

BEDFORDSHIRE 1953:

MATCHES 9(8) CAPTAIN: J.A.R. OLIVER

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	BIST	LN
W.F	27.28	MAY	LEST II	LUTON	FSPFB			
W.T	27.28	MAY	P.A. Flec II	LUTON	ESPFB	-	FS	-
T.W	23.24	JUNE	CAMBS	MARCH	ESBW	-	ESB	-
W.T	8.9	JULY	HERTS	HERTFORD	ESBW	-	ESB	-
F.S	29.30		CAMBS	LUTON	ESBW	-	ESB	-
M.T	3.4	AUGUST	LINCS	BEDFORD	ESBW	ESBW	ESB	-
W.T	5.6		BUCKS	BEDFORD	ESBW	-	ESB	-
F.S	7.8		HERTS	BEDFORD	FS	ESBW	ESB	SS
	12.13		LINCS	SCUNTHORPE	FJB	-	ESB	ESB
	19.20		BUCKS	SLOUGH	CF A	-	ESB	ESB
				AVERAGES	4 SEPT	-	29 AUG	-
				REVIEW	8 NOV	-	-	-
				AGM	4 SEPT	-	-	-
					FULL	-	-	-
					25 DEC	-	-	-

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	PC	MC	WN
JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES	✓		✓
JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD	✓		
JAN - Aug LUTON NEWS			
MAY - Oct BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH	✓		

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NAME	H	A	A	H	H	H	H	A	A	All Total	MC Total		
M.L. KILBY	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	LUTON TOWN	MICK
A.R. WEBSTER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	HARRUR SPORTS	ARTHUR
J.A. MUSE	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	LUTON TOWN	JOHN
J.G. OWEN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	LUTON TOWN	GLYN
J.A.R. OLIVER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	LUTON TOWN	JOHN
K.R.G. WILLIAMS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	QUEEN'S NORFIS	KEVIN
V.J. HARRIS	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	3	2	BEDFORD TOWN	JOHN
G.S.S. GILBERT	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	SOUTHILL PARK	GERALD
D.G. JENKINS	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	4	3	BEDFORD TOWN	DON
R.D. GARDINER	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	6	5	LUTON TOWN	RON
F.K. BREEZE	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	BEDFORD TOWN	
G.L.B. AUGUST	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8	BEDFORD TOWN	GEORGE
L.F. BRANTOM	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	6	6	LEIGHTON	LESLIE
G. LONGNORTH	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	RAF HENLOW	GEORFFREY
R.K. COSTIN	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	4	4	LEIGHTON	
G.H.J. BRICE	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	POLOC	GORDON
S.T. MORRIS	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	4	4	BEDFORD TOWN	SID
R. DAVIES	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	5	5	LUTON TOWN	ROY
B.E. DISBURY	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	3	3	BEDFORD TOWN	BRIAN
R.W. STREET	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	4	4	BEDFORD SCHOOL	
T.D. MATTHEWS	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	LUTON TOWN	TERRY
A.G. COOMB	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	5	BEDFORD TOWN	ARTHUR
F. WHITTINGHAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	2	2	TODDINGTON	FRED
B.J. MARIES	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	2	2	BEDFORD TOWN	BASIL
TOTAL										99	88		

Cricket

**COUNTY'S NEW
PROFESSIONAL**

Gordon Brice, the former Northamptonshire cricketer and Fulham footballer, who has joined Bedfordshire County Cricket Club as a professional, is a native of Bedford and was educated at Bedford Modern School. He will be 29 in May.

This strongly-built fast-medium bowler and batsman was with Northamptonshire for four seasons, making his debut in 1949. His best bowling performance was eight wickets for 124 against Surrey at Kettering in 1951, when he had a match record of ten for 207.

In that season he took 46 wickets at a cost of 31 runs each. His highest score was 82 not out against Hampshire at Bournemouth in 1950. He left Northamptonshire last July to devote more time to business.

Brice played at centre-half for Luton Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Reading before joining Fulham.

Advance bookings for the Minor Counties' three-day game with the Australians at Stoke-on-Trent, starting on 23rd May, already total more than £1,850.

COUNTY LOOK FORWARD TO BETTER SEASON

Hopes Are Pinned on New Professional

Bedfordshire second in the Minor Counties championship in 1948 and again in 1950, have met with only moderate success during the last two seasons, but they look forward to better things this summer.

Main hopes are pinned on Bedford-born Gordon Brice, formerly of Northamptonshire, who has been engaged as professional and will be available for all the County's competition matches apart from the one with Hertfordshire during the Bedford week.

This strongly-built fast-medium bowler and batsman, who is an Old Bedford Modernian, has been with Northamptonshire for the last four seasons.

His best year for that County was 1951 when he took 46 wickets at a cost of 31 runs each, including eight for 124 in Surrey's first innings at Kettering, when he had a match record of ten for 207.

Brice, whose highest score in first-class cricket was 82 not out against Hampshire at Bournemouth in 1950, left Northamptonshire last July to devote more time to business.

As a Fulham F.C. player, he will be the third professional footballer to play for Bedfordshire in recent seasons, the others being Joe Payne (formerly of Luton Town and Chelsea) and Jack Chisholm (Plymouth Argyle). Payne, of course, played his cricket as an amateur.

At present Brice is playing and coaching for Poloc C.C. in Scotland. He was 29 on Monday.

TRIBUTE TO A. B. POOLE

In his second season as captain of the County is J. A. R. Oliver with G. L. B. August as deputy. Incidentally, A. B. Poole, whom Oliver succeeded as skipper, is to be presented with a gold wristlet watch on behalf of the club, during the match with Lincolnshire on August Bank Holiday in recognition of his long and valuable services.

On paper the batting is strong, and it is to be hoped that the middle of the innings will not sag as it did so often last season.

An ideal opening pair are August (top of the batting averages last season) and 23-year-old Brian Disbury, who between them scored nearly 1,000 runs in the eight championship games in 1952. Their best stand last summer was 233 against Leicestershire 2nd XI in the two-day friendly match at Market Harborough, this being their third partnership of more than 200 for the first wicket.

To follow them are batsmen of such proved ability as

Oliver, Glyn Owen (now in his 45th year) and Sid Morris. Last season, Owen's left-handed batting was strangely ineffective until the last game, when he hit 129 against Buckinghamshire, the champions, and with Morris (116), added 187 for the third wicket.

Nineteen-year-old Kevin Williams should benefit from the experience he gained last season, when this left-hander from Queen's Works scored 86 not out on his debut in Minor Counties cricket against Hertfordshire at Watford and appeared regularly.

NEEDS STRENGTHENING

The bowling, although generally poorly supported in the field last year, needs strengthening, and in this department the introduction of Brice will be especially welcome.

No doubt he will open the attack with A. G. Coomb, who bore the brunt of the bowling in 1952. Those to support them include Don Jenkins (fast-medium), who marked his entry into championship cricket last July by taking six Hertfordshire first innings wickets for 38 at Watford, Owen (left-arm spinners), and Oliver (off-breaks).

Unfortunately, Second Lieut. John Fry, 23-year-old elder son of the Vicar of Cardington, who was awarded his County cap last season after notable success as an all-rounder, is unlikely to play this summer. He is now serving with the Royal Engineers in Germany.

D. Grady (Dunstable Town) kept wicket in most of the games last year, but he may have a serious rival in A. Webster, Harpur Sports' captain, who has been invited to take part in trials.

Opportunities will be afforded several young players, including Gerald Gilbert, the Southill Park batsman, and P. Gilbert, Harpur Sports' fast-medium bowler.

This is Mr. Frank Crompton's 28th year as Secretary and he has been associated with the club since 1914. As Secretary of the Minor Counties' Association—a position he has held since 1944—he has played no

small part in the revival of their fixture with the Australians.

This game with the tourists, which will be played on the ground of the Michelin Tyre Company, Stoke-on-Trent, on 23rd, 25th and 26th May, is assured of financial success, for advance bookings already total £2,200.

August and Coomb are among the thirteen players from whom the Minor Counties team will be chosen for this match.

The selection of the side will not be made until two hours before the start, but August, as an opening batsman, is almost certain to be picked. The fate of the bowlers will be the main uncertainty until the condition of the wicket is determined.

THE FIXTURE LIST

Bedfordshire's fixtures in the Minor Counties Competition are:

June: 23-24, Cambridgeshire, at March.

July: 8-9, Hertfordshire, at Hertford; 29-30, Cambridgeshire, at Wardown Park, Luton.

August: 3-4, Lincolnshire; 5-6, Buckinghamshire; 7-8, Hertfordshire, all at Bedford School; 12-13, Lincolnshire, at Scunthorpe; 19-20, Buckinghamshire, at Aspro Ground, Slough.

In addition, a Bedfordshire XI will oppose Leicestershire 2nd XI in a two-day game at Wardown Park, Luton, on 27th-28th May (11.30 a.m.); and there are one-day fixtures with R.A.F. Henlow, at Henlow, next Wednesday (11.30 a.m.); Fighter Command, R.A.F., at Bell Close, Leighton Buzzard, on 11th June; and Northamptonshire 2nd XI, at Northampton, on 17th June.

Gentlemen of Bedfordshire will play three all-day matches—against Bedford Modern School, at Clarendon Street, Bedford, on 3rd June; Bedford School, on the School ground, on 2nd July; and Old Bedfordians, at Bedford School, on 20th July.

Mr. D. C. Money, master-in-charge of cricket at Bedford School, is organizing two matches for Young Bedfordshire Amateurs—against Oxfordshire Colts, at Bedford School, on 10th August, and Young Northamptonshire Amateurs, at Northampton, on 17th August.

BATSMEN ON TOP IN COUNTY ONE-DAY GAME

Costin Hits Hundred Off R.A.F. Bowling

Nearly 400 runs for the loss of only seven wickets in just over five and a half hours' cricket. That was the extent to which bat mastered ball in a Bedfordshire XI's one-day match with R.A.F. Henlow, at Henlow, on Wednesday.

The game, which ended in a draw, was the first of the County's four friendly fixtures before their Minor Counties Competition programme begins next month.

Of the regular players in Bedfordshire's Minor Counties side last season, only skipper John Oliver and Don Jenkins appeared on Wednesday, but no fresh talent was on view, for the other members of the team had all previously figured in championship or trial games for the County. One newcomer, B. Martin, of Dunstable withdrew because of injury.

Happy feature from the visitors' point of view was a not-out hundred by the Leighton Buzzard left-hander, R. K. Costin. His innings was not without blemish but mistakes were to be expected when he chanced his arm against some rather loose bowling in the closing stages.

On winning the toss Squadron-Leader Wort gave the R.A.F. first use of a plumb wicket, but against the steady opening attack of Jenkins and P. Gilbert, the batsmen took no risks.

Shaw, a diminutive left-hander who has had experience of league cricket in the north, and Dray, formerly on the ground staff at Lord's, crawled to 35 in the first hour.

There were one or two "edgy" strokes off both opening bowlers, and Jenkins morally defeated Dray before the total was 50. In the 110 minutes before lunch, however, the score rose to 82 without loss.

Frank Mays, of Three Counties' Hospital, who conceded only six runs in a pre-lunch spell of eight overs, enjoyed quick success with his out-swingers after the interval. First he had Dray easily stumped (92-1-35) and then dismissed both Shaw and McIntyre leg-before for the addition of 27.

At this stage Mays' three victims had cost 20 runs in 15 overs, five of them maidens.

Any likelihood of a collapse was stemmed by Longworth, former Biggleswade Town footballer, and Riding, who so attacked the bowling that their unbroken fourth wicket stand yielded 105 in just over an hour.

LONGWORTH'S SIX HIT

But both batsmen gave chances including two off Gilbert, and were aided by untidy fielding. Longworth's 61 included a straight drive for six off Mays and seven boundaries.

A. Webster, Harpur Sports' captain, who may win a regular place in the County side as wicket-keeper performed competently behind the stumps.

Set to make 225 in 140 minutes for victory, Bedfordshire, losing Howard and Gerald Gilbert (Southill Park) for 38, made no serious attempt to get the runs.

Costin's first 50 occupied 105 minutes but his last 54 runs came in little more than half an hour, five 4's being numbered among his last nine scoring strokes. In all he scored 64 in boundary hits.

The left-hander received useful assistance from Webster, who helped him to put on 41 for the fourth wicket, and Howard.

One of the R.A.F. opening bowlers was Meakin, who made two appearances for Bedfordshire in Minor Counties matches last season. Longworth, too, has played for the County.

R.A.F. Henlow

M. Shaw lbw b Mays	58
G. A. Dray st Webster b Mays	35
A. Riding not out	46
T. F. McIntyre lbw b Mays	11
G. Longworth not out	61
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 2)	13

Total (for 3 wickets, dec.) 224

E. Tearle, D. Meakin, L. Payne, R. Wilson, R. Strange, and P. W. Wort did not bat.

Bowling: Jenkins, 20 o. 3 m. 60 r. 0 w.; Gilbert, 15-3-63-0; Mays, 19-6-48-3; Tearle, 5-0-16-0; Oliver, 7-0-24-0.

A Bedfordshire XI

R. K. Costin not out	106
E. C. Howard b Meakin	21
G. S. Gilbert b Payne	3
A. Webster lbw b Longworth	22
D. C. Monev c McIntyre b Strange	11
F. Mays not out	5
Extras (lb 1)	1

Total (for 4 wickets) 169

G. Tearle, T. B. Woolliscroft, J. A. R. Oliver, P. Gilbert, and D. G. Jenkins did not bat.

Bowling: Meakin, 11 o. 3 m. 21 r. 1 w.; Payne, 14-3-42-1; Riding, 8-2-21-0; Longworth, 5-0-21-0; Strange, 4-0-34-1; Wort, 5-2-25-0.

OWEN HITS NOT-OUT HUNDRED FOR COUNTY

Draw with Leicester II

Highlight of Bedfordshire's two-day friendly match with Leicestershire II at Luton, which ended yesterday, was Owen's not-out hundred for the home County. Rain severely curtailed play on the first day and the game ended in a draw.

Wednesday's play, which occupied under two hours in two brief spells before and after lunch, saw Bedfordshire, who won the toss, hit 82 for the loss of three wickets. Batting was uncomfortable against balls which tended to get up, and after opening pair Kilby and Webster had both fallen to catches close to the wicket, Muse was clean bowled.

Fifty-five for three was an unhappy start, but Owen, after being dropped on the slips and on the fine leg boundary, attacked the bowling vigorously. His first eight scoring strokes comprised six fours, a three, and a two, and at the close he was 44 and Oliver 14.

The tempo of scoring increased when a prompt 11 o'clock start was made in bright sunshine on Thursday, 82 for three being transformed to 200 for three in only one and a quarter hour's batting. Both Owen and Oliver showed a sweet fluidity of strokes and Owen, the more forceful, scored most heavily with hooks and pulls.

Apart from encouraging a few abortive appeals for lbw neither batsman gave a chance, and when Oliver declared with the total exactly 200 at 12.15 p.m., both still looked full of runs. Owen's century occupied five minutes short of two hours and his 116 included 17 fours and a mere dozen or so singles. Oliver hit six fours in his 58.

Jenkins and Breeze opened Bedfordshire's attack, and Breeze beat Spence's bat four times in his second over. Then Jenkins nipped through Warren's defence, but the ball passed the top of the stumps. Breeze continued to look the

more hostile, frequently all but finding the edge of the bat. Forty minutes brought no reward to Bedfordshire, however, and a tedious 28 runs to Leicestershire.

But ten minutes before lunch Owen came on and after tempting Warren out of his ground for Webster to effect a stumping, the left-hander bowled Spence round his legs. Within five minutes of resuming two more wickets had gone for four runs. Owen caught and bowled Hickman and then Bedford's John Harris held a good ground catch at first slip to dismiss Gill off Oliver.

Four wickets for 44 raised hopes of a quick dismissal and a follow-on, but Foulds and Bennett began batting out of trouble and in no timid fashion, Foulds taking three sixes off Owen and forcing him to be taken off.

Bowling changes could not hammer home Bedfordshire's advantage, and when the next wicket fell the score had leaped to 148. Gardiner, who had kept an immaculate length, had Foulds stumped, but that player had contributed a handsome and invaluable 68, which, apart from the three sixes, contained three fours.

This was the start of a collapse. Bennett completed his 50 (six fours), only to be caught immediately afterwards; and without addition Williams took a neat running catch at square leg to give Breeze his first, and well-deserved, wicket. One run later, Williams, now at point for left-hander Sperry, held a lofted catch, again off Breeze's bowling, and Turner was lbw. After a gallant last-wicket stand Webster claimed his third victim, and Leicestershire were all out for 191.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
M. L. Kilby c Warren b Sperry	5
A. Webster c Turner b Bennett	13
A. J. Muse b Bennett	116
J. G. Owen not out	116
J. A. R. Oliver not out	58
Extras	7
Total for 3 wks. dec.	200
K. R. O. Williams, V. J. Harris, O. S. S. Gilbert, D. G. Jenkins, R. D. Gardiner, and F. K. Breeze did not bat.	
Second Innings	
M. L. Kilby lbw Savage	16
V. J. Harris c Spence b Savage	1
K. R. O. Williams c Savage b Turner	47
O. S. S. Gilbert c Warren b Savage	14
A. Webster not out	15
J. A. Muse not out	13
Extras	5
Total (for four wks.)	111
LEICESTERSHIRE II	
First Innings	
A. Warren at Webster b Owen	26
L. A. Spence b Owen	11
W. T. Gill c Harris b Oliver	2
M. Hickman c and b Owen	1
F. Foulds at Webster b Gardiner	58
E. R. Bennett c Oliver b Gardiner	51
J. Savage c Williams b Breeze	3
H. Sperry c Williams b Breeze	1
H. Julian at Webster b Owen	23
H. Turner lbw b Gardiner	1
V. J. R. Ashdown not out	10
Extras	4
Total	191
Bowling: J. G. Owen 13.4-3-48-4; R. D. Gardiner 18-3-42-3; F. K. Breeze 17-5-41-2; J. A. R. Oliver 10-4-15-1; D. G. Jenkins 14-3-41-0.	

RAIN SPOILS COUNTY GAME

First Three Fighter Command Wickets Fall for Six Runs

Only one and a half hours' play—most of that in drizzle—was possible in the game between a Bedfordshire XI and Fighter Command, R.A.F., at Bell Close, Leighton Buzzard yesterday (Thursday).

During that time the Command, who won the toss, hit 69 for the loss of four wickets after the first three batsmen had been dismissed for only six runs, one by the first ball of the match.

It was Roy Davies, the Luton Town footballer, who clean bowled Blount with the very first ball and then, in his second over, knocked Wade's off-stump clean out of the ground. Meakin, in his second over, claimed a third wicket, but then Kingsford and Moor stopped the rot, forcing both pace bowlers to be taken off. Moor hit four 4's off one Meakin over.

Gardiner, who immediately struck a length, checked the batsmen's rate of scoring—50 had gone up in 45 minutes—and then bowled Kingford with a beauty round his legs. Immediately the rain fell more heavily, and though an early lunch was taken, hopes of further play were washed out and the game was abandoned at a draw at 3 p.m.

Fighter Command

C. C. Blount	b. Davies	...	0
P. A. Wakeford	b. Meakin	...	3
C. A. Wade	b. Davies	...	1
R. S. Kingsford	b. Gardiner	...	35
B. C. Moor	not out	...	30
Extras		...	2

Total (for four wickets) ... 69

G. B. Miles, N. P. Curtis, J. C. Andrews, T. M. Hood, J. E. Ody, and G. V. Dunk did not bat.

Bowling: Davies 7o. 1 m. 18 r. 2 w.; D. Meakin, 7-1-29-1; Gardiner, 5-3-5-3-1; Owen 4-1-15-0.

Bedfordshire: J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, F. Mays, R. D. Gardiner, R. K. Costin, B. Martin, D. Meakin, N. S. Gunn, R. L. Hills, A. J. Muse and R. Davies.

TO OPPOSE NORTHANTS

For their one-day match with Northamptonshire 2nd XI at the County Ground, Northampton, next Wednesday, Bedfordshire will field the following side: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, K. R. G. Williams, D. Meakin, D. G. Jenkins, D. Grady, G. Longworth, R. D. Gardiner, R. K. Costin, V. J. Harris.

NEW MEN IN COUNTY SIDE TO VISIT CAMBS.

Harpur Sports Captain Is Wicketkeeper

For their opening Minor Counties game of the season—against Cambridgeshire at March next Tuesday and Wednesday—Bedfordshire have included two players new to championship cricket. They are A Webster, captain of Harpur Sports, who will keep wicket, and G. Longworth, of R.A.F. Henlow.

Longworth, former Biggleswade Town footballer, who hails from Yorkshire, played a dashing innings of 61 not out for R.A.F. Henlow against a Bedfordshire XI a few weeks ago.

Another newcomer is Gordon Brice, the County's new professional, who will make his first appearance in the side. He has, of course, figured in Minor Counties cricket before—when on Northamptonshire's staff.

Disbury, A. G. Coomb, R. K. Costin, K. R. G. Williams, D. G. Jenkins, A. Webster, G. Longworth, and G. H. J. Brice.

In the corresponding match last season—at Fenner's—Bedfordshire were forced to follow on, and the fact that they held Cambridgeshire to a draw was largely because of two fine not-out innings of 62 and 75 by skipper John Oliver.

ONLY A FEW OVERS

Rain Ruins Match at Northampton

Rain ruined the match between a Bedfordshire XI and Northamptonshire 2nd XI at the County Ground, Northampton, on Wednesday.

Morning rain delayed the start on a pitch which had been well soaked during the last week. An early lunch was taken as the weather improved and the players went out at 1.30.

Only one over was bowled by Lightfoot, in which August scored two runs, before rain sent the players back. After a further delay play resumed, and a run later August was caught at the wicket off Liddell, the young pace bowler from the British Timken side who has made occasional appearances for the Northamptonshire County side.

Owen helped Branton to take the score to six and then rain fell heavily enough to end all hope of a resumption.

A BEDFORDSHIRE XI

G. L. B. August c Andrew	
b Liddell	2
L. Branton not out	1
J. G. Owen not out	2
Extras	1

Total (for one wicket) . . 6



A. Webster.

It is interesting to note that there are three left-hand batsmen in the team—that seasoned veteran, J. G. Owen, of Luton Town; 19-year-old Kevin Williams, of Queen's Works; and R. K. Costin, of Leighton Buzzard, who hit 106 not out of 169 for a Bedfordshire XI against R.A.F. Henlow last month.

Bedford Town are represented by G. L. B. August, B. E. Disbury, A. G. Coomb, and D. G. Jenkins.

Team: J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, B. E.

FIRST INNINGS POINTS WITH ONLY FIVE MINUTES TO GO

County's Success Over Cambridgeshire

Rain so curtailed play in Bedfordshire's opening Minor Counties game with Cambridgeshire at March on Tuesday and Wednesday that only a battle for first innings points was possible.

But what a battle it was—with Bedfordshire winning by 13 runs with five minutes of the extra half-hour to spare.

Indifferent batting rather than the wicket produced a low-scoring game, with Bedfordshire's mediocre total of 137 proving just sufficient. But how the fortunes swayed, Cambridgeshire—who batted second—looking well placed at 85 for four, only for their later batsmen to wilt before keen Bedfordshire bowling and fielding.

A neat stumping by Harpur Sports' A. Webster—making his first County appearance—ended the game, and it was fittingly off the bowling of Luton's R. D. Gardiner who did so much—including a fine catch—to bring about the home County's dismissal.

Apart from Webster another newcomer, L. Brantom, of Leighton Buzzard, had a promising debut, hitting 19 after taking a nasty blow on the left elbow from a lifting ball. R. K. Costin, also Leighton Buzzard, who has not played for the County for some years, was perhaps the main hero, going in at No. 7 and hitting 69 out of Bedfordshire's total.

BRICE DISAPPOINTS

Chief disappointment was the form of the County's new professional, Gordon Brice, who failed to take a wicket, and, indeed, did not look like doing so. In fairness, it must be admitted that Brice was not 100 per cent fit, and the wet nature of the ground, particularly the footholds, prevented him taking his normal run.

Rain delayed a start to the match until after lunch on Tuesday, and then, with the sun coming out, Oliver's decision to bat seemed a doubtful one. An hour later his choice seemed blatantly wrong, for half Bedfordshire's side was out for a meagre 37 runs.

And yet the wicket helped the bowlers little, Bedfordshire's poor beginning was due largely to indifferent batting which made good bowling appear exceptional.

The bowlers concerned were that seasoned Cambridgeshire pair Godfrey and Gambrell. Both were successful more by accuracy of length and direction than by what they did with the ball, though Gambrell did occasionally swing in the heavy atmosphere and some deliveries lifted chest high.

NARROW DECISION

August was out without scoring, being adjudged to have touched a ball which moved away to leg—a narrow decision this. Longworth—also playing his first game—shaped nicely, but after taking a rap on the leg from Gambrell was clean bowled two balls later. One might suggest it was the earlier ball which caused his dismissal,

Oliver and Owen were quickly out to catches off Godfrey, Owen, after pulling one ball safely to leg skying the next in attempting a self-same shot. Thirty for four, and then Brantom had to go off after being struck by Gambrell.

Kevin Williams and Costin brought an air of confidence and some sharp running, but Williams had a disastrous over from Gambrell, twice being all but bowled, and then snicking a lifting ball into wicket-keeper Nunn's hands. This was Nunn's third catch. No wonder Northamptonshire have an interest in this 22-year-old.

Brice and Webster gave limited support to Costin who

was beginning to look for runs, but it was Bedford's Don Jenkins who eventually proved the anchor, staying while the score rose from 80-8 to 129-9. In this stand of 49 Jenkins's share was only three runs, but his defence was invaluable.

When Costin was eventually out he had made half Bedfordshire's runs in most commendable style, 69 in an hour and 20 minutes, including a six to square leg and seven fours.

Cambridgeshire were left with an hour's batting, and it was a none-too-happy hour, for they lost three wickets, including the redoubtable Maurice Crouch, for 47. Jenkins, showing real bite and hostility claimed two, one with his fourth ball and the second with his seventh—both without cost.

STILL MORE RAIN

More rain on Wednesday morning prevented a start until 4 p.m.—ample time for a first innings decision but nothing more.

Holloway and Morris went cautiously, the first half-hour producing 11 runs. The score, however crept to 70 before Brantom moved well to catch out Morris.

The game was wide open and still evenly balanced when Oliver had Holloway lbw (85-5). Three runs later Gardiner held a fine catch to dismiss Hoyles and the advantage had shifted slightly in Bedfordshire's favour.

But now came Dick Jeeps—better known to Rugby followers—and he and Gautrey by way of cheeky singles and somewhat unorthodox methods swung the game back in Cambridgeshire's favour. The hundred was passed and they were still together with only 28 needed to win.

Jenkins came back on, and immediately Gautrey pulled him hard to square leg for what seemed a boundary but straight to August. Then Williams took a great running

catch to dismiss Jeeps (118-8), and now it was the clock rather than the batsmen, as Bedfordshire's chief foe.

Gardiner, keeping a great length, found the edge of Nunn's bat to give August another catch—now at second slip—and only the two main bowlers, Godfrey and Gambrell, were left. Again Gardiner beat the bat, and Webster whipped off the balls to finish an exciting game.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. I. B. August	c Nunn	b	0
Gambrell			19
L. Brantom	b Morris		13
O. Longworth	b Gambrell		4
J. A. R. Oliver	c Hoyles	b Godfrey	4
J. G. Owen	c Nunn	b Godfrey	5
K. R. G. Williams	c Nunn	b	69
Gambrell			9
R. K. Costin	c Bond	b Gambrell	3
G. Brice	lbw b Morris		3
A. Webster	c Jeeps	b Morris	3
D. G. Jenkins	b Godfrey		1
R. D. Gardiner	not out		1
Extras			10
Total			137

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-18, 3-22, 4-30, 5-37, 6-54, 7-70, 8-80, 9-129, 10-137.

Bowling: Gambrell 32.2 o. 9 m. 50 r. 4 w.; Godfrey 25-11-38-3; Morris 11-2-39-3.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

M. A. Crouch	b Jenkins		9
C. J. Harrison	c Longworth	b	0
Jenkins			21
M. Holloway	lbw b Oliver		16
P. Bond	b Oliver		11
W. B. Morris	c Brantom	b Oliver	22
R. Gautrey	c August	b Jenkins	0
J. Hoyles	c Gardiner	b Owen	18
R. E. G. Jeeps	c Williams	b	3
Gardiner			3
R. Nunn	c August	b Gardiner	3
J. Gambrell	not out		2
J. P. Godfrey	at Webster	b Gardiner	20
Extras			124

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-45, 4-70, 5-85, 6-88, 7-114, 8-118, 9-120, 10-124.

Bowling: Gardiner 14-6-14-3; Oliver 17-3-24-3; Jenkins 18-7-25-3; Owen 10-3-21-1; Brice 9-0-20-0.

TWO CHANGES IN COUNTY XI

Brice Unfit for Game at Hertford

Two changes have been made for Bedfordshire's match with Hertfordshire in the Minor Counties Competition at Hertford, starting next Wednesday.

S. T. Morris and A. G. Coomb, both of Bedford Town, who missed the County's opening game with Cambridgeshire at March, are included, although there is still some doubt about Coomb's fitness—he has been suffering from back trouble.

They take the places of professional Gordon Brice, who has withdrawn because of a groin injury, and Geoffrey Longworth of R.A.F. Henlow.

Unfortunately the County will again be without Brian Disbury, their opening batsman, who injured his foot while batting for Bedford Town last Saturday week.

BRANTOM RETAINED

Consequently J. Brantom, of Leighton Buzzard, who gave a creditable performance on his debut at March, is retained as opening batsman. Team:

J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August, L. Brantom, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, J. G. Owen, K. R. G. Williams, R. K. Costin, A. Webster, R. D. Gardiner, D. G. Jenkins.

The corresponding match last season, played at Watford, ended on an exciting note, Bedfordshire, set to make 172 in 120 minutes to win, finished 39 runs behind with two wickets in hand and the match was drawn.

ENCOURAGING SUCCESS

It was in this match that Don Jenkins (Bedford Town) and Kevin Williams (Queen's Works) made their first appearance in championship cricket and enjoyed encouraging success.

Williams's 86 not out played a big part in Bedfordshire gaining first innings points after Jenkins had taken six wickets for 38.

TO APPEAR IN COMMAND XI

Peter John Oakley, 19-year-old elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oakley, of 56 Irwin Road, Bedford, has been chosen to play for Western Command against Edinburgh University at Chester to-day (Friday).

It was several years ago that Mr. Kenneth McCanlis, of Bedford, a first-class umpire and a member of the Town C.C.'s Committee, noted Oakley's promise both as a batsman and bowler, and wrote to the M.C.C. about him.

In consequence Oakley was given a trial at Lord's, and in April 1950 he was one of the few selected from many young trialists to be taken on to the ground staff.

Last December, Oakley was called up for National Service, and he is now a driving instructor in the Royal Artillery, stationed at Rhyl. He has achieved some outstanding performances in Services cricket as an all-rounder.

At Harpur Secondary Modern School, Bedford, Oakley was captain of cricket, and he is also a very good footballer.

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Herts v Beds Hertford 8,9 July

Beds won by 10 wickets Points 0

Toss Umpires SA Hipple & CH Welch

CoP

Beds 1st innings

GLB August		b King	16	
L Branton	c Bentley	b Bradbeer	21	
ST Morris		b King	0	
JG Owen		b Higby	53	(5x4s)
*JAR Oliver	not out		151	(1x6,12x4s,4x3s)
KRG Williams	c Bradbeer	b Marques	33	19x2s)
RK Costin	c Bentley	b Higby	11	
+A Webster	not out		2	
KG Jenkins, R Davies, RD Gardiner	d n b			
Extras	Byes 4, leg byes 12, no balls 4		20	
Total	6 wickets 97 overs		307	

FoW 1-27 (1), 2-30 (3), 3-46 (2), 4-166 (4), 5-245 (6), 6-295 (7)

Bowling

Marques	30	1	95	1	Bradbeer	8	1	30	1
King	32	5	91	2	Higby	27	6	71	2

Herts 1st innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Webster	b Davies	72	(8x4s)
DB Parkin		b Davies	0	
KD Hacker	c Morris	b Owen	5	
CJ Higby	c Costin	b Owen	12	
GF Webb		b Davies	0	
LC Bateman	run out		2	
G Bentley	c Jenkins	b Owen	10	
+RG Simons	c Webster	b Gardiner	6	
AN Bradbeer	c Davies	b Owen	4	
CVL Marques	not out		1	
LO King		b Davies	0	
Extras	Byes 1, leg byes 2, wides 1		4	
Total	All out 55 overs		116	

FoW 1-1 (2), 2-25 (3), 3-45 (4), 4-60 (5), 5-62 (6), 6-78 (7), 7-101 (8), 8-112 (9), 9-116 (1), 10-116 (11)

8,9 July 1953 (cont)

Bowling

Davies	17	7	25	4
Jenkins	9	2	32	0
Gardiner	13	8	12	1
Owen	16	2	43	4

Herts 2nd innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Costin	b Jenkins	11	
DB Parkin	c & b	Owen	22	
LC Bateman	c & b	Owen	14	
KD Hacker	c Webster	b Oliver	39	
GF Webb	c Morris	b Gardiner	1	
G Bentley	c Oliver	b Owen	54	(7x4s)
+RG Simons		b Davies	34	
AN Bradbeer	c Webster	b Owen	4	
CJ Higby	c Oliver	b Owen	1	
CVL Marques	lbw	b Owen	0	
LO King	not out		5	
Extras	Byes 8, leg byes 5, no balls 1		14	
Total	All out	81 overs	199	

FoW 1-17 (1), 2-46 (3), 3-49 (2), 4-50 (5), 5-127 (4), 6-168 (6), 7-188 (8), 8-192 (9),
9-192 (10), 10-199 (7)

Bowling

Davies	16	5	36	1
Jenkins	16	7	35	1
Owen	20	4	56	6
Gardiner	19	7	33	1
Oliver	10	2	25	1

Beds 2nd innings

ST Morris	not out		7
GLB August	not out		2
Extras			0
Total	0 wickets	2 overs	9

FoW

Bowling

Tyrwhitt-Drake	1	0	3	0
Bateman	1	0	6	0

Herts scorebook

COUNTY WIN IN EXTRA TIME AT HERTFORD

Owen's Match Analysis of Ten for 99

Bedfordshire, claiming the extra half-hour, beat Hertfordshire by ten wickets with ten minutes to spare in their Minor Counties game at Hertford yesterday. During the day seventeen Hertfordshire wickets fell for 267, Owen returning a match analysis of ten for 99.

Bedfordshire, winning the toss, enjoyed first use of a good wicket, but their opening batsmen, August and Brantom, were none too comfortable during the early overs of Marques and King.

Eighteen runs came in the first half-an-hour and at 27 August, previously dropped behind the wicket off Marques, played on to a yorker from King.

In his next over King met with further success, dismissing Morris with a ball that swung late. After 70 minutes, with the total at 46, Hertfordshire made their first bowling change—Bradbeer for Marques—and this move immediately led to the fall of another wicket.

LEFT-OFF FOR OLIVER

Brantom mis-hit Bradbeer's first ball and was easily caught at short leg. Oliver, next in, was badly missed at leg slip early in his innings, and he and Owen, batting with increasing confidence, raised the score to 102 by lunch-time.

Oliver reached his 50 after he had been at the crease for an hour and a half. Owen soon followed suit and this valuable partnership yielded 120 before it was broken.

Then Owen, missed at 37, was bowled by Higby, who was thus rewarded for some accurate spin bowling. There were five fours in the left-hander's 53, which occupied 130 minutes.

Oliver continued to cut and drive skilfully. A square cut for four, his ninth boundary, took his score to 99, and, with a late cut for two, he reached 101 out of 195 in two hours and three-quarters.

Williams helped his captain to put on 79 for the fifth wicket in just over an hour before he skied a ball from Marques and was caught.

Continuing for 55 minutes after tea, Bedfordshire added 62 for the loss of Costin's wicket and declared at 307 for six, made in five hours. Oliver's fine innings of 151 not out, which included a six and 13 fours, is his highest-ever in championship matches, and his first century in this cricket since 1949.

EARLY SUCCESSES

In the remaining 75 minutes on the first day, Hertfordshire scored 48 for three (Tyrwhitt-Drake not out 29).

Making his debut for Bedfordshire in the absence of Coomb (unfit), fast bowler Roy Davies, the Luton Town footballer, took a wicket with his fifth ball when he knocked back Parkin's off stump.

Davies's eight overs had cost only four runs when he was rested in favour of Owen, who, with the total at 25, had Hacker well caught low down at first slip.

The third wicket fell 20 runs

later when Higby was out to another good catch.

Within the first quarter of an hour yesterday morning Hertfordshire lost two more wickets. Twelve runs had been added, all by the captain, Tyrwhitt-Drake, when Webb played on.

Bateman was run out in the same over. He drove a ball to leg. Oliver chased it, and from his accurate throw Davies whipped off the bails before Bateman could complete a third run.

Hertfordshire suffered another blow at 78, when Bentley was caught on the leg boundary off Owen.

Much now depended on Tyrwhitt-Drake who reached 51 out of 86 with a beautiful off drive to the boundary. He was ninth out at 116 after making a sound 72 which included eight fours mostly from crisp drives.

Hertfordshire, all out in 2hr. 40min., followed on 191 runs behind. They were soon in trouble again, for Tyrwhitt-Drake was caught in the gully at 17 off a ball that kicked. At lunch the score was 22 for one.

After Parkin and Bateman had carried the score to 46, three more wickets fell for four runs: Bateman and Parkin gave return catches to Owen in successive overs, and then Morris, at first slip, dived forward to catch out Webb.

Bedfordshire now appeared well set for victory, but Hacker and Bentley, making some attractive strokes, defied them for 80 minutes. Their fifth-wicket stand was worth 77 when, off the last ball before tea, Webster claimed his third victim of the day by catching Hacker, whose 39 contained six boundaries.

On resuming, Hertfordshire lost their last five wickets for 31, leaving Bedfordshire to make nine for victory.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. L. B. August	b King 16
L. Brantom	c Bentley b Bradbeer 21
S. T. Morris	b King 0
J. G. Owen	b Higby 53
J. A. R. Oliver	not out 151
K. R. G. Williams	c Bradbeer b Marques 53
R. K. Costin	c Bentley b Higby 11
A. Webster	not out 2
Extras	. . . . . 20

Total (for six whts., dec.) 307
D. G. Jenkins, R. Davies, and R. D. Gardiner did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-30, 3-46, 4-166, 5-245, 6-295.	
Bowling: Marques, 30 o. 1 m. 95r.	
1 w. King, 52-3-91-2; Bradbeer, 8-1-30-1; Higby, 27-6-71-2.	

Second Innings	
S. T. Morris	not out 7
G. L. B. August	not out 2
Total (for no wkt.)	. . . . . 9

HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Webster b Davies 72
D. P. Parkin	b Davies 0
K. D. Hacker	c Morris b Owen 5
C. J. Higby	c Costin b Owen 12
G. P. Webb	b Davies 0
L. Bateman	run out 2
G. Bentley	c Jenkins b Owen 10
R. G. Simons	c Webster b Gardiner 6
A. N. Bradbeer	c Davies b Owen 4
R. C. Marques	not out 1
L. O. King	b Davies 0
Extras	. . . . . 4
Total	. . . . . 116

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-25, 3-43, 4-60, 5-62, 6-78, 7-101, 8-112, 9-116, 10-116.
Bowling: Davies, 17-7-25-4; Jenkins, 9-2-32-0; Gardiner, 13-8-12-1; Owen, 16-2-45-4.

2nd Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake	c Costin b Jenkins 17
D. P. Parkin	c and b Owen 22
L. Bateman	c and b Owen 14
G. P. Webb	c Morris b Gardiner 1
K. D. Hacker	c Webster b Oliver 39
G. Bentley	c Oliver b Owen 34
R. G. Simons	b Davies 34
A. N. Bradbeer	c Webster b Owen 4
C. J. Higby	c Oliver b Owen 1
R. C. Marques	lbw b Owen 0
L. O. King	not out 5
Extras	. . . . . 14
Total	. . . . . 199

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-46, 3-49, 4-50, 5-127, 6-168, 7-188, 8-192, 9-192, 10-199.
Bowling: Davies, 16-5-56-1; Jenkins, 16-7-53-1; Owen, 20-4-56-6; Gardiner, 19-7-35-1; Oliver, 10-2-25-1.

DISBURY BACK IN COUNTY XI

Matthews Also in Side to Oppose Cambs

Bedfordshire, having won on the first innings against Cambridgeshire at March, and gained a splendid ten-wicket victory over Hertfordshire at Hertford, are confident of enjoying their best season, in the Minor Counties championship since 1950. Then they finished runners-up for the second time in three years.

For their return game with Cambridgeshire at Wardown Park, Luton, next Wednesday and Thursday, the County have made two changes

Opening batsman Brian Disbury, of Bedford Town, will make his first appearance in the team this summer. He missed the previous two matches because of a foot injury he received while batting for his club a month ago.

Disbury, who replaces Sid Morris (not available), has been showing excellent form for the Old Bedfordians this week, hitting 80 against Gentlemen of Bedfordshire on Monday, 69 against Sevenoaks Vine on Tuesday, and 82 against Incogniti on Wednesday.

Presumably Disbury will open the innings with George August and Les Brantom, who has been going in first but lower down in the order.

The other change is the introduction of Terry Matthews, Luton Town's fast-medium bowler in place of Don Jenkins, who was not at his best at Hertford.

This will be only the second appearance of Matthews for the County in championship cricket since 1948. But during the first three seasons after the war he was a fairly regular member of the team and in 1946 he took 28 wickets at a cost of just over 20 runs each.

Team: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, T. D. Matthews, K. R. G. Williams, A. Webster, R. Davies, R. K. Costin, R. D. Gardiner, L. Brantom.

Umpires: S. H. Moore and A. E. Bradford.

COOMB STILL UNFIT

A. G. Coomb, like Gordon Brice, is still unfit, but he hopes to be able to reappear during the week at Bedford School which begins on 3rd August with the visit of Lincolnshire.

Roy Davies, a South African, who plays on the right-wing for Luton Town F.C., is deservedly retained, for on his debut for Bedfordshire at Hertford, he bowled with pace and accuracy, returning match figures of five wickets for 61 runs in 33 overs, 12 of them maidens.

Bedfordshire's win over Hertfordshire, incidentally, was their first in the Minor Counties Championship since 1950, although they have suffered only three defeats during that period.

If the form shown at Hertford is maintained, they should beat Cambridgeshire next week, Cambridgeshire

won the corresponding 'game last season (also at Luton) by four wickets in the last over of the extra half-hour.

At the beginning of this week Bedfordshire were at the top of the Minor Counties table which is as follows:

	p	w	1st 1st		n.r.	pts	ave	
			ins	ins				
Beds	2	1	0	1	0	13	6.50	
Staffs	3	2	1	2	0	25	5.20	
Lincs	9	3	1	2	1	41	4.55	
Gloucs	6	2	1	1	0	27	4.50	
Kent	6	2	1	1	1	25	4.35	
Nthants	6	2	1	0	1	25	4.35	
Nthants	6	2	1	3	1	30	4.28	
Surrey	7	1	1	3	2	0	24	3.42
Essex	5	1	1	1	1	16	3.20	
Crnwall	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.00	
Norfolk	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.00	
Notts	5	1	2	0	2	14	2.80	
Yorks	8	1	2	1	2	19	2.37	
Warks	6	0	1	2	1	11	1.83	
Mdx	5	0	2	1	2	8	1.60	
Cheshire	6	0	0	1	4	9	1.50	
Cambs	4	0	0	3	1	5	1.25	
Devon	1	0	0	1	0	1	1.00	
Durham	3	0	2	0	2	4	0.80	
Herts	1	0	1	0	0	0	0.00	

* 1st innings points (3) in one match.

NEXT WEEK'S SIDES

Always a delightful feature of Bedfordshire cricket is their week of three Minor Counties matches on the Bedford School ground, and this year Lincolnshire (next Monday and Tuesday), Buckinghamshire (Wednesday and Thursday), and Hertfordshire (Friday and Saturday) will again provide the opposition.

A pleasing ceremony will take place at the School pavilion at 2 p.m. on Monday, when the President of Bedfordshire C.C.C., Major Simon Whitbread, D.L., J.P., will present Mr. A. B. Poole with a gold wristlet watch in appreciation of his long and valuable services to the club.

Mr. Frank Crompton, who has been associated with the club since 1914, and who is in his 28th year as Secretary, is again in charge of arrangements for the week.

Bedfordshire have chosen the following side for the first two games: J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, B. F. Disbury, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, K. R. G. Williams, L. Brantom, A. Webster (wicketkeeper), A. G. Coomb, R. D. Gardiner, and R. Davies. If Coomb is not fit, D. G. Jenkins will deputize against Lincolnshire.

For the visit of Hertfordshire, T. D. Matthews will appear in place of Gardiner. Twelfth man for all three matches is Peter Smith, of Bedford School.

Visiting teams will be:—

Lincolnshire (batting order): E. M. Shaw, R. P. Lascelles, N. A. Maddison, J. H. Taylor, A. Whitworth, J. L. Thompson (wicketkeeper), B. C. Ehrenfried (captain), G. A. Marlow, J. G. Watson, P. H. M. Clark, and A. Pouson.

Buckinghamshire: N. V. Butler, R. Clements, D. F. Johns, B. A. Barnett (captain and wicketkeeper), J. A. Cockett, G. Reynolds, B. J. Lucas, D. Phipps, C. Pickett, G. Keen, and R. Avery.

Hertfordshire (batting order): T. W. Twiwhitt-Drake (captain), I. L. Dunn, L. Bateman, K. D. Hacker, G. Bentley, B. J. Carnill, F. E. Morley, R. G. Simons (wicketkeeper), R. C. Huxley, L. O. King, and P. Allen.

CROUCH DEFIES COUNTY BID FOR VICTORY

Owen Enjoys Fine Game

Although Bedfordshire forced Cambridgeshire to follow on in their Minor Counties game at Luton yesterday (Thursday), a second innings knock of 108 not out by skipper Maurice Crouch prevented any chance of an outright win, and the match was drawn.

In the two hours before lunch on Wednesday, Bedfordshire, who won the toss, hit 108 for two, a reasonable, if not extravagant, score on a firm wicket wholly favourable to the batsmen.

Cambridgeshire, who lacked pace bowler Hoyles, relied largely on Godfrey and Morris to keep the batsmen playing and lull them into a mistake. In fact, the two wickets which did fall were somewhat fortunate successes for Cambridgeshire.

Disbury, who opened with August, batted quite beautifully, and it was an unnecessary risk which caused him to be run out. August rolled the ball to mid-on, and a lively return and stumping caught Disbury out of his ground.

The score was then 59, of which Disbury had made 40. At 67 Brantom attempted to "kill" a ball from Godfrey and, unnoticed by the batsman, it trickled just enough to dislodge one bail.

Sixty-seven runs in 85 minutes, of which August had made only 26, was not enough for some onlookers, and Owen's sprightly, if somewhat chancy, hitting was popularly received. August, however, continued imperturbably and at lunch—after two hours—he was still only 38.

Though having bowled 23 overs unchanged before lunch, Godfrey continued straight-away afterwards, and he had August lb.w. with his third ball. (108-3). His remaining three balls brought the best out of the incoming batsman, Oliver—altogether a first-class over.

OWEN RETIRES HURT

But Oliver and Owen soon got on top, and there followed a delightful threequarters of an hour, in which they added 65. Neither wasted a run by their stroke play or their running between wickets. The partnership ended in unhappy fashion, Owen taking a nasty tap in the groin from a ball by Royston and having to retire.

Thereafter the rate of scoring dropped, but at 3.45—after 3½ hours' batting—the 200 went up. Williams produced a lovely cover drive for four, and two more which were stopped just short of the boundary.

Oliver completed his fifty, but was then caught trying to lift a ball from Morris over the off-side ring of fielders, and off the last ball before tea Williams was taken at first slip (219 for five).

Bedfordshire batted long enough after tea to allow Owen, now happily recovered, to take his score from 61 to 101 and the total to 289 for eight. Owen's century occupied 3½ hours, and included twelve 4's. He showed a wide variety of strokes, and after a slightly patchy beginning gave no chance

The declaration left Cambridgeshire 1½ hours' batting time, during which they lost Crouch and Harrison in making 62.

In the first hour yesterday morning Cambridgeshire lost six more wickets in adding only 40. Then came a 20-minute delay because of rain, followed by a stubborn ninth-wicket stand of 29.

Northampton Rugby star, and Old Bedford Modernian, Dickie Jeeps, was hero of this partnership, being still there at lunch with 27, when Cambridgeshire's score was 131 for eight.

Owen was the main reason for the visitors' pre-lunch collapse, taking four of the six wickets which fell at a personal cost of 20 runs. In one over both Gautrey and Bond played inside his leg-break to be snapped up in the slips, and Webster stumped Holloway and Royston when Owen enticed them out of their ground.

Matthews, who apart from two overs by Oliver, kept one end going until lunch, took the other two wickets. Early on he got quite a bit of lift from the wicket, and off one ball which rose shoulder-high Thomas gave an easy catch to August. Then Morris popped one up to Owen at mid-wicket.

After lunch, Jeeps and Nunn took the score to 156, before the latter was bowled. Immediately rain held up play for 15 minutes, but on resuming Owen finished off the innings with his first ball by getting Jeeps caught. He made 45 in nearly two hours—a valuable effort.

Cambridgeshire followed on 133 behind, and they hit off the deficit in two hours, finally reaching 200 for three. Crouch dominated the innings, hitting two sixes and twelve fours.

In the closing stages Oliver made frequent bowling changes and all but the wicket-keeper and Costin were tried.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G	I. B. August lbw b Godfrey	58
B	E. Disbury run out	40
L	Brantom b Godfrey	0
J	G. Owen at Nunn b Godfrey	101
J	A. R. Oliver c Harrison b Morris	52
K	R. G. Williams c Crouch b Royston	20
R	K. Costin c Godfrey b Morris	12
R	Davies b Thomas	20
R	W. Street not out	0
	Extras	6

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 289

A. Webster and T. D. Matthews did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-67, 3-108, 4-215, 5-219, 6-247, 7-285, 8-289.

Bowling: Godfrey, 56 o, 9 m, 86 r; 3 w.; Morris, 54-7-97-2; Thomas, 11-4-28-1; Royston, 24-7-7-1.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

M	A. Crouch b Davies	27
C	J. Harrison c Webster b Davies	24
M	Holloway st Webster b Owen	19
G	Thomas c August b Matthews	14
W	B. Morris c Owen b Matthews	5
R	C. Gautrey c Disbury b Owen	2
R	Jeeps c August b Owen	45
P	Bond c Costin b Owen	0
S	R. Royston st Webster b Owen	3
R	Nunn b Davies	8
J	Godfrey not out	0
	Extras	1

Total 156

Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-67, 3-108, 4-94, 5-84, 6-96, 7-96, 8-102, 9-100, 10-156.
Bowling: Davies, 24-4-49-3; Matthews, 27-4-68-2; Owen, 15-1-4-29-3; Oliver, 2-0-9-0.

Second Innings

M	A. Crouch not out	108
C	J. Harrison c Webster b Oliver	0
	Extras	20
M	Holloway c Costin b Owen	1
R	Jeeps c Webster b Davies	7
W	B. Morris not out	52
	Extras	6

Total for three wickets 200

Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-54, 3-81.
Bowling: Davies, 11-4-30-1; Owen, 13-2-31-1; J. A. R. Oliver, 9-1-20-1.

Match Number 76/3 Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire

Played at Bedford School

on Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 August 1953

Result: **Match drawn**
 Points: Bucks 3, Beds 1
 Toss: Bucks
 Umpires: F Berry and DS Richards
 Bucks debutants: G Keen
 First day score: Not known; one Beds wicket was down.

Buckinghamshire

* + BA Barnett	b Coomb	0
NV Butler	c August b Owen	117
DFV Johns	c Oliver b Gardiner	60
G Reynolds	c August b Davies	55
JA Cockett	b Coomb	18
BJ Lucas	c August b Coomb	22
PF Jackson	not out	3
G Keen		
D Phipps		
R Avery		
C Pickett		
Extras	b 3	3
Total		for 6 dec 278

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	0	121	205	243	269	278				

Coomb	21.3	1	75	3
Davies	20	2	68	1
Oliver	14	5	26	0
Gardiner	24	1	69	1
Owen	11	1	37	1
Extras			3	
Total			278	

Bedfordshire

GLB August	c Jackson b Avery	48
BE Disbury	c Johns b Phipps	9
ST Morris	b Avery	64
JG Owen	b Pickett	38
* JAR Oliver	c Reynolds b Pickett	34
KRG Williams	b Johns	6
AG Coomb	runout	0
LF Branton	not out	0
A Webster	b Pickett	0
R Davies	b Pickett	0
RD Gardiner	b Pickett	0
Extras	b 2, w 1, nb 3	6
Total		205

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	23	119	126	183	196	198	205	205	205	205

Pickett	30.4	8	58	5 1nb
Avery	18	3	47	2 1w, 2nb
Phipps	20	4	45	1
Johns	16	2	34	1
Reynolds	4	0	15	0
Extras			6	
Total			205	

Notes: The start was delayed until 11.45 and the scoring was hampered by wet conditions. Butler 6 x 4 in his 117, Johns 1 x 4, Reynolds 2 x 4; Morris 2 x 4

Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book

Latest revision: 21 April 2004 (DHM)

BEDFORDSHIRE 183 FOR THREE - ALL OUT 205

Pickett Causes Collapse

With the last six Bedfordshire wickets going for nine runs—four to left-arm pace-bowler C. Pickett without cost—Buckinghamshire gained a thrilling first innings lead over Bedfordshire in their Minor Counties game at Bedford School yesterday (Thursday)

At tea—with two hours remaining—Bedfordshire were 158 for three and seemed well placed themselves for first innings points. But three wickets fell in adding 47, and with the advent of the new ball Pickett took the other four wickets, clean bowling three of his victims.

Apart from the irresolute batting of the later Bedfordshire players, the home County contributed to their defeat on the first day by bad fielding. No fewer than seven catches were put down

Both Butler who made 117 of Buckinghamshire's total of 278 for six declared, and Johns, who made 60, were dropped in the twenties. Some of the misses were unaccountable, two of the culprits taking much more difficult chances later.

There was a heartening start to the match for Bedfordshire. Coomb got the wicket of Barnett, the former Australian Test player, with the fifth ball of the first over of the day.

As Barnett played right forward the ball moved in just to touch the edge of the bat and then set back the off and middle stumps

It was, however, the only success before lunch, when Buckinghamshire were 72 for one.

Butler's partner, Johns, was given a life immediately after lunch, Morris missing a sharp chance off Davies at first slip; and then Butler, with a straight drive for four, and Johns with a square cut for two, passed their half-centuries in succeeding overs.

DISBURY OUT OF COUNTY TEAM

Bedfordshire's opening batsman, Brian Disbury, who aggravated his foot injury near the end of the Lincolnshire game on Tuesday, fielded for only a short period in the Buckinghamshire match and will not play against Hertfordshire to-day and to-morrow.

He has also withdrawn from the team to oppose Lincolnshire at Scunthorpe next Wednesday and Thursday.

Both were now going hard for runs, for they were behind the clock, and it was a rather careless shot off Gardiner which cost Johns his wicket, Oliver holding a good catch above his head.

Butler showed no concern at the loss of his partner, driving and cutting to good effect.

The 150 went up at 3.20, and twenty minutes later Butler reached his century out of 178. Dropping him while in his twenties had proved expensive. Immediately he had a second life—the luckless felder was Morris but then, when the 200 had gone up at 4 o'clock, Butler was out, caught off Owen. Ironically, the catch was held by August, who had dropped him four hours earlier.

Quick runs were the order after tea, and in 50 minutes 63 were added for the loss of three wickets. Buckinghamshire declared at 278 for six, leaving Bedfordshire an hour and 20 minutes' batting.

Disbury opened with August, but he did not look comfortable. Having made only nine, including a streaky four dangerously close to first slip, he was caught in the gully.

The use of five bowlers failed to dislodge August and Morris, and at the close Bedfordshire were 55 for one (August 26, Morris 19).

Rain prevented play until just before 2 p.m. yesterday, but for once it was perhaps a blessing. Instead of six comfortable hours for Bedfordshire to get 224 to win on first innings, they now had four.

A late cut for two from Morris brought up the 100 after 55 minutes and put him ahead of August (46-45). A similar stroke gave him his 50 after exactly an hour when the two had added 50, Morris 31 of them.

Neither batsman had looked in trouble, but then August, effecting one of his few attacking shots, was well caught at deep square leg—120-2-48.

As so often happens when a partnership is broken, the other member, Morris, did not survive long. His liking for the hook was his undoing, mistiming one from Avery and being bowled off his pads (126 for three).

There followed a rather laborious hour to tea in which Owen and Oliver added only 32 to bring the score to 158 for three.

Oliver and Owen continued over-cautiously after tea, and had added only 25 by 5 o'clock when Owen was clean bowled by Pickett (183-4). Thirteen runs later Williams went full stretch to Johns's leg break and was bowled. Buckinghamshire, rather than Bedfordshire, now appeared to have the more interest in claiming the extra half-hour.

This was emphasized when Coomb was run out two runs later (198-6). Then came the fateful score of 205. Pickett—using the new ball—took the wickets of Oliver, Webster and Davies in five deliveries and with the fourth ball of his next over bowled Gardiner. It still wanted ten minutes to six o'clock. The extra half-hour was not required

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
First Innings

B. A. Barnett	b. Coomb	0	
N. V. Butler	c. August	b. Owen	117
D. F. Johns	c. Oliver	b. Gardiner	60
G. Reynolds	c. August	b. Davies	55
J. A. Cockett	b. Coomb	18	
H. J. Lucas	c. August	b. Coomb	22
J. Jackson	not out	5	
Extras		5	
Total (for six wickets)		278	

G. Keen, D. Phipps, R. Avery, and C. Pickett did not bat.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-125, 3-205, 4-245, 5-269, 6-278.
Bowling: Coomb, 21.3 o. 1 m. 75 r. 5 w.; Davies, 20-2-68-1; Gardiner, 24-1-69-1; Owen, 11-1-37-1; Oliver, 14-5-26-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE
First Innings

G. L. B. August	c. Jackson	b. Avery	48
B. E. Disbury	c. Johns	b. Phipps	19
S. T. Morris	b. Avery	64	
J. G. Owen	b. Pickett	38	
J. A. R. Oliver	c. Reynolds	b. Pickett	54
K. R. G. Williams	b. Johns	6	
A. G. Coomb	run out	0	
E. Blanton	not out	0	
A. Webster	b. Pickett	0	
R. Davies	b. Pickett	0	
R. D. Gardiner	b. Pickett	0	
Extras		6	
Total		205	

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-120, 3-126, 4-135, 5-196, 6-198, 7-205, 8-205, 9-205, 10-205.
Bowling: C. Pickett, 50-4-8-58-5; R. Avery, 18-5-17-25; D. F. Johns, 16-2-5-11; D. Phipps, 20-4-45-1.

Lines. Match Drawn

Bedfordshire's first match of the week was drawn, their opponents, Lincolnshire gaining first innings points.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August	b	b	Clark	28
B. E. Disbury	c	Thompson	b	30
M. How	c	Marlow	b	60
S. T. Morris	b	Marlow	b	29
J. G. Owen	c	Ehrentfried	b	29
J. A. R. Oliver	c	Lascelles	b	62
K. R. G. Williams	run out			10
L. Branton	b	Poison	b	5
A. G. Coomb	b	Watson	b	4
A. Webster	b	Poison	b	7
R. D. Gardiner	not out			2
Extras				28
Total				271

Bowling: Watson, 26-1-0-5 m
 60 r. 5 w. Poison, 51-5-74-5; Mar-
 low, 22-5-59-2; Clark, 11-4-40-1;
 Whitworth, 5-0-1-5-0

Second Innings

B. E. Disbury	c	Whitworth	b	45
L. Branton	b	Marlow	b	6
K. R. G. Williams	not out			20
A. Webster	not out			4
Extras				2
Total (for two wks)				77

LINCOLNSHIRE

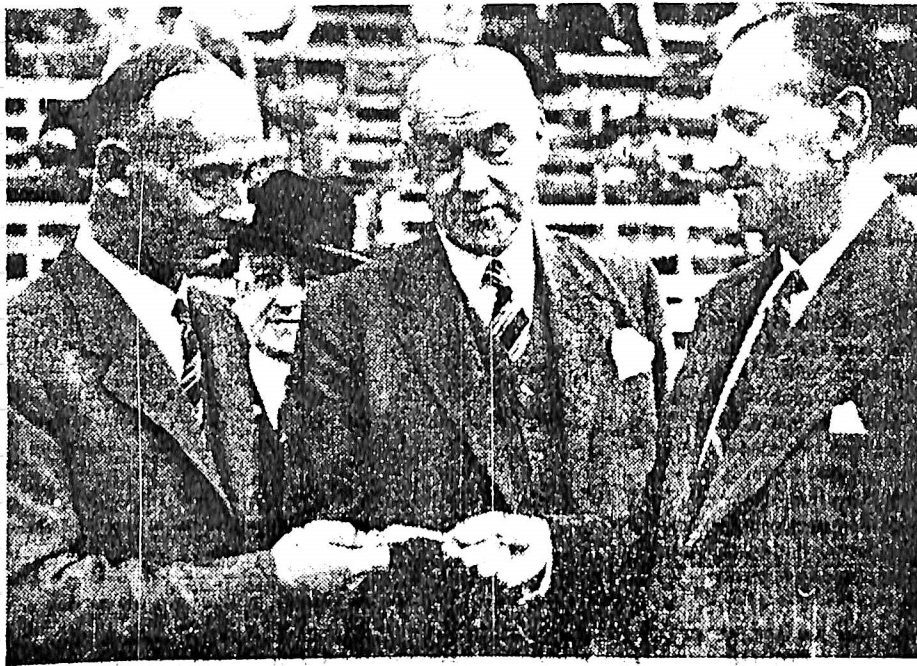
First Innings

E. M. Shaw	c	Webster	b	58
J. H. Taylor	st	Webster	b	51
R. P. Lascelles	c	and b	Gardiner	57
N. A. Maddison	b	Oliver	b	56
B. C. Ehrentfried	c	Morris	b	2
J. L. Thompson	st	Webster	b	40
G. A. Marlow	b	Owen	b	47
A. Whitworth	b	Gardiner	b	3
J. G. Watson	not out			1
P. H. M. Clark	b	Gardiner	b	6
A. Poison	c	Davies	b	1
Extras				12
Total				296

Bowling: Coomb, 29-8-75-0; Davies,
 22-2-3-0; Owen, 24-2-10-48-5;
 Gardiner, 36-12-69-5; Oliver,
 9-1-34-2.

BEDFORD CRICKET WEEK
BEDFORD SCHOOL GROUND
 AUGUST 3rd to 8th
BEDFORDSHIRE
 VERSUS
LINCOLNSHIRE,
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,
and HERTFORDSHIRE
 11.30 to 7 first day
 11 to 6 second day
 LICENSED BAR

Former County Captain Honoured



A gold wristlet watch "in warm appreciation" from the President, Major Simon Whitbread, and members of Bedfordshire C.C.C., was presented to Mr. A. B. Poole during the luncheon interval of the County's match with Lincolnshire at Bedford School pavilion on Monday.

Our photograph shows Major Whitbread (right) making the presentation. In the centre is the Chairman of the Club, Mr. H. R. Neate, and the Secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, is also in the picture.

Mr. Poole, who made his debut for the County in 1925, appeared regularly in the side from 1928 until 1951. He was captain for the last seven

years, having succeeded the late Roger de W. K. Winlaw, the Cambridge cricket and soccer Blue, who was killed on active service.

Major Whitbread said he knew it was Mr. Poole's ambition that Bedfordshire should win the Minor Counties Championship under his leadership, and twice they nearly achieved this honour, finishing runners-up in 1948 and 1950.

"No county side has ever had a more popular captain than A. B. Poole", added Major Whitbread, who referred to his innings of 234 in three hours and 14 minutes against Oxfordshire at Banbury in 1936.

Mr. Poole, in expressing his thanks, stated that he was mindful of the help and encouragement he had received from his parents, his old school coach, the late Dick Rogers, and the officers and members of the County Club generally.

"This watch", Mr. Poole went on, "will remind me of many happy days spent with the Bedfordshire eleven, and of valued friendships I have made through cricket."

Afterwards, the President handed to J. G. Owen the ball, mounted and inscribed, which he used in returning a match analysis of ten wickets for 99 for the County against Hertfordshire at Hertford in July.

B. Maries Chosen for Match at Scunthorpe

B. J. Maries, Bedford Town's right-arm fast-medium bowler, who formerly assisted Blunham, will make his first appearance for the County in their Minor Counties game against Lincolnshire at Scunthorpe next Wednesday and Thursday.

Bedford Town's captain, V. J. Harris, is also in the team; the other members of which are: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August, R. W. Street, J. G. Owen, F. Whittingham, K. R. G. Williams, A. Webster, R. Davies, and A. G. Coomb.

NORTHANTS XI TO VISIT BEDFORD

To aid the testimonial fund for the Northamptonshire cricketers, A. E. Nutter and N. Oldfield, a match between a strong team from that county and Bedford Town will be played at Newnham Avenue next Sunday (2.30).

The Northamptonshire side will be chosen from the following 13 players: A. E. Nutter, N. Oldfield, L. Livingston, G. Tribe, B. Reynolds, D. Barrick, V. Broderick, S. Starkie, A. Liddle, M. H. J. Allen, K. Andrews, F. Tyson, and J. Dale.

Bedford Town: V. J. Harris (capt.), E. C. Howard, W. Peet, D. G. Jenkins, M. Hall, E. S. Smith, F. K. Breeze, B. J. Maries, D. T. Matthews, P. W. Scrivener, A. N. Other.

COUNTY YOUNG AMATEURS XI

For their match with Oxfordshire Colts at Bedford School next Monday (11.30 a.m.), Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire will be represented by:-

R. W. Street (captain), P. C. Eldridge, J. Smith, P. Smith (all Bedford School), G. M. Jarrett (Bedford Modern School), A. J. Osborn, J. Gurney (both Luton Grammar School), A. Allin (Electrolux, Luton), E. Basterfield (Luton O.B.), T. Andrews (Flitwick), B. Punter (Cross's Athletic, Dunstable), Twelfth man: B. C. Novell (Dauntsey's).

4 Hertfordshire 1953
 Herts v Beds Bedford School 7,8 August
 Drawn Points 3
 Toss Umpires J Franklin & R Lay

CoP

Beds 1st innings

GLB August	c Simons	b Morley	13	
L Branton		b Marques	3	
ST Morris	c Bateman	b Marques	11	
JG Owen	c Carnill	b Morley	9	
*JAR Oliver	run out		86	(5x4s)
KR Williams	c Hughes	b Marques	6	
RW Street	c Hughes	b Morley	38	
AG Coomb	c Carnill	b Higby	10	
+A Webster	c Hughes	b Marques	10	
R Davies	not out		24	
RD Gardiner		b Hughes	7	
Extras	Byes 4, leg byes 1, no balls 4		9	
Total	All out	93.2 overs	226	

FoW 1-11 (2), 2-29 (1), 3-31 (3), 4-47 (4), 5-66 (6), 6-162 (7), 7-176 (5), 8-192 (8),
 9-200 (9), 10-226 (11)

Bowling

Marques	28	9	62	4	Carnill	3	0	13	0
Hughes	18.2	4	53	1	Higby	12	1	31	1
Morley	29	11	50	3	Tyrwhitt-Drake	3	0	8	0

Herts 1st innings

*TW Tyrwhitt-Drake		b Oliver	153	(16x4s, 3x3s, 18x2s)
IL Dunn	c Owen	b Coomb	1	
LC Bateman		b Davies	5	
G Bentley	lbw	b Coomb	5	
DJ Carnill	lbw	b Coomb	67	(4x4s)
IV Golby		b Davies	23	
TE Morley	c Webster	b Oliver	18	
+RG Simons	not out		27	
RC Hughes		b Owen	31	
CJ Higby		b Owen	1	
CVL Marques		b Owen	12	
Extras	Byes 5, leg byes 3		8	
Total	All out	103.3 overs	351	

FoW 1-8 (2), 2-17 (3), 3-30 (4), 4-172 (5), 5-235 (6), 6-274 (1), 7-285 (7), 8-329 (9),
 9-331 (10), 10-351 (11)

7,8 August 1953 9cont)

Bowling				
Coomb	32	6	121	3
Davies	23	4	53	2
Owen	26.3	4	95	3
Oliver	5	1	19	2
Gardiner	17	1	55	0

Beds 2nd innings

GLB August			b Higby	45
L Branton			b Morley	15
ST Morris	not out			33
JG Owen	not out			11
Extras	Byes 1, leg byes 1			2
Total	2 wickets	37 overs		106

FoW 1-36 (2), 2-74 (1)

Bowling				
Marques	5	1	16	0
Hughes	6	0	12	0
Morley	8	1	21	1
Carnill	6	0	19	0
Golby	6	0	12	0
Higby	4	1	15	1
Dunn	2	0	9	0

Herts scorebook Watford Observer 14-8-53 Short account

COUNTY ENFORCE FOLLOW-ON BUT GAME DRAWN

Owen's Fine All-Round Play Against Lincs.

Leading by 178 runs on the first innings, Bedfordshire enforced the follow-on against Lincolnshire in their Minor Counties match at Scunthorpe yesterday. But the home County scored 211 for eight in their second innings, and the match was drawn. Glyn Owen was in great form for Bedfordshire, scoring 167 and returning a match analysis of 13 wickets for 170.

On Wednesday, the hottest day of the year, 477 runs were scored for the loss of ten wickets in six and a half hours. Bedfordshire's total of 390 for eight declared, made at the rate of nearly 80 an hour, exceeded their previous best this season—307 for six declared against Hertfordshire at Hertford last month.

Owen's stroke play delighted the crowd. When he went in, Bedfordshire had lost Street and August for 37, but he attacked the bowling from the start.

It was not until shortly before tea that he was dismissed. Then he was caught in attempting a big hit. His fine innings included 22 boundaries.

Bedford Town's captain, John Harris, and Frank Whittingham, a schoolmaster from Toddington, who were both making their first appearance for the County in championship cricket, batted in attractive style for 60 and 58 respectively.

During the last 90 minutes of the day Lincolnshire lost both their opening batsmen in scoring 87.

Owen showed himself as an all-rounder of real merit when play was resumed yesterday. None of the Lincolnshire batsmen faced his left-arm over-the-wicket spinners with confidence and by playing back, they assisted him to run through the side.

SURPRISING COLLAPSE

He took all the seven wickets which fell before lunch, and shortly afterwards, he claimed his eighth victim. Lincolnshire's collapse came as a surprise, for they are a strong batting side and when play began there were indications that they might make a real effort to get first innings points.

Lascelles (36) and Maddison (22) resumed their overnight partnership and took the score to 142 before Maddison hit against Owen's spin and gave Oliver an easy chance at square leg. From then on Bedfordshire were right on top and of the remaining batsmen, only Todd faced Owen with any degree of confidence.

Shortly after lunch the innings closed at 212 and Lincolnshire, put into bat again, had scored 11 for no wicket when bad light stopped play. Skies were certainly very grey and a fine drizzle was making conditions most unpleasant.

The stoppage lasted for 55 minutes, and when play was resumed the ball was inclined to lift off a length on a slightly wet wicket.

Coomb and Jenkins attacked the stumps, and the latter bowled Taylor to break the opening partnership. With the total at 30, Owen was brought

into the attack and, if anything, he was spinning the ball more than in his first innings spell. He soon bowled Shaw round his legs, and generally had the batsmen tied right down.

In the end Bedfordshire had to be content with first innings points. They claimed the extra half-hour in an effort to force a decision, but gave up before it had elapsed with the Lincolnshire tail wagging.

Lincolnshire were greatly indebted to their captain, Ben Ehrenfried, whose 78 in 52 minutes changed the complexion just when his side looked like collapsing a second time. He hit four sixes and nine fours, showing scant respect for Owen. Mitchell, the wicket-keeper, played attractively for 47 not out.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. I. B. August	c Mitchell	b	37
Watson	..	..	..
V. J. Harris	c Maddison	b	60
Watson	..	..	..
R. W. Street	b Watson	b	0
J. G. Owen	c Watson	b Pogson	167
J. A. R. Oliver	b Ehrenfried	b	4
F. Whittingham	c Taylor	b	58
Pogson	..	..	..
K. R. G. Williams	not out	..	39
A. G. Coomb	b Watson	b	18
A. Webster	at Mitchell	b Pogson	11
D. G. Jenkins	not out	..	8
Extras	..	..	8

Total (for eight wks. dec.) 390
B. J. Marlow did not bat.

Bowling: Watson 25-0-1m-98 r.
A. W. Pogson 28-4-15-3; Marlow 12-1-52-0; Merryweather 7-0-31-0; Ehrenfried 9-1-54-1; Maddison 8-0-42-0.

LINCOLNSHIRE

First Innings

E. M. Shaw	lbw	b Oliver	25
J. H. Taylor	lbw	b Jenkins	4
R. P. Lascelles	c Harris	b Owen	63
N. A. Maddison	c Oliver	v Owen	60
J. R. Todd	not out	..	32
K. J. Mitchell	c Whittingham	b	2
b Owen	..	..	..
B. C. Ehrenfried	c Oliver	b	9
Owen	..	..	..
G. A. Marlow	b Owen	..	0
D. Merryweather	b Owen	..	6
J. G. Watson	b Owen	..	4
A. Pogson	at Webster	b Owen	6
Extras	..	..	1

Total .. 212

Bowling: Coomb 11-1-57-0; Jenkins 6-1-29-1; Oliver 19-4-41-1; Owen 31-2-4-83-8; Williams 10-5-16-0.

Second Innings

E. M. Shaw	b Owen	..	17
J. H. Taylor	b Jenkins	..	7
R. P. Lascelles	c Webster	b	12
Coomb	..	..	..
N. A. Maddison	b Oliver	..	14
J. R. Todd	b Owen	..	14
B. C. Ehrenfried	c Williams	b	79
Owen	..	..	..
R. J. Mitchell	not out	..	47
O. A. Marlow	c Coomb	b Owen	8
D. Merryweather	b Owen	..	1
J. G. Watson	not out	..	2
Extras	..	..	15

Total (for eight wks.) 211

Bowling: Coomb 18-0-7m-44 r.
Jenkins 7-2-15-1; Owen 25-8-87-5; Oliver 4-0-11-1; Williams 4-0-26-0; Street 3-5-1-17-0.

Herts. Lead by 125 on First Innings

In their final match of the week at Bedford School last Friday and Saturday, Bedfordshire lost to Hertfordshire on the first innings by 125. Going in a second time, the home County finished 19 behind with eight wickets in hand.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. I. B. August c Simons b Morley	13
L. Branton b Marques	5
S. T. Morris c Bateman b Marques	11
J. G. Owen c Carnill b Morley	9
A. R. Oliver run out	86
K. R. G. Williams c Hughes b Marques	6
R. W. Street c Hughes b Morley	33
A. G. Coomb c Carnill b Higby	19
A. Webster c Hughes b Marques	10
R. Davies not out	24
R. D. Gardiner b Hughes	7
Extras	4
Total	226
Second Innings	
G. I. B. August b Higby	45
L. Branton b Morley	15
S. T. Morris not out	35
J. G. Owen not out	11
Extras	2
Total (for two wks.)	106
HERTFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake b Oliver	153
I. L. Dunn c Owen b Coomb	1
L. Bateman b Davies	5
G. Bentley lbw b Coomb	7
D. J. Carnill lbw b Coomb	67
I. V. Golby b Davies	23
T. E. Morley st Webster b Oliver	18
R. C. Simons not out	27
R. C. Hughes b Owen	31
C. J. Higby b Owen	1
R. C. V. L. Marques b Owen	12
Extras	8
Total	351

R. D. Gardiner, Luton Town's left-arm spin bowler, was awarded his Bedfordshire cap and blazer on Saturday. Bedford School's 17-year-old captain, R. W. Street, has received his County tie.

Match Number 114/9 Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire

Played at Aspro Sports Ground, Slough
on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 August 1953

Result: **Bucks won by an innings and 28 runs**
Points: Bucks 10
Toss: Bucks
Umpires: WJ Goodchild and LWK Martin
Bucks debutants: None
First day score: not known; Beds seven wickets down.

Buckinghamshire

JR Grout	b Oliver	15
NV Butler	c Costin b Williams	157
DFV Johns	c Harris b Maries	119
* + BA Barnett	c & b Williams	6
JA Cockett	not out	9
RE Clements	not out	2
BJ Lucas		
A Hayhurst		
G Keen		
CA Pickett		
AJ Hughes		
Extras	b 7, lb 3, nb 2	12
Total		for 4 dec 320

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	29	288	309	309						
Coomb	20	2	104	0						
Oliver	12	2	54	1						
Maries	14	3	48	1 2nb						
Owen	11	1	35	0						
Williams	15	1	55	2						
Whittingham	2	0	12	0						
Extras			12							
Total			320							

Bedfordshire

GLB August	c Lucas b Pickett	11	1) lbw b Keen	65
DJ Harris	b Hayhurst	6	2) lbw b Hughes	23
F Whittingham	c Barnett b Hayhurst	8	6) c Pickett b Hughes	3
JG Owen	c Pickett b Hayhurst	0	4) b Hughes	45
* JAR Oliver	c Barnett b Pickett	3	5) st Barnett b Johns	17
RW Street	c Grout b Pickett	1	7) b Johns	4
RK Costin	c & b Hughes	23	3) c Lucas b Hughes	5
KRG Williams	b Hayhurst	7	8) not out	6
A Webster	c Pickett b Hughes	1	9) c Butler b Johns	0
AG Coomb	c Cockett b Hughes	35	10) b Hughes	1
BJ Maries	not out	2	11) st Barnett b Keen	4
Extras	nb 1	1	b 19, nb 2	21
Total		98		194

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	10	24	24	28	28	29	36	42	95	98
2nd Innings	60	61	144	155	165	167	173	173	178	194
Pickett	15	7	29	3 1nb		1)	10	3	24	0 1nb
Hayhurst	19	8	25	5		2)	12	7	13	0 1nb
Hughes	11.2	4	28	2		3)	40	20	52	5
Johns	7	1	15	0		4)	35	15	51	3
Keen						5)	9.2	2	33	2
Extras			1						21	
Total			98						194	

Notes: The match, which ended at 5.45 on the second day, had started on a superb batting pitch which later took spin. Butler and Johns batted for 185 minutes, Butler hitting 21 x 4 and Johns 16 x 4; August hit 6 x 4.

Sources: Bucks score book; Bucks Year book

Latest revision: 21 April 2004 (DHM)

COUNTY LOSE TO CHAMPIONS BY AN INNINGS

Buckinghamshire enhanced their chances of winning the Minor Counties Championship for the second successive year in defeating Bedfordshire by an innings and 28 runs at Slough yesterday.

All out for 98 in their first innings in reply to Buckinghamshire's declared total of 320 for four, Bedfordshire struggled hard to save the game on a drying wicket, but were all out for 194 a quarter of an hour before time.

Barnett won the toss and had no hesitation in taking first knock, a policy which was quickly justified. Oliver bowled Grant at 29, but Bedfordshire had to wait nearly three hours for another success. During that time Butler and Johns added 259 for the second wicket, both being completely on top of the bowling.

Butler's 157 was a magnificent innings, almost without fault, and including 21 fours. Johns, who made 119 before being caught forcing the pace, also gave a great display, being particularly powerful on the leg side.

As in the first game at Bedford School, Barnett did not survive long being smartly caught and bowled by Williams when he had made only six. But the Buckinghamshire captain declared at tea with a score of 320 for four.

WICKETS FALL QUICKLY

Bedfordshire went in after the interval a tired side, and against keen bowling and fielding wickets fell quickly. Harris was completely beaten by a fastish ball from Hayhurst with only ten runs scored, and August left five runs later.

Owen, who had been limping earlier in the afternoon, was never comfortable and was out without scoring, and Oliver was snapped up behind the wicket after hitting a two and a single.

At 6.15 seven wickets were down for 42 and then rain stopped play for the day.

Overnight rain which ceased only half an hour before play re-started yesterday rendered the wicket lifeless. But Buckinghamshire soon dismissed Webster, and then came a stubborn stand by Costin and Coomb which produced 53.

Bedfordshire, however, were all out by 12.15 for 98, and followed on 222 short of Buckinghamshire's total. August and Harris began to fight to stave off defeat well, remaining together until lunch and scoring 50.

Shortly after, Harris was leg before, and Costin, pro-

moted to number three, made only 5 (68-2).

August continued batting well, and found a good partner in Owen, the score being taken to 144 before August was out lbw. August had made 65 (six fours), a most valuable innings.

Oliver joined Owen, and by now the wicket was drying fast under a hot sun and taking spin. Owen was deceived by one from Hughes—he was five short of his 50—and at tea Bedfordshire were 157 for four.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

In a recently published list of career averages of Minor Counties players covering the period 1921-52, G. L. B. August, of Bedfordshire, is third in the batting with these figures: Innings 121, times not out 14, aggregate 4,000, average 37.38.

A. B. Poole, Bedfordshire's former captain, is tenth, his figures being: Innings 191, times not out 27, aggregate 4,440, average 27.10.

still needing 65 to make Buckinghamshire bat again.

Oliver was out quickly on re-summing, and in a disastrous spell for Bedfordshire, four more wickets went for ten runs. Williams and Maries made a stern stand for the last wicket, adding 16, but Barnett gave his side victory by stumping Maries off Keen.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

First Innings

J. Grout	b Oliver	15
N. Butler	c Costin b Williams	157
D. Johns	c Harris b Maries	119
B. A. Barnett	c and b Williams	6
J. A. Cuckett	not out	9
R. Costin	not out	9
Extras		12

Total (for four wkts., dec.) 320
B. J. Lucas, A. Hayhurst, G. Keen, C. Pickett and A. J. Hughes did not bat.

Bowling: Coomb 20 o 2 m. 104 r. O. W. Oliver 12-2-34-1. Maries 14-3-42-1. Owen 11-1-35-0. Williams 15-1-35-2. Whittingham 3-0-12-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August	c Lucas b Pickett	11
V. J. Harris	b Hayhurst	6
F. Whittingham	c Barnett b Hayhurst	8
J. O. Owen	c Pickett b Hayhurst	0
J. A. R. Oliver	c Barnett b Pickett	3
R. W. Street	c Grout b Pickett	1
K. R. G. Williams	b Hayhurst	1
R. K. Costin	c and b Hughes	25
A. Webster	c Pickett b Hughes	1
A. G. Coomb	c Cockett b Hayhurst	35
B. J. Maries	not out	2
Extras		1

Total 98

Bowling: Hayhurst five for 25; Pickett three for 29; Hughes two for 28.

Second Innings

G. L. B. August	lbw b Keen	65
V. J. Harris	lbw b Hughes	23
R. K. Costin	c Lucas b Hughes	5
J. O. Owen	b Hughes	45
J. A. R. Oliver	c Barnett b Johns	17
F. Whittingham	c Pickett b Hughes	3
R. W. Street	b Johns	4
K. R. G. Williams	not out	6
A. Webster	c Butler b Johns	0
A. G. Coomb	b Hughes	1
B. J. Maries	b Barnett b Keen	4
Extras		21

Total 194

Bowling: Hughes five for 42; Keen three for 51; Keen two for 35.

MARIES BOWLED TWO OVERS

"Incomprehensible"

TO THE SPORTS EDITOR
Sir,—It was incomprehensible to most cricketers in Bedfordshire that B. J. Maries, on his first appearance for the County—against Lincolnshire at Scunthorpe last week—bowled only two overs in the match.

Perhaps this is in accordance with the custom of this County, for a few seasons ago F. K. Breeze, picked for his bowling, did not bowl at all. There was nothing to gain or lose in last week's game, and a promising young bowler might have gained valuable experience.

H. G. WALKER,
Linden Road, Bedford.

County XI Rose Six Places in Table

Bedfordshire, finishing thirteenth in the Minor Counties Competition or six places higher than in 1952, did not achieve the success which the results of their first three matches suggested.

In their opening game at March, they took first innings points from Cambridgeshire. Then Hertfordshire were beaten by ten wickets at Hertford, this being Bedfordshire's first win in the championship since 1950 although they suffered only three defeats during that period.

A first innings lead was gained in their next match—against Cambridgeshire at Luton—and when the week at Bedford School opened, the County were second in the table.

Only three points out of 30, however, were obtained from the six days' cricket at Bedford, for in three drawn matches, Lincolnshire, Buckinghamshire, and Hertfordshire led on the first innings. A bright feature was the fact that the week's takings of £252 were only about £28 short of the record figure in 1949.

At Scunthorpe Bedfordshire made their highest total of the season, 390 for eight declared, against Lincolnshire, who followed on 178 behind but forced a draw.

In their last match the County suffered their only defeat of the summer, losing by an innings and 28 runs to Buckinghamshire at Slough.

Here is the final table:

	1st					av.
	w	l	n.r.	pts	inns	
Berkshire	5	1	0	0	69	6.00
Bucks.	2	2	1	0	60*	6.00
Lancs. 2nd	5	1	4	2	68	4.85
Cornwall	4	1	1	3	48	4.80
Middlesex 2nd	4	3	1	2	48*	4.80
Surrey 2nd	4	1	0	3	53	4.64
Northumberl'd	3	2	3	2	44*	4.40
Warwks 2nd	3	1	3	1	44	4.40
Kent 2nd	3	1	3	2	43	4.30
Devon	3	2	3	2	42*	4.20
Staffordshire	3	3	2	1	42*	4.20
Lincolnshire	3	3	2	2	41	4.10
Northants 2nd	3	3	2	1	41	4.10
Essex 2nd	3	3	2	1	40*	4.08
Norfolk	3	3	3	2	38	3.80
Yorkshire 2nd	3	3	2	2	42	3.00
Hertfordshire	2	5	2	1	30*	3.00
Bedfordshire	1	4	3	0	22	2.75
Cambridgeshire	1	2	4	1	20	2.00
Notts. 2nd	1	4	1	3	19	1.90
Suffolk	1	5	0	2	15*	1.87
Cheshire	0	0	4	0	12	1.50
Dorset	0	6	4	0	15*	1.50
Oxfordshire	0	4	1	5	11*	1.10
Wiltshire	0	3	0	4	6	.75
Durham	0	4	0	3	5	.62

* 1st innings' points (3) in one match lost.

As Berkshire, the champions, had played Buckinghamshire, the runners-up, during the season there was no challenge match.

OWEN'S FINE RECORD

Owen enjoyed a fine season as an all-rounder, scoring most runs and easily taking more wickets than any other bowler in the side. The full averages are:—

	innings		not out	runs	wickets		av.
	inn	out			inn	av.	
J. A. R. Oliver	9	1	410	131*	51	25	51.25
J. G. Owen	10	1	457	137*	50	77	50.77
S. T. Morris	6	2	181	66	45	25	45.25
B. E. Disbury	4	0	124	45	31	00	31.00
G. August	1	1	293	65	24	30	24.30
R. K. Costin	5	0	120	65	24	00	24.00
K. Williams	10	3	149	36*	21	28	21.28
Roy Davies	4	1	51	24*	17	00	17.00
R. W. Street	3	1	45	36	10	75	10.75
L. F. Brantom	8	1	69	21	9	83	9.83
A. G. Coomb	6	0	47	35	7	85	7.85
A. Webster	9	2	42	18	6	00	6.00
R. D. Gardiner	4	3	10	7	5	00	5.00

* Signifies not out.
Also batted: G. Longworth, 13; G. Brice, 11; D. G. Jenkins, 5; 11; V. J. Harris, 6; 6; 25; F. Whittingham, 58; 8; 3; B. J. Maries, 25; 4.

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.	
						o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
J. G. Owen	201	2	43	585	37	15.81
D. Jenkins	59	19	151	6	21.85	
J. A. Oliver	101	13	263	12	21.91	
R. Gardiner	125	33	232	11	22.90	
Roy Davies	135	28	519	12	26.58	
A. G. Coomb	151	3	25	456	7	65.14

Also bowled: G. Brice, none for 28; T. D. Matthews, two for 86; B. J. Maries, one for 56; K. R. G. Williams, two for 51; F. Whittingham, none for 12; R. W. Street, none for 37; G. L. B. August, none for 11; L. F. Brantom, none for 5; B. E. Disbury, none for 5.

STUMPINGS	
A. Webster,	7.
CATCHES	
J. A. Webster,	9; G. L. B. August, 7;
J. A. R. Oliver and R. K. Costin,	5 each; J. G. Owen, 4; S. T. Morris and K. R. G. Williams, 3 each; Roy Davies, R. D. Gardiner and V. J. Harris, 2 each; L. F. Brantom, A. G. Coomb, B. E. Disbury, G. Longworth, D. G. Jenkins and F. Whittingham, 1 each.

RECORD SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR COUNTY CRICKET

£557 From That Source: £746 From 1953 Test Profits

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club have just received a further sum of £266 16s 2d, from the Australian Test Match profits and this, added to an interim payment of £480, makes a total of £746 16s 2d as their share from that source.

Announcing this at the Club's annual meeting at the Shire Hall, Bedford, on 17th December, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift, commented, "This sum is not being put to deposit because we shall need it for the coming season."

Mr. Swift also reported that subscriptions and donations, amounting to £557 1s., showed an increase of £32, and were the highest in the club's history.

Other items of income included £225 6s. 4d. as their share of the 1952 Test profits

"There is no disguising the fact," said Mr. Crompton, "that the bowling is not sufficiently good in the main, and the fielding still falls short of County standard. The batting in the middle was unimpressive, and the 'tail' lacked strength, or sting."

"Despite these deficiencies, it must be borne in mind that the County have lost only four of their 32 Minor Counties matches since 1949."

Attention was drawn to the fact that two former Bedfordshire players, Mr. C. H. Warman and Mr. J. A. Muse, now schoolmasters in Luton, had attended the M.C.C. cricket coaching course.

After securing proficiency and advanced certificates, they had given lectures and demonstrations in Bedfordshire. The local Education Department had now nominated two members of the staff from the north of the County to attend the next course.

FUTURE WELL ASSURED

"When they have qualified, the County," the Secretary observed, "will be adequately served, and it is believed that with well-laid plans for lectures and demonstrations, the future of Bedfordshire cricket is well assured."

Major Simon Whitbread, President for the last nine years, succeeds the late Mr. J. Arnold Whitchurch as Patron, and the new President is Sir Richard Allen, co-founder of the club.

Other officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. H. R. Neate; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. W. Corfield; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Crompton (for the 29th year); Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Swift; Hon. Auditors, Mr. R. Symonds and Mr. S. G. Oxland.

General Committee re-elected *en bloc*, with the addition of Mr. John Pratt and Mr. W. Holiday; Captain, Mr. J. A. R. Oliver; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. L. B. August; Hon. Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole; Hon. Umpires, Mr. C. H. Poole and Mr. B. A. Cox.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

The following were added to the list of Vice-Presidents: Sir John Richmond, Bart. Dr. Lucas, Mrs. Arthur Fryer Messrs R. H. Pratt, L. Jordan, C. E. L. Taylor, C. Elford, L. Jessup, S. Robinson (Riseley), J. Nightingale, and P. F. Keens.

Paying tribute to the Secretary, Mr. Neate, who presided, said that the Club were also grateful to Mrs. Crompton for her assistance.

In recognition of their services, the Captain and Vice-Captain were each presented with a pair of cuff-links, bearing the club crest and colours.



Major Simon Whitbread, Bedfordshire C.C.C.'s new Patron. His family has been closely associated with the club since its formation in 1900 and he himself played for the Club and Ground XI as a batsman while at Eton.

and £252 7s. 3d. in gate receipts from the Bedford Cricket Week, an increase of more than £96.

There was a balance in hand of £78 5s. 11d. on the year's working after £499 had been transferred to the deposit account.

That account had been more than doubled in the last two years and now stood at £1,416 5s. 4d.

Reference to Bedfordshire's improved playing record—a rise from 19th to 13th place in the Minor Counties Competition—was made by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, in his annual report.

After early successes, he stated, it was hoped that the XI would regain some of their former post-war glory, but injuries to Gordon Brice, the professional, who played only in the first match, Brian Disbury, A. G. Coomb and Roy Davies, the South African fast bowler and Luton Town footballer, spoiled their chances.

Personal and General

Pilot-Officer M. H. J. Allen, of the R.A.F., who was on the staff of Northamptonshire County Cricket Club before his National Service, has recently returned from duties in Canada, where he played cricket for his unit, finishing second in both the batting and bowling averages of the Winnipeg League. Pilot - Officer Allen, an Old Bedfordian, who gained his 1st XI colours, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen, of 50 Moulton Avenue, Bedford.

COUNTY LOSES A FAITHFUL AND LOVED FRIEND

Death of Ald. J. Arnold Whitchurch

BY the death at Rye Close, Bedford, on Tuesday, of Ald. J. Arnold Whitchurch, of Great Barford House, the County has lost a loyal public servant who devoted much of his life to furthering its welfare in many spheres. One of the main interests of his life was the County Hospital, for which he did an outstanding work in the days before the National Health Service made it a wing of the Bedford General Hospital. He had a notable record of service on the County Council, was a dominant figure in diocesan circles, took his part in political life, and was, to the end of his days, ever to the fore in good work and willing labours for the benefit of his fellows.

A lover of outdoor sport, Mr. Whitchurch was a great walker, and more than 20 years ago he told members of Bedford Literary and Scientific Association that he had walked something like 90,000 miles over his "very much loved Bedfordshire".

Aged 80, Mr. Whitchurch was the only son of the late Dr. Nathaniel Whitchurch, M.D., J.P. He married the daughter of the late Rev. William Williamson, Rector of Tempsford, at Tempsford Parish Church on 12th September 1906. Mrs. Whitchurch survives her husband.

His interests were many and varied, but the work for which he will be best remembered in Bedfordshire was that for Bedford County Hospital. He was indefatigable in his labours for the Hospital and must have made thousands of speeches on its behalf. As Chairman of the County Hospital Board of Management his work was such an inspiration to his colleagues that they maintained the Institution successfully despite very severe financial difficulties.

Mr. Whitchurch begged tens of thousands of pounds for the County Hospital, and owing to his drive and enthusiasm the annual income was increased four- or five-fold. Under his direction the following moneys were among those voluntarily raised: £10,057 for a convalescent home at Aspley Heath; £5,144 for the equipment of the Hospital Nursing Institution (Rye Close); £3,129 for the Maternity Department; £15,000 towards the provision of a Nurses' Home. He launched the original Hospital Workers' Fund and was keenly interested in the present scheme. Mr. Whitchurch became a member of the Committee of Management of the Hospital in 1911 and was appointed Chairman in the following year.

Glowing tributes to his enthusiasm, wise leadership, and fine personality were paid to Mr. Whitchurch when hospitals came under Government control in 1948.

AN INSPIRATION

An oak plaque commemorating his service to Bedford County Hospital was let into the wall of the main entrance at a ceremony at the Hospital in July 1948.

The inscription paid tribute to his enthusiastic leadership,

which resulted in the development of every hospital department, and continued: "... He epitomized the true spirit which animated the voluntary hospital system for so many centuries, and his services on behalf of the hospital and the many thousands of patients to whom the hospital ministered were, to him, a genuine labour of love, and to his many friends and colleagues, as well as to the staff, an inspiration which will long be remembered with sincere gratitude and affection".

Speaking on the same occasion, Major Simon Whitbread, who was for many years President of the County Hospital, said, "I have always looked upon this Hospital as being Mr. Whitchurch, and on Mr. Whitchurch as being the Hospital."

Among others who paid tribute to Mr. Whitchurch's work for the Hospital on that day were the Hon. Romola Russell, who handed him a gold hunter watch on behalf of the Board of Management, the Matron (Miss B. Shand), who made a presentation on behalf of the staff, and Dr. G. A. Metcalfe, who spoke for the medical staff.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Whitchurch undertook many public duties which were carried out punctiliously. It was astonishing how he found the time for so many interests. In 1915 he was High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. He became a member of Bedfordshire County Council in 1913, being elected an alderman in 1927. His committees included: Finance, County Records, Highways and Bridges, Maternity and Child Welfare (as chairman), National Insurance, Public Health, and General Purposes. In 1937 Mr. Whitchurch was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council. Since 1915 he had been a County Magistrate.

Mr. Whitchurch's other interests in local affairs were the Bedfordshire National Health Insurance Committee, the Sydney Howard Lovell Memorial Almshouses (of which he was one of the first trustees), and Great Barford Parish Council, of which he was chairman for many years.

Throughout his life Mr. Whitchurch worked devotedly for the Church of England. As Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance since 1919 he had the financial affairs of the St. Albans Diocese at his

finger-tips, and he was a familiar figure at the conferences.

At the Diocesan Conference in June 1952 a resolution of thanks for his long service contained the following:—

"To his office as Chairman of the Board for a consecutive term of 30 years Mr. Whitchurch has brought his wealth of knowledge, his experience of administration, his skill in the conduct of meetings, his care for the parishes, and his love for the Church, all of which have contributed to the value of his service."

At Great Barford he had served the Church as a churchwarden since 1905, a trustee and School Manager since 1900, and for 55 years he maintained a large Bible Class for young men at his home.

Politically, Mr. Whitchurch was a staunch Conservative and on more than one occasion he was urged to stand for Parliament. He preferred, however, to devote himself to the public and political work of his own County. As Chairman of Bedford Conservative Association he brought his usual enthusiasm and wise counsel to bear upon its activities with the result that the Association became one of the strongest in the country.

As a speaker Mr. Whitchurch discarded all platform affectation and stated his case with clear incisiveness which carried an almost irresistible appeal. He was one of the principal local speakers for the Conservative Party and helped tremendously in the elections fought and won by Mr. S. R. (now Sir Richard) Wells.

Before the re-arrangement of the County to the present political divisions, Mr. Whitchurch was for many years Chairman of the old North Bedfordshire Conservative and Unionist Association. As a result of his efforts as Chairman of Great Barford and Roxton Conservative Association, that body became a model of enthusiasm and good work. The Primrose League also received his support, and he was Warden in 1894.

Many people had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Whitchurch's scholarly lectures on such subjects as Bedfordshire trees. He was passionately fond of the Bedfordshire countryside, and he always gave one the impression of never riding anywhere if he could walk the journey. He loved an open-air life.

CRICKET LOVER

Mr. Whitchurch was very fond of sport, especially cricket. He was one of the earliest supporters of Bedford and District Elementary Schools Cricket League and presented the championship shield in 1921. For years he presented the shield at the Champions v. Rest game in Bedford Park. More recently, he had taken a close interest in the local Hospital Cricket Cup Competition and usually presented the cup and medals to the winners. His speeches on these occasions showed his deep love of cricket. Mr. Whitchurch was also a great supporter of the former Elementary Schools Football League.

For many years he was a member of the Oakley Hunt and also owned jointly with Mr. Addington, of Little Bar-

ford, a pack of beagles which he hunted for 30 years. He was President of Great Barford Cricket Club for more than half a century, President of the village Sports Club, and President of Great Barford Parish Hall and Institute since its inception. At practically his own expense he established and kept going the Reading Room in the village.

Mrs. J. Arnold Whitchurch shared her husband's many interests and is a prominent member of Bedfordshire County Federation of Women's Institutes, of which she was Chairman for many years.

Cremation took place privately yesterday (Thursday). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Charles Negus Ltd., Bedford. This (Friday) afternoon at 2.15 a memorial service is to be held at St. Paul's Church, Bedford. The meeting of Bedfordshire County Council to-day will be adjourned to permit members to attend the service.

It is requested that no flowers be sent, but donations may be sent to the Diocese of St. Albans Seven Churches Fund, Diocesan Secretary, Abbey Institute, St. Albans.

A GREAT AND GOOD MAN

Sir Thomas Keens's Tribute

In response to an invitation from *The Bedfordshire Times*, Alderman Sir Thomas Keens writes:—

I comply with your request with pride, although with great personal sorrow, to write my appreciation of the work of the late Alderman J. Arnold Whitchurch on the Bedfordshire County Council.

He was elected a County Councillor in 1913, and was made an Alderman in 1927. He was Vice-Chairman of the County Council during my period of chairmanship, being appointed in March 1937 and continuing until April 1952, when we resigned together. Alderman Whitchurch served on all the major committees of the Council, being most appropriately Chairman of the County Health Committee up to the date of his death. He represented the County Council on the Bedfordshire Executive Council appointed under the National Health Act 1946.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1915, acting in the Bedford Petty Sessions Division until he retired to the Supplemental List. He was High Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 1919.

This is a short summary of his County Council duties and gives no record whatever of his diocesan or his hospital work, but these three interests together cover largely his life. I leave to others the record of his services in the last field as I was not associated with him, but I know something of the enormous value of his services.

As to his diocesan activities, throughout his life Mr. Whitchurch worked devotedly for

the Church of England. He had been Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance since 1919. He had the financial affairs of the Diocese at his finger-tips, and was always a familiar figure at the conferences. He had been a churchwarden at Great Barford since 1905, and also a Trustee and School Manager. For very many years he maintained a large Bible class for young men at his residence.

I first became really acquainted with Alderman Whitchurch when we sat as colleagues on the County Appeal Tribunal during the first World War. I speedily discovered his qualities, his broad understanding and sympathy. I further discovered how really widely educated he was and how he brought to all his duties a cultured mind.

SERVICES TO THE COUNTY

During all the years he was on the County Council he was a most valuable public servant. He won the appreciation and regard of his colleagues to a marked, and I think unique, degree, by his character and abilities. During the whole of the period in which we were intimately connected I never heard him express an opinion which reflected unfavourably upon any member of the Council from whom he might have differed, and I have always regarded him as an example of a great and really good man and a faithful and selfless colleague in public service.

His passing will mean a great loss to all the bodies it was his privilege to serve. The long partnership between us on the County Council in its highest offices was a remarkable event. We started from opposite poles, in politics and religion, but we had this in common—we were one in loyalty to the Council and both equally determined to make a good job of our service and give of our very best. Owing to the similarity of our aims, and the high regard in which we held one another, we never had a single disagreement on any matter of moment.

AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

By Alderman Whitchurch's death a void is left which it will be difficult to fill. One can only hope that, with regard to the younger members of the Council in particular, he will be looked upon as an example to follow, to the very great good of the community. One quotation is continually before my mind: "He loved his fellow men," and this, I have no doubt whatever, is the reason for the great affection in which he was held by all members of the Council with whom he came in contact.

Throughout his whole career he was sustained by the affection and support of Mrs. Whitchurch, and our thoughts necessarily go out to her in the loneliness of her later years, trusting that she will be sustained by the affection and regard with which her husband is held by all who knew him.



A COUNTRYMAN AT HEART

"He Loved and was Beloved"

Sir Richard Wells, Bart., writes as follows:—

It has been my good fortune to have had Arnold Whitchurch as a close friend and advisor for over 34 years. His life was one of service so generously given for others.

As Chairman for so many years of the late County Hospital he had the great gift of arousing enthusiasm in all concerned, getting the best out of them, and making everyone proud of their hospital.

As Chairman of the Bedford Conservative Association, by his leadership and influence he was able to render invaluable service from 1922 to 1945.

As a Trustee of the Lovell Almshouses since their inception his interest and advice were of the greatest help.

His many other public services are known to all. He was offered honours on more than one occasion, but preferred to remain as he was, at heart a countryman and a keen sportsman with an exceptional knowledge of birds and beasts.

I would write of him as one who loved his fellow-men and was beloved of them.

THE SOUL OF KINDNESS

Mr. F. G. Simms writes:—

As one of the younger members of the Bedfordshire County Council may I pay my humble tribute of affection and

esteem to the memory of a great Christian gentleman? I always received at his hands (and I am sure many others did, too), great kindness and encouragement. He was most generous in his praise and advice, and was always a source of encouragement to young men who have yet to make their way in public life. He was the very soul of kindness, and a host of people have cause to bless his name and his life of unstinting public service. His deep devotion to the Christian way of life was manifest in everything that he did, and I am sure this was the well-spring of all his many acts of unselfish service. Indeed, it was the driving force which enabled him to become one of the best-loved of Bedfordshire's public men.

COURT TRIBUTES

Tributes were paid to Ald. J. Arnold Whitchurch by the Chairman (Major A. Milton) and other members of Bedford Divisional Magistrates' Court on Thursday.

"Mr. Whitchurch was a very old member of the Bench", Major Milton said. "He served here many years and he lived a full life for the benefit of other people. His passing is a great blow."

It was decided that the Clerk should send a letter to Mrs. Whitchurch expressing the Court's sympathy.

The Oakley Hounds met yesterday at Ravensden House, it being the wish of the family that hunting should not be suspended. Two minutes' silence was observed in memory of the late Mr. Whitchurch.



Bedford Town C.C. first eleven, photographed before their match with Vauxhall Motors last Saturday. Our group shows (left to right): Back row—C. G. Jones, E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. G. Jenkins, F. K. Breeze, and Mr. A. Brace (Umpire). Front row—J. Pratt, A. G. Coomb, V. J. Harris (Captain), G. L. B. August, and C. F. T. Sabey.

Town Fielding Four Sides Again

Bedford Town are again fielding three Saturday teams and a Sunday eleven. There are about 50 playing members, so that competition for places in the sides should be keen.

All last season's players are available with the exception of A. B. Poole. Among the newcomers are C. Dixon, B. J. Maries, D. Welti, P. W. Scrivener, R. V. Archer, and G. B. S. Clarke.

Successor to J. Pratt as captain of the first eleven is V. J. Harris, and vice-captain is G. L. B. August. Harris will also lead the Sunday team, while the skippers of the second eleven and Ramblers are D. T. Matthews and D. F. Bennett respectively.

New fixtures for the first eleven include a visit to Headington and a game against Queen's Works at Newnham Avenue.

Two sides will compete in the Hospital Cup, which the Club has won three times in the last five years, and a "seven" has been entered in the Biggleswade Coronation Seven-a-Side Knock-Out Cup competition.

On Coronation Day the Club will play a Combined Schools XI, comprising Bedford School and Bedford Modern School players.

NORTHANTS AS VISITORS

An attractive programme of Sunday cricket has been arranged at Newnham Avenue and a Northamptonshire County XI will be the visitors on 9th August to play a match in

aid of the Testimonial Fund for Nutter and Oldfield.

In connexion with this fund, incidentally, a fine brochure has been produced containing articles by famous cricketers on many aspects of the game. It is priced 2s. and may be obtained from Mr. Robert H. Baker, c/o County Cricket Ground, Northampton.

Queen's 1st XI Players All Available

All the members of Queen's Works first eleven are again available and the club welcomes back H. F. Boyse, who was an opening batsman and wicket-keeper for the senior side before he left to join Cryselco.

The Sunday team will miss the services of R. F. Dunkley, an all-rounder who has been called up for National Service.

Queen's are running three Saturday elevens—1st, "A", and Extra "A"—a Sunday team, and a junior side who will compete in the Bedford Youth League.

Fixtures do not vary much from last season. Matches with Bedford Town and Luton Corinthians have been obtained for the first eleven. Opposition for the Sunday side is stronger, Brotherhood Sports, of Peterborough, being among several newcomers.

S. V. Wildman, E. C. Wooding, and F. H. Knight are captains of the first, Sunday and "A" elevens respectively, with E. C. Wooding, M. M. J. McDonald and K. P. Wilson as their deputies.

CAPTAIN FOR THIRD YEAR

Gale Leads B.M.S.

R. A. Gale, who captained the Public Schools XI against Combined Services, and The Rest against Southern Schools, at Lords, last year, is once more to lead Bedford Modern School. It will be Gale's sixth season as a member of the first eleven and third as captain—a remarkable record.

Altogether the School would appear to be handsomely placed, for in addition to Gale they have four other 1st XI colours in F. J. Comerford (Vice-Captain), A. Norman (Secretary), A. E. Palmer, and M. G. Cave; and three second eleven colours who appeared in the senior side last season in J. I. Cooper, J. D. Smart and G. M. Jarrett.

Then there is a promising newcomer in D. J. Wilson, a medium paced bowler who last summer was with Oakham School—one of the Modern School's oldest rivals.

Choice of wicketkeeper offers one of the few problems, that excellent player G. Millman having left. Talent abounds, and it is a question of selection.

The School opens the season on 16th May with the only new fixture, away to Trinity College, Cambridge. This balances the fixture with Trinity College, Oxford, and it is interesting to note that the Cambridge College's captain is J. R. A. Pearson, himself an Old Bedford Modernian.

BATTLING WILL BE STRONG

Bedford School's Six Colours

Apart from their captain, M. S. Meeson, Bedford School still have the services of all their leading batsmen of last season and should be strong in this department.

The spin attack, too, is unimpaired, and the only real need would appear to be another opening bowler.

R. W. Street, who made his debut for Bedfordshire against Cambridgeshire at Fenner's last season, is the new captain, with P. C. Eldridge as vice-captain.

Street is an opening bat and leg spinner, and Eldridge batted No. 5 last year.

Other old colours are the Smith twins, J. and P., who were Nos. 3 and 4 in the batting order; J. D. S. Hay, the medium in-swing bowler who took five for seven against Oundle, and finished top of last season's averages; and wicket-keeper D. W. Cook.

To-morrow the School will play the Ousels (the Staff), and on Tuesday they are to entertain Cambridge University Crusaders. First school match is on the following Saturday, away to Leys.

Newcomers' Big Part in Town II Victory

Bedford II achieved an excellent win by six wickets over Chesham II at Newnham Avenue on Saturday, chiefly through the efforts of two well-established members, Humphreys and Peet, and two most promising newcomers, Maries and Hollis.

After losing a wicket in the first over Chesham took the score steadily to 80 for three. Then Humphreys broke a partnership between Kent and Blackmore with his first ball, and the next six wickets yielded only 22 runs. Humphreys taking five for 24. Maries' bowling was impressive, and he was unfortunate not to get even better figures than his three for 28.

Bedford had to fight hard for runs in the early stages, the opening Chesham bowlers being considerably aggressive. Hollis retired after being hit on the thigh three times in one over from Stone, but returned to score a good 27. At 18 years of age he is a good prospect for the Town club.

His partner, Peet, was severe on anything short of a length, scoring 32 of his 65 not out by boundary strokes.

Chesham II: White 0, Blackmore 57, Chyss 15, Kent 29, Mayo 8, Bourke 1, Milne 2, Bowler 2, Plesed 6, Stone 5, Wood 0, extras 4, total 109.
Bedford II: Barcock 5, Hollis 27, Peet not out 65, Draper 0, Scivener 10, Matthews, not out, 8, extras 3, total, for four wickets, 118. Stone three for 40.

Bedford School Lose to Crusaders

Following their drawn game with The Ousels on Saturday, Bedford School found the Cambridge University Crusaders too strong for them at the School field on Tuesday, losing by 101 runs.

The Crusaders treated the School opening attack of Hay and Williams with the respect they deserved, and at 24 Hay had Thornton lbw. But after Umbers had been allowed two lives, he and Dewhurst put on 114 for the second wicket.

Street wisely gave newcomers Williams and Marriott plenty of bowling, and though the Crusaders scored freely, both bowlers showed much promise. Hay, as last year, was the most dangerous attacking bowler, however, in swinging very late. He took two wickets, and Marriott one.

The Crusaders declared at 251 for three, and Street, who batted extremely well, and Pagan, plucky though less certain, gave the School a good start with 49 for the first wicket. With the Smith twins together the score reached 79 for two, but a brotherly misunderstanding resulted in Jack Smith being run out.

A collapse of the middle batsmen was checked by Wyatt (Colt last year) who with Cook added 32 for the last wicket, and almost played out time in a 35-minute stand.

Crusaders: D. Thornton 14, R. H. Umbers 95, T. Dewhurst 61, M. Taylor not out 61, D. B. Bird not out 15, extras 7, total (5 wickets dec.) 251.
Bedford School: R. W. Street 37, Pagan 16, P. Smith 18, J. Smith 6, J. D. S. Hay 9, P. C. Eldridge 0, Johnson 3, Wyatt not out 16, Marriott 7, Williams 8, D. W. Cook 21, extras 13, total 150.

Britannia 1st XI v. C. W. King's XI
Played at R. B. Sanders ground, Kempston. Britannia won by 55 runs.

Britannia: R. Craddock 1, W. Crane 7, D. Thomas 35, E. Buckingham 10, A. Cole 2, S. Sharn 15, F. Nelson not out 19, C. Askew 7, F. Knight not out 0, extras 6, total 140 for eight wickets, dec. (Hare five for 39, Ward two for 57, Fordham one for 17).

King's XI: Clark 16, Ward 4, Mowe 0, Ford 24, Yardley 0, Hare 18, King 3, Rafter 0, Ashwell 2, Parwell not out 11, Fordham 0, extras 7, total 85. (Buckingham four for 22, Coles three for 13, F. Knight one for 7).

Filtwick "B" v. Britannia "B"
Played at Filtwick, the home side won by 64 runs.

Filtwick: T. Creighton 9, L. Jeeves 25, E. Washington 14, R. Thompson 22, B. Miller retired 15, P. Tookey not out 25, T. Clayton not out 4, extras 18, total 150 for seven wickets, dec. (Mellor two for 29, Farren one for 8, Osler one for 24).

Britannia: P. Wathen 6, J. Whittle 19, E. Osler 4, G. Rowell 5, W. Farren 0, D. Powell 0, J. Hawkins 26, D. Mellor 0, P. Humphreys 0, A. Wells not out 2, J. Lawson 0, extras 4, total 65. (Wynn five for 17, Clayton four for 32).

Renhold II v. Goldington
Feature of this game was a chanceless half-century by opening Renhold batsman P. Shoreley which included a six and three fours. Renhold won by four wickets.

Goldington: Pike 3, Line 3, Payne 6, Dinmick 17, Shule 8, Evans 5, Markham 2, Lynch 1, Parsons 8, Wharham 6, Pullinger not out 4, extras 9, total 72. (Constant four for 19).

Renhold: P. Shoreley retired 54, H. Sharpe 0, D. Constant 0, C. Constant 6, P. Carter 3, R. Brice 1, J. Wootton 8, J. Harvey 0, G. Fenton 0, F. Carter not out 0, extras 4, total 81 for eight wickets.

Won—By One Run

There was a most thrilling finish to Stewartby's home game with Potton on Sunday, the last Potton wicket falling immediately the winning run had been scored.

Webb had a good first knock for Stewartby, hitting fourteen boundaries and a six in his 92.

In reply to Stewartby's declared total of 198 for four, Cooper and Rawlings made 90 for the first wicket for Potton, although Cooper was missed when only six—a dear mistake. Giles hit three sixes and four fours in his 63. Scores:—

Stewartby: Harding 33, Whitbread 1, Webb 92, Nicholls 24, Lowe not out 24, Richardson not out 18, extras 4, total 198 for four wickets, dec.

Potton: Cooper 44, C. Rawlings 56, Page 12, Palce 2, Hutchinson 0, Giles 63, Minns 12, B. Blott 0, Percy 0, G. Blott not out 3, M. Rawlings 3, extras 2, total 197.

Diemer and Reynolds v. R.A.F. Cardington

R.A.F. Cardington: Gough 5, Stuart 18, Potts 11, Moore 6, Eaton 4, Sercombe 0, Dewes not out 14, Tait 0, Cockrill 7, Ousden 6, Clouch 1, extras 4, total 76. Birtwhistle three for 21, Williamson two for 20, Stapleton four for 17.

Diemer and Reynolds: D. Spring 6, K. Hall 3, B. Ebbs 0, P. Peil 7, R. Cox 3, B. Stapleton 12, G. Birtwhistle 0, N. J. McNielien (retired hurt) 26, D. Williamson 4, G. Plummer 0, V. Fowler not out 0, extras 5, total 66. Evans four for 26.

Diemer and Reynolds v. Brigstock
Diemer and Reynolds: D. Spring 21, B. Ebbs 5, B. Stapleton 15, P. Peil 25, D. Williamson 3, R. Howell 5, R. P. Pilly 22, G. Birtwhistle not out 4, W. Webb 0, P. Crisp not out 7, extras 2, total (for eight dec.) 104. Butcher three for 12, Sherratt two for 13.

Brigstock: Maves 27, Wright 15, Clayton 0, Jackson 5, Bradshaw 3, Toles 15, Sherratt 0, Eden not out 10, Butcher not out 25, extras 4, total (for seven wickets) 106. Rowkins five for 47.

TOURISTS' MATCH UMPIRE

Mr. Kenneth McCanlis, of Bedford, who is in his sixth season as a first-class umpire, officiated in the Yorkshire v. Australians game at Bradford, which ended last Friday. He will also "stand" in the Australians' match against Derbyshire at Chesterfield, starting on 17th June and he umpired the Tourists' one-day game at East Molesey on 26th April.

In all Mr. McCanlis has been allotted 28 matches this year, including Royal Navy v. The Army at Portsmouth, starting on 3rd August.

Kempston Methodists v. Bedfordshire Times

Methodists: Simpson 7, Stock 21, Parker 13, White 15, Turner 21, Brooks 6, Brassington not out 4, extras 6, total (for 6 wickets) 96—Brice three for 36, May two for 39.

Times: Saby 10, Sharp 12, Spavins 42, Bowker not out 19, A. Martin 8, Coleman not out 1, extras 8, total (for 4 wickets) 100. Curtis two for 25, Dickens (Harrold), 103 for three (8, Coleman 53, J. Wildman 21), Carlton Training School, 53 (Pitts 11, A. Lyman four for 15, G. Robinson two for 5, W. Sheppard two for 9, V. Bowdler two for 12).

NINE WICKETS FOR MARSTON SPORTS BOWLER

Probably the finest achievement of an exciting day's cricket in the Bedford and District League was that of Marston Sports bowler D. Butt, who took all but one of Little Staughton's wickets in their Division I game at Marston.

His figures were nine for 26, and seven of his victims were clean bowled.

He was on the losing side, however, Marston replying with only 60 runs to Little Staughton's total of 91.

No one at Pertenhall can remember a better opening to a season than that provided by their victory over South End Ramblers in the Premier Division on Saturday. Played in lovely weather, it was anyone's game, until the Ramblers suddenly collapsed as the result of some fine fielding.

Pertenhall's B. Jones was the man of the match, helping O. Stapleton to put on 44 for the fourth wicket, and then taking four Ramblers wickets for 18 runs. Jones scored 35 (including a six and three fours).

Ramblers were 41 for one wicket, but then there was a disastrous collapse, the innings closing for the addition of only 28 runs.

Sharnbrook bowler Benson returned some of the best figures of the week—seven for 6—and with L. Blundell (three for 10) put out Pavenham for only 17 runs. Pavenham's top scorer was last man in Turner, with 6. Sharnbrook totalled 79.

UNLUCKY SKEVINGTON

Unluckiest player on Saturday was Great Barford's W. Skevington. Having materially assisted in Renhold's dismissal for 58—he took four wickets for 19—he was still undefeated with 29 runs when he was joined by the last Barford batsman. The score was then 57—two runs short of victory. But Skevington was clean-bowled by Fenton without addition, so Renhold won an exciting game by one run.

Felmersham could make little of the Thurleigh attack, only L. Goodman reaching double figures, and the side was out for 53. This followed the excellent Thurleigh innings of 159 for six declared of which the features were K. Wagstaff's unbeaten 45, and the hard hitting of A. Alison (38).

Chiefly responsible for Felmersham's mediocre score was B. Holley whose six wickets cost him 10 runs.

Tail-enders, in particular M. Henderson, who hit 20 not out, earned Colmworth a narrow win over Riseley after half their wickets had fallen for under 20 runs.

J. Thorne, Thurleigh II's skipper, played a large part in his side's win by 40 runs over Clapham II, taking seven wickets at a cost of only 11 runs.

Oakley's G. Rainbow almost defeated Little Staughton II

himself on Saturday. He took six of their wickets for only 5 runs and hit 28—one run fewer than their total. Little Staughton made 136, J. Bryson being top scorer with 30.

PREMIER DIVISION

Pertenhall v. South End Ramblers
Pertenhall: C. Banks 0 O. Stapleton 16, S. Stapleton 14, J. Roddis 1, B. Jones 35, S. George 1, V. Roddis 18, B. Pressland 1, C. Stapleton 4, S. Dawson 2, J. Elliott not out 1, extras 7, total 100. (D. Clavson four for 4, S. Tompkins three for 32, H. Allen two for 17)

South End Ramblers: A. Spice 12, G. Ferguson 19, J. Walker 11, J. Bosworth 6, D. Clavson 0, F. Roome 0, L. Jones 0, G. Sheridan 7, W. Nicholls 0, H. Allen 7, S. Tompkins not out 2, extras 5, total 69. (B. Jones four for 18, S. George three for 20, B. Pressland three for 25)

Sharnbrook v. Pavenham

Sharnbrook: Alcock 6, Lovell 4, Martin 13, G. Boxley 4, Boyles 2, Dowdeswell 4, E. Blundell 16, L. Blundell 0, Brazg not out 17, Clarke 0, Benson 13, extras 2, total 79. (Booley five for 19, T. Hixes two for 11, Bennett two for 33, Whitworth one for 14)

Pavenham: A. Wesley 0, M. Hixes 0, Bennett 1, N. Wesley 0, Coleman 4, S. Taylor 2, Whitworth not out 0, Crawley 2, Blakemore 0, T. Hixes 0, Turner 6, extras 1, total 17. (Benson seven for 6, L. Blundell three for 10)

Blunham v. Marston

Blunham: C. Saunders 0, F. Abbott 7, A. Sims 0, R. Harding 13, R. Clark 0, F. Tester 4, R. Rawlins 0, G. Harding 2, G. Barker 7, G. Bred 0, M. Jefferies not out 0, extras 4, total 41. (Copperwheat took seven wickets)

Marston: R. Copperwheat 10, C. Rowe 0, F. Lilley 6, D. Stapleton 7, C. Caves 0, D. Faulkner 0, A. Bunker 0, C. Copperwheat 0, M. Smith 0, F. Bunker 1, K. Richman not out 1, extras 7, total 32. (Tester took five wickets, Barker three wickets)

DIVISION I

Felmersham v. Thurleigh
Thurleigh: A. Alison 38, R. Maddison 15, K. Wagstaff not out 45, C. Berrill 29, D. Berrill 18, B. Holley 0, M. Pevorth 0, B. Asplin 2, extras 12, total 159 for six wickets (dec)

Felmersham: A. Betts 8, F. Turner 3, C. Blakeman 3, J. Turner 2, T. Longstaff 4, L. Goodman 31, H. Lawson 3, G. Richardson 19, Lovell 1, Giles 1, Lovell 4, H. Rust not out 0, extras 4, total 53. (B. Holley six for 10, J. Wagstaff two for 5)

Marston Sports v. Little Staughton
Little Staughton: K. Banks 23, R. Thorne 16, E. Robins 13, C. Brown 1, O. Robins 18, B. Turner 2, extras 12, total 159 for six wickets (dec)

Marston Sports: T. Thorburn 1, T. Jordan 5, E. Barnes 25, D. Butt 1, T. Bondfield 1, R. Wilby 3, H. Stapleton 2, E. Blunham 6, G. Moore not out 10, E. Hamilton 1, E. Mavnard 0, extras 6, total 60. (R. Robins five for 24, H. Sanders two for 14, C. Brown two for 12)

Great Barford v. Renhold

Renhold: D. Fenton 10, P. Swann 12, F. Love 3, D. Stapleton 0, J. Norman 3, G. Harlow 0, P. Harlow 1, P. Harlow 0, A. Duncombe 7, F. Brocknot not out 2, J. Rabbit 6, extras 5, total 58. (W. Skevington four for 19, J. Breeze two for 18, J. Bourden one for 8, J. Browning one for 4)

Great Barford: P. Usher 3, A. Read 0, R. Owen 0, W. Bridger 0, W. Skevington 29, J. Breeze 2, G. Wardlin 0, J. Tatman 4, J. Browning 4, M. Lee 0, J. Bourden not out 3, extras 2, total 27. (D. Stapleton five for 28, D. Fenton four for 16)

Caldesote v. Langford

Caldesote: J. Woodward 3, C. Raybould 1, Barton 1, C. Odell 14, F. Tanner 5, L. Edwards 9, G. Watts 12, F. Summerfield 2, A. Clark 12, F. Auburn 4, J. Brunt not out 5, extras 1, total 75. (Whitman three for 12)

Langford: L. King 4, N. Patterson 11, N. Rogers 3, P. Roberts 12, J. Aldon 0, T. Dunn 5, S. Gentle 0, H. Huckle 0, D. King 3, C. Acet 0, E. Whiteman not out 1, extras 1, total 49. (C. Odell five for 15, G. Watts three for 20)

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Langford II v. Mogerhanger

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 7, R. Reid 20, P. Rawlins 4, S. Reid 3, K. Reid 0, D. Jones 5, M. Daniels not out 15, F. Wilsham 3, E. Street 1, R. Thomas 4, R. Phillips 1, extras 7, total 49

Langford: C. Dille 26, D. Burton 0, A. Wells 6, W. Patton 0, R. Harmer not out 22, J. Piper 1, R. Smith 0, E. Rutt 1, L. Houghton 0, C. Kibby 1, P. Piper 4, extras 5, total 66.

Colmworth v. Riseley

Riseley: H. Stringer 13, L. Williams 2, W. Norman 2, J. Baines 5, C. Hollis 5, B. Hartop 2, W. Partridge 2, J. Hopkins 0, A. Lammie 0, W. Allen 3, C. Clayton not out 1, extras 7, total 45.

Colmworth: V. Abraham 1, W. Ellison 4, J. Hughes 1, R. Henderson 2, T. Matthews 6, J. Ashpole 2, H. Swales 0, M. Henderson not out 20, B. Swales 8, B. Watts 8, J. Chamberlain not out 0, extras 7, total 103 (for 4 wickets) 59.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Stevlington v. Stagsden

Stagsden: G. Newman 27, R. Tite 4, H. Newman 16, A. Cooper not out 30, B. Everett 10, J. Brooks 0, J. Alder 1, F. Prossell 12, R. Anstey 1, C. Clark 0, H. Church 1, extras 7, total 109. (Curtis four for 32)

Stevlington: A. Wildman 10, G. Curtis 12, G. Guy 0, L. Cook 14, R. Cox 0, J. Swain 2, S. Albery 0, A. Cox 10, R. Mackness 0, F. Wooding 0, H. Dart not out 1, extras 3, total 52. (G. Newman five for 18, Everett four for 31)

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh II v. Clapham II

Thurleigh II: J. Franklin 28, F. Holley 9, J. Warner 23, K. Berrill 1, J. Berrill 0, J. Thorne 5, F. Bull 6, C. Maddison 0, R. Lovell not out 5, J. Hooker 0, G. Roberts 7, extras 1, total 85.

Clapham: N. Bicknell 5, R. Nicholson 0, F. Bull 16, Burton 2, C. Pettifer 2, R. Brown 2, A. Jones 0, W. Loake 0, A. Cope 0, G. Hoffman 3, F. Baker not out 1, extras 5, total 45. (J. Thorne seven for 11)

Little Staughton II v. Oakley

Oakley: J. Briggs 25, C. Bird 0, F. Rainbow 7, J. Newall 2, J. Scullion 0, J. Bryson 30, R. Croft 10, G. Rainbow 28, B. Saunders 4, S. Moore 4, J. Saunders not out 7, extras 19, total 158. (H. Parker three for 7)

Little Staughton II: Topham 7, S. Hall 0, J. Marshall 1, J. Robins 0, K. Brown 5, L. Hawkins 0, O. Jordan 3, B. Smith 0, R. Smith not out 0, H. Parker 6, E. Saunders 2, extras 5, total 29. (G. Rainbow six for 5, C. Bird two for 10, J. Bryson two for 0)

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Tempford v. Pottion II

Tempford: B. Lowe 0, P. Braybrooks 0, R. Beities 1, E. Ingram 0, P. Dawes 0, M. Brown 1, J. Jackson 0, R. Jones 2, C. Jackson 7, R. Fuller 8, D. Wilson not out 0, extras 6, total 20.

Pottion II: D. Pepper 1, J. Plummer 6, C. Munns 1, A. Giles 1, J. Turnbull 0, P. Hutchinson 2, C. Blott 1, J. Hutchinson 1, K. Hutchinson 0, D. Hutchinson not out 0, E. Giles 2, extras 2, total 17.

Second Innings: Tempford 27, Hutchinson seven for 11; Pottion 50 for seven wickets

Bedford Women's Cricket Club held a successful dance in the Sharnbrook Church Hall on 8th May. Miss Pat Henson, of Bedford, was M.C. Proceeds are for the benefit of the Cricket Club.

CHAMPIONS DISMISSED FOR 22 AT MARSTON

Potton, champions of the Bedford and District League (Premier Division) for the last two years, suffered their first defeat of the season on Saturday when they were bowled out by Marston for only 22

K. Brightman (six for 10) and C. Copperwheat (four for 12), were responsible for Potton's dismissal, and Marston—after losing two wickets for five runs—passed the Potton total without further loss.

Losing by ten runs to Sharnbrook, South End Ramblers put up their best fight of the season against a side which seemed inspired by the presence of R. Dunkley, who was home on leave.

J. Bosworth with 16 was top scorer in this low-scoring match, but South End were out for 48 at tea. The excitement came when Sharnbrook's youngsters fought the bowling of South End's veterans, Walker and Tompkins, who bowled practically unchanged. The straight ball of R. Lovell undoubtedly saved Sharnbrook, and the temper of the game is best judged from the bowling analyses. In 13 overs Tompkins conceded 13 runs, and in 15 overs Walker conceded 25.

Clapham recorded their second successive victory when beating Pertenhall by 43 runs. Pertenhall batted first and after the opening pair had gone the remainder offered little opposition, due to the good spell of bowling by C. Bottell (four for 4). Good returns by T. Buck enabled three home side batsmen to be run out.

Clapham, set to beat only 22, started in the same way as the home side, but a good stand by L. Wooding (22 not out) and B. Tamkin (15) soon put them ahead.

HAT-TRICK FOR HOLLEY

Runs were hard to obtain on a poor wicket at Caldecote, the home side being put out twice by Thurlleigh for 28 and 27.

In Caldecote's first innings Thurlleigh's B. Holley took five for 10, including a hat-trick. Thurlleigh also found runs difficult, but the Berrill brothers came to the rescue and the innings closed at 41.

In a second knock Caldecote were dismissed for 27. B. Holley again taking half the wickets for 15 runs. Thurlleigh also struggled with the bat, ending with 20 for eight.

Wyboston scored a belaboured 72—in 2 hours 10 minutes—against the accurate bowling of Riseley's Holmes (four for 16) and Woolston (four for 22). Only R. Kidman reached double figures (18).

Riseley won the game with four wickets in hand and at the close had made 84 for eight.

A brisk 53 by Turvey's captain, R. Frost, after a slow start, formed the basis of his side's total of 112 made in two hours.

It proved far too formidable for West End, who were out for 29. Only R. Stone defied the difficult overs from Paynton and Sugars (four for 10 and five for 9 respectively), carrying his bat for 12.

PREMIER DIVISION

Marston v. Potton

Potton: C. Rayling 4, H. Jakes 1, K. Woodman 0, D. Pepper 2, J. Turnbull 2, D. Page 5, E. Huckle 1, O. Blott not out 3, J. Giles 1, P. Hutchinson 1, B. Moore 0, extras 1, total 22. (K. Brightman six for 10, C. Copperwheat four for 12).

Marston: R. Copperwheat 3, O. Rowe 1, F. Lilley 0, D. Stapleton 14, P. Faulkner 1, R. Dunkley 1, Bunker 5, C. Caves 0, K. Brightman 3, C. Copperwheat 1, T. Mills not out 3, extras 7, total 64. (J. Turnbull seven for 12).

Sharnbrook v. South End Ramblers

Ramblers: C. Ferguson 7, A. Spice 2, J. Walker 0, D. Clayton 2, J. Bosworth 16, L. Jones 3, K. Green 1, H. Allen 1, J. Sheridan 5, S. Tompkins not out 4, W. Nicholls 4, extras 3, total 48. (D. Benson three for 17, E. Blundell three for 8, R. Dunkley two for 11).

Sharnbrook: H. Gray 10, R. Lovell 15, H. Martin 0, R. Dunkley 1, O. Boyles 3, E. Bird 3, J. Boyles 4, E. Blundell 3, E. Ward 8, J. Deighton 0, K. Hanson 2, extras 7, total 58. (J. Walker five for 25, S. Tompkins four for 13).

Pertenhall v. Clapham

Pertenhall: C. Stapleton 3, S. George 6, S. Stapleton 0, R. Jones 2, G. Banks 0, K. Gentle 2, V. Roddis 0, J. Roddis 0, W. Presland 4, S. Dix 1, S. Dawson not out 0, extras 3, total 22. (R. Pickering three for 6, T. Buck one for 9, C. Bottell four for 4).

Clapham: S. Wiles 3, P. Hall 3, N. Bicknell 0, R. Devereux 7, A. Hennings 1, C. Tomkins 0, J. Taylor 4, R. Pickering 0, L. Wooding not out 28, T. Buck 0, C. Turner 1, extras 1, total 45. (W. Presland two for 9, S. George three for 14, R. Jones three for 14, S. Dawson two for 0).

Blunham v. Pavenham

Pavenham: Whitworth 0, J. Blakemore 1, P. Bennett 3, A. Howes 0, M. Higgs 0, G. Bogley 0, J. Pearson 0, A. Wesley 5, K. Turner 0, T. Higgs not out 5, J. Crawley 0, extras 1, total 15. (P. Hester six for 6, R. Rawlins two for 5).

Blunham: E. Saunders 0, P. Abbott 1, M. Rawlins 4, D. Moore 1, R. Clarke 5, R. Harding 8, Taylor 4, F. Jeffries 0, H. Rawlins 6, G. Barker 5, W. Pass not out 7, extras 4, total 41. (G. Bogley six for 16, T. Higgs four for 15).

Caldecote v. Thurlleigh

Caldecote: C. Raybould 4, L. Edwards 1, O. Odell 9, F. Turner 8, A. Clark 2, M. Hoole 0, E. Brunt 1, G. Watts 2, F. Sumner 0, O. O. Stanton not out 0, E. Albons 0, extras 3, total 24. (B. Holley five for 10, W. Asplin two for 1, J. Wagstaff two for 10).

Thurlleigh: M. Maddison 6, A. Ellison 2, W. Wagstaff 1, M. Berrill 1, A. Asplin 0, D. Berrill not out 15, B. Holly 0, J. Wagstaff 4, M. Papworth 1, total 41. (A. Clark six for 17, M. Hoole four for 9).

Marston Sports v. Lanford

Lanford 143 for nine wickets, 46. (N. Rogers 41). Marston Sports 82. (D. King six for 36, H. Whitman three for 29).

Wyboston v. Riseley

Wyboston: C. Pether 8, R. Yates 7, W. Foot 4, A. Opher 1, R. Kidman 18, H. Park 5, V. Fell not out 4, G. Mills 0, W. Stapleton 2, A. Darlington 0, T. Bridge 8, extras 13, total 72. (Holmes four for 16, Woolston four for 22).

Riseley: H. Stricker 14, L. Williams 1, Norman 20, C. Holmes 0, W. Partridge 0, P. Woolston 7, W. Fell 2, W. Allen not out 0, R. Hartop 0, Short not out 1, extras 10, total (for eight wickets) 84. (V. Fell four for 24).

Kempston Wood End v. Stevington

Wood End: J. Fuller 4, K. Jessop 20, R. Jessop 4, J. Litchfield 8, D. Jessop 4, B. Gills 1, B. Ashpole 4, K. Attridge 1, Burzaway 1, P. Ashpole 0, T. Owen not out 0, extras 4, total 53. (Chris seven for 17, Tucker two for 22, R. Cox one for 10).

Stevington: A. Wildman 30, C. Curtis 12, O. Guy 22, R. Cook 10, A. Cox 10, J. Swain 8, H. Dart not out 0, extras 2, total (for six wickets) 99. (Chris two for 15, J. Fuller two for 26, T. Ashpole one for 2, J. Litchfield one for 38).

Haynes v. Oople

Haynes: R. Clarke 4, A. Herbert 0, F. Smith 1, J. Church 0, P. Baker 3, K. Webb 2, H. Herbert 15, A. Dear 2, R. Bennett 6, T. Schooling 0, H. Roberts not out 4, extras 1, total 40. (R. Bennett four for 11, A. Worrall three for 6, A. Hart one for 10, P. Burr two for 12).

Oople: E. Hull 0, A. Hart 36, J. Chambers 4, J. Newbury 3, R. Bennett 18, P. Burr 11, A. Worrall 12, C. Graves 1, E. Yerrill not out 0, D. Thacker 0, G. Halliday 0, extras 5, total 90. (A. Herbert two for 15, R. Clarke two for 14, K. Webb two for 16, H. Roberts four for 6).

Kempston West End v. Turvey

Turvey: Skevington 5, West 0, H. Bargent 9, Frost 53, Letts 16, Kruth-Ries 12, Wright 3, Paynton 8, Hilton 0, Brown 3, Sugars not out 0, extras 3, total 112. (Percival three for 45, Darwood two for 29, Anthony four for 15).

West End: Bailey 8, Darwood 0, Hill 0, Percival 1, Anthony 2, Viewling 2, White 0, Stone not out 12, Hyde 0, McCull 0, White 0, extras 4, total 29. (Paynton four for 10, Sugars five for 5).

Standen v. Marston II

Standen: G. Newman 16, R. Tite 0, H. Newman 2, A. Cooper 2, B. Sharp 11, J. Ibbott 0, F. Frossell 0, J. Brooks 8, J. Alder 9, R. Anstey 0, E. Clark 0, extras 2, total 30.

Marston II: W. Swales 5, T. Clarke 0, R. Berry 6, R. Burdick 1, V. Hale 1, J. Nicholls 0, B. Denton 0, R. Edwards 0, A. Goodman 5, R. Knight 4, A. Knight absent injured, extras 1, total 30. (B. Sharp six for 10).

Thurleigh II v. Sharnbrook II

Sharnbrook: H. Boyles 7, 13, Chambers 6, 10, Canty 1, 2, Marsh 0, 0, Bates 1, 1, Hilsop 1, 7, Wildman 6, not out 13, Knight 1, 7, Blood 1, 1, Brown 4, 0, Suss not out 1, 0, extras 1, 0, totals 30 and 48. (K. Berrill five for 12, Maddison five for 17, Holley four for 7, Green three for 6, Hooker two for 8).

Thurleigh: Holley 1, Franklin 3, K. Berrill 7, J. Berrill 1, Warner Green 4, M. Berrill 1, Maddison 1, Roberts 0, Hooker 0, Hedlock not out 0, extras 2, total 29. (Bates four for 1, Canty three for 0, Knight one for 5).

Potton II v. Blunham II

Potton II: J. Plummer 5, D. Hutchinson 0, C. Minns 4, G. Hutchinson 4, J. Standen 1, E. Blott 7, E. Gurney 3, B. Chin not out 2, K. Hutchinson 2, E. Giles 0, F. Brookman 1, extras 9, total 38. (T. Jeffries three for 0).

2nd Innings: 50

Blunham II: R. Sims 0, M. Ranson 0, H. Sims 4, G. Bred 1, D. Price 6, R. Stevens 3, N. Price 1, M. Winters 0, A. Sims 1, I. Wakefield 2, T. Jeffries not out 0, extras 3, total 21.

2nd Innings: 15 for nine wickets.

BEDFORD SCHOOL BOWLERS AGAIN IN FORM

The Bedford School attack which accounted for Aldenham School the previous week for only 53 runs, put out The Leys at Cambridge last Thursday for 84, and paved the way for a five wickets' victory.

Most impressive was Hay (three for 30 in 19 overs), who bowled his inswingers very accurately; while the best rewarded was P. Smith, who took six for 34, including the hat-trick. R. W. Street was also most accurate for a leg-spinner (one for 7 in 9 overs). Johnson and Eldridge repeated their brilliant catches of the Aldenham match in precisely the same positions—short square leg and gully.

Set to beat 84, opening bat Street touched a good away swinger early on, but Pagan played a stolid and most useful innings, while at the other end P. Smith scored freely to make 32. Some of the later batsmen were a little over-anxious to make their runs quickly, but even so the School had a comfortable victory.

The Leys: A. J. W. Thomas c Cook b Hay 11, J. Scarr c Cook b Street 10, R. H. Schofield b Hay 2, M. K. Payne c Meadows b P. Smith 21, S. H. Cunningham lbw c Hay 8, M. R. Davis c Eldridge b P. Smith 15, R. Barber c Eldridge b P. Smith 15, S. Beesby c Johnson b P. Smith 11, K. M. Wilkins b P. Smith 11, P. M. Pirota c P. Smith 11, O. Baker not out 0, extras 8, total 84. Bedford School: R. W. Street c Baker b Wilkins 4, Pagan not out 23, P. Smith b Barber 6, J. D. Smith b Barber b Barber 5, J. D. Hay c Payne b Barber 17, P. C. Eldridge c Baker b Pirota 6, Meadows not out 8, extras 3, total 84. Williams, and D. W. Cook did not bat.

D. C. Money Hits 65 Against School

On Saturday, Bedford School entertained and held their own with a strong Buccaneers side, the game ending in a draw.

Williams and Hay again proved a good opening pair. Hay bowled Cronin at 16, and without another run being scored Williams bowled Hertfordshire's captain, Tyrwhitt-Drake, and soon dismissed Green.

The Kent cricketer, J. G. W. Davies, aided by Merriott, staged a recovery, the former showing some beautifully timed pulls and drives. But when Roberts was unfortunately run out, six wickets were down for 142.

It was the School's own master 1/c cricket, D. C. Money, who proved most stubborn, batting freely for 65 not out. With Gilbert and Gray a further hundred runs were added, and the Buccaneers declared at 248 for seven.

Street and Pagan gave the School a useful start with 34 for the first wicket, but at this total the master-in-charge became even more unpopular with the eleven, catching both batsmen behind the wicket.

However, the potential strength of the School batting was indicated by two stands of 40, in which Hay batted soundly and newcomers Johnson and Meadows played some fine strokes.

Davies and Green prevented the batsmen forcing the pace, but by the close the School had made 144 for five wickets.

Buccaneers: T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake b Williams 12, A. R. Cronin b Hay 11, A. R. Green b Williams 11, J. G. Merriott c Cook b J. Smith 26, J. C. W. Davies c Street b Williams 34, D. T. E. Roberts run out 36, D. C. Money not out 65, C. A. B. Gray not out 26, Street 40, total (for seven wks., dec.) 248. Bedford School: R. W. Street c Merriott 16, Pagan c Money b Gilbert 12, P. Smith b Green 23, J. Smith c Green b Gray 25, J. D. Hay not out 65, Johnson c Roberts b Cronin 16, Meadows not out 12, extras 11, total (for five wks.) 144. P. C. Eldridge, Scubbs, Williams and D. W. E. Cook did not bat.

Rain Spoils Modern School's Match

The weather spoiled Bedford Modern School's match with Emanuel School at Raynes Park on Wednesday, a draw resulting.

Heavy rain limited play to 40 minutes before lunch, and in that time Emanuel scored 32 for one, losing their first wicket at 10 when Farr gave an easy catch.

The 17-year-old Pakistani, Mahmoud Jung, played well for his 43, until he skied a ball from Jarrett to Pavne at long-on. Comerford, who captained B.M.S. in Gale's absence, finished the innings off.

Bad light made the scene dismal when Norman and Smart opened. Smart seemed uncomfortable, and off the last ball before tea he was caught

at slip. Showers held up play after tea, and only fleeting glimpses of cricket were seen.

Comerford scored 19, but no one stayed long with him. A win for B.M.S. was impossible, and Payne and Jarrett played steadily towards a draw until rain finally drove the players in at 8.20.

Emanuel School: D. G. Farr c Garratt b Wilson 4, J. E. Skardon at Richardson b Jarrett 27, R. Mahmoud Jung c Payne b Jarrett 43, R. A. Clarke c Palmer b Garratt 2, G. B. Sowards run out 2, R. A. Goodwin b Comerford 24, R. G. Tarrant c Richardson b Comerford 8, C. J. Benwell b Comerford 1, C. Bonastoni c Norman b Wilson 8, D. J. Kirk not out 1, M. Sullivan b Comerford 0, extras 10, total 130. (Comerford four for 11, Wilson two for 21, Jarrett two for 45, Garratt one for 15).

Modern School: A. Norman b Mahmoud Jung 12, J. D. Smart c King b Mahmoud Jung 2, C. E. Garratt run out 10, G. M. Jarrett not out 4, extras 6, total (for six wks.) 52. D. J. Wilson, A. E. Palmer and K. H. Richardson did not bat.

Peet 63 for Town II

Dismissing their opponents, Old Ignatians, for 65, Bedford Town II passed this total for the loss of one wicket in their all-day game at Newham Avenue on Monday.

Feature of Old Ignatians' innings was that nine of the ten wickets were bowled. Linger (four for 8), Hollis (three for 16), and Maries (two for 10) bowled well for Bedford.

After losing Hollis cheaply, Peet and Woolliscroft hit off the runs. Peet, who had nearly all the bowling while he was in, finished with 63, of which his 50 was scored in 30 minutes.

Old Ignatians: 65 (Kennedy 26). Bedford II: Woolliscroft 15, Hollis 4, Peet 63, Matthews 1, Barcock 7, Hall 0, Stiles 0, Andrews not out 0, extras 5, total (for seven wks.) 95.

After tea the teams played 20 overs each Bedford dismissing all their opponents in 19 overs for 54 runs. Andrews taking seven wickets for 21 runs. Bedford lost five wickets in passing the total Barcock scoring a good 29 not out.

KEMPSTON FOIL BARTON

Kempston, at home to Barton, finished 75 runs behind with their last pair together.

Barton: D. Whittaker 40, R. Waller 50, R. Sturges 11, J. Gillon 1, C. Wilson 0, L. Wilkinson 0, D. Cole not out 29, W. Pheasant 11, R. Harris 1, R. Mann 0, W. Horsler not out 1, extras 6, total (for nine wks., dec.) 150. (S. Smith six for 52, J. Tysoe two for 88). Kempston: J. Tysoe 3, H. White 7, R. Turner 3, J. Gibbons 11, W. Tipton 19, A. Parker 0, R. Goswell 1, S. Faulkner 8, B. Smith 0, G. Davis not out 13, B. Moon not out 2, extras 8, total (for nine wks.) 75.

Wythston v. Gentlemen of the Lion

Wythston: C. Folbigg 9, R. Yates 1, J. Ashpole 72, E. Parso 5, L. Scates 12, W. Pell 4, R. Ellis 0, V. Pell 3, W. Stapleton 7, S. Morbey not out 3, A. Evans 0, extras 9, total 124. Lion's Club: 7, Wardley 0, Donaldson 3, Archer 11, Ogilvie 0, Oakden 0, Willis 0, Leadley 0, Hearne 0, Ayto not out 0, extras 3, total (for nine wks.) 19.

Bromham Nomads v. College of Aeronautics

College: Rippon 6, Perry 0, Henney 0, Fletcher 0, Taylor 4, Dudman 23, Binding 2, Moechie 0, Sandford 15, Cropper 4, Maccabee not out 0, extras 8, total 60. (White eight for 21). Nomads: K. Bushell 12, J. Church 20, G. Galliver 1, E. Bowen 3, R. Brown 19, M. Black 0, C. Church 0, A. White 10, M. Falconer not out 15, L. Green 8, extras 8, total (for nine wks.) 96. (Sandford six for 21).

Kayode v. Catworth

Catworth: 161 for five, dec. (R. Blandford 48, C. Green 47, B. Green one for 30, L. Woodward two for 27, S. Haines one for 19). Kayode: L. Woodward 6, F. Roddis 15, E. Brown 1, R. Elliott 1, P. Gatehouse 1, B. Green 3, J. Hall 0, B. Wisley 0, D. Blair 1, H. Haines not out 2, G. Stapleton 4, extras 8, total 42. (C. Green seven for 17, O. Williams two for 14).

B.T.H. (The First) Rugby v. Bedford Women's B.S.

B.T.H.: 31 (Riley took four wickets, Graves three, and Bradley two. Bedford: V. Noyce not out 17, M. Graves 13, N. Hunt 0, E. Riley not out 3, total for two wickets 33.

Hospital-Cup

HOLDERS WIN

Williams Hits 53 for Queen's

Queen's Works "A" holders of the Cup, easily won their preliminary round game with Bedford Electricity in Bedford Park last Friday, but without a shock.

Ferguson, formerly of Harpur Sports, claimed two Queen's wickets with successive balls, when only seven runs were on the board. But then Williams and Poulter got on top, adding 69 runs before Poulter was caught. Williams continued and at the end of 20 overs Queen's were 113 for five with Williams not out 53.

Against the bowling of Dawson and Walker, Electricity lost half their side for only 8 runs. Again it was Ferguson who afforded temporary relief—with Kirk putting up a stubborn stand of 34. Kirk was then run out, and with Williams replacing Walker (and the light getting worse) he took three quick wickets. At close Electricity were 45 for nine.

Queen's: E. C. Wooding 4, R. E. Poulter 37, H. P. Boyse 0, K. R. O. Williams not out 53, E. W. Collingridge 11, S. V. Willman 0, C. Shepherd not out 5, extras 5, total (for five wks.) 113. (Ferguson three for 44).

Electricity: R. Guy 1, P. Gilbert 0, L. Phillips 0, R. Ferguson 17, J. Eagles 1, G. Crook 4, F. Kirk 16, J. Binks 1, F. Chambers 0, J. Wady not out 2, R. Walker not out 2, extras 4, total (for nine wks.) 45. (Walker three for 16, Williams three for 4, Dawson two for 24).

THURLEIGH TRIUMPH

Although they were caught on a drying wicket and were dismissed for 38 Thurleigh defeated Hobkirk's in the first round at Thurleigh, for the Bedford side were all out for 15.

A splendid innings by opening batsman R. Maddison, who carried his bat for 21, saved Thurleigh from total collapse against fine bowling by J. Bell (five for 5) and B. Kirkup (five for 17).

First-rate bowling, supported by excellent fielding, led to the rout of Hobkirk's. B. Holley capturing five wickets for six runs and W. Asplin three for nine.

Thurleigh: A. Ellison 3, R. Maddison 21, C. Berrill 0, D. Berrill 8, K. Wagstaff 0, M. Papworth 0, W. Asplin 0, S. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff 0, B. Holley 1, R. Berrill 3, extras 1, total 38.

Hobkirk's: W. Payne 2, J. Crisp 0, B. Payne 7, W. Crisp 5, B. Kirkup 2, J. Bell 0, D. Wicks 3, W. Wilson 0, P. Gadsby 0, D. Gadsby 1, R. Williams not out 0, total 15.

PERTENHALL HAT-TRICK

Bedford Thursday lost their first-round game with Pertenhall in Bedford Park on Tuesday by 7 runs.

Pertenhall bowler S. George dismissed G. Millman with the last ball of his third over and P. Green and R. Sims with the first two balls of his fourth to accomplish the "hat-trick."

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Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 20, S. George 0, B. Stapleton 5, R. Jones 15, K. Gentle 0, C. Banks 0, W. Presland 3, V. Roddis 1, S. Dix 5, C. Stapleton 4, J. Elliott not out 3, extras 10, total 74. (R. A. Wilson five for 25, A. Chappell four for 41).

Thursday: G. Millman 9, P. Gays 9, R. A. Wilson 18, P. Green 0, R. Sims 0, B. Smith 2, L. Rose 16, W. Luff 4, S. Lillman 2, B. Armitage not out 3, A. Chappell not out 0, extras 4, total (for nine wks.) 67. (S. George five for 26, W. Presland one for 25).

Shire Hall v. Ewarshott

Ewarshott: 71 for seven (20 overs).—Evans four for 35. Shire Hall: Jesson 19, Duckett 17, Key 20, Dixon not out 9, Evans 7, extras 3, total (for three wickets) 73 (18 overs).

Haynes "A": 64; Kempston, 64. Played at Springfield, Kempston, to-night (Friday).

LEAGUE MATCHES PROVIDE EXCITEMENT

South End Gain Narrow Win at Clapham

South End Ramblers' victory over Clapham by six runs in the Premier Division of the Bedford and District League, ended in a "breathless hush".

There was an over to go, seven runs needed to win, and the last Clapham man was in. He "had a go"—no cricketer would blame him—and became the fifth victim of S. Tompkins.

G. Ferguson (24), with Bosworth and Jones formed the backbone of the Ramblers' total 96, while K. Green gave the "tail" what proved a winning wriggle.

But C. Bottell, of Clapham, was the batsman of the match, although it was left to their captain, C. Turner, and R. Smith to keep the crowd on their toes and nearly snatch victory.

Sharnbrook, once again encouraged by the presence of R. Dunkley (on leave), convincingly beat Potton by 105 runs.

Devastating bowling by Benson (seven for 11) put Potton out for 21 in 43 minutes, and though Sharnbrook lost nine wickets making 54, the last-wicket stand by Dunkley and L. Blundell added 72 runs, Dunkley hitting 60.

Despite an injured back, Huckle bowled well for Potton, taking five for 29.

NO. 10 SAVES BLUNHAM

Number ten batsman for Blunham G. Breed hit 11 runs against Pertenhall—the only player to reach double figures. His knock undoubtedly saved Blunham, and the game was tied—each side scoring 33.

Bowling figures were pretty impressive, W. Presland taking eight for 11 for Pertenhall, and F. Tester seven for 19 for Blunham.

The main feature of Thurleigh's game at Langford was a brilliant half-century by Thurleigh's D. Berrill. Though only a youngster, he batted with all the skill of a veteran, and certainly won the game, hitting 56 of Thurleigh's total of 87.

Langford skipper E. Whitman battled hard for victory, taking half Thurleigh's wickets at a cost of 21 runs.

Little Staughton had a comfortable six wickets win over Great Barford, whom they put out for only 50 runs (R. Rogers six for 14).

RUBINS IN FINE FORM

Turvey defeated Marston II by six runs in an excellent game, of which the features were splendid bowling by Turvey's A. Sugars (seven for 6), and patient knocks by H. Sargent (12) for Turvey and R. Copperwheat (18) for Marston.

In a two-innings game between Stagsden and Kempston West End only 108 runs were scored, and only one batsman reached double figures. In all there were 14 "ducks." Stagsden won with totals of 32 and 34 against West End's 20 and 22.

Thurleigh II owed their victory by 24 runs over Oakley to two men: K. Berrill for his hard-hit 49, and D. Green for his excellent bowling (six for 5).

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Club	P	W	L	D	PTS
Mogerhanger	4	4	0	0	8
Great Staughton	3	3	0	0	6
Colnworth	3	3	0	0	6
Woburn	3	3	0	0	6
Riseley	4	2	0	0	8
Wootton Bassett	3	3	0	0	6
Staploe	3	0	2	0	0
Langford II	5	0	5	0	0

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Kempston Wood End
Wood End: J. Fuller 27, R. Copperwheat 4, C. Caves 10, K. Jessop 0, L. Jessop 1, W. Hutchings not out 14, K. Attrial 5, total 47. (Sixes seven for 10.)
Cople: T. Owen 3, C. Fuller 0, extras 3, total 65. (R. Bennett five for 20, E. Hull three for 10.)

A. Worral 4, R. Bennett 4, P. Berrill 1, J. Cambers 2, C. Graves 3, D. Thacker 2, E. Yerrill 0, P. Jennings 1, G. Halliday not out 0, extras 7, total 59. (R. Copperwheat seven for 22, J. Fuller three for 23.)

Turvey v. Marston II
Marston II: Swales 2, Nichols 2, Berry 1, Hale 2, Copperwheat 18, Caves 0, Claridge 0, Burridge 1, Goodman 11, Rouse 0, Smith not out 0, extras 5, total 47. (Sixes seven for 6, Pavinton two for 16.)
Turvey: Skivington 6, Hutchings 0, Sargent 12, Frost 6, Letts 2, Kruthoffer 0, Wright 3, Pavinton 0, West not out 0, Hilton 1, Sugars 0, extras 1, total 48. (Swales four for 12, Rouse two for 5, Goodman two for 20, Smith one for 3.)

Stagsden v. Kempston West End
Stagsden: G. Newman 3, 12; A. Cooper 3, 0; B. Everest 3, 9; R. Towley 3, 2; S. Dutton 0, 2; K. Newman 0, 4; R. Tite 1, 12; K. Brooks 1, 0; J. Ibbott 5, 0; A. Woolston 0, 0; J. Alder 4, 1; extras 1, 3; totals 32 and 34. (Percival twelve for 31.)
West End: Percival 1, 5; Darlow 3, 3; Hill 4, 4; Hennion 0, 0; Anthony 0, 0; Viewings 0, 0; Darwood 0, 0; Stone 3, 0; R. White 1, 3; J. White 0, 1; McCulley 2, 0; extras 2, 0; totals 20 and 22. (Everest eight for 16, Towley twelve for 24.)

Haynes v. Stevington
Stevington: A. Wildman 0, 8 not out 14, G. Curtis 30, 2; G. Guy 1, 2; L. Cox 0, 5; A. Cox 6, 1; J. Strain 0, 0; R. Cox 0, 0; S. Albery 0, 1; H. Darr not out 2, 0; F. Wooding 2, 0; W. Tucker 0, 1; extras 1, 0; totals 47 and 26. (Clark seven for 12 and two for 8, A. Herbert one for 19.)
Haynes: R. Clark 1, 1; A. Herbert 1, 20; F. Smith 1, 2; Baker 1, 3; Webb 2, 0; J. Herbert 1, 1; H. Roberts 2, not out 1; Dear 1, 1; Bennett not out 0; Daniels 0, 0; Schooning 0, 0; extras 1, 1; totals 28 and 41. (W. Tucker five for 12 and nine for 25, G. Curtis five for 15 and 1 for 17.)

PREMIER DIVISION

Clapham v. South End Ramblers
Clapham: G. Ferguson 24, A. Spice 0, J. Walker 1, D. Clavson 3, L. Jones 12, J. Bosworth 16, F. Roome 6, H. Allen 1, K. Green 18, S. Tompkins 4, W. Nicholls not out 0, extras 11, total 96. (T. Buck three for 20, R. Pickering two for 29, C. Bottell two for 62.)
Clapham: P. Hall 6, S. Wiles 2, B. Tamplin 2, R. Devereux 0, C. Bottell 56, L. Wooding 7, R. Pickering 0, T. Buck 4, C. Turner 11, R. Smith not out 12, A. Hennon 0, extras 10, total 90. (S. Tompkins five for 22, K. Green four for 36.)

Sharnbrook v. Potton
Potton: J. James 6, Rawlins 2, Woodman 0, Page 0, Huckle 2, Kitchener 0, Turnbull not out 3, Giles 6, Hutchinson 0, Munns 0, Standon 0, extras 2, total 21. (Benson seven for 11, R. Dunkley three for 8.)
Sharnbrook: Gray 5, Alcock 11, Ward 1, Brax 8, G. Bovles 2, J. Bovles 3, R. Dunkley not out 60, Martin 3, Benson 1, E. Blundell 0, L. Blundell 22, extras 10, total 129. (Huckle five for 29, Turnbull three for 39, Standon one for 8, Hutchinson one for 16.)

Blunham v. Pertenhall
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 11, J. Roddis 1, S. Stapleton 3, R. Jones 1, C. Banks 0, S. George 3, H. Gentle 5, Elliott 0, C. Stapleton 0, W. Presland 7, V. Roddis not out 7, extras 7, total 33. (Tester seven for 19, Barker three for 6.)
Blunham: P. Abbott 2, R. Harding 0, D. Moore 4, R. Clarke 2, R. Rawlins 0, F. Tester 6, C. Jefferson 0, G. Barker 0, C. Saunders 5, G. Breed 11, G. Ashwell not out 0, extras 3, total 53. (Presland eight for 11, George two for 10.)

Club	P	W	L	D	PTS
Sharnbrook	4	3	1	0	6
Marston	5	3	2	0	6
Potton	3	3	0	0	6
Pertenhall	4	2	2	0	4
Blunham	4	2	2	0	4
Blunham	3	0	3	0	0
South End Ramblers	4	1	3	0	2
Pavenham	3	0	3	0	0

DIVISION I

Felmersham v. Renhold
Felmersham: A. Betts 15, D. Lovell 1, D. Parker 8, J. Turner 0, G. Richardson 17, B. Cokins 4, G. Richardson 0, S. Lovell 2, M. Lovell 6, F. Turner 6, C. Blankman not out 2, extras 5, total 66. (D. Fenton five for 15, J. Norman two for 9, W. Harlow two for 12.)
Renhold: D. Penton 7, G. Allen 0, D. Stapleton 11, W. Harlow 12, J. Norman 14, F. Brockett 0, P. Harlow not out 7, A. Duncombe 0, P. Carter 1, 0, P. Harlow junior 2, H. Sharpe 6, extras 7, total 70. (S. Lovell three for 14, J. Turner two for 11.)

Langford v. Thurleigh
Langford: T. Chessum 1, W. Paterson 1, D. King 0, J. Golden 4, N. Rogers 2, G. Hargart 25, P. Roberts 0, J. King 0, T. Dunn 15, H. Huckle not out 12, E. Whitman 2, extras 1, total 67. (B. Holley three for 26, W. Asplin two for 13, C. Berrill two for 23, J. Wagstaff one for 11.)
Thurleigh: R. Maddison 7, A. Ellison 0, K. Wagstaff 3, D. Berrill 56, W. Asplin 0, C. Berrill 9, M. Padworth 2, S. Asplin 3, R. Berrill 3, B. Holley not out 0, J. Wagstaff 0, extras 4, total 87. (E. Whitman five for 21.)

Club	P	W	L	D	PTS
Thurleigh	5	0	0	0	0
Langford	5	0	0	0	0
Renhold	4	0	0	0	0
Caldecote	4	0	0	0	0
Felmersham	5	5	0	0	4
Little Staughton	3	3	1	0	4
Great Barford	3	3	0	0	0
Marston Sports	4	0	4	0	0

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh II v. Oakley
Thurleigh II: I. Franklin 11, F. Hollis 1, R. Lovell 2, K. Berrill 49, J. Berrill 2, F. Bull 2, C. Maddison 8, A. Headin 0, M. Berrill 0, D. Green 0, J. Thorne not out 0, extras 3, total 78.
Oakley: C. Bird 16, J. Bryson 14, P. Rainbow 9, J. Newall 2, M. Tompkins 1, J. Saunders 6, C. Rainbow 2, R. Croft 4, G. Scullion 0, J. Jeffries not out 0, S. Moore 0, total 54. (D. Green six for 5.)

North Crawley 4 3 1 0 6
Little Paxton 5 3 2 0 6
Linske 3 2 1 0 4
Sharnbrook II 4 2 2 0 4
Thurleigh II 3 2 1 0 4
Oakley 3 2 1 0 4
Clapham II 3 1 2 0 2
Little Staughton II 3 0 3 0 0

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Club	P	W	L	D	PTS
Potton II	4	0	0	0	8
Tempsford	4	3	1	0	6
Caldecote II	6	3	3	0	6
Roxton	4	2	2	0	4
Blunham II	3	1	2	0	2
Ickwell	2	0	2	0	0
Willington	5	0	5	0	0

Haynes II withdrawn.

Hospital Cup

Kempston Lose Five Wickets in Five Balls

In the first round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup, Bedford Town won comfortably against Kempston at Newnham Avenue on Tuesday.

Turner and White, helped by two missed chances, gave Kempston a splendid start, but when Turner was run out five wickets fell with successive deliveries.

Turner was out on the fourth ball of Maries's seventh over. Then Maries bowled Parker and Faulkner with the last two deliveries of that over, and Jenking secured two wickets with the first two balls of the next over. So 61 for none became 61 for five. Altogether, seven wickets fell in three overs for the addition of four runs. Gibbons scored 12 for Kempston, and their total reached 93.

Matthews and Morris put on 50 for Bedford's first wicket, but were dismissed in successive overs. Peet, Howard, and Harris went along steadily and passed Kempston's score in the 19th over.

Kempston: H. White at Hall b Jenkins 19, R. Turner run out 39, A. Parker b Maries 0, S. F. Faulkner b Maries 0, D. Wright b Maries 1, S. Smith 10, W. Jenkins 0, R. Goswell run out 7, W. F. Bennion b Maries 0, G. Davis c Morris b Maries 5, J. Gibbons run out 12, S. Southgate not out 0, extras 8, total 93. (Maries five for 31, Jenkins two for 54.)
Bedford: A. S. Morris c Parker b Bennion 14, D. T. Matthews c Turner b Smith 36, W. Peet 10, S. Smith 1, E. C. Howard not out 18, P. W. Scivener run out 7, V. J. Harris not out 13, total (for four wickets) 99. (S. Smith two for 38, W. F. Bennion one for 25.)

Victory by One Run

Sharnbrook defeated Bedford Town "B" by one run at Sharnbrook on Tuesday. Bating first, the home side scored 64 for eight in 20 overs. Then Benson and Blundell bowling unchanged dismissed Bedford for 63 in 19.3 overs.

Sharnbrook: Gray 5, Alcock 14, Lovell not out 7, Blundell 18, G. Bovles 0, Benson 9, J. Bovles 2, Brax 0, Wildman 6, D. Dunkley not out 6, extras 3, total 64. Blood did not bat. (Barnes four for 13, Dixon three for 23.)
Bedford ("B"): Jones 16, Harrison 3, Draper 0, Jarvis 15, Hutchings 6, Bennett 0, Wallcroft 4, Dixon 4, Andrews 1, Linyer not out 8, Barnes 0, extras 5, total 63. (Benson five for 34, Blundell four for 24.)

Tempsford v. Clapham
Clapham: P. Hall 0, R. Devereux 0, B. Tamkin 3, T. Buck 1, R. Pickering 1, C. Bottell 0, S. Wiles 0, R. Brittain 0, A. Hennon 0, L. Wooding 7, C. Turner not out 8, extras 8, total 24. (P. Dawes six for 8, R. Berrill four for 13.)
Tempsford: P. Braybrooks 3, B. Love 0, R. Berrill 0, D. Easton 1, C. Jackson 0, P. Dawes 2, J. Jackson 0, R. Fuller 0, M. Brown 0, R. Jones 0, J. Berrill not out 1, extras 1, total 10. (R. Pickering five for 7, C. Bottell three for 21.)

East Beds. Shield

Blunham v. Goldington
Goldington: Payne 1, Whaley 1, Ewins 1, Dinnick 0, Evans 0, Lind 0, Ferson 3, Cannon 4, Bonwick 0, Brunwell 0, Sible not out 0, extras 7, total 46. (Tester four for 14, R. Rawlins three for 10, Barker two for 13.)
Blunham: Saunders 2, Harding 10, M. Rawlins 5, Clark 2, R. Rawlins 1, Tester 2, Abbott 10, Page 2, Barker not out 9, extras 6, total (for eight wickets) 50. (Cannon four for 25, Dinnick two for 9, Bonwick two for 20.)

SEVEN BALLS—SIX WICKETS

Playing for the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield, on Sunday, J. Sandford took six Shuttleworth College wickets in seven balls—five consecutively. Five of his victims were clean-bowled.

Cranfield won by eight wickets.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Cricket

SATURDAY

Headington v. Bedford Town.
Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports.
Bedford Modern School v. Oakham School.
Gentlemen of the Lion v. Godmanchester.
Stewartby v. Southill Park.
Cryselco v. Shire Hall.
Kempston v. Bedford North End.
Wellingborough II v. Queen's "A".
Harpur Sports II v. Bedford Arkus.
Bedford Ramblers v. Tom-Tits.
Travellers v. Bedford II.
Ridgmont v. Shire Hall II.
Commer Karrier v. Amptill.
Gravenhurst v. Shillington.
Eversholt v. Melton.
Milton Keynes v. Pattishall.
Old Warden v. Diemer and Reynolds.
Essex Electricity v. Bedford Electricity.
Queen's Foundry v. Elstow.
Bixleswade v. Luton Corinthians.
Ickleford v. Bixleswade II.
Southill Park II v. Eaton Socon.
Vauxhall Motors v. Henlow.
Henlow II v. King's Walden.
Aspley Guise v. Horton.
Gaiminey v. Clifton.
Clifton II v. Shefford.
Sandy v. Letchworth Strollers.
Pulloxhill v. Hexton.
R.A.F. Henlow v. R.A.F. Duxford.
Bedford Motor Rail v. Ridgmont.
Steppingley v. Little Brickhill.
Philwick "A" v. Letchworth Tabulators.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

South End Ramblers v. Marston.
Blunham v. Sharnbrook.
Pertenhall v. Potton.
Clapham v. Paveham.

Division I

Caldecote v. Felmersham.
Thurleigh v. Little Staughton.
Great Barford v. Langford.
Marston Sports v. Renhold.

Division II (Section I)

Langford II v. Colmworth.
Risley v. Moschangers.
Wobson v. Great Staughton.
Wrestlingworth v. Staploe.

Division II (Section II)

Marston II v. Cople.
Kempston Wood End v. Turvey.
Stagsden v. Kempston West End.

Division III (Section I)

Sharnbrook II v. Little Staughton II.
North Crawley v. Thurleigh II.
Little Paxton v. Clapham II.
Laing's v. Oakley.

Division III (Section II)

Potton II v. Willington.
Haynes II v. Roxton.
Tennsford v. Ickwell.

SUNDAY

Bedford v. Cambridge University and College Servants.
Cryselco v. Harpur Sports.
Queen's Works v. Bedford North End.
College of Aeronautics v. Gentlemen of the Lion.
Bedford Casuals v. St. Neots.
Britannia v. Bedford Casuals "B".
Turvey v. R. B. Sanders.
Watling's XI v. Whitley End.
Eaton Socon v. Mark King's XI.
Bondor v. Potton.
Luton Town v. Southill Park.

TUESDAY

Bedford School v. XI Club.

WEDNESDAY

Northamptonshire 2nd XI v. A Bedfordshire XI (Northampton, 11.30).
Shuttleworth College v. 70th H.A.A. Regt. F.A.
Old Warden v. Smart and Brown's.
Steppingley v. O. Artinsall's XI.

HOSPITAL CUP

2nd Round

Teranic v. Harpur Sports "A" (Bedford Park, 6.30 p.m.)

THURSDAY

Bedford School v. M.C.C.
Northampton Chemists v. Bedford Thursday.

HOSPITAL CUP

2nd Round

Shire Hall v. Queen's Works "A" (Bedford Park, 6.30 p.m.)

BICKNELL CAUSES PAVENHAM TO COLLAPSE

A fine spell of bowling by N. Bicknell, who was also top scorer of the match, enabled Clapham to beat Pavenham by 25 runs in a Bedford and District League (Premier Division) match at Clapham on Saturday.

Clapham, batting first, seemed set for a big score, but K. Turner took five for 10 and they were dismissed for 74.

Only the first four Pavenham batsmen made a real fight and the remaining seven players scored only five runs between them. This was due to the fine slow bowling of N. Bicknell (six for 11) and a superb stumping by C. Turner.

At Bedford Park, South End Ramblers forced a draw with Marston on a wicket so lifeless that most batsmen got themselves out.

When a side like Marston, noted for their bowlers, fail to hit the stumps for nearly two hours, spectators and players long for one of the many village tables, which are far more suited for half-day cricket.

Clayson, Ferguson and Walker did for the Ramblers what Copperwheat, Stapleton, and Bunker had done for Marston—failed to score fast enough; and the shutters went up when Bosworth was out. Among the overworked bowlers, F. Faulkner was outstanding, taking four for 19 in 14 overs, of which six were maidens.

Tester's Five Victims

Sharnbrook, away to Blunham, were all out for 53 in two hours 20 minutes, none of their batsmen reaching double figures. Bowling unchanged, F. Tester claimed five wickets for 17 in 23 overs, 14 of them maidens. R. Rawlins took five for 23.

D. Moore, M. Rawlins, and R. Harding batted well for Blunham, who totalled 62 and so won by nine runs.

Despite a bad start—they lost five wickets for ten runs—Pentenhall defeated Potton by 25 runs. J. Roddis and S. Dix added 27 for Pentenhall's eighth wicket, and with S. Dix and S. Dawson scoring 13 for the ninth they totalled 55.

Potton batted steadily to reach 15 but then three wickets fell for the addition of only one run and they were all out for 40 against good bowling and keen fielding.

Thurleigh maintained their unbeaten record by defeating Little Staughton by one wicket.

Staughton batting first on a wet wicket adopted cautious methods, but fell to fine bowling by B. Holley, J. Wagstaff, and C. Berrill. Only C. Robins really mastered the attack.

Thurleigh did not find run-getting easy, but in the end passed their opponents' total for the loss of eight wickets. Although hurt, C. Berrill hit them out of trouble before retiring.

Their Highest Total

After compiling their highest score of the season—110—in their home game with Renhold, Marston Sports had high hopes of gaining their first win.

Renhold fared badly against Thoburn's bowling, but their last pair, J. Harlow and Brockett, played out time. Six of Thoburn's eight victims were clean-bowled.

Scoring was slow in the match between Riseley and Mogerhanger at Riseley, which ended in a draw.

Riseley, batting first on a dead wicket, scored 82 in two hours eight minutes, finding runs hard to get against the bowling of R. Reid (seven for 20) and P. Rawlins (three for 35).

Mogerhanger scored 30 for nine in one hour 52 minutes. Only eight runs came in one period of 50 minutes. Riseley tried six bowlers and 45 overs were bowled.

At Wood End, Turvey won by four runs. Batting first, they made slow progress against steady bowling and good fielding. With seven wickets down for only 32 runs, Sugars and Paynton came to the rescue by putting on 21 in a quick-scoring stand.

Wood End started their innings well, and at 44 for six they appeared to be in a strong position. Sugars then started to take a toll of the wickets, and, in being a little too anxious to get the few runs required, Wood End batsmen took risks. Two were run out, and they lost the last wicket only five runs short of victory.

Apart from good fielding by both sides, the main honours went to the bowlers Fuller and Sugars.

D. Shingler in Form

D. Shingler played a big part in Cople's win over Marston II, taking four wickets for 17, and then, as opening batsman, hitting 60 out of 124. T. Claridge (33) was top scorer for Marston, whose total reached 72.

Thanks largely to an innings of 24 by G. Rambow, batting at No. 9 Oakley defeated John Laing's XI by one run.

Laing's, batting first, totalled 52. H. Melson was top scorer with 24, and he followed this up by taking six wickets for 37. J. Bryson (five for eight) was Oakley's most successful bowler.

Highlight of Potton II's win over Willington was G. Peck's splendid bowling. In the rout of Willington for 15, Peck took six wickets for 10, and when they batted a second time he claimed six for eight in a total of 24. C. Blott (15 not out) was top scorer for Potton, who made 41.

PREMIER DIVISION

Clapham v Pavenham

Clapham: S. Wiles 14, P. Hall 9, N. Bicknell 15, C. Bottell 0, A. Heiman 12, B. Tamkin 5, R. Pickering 12, L. Wooding 0, C. Turner not out 17, R. Smith 0, T. Buck 1 extras 4, total 74. (K. Turner five for 10, J. Pearson two for 2, C. Bennett two for 43, G. Scoley one for 15).

Pavenham: J. Turner 7, O. Whitworth 6, S. Coleman 17, J. Blake more not out 10, M. Higgs 0, C. Bennett 2, A. Wesley 1, G. Scoley 2, J. Pearson 0, C. Crawley 0, K. Turner 0, extras 4, total 49. (N. Bicknell six for 11, C. Bottell three for 9, T. Buck one for 9).

South End Ramblers v Marston

Marston: R. Copperwheat 27, C. Rowe 14, D. Stapleton 47, P. Lilley 7, A. Bunker 25, D. Faulkner 11, P. Faulkner 5, C. Caves not out 17, C. Copperwheat 0, extras 3, total (for eight wickets dec) 154. (S. Tompkins three for 53, W. Nichols two for 15).

South End Ramblers: G. Ferguson 11, P. Clayson 24, K. Green 0, J. Bosworth 10, J. Walker 5, A. Skerriem 1, H. Allen 10, J. Sheridan not out 0, extras 7, total (for seven wickets) 102. (P. Faulkner four for 19, C. Copperwheat two for 16).

Blunham v Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: M. Gray 3, S. Alcock 4, D. Lovell 1, Blundell 6, G. Byles 4, T. Bragg 1, J. Boyles 8, D. Benson 9, D. Dunkley 0, E. Ward 0, E. Blundell not out 1, extras 10, total 53. (F. Tester five for 17, R. Rawlins five for 23).

Blunham: C. Saunders 0, R. Harding 11, M. Rawlins 10, R. Clarke 2, G. Barker 0, Abbott 5, F. Tester 2, G. Pace 0, D. Moore not out 20, E. Jefferies 2, R. Rawlins 0, extras 1, total 62. (L. Blundell five for 22, T. Bragg two for 0, D. Benson two for 20).

Pentenhall v Potton

Pentenhall: O. Stapleton 4, Jk. Roddis 3, C. Binks 0, K. Gentle 0, R. Jones 3, S. George 1, W. Preland 3, V. Roddis 2, S. Dix 1, S. Dawson 11, O. Stapleton not out 0, extras 6, total 53. (P. Standon four for 21, J. Turnbull three for 14, E. Huckle three for 15).

Potton: C. Rawlins 0, H. Jakes 13, R. Woodman 0, Pace 0, E. Huckle 5, J. Turnbull 12, J. Giles 2, R. Pepper 3, F. Pace 1, J. Hutchinson 0, J. Standon not out 3, extras 2, total 43. (P. Standon four for 15, R. Jones three for 2, S. George one for 7, K. Gentle one for 1).

DIVISION I

Thurleigh v Little Staughton

Thurleigh: R. Maddison 10, A. Ellison 12, K. Wagstaff 1, J. Wagstaff 0, D. Berrill 10, S. Austin 5, M. Padgett 12, B. Berrill 0, B. Holley not out 0, C. Berrill retired hurt 7, W. Asplin 0, total (for nine wickets) 57. (Little Staughton: R. Thorne 10, C. Robins 10, Stapleton 7, R. Robins 3, C. Robins not out 14, B. Turner 5, J. Pollock 0, S. Marshall 0, V. Bangs 5, F. Robins 0, S. Hall 0, extras 26, total 83. (P. Holley seven for 26, J. Wagstaff two for 11, C. Berrill one for 6)).

Marston Sports v Renhold

Marston Sports: Thoburn 11, Jordan 10, Wilby 0, Odell 16, Smith 1, Butt 33, J. Turner 12, R. Barnes 9, Cook 7, Bonfield 9, Hamilton not out 6, extras 5, total 110. (Fenton three for 25, W. Harlow two for 16, Swann one for 1, Stapleton one for 14, Norman one for 28).

Renhold: Fenton 4, Stapleton 4, W. Harlow 2, Norman 1, Swann 21, Coster 5, W. Harlow not out 1, Brockett not out 10, extras 1, total (for nine wickets) 66. (Thoburn eight for 26, Wilby one for 36).

Caldecote v Falmersham

Caldecote: C. Raybould 1, C. Odell 17, J. Woodward 2, L. Edwards 5, A. Woodward 0, F. Tanner 16, G. Clark 0, O. Watts 1, J. Brunt 18, E. Edwards 8, P. Summerfield not out 4, extras 1, total 73. (S. Lovell five for 12).

Falmersham: A. Betts 6, H. Lawson 7, J. Turner 5, D. Parker 2, L. Goodman 0, B. Cockings not out 0, G. Richardson 4, S. Lovell 4, C. Blackman 5, G. Constant 0, M. Lovell 2, extras 1, total 33. (G. Watts three for 9, C. Odell three for 12).

Great Barford v Langford

Langford: N. Patterson 2, N. Rogers 3, D. Galdon 4, I. King 7, D. King 3, H. Huckle 0, G. Haggart 5, P. Roberts 2, T. Dunn 8, E. Whiteman 5, C. King not out 0, extras 2, total 45. (Skevington took four wickets, West three for 13, Jeffs and Lee one each).

Great Barford: J. Bourdon 1, J. Jeffs 4, R. West 0, M. Lee 2, W. Bridge 12, W. Skevington not out 6, A. Stead 2, J. Brownlie 0, T. Atman 0, S. Green 1, G. Mardlin 3, extras 6, total 37. (Whiteman and D. King each took five wickets).

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Riseley v Mogerhanger
Riseley: H. Stricker 7, A. Williams 0, W. Norman 27, C. Holmes 3, C. T. Williams 0, W. Partridge 2, F. P. O. G. Hopkins 12, R. Short 0, E. Tarry 0, W. Allen not out 0, extras 7, total 82. (R. Reid seven for 20, F. Rawlins three for 35).

Mogerhanger: S. Reid 1, R. Reid 3, C. Walsner 5, M. Daniels 4, K. Reid 5, F. Reid 2, W. Daniels 2, E. Street 0, D. Jones 3, C. Watts not out 2, P. Rawlins not out 3, extras 2, total (for nine wickets) 50. (W. Allen three for 7, Holmes three for 7, G. T. Williams two for 5, Partridge one for 5).

Wrestlingworth v Staple

Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 1, W. Plant 10, J. E. Robinson 3, L. Compston 0, D. Daley 5, R. Walker 0, L. Lee 4, W. Bennett 1, W. Bentley not out 2, J. Humberstone 3, C. Bates 0, extras 2, total 35. (R. Smith five for 12, E. Curtis four for 9).

Staple: G. Beal 0, E. Curtis 4, R. Lambert 2, R. Daniels 3, F. Jex 1, P. Corn 2, J. Scotcher 5, S. Rouns 6, R. Smith 0, J. Roberts not out 0, G. Sanford 0, total 25. (H. Lee three for 11, L. Rabone two for 0, W. Daisley two for 2, W. Bennett two for 10).

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Kempston Wood End v Turvey
Turvey: Skevington 10, Letts 0, Sargent 2, Frost 10, Hutchins 1, Knuthoffer 7, Wright 1, Paynton 10, West 2, Hilson not out 0, Sugars 9, extras 1, total 53. (Puller five for 2, Copperwheat three for 27).

Wood End: Hutchins 9, K. Jessop 8, L. Jessop 4, Fuller 0, Lichfield 15, Saunders 1, Copperwheat 2, Attrill not out 2, D. Jessop 0, Burrows 3, Owen 0, extras 5, total 49. (Sugars six for 20, Wright two for 11).

Marston II v Cople
Marston II: W. Swales 4, J. Nicholls 6, V. Hale 2, R. Berry 5, W. Wilson 0, A. Goodman 7, T. Claridge 33, R. Burridge 1, T. Ellis 0, G. Denton 3, S. Knight not out 1, extras 4, total 72. (Shingler four for 17).

Cople: E. Hull 11, D. Shingler 60, D. Thacker 10, R. Bennett 3, R. Norman 4, J. Newbury 8, A. Worrall 3, P. Burr 0, J. Cambers not out 15, E. Yerrill 6, C. Graves 1, extras 3, total 124.

Stevington v Kempston West End
Stevington: A. Wildman 8, G. Curtis not out 62, L. Cook 0, A. Cox 2, G. Rutledge 16, R. Cox 0, J. Swain 16, S. Albury 1, W. Tucker not out 2, extras 5, total (for seven wickets, dec) 119. (Perival three for 27, Darlow two for 20, Henman two for 42).

West End: Darlow 0, Barker 4, Perival 0, Hill 7, Bailey 0, Anthony 17, Henman 10, Vlesing 0, Stone 4, Darwood not out 12, White 5, total 58. (Curtis six for 22,icker three for 37).

Division III (Section I)
Oakley v John Laing's XI
Laing's: H. Elsey 4, H. Melson 24, D. Main 2, D. Parham 15, A. Gower 1, B. Murgin 10, J. Laing 0, E. White 3, K. Skemper 1, K. Whittacker 1, Baxter not out 0, extras 1, total 52. (J. Bryson five for 8, C. Bird four for 12, G. Rambow one for 31).

Oakley: J. Binks 11, C. Bird 1, P. Rambow 0, J. Saunders 2, J. Bryson 3, N. Newall 0, J. Scullion 8, R. Croft 0, G. Rambow 24, J. Jefferies 1, S. Moore not out 2, extras 2, total 53. (Melson six for 37, Whittacker two for 14).

Division III (Section II)
Tomsford v Iskwell
Iskwell: Thomson 1, Milton 0, Byraves 0, Hilliard 0, Dilleigh 3, Milton junior 0, Marston 0, Norman 0, Pretley 14, Reeks 0, Humphries not out 2, extras 2, total 23. (Davies four for 6, Bettles four for 14, Jackson two for 1).

Tomsford: Lowe 2, Dawes 0, Bravbrooks 0, Bettles 1, Fuller 8, C. Jackson 3, Jeffries 5, Eaton 14, J. Jackson 0, Ingram not out 7, Wilson 2, extras 2, total 44. (Dilleigh four for 17, Norman three for 10, Hilliard two for 4, Milton one for 4).

Clapham II, 69; Little Paxton 30.
Potton II v Willington
Willington: T. Umney 1, G. Barker 0, W. Leonard 1, E. Wood 0, N. Sawford 8, E. Jones 3, B. Smith 0, H. Cooper 0, D. Colder 0, D. Priest 2, J. Cooper not out 0, total 15. (Peck six for 10).

Second Innings: 24 (Peck six for 8, C. Munns four for 16).
Potton II: J. Plummer 0, K. Hutchinson 1, C. Munns 7, G. Peck 5, C. Furner 0, J. Gray 2, E. Giles 4, D. Hutchinson 0, P. Brookman 2, extras 5, total 41. (Wood seven for 20).

School Nearly Defeat Strong M.C.C. Team

In another exciting game Bedford School last week came near to beating a strong M.C.C. side, which included four young professionals

After an opening stand had been broken by a catch on the leg-side by Cook off Williams, Street bowled magnificently. His leg-breaks and googlies so baffled the batsmen that in his first four overs he took four wickets for nine runs, and ended with an analysis of six for 38.

Street in particular, and the side in general, suffered misfortune when Gillett was missed with the M.C.C. score at 39 for 7! Had this catch in the deep been held the School might well have had a spectacular victory.

At the other end J. Smith was no less accurate and took three for 20.

For M.C.C. the decisive bowler was M. P. Dowling, whose pace and late swing made him just too good for the later batsmen—his bag being six for 18.

The following day he bowled successfully for the M.C.C. v. Ireland (seven for 34).

Street batted well until caught at short-extra, and then Hay and Eldridge took the score to 61 for six. Victory seemed close at 77 for seven—eight to win; but Dowling clean-bowled the three remaining batsmen.

It was tantalizing to lose yet another game so narrowly, but a fine achievement by the eleven in the field.

M.C.C.: H. M. O. Jones-Davies c Cook b Williams 3, J. Springall b J. Smith 17, D. G. Harman b Street 8, F. C. Baker c Eldridge b J. Smith 3, H. F. Gillett c Meadows b Street 28, M. J. Hardy at Cook b Street 1, F. West b Street 1, R. Aiston lbw b Street 0, K. Day c Williams b Street 4, P. Ellis b J. Smith 34, K. P. Dowling not out 9, extras 3, total 84. (R. W. Street six for 38).

Bedford School: R. W. Street c Ellis b Hardy 16, G. H. Pagan b Dowling 0, P. Smith b Ellis 4, J. Smith b Ellis 2, D. S. Hay c Dowling b Hardy 13, P. C. Eldridge c Day b Dowling 22, Wyatt b Dowling 9, Williams b Dowling 6, Boulton not out 0, G. Meadows b Dowling 0, D. W. E. 4, Cook b Dowling 0, extras 1, total 77. (M. P. Dowling six for 18).

Gale's C) for B.M.S.

A sharp shower held up the start of Bedford Modern School's drawn game with Northants. Amateurs for half-an-hour on Wednesday.

The Amateurs batted first on a dead wicket, and runs were hard to come by because the outfield was very slow and the ball could not be driven away. Cox and Curwood put on 21 in an opening stand before Gale bowled Curwood.

Cox was painfully slow, taking 175 minutes to get 44. Allen caught and passed this total in 50 minutes.

There were several fielding lapses due to the wet ball, and constant applications of sawdust and towelling were necessary.

Northants, declared shortly after tea, leaving the Modern School two hours to get 123. Gale and Norman went for the runs, and they scored 87 before Gale was caught at mid-on. He had made 69 with ease, grace, and assurance. At close the School were only thirteen short with seven wickets standing.

Northants Amateurs: S. Cox not out 44, M. Curwood b Gale 9, J. Heygate c Palmer b Gale 11, M. Allen b Palmer 45, extras 4, total (for three wkts., dec.) 122.

Modern School: R. A. Gale c Witham b Cox 60, A. Norman not out 26, J. D. Smart c Curwood b Cox 5, J. D. Payne c Valentine b Allen 0, G. J. Cooper not out 7, extras 2, total (for three wkts.) 109. M. G. Gave, C. E. Garratt, D. J. Wilson, A. E. Palmer, G. M. Jarrett and K. H. Richardson did not bat.

Ten Wickets Win for Modern School

Bedford Modern School, visiting City of London School at Grove Park, S.E., last Saturday, won by ten wickets.

Gale won the toss and put City of London in—a policy which soon proved successful. In his second over Palmer bowled Chidgey and Emmerson, and it seemed that no one could withstand the pace and fire of his deliveries.

Jarrett was brought on, and his well-flighted leg-breaks constantly had the batsmen in two minds. Aided by some quick work behind the stumps, he claimed five victims for 29 runs.

It was not until the seventh wicket, which produced 28 runs, that City of London School offered real resistance. Jacobs and Spinks had moments of anxiety, but they stayed for three-quarters of an hour. Once this partnership was broken, the remaining wickets fell for the addition of only five runs.

It took Gale and Norman only 75 minutes to hit the 86 necessary for victory. Once they had settled down they showed some delightful stroke-play. The bowlers seemed completely unable to deal with the situation, and the B.M.S. opening pair coasted to a comfortable victory.

City of London: C. J. B. Green at Richardson b Jarrett 18, G. J. Chidgey b Palmer 7, C. Emmerson b Palmer 0, B. W. Waters b Jarrett 7, I. F. C. Brown at Richardson b Jarrett 6, R. A. Leeder b Jarrett 0, J. E. M. Barnes b Palmer 2, J. Jacobs not out 16, R. M. Spinks lbw b Palmer 17, C. N. Smithers b Jarrett 0, D. Binnett run out 0, extras 26, total 85.

Bedford Modern: R. A. Gale not out 56, A. Norman not out 25, extras 5, total (for no wickets) 86. F. Conerford, J. D. Smart, J. Cooper, M. G. Gave, D. J. Wilson, C. E. Garratt, A. E. Palmer, G. M. Jarrett and K. H. Richardson did not bat.

B.M.S. Beat Oakham by Three Wickets

Bedford Modern School, playing at home against Oakham School, won by three wickets.

Oakham, winning the toss, batted on a rain-affected wicket and immediately lost two wickets to Palmer and Wilson without a run being scored.

Steady batting brought about a recovery although the attack always appeared on top. After lunch the spin bowlers, Gale and Jarrett, took advantage of a turning wicket and Oakham were finally dismissed for 102.

The Modern School had plenty of time to get the runs but, of course, there was the possibility that they would be defeated by the wicket. Gale and Norman opened with a partnership of 56. Gale hit two sixes in a brisk innings of 42. A collapse ensued but Norman batted steadily on taking the side to victory. Palmer finished the match with a high four to long-on.

Oakham School: J. G. Clarke b Palmer 0, B. A. F. Smith c Richardson b Wilson 0, D. M. Green b Jarrett 11, L. Emmanuel at Richardson b Jarrett 27, G. N. L. Stubbs b Wilson 24, A. P. Marlow c and b Gale 3, E. L. A. James lbw b Gale 2, J. M. Clifton b Palmer 10, D. W. Foode b Gale 0, P. J. Peberdy b Gale 14, M. L. Moden not out 0, extras 5, total 102. (Gale four for 22, Jarrett two for 30).

Modern School: R. A. Gale c Clifton b Moden 42, A. Norman run out 32, F. J. Conerford at Smith b Stubbs 11, J. D. Smart c Foode b Clifton 0, M. G. Gave c Green b Clifton 1, J. J. Cooper b Stubbs 9, D. J. Wilson not out 3, C. E. Garratt lbw b Stubbs 0, A. E. Palmer not out 5, extras 6, total (for seven wkts.) 103. G. M. Jarrett and K. H. Richardson did not bat.

Secured Tenth Successive Victory

Diemer and Reynolds won their tenth successive match in beating Wells of Bedford by 14 runs in an evening game. Before that they had a good win over R.A.F. Cardington thanks to a good knock by Stapleton (37 not out) and very accurate bowling by Rowkins, (five for 23). Scores:—

R.A.F. Cardington 67: Diemers, 85. Wells of Bedford, 68 for seven (Blr-wistle hit; not out 7, Barker 10, Hill five (Stapleton not out 31, Wilson three for 15).

Diemer and Reynolds v. Ickwell

Ickwell: Law 0, Blitt 5, M. Bygraves 0, A. Brunt 20, Reeks 20, Wright 19, Marsom 5, Thompson 2, Bygraves 0, J. Brunt 7, Thornhill not out 2, extras 8, total 88. (Williams not out for 38, Stapleton three for 15, McMullen two for 9, Rowkins one for 5).

Diemer's: Cox 25, Hall 0, Spring 14, Stapleton 11, Rowkins 5, Fryby 23, Pell 22, Eubs 0, Williamson 2, McMullen 0, Langford not out 0, extras 5, total 112. (Marsom five for 20, Blitt two for 26, Bygraves two for 37).

Britannia Works v. Carlton School

Britannia: Askew 9, Nelson 39, Craddock 2, Griffiths retired 31, Hoeg 0, White not out 7, Barker 10, Hill extras 10, total (for seven wkts.) 109. (Harris four for 35, Perry one for 7, Gates one for 5).

Carlton School: Readings 1, Paddon 10, Thornburrow 0, Price 23, Perry 11, Harris 16, Mackenzie 0, Gates 1, Nicol not out 0, Hyde 0, Caulfield 0, extras 10, total 85. (Hoeg six for 18, Knight two for 22).

Cockayne Hatley v. Wrestlingworth

Cockayne Hatley won by three runs on the first innings, and the second innings was played 30 minutes, batting each team Cockayne Hatley's score in this was 27 for six, and Wrestlingworth 28 for seven.

Cockayne Hatley: W. Dodd 2, A. Norman 1, J. Norman 4, M. Deale 7, P. Vogel 6, J. Hutchinson 3, C. Mills 2, L. Vogel 2, R. Wilsner 0, A. Clark 0, J. Bloss not out 4, total 31. (L. Vogel seven for 19, G. Tassell two for 7).

Wrestlingworth: R. Walker 0, J. Humberstone 0, R. Franklin 8, G. Tassell 3, W. Baxley 0, E. Dixon 6, L. Compton 5, H. Lee not out 5, A. Bennett 0, J. Williams 0, V. Bentley 0, extras 1, total 28. (C. Mills six for 18, M. Deale three for 5, J. Norman one for 6).

Grosvenor v. Goldington "B"

Grosvenor: Gave 9, Crisp 5, Lawson 5, Shinnings 1, Lee 2, Harvey 0, Davies 0, Meek 9, Leonard 0, Clark 2, Ayres not out 3, extras 7, total 46. (Cannon six for 16, Lynch four for 2).

Goldington: Lorrimer 4, Elvin 2, Fuller 0, Cannon 4, Parsons 10, Single 1, Hawson not out 11, Stapleton 1, Lynch 2, Markham 2, Newman 0, extras 6, total 43. (Lee nine for 21).

Goldington "A" v. Queen's Works Extra "A"

Goldington "A": Wharton 4, Rawlins 5, Palmer 7, Dimmick 49, Jefferys 5, Whaley 2, Evans 35, Stevens 32, Wady 0, Fincham 0, Pullinger not out 6, extras 8, total 150. (Johnson five for 37, Wray three for 28).

Queen's Works Extra "A": Shortland 7, Jennings 0, M. Jones 1, Shortland 7, Johnson 3, Finch 0, Goldsmith 10, Wray 16, Bloom 5, Sell 4, Holloway not out 0, total 46. (Dimmick five for 5, Evans three for 7, Stevens one for 5).

Old Warden v. Bedfordshire Times

Times: J. A. Martin 26, M. King 11, D. Berridge four for 27, G. Berridge two for 22, P. Vintner two for 7, J. Cooper one for 21.

Old Warden: 109 for two (J. Cooper not out 35, W. Park 38, J. Berridge 11, W. F. Bennon one for 6, E. Blitt one for 28).

Bedford Town Hall v. Renhold

Renhold: P. Harlow 27, F. Brockett 34, P. Carter 0, A. Duncombe 27, K. Edwards 0, G. Harlow 0, G. Brien 1, D. Stapleton not out 2, R. Bland 0, Symmonds 0, extras 4, total 95. (Harkeaves eight for 20).

Town Hall: Newson 35, Stapleton 2, Shaw 0, Saver 9, Hargreaves 4, Collyme 11, Wilsner 3, Turvey 1, Cliffe 0, Ames 2, Horne 1, extras 1, total 69. (Brockett three for 3).

An R.A.F. (Henlow) XI v. Letchworth II

Several missed catches by R.A.F. enabled Letchworth II to force a draw at Henlow on Sunday.

R.A.F. Henlow XI: G. Dray 10, M. Shaw 49, T. McInivry 40, G. Longworth not out 94, E. Parrott not out 24, extras 7, total (for three wkts., dec.) 136. L. Payne 2, Meakin 7, Lippard 1, Gilman 1, Waddell and J. Harner did not bat.

Blissie v. Old Warden
Blissie: C. Mathews 12, F. Young 17, F. Yeomanis 1, S. Siredwick 21, K. Burns 7, R. Harris 0, E. Roberts 10, B. Albinson 8, F. Colyer 0, J. Olney 0, A. Mann not out 0, extras 6, total 84. (P. Vintner five for 16).

Old Warden: R. Bayliss 3, J. Cooper 27, E. Bennett 3, G. Berridge 2, E. Cooper 0, D. Berridge 0, F. Dilley 14, P. Vintner not out 6, E. Stammers 0, J. Berridge 0, extras 5, total 60. (E. Roberts five for 15).

Hinxworth v. R. Pair's XI
Hinxworth: G. Clarke 4, H. Trip-low 6, M. Clarke 46, D. Charles 46, G. Sparkes 4, J. Garalde 0, S. Barrows 0, J. Harkness not out 20, A. Stanton not out 1, extras 9, total (for seven wkts.) 144. W. Wilsner and T. Wyant did not bat. (G. Kendall three for 26, Jones two for 25).

R. Pair's XI: Whitton 1, Carter 4, R. Pair 0, Jones 4, H. Edmonds 0, Hebditch 0, Kendall 0, R. Smith 0, Hindell 0, Freeman 3, Burket not out 8, extras 2, total 19. (Sparkes four for 6, Wyant four for 11).

DEPARTMENTS CLASH

One of the biggest "galleries" of recent years at Stewartby saw a departmental cricket match on Monday. This was between Estates and Retic (the latter term is derived from the marriage of the words "Research" and "Technical").

In a match of 20 overs, Retic won by 28 runs. It is hoped that this most enjoyable game will be the forerunner of others between different departments of London Brick Company.

Queen's Works 1st XI's home fixture with Luton Corinthians for this Saturday has been cancelled.

SIXTH SUCCESSIVE WIN FOR POTTON II

Potton II maintained their 100 per cent record by defeating Ickwell (their sixth victims) in the Bedford and District League, Division III (Section 2) on Saturday.

Ickwell were all out for 18, and it is remarkable that no side has scored more than 30 in any innings against Potton in a league match this season.

Cliff Blott was top scorer with 17 for Potton and also did the damage with the ball, taking six Ickwell wickets for 10 runs.

In another thrilling finish, South End Ramblers beat Pavenham by two runs—K. Green taking his fifth wicket with the last ball of the game.

D. Clayton, as opening bat, found his form for Ramblers, and with G. Ferguson, J. Bosworth, and F. Roome as his partners, helped the score to 76.

But although Pavenham lost, their captain, G. Scoley, was the hero of the game. He took seven wickets, and after watching the grand efforts of Sid Coleman and C. Bennett, took his side to within five runs of victory with four wickets to fall. Then came the collapse and Ramblers snatched their two-run victory.

Pertenhall, promoted from the First Division last year, went to the top of the Premier Division table as a result of their win over Marston by nine runs.

Both teams lost five wickets in the early twenties and the similarity of their innings continued when Pertenhall's ninth wicket fell at 48 and Marston's at 49.

W. Presland (27 not out) and C. Stapleton (9) took part in a last-wicket stand which added 29 to Pertenhall's total of 77.

C. Copperwheat (29) and M. Smith (1 not out) made a great effort to force a win for Marston, the former hitting two sixes and three fours before being bowled by S. George with the score at 68.

Marston Sports obtained their first win this season when they defeated Great Barford by 12 runs. Architect of victory was Hamilton, who obtained his best bowling figures this year—five for 28.

Marston's total of 95 owed much to captain H. Stapleton (38) and E. Cook (25), who put on 40 for the seventh wicket.

Breeze bowled exceptionally well for Barford, taking seven for 35, his victims including the first six batsmen.

By defeating Renhold, Thurleigh completed half their fixtures without defeat. They owed their latest success to four men—D. Berrill, who hit a splendid 44; C. Berrill and W. Asplin who gave him good support; and J. Wagstaff, whose fine slow bowling was backed up by good fielding. He took seven for 17. Only W. Harlow (16) played confidently against this attack. D. Stapleton returned the best bowling figures for Renhold—four for 19.

A great tenth wicket stand between J. Humberstone and A. Hall just failed to give Wrestlingworth victory over Riseley. Set to beat 38, Wrestlingworth lost nine wickets making 16 runs. Then Humberstone and Hall, respectively number ten and eleven, checked the rot and took the score to 32—seven short of victory—only for Humberstone to be run out.

PREMIER DIVISION

Pavenham v. South End Ramblers
 Ramblers: O. Ferguson 15, F. Clayton 25, J. Walker 0, J. Bosworth 12, F. Roome not out 11, H. Allen 2, P. Chester 0, K. Green 0, J. Sheridan 8, W. Nicholls 1, S. Tompkins 1, extras 3, total 76. (G. Scoley seven for 23, C. Bennett two for 20).
Pavenham v. N. Wesley
 N. Wesley: N. Wesley 4, B. Spreadbury 0, S. Coleman 19, M. Higgs 2, C. Bennett 17, T. Higgs 7, A. Wesley 3, G. Scoley 10, T. Harris not out 0, J. Pearson 0, G. Wesley 2, extras 3, total 74. (K. Green five for 32, J. Walker two for 12, S. Tompkins two for 17).
Marston v. Pertenhall
 Pertenhall: C. Banks 6, Jk. Roddis 4, R. Jones 3, S. George 2, K. Gentile 1, S. Dix 0, O. Stapleton 10, V. Roddis 0, W. Presland not out 27, S. Dawson 2, C. Stapleton 9, extras 5, total 77. (K. Brightman four for 25, C. Copperwheat three for 21, M. Smith two for 8, D. Faulkner one for 1).
Marston: R. Copperwheat 16, C. Rowe 1, D. Stapleton 0, A. Bunker 2, F. Lilly 1, P. Bunker 1, K. Brightman 1, C. Gaves 8, C. Copperwheat 29, D. Faulkner 0, M. Smith not out 1, extras 3, total 68. (S. George four for 19, R. Jones four for 26, W. Presland two for 21).

DIVISION I

Marston Sports v. Great Barford
 Marston Sports: Thoburn 16, Jordan 1, Barnes 5, Odell 1, Green 0, Stapleton 38, Bonfield 7, Roome 0, Cook 25, Hamilton 1, Marnard not out 0, extras 1, total 95. (Skevington one for 30, Breeze seven for 35, West two for 25).
Great Barford: Bourdon 2, Usher 3, Breeze 2, Skevington 10, Knecher 10, Breeze 14, Stead 15, Lee 7, Jeffs 0, West 2, Green not out 0, extras 18, total 83. (Hamilton five for 28, Thoburn two for 21, Green three for 16).

Renhold v. Thurleigh

Renhold: P. Swann 5, D. Penton 11, W. Harlow 0, R. Brice 4, D. Stapleton 5, P. Brockett 0, P. Carter 2, P. Harlow 3, P. Harlow Junior 1, C. Allen not out 5, F. Joyce 2, extras 0, total 34. (J. Wagstaff seven for 17).
 Thurleigh: A. Ellison 1, S. Asplin 0, C. Berrill 11, D. Berrill 44, B. Holley 0, M. Papworth 1, K. Wagstaff 2, C. Maddison 0, J. Wagstaff 1, W. Asplin not out 10, extras 3, total 77. (D. Stapleton four for 14).

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Wrestlingworth v. Riseley
 Riseley: L. Williams 6, W. Norman 1, C. Holmes 10, J. Barnes 1, J. Williams 1, W. Allen 0, W. Partridge not out 11, V. Fell 0, G. Hopkins 7, L. Terry 0, R. Short 0, extras 1, total 38. (E. Huckle five for 7, R. Walker three for 12, H. Lee one for 18).
Wrestlingworth: W. Plant 4, L. Raboun 0, H. Robinson 0, R. Franklyn 0, E. Huckle 6, L. Compton 1, W. Daisley 0, H. Lee 1, R. Walker 0, J. Humberstone 13, A. Hall not out 0, extras 3, total 32. (W. Allen six for 19, W. Partridge three for 14).

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Stagsden
 Stagsden: J. Newman 2, B. Everest 0, B. Sharp 1, S. Dutton 14, H. Newman 24, A. Cooper 7, R. Tite 8, J. Dault 1, A. Woolston 2, H. Church 1, J. Alder not out 1, extras 4, total 70. (A. Worrall six for 21, D. Shinkler two for 21, R. Bennett one for 15).
Cople: E. Hull 0, D. Shinkler 1, A. Hart 0, R. Bennett 1, J. Cambers 5, P. Burr 0, A. Worrall 11, J. Newbury 2, P. Thacker 0, E. Yerrill 1, C. Graves not out 0, extras 5, total 26. (B. Sharp six for 7, B. Everest three for 14).

Stevinton v. Turvey

Stevinton: A. Wildman 3, G. Curtis 12, G. Guy 12, L. Cook 11, A. Cox 0, G. Ruffhead 4, S. Albert 1, J. Swain 9, F. Wooding 14, R. Cox not out 3, K. Dart 0, extras 4, total 73. (Paynton five for 17, Wright two for 14, Suzars two for 39).
 Turvey: Skevington 0, Letts 2, Sargent 14, Frost 0, Hutchings 7, Kruth-offer 1, Wright 6, Paynton 4, Suzars 2, West 0, Hillson not out 0, total 39. (G. Curtis five for 16, A. Cox five for 20).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Thurleigh II v. John Laine's XI
 Thurleigh II: J. Franklin 2, F. Holley 20, J. Warner 10, K. Berrill 29, M. Berrill 6, J. Thorne 4, R. Lovell 1, J. Berrill 3, P. Hooker not out 3, D. Green 0, T. Haldie 0, extras 4, total 78. (K. Whittaker six for 23).
Laine's XI: Bennett 0, Nelson 1, Brown 0, Farnham 0, Dalton 11, Elsey 0, Gower 12, Main 13, White 0, Skadder not out 0, Whittaker 1, extras 4, total 42. (K. Berrill three for 11, J. Berrill two for 2, D. Green two for 6).

Clapham II v. Sharnbrook II

Sharnbrook II: F. Ward 21, F. Canty 0, S. Bates 13, P. Blundell 0, R. Wildman 23, J. Clarke 2, R. Marsh 3, A. Blood 0, A. Hislop not out 7, C. Brown 3, G. Holvoak 1, extras 1, total 80. (G. Pridmore seven for 41, R. Brown one for 21, S. Powell two for 6).
Clapham II: R. Nicholson 25, W. Burton 11, R. Brown 20, R. Facey 2, J. Pettifer 4, A. Cope 20, A. Redman 0, G. Hoffman 1, S. Powell 2, G. Pridmore 2, D. Jones not out 2, extras 6, total 101. (E. Blundell three for 26, G. Holvoak two for 14).

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Potton II v. Ickwell
 Potton II: 61 (C. Blott 17, P. Hutchinson 11, Dilleigh seven for 11).
 Ickwell: 18 (Dilleigh 7, C. Blott six for 10, W. Hutchinson three for 8).

TO-DAY (FRIDAY)

HOSPITAL CUP
 3rd Round
 Pertenhall v. 70th H.A.A. Regt. R.A. (6.30 p.m.).

SATURDAY

FRIENDLIES
 Bedford Town v. Peterborough, Henlow v. Harpur Sports, Bedford Modern School v. Wyggeston School, Peterborough II v. Bedford Town II, Frognore v. Bedford Town Ramblers, Harpur Sports II v. Peter Brotherhoods, Newport Pagnell v. Ickwell, Ickwell II v. Luton Works, Melts v. Thrapston, Crayke v. Phillips XI (11.30 a.m.), Goldington v. Elstow, Gentlemen of the Lion v. Hemlingford Park, Kempston v. Clapham, North End v. Eaton Socon, Bedford Electricity v. Riseley, Britannia Works v. Amphill, Harlington v. Steppingley, Pulloxhill v. Stanbridge & Tilsworth, Steppingley II v. Pulloxhill "B", Shefford v. Maulden, Maulden II v. Shefford II, Wharley End v. Napier, Shillington v. Hitchin United, Eversholt v. Throcks C.C., Bromham Nomads v. College of Aeronautics, Skefko v. Silsoe, Milton Keynes v. Woughton, Aspley Guise v. Chiltern C.C., Piltwick v. Queen's Works Extra "A", Biggleswade v. Bletchley, Bletchley II v. Biggleswade II, St. Neots v. Southill Park, Southill II v. St. Neots II, Hinxworth v. Henlow II, Old Warden v. Ickwell, Luton Works v. Sandy, Sandy "B" v. Gamlingay, Meppershall v. Clifton, Clifton II v. Meppershall II.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division
 South End Ramblers v. Sharnbrook, Pavenham v. Blunham, Clapham v. Pertenhall.
Division I
 Great Barford v. Caldecote, Renhold v. Little Staughton.
Division II (Section I)
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Division II (Section II)
 Stagsden v. Havnes, Kempston West End v. Marston.
Division III (Section I)
 Sharnbrook v. Thurleigh, Little Staughton v. Laine's, North Crawley v. Galkley.
Division III (Section II)
 Ickwell v. Blunham, Willington v. Potton.

SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Casuals, Harpur Sports v. North End, Ickwell v. R. B. Sanders, Melts v. South End Ramblers, Wharley End v. Pavenham, Crayke v. Ruaden Nomads, Casuals "B" v. Kent's Athletic (Landon Road, Bedford), Leighton Buzzard v. Gentlemen of the Lion.

MONDAY

HOSPITAL CUP
 3rd Round
 Ickwell v. North End Club (6.30 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY

Gentlemen of the Lion v. Cople, 70 H.A.A. Regt. R.A. (Orange Camp) v. R.A.F. Leighton Buzzard.

THURSDAY

Bedford School v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire, Carlton School v. Bedford Thursday, **HOSPITAL CUP**
 Queen's Works v. R.A.F. Cardington (Bedford Park) 6.15 p.m.

A MORAL WIN FOR SCHOOL

Future Prospects Seem Bright

Examinations necessitated several changes in Bedford School's side, which had much the better of a drawn game with Incogniti. The performances of the newcomers augured well for the future.

Wyatt, opening for the School for the first time, played a sound, careful innings of 39, which laid the foundation for the School's good score of 206 for six, declared.

P. C. Eldridge, an old Colour, played a fine, hard-hitting innings of 68, and was well supported by Garrett, brought in from the Colts' side. R. G. Furbank bowled well for the Club, taking three for 41.

After declaring, the School bowlers pinned down the Club side. Hay bowled eleven overs for only 10 runs, but the most encouraging sign for the future was the bowling of 14-year-old Ferro, deputizing for Williams as an opening bowler.

He took three for 21 in 13 overs, and made the ball swing away from the bat throughout his spell.

The School fielded very well, and Wyatt took a very fine catch, running backwards in the deep, to dismiss Holladay, who was the only batsman to score freely.

When seven wickets had fallen for 80 the School had fifteen minutes in which to take the last three wickets; but D. C. Money and P. H. Cook played out time.

Bedford School: P. Smith c Ladbroke b Furbank 11, Wyatt st Holladay b Gray 39, J. D. S. Hay c Gray b Shackel 4, W. Street c Spark b Ladbroke 27, P. C. Eldridge st Holladay b Furbank 68, Garratt not out 20, extras 7, total (for six wks., dec.) 206. John-son, Southby, Ferro, and D. W. E. G. Cook did not bat.

Incogniti: B. Shackel b J. Smith 24, G. McP. D. Fleming c Cook b Ferro 0, R. V. Spark b Ferro 8, M. S. Meeson c Street b J. Smith 17, A. H. Holladay c Wyatt b J. Smith 15, R. E. Ladbroke c Cook b Ferro 0, R. G. Furbank c P. Smith b J. Smith 2, D. C. Money not out 5, P. H. Cook not out 8, extras 17, total 96. C. A. P. Gray and J. G. Cook did not bat.

Hostile B.M.S. Bowler

Hostile bowling by A. E. Palmer—he took five wickets—helped dismiss Wyggeston School for 56 and give Bedford Modern School victory by 124 runs.

Wyggeston won the toss and put Bedford Modern School in on a wicket which gave considerable help to the spin-bowlers. Gale and Norman successfully held on until the wicket eased, however, adding 51 for the first wicket.

Comerford looked full of runs but was then caught for 14, but Jarrett and Garratt gave strength to the batting with very useful scores.

The bowling became less accurate as the bowlers tired in the hot sun, and Bedford Modern School were finally dismissed for 180.

Wyggeston had two-and-three-quarter-hours to get the runs but they immediately succumbed to the magnificent fast-bowling of Palmer.

No one could withstand his assault, the chief resistance coming from Goodson, the captain, with 17 runs. The last wicket held out grimly for a few overs, but Wyggeston were dismissed for 56.

B.M.S.: R. A. Gale c Adams b Fulford 57, A. Norman c Sellicks b Fulford 20, J. D. Smart b Fulford 10, F. J. Comerford c Mann b Fulford 14, P. M. Jarrett c Cross 26, J. I. Cooper c Wade b Fulford 9, M. G. Cave c Middleton b Cross 0, B. E. Lovell b Middleton 0, C. E. Garratt not out 34.

K. H. Richardson b Holland 5, A. E. Palmer bow b Holland 1 extras 14, total 180.

Wyggeston: E. N. B. Adams b Jarrett 8, M. R. Wade bow b Palmer 4, D. J. Sellicks b Palmer 0, M. Goodson b Palmer 17, J. L. Harman b Palmer 0, M. J. Fulford b Palmer 0, D. E. Holland b Jarrett 7, D. J. Cross st Richardson b Jarrett 0, T. P. Lewis b Gale 0, D. W. Middleton not out 9, W. Mann b Jarrett 5, extras 6, total 56.

Lions' Creditable Performance

On Sunday, Gentlemen of the Lion played another of their stronger fixtures away to Leighton Buzzard Sunday XI, and although losing by five wickets, gave a creditable performance.

They scored 147 runs against a very good spin attack, including George Tearle, and if three catches had been held they might have brought off victory. The Lions' ground fielding was excellent, ManSHIP especially distinguishing himself at long leg.

The Lions were put in to bat, and they quickly lost Williamson, who was most un-luckily run out. Two more wickets fell (13 for three), but Gazeley and Leadbetter then made a stand of 55. Leadley and Lewis followed with a partnership of 50, and the total reached 147.

Gazeley had a fine spell of bowling for the Lions—16 overs for 49 runs, but was unlucky not to get more than one wicket. Leadley was most dangerous, taking two for 15, but ManSHIP had two catches dropped.

In a '15 overs "knock-up" after the game the Gentlemen of the Lion scored 144 for seven (Meeson 64 in ten overs) to Leighton's 134 for nine.

Gentlemen of the Lion: Williamson 2, ManSHIP 9, Meeson 64, Gazeley 46, Leadbetter 15, Leadley 26, Lewis 27, Wardley 1, Tomlinson 0, Jones 14, Oaken not out 0, extras 6, total 147. (Gazeley four for 37, Holloway two for 24). Leighton: Gown 45, Whitney 11, Meeson 33, Rowlinson not out 33, Clements 14, Cossy 2, Tearle not out 7, extras 14, total (for five wks.) 150. (Leadley two for 15, Williamson one for 12, Gazeley one for 49).

YOUNG AMATEURS REQUIRED

Two matches have been arranged for the Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire against Oxfordshire Colts at Bedford School on Monday, 10th August; and against Young Northamptonshire Amateurs at Northampton on Monday, 17th August; both dates at 11.30 a.m.

Masters in command of cricket, or club secretaries, who wish to recommend a young player for consideration for these games should send full particulars to Mr. D. C. Money, c/o Bedford School, Bedford.

There is no rigid age-limit, but any boy qualified for the County who has played school cricket during this term, or any member of a club or works side who is under 19 years, may apply.

Winning Run Ended

Diemer and Reynolds have had fluctuating fortunes with their last four matches, having won two and lost two.

They beat Astell's by 16 runs to secure their eleventh successive win, but in their following game a weakened side was no match for Moulsoe on

their ground and were skittled out for 14 runs Moulsoe re-plying with 105.

At Shefford, versus their Sunday XI, they lost by 19 runs, but returned to winning form by beating Castle Press by 45 runs. Scores:—

Diemer's 79 for three (Lovatt 23, Rowkins not out 23; Astell's, 63 for nine (Fisher 24, Rowkins six for 17, including hat-trick).

Diemer's 14; Moulsoe, 105 (Mc-Mullen six for 42, Dutton three for 19).

Shefford, 60 (Williamson five for 21, Dutton four for 37); Diemer's, 41 (Crisp 16).

Castle Press, 37 for three (Crisp 15, Williamson two for 16, McMullen one for 9); Diemer's, 82 for five (Hall not out 43, McMullen 17).

Britannia Works v. Ampt Hill

Britannia Works: Askew 9, King 22, Sharp 24, C. Radlock 18, Thomas 21, Knight 5, Buckingham 2, Green 27, Griffiths not out 10, Nelson not out 7, extras 6, total (for eight wks.) 131. (Taylor four for 44, Dillingham three for 37, Stokes one for 29).

Ampt Hill: Rowers 45, Palling 4, Loomes 7, Dillingham 10, Hoskins 6, Copperwheat 15, Hooper not out 7, Fenwick not out 0, extras 6, total (for six wks.) 109. (Knight three for 13, Griffiths one for 5, Sharp one for 43).

Olney v. Dickens (Harrold)

Olney Town: 67 for seven (J. Adams not out 18, M. Bowdler four for 27, A. Linn 4, H. B. 26).

Dickens (Harrold): 59 (J. Garner 12, Robinson five for 12).

Old Warden v. Ickwell

Old Warden: R. Bayliss 0, E. Baldwin 8, A. Gilbert 1, O. Berridge 1, W. Parks 4, Cooper 2, P. Vintner 0, D. Berridge 1, T. Berridge not out 5, P. Dille 0, O. West 0, extras 4, total 26. (M. Bygraves six for 10, J. Marsom four for 12).

Ickwell: J. Tibbitt 0, D. Law 4, H. Thompson 9, M. Bygraves 4, R. Heeks 12, J. Marsom 21, R. Milton 6, O. Bygraves 9, R. Pettley 0, M. Cole 4, R. Turnbull not out 0, extras 8, total 77. (R. Bayliss three for 14, P. Dille two for 4, P. Vintner two for 11).

Cople v. Goldington

Goldington: Rawlins 1, Tucker 2, Smith 4, Harrison 15, Whaley 30, Elvill 4, Evans not out 8, Whitaker 0, Lynch not out 5, extras 5, total (for seven wks., dec.) 72. (Worrall three for 13, Hart three for 21, Bennett one for 26).

Cople: E. Hull 20, D. Shingleton 25, A. Worrall 0, R. Bennett 3, D. Thacker 4, E. Ferrill 1, Chambers 18, P. Norman 4, Hart 0, G. Halliday not out 0, extras 8, total 88. (Lynch three for 28, Evans three for 33, Rawlins two for 5, Whaley one for 14).

BIGGLESWADE'S STRONG BID FOR HOSPITAL CUP

Biggleswade, who have never won the Bedford and District Hospital Cup, are making a strong bid this year, and overcame a difficult hurdle in Bedford Park on Wednesday, when they defeated last year's losing finalists, Harpur Sports, by 4 runs.

With only four runs separating the teams the game was alive to the last—or last but one ball—which accounted for Harpur's final batsman.

Biggleswade batted first and Smith and Williams took eight off the first over. They were soon separated, but Harris followed up with a brisk 16 before being un-luckily run out. Succeeding batsmen added small but useful scores, and the total at close was 62 for 9. It could have been less if Harpur had held two possible catches.

A. Webster was clean bowled with the second ball, but R. Webster and Ingledew put on 21 before the latter was bowled. Newman helped and nine more runs (30 for 3), but following batsmen were quicky and cheaply out.

With three wickets remaining Harpur required only 11 runs off the last two overs and three balls. Then R. Webster—he had made 21—was out, and though four byes were a welcome addition Cornell was out off the last but one ball.

Biggleswade: E. Smith 4, M. J. Williams 9, D. Darlow 0, W. Byraves 7, P. Miller 16, J. Senior 2, R. Gillard 5, R. Humphreys 0, R. James not out 4, P. Allen 1, T. Humphrey not out 4, extras 1, total (for nine wks.) 62. (B. Cornell five for 21, P. Gilbert three for 36). Harpur Sports: A. Webster 0, R. Webster 25, A. Ingledew 9, J. Newman 7, D. Hoar 0, G. Robertson 1, E. Martin 2, M. Goswell 5, A. Lousley 0, P. Gilbert not out 1, B. Cornell 0, extras 6, total 58. (P. Allen five for 25, E. Smith three for 27).

Britannia v. Kemston Wood End
Britannia: Whittle 6, Astward 12, Thomas 0, Hoxk 4, Buckingham 8, Rowell 13, Farren 0, Green 1, Nelson 2, Cradock 0, Askew not out 1, extras 2, total 52. Fuller seven for 32, Litchfield three for 18).
Wood End: Caves 4, Jessop 3, Fuller 36, Litchfield 0, Hutchings 0, Childs 0, Jessop 11, Astpole 2, Sanders 8, Burrows 5, Owen not out 0, extras 5, total 74. Thomas six for 13, Farren two for 12, Buckingham one for 9).

Casuals "B" v. Kent's Athletics
Casuals "B": C. Newman 4, N. Prior 0, C. Hargreaves 0, D. Sprigg 3, A. Wisson not out 53, D. Smith 5, K. Hobbs 25, J. Reece not out 20, extras 8, total (for six wks., dec.) 118. (Allen three for 19).

Kent's: Teakes 1, Slouki 1, Noble 0, O. Winstanley 2, R. Winstanley 5, Kent 2, William 7, House 0, Allen not out 5, Goodson 0, Bore 0, extras 13, total 62. (Newman four for 8, Wisson four for 16).

Goldington v. Renhold

Goldington: Smith 0, Bunwick 15, Dimmick 0, Line 0, Sinker 7, Figg 11, Elviss 5, Harrison 34, Pullinger 11, Fincham 0, Marchum 0, extras 12, total 86. (D. Fenton four for 31, D. Stapleton three for 21, F. Brockett two for 13).

Renhold: D. Fenton 1, P. Harlow Junior 0, D. Stapleton 49, P. Carter 30, G. Harlow 0, F. Brockett 4, F. Joyce 15, T. Harvey not out 3, H. Brumwell 0, R. Newman not out 1, extras 11, total 112.

Young Conservatives v. Goldington

Young Conservatives: Cain 10, Marks 0, Dixon 0, Jessop 0, Tomlin 0, Kitchie 0, Skemington 5, Stockton 0, Bryant 0, Tucker 1, Wharton not out 0, extras 3, total 20. (Cannon six for 5, Evans three for 12).

Goldington: Newman retired hurt 10, Stapleton retired 14, Parsons 13, Eaton 5, Evans 0, Cannon not out 23, Brumwell 0, Jeffery not out 0, extras 7, total (for five wks.) 72. (Marks three for 13, Jessop one for 31).

Goldington "B" v. Elstow

Elstow: Lowe 2, Nicholls 4, Cave 4, Prudden 1, Meverson 7, Cirket 1, Auker 6, Lack 3, Huckle 12, George not out 0, Wisson 0, extras 6, total 46. (Cannon four for 20, Sinker three for 6, Dimmick three for 18).

Goldington "B": Palmer 0, Payne 40, Lorrimer 0, Dimmick 23, Cannon 5, Markham 0, Stapleton not out 5, 7, extras 2, total (for eight wks.) 82. (Auker three for 20, Cave two for 8, Lowe two for 27).

Collection: £1 10s.

Perrenhall: S. George 5, V. Roddis 1, S. Stapleton 7, C. Jones not out 56, W. Prestland 1, C. Banks not out 10, R. G. Gentle 25, S. Dix not out 2, extras 5, total (for seven wks.) 100. (Palfray three for 41, Spauk two for 24, Garratt one for 15).

70th H.A.A. Rekt.: Jones-Davies 4, Budge 0, Shields 0, Spark 6, Maves 1, Lockman 0, Garre 0, 11, Palfray 0, extras 5, total 58. (S. George six for 20, W. Prestland three for 27, K. Gentle one for 0).

Great Barford v. Silsoe

Great Barford: P. Usher 19, J. Bourdon 1, W. Bridge 1, W. Skevington J. Breese 3, J. Jeffs 0, A. Stead 1, M. Lee 2, R. West 0, extras 3, total 52. (D. Minns five for 30).

Silsoe: F. Young 3, H. Eatheridge 0, Yeomans 0, E. Clare not out 2, D. Minns 0, J. Taylor not out 2, D. W. total 54. (W. Skevington four for 19).

Collection: £1 10s. 6d.

HALF-WAY THROUGH - STILL UNDEFEATED

By winning their match against Haynes on Saturday, Stagdsden completed half their fixtures in the Bedford and District League (Division II—Section II) without defeat.

Aggressive batting by G. Newman, S. Dutton, H. Newman, and F. Frossell was largely responsible for Stagdsden's 89 runs, and accurate bowling by B. Everest and G. Newman shot Haynes out for 25. Everest took five for 6, including a hat-trick.

Winning by 44 runs, South End Ramblers avenged an earlier defeat by Sharnbrook, who on Saturday were below strength.

But with seven wickets down for 39 against the bowling of H. Martin and J. Clarke, the Ramblers' prospects looked bleak. Then Keith Green and Harry Allen "stuck", and doubled the score in an entertaining display.

Set to beat 78, Sharnbrook's batsmen could not penetrate a good close field. Alec Spice demoralizing the side with three fine slip catches. Stan Tompkins and Keith Green took five wickets apiece, Sharnbrook being out for 34.

Taking seven for 21 in thirteen overs, R. Pickering played a decisive part in Clapham's win by 21 runs over Pertenhall. Skipper C. Banks tried an heroic rescuing act, hitting two sixes, only to be caught off what looked a certain boundary hit by P. Hall.

The latter, incidentally, hit 21 out of Clapham's total of 77.

Kempston West End were dismissed for only 18, Marston II bowler W. Swales returning the remarkable analysis of 12 o, 9 m, 3 r, 7 w. Marston hit 69 (Claridge not out 20) to record their first double of the season.

With all their batsmen contributing useful scores, Pavenham made their first 100 of the season to win a thrilling game over Blunham by 12 runs.

Blunham's J. Breed (31) and M. Rawlins (20) put up a good fourth wicket partnership of 44, and threatened to overtake Pavenham's total. Then the Pavenham bowlers broke through, G. Scoley being most successful with five for 27.

Still unbeaten, Potton II put out Willington for 19 runs on Saturday, replying with 28 in a second knock. Willington fared even worse being dismissed for eleven. J. Hutchinson took six for 9 in Willington's first innings, and G. Reed six for 6 in their second.

PREMIER DIVISION

South End Ramblers v. Sharnbrook
 Ramblers: G. Ferguson 6, D. Clavson 8, J. Bosworth 2, H. Jones 2, A. Spice 2, F. Roome 5, P. Chester 8, H. Allen 15, K. Green 20, S. Tompkins 3, W. Nicholls not out 1, extras 4, total 78. (H. Martin five for 31, J. Clarke three for 11)
 Sharnbrook: H. Bowles 3, M. Chambers 2, G. Bowles 1, D. Dunkley 4, H. Gray 2, J. Bowles 0, D. Benson 4, F. Dowdeswell 0, H. Martin 14, T. Bragg 0, J. Clarke not out 0, extras 4, total 34. (K. Green five for 14, S. Tompkins five for 16)

Clapham v. Pertenhall

Clapham: S. Wiles 0, P. Hall 21, C. Bottell 14, A. Henman 0, B. Tankin 5, R. Pickering 4, T. Buck 3, R. Smith 15, L. Wooding 1, R. Facey 9, C. Turner not out 1, extras 7, total 77. (S. George three for 15, K. Gentle three for 21, W. Presland two for 14, R. Jones one for 14)
 Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 10, J. Roddis 0, S. Stapleton 3, S. George 0, K. Gentle 4, R. Jones 10, S. Dix 0, W. Presland not out 2, C. Banks 19, C. Stapleton 9, S. Dawson 4, extras 2, total 56. (R. Pickering seven for 21, C. Bottell one for 3, A. Henman one for 14, T. Buck one for 16)

Pavenham v. Blunham

Pavenham: C. Whitworth 7, B. Spreading 5, S. Coleman 13, N. Wesley 4, C. Bennett 14, G. Scoley 11, T. Hicks 3, A. Wesley 7, M. Hicks 8, J. Pearson 16, J. Turner not out 1, extras 11, total 100. (F. Tester four for 42, M. Rawlins three for 16, R. Rawlins two for 22)
 Blunham: R. Harding 2, G. Harding 6, D. Moore 9, J. Breed 31, F. Abbott 0, M. Rawlins 20, F. Tester not out 4, F. Tester 2, G. Barker 0, R. Rawlins 5, G. Ashwell 0, extras 4, total 83. (G. Scoley five for 27, C. Bennett two for 12, K. Turner two for 16, J. Pearson one for 17)

DIVISION I

Great Barford v. Caldecote

Great Barford: W. Bridge 4, J. Bourdon 2, H. Knocker 0, W. Skevington 2, A. Stead 0, J. Jeffs 0, G. Mardlin 7, M. Lee not out 11, R. West 0, J. Browning 2, S. Green 10, extras 1, total 39. (F. Tanner five for 11, G. Watts five for 12)
 Caldecote: C. Raybould 1, C. Odell 23, A. Woodward 0, L. Edwards 2, J. Woodward 1, F. Tanner 5, G. Watts 0, J. Brunt 2, E. Edwards 13, A. Clark 1, H. Newell not out 3, extras 5, total 56. (W. Skevington two for 11)

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Kempston West End v. Marston II
 Marston II: W. Swales 9, A. Goodman 0, V. Hale 1, R. Berry 7, F. Faulkner 5, A. Bunker 10, M. Smith 4, F. Claridge not out 20, Copperwheat 2, T. Ellis 2, S. Knight 5, extras 6, total 69. (H. Henman three for 18, P. Percival three for 27, D. Darlow two for 13)
 West End: C. Parker 1, P. Percival 8, B. Bailey 4, L. Hill 0, C. Anthony 1, H. Henman 0, R. Darlow 0, R. Bone 0, M. Darwood 0, C. Viewing 0, P. Jackson 1, extras 4, total 19. (W. Swales seven for 3, S. Knight two for 2, M. Smith one for none)

Stagdsden v. Haynes

Stagdsden: B. Everest 6, G. Newman 20, R. Townley 4, S. Dutton 12, H. Newman 15, A. Cooper 0, A. Woolston 2, J. Lubolt 0, F. Frossell 16, K. Brooks not out 0, J. Alder 0, extras 12, total 89. (A. Herbert five for 22)
 Haynes: R. Clark 1, A. Herbert 3, F. Smith 2, A. Bennett 0, P. Baker 1, K. Webb 0, H. Herbert 0, H. Roberts not out 9, G. Stevens 2, A. Dear 2, R. Daniels 0, extras 5, total 25. (B. Everest five for 6, G. Newman two for 4)

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Sharnbrook II v. Thurlleigh II
 Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 12, R. Wildman 0, E. Millward 18, S. Bates 0, E. Blundell 4, R. Marsh 0, A. Hislop 15, C. Brown 0, B. Makeham not out 7, C. Holyoak 0, P. Canty 0, extras 9, total 62. (Thorne took five wickets and Green three)
 Thurlleigh: L. Franklin 0, F. Holley 3, J. Warner 10, F. Bull 29, K. Berrill 1, J. Berrill 9, C. Maddison 0, R. Lovell 4, M. Berrill 2, D. Green not out 3, J. Thorne 5, extras 7, total 90. (Holyoak Millward, Alcock and Blundell each took two wickets)

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Willington v. Potton II
 Willington: T. Guney 1, B. Smith 3, G. Barker 4, E. Woods 5, N. Sawford 0, Purser 0, H. Cooper 1, W. Leonard 4, D. Golder 0, Stanbridge not out 0, D. Priest 0, extras 1, total 19. (J. Hutchinson six for 9)
 Potton II: J. Hutchinson 4, D. Pepper 10, K. Hutchinson 1, P. Hutchinson 1, G. Peck 1, E. Guney 1, J. Plummer 1, J. Gray 3, D. Hutchinson 1, E. Giles not out 0, F. Brookman 0, extras 1, total 28. (Second Innings: Willington 11 (G. Peck six for 6); Potton 13 for one)

SPORTS FIXTURES

Cricket

SATURDAY

Mill Hill v. Bedford Town.
 Harpur Sports v. March Town.
 Queen's Works v. Buckingham.
 Bedford School v. Dulwich College.
 Queen Elizabeth's School v. Bedford Modern School.
 Bedford II v. Mill Hill II.
 Rodrican v. Harpur II.
 Britannia Works v. Queen's "A".
 Cross and Co. v. Bedford Ramblers.
 Cravelco v. Bedford Argus.
 Mellis v. Gentlemen of the Lion.
 South End Ramblers v. Shire Hall Old Warden v. Amphill.
 Stewartby v. R.A.F. Oakington.
 Rheo Sports v. Irganic.
 Shire Hall II v. Elatow.
 Leasle v. Eversholt.
 London Brick Co. v. Milton Keynes.
 Shillington v. Old Lutonians.
 Goldington v. Bedford Electricity.
 Wharley End v. Moulsham.
 Queen's Extra "A" v. Diemer and Reynolds.
 L.E.C. Newton Longville v. Milton Keynes.
 Motor Rails, Bedford v. Ridmont.
 Aspley Guise v. S. T. Hawkins's XI.
 Biggleswade v. Tadworth.
 Watlington v. Biggleswade II.
 Southill Park v. Kent's.
 Kent's II v. Southill Park II.
 Ewel v. Clifton.
 Clifton II v. Baldock.
 Gamlingay v. Eaton Socon.
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 Kempston v. Pavenham.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

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SUNDAY

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 Stewartby v. Luton Clarendon.
 Othmans (Watford) v. Mellis.
 Wharley End v. Ridmont.
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MONDAY

HOSPITAL CUP—4th Rd
 Potton v. Pertenhall.

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Steppingley v. Amphill.

WEDNESDAY

Hertfordshire v. Bedfordshire (at Hertford) and Thursday.
 70th H.A.A. Regt v. Bedford Postels (at Granke Camp).

THURSDAY

Phipps (Northampton) v. Bedford Thursday.

POTTON II RECOVER, KEEP WINNING RECORD

Holders of a one hundred per cent record in the Bedford and District League (Division III—Section 1) this season, Potton II failed by five runs to pass Tempsford's first innings' score of 48.

In the second innings, however, they skittled Tempsford for 28, and replied with 45 for five to win the game.

Sharnbrook had a comfortable five wickets win over Marston, hitting 117 after routing Marston for 33. Martin five for 20. Blundell four for 2, did the damage.

Thurleigh maintained their unbeaten record in Division I at the expense of Felmersham, but only just—by four runs.

Batting first on a bowlers' wicket Thurleigh were dismissed for a mere 39 runs, due to some good bowling by S. Lovell (five for 12) and B. Cockings (four for 11). But this total sufficed, Felmersham being put out for 35, thanks to good bowling, backed up by excellent fielding.

With their opening batsmen, Stringer and Williams, putting on 53 for the first wicket, Riseley were able to declare at 148 for seven against Colmworth, whom they dismissed for 74 with three minutes to spare.

THEIR FIRST DEFEAT

Stagsden suffered their first defeat of the season when they lost by 23 runs at Marston. W. Swales was the man chiefly responsible, twice taking two wickets with successive balls, and finishing with seven wickets for 9 runs. K. Brooks, batting at number eight, made a gallant bid for victory with a bright not-out 31, but he lacked support.

Against Potton II, Tempsford batted first and were all out for 48 in 65 minutes. C. Munns taking six for 18. Potton made a fair start, C. Munns scoring 13 and K. Hutchinson 12, but the rest of the home batsmen failed badly and the side were all out for 43. R. Bettles taking eight for 16.

In their second innings Tempsford were dismissed for 28, and Potton passed the total for the loss of only five wickets. C. Munns scoring 23 not out and J. Gray II not out.

PREMIER DIVISION

Sharnbrook v. Marston
 Marston: R. Copperwheat 1, C. Rowe 0, D. Stapleton 3, A. Bunker 4, P. Lilly 1, T. Claridge 0, D. Faulkner 1, C. Copperwheat 3, A. Goodman 2, K. Brightman 1, M. Smith 0 extras 0, total 35. (Blundell four for 2, Benson one for 2, Martin five for 20, Sharnbrook: H. Boyles 12, D. Dunkley 6, R. Wildman 6, T. Millward 0, H. Gray 12, J. G. Boyles not out 30, H. Gray 12, J. G. Boyles 1, Blundell 12, D. Benson 17, E. Blundell 15, extras 5, total 117. (K. Brightman extras for 24, C. Copperwheat three for 30, A. Goodman two for 11).

Blunham v. Potton

Potton: C. Rawlins 0, O. M. Jakes 5, 2, J. Giles 0, O. K. Woodman 7, 1, D. Page 6, 1, E. Huckle 0, 4, J. Turnbull not out 1, O. R. Pepper 0, not out 12, J. Hutchinson 0, O. F. Paice 1, 5, J. Standen 0, 1, extras 1, 1, totals 26, and 2, extras six for 7, and five for 12. Blunham two for 17 and four for 12. Barker two for 11. Blunham: R. Harding 0, not out 7, G. Saunders 0, M. Rawlins 4, not out 1, D. Moore 1, F. Abbott 3, 6, R. Clarke 0, O. F. Paice 1, 5, W. Paice not out 5, O. R. Rawlins 0, extras 2, 3, totals 25 and 30 for four. (Standen six for 10, Huckle four for 11).

DIVISION I

Little Staughton v. Marston Sports
 Little Staughton: G. Stapleton 38, J. Hobins 13, D. Huckle 0, R. Robins 35, O. Robins not out 9, E. Robins 15, L. Saunders 0, extras 12, total for six wkts. dec.) 154.
 Marston Sports: R. Wilby 5, T. Jordan 1, T. Thorburn 5, O. H. Stapleton 1, H. Gues 1, F. Bonfield 1, J. Hillson 0, 1, Hamilton not out 0, extras 3, total 27. (L. Saunders five for 2, G. Robins four for 2).

Thurleigh v. Felmersham

Thurleigh: A. Ellison 0, R. Berrill 4, C. Berrill 13, D. Berrill 8, S. Asplin 1, M. Papworth 6, J. Palmer 1, B. Holley 0, K. Wastaff 1, W. Asplin 0, J. Wagstaff not out 0, extras 1, total 39. (S. Lovell five for 12, B. Cockings four for 11).
 Felmersham: A. Betts 5, H. Lawson 9, D. Lovell 4, D. Parker 3, T. Longstaff 7, J. Turner 1, B. Cockings 4, P. Turner 3, B. Richardson 0, C. Blackman 3, H. Lovell not out 2, extras 1, total 35. (B. Hulley five for 12, C. Berrill two for 7, J. Palmer two for 9).

Renhold v. Great Barford

Great Barford: P. Usher 10, M. Lee 0, S. Green 1, W. Bridge 5, W. Skevington 2, H. Knocker 35, A. Stead 9, J. Breeze 25, J. Jeffs not out 3, J. Browning 3, J. Boudon 1, extras 3, total 104. (W. Harlow four for 10, P. Swann two for 5).
 Renhold: D. Penton 0, P. Swann 5, W. Harlow 2, O. Stapleton 3, J. Norman 0, A. Duncombe 0, P. Harlow 8, F. Eckett 4, P. Harlow junior not out 1, P. Gatter 0, G. Allen 0, extras 1, total 25. (W. Skevington five for 4, M. Lee three for 1, J. Jeffs one for 6).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Thurleigh	8	0	0	0	16
Langford	8	0	0	0	16
Caldecote	8	0	0	0	16
Little Staughton	8	0	0	0	16
Renhold	8	0	0	0	16
Felmersham	7	2	5	0	4
Marston Sports	7	1	5	1	3
Great Barford	8	1	7	0	2

DIVISION II (SECTION 1)

Wrestlingworth v. Great Staughton
 Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 3, W. Platt 7, H. Robinson 1, C. Cuffee 3, L. Compton 12, H. Lee 8, John Humpherson 0, K. Walker 5, W. Daisley 2, J. Hunterstone 1, A. Hall not out 0, extras 5, total 40. (H. Davidson three for 12, J. Malle three for 25, W. Davidson four for 12).
 Second Innings: 77.
 Great Staughton: H. Davidson 4, J. Malle 6, R. Holmes 0, P. Lanchorns 16, C. Heading 4, A. Dawkes 0, W. Davidson 1, T. Heading 0, G. Mayes 0, B. Hornsey 4, W. Pell not out 0, extras 4, total 39. (R. Walker three for 17, H. Lee four for 16).
 Second Innings: 51 for six wkts.

Riseley v. Colmworth

Riseley: H. Stringer 74, L. Williams 11, W. Norman 6, Holmes 31, J. Williams 5, J. Ashpole 1, W. Partridge 7, G. Hopkins not out 12, J. Balnes not out 1, extras 6, total (for seven wkts. dec.) 148.
 Colmworth: V. Abraham 1, J. Chamberlain 19, J. Hughes 31, W. Ellison 15, J. Swales 0, V. Pell 0, M. Watts 0, H. Swales 1, S. Matthews 0, B. Swales 1, M. Hall not out 1, extras 8, total 74. (Holmes five for 6, Ashpole three for 15).

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Marston II v. Stagsden
 Marston II: W. Swales 1, J. Nicholls 37, W. Wilson 2, R. Burridge 5, R. Berry 7, T. Owen 1, V. Hale not out 21, P. Rouse 2, A. West 4, H. Stapton 2, S. Knicht 5, extras 1, total 92. (G. Newman six for 41, B. Everest three for 38).
 Stagsden: G. Newman 0, B. Everest 14, H. Newman 12, P. Taylor 0, A. Cooper 4, A. Woolston 1, J. Alder 0, K. Brooks not out 51, G. Underwood 1, H. Church 0, R. Anstey 0, extras 4, total 69. (W. Swales seven for 6, S. Knicht two for 19, V. Hale one for 17).
Cople v. Turvey
 Cople: E. Hull 2, D. Shinder 5, A. Hart 5, R. Bennett 1, J. Newbury 2, H. C. Graves 6, D. Thacker 11, S. Widders not out 5, G. Halliday 0, M. Candler 0, extras 8, total 50. (Sugars six for 26, Wright two for 10, Pavilion two for 12).
 Turvey: Skevington 5, West 15, Sargent 15, Frost 0, Krutholler 2, Letts 9, Paupton 2, Wright 0, Sugars 0, Hulson not out 0, Bullard 1, extras 3, total 43. (Hull four for 11, Burr two for 1, Bennett two for 11, Shinder one for 19).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Stagsden	8	7	1	0	14
Stavinton	7	9	0	0	10
Marston II	8	5	3	0	10
Cople	8	4	4	0	6
Kenstun Wood End	7	5	1	0	6
Kenstun West End	9	2	7	0	4
Havnes	8	1	7	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Clapham II v. Thurleigh II
 Clapham: W. Burton 6, R. Percy 6, R. Brown 14, A. Thibet 2, J. Henman 7, A. Cope 0, W. Leak 0, A. Hendrie 0, D. Jones 5, J. Redman not out 5, P. Baker 3, extras 2, total 42. (C. Maddison six for 16, K. Berrill three for 10).
 Second Innings: 21.
 Thurleigh: I. Franklin 8, F. Hadley 1, J. Warner 19, F. Burd 0, J. Berrill 0, J. Thomas 0, K. Berrill not out 15, C. Maddison 0, M. Berrill 2, P. Hooker 1, B. Franklin 1, total 57. (W. Leak five for 13, A. Henman four for 6).
 Second Innings: 99 for three wkts.

	P	W	L	D	PTS
North Crawley	8	0	1	1	13
Thurleigh II	8	0	0	0	16
Judd's Paston	7	7	0	0	14
Clapham II (Thurleigh)	7	7	0	0	14
Little Staughton II	7	6	0	0	12
Sharnbrook II	7	5	0	0	10
Oakley	7	2	5	0	4

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Potton II v. Tempsford
 Tempsford: B. Lowe 5, E. Ingram 15, D. Jeffries 3, P. Braybrook 0, R. Battle 3, P. Dawes 1, D. Mutt 7, E. Eaton 4, R. Jones 1, extras 4, total 49. (O. Munns six for 18, C. Blatt three for 16, P. Brookman one for 10).
 Second Innings: 28. (C. Blatt five for 7, C. Munns five for 14).
 Potton II: E. Hilt 1, K. Hutchinson 12, P. Hutchinson 5, C. Blatt 1, C. Munns 15, E. Gurney 1, J. Gray 0, J. Plummer 0, D. Hutchinson 0, E. Giles 0, F. Brookman not out 0, extras 4, total 35. (H. Bettles eight for 1, C. Jackson one for 1).
 Second Innings: 45 for five wkts. (C. Munns not out 25, R. Bettles three for 30, O. Jackson two for 11).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Potton II	7	0	0	0	14
Tempsford	7	4	1	0	8
Roxton	6	3	2	1	7
Caldecote II	7	3	3	1	7
Iskwell	5	1	4	0	2
Blunham	4	1	3	0	2
Willington	6	0	6	0	0

CRICKET FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Bedford Town v. Wistach.
 Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports.
 Icranic v. Shire Hall.
 Eversholt v. Bedford Argus.
 Stowarth v. N.A.L.G.O.
 Harpur Sports II v. Luton Vauxhall.
 G.A.P. Gardington v. Bedford Ramblers.
 Wisbech II v. Bedford II.
 Queen's Works "A" v. Rushden II.
 Gentlemen of the Lion v. Luton Road A.A.
 Bedford Modern School II v. King Edward's School II.
 Bedford North End v. Old Warden.
 Elstow v. Shire Hall II.
 Amphill v. Davis Athletic.
 Crayke v. Weavers.
 Bedford Borough v. Icranic II.
 Bedford Electricity v. Northampton Electricity.
 Milton Keynes v. Simpson.
 Kempston v. Waterlow's (Dunstable).
 Willington v. Goldington "A".
 Goldington "B" v. Diemer & Reynolds.
 Hightswade II v. Hinxworth.
 Henlow v. Kind's Walden.
 Southill Park v. St. Neots.
 Polioth v. Old Lutonians.
 Clifton v. Hitchin Nomads.
 Bedford v. Clifton II.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division
 South End Ramblers v. Pertonhall.
 Marston v. Blunham.
 Clapham v. Potton.
 Pavenham v. Sharnbrook.

Division I
 Felmersham v. Great Barford.
 Marston Sports v. Thurleigh.
 Caldecote v. Little Staughton.
 Reinhold v. Langford.

Division II (Section I)
 Langford II v. Riseley.
 Great Staughton v. Monehranger.
 Colmworth v. Staple.
 Wylloston v. Wrestlingworth.

Division II (Section II)
 Kempston Wood End v. Marston II.
 Haynes v. Turvey.
 Stagsden v. Stevington.
 Kempston West End v. Cople.

Division III (Section I)
 Sharnbrook II v. North Crawley.
 Thurleigh II v. Little Staughton.
 Oakley v. John Laming's.

Division III (Section II)
 Potton II v. Caldecote II.
 Roston v. Blunham II.

SUNDAY

Queen's Works v. Bedford Town.
 Harpur Sports v. March Town.
 Icranic v. Shire Hall.
 Crayke v. Wellington.
 Stowarth v. Linka C.C.
 R.A.P. Henlow v. Gentlemen of the Lion.
 Britannia Works v. Old Warden.
 Deput. Beds. and Herts. v. R. B. Sanders.
 Old Northamptonians v. Casuals.
 R.A.P. Gardington v. Potton.
 Southill Park v. Wheathemstead.

MONDAY

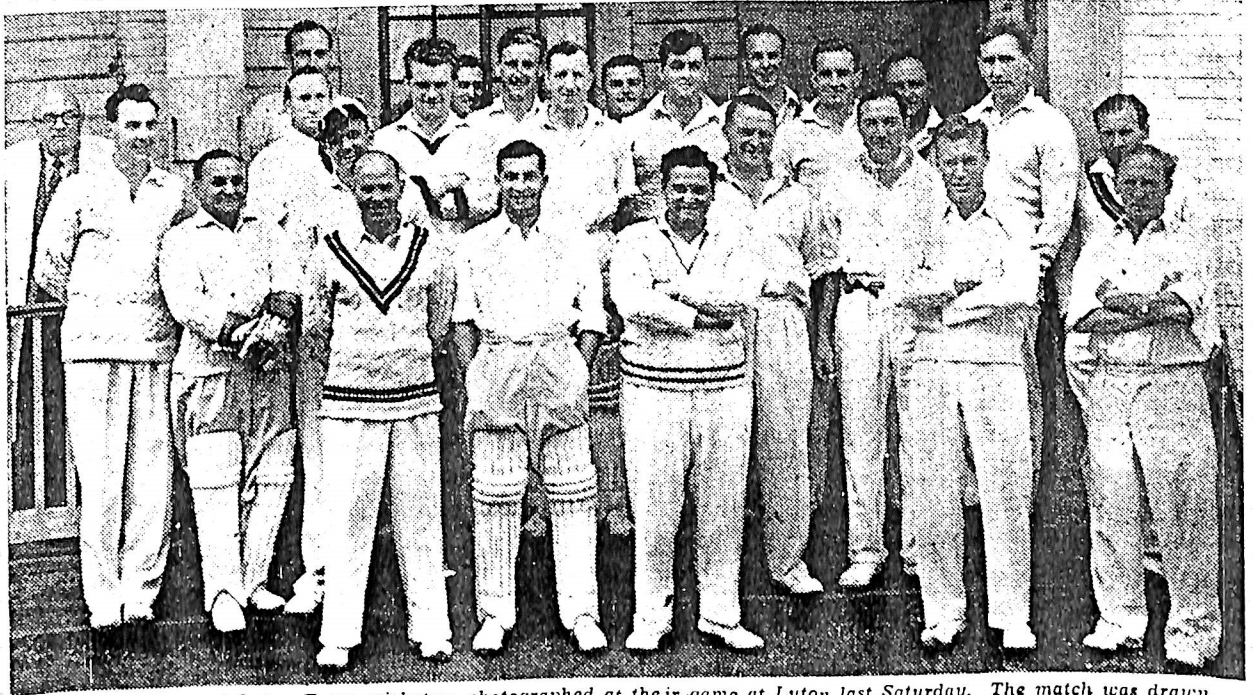
HOSPITAL CUP SEMI-FINAL
 Hightswade v. Bedford Town (Bedford Park).

WEDNESDAY

Wylloston v. Goldington.
 Bedford XI v. I.A.A. Gp. (Orange Camp).

THURSDAY

Bedford Thursday v. Flitwick.



Bedford Town and Luton Town cricketers photographed at the ir game at Luton last Saturday. The match was drawn,

Batsman Scores 231 in Three Innings

Feature of Old Bedfordians Week which opened on Monday at Bedford School has been the fine batting of Brian Disbury who, in his first three innings, scored a total of 231 runs.

There was a most exciting finish to Monday's game with Gentlemen of Bedfordshire the O.B.'s losing in the last over of the day by only eleven runs.

Six hours produced nearly 500 runs and a wealth of attractive batting, with S. T. Morris for the Gentlemen, and Brian Disbury for the O.B.'s stealing the honours.

Undaunted by the Gentlemen's large score of 248 for two declared, the O.B.'s hit 100 in the first hour and were always out for a win. The game ended with Ralph Spark taking sixes off Eric Howard in a vain but gallant bid for victory.

Old Bedfordians v Gentlemen of Bedfordshire

Gentlemen of Bedfordshire: B. Marshall 71, W. Gunn 77, S. T. Morris not out 75, T. Kelly not out 19, extras 6 total for two wickets declared 248. O.B.'s: E. F. Waller, E. C. Howard, J. B. Wooliscroft, C. V. A. Collins, I. Brantom, D. Asbury and S. Owen did not bat, A. C. Fitt 70, Om. 32r. Iw. J. R. Jones 10-0-42-1.

Old Bedfordians: B. E. Disbury 80, J. G. Cook 22, J. R. Jones 56, A. D. R. Dawes 6, K. Vane Percy 2, A. J. B. Sabley 1, B. Norwood 16, A. C. Fitt 11, T. Daniel 5, R. V. Spark 26, C. Ollivie not out 1, extras 11, total 257. S. Owen 250, 2m, 6dr, 4w, E. C. Howard 3-0-45-3, D. Asbury 15-1-35-5.

Old Bedfordians v Sevenoaks Vine

Sevenoaks Vine: K. J. Smart 54, R. B. Dixall 15, R. M. Bate 18, I. S. W. Campbell 14, K. A. Lee 21, G. E. Turner 4, J. B. Parkin 26, J. B. Norwood not out 27, P. E. Russell 12, R. Graham 5, extras 5 total for nine wickets declared 201. A. D. R. Dawes 250, Om. 77r, 4w, C. Ollivie 20-4-7-47-2, P. M. Fletcher 4-0-5-1, J. G. Jones 4-0-25-1.

Old Bedfordians: B. E. Disbury 69, K. H. Cantrell 28, K. Vane Percy 7, G. S. S. Gilbert 7, F. M. Fletcher 6, J. G. Cook 8, J. G. Jones 0, R. V. Spark 4, A. D. R. Dawes 14, T. Daniel 0, R. J. Sabley 2, C. Ollivie not out 0, extras 11, total 158. K. J. Smart 90, 1m, 22r, 4w, G. J. Hardy 8-0-32-4, A. D. Greenwood 7-0-29-1.

Old Bedfordians v Incoznill

Incoznill: S. G. Smallman 58, E. Goldie 68, B. F. S. Churchill 22, B. Shields 8, J. M. Mills 10, J. E. G. Grey not out 52, P. A. G. Wilson 4, D. C. Money 5, H. M. Rice 4, R. G. Partank 6, R. H. Hawkins not out 6, extras 5 total for ten wickets declared 231. C. A. P. Gray did not bat, Ollivie five for 56, Cook three for 48, Fitt one for 4.

Old Bedfordians: B. E. Disbury 82, R. H. Cantrell 22, R. Thomas 44, A. C. Fitt 2, J. G. Jones 9, A. D. R. Dawes 4, K. Vane Percy 15, J. G. Cook 18, B. Norwood 0, R. V. Spark not out 13, C. Ollivie not out 2, extras 17 total for nine wickets 235. T. Daniel did not bat, Grey five for 64.

R.A.F. Henlow v Southill Park

R.A.F. Henlow: G. Dray 0, M. Shaw 7, B. J. Wilson 6, T. F. McIntyre 1, G. Longworth 14, E. Parrott 28, D. Meakin 15, L. Payne 32, W. Clay 1, I. Fernando not out 2, T. Lippard 16, extras 13, total 139.—Swain four for 42, Massey three for 18, Burnage two for 19, Gale one for 25.

Southill Park: R. A. Gale 17, V. D. Green 19, K. Roberts 5, K. D. Ballard not out 22, G. S. S. Gilbert 27, M. Green 0, G. H. Hunt not out 15, extras 10, total for five wickets 115.—Longworth two for 20, Meakin two for 55, A. C. Massey, A. G. Swain, P. Smith, and A. G. Burnage did not bat.

R.A.F. Henlow v J. Legate's XI

Legate's XI: E. Smith not out 67, G. Dear 15, J. Legate 0, W. Houghton 5, J. Cooper 25, P. Legate 13, Beaumont 1, Vine 0, Edmunds 8, Gray 6, Rawlins not out 6, extras 5, total for nine wickets declared 145.—Meakin four for 43, Payne two for 25, Longworth two for 44, Dray one for 23.

R.A.F. Henlow: G. Dray 4, M. Shaw 17, G. Longworth 17, T. F. McIntyre 2, E. Parrott not out 34, L. Payne 32, D. Meakin not out 21, extras 11, total for five wickets 138.—Cooper two for 27, Beaumont two for 32.

Britannia Works v Diemer and R.

Britannia: Nelson 15, Green 26, Craddock 22, Buckingham 46, Thomas 5, Whittle 21, Hoger 18, Askew 1, Rowell 0, Farrer 0, Wether not out 5, extras 21, total 173.—Crisp three for 6, Hall two for 20, Williamson two for 18, Birtwhistle two for 37, Diemers: Hall 12, Lovatt 10, Gill 2, Birtwhistle 15, Scotland 4, Williamson 7, Crisp 16, Howell 0, Dodson 5, Webb 2, Brace not out 1, extras 7, total 81.—Thomas six for 35, Buckingham two for 10.

Great Barford v Diemer and Reynolds

Diemers: Williamson 7, Birtwhistle 2, Fell 2, Hawkins 15, Plummer 1, Lovatt 14, McMullen 17, Spring 4, Deacon not out 3, Johnson 1, Litchfield 0, extras 3, total 70.

Gr. Barford: P. Usher 25, M. West 14, A. Stoad 1, W. Bridger 6, R. West 0, W. Skevington 1, J. Breeze 4, G. Mardlin 3, J. Browning 0, J. Bourdon not out 0, S. Green 14, extras 9, total 77.

Luton Clarendon v Britannia Works

Luton Clarendon 160 for nine wickets declared, Archer 44, B. Weekes not out 51, Thomas two for 61, Buckingham three for 29, D. Knight two for 23.

Britannia: W. Crane 8, F. Nelson 12, S. Green 14, E. Buckingham 5, D. Thomas 9, C. Askew not out 9, E. Oster not out 5, extras 18, total for seven wickets 80.—Howard two for 51.

Bedfordshire Times v Burtonian

Times: Coleman 5, A. F. Martin not out 48, Payne 1, Snavles 6, Spring 8, Waple 3, Hargreaves not out 8, extras 7, total for five wickets 81.—J. Luff two for 29.

Burtonian: Matthews not out 42, D. Hoar not out 40, extras 9, total for no wicket 91.

Great Barford v Little Barford

Gr. Barford: P. Usher 37, J. Bourdon 5, W. Bridger 9, W. Skevington 7, M. Lee 13, J. Jeffs 5, R. West 20, D. Bailey 8, D. Maskell 5, D. Robinson not out 9, E. Payne 0, extras 2, total 135.

Li. Barford: K. Fittell 0, E. Smith 0, P. Wolfe 0, T. Davie 0, E. Sikes retired 28, R. Harbour 0, T. Hollies, B. Knight 0, J. Hobbs 4, G. Corbett 2, G. Mardlin 0, extras 1, total 45.

R.A.F. Cardington v Casuals

Casuals: G. Millman 44, P. Green 5, A. Green 9, B. Everest 32, S. Faulkner 26, P. Gay 3, D. Bellis 4, 5m, 4m, 1m, 1s.

R.A.F. Cardington: G. Payne not out 18, G. Boyles 6, extras 5, total 150 for seven wickets declared.

Hutchinson three for 54, Hampton four for 52.

R.A.F. Cardington: Gumbly 2, Moore 5, Walker 13, Gough 0, Hutchinson 6, Hampton 16, Stuart 0, Tait 8, Crouch not out 27, Cockrill 0, Sercombe 1, extras 1, total 77.—D. Bellis seven for 35, B. Everest two for 30.

Goldington "B" 72 (Stanpton 30, Day 11, Wood five for 20, Smith two for 2), Willington 62 (Smith 16, Caves 12, Barker 12, Evans six for 9, Tucker three for 27).

Goldington 59 for seven declared (Dimmick 33, Darrington three for 17, Peil three for 14), Woboston 35 for eight (Peel 11, Dimmick five for 14, Cannon two for 19).

South End Ramblers 110 for six declared (Walker 38, Norman 36, Line two for 17, Whaley two for 16), Goldington 129 for six (Sanders 84, Evans 15, Green four for 49).

Clonhill 108 for eight declared (B. Peat 60, Roudesden 25, Robinson 13, Dear 12, Dimmick four for 30), Goldington "B" 122 for eight (Dimmick 45, Day 21, Figa 11, Gudin four for 43, Peat four for 29).

Dickens (Harrold) C.C. 59 (R. Rogers 20, M. Bowdler 13, Wittering four for 8, Edwards three for 14, Rich two for 15).

Souldron C.C. 55 for nine (Wittering 27, M. Bowdler five for 24, A. Lyman three for 18).

TOOK EIGHT WICKETS, THEN HIT A CENTURY

M. Tompkins, of Oakley, achieved the best all-round performance of the season in the Bedford and District League on Saturday.

He took eight Clapham II wickets for 23 runs in 11 overs, and then hit the first League century this summer—an undefeated 107 out of Oakley's total of 156 for nine. He hit four sixes and eight fours

Clapham achieved only a mediocre total of 45 but it sufficed against Blunham, C. Bottell (five for 9) and R. Pickering (five for 16) dismissing them for 30.

Bottell was also successful with the bat, hitting 17, the only player in the game to reach double figures.

F. Tester (seven for 17) and M. Rawlins were the "stars" for Blunham. Rawlins was batting well when he was out to an acrobatic catch by T. Buck on the boundary.

Potton beat South End Ramblers by five wickets, mainly due to good fielding, four of the Ramblers being run out.

Pertenhall completed the "double" over Sharnbrook, winning by four wickets. Sharnbrook batted steadily to reach 29 for four, but a change of bowling brought on R. Jones who took three wickets without cost and Sharnbrook were all out for 36.

Pertenhall lost six wickets making 26 before O. Stapleton and V. Roddis put on the required runs.

Taking seven Marston wickets for 20 runs, G. Scoley of Pavenham brought his total of league wickets this season to 52. With promising youngster K. Turner claiming the other three for 22, Marston were dismissed for 59 in reply to Pavenham's 82. The last wicket fell with only five minutes' play left.

Riseley staged a brilliant recovery to beat Wyboston by 2 runs. At one stage they were 24 for six in reply to Wyboston's 62 all out, but a great knock of 24 not out by W. Partridge carried them to victory.

Parker 0, B. Cockings 10, F. Turner 1, M. Lovell 1, S. Lovell 0, C. Blackman 1, P. Lawson not out 0, extras 2, total 29.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Riseley v. Wyboston
Wyboston: J. Darrington 4, A. Usher 7, W. Peet 5, R. Kidman 11, E. Parsk 2, C. Folbigg 6, V. Fell 11, R. Yates 7, W. Stapleton 1, A. Darrington 0, R. Ellis not out 1, extras 7, total 62.—Holmes six for 9, Partridge two for 17.
Riseley: H. Stringer 0, J. Pragnall 5, W. Norman 5, L. Williams 1, C. Holmes 1, Frost, Ashpole 0, W. Partridge not out 24, J. Baines 8, G. Hopkins 0, W. Fell 6, W. Allen 0, extras 2, total 64.—Parsk five for 18, Fell four for 25.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Turvey v. West End
West End: Parker 2, Percival 1, Darlow 7, Hill 4, Davington 0, Bailey 3, Stone 4, Darwood 0, McCully 6, Jackson 4, Hyde 0, extras 2, total 53.—Paynton one for 13, Sugars six for 17, Wright two for 2.
Turvey: Skevington 1, West 5, Sargent 8, Frost 0, Paynton 1, Kruthoffer 16, Letts 6, Hilson 0, Wright 9, Sugars not out 13, Bullard 0, extras 2, total 61.—Percival eight for 18, Darlow two for 22.

Cople v. Haynes

Haynes: R. Clarke 15, 0, A. Herbert 0, 0, C. Joy 0, 0, F. Smith 1, 4, H. Roberts 0, 2, A. Bennett 0, not out 2, P. Baker 1, 11, K. Webb 4, 10, H. Herbert 0, 2, M. Russell 0, not out 12, A. Dear not out 0, extras 6, total 29, and 49 for eight wks, dec.—First Innings: D. Shingler one for 4, R. Bennett one for 10, A. Hart two for 5, A. Worrall five for 45, Second Innings: A. Worrall five for 15, P. Burr two for 20.
Cople: E. Hull 4, D. Shingler 1, 0, R. Bennett 24, not out 0, A. Worrall 0, 3, J. Chambers 0, 3, S. Wisler 4, 4, C. Graves 6, not out 12, A. Hart 0, E. Yerrill 5, 2, P. Burr 0, J. Newbury not out 2, extras 8, total 54 and 25 for five wks.—First Innings: K. Webb one for 14, B. Joy four for 16, A. Herbert two for 9, P. Baker one for 2, Second Innings: K. Webb one for 1, B. Joy four for 10.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Clapham II v. Oakley
Clapham II: W. Burton 4, R. Brown 23, J. Pettifer 8, J. Powell 5, A. D. Jones 1, A. Cope 7, D. Jones 5, P. Baker 0, J. Redman 0, F. Peach 2, R. Henman not out 0, total 53.—M. Tompkins eight for 23, G. Rainbow two for 17.
Oakley: J. Briggs 4, C. Bird 2, F. Rainbow 18, E. Beardmore 5, M. Tompkins not out 107, B. Saunders 0, J. Scullion 10, G. Rainbow 8, J. Jeffries 2, S. Moore 1, extras 1, total 156.—Redman two for 26, Brown three for 45, Powell one for 12, D. Jones two for 26, F. Baker one for 6.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Stevington v. Marston II
Stevington: G. Curtis 15, A. Cox 3, S. Albery 4, A. Wildman 21, R. Cook 11, J. Swain 24, R. Cox 1, H. Dart 4, J. Ingram 0, A. Wood 6, W. Tucker 0, extras 5, total 95.—B. Denton three for 19, J. Rouse three for 22, G. Denton two for 8.
Marston II: J. Nicholls not out 19, F. Rouse 1, V. Hale 3, T. Ellis 1, B. Denton 0, T. Claridge 1, G. Denton 3, T. Ellis 0, A. Wooding 0, P. Field 0, S. Knight 1, total 29.—G. Curtis five for 12, W. Tucker five for 17.

PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v. Clapham
Clapham: P. Hall 0, C. Bottell 17, A. Henman 0, T. Buck 2, S. Wiles 6, C. Turner 0, R. Smith 6, G. Hoffman 3, L. Wooding not out 5, R. Pickering 3, R. Devereux 1, extras 5, total 45.—F. Tester seven for 17, R. Rawlins one for 12, M. Rawlins one for 6.

Blunham: F. Abbott 4, R. Harding 1, G. Harding 2, G. Barker 4, G. Breed 0, Rawlins 8, D. Moore 1, F. Tester 3, R. Clarke 0, R. Rawlins 0, C. Saunders not out 2, extras 5, total 30.—R. Pickering five for 16, C. Bottell five for 9.

Potton v. South End Ramblers

Ramblers: G. Ferguson 6, D. Clayson 3, J. Bosworth 2, H. Norman 3, J. Walker 5, A. Spice 5, P. Chester not out 19, L. Jones 0, H. Allen 2, K. Green 2, W. Nichols 3, extras 7, total 64.—J. Turnbull three for 22, D. Page two for 11.
Potton: H. Jakes 8, C. Rawlins 11, J. Giles 45, D. Page 5, K. Woodman 0, J. Turnbull 0, E. Huckle 18, R. Pepper not out 11, J. Gray 13, extras 5, total for eight wks. 118.—J. Walker five for 34.

Pertenhall v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 1, H. Boyles 0, B. Lovell not out 4, L. Blundell 7, D. Dunkley 0, G. Boyles 4, H. Martin 0, R. Wildman 0, D. Benson 2, J. Boyles 2, M. Chambers 1, extras 4, total 36.—R. Jones four for 5, W. Presland three for 11, S. George three for 16.
Pertenhall: S. George 11, S. Stapleton 2, K. Gentle 2, O. Stapleton 8, R. Jones 4, J. Roddis 0, W. Presland 0, V. Roddis 8, C. Stapleton 6, J. Elliott 23, S. Dawson not out 11, extras 3, total 78.—D. Benson four for 20, H. Martin four for 30, S. Alcock two for 14.

Marston v. Pavenham

Pavenham: C. Whitworth 1, N. Wesley 4, S. Coleman 28, T. Higgs 16, J. Blakemore not out 7, M. Higgs 5, A. Wesley 5, J. Turner 0, G. Scoley 2, J. Pearson 6, K. Turner 0, extras 5, total 82.—D. Stapleton three for 13, Brightman two for 15, C. Copperwheat five for 35.
Marston: R. Copperwheat 1, W. Swales 0, D. Stapleton 10, D. Faulkner 9, W. Wilson 0, C. Copperwheat 9, A. Bunker not out 11, F. Bunker 0, K. Brightman 4, R. Burridge 1, M. Smith 0, extras 5, total 59.—G. Scoley seven for 20, K. Turner three for 22.

DIVISION I

Little Staughton v. Felmersham
Li. Staughton: G. Stapleton 5, J. Robins 4, R. Throne 0, E. Robins 0, G. Robins 3, B. Turner 20, R. Robins 3, V. Banks 16, S. Marshall not out 9, L. Saunders 16, D. Huckle 3, extras 5, total 91.
Felmersham: H. Lawson 12, D. Lovell 2, L. Goodman 0, T. Longstaff 0, D.

Bedford and District Cricket League

THURLEIGH MAKE CERTAIN OF DIVISION I TITLE

By defeating Little Staughton on Saturday Thurleigh not only maintained their unbeaten record in the Bedford and District League, but won the Division I championship.

Set to score 80 to win, Thurleigh achieved this object with eight wickets down, thanks mainly to their hitters, C. Berrill, A. Ellison, J. Wagstaff, and B. Holley. Holley returned the best bowling figures—four for 13.

South End Ramblers completed a double over the Premier Division leaders, Clapham. The margin was again only nine runs, for which the Ramblers can thank "Mr. Extras", who, with H. Norman and G. Ferguson, scored most of the runs. R. Pickering and C. Turner did the same for Clapham, but only one extra got by J. Bosworth behind the stumps.

Slow bowler W. Loak took six wickets for Clapham, and it was H. Allen who rescued the Ramblers when Clapham had completely mastered the fast bowlers.

At Potton, Sharnbrook, put in to bat, won by 48 runs. After a shaky start (five wickets were down for 16), Sharnbrook's sixth-wicket pair, R. Dunkley and Benson, put on 50. R. Dunkley batted splendidly for 75 in one and a half hours, hitting three 6's and four 4's.

Once again the fielding was good, ten catches being made in all. For Potton, Huckle again played well, hitting four 4's in 23 and not giving much away in his bowling of five for 28.

Potton II suffered their first defeat when they visited Roxton. With a weakened team, they contributed to their own defeat by poor fielding. Livett, Roxton's top scorer, being dropped five times. With the bat, only Eddie Gurney and Eric Blott played with any confidence.

PREMIER DIVISION

South End Ramblers v. Clapham
 Ramblers: G. Ferguson 24, D. Clayton 11, H. Norman 36, J. Walker 7, K. Green 5, J. Bosworth 3, A. Spite 0, Allen 0, L. Jones 2, W. Nichols 0, S. Tompkins 0, extras 15, total 107.
 (W. Loak six for 55, T. Buck two for 17, W. Lee two for 21).
 Clapham: P. Hall 5, W. Lee 0, R. Nicholson 11, R. Facey 4, W. Lee 0, R. Pickering 29, B. Tamplin 11, C. Turner 32, T. Buck 0, L. Woodling 5, W. Loak 1, extras 1, total 88.
 (H. Allen three for 6, K. Green three for 28, W. Nichols two for 25).

Potton v. Sharnbrook
 Sharnbrook: Canty 3, Lovell 0, Blundell 2, R. Dunkley 75, Woodward 0, D. Dunkley 2, Benson 23, Millward 0, Martin 0, Boyles not out 9, Clarke 6, extras 14, total 135.
 (Huckle five for 28, Sims three for 35, Turnbull two for 42).
 Potton: Jakes 0, Rawns 5, Giles 11, Page 4, Kitchiner 11, Woodman 14, Huckle 23, Hutchinson 0, Sims 5, Turnbull 8, Popper not out 0, extras 6, total 87.
 (Blundell five for 28, Barton four for 10, Martin one for 27).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Sharnbrook	12	7	4	1	15
Clapham	12	6	4	2	14
Portenhall	12	2	4	2	12
South End Ramblers	11	5	3	1	11
Marston	11	5	0	1	11
Blunham	12	5	0	1	11
Potton	12	4	6	2	10
Pavenham	11	4	6	1	9

DIVISION I

Renhold v. Marston Sports
 Marston Sports: A. Butt 7, J. Jordan 4, M. Guest 13, E. Barnes 2, B. Stapleton 0, J. Moore 13, Kneble 1, Meakin 0, Fagim 2, J. Wilson 1, R. Wilson not out 0, extras 4, total 47.
 (W. Marlow five for 16).

D. Stapleton three for 22, P. Carter one for 2, G. Harlow one for 3, Renhold: P. Harlow Junr 19, W. Harlow 10, P. Swann 10, G. Harlow 1, D. Stapleton 4, R. Brice 0, P. Harlow not out 2, extras 0, total (for six wks) 52.
 (E. Barnes four for 12, H. Guest two for 14).

Little Staughton v. Thurleigh
 Little Staughton: C. Stapleton 1, J. Robins 7, D. Huckle 3, B. Turner 11, G. Robins 10, R. Robins 5, V. Banks 0, E. Robins 9, R. Thorne 3, J. Saunders not out 13, C. Brown 7, extras 0, total 79.
 (Holley four for 13).

Thurleigh: K. Wagstaff 8, C. Berrill 41, J. Aspin 0, A. Eason 10, D. Berrill 4, B. Papworth 5, B. Holley 18, J. Wagstaff 14, R. Berrill not out 0, extras 6, total (for eight wks.) 85.
 (Banks took four wickets).

Langford v. Great Barford
 Great Barford: C. Robinson 2, S. Green 0, M. Lee 3, W. Skevington 29, W. Bridge 2, J. Breeze 10, J. Jeffs 9, R. West 0, G. Mardin 5, J. Browning 3, J. Bourdon not out 3, extras 8, total 74.
 (Caldon took four wickets and D. King three).
 Langford: T. Chessum 16, W. Patterson 3, L. King 19, N. Rogers 3, B. Kilby not out 21, D. King 12, P. Roberts 0, H. Huckle 15, S. Gentle not out 1, extras 8, total (for seven wks.) 90.
 (Skevington took three wickets and Lee two).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Thurleigh	12	11	0	1	23
Caldecote	12	9	3	0	18
Langford	11	9	4	0	18
Little Staughton	11	6	8	0	12
Felmersham	12	4	8	0	7
Renhold	11	2	8	0	4
Great Barford	11	1	8	2	4
Marston Sports	11	1	8	2	4

DIVISION II (Section I)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Mogerhanger	15	11	1	1	23
Woburn	15	9	5	0	16
Hastley	15	7	5	1	15
Stagsloe	11	6	7	0	12
Colnworth	11	6	7	0	12
Great Staughton	12	5	7	0	10
Wrestlingworth	11	4	7	0	8
Langford	15	2	11	0	4

DIVISION II (Section II)

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Stagsden	12	9	3	0	18
Turvey	15	8	5	0	16
Kempston Wood End	13	7	5	1	15
Stavington	15	7	6	0	14
Marston II	11	7	3	1	11
Cople	12	3	7	0	10
Kempston West End	13	4	9	0	8
Haynes	13	3	10	0	6

DIVISION III (Section I)

Sharnbrook II v. Little Paxton
 Sharnbrook II: Ward 1, Alcock 24, Bates 1, Blundell 2, Marsh 2, Brax H, Blood 0, Wildman 5, Makeham 0, Holyoak 1, A. N. Other not out 0, extras 3, total 48.
 (Saunders five for 11, Robinson four for 19, Gould one for 4).
 Little Paxton: Gould 6, Jaggard 12, Saunders 0, Lumb 0, Childerley 3, Robinson 0, Peck 11, Quince 4, Humphres 4, Smith 4, Groombridge not out 0, extras 10, total 62.
 (Holyoak three for 10, Bragg three for 15, Alcock two for 10, Blundell two for 19).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Little Paxton	12	9	3	0	18
North Crayley	10	8	2	0	16
Thurleigh II	10	7	4	0	14
Laing's XI	11	6	5	0	12
Oakley	11	6	5	0	12
Clapham II	10	6	4	0	12
Sharnbrook II	12	3	10	0	4

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Roxton v. Potton II
 Potton II: B. Moore 1, J. Plummer 4, P. Hutchinson 0, G. Peck 0, C. Blott 2, E. Blott 7, E. Gurney 1, L. Boston 3, D. Hutchinson 0, E. Giles 0, L. Gurney not out 1, extras 7, total 40.
 (W. Clarke four for 14, G. Jefferies six for 18).
 Roxton: I. Norton 0, B. Livett 16, S. Gadsden 4, P. Kitchley 0, G. Jefferies 5, B. Minney 3, W. Clarke 0, J. Jefferies 0, J. Larkins 1, M. Cooper 4, G. Fox not out 2, extras 11, total 45.
 (G. Peck five for 18, C. Blott three for 8, E. Blott two for 7).

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Haynes v. Stagsden	42	and	109	(Watstone nine for 59, G. Newman eight for 65).	
Stagsden	58	and	65	(C. Joy eleven for 24, A. Herbert four for 14).	

	P	W	L	D	PTS
Potton II	10	9	1	0	18
Tempford	10	7	1	0	14
Blunham II	10	6	4	0	12
Roxton	10	4	5	1	9
Caldecote	10	3	2	0	8
Willington	10	0	10	0	0

CRICKET FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Hitchin Town v. Bedford Town.
 Bedford II v. Bedford Ramblers.
 R.A.F. Cardington v. Queen's Works.
 Queen's Works v. Wellesborough II.
 Peterborough v. Harpur Sports.
 Harpur II v. St. Neots.
 Igranite II v. Elbow.
 Amphill v. Silsoe.
 Phorpeas v. Stewartby.
 Shire Hall v. Ridgmont (Bedford Pk).
 Westoning v. Clapham.
 Cravenhurst v. Pulloxhill.
 Milton Keynes v. New Bradwell.
 R.A.F. Henlow v. Biggleswade.
 Biggleswade II v. Luton Strollers.
 Three Counties Hospital v. Southill.
 Southill Park II v. Shire Hall.
 Eaton Socon v. Henlow.
 Henlow II v. Wymondley.
 Old Warden v. Sandy "A".

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division
 Marston v. South End Ramblers.
 Sharnbrook v. Blunham.
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 Division II (Section II)
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 Turvey v. Stavington.
 Kempston Wood End v. West End.
 Division III (Section I)
 Little Staughton II v. Sharnbrook II.
 Laing's XI v. Thurleigh II.
 Clapham II v. Little Paxton.
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 Division III (Section II)
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 Roxton v. Willington.

SUNDAY

Letchworth v. Bedford Town.
 Stewartby v. R.A.F. Cardington.
 Queen's Works v. Vauxhall Motors.
 Harpur Sports v. R. B. Sanders.
 Igranite v. Odham's Press.

Bedford Women Win

Fielding a strong side at Western Park, Leicester, Bedford Women's C.C. beat Leicester Women's C.C. by 55 runs.

Because of holidays the home team were not at full strength, but they will have a chance of revenge when they visit Bedford later this month.
 Bedford: V. Rowe 110, Henson 36, B. Feltwell 0, Hulce 3, A. Disbury 0, Hudson 0, Hulce 9, R. Norman run out 3, A. Ison not out 6, M. Graves not out 15, extras 6, total (for four wks. dec.) 77.
 Leicester: M. Brown 0, Feltwell 1, C. Smith 0, and D. Disbury 0, M. Hudson 0, Disbury 0, I. Henson 0, Feltwell 13, M. Smith 0, Maggs 0, A. Hulce 0, Two 0, Disbury 0, L. Brown 0, Feltwell 0, C. Thacker not out 0, G. Parker 1, M. Bates 0, Feltwell 1, extras 3, total 22.

County Young Amateurs Win by 85 Runs

Although they were in trouble early on, Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire defeated Oxfordshire Colts by 85 runs at Bedford School on Monday.

Oxfordshire made a good start when they took the wickets of Street, P. Smith, and Punter for only 19 runs—all out to Moore (City of Oxford), an accurate fast bowler, whose final figures were six for 32.

T. Andrews (Filtwick) batted soundly at this time, with some good shots on the leg-side, and held one end while Eldridge (Bedford School), completely undaunted, played a characteristic, forceful innings.

He attacked from the start and hammered the bowling, fast and slow, so that after 50 minutes the partnership had added 98 runs—64 to Eldridge, including a six and seven fours.

The position was further consolidated by J. Gurney (Luton Grammar School), but the soundest and most mature innings was that of A. Allin (Electrolux, Luton), who appears to be a most capable batsman.

Oxfordshire's batsmen were never allowed to settle down, although Moore and Cairns (Charterhouse) added 62 for the third wicket, Cairns playing the most stylish innings of the match.

After two run-outs due to fine returns to the top of the stumps by J. Smith (Bedford School), G. M. Jarrett (Bedford Modern School) pegged the batsmen down. Jarrett flighted his leg-spinners well and kept a good length, to take six for 50.

A. Allin showed that he is also a wicketkeeper of some quality, and he took all types of bowling cleanly and with confidence.

Because the Young Amateurs side must try fresh players in their next match, Allin, Eldridge, and Andrews give way to others, but they well deserve a word of praise for their performance against Oxfordshire.

Jarrett is unable to accept an invitation to play against Northamptonshire 'A'.

Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire: R. W. Street, b. Moore 8; T. Andrews, lbw b. Moore 41; P. Smith, b. Moore 0; B. Punter, c. Clarke, b. Moore 7; P. C. Eldridge, c. Gurney, b. Cairns 64; J. Smith, c. Clarke, b. Gullfoyle 0; J. Gurney, b. Moore 25; A. Allin, not out 58; E. Basterfield, b. Moore 8; A. Osborn, b. C. Clarke 5; G. Jarrett, b. Gullfoyle 1, extras 17, total 212. (R. Moore six for 52).

Oxfordshire Colts: M. Moore, c. Street, b. Jarrett 41; J. Hartley, run out 0; C. A. Clarke, lbw b. Basterfield 1; H. Cairns, c. Andrews, b. Jarrett 49; G. Raynor, run out 4; A. Pickering, b. Jarrett 0; J. Gullfoyle, lbw, b. Punter 7; R. Gurney, st. Allin, b. Jarrett 0; B. Britton, st. Allin, b. Jarrett 4; R. Winston, not out 14; A. J. Clarke, b. Jarrett 9, extras 7, total 127. G. Jarrett six for 50.

YOUNG AMATEURS' TEAM TO PLAY NORTHANTS

Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire, for their match with Young Amateurs of Northamptonshire, at Northampton next Monday (11.30 a.m.) will be represented by:

R. W. Street, capt. (Bedford School), P. Smith (Bedford Modern School), A. Norman (Bedford Modern School), A. E. Palmer (Bedford Modern School), D. Berrill (Thurleigh), A. Osborn (Luton Grammar School), E. Basterfield (Luton O.B.), P. Woods (Stopsley), R. Cavanaugh (Stopsley), D. Cutler (Whipsnade), P. Feakes (Kent's Ath., Luton), Twelfth man, J. Smith (Bedford School).

Mr. J. A. R. Oliver, Bedfordshire's Minor Counties captain, will be in charge of the team.

Casuals' South Coast Tour a Success

Casuals C.C. had every reason to be pleased with their tour of the South Coast last week. Of five matches played, three were won and two lost narrowly—by one wicket in the last over, and by 13 runs.

Opposition was formidable, and professionals were encountered on several occasions. Hallham included four Sussex colts.

The match with Old Histonians was played at the Central Ground, Hastings, on a wicket next to that being prepared for the game between South of England and the Australians early next month.

There were some fine performances, and after each game the Casuals were royally entertained by their hosts.

Bexhill 104 (Townley four for 60, Everest three for 27); Casuals, 151 (Millman 53, King 25, Bavington not out 52).

Hailham 146 for nine wickets, dec. (Green five for 30); Casuals, 150 for seven wickets. (Millman not out 69, King 43).

Polegate C.C. 85 (Sharpe four for 24, Everest four for 15); Casuals, 85 for four (Atkins not out 59, Boyles 35).

Casuals, 141 (Everest 42, Bavington 35, Green 34); Heathfield C.C., 149 for nine wickets. (Townley six for 35).

Old Histonians, 67 (Rowkins five for 21, Everest three for 27, Townley one for 2, Falconer one for 9); Casuals, 161 (Rowkins 39, King 28, Atkins 24, Everest 23, Bunstead 22).

Peterhouse Beat Lion

Gentlemen of the Lion lost an enjoyable match to Peterhouse C.C., Cambridge. Lion had first knock on a beautiful ground, and soon lost Reeder and Donaldson.

Manship made 23, and then a stand of 83 between Gazeley and Williamson broke the club record for the fourth wicket. Williamson was out when 40, but Gazeley went on to 64 before the rest of the side made only 13 more runs.

The total looked satisfactory, but although wickets fell steadily, Peterhouse kept in front of the clock and passed the Lion score in the last over but one.

Peterkin made a fine 78 not out. Dynes was the most successful bowler, taking three for 29.

GALE IN FORM FOR MIDDLESEX II

R. A. Gale, whose distinguished career with Bedford Modern School 1st XI ended this season, is again appearing for Middlesex II in the Minor Counties Competition.

At Felixstowe last Saturday he took seven Suffolk second innings wickets for 15 with his off-spinners. Middlesex won by ten wickets.

At Newnham Avenue on Sunday, Gentlemen of the Lion defeated Sherington and Chicheley C.C., although not without some early shocks, when three wickets were down for only four runs! Lewis, however, assisted by Everett and Gibb, stopped the rot. Sherington wickets fell steadily to fast bowler Fraser (seven for 21 in 7.3 overs), and despite a fine 22 by Bedford, they reached only 50.

Gentlemen of the Lion, 148 (Gazeley not out 64, Williamson 40, Manship 23); Peterhouse C.C., 151 for seven (Peterkin not out 78, Macarthur 24, Dynes three for 29, Williamson two for 24, Lewis one for 13).

Gentlemen of the Lion, 61 (Lewis 24, Gibb 22, Chappell five for 21, West four for 39); Sherington and Chicheley 50 (Bedford not out 22, Fraser seven for 21, Price three for 11).

Gentlemen of the Lion, 41 for three (Williamson not out 49, Gazeley 37, G. Bowler one for 3, Howarth one for 25); Weaver's 58 for seven (Coppinger not out 15, Gazeley four for 12, Fraser one for 26).

Shefford II v. Luton Transport II. Shefford, batting first, lost their opening batsmen for no runs, but made a respectable score of 111 for seven declared. After tea Luton Transport were killed out for 40. Shefford: R. Garnish 0, J. Guthrie 0, J. Engerby not out 36, P. Smith 13, J. Church 8, F. Coutts 25, H. Copeland 2, P. Blatcher 6, J. Edgeley not out 17, total (for seven wickets, dec.) 111. (Harris four for 31).

Luton Transport: Gracey 5, Harris 0, Willson 18, Clarke 0, 8, Smith 0, MacArthur 4, D. Smith 0, Davies 0, Beard not out 6, Johnston 8, Hall 0, total 40. (J. Church four for 6, R. Garnish two for 3, P. Smith two for 7, J. Edgeley one for 3, F. Coutts one for 17).

R. B. Sanders v Bedford North End. R. B. Sanders, P. Hall 5, R. Siddolph 0, D. Wright 8, R. Goswell 0, D. Bavington 2, C. Bavington not out 41, B. Smith 18, A. Reeve 1, J. Hills 0, D. Maynard 2, B. Lilliman 10, extras 6, total 97. (Simmons four for 29, Footer three for 9, Stevens three for 20).

North End: W. Beardson 26, R. Shirefts 12, T. Maza 15, E. Ditchfield 0, J. Stanley 2, G. Footer not out 58, Taylor not out 5, extras 4, total (for five wickets) 102. (C. Bavington two for 8, D. Wright two for 25).

Ramblers Win by Nine at Blunham

For the first time within memory South End Ramblers beat Blunham in a Bedford and District (Premier Division) game at Blunham on Saturday. The margin was nine runs.

D. Clayson and J. Walker gave the Ramblers a good start, but F. Tester, bowling unchanged for 23 overs, claimed six cheap wickets, four of them as the result of catches by Rawlins in the slips. K. Green added valuable runs by stepping out to the bowling.

Blunham did not learn the lesson until nine of their wickets had fallen for 21 runs to W. Nichols and J. Walker. Then in a glorious last-wicket stand F. Tester and W. Page took Blunham near victory before Page was clean-bowled by S. Tompkins.

A very keen game at Marston ended in a last-minute win for Clapham. Pickering taking the final Marston wicket with the fifth ball of the last over. K. Brightman bowled well for Marston, sending down 132 balls and conceding only 27 runs. He took five wickets.

Excitement ran high at Pavenham, where the local team's match with Potton resulted in a tie.

Thurleigh strengthened their hold on the leadership of Division I by defeating Langford, second in the table.

Langford hit 100 for nine in two hours, and then their skipper declared, giving Thurleigh a sporting chance to get the runs. The challenge was taken up, and Thurleigh passed Langford's score with only one wicket remaining.

PREMIER DIVISION

Marston v. Clapham

Clapham: P. Hall 5, C. Bollen 5, R. Nicholson 4, S. Miles 24, R. Facey 7, G. Hoffman 0, W. Lee 13, L. Wooding 1, A. Henning 8, R. Pickering not out 17, C. Turner 14, extras 12, total 108. (K. Brightman five for 27, C. Copperwheat three for 50, C. Gates one for 0, F. Lilley one for 10)
Marston: J. Nicholls 1, A. Bunker 8, D. Stapleton 24, F. Bunker 5, C. Copperwheat 10, R. Copperwheat 3, C. Gates 22, W. Wilson 2, F. Lilley 0, K. Brightman 0, K. Swales not out 1, extras 7, total 95. (C. Bollen four for 54, R. Pickering three for 20, W. Lee one for 24)

Blunham v. South End Ramblers

Ramblers: G. Ferguson 1, D. Clayson 10, J. Walker 14, H. Norman 3, J. Bosworth 8, A. Stone 1, L. Jones 7, H. Allen 0, K. Green 10, S. Tompkins 3, W. Nichols not out 0, extras 4, total 60. (F. Tester six for 26, G. Barker two for 15)

Blunham: F. Abbott 4, R. Harding 9, W. Wetherfield 0, G. Barker 0, C. Saunders 0, G. Bred 1, R. Clarke 1, G. Harding 0, F. Tester 21, R. Rawlings 0, W. Page 15, total 57. (Walker four for 15, W. Nichols four for 22)

Pavenham v. Potton

Potton: C. Blott 5, R. Rawlins 5, J. Turmill 0, D. Page 19, E. Huckle 0, T. B. Kitchener 0, K. Woodman 1, R. Pepper 5, P. Hutchinson 3, E. Blott 5, G. Peck not out 1, extras 1, total 41. (G. Stoley seven for 15, C. Bennett three for 5)
Pavenham: C. Bennett 0, C. Whitworth 1, B. Spreading 0, J. Blake 0, N. Wesley 10, R. Horobrough 1, O. Scoley 0, M. Hiss 0, A. Wesley 3, J. Pearson 2, J. Turner 0, extras 3, total 41. (T. Kitchener five for 15, E. Huckle four for 10)

(Up to and including 15. August)

Clapham	P	R	W	B	L	F	T
Clapham	11	0	2	5	14		
Marston	11	0	1	4	15		
Potton	11	0	1	7	11		
Blunham	11	4	2	5	10		
South End Ramblers	10	4	2	4	10		
Pavenham	12	4	1	2	9		

DIVISION I

Thurleigh v. Langford

Langford: T. Chessum 8, N. Patterton 2, N. Rogers 9, D. King 16, B. King 8, L. King 3, P. Roberts 11, S. Gentle 0, H. Huckle 25, Cullen not out 6, T. Dims not out 5, extras 6, total (for nine wkts., dec.) 100
Thurleigh: K. Wagstaff 3, C. Berrill 0, B. Holley 8, D. Berrill 25, A. Elliott 9, K. Berrill 4, K. Berrill 0, M. Pappworth 8, J. Wagsall 18, S. Asplin not out 5, W. Addison 0, extras 5, total 102

Little Staughton v. Great Barford

Great Barford: P. Usher 4, S. Green 1, M. Lee 10, W. Skevington 20, J. Robinson 0, J. Breeze 11, J. Jells 3, A. Girard 0, R. West 0, G. Jardlin not out 2, J. Browning 1, extras 10, total 57. (Clunger took five wickets)

Little Staughton v. Stapleton

Little Staughton: Stapleton 10, J. Robinson 7, Turner 2, J. Robinson 11, R. Robins 24, G. Robins 6, Marshall not out 4, Smith not out 0, extras 5, total (for six wkts.) 67. (Skevington took four wickets)

Marston Sports v. Caldecote

Caldecote: Woodward 6, Raybould 6, Odell 17, Woodward 0, Hunt 18, Edwards 0, Tapper 7, Sumner 18, Watts 4, Clark 1, Nevill not out 10, extras 4, total 92. (Jordan three for 18, Hamilton two for 22, Guesse two for 35, Batt one for 16)
Marston Sports: Batt 12, Guesse 4, Moore 4, Odell 8, Stapleton 12, not out 24, Jordan 3, Barnes 3, Hamilton 0, Hillson 3, Hillson 0, extras 4, total 71. (Clanger four for 25, Watts four for 25, total two for 19)

DIVISION II (SECTION D)

Westlingworth v. Colnworth

Westlingworth: W. Plant 32, H. Robinson 5, C. Cutler 7, L. Robine 0, J. Hammersmith 0, E. Lee 1, K. Hammersmith 3, A. Hall 7, J. Williams 0, C. Bates 6, V. Bentley not out 11, extras 5, total 73. (H. Swales four for 33, V. Bentley two for 14, J. Chamberlain one for 4)
Colnworth: V. Abraham 0, J. Henderson 0, J. Hughes 0, M. Watts 0, C. Chamberlain 12, J. Swales 16, V. Pell 10, H. Swales 4, S. Matthews not out 9, J. Henderson 0, B. Swales 7, extras 5, total 73. (K. Lee seven for 51, John Hammersmith one for 0, A. Hall one for 11, L. Raine one for 20)

Second innings: 25 for 11

DIVISION II (SECTION DD)

Stevington v. Haynes

Stevington: A. Wildman 8, G. Curtis 12, G. Galt 0, A. Cox 0, L. Cook 3, A. Galt 1, J. Swan 1, G. Redhead 1, A. Woods 4, F. Wooding 0, R. Cox 1, extras 6, total 35. (J. Stevens four for 9, A. Bennett three for 9, R. Daniels two for 11)

Haynes: A. Herbert 5, A. Bennett 2, J. Stevens 5, P. Baker 17, R. Daniels 0, C. Burnage 7, A. Welch 0, M. Russell 1, A. Dear 0, H. Herbert 0, C. Newbury 0, extras 1, total 54. (A. Cox six for 24, G. Curtis four for 9)

DIVISION III (SECTION D)

Oakley v. Sharnbrook II

Oakley: S. Bates 10, J. Bayton 0, A. Hishop 2, R. Wilding 0, L. Gunning 0, R. Marsh 0, A. Blood 2, R. Knight 0, G. Holvoak not out 0, extras 1, total 42. (G. Rainbow seven for 19, J. Saunders two for 8, J. Brown one for 14)
Oakley: J. Briggs 0, E. Beardsmore 0, F. Rainbow 7, J. Saunders 4, J. Brown 3, J. Scullion 3, A. Keech 0, B. Saunders 2, R. Croft not out 17, G. Rainbow 14, extras 4, total (for nine wkts.) 122. (R. Knight five for 55, J. Bayton two for 18, G. Holvoak one for 19, E. Canty one for 20)

LIONS FIGURE IN EXCITING FINISHES

In an enjoyable week-end's cricket Gentlemen of the Lion lost to Sandy on Saturday, and on Monday drew the return game with Stanbridge.

Sunday's game was a real thriller with Lion's total of 56 hardly appearing a winning one. But Stanbridge lost six wickets for 13, and were 39 for nine. Then the last Stanbridge pair stuck and were not separated until they had passed the Lion's total by one run!

Monday's return match saw another batting collapse by Lions (35 for four), but then Botsford came back into form, figuring in stands of 39 with Gibb and 38 with Wooding. Botsford scored only 28 not out, but stayed there while 103 runs were added.

Newcomer Bob Price (fast medium) bowled well for Lions, returning figures of 21.0, 11m, 22r, 2w. He suffered from five dropped catches. Scores:

Gentlemen of the Lion: 55 (Gareley 25, Williamson 24, Hooper seven for 17), Sandy: 89 (Barnett 25, Dines six for 20, Bradley two for 25)

Gentlemen of the Lion: 56 (Williamson 20, Abraham three for 5, Turner two for 3), Stanbridge and Botsford: 37 (Cleary 25, Lewis five for 14, Fraser four for 30)

Gentlemen of the Lion: 153 (Gibb 39, Botsford 28, P. J. Wooding 18, Higgs four for 40, Bunker four for 35), Stanbridge and Botsford: 110 for six (Bunker 31, Birtbeck not out 26, Meeson three for 9, Price two for 22)

Maulden Held to Draw

Maulden, ten runs behind on the first innings in their all-day game with Grayvehurst at Maulden on Monday declared at 97 for six in their second innings. Grayvehurst were set to score 58 in 70 minutes to win and at the close had made 62 for seven.

Maulden: H. Whitlamore 8, 16; F. Chappell 59, 37; J. Cole 8, 2; N. Cole 0, not out 8; W. Shuttle 7, 0; M. Harvey 6, 2; P. Sharp not out 0; 4; B. Billington 0, not out 1; R. Tatum 13; H. Sharp 0; T. Northwood 0, extras 4, 2; totals 88 and 97 for six dec. (8. Marriott six for 54, H. White five for 32)
Grayvehurst: G. Keppell 25, 7; C. Gifford 0, 0; D. Harris 5, 2; G. Smith 50, 4; K. Cooper 0, 5; J. Peck 11; P. Smith 0, 3; S. Marriott 0, 2; H. White not out 1; R. Redman 14; R. Stimpkin 0, extras 3, 3; totals 98 and 64 for seven. (W. Shuttle eight for 45, M. Harvey two for 32, R. Tatum two for 12)

Westlingworth v. Einbridge

Einbridge C.C. paid Westlingworth a return visit on Monday for an all-day match, and Einbridge won by 64 runs. Batting first, they lost seven wickets for 34, but recovered to total 122.

The second innings was very amusing, each player bowling one over each, and resulted in each team scoring 80 runs.

Einbridge: C.C. 128 (L. Dickenson 42, W. Davies 25, L. Rabone five for 29), Second innings: 80.
Westlingworth: W. Plant 11, H. Robinson 2, C. Cotter 10, L. Rabone 0, E. Huckle 0, L. Compton 13, P. Vogel 0, M. Dreble 14, A. Hall 5, J. Hammersmith 2, J. Williams not out 2, C. Bates 0, extras 5, total 64. (W. Patterson four for 12, E. Graham four for 20)
Second innings: 80

Southill Park Sunday XI v. Bedford North End

North End: W. Beardsmore 0, D. Pickering 2, L. Chamberlain 10, C. Saunders 5, G. Sheppard 1, Stanley 3, D. Taylor 3, G. Barker 0, J. Dawson 0, K. Shimming 1, H. Stevens not out 2, extras 4, total 75. (A. Massey six for 17)
Southill Park: A. G. Swain 35, A. G. Burnage 1, M. Green 4, G. S. H. Gibb 40, M. S. Meeson 0, G. S. H. Hunt 2, R. J. Webb 0, J. Bhatt 12, G. Bygrave 0, G. Keeks not out 13, A. C. Massey 12, extras 3, total 145.

70th H.A.A. Regiment R.A. v. Douot, Meds. and Haris, Rest.

70th H.A.A.: Maj. Spink 8, Maj. HAYNES 0, Lt. Shields 0, Gnr. Nutton 4, B.S.M. Brubaker 9, Gnr. Rogers 27, Lt. Browne not out 21, Lt. Gerrard 13, Lt. Howard 0, Capt. Luckman 2, Gnr. Palmer not out 8, extras 21, total (for nine wkts., dec.) 115. (Edwards took six wickets, and Cobb three)
Depsot: Sgt. Edwards not out 7, Sgt. Brown 0, Pte Palmer not out 6, total (for one wk.) 5. Rain stopped play.

BAIL FALLS BACK INTO PLACE

Keeping wicket for R.A.F. Henlow in a recent match, T. McIntyre, in attempting to stump a Southill Park batsman who was well out of his ground, flicked one ball off to a height of several inches above the wicket but the bail fell back into place. The batsman was given not out.

Great Barford v. Wyboston

Great Barford: P. Usher 4, G. Martin 0, J. Jells 9, W. Skevington 1, J. Breeze 4, W. Bridge 0, M. Lee 1, J. A. Norman 21, R. West 0, J. Bouldon 2, H. Alexander not out 1, extras 6, total 60. (R. Park five for 23, C. Polking two for 11)
Wyboston: J. Darrington 5, A. Usher not out 13, W. Peet 12, L. Scales 0, T. Bridge 0, G. Polking not out 7, E. Park 5, R. Yates 5, S. Murray not out 2, extras 7, total (for six wkts.) 62. (M. Lee four for 2)

Helsby v. Great Barford

Great Barford: P. Usher 0, 25; S. Green 1, M. Lee 0, W. Skevington 1, 11; R. Jones 3, 11; J. Jones 12, not out 1; R. Reid 4, not out 0; J. Breeze 4, 0; J. Jells 0, 1; G. Martin 0, 5; P. Hinton not out 2; W. West 1, extras 2, 4; totals 54 and 68 for six wkts.
Helsby: J. Pragnell 10, J. Hopkins 5, not out 7, G. Holmes 6, J. Ashpole 6, 9, B. Allen 3, 5, B. Norman 22, 15; W. Partridge 16, 4; L. Williams 11, 0; P. Tarry 1, 0; B. Hancock 0, 4; B. Pell not out 4; 5; extras 5, 5; totals 80 and 60

Bedford Thursday v. Northampton Chemists

Northampton Chemists: 75 (H. Thoms 25, J. Johnson 11, R. Stuns 7, P. Hall 0, A. Chappell three for 28, P. Green two for 8)
Bedford Thursday: G. Millman 52, P. Hall 0, W. G. Poulde 4, E. Rainbird 2, P. Green not out 10, H. Nicholls not out 2, extras 12, total (for four wkts.) 117

Keysoe v. Partenhall

Keysoe: L. Woodward 0, F. Roddy 0, B. Baines 0, K. Brown 2, 5, G. George 10, R. Elliott 6, T. Gurney 0, J. Hall 6, R. Higginson 6, D. Blair 4, B. Wigley 1, B. Seaman not out 0, extras 10, total 50. (C. Stapleton two for 0, C. Weller two for 10, S. Stapleton two for 14, 2)
Partenhall: J. Elliott 3, H. Stewart 4, S. Dix 5, D. Golstone 0, S. Dawson 0, K. Lewis 1, C. Weller 5, C. Stapleton 25, S. Stapleton 5, W. C. Pringle not out 6, J. K. Reddy 0, B. George 15, extras 10, total 83. (G. George four for 21, K. Brown three for 32, B. Wigley two for 11)

Kimbolton v. Goldington "B"

Goldington "B": Whiston 0, Tucker 4, Day 0, Line 1, Evans 32, Elvin 7, Parsons 10, Single 7, Pigg 0, Whitaker 0, Weston not out 10, extras 5, total 114. (Parratt five for 41, Hunt four for 50)
Kimbolton: Hawkins 0, Coleman 6, Piddars 15, Parratt not out 42, Hunt 0, Bowyer 0, Barlow 4, Lovell 1, Dunkle 0, Gundry 0, Papp 0, extras 8, total 75. (Evans four for 19, Pigg three for 29)

League Cricket

CLAPHAM WIN BY THREE

Though the afternoon was dismal—the wicket was soaked with rain—there was nothing dull about the cricket in Pavenham's home game with Clapham in the Bedford and District League (Premier Division) on Saturday.

Clapham won by the narrow margin of three runs—80 to 77—but Pavenham put up a great fight, particularly with a last-wicket stand between G. Scoley (not out 17) and M. Higgs (12), which raised hopes of a snatched victory.

Excellent bowling for Sharnbrook by R. Dunkley and Martin accounted for eight Blunham wickets, and they were all out in 18.2 overs for 35 runs.

Sharnbrook won comfortably. L. Blundell recorded his highest score of the season, 53 not out, and was well supported by Benson.

M. Carr played a large part in Marston Sports' victory over Felmersham, taking four wickets for 21 and then hitting top score of 30.

PREMIER DIVISION
Pavenham v. Clapham

Clapham: K. Nicholson 10, S. Wiles 10, R. Leveraux 1, M. Franklin 3, K. Peck 1, P. Hall 3, R. Pickering 0, C. Turner 0, W. Loak 1, T. Buck 12, L. Wooding not out 3, extras 13, total 80. (N. Wesley four for 19, G. Scoley four for 21, N. Pearson one for 10, C. Bennett one for 10.)
Pavenham: J. Turner 5, W. Wesley 14, C. Bennett 0, R. Hornbrough 9, Wesley 6, L. Pearson 3, R. Higgs not out 17, N. Pearson 2, C. Whitworth 2, J. Blakenmore 5, M. Higgs 12, extras 2 total 77. (T. Buck four for 18, R. Pickering three for 24, W. Loak three for 53).

Potton v. Pertenhall

Potton: H. Jakes 14, C. Rawlings 1, J. Giles 13, K. Woodman 18, D. Page 27, J. Hutchinson 7, R. Pepper not out 19, E. Huckle 7, extras 10, total (for seven wickets) 116. Rain stopped play.

Sharnbrook v. Blunham

Blunham: Harding 4, Ashwell 7, Sims 5, Abbott 5, Breed 0, Teater 5, Barker 5, Saunders 0, Rawlins 0, Winters 3, Price not out 2, extras 3, total 35. (R. Dunkley six for 16, Martin three for 1, L. Blundell one for 6, Benson one for 9.)
Sharnbrook: Alcock 12, L. Blundell not out 53, Martin 1, R. Dunkley 2, Benson not out 17, extras 3, total (for three wickets) 88. (Barker two for 34).

DIVISION I

Marston Sports v. Felmersham
Felmersham: H. Lawson 16, D. Lovell 2, D. Parker retired hurt 13, J. Hullatt 12, T. Longstaff 0, J. Turner 1, G. Bell 2, G. Richardson 0, T. Lawson 0, S. Lovell 1, L. Goodman 0, extras 5, total 54. (Guests two for 17, Carr four for 21, Cousins four for 14.)
Marston Sports: G. Noore 9, E. Hamilton 0, T. Jordan 1, K. Cousins 10, M. Carr 30, H. Guess 4, R. Wilby not out 7, D. Freeman not out 5, extras 2, total (for six wickets) 67. (J. Hullatt three for 25, L. Lovell two for 24).

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton II v. Sharnbrook II
Little Staughton: Stapleton 9, A. Smith 1, S. Robins not out 12, Gordon 2, Turner not out 7, total (for three wickets) 25. (Marsh two for 8, E. Blundell one for 8). Rain stopped play.

DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Ickwell v. Potton II
Ickwell: J. Greenwood 25, M. Turnbull 8, B. Bygraves retired 24, C. Dillidge not out 21, J. Humphries not out 20, extras 16, total (for two wickets, dec.) 114.
Potton II: G. Peck 6, J. Plummer 11, C. Blott 17, E. Gurney 9, C. Munn 10, L. Buxton 3, E. Blott 2, E. Giles 14, P. Brookman 5, D. Hutchinson 4, L. Gurney not out 3, extras 7, total 84.

Gentlemen of the Lion C.C. have unexpected free date to-morrow (Saturday) pitch No. 1 Bedford Park, Tea etc. arranged. Contact J. A. Ockden, 10 Lansdowne Road, Bedford, or phone 271493 Friday evening.

Martlets Enjoy Fine Week's Cricket

The remarkable change in the weather just before the opening of Bedford Martlets' thirteenth Kent tour at Tonbridge heralded a splendid week's cricket, during which only one match was curtailed by rain.

The other six games were all won by the tourists. Last of them called for most determined efforts before victory was achieved.

In fact, the last match, against the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, was extraordinary in that having collapsed somewhat unaccountably, the Martlets had to dismiss the home team for less than 100 to win, which they surprisingly did after G. M. Jarrett had taken five wickets in 11 balls before tea.

The Martlets' bowling was varied and exceptionally accurate all the week, and it was supported by some admirable catching in every game. R. A. G. Gurney and Alex Davis scored throughout the tour, during which the club's headquarters was again in the village of East Parliam, near Maidstone.

Tonbridge, for (Barnbridge Ave for 26, Gale four for 14) and (Potts three for 54, Gale five for 25): The Martlets, 275 for four wickets, dec. (Gale 25, Norman 25, Barnwell 24 not out). The first-wicket stand reached 149, the visitors winning by six innings and 64 runs, Tonbridge having been sent in for bat on a somewhat difficult wicket.

The Martlets, 210 for eight dec.; Bowaters Lloyd, 55 (Barnbridge three for 15, Tait three for 20, Jarrett four for 43) Won by 115 runs with nine minutes to spare. Sent in to bat, the tourists lost four wickets for 44, but Miller, assisted by Tait in a stand of 76, and by Cooper in a stand of 75, dominated the innings with a score of 113 not out, which included thirteen 4s, mainly through the covers.

Linden Park, 111 (Tait three for 34, Jarrett five for 23): The Martlets, 114 for five. After three wickets were lost for 25, Ballard hit hard for 47 in a stand of 75 with Volz (32 not out) the game being won by five wickets.

Gore Court, 107 for two. Match abandoned after lunch owing to rain. The Martlets, 153 for nine, dec. (Norman 34, Barnwell 25); Hyde, 22 (Tait two for 20, Jarrett six for 24, Won by 71 runs.

The Martlets, 165; East Grinstead, 94 (Potts three for 27, Ballard four for 41); Won by 71 runs. After four Martlets' wickets were down for 40, Jeeps (46) and Rose (19) added 69 for the fifth wicket, and then Barnwell hit 35.

The Martlets, 106 (Volz 25, Jeeps 29, J. I. Cooper 17); Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, 60 (Jarrett eight for 31). Won by 46 runs.

Young Amateurs' Last Pair Hold Out

Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire, visiting their Northamptonshire counterparts at Northampton on Monday, experienced the worst of a drawn match.

When Northamptonshire declared at 222 for six, they left their opponents 155 minutes in which to get the runs. Of the Bedfordshire batsmen, only Norman and Peakes made any impression against the bowing of Duck, the home County's captain.

Although erratic at times, Duck was too fast for most of the batsmen, especially as one or two of his deliveries hitted sharply on the wicket. At the end Bedfordshire were 46 behind with their last pair together.

Young Amateurs of Northants: R. Maves lbw b Woods 32, P. Wright b Cutler 11, L. Rowe c Smith b Basterfield 20, D. Duck not out 74, M. Bayley b Street 0, I. Bird b Street 0, R. Peck b Basterfield 8, extras 26, total (for six wickets, dec.) 222. R. Dohy, H. Warnes, M. Foster and G. Curry did not bat. (Cutler one for 41, Street two for 44, Woods one for 21, Basterfield two for 16).

Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire: R. W. Street b Duck 6, A. Norman b Warnes 28, P. Woods b Duck 5, P. Smith c Duck b Curry 5, D. Cutler b Duck 5, P. Peakes not out 34, A. Osborn b Foster 6, R. Cavanagh at Maves b Foster 5, A. E. Palmer lbw b Duck 9, D. Berrill b Duck 0, E. Basterfield not out 0, extras 23, total (for nine wickets) 126. (Curry one for 25, Duck five for 25, Warnes one for 35, Foster two for 20).

Shefford v. Rushden Wanderers

At Digswell on Sunday, Rushden's last pair held out for 20 minutes and the match was drawn. Shefford: R. Guthrie 7, J. Enderstov 34, J. Church 2, J. Edgeler 20, R. Garnish 8, P. Coultas 6, D. Whittaker 1, C. Goldsborough 10, M. Smith 5, C. Pattiar 0, R. Ecott not out 0, extras 7, total 98. (J. Freestone six for 38, R. King three for 18).

Rushden Wanderers: C. King 5, L. Hodgkin 17, Freestone 0, R. Langdon 2, B. Harbour 9, S. Watts 15, R. Lovell 3, R. Jones 0, B. King not out 18, C. Thompson 0, R. King not out 2, extras 4, total (for nine wickets) 73. (A. Garnish four for 6, P. Coultas three for 15).

Toddington and District Young Farmers' Club v. Leighton Y.F.C.

Leighton Y.F.C. 41 (P. Tooke seven for 31).

Toddington Y.F.C.: N. Whiskin 16, P. Burton 2, P. Tooke 19, D. Ford 0, B. Dineout not out 29, A. Cook 20, J. Smith 4, T. Phillips 0, I. Wild 0, J. Burton 1, A. Heady 0, extras 12, total 109.

Hinxworth and Edworth, 51 for four (G. Clarke 27, Dodson four for 10); Diener and Revivots, 49 (Bell 13, Stapleton 12, Tiplow Ave for 18).

Depot, Beds, and Herts, Rekt., 50 (Criss four for 15, Birtwistle two for 10); Diener and Revivots, 84 for four (Howe 25, Birtwistle 20, Spring not out 17).

ON ICKWELL GREEN

R. H. Marshall, of Caldecote, is playing his annual cricket match with Ickwell on Ickwell Green to-morrow in aid of the Ickwell Coronation Cricket Pavilion Fund. His team will be: R. H. Marshall, R. Ferriman (former wicketkeeper for Bedfordshire), K. Vane Percy, J. B. Maclean, D. L. Maclean (both of whom played for Caldecote), Phil Marshall, Captain Clayton (an Army fast bowler), Roger Gorman, J. Kendall (Dunton), Captain Randall (Bedford), and T. B. Kitchener (Potters).

SPORTS FIXTURES

SATURDAY

Cricket

- Slough v. Bedford Town.
- Valley Motors v. Harpur Sports.
- Leathworth II v. Bedford Town II.
- Harpur Sports II v. Bedford Arkus.
- Queen's Works A v. Kempston.
- Leathworth Taulators II v. Bedford Ramblers.
- Iranic v. Craykeo.
- Elstow v. Ken's II.
- Kettering Electricity v. Bedford Elec.
- St. Giles v. Biggleswade.
- Biggleswade II v. Campton.
- Baldock v. Southill Park.
- Southill II v. Brouham Nomads.
- Clifton v. Old Warden.
- Henlow v. Stevenage.
- Shefford v. Henlow II.
- Sandy v. Letchworth Strollers.
- Meppershall v. Shillington.
- Stewartby v. Rootes Athletic.
- Wharley End v. Aspley Guise.
- Maulden v. Ampthill.
- Everholt v. Leighton Rovers.
- Ridgmont v. Motor Rail.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

- South End Ramblers v. Pavenham.
- Pertenhall v. Marston.
- Clapham v. Sharnbrook.

Division I

- Caldecote v. Great Barford.
- Little Staughton v. Renhold.
- Felmersham v. Marston Sports.

Division II (Section I)

- Wrestlingworth v. Mogerhanger.
- Staples v. Langford.

Division II (Section II)

- Marston II v. Haynes.
- Stagden v. Cople.

SUNDAY

Cricket

- Bedford Town v. Harpur Sports.
- Queen's Works v. Bedford North End.
- Gentlemen of Lion v. R. B. Sanders. (Newham Avenue).
- Iranic v. Meppershall.
- Cassala v. Bedford Town A.F.C.
- (Bromham).
- Melton v. Shire Hall.
- Stewartby v. Phorps.
- Wharley End v. Ridgmont.
- Southill Park v. Northampton W.
- Craykeo v. Potton.

Cricket

**BEDFORD LEAGUE
FINAL PLACINGS**

**Play-Off Is To Decide
One Championship**

A play-off is to be arranged to decide the championship of Division III (Section I) of the Bedford and District Cricket League, for Little Paxton and North Crawley have finished level at the top with 19 points each. Here are the League's final tables:—

PREMIER DIVISION						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Sharnbrook	14	8	4	2	22	18
Clapham	14	8	4	2	22	16
Partonhall	14	5	5	4	14	14
South End Ramblers	14	5	5	4	14	14
Marston	14	5	5	4	14	13
Potton	14	5	5	4	14	13
Blunham	14	5	5	4	14	12
Pavenham	14	5	5	4	14	11

DIVISION I						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Thurleigh	14	11	0	3	25	
Caldecote	14	10	3	1	21	
Langford	14	9	4	1	19	
Little Staughton	14	7	5	2	16	
Renhold	14	4	8	2	10	
Felmersham	14	5	9	0	10	
Marston Sports	14	3	9	2	7	
Great Barford	14	2	11	1	5	

DIVISION II (SECTION I)						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Mogerhanger	14	12	1	1	25	
Wyboston	14	9	5	0	18	
Staploe	14	8	5	1	17	
Great Staughton	14	7	6	1	15	
Riseley	14	6	6	2	14	
Colmworth	14	5	8	1	12	
Wrestlingworth	14	5	10	1	7	
Langford II	14	2	12	0	4	

DIVISION II (SECTION II)						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Stagsden	14	11	3	0	22	
Turvey	14	9	5	0	18	
Kempston Wood End	14	8	5	1	17	
Stevington	14	7	6	1	16	
Marston	14	5	7	2	12	
Cople	14	5	8	1	11	
Kempston West End	14	4	10	0	8	
Haynes	14	3	11	0	6	

DIVISION III (SECTION I)						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Little Paxton	14	9	4	1	19	
North Crawley	14	8	5	1	18	
Thurleigh II	14	8	5	1	18	
Oakley	14	6	6	2	14	
Laine	14	5	7	2	12	
Little Staughton II	14	5	10	1	7	
Sharnbrook II	14	5	10	1	7	
Clapham II	14	3	10	1	7	

DIVISION III (SECTION II)						
	P	W	L	D	PTS	
Potton II	12	10	2	0	20	
Kempford	12	9	3	0	18	
Blunham II	12	7	5	0	14	
Ickwell	12	4	8	0	8	
Roxton	12	4	7	1	9	
Caldecote II	12	3	9	0	6	
Willington	12	0	12	0	0	

**Levelled Scores Off
Last Ball**

Hitting a four off the last ball of the match, R. Gillard levelled the scores for Biggleswade in their away game with Bedford Town II on Saturday. His hit was not far short of a six which would have given his side victory.

Bedford: Scrivener 37, Suckley 20, McCanlis 21, Draper 42, Matthews 6, Archer O, Harric 3, Stevenson not out 0, Dixon 6, extras 5, total (for 8 wks) 140.—E. Smith three for 18; P. Allen two for 35, M. Williams one for 31, P. Miller one for 5, B. Smith one for 4.

Biggleswade: E. Smith not out 64, W. Bivarves 3, P. Miller 24, D. Darlow 9, P. Rogers 21, R. Gillard not out 11, extras 8, total (for 4 wks) 140.—McCanlis one for 20, Scrivener one for 25, Steven one for 25, Dixon one for 30.

**BATSMAN HITS
SEVEN SIXES**

Without their regular bowlers, R.A.F. Henlow's attack was severely punished in their away game with Letchworth on Saturday, Clough and Grey were particularly forceful Grey hitting seven 6's and four 4's.

R.A.F. Henlow never looked like getting the runs. They were all out in two hours with eight minutes to spare and lost by 75. Holyoake bowled well in taking five for 15 in 9.1 overs.

Letchworth: A. O'Neill 9, T. Burdett 17, J. Goodwin 25, L. Clough 67, J. Grey not out 74, C. Walter not out 14, extras 3 total (for 4 wks. dec.) 209

R.A.F. Henlow: G. Dray 2, M. Shaw 0, B. J. Wilson 44, T. F. McIntyre 49, G. Longworth 21, M. Beady 5, F. W. Wort 3, J. Holman 0, J. Le Roy 3, P. D. Panting 0, J. Thorpe not out 0, extras 5, total 154.

In their last match of the season, at Hitchin on Sunday, R.A.F. Henlow were soundly defeated—Hitchin 151, R.A.F. Henlow 46.