)</b>	<b>268</b>

A. G. Coomb did not bat.

Bowling: Pogson 29o. 6m. 74r. 2w; Marlow 17-5-56-3; Stone 25-4-92-3; Ladbroke 16-1-43-1; Merryweather 5-1-2-0.

### Second Innings

G. L. B. August c Stone b Ladbroke	41
E. C. Howard b Stone	5
B. E. Disbury st Armitage b Pogson	60
J. A. R. Oliver c Armitage b Ladbroke	32
J. Legate c Pogson b Ladbroke	14
J. Chisholm st Armitage b Ladbroke	42
G. Tearie not out	0
Extras	3
<b>Total (for six wkts. dec.)</b>	<b>197</b>

### LINCOLNSHIRE First Innings

W. H. Spyvee b Coomb	6
B. Swift b Disbury	21
G. C. Todd c Money b Chisholm	76
D. Merryweather c Howard b Payne	7
J. Stone b Payne	18
A. F. Money b Chisholm	8
G. A. Marlow c Money b Coomb	29
R. E. Ladbroke c Money b Chisholm	2
W. B. Armitage not out	2
A. Pogson c Chisholm b Coomb	2
J. R. Dale b Coomb	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>

Bowling: Chisholm 19o. 6m. 54r. 3w.; Coomb 23-5-53-4; Disbury 4-0-23-1; Payne 14-5-38-2; Legate 2-1-1-0.

### Second Innings

W. H. Spyvee b Coomb	35
B. Swift c Money b Coomb	4
G. C. Todd st Money b Payne	54
D. Merryweather c Payne b Coomb	22
J. Stone c Poole b Howard	3
A. F. Money not out	36
G. A. Marlow c Money b Coomb	2
R. E. Ladbroke not out	2
Extras	3
<b>Total (for six wkts.)</b>	<b>161</b>

Bowling: Chisholm 15o. 5m. 53r. 0w.; Coomb 21-7-42-4; Payne 12-5-30-1; Tearie 1-1-6-0; Howard 5-1-24-1; Legate 7-5-15-0; Oliver 3-0-8-0; Disbury 1-1-0-0.

## County Failed By Nine To Enforce The Follow-On

**DESPITE** a great spell of bowling by Coomb and Chisholm at the start of the second day of their Minor Counties match with Lincolnshire at Steaford, Bedfordshire failed by nine runs to enforce the follow-on and had to be content with first innings points.

Between them, Coomb and Chisholm captured the last five home wickets for the addition of only 28 runs which left Bedfordshire 91 ahead.

Need, from the Bedfordshire point of view, then, was quick runs, but, opening the second innings, August and Howard found the bowling so accurate that all they had to show for the first 25 minutes batting were three runs—all scored by August.

Howard left at 14, and then the arrival of Disbury, who had batted so well in the first innings, speeded up the scoring rate.

August, too, produced some good shots, and when he left, caught at slip, Oliver, the Luton captain, and Disbury put on 54 in quick time.

Both were constantly on the look-out for runs, and then Jack Chisholm, batting at number 6, came along with a breezy 42, and Poole was able to declare with a lead of 288.

To win, Lincolnshire had to achieve a scoring rate of 85 an hour, but, after losing Swift quickly, they never promised to reach anything like that target.

### TWO QUICK WICKETS

They seemed to be far more concerned with saving the game, and, at a few minutes to 6 o'clock, only four Lincolnshire batsmen had been dismissed.

Whether Poole would think it worth while to claim the extra half an hour seemed doubtful, but when Merryweather and Marlow were both dismissed by Coomb in what might have been the last over, he promptly did so.

However, Ladbroke concentrated on defence and although A. F. Money batted more briskly, Bedfordshire could not gain another success.

Coomb was again the most successful bowler with eight wickets in the match, which brings his aggregate in the two matches played so far to 20.

**BEDFORDSHIRE 1st Innings**  
268 for 3 dec. (B. E. Disbury 64, J. A. R. Oliver 62, A. B. Poole 38 not out, G. L. B. August 34).

LINCOLNSHIRE 1st Innings	
W H Spyvee b Coomb	6
B Swift b Disbury	21
G C Todd c Money b Chisholm	76
D Merryweather c Howard b Payne	7
J Stone b Payne	18
A F Money b Chisholm	6
G A Marlow c Money b Coomb	29
R E Ladbroke c Money b Chisholm	2
W B Armitage not out	2
A Pogson c Chisholm b Coomb	2
J R Dale b Coomb	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>

Bowling: Chisholm 19-6-34; Coomb 20-5-53-4; Disbury 4-0-23-1; Payne 14-5-38-2; Legate 2-1-1-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE 2nd Innings	
G L B August c Stone b Ladbroke	41
E C Howard b Stone	5
B E Disbury st Armitage b Pogson	60
J A R Oliver c Armitage b Ladbroke	32
J Legate c Pogson b Ladbroke	14
J Chisholm st Armitage b Ladbroke	42
G H Tearle not out	0
Extras	3
<b>Total (for 6 wks. dec.)</b>	<b>197</b>

LINCOLNSHIRE 2nd Innings	
W H Spyvee b Coomb	35
B Swift c Money b Coomb	4
G C Todd st Money b Payne	34
D Merryweather c Payne b Coomb	22
J Stone c Poole b Howard	3
A F Money not out	36
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## Saturday Sports Review

### Terry Matthews In The County Side

MAKING a welcome return to the Bedfordshire cricket team for the Minor Counties competition match with Cambridgeshire at Wardown next Wednesday and Thursday is the Town's fast-medium bowler, Terry Matthews.

At one time a regular member of the county side, Terry topped the bowling averages in 1946 and was second in 1947.

In the past two seasons he has been unable to play regularly and his inclusion increases materially the bowling strength at the disposal of A. B. Poole, the Bedfordshire captain.

### Town Club Have Four Representatives

WITH Glyn Owen, who had to miss the match against Lincolnshire because of a bereavement, back in the side, and John Oliver and Joe Payne also playing, the Town will have four representatives in the only Minor Counties match of the season at Wardown.

Omitted from the side, as compared with the one that did duty at Staeord, are Eric Howard (Bedford Town) and Geoff Tearle (Leighton Town). The latter came in almost at the last minute to replace Owen.

### Will Be Out For The First Victory

THE team looks to be strong all round and the county will be keen to record their first win of the season.

In each of the two matches they have played so far, a handful of runs have stood between them and victory.

They were beaten by six at Watford and the fact that Lincolnshire avoided the follow-on by nine runs probably cost Bedfordshire full points against them this week.

The team will be:

A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, T. D. Matthews, J. Payne, G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, D. C. Money, J. Legate, J. R. Chisholm.

### County Cap For David Money

FOR David Money, the county wicketkeeper, the Lincolnshire match was one to remember, for he kept wicket brilliantly and claimed seven victims in the match.

This feat earned him a well-deserved county cap and he has kept well this season.

He is the first to gain this honour this season, but the majority of the members of the

present county side have already been awarded their caps.

Jack Chisholm, who received his last season, has well justified his promotion in the batting order and his 42 in the second innings at Sleaford was a whirlwind affair.

### Well-Known Players In Visitors' Team

INCLUDED in the Cambridgeshire side are former players with first-class counties in W. B. Morris (Essex) and J. Godfrey, who used to open the bowling for Hampshire.

The Town have already had a sample of the all-round capabilities of Morris, for, playing against them for Kenton a few Sundays ago, he took seven wickets cheaply and also made some runs.

Fastest bowler for the Bedfordshire batsmen to face will be Gambrell, who comes with a considerable reputation, and Cambridgeshire are a more than useful team this season.

### Chelsea's Goalkeeper Is Included

ONE of their regulars is Harry Medhurst, the Chelsea and former West Ham goalkeeper and, with Payne and Chisholm in the Bedfordshire XI, there will be a distinct soccer flavour about the match.

Altogether this looks like being a most attractive encounter and it is hoped that it will receive adequate support from the public

and so strengthen Luton's claim for more representative matches.

Cambridgeshire's team will be:

M. A. Crouch (capt.), H. W. F. Taylor, H. Medhurst, W. B. Morris, D. F. Cook, R. Gautrey, R. McGinty, J. Hoyle, R. A. Taylor, D. Gambrell, J. Godfrey.



# AUGUST'S CENTURY IN DRAWN GAME

## First-Innings Lead for Bedfordshire

In a drawn match at Luton on Wednesday and Thursday Bedfordshire took points for a first-innings lead over Cambridgeshire. When Poole declared Bedfordshire's innings closed yesterday Cambridgeshire needed 142 runs to win the game, but the task was beyond them. They were 33 behind with four wickets in hand at the close.

A sound, painstaking innings by August, who made 105 in 41 hours, was the dominating feature of Wednesday's play. He shared in a first-wicket stand of 97 with Disbury, who was still opening up when brilliantly caught at leg-stump.

Then came a century partnership with Jack Legate, who made his second half-century of the season for the County and reached it in an hour and a half.

When August was fourth out he had collected his 105 runs out of 268. The brightest cricket of the day was seen in a partnership between Chisholm and Owen. The professional hit 31 in 25 minutes, including two sixes, and when he was caught off another big hit Poole declared at a total of 302 for five, leaving Cambridgeshire 105 minutes batting before close of play.

Cambridgeshire's batsmen made the utmost use of a good wicket, mainly through their captain, Maurice Crouch, who in a brilliant display, reached 50 in as many minutes. With H. W. Taylor he added 86 for the second wicket, and so completely did he dominate the proceedings that his partner's share was only 18.

With 100 on the board and only one wicket down, Cambridgeshire's prospects looked exceedingly good, but in the last quarter of an hour Coomb and Owen managed to strike two blows for the home County. Coomb had Taylor caught behind the wicket, and then Owen got rid of the former Essex player, Morris, who was caught at second slip off the last ball of the day. Crouch was then 78 not out.

Bedfordshire began the second day splendidly, and seven wickets were down for 152. Crouch just missed his century, being deceived by Owen's "Chinaman", but Cambridgeshire's eighth-wicket pair, R. A. Taylor and Hoyles, stopped the bowlers' progress. They took the edge of the attack in a stand of 29. Then Hoyles and Gambrell stayed off the follow-on by adding 35.

Even after this pair was parted Bedfordshire's frustration was not at an end, for Hoyles, who batted beautifully, found another useful partner in the last man, Godfrey, 50 more runs being added for the tenth wicket.

Thus Bedfordshire's lead amounted to only 36, and only three hours remained for play. Their second innings began badly, Oliver leaving at 15 and Disbury at 31.

After quick-scoring knocks by Legate, Owen, and Chisholm, Poole declared the Bedfordshire innings closed at 105 for five. He left Cambridgeshire 70 minutes in which to attempt a total of 142.

With Crouch batting well again, the visiting County seemed to have a fair chance. With the extra half-hour remaining they needed 60 runs, but then

the Luton bowler, Terry Matthews, put in a spell of deadly bowling which caused Cambridgeshire to give up hope of winning. When stumps were drawn they were 33 behind.

### Bedfordshire

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August c Dautrey b Godfrey	105
b E. Disbury c Medhurst b Morris	55
J. Legate b R. A. Taylor	61
J. A. R. Oliver c Harrison b R. A. Taylor	6
c Owen not out	27
J. Chisholm c McGinty b Godfrey	31
Extras	17
<b>Total (for five wks. dec.)</b>	<b>302</b>

A. B. Poole D. C. Money, J. Payne, A. G. Coomb, and T. D. Matthews did not bat.

Bowling: R. A. Taylor two for 30, Godfrey two for 82, Morris one for 53.

#### Second Innings

b. E. Disbury c Gautrey b Hoyles	16
J. A. R. Oliver b Hoyles	6
J. Legate c H. Taylor b Gambrell	19
J. Chisholm c Gautrey b Gambrell	23
J. G. Owen c H. Taylor b Morris	20
J. Payne not out	8
A. G. Coomb not out	11
Extras	2
<b>Total for five dec.</b>	<b>105</b>

### Cambridgeshire

#### First Innings

M. A. Crouch lbw b Owen	97
C. J. Harrison c Legate b Coomb	6
H. W. Taylor c Money b Coomb	18
W. B. Morris c Payne b Owen	4
H. Medhurst c Money b Chisholm	5
R. Gantrey b Coomb	8
R. McGinty c and b Payne	1
R. A. Taylor b Owen	13
J. Hoyles not out	66
J. Gambrell b Coomb	14
J. Godfrey c Disbury b Payne	23
Extras	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>266</b>

Bowling: Chisholm 14.0. 1m. 51r. 1w.; Coomb 33.9-72-4; Matthews 13-3-39-0; Payne 23.4-10-32-2; Owen 30-7-63-5.

#### Second Innings

M. A. Crouch not out	37
C. J. Harrison c Poole b Coomb	22
W. B. Morris run out	11
H. Medhurst b Matthews	7
R. Gantrey b Matthews	18
R. McGinty st Money b Matthews	0
J. Hoyles b Matthews	5
Extras	8
<b>Total for six wickets</b>	<b>108</b>

## Lincolnshire to Open County Cricket Week

One of our old-established and most popular sporting institutions, the County Cricket Week, opens at Bedford School on Monday. First visitors this year are Lincolnshire, who replace Cambridgeshire and take part in the Week for the first time since the early thirties.

Last week at Sleaford they drew with Bedfordshire, who gained first innings points.

Buckinghamshire, as usual providing the opposition in the second match, will include the Australian wicket-keeper-batsman, B. A. Barnett. He toured England with Don Bradman's team in 1938. O. G. Battcock, the veteran bowler, will lead Buckinghamshire again.

Then, on Friday and Saturday, the visitors are Hertfordshire, and A. B. Poole and his men will be especially anxious to win, remembering that six runs defeat at Watford in June. This was Bedfordshire's first defeat since 1949.

In that season Bedfordshire lost to Hertfordshire and Suffolk; in 1948 Lancashire II beat them in the Minor Counties Championship challenge match. These are the only reverses, apart from the one against Hertfordshire in June, suffered by Bedfordshire since pre-war days. It is a remarkable record.

Twice since the war the County have made strong bids for the championship, and they should be in the running again this season. The batsmen are in excellent form—both Disbury and Morris have made well over a thousand runs—and there is no reason to doubt that the attack will be good enough. Coomb has never bowled more effectively. Excluding this week's match, reported in another column, he has already taken 20 wickets for the County.

His Bedford Town club-mate, Peter Markham, is also bowling very well this year, but he has yet to find favour with the County selectors. At the time

of writing it seemed that Bedfordshire needed someone to ease the task facing Coomb and Chisholm in the second and third matches.

Nine players are available for the whole week—A. B. Poole, J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, D. C. Money, S. F. Morris, and M. L. Kilby.

Jack Chisholm will miss the Lincolnshire match because he is engaged in a benefit game for a fellow-professional in Cornwall.

The side for the first match will be completed by John Fry, the young Army player, and Joe Payne. Chisholm comes in for Fry against Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, but who will fill the vacancy left by Payne is not yet known.

It is customary to include, or invite for the post of twelfth man, boys from the Public Schools, but this year the most likely candidates are not available. Wynn-Williams, Bedford School's outstanding batsman, is away from the town, and R. A. Gale, the Modern School all-rounder, plays in four matches for Middlesex II during August. Gale has also been chosen for the Rest against the Southern Schools next Friday and Saturday at Lord's.

# The County Match Gate Receipts Were Over £100

BY CHILTERN

## No Decision Despite Two Declarations

NO one could accuse the Bedfordshire captain, A. B. Poole, of not doing his best to achieve a decisive result in the Minor Counties match with Cambridgeshire at Wardown.

He declared twice with only five wickets down on each occasion but, for all that, the game was left drawn.

The cutting-down of the number of points for first innings lead from five to three has encouraged the county captains to go all out for the outright win, which is worth ten points, and the best way of achieving that object provides a point for argument.

## Which Is The Most Effective Course?

IS it better to make an early declaration on the first day with the total on the 300 mark or more effectively to try for a really big score and attempt to dismiss the opposition twice on the second day?

Poole chose the first course, for when he closed his first innings at 302 for 5, he left Cambridgeshire with 1½ hours batting on Wednesday evening.

At one time during the following morning it looked as if the gamble would come off and that Cambridgeshire would have to follow-on.

They had seven wickets down for 152 and among those was that of Maurice Crouch, who had been far and away the most successful batsman for the visitors.

## Last Wicket Put On 50 Runs

THEN, just when Bedfordshire needed to press home their advantage, they lost the initiative, due in the first place to a stubborn but invaluable partnership by R. A. Taylor and Hoyles, who, although they put on only 29, really took the edge off the Bedfordshire bowling.

By lunch only ten runs were required to make Bedfordshire bat again, and these were obtained with two wickets in hand.

The ninth wicket fell at 21, and there followed an unexpected hold-up in the shape of a last-wicket stand of fifty by Hoyles and the former Hampshire player, Godfrey.

## First Innings Lead Was In Danger

THERE was a time when it looked possible that this pair would carry Cambridgeshire to a first innings lead but, apart from that, they occupied valuable time which Bedfordshire were hoping to use to get quick runs before the second declaration.

Result was that when the last wicket fell, there were barely three hours left for play and the game looked as dead as a door-nail.

Bedfordshire altered their batting order to try to speed up things, but the batsmen were kept reasonably quiet by some accurate bowling.

Jack Chisholm came along with some big hitting and emphasised what a useful man he is to have to go in when quick runs are needed.

## Two Runs A Minute Were Called For

THERE was some disappointment when the innings was declared immediately after Joe

Payne had pleased the crowd by hitting a huge six, but this was tempered by the fact that the decision had set the stage for some excitement in the last hour.

The task set Cambridgeshire was to score 142 in 70 minutes, which gave them a better chance of victory than it did Bedfordshire, who could scarcely have expected to dismiss their opponents in the time.

The visitors went for the runs and Bedfordshire took six wickets.

## Quick Scoring Was A Sharp Contrast

HOWEVER Crouch, who opened the innings again, did not score at the same fast rate as his succession of partners, and in the last twenty minutes it became evident that the task was beyond them.

Five minutes before the end of the extra half-an-hour which had been claimed, Crouch decided that there was no possible hope and the stumps were drawn. At that stage they were 33 behind and had four wickets left.

To get 108 runs in 65 minutes was no mean feat and this provided a sharp contrast to their first innings, which was often slow and tedious, mainly because they were always struggling.

## Four Wickets For Terry Matthews

TERRY MATTHEWS, making a welcome return to the county side, claimed four second innings wickets for 29, two of them in one over, and Cambridgeshire found him very difficult to hit.

Glyn Owen bowled extremely well in the first innings, especially on Thursday morning, and Coomb added five more to his bag of wickets, which already stood at 20 before the start of this match.

Missed catches, including a couple behind the wicket, contributed a great deal to the fact that Bedfordshire could not enforce the follow-on and to the fact that their first innings lead was whittled down to a mere handful of runs.

## Advantage Was Not Pressed Home

THE batting was extremely sound and the only criticism to be offered is that the advantage gained by the fact that 200 runs were on the board for the loss of only one wicket was not pressed home to the full on Wednesday afternoon.

Another fifty runs by the time the first declaration was made would not have been an impossible feat had the bowling really been collared at this stage.

George August made a patient century and his scoring rate of about 25 an hour did not please a certain section of the crowd.

August does a valuable job at the start of an innings and, in this case, he also saw the shine off the second new ball at 200, but his failure to accelerate during a long innings does cost the side time and runs.

## Disbury's Third Half-Century In A Row

HE was always on top of the situation and actually scored faster than his partner, Disbury, in the opening stages.

However Disbury, whose third half-century in a row for the county this was, outpaced his partner eventually and was then out to a great catch made at leg slip by Harry Medhurst, the Chelsea goalkeeper.

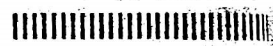
Another batsman to reach 50 was Jack Legate, of Henlow, who did so for the second time since he has been playing in Minor Counties cricket, and he got his runs quickly apart from a quiet spell when he was in forties.

## Gate Receipts Were Over £100

THIS match gave Luton an opportunity to regain some of its reputation for providing a sizeable public for county cricket. Some recent matches have had disappointing financial results, but the takings for the two days, £109 12s. 0d., have given the county club a great deal of satisfaction.

There were big crowds on each day and, of course, the weather could not have been more suitable.

The fact that the Town provided four members of the team probably acted as an additional attraction and the receipts are the biggest taken at a single match in Luton for a considerable time.



## The Scoreboard

BEDFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings  
302 for 5 dec (G L B August 100,  
J Legate 61, B E Disbury 55,  
Chisholm 31, J G Owen 27 not  
out).

CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
1st Innings

M A Crouch lbw b Owen	91
C J Harrison c Legate b Coomb	6
H W Taylor c Money b Coomb	18
W B Morris c Payne b Owen	4
H Medhurst c Money b Chisholm	5
R Gautrey b Coomb	8
R McGinty c and b Payne	11
R A Taylor b Owen	13
J Hoyles not out	66
J Gambrell b Coomb	14
J Godfrey c Disbury b Payne	25
Extras	9

Total ..... 266

Bowling: Coomb 4 for 72,  
Owen 3 for 63, Payne 2 for 34,  
Chisholm 1 for 51.

BEDFORDSHIRE  
2nd Innings

B E Disbury c Gautrey b Gambrell	16
J A R Oliver b Hoyles	6
J Legate c H Taylor b Gambrell	19
J Chisholm c Gautrey b Godfrey	21
J G Owen c H Taylor b Morris	20
A G Coomb not out	11
J Payne not out	8
Extras	2

Total (for 5 wkts dec) . . . 105

CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
2nd Innings

M A Crouch not out	27
C J Harrison, c Poole, b Coomb	22
W B Morris run out	11
H Medhurst b Matthews	7
R Gautrey b Matthews	18
R McGinty st Money b Matthews	0
J Hoyles b Matthews	5
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wkts) . . . 108

Bowling: Matthews 4 for 29,  
Coomb 1 for 43.



## Saturday Sports Review



G. L. B. August and B. E. Disbury walking out to open the innings for Bedfordshire against Cambridgeshire at Wardown. They put on 97 before being separated. G7547

### *The Changes For Next Week's Matches*

MORRIS, Kilby and Fry come into the side for the first match of Bedford cricket week against Lincolnshire at Bedford School on Monday and Tuesday.

They replace Chisholm, who is playing in Cornwall, Matthews and Legate. For the meeting with Buckinghamshire on Wednesday and Thursday, there will be one change, Chisholm returning in place of Fry.

Legate will have his first game of the week on Friday and Saturday against Hertfordshire, when he goes into the side in place of Joe Payne.

### *Wicket Gives No Help To The Bowlers*

LINCOLNSHIRE are newcomers to the Bedford week, and Bedfordshire are hoping to pick up full points for the first time this season.

If the weather remains good, it will be difficult to achieve decisive results, for the Bedford School wicket is not usually helpful to the bowlers.

Included in the Bucks side on Wednesday will be the former Australian Test player, Barnett, who keeps wicket.

### *High Town C.C. Have First All-Day Game*

MONDAY will be an occasion for High Town C.C., for the first time since their formation they are to play an all-day match.

Venue is Silsoe, where they will meet the very useful village side.

Under the captaincy of Arthur Roberts, who has done much to weld the side together, High Town are having a most successful season in local cricket.

**COUNTY CRICKET WEEK**

**BEDFORDSHIRE'S FINE PROGRESS IN FIELD STOPPED BY RAIN**

**Morris's Brilliant Slip Catches Against Lincolnshire**

**TWO HOURS' PLAY IN FIRST MATCH**

Hopes of a full day of most interesting cricket, with Bedfordshire in a commanding position at the close, were cruelly dashed at lunch-time on Monday. Lincolnshire, first visitors in the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, had lost half their wickets for 75. Then, as the players came off the field to take lunch, the threat of rain became an actuality, and not another ball was bowled.

Despite dull weather, quite a large attendance saw the morning's play. There was the promise of a record crowd in the afternoon, and the loss is estimated at about £80.

With the rain continuing into Tuesday, there was never any real chance of the game being resumed. It was finally abandoned at 11.30 a.m.

In the two hours of play Bedfordshire achieved great things in the field. Poole lost the toss, but Money, the Lincolnshire skipper, must have soon been forced to the view that the winning of it had exposed him to error. At any rate, he elected to give his side first innings, and within an hour Bedfordshire's young bowlers, supported by fielding that kept them in good heart, had bitten deeply into the Lincolnshire batting.

Clearly Bedfordshire meant business from the outset. Coomb's hostile field had only three men in front of the bat—and none of these deeper than 20 yards.

Coomb began this match with 25 County wickets, costing just over 14 runs each, already to his credit. The 26th was added in his third over, when Smith played forward to an outswinger, got a touch, and was caught at second slip.

And what a brilliant catch it was! Morris flung himself sideways to get his left hand underneath the ball just off the ground; the right hand closed over it, making sure of one of the greatest slip catches seen

in a Bedfordshire Week for many years.

The score was then 5. Two overs later the other opening batsman, Creasey, who had scored all of the twelve runs on the board, was another victim of the Coomb-Morris collaboration. It was not such a spectacular catch as the first; nevertheless, Morris had to scoop up a ball that came very low to him.

"Lincolnshire would appear to be in the grip of the law" vouchsafed a wit who remembered Morris's calling.

**Beaten By Late Swerve**

Clearly the heavy atmosphere was helping Coomb. At 17 he produced an almost unplayable ball. It was an inswinger to the left-handed Todd, who, attempting to drive, was beaten completely by a ball that "moved" very late and took his off stump. Coomb had taken three for 12 in five overs at this stage.

Cautiously Maddison and Money carried the score to 32. Then Poole made his first change, bringing on Fry for Payne, who had bowled well without success, and with his

fourth ball the new bowler had Money caught in the slips.

Ten runs later the fifth wicket fell to Fry, who induced Ladbroke to turn a ball into August's hands on the leg side. Fry had bowled five overs, four of which were maidens, and taken two for 3.

A rescue stand was now embarked upon by Maddison and Stone. Maddison began sketchily, but later muddled the ball to such good purpose that there were five fours in his 42 not out. The pair had added 33 at lunch time, Maddison having done most of the scoring in a splendid innings.

At the end of the first day's play Coomb's figures were 160.6m. 28r. 3w. Fry's seven overs included four maidens and his two wickets cost 9 runs.

**Lincolnshire**

R. Creasey c Morris b Coomb	12
R. Smith c Morris b Coomb	0
J. R. C. Todd b Coomb	0
W. A. Maddison not out	42
A. F. Money c Payne b Fry	4
R. E. Ladbroke c August b Fry	0
J. Stone not out	17
Extras	0

Total (for 5 wkts.) 75

Bedfordshire: A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, D. C. Money, A. G. Coomb, J. Payne, J. Fry, M. L. Kilby.

Against Buckinghamshire on Wednesday and Thursday, Bedfordshire play the same side except that Chisholm comes in for Fry.

Match Number 100/4 Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire

Played at Bedford School

on Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 August 1951

Result: Match drawn  
 Points: Bucks 3, Beds 1  
 Toss: Bucks  
 Umpires: F Berry and E Roberts  
 Bucks debutants: None  
 First day score: Not known

**Buckinghamshire**

P Isherwood	c Money b Coomb	44	1) b Payne	65
NV Butler	c Money b Chisholm	50	2) c & b Payne	27
+ BA Barnett	b Oliver	3	4) not out	4
DFV Johns	c Money b Payne	20	3) not out	60
JA Cockett	c Payne b Owen	6		
JH Hastie	lbw b Payne	12		
DR Peppiatt	c Payne b Owen	17		
KWA Butler	b Coomb	5		
* OG Battcock	not out	12		
RVC Robins	run out	5		
AJ Hughes				
Extras	b 12, lb 6	18	b 6, lb 2	8
<b>Total</b>		for 9 dec 192		for 2 dec 164

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	78	93	124	138	140	161	175	179	192	
2nd Innings	72	145								

Coomb	21.2	6	56	2		1)	10	0	25	0
Payne	29	14	46	2		3)	17.3	3	59	2
Chisholm	8	2	17	1		2)	4	1	11	0
Disbury	5	1	4	0		4)	3	2	2	0
Owen	21	7	38	2		5)	14	0	44	0
Oliver	12	7	13	1		6)	5	1	15	0
Extras		7	18						8	
<b>Total</b>			192						164	

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	b Hughes	25	1) b Robins	15
BE Disbury	lbw b Battcock	49	2) not out	25
ML Kilby	b K Butler	14	3) not out	6
ST Morris	b Hughes	11		
JG Owen	c Isherwood b Battcock	34		
JAR Oliver	c Johns b Robins	15		
J Chisholm	lbw b Battcock	11		
J Payne	c Robins b Johns	10		
* AB Poole	c Hastie b Battcock	0		
+ DC Money	c & b Johns	3		
AG Coomb	not out	0		
Extras	b 3, lb 4	7		0
<b>Total</b>		179		for 1 46

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	53	93	95	120	142	156	176	176	176	179
2nd Innings	30									

Battcock	37	18	38	4		1)	3	2	2	0
Peppiatt	4	3	1	0						
Hughes	29	6	60	2						
Robins	12	2	40	1		3)	7	2	16	1
Johns	9.1	2	20	2						
K Butler	8	3	13	1		2)	3	1	7	0
Hastie						4)	5	1	15	0
N Butler						5)	1	0	6	0
Extras			7						0	
<b>Total</b>			179						46	

Notes: Butler 5 x 4 in his 50; Isherwood 1 x 4 in his 65, Johns 5 x 4 in his 60.  
 Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book  
 Latest revision: 11 April 2004 (DHM)

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Herts v Beds Bedford School, Bedford 10,11 August

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CoP

Beds 1st innings

GLB August	c Parkin	b Marques	40	
BE Disbury	c Tyrwhitt-Drake	b Holt	4	
ML Kilby	st Simons	b Holt	3	
ST Morris		b King	3	
JG Owen	c & b	Holt	58	(5x4s)
JAR Oliver	c Parkin	b Marques	25	
J Legate	c Fenn	b Holt	8	
J Chisholm	st Simons	b Allen	9	
*AB Poole	not out		16	
+DC Money		b Marques	0	
AG Coomb		b King	4	
Extras	Byes 6, leg byes 2, wides 2, no balls 4		14	
Total	All out	93.4 overs	184	

FoW 1-31 (2), 2-39 (3), 3-42 (4), 4-113 (1), 5-131 (5), 6-141 (7), 7-150 (8), 8-179 (6), 9-179 (10), 10-184 (11)

Bowling

Marques	22	8	46	3	Holt	35	10	80	4
King	24.4	10	27	2	Allen	12	5	17	1

Herts 1st innings

DB Parkin	lbw	b Chisholm	1	
*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Oliver	b Legate	118	(9x4s, 5x3s, 16x2s)
LC Bateman		b Coomb	10	
JB Marriott	lbw	b Legate	21	
LO King		b Coomb	20	
RW Fenn	c Morris	b Coomb	29	
DJ Carnill		b Legate	9	
+RG Simons	st Money	b Coomb	9	
CVL Marques		b Oliver	11	
FR Allen	c Legate	b Coomb	1	
J Holt	not out		2	
Extras	Byes 22, leg byes 11, wides 1, no balls 1		35	
Total	All out	88.1 overs	266	

FoW 1-1 (1), 2-56 (3), 3-101 (4), 4-160 (5), 5-221 (2), 6-236 (7), 7-242 (6), 8-261 (9), 9-263 (8), 10-266 (10)

10,11 August 1951 (cont)

Bowling									
Coomb	33.1	8	79	5	Oliver	8	0	17	1
Chisholm	13	1	44	1	Owen	11	2	17	0
Disbury	2	0	9	0	Legate	21	2	65	3

Beds 2nd innings

GLB August	not out	8
BE Disbury	not out	9
Extras	Byes 4, no balls 1	5
Total	0 wickets	22

FoW

Bowling				
Marques	7	5	5	0
King	4	3	2	0
Fenn	4	0	8	0
Allen	2	1	2	0

Herts scorebook      Watford Observer      17-8-51      Account



# BUCKS TAKE FIRST INNINGS POINTS

## Dull Game Ends on a Farcical Note

In the second match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Buckinghamshire scored a first-innings win over Bedfordshire by 13 runs. Two days of dull cricket led to a farcical situation yesterday evening when the visiting County declared with a lead of 177. Left only 75 minutes, Bedfordshire did not attempt the task set them, and the closure was applied to the purposeless, tedious business without the extra half-hour being claimed.

The tempo of the whole game was set by the slow batting of Buckinghamshire in their first innings, and a definite decision rarely seemed likely. They were four-and-a-half hours making 192. The home bowlers kept up a consistent attack without any help from the wicket. Money had a hand in the dismissal of the first three batsmen, and one catch on the leg side was very well taken.

Disbury batted in his most attractive style on Wednesday evening, but soon lost his wicket yesterday. However, Bedfordshire were favourably placed for a first-innings lead. They went to lunch only 18 runs behind the Buckinghamshire total, but after the interval they collapsed. The last four wickets fell while five runs were added to the lunch score. Apart from Disbury's innings—and even this was not free from blemish—the form of the Bedfordshire batsmen was disappointing.

A feature was the accuracy of the veteran Battecock's attack. He bowled 38 overs at a cost of only a run apiece, and he claimed four wickets.

In over six hours playing time on Wednesday, 273 runs were scored. It was, indeed, a day of slow cricket, which disappointed quite a large crowd. The pre-lunch period produced only 74 runs and not a wicket fell to relieve the tedium. In the afternoon 90 runs were the result of Buckinghamshire's labours, and they lost six wickets during this period.

### TURNED SLOWLY

O. G. Battecock, the Bucks captain, elected to bat on a wicket that was responsive to spin, but the ball turned very slowly and the pitch was no real help to the bowlers until later in the day.

Coomb and Payne opened the bowling for Bedfordshire against P. Isherwood and N. V. Butler, the first of the Buckinghamshire four left-handers. Butler had 17 runs to his credit by lunch-time, and it took him 25 minutes to open his account. Poole made several changes, but his bowlers could get no response from the wicket, and it was a rare thing to see the ball pass the bat. Coomb, who made the ball "move" in the air quite appreciably, had the first success when, at 78, Isher-

wood, who had not added to his lunch-time score, tried to tuck one round to leg, but gave Money a catch at the wicket.

Wickets then fell frequently, and Payne had some reward for his long spell of excellent off-spin bowling.

After tea, taken with the score at 164 for six, there was a bright little partnership between Battecock and sixteen-year-old R. V. C. Robins (son of the famous R. W. V. Robins). It ended with the youngster being run out, and now Battecock declared at 192 for nine.

An indication of the Bedfordshire bowlers' persistence, despite the "dead" turf, is found in the fact that well over a third of their overs were maidens.

### A GOOD START

Bedfordshire were left 105 minutes' batting on Wednesday. August and Disbury gave them a good start by scoring 53 before the former was bowled in swinging at a full-toss from Hughes.

In indifferent light, Disbury and August proceeded cautiously and the first hour yielded only 35 runs.

The most entertaining cricket of the day came in the last hour, with Disbury bringing out some very handsome strokes and yet occasionally being beaten by the spinners. Young Robins, with his leg-spinners and googlies, needed to be watched carefully, but anything short of a length or overpitched received due punishment from Disbury.

Yesterday morning Disbury and Kilby resumed to the bowling of Battecock and K. Butler. With a breeze to help him, Battecock made the ball swing away from the bat, and Disbury, for the most part, was content to watch his deliveries pass outside the off stump. But at 93 he was deceived. He offered no stroke to a ball that hit his front pad, and the umpire, after a moment's thought, gave him out.

Two runs later, Kilby, trying to pull a ball from Butler, was bowled. Owen sent the 100 up in 2½ hours with an on-side drive for three. A full-blooded straight drive for four by Morris, a pretty late cut by Owen, and a fruitful, quick-scoring partnership appeared to be under way. However, when the pair had added 25

for the fourth wicket, Hughes got a good one through Morris's defence. The position now was 120 for four.

### NEARLY CAUGHT

Joined by Oliver, Owen gave a sharp chance at mid-wicket to Isherwood, who just failed to hold a hard drive.

Finely-judged short singles kept the score moving, though once Owen only just made his ground. The left-hander, hitting Hughes to the ring, was in his customary run-searching mood, but at 142 he put a ball into mid-off's hands. Half the side were out and Bedfordshire were 50 behind.

Oliver was caution itself. In half an hour he scored nine, and his new partner, Chisholm, also appeared to be under orders to take no chances.

Robins, replacing Hughes, induced Oliver to open out to a short ball, and Johns snatched a catch close in on the on side. Six wickets were down for 156.

Two natural hitters, Chisholm and Payne, were now together. They took nine off Robins's next over, Chisholm jumping out and driving the bowler for four near the sight-screen. When Battecock withdrew from the attack shortly before lunch he had conceded only 24 runs in the 24 overs he had bowled during the morning. Lunch was taken at 174 for six.

Shortly after lunch Bedfordshire lost Chisholm, Payne, and Poole in three overs, while only two runs were being added to the morning's total. Following Chisholm's dismissal, Poole was caught in the deep off the second ball to him, and then Payne gave a simple catch to backward point.

These disasters brought Money and Coomb together for the last wicket, when Bedfordshire still wanted 17 runs for a first innings lead. They added three. Attempting a big hit Money skied the ball back to the bowler. Thus Bedfordshire had lost their last four wickets for the addition of five runs since lunch.

### ANOTHER OPENING STAND

Again Buckinghamshire's opening pair, Isherwood and N. Butler, settled down to a long partnership. Without giving much indication that Buckinghamshire meant to force the pace and try for a win outright, the batsmen, nevertheless, scored at a fair rate, the 50 going up in as many minutes. Coomb, Chisholm, Payne, and Disbury, who shared the attack in the first hour, bowled steadily enough but the batsmen looked well set. Obviously the wicket was playing easily.

At 72, however, the left-handed Butler, was dismissed by Payne, who fastened on to a return catch from a hard drive. Owen now bowled at the Park end to a deep-set field, but in his first three overs the batsmen declined to be tempted. The best stroke in a long period was a hit through the cover, by Johns.

Enterprising batting by Johns, who off-drove stylishly off the back foot, quickened the scoring, and Isherwood

reached his 50 soon after the hundred appeared. The innings had then lasted 90 minutes.

### Buckinghamshire

#### First Innings

P. Isherwood	c Money	b Coomb	41
N. V. Butler	c Money	b Chisholm	50
B. A. Barnett	b Oliver	..	29
D. T. Johns	c Money	b Payne	20
J. A. Cockett	c Payne	b Owen	7
J. H. Hastie	lbw	b Payne	12
D. R. Peplatt	c Payne	b Owen	17
K. N. Butler	b Coomb	..	12
O. G. Battecock	not out	..	12
R. V. C. Robins	run out	..	5
Extras	..	..	18

Total (for nine wkts. dec.) 192

Bowling: Coomb 21.20. 6m. 56r. 2w. 1-17-1; Disbury 5-1-4-0; Owen 21-7-38-2; Oliver 12-7-13-1.

#### Second Innings

P. Isherwood	b Payne	..	65
N. V. Butler	c and b Payne	..	27
D. J. Johns	not out	..	60
B. A. Barnett	not out	..	4
Extras	..	..	8

Total (for two wkts. dec.) 164

Bowling: Coomb 100. 6m. 25r. 0w. Chisholm 4-1-11-0; Payne 17.5-3-59-2; Disbury 3-2-0-0; Owen 14-0-44-0; Oliver 5-2-15-0.

### Bedfordshire

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August	b Hughes	..	25
B. E. Disbury	lbw	b Battecock	49
M. L. Kilby	b K. W. Butler	..	14
S. T. Morris	b Hughes	..	11
J. C. Owen	c Isherwood	b Battecock	34
J. A. R. Oliver	c Johns	b Robins	15
J. Chisholm	lbw	b Battecock	11
J. Payne	c Robins	b Johns	16
A. B. Poole	c Hastie	b Battecock	0
D. C. Money	c and b Johns	..	3
A. G. Coomb	not out	..	0
Extras	..	..	7

Total .. .. . 179

Bowling: Battecock 370. 18m. 38r. 4w.; Peplatt 4-3-1-0; Hughes 29-6-60-2; Robins 12-2-40-1; Johns 9-1-2-20-2; Butler 8-3-13-1.

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August	b Robins	..	15
B. E. Disbury	not out	..	27
M. L. Kilby	not out	..	6
Extras	..	..	0

Total (for one wkts.) .. 48

Bowling: Robins one for 16.

### Lincolnshire Match Abandoned

Rain limited the first match of the County Cricket Week to two hours on Monday. In the morning Bedfordshire dismissed half the Lincolnshire side for 75, but the rain started as the players came into lunch, and no further play was possible, the game finally being abandoned at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Fine bowling by Coomb and Fry, and two brilliant slip catches for which Morris was responsible, put Lincolnshire in a serious position. Five wickets fell for 42 runs before Maddison found, in Stone, a partner to stay.

Lincolnshire	
R. Creasey c Morris b Coomb ..	12
W. Smith c Morris b Coomb ..	0
J. R. C. Todd b Coomb ..	0
W. A. Maddison not out ..	42
A. F. Money c Payne b Fry ..	4
R. E. Ladbroke c August b Fry ..	17
J. Stone not out ..	0
Extras ..	0
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Total (for five wkts.)	75

Bowling: A. G. Coomb 15o. 6m. 28r. 3w.; J. W. Fry 7-4-9-2.

# "Glyn" Got The Runs

BY CHILTERN

## Problem Faced The County Captain

AS for the other "Owen" who figures in this story, he is the Town all-rounder, Glyn Owen, who played one of his best innings for Bedfordshire in difficult conditions at Bedford School yesterday.

Problem facing A. B. Poole on winning the toss was whether to bat or not. The wicket was wet after overnight rain and, obviously, was not one on which runs could be scored quickly.

On the other hand, it was not likely to give aid to the bowlers to any marked extent and, probably, remembering the lesson of the first match at Watford, he took first innings.

## Run-Getting Was Most Difficult

A DEAD wicket and a slow outfield made run-getting most difficult and to such an extent did this apply that Brian Disbury, who, although a slow starter, gets into his stride quickly once he has a sight of the ball, took an hour over 4 runs.

Some of it was due to the fact that both the Hertfordshire openers, Robin Marques and Leslie King bowled a high percentage of balls fairly wide of the off-stump.

To flash at those with a ring of slip fielders waiting for the catch is tantamount to committing suicide during the early stages of a match, but the tactics proved to be successful.

## August Did A Valuable Job

WITH 90 minutes gone, Bedfordshire found themselves 42 for 3. Disbury, Sid Morris and Mick Kilby, all having departed in various ways.

To Owen fell the responsibility of helping the County out of a sticky patch in company with George August who has many critics for his slowness, both in Luton and Bedford.

In this case, George did a valuable job, for he did the bulk of what early scoring there was and kept an end pegged down while the wickets were falling at the other.

## Owen Made 50 In Just Under An Hour

THE pair improved the position by lunch-time and consolidated it in the early afternoon.

Owen was looking for runs from the start, and while everybody else was treating Jack Holt, the off-spinner, with marked respect, Glyn was hitting him, against the spin, to the square leg boundary.

His 50 came in just under the hour and the partnership for the fourth wicket put on 71 before August, who had batted 2 hours, 40 minutes for 40, was caught in the slips.

## Three Had A Try At This Catch

AUGUST came in for a certain amount of barracking, to which he is inured by now, but he did a great job by staying when Bedfordshire's prospects looked really black.

Owen was out to a catch at which the bowler, Holt, had two "bites" and there followed a patient, sometimes uncertain, innings by the Town captain, John Oliver, who became third highest scorer with 25.

He was dismissed just after the tea interval by a catch in which three of the slips actually touched the ball before it was safely taken.

## Grand Innings By The Herts' Skipper

AFTER that, it was soon all over, with Bedfordshire left with a total of 184, product of 4 1/2 hours' batting on a wicket which, while never difficult, was no aid to quick run-getting.



Glyn Owen

Just as Glyn Owen had dominated the Bedfordshire innings because he looked for runs and got them, so was the Hertfordshire skipper, Tyrwhitt Drake, outstanding in his own side's innings.

Although he lost former Luton Town goalkeeper, Don Parkin, with only one run on the board, he took what runs presented themselves and, at close of play was 65 not out of a total of 112 for 3.

## Gate Receipts Are Well Down

ALWAYS he picked the right ball to hit and he hit it hard. Never was he afraid to use the high, lofted drive, and his was a lovely innings to watch.

This has been a bad cricket week from every point of view for Bedfordshire, the most serious, of course, being the financial return which has been much below average.

Up to last night, gate receipts had amounted to only £112 14s., as compared with £248 for the whole week last year and £280 in 1949.

A fine day to-day might boost the receipts by £50, but the club is still well down and, with rising costs, the position is serious.

## No Bedfordshire Challenge This Year

THERE will be no question of Bedfordshire being in a position to challenge for the Minor Counties' cricket title this season as they have twice in the last three years.

That much was fairly clear when they lost their first match against Hertfordshire at Watford and, since then, with five matches completed, they have been unable to register a win.

No cricket team can be expected to be on top all the time, but Bedfordshire are a better side than their present position gives them credit for.

## Surprising Failure To Take The Lead

IT was by a mere matter of six runs that they lost at Watford and had luck run their way they might easily have completed a double over Lincolnshire.

Certainly, they had them struggling on Monday when rain put an end to hopes of a decisive result.

Most surprising happening of a week in which rain has played a considerable part was that Bedfordshire failed to gain even first innings points against Bucks.

When play ended on Wednesday evening, they were in a most formidable position and, with nine wickets in hand, needed only 112 runs to go ahead.

## Four Wickets Fell For Six Runs

THERE was plenty of batting to come, too, and when the lunch interval was reached with only 19 runs required and four wickets still to fall, the lead seemed within their grasp.

However, the rot set in afterwards and they finished 13 runs behind.

At that stage only quick runs from Bucks and a declaration could give life to a game which produced a lot of over-cautious batting.

## Kept Wicket During The Hutton Marathon

THERE were some very interesting personalities in the Bucks side, including Ben Barnett, the Australian wicketkeeper of the 1938 tour.

He it was who kept wicket during Len Hutton's marathon innings of 364 in the last Test at the Oval, and he himself made a half-century in that match.

From the way he began on Wednesday, he looked like being among the runs, but John Oliver produced a beauty that bowled him neck and crop.

Incidentally, Oliver, who has not been doing much bowling for the Town this season, had two very good spells with the ball.

## R. W. V. Robins's Son In Bucks Team

AMONG the younger element was the schoolboy son of former England captain, R. W. V. Robins, who is at present touring Canada with an M.C.C. team.

Young Robins is obviously a spin bowler of real promise, and he bowls at a slightly quicker pace than is usual for bowlers of his type.

The Cambridge Blue J. A. Cockett was also in the side, but he failed with the bat.

In fact, the Bucks batting as a whole proved to be nothing like as powerful in practice as it looked on paper, possibly because they lost their opportunity by going too slowly when the wicket was dead.

## Ted Roberts Was One Of The Umpires

ONE of the umpires was Ted Roberts, former Hertfordshire and Harpenden all-rounder, who is on the Minor Counties' list for the first time.

Ted was among old friends at Bedford, where he has turned in so many fine performances for Hertfordshire in the past, and he received a warm welcome.

Among the spectators was Reg Ward, who bore the brunt of the Bedfordshire bowling for so many years and who once took all 10 wickets in one innings when playing for the County.

## Reg Ward Played For A Luton XI

REG is still playing regularly for Yeovil, where he is now living, and is still doing well enough to be top of both the batting and bowling averages of his club.

## The Scoreboard

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, First Innings, 192 for 9 wickets dec (N H Butler 50, P Isherwood 44, D Johns 20; J G Owen 2 for 38, J Payne 2 for 46, A Coomb 2 for 56).

BEDFORDSHIRE, First Innings  
 G L B August b Hughes .. 25  
 B L Disbury lbw b Battock 49  
 M L Kilby b Butler .. 14  
 S T Morris b Hughes .. 11  
 J G Owen c Isherwood b Battock .. 34  
 J A R Oliver c Johns b Robins .. 15  
 J Chisholm lbw b Battock .. 11  
 J Payne c Robins b Johns .. 10  
 A B Poole c Hastie b Battock .. 0  
 D C Money c and b Johns .. 3  
 A G Coomb not out .. 0  
 Extras .. 7

Total .. 179  
 Bowling: Battock 4 for 38, Johns 2 for 20, Hughes 2 for 60, Butler 1 for 13, Robins 1 for 46.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, Second Innings  
 P Isherwood b Payne .. 65  
 N Butler c and b Payne .. 27  
 D F Johns not out .. 60  
 E A Barnett not out .. 4  
 Extras .. 8

Total (for 2 wkts dec) 164  
 Bowling: Payne 2 for 59.

BEDFORDSHIRE, Second Innings  
 G L B August b Robins .. 15  
 B E Disbury not out .. 25  
 M L Kilby not out .. 6  
 Extras .. 0

Total (for 1 wkt) .. 46  
 Bowling: Robins 1 for 16.

However, this declaration was delayed so long that Bedfordshire were set the impossible task of scoring 178 runs in 75 minutes, including the extra half an hour.

## Were Left With An Impossible Task

THERE was no attempt to achieve the impossible, and Bedfordshire put on 46 in 40 minutes and did not bother to claim the extra time.

So a match that seemed to hold plenty of possibilities at one time just fizzled out dismally.

Whether Bedfordshire would have been in a better position had they gone for quick runs in the last 25 minutes of the first day when they were on top is a moot point.

Possibly, it would have been worth the risk of sacrificing a wicket to send in a hitter. However, the position was sufficiently good on Wednesday evening to make Bedfordshire strong favourites for first-innings points at least.

**CRICKET IN THE RAIN**

**DISMAL SCENE MARKS END OF POOR COUNTY WEEK**

**Herts Lead Bedfordshire on First Innings**

One of the most disappointing Bedfordshire County Cricket Weeks for many years ended soon after five o'clock on Saturday. Rain, which had held up play for an hour and three-quarters in the afternoon, came on again, and so the Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire match was left drawn, the visiting County taking points for a first-innings lead of 82.

The Bedford School field presented a depressing spectacle after lunch. There were scarcely a dozen spectators to see the game through to its dismal finish.

A serious financial loss besets the Bedfordshire Club following a week in which only three days of uninterrupted play were possible. The afternoon "gate" on Bank Holiday Monday was lost; Tuesday was a blank day; and few people attended the morning's cricket on Saturday.

Few of the Bedfordshire players did themselves justice during the week, and it was difficult to believe that twelve months ago substantially the same side were challengers for the Minor Counties Championship. Again on Friday the batting disappointed. August played a valuable, patient innings, Owen showed that the Hertfordshire bowlers could be hit, and Oliver (though not at his best) and Poole contributed much-needed runs just when it seemed that Owen's dismissal was virtually the end of Bedfordshire's effort. But Disbury, Morris, and Kilby made only ten runs between them.

The morning's cricket brought the home County a mere 66 runs and the price of them was three good wickets. August began with a couple of fours, which only served to remind ungrateful spectators that George's customary habit is to scorn delights so early in the day. Disbury, on the other hand, spent a whole hour of vain endeavour at the wicket. Marques, bowling really fast, directed his attack outside the off stump, with the usual row of slip fieldsmen in attendance; and Disbury could not bring into use those strokes which we know are his to command. One likened him to a school-boy who, having half-a-crown in his pocket, finds the tuck-shop door bolted against him.

At the end of the first hour the score was 31; Disbury's score—four. Then he lunged at a ball from Holt, mistimed it, and was caught easily. Frustration had driven Disbury to suicide.

**Owen's Bright Innings**

Kilby left at 39, and Morris followed him three runs later. So to Owen; and in the twenty-five minutes before lunch the left-hander scored 16. In the hour following lunch he gave the crowd plenty to applaud. When the admirable Holt dropped half-volleys in the region of Owen's front foot they were thumped away to the pavilion steps with full, purposeful swings of the bat. The hundred went up in two and a half hours, and Owen took only an hour

to reach his half-century. August, too, was opening out, and it was a pity to see him go at 113, playing a late cut which might have produced four runs but was, in fact, turned into a good catch. In his own solid way August had seen the Bedfordshire innings through its growing-pains, and there was now something to build on.

But Holt's clever slow bowling intimidated the truculent Owen once too often, and a return catch was the prize. At once Legate pushed a ball into the hands of silly mid-on who dropped it. A drive for four celebrated the escape, but the Henlow player did not survive long and Bedfordshire were 141 for six.

Oliver plodded along, and Poole joined him in a useful stand, but the side was all out short after tea for the moderate total of 184.

**Fine Bowling by Coomb**

In the 115 minutes before the close of play Hertfordshire made 112 for three. Chisholm dismissed Parkin with one run on the board, but Tyrwhitt-Drake's form from the start threatened a big innings, and so it proved to be. Coomb missed a difficult chance off his own bowling to Bateman; then, at 55, he had just reward for a finely-sustained assault by hitting Bateman's stumps.

Not until the hundred was passed did Legate capture the next wicket.

On Saturday, Tyrwhitt-Drake quickly brought his strong driving into play. He hit Chisholm superbly past mid-off to the ring, and his partnership with King added 48 to the overnight score in 50 minutes.

Least expensive of the bowlers was Coomb, who, at 160, bowled King. The next partnership saw Hertfordshire in the lead, Tyrwhitt-Drake levelling the scores and completing his enterprising century with the same stroke. He had batted 190 minutes.

Having bowled 14 overs at a cost of 36 runs since the day's play began Coomb made way for Owen, but it was Legate who dismissed Tyrwhitt-Drake. At 221 Oliver took a well-judged catch in the deep to end an innings which included nine fours.

After the long delay in the afternoon Hertfordshire went boldly for runs and secured a lead of 82. They had one and three-quarter hours to get Bedfordshire out a second time.

For half an hour August and Disbury batted in untroubled style; they looked quite capable of going through the formality of playing out time, but the rain saved them the trouble.

**ESTIMATED LOSS OF £160**

Gate receipts for the week amounted to only £119, and it is estimated that the bad weather has cost Bedfordshire C.C.C. about £160.

This estimate is based on the takings (£280) in 1949, when there was a full week's cricket. Last year the figure dropped to £248; the Saturday attendance being reduced by the weather.

From Bedfordshire's standpoint the match contained no feature more satisfactory than the bowling of Coomb. As he had done in every previous game, this young player bore the brunt of the attack with unflagging spirit, and 33 overs at a cost of little more than two runs each, with five wickets as reward, indicate his worth.

**BEDFORDSHIRE**

**First Innings**

G. L. B. August c Parkin b Marques	40
B. E. Disbury c Tyrwhitt-Drake b Holt	4
M. L. Kilby st Simons b Holt	3
E. F. Morris b King	3
J. G. Owen c and b Holt	58
J. A. R. Oliver c Parkin b Marques	25
J. Legate c Finn b Holt	8
J. Chisholm st Simons b Allen	9
A. B. Poole not out	16
D. C. Money b Marques	0
A. G. Coomb b King	4
Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>

Bowling: Marques 21.1 overs, 8 maidens, 46 runs, 3 wickets; King, 24.4-10-27-2; Holt, 35-10-80-4; Allen, 12-5-17-1.

**Second Innings**

G. L. B. August not out	8
B. E. Disbury not out	9
Extras	5
<b>Total for no wicket</b>	<b>22</b>

**HERTFORDSHIRE**

D. R. Parkin lbw b Chisholm	1
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake c Oliver b Legate	118
L. Bateman b Coomb	10
J. B. Marriott lbw b Legate	21
L. O. King b Coomb	20
R. W. Penn c Morris b Coomb	29
D. G. Simons b Legate	9
R. C. Marques st Money b Coomb	9
J. Holt not out	11
F. Allen c Legate b Coomb	2
Extras	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>266</b>

Coomb 33.1 overs, 8 maidens, 79 runs, 5 wickets; Chisholm, 13-1-44-1; Disbury, 2-0-9-0; Oliver, 8-0-17-1; Owen, 11-2-17-0; Legate, 21-2-65-3.

## Cricket Followers Must be Given Fair Deal

Writing after the Bedfordshire Cricket Week, which was the most disappointing for some years—not only in regard to the weather but also the play generally—Mr. F. C. M. Richards, of Goldington Avenue, states:

"I remember that *The Bedfordshire Times* last year criticized the cricket as having been rather slow. A striking example of this occurred one day when the after-lunch cricket began with six consecutive maiden overs. The players don't seem to have done very much better this year. Your report called the match with Buckinghamshire 'two days of dull cricket.' I saw some of it, and I quite agree. Last Friday afternoon I watched our County batting against Hertfordshire. I arrived at about a quarter to three and found the score standing at 115 for four. When the teams came in for tea, about an hour-and-a-half later, only 59 runs had been added.

### "RUNS FOR THEIR MONEY"

"One is not surprised, though one regrets it, when professionals score slowly", continues Mr. Richards. "As paid players, they naturally think of their batting averages. But in second-class cricket the players are mostly amateurs, and a more lively game should be the result. A charge is made—quite properly—for admission to these matches. Spectators who pay should be given, if not a run for their money, at any rate some runs for their money."

Allowances must be made for a slow wicket and outfield, which militate against a brisk rate of scoring, but there is no doubt that Mr. Richards expresses the view of many people who saw last week's cricket.

### BUCKS GO SLOW

The Buckinghamshire game, in particular, was a bore and, in the end, a farce. The visitors' slow batting in the first innings might have been suited to a three-day match, but how they could hope to win a game in two days by such cautious methods is difficult to understand.

Had Bucks hurried the score along on Thursday afternoon and declared at tea-time there would have been a good chance of a definite result and, more important, some cricket worth seeing. Instead, they continued the innings, and even with eight wickets in hand there seemed little desire to get runs as quickly as possible.

By the time Bucks declared the match was virtually dead, and people were homeward-bound.

If County sides are content to play before empty seats, this sort of cricket is just the thing. If they want public support they must play cricket that deserves it.

### CHANGES NEEDED

Attendances even on the fine days were not large. Are people getting tired of seeing Bedfordshire play the same teams year after year?

Lincolnshire provided new opposition in the first match, and it is perhaps significant that the crowd watching the play on Monday morning was big enough to promise a record one after lunch.

The match was soon washed out but not before there was evidence of increased public interest in a new fixture. We have suggested before in these columns that fixture changes would be all to the good; and remembering the Bucks game last week we make no apology for suggesting that another change next year would be welcome.

A match with a 2nd XI, largely professional, of one of the stronger first-class counties is what many of us would like to see.

Considering the week's cricket in general, Bedfordshire fell short of their best, but most sides have their indifferent patches. That Bedfordshire should be Championship challengers one season and, in the next, be without a win at this late stage is typical of cricket.

Nevertheless, the side needs strengthening, and certain players, on last week's showing, should have no reason to regard their places as secure.

Young Fry, having bowled so well against Lincolnshire, spent the rest of the week as twelfth man. It seemed a waste of a most promising bowler, who could have taken some of the work off Coomb's shoulders.

Coomb was the only Bedfordshire player to come through the week with reputation enhanced. This season he has stood up to a great deal of work for a pace bowler, and rarely given anything less than his best.

In six Championship matches he has bowled 210 overs and taken 35 wickets for 542 runs.

Coomb stands by as a reserve pace bowler for the Minor Counties in their match with the South Africans at Norwich on 5th and 6th September. John Oliver is in the Minor Counties side.

COUNTY XI IN  
ARREARS

Hertfordshire Win on  
First Innings

In the last match of the County Cricket Week at Bedford School, Hertfordshire beat Bedfordshire on the first innings.

On the second day play was curtailed by rain, and when Hertfordshire were all out with a lead of 82, only an hour and threequarters (including the extra half-hour) remained for the home County to bat a second time. They made 22 for no wicket; then further rain caused the game to be abandoned.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Parkin b Marques	40
B. E. Disbury c Tyrwhitt-Drake b Holt	4
M. L. Kilby st Simons b Holt	3
S. T. Morris b King	3
J. G. Owen c and b Holt	58
J. A. R. Oliver c Parkin b Marques	25
J. Legate c Finn b Holt	8
J. Chisholm st Simons b Allen	9
A. B. Poole not out	16
D. C. Money b Marques	0
A. G. Coomb b King	4
Extras	14

Total . . . . . 184

Second innings: 22 for no wicket.

Hertfordshire 266 (Tyrwhitt-Drake 118, Coomb five for 79).

Minor Counties Championship

# Beds Make Bright Start At Fenners

A brilliant double century opening wicket partnership between G. L. B. August and B. Disbury was the highlight of the first day's play in Bedfordshire's Minor County match with Cambridgeshire at Fenners (Cambridge) yesterday.

The pair put on 235 before they were parted and for Disbury it was his first Minor Counties century ever.

After taking first innings points from Cambridgeshire at Luton earlier in the season, Bedfordshire, who were fortunate in winning the toss on a real "Fenners Feather-bed," look like repeating the dose as before.

August and Disbury quickly got into their stride and 85 runs came in the first hour from well-placed carpet drives. R. A. Taylor and J. Hoyles opened the bowling, but half-an-hour later Taylor was replaced by Morris, former Essex all-rounder, while Hoyles remained on duty for more than an hour.

But the bowlers, both spin and pace, failed to make any impression on the aggressive batting of the opening pair, who went on to complete a century partnership in 90 minutes.

Disbury, who made his runs more smoothly than August, made the century-making hit with an on-drive for three off Vallins.

At lunch the opening stand was undefeated at 172. In a neck and neck race for individual centuries, Disbury, who finally found the boundary 16 times, got there first after 2 hours, twenty minutes.

August was not far behind and scored his 100 five minutes later, shortly before Disbury fell victim to one of Morris's off-spinners. He had scored 119.

The partnership had produced 235 runs in 24 hours. Then August was caught and bowled by Morris.

John Oliver and Mick Kilby were concerned in a lively third wicket partnership which advanced the score by 83 runs. Oliver, who was missed early in his innings, was Morris's fourth

victim of the day, the Cambridgeshire spinner having just previously clean bowled Kilby for 49.

When Bedfordshire declared at 368 for 7 wickets Cambridgeshire were left an hour and a half in which to bat. The opening pair took the score to 35 without loss in bad light and drizzle which caused an interruption of fifteen minutes.

### OWEN KEPT THEM QUIET

When Cambridgeshire resumed their innings this morning, the wicket did not promise a great deal of assistance to the pace men, and the Beds skipper, Poole, opened with Owen, his left-arm spinner.

Owen, who occasionally produced the googlie, kept the batsmen quiet with a good length, and just as the score was beginning to move, Owen persuaded Harrison to mistime his stroke and play on. Harrison had made 35.

In the meantime, Crouch, the Cambs captain, continued to show confidence and hit any loose delivery hard, particularly to the off.

The first hour's play produced 49 runs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE—1st Innings**

G L B August c and b Morris	115
B E Disbury c Hoyles b Morris	119
M L Kilby b Morris	49
J A R Oliver b Morris	40
J G Owen b Hoyles	14
J Legate lbw b Morris	9
G S S Gilbert not out	6
J W Fry b Morris	0
A B Poole not out	4
Extras	12

Total (for 7 wks dec) 368  
D Grady and A G Coomb did not bat.

Bowling: W B Morris 6 for 117, J Hoyles 1 for 141.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE—1st Innings**

M A Crouch not out	46
C J Harrison b Owen	35
H W E Taylor not out	2
Extras	1

Total (for 1 wkt) .... 84

## OPENING STAND SETS UP NEW BEDFORDSHIRE RECORD

### Centuries by Disbury and August in Drawn Game at Cambridge

Four centuries were made at Fenner's in the Minor Counties' Championship match between Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire on Friday and Saturday. Cambridgeshire took first innings points after 741 runs had been scored for the loss of 15 wickets.

The great feature of the match was a brilliant double-century opening partnership by August and Disbury, who scored 235 runs together in only 2½ hours. They set up a new record for Bedfordshire cricket, beating by ten runs the previous best opening stand in 1947, when August and John Oliver scored 225 against Oxfordshire in the Bedford Cricket Week.

Disbury, making his first century in County cricket, batted with delightful freedom and hit sixteen boundaries. August, too, was in splendid form. There were twelve fours and a five in his innings. Neither batsman was worried by pace or spin on a perfect Fenner's wicket.

The pair scored the first 100 in 90 minutes, and at lunch there were 172 runs on the board. Disbury was the first to reach the century mark, after 2 hours 20 minutes, but August achieved his hundred five minutes later.

Fast-scoring innings by Kilby and Oliver followed, and when Bedfordshire declared Cambridgeshire were left an hour and a half's batting on Friday evening. The light was failing and there was a drizzle of rain. Play was interrupted for 20 minutes and Cambridgeshire did not lose a wicket before the close, when the score was 35.

In a tedious pre-lunch period on Saturday, Cambridgeshire scored very slowly. At lunch the total stood at 153 for two, made in just over 3½ hours. Both wickets were claimed by Owen, whose spin and length worried the batsmen.

#### Faster Scoring

The scoring was much faster after lunch. Morris was particularly aggressive. He completed his century in 2 hours 20 minutes after giving a chance to Legate at first slip off Coomb at 96.

Crouch's second century of the season was a dour effort in comparison, and when he was eventually caught shoulder-

high at second slip he had been at the crease for 4½ hours. The Crouch-Morris third-wicket stand had produced 172.

Rogers and Gautrey did not last long, and half the side were out for 293. Morris made a delightful 133, including 26 boundaries, in just over three hours.

MacGinty and R. A. Taylor took the score to within easy distance of the Bedfordshire total, and Hoyles put Cambridgeshire in front.

Owen bowled 53 overs, of which 21 were maidens, and took five wickets for 110 runs. Cambridgeshire's innings lasted 26 overs longer than that of Bedfordshire.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August c and b Morris ..	115
B. E. Disbury c Hoyles b Morris ..	119
M. L. Kilby b Morris ..	49
J. A. R. Oliver b Morris ..	40
J. G. Owen b Hoyles ..	14
J. Legate lbw b Morris ..	9
G. S. S. Gilbert not out ..	6
J. W. Fry b Morris ..	0
A. B. Poole not out ..	4
Extras ..	12

Total for 7 wickets dec. .. 368  
D. Grady and A. G. Coomb did not bat.

Bowling: Morris 37 overs, 5 maidens, 117 runs, 6 wickets; J. Hoyles, 42-3-141-1; R. A. Taylor, 5-0-18-0; R. MacGinty, 10-2-32-0; R. H. Vallins, 10-1-48-0.

#### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

M. A. Crouch c Kilby b Owen ..	110
C. J. Harrison b Owen ..	55
H. W. Taylor lbw b Owen ..	36
W. B. Morris c Kilby b Owen ..	133
J. Rogers b Owen ..	9
R. Gautrey b Oliver ..	0
R. MacGinty c Fry b Legate ..	28
R. A. Taylor not out ..	31
R. Jeeps b Fry ..	3
J. Hoyles not out ..	8
Extras ..	10

Total for 8 wickets .. 373  
R. H. Vallins did not bat.

Bowling: Coomb, 43 overs, 10 maidens, 132 runs, 0 wickets; Fry, 25-8-48-1; Owen, 53-21-110-5; Disbury, 3-0-18-0; Legate, 16-8-26-1; Kilby, 4-0-11-0; Oliver, 8-2-18-1.



**Match Number 152/10 Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire**

Played at Ascott Park

on Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 August 1951

Result: **Match abandoned. No decision**  
 Points: None awarded  
 Toss: Beds  
 Umpires: LWK Martin and EA Roberts  
 Bucks debutants: D King  
 First day score: As match score

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	c Nickless b Battcock	129
BE Disbury	b Hughes	151
ML Kilby	lbw b Battcock	16
JAR Oliver	not out	25
JG Owen	c Hughes b Battcock	1
ST Morris	not out	14
JW Fry		
* AB Poole		
J Payne		
+ D Grady		
AG Coomb		
Extras	b 4, lb 3, nb 1	8
<b>Total</b>		for 4 dec 344

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	246	301	310	312						
Battcock	27	6	75	3						
Hayhurst	24	7	55	0 1nb						
Hughes	35	8	73	1						
Tompkins	10	2	32	0						
Johns	30	2	101	0						
Extras			8							
Total			344							

**Buckinghamshire**

I Ralph	c Kilby b Owen	28
TE Busby	not out	10
NV Butler	not out	4
DFV Johns		
A Hayhurst		
D King		
R Tompkins		
*OG Battcock		
+ R Nickless		
AJ Hughes		
JA Cockett (probable)		
Extras	b 3	3
<b>Total</b>		for 1 45

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	32									
Coomb	10	7	6	0						
Payne	10	4	21	0						
Owen	3	0	7	1						
Fry	3	0	8	0						
Extras			3							
Total			45							

Notes: August 10 x 4, Disbury 1 x 5 and 16 x 4.  
 The balance of the side and pattern of past teams suggest Cockett played.

Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book

Latest revision: 11 April 2004 (DHM)

## G. L. B. August and B. E. Disbury Shatter Their Own Five-Day Record

Five days after establishing a new Bedfordshire record at Cambridge, the County's opening batsmen, August and Disbury, broke it at Ascott Park. They scored 246 for the first wicket against Buckinghamshire on Wednesday, lowering by 11 runs their record in the Cambridgeshire match. Before this season the best opening stand for Bedfordshire was 225 at the expense of Oxfordshire in 1947, and August also shared the honours in this; his partner was then John Oliver.

There was no play yesterday owing to rain, and the match had to be abandoned.

On Wednesday Disbury and August were together just under four hours. They scored 101 before lunch, and without taking any risks, they always seemed at their ease. The rate for a period after lunch was still less than a run a minute, but in their fourth hour together the batsmen added 89, and played some really handsome strokes. Disbury, who was first out, hit 16 fours.

August was at the wicket 4½ hours. He and Kilby added 62 for the second wicket before August was caught behind the wicket.

Another big stand, between Oliver and Morris, seemed in the making when Poole declared the innings closed at 344 for four, and left Buckinghamshire an hour's batting before the day's play finished. Ralph and Busby proceeded very cautiously. It seemed that they would deny Bedfordshire a wicket on Wednesday, but ten minutes from the close Kilby brilliantly caught Ralph on the leg side. Buckinghamshire were 45 for one at the close.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August c Nickless b Baitcock	129
B. E. Disbury b Hughes	151
M. L. Kilby lbw b Baitcock	16
J. A. R. Oliver not out	25
J. G. Owen c Hughes b Baitcock	1
S. T. Morris not out	14
Extras	8

Total (for four wks. dec.) 344

J. W. Fry, A. B. Poole, J. Payne, D. Grady, and A. G. Coomb did not bat.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

#### First Innings

I. Ralph c Kilby b Owen	28
T. E. Busby not out	10
N. Butler not out	4
Extras	3

Total (for one wkt.) 45

## DISBURY TOP OF BATTING

### Average of 69 for Bedfordshire

Bedfordshire C.C.C.'s averages for the season are:

#### BATTING

	No. of	Times		Hgst	aver
		ins out	runs		
B. E. Disbury	10	2	552	151	69.00
G. L. B. August	11	1	523	129	52.30
J. A. R. Oliver	10	1	262	62	26.10
A. B. Poole	6	3	81	*58	27.00
J. G. Owen	8	1	178	58	23.40
J. Chilsholm	8	1	172	42	24.50
M. L. Kilby	7	1	135	49	22.10
J. Legate	8	0	131	61	16.30
J. Payne	5	1	60	18	15.00
N. G. Coomb	5	2	43	27	14.30
D. C. Money	5	1	52	23	13.00

Also batted: E. S. Smith 5, 25\*;  
E. C. Howard 4, 5; G. Tearle 13, 0\*;  
S. T. Morris 11, 3, 14\*; J. W. Fry 0;  
G. S. S. Gilbert 6\*.

#### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.	
						ins
A. G. Coomb	265	1	74	668	35	19.4
J. Legate	53	20	117	5	23.4	
J. G. Owen	141	37	302	11	27.4	
J. Payne	149	1	52	336	11	30.5
J. Chilsholm	108	1	20	321	9	35.6

Also bowled: J. A. R. Oliver 43o.  
12m. 86r. 3w; B. E. Disbury 18-4-  
56-1; J. W. Fry 35-12-65-3; M. L.  
Kilby 4-0-1-0; T. D. Matthews 21-2-  
1-68-4; G. Tearle 4-1-6-0; E. C.  
Howard 5-1-24-1.

#### CATCHES

Money (wicket-keeper) 13. Payne 9.  
August, Kilby, Poole, Legate and Mor-  
ris 3 each; Oliver and Coomb 2 each;  
Disbury, Fry, Howard and Chilsholm 1  
each.

#### STUMPINGS

Money 3.

#### IN MINOR COUNTIES SIDE

Two Bedfordshire players, J. A. R. Oliver and A. G. Coomb, were in the Minor Counties' team which opposed the South Africans at Norwich on Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday). Incidentally, Mr. Maurice Hall, M.C.S.P. of Bedford, was retained by the tourists as physiotherapist during the match.

## A. B. POOLE RETIRES

### From Captaincy of County Eleven

A. B. Poole, captain of Bedfordshire since the war, announced his retirement from the leadership at the annual meeting of the County Cricket Club on Tuesday. He told the members that he had had a "pretty good innings", but felt he could no longer hold his own in the field as a County cricketer should do. He expressed his grateful thanks to the members, and particularly the players, for the great support they had given him over a long period.

In proposing the vice-captain, John Oliver, as his successor, Mr. Poole said John was very popular among the players, and would carry out the duties of captain with great credit.

Mr S. T. Morris, in seconding, paid tribute to "A.B.", and the chairman of the meeting, Mr. W. W. Corfield, reminded members that twice the County side under "A.B.'s" leadership had almost won the Minor Counties' championship.

In accepting office, John Oliver said he was sorry that his election must necessarily coincide with the retirement of so able a skipper as "A.B."

Mr. Oliver then proposed, and Mr. A. Fryer seconded, the appointment of George August as vice-captain. This was carried.

#### CHISHOLM NOT RETAINED

In his annual report, Mr. F. Crompton (Hon. Secretary) said the County had dropped from second to 25th place in the Championship, a slump due very largely to the effect of poor weather upon the wickets. Yet Bedfordshire had lost only three Championship matches since 1939.

The main deficiency last season was in the bowling. Coomb, who took 35 wickets, and topped the averages, did not receive the support he deserved. The professional, J. Chisholm, had a very poor season, and his retention would hardly be justified.

The County now needed more good bowlers, one fast and two spinners.

Owing to bad weather the Cricket Week at Bedford School was the most disappointing since 1927, total receipts amounting to £119 5s. 9d., as compared with £248 in 1950, and £280 in 1949.

Mr. Crompton informed the meeting that since the financial year ended the Club had received £336 10s. as a share of profits on the South African Test Matches last year. A member, Mr. W. McIntyre, had donated £5. It was all very heartening in these difficult times.

Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch was re-elected Patron, and Major Simon Whitbread President.

The following were also re-elected: Chairman, Mr. H. R. Neate; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. W. Corfield; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Crompton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift; Hon. Club Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole; Hon. Umpire, Mr. C. H. Poole; Hon. Auditors, Mr. W. Porter and Mr. R. Symonds.

Mr. George Hawley was chosen to fill a vacancy on the Committee, caused by the death of Capt. J. E. D. Moysey.

## LOYAL SERVANT OF COUNTY CRICKET

A. B. Poole first played cricket for the County in 1925, at a very early age (writes the Sports Editor). He was taught the game at Bedford Modern School, of whose 1st XI he was vice-captain, and from about 1928 until the present day few, if any, Bedfordshire sides have taken the field without "A. B." Not for him the conventional summer holiday; he prefers to spend his leisure in white flannels, playing what to him is the best game in the world, and Bedfordshire cricket has gained enormously by his quite exceptional devotion to the cause.

No one would describe him as a "pretty" or stylish batsman; and yet Bedfordshire crowds over the past quarter of a century have always been pleased to see him at the crease. For "A. B." believes in the punitive method of treating a bowler. To see him in a subdued mood is to know that the attack is really menacing. He plays his strokes late, investing them with all the power of strong wrists, forearms, and shoulders. In his prime his fierce cutting and driving would make fielding an unenviable job on a hot day, as, for instance, when in 1936 he thrashed the Oxfordshire bowling for 234 runs in 3 hours 14 minutes—the fastest double-century on record in Minor Counties cricket.

"A. B." is also a wicket-keeper right above average standard—perhaps the best in the County since the war. But for a reason best known to himself he rarely kept wicket for Bedfordshire.

As captain of Bedfordshire from 1945, "A. B." sometimes provoked criticism, but he gained respect as a very knowledgeable cricketer, and his alert fielding was an example to those playing under him. In 1934 he made four centuries, totalled 599 runs, topped the County's averages, and was third in the Minor Counties' averages.

John Oliver, the new skipper, came into the County side in 1935, and has proved one of our best all-rounders. He has made six County centuries, been dismissed in the nineties three times, and in numerous matches vital wickets have fallen to his bowling. He and George August, who is now vice-captain, have been associated in many opening partnerships that have laid the foundations of big scores.

Obituary

## Bedfordshire Loses A Well-Known Sportsman

### Mr. J. Moysey

**MR. JAMES ECCLES DIMOND MOYSEY**, the well-known Bedfordshire sportsman, died on Tuesday at his home, 30, Studley-road, Luton, aged 68.

Cricket, motor-cycling and chess all attracted his support over many years.

Mr. Moysey played cricket as an amateur for Devon, his native county. When he came to Luton he became a member of the Town club, and represented it on the Beds County Selection Committee.

At chess he became champion of Devon and later of Bedfordshire. He had an unbeaten record as a representative of Bedfordshire.

Mr. Moysey came from Venton, near Totnes, and was the first man to ride a motor-cycle over Dartmoor.

#### POULTRY JUDGE

He was also a poultry fancier of some note, and in 1935 went as a judge to Colombo for the all-Ceylon Poultry Club show.

In the first world war Mr. Moysey served in the Army and attained captain's rank.

Subsequently he was licensee of the Midland Hotel, Luton, until his retirement to Studley-road about three years ago to run a guest house.

Mr. Moysey was a Freemason.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, as well as a son and two daughters by a previous marriage.

He is to be cremated at Golders Green on Monday.

#### APPRECIATIONS

In an appreciation of Capt. Moysey, Mr. Frank Crompton, the hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, writes: "The County Club deeply mourns the loss of a valued vice-president and member of the committee. During the whole of the time Capt. Moysey was associated with the Club, he showed unbounded enthusiasm for the welfare of the County XI.

**"For his unstinted devotion to duty, and his untiring efforts on behalf of the Club, his colleagues will always be indebted.**

"They wish to place on record their high appreciation of his eminent services, not only to Bedfordshire cricket, but to the cause of charity when, during the recent war, he arranged in Luton a number of matches in which famous players took part.

#### DEEP SENSE OF LOSS

"The Club expresses its deep sense of loss, and expresses its sympathy with Mrs. Moysey and the children."

"Chiltern" adds: "Capt. Moysey was one of the best-known figures in Bedfordshire cricket circles, and cricket was always in the forefront of his mind.

"Always, even in the depths of winter, it was with news of cricket that he greeted one, and it would be difficult to find one with more enthusiasm for the summer game."

"A member of Luton Town C.C., he was often at Wardown during the summer. His other love was chess, which he played regularly for Bedfordshire."

were life-long members of Park Town Methodist Church, Luton, where Mrs. Sinfield was organist for 30 years. Both were in the choir.

Tributes to them were paid at a service in the church on Sunday, conducted by the Rev. William Schofield.

He and Mr. F. S. Harris, the Society Steward, spoke of Mr. and Mrs. Sinfield's helpfulness.

Mr. Sinfield was employed at the Davis Gas Stove Co., Ltd., for over 40 years, and was foreman in the grinding shop.

#### THE FUNERAL

A service in Park Town Methodist Church before the interment was conducted by the Rev. R. Watkins and the Rev. W. Schofield.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sinfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barton, brothers and sisters-in-law: Mrs. A. Selway, Mr. and Mrs. C. Barton, Miss G. Barton, Miss W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith, Mr. J. Bullard, uncles and aunts; Miss L. Tomlin, Mr. H. Tomlin, Mrs. V. Sell, Mrs. A. Marchant, Mrs. H. Brice, Mrs. B. Crawley, Mrs. F. Gillard, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. J. East, Mr. D. Pearce, Mrs. N. Horne, cousins;

Mr. and Mrs. E. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. P. Clarke, Mrs. Wearmouth;

Mr. Bonfield, Mr. Day, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Stringer, Mr. Logan, Mr. Walker, Mr. Gatchouse, Mr. How, Mr. Fossey, representing Davis Gas Stove Co.

The Mayor of Luton (Cllr. R. Colin Large), Mr. C. E. Knowles, Mr. A. Bates, Mr. H. Arnold, and representatives of all Park Town Church organisations also attended.

#### FLORAL TRIBUTES

Wreaths were from Claud, Win and nephew Raymond; Will and Gerlie; Aunt Min Trix and family; Aunt Alice and family; Aunt Nellie; Cousins Stanley and Grace; Charles, Bessie and Mike; Grace and Win; Fred, Nance and family; Aunt Nell and Uncle Percy; Aunt Maud and Uncle Herbert; Aunt Sarah and Cousin Dennis; Harry, Alice and family; Tots, Harry and all at Baldock; Lily, Alf and Bert; Mr. and Mrs. Gillard; Alice and Murray; Maude and Cecil; Elsie, Reg, Flo and Jack; Cousin Ern, Gerlie and Ted; Sarah, Fred and Bernard;

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and family; Richie; Dora and Hubert; Mr. and Mrs. Sealey; Leslie M. Smith; May, Sid and Olive; Dalsy; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wesley and Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith; Mrs. Stanford; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Turner and Pamela; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott; Mr. and Mrs. Chambers and family; Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner and Mrs. Matthews;

The Mayor and Mayoress of Luton; Park Town Methodist Church; Park Town Church Choir; Park Town Ladies' Happy Hour; Directors, Management and Employees, Davis Gas Stove Co., Ltd.; Fellow Foremen, Davis Gas Stove Co., Ltd.; Fellow workers of the Grinding Mill, Davis Gas Stove Co., Ltd.; Progress Dept.; Enamel Shop Staff; Davis Athletic and Social Club.

Funeral arrangements were by the Co-operative Funeral Tarnishing Service, Luton.

Deep sympathy with Cllr. C. A. Sinfield "in the very tragic loss which he and his family sustained" was expressed by the Mayor, on behalf of other members of Luton Town Council and Corporation officers, at the Council's meeting on Tuesday.

# Funeral of Mr. Clifford Rawlins

Farmers from a wide area, representatives of the National Farmers' Union and sporting organizations, and employees attended the funeral at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday of Mr. Clifford Rawlins, of Mayfield Lodge, Biddenham, who died on 20th March, aged 40.

Mr. Rawlins, a farmer and sportsman, was a member of the well-known Bedfordshire farming family. He was a former Chairman of Bedford Branch of the National Farmers' Union, and a former Chairman of the Horticultural Committee of the Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Branch of the Union. Mr. Rawlins also served on the Union's County Executive Committee. Ill-health caused him to give up this public work.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Rawlins had played a number of times for Bedford R.U.F.C., being a light but lively forward, and for Bedfordshire as a cricketer. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Anne Simpson, and two young children, Judy and Tessa.

Family mourners were Mrs. Anne Rawlins (widow), Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rawlins (father and mother), Miss B. Rawlins (sister), Mr. C. W. Rawlins, junior, Mr. F. Rawlins, Mr. K. Rawlins, and Mr. P. Rawlins (brothers), Mr. C. Rawlins (nephew), Mrs. C. W. Rawlins, junior, Mrs. F. Rawlins, Mrs. K. Rawlins, Mrs. P. Rawlins, and Mrs. P. Dunlop (sisters-in-law), Mrs. Simpson (mother-in-law), Mr. C. Simpson (brother-in-law), Mr. H. Rawlins, Miss Alice Rawlins (cousins), Mrs. F. Humphreys (niece), and Mr. Humphreys.

### The Attendance

Among those present were Mr. J. E. Tiffen (representing the Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Farmers' Union and Mr. L. V. Davison, County Chairman), Mr. A. G. Tomlin (representing the Bedford branch of the Farmers' Union), Capt. G. O. Archer (representing Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Farmers' Union), Mr. F. Crompton (Hon. Secretary, Minor Counties' Cricket Competition, also representing Bedfordshire County Cricket Club and the President, Major Simon Whitbread) and Mr. W. Wilmot, Corfield (Vice-Chairman, Bedfordshire County Cricket Club), Mr. A. Riddiford and Mr. J. W. Williams (both representing Bedford Squash Racket Club), Mr. S. Duxbury (representing Bedford Borough Bowling Club), Wing-Comdr. A. P. Atkins (representing Bedfordshire Golf Club), Mr. Pat Lovell (representing Bedford Boys' Boxing Club).

Mr. W. L. Tysoe (representing Messrs. T. H. Smith and Sons, Bedford), Mr. W. R. Hall (representing Mr. James Newman), Mr. W. M. Peacock (also representing Mr. Harry Peacock and Mr. Robert Peacock), Mr. T. Winter (also representing Mrs. D. J. Clare and Lloyds Bank Ltd.), Mr. Arthur Day (representing Mr. Arthur Day and family and the Bedford Club), Mr. H. M. Francis, Mr. R. P. Shorten (both also representing the Bedford Club), Miss K. Bell, Miss Glasson,

Miss Hallett, and Miss E. Hallett (representatives of St. Andrew's School, Bedford), Mr. H. A. N. Tebbs (also representing Mr. H. N. Tebbs), Mr. G. W. Rogers (also representing Mrs. Rogers), Mr. F. H. Gent (representing 8th Bedfordshire Battalion, Home Guard), Ald. and Mrs. S. B. Morling (also representing Mr. and Mrs. W. Morling), Mrs. J. Newman (also representing Mr. J. Newman), Mr. E. H. Horrell (also representing Mr. B. W. Goodman), Mrs. H. A. Deacon (also representing Mr. H. A. Deacon), Mr. J. G. Langley (also representing Mrs. J. G. Langley), Mrs. Newcomb (also representing Mr. Newcomb), Mrs. Merry (also representing Mr. A. J. Merry).

Also present were Mr. E. T. Peacock, Mr. J. Billing, Mr. R. H. Southam, Mrs. F. J. Willmer, Mr. J. White, Mr. A. G. Murdoch, Mr. R. F. Ferriman, Mr. J. Gardner, Mr. E. R. Garraway, Col. J. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. F. Munday, Mrs. J. Elphicke, Mr. S. Logsdon, Mrs. Secombe, Mr. J. C. Tusting, Mr. T. L. Plewman, Mr. A. Findlay, Mr. Ralph Porter, Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. N. D. Eadie, Mr. Alfred Randall, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. W. W. Inskip, Mrs. Issard-Davies, Mr. C. W. Braggins.

Among employees present were: Messrs. H. W. Warner, B. W. Medlow, J. Bliss, D. Dowler, E. A. Moore, A. Dowler, and J. Bartram.

Wreaths were sent as follows: With all my love, Anne; With all our love, Judy and Tessa; Mother and Dad; Charles, Lillie, and family; Blanche; Fred and Babe; Ken and Elaine; Phil and Pat; John; Sheena and Miranda; Wendy; Aunt Amelia and cousins; Mrs. Simpson; Pat, John and Stewart Dunlop; Nannie; Maud and Elizabeth; Robert Chatham; Hazel and Slug; Robert and Marie; Kathleen and Frank; John and Daphne Warrington; Jack and Marjorie; Maurice, Freddy Garraway, and Patricia Dawson; Jacko; Kay Dunsstable; Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eldsforth; Bill and Joan Franklin; Frank and Dick Munday; Robert and Margaret; Doris and Eric Davison; Pat and Dorrie Atkins; Jack and Faye Langley; Fred and Peggy Salmons; Bob and Oath Racker; Herbert and Betty Appleyard and the girls; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Davison; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Logsdon; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deacon; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tebbs and John; Pat and John Sanders; E. Nelson Tebbs and Miss Irene Tebbs; E. Gough; Mr. and Mrs. Christmas and Lorna; Mr. and Mrs. Morling, Bill, and Margaret; Fred Vincent; H. and J. F. Parrott; Mr. and Mrs. F. Calver; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Plewman; Rex Southam; Employees of Home Farm, Cardington, and Blunham; Foreman, employees, and friends, Hill Farm, Chellington; Workmen of Biddenham Farm; Employees of C. W. Rawlins, Junior; T. H. Smith and Sons, Bedford; James Newman, Mill Street; Members of Squash Club; Committee of Bedford Branch N.F.U.; Horticultural Section Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire N.F.U.; Officers 8th Bedfordshire Battalion Home Guard; Bedfordshire County Cricket Club; Principal, Staff, and Pupils St. Andrew's School; St. Andrew's School Old Girls' Association; Proprietors and Management of Bridge Hotel; President and Members Bedford Club.

Funeral arrangements were carried out by Clarabut and Plumble, Bedford.

## Saturday Sports Review

### Sub-Arctic Conditions Did Not Expect Such Cut Attendances A Hollow Victory

TO be completely successful a cricket week must have good weather, but in this respect, the Town struck a bad patch this week, for most of their matches have been played in sub-Arctic conditions which have been most uncomfortable for both players and spectators.

Support has been cut down considerably, with the result that the club has suffered a considerable financial setback by the meagre collections.

However, considering the circumstances there has been some most interesting cricket.

#### Needed Only Three Runs To Win

MOST exciting finish was on Thursday when Lloyds Bank, with four wickets still in hand, failed by three runs to record their first win at Wardown.

When the last over began, they needed seven runs, but the Town claimed two wickets during it.

Had Wright, the incoming batsman not been run out off the last ball, there would probably have been time for another over, which would have ensured victory for the Bank.

Although their next batsman raced to the wicket, it was too late and stumps were drawn.

#### Surrey's Helping Hand For Town

THERE has been plenty of evidence of the firm friendship that exists between the Town club and Surrey C.C.C., which began when the County sent a side to Luton to aid the benefit of the late Stan Squires.

This week, Surrey willingly allowed Tom Clark to play for the club of which he is a member and with whom he began his cricket career as a very young batsman.

Then, on Wednesday, when the usual difficulties of raising a side cropped up, Surrey's coach, Andy Sandham, agreed to help out by sending two members of their Minor Counties' side.

#### Played In Two Of The Matches

DEREK PRATT, who played for Tom Clark's Surrey XI at Wardown last season, and Ken Barrington came down and stayed overnight to play against Bedfordshire Police yesterday, too, and so helped the Town out of quite a hole.

With Clark given permission to play yesterday, too, the Town were considerably stronger than they have ever been at the tail-end of the "week."

Several injuries collected during the week did not help in the matter of getting together teams, and Arnold Worboys was one who had to drop out after the match with Francis Appleyard's XI had begun on Wednesday.

#### Appleyard's XI Had A Nasty Shock

HE tore a muscle in his back and, after the first over, there was some re-shuffling of the teams.

Francis Appleyard, who has usually seen his team finish on top in this fixture, soon found that they were up against it.

Although he had some very good cricketers in his side, including the Bedfordshire captain, A. B. Poole, and Mike Hardie, who has played for Middlesex II, they were out for a meagre 66.

This was due to a combination of fine bowling by John Oliver, who had a "hat trick" in his 7 for 17, and good catching. Everything was held in the field—unusual for such a cold morning.

DESPITE a very good spell of howling by Appleyard, the Town got the runs without much trouble.

The visiting skipper had difficulty in raising a side because of some players not being available, but, even so, the Town scarcely expected such a hollow victory.

There was something of a shock against Lloyds Bank on Thursday when Charlie Warman was bowled by the first ball of the match, but Barry Robinson, the Town's most promising youngster, partnered by Derek Pratt, took the score to 83 before the Town lost another wicket.

#### Youthful Batsman Is Full Of Promise

OF these, Robinson made 43, and he batted so confidently and well as to emphasise the great asset he is going to be to the Town in the near future. He also shows considerable promise as a wicket-keeper.

When he was dismissed, the two Surrey players figured in a brisk partnership of 50, and Tom Clark finished with 24 not out, including a huge straight drive for six. There was an opening stand of 119 for the Bank, and they were always pushing the score along.

Once again, there has been some unofficial discussion this week about whether Whitsun is too early to hold a cricket week, but the obvious answer is that this year Whitsun was abnormally early.

#### Hoping M.C.C. Will Be Here On Whit-Monday

NEXT year, Whit-Monday falls on June 2, so there is every chance of a week of considerably better weather than has been the Town's lot this week.

The Town are hoping that the M.C.C. will provide the opposition on Whit-Monday, a match which drew a big crowd last season, and H. M. Garland-Wells is bringing his team again on the Tuesday. Both he and members of his side were much impressed with the Wardown ground and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

One point of interest that arose during the day was that Garland-Wells's first appearance as the England amateur team's goalkeeper was against Ireland, for whom Tim Kelly, now coaching for the Bedfordshire F.A., was playing.

#### Clark's First Century At Wardown

TOM CLARK made his first century at Wardown yesterday against Bedfordshire County Police, whose captain, Sid Morris, the Bedfordshire batsman, sent the Town in to bat on winning the toss.

They had every reason to be satisfied with their progress before lunch, for after Clark and Jim Shields had put on a first wicket partnership of 64, they had four out for 82 before lunch.

Victims included the Surrey cricketers, Pratt and Barrington, both of whom batted beautifully the day before.

However, after lunch, the progress of the Police came to an end, for Clark and John Oliver added 110 for the fifth wicket.

#### Surrey Players Were Among The Wickets

CLARK reached 102 in 2 hours, 20 minutes and Oliver was 60 before being caught in the slips. He hit two sixes.

The Police borrowed Barry Robinson, and with Morris, he helped them to a promising start with 41 for the first wicket.

Morris, whose first innings of the season this was, batted well,

and while he was in, along with Town player, Jim Kirby, there seemed a reasonable chance of them saving the game.

However, when they left, there was not much resistance and Barrington and Pratt had nine of the wickets between them.

## CRICKET SCOREBOARD

**LUTON TOWN v. F. APPELYARD'S XI**

F APPELYARD'S XI

D Merriott b Oliver	4
F Appleyard c Warman b Clark	3
A Poole c Waller b Oliver	0
M Hardie c Clark b Oliver	4
R Woodbridge c Clark b Oliver	5
K Chapman c Pugh b Owen	11
R Carlisle not out	21
F R. Oliver run out	7
C Gray c Jones b Oliver	0
— Gleason c Muse b Oliver	0
G Allen b Oliver	0
Extras	6
Total	66

Bowling: Oliver 7 for 17

**LUTON TOWN**

F H Clark lbw b Appleyard	4
B G Satterley b Appleyard	3
J A Muse b Appleyard	8
J G Owen b Appleyard	31
J A R Oliver c Merriott b Appleyard	40
C H Warman c Appleyard	0
— Gleason	24
A Borrowman c Merriott b Gleason	27
B Robinson c Appleyard b Merriott	5
M Jones not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 8 wkts)	153

E H Pugh and A F Waller did not bat.

Bowling: Appleyard 5 for 32.

**LUTON TOWN v. LLOYDS BANK**

LUTON TOWN

H D Robinson st Pace b Bryan	43
C H Warman b Lawrence	0
D Pratt run out	61
K Barrington c Pace b Lawrence	32
C V A Colling c George b Lawrence	23
T H Clark not out	24
A H Borrowman not out	3
Extras	2
Total (for 5 wkts dec)	188

A T Hunt, R-D Gardiner, E H Pugh and M Jones did not bat.

**LLOYDS BANK**

F W Stiff not out	56
H A Barrett b Warman	69
P L Stace lbw b Gardiner	6
A E Page b Gardiner	2
R T Bryan c Pugh b Gardiner	18
A George b Clark	23
T Wright run out	0
Extras	15
Total (for 6 wkts)	186

Connock, Dumper, Edwards and Lawrence did not bat.

Bowling: Gardiner 3 for 45.

**LUTON TOWN v. BEDS COUNTY POLICE**

LUTON TOWN

T H Clark c Connock b Slater	102
J Shields b Kirby	21
D Pratt b Hepworth	3
K Barrington b Hepworth	3
A H Borrowman b Kirby	3
J A R Oliver c Wilby b Tompkins	60
P Kingham b Wilby	2
E H Pugh not out	7
F W J Webb not out	11
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wkts dec)	211

Did not bat: G Allen, M Jones.

Bowling: Hepworth 2 for 46, Kirby 2 for 56.

**BEDS COUNTY POLICE**

Robinson c Webb b Pratt	21
Morris b Barrington	37
Dewhurst b Pratt	0
Kirby c Shields b Pratt	27
Hepworth c Clark b Barrington	5
Tompkins b Barrington	5
Druce b Barrington	1
Connock c sub b Oliver	9
Slater c Webb b Barrington	0
Wilby b Barrington	0
Brown not out	1
Extras	4
Total	109

Bowling: Barrington 6 for 26, Pratt 3 for 31.

**LUTON SARTORIS v. R.A.F. (LEIGHTON BUZZARD)**

LUTON SARTORIS: E Thurlley 5, J McCrystal 25, H Weir 31, P Caswell 5, P Garrett 8, W Rowe 11, W Jackson 3, L Teggin 0, R Anstee 0, E Pearce 1, T Keating not out 1; extras 6. Total 96.

Bowling: Baker 5 for 14.

**R.A.F. (LEIGHTON BUZZARD):** J Smith 1, R Wallbank 13, H Cole 0, D Baker 7, T Birch 0, P Baker 0, W Bennett 2, R Tiffin 2, G Dorricot not out 2, A Baker 2, R Mellor 2; extras 4. Total 35.

Bowling: Rowe 5 for 16.

**YOUNG BEDFORD  
SPORTSMAN**  
**Reading F.C. Owe Much  
to Gordon Brice**  
**PROMISE OF COUNTY  
CRICKET CAREER**

Though Reading just failed in their bid for promotion to the Second Division of the English League, the 1950-51 season has been one of the best in the Club's history. They finished third in Division III (South) table, and a player who deserves much of the credit is a Bedford man, 26-year-old Gordon Brice, the team's centre-half. Engaged by Reading's manager and former Arsenal centre-forward, Ted Drake, in 1948, Brice proved just the man the Club needed, and in his first season Reading were runners-up to Swansea. He has now made well over a hundred consecutive appearances in the first team.



This fine young sportsman, who is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brice, Howbury Street, was educated at Bedford Modern School, where he excelled in every form of athletic activity which appealed to him. He skippered the Rugger XV and was a powerful force at centre-three-quarter. As an all-round cricketer he was the School's captain in 1941. In the ring he won the B.M.S. heavy-weight championship; field events and hurdles were his forte in athletics; and he was an accomplished fives player. Schooldays were followed by four years with the Royal Marines, in which Lieut. Brice served in the Middle East and

South Africa. His professional football career began with Luton Town in 1946, when he was an outside-right, and the next year Ted Vizard secured him for Wolverhampton Wanderers at a transfer fee of £7,600.

**Among The Best**

The Wolves saw in him a possible successor to that great centre-half, Stan Cullis, but Gordon had not quite enough experience behind him to make him ready for First Division football. Also, competition for the first eleven places in a club like Wolverhampton is apt to tell on a young player, so the Bedford lad moved to Reading, where he is a great favourite with local Soccer followers. Some critics place him among the best centre-halves in the country.

Now Gordon Brice is establishing himself as a business man in Reading. A few weeks ago he entered partnership with a club-mate, Maurice Edelston, English amateur international, and their sports-outfitters' shop was opened by John Arlott, the B.B.C. cricket commentator, before a large gathering of Reading sportsmen. Brice's partner, by the way, took a B.A. degree at London University.

Though he has still to gain a regular place in the Northamptonshire side, Brice may yet have a successful future in County cricket. Two fine performances last season were six wickets for 30 runs against Nottinghamshire, and an innings of 82 off Hampshire's bowling.



**BRIGHT INNINGS BY  
WILDMAN**

**Queen's Draw With  
Northampton XI**

A hard-hit 49 by S. V. Wildman, scored in 46 minutes, and including two sixes and six fours, was a highlight in Queen's Works' drawn game with Northampton Saints at Weston Favell on Saturday.

Surprisingly, the Saints put Queen's in on a hard, fast wicket, and Woodland and McDonald proceeded to lay a good foundation to the innings. Wildman came in with the score at 56 for two, and severely punished Clarke's lofted off-spinners. He was out at 129—bowled off his pads.

Walker and Swales opened the Queen's attack, and both made the ball swing appreciably. The Saints had to go cautiously, wickets falling when there was any attempt to force the pace. Scores:—

Queen's Works: E. Wooding b Haynes 13, M. Woodland st Curwood b Clarke 33, M. McDonald c Curwood b Haynes 22, S. V. Wildman b Clarke 49, J. M. Graham-Smith b Clarke 5, E. Collingridge b Adams 3, G. Shepherd c Clarke, b Warrington 23, E. Walker b Adams 1, S. Barcock b Haynes 12, K. Swales not out 8, C. Beard lbw b Warrington 0, extras 8, total 177.

Northampton Saints: R. Haywood b Walker 3, M. W. Curwood lbw b Swales 6, H. S. Talbot c Swales b Walker 37, J. F. Parry b Beard 26, L. P. Clarke b Walker 14, N. D. Barratt run out 13, J. M. Warrington c Walker b Graham-Smith 16, L. J. Belson not out 1, A. Smith not out 4, extras 13, total for seven wickets, 133. (Walker three for 28, Graham-Smith one for 8, Swales one for 26, Beard one for 36).

**BIG HITTING BY  
SOUTHILL**

**Century for Gilbert  
Against Cardington**

Scoring freely all round the wicket, G. S. Gilbert made a fine century in 73 minutes for Southill Park against R.A.F. Cardington, at Southill. The home side won by 130 runs.

To add to the visitors' heavy burden in the field, K. Ballard hit two sixes and six fours in his 45, and V. Grimshaw also batted briskly for 48.

Cardington kept the cricket interesting by refusing to close up the game in face of the big total. They were out for 94. A. Swain (three for 26), A. Burnage (three for 29), A. Dilley (two for 6), and T. Price (one for 5) taking the wickets.

Southill Park: V. Grimshaw 48, R. Godman 8, K. D. Ballard 45, G. S. S. Gilbert not out 100, A. J. Dilley 40, E. W. Saunderson not out 0, extras 13, total (for four wickets, dec.) 224.

R.A.F. Cardington: F/O Wood 6, F/S Marsh 13, F/O Price 17, A/C French 7, Cpl. Holding 0, F/O Knowlson 2, W/O Cockerill 11, F/O Down 2, A/C Station 16, A/C Forbes 9, F/Sgt. Hitchins not out 1, extras 5, total 94.

**GOOD BOWLING  
FOR TOWN II**

**Low Score Just Enough  
to Beat Visitors**

Good bowling by Barnes and Baker, who shared the wickets at a cost of 27 and 33 respectively, played a vital part in Bedford II's three-runs victory over De Havilland at Newnham Avenue.

De Havilland were always on the defensive, only Nair, an Indian who has played in representative cricket in India, showing any strokes. He made 37, not out.

Bedford II: E. F. Barcock 11, C. G. Jones 3, M. Cooper 15, A. J. Draper 10, D. T. Matthews 11, W. E. Hawkins 2, W. J. Baker 9, G. S. Andrews 3, J. A. Williamson 1, J. Giles 1, C. D. Barnes not out 0, extras 1, total 67.

De Havilland 64.

**CRICKET RESULTS**

Peterborough Brotherhood 93 (G. Webster seven for 31), Harpur Sports 84 for 3 (Newman not out 42, Poulter 27).

Dulwich College 171 (Taylor 46, Finlay 46, Murray-Clarke three for 11), Bedford School 103 (Wynn-Williams 63, Warren eight for 28).

Rushden "A" 47 (T. Eady six for 9, Chamberlain three for 15), Bedford North End 72 (Chapman not out 47).

Bedford Argus 150 for seven dec. (Sharp 57, Jones 36), Shire Hall 100 for five.

Pertenhall 165 (Stapleton 45, Roddis 40), Hobkirk's 135 (Kirkup not out 41, Presland six for 39).

Bedford Electricity 129 (Phillips 31, Squire four for 35), Maulden 126 for six (Sanders not out 34).

Bedfordshire Times 54 (Jones three for 20), Wells Furnishers 55 (Young five for 21, Brice four for 23).

Burtonians 43 (Clarke three for 10, Parish two for 0), Weaver Sports 87 (Copperwheat 33, J. Luff four for 11).

Ashdown Bros. 113 (Lambert 56, Clark five for 18), Grosvenor Club 79 (Lambert five for 18).

Bedford Refrigeration, 47 for three, Lolode, 34 for nine (Ingledeu six for 15).

Bedford and District League (Div. 1): Clapham, 69 (R. Devereux 26, N. Allen five for 20) South End, 59 (N. Evans 16, T. Buck six for 21).

**ONE-RUN WIN FOR  
QUEEN'S "A"**

The last three Northampton Saints II wickets fell at no cost at Allen Park, and Queen's Works "A" won by one run.

Earlier, in reply to a Queen's total of 76, the Saints had lost half their side for 14. A sixth-wicket stand carried the score to 67.

Queen's Works "A": Coulton 4, Passley 10, Thompson 12, Hammond 0, Slaughter 23, Shortland 6, Wilson 1, Parker 2, Smith not out 2, Knight 0, Clarke 9, extras 4, total 76. Lyman five for 7.

Northampton Saints II: 75. Thompson three for 34, Clarke two for 11, Wilson two for 14.

**TOM-TITS HURRY TO WIN**

Given ninety minutes to pass the St. Neots total of 118 for seven (declared) on Saturday, Tom-Tits won in the last over with six wickets in hand. Scores:—

St. Neots: 118 for seven, dec. (P. Green five for 32, T. V. Norwood one for 8).

Tom-Tits: P. Green 14, A. Phillips not out 40, R. V. Spark 25, J. Taylor 12, T. V. Norwood 9, R. G. Furbank not out 28, extras 9, total 137 for four.

**R.A.F. Cardington v. Queen's  
Works Sunday XI**

Playing at Cardington Sunday. R.A.F. won by 36 runs. Queen's: E. Wooding 10, M. Woodland 28, D. Hammond 4, G. Shepherd 5, T. Maggs 0, J. Graham-Smith 11, C. Beard 7, S. Barcock 7, A. Parker 0, J. Smith 1, D. Fenton not out 2, extras 3, total 78. (Station four for 22, Knowlson two for 10, Forbes two for 17, Marsh one for 6, French one for 16).

R.A.F. Cardington: Wood 15, Marsh 36, Price 32, French 1, Forbes 1, Station 10, Cockill 1, Knowlson 6, Holding 7, Irvine not out 2, Hitchins 0, extras 3, total 114. (Hammond four for 29, Beard three for 22, Fenton two for 36).

**Waterlow's II v. Bedford Town  
Bramblers**

Ramblers: G. Harrison not out 69, W. Gaunt 33, D. F. Bennett 6, B. Peet 10, M. Suckley 1, J. Hobbs 11, H. F. Stokes 0, L. Hood not out 13, extras 14, total (for six wickets, dec.) 157.

Waterlow's II: 92.—Möller six for 22, King three for 48, Stokes one for 5.

**Goldington Sports v. Elstow**

Goldington: J. Whaley 16, S. Tucker 4, D. Day 3, A. Rawlins 0, W. Course 16, L. Dimmick 15, G. Hawson 1, F. Line 12, S. Evans 0, A. Single not out 0, D. Dean 5, extras 15, total 87.—Browne two for 10, Lowe one for 11, Lack three for 11, Geary two for 23, Atkins two for 17.

Elstow: R. Nichols 2, R. Stidolph 1, W. Lowe 5, J. Carke 7, R. Geary 13, R. Atkins 0, D. George 7, K. Browne 5, L. Lack 11, R. Keeble 2, A. Cirkelt not out 3, extras 10, total 66.—Rawlins three for 7, Dean two for 6, Evans one for 12, Dimmick one for 9, Course three for 17.

Bedford and District Cricket League

PAVENHAM COLLAPSE WITHIN REACH OF POTTON'S 59

Having dismissed Potton for 59 in a Premier Division match on Saturday, Pavenham had 50 on the board for the loss of two wickets. It was all over bar the cheering for Pavenham's victory—but a Potton bowler named Turnbull proved to be one of those stubborn people who refuse to accept defeat until it is an accomplished fact.

When Turnbull, who deals in spinners, proceeded to get the next one or two batsmen out quickly Pavenham did not worry. But soon their mood changed from confidence to dismay. Within a short time 50 for four became 52 all out, and Potton had snatched a dramatic victory by seven runs.

Turnbull's final analysis read: 54 overs, 11 runs, 6 wickets. The wicket gave the bowlers every assistance from the start, and Potton's first four wickets went for six runs. Pavenham also began badly, losing three men for 15, but a good stand by A. Westley and G. Scoley added 35 and opened up the prospect of a Pavenham win which, in the end, was denied them.

Those Great Barford bowling mainstays, Breeze and Skevington, were on the warpath again on Saturday when Little Staughton came their way. Out they shot the visitors for a modest 45. Barford, however, did not reach this total easily. Without a fourth-wicket stand between A. Norman and all-rounder Skevington, the day would have been Staughton's. G. Robins (three wickets), Parker (three), Thorne (two), and Saunders made a big effort to compensate for Staughton's batting failure.

Clapham made quite a sound start to their innings at Sharnbrook, but after Devereux's dismissal they were always struggling for runs. Wiles was top scorer with 10, and he was almost an hour at the crease. He peddled by two smart catches by wicket-keeper Facey. R. Knight took the last three Clapham wickets for no runs in nine balls.

Sharnbrook lost E. Ward at once, but D. Clayton played a captain's innings which contributed 40 to a total of 79 for five. He was still batting when rain stopped play, and Sharnbrook were 49 ahead.

A Thurleigh Stand

A late stand by D. Berrill and J. Wagstaff gave Thurleigh a winning total against Mogerhanger, not one of those batsmen could reach double figures. R. Reid's eight for 19 was a fine performance, but he achieved it for the losing side.

South End Ramblers had their first league victory at the expense of their old rivals, Cople, thanks to tail-enders Bill Nichols and veteran Harry Allen, who also shared bowling honours with Evans.

After Splice had been dismissed, Bennett and Norman took South End's last six wickets for 23 runs, and Bennett, especially, often beat the bat. But Bill Nichols got his eye in, and with Harry Allen content to play a patient game, 45 runs were added for the ninth wicket.

Cople began well, having 50 on the board for two wickets, but the consistency of Evans and the cunning of Allen gave the tall little chance to get easy runs. Only Hurr and Thacker held South End up, and the Ramblers won by 25.

But for a steady 16 not out by Whommand, Wyboston's innings against Wilden would have been a sorry affair. Even Whommand's effort could not help the score to move than 38, and Wilden won by 21, though the victors, too, owed a lot to one batsman—Norman—who scored nearly half their runs. In Wyboston's second innings they lost eight men in scoring 22. J. Ashpole taking six wickets at a run apiece and bringing his match figures to ten for 21.

With seven wickets for 10 runs C. Copperwheat served Marston II's cause admirably at Wood End. Marston won by 28 runs.

Turvey lost a couple of wickets cheaply to West End, but they reached 115, thanks to good batting by Kruthoffer, Skevington, and Cockings. When once West End's second-wicket pair, Hillis and Moore, had been separated, Paynton and Sugars bowled the side out without any trouble at all. They hit the stumps eight times. Turvey won by 87.

Sharnbrook II employed nine bowlers against Staploe, who scored so freely that there were three sixes and 21 fours in a total of 176. Staploe won by 135 runs.

Bowlers were on top in the game between Potton II and Ickwell II, and scoring was low. Ickwell were dismissed for 36. W. Drew taking five wickets for 12, and Potton could reach only 20. D. Bygraves took six for 8 in 9.5 overs for Ickwell.

Tempsford, beating Blunham II by an innings and 26 runs, had nine of

their opponents out for six runs in Blunham's first knock. The last pair added seven. The bowler chiefly responsible for Blunham's dire position was Bettles, who came out with the extraordinary match analysis of fourteen wickets for 20 runs.

The situation in the Clapham II v. Great Barford II game called for cool heads. G. Robinson was batting steadily for Barford, but would his colleagues give him the support needed to beat a total of 70? Well, Barford did it—by a margin of two runs. W. Loaks, who took five Barford wickets, pegged away at a good length and so nearly won the game for Clapham.

PREMIER DIVISION

Pavenham v. Potton  
Potton: C. Blott 0, F. Marsh 3, N. Price 3, E. Clarke 4, K. Woodman 0, J. Turnbull 11, J. Giles 11, D. Page 9, E. Huckle 16, J. Standen 0, F. Turner one for 0, extras 2, total 59.—Curtis four for 20, Scoley four for 21, Falce one for 0.

Pavenham: N. Westley 4, M. Higgs 3, G. Curtis 5, G. Scoley 14, A. Westley 22, J. Turner 0, J. Pearson 0, P. Wootton 1, J. Crawley 1, T. Higgs 0, C. Whitman 4, not out 0, extras 2, total 52.—Turnbull six for 11, Price two for 9, Stander two for 15.

Great Barford v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 1, G. Robins 8, J. Saunders 4, R. Thorne 0, S. Stapleton 7, V. Banks 5, S. Marshall 7, P. Quenby 0, C. Stapleton 0, H. Parker not out 3, L. Saunders 6, extras 4, total 45.—Breeze six for 19, Skevington three for 8.

Great Barford: P. Usher 4, S. Green 0, A. Norman 14, A. Skevington 12, E. Vickers 3, K. Tatman not out 5, J. Breeze 0, W. Bridge 1, W. Page 3, B. Cope 7, extras 6, total 60.

DIVISION I

Sharnbrook v. Clapham

Clapham: R. Devereux 9, S. Wiles 10, T. Buck 2, R. Facey 0, R. Smith 0, C. Henman 4, D. Crane 0, L. Wooding 0, R. Pickering 0, G. Turner not out 0, G. Hoffman 0, extras 5, total 30.—R. Knight three for 0, D. Benson four for 13, R. Dunkley two for 12.

Sharnbrook: H. Boyles 2, E. Ward 0, D. Clayton not out 40, R. Dunkley 13, G. Boyles 4, G. Comline 11, total (for five wickets) 79.—Pickering two for 13, Hoffman two for 18.

Thurleigh v. Mogerhanger

Thurleigh: L. Wildman 5, R. Lovell 2, B. Holley 5, C. Berrill 2, K. Wagstaff 7, D. Berrill 10, W. Asplin 8, J. Wagstaff 15, B. Ingle 0, F. Hollowell 1, C. Clayton not out 0, extras 3, total 58.—R. Reid eight for 19.

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 4, W. Wilsheer 1, E. Wilsheer 2, K. Reid 5, F. Summerville 7, S. Reid 2, C. Street 9, H. Daniels 5, R. Reid not out 1, D. Hull 0, H. Phoenix 0, extras 4, total 38.—J. Wagstaff four for 8, W. Asplin four for 12.

South End v. Cople

South End Ramblers: G. Ferguson 8, A. Splice 22, L. Jones 8, R. Pallant 3, N. Evans 0, J. Bosworth 0, J. Sheridan 0, H. Allen 21, G. Morton 2, W. Nichols 30, S. Tompkins not out 1, extras 2, total 111.—R. Norman four for 35, R. Bennett three for 40.

Cople: C. Graves 19, A. Hart 3, R. Norman 11, R. Bennett 14, B. Hilliard 3, P. Burr 8, D. Shingler 2, D. Thacker 11, A. Worrall 1, E. Ferrill 0, S. Mountain 2, extras 14, total 88.—N. Evans five for 24, H. Allen four for 21.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Wilden v. Wyboston

Wyboston: J. Darrington 1, A. Usher 7, B. Peet 0, R. Whommand not out 16, C. Felbing 0, T. Bricke 0, D. Wilson 3, R. Ellis 6, A. Garrawise 1, W. Moorby 1, extras 3, total 38.—Ashpole four for 15, B. Ashpole two for 9, V. Peil one for 2, E. Peil two for 9.

Wilden: B. Ashpole 2, W. Norman 26, V. Peil 0, J. Ashpole 8, E. Peil 2, V. Ashpole 0, M. Fensome 0, R. Stone 3, J. Stone 4, J. Fell not out 8, G. Wright 2, extras 4, total 59.—R. Whommand two for 26, R. Ellis six for 23, B. Peet two for 6.

Colmworth v. Hobkirk's

Hobkirk's: J. Crisp 4, W. Payne 0, H. Parker 1, O. B. Kirkup 26, S. B. Smy 0, W. Crisp 2, O. B. Payne 0, O. D. Wicks 0, R. Greenwood 1, Thryland not 3, Wilson 5 not 1, extras 1, total 45, 28.

Colmworth: S. Swales 1, J. Chamberlain 0, Wm. Ellison 0, J. Hughes 0, Walter Ellison 5, H. Swales 18, V. Peil 0, T. Mathews 17, C. Stringer 10, B. Swales 5, R. Chamberlain not out 2, extras 4, total 62.

Pertenhall v. Maynes

Pertenhall: A. George 17, J. Roddis 15, O. Stapleton 11, S. George 6, W. Presland 27, S. Dawson 0, F. Challis 0, C. Weller 1, J. Elliott not out 19, C. Clark 1, F. Bull not out 2, extras 2, total (for nine wks dec.) 101.—F. Smith six for 35, Joy two for 28.

Maynes: A. Herbert 8, B. Jefford 1, C. Joy 0, A. Bas 15, F. J. Smith 0, H. Herbert 11, F. Smith 1, A. Bennett 0, A. Dear not out 0, R. Clark 0, W. Newbury 0, total 36.—Pres and six for 12, B. George two for 3, Dawson two for 21.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Wood End v. Marston

Wood End: J. Fuller 3, C. Caves 1, B. Childs 4, S. Hutchings 0, A. Clarke 2, R. Ashpole 2, V. Ashpole 0, R. Burroway 15, L. Jessop not out 9, D. Hutchings 0, T. Burroway 2, extras 6, total 44.—A. Knight two for 7, G. Copperwheat seven for 10, A. Goodwin one for 3.

Marston: J. Adams 5, J. Nicholls 4, V. Hale 17, C. Caves 4, T. Ellis 0, Copperwheat 17, C. Copperwheat 0, A. Knight 0, I. Goodman 1, R. Horn 0, S. Knight not out 6, extras 6, total 72.—V. Ashpole five for 29, J. Fuller four for 14.

West End v. Turvey

Turvey: R. Frost 7, H. Sargent 0, S. West 0, J. Kruthoffer 20, D. Skevington not out 28, R. Wright 12, F. Paynton 3, J. Lettis 2, W. Cockings 9, A. Sugars 0, L. Bullard 1, extras 11, total 113.—King five for 26, Cooper four for 19.

West End: S. Pulley 0, L. Hills 10, B. Moore 11, W. Bailey 0, C. Anthony 3, P. Percival 0, G. Ellis 2, K. Jessop 0, D. King 0, T. Prudden 0, C. Cooper not out 0, total 26.—Paynton five for 12, Sugars five for 14.

Oakley 44 and 20 (A. Cox nine for 23, R. Cox eight for 28), Stevinton 47 (L. Cook 23), and 28 for seven (J. Burns nine for 34).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Staploe v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: R. Marsh 2, R. Odell 1, J. Bance 8, W. Howe not out 14, E. Blundell 6, B. Lovell 0, V. Donham 5, T. Bragg 2, M. Read 0, J. Deighton 1, P. Husthwaite 0, extras 4, total 43.—R. Smith five for 11, J. Scotcher three for 12.

Staploe: J. Scotcher 6, R. Lambert 14, E. Corn 2, R. Smith 4, F. Jex 36, R. Daniels 32, S. Robins 11, R. Larkins 9, J. Roberts 0, R. Brewer not out 35, G. Bamford 24, extras 3, total 176.—W. Howe two for 5, B. Lovell two for 15.

Thurleigh v. Marston Sports

Thurleigh: J. Bull 3, J. S. Thorne 3, F. Holley 5, L. Franklin 5, P. Hooker 1, R. Berrill 0, K. Cox 1, J. Warner 2, C. J. Clayton 0, J. McCarthy 2, J. Cox not out 4, total 26.

Marston Sports: E. Barne 0, F. Bonfield 0, T. Jordan 5, Odell 0, H. Guess 0, H. Stapleton 1, Toben 4, W. Wilson not out 11, W. Snowden 0, E. Cook 0, T. Rouse 0, extras 2, total 23.—T. Rouse five for 14, Berrill five for 8.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Potton II v. Ickwell II

Ickwell: D. Law 3, P. Bygraves 3, C. Cole 4, C. Thompson 7, D. Bygraves 5, M. Cole 0, E. Bygraves 2, J. Skilton 5, J. Tremayne 6, H. Norman 0, E. Reeks not out 0, total 36.

Potton: D. Pepper 3, K. Hardy 0, E. Blott 2, F. Kefford 0, E. Gurney 6, W. Payne 1, F. Titchmarsh 3, K. Hutchinson not out 2, J. Hutchinson 1, W. Drew 0, F. Brookman 0, extras 2, total 20.

Tempsford v. Blunham

Blunham: E. Jeffries 0, G. Barker 0, A. Sims 3, R. Sims 1, P. Rawlin 2, O. B. Parkin 0, H. Sims 0, O. B. Stevens not 3, not 0, G. Breed 0, J. Sims 0, M. Rawlin 4, totals 13, 23.—First innings, Bettles six for 9, Childerley three for 4; second innings, Bettles eight for 11, Dawes two for 1.

Tempsford: R. Jones 0, P. Dawes 0, R. Fuller 3, D. Jeffries 25, E. Ingram 10, G. Childerley 1, M. Brown 2, G. Chapman 0, L. Quince 10, R. Bettles 7, B. Lowe not out 0, extras 4, total 62.

Clapham v. Great Barford

Clapham: W. Loaks 0, Millard 15, Pettifer 6, D. Brown 9, Woodward 13, J. Loaks 2, A. Cope 7, Devereux 4, Baker not out 2, Burton 1, Jones 0, extras 11, total 70.—Beaney five for 16, Jeffs three for 9.

Great Barford: K. Beaney 0, D. Jones 1, G. Robinson not out 30, M. Jeffs 15, G. Mardin 14, J. Jeffs 0, P. Minney 5, M. Maskell 0, R. Berridge 2, W. Robinson 1, R. West 1, extras 3, total 72.

## HOSPITAL CUP

### Second Round Draw

The draw for the second round of the Hospital Cricket Cup took place on Monday and resulted as follows:

Kenston v. Pavenham.  
Bedford Postels v. Everholt.  
Cople or Lynton Works "A" v. Hall Weston or Felmersham or Harpur Sports "A".  
Harpur "B" v. Marston Sports or Gt. Barford.  
Biggleswade or Ickwell "A" v. Haynes or Goldington.  
North End, Cub v. Everton "A".  
Potton "A" v. Bedford Town "A".  
Sharnbrook v. Staploe.  
Clapham "B" or Stagsden v. Blunham "A".  
Gt. Staughton or Stewartby v. R.A.F. Cardington or Wells's.  
South End Ramblers v. Simplex.  
Cotmworth or Gale's XI v. Langford or Turvey.  
Bedford Thursday v. Bedford Town "B" or Lavendon.  
Tempstord v. Queen's "A".  
Ickwell "B" or Renhold v. Britannia Works.  
Mellis or Clapham "A" v. Eastern National or Shire Hall.

Draw for the third round will take place on 11th June

### First Round Matches

**Thurleigh "A" v. Harpur Sports "B"**  
Harpur "B": F. Housden 10, R. Harrison 2, J. Harvey 5, C. Newman 12, G. Chance 13, G. Spavins 1, L. Sharp not out 17, E. Crossley 6, A. Ingledey 1, J. Payne not out 8, extras 5, total (for eight wkts.) 75.—C. Berrill three for 23, Asplin two for 21, Clayton two for 8

**Thurleigh "A":** L. Wildman 8, J. Thorne 10, B. Holley 6, C. Berrill 7, D. Berrill 1, W. Asplin 8, J. Wagstaffe 0, K. Wagstaffe 7, I. Lovell 6, C. Clayton not out 2, F. Hollowell 0, extras 4, total 59.—Chance six for 33, Spindler three for 21.

**Tempstord v. Pottan "B"**  
Pottan: F. Blott 1, K. Hardy 1, C. Munns 4, F. Keford 1, E. Britten 0, Hutchinson 3, C. Blott 2, W. Drew 0, E. Gurney 2, K. Hutchinson 1, F. Brookman not out 0, extras 2, total 17.  
Tempstord: B. Lowe 0, P. Dawes 0, D. Jefferies 4, R. Fuller 5, E. Ingram 10, G. Childerley 1, R. Bettles 1, R. Jones 3, J. Barker 0, L. Quince not out 12, M. Brown 1, extras 1, total 38.

**Risley v. Blunham "A"**  
Blunham: Harding 15, Saunders 12, Simms 5, Maries 0, Tester 10, Rawlins 1, Clarke 4, Rawlins 2, Harding 1, A. Simms not out 2, R. Simms 1, extras 8, total 61.—Partridge five for 22.

**Risley:** Savage 0, Holmes 4, Barnes 0, Hopkins 10, Aien 0, Partridge 4, Chapman 1, Wallis 0, Smith 3, Bacheor 1, Williams not out 6, extras 1, total 30.—Maries three for 15, Tester three for 10, Rawlins two for 4.

**Bedford Town "A"** 84 for three (E. C. Howard 39, D. T. Matthews 23, V. Fell three for 27), Widdens 51 (W. Norman 14, H. Norman 14, Jenkins three for 4).

**Bedford Post Office 53** (Hoole four for 22, Hallsworth five for 28), Sandy "A" 38 (Spring 10, Berwick five for 17).

**Kempston 52** (B. Walton five for 21, Ridgmont 49 for nine (S. G. Faulkner four for 12)).

**South End Ramblers 87** (L. Jones 35, R. Pallant 21, L. Hewitt four for 20), Dean 79 for six (J. Hart 22, S. Tompkins five for 39).

**Britannia Works 77** (Griffiths 15, Osler not out 21, Wright eight for 35), Melchbourne 58 (Nicolson 12, Watts 12, Griffiths five for 25, Collection 14, 6d).

**Bedford Thursday 99** (S. Smith 33, Luck three for 28), Elstow 60 (A. Crook four for 22, Wilson three for 26).

**Queen's Works 133** for four (Woodling not out 63, Walker 43), Electricity Works 70 (Eagles 28, Swales three for 23, Williams three for 37, Wildman two for 9).

**Cryselco 47** (Eady five for 11, Simons three for 32), North End 56 (Beardmore 27, Pickering 20).

**Potton "A"** 90 for six (J. Giles not out 29, D. Page 25, W. Swales three for 15), Marston 25 (J. Standen four for 18, L. Sims four for 6).

## Friendly Cricket

### BEDFORD SCHOOL BEAT OUNDLE

#### Last-Wicket Stand Adds Forty

Bedford School scored an excellent win over Oundle School by 54 runs on Tuesday at Bedford. The match was notable for the return to form of Meeson, who batted in his finest style.

All through their innings the School's batting was encouraging to see, a last-wicket stand of 40 between Murray-Clarke and J. S. Steven proving that the side has little in the way of a "tall". Murray-Clarke played a very sound innings, and dealt confidently with the best of the Oundle bowlers, Pickard.

Bowling leg-breaks with his customary accuracy, Street took eight Oundle wickets for 57 runs. F. B. Steven kept wicket extremely well.

**Bedford School:** Street b Pickard 18, Coley c Milligan b Pickard 12, Squibbs c Herbert b Pickard 8, D. R. Wynn Williams c Blackburne b Pickard 9, M. B. Meeson c Milligan b Herbert 39, D. A. W. Evans b Pickard 10, Murray-Clarke not out 38, Collinge run out 0, Manley c Woodhouse b Herbert 24, F. S. Steven c Milligan b Pickard 1, J. S. Steven c Blackburne b Pickard 11, extras 7, total 177 (Pickard seven for 69).

**Oundle School:** L. P. Morris c Coley b Collinge 12, R. M. Blackburne c F. S. Steven b Street 16, M. P. Skilros b Street 14, A. J. P. Woodhouse c Manley b Street 47, D. L. Jones at F. S. Steven b Street 3, N. W. Milligan c F. S. Steven b Street 0, J. M. Pickard b Street 23, P. C. Cohen not out 4, D. N. Herbert b Street 1, S. Md. Khan b Street 0, A. C. Total 123.

### Three Grand Catches for Stewartby

Excellent fielding was a considerable factor in Stewartby's win over Southill Park, eight of whose batsmen were caught. Three of the catches would have deserved praise in the highest class of cricket. By contrast, Southill's fielding was poor.

After Stewartby had lost a wicket at 7, Richardson and Orchart took the score to 91, but both should have been caught before 60 runs were on the board.

**Southill Park:** A. Burnage 47, R. Gale 10, K. Ballard 1, E. Saunders 9, V. Grimshaw 5, G. Gilbert 10, A. Maxey 4, R. Godman 14, A. Dille 9, G. Dille 14, A. Swain not out 4, extras 4, total 131.—W. Whitbread four for 16.

**Stewartby:** J. Harding 2, J. Richardson 34, P. Orchart 59, W. Whitbread 21, A. Webb not out 10, G. Marshall 13, extras 3, total (for 5 wkts.) 142.

**Southill Park Sunday XI v. Stevenage**  
Stevenage: 69 (Burnage five for 18, R. Gale three for 18, K. Tait two for 16).

**Southill:** R. Godman 0, R. A. Gale not out 63, V. Grimshaw 36, A. J. Dille 6, G. Dille not out 4, extras 2, total (for three wkts.) 111.

#### Randall's v. Carlton School

**Carlton:** Flute 6, Elcock 8, Payne 14, Clayton not out 4, Hewitt 3, Tucker 1, Walters not out 3, extras 2, total (for five wkts.) 41.—Coulson three for 19, Tamkin two for 5.

**Randall's:** F. York 8, J. Pass 7, G. Tamkin retd 26, E. Stapleton 2, A. Burridge 0, G. Coulson 0, F. Teague 1, G. Hulatt 11, R. Walker 0, B. Hulatt not out 0, D. Brown 0, extras 4, total (for nine wkts.) 59.—Harris two for 11.

#### Bromham Nomads v. Cranfield College

**Nomads:** K. Bushell 15, G. Millman 6, G. Featherstone 1, E. Bowen 13, L. White 2, B. Everest 1, K. Tait 5, R. Townley 2, R. Jackson 2, H. Barnett not out 1, K. Shaw not out 0, extras 7, total (for nine wkts. dec.) 80.—Beadon two for 3, Richards two for 17, Cosley two for 17, Tyler two for 21.

**Cranfield College:** Cocking 2, Rawlison 11, Casley 0, Corson 3, Scarr 16, Richards 23, Binding 0, Hoskins not out 8, Puffock 0, Beadon not out 5, extras 2, total (for 8 wkts.) 70.—White three for 13, Tait two for 16, Everest two for 20, Townley one for 19.

**March Town 28** (Markham eight for 13), Bedford Town 30 for two.

**Queen's Works 117** (A. Feasey not 38), Northampton Brewery 77 for eight (Walker four for 20).

**Peterborough II 92** (Gilbert four for 18), Harpur Sports 96 for three (Newman 45, Greene 39).

**Bedford II 96**, Harpur II 96.

**Ashdown Bros. Sports 49**, Riseley 17, Britannia Works 69 (S. Green 23, Woolfenden 10), Smith three for 21, Dewhurst three for 3, Hightown (Linton), 114 for three (Thomas two for 39).

**Incon Tax Office 90** for seven (Mills 39, Linton 21), Kempston East Methodist 78 (White 46).

**Wymington 27** (Rogers four for 7, Bowdler three for 9), Dickens (Harrold) 32 for eight (Tobin four for 11).

**Grosvenor Thursday 105** for six dec. (Alcorn not out 25, Stacy 24), Bromham Hospital 40 (Alcorn five for 3).

**Cryselco 213** for five dec. (E. Middleton 107, C. Park 64 not out), Stony Stratford 130 (H. Boyce five for 46, D. Boyce four for 48). Last season Middleton also took a century off Stony Stratford. On Saturday he hit ten sixes, and when he was dismissed he had scored 107 out of 146.

**Courtauld's (Essex) 80** (Green six for 29, Hoole four for 27), Berkeley Coachworks 63 (J. Caldon 22).

## Saturday Sports Review

### Conference Cap For

#### Terry Matthews

THIS is a notable week for Luton Town C.C., for not only did they have two of their players in the Minor Counties XI against Kent at Canterbury on Wednesday and Thursday, but they also had two in the Club Cricket Conference team against Essex at Leyton to-day.

Glyn Owen was chosen originally for both matches, and a late selection for to-day's game was that of Terry Matthews, the Town's fast-medium bowler, who was making his first appearance in the Conference team.

#### Great Innings By The Town Captain

HE was a late choice, but he must have impressed considerably in the Conference trial at Brondesbury last Wednesday week.

Undoubtedly he deserves this honour, for he has been bowling with a great deal of success this season and will be a contender for a place in the county side during the August matches.

John Oliver, the Town captain, averted a complete collapse by the Minor Counties in the first innings with a brilliant not out innings of 84 which was nearly half the total.

### Not-Out Century

#### By Dudley Hawley

FROM number 3 he carried his bat, but even this failed to prevent the Minor Counties from following on. In the second venture he made 9 and Glyn Owen came along with a capable knock of 28, but Kent won by an innings and with a day to spare.

Former Luton cricketer and son of George Hawley, hon. secretary of the club, Dudley Hawley, who now plays for St. Albans, was well among the runs at Harpenden on Wednesday.

Playing for the Gentlemen of Hertfordshire against Harpenden he made 127 not out, an effort which was described as the best seen on the Common for a considerable time.

**Friendly Cricket**

**B.M.S. BOWLERS  
IN FORM**

**Queen Elizabeth's  
All Out for 33**

Dismissing Queen Elizabeth's School for 33, Bedford Modern School won by 120 runs at Barnet on Saturday.

The Modern School were put in to bat in dull weather and on a wicket which gave bowlers no help. Gale and Whiting opened quietly against an accurate left-hand attack. After helping to score 55 for the first wicket, Gale felt to a low catch at silly mid-off. The scoring slackened again after Gale left and Kingston and Cooper were soon dismissed. The score, however, was raised to 95 before Tait was well caught at square leg.

Comerford, playing his first game for the 1st XI, and Dear played confidently and added 23 for the fifth wicket. When Holman joined Dear hard hitting ensued, Holman, in particular, making some good strokes in his 38 not out. Norman, too, played well while Holman punished the bowling, and when the score passed 150 Gale declared.

Queen Elizabeth's lost two wickets to Tait for 2 in the first over. Gale and Tait bowled accurately, and half of the team was out for 10. But Elderfield and Gibson offered some resistance and carried the score to 25. Gale bowled Elderfield and Cave ran through the tall.

B.M.S.: R. A. Gale 34, K. P. Whiting 22, D. J. Kingston 5, G. V. Dear 24, J. R. E. Cooper 0, F. D. Holman not out 38, J. T. Comerford 14, K. Tait 6, A. Norman not out 8, extras 4, total for seven wkts. dec. 153.—Smith three for 26, Ryan three for 58, Welch one for 17.

Queen Elizabeth's: P. V. Davis 2, R. Jack 1, R. M. H. Windhe 0, A. O. Hines 1, R. J. Elderfield 15, F. I. Welch 1, J. Gibson not 5, J. E. Winchester 0, D. F. Smedley 0, T. D. Ryan 0, R. K. Smith 5, extras 4, total 33.—Tait three for 13, Gale four for 11, Cave three for 5.

**Bedford School Win by  
Ten Wickets**

Bedford School defeated the Royal Aeronautical College, Cranfield, by ten wickets on the school field on Saturday. R. W. Street was in all-round form for the school, scoring 50 not out and claiming three wickets for 20.

Royal Aeronautical College: J. Corson 0, P. J. Cocking 8, R. Binding 1, J. Casley 7, H. T. Richards 24, N. Beverley 5, T. R. Caldicot 4, M. S. Hunter 3, J. Beadon 8, L. N. Christopher 0, W. Tyler not out 1, extras 9, total 70.—R. J. Manley three for 15, R. W. Street three for 20, R. A. Collings two for 15.

Bedford School: R. W. Street not out 50, Coley not out 21, extras 0, total for no wicket 71.

Rain caused the school's home fixture with Incozilli on Tuesday to be abandoned without a ball being bowled.

**Queen's Works Sunday XI v.  
Harpur Sports Sunday XI**

Harpur: R. Webster 29, R. Poulter 16, T. Minis 15, J. Newman 63, A. Webster 14, T. King not out 57, R. Jarvis not out 0, extras 8, total for five wkts. dec. 180.—Wilkins three for 50, Dawson one for 20, Swales one for 44.

Queen's: E. Wooding 5, M. McDonald 28, K. Williams 4, R. Dunkley not out 59, G. Shepherd 1, S. Barcock 1, A. Feasey 1, J. Dawson B. D. Penton not out 17, extras 5, total for seven wkts. 127.—Gilbert four for 27, Ferguson one for 28, G. Webster one for 24.

Bedford Town Sunday XI 229 for six (Patten 70, Matthews 50, Pret not 48) Lechworth, Tabulators 128 (Jenkins five for 34).

Baptist 75 for six (F. Warnett 41), Kempston Methodists 86 for two (R. Turner not out 37).

Randall's 83, Kempston Methodists 90 for seven (H. White 40)

Cape Asbestos (Barking) 84 (R. Clarke five for 19), Weaver's Sports 91 for eight.

Randall's 78 (Agee 44, Payne four for 37), Carlton School 61 (Fairhead 31, Wilson five for 26, Coulson five for 36).

Cleaver's (Northampton) 89 (Wilson five for 31), Randall's 77.

Lynton Works 73 Newport Pagnell 113 for three.

Clapham 2nd XI 42, Clapham 1st XI 90 (Buck 23, J. Loak three for 12).

Bromham Nomads 173 (Everest 39, White 38), Lynton Tachistaff 49 (Everest four for 16, White three for 19).

**Hospital Cup**

**HOLDERS BEAT  
NORTH END**

North End were soundly beaten by Bedford Town "A", the holders, in the third round of the Hospital Cup in Bedford Park on Tuesday.

The game was played under depressing conditions before a few spectators after a day of almost continual rain. Bedford batted first and kept the score moving well to reach 89 for six in 18 overs. North End were most uncomfortable against the bowling of Breeze and Coomb, only three batsmen reaching double figures.

Bedford Town: D. T. Matthews 17, J. Pratt 18, A. G. Coomb 27, C. F. Saby 4, C. G. Jones 1, V. J. Harris 4, E. S. Smith not out 13, P. Markham not out 5, total for six wkts. 89.—Eady one for 27, Simmonds two for 27, Chapman one for 35.

North End: Bradmore 0, Pickering 16, Sanders 0, Chapman 14, Arnold 4, Chamberlain not out 17, Foster 1, Eady 1, Simmonds 2, Stevens 1, Dunbrun 0, extras 7, total 65.—Breeze five for 36, Coomb three for 20.

Goldington Sports 79 for five (Day not out 36, E. Smith four for 31), Biggleswade Town 91 for one (Bygraves not out 36, M. King not out 39).

Sharnbrook 72 for five, Renhold 58.

**Fourth Round Draw**

The draw for the fourth round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup cricket competition on Monday resulted as follows:

Queen's Works A or Shire Hall v. Blunham A.

Harpur Sports A v. Colmworth or Bedford Town B.

Biggleswade or Postels v. Sharnbrook.

Bedford Town A v. Pavenham or Ot.

Stoughton or R.A.F. Cardington.

Matches are to be played between 2nd and 6th July, and the draw for the next round will be on 6th July.

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**FRIENDLIES**

Bedford Town v. Harpur Sports.

Queen's Works v. Shire Hall.

Renhold School v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire.

De Havilland's v. Bedford Town II.

Frammore v. Bedford Ramblers.

Bedford Modern School v. Wyggeston School.

Harpur Sports II v. Biggleswade.

Potton v. Baptist C.C.

Stewartby v. Britannia Works.

Ipswich v. Eye Radio.

Tom-Tits v. Everton.

Kempston v. Steeple Claydon.

Bedford Electricity v. Lolode Trailers.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE  
PREMIER DIVISION**

Blunham v. Little Staughton

Marston v. Langford.

Renhold v. Great Barford.

**DIVISION I**

Cople v. Mogerhanger.

South End v. Sharnbrook.

**Festival Cup**

**Harpur Sports v. Lynton Works**

Lynton: D. Simpson not out 14, G. Hobday 0, E. Milton 2, G. Adams 2, A. Crowe 2, W. Bennett 4, F. Oliver not out 0, extras 6, total for five wkts. 30.—P. Gilbert three for 17, K. Ferguson two for 7.

Harpur: A. Greene not out 12, R. Webster 10, R. Poulter 8, J. Newman 5, extras 2, total for three wkts. 37.—M. Falconer two for 15.

Bedford Town 110 for two (Pratt 56, Matthews 35, Harris not 25, Babey not 18), Ousels 43 (Linger three for 0, Markham three for 17, Thorn two for 4).

Bedford and District Cricket League

# GREAT BARFORD BATSMAN HITS FIFTY AT LANGFORD

One of the best innings in Bedford and District League cricket on Saturday was that of W. Skevington, who scored 50 not out for Great Barford in a Premier Division game at Langford. He also took three wickets.

Skevington received useful support from Cope and Bridge, and Great Barford totalled 118, including 17 extras. Page, capturing five wickets (four of which were maidens), was their most successful bowler, Langford losing by 49 runs. A. Roberts

At Renhold Potton maintained their 100 per cent record, winning by 72 runs. Renhold lost two wickets in the first over to N. Price for only 2 runs, and six wickets were down with only 14 on the board. A fine stand between D. Fenton and P. Harlow raised the score to 51, and the innings closed seven runs later. Potton lost a wicket without a score, but then runs came more easily and Renhold's total was passed with seven wickets in hand.

Although R. Robins took four wickets for 5 runs in 16 overs, eleven of which were maidens, Little Staughton were defeated at Marston. After the visitors had lost four wickets for 8 runs, Thorne and Banks mastered the bowling, and added 34 for the fifth wicket. Let the whole side was dismissed for 68.

Marston's opening pair scored 19. Then A. Robins, in one over, claimed three wickets without addition to the total. However, the batsmen regained the ascendancy. Rowe, Berry, and Faulkner making useful contributions.

Forty wickets fell for 152 runs at Pavenham where there was an exciting finish. Blunham winning by two runs. For the visitors Maries (ten for 59) and Tester (eight for 33) bowled unchallenged throughout, and Scoley was Pavenham's outstanding bowler with ten for 25.

After a disastrous start, losing half their wickets for 8 runs, Cople made a grand recovery to beat South End Ramblers, thanks mainly to P. Norman, who was undefeated for 13 singles. South End nearly achieved victory, scoring 67 of the 86 runs needed in the last 40 minutes. Jones and Sheridan swung at everything, but four batsmen were run out in their eagerness, and three were splendidly caught in the deep, two by R. Minney and the other by D. Thacker.

Bowling unchanged, Presland (six for 11) and Gentle (four for 14) were in irresistible form for Pertenhall at Haynes, where the home side totalled only 30 in 14 overs, and lost by 58 runs. George and Roddis gave Pertenhall a good start, and Banks also batted well.

Splendid bowling by J. Ashpole, whose eight wickets cost just over two runs each, was a major factor in Wilden's victory by 69 runs over Hobkirk's at Russell Park, Bedford. Baiting first, the visitors totalled 124, Wright and W. Norman playing particularly good innings. Kirkup claimed half the wickets for 51, and he and E. Woodland scored 30 of Hobkirk's total of 55.

Apart from A. Huckle, whose 15 not out was top score in a total of 38, North Crayley's batsmen were always in difficulties at Turvey against the bowling of Paynton (six for 25), and Sugars (four for 11).

Replying to West End Club's total of 97, Stevington's batsmen cut a sorry figure, and the whole side was dismissed for 28, only Wildman reaching double figures. Loft and Percival took the bowling honours, and they also batted well.

After making 28 for four in reply to Sharnbrook 2nd XI's total of 98, Little Paxton lost their remaining six wickets for only three runs. Sharnbrook, whose wicket-keeper, T. Briggs, held five catches, won by 67 runs.

Highlight of Thurleigh II's big home win over Little Staughton II was an innings of 84 by G. Berrill, who hit three sixes and seven fours.

PREMIER DIVISION

Langford v. Great Barford

Great Barford: E. Vickers 0, W. Bridge 10, B. Cope 18, W. Skevington not out 50, A. Stead 4, K. Tatman 3, G. Robinson 4, J. Breeze 5, B. Page 3, M. Jeffs 1, M. Maskell 5, extras 17, total 118.—King took four wickets, Whiteman three, Huckle two, and Dodson one.

Langford: R. Dodson 13, J. Swain 1, Roberts 15, B. Kilby 1, D. Roberts 12, B. Gentle 5, D. King 1, E. Whiteman 1, J. Piper 2, H. Huckle 7, D. Hutchinson not out 2, extras 9, total 69.—Page took five wickets, Skevington three, and Maskell two.

Renhold v. Potton

Renhold: F. Harlow 2, G. Allen 3, J. Norman 0, W. Harlow 2, D. Stapleton 3, D. Fenton 18, F. Joyce 1, P. Harlow 20, J. Robinson 2, A. Duncombe 0, M. Whinnam not out 2, extras 6, total 58.—N. Price four for 29, J. Stadden two for 9, E. Huckle two for 10, J. Turnbull two for 4.

Potton: H. Jakes 0, N. Price 10, D. Page 10, E. Clarke 35, E. Huckle 11, J. Turnbull 0, J. Giles 0, K. Woodman 28, P. Pacey 24, J. Standen not out 7, C. Minnis 0, extras 7, total 130.—D. Stapleton two for 38, J. Norman three for 15, W. Harlow three for 28, A. Duncombe two for 7.

Marston v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: S. Hall 1, 8, Stapleton 3, G. Stapleton 0, G. Robins 0, R. Thorne 19, V. Banks 19, R. Robins 4, S. Marshall 10, C. Brown 6, P. Quenby 1, T. Saunders not out 0, extras 5, total 68.—Swales two for 11, C. Copperwheat four for 29, D. Stapleton three for 18.

Marston: R. Copperwheat 7, C. Rowe 14, A. Hudson 0, D. Stapleton 0, R. Berry 20, C. Caves 8, D. Faulkner not out 19, W. Swales 2, A. Barker 2, extras 11, total for eight wkts. 85.—R. Robins four for 5, G. Robins one for 13, S. Stapleton two for 6, Banks one for 5.

Pavenham v. Blunham

Blunham: R. Harding 2, O. C. Saunders 6, 9, B. Simms 21, O. B. Maries not out 12, O. G. Harding 0, 1, R. Caritto 0, 2, J. Wakefield 0, 0, C. Rawlins 1, 3, P. Tester 0, O. R. Rawlins 3, 9, R. Simms 2 not out 0, extras 5, 2, totals 51 and 26.—Scoley ten for 23, Curtis six for 27, Darvell three for 21.

Pavenham: M. Higgs 0, 3, E. Clare 0, 8, G. Curtis 13, O. G. Scoley 19, 4, N. Wesley 0, 5, T. Darvell 5, 0, J. Turner 0, 1, T. Higgs 0, 6, A. Howe not out 2, not out 1, J. Crawley 0, 5, C. Whitworth 0, 0, extras 2, 1, totals 41 and 34.—Maries ten for 39, Tester eight for 35.

DIVISION I

Cople v. South End Ramblers

Cople: E. Euden 0 not out 4, D. Shingle 2, 2, R. Bennett 4, 2, R. Norman not out 13, 2, F. Johnson 0, 4, B. Hilyard 0, 1, P. Burr 4, 16, C. Graves 0, 0, R. Minney 3, 13, A. Worsall 9, 4, D. Thacker 8, 12, extras 9, 5, totals 52 and 65.—N. Evans six for 19, B. Tompkins eight for 41.

Ramblers: G. Ferguson 0, 0, A. Spies 3, 3, L. Jones 1, 26, R. Pallant 7, 6, J. Bosworth 0, 9, J. Sheridan 6, 14, W. Nichols 6, 0, N. Evans 4, 1, H. Allen 1, 2, G. Morton not out 0, 0, S. Tompkins 0 not out 3, extras 2, 3, totals 30 and 67.—R. Bennett six for 35, F. Johnson seven for 37.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Haynes v. Pertenhall

Pertenhall: J. Roddis 14, A. George 19, O. Stapleton 9, S. George 7, C. Banks not out 17, K. Gentle 2, W. Presland 8, V. Roddis 0, P. Challis 0, S. Dawson 0, C. Weller 6, extras 6, total 88.—A. Herbert one for 19, C. Joy one for 13, Barr three for 18, Potter two for 9, Newberry two for 8.—Haynes: A. Herbert 0, C. Burnage 2, Newberry 3, A. Bass 8, Barr 5, Potter 5, C. Joy 0, F. Smith 0, M. Herbert 4, Crighton 0, R. Daniels not out 0, extras 5, total 30.—Presland six for 11, K. Gentle four for 14.

Hobkirk's v. Wilden

Wilden: B. Ashpole 4, G. Wright 41, J. Pell 0, H. Norman 7, E. Pell 19, W. Norman 26, R. Stone 3, V. Ashpole 1, J. Ashpole 0, V. Pell 9, J. Stone not out 5, extras 9, total 124.—Kirkup five for 51, Greenwood three for 30, Payne one for 10, E. Woodland one for 8.

Hobkirk's: B. Payne 0, J. Crisp 2, E. Woodland 13, B. Kirkup 17, W. Crisp 0, D. Wicks 8, F. Woodland 1, W. Payne 6, D. Thripland 5, F. Wilson 1, K. Greenwood not out 0, extras 1, total 55.—J. Ashpole eight for 18, B. Ashpole one for 29, E. Pell one for 0.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Turvey v. North Crayley

Turvey: R. Frost 10, D. Skevington 4, B. West 2, H. Sargent not out 34, J. Kruthoffer 11, F. Paynton 0, C. Sutton 0, R. Wright 11, J. Lettis 0, A. Sugars 5, L. Bullard 0, extras 7, total 84.—D. Savage five for 29, W. Howe one for 16, P. Wooding one for 9, F. Savage two for 8, F. Stanton one for 5.

North Crayley: P. Wooding 4, F. Mitchell 7, C. Brandon 1, A. Huckle not out 15, F. Savage 1, J. Seamarks 0, D. Savage 2, W. Howe 4, A. Goodman 2, F. Stanton 0, P. Bonar 0, extras 2, total 38.—F. Paynton six for 25, A. Sugars four for 11.

West End Club v. Stevington

West End: M. Barker 15, B. Moore 0, D. Pulley 1, L. Hills 9, S. Smart 15, F. Loft 25, F. Bulley 0, P. Percival 21, K. Jessop 5, M. Rowland 1, D. King not out 2, extras 3, total 97.—W. Tucker four for 27, R. Cox three for 35, H. Mackness one for 20, Stevington: R. Cox 6, A. Wildman 11, R. Pusey 2, L. Cook 1, G. Guy 2, J. Swain 0, H. Dart 3, J. Curtis 1, L. Myers 0, W. Tucker 0, R. Mackness not out 0, extras 2, total 28.—F. Lett five for 3, P. Percival four for 5.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Paxton v. Sharnbrook II

Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 13, H. Boyles 30, E. Ward 1, R. Dunkley 2, B. Lovell 9, R. Ward 1, J. Boyles 9, E. Handell 0, W. Howe 18, R. Marsh 0, T. Briggs not out 11, extras 4, total 98.—L. Pond seven for 25, T. Gauld three for 34.

Little Paxton: T. Gauld 11, D. Humphreys 0, L. Pond 4, F. Saunders 5, E. Day not out 2, G. Quince 4, R. Osborne 0, L. Barringer 0, D. Smith 1, W. Smith 0, J. Maries 0, extras 4, total 31.—S. Alcock five for 10, R. Dunkley four for 10, R. Ward one for 7.

Thurleigh II v. Little Staughton II

Thurleigh: J. C. Thorne 9, L. Franklyn 5, F. Heley 7, C. Berrill 84, K. Cox 11, J. Warner 10, P. Bull 7, R. Berrill 18, B. Ingle 2, P. Hooker 0, C. J. Clayton not out 1, extras 3, total 157.—H. Parker four for 31, E. Robins three for 18.

Little Staughton: R. Smith 2, C. Fell 0, E. Robins 0, H. Parker 15, D. Quenby 11, S. Smith 4, O. Jordan 4, A. Reynolds 1, H. Ruff not out 3, E. Saunders 0, C. Stapleton 0, extras 2, total 44.—Thorne four for 11, C. Berrill two for 12, C. Clayton one for 9, R. Berrill one for 6, Cox two for 1.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Haynes 50, Tempsford 96 (Dawes 33)

**Friendly Cricket**

**POOLE HITS 95 FOR XL CLUB**

**Lower Batsmen Save Bedford School**

Bedford School played a draw with a strong XL Club XI on Saturday. They have not been defeated since the first inter-school match in May, when they lost to Dulwich.

The School began well, dismissing four of the Club side for 57, but Leslie Berry, the Leicestershire batsman, and A. B. Poole came together to stage a recovery. Poole dominated the innings, and his powerful driving was a feature. He declared with his own score five short of a century.

Street played some fine strokes for the School, but the other School batsmen who have had such success this season were out cheaply. Six wickets were down for 56, but the lower batsmen were undaunted. They attacked the bowling in spirited style, taking the score to 186 for eight in 160 minutes. Murray-Clarke and Collinge batted with great freedom.

XL Club: B. W. Bought-Bought b Street 36, C. G. Toppin c Wynne-Williams b Murray-Clarke 7, J. V. Crisp b Manley 0, K. A. Howison c Manley b Murray-Clarke 3, L. G. Berry c and b Street 40, A. B. Poole not out 95, A. C. Trembath c Meeson b Street 4, R. D. Payne c Steven b Manley 21, K. Vane-Percy not out 6, extras 22, total (for seven dec.) 237. R. Street three for 74.

School: R. W. Street lbw b Vane-Percy 28, Norwood b Vane-Percy 13, D. A. W. Evans c Poole b Fleming 12, B. R. Wynne-Williams st Payne b Fleming 0, M. S. Meeson b Vane-Percy 1, R. I. T. Hogg b Vane-Percy 2, R. J. Manley b Vane-Percy 26, Brown c Payne b Crisp 28, J. O. Murray-Clarke not out 30, R. A. Collinge not out 42, extras 4, total (for eight) 186. K. Vane-Percy five for 35.

**B.M.S. Defeat the Masters Easily**

B.M.S. masters were never at home against the keen attack of the School XI, who won by eight wickets. Three wickets fell to Kingston at no personal cost before H. W. Rose came in to bat. He was run out at 22. E. J. Cooper kept his end up, but wickets fell quickly at the other end.

B.M.S. batsmen found some trouble in playing the clever bowling of F. Marshall, but another fluent innings by the captain, R. A. Gale, ensured victory.

Masters: D. Clayton 5, J. C. Featherstone 1, H. W. Rose 11, F. B. Voiz 0, E. J. Cooper 7, L. Elliott 8, O. J. Thomas 0, G. Tanner 0, J. H. Greenwood not out 1, E. H. Proudfoot 3, A. N. S. Thompson 0, F. Marshall 2, extras 7, total 45. Kingston three for 6, Tall four for 12, Dean two for 3, Gale one for 1.

B.M.S.: K. P. Whiting 1, R. C. Tomkins 12, R. A. Gale not out 41, G. V. Dear 13, total (for three) 67. Marshall three for 27.

**Stand of 176 Against Queen's Works**

After declaring at 195 for seven at Allen Park, Queen's Works lost to Northampton Saints by nine wickets.

On a perfect wicket Queen's scored at a good rate, and 70 runs were on the board inside 40 minutes. Wooding, who was dropped twice, and Wildman took the score from 70 to 111. Further good batting by Collingridge and Frasey enabled Queen's to declare at 195 for five, scored in 117 minutes.

Northampton were left 115 minutes to get the runs. Skinner, former captain of Northamptonshire and Derbyshire, and Tompkins quickly got on top of the bowling, and runs came fast. Tompkins, however, might have been stumped twice before the 100 was reached. Skinner gave the finest batting display seen at Allen Park for a long time, giving only one difficult chance before he was caught at 176.

Queen's Works: E. Wooding c Curwood b Parry 54, M. Woodland b Rice 12, K. Williams lbw b Rice 21, S. Wildman c Rockall b Parry 57, M. McDonald b Parry 7, D. Thompson b Parry 11, E. Collingridge st Curwood b Parry 30, A. Peasey not out 12, extras 11, total (for seven dec.) 195. Rice two for 50, Parry five for 57.

Northampton Saints: A. F. Skinner c Beard b Wildman 94, B. J. Tompkins not out 101, M. W. Curwood not out 1, total (for one) 196.—Wildman one for 43.

**Jones and Farr Help Bedford II to Win**

C. G. Jones carried Bedford II's batting when Luton II were beaten at Newnham Avenue on Saturday by three wickets. He made 65, including eight fours. The Town side also owed much to D. E. Farr, former Bedford Modern School cricket captain, who is home on holiday from South Africa. He claimed five wickets for 24 runs. Scores: Luton II: 93 (Farr five for 24, R. Linzer two for 31, Baker two for 25).

Bedford II: B. Woolliscroft 5, B. Peet 7, C. G. Jones 65, G. S. Andieus 5, W. E. Hawkins 0, L. L. Williamson 0, W. J. Baker 1, D. E. Farr 5, M. Cooper 8, R. D. Linger not out 2, extras 7, total (for nine wickets) 105.

**Tom Tits v. Aspley Guise**

Tom Tits won by five wickets. Aspley Guise: 62 (K. Percy three for 25, P. Green six for 37).

Tom Tits: E. Eldforth 0, A. C. Towell 12, T. V. Norwood 6, P. Green 16, R. D. Payne 4, J. A. Lane 17, L. W. McLean 4, K. V. Percy not out 16, C. H. Quarry not out 3, extras 11, total (for seven) 94.

**Bedford Argus v. Luton Tockstaff**

Argus: Jones 52, West 0, T. W. Nutting 8, Coomb 0, Page 0, Dexter 12, Stevens 1, Birkert 4, Turvey 2, Welch not out 1, B. E. Nutting 3, extras 1, total 84.

Tockstaff: 95 for six (Dexter four for 14).

**W. and H. Peacock v. Stafford, Rogers, and Merry**

Messrs. Stafford Rogers, and Merry won by 15 runs. S. Tysse took seven wickets and made 51 for the losers.

Stafford: H. J. Jeffs 24, R. Warren 1, A. Wells 0, B. E.arker 16, H. R. Whitmore 4, J. B. Scott 0, A. G. Woodard 24, B. J. Mann 42, J. M. Stephens 0, B. Eaton 9, J. Merry not out 4, total 124.

Peacock's: F. A. Jeffrey 4, R. J. Holland 5, R. R. Arnold 8, S. Tysse 51, A. R. K. Damon 11, A. R. H. Wilkins 0, J. H. Church 0, R. M. Peacock 10, R. H. Crane 0, C. P. Morson 3, G. B. Rook not out 1, extras 16, total 109.

**Northampton Thursday v. Bedford Thursday**

Bedford Thursday: S. Smith 21, T. L. Rose 0, N. T. Pryor 4, T. V. Norwood 19, R. Wilson 19, E. Rainbird 6, G. Daniels 20, A. R. Crook 19, R. Norman 7, F. York 35, G. Lilley not out 13, extras 11, total 174. Northampton: 180 for three.

**Bedfordshire Times v. Eastern National**

Eastern National: Meadows 27, Dodson 14, Diplock 14, Leadbetter not out 10, Burton 1, extras 8, total (for four) 74. Galley one for 3, Young one for 16.

Times: Spavins not out 35, Coleman 2, Arnold 14, Taylor 4, Martin not out 24, extras 6, total (for three) 85. Diplock one for 13.

**OTHER MATCHES**

Shefford Sunday XI 68 for five (Buck 16, Smyth 15, Harris three for 18). Gentlemen of Lion 67 (Williamson 21, Harris 15, Buck four for 36, Smythe three for 1).

Hobkirk's 116 (Woodland 56, Kirkup 39, Harris four for 26, P. Woodling four for 21). Gentlemen of Lion 68 (Williamson 28, Kirkup five for 12).

Astell's 41 (Devrick 12, Harris seven for 13), Gentlemen of Lion 90 (Reader 26, P. J. Wooding 21, Turner three for 12, Jordan three for 10).

Queen's Works "A": 141 for four (R. Dunkley not out 64), Great Bedford 113 for nine (A. Norman not out 47).

Melts 57 for eight (A. Wilson 18), Wilden 52 (P. Spindler six for 17, R. Craddock four for 20).

Randall's 91 for six (Wisson 54, Dimmock three for 32), Goldington 76 (Dimmock 17, Stock five for 31, Tamkin three for 23).

Randall's 91 for five (J. Pass 24, A. Wilson 54, Dimmock three for 34), Goldington 76 for nine (L. Dimmock 17, Stock six for 35).

Dickens (Harrod) 19 (S. Lovell eight for 7), Felmersham 55 (J. Turner 23, A. Lyman three for 10).

Bromham Nomads 95 (D. Palmer 20, B. Everest 22, Taylor four for 25, Dillingham three for 21), Amphill 85 (J. Rogers 28, Townley six for 20).

Kempston 136 (W. P. Bennion 32, W. Tipton 29, E. Midealf six for 40), Croyseco 137 (D. Boyce 53).

Croyseco 132 for three (E. Middleton 49, C. Park 33, E. Davies 28), Kempston Methodists 90 (R. Turner 46, R. Crouch four for 18).

**TWO DEFEATS— THEN A WIN**

**Old Bedfordians' Week**

In their week at Bedford School the Old Bedfordians lost the first two matches. On Monday the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire beat them by 102 runs. Sevenoaks Vine, Tuesday's visitors, scored a ten-runs win, but on Wednesday the O.B.s defeated Incongniti by a narrow margin.

**Old Bedfordians v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire**

Gentlemen: D. C. Money b Dismy 12, R. Cathale b Sabej 3, A. B. Thompson c Pitt b Norwood 23, A. P. Reynolds c Spooner b Fleming 41, S. T. Morris not out 89, Brig. J. Dimmock 31, Slater c Fleming b Sabej 24, Lt.-Col. C. C. Marke c Payne b Pitt 18, P. Green c Spooner b Norwood 1, J. Kirby not out 5, extras 8, total (for seven dec.) 224.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. S. Gilbert b Breeze 38, J. A. Spooner c Kirby b Breeze 14, B. E. Dismy lbw b Breeze 0, A. R. J. Sabej st Money b Kirby 21, A. C. Pitt b Green 20, G. McF. D. Fleming c Money b Breeze 1, K. Vane-Percy st Money b Kirby 0, R. D. Payne lbw b Green 5, R. J. C. Harris c Reynolds b Breeze 11, T. V. Norwood c Money b Breeze 1, J. G. Cook not out 0, extras 2, total 122.

**Old Bedfordians v. Sevenoaks Vine**

Sevenoaks Vine: G. C. Downton c and b Fletcher 30, R. S. Moore b Spooner 13, R. M. Bate lbw b Spooner 25, J. D. J. Bluet c Briggs b Spooner 1, A. E. Morris b Fletcher 52, J. M. S. Thompson run out 23, L. C. Cannon b Spooner 0, P. E. Russell st Payne b Spooner 2, J. G. Sagar b Spooner 2, G. R. K. Hillier not out 31, J. R. M. Bonnett c Cook b Fletcher 1, extras 4, total 182.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. S. Gilbert c Downton b Sagar 16, J. A. Spooner b Russell 35, J. G. Cook run out 0, K. Vane-Percy b Sagar 3, R. F. Thomas b Bonnett 36, A. R. J. Sabej lbw b Sagar 7, R. V. Spark b Russell 0, D. A. Briggs b Russell 9, P. M. Fletcher b Sagar 40, R. D. Payne not out 9, G. McF. D. Fleming b Bonnett 10, extras 5, total 172.

**Old Bedfordians v. Incongniti**

Old Bedfordians: R. F. Thomas lbw b Gray 26, J. A. Spooner b Rice 12, A. R. J. Sabej c Glynn-Jones b Mills 13, N. H. Godding b Rice 1, K. Vane-Percy b Gray 7, R. V. Spark lbw b Mills 14, G. McF. D. Fleming b Mills 25, D. A. Briggs b Pitt 58, R. J. C. Harris b Glynn-Jones 3, T. V. Norwood not out 13, R. D. Payne not out 16, extras 10, total (for nine wks. dec.) 204.

Incongniti: H. M. Rice b Spooner 21, J. M. Dean b Sabej 29, R. F. S. Chignell st Payne b Spooner 8, R. A. Glynn-Jones lbw b Spooner 16, D. J. Percival c Payne b Vane-Percy 21, J. M. Mills c Payne b Vane-Percy 4, A. C. Pitt c Spark b Harris 21, R. G. Furbank c Vane-Percy b Spooner 0, E. S. Snell c Thomas b Vane-Percy 2, C. A. P. Gray c Norwood b Spooner 39, J. G. Cook not out 18, extras 6, total 185.

**HARPUR'S CUP DEFEATS**

Harpur Sports have this week suffered two defeats in cup competitions. In the Festival Cup final on Monday Bedford Town scored 106 for seven (E. C. Howard 47, E. S. Smith 34), to Harpur's 57 all out. Harpur, batting second, had the worst of poor light.

On Tuesday Harpur lost to Bleaswade in the semi-final of the Hospital Cup by nine runs. Again they took second innings, and replying to a total of 122 for five (E. Smith 37, Carr 58) they reached 113 for six (R. Webster 53, A. Greene 23, King 16). Fifteen runs were wanted by Harpur when last over was called.

This will be Bleaswade's first appearance in a Hospital Cup final. They meet Bedford Town on 4th August.

**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**GREAT BARFORD'S POOR SCORE AGAINST MARSTON**

The name of D. Stapleton will evoke some unpleasant memories among Gt. Barford cricketers for a long time to come. Bowling for Marston, Stapleton shot the home side out for 35, and his seven wickets were gained at a personal cost of 12 runs. Marston won by 44. C. Chamberlain made 27, easily the highest score in the match.

F. Harlow was in his best form with the bat, contributing 48 to Renhold's 104 against Little Staughton. Rabbitt was the only other batsman to take double figures of a keen attack, in which Saunders (six for 33) was always a difficult proposition. Five bowlers, of whom W. Harlow (five for 12) was best, got Staughton out for 67. V. Banks and Thorne alone offering much resistance.

Pavenham lost by eight runs to Langford. Fifteen-year-old G. Whitworth made a fine effort to put Pavenham in front; he batted with the coolness of a veteran and was still undefeated when Langford got the tenth wicket.

Clapham completed a double over South End Ramblers. Their opening batsman S. Wildes, subdued the bowling, and Tompkin and Henman helped themselves to fours and sixes. South End had the time to reach a total of 168, but apart from Spice, they failed, Clapham winning by 78.

A most notable performance was by A. Wilson, who, in a total of 67, took eight wickets for seven runs against Wilden. Wyboston won by 37.

In defeating Hobkirk's by 120, Pertenhall kept their unbeaten record, and they are now the only League side whose colours have not been lowered. They have won nine matches, rain causing two others to be left drawn. On Saturday Gentle and Stapleton put out 67 for the second wicket, and after tea 65 were hit in half-an-hour. Hobkirk's could muster only 20 runs off the bowling of Gentle and Presland.

West End finished their first innings a run behind Turvey. It was a low-scoring game, in which F. Loft (West End) and Payton (Turvey) did hat-tricks. In their second innings Turvey reached 63, thanks to an opening stand by Frost and Skevington, and with only 21 minutes left West End failed by 15 runs to reach their objective. They lost only two wickets, but Turvey, of course, take the points on the first innings result.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Great Barford v. Marston**

Marston: R. Copperwheat 12, D. Stapleton 2, F. Lilley 4, R. Berry 3, A. Stapleton 10, C. Chamberlain 27, W. Swales 1, A. Hudson 2, M. Smith 0, T. Ellis not out 0, H. Wooding 0, extras 18, total 79. Skevington five for 21, Page four for 16, Maskell one for 4.

Gt. Barford: M. Jeffs 2, W. Bridge 4, G. Robinson 3, W. Skevington 2, W. Page 0, E. Vickies 4, J. Breeze 4, K. Tatman not out 5, A. Stead 0, W. Lee 5, M. Maskell 2, extras 4, total 35. D. Stapleton seven for 12, Lilley three for 17.

**Renhold v. Little Staughton**

Renhold: F. Harlow 48, D. Fenton 5, J. Norman 8, P. Swann 0, W. Harlow 3, D. Stapleton 6, F. Joyce 5, G. Allen 3, K. Rabbitt 11, P. Carter 0, A. Duncombe not out 0, extras 15, total 104. L. Saunders six for 33, V. Banks two for 12, R. Thorne one for 16, S. Stapleton one for 14.

Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 4, K. Banks 1, R. Thorne 11, C. Brown 0, G. Robins 2, S. Stapleton 7, V. Banks 15, P. Quenby 7, S. Hall not out 9, S. Marshall 6, L. Saunders 2, extras 3, total 67. J. Norman two for 10, Stapleton one for 8, W. Harlow four for 12, Fenton one for 12, Rabbitt two for 14.

**Langford v. Pavenham**

Langford: T. Chessum 0, E. White-man 16, P. Roberts 6, D. Roberts 6, S. Gentle 16, N. Rodgers 9, D. King 1, J. Piper 0, H. Huckle 3, G. Hawkins 2, R. Kirby not out 1, extras 5, total 63. Darvell four for 17, Scoley four for 18, Curtis two for 13.

Pavenham: M. Higgs 2, N. Wesley 12, G. Scoley 2, T. Darvell 0, C. Whitworth not out 17, G. Wesley 0, H. Ashpole 1, A. Howe 2, G. Curtis 11, T. Higgs 6, J. Crawley 1, extras 1, total 55. Huckle two for 9, White-man six for 30, King one for 16.

**DIVISION I**

**South End v. Clapham**

Clapham: S. Wildes 55, R. Smith 1, B. Tompkin 26, T. Buck 0, A. Henman 35, R. Pickering 2, C. Turner 4, D. Crane 14, L. Wooding 3, G. Hoffman not out 0, R. Facey 0, extras 23, total 168. Tompkins two for 10, Spice four for 29, Ferguson three for 14.

South End: G. Ferguson 4, A. Spice 27, J. Bosworth 9, L. Jones 5, J. Sheridan 6, R. Falbank 4, N. Evans 0, H. Allen 2, W. Nichols 15, G. Morton 6, S. Tompkins not out 2, extras 10, total 90. Pickering four for 24, Buck six for 56.

**Thurleigh v. Great Staughton**

Gt. Staughton: J. Maile 2, H. Davison 18, P. Langborne 2, C. Mayes 5, W. Davison 1, J. Dawkes 10, L. Button 0, J. Davison not out 6, P. Heading 2, R. Holmes 0, W. Fell 0, extras 7, total 53. W. Asplin four for 7, J. Wagstaff two for 18, Holley three for 9.

Thurleigh: K. Wagstaff 0, B. Holley 1, S. Asplin 8, C. Herrill 11, A. Bull 27, W. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff 9, B. Ingle 6, J. Cox 1, F. Hollowell not out 9, M. Papworth 4, extras 13, total 89. H. Davison three for 24, W. Davison six for 26.

**Felmersham v. Cople**

Felmersham: A. Betts 22, J. Turner 9, D. Parker 15, G. Constant 3, F. Turner 16, E. Peach 3, B. Cockings 1, R. Barker 0, S. Lovell 15, H. Lawson 14, J. Mackenzie not out 3, extras 8, total 109. Burr two for 10, Bennett four for 36, Hillyard two for 18.

Cople: B. Hillyard 16, N. Minney 0, R. Norman 11, R. Bennett 11, A. Hart 0, C. Grives 3, S. Whisler 0, A. Wortall 1, P. Burr 0, D. Thacker 0, E. Euden not out 4, extras 3, total 49. Parker eight for 26, Betts two for 6. Mogerhanger 37 (D. Hill 19, D. Benson four for 6, R. Knight three for 3), Sharnbrook 140 (R. Dunkley 53, R. Reid four for 46).

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**

**Wyboston v. Wilden**

Wyboston: J. Darrington 9, A. Usher 12, W. Livett 26, W. Peet 7, A. Wilson 0, A. Whamond 4, T. Bridge 0, D. Wilson 11, A. Darrington 13, A. Garthwaite 2, C. Folbigg not out 9, extras 11, total 104. J. Ashpole four for 29, J. Stone five for 19, H. Norman one for 4.

Wilden: W. Norman 17, J. Ashpole 14, J. Pell 13, E. Pell 4, J. Stone 3, R. Stone not out 2, V. Fell 3, Franks 2, O. Wright 0, H. Norman 5, V. Ashpole 0, extras 4, total 67. A. Wilson eight for 7.

**Colmworth v. Haynes**

Colmworth: A. Ellison 77, W. Ellison 8, J. Hughes 0, H. Swales 25, V. Abraham 0, J. Swales 0, M. Henderson 0, John Chamberlain 12, T. Matthews 0, A. Ayto 0, R. Chamberlain not out 2, extras 9, total 133.

Haynes: F. Barr 5, A. Herbert 0, B. Jefford 0, C. Joy 24, P. Smith 7, A. Dear 0, J. Newberry 2, D. Neale 7, A. Bass 3, R. Clark 4, total 61.

**Pertenhall v. Hobkirk's**

Pertenhall: A. George 1, K. Gentle 38, O. Stapleton 26, S. George 0, C. Banks 15, L. Cottingham 21, W. Presland 24, V. Roddis not out 1, Joe Roddis not out 5, extras 8, total (for seven dec.) 140. J. Bell three for 40.

Hobkirk's: J. Bell 0, W. Payne 2, B. Hobkirk 5, J. Crisp 5, D. Weeks 0, W. Crisp 0, F. Woodland 1, A. Balley 3, F. Wilson not out 1, H. Parker 0, extras 5, total 20. Gentle four for 6, Presland four for 6, Cottingham one for 4.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Stagsden v. North Crawley**

Stagsden: H. Newman 0, G. Newman 38, G. Bonne 37, S. Baxter 0, S. Dutton 5, T. Alder 3, R. Tite 8, T. Abbott 0, F. A. Russell not out 4, A. Woolton 0, extras 11, total (for nine dec.) 105. D. Savage one for 19, W. Howe three for 31, P. Bonner five for 23.

North Crawley: P. Wooden not out 45, F. Savage 15, D. Savage 6, P. Mitchell 5, W. Howe 3, A. Goodman 1, F. Stanton 0, T. Caves 3, T. Hobbs 3, S. Goodman 7, P. Bonar 0, extras 10, total 98. O. Bonnett two for 31, G. Newman four for 39, S. Dutton four for 18.

**Turvey v. West End**

Turvey: B. Frost 4, D. Skevington 3, H. Sargent 6, F. Paynton 0, R. Wright 15, G. T. Hudson 2, A. Sukars 0, B. Clark 0, J. Payne 0, S. J. Howe not out 0, D. Letts 0 not out 0, extras 1, 2, totals 29 and 63. F. Loft four for 17, one for 16; D. King two for 8, three for 19; S. Smart three for 3, four for 16; P. Percival one for 18 (2nd innings).

West End: G. Hill 0, P. Percival 1, S. Smart 0, B. Moore 8 not out 14, F. Loft 11, 17, C. Anthony 3, K. Jessop 0, S. Loft 0 not out 2, M. Rowland 0, R. Thompson 0, D. King not out 0, extras 5, 10, totals 28 and 50 for two. F. Paynton five for 10, two for 20; A. Sukars four for 13 (first innings).

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**

**Little Staughton v. Sharnbrook**

Sharnbrook: R. Odell 2, E. Ward 9, R. Marsh 2, B. Lovell 0, J. Deighton 25, J. Boyles 1, T. Bragg 6, E. Blundell 4, R. Ward 0, J. Shaylor not out 0, V. Bonham 0, extras 2, total 51. R. Robins three for 12, C. Stapleton two for 2.

Little Staughton: H. Parker 12, C. Stapleton 2, E. Robins 35, A. Robins 0, G. Pell 2, J. Robins not out 20, R. Robins 0, O. Jordan 1, A. Smith 10, D. Quenby 9, D. Huckle 2, extras 19, total 110. Lovell four for 31, Bragg two for 17.

**Little Staughton v. Sharnbrook**

Sharnbrook: R. Odell 2, E. Ward 9, R. Marsh 2, B. Lovell 0, J. Deighton 25, J. Boyles 1, T. Bragg 6, E. Blundell 4, R. Ward 0, J. Shaylor not out 0, V. Bonham 0, extras 2, total 51. R. Robins three for 12.

Little Staughton: H. Parker 12, C. Stapleton 2, E. Robins 35, A. Robins 0, G. Pell 2, J. Robins not out 20, R. Robins 0, O. Jordan 1, A. Smith 10, D. Quenby 9, D. Huckle 2, extras 19, total 110. B. Lovell four for 27.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Blunham v. Great Barford**

Great Barford: R. Berridge 1, P. Usher 5, S. Green 3, J. Jents 3, G. Mardin 0, P. Minney 12, J. Browning 0, S. Norman 4, R. Chambers not out 0, J. Robinson 0, J. Muirring 0, extras 5, total 35. Tester five for 8, Clarke two for 3.

Blunham: E. Jefferies 1, T. Jefferies 0, B. Simms 13, R. Simms 0, B. Clarke 2, F. Tester 12, R. Stevens 12, H. Simms 0, B. Parkin 9, I. Humphreys not out 0, F. Abbott 5, extras 8, total 62. Minney five for 18, Jents two for 5.

Langford 108 (D. Worboys 33, J. Swain 26), Perton 69 for nine (Kefford 26, Dilley five for 30).

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**FRIENDLIES**

Peterborough Town v. Bedford Town. Bedford School v. Old Bedfordians (today and to-morrow). Harpur Sports 1st XI v. 2nd XI. Northampton Brewery v. Queen's Wks. Bedford II v. Peterborough II. Bedford Argus v. South End Ramblers. Ickwell v. Igranie. North End v. Everton.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**Premier Division**

Poton v. Pavenham. Little Staughton v. Great Barford. Langford v. Renhold. Blunham v. Marston.

**Division I**

Mogerhanger v. Thurleigh. Great Staughton v. Felmersham. Clapham v. Sharnbrook.



## OLD MODERNIANS DEFEATED

### School Score 86 in 35 Minutes

In a most exciting finish Bedford Modern School defeated the Old Bedford Modernians by nine wickets. They scored 86 in 35 minutes to win the match just before the time for drawing stumps.

The Old Boys scored 169 for nine declared against a keen attack on the first day. Harris batted very well, scoring 37 out of 74 for four, but B.M.S. took the initiative shortly after lunch, when Kingston dismissed Burnage and Raley. The O.B.M.s were then 88 for six. Later batsmen resisted, however, and C. H. Poole hit 37 not out, enabling A. Raley to declare.

B.M.S. began very well, Gale showing fine form. Forty were scored in as many minutes before Scrivener dismissed Whiting. Comerford joined his captain, and they added 76. Gale hit two sixes and three fours. Comerford was very hard on anything short of a length or overpitched, his 52 including seven fours. Only Kingston and Dear were successful on the second morning, when runs were needed quickly.

Fifty-one runs behind, O.B.M.s lost three for 31, but Harris and Burnage came together to add 64. This valuable stand was ended by Kingston, who, bowling with fire and getting life from the pitch, took four for 2 in four overs. From 95 for three the position changed to 104 for nine. Another stand ensued, D. Clayton hitting 27 not out. Raley made the third declaration and gave B.M.S. 38 minutes in which to score 85.

Gale accepted the challenge, and set the pace with three fours off the second over. Whiting was bowled in jumping out to drive (26 for one), but Gale and Holman attacked the bowling heartily. They hit off the runs with several minutes to spare.

The victory was a fitting end to a most successful school season.

#### Old Bedford Modernians

First Innings: J. H. Bramwell b Gale 5, G. A. Spencer b Cave 15, V. J. Harris c Gale b Tait 37, P. W. Scrivener lbw b Cave 8, A. C. Burnage c Millman b Kingston 10, A. Raley b Kingston 8, J. H. L. Davis c Dean b Gale 12, D. E. Farr b Cave 17, C. H. Poole not out 37, D. Clayton c and b Gale 8, L. Bambridge not out 1, extras 15, total (for nine dec.) 169. Kingston two for 32, Tait one for 33, Gale three for 48, Cave three for 42, Dean none for 1.

Second Innings: Farr c Norman b Gale 15, Spencer c Millman b Kingston 4, Scrivener c Millman b Cave 7, Harris c Millman b Kingston 41, Burnage b Kingston 50, Poole b Kingston 0, Davis lbw b Kingston 2, Bramwell run out 2, Raley b Gale 0, Clayton not out 27, Bambridge not out 1, extras 8, total (for nine dec.) 135. Kingston five for 22, Cave one for 24, Gale two for 31.

#### Bedford Modern School

First Innings: R. A. Gale run out 49, K. P. Whiting c Burnage b Scrivener 17, F. J. Comerford b Scrivener 52, G. V. Dear not out 40, F. D. Holman c Harris b Farr 3, D. J. Kingston b Scrivener 24, K. Tait b Farr 1, J. Dean b Farr 4, A. Norman not out 5, extras 25, total (for seven dec.) 220. Farr three for 73, Scrivener three for 60.

Second Innings: Gale not out 34, Whiting b Bambridge 11, Holman not out 38, extras 3, total (for one) 86. Bambridge one for 35.

## HOSPITAL CUP

Bedford Town's team to meet Biggleswade to-morrow in the final of the Hospital Cup at the Bedford Modern School ground will be: J. Pratt (capt.), E. C. Howard, V. J. Harris, E. B. Smith, C. P. Sabey, D. T. Matthews, A. G. Coomb, M. Hall, P. Markham, P. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins.

## Friendly Cricket

# A Fine Victory for Bedford School

A fine spell of leg-break bowling by Street gave Bedford School victory over the Old Bedfordians. Set 228 to get in their second innings, the O.B.s were 78 for two and apace with the clock at one stage, but they were all out 25 runs later. Street took six for 38—a very notable performance on a hard, true wicket.

In their first innings the School suffered early shocks, three wickets falling for 18, one to a great leg-side catch by R. D. Panton (cricket-keeper). But they recovered to run up the fine total of 265. Wynn-Williams made another invaluable century, but perhaps the most impressive innings was that of R. A. Collinge, whose 65, in 40 minutes, included drives and cuts of great power. The medium-pace bowlers Sabey (six for 61) and Disbury (four for 60) shared the wickets.

For the O.B.s Pickett and Panton made 158 together in a quick-scoring stand. Wickets were lost in an effort to force the pace before Disbury declared 54 runs behind. In the second innings Street displayed some fine strokes, and again Wynn-Williams scored freely, adding 61 with Murray-Clarke.

Set to make 228 to win in 135 minutes, the O.B.s began well and at 78 for two they were up with the clock. However, the main bowling of Street and Collinge, subsequently planned down and then defeated the batsmen.

## Best Season for Many Years

The School scored a well-deserved victory, which ended their best season for very many years. The highlights have been the batting of D. R. Wynn-Williams (average 57.44), the bowling of R. W. Street (43 wickets at 15.93 runs each), together with the soundness of the batting in general. Nine batsmen had an average of over 17 runs.

Bedford School: R. W. Street c Panton b Sabey 2, c Spooner b Fleming 40; D. Coley c Payne b Disbury 9, not out 7; D. A. W. Evans c Payne b Disbury 0; Rumbold b Sabey 0; D. R. Wynn-Williams c Gilbert b Sabey 107; not out 56; M. J. Meeson c Pickett b Disbury 50; b Fleming 3; R. I. T. Hoag c Sabey b Disbury 20; b Spooner 17; P. W. Brown c Payne b Sabey 1, c Spooner b Sabey 20; R. J. Manley c Spooner b Sabey 13; st Payne b Spooner 16; J. O. Murray-Clarke b Sabey 7; c Payne b Spooner 19; R. A. Collinge not out 65, run out 5; F. S. Steven b Sabey 0, did not bat; extras 11 10, totals 265 and 193 for eight.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. S. Gilbert b Manley 6, b Collinge 23; J. A. Spooner b Murray-Clarke 5, run out 0; P. L. Pickett run out 105, c and b Collinge 19; A. D. Panton b Murray-Clarke 75, not out 15; R. P. Thomas c Collinge b Street 6; st Steven b Street 16; B. E. Disbury c Brown b Collinge 5; lbw b Street 0; N. H. Golding st Steven b Street 7, c Steven b Street 8; E. A. Rumbold not out 6, lbw b Collinge 0; A. H. J. Sabey did not bat, b Street 18; G. MeP. D. Fleming did not bat, b Street 0; R. D. Payne did not bat, lbw b Street 0, extras 18 3, totals 251 (for seven dec.) and 105.

## Barling's Hundred for XL Club

In a twelve-a-side game the former Surrey batsman, Tom Barling, made an attractive 100 not out against Old Bedfordians on 26th July. The Club declared at 210 for eight, but after their bowlers had had early successes they just failed to win. O.B.s were 66 behind with their last pair together at the close.

XL Club: B. A. Barnett c Spark b Cook 25, A. D. Matthews c Spark b Sabey 1, E. N. Pearce b Cook 2, J. E. A. Blatherwick c and b Sabey 3, T. Barling not out 100, F. W. Wilkinson st Spark b Pickett 9, J. F. Durnford Slater c Pickett b Spooner 26, K. V. Frey st Spark b Fletcher 27, A. Campbell-Johnson b Fletcher 10, E. Watts not out 0, extras 9, total (for eight dec.) 210.

Old Bedfordians: G. S. S. Gilbert b Watts 0, J. A. Spooner b Matthews 7, P. L. Pickett c Pearce b Watts 4, A. D. Panton b Matthews 2, R. P. Thomas b Blatherwick 29, F. M. Fletcher b Harris 22, N. H. Golding c Barnett b Matthews 17, J. G. Cook b Watts 49, A. R. J. Sabey lbw b Watts 14, R. V. Spark b Matthews 0, G. MeP. D. Fleming not out 5, R. D. Payne not out 4, extras 3, total (for ten) 154.

## OTHER MATCHES

Bedford Town 199 for nine dec. (Howard 45, Harris 31, Poole 29, C. Matthews not out 22), Peterborough 180 for nine (Coomb four for 50, Markham four for 54).

Bedford II 197 for four dec. (C. G. Jones 109), Peterborough II 49 (Humphreys five for 20, Barnes three for 12).

Southill Park 173 for six dec. (V. Grimshaw 96, A. Burnage 29, Willis four for 61), Shire Hall 90 (Dixon 23, A. Swan seven for 32).

Shire Hall II 169 (Gill 80, G. Jackson 26, Gray six for 60, Brown four for 35), Southill II 109 (Ron. Odell not out 41).

Southill II 36 (Anker five for 16, Hoce three for 6), Lratic II 80 (Cooper 24, Benson eight for 19).

Cranfield 89 (W. Seaman 25, Emmiton 19, W. Rock 18, W. Howe six for 17), W. Howe's XI 16 (Rock four for 8, Seaman four for 11).

Goldington 54 (L. Dinnick 17, Rock five for 19), Cranfield 79 (Rock 22, Evans 16).

Gentlemen of the Lion 87 (I. Wilkington 44, G. Mettam not out 17, Percival eight for 26), West End 47 (M. Parker 18, Harris five for 12, Lewis two for 2).

Thurleigh 55 (Holley 20, Coulson five for 18, Wisson three for 29), Randall's 70 (Wisson 16).

Dickens (Harrold) 51 (D. Cooper seven for 29), Podington 47 for eight.

Bedfordshire Times 84 for six (Arnold 29), Bedford Retrievation 39 (Sabey five for 18).

## CRICKET FIXTURES

### HOSPITAL CUP FINAL

Bedford Town v. Biggleswade (B.M.S. ground, 2.30).

### FRIENDLIES

Camden v. Harpur Sports, North End v. Eaton Socon, Tom Fitts v. Southill, Lratic v. Kempston, Steuartly v. Wolvaton.

**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**WINNING SCORE FOR POTTON FOLLOWS  
A COLLAPSE**

Pavenham must have felt quite certain of an easy win at Potton when seven of the home batsmen had been dismissed with a mere four runs on the board. Darvell and Scoley were the bowlers responsible for Potton's desperate plight.

But it never pays to be certain about anything in cricket. Potton's need was splendidly answered by Kitchener and Pacey, who put on nearly 40 runs for the eighth wicket.

Then Munns, at No. 10, and Pacey added a further 38, the former hitting splendidly, and these efforts by a valiant "tail" gave Potton a total big enough to win. Four for seven—92 all out—a remarkable recovery.

With Turnbull leading the attack in his best form, Potton had their visitors out for 67.

A fine spell of bowling by Whiteman (six for 28) could not win the game for Langford when Renhold visited them. Renhold got a total of 94 despite Whiteman's accuracy, and Langford could reply with only 37. The home side could not cope with a very competent attack in which D. Stapleton's efforts earned him four wickets at a cost of two runs each.

Little Staughton batsmen were in the mood for runs against Great Barford. They hit the visitors' attack for 155 and declared with four wickets in hand. Chief run-getters were V. Banks (60) and R. Thorne (59); then Saunders (six for 20) and Brown (four for 22) got busy with the ball for Staughton, and Barford suffered one of their heaviest defeats by 102 runs.

Poor though a total of 45 may be, it was nearly good enough to give Thurlerich a win at Mogerhanger. But not quite. Led by W. Asplin (five for 17), the Thurlerich bowlers had Mogerhanger struggling but a valiant knock by Summerfield led to a six-run win for the home side. R. Reid (eight for 18) was the thorn in Thurlerich's flesh.

In a keen struggle at Wood End Turvey beat the home team by six runs. Fuller and Jessop appeared to be opening up the prospect of a Wood End victory when Fuller was run out. After this setback Sargent (six for 30) and Paynton (three for 18) proved too much for Wood End's batting. Turvey would have fared badly without a second-wicket stand between Frost and Sargent; they were the only batsmen to face Childs (five for 15) and Jessop (four for 11) with confidence.

All-round cricket by S. Smart played an important part in West End's handsome win over Stevington. Having made second top score, 24, he helped Lott to set the home side out for 55, leaving West End winners by 76.

In a big third-wicket stand Dunkley and Boyles put Sharnbrook in a commanding position against Staploe. The side scored 178 in 21 hours, and then Staploe fell to the pace bowling of R. Knight, who took six wickets at a run apiece in 26 balls. He was helped by schoolboy C. Lovell's three good catches in the slips, and Staploe lost by 134 runs.

Blunham II led Clapham II by 18 runs on the first innings, but lost their second knock C. Loak (six for 14), and W. Loak (four for 5) got among their wickets with a vengeance. Blunham were all out for 20. Clapham winning comfortably.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Potton v. Pavenham**

Potton: H. J. Kes 1, N. Price 0, E. Clarke 0, D. Page 0, E. Huckle 0, K. Woodman 0, T. B. Kitchener 25, J. Turnbull 1, P. Pacey 14, C. Munns 42, J. Standen not out 1, extras 10, total 92. G. Scoley four for 34, T. Darvell six for 19.  
Pavenham: M. Higgs 5, Whitworth 4, G. Westley 0, G. Curtis 5, G. Scoley not out 28, T. Darvell 0, J. Turner 7, H. Ashpole 5, T. Higgs 0, J. Crawley 3, A. Westley 0, extras 10, total 67. N. Price three for 30, E. Huckle one for 16, J. Turnbull five for 11.

**Langford v. Renhold**

Renhold: F. Harlow 7, D. Fenton 5, J. Norman 5, P. Swann 6, K. Rabbit 14, D. Stapleton 0, P. Harlow 3, W. Harlow 12, P. Joyce not out 18, P. Carter 4, A. Duncombe 13, extras 7, total 94. Whiteman six for 28.  
Langford: T. Chessum 2, R. Dodson 8, P. Roberts 5, B. Kilby 0, D. Roberts 1, N. Rogers 3, H. Huckle 7, E. Whiteman 1, D. King not out 4, R. Kilby 0, W. Potton 2, extras 6, total 37. W. Harlow three for 7, J. Norman three for 15, D. Stapleton four for 8.

**Little Staughton v. Great Barford**

Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 5, V. Banks 60, K. Banks 5, R. Thorne 39, S. Stapleton 17, G. Robins 4, S. Marshall not out 5, extras 22, total (for six dec.) 155. Breeze three for 28.  
Great Barford: W. Page 4, M. Jeffs 11, A. Norman 1, J. Breeze 0, G. Robinson 11, E. Vickers 0, K. Taitman 4, A. Stead 5, W. Lee 1, P. Minney not out 4, G. Sims 5, extras 11, total 55. Saunders six for 20, Brown four for 22.

**Great Barford v. Mogerhanger**

Great Barford: W. Page 4, M. Jeffs 11, A. Norman 1, J. Breeze 0, G. Robinson 11, E. Vickers 0, K. Taitman 4, A. Stead 5, W. Lee 1, P. Minney not out 4, G. Sims 5, extras 11, total 55. Saunders six for 20, Brown four for 22.

**RISELEY WOULD NOT PLAY ON**

Having captured eight Riseley wickets for 15 runs, Pertenhall were within sight of their tenth League victory.

Then the game came abruptly to an end. The Riseley captain, C. Holmes, objected to a decision given by the Pertenhall umpire, and he refused to play on.

The umpires and Pertenhall players remained in the field for ten minutes. But the Riseley batsmen did not appear again. The game was awarded to Pertenhall, who were leading by 97.

**DIVISION I**

**Mogerhanger v. Thurlerich**

Thurlerich: K. Wagstaff 0, L. Wildman 4, R. Lovell 0, C. Berrill 13, R. Ingle 2, D. Berrill 5, B. Holley 0, J. Wagstaff 5, P. Hollowall 5, R. Berrill 5, W. Asplin not out 1, extras 7, total 45. R. Reid eight for 18, K. Reid two for 20.  
Mogerhanger: G. Watts 2, F. Reid 0, E. Wisler 12, W. Wisler 1, R. Hill 2, P. Summerfield 17, S. Reid 2, K. Reid 1, C. Street 1, R. Reid not out 2, R. Phillips 2, extras 9, total 51. Asplin five for 17, C. Berrill three for 7, R. Berrill one for 0.

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**

**Riseley v. Pertenhall**

Pertenhall: A. George 1, K. Gentle 25, O. Stapleton 17, Jack Roddis 7, C. Banks 10, W. Preshall 4, S. George 5, V. Roddis 17, T. Hardswick not out 0, P. Challis 0, C. Weller 2, extras 15, total 112. W. Allen four for 30.

Riseley: L. Williams 3, Pragnell 0, W. Allen 3, J. Baines 2, G. Hopkins 1, W. Partridge 0, C. Holmes 0, E. Cauty not out 2, Batchelor 0, extras 1, total (for eight) 15. Preshall four for 8, Gentle three for 6.

**Roxton v. Wilden**

Wilden: G. Wright 19, W. Norman 14, J. Pell 27, E. Pell 10, B. Ashpole 12, H. Norman 8, J. Ashpole not out 30, R. Stone not out 0, extras 5, total (for six dec.) 115. Sugars four for 40.

Roxton: I. Darlow 1, S. Gadsden 3, W. Clarke 0, L. Livett 15, D. Sugars 13, R. Johnson 2, R. Clarke not out 15, R. Minney 0, W. McAlpine 0, W. Stapleton 0, N. Jones 1, extras 2, total 48. B. Ashpole took five wickets, J. Ashpole three, and J. Stone two.

Roxton 50, Wilden 116 for six.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Wood End v. Turvey**

Turvey: B. Frost 19, D. Skeyington 6, H. Sargent 18, S. West 1, C. Sutton 0, R. Wright 1, P. Paynton 2, T. Hudson 6, L. Bulla 0, G. Payne not out 0, B. Clarke 1, extras 4, total 58. Fuller one for 19, Jessop four for 11, Childs five for 15.

Wood End: R. Ashpole 3, J. Fuller 10, S. Hutchings 6, D. Jessop 10, B. Childs 5, C. Caves 4, P. Buttaway 0, W. Hutchings 0, V. Ashpole 1, B. Ashpole not out 1, L. Jessop 9, extras 3, total 52. Sargent six for 30, Paynton three for 18.

**Stevington v. West End**

West End: L. Hills 2, F. Loft 2, S. Smart 24, C. Anthony 17, B. Moore 3, P. Percival 1, D. Puley 29, K. Jessop 15, R. Thompson 3, D. King 18, M. Rowland not out 5, extras 8, total 129.  
Stevington: Wildman 2, Purser 5, Cox 10, Myres 3, Cook 2, Swain 2, Wooding 11, Curtis 12, Dait 0, Mackness not out 1, Church 0, extras 5, total 53. Smart four for 19, Lott four for 19.

**Oakley v. Stagden**

Oakley: J. Bryson 2, J. Scullion 5, T. Thompson 0, G. Mubbs 0, I. Barnes 12, C. Bird 2, G. Rainbow 0, R. Croft 0, J. Saunders 4, H. Dye 0, R. O'Dell 0, extras 4, total 29. Sharp four for 15, Dutton five for 7, Ibbott one for 5.

Stagden: G. Newman 26, R. Smith 6, H. Newman 3, B. Sharp 0, S. Dutton 10, J. Alder 7, R. Tite 3, J. Ibbott 0, S. Baxter 0, F. Frossell not out 2, A. Woodton 1, extras 2, total 60. Burns two for 17, Bird two for 17, Rainbow one for 20, Mubbs five for 4.

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**

**Sharnbrook v. Staploe**

Sharnbrook: D. Dunkley 21, R. Ward 9, R. Dunkley 59, H. Boyles 48, D. Lovell 1, D. Benson 5, W. Howe not out 19, R. Marsh not out 6, extras 12, total (for six dec.) 178. R. Brewer three for 47, Lambert one for 7.  
Staploe: Lambert 3, Beal 0, Corn 4, Jex 14, Brewer 7, Robins 0, Daniels 4, Safford 0, Staughton not out 2, Hackett 0, Scotcher 5, extras 5, total 44. Knight six for 6, Ward two for 8.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Clapham v. Blunham**

Blunham: C. Rawlins 3, F. Abbott 13, M. Rawlins 1, O. P. Rawlins 7, O. P. Tester 0, R. Stevens 0, G. Baker 5, R. Simms 2, O. H. Simms 14, not out 2, P. Humphreys 2, T. Jefferys not out 10, extras 5, total 62, and 20. C. Loak five for 32, six for 14, R. Brown live for 25 (first innings), W. Loak four for 5 (second innings).

Clapham: R. Millard 5, J. G. Pettifer 2, O. D. Brown 0, S. A. Devereux 1, H. S. Woodard 2, R. Brown 1, A. Cope 15, J. Loak 4, not out 14, C. Loak 9, F. Baker 5, W. Loak not out 0, extras 2, total 44 and 89. Tester four for 17, P. Rawlins six for 25. Second innings: Barker five for 24, Simms three for 13, T. Jefferys one for 7.

**CHARITY CUP FINAL**

**Cople Beaten by Ten Runs**

In the East Bedfordshire Charity Cup final Biggleswade won by ten runs. Twenty overs each innings were played. Both teams made bad starts, Biggleswade losing their first three wickets for 11 runs, and Cople losing five for 10. Bad light was a handicap when Cople batted. Scores: Biggleswade: F. Rogers 4, E. Revel 2, H. Hunt 1, J. Gauge 15, D. Kingston 22, G. Butcher 5, R. Gillard not out 22, R. Huckle 6, R. James 12, A. Eales not out 0, extras 6, total (for eight) 93. D. Shillier one for 41, R. Bennett six for 46.

Cople: B. Hillyard 6, E. Hull 5, C. Graves 0, R. Norman 24, D. Thacker 0, R. Bennett 0, D. Shillier 25, W. Minney not out 2, P. Burr not out 5, extras 12, total (for seven) 85. D. Kingston four for 34, A. Earl one for 19, J. Gauge one for 18.

**Friendly Cricket**

**NARROW ESCAPE FOR HARPUR**

**One Run Ahead in Drawn Game**

Harpur Sports declared at 126 for four against Camden at the Downing College ground, Cambridge, on Saturday, Poulter being top scorer with 47. It was a sporting declaration, and as a result Harpur only just escaped defeat. When the last over was called Camden (who had seven wickets in hand) wanted eight runs to win. They failed by two, and the game ended in a draw.

Harpur Sports: R. Webster b Ayres 15, A. Greene c Daisley b Foot 3, R. Poulter not out 47, J. Newman c Ayres b Thurston 22, T. Minns run out 21, A. Webster not out 15, extras 5, total (for four dec.) 126.  
Camden: D. Wickham c Ferguson b Gilbert 0, F. Parfitt c Newman b Ferguson 3, R. Taylor lbw b Minns 50, J. Thurston not out 53, R. Ayres not out 18, extras 1 total (for three) 125.

**Wisbech Defeated**

Harpur Sports scored a good win over Wisbech Town at Broadway on Sunday. Wisbech: C. Papworth b Cornell 0, M. Tilney c A. Webster b Gilbert 0, D. Coulson b Cornell 2, W. Hurry c A. Webster b Gilbert 17, D. Jarvis b Cornell 0, W. Prince st A. Webster b O. Webster 29, R. Cook c R. Webster b Cornell 0, M. Ward c Greene b Cornell 29, K. Humphrey c King b Gilbert 1, N. Rham b Gilbert 2, S. Shippey not out 2, extras 6, total 84, Cornell five for 26.  
Harpur: R. Webster b Rham 26, A. Greene run out 7, D. Hoare c Coulson b Papworth 41, J. Newman c and b Coulson 1, A. Webster c Coulson 14, T. Minns c Humphrey b Coulson 14, F. King st Cook b Papworth 15, J. Payne b Rham 18, P. Gilbert not out 7, B. Cornell st Cook b Coulston 7, G. Webster run out 1, extras 6, total 157. Coulston four for 51.

**Holiday Game Abandoned**

In their away match with Dunstable on Monday Harpur Sports had made 78 for four when rain stopped play.  
Harpur: R. Webster c Knowles b Eyles 6, T. King c Pollard b Heley 36, A. Webster not out 25, M. Allen lbw b Heley 4, D. Hoare b Jell 8, C. Newman not out 0, extras 1, total (for four) 78.

**Harpur 2nd XI's Big Score**

An eighth-wicket stand by Wilson and Ingledeu gave Harpur Sports 2nd XI a total which was far beyond Stony Stratford's power to reach at Newnham Avenue on Saturday.  
Harpur: Housden 30, Hall 20, Martin 4, Sharp 8, Jarvis 3, Gill 17, Payne 5, Wilson not out 45, Ingledeu not out 19, extras 20, total (for seven dec.) 173. H. Smith six for 39.  
Stony Stratford: Llewellyn 0, H. Smith 0, Tompkins 2, E. Smith 3, D. Yates not out 38, Odell 2, Willison 0, Roberts 5, Bessel 2, R. Bonham 0, W. Bonham 2, extras 17, total 71. Chance two for 6, Ingledeu three for 16, Wilson three for 9.

**Ellis and Everard Ltd. v. Charles Franklin Ltd.**

This annual match was won by Franklin's, for whom Lilley made 103 not out, including 15 fours. Scores: Ellis and Everard Ltd.: Marlow 2, Greenhow 7, Burdett 3, Queenborough 7, Head 0, Smith 41, Hatchell 0, Grindell 0, White 3, R. Mann 9, B. Mann not out 7, extras 12, total 91. Lilley three for 23, Cockings five for 39.  
Chas. Franklin Ltd.: Washington 15, Lilley not out 105, Allen 12, Wildman not out 14, extras 1, total (for two dec.) 145. Smith two for 23.

Newport Pagnell v. Bromham Nomads  
Newport Pagnell: G. Mead 15, J. Dickson 43, K. Coast 0, W. Whiting 3, G. Anrew 16, D. Lancaster 25, M. Riley not out 5, extras 8, total (for six dec.) 121. B. Everest two for 8, A. White two for 33, R. Townley one for 46.  
Bromham Nomads: K. Bushell 0, H. Barnett not out 34, G. Millman 0, B. Everest 5, R. Jackson 9, R. Townley not out 36, extras 4, total (for four) 88. L. Watts two for 24, D. Lancaster two for 31.

**OTHER MATCHES**

Wilden 84 (V. Pell 19, B. Ashpole 26), Goldington 83 (F. Line 25, L. Dimmick not out 16).  
Whayley End 40 (Harris six for 9, Franklin three for 1), v. Gentlemen of the Lion. Rain stopped play.

**Bedford and District Cricket League**

**PAVENHAM PLAYER'S FINE ALL-ROUND CRICKET**

A storm ended the match between Marston and Potton at Marston on Saturday when Marston had scored 98 for seven in reply to a total of 127. Potton lost their first wicket at 24, and their second at 38. Then came a good stand between N. Price and D. Page, which put on 54. The remaining batsmen, however, offered poor resistance, and the side were all out for 127.  
Marston lost three wickets for 15 runs, but they a fine stand between B. Stapleton and D. Stapleton took the score to 68. Wickets fell freely after this, and the storm ended play at an interesting stage.

All-round cricket by G. Curtis was the great feature of the game at Pavenham. He made a fine 57 not out against Great Barford, and took six for 17. Curtis was ably supported in the attack by G. Scoley (four for 10), Great Barford being dismissed for 35. At 87 for seven Pavenham called it a day. W. Page (four for 26), and J. Breeze (three for 27), never gave up trying for Barford.

In one of the most thrilling games ever played at Sharnbrook, the home side beat South End by two runs. South End lost three wickets for four runs, but Pallant and M. Allen took the score to 54 by excellent cricket. The remaining wickets fell rather quickly. Sharnbrook, set 92 to get, had their first three batsmen out for 49 runs. Then R. Dunkley, with the assistance of Boyles, changed the position to 68 for six. M. Allen, having bowled 19 overs for 37 runs, was hit for 15 in his next over by tail-enders Benson and Blundell, and Sharnbrook just got in front. Evans and Allen maintained a very accurate attack, the latter's keen fielding also being a feature.

A third-wicket stand of 86 by Wiles (56 not out) and Buck (44) put Clapham in command at Cople. The side declared at 148 for seven. Though Minney and Shingler resisted strongly, Cople's batting was not by 57 runs equal to the task.

Parker was the only Felmersham batsman to score with any freedom against Thurligh. He made 28 out of 64. This total, however, appeared likely to be enough when Thurligh's first three wickets fell for a few runs, but C. Berrill, who made 61, and J. Asplin put them in a winning position. Asplin had a good match for he was Thurligh's best bowler, taking five for 8.

In an excellent game at Wilden Pertenhall lost their unbeaten record in Division II (Section D). A very large crowd saw Pertenhall score 130, which one would have thought to be a winning total on a village table, but Wilden, to whom the points were necessary if they were to remain in the hunt for the championship, topped with an opening stand of 65. They went on to win by three wickets, with ten minutes to spare. The innings lasted 2 hours 5 minutes.

The position at the head of Section I of Division II is most interesting. Wilden and Pertenhall have each gained 22 points from 13 games played, and each have one more fixture.

Stevington's bowlers were on top in the match with Turvey until Paynton and Wright made a stand for the

seventh wicket. Turvey totalled 84, and then Paynton (six for 14) and Sargent (four for 15) got in some devastating work with the ball. The home side made only 32, of which Mayers scored 20.

Millard played a fine innings of 41 for Clapham at Langford. These runs were nearly half the side's total, no one else staying very long after an opening stand by Millard and Brown had been ended. Langford's innings started very badly, and though C. Dilley, going in at No. 6, did his best to hold up C. Loak (five for 24) and Brown (five for 25), his side finished 42 runs short.

Pine bowling by W. Drew, who had a match analysis of 14 wickets for 35 runs, was the chief factor in Potton II's victory over Tempsford. His last-medium bowling was never mastered, and he received good support from E. Blott's off-spinners. This pair bowled a most throughout the two innings.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Marston v. Potton**

Potton: C. Blott 5, N. Price 39, E. Clark 12, D. Page 34, T. B. Kitchener 0, C. Minns 12, J. Turnbull 2, K. Woodman not out 9, E. Britten 0, F. Pulce 7, J. Standen 1, extras 6, total 127. D. Stapleton four for 39, C. Copperwheat four for 46, F. Lilley two for 15.

Marston: R. Copperwheat 4, A. Bunker 8, H. Berry 1, B. Stapleton 31, D. Stapleton 35, D. Faulkner 0, F. Bunker not out 6, F. Lilley 0, extras 15, total (for seven) 98. N. Price two for 21, J. Standen three for 25, C. Blott one for 11, T. Kitchener one for 3.

**Pavenham v. Great Barford**

Great Barford: M. Jeffs 6, S. Skevington 4, G. Robinson 0, W. Bridge 0, P. Usher 0, J. Breeze 1, W. Pace 8, A. Norman 4, A. Shead 2, S. Green 0, R. West 2, extras 8, total 35.

Pavenham: M. Hicks 2, C. Whitworth 6, G. Curtis not out 57, G. Scoley 2, G. Harris 2, J. Crawley 5, J. Turner 2, T. Higgs 4, J. Blakeney not out 1, extras 5, total (for seven) 86.

**DIVISION I**

**Sharnbrook v. South End Ramblers**

South End: G. Ferguson 0, A. Spice 0, L. Jones 2, R. Pallant 45, M. Allen 25, J. Bosworth 1, J. Sheridan 0, E. Allen 2, N. Evans 7, G. Morton 0, S. Tompkins not out 2, extras 6, total 91. L. Blundell four for 16, H. Martin two for 31.

Sharnbrook: D. Clayton 1, S. Alcock 6, H. Martin 1, R. Dunkley 37, W. Howe 2, A. Combine 7, G. Boyles 12, D. Dunkley 1, L. Blundell not out 8, D. Benson 10, R. Knight 0, extras 8, total 93. N. Evans four for 30, M. Allea three for 52.

**Cople v. Clapham**

Clapham: S. Wiles not out 56, R. Norton 0, B. Tompkins 13, T. Buck 44, A. Bennett 4, C. Turner 2, R. Fahey 4, R. Brown not out 9, G. Hoffman 0, extras 16, total (for seven dec.) 148. D. Shingler three for 42, E. Bennett one for 30, F. Johnson one for 26.

Cople: A. Hart 1, R. Minney 58, R. Norman 0, B. Hayward 7, R. Bennett 6, D. Shingler 17, P. Bunn 0, E. Hull 1, A. Worral 1, F. Johnson 1, C. Hayes not out 5, extras 14, total 91. Pickering four for 14, Buck one for 8, P. Bunn one for 14, Hoffman three for 16.

**Felmersham v. Thurligh**

Felmersham: A. Betts 0, J. Turner 5, D. Parker 28, G. Constant 1, V. Bowdler 8, H. Lovell 8, R. Barker 3, S. Boyle 1, H. Lawson 0, T. Longstaff not out 1, D. Level 2, extras 7, total 64. J. Asplin five for 8, W. Asplin three for 19.

Thurligh: L. Wildman 2, K. Wagstaff 2, S. Asplin 2, C. Berrill 61, J. Asplin 19, D. Berrill 0, B. Ingle 4, B. Holley 4, W. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff not out 3, extras 7, total 104. D. Parker three for 45, V. Bowdler two for 11.

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**

**Wilden v. Pertenhall**

Pertenhall: J. Roddis 3, A. George 9, O. Stapleton 2, K. Gentle 33, C. Banks 34, L. Cottingham 5, W. Priestland 7, S. George 7, V. Roddis not out 8, J. Elliot 11, C. Weller 3, extras 8, total 130. J. Ashpole five for 38, B. Ashpole three for 47, J. Stone two for 15.

Wilden: G. Wright 28, W. Norman 41, J. Pell 9, E. Pell 5, B. Ashpole 10, H. Norman not out 10, J. Ashpole 11, J. Stone 1, V. Pell 4, R. Stone not out 0, extras 20, total (for eight) 139. W. Priestland two for 32, K. Gentle five for 50, V. Roddis one for 0.

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**

**Stevington v. Turvey**

Turvey: D. Skevington 6, S. West 7, H. Sargent 15, C. Sutton 0, J. Leadbetter 2, T. Hudson 7, F. Paynton 19, B. Wright 21, J. Lettis 0, L. Bullard 0, G. Payne not out 0, extras 7, total 84. Tucker two for 25, R. Cox three for 25, Mackness three for 3, A. Cox two for 26.

Stevington: R. Cox 2, R. Purser 0, A. Cox 2, Wildman 1, Swain 0, D. O. Ayres 20, Curtis 3, Albery 1, Mackness not out 0, Tucker 0, extras 3, total 32. Paynton six for 14, Sargent four for 15.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Langford v. Clapham**

Clapham: R. Brown 15, R. Millard 41, J. Loak 0, C. Loak 7, A. Woodward 4, A. Cope 8, G. Smith 6, A. Deveraux 1, K. Brown 3, F. Baker not out 1, T. Berry 1, extras 3, total 90. Piper four for 28, Dilley three for 30, Smith two for 29.

Langford: E. Rutt 4, R. Woodward 0, W. Patton 0, G. Aslet 6, H. Smith 7, G. Dilley not out 14, P. Piper 5, D. Roberts 0, A. Wells 8, L. King 1, L. Houghton 1, extras 2, total 48. C. Loak five for 24, R. Brown five for 22.

**Potton v. Tempsford**

Tempsford: R. Speed 0 not out 0, G. Russell 10 0, E. Ingram 2 0, D. Jeffries 0 6, R. Fuller 0 0, L. Quince 10 0, M. Hardcastle not out 0 5, J. Barker 2 4, R. Bottles 7 11, P. Bray 4 12, P. Daves 0 14, extras 9 1, total 74 and 53. W. Drew nine for 14 and five for 21, E. Boat one for 10 and three for 26, F. Kefford one for 5.

Potton II: K. Hardy 15 not out 12, W. Drew 3 12, K. Hutchinson 0 9, C. Grad 1 not out 2, F. Kefford 0 6, E. Blott 9, W. Payne 0, W. Charter 1, E. Baker 9, J. Cobb 2 0, R. Dennis not out 0, extras 8 1, total 48 and 41 for five. R. Betts three for 14 and one for 9, G. Russell four for 12 and one for 14, R. Speed one for 0 and one for 6.

Hospital Cup Final: Biggleswade 117 for nine; Bedford Town 127 for six.

At the Cambridge Borough Sports on Monday C. W. Revell, of the Ouse and Kym Valley Athletic Club, won the 220 yards by three yards in 22 secs.

Bedford and District Cricket League

PAVENHAM SAVED BY BAD LIGHT

Like cricket almost every where, the Bedford and District League programme was greatly curtailed by rain last Saturday. Few games were started, and some of these had to be abandoned before first innings were completed.

There was half an hour's play in the Potten and Langford (Premier Division) match, and in that time the former lost four for 28.

Bad light deprived Little Staughton of a win over Pavenham, who had lost eight wickets for 49 and were still 82 behind when play was stopped.

Pavenham put their opponents in to bat, and had reason to be satisfied with this decision when two wickets fell for 13. However, R. Thorne and S. Stapleton put on 72 for the next stand. G. Curtis was Pavenham's best bowler, with six for 60.

Battling in failing light, Pavenham lost five men in scoring 12, but Ashpole and Crawley saved the game for them in a stubborn stand.

One of the very few places where games went the full distance was Clapham. Mogerhanger were the visitors, and they lost by two wickets. For the home side Pickering was in great bowling form. He took all but one of the Mogerhanger wickets, hitting the stumps seven times, and he conceded only 19 runs.

Willsher, K. Reid, and R. Reid were the only batsmen to face Pickering with confidence, and the Clapham skipper must have been satisfied that he had taken the right course in putting Mogerhanger in to bat on a damp wicket.

No Easy Task

However, the Mogerhanger total of 77 was not an easy one to beat. Norton, Henman and Pickering, in the middle of the batting order, improved Clapham's position after three wickets had gone cheaply, and Cope, making a useful score, saw Clapham through to a win.

In an innings that lasted an hour Roxton could muster only 19 runs at Pertenhall. They made almost nothing off the bowling of W. Presland (five for 8) and K. Gentle (four for 9), who bowled unchanged, but G. Jefferies, carrying his bat through the innings, put up a very commendable performance.

In ten minutes Pertenhall got the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets. Stumps were drawn at the tea interval.

With six batsmen failing to score, Thurlleigh II had a thin time against Marston Sports II. They totalled only 26, and Carr (five for 13) took the last three wickets with successive balls. Guess was also in deadly form with the ball. He finished with four for 10.

Despite fine bowling by Thurlleigh's captain, J. Thorne (six for 24), Marston won comfortably, Gilbert carrying his bat for 49.

PREMIER DIVISION

Little Staughton v Pavenham  
 Little Staughton: V. Banks 10, S. Stapleton 27, S. Hall 0, R. Thorne 47, R. Pobins 0, J. Robins 12, K. Pank 10, S. Marshall 0, L. Saunders 4, P. Coney not out 2, C. Brown 15, extras 6, total 131.  
 Pavenham: M. Higgs 1, C. Whitworth 4, J. Blackwell 5, S. Howe 0, H. Ashpole not out 14, N. Westley 2, T. Higgs 0, G. Westley 0, J. Crawley 10, extras 15, total for eight wickets 49.  
 Saunders two for 5, Thorne two for 5 (in 11 overs).

Great Barford v Blunham

Great Barford: A. Norman not out 24, M. Jeffs b Tester 10, W. Bridge b Tester 6, E. Vickers b Tester 0, W. Kevington b Clarke 21, Bree b Clarke 0, K. Taitman b Sims b Ray 0, W. Pate b Rawlins 0, extras 2, total for six wickets 67.  
 (Including 11th August)

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Potten	13	10	1	2	22
Langford	13	7	4	2	16
Pavenham	12	5	5	2	12
Marston	10	5	4	1	11
Renhold	11	5	6	0	10
Blunham	10	4	4	2	10
Little Staughton	13	3	7	3	9
Great Barford	13	3	10	0	7

DIVISION I

Clapham v Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: F. Reid b Pickering 6, E. Willshaw b Pickering 16, D. Hill b Tamkin b Pickering 4, K. Reid b Turner b Pickering 11, S. Reid b Pickering 0, R. Reid not out 16, G. Watts b Pickering 0, A. Willshaw b Tamkin 4, W. Phillips b Pickering 4, E. Reid b Pickering 0, C. Cooper b Pickering 5, extras 11, total 77. Pickering nine for 19, B. Tamkin one for 39.  
 Clapham: S. Willer b K. Reid 4, R. Petering b R. Reid 7, B. Tamkin b S. Reid 5, F. N. Nien b R. Reid 14, A. Henman run out 1, F. P. Willsher b Willsher 11, C. Turner b Watts 2, A. Cope not out 10, L. Wooding b R. Reid 2, K. Brown not out 0, extras 10, total for eight 70, K. Reid two for 31, R. Reid three for 26, G. Watts two for 12.

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Sharnbrook	10	7	2	1	15
Clapham	11	7	4	1	14
Thurlleigh	11	6	4	1	13
Felmersham	12	6	5	1	13
South End	11	5	4	2	12
Mogerhanger	12	5	6	1	11
Cope	13	4	9	0	8
Great Staughton	12	3	9	0	6

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Pertenhall v Roxton

Roxton: G. Jefferies not out 7, J. Larkins c C. Banks b Gentle 1, L. Livett c L. Cottingham b Presland 3, W. Clarke b Gentle 1, R. Clarke b Presland 1, R. Minney b Presland 0, W. Stapleton run out 0, B. Livett b Gentle 0, M. Jones c O. Stapleton b Presland 2, D. Horner b Presland 1, C. Fox b Gentle 1, extras 2, total 19. Presland five for 8, Gentle four for 9.  
 Pertenhall: J. K. Reid c R. Clarke b W. Clarke 1, K. Gentle not out 15, S. George b W. Clarke 4, W. Presland not out 4, total for two wickets 24, W. Clarke two for 9.

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Pertenhall	14	11	1	2	24
Wilden	13	11	2	0	22
Colmworth	12	7	4	1	15
Wyboston	12	6	5	1	13
Riseley	11	5	5	1	11
Roxton	12	3	9	0	6
Hobkirk	11	2	8	1	5
Haynes	12	2	10	0	4

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Oakley v Wood End

Wood End: S. Poole run out 0, S. Ashpole b J. Saunders 2, D. Jepp 0, J. Burns 12, W. Hutchings run out 5, E. Burdaway run out 2, J. Fuller lbw b G. Mobbs 10, S. Burdaway c M. Dye b G. Mobbs 16, V. Ashpole c F. Rainbow b T. Thompson 2, C. Caves not out 10, R. Ashpole b G. Mobbs 1, B. Ashpole b G. Mobbs 1, extras 13, total 73.  
 Oakley: J. Burns b V. Ashpole 3, T. Thompson lbw b J. Fuller 7, G. Mobbs b V. Ashpole 0, J. Newall b J. Fuller 8, F. Rainbow b V. Ashpole 0, M. Dye run out 1, B. Saunders b V. Ashpole 4, J. Scullion b V. Ashpole 0, R. Croft c Burdaway b J. Fuller 1, S. Moore c S. Ashpole b V. Ashpole 2, J. Saunders not out 0, extras 1, total 27.

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Marston	13	10	2	1	21
Turves	12	8	3	1	17
West End Club	13	8	4	1	17
North Crawley	12	5	4	3	13
Stagsden	13	5	7	1	11
Wood End	14	5	8	1	11
Stevington	13	4	8	1	9
Oakley	12	1	11	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurlleigh v Marston

Thurlleigh: F. Berrill b Gress 8, E. Franklin b Gress 1, J. Asplin c Thorne b Carr 8, J. Thorne b Gress 0, Cox c Bonfield b Gress 3, A. Hollwell run out 0, C. Warner b Carr 0, C. Holly not out 3, R. Berrill b Carr 0, D. Green b Carr 0, C. Clayton b Carr 0, extras 3, total 26. Carr five for 13, Gress four for 10.  
 Marston Sports: R. Gilbert not out 49, T. Thorne run out 2, M. Carr lbw b Thorne 13, L. Odell lbw b Thorne 0, F. Bonfield b Asplin 14, M. Stapleton b Cox 8, T. Jordan c Hollwell b Thorne 0, E. Paines run out 0, H. Gress b Thorne 5, R. Stanleob b Thorne 0, F. Gamble b Thorne 0, extras 8, total 99. Asplin one for 30, Thorne six for 24, Cox one for 16.

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Thurlleigh	13	9	4	0	18
Marston Sports	9	7	1	1	15
Sharnbrook	12	7	4	1	15
Staple	10	6	2	2	14
Melchbourn	10	5	4	1	11
Little Paxton	11	3	7	1	7
Keysoe	13	1	11	1	3

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

	P	W	I	D	PTS
Ikwell	11	10	1	0	20
Temostford	11	6	5	0	12
Clapham	8	5	3	0	10
Great Barford	10	4	4	2	10
Potten	8	4	4	0	8
Langford	11	3	6	2	8
Haynes	9	1	6	2	4
Blunham	9	1	8	0	2

MARTLETS' TOUR OF KENT

Six Games Played—Despite Rain

GALE HITS CENTURY

Bedford Martlets, despite the poor weather in August week, were lucky enough to play six of the eight matches arranged for their eleventh tour of Kent. Three games were won, and the three drawn matches ended with the touring side near to victory.

The most memorable game of the week was against Sevenoaks Vine, who recovered from losing seven wickets for 145 to reach 234 for nine declared in nearly three hours' batting. The Martlets, having 150 minutes in which to get the runs, were behind the clock until first E. W. Giles and then G. S. Gilbert joined R. A. Gale, who had opened the innings and was batting with notable skill. Gale was for some time at 88, but with only 15 minutes left he reached 111 in the course of seven balls—4, 5, 4, and 6, the last a straight drive into the pavilion.

He was out next ball, and although R. E. Jeeps hit a six in the last over the Martlets just failed to win. They scored 222 for five in 52 overs, whereas Sevenoaks Vine received 67 overs, of which Gale bowled 27, taking five for 88. A large crowd of spectators remained till 8 p.m. to see the exciting finish.

Other features of the week were the bowling of C. H. Knott, who saved the game for Tonbridge in the last half-hour; a partnership between K. Tait and G. M. Bullock which added 87 after lunch against Hythe, who gained a draw as rain fell heavily just before the close; and the bowling of K. D. Ballard at Linden Park, where he took the first four wickets for 15 runs and so paved the way to a comfortable win.

ON ELEVENTH TOUR

Again the Martlets enjoyed the delightful amenities of their private headquarters at East Farleigh. The tour was "managed" by E. J. Cooper (captain) and W. Moore, who together with E. S. Volz and B. C. Barn-

well have been on all the 11 tours. Other members of the party were R. A. Gale and K. Tait, of this year's Bedford Modern School XI, J. E. L. Davis, E. W. Giles, R. H. G. Jeeps, K. D. Ballard and J. Bambridge (O.B.M.s.) and G. M. Bullock, A. Burness, H. F. Steele-Smith, G. S. S. Gilbert, and N. E. Gillham. Alex. Davis was the scorer.

The following is a summary of the scores:—

Martlets 190 (Gale 59, Davis 38, Burness 40, Volz 25; C. H. Knott six for 64; Tonbridge 122 for eight (L. H. Waddy 38, M. Beames 35; Gale six for 34).  
 Frindsbury 92 (Ballard four for 16, Bambridge two for 33, Gale four for 30), Martlets 157 (Steele-Smith 32, Gilbert 27).  
 Martlets 54 for no wicket (Gale 32, Davis 21) versus Bowaters Ltd. (at Sittingbourne), abandoned.  
 Sevenoaks Vine 239 for nine dec. (Gale five for 88, Burness two for 83, Bambridge two for 57), Martlets 222 for five (Gale 111, Giles 36, Moore 26, Gilbert 22 not out).  
 Martlets 174 for eight dec. (Davis 51, Gale 30, Moore 25, Volz 20 not out and Cooper 17 not out), East Grinstead 101 (Ballard five for 30, Gale three for 34).  
 Martlets 176 for nine dec. (Tait 62 not out, Bullock 38, Gale 36), Hythe 100 for eight (Gale five for 27).  
 Linden Park 116 (Ballard four for 53, Burness four for 23, Bambridge two for 32), Martlets 117 for five (Giles 51, Davis 22, Gilbert 16).  
 Martlets 6 for no wicket versus Royal Navy and Marines (at Chatham), abandoned.

Bedfordshire Times v Bacchus

Times: Coleman 27, Spavins 8, Arnold 24, Judge not out 4, Phillips not out 8, extras 8, total for three wickets 79. Skinner one for 13, Orig 3 one for 18.

Bacchus: Ingledew 16, Litchfield 3, Brice 5, Cheadle 1, Shireffs 16, Cole 0, Wadd 1, Skinner not out 13, Hill-ditch 0, Gries 0, extras 3, total 58. Taylor six for 19, Gally one for 10, Young one for 25.

Bedfordshire Times 32 (Taylor 19, Everest five for 17, Stapleton four for 8), Bedford Borough 60 (Houlder 16, Everest 20, May four for 20, Taylor one for 10).

**Bedford League**

**THREE BATSMEN DOMINATE**

The Blunham v. Pavenham match was notable for the manner in which three batsmen monopolized the scoring. For Blunham, Tester and Clarke, in a sixth-wicket stand, made 56 between them, and the side's total was only 94. G. Curtis contributed 26 to Pavenham's reply, 43. No other batsman on either side got into double figures.

Tester had a grand day, for in addition to being the game's highest scorer he took six wickets.

Mogerhanger had a fine chance of beating South End when K. Reid and R. Reid added 30 for the fifth wicket. But South End ran through the rest of the side for three runs, leaving themselves 18 to the good.

Tompkins, in the best South End bowling performance of the season, took eight for 10. R. Reid was Mogerhanger's most successful bowler with six for 21, and he would have got South End out for a very low figure but for a good stand by Pallant and Bosworth and, later, Nichols' useful knock.

Buck and Pickering were in excellent all-round form for Clapham, who entertained and defeated Thurlough comfortably. They shared the visitors' wickets, and were together when Thurlough's total was passed, having staged a useful fourth-wicket stand.

Ickwell batsmen fared badly against Clapham II bowlers W. Loaks and C. Loaks until C. Dilleigh, at No. 8, knocked up a useful 17. No one else got double figures, and Clapham had not much difficulty in getting the 52 needed for victory, thanks to a good start given by Millard. W. Loaks's accurate bowling gained him six wickets for 27 runs.

Scoring 81 for Potton II against Haynes II, J. Giles hit two sixes and 14 fours. He figured in a third-wicket partnership with Eric Blott, who scored 54, which produced 90 runs in 40 minutes. Stenden, Potton's last man in, hit 36 not out, and Potton's total was 199. Haynes were dismissed for 40, Stenden taking four for 13 and Giles three for 12.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**Blunham v. Pavenham**

Blunham: C. Saunders c Ashpole b Darvell 8, C. Rawlins b Scoley 6, R. Sims c Ashpole b Curtis 2, B. Marles b Scoley 0, R. Harding lbw b Scoley 1, F. Tester c Blakemore b Wesley 52, R. Clarke b Scoley 24, I. Wakefield b Darvell 1, F. Abbott c Whitworth b Scoley 1, A. Sims not out 4, P. Rawlins c and b Darvell 4, extras 11, total 94.  
Pavenham: N. Wesley b Marles 0, M. Higgs c Sims b Tester 2, G. Curtis c Marles b Tester 26, G. Scoley b Marles 4, F. Darvell b Tester 2, A. Ashpole b Tester 1, G. Wesley lbw b Marles 0, C. Whitworth b Tester 1, J. Blakemore b Marles 2, A. Howe b Tester 0, J. Crawley not out 3, extras 2, total 43.

**DIVISION I**

**Mogerhanger v. South End**

South End: A. Spice 1, N. Evans 4, L. Jones 2, R. Pallant 11, J. Bosworth 13, H. Allen 3, L. Lewis 4, W. Nichols not out 11, G. Morton 0, G. Roddis 1, S. Tompkins 0, extras 11, total 61.  
R. Reid six for 21, K. Reid three for 19.  
Mogerhanger: C. Cooper 3, H. Phoenix 2, F. Wilsner 2, F. Reid 2, K. Reid 24, R. Reid 6, W. Wilsner 1, R. Phillips 0, D. Smith 0, E. Reid 0, R. Burridge not out 1, extras 2, total 43. S. Tompkins eight for 10.

**Clapham v. Thurlough**

Thurlough: L. Wildman 1, W. Asplin 18, B. Holly 0, C. Berrill 15, J. Wagstaff 14, K. Wagstaff 15, F. Hollowell 2, J. Thorne 3, A. Asplin not out 0, D. Berrill 0, J. Warner 0, extras 10, total 78. Pickering five for 27, Buck five for 35.  
Clapham: R. Devereux 1, R. Norton 14, B. Tompkins 24, T. Buck 18, R. Pickering 22, C. Turner not out 0, extras 12, total (for five) 91. J. Wagstaff one for 22, J. Thorne two for 9, C. Berrill one for 21.

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**

**Ickwell v. Clapham**

Ickwell: A. Law 7, P. Bygraves 5, J. Lewell 8, C. Cole 0, C. Thompson 7, D. Bygraves 0, B. Bygraves 2, C. Dilleigh 17, H. Norman not out 2, E. Bygraves 0, E. Reeks 1, extras 2, total 51. W. Loaks six for 37, C. Loaks three for 20, R. Brown one for 2.

Clapham: R. Millard 18, R. Brown 8, K. Brown 0, C. Loaks 2, A. Woodward 10, J. Loaks 1, D. Brown 12, W. Loaks 2, A. Cope 3, A. Devereux not out 3, extras 11, total (for nine) 70. D. Bygraves one for 4, Norman two for 21, Dilleigh three for 18, B. Bygraves one for 14, Thompson three for 2.

**Friendly Cricket**

**SOUTHILL WIN AN EXCITING GAME**

Against a strong Hitchin Town side that included the former M.C.C. and Essex player, F. Appleyard, Southill Park gained a seven-wickets victory. Set to get 180 to win in 117 minutes, A. Swain and A. Burnage attacked the bowling from the start. They scored 69 for the first wicket. Afterwards Swain put Southill in front of the clock, but he was unlucky enough to miss a century by five runs. Hitchin's endeavour to save the game failed in the exciting closing stages, Southill reaching 187 for three.

Hitchin Town: W. Stanley 29, M. Hudson 27, F. Appleyard 50, A. Russell 45, J. Burkes 10, T. Church 4, T. Young not out 5, T. Burges not out 5, extras 9, total (for six dec.) 179. A. Massey three for 40, A. Swain two for 58.  
Southill Park: A. Swain 95, A. G. Burnage 40, K. D. Ballard 7, A. C. Massey not out 29, E. W. Sanderson not out 10, extras 6, total (for three) 187. T. Young two for 34.

**Southill Park Sunday XI v. Teddington**

Teddington: R. Gilbert 57, K. Miller 8, M. Carr 17, C. Short 3, B. Barnwell 2, K. Cousins 1, E. Jays 0, W. Coles not out 21, S. Elliott 5, F. Putser 0, J. Hartison 1, extras 11, total 126. R. Gale four for 50, A. Dilleigh three for 12, K. Tait two for 5.  
Southill: R. A. Gale 0, A. G. Burnage 1, A. J. Dilleigh 26, A. Swain 5, R. Humphries 1, G. S. S. Gilbert 12, G. Dilleigh 4, A. C. Massey 5, K. Tait 2, F. E. Vintner 1, G. Lovett not out 0, extras 0, total 57. K. Cousins six for 23, M. Carr four for 34.

**Gamlingsay v.**

**Herts Rubber Co. (Letchworth)**

Gamlingsay: S. Cole 11, C. Peters 25, A. Knight 27, H. Adams 0, M. Careless not out 50, L. Clayton 4, R. Surkitt 6, W. Cook 2, G. Arnold 4, J. Giddings 2, F. Jones not out 1, extras 2, total (for nine dec.) 144.  
Herts Rubber Co.: 131 (Adams five for 39, Surkitt four for 55).

**Henlow 2nd XI v. Hitchin United**

Henlow: P. Bywater 19, J. Slater 0, S. Bywaters 1, R. Fuller 26, N. Smith 0, R. Bradburn 1, W. Moore 1, V. Dear 2, R. Wyatt 1, A. Gentle 14, R. Ellwood not out 0, extras 2, total 67.

Hitchin: 86 (Smith four for 8, Fuller four for 24, Slater two for 13).

**Henlow v. St. Neots**

Henlow: P. Simpson 18, M. Houghton 80, A. Ward 15, J. Cooper 0, R. Legate 5, G. Dear not out 23, K. Jones not out 6, extras 20, total (for five dec.) 167.  
St. Neots: D. Barnett 1, D. Young 0, R. Howes 39, H. Childerley 1, R. Gattwood 2, J. Richardson 62, L. Bambridge 0, A. Beresford not out 0, F. Sillett 0, R. Chamberlain 2, C. Oliver 2, extras 18, total 127. Cooper four for 46, Legate three for 31, Ward two for 20.

**Southill Park 2nd XI v.**

**Hitchin Strollers**

Hitchin Strollers: 208 for nine dec. (F. Laywood not out 63, J. Bongers 59, G. Copley 39, L. Brown four for 54).  
Southill 2nd XI: L. Brown 6, R. Odell 0, K. Wilton 1, C. Chamberlain 4, G. Lovett 0, L. Corns 11, R. Towns 16, J. Archer 12, P. Nunn 1, E. White 0, F. Bean not out 0, extras 6, total 57. R. Mead five for 20, J. Bongers three for 2.

**Shefford v. Maulden**

Shefford: J. Edgeley 9, J. Outhrie 6, F. Jones 1, G. Platt 7, P. Smyth 3, P. Hall 8, F. Smyth 29, W. Spiers 0, L. Church 11, C. Goldsborough 1, P. Bowler 3, extras 2, total 80. Billington six for 20, Squires three for 20, Manyweathers: one for 25.  
Maulden: J. Wallace 3, L. Piercey 5, W. Squire 3, R. Manyweathers 0, R. Kirby 7, B. Billingham not out 45, D. Thompson 0, F. Kirby 4, J. Fisher 0, B. Inskip 0, extras 10, total 77. Hall six for 19, P. Smyth four for 15.

**Wilden v. Carlton School**

Carlton: Falhall 18, Dudley 0, Hulatt 16, Trivett 0, Patterson 14, Amott 7, Clayson 9, Tucker 0, Shaw 0, Fincher not out 2, Hill 0, extras 11, total 76. V. Pell two for 17, E. Pell three for 18, B. Ashpole five for 12.  
Wilden: G. Wright 0, W. Norman 29, B. Ashpole 24, J. Pell 1, E. Pell 1, J. Ashpole 18, J. Franks 0, T. Ashpole 1, K. Stanton 1, V. Ashpole not out 5, V. Pell 1, extras 21, total 100. Falhall five for 34, Hulatt two for 19, Patterson one for 19, Shaw one for 8, Trivett one for 0.

**Eversholt v. Bedford North End**

North End won by 21 runs.  
North End: W. Beardmore 36, E. Arnolds 7, C. Sanders 2, L. Chamberlain 22, G. Footer 7, R. Colburn 3, R. Sherriffs 6, O. Stanley 1, R. Stevens 0, T. Eady 4, K. Simmons not out 0, extras 5, total 93. K. Cousins six for 31, W. Fleckney four for 31.  
Eversholt: R. Oakley 7, W. Fleckney 4, K. Cousins 10, A. Oakley 10, B. Oakley 26, C. Brown 2, E. Jarvis 1, E. Carr 2, J. Ryan 0, P. Gough 5, D. Impey not out 1, extras 4, total 72. L. Chamberlain four for 29, T. Eady two for 14, K. Simmons two for 22, C. Sanders one for 3.

Cape Asbestos (Barking) 30 (R. Clarke seven for 3), and 59 (Clarke four for 21); Weaver Sports 56 and 51 for three (E. Bowler 25).

Kent's Athletic 107 (Everest five for 35), Bromham Nomads 180 for four (G. Millman 69, R. Bowler not out 50).

**League Cricket**

**SHARNBROOK GAIN CHAMPIONSHIP**

By winning their away match with Thurlleigh on Saturday, Sharnbrook became champions of Division I of the Bedford and District League.

Sharnbrook made a disastrous start, losing three wickets for one run, but they made a big recovery thanks to a fourth wicket stand of 65 by Martin and Clayton. The later batsmen also scored well, and the total reached 121. Apart from K. Wagstaff and C. Berrill, Thurlleigh's batsmen failed and they were all out for 57.

**PERTENHALL'S SUCCESS**

Pertenhall finished at the top of Division II (Section 1) as the result of the championship play-off at Russell Park, Bedford, on Saturday. They defeated Wilden by 59 runs.

Batting first, Pertenhall lost three cheap wickets, but Jack Roddis and Banks added 41 for the fourth wicket, and the innings occupied the allotted 50 overs all but two balls. A useful ninth wicket partnership between Presland and Elliott yielded 19, and the side totalled 105.

Only Wright and J. Ashpole reached double figures for Wilden, who fared badly against the bowling of Presland and Gentle. The last four wickets fell with the total at 46, the innings closing after 24 overs and one ball.

Presland has contributed largely to Pertenhall's success, his bowling analysis for the season being: 142.2 overs, 59 maidens, 200 runs, 69 wickets, average 2.89.

**DIVISION I**

**Thurlleigh v. Sharnbrook**

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 32, E. Ward 0, R. Dunkley 1, G. Boyles 0, D. Clayton 37, R. Marsh 2, D. Dunkley not out 22, K. Depledge 12, L. Blundell 4, D. Benson 7, L. Pacey 0, extras 4, total 121. W. Asplin five for 50.  
Thurlleigh: W. Asplin 41, L. Wildman 1, K. Wagstaff not out 23, C. Berrill 20, J. Wagstaff 0, S. Asplin 0, D. Berrill 4, J. Thorne 0, R. Berrill 0, B. Holley 1, A. Hollowell 1, extras 5, total 57. R. Dunkley three for 19, D. Benson two for 4, L. Blundell two for 8.

**DIVISION II (SECTION 1)**

**Pertenhall v. Wilden**

Pertenhall: Jack Roddis 38, A. George 0, O. Stapleton 0, K. Gentle 8, C. Banks 27, L. Cottingham 3, S. George 3, V. Roddis 2, W. Presland not out 9, J. Elliott 8, C. Weller 0, extras 7, total 105. H. Ashpole three for 26, V. Pell three for 32, J. Ashpole three for 40.  
Wilden: G. Wright 13, W. Norman 2, J. Pell 6, B. Ashpole 0, E. Pell 3, J. Ashpole 13, V. Pell 2, V. Ashpole 0, R. Stone 0, J. Franks 0, J. Stone not out 0, extras 7, total 46. Presland six for 18, Gentle three for 20.

**DIVISION III (SECTION 1)**

**Sharnbrook II v. Marston Sports**

Sharnbrook: W. Howe not out 15, H. Pacey 1, E. Blundell 0, T. Bragg 0, J. Boyles 7, P. Hushwaite 0, J. Dickinson 1, A. Dickinson 1, R. Odell 1, J. Deighton 0, C. Goodes 3, extras 5, total 32. Thoburn five for 6, Guess four for 12.  
Marston Sports: F. Bonfield 5, T. Thoburn 7, M. Carr 51, D. Butt 8, J. Odell 19, T. Cook 1, D. Stapleton 0, E. Barnes 3, H. Guess 8, T. Jordan not out 8, S. Rouse 4, extras 3, total 117. Bragg five for 44, Odell three for 15.

**Amphill v. Bromham Nomads**

Amphill: R. Thompson 7, J. Stokes 1, H. Taylor 0, C. Barnett 2, R. Dillingham 2, F. Henson 0, K. Tilston 0, R. Gregory 6, T. Hooper 0, H. Saunders 0, H. Abraham not out 0, total 18. Palmer five for 7, Housden three for 6, Nomads: K. Bushnell not out 18, F. Housden 3, R. Townley not out 19, extras 1, total (for one) 41.

## Joe Payne's Worcester Trial Is For A Month

BY CHILTERN

### *Not Payne's First Game For Worcester*

SOME measure of surprise was caused yesterday by the announcement that Joe Payne had signed for Worcester City



Joe Payne

and was playing for them at Guildford to-day.

This was not Joe's first game since he came out of League football about five years ago.

About a fortnight ago, when accompanying his brother-in-law, Ted Duggan, now with Worcester, to a match at Cheltenham he found that Worcester were a player short.

Percy James, former Luton player, now in charge at Worcester, asked Joe to make up the team, and Joe signed forms for the City then.

### *Is Having Trial For A Month*

RESULT was that Worcester won 1-0, though the story is not completed by the "fairy story" ending that Joe scored the winning goal.

He did not, but he found that his knee, which caused him to give up League football, stood up to the job finely, and he was persuaded to have a month's trial with Worcester.

That month expires on October 24, but Joe told me last night that, at the moment at any rate, he has no intention of making a permanent comeback.

"I might consider it if my knee stands up to it after a couple more matches," Joe told me last night.

### *May Take Job With Amateur Club*

HOWEVER, he has other irons in the fire, too, for there is a possibility that he will accept the offer to take on the job as trainer-coach with a well-known amateur club.

Some decision on this will probably be reached next week and, in the meantime, Joe was taking over the position which injury has prevented Hughie Billington from filling for some few weeks. Hughie is nearly fit again.

Joe, of course, had a spell as team manager of Aylesbury United, who had a successful time whilst he was with them.

**Saturday Sports Review**

**TOWN C.C. ANNUAL DINNER TO-NIGHT**

**Not The Same Success Story To Tell This Time**

When members of Luton Town C.C. meet for their annual dinner to-night, there will not be the same success story to be told as has been the case at this function in recent years.

For the first time, this was a disappointing season in which, for the first time since the war, more matches were lost than were won, due to a bad patch which began early in July and from which the team was unable to extricate itself.

Why this should have been the case was a matter of some speculation and a certain amount of anxiety, but the batting, especially in the middle, was not so reliable as it had been in the previous season, when high scores were the rule, and the bowling, too, was not always of the same match-winning quality as had been the case previously.

Probably, though, the team was due for an indifferent season after its long spell of success, but it does seem that the introduction of some new blood would not come amiss.

Yet, despite the somewhat disappointing results, the players were in much demand for representative matches. John Oliver, Glyn Owen, Joe Payne and Terry Matthews played for the county. Oliver and Owen for the Minor Counties XI, and Oliver, Owen and Matthews for the Club Cricket Conference.

As a result there were times when because of these calls, weakened sides had to be put into the field, but this is something for which the club must budget.

**OLIVER HEADS THE BATTING**

Heading the batting averages was the captain, Oliver, who also had the highest aggregate of runs. He was followed by Bruce Satterley, Owen—who topped the averages the previous season—Ken Brazier and Billy Hammond.

Leading the bowling averages was Ron Gardiner, who bowled 116 overs for less than two runs apiece, a tribute to his great accuracy.

Most wickets were claimed by Matthews, who also sent down the most overs, and he and Owen, who had a good season with the ball, claimed nearly half the wickets which were taken.

If the first team had only a moderate season, the second team presented a brighter picture for they lost only two matches and won ten of the remainder which were not badly affected by the weather.

For them, the captain, Jack Webb, had his best-ever season, and headed the batting averages as the result of remarkable consistency.

Generally the second team turned out a very strong batting side which rarely failed to achieve a good score.

Once again the brunt of the bowling was borne by Arnold Worboys and Doug Randall, who between them took 87 wickets and bowled over 400 overs—as many as all the other bowlers added together.

Faced often with difficulties in fielding a strong side, the Sunday XI managed to force only three wins, but they were beaten on only four occasions.

**PROMISING YOUNGSTERS**

There has been much pre-occupation this season in bringing along youngsters and the club has a bigger crop of promising cricketers than for a number of years.

This should be reflected next season by better results from the Strollers, who were frequently weakened by calls from the other teams and their success was limited to two victories and one tie.

N. Bland was again the mainstay of the bowling, ably helped by D. Wildman, but although several good innings were played, the batting was somewhat disappointing.

**FIRST XI**

Played 20, won 7, lost 8, drawn 5. Abandoned 3, postponed 2.

**BATTING**

	Ins	Rns	Out	Strc	Av
J A R Oliver	14	400	3	70	36.4
B G F Satterley	8	197	1	69	28.1
J G Owen	15	360	2	63	27.7
K Brazier	14	286	2	79	23.8
G W Hammond	16	323	1	61	21.5
J A Muse	17	319	0	64	18.7
A F Waller	14	211	2	42	17.6
C V A Colling	17	210	3	33	15.0
T D Matthews	8	22	6	8	11.0
C H Warman	12	121	0	34	10.1
P E Clark	11	59	1	19	5.9

Also batted—J Payne, 1, 20, 0, 4, 0, 17; B Robinson, 2, 5, 43, 18, 10, 3; R D Gardiner, 3, 2, 1, 4, 0, 0; T H Clark, 13, 4, 24, 102, 11; A H Borrowman, 27, 3, 3, 1, 17; W D John, 10, 0, 11, 10; T Brown, 22, 13, 7, A J Worboys, 37, 1, 15; P W Mungall, 16, 1, 10; B Chapman, 0, 3; F Winstanley, 72; A J Webley, 61; D S Randall, 16; J Shields, 21; E H Pugh, 7; H Hewison, 2; G Spavins, 2; G Stevens, 0; D Plastow, 0; N Bland, 0; F W J Webb, 1.

**BOWLING**

	O	M	W	R	Av
R D Gardiner	116	36	19	221	10.63
J A R Oliver	57	9	14	152	13.72
J G Owen	178	37	33	512	14.74
T D Matthews	224	54	38	579	15.23
J Payne	59	11	10	159	15.9
P E Clark	178	37	17	451	26.53

Also bowled—C H Warman, 38-3-4-141; T Clark, 33-4-7-5-110; A J Worboys, 31-8-5-70; M Jones, 13-1-0-34; B G Satterley, 7-0-2-36; N Bland, 2-3-0-2-12; C V A Colling, 1-0-0-5.

**CATCHES**—J A Muse 12, A F Waller 11, K Brazier 10, J A R Oliver 8, J Payne 4.

C H Warman, P Clark, T Clark, B G F Satterley, 3 each; T D Matthews, E H Pugh, F W J Webb, C V A Colling, 2 each; J Shields, A J Worboys, M Jones, N Saddon, W D John, G W Hammond, J G Owen, T Brown, R D Gardiner, B Robinson and P Mungall, 1 each.

**STUMPINGS**—A F Waller 3, K Brazier 1.

**SECOND XI**

Played 17, won 10, lost 2, drawn 5. Abandoned 3, postponed 2.

**BATTING**

	Ins	Rns	Out	Strc	Av
F W J Webb	17	422	3	96	30.1
H Hewison	12	269	2	51	26.9
D S Randall	10	197	1	54	21.9
A J Webley	13	271	0	112	20.8
A H Borrowman	11	205	0	40	18.6
D Plastow	8	101	2	50	16.8
A J Worboys	9	94	0	32	10.4
J Shields	7	37	1	19	9.5
J P Sutherland	11	65	4	23	9.3
G Spavins	6	33	1	19	6.3

Also batted—W D John, 51, 1, 51, 19, 35; F Winstanley, 2, 7, 2, 71, 35; P W Mungall, 96, 11, 64; N H Bland, 1, 0; K Brazier, 36, 5; N Staddon, 1, 0, 0; B G Satterley, 2, 56; G Stevens, 19, 1, 7, 2; B Jones, 3, 0; E H Pugh, 0, 52, 35, 3; C H Warman, 0, 2, 3, 57; T Kelly, 31, 41; T Brown, 8, 6, 0, 1, 27; G Bewes, 0; B Robinson, 17, 105, 48; J C Maden, 2; P Clark, 16, 31; R Frohnsdorff, 1; A J Hunt, 4; B Rees, 5, 10; M Jones, 0; R Gardiner, 1, 13, 5.



John Oliver

**BOWLING**

	O	M	W	R	Av
A J Worboys	206	4	13	43	13.2
J P Sutherland	65	4	13	18	13.2
C H Warman	81	13	16	16	13.2
D S Randall	199	4	32	10	13.2
W D John	44	5	3	10	13.2

Also bowled—H Hewison, 54-5-197; A J Webley, 34-5-197; Satterley, 21-4-2-66-8; A J Worboys, 49-2-15-76-4; N Bland, 2; Jones, 20-5-41-3; F W J Webb, 2; P Clark, 20-3-57-11; 4-1-11-0.

**CATCHES**—D Randall 12, F Winstanley 9, F W J Webb 7, A J Worboys 6, D Plastow, F Winstanley, A J Worboys, Mungall, J P Sutherland, each 3, W D John, R D Gardiner, each 2, T Shields, G Spavins, E H Pugh, A H Borrowman, P Clark, M Jones, C H Warman, M Jones 1 each.

**STUMPINGS**—F W J Webb 3, Winstanley 3, K Brazier 2.

**SUNDAY XI**

Played 15, won 3, lost 4, drawn 8. Abandoned 1, postponed 4.

**BATTING**

	Ins	Rns	Out	Strc	Av
G W Hammond	11	320	1	72	32.7
M L Kilby	9	203	2	45	22.5
A H Borrowman	11	182	1	37	16.5
K Brazier	11	199	1	46	18.1
B G F Satterley	10	107	0	27	10.7
P E Clark	10	107	0	27	10.7
D A Plastow	8	69	1	21	8.6
J Shields	8	59	1	15	7.4

**BOWLING**

	O	M	W	R	Av
T D Matthews	96	2	20	257	12.2
P E Clark	155	31	24	400	16.6
R D Gardiner	158	34	22	376	13.1