

BEDFORDSHIRE 1955

MATCHES 9(8)

CAPTAIN: J.A.R. OLIVER

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	LN	BHST
T, F	28, 29	JULY	RAF	LUTON	PFSB PFA	-	SS	FSPB FA
M, T	6, 7	JUNE	LINCS	GRANTHAM	FSA	FSA (FA)	FSPB (SA)	-
W, T	22, 23		CAMBS	ELY	FSPB FA	-	-	FSPB A
W, T	6, 7	JULY	HERTS	HERTFORD	FSA FA	-	-	FSPB FA
T, W	26, 27		LINCS	LUTON	FSA FA	-	FSPB SA	-
M, T	1, 2	AUGUST	CAMBS	BEDFORD	FSA FA	FSA VFA	FSPB A	-
W, T	3, 4		BUCKS	BEDFORD	FSA FA	-	-	PFSB FA
F, S	5, 6		HERTS	BEDFORD	FSA FA	FSA FA	PFS PA	PFSB PFA
W, T	17, 18		BUCKS	SLOUGH	FSA FA	-	PFS PA	PFSB PFA
			AVERAGES		26 AUG	-		27 AUG
			REVIEW		26 AUG	-		
			A.G.M.		16 DEC	-		

	PC	MC	WW
JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES	✓		✓
JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD	✓		✓
JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS	✓		✓
MAY - OCT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH	✓		

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APPEARANCE  
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Total Total

NAME

NAME	LINCS	CAMBS	HERTS	LINCS	RAF	CAMBS	BUCKS	HERTS	BUCKS	All Total	M.C. Total		
G.L.B. AUGUST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9	8	BEDFORD TOWN	GEORGE
M.L. KILBY	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	LUTON TOWN	MICK
G. MILLMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	8	7	BEDFORD TOWN, RAF	GEORGE
A.G. COMBS	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	6	BEDFORD TOWN	ARTHUR
J.G. OWEN	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8	VAUXHILL MOTORS	GLYN
J.A.R. OLIVER	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8	LUTON TOWN	JOHN
N.S. GUNN	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	8	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	NORMAN
D.F.J. HOARE	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	BEDFORD TOWN	DAVID
<del>S.T. MORRIS</del> R.K. COSTIN	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	LEIGHON	BOB
H. HAYHURST	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	2	1	VAUXHALL MOTORS	H
R.D. GARDINER	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	5	5	LUTON TOWN	RON
R.W. STREET	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	3	2	BEDFORD TOWN, RAF	BOB
I. DAVIDSON	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	6	6	LUTON TOWN	IAN
K. BRAZIER	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	LUTON TOWN	KEN
V.J. HARRIS	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	BEDFORD TOWN	JOHN
D.G. JENKINS	-	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	3	3	BEDFORD TOWN	DON
S.T. MORRIS	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	5	BEDFORD TOWN	SID
G.H.J. BRICE	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	MALDEN WANDERERS	GORDON
V. GRIMSHAW	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	4	3	THREE COUNTIES	
T.D. MATTHEWS	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	2	1	LUTON TOWN	
V. NEWTON	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	1	-		
P. MACEWAN	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-	3	2	LUTON TOWN	PETER
P.D. WATTS	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	4	BMS TCH	PETER
P.J. OAKLEY	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	1	-		PETER
M.S. MEESEN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	1	1	OLD BEDFORDIAN	
M.W. CROUCH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	1	1	LEITCHWORTH TOWN	
TOTAL										99	88		

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## COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE RISE IN TABLE

### Trial for Professional from League Cricket

With virtually all last season's players available and several new and promising "names" to try, Bedfordshire may well go a stage nearer the top of the Minor Counties Cricket table this summer, always, of course, given a reasonable measure of good fortune, an essential to success in this most fluctuating of games.

Last year the County rose from 18th to 11th in the table, their highest position since 1950 when they were runners-up. They may well have done even better last year for they came to the week at Bedford School leading the table only for rain seriously to disrupt their remaining matches and chances.

Bedfordshire's success stemmed from its blend of experience and youth, and this policy will be continued this summer. Four most promising youngsters, all under 20, were "blooded" last season and three of them, G. Millman, D. Hoar, and R. W. Street should again be available.

The fourth, G. Jarrett, now lives in Kent and has elected to qualify for the county by residence. Under the new rules he cannot play for Bedfordshire during his qualification period of 12 months.

The County were without a professional last year, though G. B. Sly, a young pace bowler on the Lord's Ground Staff, was given a trial. It is interesting to note he is now a professional at Kilmarnock in Scotland.

#### LINK WITH TYSON

This season another bowler is to be tried with a view to joining the County as a professional, V. Newton, who has played in various Lancashire Leagues, latterly for Knypersley in the North Staffs League. A former player for that club is the now celebrated Frank Tyson.

Thirty years old, Newton, is a right arm off spinner and sound bat. His figures last season for Knypersley were 239 overs, 54 maidens, 665 runs, 44 wickets, 15.10 average.

Newton, who has had a trial for Warwickshire, will play for a Bedfordshire XI v. R.A.F. Henlow at Henlow on 25th May, and another newcomer in the County's team will be W. R. Rushworth, a master at Bedford School. He played for Surrey II from 1946-49 and is a medium pace in-swing bowler.

Another who will be particularly watched at Henlow is Peter Smith, well-known for his rugby football exploits

with Bedford. An all-rounder, Smith is now on National Service, and played in the County's final game last season.

The team for the game at Henlow—which will now be the only "trial" as next Wednesday's match with London University has had to be scratched—is:

S. T. Morris, captain, V. Newton, H. Hayhurst, D. C. Money, wicket keeper, K. Brazier, M. L. Kilby, B. Maries, R. K. Costin, E. Smith, P. Smith, W. R. Rushworth.

#### ROY DAVIES AVAILABLE

This side will, of course, show several changes for the County's opening Minor Counties match on 6th and 7th June against Lincolnshire at Grantham. John Oliver and George August are available again as captain and vice-captain, and other names from last year who will come into the reckoning are Roy Davies, Glyn Owen, N. S. Gunn, R. D. Gardiner, D. G. Jenkins, R. L. Hills, and V. J. Harris.

Davies, who achieved fine success last season with his fast bowling, topping the averages with 33 wickets at a cost of 15.57 apiece, is happily available again. At the end of last season it was thought he would be returning to his native South Africa, but he has stayed here to the great advantage of Luton Town F.C. as well as the County cricket club.

Bowlers do not appear to be a worry for it is hoped A. G. Coomb will be available after missing last summer through a back injury, while yet another who may come into the picture is A. E. Palmer, the former Bedford Modern School fast bowler now at Cambridge University.

The only name missing from last season is that of Brian Martin, the Dunstable opening batsman, who may be prevented from playing through his work.

Bedfordshire fixtures in the

Minor Counties Competition are:

JUNE 6-7, Lincolnshire, at Grantham; 22-23, Cambridge-shire, at Ely.

JULY 6-7, Hertfordshire, at Hertford; 26-27, Lincolnshire, at Wardown Park, Luton.

AUGUST 1-2, Cambridge-shire; 3-4, Buckinghamshire; 5-6, Hertfordshire, all at Bedford School; 17-18, Buckinghamshire, at Slough.

In addition a Bedfordshire XI will oppose R.A.F. Henlow at Henlow on 25th May; and the Royal Air Force at Wardown Park on 28th and 29th July.

Gentlemen of Bedfordshire will meet Bedford Modern School at Clarendon Street, Bedford, on 1st June and Old Bedfordians at Bedford School on 18th July.

There are two games for Bedfordshire Young Amateurs, v. Oxfordshire Colts at Bedford School on 8th August, and v. Northamptonshire Young Amateurs at Northampton on 9th August. All schoolboys at school this term and 18-year-olds and under are eligible for these games, and Secretaries should write to Mr. D. C. Money at Bedford School as soon as youngsters of promise appear.

The Minor Counties will play the South Africans at Blurton Longton, Stoke City, on 27th and 28th July—immediately following the Leeds Test—but whether Bedfordshire will be represented will not be known until 30th June when the Minor Counties side is to be chosen.

Mr. Frank Crompton whose cricketering services to Bedfordshire and the Minor Counties are legion—he is now entering his 30th year as Honorary Secretary of the County Club—has been invited to the M.C.C. dinner in honour of the Australasian success at the Dorchester Hotel on 6th June.

#### COACHING COURSES

The County Club and Bedfordshire cricket in general should benefit in the future from the two courses for coaches which have been arranged by the local Education Authority during the winter months.

Results of the examinations following the courses are now to hand: 17 out of 22 passed from the first course and 14 out of 17 from the second. The first course comprised Borough and County teachers, and the second representatives from local cricket clubs.

## SCHOOL MASTER GAINS ALL-ROUND SUCCESS

### Four for 36 and 33 Runs in County's Win at Henlow

The score, R.A.F. Henlow 129, a Bedfordshire XI 222 for eight, does not suggest the County side had to fight for their win at the R.A.F. Station on Wednesday. Yet a fight it was, for at one stage the County were 44 for five, and only a stubborn stand of 68 by newcomer Newton and Rushworth, and then a hurricane partnership of 80, scored in half an hour by Newton and Morris, carried them to their somewhat flattering final position.

It was cricket at its fickle best. Batting first, Henlow made a most assured beginning, scoring 50 for only one wicket down. Then came a remarkable collapse, Bedford's Basil Maries taking four wickets for 7 runs in five overs so that Henlow had to struggle to a reasonable total of 129. So to Bedfordshire's turn with the bat, and after an even more disastrous start (44 for 5) their remarkable recovery.

Rushworth, Newton, Maries, and Morris, here were the County's chief contributors to victory—and in that order. Rushworth, a master at Bedford School, who played regularly for Surrey II from 1946 to 1949, not only provided a most competent and entertaining innings of 33 before virtually giving his wicket away, but he also took four wickets for 36 runs.

An in-swing bowler and forceful bat, he is a wonderful acquisition for the County, and if he is a little removed from a youngster, he is still some years short of certain of the County's most useful members.

#### NEWTON ON TRIAL

Newton, a North Staffordshire League player, was on trial as a professional, and it was perhaps unfortunate that he was more successful with the bat than the ball, for it is a bowler the County chiefly requires.

Morris, who captained for the game, gave Newton a thorough bowl—as he did all those who had any pretension to this

art—and Newton's figures were 11 overs, 4 maidens, 32 runs, 1 wicket. In fairness he should have had another victim—a catch being put down—and most of his runs were conceded when tail-enders were "having a go".

Certainly the wicket did not help his off-spinners, but he did tend to be short of a length. His batting was most accomplished, however, very strong on the leg and in the drive.

The first spell by Maries was in no way venomous—it should be emphasized that this was a most easy-paced wicket—but when changing ends Maries found a little extra nip off the pitch and this, coupled with extreme accuracy, earned him reward.

The batting skill of Morris requires no embellishment from the writer, so suffice it to say that 48 runs, including two sixes and five fours, flew from his bat in the most carefree half-hour of the game.

D. C. Money and Peter Smith each contributed some fine strokes, and one other feature demands mention—the continuing high skill of young Millman.

Here, already, is a wicket-keeper well up to Minor Counties standard, and one would like to predict higher spheres with a few more years' experience. There is no flamboyance, no fluster with this young man—he is just there.

Henlow could take great credit for their performance on the field—Ing batted as soundly as anyone and Sollars was a hostile bowler—and off the field their hospitality was most generous.

#### R.A.F. Henlow

A/C Ing b Maries	.. 24
A/C Robinson b Rushworth	.. 8
F/O Terry b Newton	.. 17
J/T. Gay lbw b P. Smith	.. 9
F/O Moorhouse b Maries	.. 0
Sgt. Davy b Maries	.. 0
F/Sgt. Chapman b Maries	.. 1
S/Ldr. Reeves b Rushworth	.. 14
L/A/C Darlow c and b Rushworth	.. 12
S/A/C Neve not out	.. 15
F/O Sollars c Maries b Rushworth	.. 21
Extras	.. 8
Total	.. 129

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-50, 3-56, 4-56, 5-56, 6-60, 7-76, 8-87, 9-99.

Bowling: B Maries 9 o., 4 m., 13 r., 4 w.; W. R. Rushworth, 12.2-3-36-4; V. Newton, 11-4-32-1; P. Smith, 2-1-4-1; E. Smith 8-2-17-0; H. Hayhurst, 8-3-15-0.

#### Bedfordshire XI

D. C. Money lbw b Sollars	.. 17
G. Millman c Robinson b Reeves	.. 3
K. Brazier c Chapman b Neve	.. 6
V. Newton not out	.. 82
R. K. Costin b Sollars	.. 5
E. Smith lbw b Sollars	.. 5
P. Smith c Darlow b Sollars	.. 17
W. R. Rushworth run out	.. 33
S. T. Morris b Davy	.. 48
Extras	.. 8
Total (for 8 wkts.)	222

H. Hayhurst and B. Maries did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-28, 3-50, 4-38, 5-44, 6-74, 7-142, 8-222.

Bowling: Sollars, 11-1-38-4; Reeves, 13-2-52-1; Neve, 11-3-38-1; Davy, 3-2-0-36-1; Chapman, 4-0-24-0; Darlow, 4-0-26-0.

## FIVE BEDFORD PLAYERS ARE IN COUNTY TEAM

### Hoar, Millman Included

Five Bedford Town players, G. L. B. August, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, D. F. Hoar, and G. Millman, are included in Bedfordshire's team for their opening Minor Counties match of the season—against Lincolnshire at Grantham next Monday and Tuesday.

Both Hoar and Millman can on their tour of Denmark last almost be termed as new- month, and he may not play comers to championship cricket at all this season. To offset this loss, the County hope that Coomb will strike his best form after a long absence from the eleven. This tall medium-pace bowler was not chosen last year because he was unfit.

That was in the final game last season, against Buckinghamshire, at Ascott Park. Hayhurst, the Vauxhall Motors left-arm bowler, will share the opening attack with Coomb. To support them are two established members of the team, Glyn Owen, now in his 47th year, and Gardiner. Between them these two left-arm spin bowlers captured 53 of the 96 wickets that fell to Bedfordshire in 1954.

#### YOUNGEST MEMBER

Millman, an Old Bedford Modernian, who at the age of 20 is the youngest member of the County side, has been keeping wicket brilliantly for Bedford this season.

Hoar, who is 21, is the former Harpur Sports left-hander. His best innings during the few weeks he has played for Bedford was 33 not out, top score of the game, at St. Albans.

Here is the team in probable batting order:

G. L. B. August, M. L. Kilby, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), N. S. Gunn, D. F. Hoar, G. F. Millman, A. G. Coomb, H. Hayhurst, R. D. Gardiner.

A severe blow to Bedfordshire is the absence of fast bowler Roy Davies, who was awarded his cap last season and finished top of the averages with 33 wickets at a cost of 15 runs each.

Davies is suffering from a knee injury he received while playing for Luton Town F.C.

W. R. Rushworth, a master at Bedford School, who accomplished a fine all-round performance for a County XI against R.A.F. Henlow last week, is not available. This also applies to B. Martin of Dunstable, regular opening batsman last summer.

The batting is strong with those four long-service players, Oliver, August, Morris, and Owen forming the backbone, Gunn from Leighton Buzzard has a further chance to prove his worth; last year he was disappointing apart from one innings of 46 not out against Hertfordshire at Bedford.

#### NOT AVAILABLE

Lincolnshire have already played two Minor Counties matches this season—against Nottinghamshire II at Grimsby last week, and Cambridgeshire at March on Tuesday and Wednesday. Both matches were drawn with Lincolnshire losing on the first innings.

## COUNTY GAME ABANDONED

### Rain Washes Out Second Day

Continuous rain prevented a ball being bowled on the second day of Bedfordshire's Minor Counties game with Lincolnshire at Grantham on Monday and Tuesday.

After a full day's cricket on Monday the wicket was covered during the night, but though the captains delayed their decision until after lunch on Tuesday there was no break in the clouds. The match was therefore abandoned, each side taking two points.

A report of Monday's play appeared in Tuesday's *Bedford Record*, here are the scores:—

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

##### First Innings

J. H. Taylor c Kilby b Gardiner	96
D. W. Taylor b Hayhurst	1
J. R. Todd st Millman b Gardiner	71
R. Tunstall b Owen	26
D. Merryweather b Coomb	25
B. C. Ehrenfried b Coomb	10
G. A. Marlow b Hayhurst	21
J. L. Thompson b Owen	6
D. G. Pearce not out	9
P. Clark b Gardiner	7
G. Berry c Coomb b Gardiner	8
Extras	12

Total .. . . . 292

Bowling: R. D. Gardiner, 27 o. 5 m. 65 r. 4 w.; H. Hayhurst 13-2-44-2; J. G. Owen 20-2-78-2; A. G. Coomb, 26-3-81-2; J. A. R. Oliver 7-0-12-0.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE

##### First Innings

G. L. B. August not out	34
M. L. Kilby c Thompson b Berry	0
G. Millman st Thompson b Pearce	28
A. G. Coomb not out	7
Extras	16

Total (for two wkts.) 85

Bowling: Marlow 14-1-31-0; Berry 9-2-15-1; Clark 10-4-17-0; Pearce 5-1-6-1.

# NEW FAST BOWLER INCLUDED IN COUNTY SIDE

## Young Davison's Chance

Seventeen-year-old Ian Davidson, Luton Town's promising fast bowler, will make his debut for Bedfordshire in their Minor Counties match against Cambridgeshire at Ely next Wednesday and Thursday. Thus this youngster gets an unexpectedly early opportunity to play for the County of his adoption.

Davison, a native of Hemel Hempstead, who will not be 18 until October, gained a regular place in Luton's first team this season because of the injury to Roy Davies, and he is developing along sound lines.

Playing for Luton against Surrey recently in a match for the benefit of Arthur McIntyre, Davison captured the wickets of Peter May, Bernard Constable, and McIntyre for 36 runs, and, to illustrate his usefulness with the bat, he hit 20, including two sixes.

In the Bedfordshire eleven Davison takes the place of Harold Hayhurst, the Vauxhall Motors left-arm bowler.

There is one other change from the side fielded in the opening game against Lincolnshire at Grantham earlier this month. R. W. Street, a Pilot-Officer in the R.A.F. on National Service, who is now stationed in Sussex, replaces R. K. Costin.

Service duties have permitted Street, an Old Bedfordian, to make only two appearances for Bedford Town this season. On the first occasion he played a splendid innings of 102 not out against Vauxhall Motors. Team in probable batting order:

G. L. B. August, M. L. Kilby, R. W. Street, N. S. Gunn, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), D. Hoar, G. Millman, A. G. Coomb, R. D. Gardiner, I. Davison.

### FIELDING AT FAULT

If they are to make much progress in the competition this season, Bedfordshire must show marked improvement on their fielding display in the first match against Lincolnshire. Vital catches were dropped, otherwise Lincolnshire would have fallen well short of their formidable total of 292. J. H. Taylor, who scored 96, enjoyed several "lives," and he should have been easily caught when he had made only 20.

Bedfordshire needs not only better fielding, but better weather. Rain caused their last two Minor Counties matches of 1954 to be abandoned without a result on the first innings being obtained, and the outcome of the game at Grantham was similar.



Ian Davison.

### MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION

Results to June 11 inclusive

	W	L	D	Pts	Inns	Runs	S	C	O	B	M	Av.	
												1st	2nd
Yorkshire II	5	3	0	1	1	33	6.60						
N'umberland	2	1	0	1	0	13	6.50						
Warwicks. II	4	2	1	1	0	28	6.50						
Northants. II	4	2	1	1	0	23	5.75						
Durham	2	1	1	0	0	10	5.00						
Surrey II	3	1	0	0	2	14	4.66						
Lancs. II	6	2	2	1	1	27	4.50						
Cambs.	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.00						
Essex II	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.00						
Somerset II	1	0	0	1	0	3	3.00						
Bedfordshire	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.00						
Derbyshire	1	2	0	0	1	4	2.00						
Notts. II	4	0	0	1	1	8	2.00						
Middlesex II	3	0	1	1	0	5	1.66						
Cheshire	2	0	1	1	0	3	1.50						
Kent II	3	0	0	0	2	4	1.33						
Lincs.	3	0	0	0	2	4	1.33						
Cornwall	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.00						
Leics. II	2	0	1	0	0	2	1.00						
Cumberland	3	0	2	0	1	1	.33						
Staffs.	3	0	2	0	1	1	.33						

\* 3 pts. for 1st innings lead in one match lost.

### TOWN'S CAPTAIN RETURNS

George August, Bedford Town's captain, who missed last week's match, returns to lead the team against Hertford at Newnham Avenue tomorrow, starting at 2.30 p.m.

He takes the place of R. Poulter, this being the only change from the side that won by six wickets at Aylesbury last Saturday. Team:

G. L. B. August, A. G. Coomb, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, G. F. Millman, S. T. Morris, C. F. T. Sabey, D. F. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, V. J. Harris, C. G. Jones.

# COUNTY RACE TO LAST-OVER WIN AT ELY

## Millman Leads Scoring Rate of 90 an Hour

Scoring at the rate of just under 90 runs an hour, Bedfordshire gained a thrilling and deserved Minor Counties win by three wickets over Cambridgeshire at Ely last night, Street scoring the winning hit off the third ball of the last over.

After Bedfordshire had gained first innings lead, Cambridgeshire declared their second innings closed at 182 for three, leaving Bedfordshire to score 179 in 115 minutes to win, a pretty tall order, but one which the visiting County accomplished in splendid style.

On Wednesday, in ideal weather, Cambridgeshire, enjoying first use of a batsman's wicket, scored exactly 100 during the two hours before lunch for the loss of Harrison.

The former Lincolnshire player had shared an opening partnership of 48 in just under one hour, when Gardiner successfully appealed for l.b.w against him. Then Morris, who was missed at short square leg early in his innings, and Hawes raised their side's hopes of a formidable total.

Fifty-eight were added for the second wicket—the most productive stand of the innings—before the patient Hawes, after batting 125 minutes for his half century, was clean bowled.

### BOWLERS GAIN REWARD

Hawes' dismissal heralded a run of success for the steady Bedfordshire attack. In fact, they claimed six victims during the two hours five minutes between lunch and tea while the total increased by 98.

Much credit for the visitors heartening progress was due to Gardiner, with his left-arm slows, pitched on an immaculate length, and Coomb, with his medium-pace deliveries. They bowled unchanged for a long spell, and Gardiner kept one end going for an hour and three-quarters during which he took two wickets for 27 in 19 overs, six of them maidens.

A smart piece of fielding by Hoar, who threw the wicket down from mid-on, ran out Morris, the former Essex professional, who like his colleague, Alexander, was born in Jamaica. Crouch punished Gardiner for a six over the long-on boundary before he succumbed to that bowler in the same over.

### TAIL-ENDERS ADD 62

With Alexander, a Cambridge Blue, B. Thomas, and Gautrey also out, Cambridgeshire were 164 for seven, but their last three wickets yielded 62, thanks chiefly to Taylor and Hoyle. Both batsmen, however, were lucky to survive against 17-year-old Ian Davison, Bedfordshire's new fast bowler.

A fine throw by Oliver ran out Taylor and the innings closed at 226, scored in four hours and a half.

Bedfordshire began their innings disastrously, Jerman getting rid of both Street and Kilby for nought.

The third wicket pair, August and Millman, however, added 50, of which August had made 27, when he was leg-before.

Yesterday (Thursday) Millman and Owen took the overnight total of 69 for three to 123 before they were parted. A good catch behind the wicket ended Owen's knock of 42 out of 73.

Playing only his second innings for the County, Millman completed a valuable 50 out of 141. He and Oliver, whose first 38 runs included six fours, produced some attractive strokes.

When they had put on 81, Millman was bowled for an excellent 79, which occupied nearly four hours.

As soon as the Cambridgeshire total had been overtaken Oliver declared.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### First Innings

R. Hawes	b Coomb	50
C. J. Harrison	lbw b Gardiner	19
W. B. Morris	run out	43
F. C. M. Alexander	b Coomb	8
M. A. Crouch	b Gardiner	10
R. A. Gautrey	c Millman b Owen	17
B. Thomas	b Gardiner	6
R. A. Taylor	run out	37
J. Hoyle	c Millman b Coomb	26
G. Thomas	not out	4
L. C. S. Jerman	b Gardiner	0
Extras		6

Total . . . . . 226

Bowling: Coomb 26 o. 7 m. 69 r. 3 w.; Davison 14-1-39-0; Oliver 6-2-14-0; Owen 19-3-49-1; Gardiner 33-3-10-49-6.

#### Second Innings

R. Hawes	c Millman b Davison	0
C. J. Harrison	c Millman b Coomb	15
W. B. Morris	run out	91
B. Thomas	not out	65
F. C. M. Alexander	not out	11

Total (for 3 wks., dec.) 182

Bowling: Coomb 15-3-44-1, Davison 7-3-16-1, Gardiner 17-1-65-0, Owen 6-0-37-0.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August	lbw b Morris	27
R. W. Street	b Jerman	0
M. L. Kilby	c Alexander b Jerman	0
G. Millman	b Morris	79
J. G. Owen	c Alexander b Taylor	42
J. A. R. Oliver	not out	60
N. S. Gunn	not out	16
Extras		17

Total (for 3 wks., dec.) 230

D. Hoar, A. G. Coomb, R. D. Gardiner and Ian Davison did not bat.

Bowling: Jerman 32-5-60-2; Hoyle 12-3-21-0; G. Thomas 3-0-12-0; Morris 34-4-9-86-2; Taylor 12-1-34-1.

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August	b Morris	38
G. Millman	c Crouch b Morris	44
N. S. Gunn	lbw b Morris	41
J. G. Owen	c Harrison b Hoyle	4
J. A. R. Oliver	b Hoyle	16
A. G. Coomb	c Gautrey b Morris	3
R. W. Street	not out	13
I. Davison	b Hoyle	15
M. L. Kilby	not out	0
Extras		8

Total (for 7 wks.) . . . . . 182

Bowling: Hoyle 17-0-78-3, Morris 12-0-68-4.



## County Bring in Harris, Jenkins and Brazier

For their Minor Counties match with Hertfordshire at Hertford next Wednesday and Thursday, Bedfordshire make three changes from the team that achieved an exciting victory over Cambridgeshire at Ely last week.

Two Bedford Town players, V. J. Harris and D. G. Jenkins, and K. Brazier from Luton Town are included in the side for the first time this season. They take the places of R. W. Street and A. G. Coomb, who are not available, and D. F. Hoar.

Harris, who in four innings for the County in the championship during the last two seasons has scored 126 runs, average 31.5, is expected to open the innings with his club skipper, George August.

At No. 7 in the order Brazier, a useful batsman whose average for Bedfordshire last season was more than 21, comes in for Hoar. In the absence of Coomb, Jenkins, a medium-pace bowler with considerable experience in this class of cricket, will share the opening attack with young Davison.

Here is the team in probable batting order: G. L. B. August, V. J. Harris, G. Millman, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), N. S. Gunn, K. Brazier, M. L. Kilby, D. G. Jenkins, I. Davison, R. D. Gardiner.

The visit to Hertfordshire recalls the great all-round feat of 46-year-old Glyn Owen in the corresponding game on the same ground last year.

Owen scored 170 not out and returned a match analysis of 14 wickets for 97 (seven for 34 and seven for 63), Bedfordshire winning by an innings and 67 runs.

Bedfordshire, having collected 12 points out of a possible 20 from their first two Minor Counties matches, were fourth in the table at the beginning of this week. Here is the table.

	W	L	D	Won		No. on 1st	No. of re-pts	Av. pts per
				ins	ins			
Numberland	4	3	0	1	0	0	33	8.25
Surrey II	5	3	0	0	0	2	34	6.80
Essex II	2	1	0	1	0	0	13	6.50
Bedfordshire	2	1	0	0	0	1	12	6.00
Yorks. II	7	3	1	1	1	1	36	5.14
Lancs. II	8	3	2	1	1	1	39	4.87
Warks. II	6	2	2	2	0	0	29	4.85
N'tham. II	6	2	2	1	1	0	27	4.50
Durham	3	1	1	0	1	0	11	3.66
Kent II	4	1	0	0	2	1	14	3.50
Notts. II	6	1	0	1	2	2	19	3.16
Somerset II	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3.00
Leics. II	3	0	1	1	0	1	5	1.66
Midd'x II	3	0	1	1	0	1	5	1.66
Derby II	4	0	1	1	1	1	6	1.50
Cheshire	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	1.33
Lines	3	0	0	0	2	1	4	1.33
Cornwall	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1.00
Cambs.	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	1.00
Staffs.	5	0	3	1	1	0	4	.80
Cumberland	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	.33
Wiltshire	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.

\* 3 pts. for 1st innings lead in one match lost.

One can hardly imagine a more exhilarating day's play than that provided by Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire at Ely on Thursday last week. After a rather dull first day during which Cambridgeshire occupied 270 minutes in scoring 226 on a plumb wicket, and the visitors replied with 69

for three in 105 minutes, there seemed only a remote possibility of an outright result.

On the second day, however, the teams approached the game with such spirit that 525 runs were hit in six hours and a half. A splendid opening stand of 80 between August and Millman led Bedfordshire's attempt to score 179 in 115 minutes—a task that was achieved for the loss of seven wickets and with three minutes of extra time remaining.

### COOMB, HOWARD IN TOWN XI

A. G. Coomb and E. C. Howard will re-appear for Bedford Town to-morrow, when they visit Mill Hill. They take the places of S. T. Morris, who is not available, and B. J. Maries. Team:

G. L. B. August (capt.), A. G. Coomb, G. F. Millman, E. C. Howard, C. G. Jones, D. F. Hoar, V. J. Harris, G. S. Andrews, F. K. Breeze, J. Kirby, C. L. Dixon.

By winning comfortably at Welwyn Garden City last Saturday, Bedford achieved their third successive victory and their sixth in all matches this season.

### YOUNG AMATEURS ARE NEEDED

Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire matches are arranged for: Monday August 8 v. Oxfordshire Colts (at Bedford School); and Tuesday August 9 v. Northamptonshire Y. A. (at Northampton).

Club secretaries and masters in charge of cricket are asked to send the names of boys wishing to be considered for these matches to: Mr. D. C. Money, Bedford School, Bedford.

These should be sent as soon as possible and not later than July 15, and should indicate batting position, type of bowler, wicket-keeper, etc., and give some indication of recent performances.

1 Hertfordshire 1955  
 Herts v Beds Hertford 6,7 July  
 Herts won by 3 wickets Points 10 Umpires Smith & Bradford  
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Beds 1<sup>st</sup> innings

GLB August	lbw	b Morley	34
+G Millman	c Bradbeer	b Hughes	5
NS Gunn		b Hughes	8
JG Owen	c Simons	b Hughes	5
*JAR Oliver	c Grimsdell	b Hughes	20
K Brazier	lbw	b Higby	0
ML Kilby	c Simons	b Marques	14
VJ Harris	c Simons	b Marques	3
I Davison	c Hughes	b Higby	23
DJ Jenkins	st Simons	b Higby	1
RD Gardiner	not out		0
Extras	Leg byes 4, no balls 4		8
Total	All out	58,4 overs	121

FoW 1-14 (2), 2-28 (3), 3-38 (4), 4-72 (1), 5-75 (6), 6-79 (5), 7-96 (8), 8-105 (7),  
 9-121 (9), 10-121 (10)

Bowling

Marques	12	3	14	2	Higby	21.4	10	38	3
Hughes	18	5	50	4	Morley	7	2	11	1

Herts 1<sup>st</sup> innings

DB Parkin	c Millman	b Davison	2
+RG Simons		b Gardiner	50 (6x4s)
GM Ellis	lbw	b Jenkins	27
GF Webb		b Davison	55 (6x4s)
CM Clapham	c Kilby	b Oliver	31
AA Grimsdell	lbw	b Davison	0
TG Morley	c Millman	b Gardiner	24
*CVL Marques	not out		19
AN Bradbeer	c Millman	b Jenkins	13
RC Hughes	c Millman	b Davison	10
CJ Higby	c Gunn	b Davison	4
Extras	Byes 2, leg byes 7		9
Total	All out	81 overs	244

FoW 1-18 (1), 2-64 (2), 3-112 (3), 4-153 (4), 5-155 (6), 6-195 (7), 7-303 (5), 8-223 (9),  
 9-239 (10), 10-243 (11)

6,7 July 1955 (cont)

Bowling

Davison	21	2	55	5	Oliver	4	1	14	1
Jenkins	20	1	69	2	Gardiner	22	5	38	2
Owen	14	1	59	0					

Beds 2<sup>nd</sup> innings

GLB August	c Morley	b Marques	4	
+G Millman	st Simons	b Morley	46	5x3s, 12x2s)
NS Gunn	c Ellis	b Marques	132	(1x6, 13x4s
JG Owen	c Bradbeer	b Marques	52	(8x4s)
K Brazier	c Hughes	b Morley	0	
VJ Harris	not out		2	
ML Kilby	c Bradbeer	b Marques	15	
I Davison	not out		6	
Extras	Byes 1, leg byes 5, no balls 3		9	
Total	6 wickets dec	76 overs	266	

FoW 1-12 (1), 2-149 (2), 3-242 (3), 4-243 (4), 5-243 (5), 6-260 (7)

Bowling

Hughes	18	3	64	0	Higby	13	2	53	0
Marques	18	4	40	4	Bradbeer	7	1	15	0
Morley	15	1	62	2	Grimsdell	5	1	23	0

Herts 2<sup>nd</sup> innings

GF Webb	c Kilby	b Gardiner	43
+RG Simons		b Davison	17
GM Ellis	c Davison	b Jenkins	14
AN Bradbeer	not out		48
*CVL Marques		b Gardiner	3
AA Grimsdell		b Jenkins	1
CM Clapham	c Jenkins	b Gardiner	1
DB Parkin		b Davison	1
RC Hughes	not out		8
Extras	Leg byes 10		10
Total	7 wickets	27.4 overs	146

FoW 1-59 (2), 2-65 (1), 3-91 (3), 4-98 (5), 5-103 (6), 6-110 (7), 7-132 (8)

Bowling

Davison	11	2	39	2	Gardiner	11.4	0	70	3
Jenkins	5	0	27	2					

Herts scorebook

## COUNTY LOSE IN LAST OVER AT HERTFORD

Scoring 146 runs in 85 minutes, 11 of them off the first four balls of the last over, Hertfordshire gained an exciting win by three wickets over Bedfordshire in their Minor Counties game at Hertford last night.

Though Bedfordshire gained no points, they gained much credit for a fine recovery which allowed them to declare their second innings after trailing by 123 runs on the first innings.

Bedfordshire despite winning the toss and having the use of an excellent wicket, had a bad first day. All out for 121 soon after lunch suggested either indifferent batting or excellent bowling and perhaps it was a combination of both.

August once again kept an end going and was fourth out at 72, having made 34, which was to be the top score. But he could not find a partner.

The Bedfordshire skipper did help to bolster up the middle of the innings with 20, but thereafter there were only a few lusty strokes from Davison, whose 23 was made up of six scoring strokes, including two sixes.

Hertfordshire gained first innings lead for the loss of only three wickets, Simons continuing his successful day with a half-century. Webb also contributed a 50 and at the close the home county were 203 for seven.

Yesterday morning again brought hot sunshine and blue skies, with Hertfordshire needing quick runs and Bedfordshire quick wickets. Hertfordshire at first held sway, adding 20 runs without loss, but then Davison and Jenkins broke through. Millman took two fine catches behind the wicket to make his tally four for the innings, and Gunn had a superb one-handed catch at first slip.

Hertfordshire were thus all out at noon with a lead of 123.

Batting a second time, Bedfordshire's position was not an easy one.

They were not helped by the early dismissal of August, caught mistiming a shot to leg, but youngsters Millman and Gunn batted with great distinction in the 80 minutes before lunch for a score of 71 for one.

Care was their first thought but no scoring chances were missed. Gunn was the surer and stronger, showing some fine cover drives and late cuts, and shortly after resuming he reached his 50, with Millman well behind with 28.

The 100 went up after exactly 100 minutes, and a quarter of an hour later the leeway of 123 had been made up, an achievement performed with admirable dispatch.

Hertfordshire meanwhile were running the gamut of their bowlers, including Grimsdell, perhaps better known for his exploits in 'Harlequins' Rugby jersey. His father, the great 'Spurs and England' footballer, was among the watchers.

### GUNN'S FIRST CENTURY

Gunn continued to score much faster than Millman. Just when an appreciative crowd was preparing to welcome their 100 and 50 respectively, Millman was stumped for 46. Gunn completed his first century for the County. It included one six and eleven fours, and had been made out of 148 in just over two hours.

Naturally tiring, Gunn allowed Owen to take more of the strike, and he responded with a sparkling 50 while Gunn advanced his score to 132 when he was brilliantly caught.

Tea was taken with the score 243 for three after which Bedfordshire scampered some quick runs before declaring at 266 for six, which left Hertfordshire 85 minutes to score 144 to win.

Hertfordshire, led first by Webb and then Bradbeer, responded nobly to the task, scoring 50 in the first half-hour and a 100 in 65 minutes.

With wickets falling, however, a win still seemed beyond them, but Bradbeer, with a due measure of good fortune essential in this type of cricket, hit out at everything, and with four, four, and three off the first, third and fourth deliveries of the last over, gained the day.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### 1st Innings

G. L. B. August lbw b Morley	34
G. Millman c Bradbury b Hughes	5
N. S. Gunn b Hughes	5
J. C. Owen c Simons b Hughes	5
J. A. R. Oliver c Grimsdell b Hughes	20
K. Brazier lbw b Higby	0
M. L. Kilby c Simons b Marques	14
V. J. Harris c Simons b Marques	3
I. Davison c Hughes b Higby	23
D. O. Jenkins c Simons b Higby	1
R. D. Gardiner not out	0
Extras	8
Total	121

Bowling: Hughes 180-5m-50r-4w; Marques 12-3-14-2; Higby 21-10-38-3; Morley 7-2-11-1.

#### 2nd Innings

G. L. B. August c Morley b Marques	4
G. Millman st Simons b Morley	46
N. S. Gunn c Ellis b Marques	132
J. C. Owen c Bradbeer b Marques	52
K. Brazier c Hughes b Morley	0
V. J. Harris not out	2
M. L. Kilby c Bradbeer b Marques	15
I. Davison not out	6
Extras	9
Total (for 6 wickets dec.)	266

Bowling: Marques 18-4-46-4, Morley 15-1-62-2, Hughes 18-3-64-0, Higby 13-2-53-0, Bradbeer 7-1-16-0, Grimsdell 5-1-23-0.

### HERTFORDSHIRE

#### 1st Innings

D. B. Parkin c Millman b Davison	2
R. G. Simons b Gardiner	50
G. M. Ellis lbw b Jenkins	27
C. F. Webb b Davison	55
C. Clapham c Kilby b Oliver	31
A. Grimsdell lbw b Davison	0
T. G. Morley c Millman b Gardiner	24
R. C. Marques not out	19
A. N. Bradbury c Millman b Jenkins	13
R. C. Hughes c Millman b Davison	10
C. J. Higby c Gunn b Davison	4
Extras	9
Total	244

Bowling: Davison 21-2-56-5, Jenkins 20-1-69-2, Gardiner 22-5-58-2, Oliver 4-1-14-1, Owen 14-1-59-0.

#### Second Innings

G. F. Webb c Kilby b Gardiner	43
R. G. Simons b Davison	17
G. M. Ellis c Davison b Jenkins	14
A. N. Bradbeer not out	48
R. C. Marques b Gardiner	3
A. Grimsdell b Jenkins	1
C. Clapham c Jenkins b Gardiner	1
D. B. Parkin b Davison	1
R. C. Hughes not out	8
Extras	10
Total (for seven wkts.)	146

Bowling: Davison 11-2-39-2, Jenkins 5-0-27-2, Gardiner 11-4-0-70-3.

## Gordon Brice in County Team

Bedford-born Gordon Brice will reappear for Bedfordshire in their minor Counties match against Lincolnshire at Wardown Park, Luton, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

This strongly-built fast-medium bowler and batsman, who is an Old Bedford Modernian, was with Northamptonshire four seasons.

In 1953 he was engaged as professional for Bedfordshire, but because of an injury he appeared in only one of their games that summer. He has not played for them since.

Lately Brice, who is, of course, the Fulham F.C. centre-half, has been assisting Malden Wanderers C.C. He is 31.

Another player who has figured in first-class cricket, V. Grimshaw, the former Worcestershire professional who scored a hundred against New Zealand in 1937, is also in Bedfordshire's team, as are S. T. Morris and T. D. Matthews, Luton Town's fast-medium bowler.

These four take the places of V. J. Harris, D. G. Jenkins, K. Brazier, and M. L. Kilby. Team in probable batting order:—

G. L. B. August, V. Grimshaw, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. Millman, N. S. Gunn, G. Brice, I. Davison, R. D. Gardiner, T. D. Matthews.

### TO OPPOSE R.A.F.

Luton Town footballer Peter MacEwan, a South African, and V. Newton, a North Staffordshire League player, who had a trial for Bedfordshire earlier in the season, are in the County side to oppose R.A.F. at Wardown Park next Thursday and Friday.

There is one place in the team to fill. The ten players chosen are: G. L. B. August (capt.), V. Grimshaw, V. Newton, S. T. Morris, P. D. Watts, R. W. Street, G. Millman, P. J. Oakley, T. D. Matthews, and P. MacEwan.

R.A.F.: Sq.-Ldr. A. C. Shirreff (capt.), Flt.-Lieut. R. Gebbels, Flt.-Lieut. E. Senior, F/O. G. H. McKinna, F/O. D. Heaton, A/C. J. T. Murray, Jnr. Tech. M. J. Cowan, A/C. W. B. Stott, A/C. S. Leary, L/A/C. D. A. Allen, L/A/C. A. S. Brown.

For the first match of the week at Bedford School, on August 1 and 2, Bedfordshire's team against Cambridgeshire will be:—

G. L. B. August, R. W. Street, G. Millman, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, N. S. Gunn, G. Brice, A. G. Coomb, I. Davison, R. D. Gardiner.

Street, Brice, and Davison drop out for the next game, against Buckinghamshire their places being taken by MacEwan, Jenkins, and a player who has not yet been named.

There is also a vacancy in the team for the last match of the week, v Hertfordshire, when the only other alteration will be the return of Davison for Jenkins.

# BEDFORDSHIRE'S CHASE FOR VICTORY FAILS BY 14

## August and Millman in Opening Stand of 147

Bedfordshire's drawn Minor Counties game with Lincolnshire at Wardown Park, Luton, on Tuesday and Wednesday was a further example of one which would have made a much better three-day match.

A declaration did provide a finish of a Hospital Cup nature, but Bedfordshire found the task of scoring 103 runs in 50 minutes too great and so had to be content with first innings points.

Nonetheless the game's honours were Bedfordshire's. An answering score of 281 to Lincolnshire's all out 280 was most impressive, with a fine opening partnership of 147 between August and Millman, a century by August, and bright knocks from Morris and Owen.

Having first use of a perfect wicket, Lincolnshire were scarcely ambitious in scoring 93 for two during the two hours before lunch.

Bedfordshire's attack was pretty steady, but even so there were more strokes to be made and more runs to be taken off the shots that were effected. J. H. Taylor was particularly laborious with 33 in the two hours.

Oliver sealed one end with Gardiner on resuming, Matthews and Brice operating at the other. Brice now had difficulty with his length, and 47 runs were added (in 50 minutes) before Todd played over the top of one from Gardiner and was bowled.

Gardiner was at last relieved, and as before Owen came on and immediately got a wicket. Taylor stepped across, missed his hook shot, and was bowled (162 for four).

Chance of pegging Lincolnshire to 200 faded when Ehrenfried, the fifth left-hander, was missed by Brice on the long-on boundary. Ehrenfried celebrated with a six over the same player's head, and he proved an expensive "life", just reaching his 50—including one 6 and seven 4s—before skying a catch to Gunn, appropriately off Brice.

### CAP FOR MILLMAN

During the Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire match Geoff Millman and Norman Gunn were awarded their County caps.

Whitworth took over as runner, but Brice held a brilliant running catch to dismiss Watson, and the innings closed for exactly 280.

Left one and a quarter hours, Bedford's August and Millman gave Bedfordshire a sound start with 58 runs, 31 to August and 26 to Millman.

Apart from the rare ball that lifted chest high, the wicket seemed just as good when August and Millman resumed on Wednesday. The pair scored almost run for run, August reaching his 50 out of 93 with Millman on 42.

August soon afterwards gave a chance to second slip, and just when the pair seemed set for lunch Millman was run out, when August tried a quick single to mid-off. It was a disappointing finish to a very fine partnership.

Lunch was taken at 168 for one with August 89, and the next one and a half hours' cricket was most attractive. In that time 113 runs were scored, giving Bedfordshire a first-innings lead; August completed his century only to fall to a simple return catch to the bowler; and there was some vintage hitting from Morris and Owen, Morris producing two lovely late cuts and Owen some forceful drives and hooks.

With under three hours remaining all hope of a definite result to the game seemed out, but Bedfordshire busied about, obviously feeling there was a chance of removing Lincolnshire cheaply.

Brice bowled with great spirit and sent back D. Taylor for only two runs, but soon after he hurt his knee in his run-up and retired.

Oliver then created a surprise by putting himself on, and indeed he bowled really well. Lincolnshire were cer-

tainly going for runs, but Oliver's three wickets were well earned.

Lincolnshire declared at 103 for five, and though the task proved too big Bedfordshire produced a fine spirit in their bid, the youthful Davison taking chief honours with his broad-shouldered clouts. With his run-out, however, over which there was some doubt, the chance had gone.

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

##### First Innings

J. H. Taylor	b Owen	77
D. W. Taylor	c Oliver b Owen	18
R. P. Lascelles	b Brice	16
J. R. C. Todd	b Gardiner	24
R. Tunstall	c Gardiner b Owen	35
A. Longmate	lbw b Oliver	2
B. C. Ehrenfried	c Gunn b Brice	50
A. Whitworth	st Millman	b
Matthews		26
J. G. Watson	c Brice b Gardiner	15
G. Pearce	b Gardiner	0
G. Berry	not out	0
Extras		17
Total		280

Bowling: Gardiner 230, 8m 42r. 3w.; Owen 16-4-56-3; Brice 23-5-52-2; Oliver 6-0-19-1; Matthews 16-2-1-46-1; Davison 12-1-49-0.

##### Second Innings

D. W. Taylor	b Brice	2
J. H. Taylor	c Gunn b Gardiner	32
A. Longmate	b Oliver	8
R. P. Lascelles	b Oliver	14
J. R. C. Todd	b Oliver	20
R. Tunstall	not out	22
B. C. Ehrenfried	not out	5
Extras		2
Total (for 5 wks., dec.)		103

Bowling: Oliver 10-1-42-3; Brice 5-1-13-1; Gardiner 5-0-28-1; Owen 6-1-11-0; Matthews 4-1-7-0.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE

##### First Innings

G. L. B. August	c and b Watson	116
G. Millman	run out	69
S. T. Morris	b Whitworth	29
J. G. Owen	not out	38
J. A. R. Oliver	not out	25
Extras		4
Total (for 3 wks., dec.)		281

Bowling: Watson 28-9-70-1; Whitworth 12-3-1-51-1; Berry 34-2-112-0; Pearce 20-5-31-0; Ehrenfried 4-0-13-0.

##### Second Innings

S. T. Morris	run out	14
N. S. Gunn	b Berry	25
J. A. R. Oliver	c Berry b Watson	2
I. Davison	run out	26
J. G. Owen	not out	16
G. Brice	b Berry	0
G. Millman	c Lascelles b Watson	4
V. Grimshaw	not out	1
Extras		1
Total (for 6 wks.)		89

Bowling: Berry 8-0-42-2; Watson 7-0-46-2.

## COUNTY 130 BEHIND ON FIRST INNINGS

Bedfordshire will begin the second day of their match with the Royal Air Force at Luton today needing 126 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Yesterday the R.A.F. gained a first innings lead of 130, and Bedfordshire, going in a second time, scored four for no wicket.

Bedfordshire, batting first on a plumb wicket, were dismissed for exactly 100 in less than two hours after being 92 for four at one point.

This remarkable collapse was largely due to splendid work by Michael Cowan, the Yorkshire left-arm fast-medium bowler, who, in his last spell, polished off the innings by taking five wickets for eight runs in three overs. Altogether he claimed seven victims for just over five runs each.

Bedfordshire's first wicket fell at 17 when Millman, in trying to hook Cowan, was caught close in on the leg side. On joining August, Morris shaped confidently, but after collecting 16, including three boundaries, he mishit a ball from Leary and was caught at cover.

Soon after, August, captaining Bedfordshire in Oliver's absence, was stumped after staying for threequarters of an hour, and with Grimshaw's quick dismissal four wickets were down for 50.

Newton and Street checked the progress of the R.A.F. with a fifth-wicket stand of 42 before the complete breakdown. The eight runs added afterwards (all off Cowan) included a glorious six to leg by Hayhurst off the first ball he received.

R.A.F., after losing Murray at 11, well stumped behind the wicket, took first innings lead without further loss although the second wicket pair, Shirreff and Leary were lucky to remain together so long. Shirreff should have been run out and Leary was missed at slip.

In 95 minutes they put on 104, before Millman brought off another good catch to dismiss Leary, whose 64 included eight 4s.

One run later Newton bowled left hander Stott with a beautiful ball that whipped in from the off, and at tea R.A.F. were 121 for three. Shirreff 46 not out.

After tea the R.A.F. lost five more wickets for 55, but Langford and Allen added 56, and they totalled 230.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

#### First Innings

J. T. Murray c Millman b Hayhurst	9
A. C. Shirreff b Matthews	56
S. Leary c Millman b Matthews	64
W. B. Stott b Newton	0
A. E. Brown b Matthews	15
E. Senior b Newton	3
D. Heaton b Matthews	16
R. Gebbels c Street b Watts	4
B. A. Langford c Millman b Matthews	41
D. A. Allen c Hayhurst b Newton	14
M. J. Cowan not out	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>230</b>
Bowling: Matthews 25.0, 4m. 55r.	
5w: Hayhurst 15.5-25-1; Oakley 12-2-36-0; Newton 25.3-5-69-5; Watts 14-0-36-1.	

### ROY DAVIES OUT

A recurrence of his football injury caused Roy Davies, the Luton Town fast bowler, to withdraw from the County team at present engaged against Royal Air Force at Luton, nor will he be available for the County cricket week at Bedford School.

This opens on Monday with a two-day match against Cambridgeshire, followed by Buckinghamshire on Wednesday and Thursday, and Hertfordshire on Friday and Saturday. Davies was due to have played in the last two games, and the vacancies caused by his withdrawal have not yet been filled.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August st Murray b Leary	19
G. F. Millman c Senior b Cowan	8
S. T. Morris c Stott b Leary	16
V. Newton c Stott b Leary	26
V. Grimshaw b Cowan	0
R. W. Street b Cowan	16
P. MacEwan c Heaton b Cowan	0
P. D. Watts b Cowan	1
P. J. Oakley b Cowan	0
H. Hayhurst c and b Cowan	6
T. D. Matthews not out	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>
Bowling: Cowan 12.0, 2m, 37r, 7w.	
Shirreff 4-0-15-0; Leary 15-2-35-3; Allen 6-3-5-0.	

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August not out	0
G. F. Millman not out	4
<b>Total (for no wkt.)</b>	<b>4</b>

**Match Number 97/4 Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire**

Played at Bedford School

on Wednesday 3, Thursday 4 August 1955

Result: Bedfordshire won by 110 runs  
 Points: Beds 10  
 Toss: Beds  
 Umpires: DS Richards and WF Simpson  
 Bucks debutants: None  
 First day score: Beds 304 - 7 dec; Bucks 70 - 2

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	c Jackson b Pickett	7	1) c Tilbury b Peppiatt	44
+ G Millman	b Pickett	0	2) b Smith	12
SI Morris	run out	22	4) b Pickett	14
NS Gunn	b Pickett	146	3) not out	48
JG Owen	c Peppiatt b Smith	43		
V Grimshaw	b Pickett	0		
* JAR Oliver	not out	53		
P McEwan	b Smith	12		
PD Watts	not out	8	5) not out	2
AG Coomb				
DG Jenkins				
Extras	b 11, lb 1, w 1	13	b 1, nb	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>304</b>		<b>122</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	1	16	111	161	165	261	287			
2nd Innings	31	90	115							

Pickett	40	11	89	4		1)	12.1	1	41	1
Smith	25	7	85	2 1w		2)	10	1	32	1 1nb
Butler	18	1	64	0		3)	6	2	19	0
Reynolds	6	0	25	0						
Peppiatt	9	2	28	0		4)	6	1	28	1
Extras			13						2	
<b>Total</b>			<b>304</b>						<b>122</b>	

**Buckinghamshire**

PLB Stoddart	st Millman b Owen	51	1) c August b Jenkins	15
KWA Butler	b Coomb	1	2) c & b Coomb	2
JMH Tilbury	c Owen b Coomb	5	3) b Coomb	25
JA Cockett	b Coomb	50	4) b Coomb	9
* G Reynolds	not out	45	5) c Watts b Jenkins	13
PF Jackson	c Millman b Coomb	4	7) c Millman b Owen	27
DR Peppiatt	not out	41	9) lbw b Watts	16
CG Hawkins			6) run out	7
CA Pickett			8) b Owen	2
CW Smith			10) lbw b Owen	2
+ SG Healey			11) not out	1
Extras	b 3, lb 5	8	b 1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>205</b>		<b>120</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	1	9	103	117	123					
2nd Innings	9	27	38	59	69	83	88	111	117	120

Coomb	25	9	57	4		1)	19	6	44	3
Jenkins	22	7	45	0		2)	12	1	46	2
Owen	22	6	40	1		3)	9.5	2	16	3
Oliver	4.4	0	26	0						
Watts	5	1	29	0		4)	6	1	13	1
Extras			8						1	
<b>Total</b>			<b>205</b>						<b>120</b>	

Notes: Bucks were set 222 to win in 132 minutes. Beds won on the penultimate ball of the match. Gunn hit 2 x 6 and 15 x 4 in his 146, Oliver 1 x 5 and 1 x 4; Stoddart hit 3 x 4 in his 51, Cockett 5 x 4 in his 50

Sources: Bucks score book, Bucks Yearbook

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# COUNTY WIN OFF LAST BUT ONE BALL

## Buckinghamshire Lose By 101 Runs

Bedfordshire won their Minor Counties' game at Bedford School yesterday in most dramatic fashion, Owen claiming the final Buckinghamshire wicket, on an lbw decision, off the fifth ball of the last over.

The wicket was, in fact, obtained with the pavilion clock showing well past 6.30, time being added for a delay on the first day.

Buckinghamshire did much to ensure a good finish by declaring 89 runs behind Bedfordshire's first innings total of 304 for seven declared. Bedfordshire then hit 123 for three, setting Buckinghamshire to score 223 in two hours five minutes to win. With the loss of quick wickets they were never in the hunt, and were all out for 120.

Despite a total of 304 for 7 declared Bedfordshire's first innings was not wholly satisfying. It began wrongly when, off the third ball and his first, Millman was bowled playing outside an in-swing. It was his first "duck" of the season. Gunn, promoted to first wicket down, and August struck a funereal note, August thrusting forward safely but with little vigour, and Gunn mistiming badly, in one over he was struck five times on the pads though on each occasion shaping at a stroke.

So slow was the beginning that when Gunn straight drove for four after half a hour he doubled the score, and the hour brought only 16 runs.

August was then out, and with Owen came some brighter play, prefaced by a cheeky single which turned into a 5 thanks to four overthrows. Gunn, too, found a surer touch, and after 16 runs in the first hour there came 79 in the second, lunch being taken with the score 95 for 2 and Gunn just on 50.

### GUNN SHOWS FLUENCY

So to the afternoon and some more patchy cricket. This time the early part was the best, with Owen and then Morris backing up Gunn who was now batting in most fluent and accomplished fashion. There was a chance at slip in the 60s, but otherwise he produced a rich array of strokes, some lovely straight drives, and two glorious sweeps for six to leg.

His 100 came out of 186 in three hours and a declaration at tea—the ideal for two-day cricket—looked distinctly possible. But unhappily his partner, Oliver, was not in like form, nor could he discover his real touch for all his two hours at the wicket and 53 runs. The scoring rate fell so that a further hour was necessary after tea before the 300 was topped and a declaration made.

Perhaps the hero of the innings was not a Bedfordshire player but rather the frail-looking Pickett, Buckinghamshire's left-arm medium pace bowler. He put down 40 of the 98 overs to finish with 400, 11m, 89r, 4w. Not even Gunn was ever really happy against him, finally falling his victim after making 146. Including two 6's and sixteen 4's it was his highest score for the County though not quite so impressive as his 132 at Hertford.

### COOMB'S TWO VICTIMS

Left 1½ hours before close Buckinghamshire began as poorly as Bedfordshire, losing Butler for a single and Tilbury for nine. Both fell to Coomb who moved and even got the ball up a bit, but he could not effect further successes, Stoddart and Cockett hitting lustily out of trouble for a closing score of 70 for 2.

Buckinghamshire were unlucky to lose their wicket-keeper, Healy, with a bruised finger, after lunch, but they had a capable deputy in Hawkins, a 16-year-old, who is on the Lord's ground staff. Barnett and Johns were notable absentees, Barnett being unable to play in away games.

The chance that so often occurs early on a new day came in Jenkins's first over and it was a catch to the usually safe Owen off Stoddart which went down. Stoddart, a former Eton captain, moved to his 50, and with Cockett also scoring briskly, the 100 went up after half an hour.

The replacing of Jenkins by Owen brought an immediate success, however. Stoddart got a shaky edge to Owen's third delivery, missed the fourth and was stumped. (109 for three). Fourteen runs later, and when he, too, had just reached his half-century, Cockett mistook Coomb's slower ball and was bowled.

The game had swung quickly in the home team's favour and Coomb, now bowling with more heart, hammered home the advantage with his fourth wicket, Millman taking the catch which Jackson could scarcely have deflected.

The battle was truly joined, Bedfordshire having their sights on a couple more wickets before lunch, and Buckinghamshire equally determined to prevent them, with runs a secondary consideration. Reynolds, the Buckinghamshire captain, and Peppiatt, won the battle, staying until lunch with the score 166 for five.

Reynolds and Peppiatt resumed in more adventurous fashion, and having reached 205, avoiding the follow-on by one run, Reynolds declared, a sporting—but also tactical—move which thoroughly appealed to onlookers.

With just under four hours remaining, including the extra half hour, Bedfordshire batted for 94 minutes, scoring 123 for three. Gunn was again in excellent form with 48 not out, and August batted much more freely, hitting 44, when he mistimed a hook.

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### First Innings

G. L. B. August	c Jackson	b	7
P. Pickett	b Pickett	...	0
G. F. Millman	b Pickett	...	146
N. S. Gunn	b Pickett	...	43
J. G. Owen	c Peppiatt	b Smith	22
T. Morris	run out	...	6
B. Grimshaw	b Pickett	...	53
J. A. H. Oliver	not out	...	12
P. MacEwan	b Smith	...	8
P. Watts	not out	...	13
Extras			13

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 304

A. G. Coomb and D. G. Jenkins did not bat

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-16, 3-111, 4-182, 5-165, 6-261, 7-247

Bowling: Pickett, 400, 11m, 89r, 4w, Smith, 25-7-85-2; Butler, 16-1-64-0; Reynolds, 6-0-28-0; Peppiatt, 9-2-28-0.

#### Second Innings

G. L. B. August	c Tilbury	b	44
P. Pickett	b Smith	...	12
G. F. Millman	b Smith	...	46
N. S. Gunn	not out	...	14
S. T. Morris	b Pickett	...	14
P. D. Watts	not out	...	2
Extras			2

Total (for 3 wks. dec.) 122

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-80, 3-115

Bowling: Pickett, 12-1-41-1; Smith, 10-1-32-1; Butler, 6-2-19-0; Peppiatt, 6-1-28-1.

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

#### First Innings

P. B. L. Stoddart	at Millman	b	51
K. W. A. Butler	b Coomb	...	1
M. Tilbury	c Owen	b Coomb	5
J. A. Cockett	b Coomb	...	50
G. Reynolds	not out	...	45
P. Jackson	c Millman	b Coomb	4
D. R. Peppiatt	not out	...	41
Extras			8

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 205

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-9, 3-103, 4-117, 5-123

Bowling: Coomb, 25-9-57-4; Owen, 22-6-40-1; Jenkins, 22-7-45-0; Oliver, 4-0-20-0; Watts, 5-4-135-0.

#### Second Innings

P. L. B. Stoddart	c August	b	15
Jenkins	...	...	2
K. W. A. Butler	c and b Coomb	...	25
M. Tilbury	b Coomb	...	9
J. A. Cockett	b Coomb	...	13
G. Reynolds	c Watts	b Jenkins	7
C. G. Hawkins	run out	...	27
P. Jackson	c Millman	b Owen	2
C. Pickett	b Owen	...	16
D. R. Peppiatt	lbw b Watts	...	1
G. W. Smith	lbw b Owen	...	1
B. G. Healy	not out	...	2
Extras			2

Total 120

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-27, 3-120, 4-59, 5-69, 6-83, 7-88, 8-111, 9-117

Bowling: Coomb, 19-6-44-3; Jenkins, 18-1-46-2; Owen, 9-6-2-16-3; Watts, 6-1-13-1.

## Visited Potteries

During the match between the Minor Counties and the South Africans at Stoke last week, the 17 tourists and their manager, Mr. Ken Viljoen, accompanied by Mr. Frank Orompton, of Bedford, the Minor Counties hon. secretary, who is a native of Staffordshire, visited famous potteries.

They saw the Royal Doulton potteries at Burslem, where all 19 members of the party each received a Winston Churchill toby jug, and the potteries of J. and G. Meakin, Ltd., of Hanley, where they each received a dinner service as a gift of the directors.

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Herts v Beds Bedford School 5,6 August

Beds won by 68 runs Points 0 Umpires D'Arcy & Field

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Beds 1<sup>st</sup> innings

GLB August	c Marques	b Meadowcroft	1
+G Millman		b Marques	29
NS Gunn	lbw	b Marques	0
JG Owen	c Simons	b Marques	33
*JAR Oliver	c Simons	b Marques	4
ST Morris	c Simons	b Marques	4
P McEwan	c Simons	b Vine	30
P Watts	c Simons	b Meadowcroft	10
AG Coomb	c Simons	b Meadowcroft	0
I Davison	not out		12
RD Gardiner		b Vine	0
Extras	Byes 6, leg byes 5, no balls 2		13
Total	All out	42.3 overs	136

FoW 1-7 (1), 2-9 (3), 3-62 (4), 4-79 (2), 5-83 (6), 6-86(5), 7-103 (8), 8-105 (9),  
9-136 (7), 10-136 (11)

Bowling

Marques	20	4	50	5	Morley	4	0	21	0
Meadowcroft	12	5	34	3	Vine	6.3	2	18	2

Herts 1<sup>st</sup> innings

TW Tyrwhitt-Drake		b Coomb	35
A O'Neill		b Coomb	4
CM Clapham		b Coomb	34
DV Cooper	lbw	b Coomb	33
DJ Camill		b Coomb	0
+RG Simons	lbw	b Coomb	0
AN Bradbeer		b Qwen	1
TG Morley	c Millman	b Owen	0
*CVL Marques	not out		0
G Meadowcroft	run out		1
R Vine	lbw	b Davison	0
Extras	Leg byes 1, wides 1		2
Total	All out	57.5 overs	128

FoW 1-23 (2), 2-46 (1), 3-93 (4), 4-93 (5), 5-97 (6), 6-98 (7), 7-100 (8), 8-120 (3),  
9-121 (10), 10-128 (11)

5,6 August 1955 (cont)

Bowling									
Coomb	21	8	38	6	Owen	17	6	36	2
Davison	11.5	4	31	1	Gardiner	7	3	20	0
Watts	1	0	1	0					

Beds 2<sup>nd</sup> innings

GLB August					b Meadowcroft		1		
+G Millman		c Marques			b Vine		42		
NS Gunn		run out					95		(11x4s)
ST Morris					b Meadowcroft		86		(15x4s)
JG Owen		c O'Neill			b Meadowcroft		21		
P McEwan		run out					2		
P Watts		not out					7		
Extras		Byes 8, leg byes 1, no balls 1					10		
Total		6 wickets dec			72.5 overs		264		

FoW 1-1 (1), 2-96 (2), 3-186 (3), 4-247 (4), 5-254 (6), 6-264 (5)

Bowling									
Marques	18	4	62	0	Carnill	2	0	9	0
Meadowcroft	18.5	4	64	3	Vine	13	1	43	1
Bradbeer	4	1	12	0	Morley	12	3	42	0
T-Drake	5	0	22	0					

Herts 2<sup>nd</sup> innings

TW Tyrwhitt-Drake		c Gunn			b Davison		20		
A O'Neill		lbw			b Coomb		0		
CM Clapham					b Coomb		14		
DV Cooper		c Owen			b Coomb		37		
DJ Carnill		lbw			b Gardiner		39		
+RG Simons					b Davison		19		
AN Bradbeer		c Millman			b Gardiner		22		
*CVL Marques					b Coomb		43		
TG Morley		c Morris			b Owen		4		
G Meadowcroft		c Morris			b Owen		0		
R Vine		not out					1		
Extras		Leg byes 5					5		
Total		All out			57.3 overs		204		

FoW 1-1 (2), 2-23 (1), 3-43 (3), 4-109 (4), 5-149 (6), 6-161 (7), 7-161 (9), 8-172 (5), 9-192 (10), 10-204 (8)

Herts scorebook

# COUNTY CAN FINISH THIRD IN THE TABLE

## Strong Team Chosen to Oppose Bucks.

By their most successful post-war week at Bedford School, Bedfordshire seem assured of their highest position in the Minor Counties table since 1950 and, if they win their final game at Slough next Wednesday and Thursday, there will be a distinct possibility of their finishing in third place.

At the beginning of the week Bedfordshire were third in the table, below Surrey II and Northumberland, who each have two games to play, and in fourth place were Somerset II, who have four matches outstanding.

Unfortunately neither Surrey nor Northumberland can be overhauled even should they lose their remaining games, but none the less Bedfordshire must go all out to defeat Buckinghamshire and consolidate their position. The victory over that county during the cricket week was quite decisive, by 101 runs.

Fortunately Bedfordshire are able to field a very strong and tested side, the only newcomer (this season) being the former Bedford School all-rounder, Martin Meeson. Team:

G. L. B. August, G. F. Millman, N. S. Gunn, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, M. S. Meeson, P. Watts, J. A. R. Oliver (captain), A. G. Coomb, I. Davison, D. G. Jenkins.

It should be noted that the venue for the match has been changed from the Aspro Ground to that of the Slough Cricket Club in Chalvey Road.

Bedfordshire have never won the Minor Counties championship, but they were runners-up in 1948 and again in 1950. Their best position since then was tenth last year.

### SUCCESS IN THE SUN

The cricket week was remarkable not only for the home county's success—two outright wins and first innings points from the other match—but also for the excellence of the weather; rain has seriously affected several weeks at Bedford School since the war.

The latest festival was in complete contrast to that of 1946 when, because of rain, no result was obtained in any of the three matches.

For the last Bedfordshire win at Bedford School one has to go back to 1950, when Buckinghamshire were beaten by six wickets. In fact, of the 30 games there since the war only six have produced complete results, evidence indeed of the quality of the pitches.

That there were two results out of last week's three games was due largely to declarations: Bedfordshire, who won the toss and batted first in each match, declared five of their six innings closed.

In all the home County hit 1,267 runs for the loss of 36 wickets, an average of 35 runs a wicket. Their opponents totalled 1,031, losing 52 wickets, an average of 20.

### YOUNGSTERS ADVANCE

Top run-getter was Norman Gunn, whose advance, with that of Geoff Millman, has provided the highlight of the



A. G. Coomb.

County's season. Here are two youngsters who should ensure the continued well-being of the County side.

Millman's prowess, by the way, has already been recognized by the R.A.F. selectors, who chose him for the game with the Royal Navy at Lords on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Millman was not behind the stumps—Murray, the Middlesex player, acted in that capacity—but Millman went in first wicket down, scoring ten.

Gunn totalled 292 during the week in five innings, once not out, for an average of 73.00, followed by Owen, 5 innings, 1 not out, 205 runs, 51.25 average; Millman, 6 innings, 170 runs, 28.33 average; and Morris, 6 innings, 158 runs, 26.33 average.

Turning to the bowling, this was almost completely dominated by Coomb, who, perhaps, contributed more than any other player to the week's achievements.

Unhelped by the wicket and with a not impressive record for the County this season behind him—his six wickets had cost him 194 runs—he produced the final analysis of 114.3 overs, 32 maidens, 294 runs, 25 wickets, 11.76 average.

Mention of bowling achievements brings to mind one of the spectators during the week, former Bedfordshire captain Wilfred King, who, 33 years ago on Thursday last week, took six Buckinghamshire wickets for 7 runs.

Unfortunately attendance was not too good, bearing in mind the weather, and the total gate receipts of £219 12s. 3d. were well below the 1949 record of £280.

New opponents in the championship next season will be Leicestershire II, who take the place of Buckinghamshire, while in 1957 Leicestershire will give way to Staffordshire, whom Bedfordshire have not met since 1914.

Finally a word of praise to Mr. Frank Crompton, Bedfordshire's hon. secretary, for his customary smooth arrangements for the week. Mr. Crompton, incidentally, is senior in years of service among the secretaries in the Minor Counties Competition, having held his position for 30 years.

**Match Number 134/9 Buckinghamshire v Bedfordshire**

Played at Slough

on Wednesday 17, Thursday 18 August 1955

Result: **Bucks won by 34 runs**  
 Points: Bucks 10  
 Toss: Bucks  
 Umpires: C Fairservice and T McMurray  
 Bucks debutants: A Hawes  
 First day score: Bucks 173 and 46 - 1; Beds 87

**Buckinghamshire**

H Taylor	b Davison	17	1) b Coomb	22
PLB Stoddart	c Morris b Owen	25	2) b Davison	25
* G Reynolds	c Watts b Owen	2	3) b Davison	13
JA Cockett	c Crouch b Davison	5	4) b Davison	0
JMH Tilbury	c Watts b Owen	1	5) c Crouch b Davison	6
A Hawes	c Jenkins b Owen	47	6) c Owen b Davison	3
BJ Lucas	lbw b Jenkins	21	7) b Jenkins	26
+ SG Healey	b Jenkins	6	8) c Davison b Jenkins	19
CA Pickett	b Coomb	30	9) lbw b Coomb	14
CW Smith	not out	6	10) b Coomb	3
AJ Hughes	b Owen	1	11) not out	5
Extras	b 3, lb 8, w 1	12	b 1, lb 5	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>173</b>		<b>142</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	44	47	52	53	60	117	135	142	172	173
2nd Innings	29	61	61	61	71	76	107	122	133	142

Coomb	15	2	50	1	1)	16.4	5	55	1
Davison	14	4	40	2	2)	17	6	35	5
Owen	13.5	1	51	5 1w	4)	3	1	8	0
Watts	1	0	7	0					
Jenkins	7	0	13	2	3)	9	0	20	2
Oliver					5)	5	2	18	0
Extras			12					6	
Total			173					142	

**Bedfordshire**

GLB August	c Taylor b Hughes	18	1) c Healey b Hughes	25
PD Watts	c Pickett b Smith	2	7) st Healey b Hughes	10
NS Gunn	b Smith	0	4) lbw b Pickett	30
JG Owen	c Smith b Pickett	9	2) c Pickett b Smith	0
SI Morris	b Hughes	24	5) b Hughes	24
* JAR Oliver	c Healey b Smith	16	6) c Pickett b Hughes	74
MS Meeson	c Smith b Pickett	3	3) b Smith	4
AG Coomb	b Pickett	0	8) c Healey b Pickett	3
MA Crouch	not out	4	9) b Hughes	7
I Davison	c Healey b Hughes	10	10) c Stoddart b Pickett	1
DG Jenkins	c & b Hughes	0	11) not out	0
Extras	lb 1	1	b 11, lb 5	16
<b>Total</b>		<b>87</b>		<b>194</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Innings	4	8	17	44	61	69	69	73	87	87
2nd Innings	10	14	59	73	122	155	162	175	180	194

Pickett	12	5	32	3	1)	21	6	52	3
Smith	12	3	36	3	2)	21	7	54	2
Hughes	11.4	2	18	4	3)	25.5	6	72	5
Extras			1					16	
Total			87					194	

Notes: The match ended at 5.22 after Beds had been required to make 229 in 255 minutes for victory. Oliver hit 7 x 4 in his 74.

Sources: Bucks score book, Bucks Yearbook

Latest revision:

# CAPTAIN'S INNINGS ALMOST BRINGS WIN

## County Defeated by 34 Runs at Slough

### IAN DAVISON BOWLS WELL

Despite a fighting innings of 74 by John Oliver, their captain, Bedfordshire lost their Minor Counties' game against Buckinghamshire by 34 runs at Slough yesterday. Bedfordshire, set to score 229 to win, were all out for 194—a gallant effort on a wicket that helped the bowlers.

At comparatively short notice it was found necessary for the venue of the match to be changed from the Aspro ground to that of Slough Cricket Club in Chalvey Road, where the wicket was really unprepared for a two-day county game.

In the circumstances, therefore, Buckinghamshire gained a big advantage by winning the toss, and Bedfordshire deserve all praise for their fourth innings total of 194.

Because Millman was unable to obtain leave from the R.A.F. Bedfordshire made one change from their selected team. They brought in M. A. Crouch from Arlesey, who keeps wicket for Letchworth.

Bedfordshire were struggling at the end of the first day, during which their opponents gained a first innings lead of 86 and then, going in a second time, scored 43 for one.

It was the all-round Buckinghamshire attack of Pickett, Smith, and Hughes which did much to put them in a strong position. Between them they shared the wickets and Bedfordshire were all out for 87 in reply to a total of 173.

Bedfordshire lost Watts, Gunn, and Owen for 17. Then August, Morris, and Oliver fought hard to improve their position, but once they had gone the rest of the batting folded up.

In Buckinghamshire's first innings it was Hawes who caused the bowlers most trouble. This stylish left-hander, playing on his home pitch, hit 47 good runs before Owen had him caught.

#### OWEN'S FIVE VICTIMS

Owen, with his left-arm spinners, was Bedfordshire's best bowler, claiming five wickets for 51.

During the last hour on Wednesday Buckinghamshire scored 43 for the loss of Stoddart and so increased their lead to 129.

Davison broke the back of the Buckinghamshire batting when play was resumed yesterday morning. He added four wickets to the one he took on Wednesday evening, and finished with five for 35 in 16.4 overs, five of them maidens.

Taylor (not out 12 overnight) and Reynolds (5) added only 18 runs to the Buckinghamshire total before Davison broke the partnership by bowling Reynolds for 13. The total

Throughout the match Pickett, Hughes, and Smith were the only three bowlers Buckinghamshire used.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
First Innings	
H. Taylor b Davison	17
P. L. B. Stoddart c Morris b Owen	25
M. Tilbury c Watts b Owen	1
O. Reynolds c Watts b Owen	2
J. A. Cockett c Crouch b Davison	5
A. Hawes c Jenkins b Owen	47
B. Lucas lbw b Jenkins	21
S. G. Healey b Jenkins	6
C. Pickett b Coomb	30
A. J. Hughes b Owen	1
C. S. Smith not out	6
Extras	12
Total	173

Fall of wickets:	
1—44, 2—47, 3—52, 4—53, 5—60, 6—113, 7—135, 8—142, 9—172.	

Bowling:	
Coomb, 15.0, 2m., 50r., 1w.; Davison, 14.4-40-2; Owen, 13.5-1-51-5; Watts, 1-0-7-0; Jenkins, 7-0-13-2.	

was then 61 for two. Two more wickets fell at the same score and ten runs later half the side was out.

Lucas and Healey shared a bright partnership but Jenkins, the Bedford Town medium-pace bowler, dismissed them both. The rest of the home county's batting had little to offer, and the side were all out for 142.

Set to make 229 to win, Bedfordshire started their second innings almost as badly as the first. Owen, having failed to score, was out at 10 and Meeson went at 14.

#### AUGUST, GUNN DEFIANT

August and Gunn, however, halted the Buckinghamshire attack. They settled themselves in on a wicket which showed a good deal of life and took the score to 59 before Hughes had August caught by Healey.

Gunn was dismissed at 73, then Morris and Oliver added a valuable 49 for the fifth wicket before Hughes bowled Morris for 24 shortly before tea.

Oliver batted extremely well. At the interval he was undefeated with 40 and Watts was nine not out. Bedfordshire now needed 98 to win, and while their captain could stay they still had a chance.

Oliver was finally caught by Pickett off Hughes for 74, the top score of the match, and with him went Bedfordshire's hopes of victory.

Pickett and Hughes ran through the rest of the team in a short while. They were all out for 194, and so Buckinghamshire avenged the defeat they suffered by 101 runs at Bedford School a fortnight ago.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
Second Innings	
H. Taylor b Coomb	22
P. L. B. Stoddart b Davison	25
O. Reynolds b Davison	13
J. A. Cockett b Davison	0
M. Tilbury c Crouch b Davison	6
A. Hawes c Owen b Davison	15
B. Lucas b Jenkins	26
S. G. Healey c Davison b Jenkins	19
C. Pickett lbw b Coomb	4
C. S. Smith b Coomb	3
A. J. Hughes not out	6
Extras	6
Total	142

Fall of wickets:	
1—29, 2—61, 3—61, 4—61, 5—71, 6—76, 7—107, 8—122, 9—133.	

Bowling:	
Coomb, 16.4-55-3; Davison, 17-6-35-5; Jenkins, 3-1-20-2; Owen, 3-1-6-0; Oliver, 5-2-16-0.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
O. L. B. August c Taylor b Hughes	18
P. W. Watts c Pickett b Smith	2
N. S. Gunn b Smith	0
J. G. Owen c Smith b Pickett	9
S. T. Morris b Hughes	24
J. A. R. Oliver c Healey b Smith	18
M. S. Meeson c Smith b Pickett	3
A. G. Coomb b Pickett	0
I. Davison c Healey b Hughes	10
D. G. Jenkins c and b Hughes	0
M. A. Crouch not out	4
Extras	1
Total	87

Fall of wickets:	
1—4, 2—8, 3—17, 4—44, 5—61, 6—69, 7—69, 8—73, 9—87.	

Bowling:	
Pickett, 12-5-32-3; Smith, 12-3-36-3; Hughes, 11.4-2-18-4.	

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	
Second Innings	
G. L. B. August c Healey b Hughes	25
J. G. Owen c Pickett b Smith	0
M. S. Meeson b Smith	4
N. S. Gunn lbw b Pickett	30
S. T. Morris b Hughes	24
J. A. R. Oliver c Pickett b Hughes	74
P. D. Watts at Healey b Hughes	10
A. G. Coomb c Healey b Pickett	3
M. A. Crouch b Hughes	7
I. Davison c Stoddart b Pickett	1
D. G. Jenkins not out	0
Extras	16
Total	194

Fall of wickets:	
1—10, 2—14, 3—59, 4—73, 5—122, 6—155, 7—162, 8—175, 9—180.	

Bowling:	
Pickett 21-6-52-3; Smith 21-7-54-2; Hughes 25-6-72-5.	

**County Cricket**

**GUNN HEADS  
BATTING**

N. S. Gunn, the Leighton Buzzard batsman, finished top of Bedfordshire's averages. He hit two hundreds—146 against Buckinghamshire at Bedford and 132 against Hertfordshire at Hertford—and missed a third by five runs.

Like Gunn, G. Millman, the young Bedford Town batsman-wicketkeeper, made a big advance. He hit 445 runs for an average of 34.23 and claimed 20 victims behind the stumps.

Both Gunn and Millman were awarded their caps, and D. G. Jenkins, Bedford's medium-pace bowler, who made his debut for the County in 1952, gained this distinction last week.

Jenkins's club colleague, A. G. Coomb, heads the bowling averages, his 35 wickets costing just under 17 runs each.

**BATTING**

	ins	not out	runs	avg
N. S. Gunn	12	2	543	146 54.30
J. A. R. Oliver	10	4	295	74 49.16
J. G. Owen	13	3	371	96 37.10
G. Millman	13	0	445	80 34.23
P. D. Watts	7	4	92	5.5 30.66
G. L. B. August	14	1	370	116 28.46
S. T. Morris	10	0	249	86 24.90
I. Davison	7	2	93	26 18.60

Also batted: V. Grimshaw, 1, 82; 0; P. MacEwan, 12, 30; 2; A. G. Coomb, 7\*, 3; 0; 0; 3; M. W. Crouch, 4\*, 7; D. G. Jenkins, 1, 0; 0\*; M. L. Kilby, 0, 0; 0; 14; 15; R. W. Street, 0, 13, 1; V. J. Harris, 5, 2\*; M. S. Meeson, 3, 4.

\* Signifies not out.

**BOWLING**

	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
A. G. Coomb	212.7	52	593	35	16.94
I. Davison	145.6	29	441	23	19.17
D. G. Jenkins	75	9	220	10	23.00
R. D. Gardner	156.8	33	429	19	22.57
J. G. Owen	170	29	542	19	28.52
J. A. R. Oliver	57	9	177	6	29.50

Also bowled: G. Brice, 3 for 65; H. Hayhurst, 2 for 44; P. D. Watts, 3 for 147; T. D. Matthews, 1 for 53.

**CATCHES**

G. Millman, 17; P. D. Watts, 4; S. T. Morris, 4; N. S. Gunn, 4; M. L. Kilby, J. G. Owen and I. Davison, 3 each; A. G. Coomb, D. G. Jenkins and M. W. Crouch, 2 each; G. L. B. August, R. D. Gardner, J. A. R. Oliver, G. Brice and V. Grimshaw, 1 each.

**STUMPINGS**

G. Millman, 5.

Seven Bedfordshire players, five batsmen and two bowlers, qualify for the Minor Counties averages. Two other bowlers narrowly miss inclusion.

**MAY FINISH SIXTH**

Bedfordshire appear likely to finish sixth in the Minor Counties table. This would be four places higher than last year and their best position since 1950, when they were runners-up.

The final positions will not be known until other counties have finished their programmes.

### Life Membership of M.C.C.A.



Mr. Frank Crompton (Bedfordshire), who, like Ald. H. R. Neate (also Bedfordshire) and Mr. R. A. C. Forrester (Wiltshire), has been elected a life-member of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, of which he has been hon. secretary since 1944. Mr. Crompton has served the Association for 30 years, and Ald. Neate, hon. treasurer since 1945, for 27 years.

Only eight people have been so honoured during the Association's 60 years' history. They include Sir Pelham Warner, M.B.E.

#### ALD. NEATE PRESIDENT

Further honours fell to Ald. Neate and Mr. Crompton at the annual meeting of Bedfordshire C.C.C. last night. Both were appointed Life Members of the Club, and Ald. Neate was unanimously elected President in succession to the late Sir Richard Allen.

Proposing Ald. Neate's election, Mr. A. W. H. Poole said he had given 17 years' splendid service as chairman.

Also unanimously elected was Mr. A. B. Poole as chairman. Proposing him Mr. Crompton recalled his long service to the County from 1925 as player and later captain, and for his continued lively interest in the club since his retirement.

Other appointments were: Patron, Major Simon Whitbread, D.L.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Arthur Fryer; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Crompton; Captain, Mr. J. A. R. Oliver; Vice-Captain, Mr. G. L. B. August; Hon. Scorer, Mr. A. W. H. Poole; and Hon. Umpires, Mr. L. Blake and Mr. R. A. Cox.

Presenting the statement of accounts, which revealed an increase over last season in gate receipts (£70) and members' subscriptions (£45), Mr. Swift said the credit for the last was almost entirely due to Mr. Crompton. He thought a total of £640 from subscriptions was magnificent, and instanced the figure of one big club he knew about (£250).

The annual report revealed that Bedfordshire's share of Test Match profits for 1955 would be £448 11s. 1d., and a grant of £34 14s. 6d. has been secured in connexion with the televising of Test Matches. This latter grant, a new one, will continue in the future.

Replying to a questioner, Ald. Neate said that while the Club had not given up entirely the idea of appointing a professional, they were determined to persevere with their own players as much as possible.



## TOWN C.C. IS TO REMAIN IN HOSPITAL CUP

### New Ground Should be Ready for the 1956 Season

To test the feeling of the meeting after hearing complaints from members last season, Mr. S. T. Morris proposed at Bedford Town Cricket Club's annual meeting at the Town Hall on Friday that they should discontinue to enter for the Hospital Cup. But after some discussion, it was decided by 17 votes to three to remain in the competition.

Mr. E. C. Howard thought that as they entered the competition to raise money for the nurses, the best thing they could do was to remain in it as good Bedford citizens.

Mr. G. L. B. August observed, "If we enter this competition we have got to go all out to win, and a win by us is by no means popular"; while another member felt that the whole fault lay with the Committee.

"I think there ought to be a handicap", he declared. "They could leave us out of the early rounds so that the smaller sides could have some fun between themselves."

Mr. Frank Crompton said: "The primary consideration is that the hospitals still need money. The point before us is whether or not we should associate this club with this very worthwhile competition, bearing in mind what it is for."

As stated, it was decided to stay in the competition.

#### GROUND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the development of the Goldington Bury cricket ground, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. F. Stokes, said that a suitable tender had been received from Mr. F. C. Andrews, of Leagrave.

Mr. Andrews would do the levelling and ploughing in the spring and midsummer, and would lay a turf square in the middle of the ground in August. He was quite confident that it would be ready by spring next year.

More money was required for this project, and they hoped also to obtain £300 from the National Playing Fields Association.

Presenting the balance sheet, the Treasurer, Mr. F. K. Breeze, said income last season was £610 15s. 10d., of which £144 came from a competition at Christmas, £150 on transfer from the deposit account, which now had a credit balance of £413 5s. 3d., and £92 from the match levy account.

On the expenditure side, travelling expenses had dropped from £99 11s. 3d. in 1953 to £65 11s. 11d. last year. Ground preparation cost £113, and preparation of the new ground in 175. There was a balance in hand of £88 10s. 1d.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers elected were: President, the Mayor of Bedford; Secretary and Match Secretary, Mr. Stokes; Treasurer, Mr. F. K. Breeze; Auditor, Mr. J. R. Hardy; Team Secretary, Mr. G. S. Andrews; Captain 1st XI, G. L. B. August; Vice-Captain 1st XI,

A. G. Coomb; Captain 2nd XI, T. B. Woolliscroft; Vice-Captain 2nd XI, D. T. Matthews; Captain Ramblers XI, R. Jarvis; Vice-Captain Ramblers XI, J. Taylor; Captain Sunday XI, E. C. Howard; Vice-Captain Sunday XI, E. S. Smith.

Committee: Messrs. D. T. Matthews, A. G. Coomb, V. J. Harris, W. Peet, D. Bennett, D. G. Jenkins, E. King, E. Smith, and M. Hall.

New ground trustees: Messrs. E. C. Howard, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. T. Matthews, J. Pratt, J. Nightingale, and H. F. Stokes.

Umpires: 1st XI, Mr. A. Brace; 2nd XI, Mr. H. F. R. Andrews; Ramblers, Mr. R. Culpin; Sunday XI, Mr. R. Hollindrake. Scorers: 1st XI, Mrs. A. G. Coomb; 2nd XI, Miss T. Gayton; Ramblers and Sunday XI, Mr. Terry Bennett.

Mr. V. J. Harris and Mr. S. T. Morris were re-elected representatives of the club on the County Cricket Club General Committee.

At the start of the meeting, Mr. Frank Crompton, a Vice-President, who was in the chair, referred to the club's loss by the death of Mr. Arthur Loneon, a Vice-President and "one of our warmest supporters." Those present stood for a few moments as a silent tribute.

#### FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES

Played 20, won 9, drawn 8, lost 3, abandoned 3.

Player	Batting				T. Hest				
	inns	n.o.	runs	av	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
S. T. Morris	11	3	480	102*	60.00				
C. G. Jones	14	6	165	51	27.50				
E. C. Howard	16	0	359	63	22.43				
V. J. Harris	17	1	297	55	18.56				
G. L. August	17	1	285	56	17.81				
W. Peet	17	2	210	47	14.00				
E. S. Smith	10	1	124	33	13.77				
A. G. Coomb	8	2	72	31	12.00				
R. W. Street	6	0	58	23	9.66				
C. F. Sabey	12	1	96	26	8.71				
D. G. Jenkins	12	4	46	18	5.75				
T. Woolliscroft	6	1	21	18	4.25				

Also batted:

B. E. Disbury	3	2	175	101*	175.00
R. Poulter	3	1	104	68	52.00
D. Hoar	3	0	118	44	39.33

\* Signifies not out.

Player	Bowling				
	o.	m.	r.	w.	av.
A. G. Coomb	88.1	23	193	21	9.19
C. F. Sabey	128.3	33	339	32	10.59
B. J. Marles	103	19	304	24	12.66
D. G. Jenkins	203.4	42	486	38	12.78
F. K. Breeze	134	32	301	19	15.84

Also bowled:—

P. Humphreys	27	2	92	6	15.33
W. Peet	30	2	137	7	18.14

Games: Jones 12, Harris 8, August 7, Peet 6, Sabey 5, Jenkins and Humphreys 4 each, Morris, Poulter and Howard 3 each, Marles and Dixon 2 each, Disbury, Smith, Suckley, King, Duckett, Coomb, Street, Woolliscroft, Brown, Farr, Linger and Barnes 1 each.

## Former Mayor of Bedford is New High Sheriff

As announced in *The Bedfordshire Times* last week, Alderman H. R. Neate, Vice-Chairman of Bedfordshire County Council, of 4 Rothsay Gardens, Bedford, has been appointed High Sheriff of the County in succession to Sir Ronald Stewart, Bart.

Ald. Horace Neate is well known throughout the County for his public work. He was born in Monmouthshire and first came to Bedfordshire while serving in the Army in 1917. Two years later he came to live in Bedford with his wife. He was the founder of Messrs. Neate Bros., wholesale tobacconists and confectioners.

Ald. Neate's interests have ranged far and wide. He was elected to Bedford Town Council in 1928 for the old St. Mary's and St. John's Ward, which he represented for three years. Later he moved to Queen's Park and represented that Ward, becoming an Alderman in 1935. He resigned from the Council in 1943.

### THREE TIMES MAYOR

While on the Town Council he was Chairman of the Watch Committee, the Library Committee, and the Aerodrome Committee, and Vice-Chairman of several other committees including the Town Planning Committee. In addition, he was one of the Council's representatives on the Association of Municipal Corporations and a member of the National Police Committee.

For three years Ald. Neate was Mayor of Bedford—in 1934, 1935 and 1936.

He was first elected a member of the County Council in March 1943 and was elected Vice-Chairman in April 1952. He was the first Chairman of the Planning Committee, holding that post for four years. He was also Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee for a number of years and was Vice-Chairman of the Police Committee for England and Wales of the County Councils Association.

In other spheres Ald. Neate has also had a distinguished career. In 1932 he was President of the Bedford Chamber of Trade and he has also been a Director of the National Chamber of Trade. In 1937 he was paid a great tribute by being selected to act as Chairman of the Serjeant-at-Arms Department of the Rotary International Convention at Nice. Ald. Neate, a Past-President of Bedford Rotary Club, was the first Englishman to be so honoured.

It is in his work for hospitals that Ald. Neate has achieved, perhaps, his greatest success. At the beginning of 1938 he was appointed Secretary and Propaganda Officer of Bedford County Hospital. As Secretary he succeeded Mr. Beauchamp Wadmore, but the latter post was a new one. In July 1947 the Minister of Health appointed him a member of the newly-formed North-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Three months later he was unanimously elected Chairman of the Regional Board's Planning Committee.

### A CRICKETER

In view of this work he was relieved of his position as Secretary of the County Hospital, at his own request, but his work of Propaganda Officer was fitted into the work of a subsequent appointment, that of Public Relations Officer. Since 1949 he has been Vice-Chairman of the Board itself.

Ald. Neate has not neglected the field of sport in his career. He played cricket for Bedford Club and Ground and has been a member of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club for 30 years and is now Chairman of the Club. He is also Hon. Treasurer of the Minor Counties Cricket Association and a member of the Gloucestershire County C.C. For many years he has been a Vice-President of Bedford R.U.F.C.

He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in November 1950.

**School Prospects**

**BEDFORD HAVE YOUNG XI**

**Only Two Colours**

Bedford School are in the unusual "plight" of having only two colours remaining from last season and one of those, opening bowler J. R. N. Ferro, has had the misfortune to break a foot and will be out for some time.

He is vice-captain, the remaining colour, R. H. Meadows, leading the side and acting as wicket keeper.

The team will, of consequence, be a young one, almost all players being of just over Colts age. Mr. D. C. Money is quite optimistic, however, particularly in regard to the well-balanced bowling which comprises two sound openers, a left arm spinner, a leg break bowler, and two off spinners.

There is one extra School fixture this season, Haileybury coming in place of the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire. Now, only Rugby of the schools met at rugby are not on the cricket list.

The School played their first game on Tuesday when they were beaten off the last but one ball by Cambridge University Crusaders, who fielded a strong side including six trialists. Brief scores were: Crusaders 164 for 4 dec.; School 75 (Marriott not out 27, Cherry-Downes seven for 29).

**The fixtures are:**

May 14—Aldenham . . . . .	h
" 19—Leys School . . . . .	a
" 21—Buccaneers . . . . .	h
" 28—Stowe School . . . . .	a
June 3—Tonbridge . . . . .	h
(two-day match)	
" 9—Oundle . . . . .	h
" 16—M.C.C. . . . .	h
" 18—XL Club . . . . .	h
" 23—Incogniti . . . . .	h
" 25—Haileybury and I.S.C. . . . .	a
July 2—Dulwich College . . . . .	h
" 9—Cryptics C.C. . . . .	h
" 22—Old Bedfordians . . . . .	h
(two-day match)	

**B.M.S. UNBEATEN IN FOUR SEASONS**

Bedford Modern School, whose 1st XI has been undefeated in the past four seasons, retain eight players of senior team experience, so it seems likely they will again prove a formidable combination. Mr. E. H. Proudfoot anticipates "a happy season" in view of the nucleus of experienced players available and others "coming along."

Although deprived of their former captain, J. I. Cooper, and vice-captain J. D. Smart—both left-handed batsmen—all last year's bowlers are available, and it is here that the team's strength may lie.

This year's captain is D. J. Wilson, a good medium pace bowler and sound bat, while D. P. Watts, a left-handed bat but a right-handed bowler who played very consistently last season is the new vice-captain.

K. H. Richardson, a left-handed bowler as well as an able wicket keeper, continues as Secretary, and other notable players of 1st XI experience are W. Chamberlain, R. L. Stevenson, and A. Brannan.

A trial game was held on Wednesday.

May 14—Trinity Coll., Cambridge . . .	a
" 25—Emanuel School . . . . .	h
" 28—Oakham School . . . . .	h
June 1—Gents of Bedfordshire . . . . .	h
" 11—Bedford Pilgrims . . . . .	h
" 18—City of London School . . . . .	a
" 22—Northants. Amateurs . . . . .	h
" 25—Wyggeston School . . . . .	h
July 2—Queen Elizabeth's School, . . .	a
" 9—King Edward's School, . . . . .	a
" 21—Old Bedford Modernians . . . . .	h
(two-day match)	

**League Cricket**

**Wicket Suits Thurleigh Bowlers**

South End Ramblers lost their opening Bedford and District League (Premier Division) match against Thurleigh by seven wickets in Bedford Park on Saturday, mainly because of Thurleigh's experienced attack, which was perfectly suited to a very slow wicket. The value of good fielding was again advertised, both sides dropping innumerable catches.

Norman, Pallant, and Roome scored four-fifths of the Ramblers' runs, while Thurleigh's opening batsmen, Asplin, Berrill and Ellison, made the runs for victory in half the time.

Wagstaff, Thorne and Berrill were very hard to get away on the lifeless wicket, while the Ramblers' attack would have looked very different on a faster wicket with some safer hands in the field.

Lynton Works, batting first in their home game with Potton collapsed in sensational manner, being dismissed for only six runs in six overs. Ten batsmen failed to score, and four of the six runs were byes!

**PREMIER DIVISION**

**South End Ramblers v. Thurleigh**  
 South End Ramblers: D. Claxton 0, G. Ferguson 0, H. Norman 34, R. Pallant 14, J. Bosworth 3, A. Spice 7, R. Cooper 2, F. Roome not out 24, K. Green 2, S. Tompkins 0, W. Nichols 0, extras 1, total 89.—J. Wagstaff three for 20, C. Berrill two for 9.  
 Thurleigh: R. Berrill 15, S. Asplin 48, K. Wagstaff 6, A. Ellison 26, D. Berrill 29, J. Wagstaff not out 3, extras 3, total (for five wkts.) 130.—G. Ferguson two for 7.

**DIVISION I**

**Lynton Works v. Potton II**  
 Lynton Works: Atkins 2, Oliver 0, Harris 0, Brown 0, Boud 0, Bavington 0, Barwell 0, Barley 0, Bennett not out 0, Feasdale 0, Roome 0, extras 4, total 6.—Sims seven for 2, Peck three for 0.  
 Potton II: C. Blott 8, Chinn 16, Aldred 22, Peck 8, Duffin 0, E. Blott 4, Sims 1, E. Giles 2, Jefferies 0, K. Hutchinson 0, Moore not out 3, extras 6, total 84.—Barwell four for 0.

**DIVISION II (SECTION 1)**

**Wyboston v. Colmworth**  
 Wyboston: J. Darrington 0, A. Usher 6, W. Peet 2, C. Folong 0, E. Paisk 14, J. Dakin 5, R. Yates 1, V. Pell 8, T. Bird 5, A. Darrington 15, W. Morbey not out 1, extras 1, total 56.  
 Colmworth: W. Ellison 1, M. Hall 0, J. Hughes 17, V. Abraham 2, S. Mathews 3, C. Stringer 0, B. Swales 13, R. Henderson 3, J. Chamberlain not out 0, A. Hoogstraten 0, B. Watts 0, extras 3, total 42.  
 In a second knock, Wyboston hit up 16 for the loss of five wickets, of which W. Peet claimed 12.

**DIVISION III (SECTION 1)**

**Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Keysoe**  
 Wilson Bros. & Humphreys: Neale 4, Woolston 4, Thompson 18, Facey 14, Odell 8, Toms not out 22, Bird 1, Freame 9, Purslow 0, Scott 0, Smith 1, extras 12, total 93.  
 Keysoe: Roddis 3, Ellison 0, Green 14, Cook 0, Brown 6, Woolston 4, Freeman 3, Clayton 2, Hartop 7, George 3, Blair not out 1, extras 1, total 44.—Toms four for 19, Woolston three for 17, Smith one for 1, Scott one for 5.

**DIVISION III (SECTION 1)**

**Langford II v. Kempston West End**  
 Langford II: T. Dunn 0, E. Rutt 3, W. Potton 11, R. Jefferies 19, H. Huckle 8, J. Piper 7, R. Smith 0, J. Smith 26, A. Wells 0, D. Burton 2, T. Burton not out 0, extras 2, total 78.—Henman seven for 32.  
 West End Club: 68 (Millard 17, R. Smith seven for 30).

**Caldecote II v. Beds. & Herts. Regt.**  
 Caldecote II: B. Elliman 4, D. C. Bygraves 7, F. Darnell 5, R. Wagstaff 21, P. Summerfield 0, D. S. Bygraves not out 16, J. Brut 0, E. Edwards 0, P. Maudlin 0, L. Brinkley 7, L. Jeeves 0, extras 1, total 61.—Richardson six for 20.  
 Beds. & Herts. Regt.: 39 (Smith 20, Edwards five for 0).

**G. MILLMAN IN TOWN XI**

G. Millman, promising young batsman-wicket keeper, who must be a strong contender for a County place this season, comes into Bedford Town's side to visit Three Counties Hospital to-morrow. He replaces C. G. Jones. Team:

G. L. B. August, A. G. Coomb, E. C. Howard, S. T. Morris, V. J. Harris, D. G. Jenkins, F. K. Breeze, C. F. Sabey, D. F. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, G. Millman.

**SPORTS FIXTURES**

**TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)**

Three Counties Hospital v. Bedford Town.  
 Bedford Town II v. Dunstable II.  
 Hatfield Technical College v. Bedford Ramblers.  
 Wolverton v. Harpur Sports.  
 Queen's Works v. Peter Brotherhoods.  
 Queen's Works II v. Hinckworth.  
 Bedford School v. Aldenham School.  
 Trinity College, Cambridge, v. Bedford Modern School.  
 Bedford Argus v. Shire Hall.  
 Sharnbrook v. Casuals.  
 Steppingley II v. Goldington II.  
 Colworth House v. Diemer & Reynolds.  
 Melts v. Craykeo.  
 Tabulator (Letchworth) v. Biggleswade.  
 Biggleswade II v. Tabulator II.  
 Southill Park v. Legrave.  
 Sandy v. R.A.F. Brampton.  
 R.A.F. Bassingbourn v. Potton.  
 Ickwell v. Ickwell.  
 Henlow Park v. St. Neots.  
 Bondor (Baldock) v. Clifton.  
 Clifton II v. Bondor II.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**Premier Division**  
 Pertenhall v. South End Ramblers.  
 Thurleigh v. Clapham.  
 Caldecote v. Marston.  
 Stagden v. Blunham.

**Division I**  
 Potton II v. Mogerhanger.  
 Lynton Works v. Langford.  
 Souldrop v. Riseley.

**Division II (Section I)**  
 Little Staughton v. Ickwell.  
 Colmworth v. Great Barford.  
 Great Staughton v. Little Paxton.  
 Wrestlingworth v. Staploe.

**Division II (Section II)**  
 Marston II v. North Crawley.  
 Copla v. Kempston Wood End.  
 Marston Sports v. Elstow.  
 Stevington v. Felmersham.

**Division III (Section I)**  
 Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Thurleigh II.  
 Keysoe v. Sharnbrook.  
 Clapham II v. Little Staughton II.  
 Riseley v. Oakley.

**Division III (Section II)**  
 Kempston West End v. Tempsford.  
 Depot Beds. & Herts. v. Roxton.

**SUNDAY**

Bedford Town v. Aylesbury.  
 Eaton Socon v. Harpur Sports (1 p.m.).  
 Queen's Works v. Raunds Town.  
 Wellington v. Diemer & Reynolds.  
 Hunting Percival v. Melts.  
 Craykeo v. L.B.C. Bletchley.  
 Hemingford Park v. Potton.  
 Hitchin v. Southill Park.

**MONDAY**

**HOSPITAL CUP**  
 Gale's v. Riseley (Bedford Park).

**TUESDAY**

**EAST BEDS. SHIELD**  
 Junior Section—1st Round  
 Langford II v. Diemer & Reynolds.

**WEDNESDAY**

**HOSPITAL CUP**  
 Harpur Sports v. North Crawley (Bedford Park).

**FRIENDLY**

Electricity v. Goldington.

**THURSDAY**

**EAST BEDS SHIELD**  
 Blunham v. Goldington.

## Bedford School Win by Ten Wickets



Bedford School achieved a magnificent win by ten wickets over The Leys at Cambridge on Thursday. The home side had six old colours and the reputation of being a most useful team.

J. R. N. Ferro, playing in his first game for the School, took the first four Leys wickets for only five runs. He moved the ball away in the air and bowled the cutter effectively, and on an accurate length.

At the other end, first Bass and then Eldridge maintained this accuracy, with the result that The Leys were out for 34 in just over an hour.

Conniff and Kapur, who have already proved themselves a most promising opening pair, knocked off the runs without loss.

This was a most encouraging performance by the young School side, and the first ten-wickets' victory for many years. Scores:—

The Leys: J. C. Holmes b Eldridge 15, N. H. Payne c Kilby b Ferro 0, J. J. Firth b Ferro 2, C. R. Fairley c Kapur b Ferro 0, R. A. W. Walker b Bass 4, J. M. Baker b Ferro 0, C. O. Jenkins not out 4, B. J. Wilkins c Ferro b Eldridge 1, D. A. M. Christie lbw b Eldridge 2, P. W. Barker b

Bedford School team taking the field against the Buccaneers on Saturday. Left to right: K. Rischmiller, C. Kapur, D. C. Eldridge, R. G. Bass, J. R. N. Ferro, P. M. Howlett, D. G. Conniff, R. H. Meadows (captain), R. J. L. Kilby, C. H. R. Marriott, and A. V. Bevan.

Bass 3, A. H. B. Turner c Kapur b Eldridge 0, extras 3, total 34.—Eldridge four for 6, Ferro four for 12.

Bedford: Conniff not out 14, Kapur not out 21, total (for no wkt.) 35. Rischmiller, Howlett, Marriott, R. H. Meadows, Kilby, Eldridge, Bevan, J. R. N. Ferro and Bass did not bat.

### CHANGE IN FORTUNE

The fortunes of Thursday were reversed on Saturday, when the School entertained the Buccaneers. They found the bowling of F. Appleyard, the Hertfordshire and Minor Counties player, far too good for them.

The wicket helped the bowlers, and Appleyard's wonderful control of swing, length, and the occasional cutter had the School batsmen at sea.

Only the two old colours, Meadows and Ferro, showed any confidence. Appleyard's final figures were eight for 19 in 18 overs, the School mustering only 49 runs.

In reply, the Buccaneers made 50 for three wickets, but the runs did not come easily. Ferro, Eldridge, and Conniff in particular troubled the batsmen considerably, and might well have had more success.

As anticipated, it appears that the School bowlers are likely to develop into a formidable combination, but that the batting lacks assurance, which should come with more experience. Scores:—

Bedford: Conniff b Appleyard 4, Kapur b Murray-Clarke 0, Rischmiller b Appleyard 0, Howlett b Appleyard 8, Marriott b Appleyard 3, Kilby b Appleyard 5, R. H. Meadows c Money b Appleyard 6, Eldridge b Appleyard 1, Bevan b MacMorran 2, J. R. N. Ferro b Appleyard 11, Bass not out 0, extras 9, total 49.—F. Appleyard eight for 19.

Buccaneers: B. G. Lee b Eldridge 18, D. G. Marriott c Marriott b Conniff 16, J. G. W. Davies lbw b Eldridge 6, R. M. Mallinson not out 4, R. V. S. Spark not out 2, extras 4, total (for three wkts.) 50. E. G. Butcher, D. C. Money, C. A. P. Gray, R. B. MacMorran, J. O. Murray-Clarke, and F. Appleyard did not bat.

**HOSPITAL CUP**

**Shire Hall v. Clapham "B"**  
Clapham "B": S. Pavell 0, T. Ward 2, D. Jones 4, D. Goodwin 6, M. Pass 1, F. Baker 3, A. Cope 0, G. Thomas 0, J. Hunt 9, J. Mossman not out 0, extras 2, total 27.—Duckitt five for 12, White four for 13.

Shire Hall: A. Barter not out 9, P. Dixon 0, E. Willis not out 19, total (for one wkt.) 28

**Stagsden v. Felmersham**

Stagsden: G. Newman 6, K. Brooks 0, F. Williams 11, A. Woolston 4, S. Dutton 6, T. Brooks 0, B. Sharp 2, R. Tite 1, F. Frostell 0, J. Alder 11, J. Sharp not out 2, extras 3, total 46.—Parker six for 26.

Felmersham: A. Betts 0, G. Richardson 2, D. Lovell 0, J. Turner 0, D. Parker 7, P. Lawson 13, L. Goodman 0, M. Lovell 0, C. Constant 0, C. Payne not out 1, J. Lord 1, extras 3, total 27.—J. Sharp seven for 13.—Collection, 14s.

**Sharnbrook v. Thurligh "A"**

Sharnbrook: H. Martin 1, C. Watkinson 1, R. Wildman 4, R. Dunkley 9, J. Boyles 7, D. Benson 1, J. Blundell 1, E. Blundell 2, J. Deighton 7, H. Grey 1, L. Pacey not out 0, extras 1, total 33.—C. Berrill five for 17, M. Berrill four for 15.

Thurligh: S. Asplin 11, R. Berrill 3, A. Ellison 4, D. Berrill not out 7, J. Wagstaff not out 20, extras 1, total (for three wks.) 46.

Collection: £2 0s. 6d.

**Bedford Town "A" (holders), 94; Kempston, 22.** The winners will visit Bedford Argus in the first round.

Dean 29 (Walker 4 for 14), Queen's Works "A" 39 for 1 (Dean 4 for 15). Collection, £1 1s

Queen's Works "B" 76 (Coulton 34), (Wells 31), Thurligh "B" 12 (Dunston 6 for 6), Collection £1 0s. 6d. Blunham "A", 55; Renhold, 16 (W. Fordham seven for 4).

**FIRST ROUND FIXTURES**

**TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY)**

Electricity Social v. Potton (Bedford Park)

**TUESDAY**

Bedford Thursday v. Biggleswade (Russell Park).

Bedford Thursday v. Biggleswade.

**WEDNESDAY**

Keysoe v. Harpur Sports (coach leaves St. Peter's 5.30 p.m.).

Little Staughton v. Potton "B".

**THURSDAY**

Colworth House v. South End Ramblers (Bedford Park).

**R. W. STREET IN TOWN XI**

R. W. Street, who scored a century on his only other appearance for Bedford this season, comes into the side to entertain Letchworth at Newnham Avenue to-morrow.

Team:  
G. L. B. August, E. C. Howard, S. T. Morris, V. J. Harris, D. G. Jenkins, G. Millman, C. F. Sabey, B. J. Maries, D. F. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, R. W. Street.

**R.A.F. Henlow v. Stevenage**

Played at Henlow on Sunday. Scores: Stevenage, 161 for six dec. (Cox 56, Eatley not out 46, Reeves three for 61, Sollars two for 38).

R.A.F. Henlow: Robinson 17, Horwood 3, Harding 0, Boon 14, Vance 12, Barton 17, Reeves 0, Leyland not out 12, Draper 0, Shore 2, Sollars 2, extras 4, total 63.—Chappelle five for 50, Crox two for 7.

**Impregnable v. Sharnbrook**

Played on John White's Sports Ground on Saturday. Scores:—

Sharnbrook: C. Watkinson 1, H. Martin 12, E. Blundell 4, R. Dunkley not out 57, G. Boyles 12, J. Boyles not out 16, extras 6, total (for four wks., dec.) 108.

Impregnable, 38 (A. Spaul 14, D. Benson three for 11, E. Millward two for 3).

**Bedford Grasshoppers v. Randalls**

Grasshoppers: W. Pethick 8, C. Dixon 23, B. Smart 11, F. Smith not out 27, C. Roffe not out 10, extras 11, total (for three wks.) 90.—Ager two for 10.

Randalls: Ager not out 38, Goff 1, Stapleton 0, Wisson 26, Armsby 3, Armour not out 3, extras 8, total (for four wks.) 77.—Smart two for 13.

**Shefford v. Silsoe**

Played at Digswell (Shefford) on Saturday. Shefford won by nine wickets. Scores:—

Silsoe: Culpin 0, Etheridge 7, Clare 3, James 3, Fossey 0, G. Olney 0, Allen 10, Albinson 0, J. Olney 4, Jones 2, Chitty 0, extras 3, total 32.—P. Smyth seven for 11.

Shefford: J. Church 10, Garnish 3, P. Smyth 14, extras 6, total (for one wkt.) 33.

**Shefford v. Rushden Wanderers**

Played at Digswell on Sunday. Shefford lost by two wickets. Scores:—

Shefford: Church 1, Copperwaite 10, Endersby 1, Millard 0, Warwick 14, Beaumont 0, Thompson 1, Guthrie 7, Garnish 9, Smith 3, A. Smyth 0, extras 4, total 50.—Ager five for 25, Brown four for 17.

Rushden: 54 for eight (Wilson 21, Warwick seven for 21).

**SPORTS FIXTURES**

**Cricket**

**TO-DAY (FRIDAY)**

**EAST BEDS. CORONATION SHIELD**  
Gentlemen of the Lion v. Clifton.

**TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)**

Bedford Town v. Letchworth.  
Harpur Sports v. Horton.  
Henlow v. Queen's Works.

Stowe School v. Bedford School.  
Bedford School II v. Stowe School II  
Bedford Modern School v. Oakham.  
Bedford Argus v. Silsoe.

Biggleswade v. Casuala.  
Southill Park v. Luton Town II.  
Three Counties Hospital v. R.A.F. Halton.

Letchworth II v. Bedford II.  
A.C. Delo v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Wellingborough v. Harpur Sports II.

Tabulators v. Queen's Works II.  
Ickwell v. Mellis.  
Old Warden v. Biggleswade II.

Cryselco v. Stony Stratford.  
Potton v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Campton v. Hitchin United.

Eltisley v. Sandy.  
Wareley v. Clifton.  
Clifton II v. Henlow II.

Roxton v. Southill Park II.  
Amphill v. Davis Gas Co.  
Pulloxhill v. Chalgrave.

Waterlovs v. Flitwick "A".  
Milton Keynes v. Moulsoe.  
Sharnbrook v. Rushden Mission.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

**Premier Division**

South End Ramblers v. Caldecote.  
Thurligh v. Marston.  
Blunham v. Clapham.  
Stagsden v. Pertenhall.

**Division I**

Pavenham v. Potton.  
Lynton Works v. Riseley.  
Renhold v. Langford.  
Mogerhanger v. Bouldrop.

**Division II (Section 1)**

Little Paxton v. Ickwell II.  
Great Barford II v. Wyboston.  
Colmworth v. Wrestlingworth.  
Great Staughton v. Staploe.

**Division II (Section 2)**

Kempston Wood End v. North Crawley.  
Cople v. Stevington.  
Felmersham v. Elstow.

**Division III (Section 1)**

Clapham II v. Thurligh II.  
Little Staughton II v. Wilson and Humphreys.

Bluseley II v. Sharnbrook.  
Oakley v. Keysoe.

**Division III (Section 2)**

Langford II v. Blunham II.  
Caldecote II v. Tempsford.  
Roxton v. Kempston West End.

**SUNDAY**

Leighton Buzzard v. Bedford.  
Harpur Sports v. Toddington.  
Queen's v. Northampton Wanderers.

Mellis v. M. J. Carr's XI.  
Wellingborough v. Cryselco.  
Southill Park v. Lord's Colts.

Three Counties Hospital v. Hoddesdon.  
R.A.F. Henlow v. Gentlemen of the Lion.  
Houghton Regis v. Campton.

Stopsley v. Potton.

**MONDAY**

Harpur Sports v. Bedford Tn. (11.30)  
Amphill v. Bedford Argus.

Begbroke (Oxford) v. Mellis.  
Wharley End v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Southill Park v. Stockwood Park.

Biggleswade v. Armcrossa.  
Three Counties Hospital v. Portland  
Ickwell v. Old Warden.

Langford II v. Blunham II.  
Caldecote II v. Tempsford.  
Clifton II v. Gravenhurst.

St. Neots v. Sandy.  
Campton v. Clifton.  
Leagrave v. Henlow.  
Westoning v. Pulloxhill.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bedford Modern School v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire (11.30 a.m.).

**FRIDAY**

Bedford School v. Tonbridge School (two-day match).

**BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB**

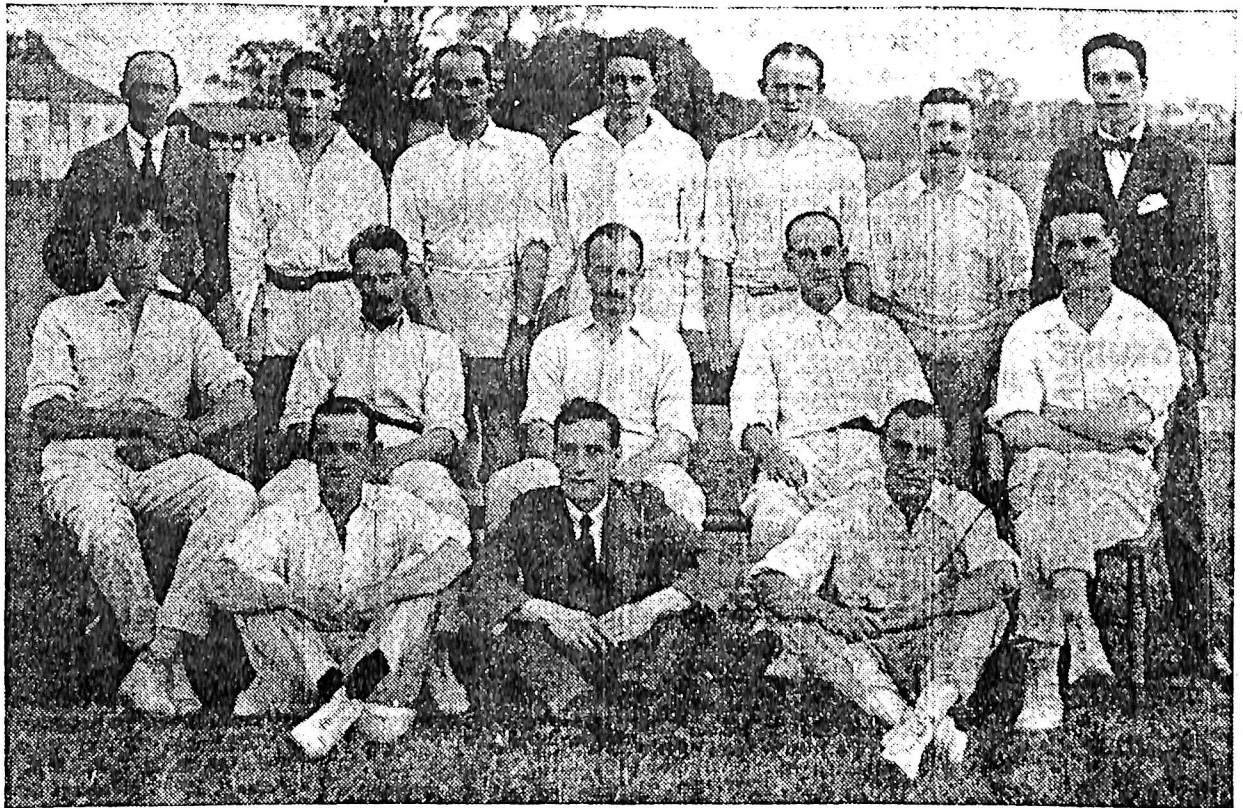
25 ordinary Members of the Club can be admitted now. Applications for enrolment, with remittance for One guinea to

**FRANK CROMPTON**

Honorary Secretary.

Shire Hall, Bedford.

## A 1921 Team of Big Hitters and All-Rounders



Memories of the days when many years at the Queen's Works were a power in the Bedford and District Cricket League are revived by this photograph of the Works' team which won the League challenge shield in 1921. The original of the photograph was lent to us by Mr. A. Stokes, the scorer in 1921, who was afterwards the attendant for

Park bathing shelter. Queen's Works cricket in those days was—if just a little beyond its zenith—still very powerful, and the team was rather too strong for the League, which the Works' C.C. won easily in 1921. Scores of 200 or even 300 were well within the range of this team

Pictured in our photograph are: Back row (left to right), C. C. Harris, S. G. Harris, T. Golding, A. Pacey, A. W. Settles, F. Ellis, and A. Hailstone; middle row, W. A. H. Childs, H. Pearce (vice-captain), M. H. Tetley (captain), J. Ratcliff, and S. P. Keech; front row, J. Smith, A. Stokes (scorer), and J. Lazenby

in a Saturday afternoon innings. A century stand by the opening pair—that season it was the redoubtable Johnny Ratcliff and T. Golding—was not uncommon.

### STILL AT WORK

Mr. C. H. Harris, a former welfare officer at Queen's Works, and Mr. Hailstone, who is still employed at Allen's on the production side, were officials of the club.

Six of the 1921 team, Messrs. S. G. Harris, T. Golding, W. A. H. Childs, S. P. Keech, J. Smith, and J. Lazenby, are still at Queen's Works, and one of them, Jack Smith, the wicket-keeper, played until quite recently, if indeed even now he has finally put away his gloves and pads.

Mr. S. G. Harris is in charge of the Main Drawing Office, and Mr. T. Golding has for many years been Head of the Electrical Department, where Mr. S. P. ("Dollar") Keech is, and has been for a very long period. Mr. W. A. H. ("Wicker") Childs is in charge of the Electrical Test Bay; Mr. J. Smith is in the Fitting Shop; and Mr. J. Lazenby is in charge of the Pump Section.

Mr. Alec Pacey went to Vauxhall Motors after leaving Queen's Works, and is believed still to be in the game. Mr. Settles has left the firm. Mr. F. Ellis was a notable medium-pace bowler of his day. Mr. Herbert Pearce, who died some time ago, was a well-known

footballer as well as a cricketer.

Mr. Ratcliff, the renowned Johnny, was, like a more famous cricketing Johnny (J. W. H. T. Douglas), extremely difficult to get out. Mr. Ratcliff, to whom came centuries and runs with grace and abundance, went to Lancashire after he left Bedford. Mr. Tetley, the captain, a member of the brewing family, has also left the Bedford firm.

The side was distinguished by its big hitting, allied, of course, to all-round ability. In fact, there were no fewer than six all-rounders, and Harris, Pacey, Ratcliff, Keech, and Smith all played for Bedfordshire at various times. Childs and Lazenby were, perhaps, the biggest hitters, though it is doubtful whether either scored faster than Keech, who generally contented himself with finding the boundary rather than clearing it.

Harris and Pacey were stylish and reliable batsmen, and also got plenty of wickets with their medium-pace bowling. Childs was a "spinner" of quality and rhythmic style, with a fine command of length. If pace were needed to dismiss the Works' opponents, there was Keech to provide it and to rattle the stumps.

Smith's wicket-keeping was of a high order, and remained so for many years. T. Golding later had a long spell as captain of Queen's Works C.C. when they left League cricket to take on stronger opponents in friendly matches.



On the credit side Shire Hall, Bedford, C.C. has won two and drawn one of their first five matches. Here is a picture of the team that lost to Aspley Guise, away, recently. Left to right, back row, L. Kay, A. Jessop, A. Barter, A. Duckett (captain), B. Harris, and D. H. Purcell (umpire); front row, C. Darling, C. Wright, K. C. Evans, L. S. Brown, A. Henman, and T. Ruff.

## Town Hope to End Luton's Winning Sequence

One of Bedford Town's most attractive matches will be played at Newnham Avenue to-morrow, against Luton Town, who are full of confidence after gaining five consecutive victories.

Unfortunately for Bedford, Morris, Millman, and Street are not available but nevertheless the team is quite strong. It is:

G. L. B. August (capt.), A. G. Coomb, E. C. Howard, C. F. Sabey, V. J. Harris, C. G. Jones, B. J. Maries, D. G. Jenkins, D. F. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, R. Poulter.

Luton suffered their first defeat for two seasons when they lost their opening game at Finchley. Then they drew with Wembley, but successive wins have followed over Aylesbury, Enfield, Hertford, St. Albans, and R.A.F. Halton.

With Davies injured, they have found a regular place for Ian Davison, a most promising 17-year-old fast bowler who may well be in the running for inclusion in the County side before long. Luton's team is:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), C. V. A. Colling, T. D. Matthews, D. Randall, A. F. Waller, R. D. Gardiner, I. Davison, T. W. Kelly, D. F. Bull, J. A. Muse, K. Brazier.

### Minxworth v. Gentlemen of the Lion

Minxworth: R. Spicer 7, D. King 11, S. Barrowa 6, D. Charles 22, C. Watler 14, M. Clarke 0, J. Garalde not out 28, G. Sparkes 7, H. Freeman 0, H. Hill 0, W. Wilsheere 4, extras 4, total 103.—Squires and Gazeley each took three wickets, and Gibb and Allingham two each.

Lion: Searle 23, Squires 4, Rushton 0, Gibb 28, Murray-Clarke 5, Gazeley 4, Towell 6, Oakden 0, Darlow 0, Watlin 0, Allingham not out 0, extras 4, total 74.—C. Watler four for 16, R. Spicer three for 8, G. Sparkes two for 77.

### Sharnbrook v. Rushden Mission

Rushden Mission: 71.—H. Berwick six for 23.

Sharnbrook: H. Greg 0, B. Lovell 22, R. Wildman 1, R. Dunkley 24, G. Boyles 1, J. Boyles 21, H. Berwick not out 16, H. Chambers not out 4, extras 4, total for six wickets 93.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford v. Luton Town.  
Three Counties v. Harpur Sports.  
Bedford School v. Tonbridge (second day).  
Queen's Works v. Buckingham.  
Cryselco v. Biggleswade.  
Harpur II v. Kempston.  
Electrolux v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Luton II v. Bedford II.  
Wellingborough v. Queen's II.  
Great Brickhill v. Argus.  
Edlesborough v. Meltis.  
Diemer's v. Wellingborough II.  
Clampton v. Gravenhurst.  
Salford v. Bow Brickhill.  
Sharnbrook v. N.A.E.  
Kempston West End v. Sharnbrook II.  
Shire Hall v. R.A.F. Henlow.  
Ickwell v. Ickwell.  
Biggleswade v. Henlow.  
Henlow II v. Letchworth Strollers.  
Cryselco v. Biggleswade II.  
Southill Park v. Vauxhall.  
Vauxhall II v. Southill Park II.  
Hilton v. Potton.  
Harrington v. Sandy.  
Old Warden v. Clifton.  
Everton v. Smart and Brown.  
Ridgmont v. Goldington.  
Pulloxhill v. Leagrave Athletic.  
New Bradwell v. Milton Keynes.  
Moulsoe v. Newport Pagnell.  
Salford v. Bow Brickhill.  
North End v. Eversholt (Bedford Park)

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

Marston v. South End Ramblers.  
Caldecote v. Thurlleigh.  
Clapham v. Stagsden.  
Pertenhall v. Blunham.

##### Division I

Potton v. Renhold.  
Souldrop v. Lynton Works.  
Mogerhanger v. Pavenham.

##### Division II (Section I)

Ickwell v. Great Barford.  
Little Staughton v. Little Paxton.  
Staploe v. Colmworth.  
Wyboston v. Wrestlingworth.

##### Division II (Section II)

Stavington v. Marston II.  
North Crawley v. Marston Sports.  
Elatow v. Felmersham.

##### Division III (Section I)

Thurligh II v. Little Staughton.  
Wilson and Humphrey's v. Oakley.  
Riseley v. Clapham II.

##### Division III (Section II)

Blunham II v. Tempeford.  
Langford II v. Caldecote II.

#### SUNDAY

Bedford v. City of Ely.  
Dunstable v. Harpur Sports.  
Cryselco v. Bedford North End.  
Meltis v. R.A.F. Cardington.  
Britannia Works v. Diemer's.  
Three Counties Hospital v. Windsor and Eton.  
Southill Park v. Huntingdon.  
R.A.F. Henlow v. Potton.  
Eaton Socon v. Smart and Brown.

#### MONDAY

Lincolnshire v. Bedfordshire, Grantham (and Tuesday).

#### EAST BEDS SHIELD

Harpur v. R.A.F. Cardington (Bedford Park 6.30).

#### WEDNESDAY

Queen's Works v. John Laing.

#### THURSDAY

Bedford School v. Oundle.

## DEATH OF A SPORTSMAN

### Mr. C. F. Skevington

An all-round sportsman, cricketer, rider and shot, Mr. Charles Frederick Skevington, of Snelson, died in the Middlesex Hospital on Friday at the age of 66 years.

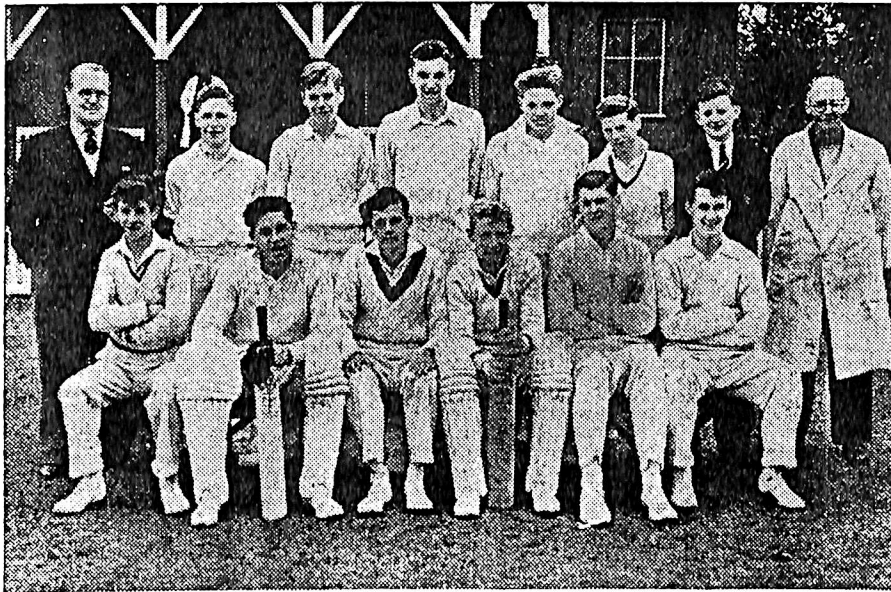
Born at Manor Farm, Astwood the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Skevington, he was educated at Bedford Modern School and after his marriage to Miss H. M. Horsby, of Bedford, farmed at Whitwick Green, Bletsoe. From 1933 to 1946 he was landlord of "The Mad Dog", Odell, and since then has been in business as an agricultural agent.

Mr. Skevington played cricket for Bedfordshire, the Club and Ground and Pyghtle Works. He was a good horseman and as a young man rode at point-to-point meetings. He was also a crack shot and in the season ending last August had a record bag of over 3,000 wood pigeons.

His widow, one son and one daughter survive him, the daughter living in the United States.

The funeral will take place at Bromham Church to-day at 1.45 p.m.

# First Defeat for B.M.S. Since 1951



Bedford Modern School lost their unbeaten record, which has stood since 1951, when the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire defeated them by 68 runs on Wednesday. The defeat followed two more fine School victories by seven wickets over Emanuel School on 25th May, and by 134 runs over Oakham last Saturday.

Batting first on an easy wicket, the Gentlemen were soon in trouble against the accurate attack of Wilson, Richardson and White, losing seven wickets for 52. They were rescued from this disastrous position by an amazingly fortunate stand of 102 by Smith and Vane-Percy. If the chances offered had been accepted, the Gentlemen's total would have fallen far short of the 174 needed.

B.M.S. never looked like getting the runs after the dismissal of Watts and Chamberlain. Chamberlain had looked comfortable until he mishit a ball from Howard.

Afterwards the batting collapsed completely to 56 for 9. Rushworth doing the damage with six wickets for 31. There followed an heroic half-century stand between Salter and White who both attacked the bowling vigorously and provided the best entertainment of the day.

Gentlemen: S. T. Morris c Stretton b Wilson 4. E. C. Howard b Wilson 11. W. R. Rushworth b Richardson 9. D. G. Hawley lbw Richardson 10. C. V. A. Colling b Richardson 0. D. T. Matthews c Stretton b White 7. E. Smith c Stretton b Richardson 38. B. Ebbs b White 0. K. Vane-Percy c Richardson b Wilson 67. E. F. Barcock not out 5. R. V. S. Spark c Stevenson b Wilson 6, extras 17, total 174—Richardson four for 38, Wilson four for 77, White two for 20.

B.M.S.: P. D. Watts b Rushworth 6. W. Chamberlain c Ebbs b Howard 16. D. J. Wilson b Rushworth 0. K. H. Richardson b Smith 0. R. L. Stevenson lbw Rushworth 15. R. J. T. Sills c Hawley b Rushworth 1. A. Brannan lbw Rushworth 19. F. J. Stretton lbw Rushworth 2. M. Theobald c Howard 0. B. J. Salter c Spark b Colling 15. P. G. White not out 35, extras 6 total 106—Rushworth six for 31, Sills one for 19, Howard two for 25, Colling one for 6.

## Wilson Takes Eight Wickets for 11

Oakham were routed under threatening skies and on a sodden wicket. Watts and Chamberlain began confidently, and both displayed fine shots all round the wicket in an opening stand of 75.

The middle batting collapsed against some accurate bowling by Foode. Seven wickets were down for 106, but the later

Bedford Modern School's team which played Oakham. Back row (left to right): Mr. E. H. Proudfoot, P. J. Stretton, R. J. T. Sills, B. J. Salter, P. E. G. White, M. R. Theobald, T. Watson, (scorer), Mr. C. L. Rogers. Front row: R. L. Stevenson, P. D. Watts, D. J. Wilson (capt.), W. Chamberlain, K. H. Richardson, A. M. Brannan.

batsmen came to the rescue, especially Sills, Stretton, and Salter, who took the score to 162.

Oakham collapsed ignominiously against the magnificent bowling of Wilson, who took eight for 11, ably supported by Richardson on a wicket that was still slow and little worse than that on which B.M.S. batted. The fielding on both sides was immaculate, but one expected a better innings from Oakham, previously unbeaten this season.

B.M.S.: P. D. Watts b Houghton 36. W. Chamberlain b Foode 49. D. J. Wilson c and b Houghton 0. K. H. Richardson b Garner 0. R. L. Stevenson c Boffey b Foode 3. R. J. T. Sills c Smith b Foode 14. A. Brannan c Smith b Garner 9. P. J. Stretton not out 20. M. Theobald c and b Houghton 5. B. J. Salter b Peberdy 15. P. E. G. White b Foode 2, extras 9, total 162.—Foode four for 67, Houghton three for 32, Garner two for 27.

Oakham: P. Marrion b Wilson 0. A. R. Boffey b Richardson 7. R. J. Peberdy b Wilson 5. P. James lbw b Richardson 0. W. N. Houghton c Watts b Wilson 3. A. W. Garlick b Wilson 2. M. L. Moden lbw b Wilson 0. D. W. Foode c Watts b Wilson 1. E. N. E. Garner not out 4. J. A. Smith c Sills b Wilson 0, total 28.—Wilson eight for 11 Richardson two for 17.

## Watts Carries Bat Against Emanuel

Against Emanuel School at Wandsworth on 25th May, B.M.S. won with ten minutes to spare.

Emanuel batted first, and the B.M.S. openers, Wilson and Richardson, had early successes on an easy-paced wicket. At lunch Emanuel were 51 for four, and in the first over afterwards, Watts had Turwell caught and three runs later Richardson had Varney caught at the wicket (57 for six).

Wood and Mahmud Jung put on 27 in half an hour for the next wicket, but the B.M.S. attack continued to meet with regular success and when Mahmud Jung was neatly caught by deep mid-on the end was near. Mahmud Jung had scored 40 in 90 minutes and was the mainstay of the Emanuel innings, which eventually closed for 114.

Watts and Chamberlain made a good start for B.M.S. with ten runs off the first two overs, and 53 in the 22 minutes before tea.

After the interval, runs came more slowly, and at 49 Chamberlain was bowled. Wilson took 11 runs off one over and when he was lbw had made 24 out of the partnership of 37 runs.

Richardson scored only one (87 for three), but Stevenson and Watts went steadily on to the hundred, and then to victory with ten minutes to spare. Watts had batted confidently throughout for an undefeated 56.

Emanuel: Farr lbw b Richardson 5. Swards c Sills b Watts 14. Tarrant lbw b Wilson 9. Mahmud Jung c

Salter b Wilson 40. Morey b Richardson 0. Turwell c Chamberlain b Watts 2. Varney c Stretton b Richardson 1. Wood lbw b Wilson 16. North b White 0. Broughton not out 7. Box b Wilson 3, extras 17, total 114.

B.M.S.: P. D. Watts not out 56. W. Chamberlain b Wood 18. D. J. Wilson lbw b Box 24. K. Richardson b Mahmud Jung 1. R. L. Stevenson not out 12, extras 7, total for three wickets 118.—Sills, A. M. Brannan, P. J. Stretton, Ebbs, B. J. Salter, White did not bat.

## STOWE BEATEN BY 7 WICKETS

Bedford School accounted for Stowe on Saturday by seven wickets. Ferro again dismissed the first four batsmen, and with Bass also bowling well put the School on top from the start.

As at the Leys, Eldridge then accounted for the middle batsmen, and Stowe were all out for 85. The fielding was very keen; Marriott took a brilliant catch at forward short leg.

When Bedford batted Kapur was a little unfortunate to be well caught off a leg glide, but Rischmiller and Eldridge played confidently, and the School achieved victory in little over an hour's batting.

Stowe: J. A. Boyd Smith b Ferro 3. M. J. Worth b Ferro 5. R. A. B. Day b Ferro 14. J. P. Fer c Marriott b Ferro 4. J. H. Harris b Eldridge 8. J. B. Hamer c Meadow b Bass 22. D. Cameron b Eldridge 14. M. D. Miatt c Rischmiller b Eldridge 2. R. W. Slater lbw b Eldridge 0. C. J. G. Rushton not out 1. F. N. Shillington c Meadows b Bass 4, extras 7, total 85—Eldridge four for 21, Ferro four for 30.

Bedford: Conniff c Rushton b Cameron 11. Kapur c Miatt b Cameron 0. Rischmiller c Shillington b Slater 34. D. G. Eldridge not out 28. Howlett not out 9, extras 4, total (for 3 wickets) 86. Kilby, Marriott, R. H. Meadows, Wade, J. R. N. Ferro, Bass did not bat.

## Hospital Cup

# Great Barford and Marston Play a Tie

Marston and Great Barford's first-up game in the Hospital Cup at Marston on Monday provided rare excitement, the match ending in a tie, each side scoring 41 runs.

Great Barford batted first and lost half their wickets for 18, but J. Breeze hit out for a gallant 17. With the score 39 for seven M. Smith dismissed three batsmen in four balls.

Marston set about the task in good style with two wickets down for 20, but then W. Skevington took three wickets without addition to the score. Marston were now struggling, and excitement mounted as the score moved from 34 for eight to 40 for nine. A no-ball levelled the scores, but with the "seventh" delivery D. Robinson held a brilliant catch to save the game.

The replay will be at Great Barford on Monday.

Marston: D. Stapleton 12, R. Copperwest 9, V. Hale 0, D. Faulkner 0, P. O'Dell 0, C. Caves 6, W. Wilson 4, M. Smith 1, A. Knight not out 0, W. Swales 0, A. Goodman 3, extras 7, total 41.—W. Skevington five for 15, J. Breeze four for 17.

Great Barford: P. Usher 0, G. Robinson 3, H. Knocker 3, M. Lee 5, J. Jeffs 3, J. Breeze 17, W. Skevington 2, G. Mardlin 6, D. Robinson 0, B. Skevington 0, I. Holt not out 1, extras 1, total 41.—M. Smith seven for 18, W. Swales two for 15.

Harpur Sports 99 for five (J. Newman 31, G. Robertson 24); Keysoe 38 (K. Ferguson four for 11, including hat-trick).

Bedford Electricity, 16 (L. Sims six for 6, E. Huckle three for 10); Potton, 64 for three (C. Blott 21 not out, C. Munns 18).

## Second Round Draw

Mogerhanger v. Casuals or R.A.F. Cardington.  
Caldecote of Staploe v. Thurligh "A".  
Blunham "A" v. Marston or Great Barford.  
Colworth House or South End Ramblers v. Shire Hall.  
Queen's Works "B" v. Argus or Bedford "A".  
North End Club v. Police.  
Pertenhall v. Young Farmers.  
Stewartby or Sandy v. Riseley.  
Clapham "A" v. Stevington or Kempston West End Club.  
Lidlington or Goldington v. Eaton Socon, Roxton, or United Counties Bus Co.  
Eversholt v. Little Staughton "A" or Potton "B".  
Diemer and Reynolds v. Biggleswade.  
Great Staughton v. Potton "A".  
Queen's Works "A" v. Lions or Stagden.  
Postels or Kempston Wood End v. Hobkirk's.  
Cryselco or Igranie v. Harpur Sports.  
Matches to be played between 6th and 17th June.



## More Cricketing Memories

TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Sir,—Referring to your article last week about the Queen's Works Cricket XI of 1921, you state that Jonny Kitching "went to Lancashire," but I distinctly heard George Carter, the wicket-keeper for the Printers' team, refer to him as a "Lancashire League bloke."

Perhaps you may give some details about the old "Printers'" team, which was one of the strongest locally. Prominent players I remember were Jack Thorpe, Billy Dawson, and George Carter. I am rather hazy as regards dates, especially as I was away from the town for about 21 years.

I remember when Turvey for one or two seasons had an exceptional side got together by Wilfred King, the County left-hand bat and bowler, who had a farm there. County or Town players who assisted Turvey were W.K. himself, "Daddy" Read, the Town Rucker full-back, and Willett, another Town Rucker player. During the last few years at any rate of the Printers' C.C., the only player who had ever been a printer was Jack Thorpe and he, I understood, was afterwards a policeman.

I have heard lately more mention of the Clapham (Bedford, not Clapham Rovers of London) Rugby Club, but I never saw them play, and have had to rely upon information supplied. "Concurrer!!" there was the old Post Office Rugby Club, and I was going to the Post Office at Elstow to see Mr. G. W. Southam, who was one of the players, but he died six or seven years since. His son is still there I believe.

The original Alma C.C. flourished quite 10 years before the Alma, C.C. of Capt. John's time. I was then quite a small boy, and Flitton, Sharwood (bowler), Tommy Dennis (bowler), and "Chookey" Tucker were my heroes. "Chookey's" brother was mine host of the inn at Elstow I believe. I don't think he could have been his son, but it is possible. He played Rucker for the Town.

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## Bedford School Share Honours With Tonbridge Rushmoor School Play 5, Win 5

Bedford School's two-day match on Friday and Saturday with Tonbridge was one of fluctuating fortunes and much good cricket.

Tonbridge began badly. R. C. Bass taking their first three wickets for five runs. C. M. Smith remained a solid prop to the innings, however, and with Heroys took the score to 52. Then came stands between Heroys and Crang, and with Pridaux and Langdale, who took the score from 119 for six to 218 for six, enabling Tonbridge to declare by 5.30 with 218 for six.

The wicket was fast and true, and Kapur and Conniff gave Bedford a good start with 51. Then four wickets fell to the spinners, Foster and Hudson, for only 12 runs, and the first day ended with Kilby and Howlett retrieving Bedford's fortunes (84 for four).

Heavy rain overnight delayed the restart by an hour, but Bedford batted well with the great disadvantage of a slow outfield. Howlett's 44 was invaluable, and R. H. Meadows reached 47 with fierce drives off the accurate spin bowlers. Tonbridge, however, gained a first innings lead of 35, Hudson taking six for 68.

The Tonbridge second innings began spectacularly. Fine bowling by Ferro—who bowled eight overs for eight runs and

Rushmoor School 1st XI have started the season in a very promising manner, having played five matches and won them all. Brief scores:—

Rushmoor, 90 (R. Frossell 46); St. Francis, 19 (R. Frossell seven for 1).

Rushmoor, 112 for six (R. Frossell 83); Wellingborough School Juniors, 57 (Wright three for 11, Frossell three for 1).

Rushmoor, 143 for five dec. (Frossell 77, Robinson 22); The Knoll, 20 (Wright three for 2, Frossell three for 3).

Rushmoor, 115 for two, dec. (Robinson 56 not out, C. Potter 29 not out); Stagenhoe School, 52 (Cockburn two for 4, Frossell four for 12).

Rushmoor, 53 (Cockburn 14); Wellbury, 38 (Robinson three for 4, Frossell four for 7).

R. Frossell has so far scored 233 runs in five completed innings for an average of 46.6, and Robinson 95 runs in four completed innings for an average of 23.7.

Frossell has taken 21 wickets for 26 runs. Cockburn eight for 46. Robinson eight for 31, and Wright seven for 30.

### Took 22 Off Over

An excellent all-day game was seen at Dunstable on Sunday, when Harpur Sports lost to the home side by 59 runs.

On a perfect wicket Dunstable made 165 all out, of which B. Ginnever scored a hard-hit 42 before falling to a good catch by C. Newman at mid-wicket. P. King made a fine 38 not out, being particularly severe on Ladbury in one over, scoring 6, 4, 6, 2, 4.

A game of 12 overs each was played after tea, Dunstable making 105 for three (D. Smith 44) and Harpur 103 for four (C. Newman 63).

Dunstable: 165 (B. Ginnever 42, P. King not out 38, B. Martin 27, Ladbury four for 41).

Harpur: A. Greene 9, R. Lowings 5, M. Goswell 11, P. Ladbury 38, R. Webster 18, C. Newman 2, P. Gilbert 3, D. Furnival 4, K. Richardson not out 2, L. Sharp 1, N. Wilson 10, extras 3, total 106.—D. Bird seven for 22.

### Promising Youngster

Promising Bow Brickhill youngster David Smith distinguished himself by taking eight Salford wickets for only 12 runs.

Salford: D. Rust 2, B. Holton 2, S. Giles 0, M. J. Sturgess 17, R. Jervis 0, T. Beal 4, M. Holton 3, B. Cox 0, J. Hunt 1, B. West 2, H. Sturgess not out 0, extras 1, total 32.

Bow Brickhill: D. Smith 0, K. Smith 2, G. Howard 3, J. Cook 35, T. Cook 8, K. Burton 16, C. Bowler not out 10, J. Carter 3, total (for seven wickets) 77.

### Took Six For 9

Harlington were too strong for Luton Waterworks at Harlington on Saturday. Bowling unchanged, Bob Gazeley (six for 9) and D. Brown (four for 5) dismissed the visitors for 17. Harlington suffered some early shocks themselves, but eventually won by three wickets, with G. Harris as top scorer.

### W. Merrill On Form

Hinxworth's early batsmen failed against the fast bowling of W. Merrill (six for 20), and only a ninth-wicket stand of 25 by M. Clarke and A. Street saved them from being out for less than 50. Even so, Steeple Morden passed Hinxworth's total of 69 for the loss of two wickets.

Hinxworth: R. Spicer 9, D. King 1, S. Barrows 0, D. Charles 2, W.

Turner 0, C. Watter 13, G. Clarke 11, M. Clarke 15, J. Garstide 1, A. Street 14, G. Sparkes not out 0, extras 3, total 69.

### Diemers Three Defeats

Diemer and Reynolds' last three matches were all lost. Scores:— Electricity Social, 79 for seven (E. Middleton 31, A. Bull 30, Conway two for 22); Diemer's, 55 (D. Conway 16, French four for 19, Cambers three for 8).

Wellingborough Wanderers, 127 for seven dec. (D. Conway four for 23); Diemer's, 57 (D. Williamson 17).

Kempston West End, 78 (Parker 29, R. Lowndes three for 21, D. Dodson three for 36); Diemers, 42 (R. Howell 14, R. Eubs 13 not out).

R.A.F. Henlow v. Shire Hall, Bedford  
Shire Hall: A. Barter 32, T. Ruff 1, L. Kay 12, L. Brown 1, T. Jessop 0, A. Duckett 10, K. Evans 36, Wright 3, White 15, Henman 8, Harrie not out 1, extras 10, total 119.—Nevie six for 38, James two for 8.

R.A.F. Henlow: Moorhouse 15, Robinson 1, Davey 29, Senior 53, James not out 8, Leyland not out 2, extras 2, total (for four wickets) 120.

### Sharnbrook v. National Aeronautical Establishment

N.A.E.: Howes 2, Anderson 5, Cook 7, Pitt 7, Blacknell 1, Gibbing 2, Ludman 1, Peachy 2, Enderby 0, Bell 0, Jones not out 3, extras 3, total 33.—D. Stanley three for 3.

Sharnbrook: C. Watkinson 40, R. Wildman 49, D. Benson 1, L. Blundell 15, R. Dunkley not out 27, D. Stanley 2, T. Bragg not out 2, extras 4, total (for five wickets) 150.

Kempston West End v. Sharnbrook  
Sharnbrook: R. Marsh 0, E. Blundell 0, S. Alcock 13, T. Ward 17, A. dell 0, S. Millward 14, D. Provern 2, S. Bates 0, R. Pacey 6, R. Forde 0, J. Shavler not out 0, extras 8, total 84.—McCulley three for 9.

West End: J. Hutchings 3, C. Anthony 1, M. Keel 1, L. Millard 2, M. McCulley 6, C. Parker 1, T. Cummings 1, L. Hill 0, A. Hicks 1, P. Church not out 4, J. Darwood 8, extras 7, total 38.—R. Marsh six for 17.

## CHANGES IN TOWN XI

Bedford Town make three changes in their team to visit Aylesbury to-morrow, S. T. Morris, G. Millman, and F. K. Breeze replacing E. C. Howard, R. E. Poulter, and B. Maries. Millman will keep wicket but C. G. Jones retains his place in the XI following his good knock against Luton last week. Team:

G. L. B. August, A. G. Coomb, S. T. Morris, C. F. T. Sabey, G. Millman, V. J. Harris, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, D. F. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, C. G. Jones.

### PILGRIMS STRONG XI

Bedford Pilgrims will field a strong side who have had wide club experience, against Bedford Modern School to-morrow.

Eight of the team are Old Bedford Modernians who all played in the School XIs between the years 1943 and 1952. These are: J. H. L. Davis (captain), J. H. Bramwell, T. J. Fitt, M. P. Houghton, M. L. Cooper, J. R. A. Pearson, C. Suffield, and K. Tait. The remaining players are J. Legate, who has played for the County, B. S. Tall, who learned his cricket in Sydney, and G. Thomas, better known in Rugby circles but also a useful fast bowler.

## DISBURY PLAYS FOR KENT

Many local cricketers and supporters will have been pleased to see the name B. E. Disbury in the Kent team which played Nottingham at Blackheath on Saturday and Monday, and run their eyes quickly and hopefully to the score beside his name.

This was Brian's first senior game of the season and 14 runs and one wicket for 30 earned him a further chance against Middlesex this week.

Capt. Percy Burke, who had much to do with Brian's introduction to Kent, recently showed the writer that County's 1955 annual, which reveals Disbury as obtaining the highest aggregate for Kent II last season in all matches and championship games, and for Kent Club and Ground.

His figures were respectively 692 (average 40.70), 458 (45.80), and 764 (50.93)—sure indication of his batting worth.

It is understood the former Bedfordshire and Bedford Town player has shed two stones in an effort to improve his quickness in the field.

## Case for Neutral Umpires

TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Sir—As an umpire in local cricket since 1936, I read with great interest the letter written by Mr. D. R. Jardine as President of the Association of Cricket Umpires. I must agree with Mr. Jardine that the standard of umpiring in club cricket is sometimes very low.

On behalf of my fellow umpires I would respectfully suggest that this is due in the main to there being (a) no incentive for an umpire to improve himself, except for his own satisfaction in a job well done, and (b) no local body to which he can affiliate and acquire status.

In the popular winter games—Association and Rugby football—a referee is a affiliated to an association, tested, and allocated to games in accordance with his ability. Practically all games of whatever standard are therefore controlled by a neutral official appointed by an Association who will deal severely with the misconduct of a player. Furthermore, these referees know that the highest honours are within their reach provided they attain the required standard.

In club cricket, by contrast, the umpire are nearly always persons who regularly umpire for a particular club. No local body exists to advise, test, or report on these officials, and, of course, they vary considerably in standard. Unlike the referee, the umpire has no effective remedy on the fortunately rare occasions when his decision is greeted with criticism or even abuse.

### CONTROLLING BODY

I have always considered that club umpiring should be carried out by a panel of neutral umpires properly tested and appointed by some local Association. There may be difficulties, but I am sure that they could be overcome with the co-operation of clubs concerned and the formation of a controlling body.

Hitherto, as far as I am aware, the Club Cricket Conference has been the only organization with a register of approved umpires. The Association of Cricket Umpires has now gone a stage further by carrying out the training and testing of umpires, and its work is to be highly commended. I myself applied last year to the Club Cricket Conference for inclusion on their register and have now been accepted. I have also joined the Association of Cricket Umpires, and at the earliest opportunity hope to take their test.

I do not umpire regularly for a club these days (a) because I am not available every week and (b) because I am in favour of neutral umpires being appointed for all matches wherever practicable, and would willingly give my services in this connexion.

In conclusion, it seems to me that the excellent work done by Mr. Jardine's Association will never receive all the support it deserves unless umpires are assured that once they achieve the required standard they will be given the opportunity to officiate in the better class of club games.

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## NO PLAY—FOR FIVE YEARS

The weather imps seem to have a grudge against the Bedford School v. Oundle cricket match. Yesterday, for the fifth year running, this annual encounter was rained off.

took four wickets, and by Bass, who in all bowled 17 overs, taking one wicket for only nine runs—caused five wickets to fall for three runs! At 15 for six Tonbridge faced defeat, but once again Pridaux rescued the side with a fine not out innings of 40.

A declaration left Bedford 50 minutes to make 101 runs to win on a turning wicket. They also made a poor start—five wickets going for 16 runs—but Kapur, who batted throughout, and Rischmiller warded off further shocks.

Thus the young Bedford side shared honours with a very fine and experienced Tonbridge XI, whose five third-year colours included a fine wicket-keeper, C. M. Smith, who has already played for Kent II.

Tonbridge: C. M. Smith b Ferro 21 —b Ferro 1; R. M. Pridaux not out 48—not out 40; R. Ward b Bass 4—c Eldridge b Ferro 7; R. M. R. Gracey c Meadows b Bass 0—lbw b Bass 1; N. Heroys c Bass b Eldridge 65—run out 1; J. J. Langdale not out 51—b Ferro 0; C. J. Crang c Kilby b Bass 26—b Ferro 0; G. E. Godfrey b Bass 0—not out 13; extras 5—3; totals 218 for six wickets (dec.) and 66 for six wickets (dec.). A. B. Hudson, N. B. Prowse and N. H. Foster did not bat.

Bedford: Conniff b Foster 45—c Heroys b Prowse 0; Kapur c Ward b Hudson 12—not out 7; Howlett at Smith b Hudson 44—c Heroys b Foster 5; Marriot c Gracey b Hudson 4; Smith b Foster 4; D. C. Eldridge c and b Hudson 0—at Smith b Hudson c and b Hudson 0; at Smith b Hudson 1; Kilby c Gracey b Foster 13—b Hudson 1; Rischmiller lbw b Foster 1 not out 9; R. H. Meadows c Godfrey b Hudson 47; Wade c Gracey b Ward 15; J. E. N. Ferro c Langdale b Hudson 0; R. G. Bass not out 0; extras 6—2; totals 183 and 29 for five wickets.

## PILGRIMS HOLD B.M.S. TO A DRAW

Bedford Modern School enjoyed the better of their drawn game with Bedford Pilgrims on Saturday, being 24 runs short of victory at close with six wickets in hand.

Batting first, the Pilgrims made a steady start, Bramwell and Scott putting on 38 for the first wicket. Then Bramwell was bowled by Watts, who went on to dismiss Legate and Scott (48 for three).

Watts continued to bowl well, taking the next three wickets also, and at this stage his analysis was six for 17.

However, a stand of 66 between Pearson and Davis—two of eight O.B.M.s in the side—rescued the Pilgrims, who were finally all out for 153, Pearson being undefeated with 42.

Watts and Chamberlain opened the B.M.S. innings, and though not looking too happy against Legate and Pearson, put on 37 before Chamberlain was bowled. Silis was soon dismissed, but Watts and Stevenson continued well until at 69 Watts became the second victim of Pearson. Twenty minutes later Stevenson was caught, after which Wilson and Richardson advanced the score to 130 for four by the close in an unbroken stand of 41.

**Pilgrims:** J. H. Bramwell b Watts 13; W. Scott lbw b Watts 26; J. Legate b Watts 6; P. G. Miller c Stevenson b Watts 7; C. Sutfield b Watts 11; M. F. Houghton b Watts 2; J. R. A. Pearson not out 42; J. H. L. Davis c Wilson b Salter 32; B. S. Tall b Salter 0; M. L. Cooper b Richardson 4; K. Tall b Wilson 4; extras 9; total 153.—**Watts** six for 37, Salter two for 16.  
**B.M.S.:** P. D. Watts b Pearson 38; W. Chamberlain b Pearson 14; R. J. T. Ellis at Houghton b Legate 8; R. L. Stevenson c Davis b Tall 18; D. J. Wilson not out 35; K. H. Richardson not out 14; extras 9; total (for four wickets) 130.—**A. Bramian,** P. J. Stretton, J. S. Watson, B. J. Salter and F. E. White did not bat.—Pearson two for 31.

## Smith Routs Igranic

Kempston bowlers S. Smith and L. Hills were in rare form against Igranic at Springfield on Saturday, skittling the Works side for 34. Out of 25 overs sent down by this pair, 13 were maidens, Smith finishing with six for 23 and Hills four for 9.

Kempston scored 72 for nine, owing much to D. Wright, who shared in stands of 20 with Bellamy and 18 with Lawrence, one of the side's youngsters.

**Kempston:** H. White 6, D. Wright 20, K. Brightman 4, R. Turner 1, D. Bellamy 13, M. Lawrence 11, S. Southgate 0, S. Smith 0, W. Tipton not out 9, L. Hills 0, D. Sharp not out 3, extras 6; total (for nine wickets, dec.) 72.—**Studman** three for 36, Collins two for 2.

**Igranic:** B. Moore 4, B. Asplin 1, D. Studman 5, G. Collins 1, D. O'Brien 0, G. Franklin 3, J. Bentley 6, P. Morris 3, C. Crowe 0, D. Gray 0, A. Baldry not out 10, extras 1; total 34.—**S. Smith** six for 23, L. Hills four for 9.

## Still Unbeaten

Rushmoor School are still unbeaten with six wins and a draw from seven matches. Latest results:—

Rushmoor School, 86 for eight, dec. (J. Robinson 33); Kimbolton Juniors, 52 for nine (Frossell four for 23, Robinson five for 23).

Rushmoor School, 93 for five, dec. (Frossell 26, Robinson 30); Bedford Junior School, 73 (Edwards 19, Frossell six for 25, Robinson four for 15).

### Castle Press v. Burtonians

Castle Press: J. Parker 1, D. Stormore 0, D. Wicks 4, K. Edwards 20, R. Reynolds 14, E. Wagstaff 8, T. Wilson 0, D. Dodson not out 20, D. May not out 2, extras 13; total (for seven wickets) 82.—**Johnson** three for 8.  
Burtonians: Thorne 10, Odd 6, Klein 0, Everett 3, J. Luff 0, V. Luff 4, Craven 5, Johnson 2, Scott 1, Frost 0, Davies 0, extras 3; total 34.—**F. Wilson** nine for 23.

### Kempston West End v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 6, E. Blundell 27, T. Ward 1, L. Pacey 12, J. Delighton 0, A. Blood 1, S. Bates 1, R. Pacey 1, D. Provern 0, R. Porder not out 0, C. Brown 0, extras 4; total 52. Cummings five for 6.

West End: J. Hutchings 1, M. McCully 9, C. Parker 4, L. Millard 0, C. Anthony 1, L. Hill 3, T. Cummings 1, B. Talbot 3, B. Henman 17, D. Martzell 0, S. Taylor not out 0, extras 2; total 42.—**E. Blundell** seven for 21, S. Alcock three for 19.

### Sharnbrook v. Rushden Wanderers

Sharnbrook: C. Watkinson 1, H. Gray 7, R. Wildman 20, R. Dunkley 25, P. Boyle 3, H. Martin 26, H. Borwick 28, T. Bragg 2, E. Blundell 17, M. Chambers 3, J. Shaylor not out 4, extras 2; total 132.

Rushden Wanderers: 89 for four.

### Woodside v. Silsoe

Woodside, 18 (Fossey and Peat each took five wickets).  
Silsoe: C. Matthews 2, A. Etheridge 1, C. Culpin 5, B. Peat retired 50, E. Clare 5, K. Burns 9, T. Allen 20, B. J. Peat 5, E. Chitty not out 2, R. Fossey 0, extras 3; total (for nine wickets) 104.

### Eversholt v. Vandon Plas

Vandon Plas: 111 (A. Hodgekinson not out 25, O. Jones 21, M. Carr six for 41, E. Jays two for 36).

Eversholt: B. Oakley 15, D. Impye 2, K. Cousins 0, A. Bradford 0, E. Jays 0, M. Carr 6, M. Colling 0, D. Carr 2, P. Barr 7, J. Ryan 15, B. Lawson 0, extras 2; total 49.—**F. Jones** eight for 18, J. Brooks two for 25.

### Carlton Training School v. Randalls

Randalls: J. Ager 10, H. Goff 12, K. Armour 0, A. Wilson 19, C. Campbell 7, K. Green 0, K. Armsby 3, R. Harris 1, J. L. Davidson not out 2, D. Brown 0, D. Hamshaw 0, extras 7; total 61.—**Ingram** five for 21, Paynton four for 5.

Carlton School: Johnson 5, Bonner 2, Ursell not out 9, Lay-Flurrie 14, Flute 0, B. Marston 0, C. Barnes 3, W. Ingram 6, Paynton 4, P. White 0, P. Page 6, extras 7; total 57.—**Green** five for 22, Wilson four for 28.

### London Brick Co. Sloughley v. Bedford North End

London Brick Co.: 53 (L. Dickens 26, Swales, Smith and Sanders each took three wickets).  
North End: W. Beardmore 22, D. Pickering 19, G. Footor 0, J. Stanley 0, A. Feasey 10, J. Ager 9, T. King not out 4, extras 3; total (for six wickets) 67.—**Read** and **Barratt** each took three wickets.

### Baehus v. Kempston East Methodist

Baehus: Swannell 0, Skinner 23, R. Brice 9, Marriott 12, R. King 23, H. Brice 8, Green 9, Swales not out 9, Barfoot not out 4, extras 3; total (for seven wickets) 90.—**Newman** three for 29.  
Methodist: White 8, Bennett 7, O. Gilbert 2, R. Turner not out 38, Bellamy 1, Clark 1, B. Gilbert 2, Newman 0, Kemp not out 3, extras 8; total (for seven wickets) 67.—**Swales** three for 22, Green two for 25.

### Other Matches

Woburn, 44 (J. MacGregor seven for 21, G. Wright three for 21); Ridgmont 67 (R. Young six for 24, T. Litchfield four for 16).

Dickens (Harrold) Ltd., 51 for eight (Lyman 18 not out, Johnson 11); Bedford Young Conservatives, 76 for six (Cave 26, Pethick 18, Dixon 17, Robinson three for 16, Chambers two for 12. Played at Harrold).

Shefford, 83; Clifton II, 49 for nine.

## HOSPITAL CUP PAIRINGS

The draw for the third round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup, which was made on Tuesday, has resulted as follows:—

Cryselco or Harpur Sports v. Goldington or Eaton Socon.  
Diener and Reynolds or Biggleswade v. North End.  
Staple or Thurlough "A" v. Stewartby or Sandy or Riseley.  
Shire Hall v. Great Staughton or Potton "A".  
Mogehanger or R.A.F. Cardington v. Postels or Holkirk's.  
Eversholt or Little Staughton v. Blunham "A" or Marston.  
Queen's Works "A" v. Queen's Works "B" or Bedford Town "A".  
Clapham "A" or Stevington v. Young Farmers.

Matches to be played between June 20 and 29.

## Boyse And Walker Rally Queen's

Queen's Works beat Gentlemen of the Lion at Allen Park on Wednesday by 36 runs.

Queen's batted first and lost six wickets for 37, but Boyse and Walker put on 29 to help them recover to a total of 79.

Though the Queen's attack was weakened when Dean dislocated a finger in fielding, Turner filled the gap well and, with Walker, put out the Lions for 43.

Queen's "A": E. C. Wooding 6, M. M. J. MacDonald 0, K. R. G. Williams 17, S. V. Wildman 0, H. F. Boyse 20, G. Shepherd 1, R. Morris 1, E. G. Walker 19, P. F. W. Wright 0, H. J. Dean 7, K. G. Turner not out 2, extras 4; total 79.—**Gazley** six for 40, Murray-Clarke four for 35.

Lions: B. Searle 7, G. Dean 1, Col. C. Marks 4, I. Williamson 3, R. Rustonjee 0, P. Gibb 0, K. Hargreaves 10, W. Gazley 8, T. Clarke 0, J. Botsford not out 0, J. Murray-Clarke 3, extras 7; total 43.—**Turner** three for 12, Walker three for 20.

## Young Farmers Win

In a second-round game at Pertenhall on Tuesday, Young Farmers beat Pertenhall by nine runs, thanks largely to good batting by Banks, Blake-more, and B. Whitlock.

Queenby made several powerful hits, and the Young Farmers' innings closed at 71. Pertenhall batted steadily for 62, K. Banks and J. Saunders bowling unchanged.

Young Farmers: K. Banks 22, J. Blake-more 6, B. Whitlock 19, A. Keech 1, J. Saunders 0, M. Whitlock 5, R. Saunders 0, B. Owen 1, D. Queenby 12, T. Thompson 2, extras 3; total (for nine wickets) 71. R. Taylor did not bat.  
—W. Prestland seven for 13, S. George two for 28.

Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 8, R. Kiteley 8, S. George 11, R. Jones 9, V. Roddis 1, W. Prestland 4, K. Gentle 10, E. Elliott 3, C. Stapleton 1, J. Roddis 10, O. Stapleton 2, extras 5; total 62.—**Saunders** six for 30, K. Banks three for 28.

## Smith Routs Police

Bedford North End easily defeated the Police in a second round game in Bedford Park on Tuesday, due in the main to the sustained accuracy of bowling by Roy Smith.

Smith broke the back of the Police batting in a devastating opening spell in which he took five wickets for 3 runs, and the side was out for 22.

A collection realized £5 1s. 3d.

Police 22 (R. Smith five for 6, K. Swales five for 16).

North End: W. Beardmore 19, D. Pickering 17, J. Ager 12, total (for 3 wickets) 48.—**Hepworth** two for 23.

## Shire Hall Through

After a stubborn but slow start in reply to Shire Hall's 81 for seven—their openers put on 32 runs—Colworth House collapsed against White (four for 29) and Duckett (three for 26) and never seriously challenged the Shire Hall.

Shire Hall: A. Jessop 30, A. Barter 7, L. Kay 3, P. Dixon 24, A. Henman 4, R. Garner 3, A. Duckett 2, T. Ruff not out 4, R. White not out 1, extras 3; total (for seven wickets) 81.

Colworth House: Pilsent 19, Ritchie 17, Bellis 1, Adams 0, Rice 0, Knight 4, Holmes 5, Green 3, Hutchings not out 4, Savage not out 2, extras 4; total (for eight wickets) 59.

## WOMEN'S CRICKET

### BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK

Played at Convent School ground, Bedford, on Saturday. Scores:—

Bedfordshire: A. Ison b Webb 1; V. Noyce lbw b Webb 7; H. Feltwell lbw b Barnes 59; J. Gee c Nobba b Webb 22; P. Collier not out 4; R. Norman 0; extras 1; total (for four wickets, dec.) 94. J. Olkown, S. Crossman v. Gilbert, A. Evkyn and D. Langford did not bat.—I. Webb three for 29.

Norfolk: J. Medforth b Feltwell 13; C. Severn b Feltwell 7; M. Neal lbw b Gee 7; I. Webb c Gee b Feltwell 32; E. Nobba c Norman b Gee 3; S. Seaman c Collier b Norman 3; C. Jones run out 0; M. Hindes lbw b Feltwell 2; P. Jarvis b Ison 0; J. Barnes not out 0; D. Forrowe c Norman b Feltwell 0; extras 4; total 71.—**H. Feltwell** five for 14, J. Gee two for 12.

# ELSTOW ALL OUT 12, EIGHT FAIL TO SCORE

Stevington's trio of bowlers, G. Curtis, A. Cox and W. Bird, met with remarkable success in a Bedford and District League, Division II (Section II), match at Elstow on Saturday.

After Stevington had declared at 99 for nine, to which L. Myers contributed top score of 32, Elstow failed dismally and were all out for a mere 12.

M. Cirket and D. Armour scored 11 of the 12 runs between them, and D. George claimed the other one. Thus eight batsmen failed to score. Curtis captured five wickets for four runs, and Cox and Bird took two each.

After losing four wickets for seven runs, Little Staughton recovered through their fifth-wicket pair, R. Thorne and M. Brown, who put on 37. A final total of 60 easily sufficed against opponents Wrestlingworth, who were shot out for 31.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Thurleigh v. Partenhall

Thurleigh: S. Asplin 3, R. Berrill 8, K. Wagstaff 9, A. Ellison 0, J. Wagstaff 3, D. Berrill 24, P. Hooker 4, C. Berrill not out 8, M. Berrill 1, C. Layton 0, B. Holley 16, extras 3, total 79.—Stapleton took three wickets, and Jones and Presland two each.  
Partenhall: G. Stapleton 3, J. Roddis 0, S. George 3, R. Jones 8, R. Gentle 0, J. Stapleton 0, B. Kiteley not out 9, V. Roddis 6, C. Stapleton 7, J. Elliott 0, W. Presland 3, extras 2, total 38.—C. and M. Berrill each took four wickets.

## DIVISION I

### Potton v. Riseley

Riseley: P. Powell 1, H. Stringer 5, W. Norman 6, J. Baines 23, W. Partidge 2, N. Lee 0, J. Ashpole 1, P. Dolson 1, E. Tarry 1, G. Hopkins 17, W. Allen not out 2, extras 9, total 74.—L. Sims four for 9, C. Blott three for 25, B. Moore two for 9.  
Potton: P. Brown 2, B. Chinn 0, P. Hutchinson 14, C. Blott 0, A. Aldred 0, L. Sims 44, G. Peck 0, E. Giles 1, R. Duffin 2, K. Hutchinson 4, B. Moore not out 1, extras 4, total 72. J. Ashpole six for 33, W. Partidge two for 33.

### Langford v. Souldrop

Langford: E. Whiteman 1, W. Smales 21, D. King 14, J. Calderon 10, R. Kilby 0, B. Kilby 2, L. King 7, N. Hoole 9, N. Rogers not out 40, T. Walker 6, J. Smith not out 8, extras 5, total (for nine wickets, dec.) 123.—J. Adams five for 35.  
Souldrop: J. Edwards 6, D. Tear 9, M. Adams 0, D. Rich 22, J. Adams 8, R. Hunt 4, C. Dye 0, D. Smith 2, W. Rich 2, C. Read not out 3, B. Stanton 0, extras 2, total 58.—D. King seven for 28.

## DIVISION II (SECTION I)

### Wrestlingworth v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: J. Robins 4, E. Robins 1, G. Robins 0, R. Thorne 20, R. Robins 0, Gurney 5, Brown 25, Jordan 2, Hopperton 0, Whitlock 0, White not out 0, total 60.—Lee six for 18, Walker two for 9, Deebie two for 18.

Wrestlingworth: H. Robinson 3, W. Dalsley 1, L. Rabone 1, M. Deebie 11, R. Dalsley 6, R. Walker 4, A. Hall 0, V. Bentley 2, L. Compton 0, K. Lee not out 0, C. Bates 0, extras 3, total 31.—R. Robins four for 16, C. Brown two for 10.

### Great Barford v. Great Staughton

Great Barford: P. Johnston 0, I. Holt 2, D. Robinson 6, R. West 0, G. Robinson 9, M. Lee 4, P. Usher not out 10, J. Brees 0, W. Skevington 4, G. Marlin 6, J. Jeffs 2, extras 1, total 44.—M. Davison six for 16, P. Davison four for 27.

Great Staughton: P. Heading 5, J. Oliver 0, W. Peil 5, M. Davison 5, P. Barnett 0, P. Davison 2, C. Heading 0, B. Fensome 0, A. Dawkes 1, J. Davison 5, D. Fensome not out 0, extras 8, total 31.—R. West two for 9, W. Skevington two for 2.

## DIVISION II (SECTION II)

### Cople v. Marston II

Cople: E. Hull 2, A. Worrall 20, C. Graves 2, D. Shingler 22, B. Minney 0, P. Jennings not out 15, M. Cambers 1, D. Thacker 4, J. Ward 1, E. Yerrill 1, S. Wisler 1, extras 8, total 77.—Knight five for 19, Goodman four for 20.  
Marston: C. Rowe 4, G. Moore 8, D. Clark 5, J. White 37, R. Hay 1, J. Stapleton 0, A. Goodman 30, A. Bunker 5, T. Ellis 0, R. Burridge 1, S. Knight not out 0, extras 3, total 94.—Worrall four for 18, Shinler two for 22, Hull two for 28.

### Stevington v. Elstow

Stevington: A. Cox 5, H. Sargent 3, L. Myers 32, G. Curtis 1, A. Woods 5, H. Pearson 1, T. Ingram 1, L. Cook 12, W. Bird 4, H. Dart not out 12, B. Deeney not out 15, extras 7, total (for nine wickets, dec.) 98.—Lack three for 33, Southam two for 13, Caves two for 19, Rowkins one for 23.  
Elstow: B. Stapleton 5, B. Lack 0, D. Armour 0, M. Cirket 6, A. Rowkins 0, K. Bartram 0, G. Caves 0, S. Southam 0, R. Bartram 0, D. George 1, G. Poskett not out 0, total 12.—Curtis five for 4, Bird two for 0, Cox two for 8.

## DIVISION III (SECTION I)

### Oakley v. Thurleigh II

Thurleigh: L. Franklin 3, F. Holley 1, F. Hollowell 12, D. Green 4, D. Brown 7, K. Berrill 16, H. Melson 12, J. C. Thorne 1, B. Ingle not out 3, C. Maddison 7, J. L. Thorne 0, extras 3, total 69.—Mobis three for 14, Keech two for 15, Bird two for 18, Rainbow two for 19.

Oakley: C. Bird 0, J. Bryson 10, A. Keech 19, R. Saunders 4, F. Rainbow 5, R. Croft 1, S. Phelits 0, G. Mobis 0, G. Rainbow 4, T. Thompson 1, J. Jefferies not out 0, extras 3, total 45.—J. Green three for 10, K. Berrill four for 6.

## MOTOR RACING

At Silverstone recently, in a car of his own design and manufacture, Mr. Maurice Clare, of Cople, was placed eighth in a field of 40 entrants, and also sixth in an entry of 30. Well-known works' cars and drivers were in the races.

## XL CLUB LAST PAIR DEFY BEDFORD SCHOOL ATTACK

### Rischmiller Hits Unbeaten 101

Bedford School just missed what would have been a notable victory over the XL Club on Saturday, the Club's last pair defying the School attack in an exciting final ten minutes.

Rischmiller hit a fine unbeaten century for the School and Bass took five for 30 in 18 overs

Conniff and Kapur opened the School innings, and reached 23 before Conniff was yorked by Vane-Percy. Despite accurate bowling by Austin Matthews (Glamorgan) and K. Hewleson, Rischmiller and Kapur took the score to 78 by lunch-time.

Kapur was caught soon after the break, but Rischmiller and Eldridge then added 102, running well between the wickets.

The final 30 were added in a hard-fighting partnership which gave Rischmiller a well-deserved hundred, and enabled Meadows to declare at 217 for three.

R. A. Taylor (Cambridgeshire) and T. Busby (Buckinghamshire) opened the Club innings but were separated at seven. Bowling very fast, and bringing the ball back off a length, Bass finally took five wickets for 30 in three fine spells.

Ferro also bowled accurately, and only D. J. Skipwith (Devon) and Austin Matthews played with an assurance matching that of Taylor. In an exciting ten minutes the School strove hard to take the final wicket, but Taylor kept most of the bowling to carry his bat for a chanceless 67.

**School:** Conniff b Vane-Percy 13; C. Kapur c Taylor b Matthews 29; K. Rischmiller not out 101; D. C. Eldridge c Sparr b Howleson 43; H. Meadows not out 14; extras 20; total (for three wks. dec.) 217. Howlett, Kilby, Wade, J. R. N. Ferro, R. G. Bass and Summerfield did not bat.

**XL Club:** H. A. Taylor not out 67; T. Busby b Bass 3; D. J. Skipwith b Bass 28; K. Howleson b Ferro 1; Brig. J. Durnford-Slater b Bass 5; J. Smith c Bass 2; K. Vane-Percy b Ferro 4; R. V. Sparr b Bass 0; A. Matthews at Summerfield b Kapur 32; C. W. Connery run out 1; G. J. O. Murray-Clark not out 1; extras 8; total (for nine wks.) 141.

### M.C.C. Side Held

M.C.C. did Bedford School the honour of sending a really strong side for last week's game and although the School's batting was slow, bearing in mind their relative inexperience and the power of the opposition, they can be said to have performed most creditably in drawing in a full day's play.

Brief details of the M.C.C. personalities are given after their names:

**M.C.C.:** H. J. Potts (Oxford Blue) b Bass 0; Rev. W. E. G. Payton (R.A.F. and Combined Services) c Meadows b Bass 41; M. Woodhouse (Free Foresters) b Ferro 1; J. G. Doubleday (Captain School XI 1939, Northern Rhodesia) c Howlett b Kapur 31; J. A. Cockett (Cambridge Blue, Buckinghamshire, and Minor Counties) b Eldridge 32; E. W. Swanton (Middlesex and "Daily Telegraph" correspondent) c Howlett b Kapur 25; J. A. R. Oliver (Bedfordshire and Minor Counties) not out 18; H. G. Bynoe (Leamington) c Meadows b Eldridge 10; A. R. Alton (ex-captain Bedfordshire and B.B.C. commentator) not out 1; extras 9; total (for seven wks., dec.) 168. Capt. R. T. Broadfoot (B.A.O.R.) and R. J. Hurst (Middlesex) did not bat.

**School:** Conniff at Bynoe b Hurst 17; Kapur not out 34; Rischmiller b Swanton 12; D. C. Eldridge b Hurst 6; Marriott b Hurst 0; Howlett b Alton 9; Kilby not out 1; extras 7; total (for five wks.) 86. R. H. Meadows, Wade, J. R. N. Ferro and R. G. Bass did not bat.

Bedford Modern School, 154 (for seven, dec. (W. Chamberlain 40, D. J. Wilson 34, G. Call four for 37); City of London School, 61 (for six (F. D. Watts three for 29).

### Took Eight For One

R. Chambers, of Dickens (Harrold) C.C., achieved one of the most remarkable bowling performances of the season when he took eight Stevington wickets for one run.

**Scores:**— Dickens C.C., 33 for seven (A. Lyman 15 not out, G. Curtis three for 4, W. Bird two for 5); Stevington, 9 (R. Chambers eight for 1, G. Robinson two for 8).

### Old Warden v. Bedfordshire Times

Father and son, G. and D. Berridge, rescued Old Warden from an unpromising position of 34 for seven, putting on 32, and then, with the help of a telling 14 balls by E. Bennett in which he took three wickets for 9, routed the Times for 31.

**Old Warden:** 78 (D. Berridge 26, G. Berridge 19, R. Bayliss 15, E. Blott four for 35, R. West three for 12).

**Bedfordshire Times:** 31 (P. Fisher 10, G. Berridge three for 6, E. Bennett three for 9, D. Berridge three for 13).

### Rushden Mission v. Sharnbrook

**Rushden Mission:** 43 (L. Golding 16, L. Blundell three for 7, C. Watkinson three for 7).

**Sharnbrook:** 84 (H. Grey 33, R. Wildman 16, C. Watkinson 1, J. Shayer 5, G. Boyles 15, J. Boyles 0, D. Stanley 5, L. Blundell 6, R. Dunkley not out 1, extras 13; total (for eight wks.) 97.

### Everton v. Randalls

**Randalls:** J. Ager 20, F. Teague 14, B. Norman not out 16, A. Wilson not out 31, extras 3; total (for two wks.) 84.

**Everton:** P. Barnett 1, F. Wilson J. Barnett 16, J. Wilson 5, P. Wilson 6, P. Gilbert 10, G. Lawson 10, P. Morse 6, B. Roberts 1, K. Hare 0, J. Nunn not out 0, extras 2; total 62.—A. Wilson seven for 25, K. Green two for 35.

### Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Castle Press

**Wilson's:** Woolston 11, Bird 8, Freame 1, Thomson not out 15, Smith 10, Taylor 9, Neale 0, Worsley 3, Eddy 0 extras 2; total 59.—Starmore five for 23, Dodson three for 25.

**Castle Press:** N. Steele 9, R. Brooks 0, D. Starmore 19, J. Darlow 3, C. Mitchell 3, J. Parker 5, H. Wagstaff 5, R. Reynolds not out 6, D. Dodson not out 0, extras 9; total (for seven wks.) 61.—R. Reynolds scored the winning run off the last ball.

**Everton:** 38 (F. Wilson 17, Dimmick five for 5, Cannon two for 8, Lynch two for 13; Goldington, 39 for three (G. Tucker 11, Roberts three for 10).

**Willington:** 23 (Storton 10, Whitting four for 10, Whaley three for 3, Meadows three for 4; Goldington, 30 for eight (King three for 4, Cooper three for 4).

**Queen's Works "Extra A":** 17 (Whitting six for 7, Clarke four for 5; Goldington "B", 88 for seven (Hawson 17, Elvin not out 13, Lightburn two for 15, Hoar two for 27).

**Wyheaton:** 49 for nine, dec. (C. Folging 17, Meadows three for 7, Thompson two for 10, Whiting two for 18), Goldington, 59 for five (Whiting 37).

**Bedford Electricity:** 95 (R. Walker 15, K. Woods 14, Dimmick four for 12, Thompson three for 10; Goldington "A", 63 for eight (D. Day not out 19, A. Single 14, French four for 17).

**Rushmoor School:** 61 (Robinson 31); **The Knoll School:** 20 (Robinson four for 0, Frossell four for 3).

**Kempston East Methodist:** 75 for five (Boyes 23, Bellamy 20, not out, Hopkins two for 11); **Riseley:** 49 (Hopkins 16, Donnison three for 8, Simpson three for 14).

**Ridgmont:** 60 (Greenhood 20 not out, Brown four for 11; Kermun four for 25); **Lynton Works:** 31 (MacGregor five for 11).

## Took 8 for 23 But His Side Was Beaten

Despite excellent bowling by A. Goodman (eight for 23) Marston lost to Pertenhall by 27 runs in the Bedford and District League (Premier Division). Set to beat 63 Marston hit 15 before losing a wicket; then came a dramatic collapse, the side being out for 36.

Blunham's victory over South End Ramblers by 50 runs was a triumph for bowlers Tester (six for 15) and Fordham (three for 12). The Ramblers, playing on their first really hard wicket this season, were dismissed in 21 overs for only 20 runs, a total passed in a fine fifth-wicket partnership between Fred Abbott and M. Ransom.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Blunham v. South End Ramblers**  
Blunham: D. Clayton 0, G. Ferguson 0, H. Norman 3, R. Keech 0, R. Wilson 8, A. Spence 0, R. Cooper 1, J. Bosworth 2, K. Green 3, F. Rouse not out, G. Davis 0, extras 3, total 20.—F. Tester six for 12, W. Fordham three for 6.  
Blunham: P. Abbott 19, D. Brooks 0, D. Moore 6, C. Payne 0, R. Rawlins 0, M. Ransom 9, G. Bred 4, M. Rawlin 13, B. Pattison 3, F. Tester 12, W. Fordham 0, extras 4, total 70.—G. Davis three for 13, R. Wilson two for 17.

**Stagsden v. Thurlough**  
Stagsden: G. Newman 8, H. Townley 5, J. Brooks 0, B. Sharp 1, F. Williams 8, R. Frossell 1, H. Woolston 12, R. Tite 5, S. Dutton 6, K. Brooks 3, G. Frossell not out, total 63.—G. Berrill four for 18, C. Clayton two for 11, B. Holey two for 19.  
Thurlough: S. Asplin 0, R. Berrill 0, K. Wagstaff 2, P. Hooker 2, D. Berrill 4, B. Ellison 5, J. Wagstaff 21, C. Berrill 24, M. Berrill 7, B. Holey 0, C. D. Clayton not out, extras 1, total 70.—R. Townley five for 28, G. Newman three for 19.

**Pertenhall v. Marston**  
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 23, S. Stapleton 11, S. George 4, K. Gentle 1, R. Jones 2, R. Kiteley 4, J. Roddis 2, V. Roddis 7, B. Seamarks 1, W. Presland 4, C. Stapleton 0, extras 3, total 53.—A. Goodman eight for 23, M. Smith one for 27.  
Marston: A. Copperwheat 11, J. Nichols 4, R. Berry 2, C. White 4, P. Odell 3, C. Cave 1, D. Faulkner 0, V. Hae 2, A. Knight 2, M. Smith 3, A. Goodman 1, extras 4, total 36.—W. Presland five for 11, S. George four for 15, R. Jones one for 6.

### DIVISION I

**Souldrop v. Pavenham**  
Souldrop: J. Edwards 19, D. Tear 3, B. Whittington 15, D. Rich 17, M. Adams 3, R. Hunt 1, J. Adams 1, D. Smith 1, C. Head 0, W. Rich not out, B. Stanton 0, extras 0, total 43.—G. Barker five for 24, C. Bennett three for 21.  
Pavenham: A. Howe 2, M. Higgs 2, C. Bennett 19, N. Wesley 6, C. Whitworth 14, A. Wesley 0, G. Barker 5, Holl 4, I. Higgs not out, D. Higgs 0, R. Simmons not out, 1, extras 4, total (for nine wkts.) 58.—H. Whittington two for 1, J. Adams two for 13, M. Adams two for 13, B. Stanton two for 18.

**Mogerhanger v. Potton**  
Mogerhanger: F. Reid 2, E. Wilsher 1, M. Daniels 2, C. Shorley 14, P. Rawlins 3, K. Reid 0, S. Reid 9, R. Reid 2, R. Phillips 0, D. Jones 0, rev. H. Phoenix not out, 1, extras 3, total 34.—B. Moore seven for 6.  
Potton II: P. Brown 5, B. Moore 24, P. Hutchinson 17, A. Aldred 11, J. Peck 0, L. Sims not out, 19, R. Duffin 0, M. Sims 1, extras 6, total (for seven wkts.) 83.—Phoenix four for 41.

### DIVISION II (SECTION I)

**Uolmworth v. Little Paxton**  
Colmworth: M. Hall 0, 0; B. Watts 3, 8 v. Aurnam 0, not out 19; S. Matthews 0, 1; B. Swales 0, 0; F. Hughes 17, 5; M. Henderson 0, 1; H. Swales 1, 0; J. Swales not out 0, not out 5; J. Chamberlain 0, 1; C. Stringer 0, 0; extras 14, 4; totals 43 and 45 for nine wkts., dec.  
Little Paxton: C. Juggard 0, 1, G. Quince 21, 4; F. Saunders 1, 0; S. Hewitt 1, 2; Day 0, not out 7; L. Whitley 9, 1; Gould 0, D. Smith 0, D. Humphries 3, J. Marne not out 0, not out 9; M. Haslop 0, extras 8, 3; totals 48 and 24 for three wkts.

### Great Staughton v. Wrestlingworth

Wrestlingworth: W. Daisley 0, L. Rabone 8, M. Deuble 2, M. Daisley 0, V. Russell 3, G. Bristol 0, V. Bentley 0, H. Walker 2, L. Compton 0, R. Young 1, H. Lee not out, 1, extras 4, total 26.—L. Button three for 9, W. Pell three for 12, G. Heading two for 1.  
Great Staughton: W. Pell 3, F. Heading 2, A. Daisley 31, P. Barrett 2, Scott William 1, L. Button 5, B. Sturgeon 8, B. Fensome 0, C. Heading 8, D. Fensome not out, 3, D. Mills 3, extras 10, total 73.—M. Deuble four for 35, H. Lee two for 11.

### DIVISION II (SECTION II)

**North Crawley v. Cople**  
Cople: E. Hull 9, 1, A. Worrall 1, 1; D. Shingler 0, 1; A. Hart 0, 1; P. Jennings 3, 8; G. Graves 4, 1; M. Chambers 0, 1; E. Yerrill 1, 1; J. Hurren 0, not out 0; D. Thacker not out 9; B. Minney 0, 0; extras 3, 2; totals 37 and 17.—D. Savage three for 10 and three for 10, W. Howe two for 8 and seven for 5, H. Seamarks four for 15.  
North Crawley: P. Wooding 0, G. Pratten 12, 1; H. Seamarks 7, 6; D. Savage 3, not out 2; P. Savage 0, 4; T. Caves 0; G. Adderson 3, 0; W. Howe 1, 4; E. Brandon 0, 3; F. Stanton not out 2, not out 0; F. Eeles 0, extras 1; totals 29 and 21 for six wickets.—D. Shingler seven for 18 and one for 12, B. Minney three for 3 and three for 8.

### DIVISION III (SECTION I)

**Wilson & Humphreys v. Clapham II**  
Wilson's: Neale 12, Bird 0, not out 0; Thompson 18, 21; Worsley 2, 10; Humphreys 12, 1; Taylor 3, 0; Facey 3, 0; Odell 4, 0; Eddy 6, 0; Preams not out 8, 5; Scott 4, 0; extras 6, 0; totals 86 and 45 for nine wickets.  
Clapham: Jones 0, Ward 5, Shortland 4, D. Brown not out 21 for six wickets.—Stapleton 0, Cope 3, G. Brown 2, Baker 1, Pass 0, Powell 0, extras 2, total 41.—Bird seven for 8.

**Sharnbrook v. Oakley**  
Oakley: J. Briggs 50, J. Saunders 18, J. Bryson 7, R. Kerch 18, C. Bird 0, G. Mous 18, R. Saunders 23, T. Thompson 6, G. Rainbow 0, J. Jeffries not out 6, R. Odell 0, extras 9, total 152.—S. Alcock six for 43.  
Sharnbrook: S. Alcock 9, R. Marsh 12, E. Blundell 2, S. Bates 1, E. Ward 20, L. Pacey 6, E. Millward 10, J. Delight 5, A. Blood not out 8, R. Pacey not out 0, extras 3, total (for eight wkts.) 75.—J. Saunders three for 19.

**Thurlough II v. Keysoe**  
Keysoe: B. Ellison 17, P. Woolston 10, A. Cook 4, B. Hartop 15, K. Brown 0, T. Freeman 17, P. Roddis 2, T. George 1, L. Woodwood not out, 7, C. J. Clayton 0, P. Blair 0, extras 1, total 74.—K. Berrill six for 15, J. C. Thorne three for 25.  
Thurlough: P. Bull 3, L. Franklin 0, P. Hollowell 4, B. Ingle 1, K. Berrill 4, J. L. Thorne 0, G. Maddison 0, P. Hogg 1, D. Green not out 6, D. Brown 1, J. C. Thorne not out 1, extras 3, total (for nine wkts.) 24.—B. Ellison three for 8, T. Freeman two for 1, A. Cook two for 3, P. Woolston two for 3.

### DIVISION III (SECTION II)

**Depot Beds. & Herts. v. Blunham II**  
Depot. 144 for seven, dec. (P. Smith 67).  
Blunham, 123 (Page 73, Dean five for 14).

## Town Miss Coomb, Jenkins, Sabey

Holidays deny Bedford Town the services of A. G. Coomb, D. G. Jenkins and C. F. Sabey for their visit to Welwyn Garden City, tomorrow. B. Maries, C. Dixon, and J. Kirby take their place. Team: G. L. B. August, G. Millman, S. T. Morris, C. G. Jones, D. F. Hoar, V. J. Harris, G. S. Andrews, F. K. Breeze, B. Maries, C. Dixon, J. Kirby.

### Hospital Cup

## TOWN v. QUEEN'S TONIGHT

One of the most important clashes in the Bedford Hospital Cup competition so far, occurs at Allen Park, Bedford, today (Friday), when Queen's Works meet the holders, Bedford Town, in a third round game. Teams:

Queen's: H. Boyse (capt.), M. MacDonald, E. Wooding, K. Williams, S. Wildman, G. Shepherd, R. Morris, E. Walker, K. Turner, J. Dean, D. Stapleton.  
Bedford: A. G. Coomb (capt.), E. C. Howard, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, V. J. Harris, C. G. Jones, D. Hoar, G. S. Andrews, R. Jarvis, B. Maries, W. Peet.

The game starts at 6.30 p.m.

**Goldington v. Eaton Socon**  
Eaton Socon: F. Bass 2, J. Young 15, E. Oakley 0, R. Bennett 0, J. Haines 8, D. Asbury not out 18, Dawson 3, R. Bygraves 13, R. Oakley 0, R. Mash 0, B. Nichols not out 1, extras 8, total (for nine wkts.) 68.—Cannon three for 29, Dimmick two for 1, Lynch two for 14.  
Goldington: Tickner 8, Day 3, Meadows 0, Dimmick 6, Whiting 7, Whaley 3, Fraser 0, Single 4, Brumwell 1, Cannon 5, Lynch not out 0, extras 4, total 41.

**Goldington v. Wyoboston**  
Great Barford, Little Staughton, Great Staughton v. Colmworth, Little Paxton v. Wrestlingworth.  
Division II (Section II)  
Elstow v. North Crawley, Marston II v. Cople, Felmersham v. Kempston Wood End, Marston Sports v. Stevington.  
Division III (Section I)  
Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Riseley, Little Staughton II v. Clapham II, Sharnbrook v. Keysoe.  
Division III (Section II)  
Kempston West End v. Depot Beds. and Herts. Regt., Blunham II v. Caldecote II.

### Cricket

## TO DAY (FRIDAY)

**HOSPITAL CUP**  
Harpur Sports v. Eaton Socon (Bedford Park, 8.30 p.m.).  
Queen's Works A" v. Bedford Town "A" holders (Allen Park, 6.30).

## TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Welwyn Garden City v. Bedford Town  
Henlow v. Harpur Sports  
Queen's Works v. Vauxhall Motors  
Bedford North End v. Eaton Socon  
Halleybury and I.C.S. v. Bedford School  
Bedford Modern School v. Wigginton School  
Bedford Town II v. Peterborough II  
Harpur II v. Peterborough II  
Queen's Works II v. Vauxhall II  
Kempston v. Bedford Argus  
Bedford North End v. Eaton Socon  
Biggleswade v. Blechley  
Flitwick "B" v. Ickwell  
Potton v. R.A.F. Bassingbourn  
Three Counties Hospital v. Southgate  
Old Warden v. Silsoe  
Shefford v. Maulden  
Clifton v. Bondor (Baldock)  
Amphill v. Sandy  
Lidington v. Ridgmont  
Flitwick Extras v. Luton Palladio  
Shillington v. Pulloxhill  
Goldington "A" v. Blunham  
Astell v. Goldington  
Moulsoe v. Diemer and Reynolds  
Everton v. Campton  
Southill II v. Vauxhall Motors II

## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
South End Ramblers v. Stagsden, Caldecote v. Pertenhall.  
Division I  
Lynton Works v. Souldrop, Pavenham v. Renhold, Langford v. Mogerhanger.  
Division II (Section I)  
Ickwell v. Wyoboston, Great Barford, Little Staughton, Great Staughton v. Colmworth, Little Paxton v. Wrestlingworth.

**Division II (Section II)**  
Elstow v. North Crawley, Marston II v. Cople, Felmersham v. Kempston Wood End, Marston Sports v. Stevington.  
**Division III (Section I)**  
Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Riseley, Little Staughton II v. Clapham II, Sharnbrook v. Keysoe.  
**Division III (Section II)**  
Kempston West End v. Depot Beds. and Herts. Regt., Blunham II v. Caldecote II.

### SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Letchworth Tabs, North End v. Harpur Sports, Queen's Works v. Northampton R.A.F.A., Luton Town v. Biggleswade, Potton v. T. R. Lacey's XI, Igranv. Crayke, Melts v. Hunting Perival, Pavenham v. Diemer and Reynolds, Campton v. Bedford Casuals, Clapham v. Goldington, Shefford v. Tudor C.C.

### MONDAY

R.A.F. v. Civil Service, at Henlow, 11.30 a.m. (and Tuesday),  
**HOSPITAL CUP**  
Shire Hall v. Potton "A",  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**HOSPITAL CUP**  
Biggleswade v. Bedford North End.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Mill Hill v. Bedford Town.  
Morris Motors v. Harpur Sports.  
Bedford School v. Dulwich College.  
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, v. Bedford Modern School.  
Bedford II v. Mill Hill II.  
Kempston v. Shire Hall.  
Bedford Argus v. Grasshoppers.  
Buckingham v. Queen's Works.  
Cryselco v. Igranic.  
Cogenhoe v. Bedford North End.  
Rodexican v. Harpur II.  
Hinworth v. Queen's Works II.  
Mellis v. Ickwell.  
Cross and Co. v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Diemer and Reynolds v. Wharley End.  
Sharnbrook v. Impregnable C.C.  
Elgiewade Town v. Waresley.  
Southill Park v. Henlow.  
De Havillands v. Southill Park II.  
Campton v. Holwell.  
Henlow II v. Hitchin Strollers.  
Clifton v. De Havillands.  
Meredews v. Clifton II.  
Holwell v. Smart and Brown.  
Amphill v. Old Warden.  
Ridmont v. Shire Hall II.  
Chalgrave v. Pulloxhill.  
Potton Town v. Baldock.

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

Thurleigh v. South End Ramblers.  
Clapham v. Blunham.  
Stagsden v. Marston.

##### Division I

Lynton Works v. Pavenham.  
Renhold v. Riseley.  
Souldrop v. Potton.

##### Division II (Section I)

Ickwell v. Staploe.  
Great Staughton v. Little Staughton.  
Wyboston v. Colnworth.  
Great Barford v. Wrestlingworth.

##### Division II (Section II)

Marston II v. Kempston Wood End.  
North Crawley v. Felmersham.  
Marston Sports v. Cople.  
Stevington v. Elstow.

##### Division III (Section I)

Riseley v. Thurleigh II.  
Keysoe v. Wilson Bros. & Humphreys.  
Little Staughton II v. Sharnbrook.  
Oakley v. Clapham II.

##### Division III (Section II)

Tempsford v. Kempston West End.  
Roxton v. Depot Beds. and Herts.

#### SUNDAY

Southill Park v. Bedford Town.  
Harpur Sports v. Cryselco.  
Queen's Works v. Sharnbrook.  
Mellis v. Wharley End.  
St. Neots v. Bedford North End.  
Clapham v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Campton v. Houghton Regis.  
R.A.F. Henlow v. Potton Town.

#### FRIDAY JULY 8

##### HOSPITAL CUP

R.A.F. Cardington v. Harpur Sports  
(Bedford Park, 6.15 p.m.).

## HOSPITAL CUP SEMI-FINALS

The draw for the semi-finals of the Bedford and District Hospital Cricket Cup has resulted as follows:

Biggleswade v. Eversholt in Bedford Park next Tuesday.

R.A.F. Cardington or Harpur Sports v. Stewartby or Bedford Town (holders) in Bedford Park next Wednesday.

The final will be played in Bedford Park on Thursday, July 21, starting at 6 p.m. Umpires: Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Clarke.

The Mayor, Councillor R. G. Gale, is to present the cup.

Biggleswade, 38 (E. Smith 8, E. Huckle 5, for 18, L. Sims four for 15); Potton "A", 34 (L. Sims 13, D. Page 10, E. Smith six for 18, P. Allen three for 14).

## B.M.S. BEATEN

Bedford Modern School suffered their second defeat of the season at Barnet on Saturday, when they lost by 68 runs to Queen Elizabeth's School.

Battling first, Q.E.S. lost two cheap wickets to Wilson, but Greig and Harwood staged a good recovery, taking the score to 70. Harwood played steadily for 50, and Smedley attacked the bowling vigorously in scoring 25; but little resistance came from the rest, the side being out for 152.

B.M.S. began disastrously against the fast attack of Pratt and Watling, four wickets going for eight runs. Stretton and Watson survived till tea, after which three more wickets went cheaply (24 for seven).

Stretton and Richardson defended resolutely for 90 minutes, Stretton batting in all for two and a half hours for 41. Richardson played faultlessly until their partnership was worth 54, and the last wicket fell at 84.

Pratt returned the fine figures of six for 24 in 23 overs. The fielding of both sides reached a high standard.

Q.E.S.: D. W. Greig c Stretton b Richardson 40; B. Rogers c White b Wilson 7; P. C. Jennings c White b Wilson 9; D. W. Harwood c Wilson b Watts 50; P. B. Saunders c Wilson b Richardson 3; D. Hannant b Wilson 2; B. Smedley c Brannan b Richardson 25; N. G. S. Watling b White 11; G. R. Thomas c Stevenson b Wilson 7; M. J. Pratt b White 10; G. R. Lock not out 1; extras 16; total 152.—Wilson four for 59, Richardson three for 19, White two for 24, Watts one for 14.

B.M.S.: P. D. Watts b Pratt 2; W. Chamberlain b Pratt 0; D. J. Wilson c Saunders b Watling 0; P. J. Stretton c Rogers b Smedley 41; E. J. Salter b Watling 2; J. Watson b Pratt 1; P. G. White c Hannant b Watling 8; R. L. Stevenson c Smedley b Pratt 0; K. H. Richardson c Lock b Pratt 20; A. M. Brannan b Pratt 0; R. J. T. Sills not out 4; extras 8; total 84.—Pratt six for 24, Watling three for 24, Smedley one for three.

## Century For Meeson

The Gentlemen of the Lion C.C.'s tour of the Isle of Wight continues very enjoyably though with mixed success.

Last Friday there was a very exciting match against Newport. The G.O.L. declared at 136 for nine, and from 50 for three a fine spell of bowling by Murray-Clarke brought Newport to 83 for 9. Three balls only were left when the last man came in, and he managed to survive.

Saturday's match was against J. S. White's XI on the ground which Hampshire will use next year. High scoring might have been expected, and did occur. An opening stand of 69 between Leadley and Meeson gave the G.O.L. a good start, and Meeson went on to get his 100 in exactly two hours.

This was a very fine innings indeed, especially so as he faced 18 overs from Ody, the Hampshire second-team player.

### Summary of scores:—

G.O.L., 75 for six dec. (Meeson 26, Rustomjee 23 not out); Westover Park, 61 (Murray-Clarke five for 33, Williamson two for 28).

G.O.L., 59 (Williamson 26, Farrow 20); Army, XI, Parkhurst, 61 for four (Meeson three for 22).

G.O.L., 115 (Marshall 30, Duxbury 17); Army, XI, Freshwater, 100 for four.

G.O.L., 156 for nine dec. (Meeson 37, Murray-Clarke 23); Newport, 83 for nine (Murray-Clarke six for 35, Scovell three for 29).

G.O.L., 175 for five dec. (Meeson 108 not out, Leadley 35); J. S. White's XI, Cores, 139 for four (Rodley four for 31).

### Town Hall v. Castle Press

Town Hall: Shaw 0, Hunter 4, Hargreaves 25, Craddock 2, Jones 5, Wiltshire 2, Johns 2, Fremantle 9, Martin 3, Horne not out 1, extras 6, total 59.—Lee three for 15.  
Castle Press: Steele 0, Parker 41, Wagstaff 23, Brookes 16, Dilley 0, Lee 7, Starmore not out 1, Mitchell not out 3, extras 5, total (for six wkts.) 102.—Horne two for 23.

### Hobkirk's v. Castle Press

Hobkirk's: J. Crisp 1, Bennett 4, W. Crisp 23, Payne 10, Kirkup 29, Wicks not out 9, Britten 0, Wilson 5, extras 2, total (for eight wkts.) 60.—Lee four for 10.  
Castle Press: Parker 0, Steele 0, Lee 11, Wagstaff 0, Edwards 5, Reynolds 12, Dilley 12, Dodson 13, Wilson 12, Starmore 0, May not out 2, extras 1, total 68.—Wilson six for 20, Kirkup two for 9.

Randalls, 97 for four (Ager 51, Wilson 23 not out, Ranson two for 57); Bedford Young Conservatives, 98 for three (Fleet 41, Cave 24, Willis three for 29).

Dickens (Harrod), 29 (D. Willis eight for eight, R. Mezeary two for 11); Olney Town, 45 (J. Abraham 15, R. Chambers four for 14, A. Lyman two for 14, B. Larkins three for five).

Rushmoor School Old Boys, 98 for ten dec., 12-a-side (D. Cooper 29, Frossell five for 23, Robinson three for 18); Rushmoor School, 58 for nine (Taylor four for 17).

Rushmoor School, 39; Wellingborough Juniors, 70 for four, in suffering their first defeat of the season. Rushmoor were outplayed by a much-improved team.

## League Race Intensified by Defeat of Leaders

South End Ramblers' win by 33 runs against Thurleigh, leaders of the Bedford and District League (Premier Division), makes the championship race even more intense. The Ramblers' game against Pertenhall in Russell Park tomorrow will be important, but Blunham, Clapham and even Stagdsden are still well in the running.

The Ramblers owed much to an opening stand of 61 by D. Clayton and Jack Bosworth both of whom were severe on the bowling. Similarly S. Asplin hit the Ramblers "all over the place", but he could find no partner, and the bowling of E. Dunstan (seven for 19), backed by some first-class catches, settled the issue.

Thurleigh: S. Asplin 31, R. Berrill 2, K. Wagstaff 21, P. Hooker 1, K. Berrill 0, A. Ellison 6, J. Wagstaff 8, C. Berrill 4, M. Berrill not out 1, B. Holley 0, C. Clayton 0, extras 2, total 56.—E. Dunstan seven for 19, A. Palmer three for 35.

Stagdsden v. Marston  
Marston: R. Copperwheat 3, J. Nicholas 0, N. Caves 14, R. Berry 5, D. Stapleton 9, F. Bunker 1, V. Hale 7, P. O. Ellis 1, W. Swales 0, M. Smith 10, T. Ellis 0, total 63.—Everest six for 19, R. Townley three for two, J. Sharp one for ten.

Stagdsden: G. Newman 5, P. Taylor 0, P. Williams 21, B. Sharp 5, R. Townley 2, B. Everest 4, S. Dutton 4, A. Woolston 8, R. Titte 0, J. Sharp 10, P. Frossell 10, extras 2, total 61.—D. Stapleton five for 11, T. Ellis three for 21.

### PREMIER DIVISION

Thurleigh v. South End Ramblers  
Ramblers: D. Clayton 30, J. Bosworth 32, H. Norman 7, R. Pallant 4, E. Dunstan 6, R. Keech 0, A. Palmer 0, G. Ferguson 0, Spicer 5, L. Jones 2, G. Davis not out 0, extras 2, total 89.—K. Berrill five for 17, B. Holley four for 9.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TODAY (FRIDAY)

HOSPITAL CUP  
Harpur Sports v. R.A.F. Cardington (Bedford Park, 6.15 p.m.).  
Bedford Town v. Stewartby (Newnham Avenue, 6.30 p.m.).

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford Town v. Wisbech.  
Piltwick v. Harpur Sports.  
Tabulators v. Queen's Works.  
Bedford School v. Cryptics.  
King Edward's School, Birmingham, v. Bedford Modern School.  
Kempston v. North End.  
Eversholt v. Bedford Argus.  
Silsoe v. Millis.  
Harpur Sports II v. Vauxhall Motors.  
Wisbech II v. Bedford Town II.  
Wheatthamstead v. Bedford Ramblers.  
Queen's Works II v. Tabulators II.  
Henlow v. Biggleswade.  
Biggleswade II v. Cryselco.  
Three Counties Hospital v. Bletchley.  
I.C.I. Welwyn v. R.A.F. Henlow.  
Luton Kent's v. Southill Park.  
Southill Park II v. Henlow II.  
Clifton v. Hitchin Nomads.  
Sandy v. Goldington.  
Waresley v. Ickwell.  
Potton Town v. Hemingford Park.  
Shefford v. Wymondley.  
Soulbury v. Bow Brickhill.  
Sharnbrook v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Gravenhurst v. Campton.  
Amphill v. Stewartby.  
Westoning v. Ridgmont.  
Old Warden v. Piltwick "B".

### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division  
South End Ramblers v. Pertenhall  
Clapham v. Thurleigh.  
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Blunham v. Stagdsden.

Division I  
Mogerhanger v. Renhold.  
Langford v. Lynton Works.  
Riseley v. Souldrop.  
Ickwell v. Little Paxton.  
Division II (Section I)  
Little Staughton v. Staploe.  
Wyboston v. Great Barford.  
Wrestlingworth v. Great Staughton.  
Ickwell v. Little Paxton.  
Division II (Section II)  
North Crawley v. Marston II.  
Kempston Wood End v. Cople.  
Elstow v. Marston Sports.  
Felmersham v. Stevington.

Division III (Section I)  
Wilson and Humphreys v. Thurleigh II  
Oakley v. Sharnbrook.  
Keysoe v. Riseley II.

Division III (Section II)  
Caldecote II v. Blunham II.  
Kempston West End v. Langford II.

SUNDAY  
Bedford Town v. Casuals.  
Harpur Sports v. March.  
Cryselco v. Queen's Works.  
Millis v. Walworth Hitchin.  
Shefford v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Igranio v. Potton.  
Three Counties Hospital v. Watford (11.30 a.m.).  
Hitchin v. R.A.F. Henlow.  
Campton v. Bedford Casuals "B".  
Southill Park v. J. Legate's XI.  
Hounslow v. Hinworth.

### DIVISION I

Souldrop v. Potton II  
Souldrop: J. Edwards 0, D. Tear 24, M. Adams 10, A. Pridmore 0, J. Adams 12, R. Hunt 8, P. Martin 0, D. Smith 1, W. Rich 7, C. Dyle 4, C. Read not out 9, extras 16, total 86.—B. Moore four for 19, F. Brookman two for 13, L. Sims two for 29.  
Potton: B. Chinn 13, B. Moore 3, P. Hutchinson 2, C. Blott 6, P. Brown 11, L. Sims 5, E. Giles 1, K. Hutchinson 1, R. Duffin 4, F. Brookman 1, M. Sims not out 0, extras 5, total 50.—D. Smith five for 23, M. Adams two for 8, J. Adams two for 14.  
Renhold, 71 (F. Brockett 27); Riseley, 62.

### DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Great Barford v. Wrestlingworth  
Great Barford: Holt 4, West 11, Usher 1, D. Robinson 15, Knocker 4, Skevington 22, Lee 19, Cope 1, Johnson 2, Jeffs not out 8, Payne 0, extras 6, total 91.—Hall four for 12, Lee four for 29.  
Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 4, G. Bristol 0, R. Walker 1, L. Compton 1, C. Cotes 0, A. Hall 5, M. Deeble not out 5, W. Plant 0, K. Lee 1, A. Brim 2, L. Kridge 4, extras 5, total 26.—Jeffs five for four, Lee three for six, Skevington two for seven.

Wyboston v. Colmworth  
Wyboston, 37 and 22 for eight dec. (Chamberlain five for eight).  
Colmworth, 40 (B. Swales 20, Park five for 16) and 20 (A. Darrington seven for ten).

### DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Oakley v. Clapham II  
Clapham: T. Ward 1, G. Hislop 10, J. Hunt 2, D. Brown 0, M. Pass 1, G. Thomas 0, G. Brown 0, A. Cope 2, F. Baker 5, R. Stapleton not out 14, S. Powell 6, extras 1, total 42.—G. Rainbow 9.10. 1m. 20r. 7w., C. Bird 9-1-21-5.  
Oakley: J. Briggs 3, J. Saunders 5, J. Bryson 2, R. Saunders 23, C. Bird 11, A. Keech 12, D. Arthur 0, G. Mobbs 1, B. Keech not out 14, G. Rainbow 2, J. Jefferies 10, extras 5, total 93.—Baker 6-0-11-3, Ward 18-4-31-3, Hislop 15-4-18-2.

### DIVISION III (SECTION II)

Tempford v. Kempston West End  
Tempford: Ingram 0, Dawes 11, Mardlin 1, Mott 31, R. Bettles 17, Braybrook 1, Fuller 1, Piggott 1, Rutherford 0, J. Bettles not out 4, extras 4, total 71.—McCulley five for 23, Church three for nine.  
West End: 62 (Dawes eight for 18, Bettles two for 36).



## League Cricket Provides Many Highlights

Last Saturday's Bedford and District League matches provided more than the usual quota of highlights. Here are a few of them: the last three matches at Langford have all ended in favour of the home side by one run; G. Rainbow, of Oakley, hit 54 not out batting number 10; West End's H. Henman took eight Blunham wickets for 9 runs; Wrestlingworth's total of 12 included 5 extras; W. Presland, of Pertenhall, claimed four Stagsden wickets with four balls.

A close finish looked likely with Stagsden 34 for six in reply to Pertenhall's 47 all out, but aided by catches from Roddis and Seamarks, W. Presland took Stagsden's last four wickets in four balls.

Potton all-rounder L. Sims put up another good performance when he took seven Renhold wickets for 14 runs and then hit top score of 35 not out.

Batting number ten, Oakley's G. Rainbow scored 54 not out in 35 minutes, his hard-hitting innings including six fours and two sixes. Oakley made 126 for eight declared, beating Little Staughton by 57 runs.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Pertenhall v. Stagsden**  
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 9, J. Roddis 6, S. George 1, S. Stapleton 9, R. Jones 0, W. Presland 7, V. Roddis 0, B. Seamarks not out 3, K. Gentle 1, C. Stapleton 1, B. Wigley 6, extras 4, total 47.—B. Everest five for 25, D. Knight four for 13.  
**Stagsden: F. Williams 1, T. Brook 1, L. Dutton 2, D. Thomas 4, B. Everest 13, D. Knight not out 3, B. Sharpe 10, P. Taylor 0, J. Alder 0, J. Sharpe 0, F. Frossell 0, total 34.—W. Presland five for 14, R. Jones four for 20.**

### Marston v. Thurlleigh

**Marston: R. Copperwheat 0, Nicholas 5, D. Stapleton 21, V. Hale 3, J. Bunker 10, R. Bunker 0, C. Cayes 0, C. White 7, C. Copperwheat 3, W. Swales 1, M. Smith not out 0, extras 9, total 56.—K. Berrill six for 25, G. Berrill three for 16.  
**Thurlleigh: S. Asplin 5, R. Berrill 1, F. Holley 4, K. Wagstaff 0, D. Berrill 2, A. Ellison not out 8, C. Berrill 19, J. Wagstaff 19, C. Clayton not out 1, extras 8, total (for seven wickets) 66.—Smith four for 25.****

### DIVISION I

**Renhold v. Potton**  
Renhold: P. Harlow 13, K. Edwards 8, W. Harlow 7, J. Norman 5, M. Rawkins 2, F. Brockett 1, D. Stapleton 0, F. Joyce 0, F. Shorley 0, A. Lee 1, J. Shorley not out 3, extras 11, total 51.—L. Sims seven for 14, G. Peck three for 10.  
**Potton: P. Brown 9, B. Chinn 2, P. Hutchinson 4, A. Aldred 2, G. Peck 15, E. Blott 1, L. Sims 35, M. Sims 0, T. Jeffries 7, extras 5, total (for eight wickets) 79.—F. Brookman and E. Gilles did not bat.—J. Norman three for 13, D. Stapleton two for 33.**

### DIVISION II (SECTION I)

**Staploe v. Wrestlingworth**  
Staploe: Lambert 22, Hayden 5, Roberts 7, Smith 11, Farrar 3, Jex 4, Curtis 20, Robins 23, Hart not out 14, Southern 0, Corn 0, extras 2, total 111.—K. Lee five for 33, M. Deeble four for 65.  
**Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 0, W. Daisley 0, G. Bristow 4, W. Plant 1, M. Deeble 1, A. Hall 0, L. Compton 1, D. Coupe 0, L. Erridge not out 0, B. Williams 0, K. Lee 0, extras 5, total 12.—R. Smith six for 5, E. Curtis four for 2.**

**Colmworth v. Little Staughton**  
Colmworth: W. Abraham 4, 4; J. Hughes 2, 3; M. Hall 0, 6; R. Brightman 0, 2; R. Hart 0, not out 14; J. Swales 0, 0; C. Stringer not out 5; H. Swales 1, 2; B. Swales 0, 1; D. Robins 2, 0; J. Chamberlain 0, 10; extras 11, 10; totals 25 and 52.  
**Little Staughton: J. Robins 2, 0; E. Robins 0, 4; G. Robins 13, not out 13; R. Robins 4; R. Thorne 0; M. Whitlock 0; C. Brown 0; G. Peck 9, 9; S. Marshall 1; P. Queney not out 3, not out 11; C. Jordan 1, extras 4, 9; totals 37 and 46 for three.**

### DIVISION II (SECTION II)

**Cople v. Felmersham**  
Cople: E. Hull 1, A. Worrall 0, A. Hart 7, M. Chambers 1, G. Green 0, D. Thacker 1, B. Minney 14, E. Yerrill 0, J. Hurren 2, J. Heggie not out 2, G. Halladay 0, extras 11, total 39.—J. Hulatt took five wickets, and D. Lovell and B. Cockins two each.  
**Felmersham: A. Betta 4, P. Lawson 5, D. Lovell 0, J. Hulatt 0, B. Cockings 1, J. Turner 1, R. Barker 20, D. Parker 5, G. Richardson 23, L. Goodman 0, K. Richardson not out 0, extras 7, total 64.—B. Minney took five wickets, and J. Hurren and E. Hull two each.**

**Stevington v. North Crawley**  
Stevington: Sargent 18, Bowdler 4, Woods 1, Curtis 1, Ingram not out 39, Pearson 7, Bird 3, Cook 4, Dart 0, Cox 6, Deaney 1, extras 6, total 92.—Stanton five for 28.  
**North Crawley: Wooding 41, Platten 2, Caves 1, Goodman 4, D. Savage 10, P. Savage 0, Anderson 0, Howe 28, Feles 2, Lancaster not out 10, Stanton 0, extras 12, total 110.—Curtis four for 25.**

### DIVISION III (SECTION I)

**Little Staughton II v. Oakley**  
Oakley: J. Briggs 4, J. Saunders 19, J. Bryson 2, R. Saunders 0, C. Bird 17, A. Keech 19, R. Croft 0, B. Keech 2, J. Jeffries not out 3, G. Rainbow not out 64, extras 8, total (for eight wickets, dec.) 126.—L. Saunders 110, Im 3r. 4w., H. Parker 8-2-19-2, B. Hopperton 12-4-39-2, Little Staughton: R. Smith 7, Topham 1, P. Huckle 0, S. Bruce 11, B. Hopperton 10, H. Parker 8, M. Brown 6, A. Saunders 4, L. Saunders not out 9, T. Briars 0, C. Parker 12, extras 1, total 69.—Rainbow 14.2o. 3n. 27r. 6w. Bird 8-0-22-3.

### Sharnbrook v. Thurlleigh II

**Sharnbrook: R. Marsh 30, S. Alcock 13, E. Blundell 18, T. Bragg 5, L. Pacey 21, T. Millward 21, R. Knight 21, A. Blood 13, S. Bates 12, C. Brown 1, R. Payne not out 0, extras 9, total 164.  
**Thurlleigh II: F. Bull 1, R. Franklin 4, F. Hollowell 2, B. Ingle 2, D. Green 0, J. Thorne 0, C. Clayton 10, H. Melson 0, B. Holley 12, J. Thorne 0, C. Maddison 4, total 35.—R. Knight six for 15, S. Alcock two for 3.****

### DIVISION III (SECTION II)

**Langford II v. Tempsford**  
Langford: E. Rutt 2, R. Jeffries not out 3, D. Burton 2, S. Gentle 5, P. Roberts 2, D. Roberts 1, H. Huckle 27, R. Payne 7, J. Piper 5, R. Smith 2, J. Smith 3, extras 5, total 64.—Dawes six for 21.  
**Tempsford: Dawes 2, Ingram 17, R. Bettles 17, Jackson 3, Odell 1, Fuller 0, Beaumont 4, Piggott 1, J. Bettles 15, Eaton not out 1, extras 2, total 63.—Huckle three for 17, R. Smith two for 6.**

**Blunham v. Kempston West End**  
West End: J. Hutchings 1, S. Smart 5, G. Parker 5, L. Millard 20, C. Anthony 8, M. McUlley 0, T. Cummins 0, L. Hill 1, H. Henman 9, M. Darwood not out 12, J. Darwood 7, extras 14, total 81.—Ransom and Sims each took three wickets.  
**Blunham: A. Sims 0, D. Jeeves 0, L. Day 1, M. Ransom 7, W. Pake 3, M. Jeffries 0, H. Sims 0, M. Winter 10, I. Wakefield 6, B. Pattinson 2, J. Ibbott not out 0, extras 6, total 35.—Henman eight for 9.**

### Randalls v. Kempston East Methodist

**Methodist: P. Kerry 13, H. White 11, A. Curtis 2, L. Griffin 8, M. Longyear 0, A. Parker not out 27, D. Newman 5, B. Cook 0, K. Bidall not out 1, D. Bellamy 0, extras 2, total for eight wickets 69.—A. Wison three for 21, K. Green three for 37.  
**Randalls: J. Ager 7, P. Teague 7, R. Wison 28, D. Bird 0, K. Armour 0, K. Green 8, K. Armbray 9, D. Brown 0, R. Harris 0, J. Skevington not out 0, extras 10, total for 9 wickets 69.—D. Simpson six for 16, A. Parker two for 28.****

**Dickens (Harrold) 51 (W. Paynton six for 10, Barnes three for 11), Carlton Training School 33 (R. Chambers seven for 10), G. Scoley two for 16).**

### TOWN C.C. TEAM

Bedford Town's team to play Harpur Sports at Newnham Avenue to-morrow is: G. L. B. August, A. G. Coomb, C. F. Sabej, G. F. Millman, C. G. Jones, D. G. Jenkins, G. S. Andrews, W. Peet, F. K. Breeze, R. E. Poulter, D. T. Matthews. A Bedford Town XI played a 20-overs match with Kimbolton on July 14. Bedford scored 127 (Hall 35) and Kimbolton replied with 105. Afterwards there was a successful dance at the Mandeville Hall. A competition for a cricket bat, autographed by the South African Test team and the Northamptonshire side, was won by Mr. Maurice Norman, of St. Neots.

### OLD BEDFORDIANS v. GENTLEMEN OF BEDFORDSHIRE

**Old Bedfordians: J. G. Cook 8, Oakley 27, D. Coley 6, Peters 24; M. S. Meeson c Hoar b Pearson 36; P. C. Eldridge c Jones b Oakley 8; D. R. Wynne-Williams b Oakley 0; R. V. Spark c Matthews b Breeze 16; R. E. Gordon b Breeze 11; P. R. Taylor b Breeze 0; A. W. Duckett b Palmer 8; E. A. Pearson c Hoar b Palmer 2; J. O. Murray-Clarke not out 24; extras 22; total 78.  
**Gentlemen: C. G. Jones b Cook 32; D. I. Matthews c Gordon b Cook 20; D. Hoar c Meeson b Pearson 6; M. Hall lbw b Murray-Clarke 5; E. F. Barcock b Murray-Clarke 1; M. H. Green lbw b Wynne-Williams 18; B. Oakley b Pearson 8; T. B. Woolliscroft st Spark b Cook 41; F. K. Breeze st Spark b Cook 8; B. Peters at Spark b Cook 7; A. E. Palmer not out 0; extras 17; total 163.****

### OLD BEDFORDIANS v. R.A.F. FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

**F.I.C.: Payton not out 105; Hollingworth lbw b P. Smith 32; Brown not out 91; extras 15; total (for one wkt., dec.) 243.  
**Old Bedfordians: K. Vane-Percy lbw b Alston 4; D. Coley lbw b Beard 21; M. S. Meeson b Cowan 21; R. V. Spark c Hollingworth b Beard 38; P. Smith b Beard 0; D. Wynne-Williams c Beard b Payton 50; R. E. Gordon c and b Heaton 4; J. O. Murray-Clarke not out 5; J. G. Cook not out 1; extras 17; total (for seven wickets) 159.****

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford Town v. Harpur Sports. Igranic v. Kempston. Bedford North End v. St. Neots. L. E. G. Bletchley v. Craykeo. Barton v. Bedford Arkus. Melis v. Flitwick. Harpur II v. Gentlemen of the Lion. Buckingham v. Bedford II. R.A.F. Halton v. Bedford Ramblers. Sharnbrook v. Shire Hall. Maulden v. Denner and Reynolds. Percival Aircraft v. Campton. Biggleswade v. Winchmore Hill. Henlow v. Southill Park. Southill Park II v. Eaton Socon II. Clifton v. Ickwell. Pulloxhill v. Westoning.

#### BEFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
Caldecote v. South End Ramblers. Pertenhall v. Clapham.

**Division I**  
Riseley v. Potton. Langford v. Pavenham. Souldrop v. Mogerhanger.

**Division II (Section I)**  
Wyboston v. Little Staughton. Ickwell v. Great Staughton. Wrestlingworth v. Colmworth. Great Barford v. Staploe.

**Division II (Section II)**  
North Crawley v. Wood End. Stevington v. Cople. Marston II v. Felmersham.

**Division III (Section I)**  
Thurlleigh II v. Clapham II. Wilson and Humphreys v. Sharnbrook. Oakley v. Riseley II. Keysoe v. Little Staughton II.

**Division III (Section II)**  
Tempsford v. Caldecote II. Blunham II v. Langford II. West End v. Roxton.

### SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Travellers. Luton v. Harpur Sports. Craykeo v. Toddington. Silsoe v. Denner and Reynolds. Odnams, Bedford v. Melis. Sharnbrook v. Clapham. Campton v. Combined Clubs XI. I.C.I. Welwyn v. Southill Park.

### MONDAY

**EAST BEDS SHIELD**  
Final  
Harpur Sports v. R.A.F. Henlow (Bedford Park 6 p.m.).

### TUESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (Wardown Park, Luton, and Wednesday).

### THURSDAY

Bedfordshire XI v. Royal Air Force (Wardown Park, and Friday).

## R.A.F. HENLOW WIN SHIELD

### Harpur Defeated In Final at Bedford

A few days after their defeat by seven runs in the Bedford Hospital Cup final at Bedford Park, Harpur Sports lost narrowly to R.A.F. Henlow in the East Bedfordshire Shield final at the same ground on Monday.

R.A.F. Henlow, winning the toss, put Harpur in to face the new ball. R. Webster and King opened cautiously, scoring only 12 runs off the first six overs. After 12 overs, however, the score had risen to 80.

With the total at 90 R. Webster was caught at mid-wicket, and without addition to the score King was magnificently caught and bowled for 54 (a six and seven fours). Five overs all but a ball remained, but Harpur only added a further 17, their total for 20 overs being 107 for the loss of four wickets.

Excellent fielding caused R.A.F. to lose their opening batsmen, both run out. Twenty-five runs were on the board for eight overs, and Harpur appeared slightly on top.

Then Andrews and Davey thrilled the crowd with some great running between the wickets. When Davey left the total was 61 in 12.3 overs, and the game was evenly poised.

Chapman, however, put R.A.F. right on top by scoring 25 in quick time. He was particularly severe on Gilbert, punishing him for 2, 4, 4 and 4 off successive balls. When he was out the total was 95 with 3.3 overs left, and the winning run was obtained during the 19th over Andrews making 43 not out.

Harpur Sports: R. King c and b Chapman 54; R. Webster c Johnson b James 32; J. Newman not out 8; A. Webster c Chapman b James 6; A. Greene b Chapman 0; K. Ferguson not out 0; extras 7; total (for four wks.) 107. C. Newman, P. Ladbury, N. Wilson, J. Payne and P. Gilbert did not bat.

R.A.F. Henlow: Ing run out 8; Robinson run out 8; Andrews not out 45; Davey c A. Webster b Gilbert 14; Chapman c A. Webster b Ferguson 25; Quill not out 6; extras 5; total (for four wks.) 108. Kingsley, Darlow, Johnson, Neve, and James did not bat.

## P. Gilbert Nears His Hundred Wickets

P. Gilbert, Harpur Sports' opening bowler, brought his total of wickets this season to 96 when he claimed four victims against Luton Town at Wardown Park, Luton, on Sunday. The match was drawn, Luton being 53 runs behind with eight wickets down at the close.

Batting first, Harpur totalled 175 runs after losing their first two wickets for five runs. R. Webster and Greene "dug in" and took the score to 46 before Webster was well caught at square leg.

J. Newman made a hard-hit 34 and Greene scored a splendid 41. C. Newman (49) carried on where Greene left off, and was last out. Luton's fielding at times was shoddy.

Luton replied with 122 for eight, of which Brazler made 67 in his usual aggressive style. The other batsmen were uncomfortable against the pace bowling of Gilbert and Dean.

Six wickets were down for 82 and the "shutters went up." Two more wickets fell to G. Webster, but R. Manby, going in at 7.11 p.m., stayed until stumps were drawn at 7.45. The last nine overs produced 10 runs.

Harpur's fielding was a complete contrast to Luton's, every chance being snapped up and runs saved.

Harpur Sports: P. Ladbury c MacEwan b Davison 0; R. Webster c Davison b Payne 22; A. Webster b MacEwan 0; A. Greene lbw b Hammond 41; J. Newman st Winstanley b Sharpe 34; A. Brannon b Manby 1; C. Newman b Hammond 49; D. Dean c Davison b Hammond 7; K. Richardson b Hammond 4; P. Gilbert b Hammond 1; G. Webster not out 2; extras 14; total 175.—Hammond five for 43.

Luton Town: F. Winstanley lbw b Gilbert 17; T. W. Kelly c and b Gilbert 0; P. MacEwan c J. Newman b Dean 4; K. Brazler c A. Webster b Gilbert 67; J. Payne b Gilbert 4; W. Hammond b G. Webster 6; I. Davison b G. Webster 5; G. Spavins b G. Webster 1; R. Manby not out 16; T. D. Matthews not out 0; extras 2; total (for eight wks.) 122.—Gilbert 190, 4m, 61r, 4w., G. Webster 15-4-28-3.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Harpur Sports v. Wisbech.  
Queen's Works v. North End.  
Shire Hall v. Bedford Argus.  
Waterlows v. Kempston.  
Diemer and Reynolds v. Piltwick.  
Moulsoe v. Bow Brickhill.

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

##### (Premier Division)

South End Ramblers v. Clapham.

Thurleigh v. Caldecote.

##### Division I

Potton v. Langford.

Mogerhaiger v. Riseley.

Souldrop v. Renhold.

##### Division II (Section I)

Wrestlingworth v. Ickwell.

Little Paxton v. Little Staughton.

Culmworth v. Staploe.

Gt. Staughton v. Gt. Bardorf.

##### Division II (Section II)

Felmersham v. Marston II.

Marston Sports v. North Crawley.

Elstow v. Cople.

##### Division III (Section I)

Little Staughton II v. Thurleigh II.

Oakley v. Wilson and Humphries.

Clapham II v. Sharnbrook.

##### Division III (Section II)

Tempsford v. Blunham II.

Caldecote II v. Roxton.

Langford II v. Depot, Bedfs. and Herts

### SUNDAY

Bedford v. Wellingborough.

Harpur Sports v. Casuals.

Melton v. South End Ramblers.

### MONDAY

Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire (Bed-

ford School).

Northampton Poly v. Bedford.

Clifton v. Campton

## A PROMINENT SPORTSMAN

### The Late Mr. W. W. Corfield

A prominent Bedford resident who gave considerable service to several sports and in particular to cricket, Mr. William Wilmot Corfield died in a Bedford nursing home on July 28. He had lived at 26 Bushmead Avenue since he came to Bedford in 1909.

Born in County Hamilton, Kansas, U.S.A., in 1888, Mr. Corfield was the son of Mr. Herbert Alfred Wilmot Corfield, J.P., whose family came from Chatwall Hall in Shropshire. He married Gladys Attenborough, daughter of Mr. W. A. Attenborough, former M.P. for Bedford, who survives him. There were six children and the three still living are: Mr. W. F. Corfield, 18 Abbey Road, Goldington; Mrs. J. Bennett, Markfield, Leicestershire; and Miss J. F. Corfield, 26 Bushmead Avenue, Bedford.

At the time of his death Mr. Corfield was director of the Oakley Garage and Glider Rink, Ltd. Two years after he came to Bedford he opened the skating rink on the Embankment. He was chairman of the Motor Trade Association (S. E. Midlands Division) in 1927. He was a Freemason.

#### SERVICE TO CRICKET

His chief interest was in sport, and of all the sports he played cricket was his favourite. He was a member of Bedfordshire County Club from 1909; played for the Town, for the County, and for Ealing. He was a vice-president of the County Club for 18 years and a vice-president of the Town Club. He was Bedfordshire's representative on the committee of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, of which he was also an individual member, for 16 years. It was as assistant secretary of the County Club that he did his most enduring work for Bedfordshire sport, for he held this post just after the 1914-18 war and was instrumental in restoring the Goldington Road ground after it had been used by the military. For many years he was a member of Bedfordshire County cricket selection committee.

Other sports also claimed much of his time. He toured France with the England amateur soccer team and played hockey and bowls for Bedford. He was president of the De Parvs Club in 1939 and he played bowls for that club.

From 1917 to 1919 he was assistant controller of registration in the Ministry of National Service with the rank of Lieutenant.

#### THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place on Saturday at St. Cuthbert's Church, Bedford, the Rev. O. N. Garrard officiating. Family mourners were: Mr. W. F. Corfield (son), Mr. and Mrs. Bennett (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. C. Attenborough (brother-in-law), Mrs. Corfield (widow) and Miss J. Corfield were unable to attend.

Among those present were the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire (Ald. H. R. Neate) and many other friends together with representatives of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, Bedford Club, the Glider Rink, Ltd., and the Sir William Harpur Lodge of Freemasons.

# UNBEATEN NO LONGER

## Langford Checked by Potton II

Langford's proud, unbeaten record in the Bedford and District League, Division I, this season, ended on Saturday when they lost decisively to Potton II. Their batsmen had no answer to the lively attack of B. Moore and L. Sims, who took six for 13 and four for 16 respectively.

M. Lee's spinners earned him seven Great Staughton wickets for 20 runs, being well supported by wicket-keeper H. Knocker, who stumped four. After early shocks, five men were out for 18, Great Barford went to a total of 103 for nine declared and victory.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Thurleigh v. Caldecote**  
Thurleigh: S. Asplin 4, R. Berrill 2, P. Hooker 0, D. Berrill 3, K. Wagstaff 0, K. Berrill 22, A. Ellison 12, C. Berrill 3, J. Wagstaff 6, O. Clayton 3, M. Berrill not out 11, extras 4, total 98—King took five wickets, Tanner three and Watts two.  
Caldecote: Odell 16, King 0, Bowles 13, Raybould 0, Heath 3, Tanner 9, Price not out 4, Woodwards 6, Clark 13, Watts 0, Woods 0, extras 2, total 66—K. Berrill took three wickets and Clay took two.  
**South End Ramblers v. Clapham**  
Clapham: T. Buck 2, W. Burton 1, J. Litchfield 3, R. Nicholson 1, G. K. Hislop 10, R. Pickering 0, C. Turner 0, G. Hislop 1, L. Norman 8, L. Wooding 4, F. Jones not out 4, extras 14, total 48—A. Palmer five for 18, R. Wisson four for 19.  
**Ramblers: D. Clayton 4, J. Bosworth 10, L. Norman 1, R. Pallant 37, R. Wilson 24, A. Spice 8, G. Ferguson 6, L. Jones not out 9, extras 7, total (for 7 wickets) 114—G. K. Hislop two for 18, G. Hislop two for 14.**

### DIVISION I

**Potton II v. Langford**  
Langford: E. Whiteman 0, G. Agar 9, D. King 2, N. Hoole 0, N. Rogers 1, B. Wilby 0, R. Payne 4, J. Piper 7, P. Wiper 0, P. Wright 8, M. Dear not out 4, extras 6, total 38—L. Sims four for 18, B. Moore six for 13.  
Potton: P. Brown 1, R. Duffin 1, P. Hutchinson 4, I. Peck 0, B. China 26, O. Blott not out 18, L. Sims 21, B. Moore not out 6, extras 8, total (for 8 wickets) 78—E. Whiteman five for 32.

### DIVISION II (Sect. I)

**Wrestlingworth v. Ickwell**  
Ickwell: Huckle 52, Bygraves 2, Norman 5, Huckle 2, Thompson 2, Norman 36, S. Marsom 8, Shelton 11, Heeks 0, Onlon not out 5, Course three for 9, H. Lee three for 21, M. Deeble three for 36.  
Wrestlingworth: K. Robinson 18, W. Daisley 34, C. Gottle 1, V. Tassell 24, D. Coupe 8, M. Deeble 10, M. Daisley 0, W. Paint not out 5, K. Lee not out 2, extras 13, total (for 7 wickets) 114—H. Norman two for 9, Norman two for 37, Marsom two for 40.

### DIVISION II (Sect. II)

**Wood End v. Stevington**  
Stevington: H. Bargent 2, O. G. Curtis 17, D. Bowdler 1, S. L. Myers 0, R. D. Fisher 0, 10, A. Woods 4, 2, W. Bird 1, 7, L. Cook 5, O. H. Pearson 4, O. A. Cox 1, 8, B. Deeny 0, 6 extras 6, totals 41, 87—Loft six for 19 and two for 28, Burraway four for 18 and seven for 24.  
Wood End: R. Ashpole 2, O. L. Jeasop 18, 3, L. Burraway 14, 4, E. Childs 0, 1, F. Loft 1, S. Sanders 2, O. D. Jeasop 1, 2, T. Burraway 1, O. C. Fuller, 2, O. B. Keena 1, O. N. Sanders 0, 0 extras 15, 1, totals 96, 12—Bowdler six for 12 and two for 4, Bird two for 5, Fisher four for 2, Curtis two for 1, Cox one for 2.

### DIVISION II (Sect. II)

**Folmersham v. Marston II**  
Folmersham: A. Betts 8, P. Lawson 1, D. Lovell 0, J. Hulst 22, D. Parker 24, B. Cockings 6, J. Turner 0, R. Barker 7, G. Richardson 0, M. Lovell not out 8, L. Goodman 4, extras 6, total 86—C. Copperwheat and J. White each took five wickets.  
Marston: J. Nicholson 0, A. Bunker 3, T. Ellis 1, F. Litley 0, F. Bunker

0, J. White 4, Alan Bunker 0, C. Copperwheat 4, R. Berry not out 3, J. Stapleton 0, S. Knights 1, total 35—D. Parker and D. Lovell each took five wickets.

### Elstow v. Coppe

Elstow: Papworth 8, P. Huckle 4, K. Bartlam 1, M. Clerk 5, Parker 4, R. Bennett 7, D. George 23, T. Rowkins 5, R. Bartram not out 8, D. Prole 1, J. Southam 5, extras 12, total 80—B. Minney four for 31, A. Hart two for 10, E. Hull two for 12, Coppe 5, E. Hull 0, P. Jennings 4, A. Worrall 2, L. Swinnerton 6, D. Shinsler 1, B. Minney 0, A. Hart 4, E. Yerrill 0, M. Cambers 1, D. Hacker 1, J. Hurren not out 0, extras 5, total 24—R. Bennett seven for 12, J. Southam three for 7.

### DIVISION III (Sect. I)

**Little Staughton II v. Thurleigh II**  
Thurleigh: P. Bull 0, L. Franklin 0, D. Brown 11, A. Bull 17, B. Ingle 12, B. Franklin 11, C. J. Clayton 6, H. Nelson 45, P. Hollowell not out 11, C. Maddison not out 4, extras 4, total (for 6 wickets, dec.) 122—Saunders, Hopperon, and Smith each took two wickets.  
Little Staughton: E. Topham 1, C. Parker 6, D. Huckle 20, R. Smith 36, B. Hopperon 0, M. Parker 13, A. Saunders 0, L. Brace 2, L. Saunders not out 6, T. Briars 1, R. Parker 1, extras 8, total 95—Maddison took five wickets, Hollowell three and Nelson two.

**Clapham II v. Sharnbrook II**  
Sharnbrook: Marsh 0, Ward 19, Blundell, L. 12, Brazz 1, Boyles 9, Pacey, R. 12, Knight 16, Bates 26, Pacey, R. 0, Kennedy 0, Brown not out 2, extras 4, total 100.  
Clapham: Ward 0, Brown 9, Stapleton R. O. Worker 0, Umney 4, Pass 8, Cope 0, Baker 1, Stapleton, E. 6, Powell 8, Stapleton, C. 1, extras 6, total 36—Knights seven for 18.

### Ridgmont v. Steppingly

Ridgmont: F. Wright 13, O. Greenwood 0, MacGregor 0, Wright 1, W. Power 8, Watson 4, B. Wright 0, L. Pickersgill not out 14, D. Pickersgill 1, J. Vaughan 1, L. Evans not out 1, extras 14, total (for 9 wickets) 51—D. Freeman four for 15, J. Warner four for 22.  
Steppingly: M. Battams 0, M. Robinson 9, D. Izard 9, J. Warner 0, D. Freeman 0, M. Short 0, D. Warner 8, J. Robinson 0, R. Bras not out 4, B. Phillimore 1, W. Battams 2, extras 5, total 38—J. MacGregor seven for 11, G. Greenwood three for 22.

## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Cricket

#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire, Bedford School (second day), Bedford Town v. March, Woodcock v. Harpur wickets, North End v. Stewarby, Harpur II v. South End Ramblers, Southill v. Bedford II, Kempston v. Stoughton, Eversholt v. Meltis, Rushden v. Bedford Arzus, Biggleswade v. Sharnbrook, Grosvener Club v. Diemer's, Ridgmont v. Bow Brickhill, Pulloxhill v. Steppingly.

#### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Pertonhall v. Thurleigh, Blunham v. Marston, Stagdon v. Caldecote

### Division I

Potton v. Pavenham, Langford v. Rethfold, Risley v. Moschangers.

### Division II (Section 1)

Wyboston v. Little Paxton, Little Staughton v. Wrestlingworth, Colmworth v. Great Staughton, Staploe v. Great Barford.

### Division II (Section 2)

Marston II v. Stevington, Folmersham v. Marston Sports, Coppe v. Elstow

### Division III (Section 1)

Thurleigh II v. Oakley, Wilson and Humphreys v. Clapham, Sharnbrook v. Risley.

### Division III (Section 2)

Roxton v. Blunham II, Caldecote II v. West End, Tempford v. Deptford, Bedfa. and Herts.

### SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Wolverton, Harpur v. Huntingdon and District, Wharley End v. North End, Meltis v. Raikes, Woodwick, Diemer's v. Newport Pagnell.

### MONDAY

Bedfordshire Young Amateurs v. Oxfordshire Colts (Bedford School).

### TUESDAY

Northamptonshire Young Amateurs v. Bedfordshire Young Amateurs (Northampton).

### Bowls

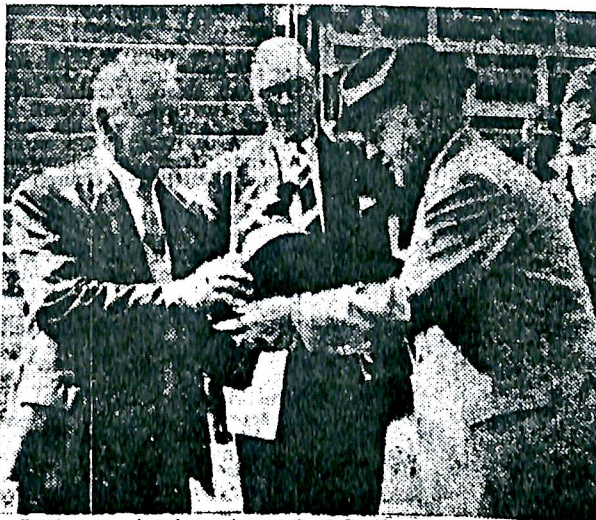
#### TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Berkshire v. Bedfordshire (Wokingham), Bedford B.C. tournament, Bedford Priory v. Meltis.

### WEDNESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Civil Service (Beob Hill B.C.).

## His Service is Recognized



During the luncheon interval of Bedfordshire's match on Monday, Mr. Tom Shaw, head groundsmen at Bedford School, who retires in October, was presented with a chiming clock on behalf of the members of Bedfordshire C.C.C. "in warm appreciation of his services to cricket". Here Mr. Shaw (left) is seen receiving the gift from Ald. H. R. Neate, chairman of the club. Mr. Arthur Fryer, a member of the general committee, is also in the picture.

### FRIENDLY CRICKET

Pulloxhill v. Stanbridge & Tilsforth  
Stanbridge 100 (A. Horra 28, J. Evans three for 35, P. Vass three for 27, B. Battams three for 8), Pulloxhill: J. Jellis 1, B. Evans 8, B. Battams 11, P. Vass 1, D. Odell 1, J. Oliver 0, B. Short 0, J. Evans 3, R. Esh 10, R. Sabey not out 4, J. Harris 0, extra 7, total 40—G. King seven for 24, A. Mead three for 9.

### Bacchus v. Diemer and Reynolds

Bacchus: R. Brice 13, R. Swannell 20, A. Green 16, K. Litchfield 13, R. King not out 48, F. Willmer 3, D. Skinner 0, R. C. King not out 11, extras 7, total (for 6 wickets) 129—Middle two for 34.  
Diemer and Reynolds: Middle 0, Lambert 13, Brooks 0, White 3, Howell 0, Jones 2, Adams 20, Barker not out 11, total not out 19, extras 8, total (for 7 wickets) 66—R. C. King four for 13, A. Green two for 24.

## DODSON TAKES HIS 100TH WICKET

Playing for Diemer and Reynolds against Moulsoe on Monday, D. Dodson took his 100th wicket of the season.

### Filtwick v. Luton Town II

Luton: J. Seemarks 1, 14, C. Spavins 0, J. Gillespie 12, 31, A. Wabley 18, 7, H. Thorpe 5, 28, B. Waller 5, N. Franklin 2, S. Owens 28, P. Penton 1, I. Sharp 0, P. Wabley 0, extras 16, 18, totals 83, 101 for 8 dec.  
Filtwick: T. Andrews 5, 37, R. Arnold 11, 18, G. Gazeley 5, I. R. Jeeves 3, 4, H. Gazeley 8, 0, P. White 6, 16, K. Eldridge 4, 8, L. Davie 17, 18 not out, R. Thompson 38, 9 not out, E. Bonner 1, W. Wynn 2, extras 4, totals 101, 112 for seven.

### Filtwick v. Laportes

Laportes 55 (Minns four for 8), Filtwick: T. Andrews 10, F. Washington 2, P. Duncan 8, L. Davie 10, D. Minns 67, R. Jeeves 9, E. Washington 18, H. Gazeley not out 43, E. Bonner not out 1, extras 6, total (for 6 wickets) 198.

## Young Amateurs' Teams Picked

The following have been invited to play for the Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire against Oxfordshire Colts at Bedford School next Monday, at 11.30 a.m.

C. Hayes (Vauxhall Motors), T. Gregory (Vauxhall Motors), R. J. Stapleton (Folsted School), R. G. E. White (Bedford Modern School), M. Thompson (Wilson and Humphreys C.C.), D. O. Eldridge (Bedford School), P. R. Carlisle (Bedford School), J. M. Summerfield (Bedford School), J. M. Gillespie (Luton C.C.), A. J. Evans (Luton G.S.), G. F. Taylor (Luton G.S.).

The following have been asked to play against Northamptonshire Young Amateurs at the County Ground, Northampton, next Tuesday, at 11.30 a.m.

D. Barden (Luton G.C.), J. J. M. Gillespie (Luton C.C.), R. L. Stevenson (Bedford Modern School), D. O. Eldridge (Bedford School), A. J. Evans (Luton G.S.), G. F. Taylor (Luton G.S.), R. J. Stapleton (Folsted School), H. Worsley (Wilson and Humphreys C.C.), C. Hayes (Vauxhall Motors), T. Gregory (Vauxhall Motors), J. Graves (Vauxhall Motors).

### Vauxhall III v. Filtwick "B"

Vauxhall III 75, Filtwick "B": E. Phillimore 23, B. Waller 19, M. Hardy 0, K. Eldridge 0, P. Bridgestock 1, G. Waller 0, T. Ayles 14, P. Jeal 3, A. Burrows 9, B. Williamson not out 17, M. Short 1, extras 2, total 85.

Wrestlingworth v. Letchworth Strollers  
Wrestlingworth: H. Robinson 8, J. Norman 5, M. Deeble 0, E. Huckle not out 51, V. Tassell 2, Joe Norman 5, M. Daisley 0, A. Hall 6, J. Bloss 5, J. Williams 0, K. Lee 0, extras 8, total 80—F. West four for 23, Letchworth Strollers 33 for seven (D. Pirih 35, K. Lee three for 34, E. Huckle two for 14).

## BIG WIN FOR THURLEIGH

Thurleigh, after totalling 176 (C. Berrill 73 not out, batting at No. 8), won their Bedford and District League, Premier Division, game at Pertenhall on Saturday by 149 runs.

Bowling unchanged, K. and C. Berrill shot out Pertenhall for 27. Pertenhall, incidentally, were without their two opening bowlers, W. Presland and R. Jones.

Cople and Elstow figured in an exceptionally close game, each side scoring 38 in their first innings. Batting a second time Elstow made 63 for six declared, to which Cople replied with 64 for five.

Great Barford retained their unbeaten record when they visited Staploe.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Pertenhall v. Thurleigh**  
Thurleigh: K. Wagstaff 2, R. Berrill 2, D. Berrill 34, A. Bull 18, S. Asplin 2, K. Berrill 8, C. Clayton 5, C. Berrill not out 75, J. Wagstaff 4, O. Ellison 11, P. Hooker 2, extras 15, total 176.—George three for 47, Roddis three for 57.  
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 4, S. Stapleton 0, J. Roddis 0, B. Seamarks 0, V. Roddis 2, R. Kiteley 5, S. George 2, K. Gentle 4, C. Stapleton 5, Elliott 5, B. Wrigley not out 0, extras 3, total 27.—K. Berrill five for 8, C. Berrill four for 16.

**Marston 21 (F. Tester six for 10), Blunham 64 (R. Harding 23, C. Copperheat five for 27)**

	b	w	d	pts
Thurleigh	12	8	3	17
South End Ramblers	11	7	2	16
Blunham	10	6	3	15
Pertenhall	11	6	4	12
Clapham	11	3	3	11
Stagsden	11	3	7	17
Caldecote	11	3	7	17
Marston	11	0	8	3

### DIVISION I

**Potton II v. Pavenham**  
Pavenham: M. Higgs 7, C. Whitworth 0, C. Bennett 0, K. Turner 14, W. Wesley 2, G. Barker 2, A. Wesley 0, A. Higgs 7, D. Higgs 4, T. Higgs not out 1, M. Roff 0, extras 10, total 64.—L. Sims five for 14, B. Moore three for 11, C. Blitt two for 9.  
Potton II: P. Brown 1, C. Blitt 14, A. Aldred 2, G. Peck 27, B. Chinn 10, P. Hutchinson 20, L. Sims 2, B. Moore not out 0, R. Duffin 2, extras 6, total (for 8 wickets) 86.—K. Turner three for 21, T. Higgs three for 40, G. Barker two for 3.

	b	w	d	pts
Langford	12	9	1	20
Lynford Works	11	7	3	15
Potton	11	7	3	15
Renhold	12	5	5	12
Risley	11	5	6	10
Moresanger	11	3	7	17
Souldrop	12	3	7	17
Pavenham	10	1	7	4

### DIVISION II (SECTION 1)

**Little Staughton v. Wrestlingworth**  
Wrestlingworth: H. Robinson 0, W. Daisley 1, D. Coupe 5, W. Piant 0, M. Deeble 4, C. Coates 21, M. Daisley 2, L. Compton 0, L. Erridge 0, K. Lee not out 0, C. Bates 0, extras 8, total 41.—R. Robins eight for 12.  
Little Staughton: P. Quenby 6, R. Thorne 42, C. Robins 14, G. Peck 3, M. Whitlock 0, O. Jordan 1, H. Parker 9, R. Robins 12, E. Robins 12, S. Martial 19, C. Brown not out 1, extras 6, total 127.—Bates five for 17, H. Lee two for 44.

**Colmworth v. Great Staughton**  
Colmworth: V. Abraham 4, John Chamberlain 8, M. Hall 0, J. Hughes not out 15, D. Robins 1, R. Hart 3, B. Swales 7, B. Watts 1, S. Matthews 1, J. Swales 2, R. Chamberlain 0, extras 8, total 58.—Button took four wickets, Sturgeon three, and Pitt two.  
Great Staughton: H. Pitt 5, B. Fensome 10, L. Button 0, W. Pell 8, B. Sturgeon 0, D. Button 0, K. Davidson 4, C. Heading 1, S. Bruce 0, D. Fensome not out 0, J. Newman 0, extras 8, total 36.—J. Chamberlain seven for 20, R. Hart two for 8.

**Staploe v. Great Barford**  
Staploe: R. Lambert 5, E. Cutts 5, J. Roberts 0, E. Hadden 12, L. Farrer 11, F. Jex 0, R. Smith 7, E. Smith not out 2, S. Robins 6, M. Hart 4, W. Scoates 0, extras 5, total 56.—West one for 1, Lee three for 12, Breeze two for 15, Robinson two for 24.  
Great Barford: P. Usher 19, I. Holt 24, J. Johnston 10, E. West 0, G. Robinson 3, H. Knocker 12, J. Jeffs 0, M. Lee 23, J. Breeze 2, D. Robinson not out 19, G. Mardlin 0, extras 17, total 131.—Hart two for 8, Robins two for 8, Roberts one for 4.

**Woboston 104 for seven (Folbigg 30, Darrington 24, Parak 21), Little Paxton 48 (Parak eight for 18)**

### DIVISION II (SECTION 2)

**Cople v. Elstow**  
Elstow: M. Cirket 0, 12; R. Barrtram 0, not out 11; J. Papworth 7, 1; B. Parker 8; A. Cirket 3; P. Huckle 4; R. Bennett 7; O. A. George 2; 8; V. Winson 3; 14; R. Broughton 0, not out 5; J. Southern not out 4; extras 9; 8, totals 38 and 63 for six dec.—A. Worrall five for 20 and three for 18; B. Minney four for 12; E. Hull three for 27.  
Cople: E. Hull 3, not out 8; D. Shugler 11; 2; P. Jennings 6; 3; M. Cambem 12; 9; A. Worrall 0, not out 4; J. Hurren 1; J. Cambem 0; L. Swinerton 0; B. Minney absent 0; 24; Thacker not out 0; 3; G. Halliday 0; extras 5; 11; totals 38 and 64 for five.—R. Bennett four for 16 and two for 20; P. Huckle four for 3 and one for 23; A. George two for 11.

### Marston II v. Stevington

Marston: W. Swales 1, C. Rowe 3, O. Moore 14, Art. Bunker 10, D. Clack 5, A. Knight 3, A. Bunker 1, R. Shaylor 24, R. Burridge 0, A. Peddar not out 3, S. Knight 9, extras 2, total 75.—Fisher three for 21, Curtis one for 10, Bowdler four for 32, A. Cox two for 19.  
Stevington: H. Sargent 8, G. Curtis 6, V. Bowdler 2, D. Fisher 11, A. Woods 0, H. Pearson 29, W. Bird 13, T. Ingram 7, A. Cox 2, B. Deeny 0, H. Dart not out 0, extras 2, total 80.—Swales four for 19, Moore three for 37, B. Knight two for 12.

### DIVISION III (SECTION 1)

**Thurleigh v. Oakley**  
Thurleigh: L. Franklin 3, F. Bull 2, D. Brown 11, P. Burrows 12, F. Holley 3, J. C. Thorne 1, L. Wildman not out 13, C. Clayton 0, L. Maddison 1, J. L. Thorne 0, extras 5, total 50.—G. Rainbow 7; 2m. 20r. 2w.; J. Saunders 8-0-10-3; R. Saunders 5-1-9-5.  
Oakley: J. Saunders 24, G. Mobbs 1, J. Bryson 4, A. Keech 0, G. Rainbow 27, R. Saunders 0, R. Croft 0, B. Phelps 9, B. Keech 2, J. Jelferles not out 0, B. Odell 1, extras 4, total 72.—J. C. Thorne 9-1-36-4, C. Clayton 2-2-0-2; Maddison 4-1-14-2.

### Wilson Bros. and Humphreys v. Clapham II

Wilson Bros. and Humphreys: Neale 5, Odell 25, Thompson 4, Tombs 5, Eddy 8, H. Bird 20, L. Bird 4, Taylor 0, Hill 11, Freams not out 1, Smith 0, extras 7, total 89.  
Clapham: G. K. Hishop 67, Shortland 0, Stapleton 16, Brown 0, Ward 12, Pass 5, G. Hishop 1, Umney 0, Worker 3, Cope 0, Mossman 1, extras 1, total 106.

### Keysoe v. Little Staughton

Little Staughton: A. Bellman 12, 8; E. Topham 2, 1; D. Huckle 0, 9; J. Bateman 3, 0; R. Smith 0, 0; B. Hopperton 1, 4; D. Bassant 1, 0; C. Parker 0, not out 5; T. Briars 0, 0; L. Saunders not out 0, 3; C. Pell 0, 0; extras 8, 5; totals 29, 46.  
Keysoe: F. Roddis 6, not out 3; B. Green 0, 0; B. Ellison 7, not out 2; T. Freeman 3, 4; K. Brown 3, 4; P. Woolston 18, 2; Blair 2, 0; T. George 2, 1; T. Elkington not out 7, 5; R. Haggerwood 2; R. Bates 1; extras 9, 0; totals 57 and 19 for six.  
Saunders two for 12 and four for 8; Bassant three for 14 and two for 11; Smith three for 9; Bellman two for 13.



"Now then, what about bed, sir?"  
"Yes, dad - Alec or Eric?"

## CHANCE OF DOUBLE

Bedford Town, having won by three wickets at St. Albans in May, have a chance to complete a double when St. Albans visit Newnham Avenue for the return game to-morrow.

Two of Bedford's County players, S. T. Morris and G. Millman, however, are not available. Team:

G. L. B. August (captain), A. G. Coomb, E. C. Howard, C. F. Sabey, F. K. Breeze, D. G. Jenkins, V. J. Harris, G. S. Andrews, B. Peet, E. S. Smith, and R. Poulter.

# Young Amateurs Win by Eight Wickets

Dismissing their opponents, Oxfordshire Colts, for 142 on a plumb wicket, Young Amateurs of Bedfordshire won by eight wickets at the Bedford School ground on Monday.

A redeeming feature of Oxfordshire's defeat was the sound batting of two Magdalen College School boys, Winstone and Britton.

They played all the bowling confidently and looked a class above their colleagues, who struggled particularly against the leg spinners of Evans (Luton Grammar School) and the accurate fast bowling of White (Bedford Modern School).

Britton was Oxfordshire's top scorer with 61, and he and Winstone contributed two-thirds of their side's total.

Bedfordshire lost two wickets cheaply, but Taylor and Gregory, the England youth soccer international, saw them safely to success. Gregory's polished style showed him to be a player of considerable promise; he also fielded splendidly at leg slip and in the deep. On both sides, incidentally, the fielding reached a high standard.

Taylor, after a hesitant beginning, batted more and more confidently as his innings progressed. After the Oxfordshire total had been passed, Bedfordshire continued their innings, and Evans, White, a powerful hitter, Carlisle, and Stapleton all did well.

## Martlets Play 100th Game in Kent

The first match of Bedford Martlets' 15th Kent tour began at Tonbridge; it was the 100th match played in Kent by Martlets since 1935 and was memorable indeed.

In the first over one of the tourists was struck when fielding in the gully by a fast-rising ball and was taken to hospital; in the afternoon two others ran off the field to catch an intruder red-handed climbing out of the visitors' changing-room and the match was delayed half-an-hour for police proceedings; and in the evening the tourists held a celebration dinner.

There followed seven more days of strenuous cricket on hard wickets and in almost uninterrupted sunshine, and the tour ended dramatically on Saturday with the last ball of the last match.

K. H. Richardson went in to take this last ball which had to be hit for four for the match to be won. He drove it straight to the boundary. So a most delightful tour ended as dramatically as it had begun.

Tonbridge 181 (K. D. Ballard four for 84, D. Townson three for 28), The Martlets 183 for 4 (D. Townson 80, K. Tait 53). Won by 6 wks.  
Linden Park 166 for 9 dec., (D. Townson four for 86), The Martlets 132 for 9 (B. C. Barnwell 45). Drawn.

The Martlets 179 (B. O. Barnwell 45, G. Dear 57), Bowaters Lloyd 180 for 6 (C. H. Barrow three for 36). Lost by 4 wks.  
Hythe 89 (L. Barnbridge eight for 33), The Martlets 100 for 8. Won by 5 wks.

The Martlets 235 for 8 dec. (A. Norman 95, K. Tait 49, K. H. Richardson 36, not out), Gore Court 140 for six (C. H. Barrow four for 66). Drawn.

Broadstairs 228 for 3 dec., The Martlets 160 (D. Townson 30, J. H. L. Davis 29). Lost by 60 runs.

East Grimstead 224 for 8 dec. (K. H. Richardson five for 85), The Martlets 221 for 9 (A. Norman 62, D. Townson 47, G. Dear 50, J. R. E. Cooper 32). Drawn.

Royal Naval Barracks Chatham, 226 for 7 dec. The Martlets 227 for 8 (C. H. Barrow 89, K. D. Ballard 31, G. Dear 31). Won by 2 wks. of the last ball.

## Fordham Takes Eight Wickets for Blunham

W. Fordham was in great form with the ball for Blunham in their Bedford and District League, Premier Division, match at home last Saturday.

Bowling unchanged with F. Tester, Fordham took eight Pertenhall wickets for 16 and the visitors were all out for 33. Blunham passed this total for the loss of four wickets and the match was over by ten minutes to five.

South End Ramblers' win by seven wickets over Marston was not as easy as the result suggests. After Wisson and Green had claimed five cheap wickets, Marston's "tail" wagged vigorously, and it was left to change-bowler G. Prigmore (four for 24) to finish them off. Then the Ramblers lost three wickets and Pallant hurt, but Wisson and Jones made a dogged and winning stand of 59.

On a somewhat miserable afternoon, Brown and Woolston quickly disposed of Thurlleigh for 28 runs, of which 12 were put on for the last wicket, and then Keysoe hit up the 30 required in 40 minutes before heavy rain ended play. Souldrop totalled 128 at Pavenham, T. Higgs taking six wickets for 56. Then a fine innings of 54 by M. Higgs largely contributed to Pavenham's victory.

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### Blunham v. Pertenhall

Pertenhall: S. Stapleton 3, S. George 3, O. Stapleton 5, V. Roddis 0, B. Seamarks 1, R. Kitley 0, K. Gentle 7, W. Pressland 5, C. Stapleton not out 4, G. Elliott 0, B. Wigley 1, extras 4, total 33.—W. Ford eight for 16, F. Tester two for 13.

Blunham: F. Abbott not out 17, D. Moore 2, M. Harvey 2, D. Brooks 1, M. Rawlings 0, R. Harding not out 4, extras 1, total (for four wks.) 38.—

#### South End Ramblers v. Marston

Marston: R. Copperwheat 15, J. Nichols 0, D. Stapleton 11, V. Sale 10, F. Bunker 1, W. Wilson 22, D. Faulkner 13, J. White 0, B. Swales not out 17, G. Copperwheat 2, 4, Knight 5, extras 2, total 98.—G. Prigmore four for 24, R. Wisson three for 26, K. Green three for 39.

Ramblers: D. Clayton 8, J. Bosworth 10, H. Norman 6, R. Pallant retired hurt 9, R. Wisson not out 43, L. Jones not out 20, extras 9, total (for three wks.) 105.—B. Swales three for 35.

#### Thurlleigh v. Stagden

Thurlleigh: S. Asplin 1, R. Berrill 8, D. Berrill 22, A. Bull 11, K. Wagstaff 20, K. Berrill 23, C. Berrill not out 13, J. Wagstaff not out 4, extras 5, total (for six wks., dec.) 107. A. Ellison, P. Hooker and C. D. Clayton did not bat.—B. Sharp two for 23, J. Sharp two for 31.

Stagden: J. Newman 0, Thomas 12, T. Brooks 0, B. Sharp 0, J. Sharp 15, R. Prossell 0, S. Dutton 0, F. Prossell 12, J. Alder 13, P. Knight not out 3, R. Flute 0, extras 8, total 63.—K. Berrill five for 13, C. Clayton three for 14, C. Berrill one for 22.

#### Pavenham v. Souldrop

Souldrop: J. Edwards 6, D. Tears 14, M. Adams 0, R. Hunt 10, J. Adams 2, D. Smith 35, A. Pridmore 0, W. Rich 31, C. Read 3, P. Martin not out 3, extras 26, total 128.—T. Higgs six for 56.

Pavenham: M. Higgs 54, G. Barker 14, C. Bennett 14, T. Roff 15, N. Wesley 0, D. Higgs 9, A. Wesley 18, C. Whitworth 1, T. Higgs 25, M. Roff 3, R. Shimmions 0, extras 14, total 167.

### DIVISION I

#### Lynton Works v. Potton II

Potton: E. Blott 0, A. Aldred 1, C. Rawlins 4, C. Blott 6, B. Chinn 2, P. Hutchinson 0, G. Peck 0, L. Sims 9, J. Hutchinson 10, P. Brown not out 4, R. Duffin 2, extras 14, total 53.—D. Budd five for 19, R. Brown three for 13, C. Bavington two for 5.

Lynton: R. Adkins 0, J. Allen 12, C. Bavington 6, D. Budd not out 23, J. White 12, P. Oliver 0, C. Barwell 0, I. McIntosh 5, R. Brown not out 0, total (for seven wks.) 60.—C. Blott three for 10, L. Sims two for 20, G. Peck two for 20.

### SECOND DIVISION

#### Section No. 1

	Up to and including August 6	p	w	l	d	pts
Gt. Barford	12	10	0	2	22	
Lt. Staughton	13	7	1	5	13	
Staploe	13	6	4	2	14	
Gt. Staughton	12	6	4	2	14	
Colmworth	14	5	8	1	11	
Wyboston	13	5	7	1	11	
Ickwell	13	4	8	1	9	
Gt. Paxton	11	3	8	1	8	
Wrestlingworth	12	3	8	1	7	

### DIVISION II (SECTION II)

#### Cople v. North Crawley

Cople: E. Hull not out 9, D. Shingler 0, A. Worrall 0, M. Cambers 2, P. Jennings 5, B. Minney 3, D. Starston 3, D. Thacker 0, J. Heggie 0, extras 5, total 27.—W. Howe six for 10.

North Crawley: O. Adderson 4, J. Lancaster 6, W. Howe 0, S. Platten 0, P. Wooding 11, F. Savage 6, D. Savage 12, I. Brandon not out 13, extras 7, total 59.—B. Minney four for 23, A. Worrall two for 16.

#### Up to and including August 6

	Up to and including August 6	p	w	l	d	pts
Stevington	10	8	1	1	17	
Felmersham	10	7	2	1	15	
Wood End	9	5	3	1	11	
North Crawley	9	4	3	2	10	
Cople	11	4	7	0	8	
Marston II	10	2	7	1	5	
Elstow	2	1	8	0	2	

### THIRD DIVISION

#### Section No. 1

	Up to and including August 6	p	w	l	d	pts
Wilson & Humphreys	12	6	3	1	17	
Thurlleigh	12	6	4	2	14	
Sharnbrook	10	6	2	2	14	
Keysoe	10	5	3	2	12	
Oakley	11	4	6	1	9	
Lt. Staughton	10	3	6	1	7	
Riseley	10	3	7	0	6	
Clapham	11	3	7	1	7	

### DIVISION III (SECTION I)

#### Keysoe v. Thurlleigh II

Thurlleigh: F. Bull 0, L. Franklin 5, D. Brown 2, E. Holley 0, D. Green 0, C. Clayton 0, J. L. Thorne 1, C. Maddison 0, B. Ingle 7, J. C. Thorne not out 6, extras 7, total 28.—Brown 80, Im. 13r. 6w., Woolston 8.2-5-8-3.

Keysoe: D. Blair 3, F. Roddis 10, B. Ellison 1, T. Freeman not out 4, K. Brown not out 7, extras 5, total (for three wks.) 30.—Maddison 7-2-8-2, Green 5-0-8-1.

#### Up to and including August 6

	Up to and including August 6	p	w	l	d	pts
West End Club	11	6	4	1	15	
Langford	9	5	4	0	10	
Caldecote	11	5	6	0	10	
Tempsford	9	3	4	2	8	
Roxton	8	4	4	0	8	
Blunham	7	1	4	2	4	

Depot Bedfs. and Herts. withdrawn.

## FRIENDLY CRICKET

### BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL v. OLD BEDFORD MODERNIANS

Match drawn.

B.M.S.: P. D. Watts 88, O. W. Chamberlain 89, S. D. J. Wilson, not out 75, 4, P. J. Stratton 0, B. J. Gater 14, 2; J. S. Watson 13, 1; P. G. White 9, 9; K. H. Richardson 1, not out 3, extras 9, 1; totals 318 for seven dec. and 25 for six. R. L. Stevenson, A. Branna and R. J. M. Bills did not bat either innings.—Kirby four for 78, two for 12; Andrews one for 22; Jenkins one for 9; Morris two for 3.

Old Modernians: O. S. Andrews 16, O. J. Taylor 1, not out 67, S. E. Pateman 3, 13; L. Ashwell 12, 11; S. T. Morris 0, 104; D. Clayton 9, 8; D. W. Jacobs 3, 12; R. C. Tompkins 0, 8; D. G. Jenkins 0, 13; A. G. Burnage not out 1, 16; J. D. Kirby 6, 13; extras 10, 22; totals 61 and 285.—Wilson two for 26, three for 47; White six for 14, four for 69; Watts two for 11, one for 65; Stevenson two for 27.

### Shefford v. Smart and Brown

Smart and Brown: R. Richardson 18, A. Wilcock 15, L. Purkiss 7, J. Caidon 2, F. Cox 14, J. Cooper 9, H. Layton not out 12, N. Hoole 0, A. Odell 2, R. Coles 7, A. Wells 4, total 90.—P. Smyth eight for 37.

Shefford: G. Mann 0, J. Enderaby 15, R. Garnish 3, J. Guthrie 3, G. Goldborough 12, P. Smyth 29, J. Church not out 19, K. Warwick 2, P. Coutts 3, A. Smyth not out 1, extras 4, total (for eight wks.) 91.—Hoole five for 24.

R.A.F. Henlow v. Knebworth Park

Knebworth: A. Steane 47, R. Cracknell 12, B. Brown 5, N. Lowe 12, A. Bennett 0, D. Webster 0, R. Scutt 0, E. Skeggs 0, P. Caele 23, P. Bennett not out 2, A. Butterfield 0, extras 7, total 107. Neve four for 44, Sollare five for 31, Rowlett one for 5.

R.A.F. Henlow: Moorhouse 22, Neve 13, Davy not out 30, Senior not out 23 (including seven fours), extras 7, total (for 2 wks.) 110. Chapman, Robinson, Darlow, Banks, Gadd, Rowlett, and Sollare did not bat. Webster two for 30.

## TOWN C.C. TEAM FOR SLOUGH

For their away game with Slough tomorrow, Bedford Town will be without S. T. Morris. Team:—

G. L. B. August (capt.), A. G. Coomb, E. C. Howard, D. G. Jenkins, F. K. Breeze, G. Millman, V. J. Harris, G. S. Andrews, E. S. Smith, W. Peet, A. N. Other.

## MELTIS DEFEAT R.A.F. SIDE

Entertaining R.A.F. Cardington in a friendly at Miller Road on Wednesday, Meltis gave an impressive display to win 2-0. The match was a trial from the home team's point of view. Torrential rain before the kick-off made conditions treacherous. In the first half the R.A.F. side, who were particularly strong at half-back, were superior, and but for a good display by Bob Welham in goal, would have netted several times.

Half-time arrived with no score. Then Meltis resumed with a rearranged side, and this proved the deciding factor. Tony Rowkins put them ahead in the 50th minute. In the 75th minute, McGuirke headed a picture goal to increase the lead.

## BEDFORD SCHOOLS' HOME TIE

In the first round of the London Schools F.A. Sun Shield, Bedford and District will be at home to Finchley.

### THURSDAY

#### SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Bedford Town v. Gravesend.

### Rugby Union

## TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford R.U.F.C. first trial. Goldington Road, 5.30 p.m.

### Cricket

## TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Slough v. Bedford Town. Biggleswade v. Harpur Sports. Queen's Works v. March. Kempston v. Shire Hall. Old Warden v. Argus. Eaton Socon v. North End. Bedford II v. Letchworth II. Harpur II v. Stony Stratford. Queens II v. Diemer and Reynolds. Cryselco v. Meltis. Sharnbrook v. Wellington Wanderers. Campton v. Victoria. Woburn v. Bow Brickhill.

## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

### Premier Division

Stagden v. South End Ramblers. Marston v. Clapham. Pertenhall v. Caldecote. Thurligh v. Blunham.

### Division I

Mogerhanger v. Langford. Renhold v. Pavenham.

### Division II (Section I)

Colmworth v. Ickwell. Little Staughton v. Great Barford. Wrestlingworth v. Wyboston. Staploe v. Great Staughton.

### Division II (Section II)

Marston Sports v. Marston II. North Crawley v. Elstow. Stevington v. Wood End.

### Division III (Section I)

Wilson and Humphreys v. Little Staughton II. Riseley v. Keysoe. Clapham II v. Oakley.

### Division III (Section II)

Blunham II v. Depot Bedfs and Herts. Roxton v. Tempsford.

### SUNDAY

Bedford v. Kensington Crusaders. Toddington v. Harpur Sports. Eaton Socon v. Cryselco. Meltis v. Edlesborough. R. B. Sanders v. Diemer and Reynolds. Campton v. Smart and Brown.

# RAMBLERS IN SIGHT OF CHAMPIONSHIP

South End Ramblers, who won by 35 runs at Stagsden last Saturday, must beat Blunham at Bedford tomorrow to win the Bedford and District League, Premier Division, championship.

At Stagsden, the Ramblers' win was overshadowed by the bowling performances in the stifling heat.

Stagsden's veteran, G. Newman took five wickets in eight overs, but it was the Ramblers' pair who caught the eye. A. E. Palmer, after being top scorer, clean-bowled five men, while R. Wisson, having bowled four, spoiled a perfect picture by catching the last one off his own bowling.

## PREMIER DIVISION

**Stagsden v. South End Ramblers**  
 South End Ramblers: D. Clayton 2, J. Bowworth 15, F. Roome 1, A. Palmer 24, R. Pallant 18, R. Wilson 3, R. Cooper 5, Sheridan 10, K. Green 3, G. Frigmore 0, G. Davis not out 0, extras 11, total 90.—G. Newman five for 14, B. Sharp two for 23, A. Woolston two for 25.  
 Stagsden: G. Newman 7, A. Woolston 5, J. Alder 7, B. Sharp 12, J. Sharp 0, S. Dutton 10, R. Knight 0, T. Brooks 0, R. Frossell not out 2, F. Frossell 6, H. Church 1, extras 8, total 65.—A. Palmer five for 17, R. Wisson five for 25.

**Thurleigh v. Blunham**  
 Thurleigh: S. Asplin 0, R. Berrill 5, P. Berrill 1, A. Bull 0, K. Wagstaff 0, K. Berrill 2, A. Ellison 0, C. Berrill 28, J. Wagstaff 5, P. Hooker 0, C. Clayton not out 0, extras 6, total 45.—W. Fordham seven for 27, F. Tester three for 12.  
 Blunham: F. Abbott 2, D. Moore 13, R. Harding 8, G. Breen 10, M. Ransom 10, W. Page 2, A. Gilbert 4, M. Harvey 0, F. Tester not out 1, R. Rawlins 0, W. Fordham 1, extras 2, total 44.—K. Berrill five for 29, C. Berrill three for 10, C. Clayton two for 4.

**Marston v. Clapham**  
 Clapham, 68 (T. Buck 16, C. Copperwheat five for 24).  
 Marston, 83 (C. Caves 28, G. Hlasp six for 23).  

	P	W	L	DPTS
Thurleigh	14	9	3	1 21
South End Ramblers	13	9	2	2 20
Blunham	12	7	4	1 15
Clapham	6	4	2	1 14
Pertenhall	13	6	7	0 12
Caldecote	13	4	7	2 10
Stagsden	12	3	8	1 7
Marston	13	0	10	3 3

**DIVISION I**  
 Pavenham, 45; Renhold, 60 for Ave.  

	P	W	L	DPTS
Langford	15	9	1	3 21
Lynton Works	12	8	3	1 17
Potton	14	9	4	1 17
Renhold	12	5	7	3 12
Risleigh	12	7	0	1 10
Mogerhanger	13	4	8	1 9
Souldrop	13	3	9	1 7
Pavenham	13	2	9	2 6

**DIVISION II (SECTION I)**  
**Colmworth v. Ickwell**  
 Ickwell: P. Bygraves 7, J. Greenwood 4, T. Norman 0, C. Dilleigh 11, Herbert 16, H. Norman 5, W. Cole 0, N. Course 0, C. Thompson 1, R. Marson 3, E. Reeks not out 3, extras 1, total 38.  
 Colmworth: V. Abraham 0, Jim Chamberlain 2, John Chamberlain 19, J. Hughes 4, M. Hall 4, B. Watts 0, R. Hart 2, C. Stringer 3, J. Swales 10, R. Chamberlain 1, S. Mathews 12, extras 9, total 70.  

	P	W	L	DPTS
Great Barford	14	11	1	2 24
Little Staughton	15	9	1	5 23
Staploe	13	6	4	3 15
Wyoboston	15	7	7	1 15
Great Staughton	12	6	4	2 14
Colmworth	15	6	9	0 12
Ickwell	14	4	9	1 9
Little Paxton	14	3	7	3 9
Wrestlingworth	14	3	9	2 8

**DIVISION II (SECTION II)**  

	P	W	L	DPTS
Stevington	11	9	1	1 19
Feimersham	11	3	3	1 15
Kempston Wood End	11	7	3	1 15
North Crawley	11	6	2	3 14
Cople	11	4	7	0 8
Marston II	11	2	7	1 6
Eltow	11	1	10	0 2

**DIVISION III (SECTION I)**  
**Clapham II v. Oakley**  
 Oakley: J. Saunders 19, J. Briggs 4, J. Bryson 7, C. Bird 7, G. Rainbow 18, R. Saunders 10, P. Rainbow 2, B. Keech not out 11, P. Rainbow 7, S. Moore 6, R. Odell 1, extras 17, total 109.—L. Ward seven for 65.  
 Clapham: B. Workor 0, R. Stapleton 15, L. Ward 3, B. Brown 1, E. Stapleton 2, J. Hunt 5, J. Thomas 7, G. Brown 2, S. Powell 3, A.

Thomas 0, J. Mossman not out 0, extras 10, total 46.—C. Rainbow three for 8, C. Bird three for 17, J. Saunders two for 11.

**Wilson Bros. & Humphreys v. Little Staughton**

Wilson's: H. Bird 5, Woolston 3, Worsley 18, Thompson 49, W. Bird 32, Smith 11, Hills 9, Hollister 4, Eddy not out 7, Neale not out 1, extras 1, total (for eight wkts., dec.) 140.—Field did not bat.

Little Staughton: Topham 0, Huckle 2, S. Parker 7, Bruce 9, Hopperton 18, Smith 26, A. Saunders 11, L. Saunders 1, Ruff 4, B. Saunders not out 8, R. Parker 0, extras 4, total 90.

	P	W	L	DPTS
Wilson & Humphreys	14	9	4	1 19
Keysoe	13	8	3	2 18
Sharnbrook	12	8	2	2 18
Thurleigh II	13	6	6	2 14
Oakley	15	5	7	1 11
Little Staughton II	12	4	7	1 9
Risleigh II	12	4	8	0 8
Clapham II	11	2	8	1 6

**DIVISION III (SECTION II)**  

	P	W	L	DPTS
Tempford	12	7	3	2 16
Kempston West End	12	7	4	1 15
Langford II	11	6	5	0 12
Roxton	12	5	7	1 13
Blunham II	12	5	6	1 11
Caldecote II	12	5	7	0 10

  
 Bedis. and Harpa. Regt. withdrawn.

## Batsmen On Top in Pilgrims' Fourth Tour

Bedford Pilgrims completed their fourth tour of Gloucestershire last week after another highly successful venture. The tourists are now well established in the district and each game is made more enjoyable by knowing one's opponents, even if they are very strong.

The excellent weather, together with the superb grounds and wickets of this charming part of England, set the scene for much entertaining cricket. A feature of the week was the domination of the batsmen, and it usually required a timely declaration on the part of the first innings side so that an interesting finish would result.

The Pilgrims won three and lost four of the seven games played. From details below it will be seen that bowlers generally had a difficult task on easy-paced wickets.

Bedford Pilgrims, 168 for eight, dec. (M. F. Houghton 68, D. B. Barnett 53); R.A.F. Hullavington, 148 (K. Tait five for 44). Won by 20 runs.

Monmouth, 134 for five, dec.; Bedford Pilgrims, 135 for three (R. A. Glynne-Jones 62, J. H. L. Davis 40 not out). Won by seven wickets.

Bedford Pilgrims, 192 for nine, dec. (K. Tait 55); Pershore, 193 for four. Lost by six wickets.

Gloucestershire Gipsies, 282 for six, dec.; Bedford Pilgrims, 124. Lost by 158 runs.

Bedford Pilgrims, 93 (J. H. L. Davis 41); Cheltenham, 97 for two. Lost by eight wickets.

Stinchcombe Stragglers, 92 (B. R. Roberts four for 36, D. B. Barnett two for 2); Bedford Pilgrims, 93 for seven (D. V. Anbury 33 not out). Won by three wickets.

Bedford Pilgrims, 101 (S. W. Houghton 41); Tewkesbury, 102 for four. Lost by six wickets.

## EYNESBURY LOSE CUP GAME

Eynesbury Rovers on Tuesday travelled to King's Lynn to meet their all-professional Midland League side in the first round of the East Anglian Cup.

For most of the game, King's Lynn, who won 5-1, had the edge, but if the Rovers forwards had shown more initiative in front of goal, their defeat would have been narrowed.

Blow gave a fine display in Eynesbury's goal, and there were times when the team showed spirited football. Their chief undoing was a close season signing by Lynn—Harrison from Grimsby, who scored five goals in 15 minutes.

## EYNESBURY FADE

For their opening Eastern Counties League game at March on Saturday, Eynesbury Rovers fielded only one professional, K. Lee, their other professional, F. Hall, assisting the reserves.

March won 4-1, but for the first half-hour the Rovers' youthful side showed great promise. Unfortunately, the rot set in after Lovell had put them ahead, and inside three minutes March gained a 3-1 lead. After wards March never looked back and added a fourth goal. One of their goals was from a penalty awarded when Campbell was brought down.

## ST. NEOTS IN FORM

St. Neots, opposing Desborough in a United Counties League game at Shortlands on Saturday, fulfilled their promise in the trial games, and won 4-0.

The new forward line, led by Campbell, player-coach, knitted together well, and the "old brigade" in defence held firm but were rarely tested to the limit.

Drivers scored after five minutes, shooting into an open goal, but the goalkeeper had saved point-blank from Duffett. Driver and Campbell sent the home side into a 3-0 lead. In the second half they lost the services of Williams, centre-half, who was injured, but Drew added a fourth goal.

## Cricket

### TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford Town v. Leighton Buzzard.  
 Dunstable v. Harpur Sports.  
 Welborough Priory v. Queen's Wks Travellers v. Bedford Town II.  
 Harpur Sports II v. Bedford Town Ramblers.

Bedford Casuals v. Kempston.  
 Rushden v. Queen's Works II.  
 Langford v. Bedford Argus.  
 Melits v. Sharnbrook.  
 Diemer and Reynolds v. Maulden.  
 Eversholt v. Bedford North End.  
 Stewardby v. Cryselco.  
 Ridmont v. Westoning.  
 Pulloxhill v. Steppingley.

### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
 South End Ramblers v. Blunham.  
 Stagsden v. Clapham.

**Division I**  
 Potton v. Souldrop.  
 Renhold v. Lynton Works.  
 Pavenham v. Mogerhanger.

**Division II (Section 1)**  
 Great Staughton v. Ickwell.  
 Little Paxton v. Wyoboston.  
 Staploe v. Little Staughton.  
 Great Barford v. Colmworth.

**Division II (Section II)**  
 Marston II v. Eltow.  
 Feimersham v. North Crawley.

**Division III (Section I)**  
 Sharnbrook v. Little Staughton II.  
 Clapham II v. Keysoe II.

**Division III (Section II)**  
 Caldecote II v. Langford II.

### SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. March.  
 Southill Park v. Harpur Sports.  
 Wharley End v. Melits (11.30 a.m.).  
 Cryselco v. Welborough.

### Brice (O.B.M.) Gets Bedford School Appointment

Gordon Brice, 31-year-old Fulham centre half and Bedfordshire county cricketer—and an Old Bedford Modernian—has been appointed cricket coach at Bedford School for next season. It is understood that his appointment takes effect from May 1.

Mr. Brice was an all-round athlete when at school, and was captain of cricket, rugby, fives, and boxing. On leaving school in the early years of the war he went into the Royal Marines and gained a commission.

He played for Northamptonshire for four seasons, and is a fast-medium bowler and batsman. He gave up cricket with that county three years ago because he found that it interfered with his preparation for football. He has, however, continued playing cricket, and this season has assisted New Malden where he now lives with his wife and three children.

In 1953 he was engaged by the County as a professional, but because of an injury played in only one match. This season he also played once against Lincolnshire at Luton in July.

He is perhaps better known as a professional footballer for he has played for a number of clubs and also for the England "B" XI against France. His first club was Luton, whom he joined as a centre half. He later moved to Wolverhampton and from there went to Reading. He is now in his third season with Fulham.

He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brice, of 143 Howbury Street, Bedford.



**Cricket**

**COUNTY FINISH  
FIFTH**

Bedfordshire finished fifth in the Minor Counties Competition — their highest position since 1950, when they were runners-up. Here is the final table:

County	P	W	L	T	Pts	Won Loss		Ave
						on 1st	on 2nd	
Surrey II	18	10	0	1	108	7.71		
Hampshire	12	8	0	1	78	6.83		
Durham	10	8	1	1	58	5.80		
Somerset II	8	5	0	4	44	5.50		
Bedfordshire	8	3	2	3	38	4.78		
Hertfordshire	10	4	3	3	47	4.70		
Kent II	10	4	1	0	48	4.80		
Middlesex II	10	3	1	4	45	4.50		
Northants II	12	4	3	1	50	4.18		
Leics II	20	8	3	4	81	4.18		
Norfolk	10	4	1	5	40	4.00		
Warks	10	5	4	1	37	3.70		
Staffs	10	5	5	0	38	3.80		
Warks II	14	8	5	1	50	3.57		
York II	18	4	7	7	64	3.56		
Glouc	8	3	1	4	39	3.23		
Dorset	10	3	1	6	39	3.23		
Essex II	10	3	6	1	29	2.90		
Oxfordshire	10	1	1	4	28	2.80		
Notts II	18	1	1	4	36	2.57		
Cornwall	10	1	1	3	24	2.40		
Suffolk	8	1	3	4	19	2.37		
Devon	10	1	3	6	23	2.30		
Berkshire	10	1	3	6	21	2.10		
Derbys II	8	0	1	7	14	1.75		
Leics II	8	0	3	5	13	1.62		
Lincoln	8	0	1	7	10	1.25		
Wiltshire	8	0	7	1	8	1.00		
Cheshire	8	0	4	4	8	.78		
Cumberland	8	0	8	0	2	.25		

\*First innings points in one match lost.  
†First innings points in two matches lost.

**Bedford League  
Final Tables**

PREMIER DIVISION					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Thurleigh	14	10	3	1	31
South End Ramblers	14	9	3	2	29
Blunham	14	9	4	1	29
Pertenhall	14	7	7	0	21
Clapham	14	5	4	5	13
Caldecote	14	4	7	3	11
Stagsden	14	4	9	1	8
Marston	14	1	9	4	6

DIVISION I					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Langford	14	10	1	3	23
Potton Works	14	9	4	1	19
Reynold	14	6	5	3	15
Riseley	14	6	7	1	13
Mogerhanger	14	5	8	1	11
Bouldrop	14	3	10	1	7
Pavenham	14	2	10	2	6

DIVISION II (SECTION I)					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Great Barford	18	13	1	4	27
Little Staughton	18	10	2	6	22
Great Staughton	18	10	4	4	22
Staploe	18	8	6	4	18
Wyboston	18	7	8	3	18
Colmworth	18	8	9	1	13
Little Paxton	18	4	9	5	13
Ickwell	18	4	11	3	9
Wrestlingworth	18	3	11	4	8

DIVISION II (SECTION II)					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Stevington	12	9	2	1	19
Kempston Wood End	12	8	3	1	17
Falmersham	12	8	3	1	17
North Crawley	12	8	3	1	14
Cople	12	4	8	0	8
Marston II	12	3	9	0	6
Elstow	12	1	11	0	2

DIVISION III (SECTION I)					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Sharnbrook	14	9	3	2	20
Wilson & Rumphrey's	14	9	4	1	19
Keysoe	14	8	4	2	18
Thurleigh II	14	8	4	2	18
Oakley	14	6	8	1	11
Little Staughton II	14	4	9	1	9
Riseley II	14	4	10	0	8
Clapham II	14	3	10	1	7

DIVISION III (SECTION II)					
Club	P	W	L	T	Pts
Tempsford	12	7	5	0	16
Kempston West End	12	7	4	1	15
Roxton	12	6	5	1	13
Langford II	12	6	6	0	12
Caldecote II	12	6	6	0	12
Blunham II	12	5	6	1	11

(Beds. and Herts. withdrew).

**PREMIER DIVISION**  
Clapham v. Pertenhall  
Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 18, J. Reddis 4, K. Gentle 5, R. Jones 18, B. Seamark 2, R. Kiteley 1, S. George 0, W. Presland 5, L. Richards 4, S. Nicholson 3, R. Wigley not out 3, extras 8, total 71. — R. Pickering five for 28, T. Ward three for 17, N. Bicknell one for 0, G. Hislop one for 11.  
Clapham: N. Bicknell 3, D. Goodwin 0, J. Litchfield not out 1, G. Hislop 11, R. Pickering 0, C. Turner 2, L. Wooding 21, A. Cope 0, S. Powell 1, T. Ward 2, A. N. Othar 2, extras 17, total 59. — W. Presland seven for 11, R. Jones two for 29, K. Gentle one for 2.



"Perhaps that will teach you to keep your big mouth shut."

### GROUNDSMAN AT SCHOOL FOR 19 YEARS

After 19 years on the ground staff, for nine of which he served as head groundsman, Mr. Tom Shaw has retired from Bedford School. At the school's Rugby match against Oundle on November 5 he carried the lemons on to the pitch for the last time, and was presented by Mr. P. J. Ricketts, the head of the school, with a cheque and a tankard.

He became head groundsman in 1946, on the retirement of Mr. George Pepall, and in that position proved himself to be a man of many parts. He turned his hand with apparent ease to jobs as different as laying out athletics fields, tending trees, clearing drainage, erecting Rugby posts and laying out gardens. After living in Phillpotts Avenue, Bedford, for many years, he has moved to Bexhill-on-Sea, and has been succeeded as head groundsman by Mr. George Rainbow.