

BEDFORDSHIRE 1956

CAPTAIN: J.A. ROEVER

MATCHES 9(8)

DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	B1	BR	LN	BHST
W,T	6,7	JUNE	LINCS	BOURNE	F5B A	-	P5PB P5A	P5PB (S)A
W,T	20,21		CAMBS	WISBECH	F5B A	-	P5PB P5A	P5PB (S)A
W,T	4,5	JULY	HERTS	HITCHIN	F5B (S)A	-	-	F5B (S)A
M,T	23,24		LEICS II	LUTON	F5B (S)A	P5B PA	F5B PA	-
W,T	1,2	AUGUST	WENT II	LUTON	No PLAY	No PLAY	No PLAY	No PLAY
M,T	6,7		LINCS	BEDFORD	-	F5B FA	F5PB A	-
W,T	8,9		CAMBS	BEDFORD	F5B FA	-	-	F5B A
F,S	10,11		HERTS	BEDFORD	-	F5B FA	P5PB A	P5PB PFA
T,W	21,22		LEICS II	LEICESTER	F5PB (S)A	P5PB PA	F5PB (S)A	-
			AVERAGES		31 AUG	-		1 SEPT
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			AGM		31 AUG	-		1 SEPT
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	PC	MC	WW
JAN - DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES - 1 Vol	✓		✓
JAN - DEC BEDFORD RECORD - 1 Vol	✓		✓
JAN - DEC LUTON NEWS - 1 Vol	✓		✓
MAY OCT BEDS AND HERTS SATURDAY TELEGRAPH	✓		

BEDFORDSHIRE
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NAME

G.L.B. AUGUST
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J.G. OWEN
J.A.R. OLIVER
F. WHITTINGHAM
R.W. STREET
B.J. GINNEVER
I. DAVISON
H. HAYHURST
D.G. JENKINS
F.J. CAMERFORD
S.T. MORRIS
N. SENIOR
G.T. SLANEY
F.K. BREEZE
M.W. CROUCH
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VAUXHALL MOTORS
LUTON TOWN
TODDINGTON
RAF
DUNSTABLE TOWN
LUTON TOWN
VAUXHALL MOTORS
BEDFORD TOWN
LONDON UNIV
BEDFORD TOWN
SOUTHILL PARK, MCC
LUTON TOWN
BEDFORD TOWN
LETCHWORTH
BMS, BEDFORD TOWN

GEORGE
GEOFF
NORMAN
GLYN
JOHN
FRED
BOB
BERT
IAN
HAROLD
DON
JOHN
SID
GEOFF
GEOFF
FRED
MAURICE
WILLIAM

TOTAL

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BEDFORDSHIRE 1956

B. RECORD: 3 April - marriage of Peter George Miller - their home will be at Friern Barnet, Herts

B. TIMES: 23 March P¹¹ - H.F. Rogers - Colonel & General - died on 14 March - Graveyard at Bedford HS
P²⁰ - Death Notice - On 14 March, Henry Francis Rogers 99 Winkley Rd, Bedford, late of Beaumontfield St, Bedford aged 70.

COUNTY TRY NEW MEN AT DUNSTABLE

Bedfordshire open their season next Thursday with what is in the nature of a trial match against London University at Dunstable Town Ground, Bull Pond Lane (11.30 a.m.).

Several newcomers are included in the Bedfordshire XI to be led by the County's vice-captain, G. L. B. August, among them the Dunstable captain, C. E. Bourne, and colleague B. Ginnever.

Bourne is a sound bat and fine field, while Ginnever, a forcing player, averaged over 50 for Dunstable last season.

N. Senior, the Southill Park batsman who is on the Lord's ground staff, is another newcomer, and Letchworth's M. Crouch, who deputized against Buckinghamshire at Slough last season when Millman had to withdraw, will keep wicket.

Another Dunstable player, Brian Martin, who held a regular place in 1954 but was not available last season, will open with August, and first wicket down is F. Whittingham, who scored a century for August's XI against Luton at Wardown Park last Sunday.

P. D. Watts, who made his debut for the County last season while at Bedford Modern School, is included in the XI, but he will not be available to the County as he has been engaged by Northamptonshire.

Here is the side:

G. L. B. August, B. Martin, F. Whittingham, C. E. Bourne, B. Ginnever, M. Crouch, P. D. Watts, N. Senior, H. Hayhurst, D. G. Jenkins, and I. Davison.

Can Bedfordshire Rise Still Higher?

Eighteenth in 1953, eleventh in 1954, and fifth last year. Can Bedfordshire continue this spectacular rise in the Minor Counties cricket table this summer?

Weather, and the usual vagaries of this most contrary game allow no firm prediction, but certainly the County can face the season in good heart.

Broadly speaking, they have the same players on whom to call, with one particular exception. He, of course, is A. G. Coomb, who has moved to Norfolk, with which county he will become available under special registration.

Coomb is a distinct loss. He topped the bowling averages last season with 35 wickets at an average of 16.94, and can, of course, usually be relied upon for a few hearty runs as well.

Fortunately, Ian Davison, the young Luton pace bowler, made big strides last season, finishing second to Coomb with 23 wickets (average 19.17). He, D. G. Jenkins, and H. Hayhurst appear the obvious contenders for the opening attack, though Roy Davies would, naturally, be a most welcome addition to this list. Unfortunately he is not likely to play.

One other absentee will be P. D. Watts, the former Bedford Modern School all-rounder, who has been engaged by Northamptonshire. Of 13 players given a trial by the County, Watts was described as the most outstanding.

The batting appears to offer no problem. Oliver, August, Owen, Gunn, Morris, and Millman are names which all spell "runs", and Brian Martin, a regular in 1954 though not available last year, is another possible candidate.

Millman, the brilliant Bedford and R.A.F. wicketkeeper-batsman, has said he will be available. It is understood he has been approached by Nottinghamshire but does not intend turning professional.

A feature this summer will be certain new fixtures for the County and the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire. In the Minor Counties Competition, Leicestershire II replace Buckinghamshire, and the County will also play friendlies against Kent II and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. The Gentlemen meet Kimbolton School and the Kangaroos XI.

Here are Bedfordshire's fixtures, all in the Competition except Kent II and the Regiment side:

June 6-7, Lincolnshire (at Bourne); 20-21, Cambridgeshire (Wisbech); 23, Beds and Herts Regiment (Kempston Barracks).

July 4-5, Hertfordshire (Ritchin); 23-24, Leicestershire II (Wardown Park, Luton).

August 1-2, Kent II (Wardown Park, Luton); 6-7, Lincolnshire; 8-9, Cambridgeshire; 10-11, Hertfordshire (all Bedford School); 20-21, Leicestershire II (Wyggeston School, Leicester).

The Gentlemen's list is:

May 30, Bedford Modern School (Clarendon Street, Bedford).

July 12, Kangaroos XI (Wellingborough School); 18, Kimbolton School (Kimbolton); 25, Old Bedfordians (Bedford School).

In addition, there are three games for the Young Amateurs: v. Leicestershire Young Amateurs at Bedford School on August 15; v. Oxfordshire Colts at Oxford on August 16; v. Hertfordshire Young Amateurs at Letchworth on August 15.

BATSMEN ON TOP IN DRAWN COUNTY GAME

On a wicket full of runs at Dunstable yesterday a Bedfordshire XI and London University played a drawn game in which honours were pretty evenly shared.

The ground, of small dimensions, lends itself to fast scoring, and the Bedfordshire players, batting first, enjoyed themselves against only a moderate visitors' attack.

August exposed its limitations by making 53 in almost carefree style in just over an hour out of the first-wicket partnership of 79.

Then, obviously thinking that the selectors know all there is to know about him, August literally gave himself up. Martin, very much the junior partner, put on a spurt after this, but the brightest batting before lunch came from Peter Watts, whose 38 occupied only 36 minutes and included a six and four fours.

However, he was outshone later by the Dunstable player, Ginnever, who really collared the bowling, and hard, scientific hitting brought him a six and nine fours in his 68, made in 53 minutes. Senior, of Southill Park, also looking very sound, batted attractively, and Bedfordshire were able to declare at 282 for seven after 200 minutes, which left the University three hours in which to make a bid for victory.

The wicket was really too helpful to the batsmen to allow Bedfordshire much chance of bowling out the University, though Jenkins produced his high degree of accuracy and claimed three of the early wickets.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. L. B. August	c	Comerford	53
b	Little		
B. Martin	c	Samuel	b Little
			33
P. D. Watts	lbw	b	Goldsmith
			38
F. Whittingham	at	Jacobs	b
			12
H. Thimmalah			42
H. Senior	c	Rodgers	b Harrison
			14
C. E. Bourne	lbw	b	Thimmalah
			68
B. Ginnever	c	Rodgers	b Goldsmith
			9
M. Crouch	not out		13
Extras			13

Total (for seven wickets, dec.) 282

G. Slaney, H. Hayhurst and D. G. Jenkins	did not bat.
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London University

J. Jacobs	lbw	b	Hayhurst	112
F. J. Comerford	b	Jenkins	11	
R. A. K. Peach	c	Crouch	b	
			11	
A. E. J. Morris	c	and	b Jenkins	
			7	
P. Thimmalah	b	Jenkins	2	
C. Boardman	not out		31	
K. Goldsmith	c	Senior	b Whit-	
			40	
F. M. Samuel	not out		8	
Extras			13	

Total (for 6 wickets) 235

Bowling: Jenkins three for 61; Whittingham one for 19; Hayhurst one for 40; Martin one for 48; Watts none for 13; Slaney none for 41.

DUNSTABLE NEWCOMER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Bob Street Among Five Town Men Included

R. W. Street, the former Bedford School and Bedford Town batsman, who is now on National Service with the R.A.F. is included in Bedfordshire's team for their opening Minor Counties match of the season against Lincolnshire at Bourne next Wednesday and Thursday.

Bedford also provide the opening pair, G. L. B. August and G. F. Millman, as well as S. T. Morris and D. G. Jenkins, a representation which emphasizes the continuing high position of the Town club in the County.

There is one newcomer to Championship cricket, B. J. Ginnever, the forcing Dunstable Town bat, who dominated the Bedfordshire XI match with London University last month when he hit 68 in 53 minutes, including a six and nine fours.

The above names, together with skipper John Oliver, evergreen Glyn Owen, and Norman Gunn, who topped last year's averages with 54.30 from 543 runs, suggest no lack of batting this season.

BOWLING LESS SURE

Regarding bowling the position is perhaps a little less sure, with neither of the recognized opening attack of A. G. Coomb and Roy Davies now available.

Jenkins, Ian Davison, and Harold Hayhurst are no newcomers to the County scene, but certainly their past success has not compared with



R. W. Street.

ONE FOR 5,000

When George August scores his first run in the Minor Counties Championship this season, it will be his 5,000th for the County. A regular member over the past 20 years, he has collected 4,999 as compared with skipper John Oliver's 4,373.

Coomb and Davies, perhaps through lack of equal opportunity.

Now the chance is theirs, and it is encouraging to report that Jenkins is bowling with perhaps greater venom this season than before.

Davison, on the other hand, has had little cricket owing to a troublesome leg injury, and Hayhurst is really a substitute for Ron Gardiner, who also is troubled by injury.

Without Gardiner there is only Owen as a recognized spinner, and it seems likely that Oliver—who has been taking wickets for Luton this season—may bowl himself a bit more and also give a chance to both Street and Gunn.

Here is the team in likely batting order:

G. L. B. August, G. F. Millman, N. S. Gunn, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver, S. T. Morris, R. W. Street, B. J. Ginnever, I. Davison, D. G. Jenkins, H. Hayhurst.

COMERFORD IN COUNTY XI

F. J. Comerford, the Old Bedford Modernian, will make his debut for Bedfordshire in their Minor Counties Championship game with Cambridgeshire at Wisbech next Wednesday and Thursday.

Comerford, who now plays for University of London, has scored three centuries for the University this season, against Northamptonshire II, Cambridge Crusaders, and Middlesex Club and Ground.

He takes the place of Whittingham, otherwise the side is unchanged from that which met Lincolnshire. Team:

G. L. B. August, G. Millman, N. S. Gunn, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (captain), F. J. Comerford, R. W. Street, B. J. Ginnever, I. Davison, H. Hayhurst, and D. G. Jenkins.

GENTLEMEN v. REGIMENT

The Gentlemen of Bedfordshire's side to play the Beds and Herts Regiment at Kempston Barracks on June 23, beginning at 11.30 a.m., has also been selected. The game forms part of the Regiment's Blenheim celebrations.

Gentlemen: J. A. R. Oliver (captain), G. L. B. August, M. Hall, N. S. Gunn, M. L. Kilby, B. J. Ginnever, G. S. S. Gilbert, K. Vane Percy, R. V. S. Spark, E. Smith, and D. J. Smith.

COUNTY DEFEATED OFF LAST BALL OF DAY

In one of the most thrilling finishes ever seen at Bourne Lincolnshire defeated Bedfordshire by two wickets last evening, J. R. C. Todd hitting a four off the last ball of the match.

Bedfordshire, who were engaged in their first Minor Counties Championship game of the season, had gained first innings points over the home county with a lead of 49 runs. They then hit a quick 112 for four, setting Lincolnshire to score 162 to win in just two hours.

Wickets fell steadily, but the runs also kept coming, and off the last over Chatterton hit a six, then a single, leaving Todd to win the match with a boundary hit.

Cloud and occasional showers were the order during Wednesday's play which ended early (just before six o'clock) because of a heavier downpour. There was also an unpleasant cross-wind.

Whittingham, of Toddington, came in for Morris.

Oliver won the toss and chose to bat and within ten minutes Millman was out to a catch by Walton at leg slip.

AUGUST, GUNN DO WELL

August and Gunn progressed well, however, putting up the 50 in as many minutes, but two runs later Walton, who had replaced Cherry-Downes, had August caught at mid-wicket.

Owen contributed only 7 before he was leg before, but Gunn was keeping his end secure and with Oliver saw the century passed. Then Gunn provided the third catch of the morning and at lunch Bedfordshire were 105 for 4.

The afternoon saw all the remaining visiting batsmen providing some runs, if not a great number, the best achievement being the 27 by Harold Hayhurst who came in at No. 10.

Lincolnshire began slowly and none too well, in reply to Bedfordshire's 189, both their openers being back in the pavilion for only 20 runs.

These setbacks no doubt influenced Maddison, usually a forceful player, to caution, and for half an hour he stayed put without scoring.

Then Owen tempted him and Millman whipped off the bails. Oliver and August took catches, bringing the total for the day to ten, and at close Lincolnshire were 86 for 5.

ADROIT FIELDING

Rain again greeted the players yesterday morning but fortunately it left off in time for a start at the scheduled time. The wicket seemed fairly easy, but with Bedfordshire fielding as adroitly as on the previous evening successes continued to come their way.

Oliver and Gunn each snapped up a catch and seven wickets were down for 116. Walton was proving stubborn, however, and it was a vital

catch—Oliver's third—that dismissed him when he had made 45.

Jenkins had taken four of the five wickets to fall that morning when rain intervened with Lincolnshire's last pair together on 133. It was a short break, and Owen quickly bowled Cherry-Downes for a first innings lead for Bedfordshire of 49.

Quick runs and a declaration was now Oliver's aim, and though Millman again went cheaply, August played a splendid innings of 51, Oliver declaring when he was run out and the County 161 runs on.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Ehrenfried b Walton	18
O. F. Millman c Walton b Cherry-Downes	3
N. S. Gunn c Shaw b Cherry-Downes	41
J. O. Owen lbw b Chatterton	7
J. A. R. Oliver b Cherry-Downes	22
F. Whittingham c Todd b Cherry-Downes	10
R. W. Street c Flowers b Cherry-Downes	14
E. J. Ginniver c Flowers b Walton	25
I. Davison lbw b Walton	12
H. Hayhurst c Maddison b Walton	27
D. G. Jenkins not out	2
Extras	8
Total	189

Bowling: Cherry-Downes 2/0-4m, 6/3-5w; Walton 24-4-30-4; Chatterton 15-4-38-1.

2nd Innings

G. L. B. August run out	51
O. F. Millman run out	4
N. S. Gunn c Taylor b Greenall	29
J. O. Owen c Taylor b Flowers	20
F. Whittingham not out	1
Extras	7
Total (for 4 wks. dec.)	112

LINCOLNSHIRE

First Innings

E. M. Shaw c Owen b Davison	9
D. W. Taylor b Hayhurst	11
N. A. Maddison st Millman b Owen	11
R. P. Lascelles c Oliver b Jenkins	30
G. Flowers c Oliver b Jenkins	11
J. R. C. Todd c August b Davison	1
J. F. Walton c Oliver b Jenkins	45
B. E. Ehrenfried c Gunn b Jenkins	8
N. A. Chatterton b Jenkins	3
H. M. Cherry-Downes b Owen	2
W. Greenall not out	5
Extras	4
Total	140

Bowling: Jenkins 18-7-31-5; Davison 20-8-36-2; Owen 15-3-34-2; Hayhurst 11-3-35-1.

2nd Innings

E. M. Shaw run out	11
D. W. Taylor c Hayhurst b Davison	28
N. A. Maddison b Oliver	32
R. P. Lascelles c and b Oliver	26
B. E. Ehrenfried c Whittingham b Oliver	16
J. D. Walton lbw b Hayhurst	0
G. Flowers c August b Hayhurst	1
W. Greenall st Millman b Oliver	12
H. A. Chatterton not out	18
J. R. C. Todd not out	8
Extras	14
Total (for 8 wks.)	166

Bowling: Davison 10-1-26-1; Jenkins 8-0-36-0; Owen 5-0-25-0; Oliver 10-2-44-4; Hayhurst 6-0-23-2.

COUNTY'S BATTING FAILURE AT WISBECH

Ten Wickets Victory for Cambridgeshire

Bedfordshire suffered their second Minor Counties Championship defeat this season when, at Wisbech yesterday, they could only follow up their meagre first innings total of 82 with a second knock of 107.

Cambridgeshire, requiring only 45 runs, hit them off without loss for a ten-wicket victory.

Bedfordshire made a slow start, having won the toss and elected to bat. Against an attacking field, the opening batsmen, G. L. B. August and G. Millman, scored only 16 runs in the first hour's play.

Facing fast bowler Craig, August looked fairly confident until he edged a ball and was caught behind the wicket for 15 with the total 24. Before that, the other Cambridgeshire opening bowler, Gambrell, had both August and Millman dropped in one over.

Five minutes after the fall of the first wicket, N. S. Gunn was bowled by Craig for no score; then the left-handed J. G. Owen was well caught by the Cambridgeshire captain, Maurice Crouch.

Wickets continued to fall quickly and by lunchtime, Bedfordshire had lost half their batsmen for 40 runs. The remainder were dismissed for a further 42 after lunch and so the side were all out for 82 which occupied 185 minutes. The total included only four boundaries.

The damage was done by the Cambridgeshire fast bowlers, Craig (five for 36) and Gambrell (three for 42).

Cambridgeshire began brightly R. Hawes hitting two fours off fast bowler Davison's first over. Then Hayhurst, who bowled left-arm round the wicket and made the ball move quite a lot, dismissed Hawes. Hayhurst, incidentally, showed fine form, finishing with four for 30 in 16 overs, seven of them maidens.

Two more Cambridgeshire batsmen were dismissed fairly quickly and the total was 30 for three when W. B. Morris, the former Essex professional, went in. He soon improved the position and when Hayhurst clean bowled him, he had hit 77, including two sixes and ten fours.

Cambridgeshire declared at 145 for six, and when Bedfordshire batted again for the remaining 20 minutes on Wednesday, they scored 14 for the loss of Millman, who was caught at the wicket off the last ball of the day.

CRASHED AGAIN

Bedfordshire, 63 runs behind with nine second innings wickets in hand when play was resumed yesterday, crashed again.

The visiting County were still two runs in arrears when their opening batsman, August, was out lbw after scoring 21.

With the total at 78 Comerford was caught by Nunn behind the wicket, and only two runs later Nunn held his sixth catch of the game when Oliver tried to hit a ball to leg and did not connect properly.

Ginnever hit 21 before he was bowled by Craig, and a little later Whittingham lost his wicket when he was run out by a silly call.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Nunn b Craig	15
G. F. Millman c Hawes b Craig	15
N. S. Gunn b Craig	0
J. G. Owen c Crouch b Gambrell	4
J. A. R. Oliver c Nunn b Gambrell	24
F. J. Comerford b Craig	1
F. Whittingham c Nunn b Craig	14
B. J. Ginnever run out	1
Jan Davison b Morris	5
H. Hayhurst b Gambrell	0
D. G. Jenkins not out	3
Extras	2
Total	82

Bowling: Craig 29 o. 13 m. 16 r. 5 w.; Gambrell 26-10-42-3; Morris 2-1-1-2-1.

Second Innings

G. F. Millman c Nunn b Gambrell	5
G. L. B. August lbw b Craig	21
N. S. Gunn c Craig b Morris	15
J. G. Owen c Nunn b Morris	6
J. A. R. Oliver c Nunn b Craig	14
F. J. Comerford c Nunn b Morris	1
F. Whittingham run out	7
B. J. Ginnever b Craig	21
Jan Davison b Gambrell	1
H. Hayhurst b Craig	0
D. G. Jenkins not out	0
Extras	11
Total	107

Bowling: Craig 27-10-52-5; Gambrell 15-4-5-16-2; Godfrey 3-1-5-0; Morris 15-5-1-2.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

R. Hawes b Hayhurst	8
I. B. Khan b Hayhurst	10
R. Thomas st Millman b Hayhurst	11
W. B. Morris b Hayhurst	77
R. A. Gantrey b Oliver	17
M. A. Crouch c Hayhurst b Oliver	2
H. A. Godfrey not out	14
A. H. South not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for six wickets, dec.)	145

Bowling: Davidson 17-3-36-0; Hayhurst 16-7-30-4; Jenkins 10-2-31-0; Oliver 10-3-28-2; Owen 3-0-19-0.

Second Innings

R. Hawes not out	13
I. Bokhari not out	30
Extras	2
Total (for no wicket)	45

Bowling: Davidson 7-1-19-0; Hayhurst 2-3-11-0; Jenkins 4-0-6-0; Gunn 1-1-0-7-0.

FRED BREEZE RECALLED FOR COUNTY TEAM

FRED BREEZE, 31-year-old Bedford Town fast bowler of long standing, has been surprisingly but deservedly included in Bedfordshire's team for their Minor Counties match against Hertfordshire at Hitchin next Wednesday and Thursday.

Several years ago Breeze made a few appearances for the County, but since then he has been passed over by the selectors, although this popular and enthusiastic cricketer might well have been afforded more opportunities.

It may appear a retrograde step to fall back upon a fast bowler of Breeze's age. He has, however, been bowling well this

and they bring in Neville Senior and G. T. Slaney to make their debut in Minor Counties cricket.

Senior is the 20-year-old Southill Park batsman, who is at present in the Army on National Service in North Wales, while Slaney, born at Manchester 32 years ago, was specially registered for Bedfordshire this month, having, incidentally, taken up an appointment as welfare officer with Skefko Ball Bearing Co., Ltd., at Luton.

It is hoped that Slaney will "fill the bill" for the County as a stock bowler.

After opening the season with two defeats—by two wickets against Lincolnshire at Bourne, and by ten wickets against Cambridgeshire at Wisbech—Bedfordshire will be especially keen to redeem themselves at Hitchin.

It is the most disappointing start the County has made since before the war. This is the 11th post-war season, and even now they have lost only ten of their 82 championship matches during that period.



F. K. Breeze.

season and gets his chance because club colleague Don Jenkins is not available to share the opening attack with Ian Davison. The team is:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, N. S. Gunn, G. F. Millman, I. Davison, F. K. Breeze, B. J. Glinnever, N. Senior, and G. T. Slaney.

The inclusion of Breeze is one of four changes from the side that lost by ten wickets to Cambridgeshire at Wisbech last week. Besides Jenkins, who, as already stated, is not available, F. J. Comerford, F. Whittingham, and H. Hayhurst are left out.

Evidently the selectors believe it is the time for experi-

COUNTY'S VICTORY BID ENDS AS WICKETS GO

After being in a strong position against Hertfordshire at tea-time yesterday afternoon, Bedfordshire had to struggle to avoid defeat at Hitchin as wickets tumbled to pace bowler Trevor Morley.

Bedfordshire—who had twice bowled out the home county cheaply, for 111 and 130—required 128 to win with 2½ hours remaining. At tea they had knocked off 32 of them for the loss of one wicket, but then Morley took the scalps of Gunn, Owen, and Morris for only 11 runs, and Bedfordshire played out a draw, being 80 for seven at close.

Bedfordshire enjoyed a thoroughly successful day on Wednesday, dismissing Hertfordshire for 111, and then scoring 80 for the loss of two wickets before rain brought play to a premature close.

In all 1½ hours were lost, and but for this Bedfordshire might have placed themselves in an even more commanding position.

The day was a personal triumph for Bedfordshire's captain, John Oliver, whose accurate bowling played a big part in the collapse of the home county.

Oliver came on when Hertfordshire openers, Tyrwhitt-Drake and Parkin, had scored 33 in the first hour. He bowled Tyrwhitt-Drake with his fourth ball, but Hertfordshire still looked in no real trouble until their second wicket fell at 75.

Then the innings disintegrated. Six more wickets went for the addition of only 14, and though Bradbeer and Morley offered brief defiance the innings closed mid-way through the afternoon.

Oliver returned the fine figures of six for 28 in 19 overs, while Ian Davison took three for 40.

Rain persisted when Bedfordshire went in to bat, but play continued for the best part of 1½ hours.

August was l.b.w. with the score at 20 and Gunn left at 59. Millman, however, was battling confidently when it was decided conditions were too bad to continue.

Bedfordshire pushed ahead quickly yesterday morning. Millman and Owen were soon out, but with Morris scoring freely Hertfordshire's total was passed at mid-day and Oliver promptly declared.

Hertfordshire again fared badly in their second innings at one stage being 80 for six. The tail-enders then added a valuable 70, leaving Bedfordshire 2½ hours and 128 to win.

HERTFORDSHIRE

1st Innings.	
T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake b Oliver	15
D. M. Parkin b Davison	34
I. Clough c Senior b Oliver	21
R. G. Simons b Oliver	5
B. S. Darbed lbw b Davison	5
J. A. Stand c August b Davison	0
A. N. Bradbeer b Breeze	10
R. T. Burges lbw b Oliver	0
R. C. Marques c Stanley b Oliver	0
D. G. Morley c Millman b Oliver	10
R. C. Hughes not out	0
Extras	11
Total	111

Bowling: Davison 19.0-5m-40r-5w; Breeze 13.1-3-19-1; Stand 4-0-10-0; Oliver 19-7-28-6; Owen 2-1-3-0.

2nd Innings

T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake lbw b Slaney	19
D. Parkin c Gunn b Davison	1
L. Clough c August b Breeze	28
R. G. Simons c and b Breeze	1
A. N. Bradbeer b Breeze	7
B. Darvell b Breeze	1
I. Morley b Owen	14
R. C. Marques c Gunn b Oliver	17
J. Standen not out	21
R. P. Burges b Owen	9
R. C. Hughes b Oliver	7
Extras	6
Total	130

Bowling: Davison 5-1-15-1; Breeze 15-3-30-4; Slaney 8-3-29-1; Oliver 10.5-3-23-2; Owen 7-3-27-2.

BEDFORDSHIRE

1st Innings	
G. L. B. August lbw b Morley	11
G. F. Millman c Simons b Hughes	28
N. S. Gunn lbw b Morley	19
J. G. Owen b Hughes	6
S. T. Morris not out	35
J. A. R. Oliver not out	11
Extras	6
Total (4 wks dec.)	114

N. Senior, B. J. Ginniver, I. Davison, G. Slaney and F. Breeze did not bat.

Bowling: Marques 11-1-33-0; Hughes 15-3-36-2; Morley 11-6-13-2; Burges 9-1-26-0.

2nd Innings

G. L. B. August run out	18
G. F. Millman run out	8
N. S. Gunn c Hughes b Morley	9
J. G. Owen c Marques b Morley	2
S. T. Morris c Hughes b Morley	5
J. A. R. Oliver b Standen	12
N. Senior not out	11
B. J. Ginniver c Parkin b Darvell	8
I. Davison not out	0
Extras	7
Total (for seven wks.)	80

Bowling: Marques 9-4-10-0; Morley 13-6-19-3; Hughes 6-1-22-0; Darvell 12-5-15-1; Standen 7-3-7-1.

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Herts 1st innings
 TW Tyrwhitt-Drake b Oliver 15
 DB Parkin b Davison 34
 TL Clough c Senior b Oliver 21
 +RG Simons b Oliver 5
 BS Darvell lbw b Davison 5
 JA Standen c August b Davison 0
 AN Bradbeer b Breeze 10
 RT Burges lbw b Oliver 0
 *CVL Marques c Slaney b Oliver 0
 TG Morley c Millman b Oliver 10
 RC Hughes not out 0
 Extras Byes 5, leg byes 2, wides 4 11
 Total All out 56.1 overs 111

FoW 1-33 (1), 2-75 (3), 3-77 (2), 4-87 (5), 5-87 (6), 6-89 (4), 7-89 (8), 8-89 (9),
 9-111 (10), 10-111 (7)

Bowling									
Davison	19	5	40	3	Oliver	19	7	28	6
Breeze	12.1	2	19	1	Owen	2	1	3	0
Slaney	4	0	10	0					

Beds 1st innings
 GLB August lbw b Morley 11
 +G Millman c Simons b Hughes 28
 NS Gunn lbw b Morley 19
 JG Owen b Hughes 6
 ST Morris not out 33
 *JAR Oliver not out 11
 N Senior, BC Gennever, I Davison d n b
 GT Slaney, FK Breeze d n b
 Extras Byes 6 6
 Total 4 wickets dec 46 overs 114

FoW 1-20 (1), 2-59 (3), 3-66 (2), 4-75 (4)

4,5 July 1956 (cont)

Bowling									
Marques	11	1	33	0	Morley	11	6	13	2
Hughes	15	3	36	2	Burges	9	1	26	0

Herts 2nd innings

TW Tyrwhitt-Drake	lbw	b Slaney	19
DB Parkin	c Gunn	b Davison	1
TL Clough	c August	b Breeze	28
+RG Simons	c & b	Breeze	1
AN Bradbeer		b Breeze	7
BS Darvell		b Breeze	1
TG Morley		b Owen	14
*CVL Marques	c Gunn	b Oliver	16
JA Standen	not out		21
RT Burges		b Owen	9
RC Hughes		b Oliver	7
Extras	Byes 1, leg byes 5		6
Total	All out	45.5 overs	130

FoW 1-5 (2), 2-29 (1), 3-30 (4), 4-57 (3), 5-57 (5), 6-60 (6), 7-86 (7), 8-98 (8), 9-123 (10), 10-130 (11)

Bowling									
Davison	5	1	15	1	Oliver	10.5	3	23	2
Breeze	15	3	30	4	Owen	7	3	27	2
Slaney	8	3	29	1					

Beds 2nd innings

GLB August	run out		18
G Williams	run out		8
NS Gunn	c Hughes	b Morley	9
JG Owen	c Marques	b Morley	2
ST Morris	c Hughes	b Morley	5
*JAR Oliver		b Standen	12
N Senior	not out		11
BJ Gennever	c Parkin	b Darvill	8
I Davison	not out		0
Extras	Byes 7		7
Total	7 wickets	47 overs	80

FoW 1-14 (2), 2-36 (3), 3-38 (4), 4-45 (1), 5-47 (5), 6-59 (6), 7-75 (8)

Bowling									
Hughes	6	1	22	0	Morley	13	6	19	3
Marques	9	4	10	0	Standen	7	3	7	1
Darvell	12	5	15	1					

COUNTY'S TWO CHANGES

For their Minor Counties match with Leicestershire II at Wardown Park, Luton, next Monday and Tuesday, Bedfordshire make two changes.

Fred Breeze, the Bedford Town fast bowler, who on his reappearance for Bedfordshire earlier this month, against Hertfordshire at Hitchin, had made figures of five for 49, is not available, and B. J. Ginner, the forcing Dunstable Town batsman, is left out after playing in the County's three previous championship games this season.

In their places come Harold Hayhurst, the Vauxhall Motors medium pace bowler, and F. J. Comerford, the Old Bedford Modernian, now at London University, who made his debut for the County against Cambridgeshire at Wisbech in June.

Here is the team in probable batting order:

G. L. B. August, G. F. Millman, N. S. Gunn, S. T. Morris, J. G. Owen, J. A. R. Oliver (captain), N. Senior, F. J. Comerford, I. Davison, H. Hayhurst, D. G. Jenkins.

This is the first post-war championship fixture between the teams, although they have met in friendlies since then. But next season Staffordshire will take Leicestershire's place in Bedfordshire's list.

COUNTY SAVE FOLLOW ON BUT LOSE TO LEICS.

Brilliant 90 by S. T. Morris

The task of getting 138 runs in 90 minutes in their second innings proved too much for Bedfordshire in their Minor Counties game with Leicestershire II at Luton on Tuesday. Although they had an opening stand of 57 by Millman and Gunn they collapsed and were dismissed for only 84, a quarter of an hour before close of play.

There was, however, never any attempt on Bedfordshire's part to close up the game, but they found that the fast bowling of Spencer and Boshier was too accurate for liberties to be taken.

In the morning Bedfordshire had done extraordinarily well to save the follow on with five wickets to spare. Overnight they were in the unpleasant position of 18 for 2 in reply to Leicestershire's 305 for 6 declared.

The recovery owed most to a brilliant piece of batting by Morris who hit nine fours in his 90, and to solid support from Oliver, Comerford and August.

Oliver declared 73 runs behind, thus throwing the challenge down to Leicestershire.

The visiting county accepted it, though they did not score so quickly as might have been expected in view of the situation. There came what seemed a sporting declaration, but Bedfordshire never really had a chance because Spencer and Boshier, who bowled unchanged, were never really hittable.

Davison was the most hostile of the Bedfordshire bowlers in Leicestershire's second innings, and another good feature was the standard of fielding.

LEICESTERSHIRE

First Innings

F. T. Smith	b Owen	58
G. A. Smithson	c Comerford b Jenkins	25
E. Phillips	not out	108
F. G. Foulds	b Jenkins	44
J. E. Walsh	c Oliver b Hayhurst	12
J. S. Savage	b Hayhurst	6
G. T. Spencer	st Millman b Hayhurst	0
G. A. Heginbottom	not out	7
Extras		18

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 305

Bowling—I. Davison 20-0-58-3; Hayhurst 29-0-88-3; Jenkins 18-0-65-3; Owen 25-6-47-1; Oliver 18-4-53-0.

Second Innings

F. T. Smith	run out	6
G. A. Smithson	c Owen b Davison	12
F. G. Foulds	c Senior b Davison	9
G. A. Heginbottom	not out	29
E. Phillips	not out	8

Total (for three wks. dec.) 64

Davison 8-4-23-2; Hayhurst 11-3-25-0; Jenkins 4-1-16-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. F. Millman	hit wkt. b Spencer	0
F. J. Comerford	b Spencer	23
N. S. Gunn	c Spencer b Walsh	11
G. L. B. August	lbw b Savage	21
N. Senior	lbw b Walsh	12
S. T. Morris	c Smithson b Boshier	90
J. A. R. Oliver	c Foulds b Spencer	2
I. Davison	not out	4
Extras		30

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 232

Spencer 24-10-67-4; Walsh 17-3-42-2; Boshier 7-2-18-1; R. C. Smith 8-3-22-0; Turner 10-2-23-0; Savage 17-4-30-1.

Second Innings

G. F. Millman	c Walsh b Boshier	36
N. S. Gunn	c Heginbottom b Spencer	17
S. T. Morris	b Spencer	2
J. G. Owen	c Smithson b Boshier	2
J. A. R. Oliver	c Walsh b Boshier	10
F. J. Comerford	c Smithson b Boshier	2
I. Davison	c Walsh b Spencer	3
H. Hayhurst	b Boshier	3
G. L. B. August	not out	2
N. Senior	c Heginbottom b Boshier	1
D. G. Jenkins	b Spencer	0
Extras		8

Total 84

Spencer 9-3-1-42-4; Boshier 9-2-34-6.

COUNTY SEEK FIRST WIN OF SEASON IN CRICKET WEEK

Representative Honour for G. F. Millman

STILL without a victory in the Minor Counties Championship this season, Bedfordshire hope to improve their record during the annual cricket week, which begins at Bedford School ground next Monday, and which is always an outstanding feature of the local sports calendar.

One must hasten to add (writes the Sports Editor) that Bedfordshire might well have won two of their four championship matches if luck had gone their way.

In the opening game—against Lincolnshire at Bourne—the County gained a first innings lead, but after a sporting declaration by skipper John Oliver, who set his opponents to score 162 in two hours, they were beaten by two wickets.

Lincolnshire actually scraped home off the last possible ball of the contest, a catch having been missed in the same over.

Showing form that was too bad to be true, Bedfordshire dismissed for 82 and 107, lost by ten wickets to Cambridgeshire at Wisbech, but in the third game, v. Hertfordshire at Hitchin, they established a strong position largely because of Oliver's feat of taking six wickets for 28.

First innings points were gained with only four wickets down, at which point Oliver declared, and the County began their second innings need-

by declaring 75 runs behind, and Leicestershire, closing their second innings with three wickets down, set Bedfordshire to score 138 in 90 minutes. They were defeated by 53, but the merit of their performance can be measured by the fact that a few days later Leicestershire won by an innings and 110 runs against Derbyshire II at Chesterfield.

Here are Bedfordshire's batting and bowling averages in the championship:

BATTING					
	Ins.	no.	agg.	h't	av.
Morris	4	1	130	90	43.33
August	8	1	157	51	22.43
Gunn	8	0	141	41	17.62
Oliver	7	1	95	24	15.83
Ginniver	4	0	55	25	13.75
Millman	8	0	97	36	12.12
Senior	3	1	24	12	12.00
Whittingham	4	1	31	14	10.33
Comerford	4	0	33	3	8.25
Hayhurst	4	0	30	27	7.50
Owen	7	0	47	20	6.71
Davison	6	2	23	12	5.75
Jenkins	4	3	5	3	5.00

Also batted: Street, 14.

BOWLING					
	Ins.	no.	m.	r.	av.
Breeze	27	1	8	49	9.40
Oliver	67	5	19	176	14
Hayhurst	81	24	182	10	18.20
Jenkins	59	12	165	6	26.43
Davison	102	26	281	9	27.88
Owen	55	15	153	6	30.60

Also bowled: Staney, 12-3-39-1; Gunn, 1-1-0-7-0.



Geoffrey Millman . . . he has been chosen to play for Minor Counties against the Australians

Twelfth man for the week is W. Chamberlain of Bedford Modern School.

Lincolnshire will be represented by: B. C. Ehrenfried (capt.), J. H. Taylor, D. W. Taylor, R. P. Lascelles, R. C. Inman, J. R. C. Todd, J. L. Thompson, J. D. Walton, G. Flowers, A. Lea, H. M. A. Cherry-Downes.

Hertfordshire: T. W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, D. B. Parkin, L. Clough, L. Bateman, R. G. Simons, D. J. Carnill, A. N. Bradbeer, R. C. Marques (capt.), B. S. Darvell, T. G. Morley, J. Lay.

Mr. Frank Crompton, who has been associated with Bedfordshire C.C.C. for 42 years and is in his 31st year as hon. secretary, is once again in charge of arrangements for the week. "I am praying for fine weather," he said yesterday. "We need it, for the club has already suffered financially this season because of rain."

NOT ONE BALL BOWLED

Once rain began in Luton soon after nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, there was never much prospect of a start being made that day in the match between Bedfordshire and Kent II at Wardown Park.

Before lunch pools were forming at the worn ends and afterwards there was immediate agreement that further waiting would be completely fruitless.

The gates were never opened and that the weather took such a turn was a grave disappointment because Kent included three Blues and several other players with first team experience, including Brian Disbury.

After a wait of nearly three hours at Luton yesterday it was decided that the wicket was too wet after nearly 24 hours continuous rain to make a start.

This is the first time for 20 years a County match at Luton has been abandoned without a ball being bowled.



Sid Morris . . . Bedfordshire hope he will maintain the form he showed when he hit 90 against Leicestershire II.

ing 128 to win in 2½ hours. But they were 80 for seven at the close and so drew a match that seemed "in the bag" for them at one stage.

Then at Luton last week, Bedfordshire gave a worthy account of themselves against a strong Leicestershire 2nd XI that included Gerald Smithson, Jack Walsh, Brian Boshier and Terry Spencer. Facing a total of 305 for six declared, the home County did remarkably well to avoid the follow-on, Sid Morris hitting a brilliant 90.

Oliver threw out a challenge

Congratulations are due to Geoffrey Millman, Bedfordshire's brilliant young batsman-wicketkeeper, on being chosen to play for the Minor Counties against the Australians at Newcastle on September 8 and 10.

Millman, who is on National Service, has made several appearances for the R.A.F. and Combined Services in first-class cricket this season and unfortunately for his native county these other playing commitments will prevent him from turning out in more than one game during the week at Bedford School.

He is included in the side to oppose Lincolnshire on Monday and Tuesday. Team in probable batting order:

G. L. B. August, G. F. Millman, N. S. Gunn, N. Senior, J. A. R. Oliver, J. G. Owen, R. W. Street, F. Whittingham, I. Davison, H. Hayhurst, F. K. Breeze.

M. Crouch from Arlesey, who plays for Letchworth, will keep wicket instead of Millman against Cambridgeshire on Wednesday and Thursday, and the only other change is the return of Sid Morris (not available for the first match) in place of Fred Breeze, who, like Don Jenkins, cannot appear for business reasons.

Breeze, however, is in the team for the last game of the week v. Hertfordshire, and so is F. J. Comerford, who is on tour with Bedford Martlets earlier in the week. They take the places of Bob Street and F. Whittingham.

COUNTY UNABLE TO FORCE WIN DESPITE EXTRA TIME

WITH 20 minutes of the extra half-hour still remaining, and no finish in prospect, the Minor Counties game between Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire yesterday was left drawn.

Bedfordshire, with a first innings lead of 105, did not enforce a follow-on, but set the visitors to score 154 to win in 105 minutes. At the close they were 82 for five.

From six runs for two wickets to 281 for six declared, is a big step, but that is the one Bedfordshire accomplished on Wednesday as well as taking two Cambridgeshire wickets for 42 runs.

Bedford School was at its loveliest in the early sunshine, and when Oliver won the toss one's led down with a relish to seeing some good runs on a good wicket.

Settle down? The very first delivery jerked spectators from their comfort as it crashed down poor Senior's stumps. It was a good swinging delivery and Jerman was to produce several more in that first hour.

The tension increased when Gunn, possibly unsettled by a near run-out, aimed a rash stroke outside a ball in Jerman's fourth over and he too, heard the clatter of his wicket.

Go to Morris, and so nearly to yet a third wicket. A flourished bat missed the first ball which was terribly close, and then a slight deflection was dropped by the nearest of three short legs.

At the other end August, albeit surely, could only "play down the line".

A cover drive for three by Morris was the only real stroke of the first hour, but gradually these two loosened Cambridgeshire's steely grip on the game.

MORRIS BOWLS MORRIS

It was unfortunate, therefore, that Morris should then receive one of the best balls of the day, a leg break from namesake C. Morris, perfect in flight, length and spin. Morris hurriedly played back but not with bat in line and was bowled.

It was now 61 for 3, a healthier though still not comfortable position, and it was reassuring to see Oliver immediately "in touch".

The 100 clicked by, then the 50 partnership, and it was on 125 that Oliver was eventually out, splendidly caught by Leonard at full stretch above his head at square leg.

August was still only in the 40s—after 3 hours' batting—but, as so often in the past, the appearance of Owen sparked the run getting.

August, himself was infected by Owen's spirit, so much so that of the 69 partnership between the two, August contributed 40.

Owen's end was in a run-out, but his enthusiasm was carried on by Street who showed a few glorious cover drives and by Whittingham who was in less classical, but no less effective, vein.

Street's first run put up the 200 and August reached his century (out of 214) with another late cut. It was, of course, a steady affair, but remembering six for two a correct and fine contribution.

LONG SERVICE

During lunch on the opening day of the cricket week at Bedford School on Monday, the Patron of Bedfordshire C.C.C., Major Simon Whitbread, presented the President, Ald. Horace R. Neate, with a fountain pen and pencil, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his 17 years as chairman of the committee, a position he relinquished at the end of 1955 in favour of a former captain, Mr. A. B. Poole.

Major Whitbread referred to Mr. Neate's long association with the club, which began in 1919, and of the great influence he had wielded on behalf of the club, especially in the councils of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, of which he had been hon. treasurer since 1945.

The last hour belonged to Ian Davison who possibly bowled at his quickest this season. He claimed both wickets for 27 runs and was unlucky not to have Bokhari caught off his third delivery.

As on the previous day play began with a sensation yesterday. Off the second ball, Bokhari—who has an average in the 70's this season—drove to the left of Chamberlain, substituting for August who was suffering from a strained thigh muscle.

Bokhari went for a run, but Chamberlain, moving quickly, threw to the wicket-keeper with Bokhari stranded with his partner at the other end. It was a poor throw, but there was still time for another fielder to retrieve and return before the Cambridgeshire batsman could regain his ground.

Forty-four for three offered Bedfordshire a real chance, but for the next 17 hours Davison, Hayhurst, Oliver and Owen toiled away without success.

It was Morris who eventually caught Taylor hooking to square leg just before lunch when the score was 135 for 4.

GAUTREY PASSES FIFTY

Gautrey had just passed his 50, an innings reminiscent of August's for its steady beginning but now flourishing with most attractive shots.

The resumption again proved fateful for Cambridgeshire, Gautrey being leg before off the first ball from Davison. The Bedfordshire pace bowler followed this telling blow by clean bowling C. Morris four runs later, and then Hayhurst lent a hand (and Senior two hands) to take the important scalp of Maurice Crouch.

The score was now 153 for 7 and the chance of enforcing the follow-on a possibility. Nunn and Leonard added 21 before the latter was stumped, but with Oliver taking the last two wickets for the addition of only two runs, Bedfordshire had a lead of 105.

By not enforcing the follow-on Bedfordshire's eye was on quick runs and setting Cambridgeshire a target. The scoring was, in fact, not too brisk, but by tea 48 had been added to the lead of 105, leaving Cambridgeshire to score 154 to win in 105 minutes.

The visitors soon lost Crouch but Gautrey was clearly after the target, scoring 31 out of the 42 partnership with Bokhari before being bowled.

With three more wickets falling cheaply Cambridgeshire's victory chase was virtually off, and now the question was, "Can Bedfordshire bowl them out?"

But immediately Davison pulled up with a strained back, and after a tentative over or so by Owen and Oliver play ended.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August not out	132
N. Senior b Jerman	0
N. S. Gunn b Jerman	3
S. T. Morris b C. Morris	33
J. A. R. Oliver c Leonard b C. Morris	30
J. G. Owen run out	25
R. W. Street b Jerman	11
F. Whittingham not out	24
Extras	23

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ... 281
Bowling: Jerman 300, 11m, 56r, 5w;
C. Morris 29-4-79-2; W. B. Morris 18-8-28-0; Taylor 13-3-18-0; Craig 24-8-77-0.

Second Innings

N. Senior not out	14
R. W. Street lbw b Jerman	14
N. S. Gunn not out	15
Extras	5

Total (for 1 wkt. dec.) ... 48

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

I. Bokhari run out	23
W. B. Morris lbw b Davison	4
A. B. Thomas b Davison	10
R. A. Taylor c Morris b Hayhurst	26
R. Gautrey lbw b Davison	58
M. A. Crouch b Senior b Hayhurst	14
C. Morris b Davison	14
B. Leonard at Crouch b Owen	11
R. Nunn b Oliver	10
I. Craig not out	1
L. C. S. Jerman c Street b Oliver	0
Extras	20

Total ... 178
Bowling: Davison 250-8-58-4; Hayhurst 21-9-30-2; Owen 19-3-44-1; Oliver 18-4-8-27-2.

Second Innings

I. Bokhari lbw b Davison	22
M. A. Crouch run out	3
R. Gautrey b Hayhurst	31
W. B. Morris c Crouch b Davison	6
B. Leonard not out	3
C. Morris b Owen	0
B. Thomas not out	12
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks.) 82
Davison 9-40, 2m, 28r, 2w; Hayhurst 8-0-35-1; Owen 3-0-13-1; Oliver 1-0-1-0.

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Herts v Beds Bedford School 10,11 August

No Result Points 2 Umpires C Fairservice & CH Welch

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Herts 1st innings

TW Tyrwhitt-Drake		b Breeze	132	(1x6, 11x4s
DB Parkin		b Hayhurst	1	4x3s, 16x2s)
LC Bateman	c Gunn	b Jenkins	14	
+RG Simons	lbw	b Jenkins	42	
TL Clough	lbw	b Oliver	2	
DJ Carnill	c Jenkins	b Breeze	25	
AN Bradbeer		b Jenkins	9	
*CVL Marques		b Oliver	19	
BS Darvell	c Owen	b Jenkins	5	
TG Morley		b Jenkins	4	
RC Hughes	not out		2	
Extras	Byes 6, leg byes 6, no balls 1		13	
Total	All out	80.1 overs	268	

FoW 1-6 (2), 2-61 (3), 3-153 (4), 4-160 (5), 5-226 (6), 6-229 (1), 7-255 (8), 8-259 (7), 9-262 (9), 10-268 (10)

Bowling

Breeze	20	2	59	2	Oliver	18	2	64	2
Hayhurst	12	0	48	1	Owen	5	0	24	0
Jenkins	25.1	3	60	5					

Beds 1st innings

GLB August	c Marques	b Hughes	38
N Senior		b Hughes	0
NS Gunn	lbw	b Marques	3
ST Morris	c & b	Darvell	22
FJ Comerford		b Darvell	0
*JAR Oliver	not out		39
JG Owen	not out		20
+M Crouch, H Hayhurst, DJ Jenkins, FK Breeze	d n b		
Extras	Byes 7, leg byes 2		9
Total	5 wickets	73 overs	131

FoW 1-4 (2), 2-21 (3), 3-59 (4), 4-59 (5), 5-81 (1)

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Bowling

Marques	15	4	31	1
Hughes	13	5	14	2
Darvell	26	10	40	2
Morley	9	5	13	0
Carnill	10	2	24	0

Herts scorebook

Chamberlain to Make His County Debut

For their last Minor Counties game of the season, against Leicestershire II at Wyggeston School, Leicester, next Monday and Tuesday, Bedfordshire have included an 18-year-old batsman, William Chamberlain, who has just left Bedford Modern School.

Chamberlain is a fine field, as he showed as 12th man for the County at Bedford School last week. He was born at Glasgow but has lived in Bedford since he was a few months old.

Ian Davison, who has been awarded his County cap, resumes, having recovered from an injury, and the team is:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, N. S. Gunn, C. F. Millman, D. G. Jenkins, I. Davison, F. K. Breeze, F. Whittingham, N. Senior, W. Chamberlain.

From a financial point of view Bedfordshire experienced a disastrous six days at Bedford School last week. Receipts totalled £96 2s. compared with £219 11s. 3d. in 1955, showing a drop of £123 9s. 3d.

Takings for the two games at Luton—one was abandoned without a ball being bowled—also show a decrease on last year's £61 18s. 3d., making a total reduction of £185 7s. 6d.

The club, having already received several special donations, hope that other cricket lovers will help to offset the serious loss.

COUNTY GAIN FIRST INNINGS POINTS BY FIVE

AFTER leading on the first innings by five runs, Bedfordshire set Leicestershire II to score 122, and nearly lost their last Minor Counties game of the season at Wyggeston School, Leicester, on Tuesday. At the close the home county needed 19 with five wickets in hand and so the match was drawn.

At the start of the second day, Leicestershire, in reply to a total of 164, were 89 for five. They lost two early wickets to the Bedford Town pair, Breeze and Jenkins, but the veteran Australian, Jack Walsh, batted steadily.

When he was ninth out at 159 Leicestershire needed only six for the lead. Last-man Boshier, however, had his leg stump uprooted by Davison without addition.

Bedfordshire began their second knock with the obvious intention of getting quick runs, but lost wickets rapidly. Nine were out for 93, when Jenkins went in to join his skipper, John Oliver.

LAST-WICKET STAND

These two batted sensibly and added 23 valuable runs. Oliver played an heroic innings, being 48 not out. This set Leicestershire 122 to win at about a run a minute. Rain, however, delayed the resumption for 35 minutes, and when play did get under way there were only 75 minutes left.

Phillips and Smithson opened briskly, before the latter was out at 23, bowled by Breeze. Gardner joined Phillips and the rate was immediately stepped up. The new batsman, with some forceful shots off the front foot, had the home side up with the clock, but he lost Phillips and Foulds in quick succession.

With ten minutes left Leicestershire required 30, but then Gardner was caught on the mid-wicket boundary for 46 by a substitute, John Smith, who is a Leicestershire colt. Diment was immediately run out, and when the final over started Leicestershire were in a hopeless position, being still 19 short.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. E. August c Hickinbottom	1
G. B. Savage	64
G. Millman c Hickinbottom b Walsh	7
N. S. Gunn c Walsh b Boshier	20
N. Senior c Turner b Savage	15
J. G. Owen b Savage	5
J. A. R. Oliver c Turner b Savage	30
F. Whittingham st Hickinbottom b Walsh	13
W. Chamberlain lbw b Walsh	0
I. Davison at Hickinbottom b Walsh	3
F. K. Breeze c Diment b Walsh	3
D. O. Jenkins not out	5
Extras	164
Total	164

Bowling: Walsh five for 21, Savage four for 59, Boshier one for 53, R. Smith none for 27.

Second Innings

G. L. E. August b Savage	15
G. F. Millman b Boshier	2
N. S. Gunn lbw b Savage	6
N. Senior b Walsh	11
J. G. Owen b Walsh	11
J. A. R. Oliver not out	48
F. Whittingham lbw b Savage	7
W. Chamberlain lbw b Walsh	0
I. Davison at Hickinbottom b Walsh	1
F. K. Breeze st Hickinbottom b Savage	0
D. O. Jenkins at Hickinbottom b Walsh	2
Extras	116
Total	116

Bowling: Walsh five for 44, Savage four for 46.

LEICESTERSHIRE

First Innings

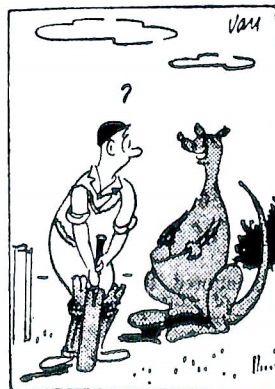
G. A. Smithson b Breeze	13
E. Phillips st Millman b Owen	50
R. Gardner b Oliver	22
F. Foulds lbw b Oliver	3
R. A. Diment c Gunn b Oliver	5
J. E. Walsh lbw b Davison	39
J. S. Savage b Breeze	5
F. T. Smith b Davison	3
G. A. Hickinbottom lbw b Jenkins	11
W. Turner not out	7
B. Boshier b Davison	0
Extras	8
Total	159

Bowling: Davison three for 39.

Second Innings

G. A. Smithson b Breeze	9
E. Phillips b Jenkins	30
R. Gardner c sub b Jenkins	46
F. Foulds b Davison	3
R. A. Diment run out	3
G. A. Hickinbottom not out	7
J. S. Savage not out	1
Extras	4
Total	103

Bowling: Davison one for 35, Breeze one for 42, Jenkins two for 21.



OLIVER TOPS BOWLING

Bedfordshire's captain, John Oliver, regularly qualifies for the Minor Counties batting averages, but this year he will also figure for his bowling successes.

With a rather limited attack he has been obliged to bowl more than anyone else other than Davison, and his 22 wickets for 351 runs puts him on top of the County averages.

August—whose 132 at Bedford School was probably the finest innings of the County's season—has now scored 5,351 runs for Bedfordshire, Oliver being close behind with 4,642.

BATTING

	ins.	n.o.	ag.	h'st.	av.
S. T. Morris ..	6	1	185	90	37.00
G. L. B. August	13	2	352	132*	32.00
J. A. R. Oliver	12	3	289	48*	29.88
R. W. Street ...	5	2	84	17*	21.33
G. Millman	12	1	180	64	16.36
F. Whittingham	8	2	92	30	15.33
N. S. Gunn	14	1	198	41	15.23
N. Senior ...	9	2	74	20	10.57
J. G. Owen ...	13	1	121	25	10.08
P. J. Comerford	5	0	33	23	6.60
H. Hayhurst ...	5	0	30	27	6.00
D. G. Jenkins	6	4	8	3*	4.00
I. Davison ...	9	2	24	12	3.42

* Signifies not out

Also batted: B. J. Ginner 8, 25, 1, 0; F. K. Breeze 0, *, 3, 0; W. Chamberlain 13, 0.

BOWLING

J. A. R. Oliver	140.9	39	351	22	15.95
F. K. Breeze ..	32.1	12	211	12	17.58
D. G. Jenkins	95.1	15	277	15	18.46
I. Davison	182.8	47	446	20	22.30
H. Hayhurst ...	128.0	41	354	14	25.85
J. G. Owen ...	95.4	16	277	9	30.77

Also bowled: N. S. Gunn 1-0-7-0; G. T. Slaney 12-3-39-1.

Stumpings: G. Millman 6.

Catches: N. Senior 5, J. A. R. Oliver and N. S. Gunn 4, G. L. B. August and J. G. Owen 3, M. Crouch and H. Hayhurst 2, G. Millman, S. T. Morris, F. Whittingham, D. G. Jenkins, P. J. Comerford, G. T. Slaney, and R. W. Street 1 each.

SIXTY YEARS MEMBER OF COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Annual Meeting Presentation to Mr. A. W. H. Poole

Mr. A. W. H. Poole, honorary scorer to Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, has the distinction of being the oldest member, joining some 60 years ago.

His fine record was commemorated at the club's annual meeting at the Shire Hall, Bedford, on December 20 by the presentation of a wristlet watch by the club president, Ald. H. R. Neate, D.L.

The president recalled that Mr. Poole was also a member of the former Bedford Town Cricket Club which merged into the County Club in 1912, remaining so merged until the Town Club was resuscitated in 1937.

Mr. Poole became captain of the Bedfordshire Club and Ground Extra XI in 1925, holding this position for many years. He also acted as wicket-keeper and honorary umpire, and from 1944 honorary scorer. He had been a committee member for many years and had recently joined the County Selection Committee. A life member of the club, he had also been a member of the Minor Counties Cricket Association since 1934.

KEPT YOUNG BY YOUTH

Expressing his thanks for the watch, Mr. Poole said during the past 60 years he had had the opportunity of meeting and befriending many men and sportsmen.

It gave him great pleasure to be associated with the youth of today and he thought it was this which to a great extent had kept him young.

The past season's record was discussed by Mr. Poole's son, Mr. A. B. Poole, chairman of the committee. He thought the position the club had finished in the Minor Counties table did not give a very good reflection of the merit of the County XI.

A closer study of match results showed that in one of each of the games against their four opponents they had enjoyed by far the better of play. As far as the remaining games were concerned, in one match there was very little play, and in the others the XI had rather the worst of it.

FINANCES HAPPY

The treasurer's statement of income and expenditure revealed a comforting increase in subscriptions and donations.

Major Simon Whitbread was re-elected patron and Ald. Neate president. The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Col. H. C. Hanbury, M.V.O., M.C., Mr. R. O. Ashby, the Archdeacon of Bedford (the Ven. Basil T. Guy), Mr. Frank Stoodley, Mr. H. N. Sprague, and Mr. L. W. Bond.

Others re-elected were the committee chairman, Mr. A. B. Poole; vice-chairman, Mr. Arthur Fryer; general committee (with the inclusion of Mr. Sid Morris and exclusion of Mr. John Pratt); treasurer, Mr. S. A. Swift; secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton; auditors, Mr. R. Symonds and Mr. Frank Wain.

Mr. John Oliver was re-appointed captain of the County XI and Mr. George August vice-captain. Mr. R. A. Cox and Mr. Leslie Blake, the umpires, were also re-appointed.

COACHING CENTRE

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club and the Central Council for Physical Recreation (Eastern Region) have arranged for the use of the gymnasium at RAF Cardington as a winter cricket coaching centre on various dates during the first four months of the New Year.

There are four courses and coaches will include Mr. Dennis Brookes, of Northamptonshire CCC, Mr. Tom Clark, Surrey CCC, Mr. K. McCanlis, the first class umpire, and Mr. G. L. B. August and Mr. S. T. Morris, of Bedfordshire CCC.

Students will receive coaching in all aspects of the game as the courses will be progressive. Details and application forms are available from the CCPR Buildings, Harpur Street, Bedford, closing date being December 31.

Town C.C. Look Forward to Good Season on New Ground



Reference to the progress on Bedford Town Cricket Club's new ground at Goldington Bury was made at their annual dinner at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, on Friday.

Proposing the toast of the club, Lord Luke, a vice-president, congratulated the members on last season's performances and wished them every success in the forthcoming one, particularly in view of the fact that they would play on their new ground at Goldington Bury.

"I hope it will be a good season and I hope even more that there will be quite a number of young players found and that you will give them every encouragement," he said.

Replying, Mr. G. L. B. August, the captain, said that last season they had played in the kind of weather in which cricket was really enjoyable and from the point of view of results it had been a satisfactory summer. The four teams had played a total of 71 matches, won 34, and lost only 16.

MILLMAN'S FINE FORM

A tribute was paid by the captain to Geoffrey Millman, who enjoyed a very fine season both with the bat and as wicket-keeper.

"He is quite outstanding in both departments, has a wonderful temperament for the game, and I think he will go very far," declared Mr. August. "I mention him because he is young and nowadays the more you play the more you notice the sides are made up of veterans."

The captain said that he had one sad loss to report. "Aggie" Coomb's work was taking him to Norfolk and therefore he would be lost to the club. He was a fine bowler and a good, bold batsman, and they would miss him very much. They wished him and his wife, their former scorer, great happiness in their new home.

The club's captain, Mr. G. L. B. August (centre), with some of the personalities at the dinner (left to right): Lord Luke, Mr. K. McCanlis, Ald. H. R. Neate, and the Mayor of Bedford, Coun. R. G. Gale.

"This new season is a very important one for the club," emphasized Mr. August. "We are going to our new ground and at last the club will be playing in surroundings more in accord with its status."

He expressed the club's gratitude to the National Playing Fields Association for its grant of £300 towards the ground. The pavilion was also taking shape and there would be plenty of scope for voluntary workers on that. Finally, he praised the work of the officials, the ladies who helped with teas, the scorers, and the umpires.

Mr. Dennis Brookes, captain of Northamptonshire, proposing the toast of cricket, said that from the village green, with its attendant hazards of the farmyard, to Lord's was quite a long way, but he had travelled it, enjoying every minute of it.

Declaring that cricket was "the finest game in the world", Mr. Brookes added, "I'm sure that in cricket you meet a finer body of men than in any other sport."

Mr. Brookes's speech concluded on a warning note. Of every 100 boys at school, he said, only about 21 were interested in cricket, which he considered a serious state of affairs. If they were going to attempt to perpetuate cricket without encouraging the youngsters they were going to be in serious trouble in the future.

Responding, the Mayor of Bedford, Coun. R. G. Gale, who is president of the club, described cricket as "the most English of all games and the most English of all scenes."

"Cricket signifies all that is best in the English way of life," continued the Mayor. "There are many different varieties of cricket, which make it inexplicable to people of nations which do not play it."

"We recognize that, for the connoisseur, cricket does not

depend for its enjoyment on the terrific swipe to the boundary, but on the duel between bat and ball.

"This new ground will show to the people of Bedford how fine a ground can be and look. I hope the people of the town will rally round and start you off well, and that you will soon be out of debt in this new venture."

The toast of the visitors was proposed by Mr. E. F. Barcock, and Mr. George Tribe, Northamptonshire's all-rounder Test player, and Mr. A. V. Partis, a former secretary of the Town club, responded.

Mr. Tribe naturally considered that his fellow Australians had a fine chance of winning the Ashes this year and thought they had a much better batting side than they possessed on the last tour.

"A THORN" IN OUR XI

Discussing Jimmy Burke, nephew of Capt. Percy Burke, of Bedford, who was present at the dinner, Mr. Tribe said: "Jimmy played in the Lancashire League last year and did very well. I feel he's going to be a thorn in your side when he comes over here."

Mr. Frank Crompton, a vice-president, who is secretary of Bedfordshire and the Minor Counties Association, proposing the toast of the president, said that young players were coming on and he was confident that the future of the game was assured.

Mr. Crompton expressed the club's appreciation of the part played by the Town Council in providing the new ground, which might well become "the Lord's of Bedfordshire".

Turning to the Mayor, he said that Coun. Gale, with all modesty, had shown a great interest in anything connected with cricket throughout the years.

Cricket

P. OAKLEY IN TOWN XI

Bedford Town C.C. open their season tomorrow with a visit to Mill Hill Village, one of five new fixtures.

The side includes P. Oakley, the promising young all-rounder who was for a time on the Lords Ground Staff, and appeared for Bedfordshire against the R.A.F. at Luton in July of last year. Team:

G. L. B. August (captain), D. G. Jenkins, G. F. Millman, F. K. Breeze, V. J. Harris, E. S. Smith, E. C. Howard, G. S. Andrews, W. Peet, B. J. Maries, and P. Oakley.

The Town 2nd XI will have the honour of playing the first game on the club's new ground at Goldington Bury tomorrow, when they receive Cambridge Camden II. Team:

T. B. Woolliscroft, M. Hall, E. J. Feazey, C. Dixon, R. D. Linger, E. King, R. Poulter, K. Mc Canlis, E. P. Bareock, W. Chamberlain, A. J. Draper.

Here is the 1st XI's fixture list:

May	5	Vauxhall Motors	h
	12	Tring Park	h
	19	Three Counties Hospital	a
	21	Harpur Sports	h
	25	St. Albans	a
June	2	Letchworth	h
	9	Luton Town	h
	16	Aylesbury	a
	24	Hertford	h
	30	Welwyn Garden City	a
July	7	Mill Hill	h
	14	Harrow Town	a
	21	Luton Town	a
	29	Northampton Saints	h
Aug.	4	Oxford City	a
	6	Northampton Poly.	a
	7	Letchworth	a
	11	March Town	h
	18	St. Albans	h
	25	Slough	a
Sept.	1	Widobon Town	a
	8	Huntingdon	h
	15	Northampton Saints	a
	22	City of Ely	a

CRICKET CUP ATTRACTS OVER 80 ENTRIES

Eighty-three clubs, three less than last season, will compete for the Bedford and District Cricket League Hospital Cup this year. The draw for the preliminary and first rounds was made at the competition's annual meeting at Bedford on Saturday.

In the first round Biggleswade, the holders, will be away to United Counties or Ridgmont.

The draw resulted as follows:

PRELIMINARY ROUND

To be completed by May 18

- Cople v. Liddington.
- Langford v. Thurleigh "A".
- Sandy v. Thurleigh "B".
- Stevington v. R.A.E. Clapham.
- Colmworth v. Bedford General Hospital.
- Stewartby v. Roxton.
- Mogerhanger v. Town Hall.
- Police v. Pavenham.
- Wyboston v. Great Staughton.
- South End Ramblers "A" v. Craykeo.
- Igranie v. Stagden.
- Blunham "A" v. Elstow.
- Telephones v. Wrestlingworth.
- Queen's Works "B" v. Houghton Conquest.
- United Counties Bus Co. v. Ridgmont.
- Caldecote v. South End Ramblers "B".
- Harpur Sports "B" v. Riseley.
- North End Club v. Potton "A".
- Argus v. Great Barford.

FIRST ROUND

To be completed by June 11

- West End Club v. Colmworth House.
- Sharnbrook v. Argus or Great Barford.
- North Crawley v. Stevington or R.A.E. Clapham.
- United Counties or Ridgmont v. Biggleswade.
- Hobkirk's v. Eversholt.
- Little Staughton "B" v. Ford's.
- Staploe v. North End Club or Potton "A".
- Marion v. Diemer and Reynolds.
- Lynnton Works v. Wilson Bros. and Humphreys.
- Cople or Liddington v. Ickwell.
- Keynes v. Felmersham.
- Caldecote or South End Ramblers "B" v. Potton "B".
- Stewartby or Roxton v. Clapham "B".
- Gale's XI v. Clapham "A".
- Telephones or Wrestlingworth v. Shire Hall.
- Langford or Thurleigh "A" v. Queen's Works "A".
- Wood End v. Sandy or Thurleigh "B".
- Queen's Works "B" or Houghton Conquest v. Renhold.
- Aatwood v. Young Farmers.
- Everton v. South End Ramblers "A" or Craykeo.
- Harpur Sports "B" or Riseley v. Blunham "A" or Elstow.
- Tempsford v. Blunham "B".
- Kempston v. Pertenhall.
- Goldington Sports v. St. Neots.
- R.A.F. Cardington v. Postels.
- Idons v. Electricity.
- Bedford Town "A" v. Dean.
- Faton Saxon v. Wyboston or Great Staughton.
- Harpur Sports "A" v. Little Staughton "A".
- Bedford Town "B" v. Igranie or Stagden.
- Bedford Thursday v. Colmworth or Bedford General Hospital.
- Mogerhanger or Town Hall v. Police or Pavenham.

Last season the competition raised a record sum of £230. St. Neots are new entrants this season.

TOWN WITHOUT MILLMAN

Because G. F. Millman, their batsman-wicketkeeper has been chosen to play for R.A.F. against Derbyshire at Ilkeston, Bedford Town make one change for tomorrow's match against Tring at Goldington Bury (2.30 p.m.). R. E. Poulter will deputize, and the team is:

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, R. E. Poulter, P. K. Breeze, C. F. Sabey, G. S. Andrews, V. J. Harris, E. S. Smith, W. Peet, and B. J. Maries.

Other Town sides for tomorrow are:—

2nd XI (v. Tring II, away): T. B. Woolliscroft, M. Hall, E. F. Barcock, C. H. Dixon, R. D. Linger, K. McCanlis, E. C. Howard, J. E. Nethaway, D. T. Matthews, P. W. Scrivener and P. Oakley.

Ramblers (v. Hatfield Technical College, away): C. D. Barnes, D. F. Bennett, H. P. Stokes, L. Manship, R. E. Salsbury, A. Cooley, I. Brown, B. Hollis, A. J. Cook, G. A. R. Brett, and W. F. Gaunt.

For their Sunday match v. Cambridge Camden at Goldington Bury (2.30) Bedford Town will be represented by:

E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, W. Peet, C. H. Dixon, R. E.

Salsbury, D. F. Hoar, Bhusari, I. Brown, R. Stevenson, W. Chamberlain, B. R. Clifford.

This Week's Sports Fixtures

Cricket

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford Town v. Tring Park.
Harpur Sports v. March.
Irish Park II v. Bedford II.
Hatfield Technical College v. Bedford Ramblers.
Queen's Works v. Brotherhood's Sports.
Queen's Works II v. Rushden II.
Bedford School v. Ouseley.
H.M.S. Captain's XI v. Vice-Captain's.
Three Counties Hospital v. Hitchin.
R.A.F. Bassingbourn v. Potton.
Rodeaux v. Harpur Sports II.
Colworth House v. Crescivo.
Bedford North End v. Kempston.
Henlow v. St. Neots.
Sturford v. Henlow II.
Aspley Gause v. Bedford Argus.
Casuals v. N.A.E. Clapham.
Wareley v. Old Warden.
Campton v. Maulden.
Meltis v. Sharnbrook.
Biggleswade v. Tabulator.
Tabulator II v. Biggleswade II.
Vauxhall Motors v. Southill Park.
Southill II v. Luton Stroulers.
Pitwick v. Bondor Sports.
Stambridge v. Steppingley.
Diemer & Reynolds v. Grosvenor Club.
Diemer & Reynolds v. Grosvenor Club.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE Premier Division

Thurleigh v. South End Ramblers.
Pete Hall v. Potton.
Clapham v. Langford.
Blunham v. Caldecote.

Division I

Bisley v. Lynton Works.
Great Bedford v. Slagden.
Hean v. Stevington.
Mogeanham v. Renhold.

Division II (Section II)

Ikwell v. Little Staughton.
Slings v. Pavenham.
Colnworth v. Wyboston.
Tempsford v. Great Staughton.

Division III (Section II)

Sharnbrook v. Kempston Wood End.
Cople v. Wilson and Humphreys.
North Crawley v. Marston II.
Souldrop v. Felmerham.

Division III (Section II)

Keysoe v. South End Ramblers II.
Little Staughton II v. Risley II.
Oakley v. Thurleigh II.
Langford II v. Kempston West End.
Caldecote II v. Blunham II.
Roston v. Wrestlingworth.

SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Cambridge Camden.
Harpur Sports v. Eaton School.
Queen's Works v. Luton Old Boys.
Casuals v. R.A.F. Bicester.
Meltis v. R.A.F. Bordenham.

League Cricket

SIX WICKETS FOR DAWES

Tempsford made a winning start in the Bedford II (District League, Division II (Section I)) at home to Ickwell on Saturday. G. Dawes, with six wickets for 14 runs, was chiefly responsible for Ickwell's dismissal.

Ickwell: P. Bygraves b P. Dawes 2, I. Humphries b Dawes 1, T. Norman run out 2, H. Norman b Dawes 0, C. Dilleigh c Bettles b Dawes 10, E. Hilliard b Bettles 2, S. Herbert b Ingram 16, W. Cole not out 2, P. Mason b Ingram 1, P. King b Dawes 0, N. King b Dawes 0, extras 6, total 42.—P. Dawes six for 14, Ingram two for 0, Bettles one for 22.

Tempsford: B. Lowe c Dilleigh b T. Norman 5, E. Ingram b Mason 0, R. Bettles c Norman b Hilliard 20, P. Dawes c Mason b H. Norman 10, D. Mott c and b King 34, G. Lansdowne b King 5, C. Beaumont b Dilleigh 6, D. Eaton b Dilleigh 3, D. Rutledge c and b King 0, G. Dawes not out 4, extras 6, total 93.—King three for 19, Dilleigh two for 17, Norman one for 19.

Henlow C.C. team to receive St. Neots tomorrow is: J. Legate, R. Legate, E. Smith, G. Dear, J. Capet, M. Jordan, B. Beaumont, R. Gray, A. Ward, V. Edmunds and J. Parker. Second XI to visit: Shetford: P. Simpson, R. Beaumont, J. Slater, B. Moore, V. Beaumont, G. Dunn, J. King, W. Hyde, T. Sturston, B. Down and G. Tuck.

Casuals v. Bondor Sports.
Newport Pagell v. Casuals II.
Campton v. Stragege New Town.
Southill Park v. St. Neots.
Clapham v. Diemer and Reynolds.
Astell's v. Grosvenor C.C.
Sheffo d. v. Small and Brown.
St. Neots II v. Potton.
Odnams v. Luton.

TUESDAY

Bedford School v. Cambridge Crusaders
Campton v. Stragege New Town
Bedford School 2nd v. Clae Coll. 2nd

WEDNESDAY

HOSPITAL CUP

Langford v. Thurleigh (6.30 p.m.).

THURSDAY

Bedfordshire XI v. London University (Odnams Town ground, 11.30).
Bedford Postals v. Bedford Thursday.
Luton GS v. Bedford School 2nd.

FRIDAY

HOSPITAL CUP
Queen's Works "B" v. Houghton Conquest (Allen Park, 6.30 p.m.).

Gale Top Scorer for Middlesex

R. A. Gale, the former Bedford Modern School all-rounder, made an excellent start in his first championship game for Middlesex against Nottinghamshire at Lords on Wednesday.

Batting at number five he hit top score of 37 in Middlesex's total of 157 for five before rain stopped play.

According to one report he began shakily against the leg-breaks and googlies of Dooland (who took four of the five wickets), but he then blossomed out with fine strokes including a pull for six off that bowler.

Gale, who had played in the Bedford Modern School XI for six seasons the last three as captain, also did well in Middlesex's opening match against Oxford University, scoring seven and 48.

School Prospects

BEDFORD HAVE TEN COLOURS

Bedford School approach their new cricket season in the imposing position of having ten Colours remaining from last summer. And for the one Colour who has left—last season's skipper and wicket-keeper R. H. Meadows—they have his understudy, J. Sumnerfield, who has also had experience with Bedfordshire Colts.

Thus Mr. David Money is in the enviable, though perhaps frightening, position of possessing a ready-made XI, frightening because so much will obviously be expected of such an experienced side.

Last year at this time Mr. Money was very differently placed with only two Colours, Meadows and J. R. N. Ferro, the opening bowler and this season's captain. Wisely, Mr. Money brought on his youngsters, and now he is in the present strong position.

BOWLING CHANGES

Batting, particularly, should be sound, and Mr. Money anticipates changes only in the bowling, which may need a little building up.

Vice-captain is P. M. Howlett, who is also well known on the Rugby field, being last year's captain of the 1st XV, and the secretary is R. L. J. Kilby, another member of the XV.

All the regular fixtures are retained plus one new one, Felsted School, where the master in charge of cricket is an old friend to the School field, the Buckinghamshire all-rounder, J. A. Cockett.

Here is the fixture list:

May 12—Ouseley C.C. h
" 15—Cambridge Crusaders h
" 19—Aldenhay School h
" 22—Leys School h
" 26—Buccaneers C.C. h
June 2—Stowe School h
" 8—Tonbridge School h
(two-day match) a
" 14—Oundle School a
" 23—XI Club h
" 26—Felsted School h
" 28—Incogniti h
" 30—Raileybury and I.B.C. h
July 3—M.C.C. h
" 7—Dulwich College h
" 14—Cryptic C.C. h
" 27—Old Bedfordians h
(two-day game)

KEEN COMPETITION AT B.M.S.

Bedford Modern School are also well placed, only three of last year's XI having left, though they include two outstanding players, D. J. Wilson, the captain, and vice-captain P. D. Watts, who, as reported elsewhere, has now joined Northamptonshire.

Members of last year's side still available are K. H. Richardson, the new captain, who has already been in the side for three years, W. Chamberlain, the new vice-captain, P. J. Stretton, wicket-keeper, P. G. E. White, R. L. Stevenson, B. J. Salter, A. M. Brannan, and J. S. Watson—five of whom have represented the side for two years already.

Chamberlain made a lot of runs last year and should do likewise this season, with good support from Richardson and Stretton, among others. White developed as a fast bowler last year and should be very hostile.

Competition for the remaining three places is keen with many promising players from last year's 2nd XI. Colts, and Under 15 XI to draw upon, and this rivalry is keeping everybody "up to scratch."

"There is a good solid foundation and we feel we ought to have a good season," says Mr. E. H. Proudfoot, master-in-charge of cricket. "Last year was quite good, but we hope to better it principally by turning a number of the draws into wins."

May 19—Trinity College, Cambridge h
" 25—Emmanuel School h
" 26—Oakham School h
" 30—Gentlemen of Bedfordshire h
June 9—Bedford Pilgrims h
" 20—Northants. Amateurs h
" 23—City of London School h
July 7—Queens' Elizabeth's School h
" 26—Old Bedford Modernians h
(two-day match)

Chapman Hits 108 For Airmen

R.A.F. Henlow: Mann b Grantham 5, Moorhouse c Kemp b Smithwaite 0, Howes b Ward 53, Robinson b b Smithwaite 1, Kerr-Smith b Ward 16, Walker c Smithwaite b Weaton 2, Chapman c Patman b Todd 108, Sullars c Patman b Ward 21, Bettles b Todd 6, Cole b b Todd 0, James not out 7, extras 6, total 210.—Todd three for 50, Ward three for 55, Smithwaite two for 37.

Five Sports: Kemp c Robinson b Walker 36, Chastney b Walker 7, O'Sullivan b b Walker 0, Patman c Moorhouse b Walker 5, Phelps c Walker 0, Smithwaite b b Sullars 9, Ward 1, Sullars 3, Clifford 1, Bettles 10, Grantham b Bettles 0, Todd b Bettles 3, Weaton not out 1, extras 6, total 78.—Walker five for 19, Bettles three for 27, Sullars two for 12.

Queen's Works Sunday XI v. W. B. Wright's XI (Kettering)

Played at Allen Park on Sunday. Queen's Works won by six wickets. Wright's XI: D. Hale not out 51, C. Hale 0, B. Bunting 13, M. Bankley 9, A. Linnel 0, M. Walker 1, C. Campbell 2, L. Linnel 0, L. Wright 8, B. Wright 4, G. Smith 1, extras 5, total 94.—W. B. Wright two for 2, E. L. Dunstan two for 14, H. J. Dean two for 19.

Queen's: E. C. Wooding 31, M. M. J. McDonald not out 45, R. F. Dunks 5, P. F. W. Wright 8, R. Morris 8, extras 5, total (for four wkts.) 100.—B. Wright two for 19.

Diemer's v. Shefford

Diemer's continued their winning run on Sunday, when at Bedford Park they beat Shefford by three wickets. A third-wicket partnership between Ems and Parker of 53 paved the way for victory. Shefford: 116 for eight ger (Hendy 27, Pettit 21, Garnish 18, Crisp four for 22, Litchfield two for 14, Wilkinson two for 45). Diemer's: 120 for seven (Parker 37, Lambert 19, Ems 17, Lovatt 16, Jones 14 not out, Mann four for 28).

Diemer's v. Randalls

On Tuesday, however, Randalls were a much faster scoring side in an 18-overs match and ran out winners by 35 runs. Randalls: 107 for six (Wisson 55, Agar 16, Dodson five for 30). Diemer's: 72 for four (Lambert 34 not out, Wilson three for 35).

Kempston Confident

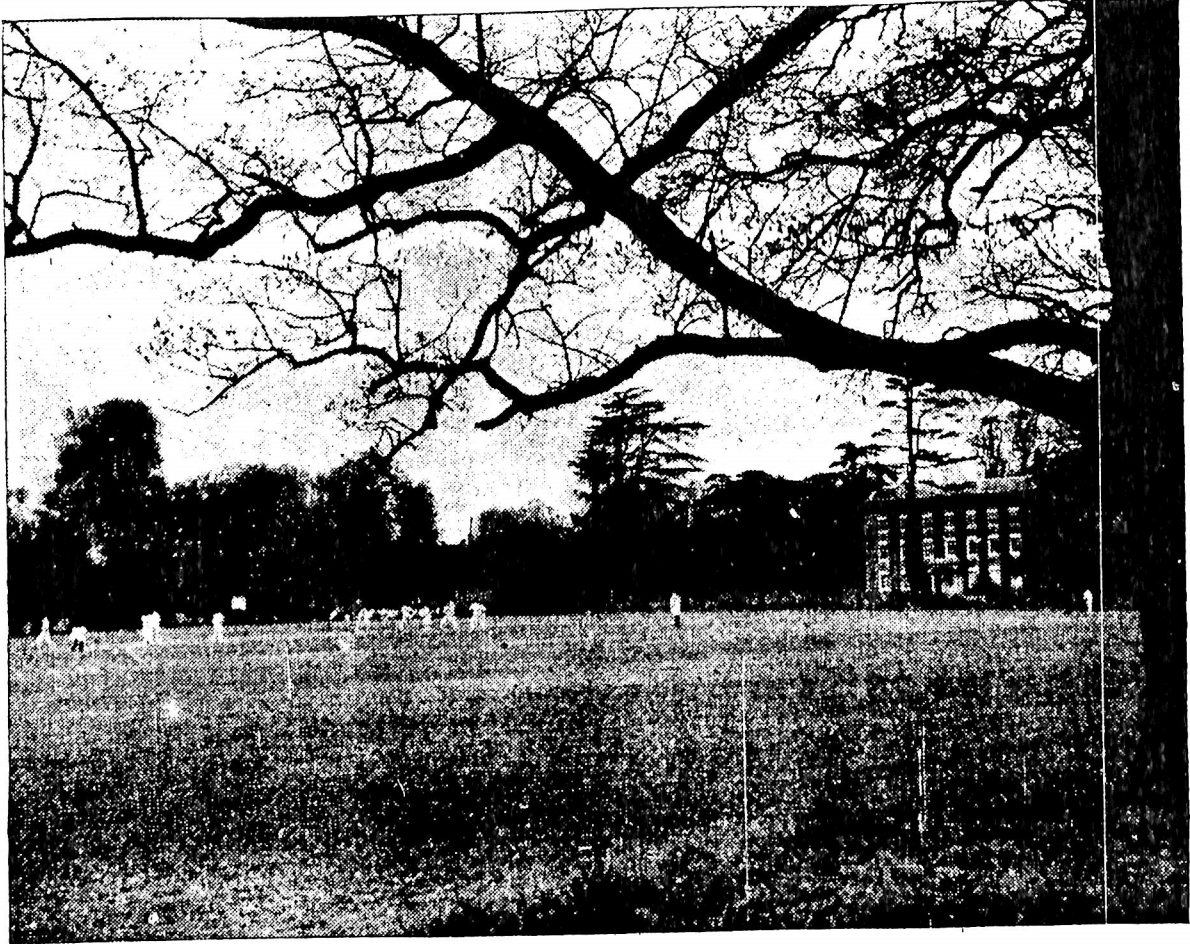
Kempston open their programme against Bedford Park tomorrow, and confidently look forward to another successful season.

David Wright and John King are now on National Service and thus will not be regularly available this year. Another absentee will be Stan Smith.

On the other hand, Robinson, a schoolteacher at Kempston, and several promising youngsters should compensate for these losses. Tomorrow's team will be:

H. White (capt.), R. Turner, K. Brightman, L. Hills, P. Humphries, J. Tysoe, M. Lawrence, Robinson, F. R. Sharp, S. R. D. Southgate, and W. Tipton.

Bedford Town Cricket Club's New Home



Just two years ago a picture appeared in these pages of Goldington Bury, a picture showing members of Bedford Town Cricket Club waist high in grass and bushes. This week we show the scene today, probably with some of the same members but now treading a springy, close-cropped turf under their cricket boots.

Thus a dream, extending much further back than the two years when the Bury was leased by Bedford Town Council to the club, has been fulfilled.

It has not, of course, been accomplished without a great deal of effort, initially by voluntary helpers in the clearing of the derelict wilderness of overgrowth, and then by direct labour in the laying of the ground and the erection of the

pavilion seen to the left of our picture.

Seeding and turfing was only carried out last September, and therefore a perfect wicket cannot be expected for about two years. And there remain to be done some finishing touches to the pavilion, which comprises two dressing-rooms, a lounge, kitchen, showers, and licensed bar.

For the pavilion the club had to borrow £1,000, and donations to the Bedford Town Cricket Club New Ground Fund to help wipe off this debt are invited.

The public, of course, can further help by patronizing games at the Bury, and apart from the pleasure of the actual play, will find immense enjoyment in these charming new surroundings which so much more befit the town and cricket.

Millman Back in Town XI

After his successful game for the R.A.F. against Derbyshire, in which he scored 40 in the first innings and took three catches, Geoff Millman returns to Bedford Town's side to visit Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey tomorrow. Millman replaces Poulter, the only change. Team:

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, O. F. Sabey, G. Millman, G. S. Andrews, V. J. Hennis, E. S. Smith, B. Marles, and W. Peet.

Other teams for tomorrow:

Bedford II (v. Buckingham at Goldington Bury): T. B. Woolliscroft, M. Hall, E. F. Barcock, C. H. Dixon, R. D. Lines, E. C. Howard, J. Nethaway, P. W. Scrivener, P. Oakley, J. Taylor, R. H. Poulter.

Hambles (v. Etitsey at Etitsey): O. D. Baines, H. F. Stokes, L. Manship, I. Brown, A. J. Cook, G. A. R. Brett, H. Hollis, J. Kirby King, A. Cooley, New.

Harpur Sports (v. Henlow at Newnham Avenue): A. Webster, R. Webster, A. Greene, P. Gilbert, E. Cornell, J. Newman, R. King, P. Ladbury, A. Norman, S. Smith, G. Webster.

Harpur II (v. Stony Stratford at Stony Stratford): C. Newman, N. Wilson, C. Gill, C. Ferguson, A. Ingledew, G. Robinson, A. Martin, M. Goswell, P. Cannon, P. Buckingham, J. Odell.

Henlow (v. Harpur Sports at Newnham Avenue): J. Legate, R. Legate, E. Smith, J. Cooper, G. Dear, M. Jordan, B. Beaumont, R. Gray, A. Ward, M. Houghton, W. Edmunds.

SUNDAY TEAMS

Bedford (v. Aylesbury at Goldington Bury): E. C. Howard, C. H. Dixon, W. Peet, P. Oakley, R. Stevenson, R. E. Poulter, W. Chamberlain, R. E. Salisbury, D. P. Hoar, J. Nethaway, J. Brown.

Harpur Sports (v. Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey): R. Webster, J. Newman, L. Sharp, A. Norman, B. Cornell, P. Ladbury, P. Cannon, O. Newman, D. Furnival, A. Ingledew, A. Brannan.

TOWN v. HARPUR

Whit-Monday sees the usual Bedford Town-Harpur Sports clash, beginning in Bedford Park at 11.30 a.m. It is understood the Town offered the use of Goldington Bury for the match but Harpur preferred to hold to the usual venue of the Park. Teams:

Bedford: G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, F. K. Breeze, G. S. Andrews, E. S. Smith, W. Peet, B. Marles, E. C. Howard, R. E. Poulter, M. Hall, J. Nethaway.

Harpur: A. Webster, R. Webster, A. Greene, A. Norman, R. King, P. Gilbert, P. Ladbury, E. Smith, J. Newman, G. Webster, A. Ingledew.

Granadiers' Cup Wins Celebrated

The winning of two trophies during the past season—the Bedford Youth League (Division I) cup and the Knock-Out competition cup—was celebrated by members of Bedford Granadiers Football Club at a supper at the Granada Restaurant, Bedford, on Monday.

Mr. E. E. Blake presided, and also present were Mr. J. Billings, manager of the Granada, Mr. S. T. Shadrake, chairman of the Bedford Youth Football League, supported by members of the committee, Mr. K. Kerr, club organizer, Mr. F. Chambers, club chairman, and Mr. J. Welham, trainer. Mr. Blake congratulated the club on winning the trophies, particularly praising the sporting spirit and good football shown in the knock-out cup final.

"If you go on playing like this you will be a great credit to Bedford", he told the players.

Mr. Shadrake said he wished there were more elderly people to take charge of clubs such as theirs, as that would help youth football immeasurably. He pointed out there used to be double the number of youth clubs in the County compared with the number now, and said it was no doubt due to lack of club organizers. Great enthusiasm was always displayed by the boys.

Mr. Kerr pointed out that the club had played 32 matches, winning 28, drawing three, and losing one only. The defeat was in the final of the County Youth Knock-Out competition, and was due to a great extent to the very heavy programme which they had to fulfill in the last two weeks of the season. He praised the captaincy of John Brace, and congratulated G. Dazeley and D. Collier on playing for the County, and J. Chambers on being selected for a final England trial at Derby.

School Batting Shows Promise

Bedford School opened their season on Saturday with a home match against Cambridge Crusaders, and though beaten by 147 runs showed much promise in their batting. The chief fault was a lapse in concentration when runs were beginning to come.

Crusaders: D. Lowe, Conniff b Ferro 17, D. D. C. Belchamber b Conniff 36, R. Dobby b Eldridge 102, R. G. Newman c Eldridge b Bass 29, O. M. Jones c Summerfield b Bass 4, J. Watson b Bass 7, B. Clement not out 42, S. M. Khan not out 21 extras 6, total for 6 wks. dec.) 264. P. Dymock-Mass, P. Withers, J. C. W. Riley did not bat.

—Bass three for 68.
Bedford School: R. J. L. Kirby c Belchambers b Dymock-Mass 0, C. Kapur c Dymock-Mass b Withers 3, K. Rixmiller lbw b Newman 27, P. M. Howlett c Riley b Belchamber 30, D. C. Eldridge lb Riley b Belchamber 18, P. R. Carlisle b Clement 0, R. Wade b Belchamber 2, Summerfield not out 10, D. Conniff b Watson 11, J. R. N. Ferro b Watson 2, R. G. Bass c Watson 0, extras 15, total 117.—Belchamber three for 18, Watson three for 6.

Tring II v. Bedford II

Bedford II: H. C. Howard lbw b Westcott 4, D. T. Matthews c M. Ranson b Thompson 24, P. Oakley b M. Ranson 4, M. Hall b Westcott 47, P. W. Scrivener not out 21, E. F. Barcock b Goodson 15, T. B. Woolliscroft c Goodson b Westcott 6, extras 8, total (for six wks. dec.) 171.—D. Westcott 9 o. 0 m. 29 r. 3 wks.

Tring II: G. Batchelor c Hall b Dixon 1, P. Ranson lbw b Dixon 6, P. Tyrrell c Barcock b Linger 1, L. Heaton b Dixon 3, R. Dickelton b Dixon 8, M. Ranson b Dixon 0, K. Thompson c Howard b Nethaway 2, J. Whithead lbw b Dixon 2, D. Westcott c Matthews b Nethaway 7, B. Goodson lbw b Nethaway 0, D. Dixon not out 0, extras 15, total 45.—C. H. Dixon 10.3-20.6, J. Nethaway 5-2-9-3, R. Linger 5-4-1-1.

Gentlemen of the Lion v. Goldington

Goldington: Day 5, Wheadon 0, Dimmick 5, Tickner 14, Line 2, Brigstock 15, Figg 3, Parsons 0, Single not out 15, West not out 5, total (for eight wks., dec.) 77.—Vane Percy two for 8, Lain two for 14, G.O.L.: Searle 0, Wall 0, Marks 17, Meeson 0, Eldridge 10, Vane Percy 4, Reeder 2, Mous 1, Lala 0, Darion not out 0, Murray-Clarks not out 0, extras 2, total (for nine wks.) 55.—Tickner four for 17, Dimmick four for 17.

Bedford Electricity v. Aircraft Research Association

On Sunday, batting first, A.R.A. were never allowed to settle down in face of some hostile medium-fast bowling by R. French and R. Walker. After losing eight wickets for 11 runs, they were dismissed for only 29, a total Electricity passed for the loss of two wickets.

A.R.A., 29 (R. French five for 10, R. Walker four for 14); Electricity, 70 for seven (H. Worsley 24, J. Wady 15).

Bucks. County Council v. Woburn

Bucks. C.C.: A. Fordzee 16, H. Perry 11, D. Hartley 2, J. Evans 0, K. Dearman not out 33, P. Brown 16, D. Wilson 3, P. Hall not out 13, extras 5, total (for six wks., dec.) 99.—R. Clapham took three wickets and T. Litchfield two.

Woburn: R. Clapham 4, T. Litchfield 27, A. Treadway 15, O. Denyer 3, A. Scott 0, D. Clarke 2, G. Indge 14, D. Giles 1, D. Rowe 0, P. Knight not out 0, A. Willis not out 4, total (for nine wks.) 70.

Kempston East Methodist v. Randalls
Randalls: J. Agar 10, H. Goff 10, D. Brown 0, A. Wilson 17, V. Surlley 2, K. Armsby 0, G. Tucker 3, D. Bird 5, R. Harris not out 0, J. Branson 0, J. Mossman 0, extras 1, total 48.—D. Simpson four for 13, Gilbert two for 4.

Methodists: P. Kemp 14, D. Brooks 13, I. Keech 23, D. Horsy 8, J. Bellamy retired 7, D. Longear not out 14, B. Cook 2, D. Newman not out 5, extras 1, total (for five wks.) 47.—H. Goff two for 10, J. Agar two for 28.

Astwood v. Newton Blossomville

Newton Blossomville: J. Lett 7, G. Boldock 4, J. Spriggs 14, T. Hudson 0, F. Herbert 0, T. Finch 1, R. Leaper 8, G. Lett 0, R. West 1, J. Palmer not out 3, J. Bailey 0, extras 4, total 39.—Evans took six wickets and Phillips four.

Astwood: B. King 5, A. Calver 5, G. Pettifer 0, F. Evans 4, A. Seamarks 0, D. Phillips 0, G. Williams 0, R. Naylor 2, A. Riddy 0, K. Wootton 0, D. Willis not out 0, extras 7, total 25.—Hudson took six wickets and Finch four.

Carlton School v. Dickens (Harrod)

Carlton School, 53 (Keene 15, Barnes 15, R. Chambers seven for 27, A. Lyman three for 15).
Dickens 85 for six (G. Robinson 33, J. Edwards 18, Barnes three for 30).

TOWN AT HOME TOMORROW

With Millman required by the R.A.F., R. E. Poulter again deputizes in Bedford Town's team to entertain Letchworth at Goldington Bury tomorrow, wickets pitched 2.30 p.m. There is no other change. Team:

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, F. K. Breeze, E. C. Howard, C. F. Sabey, G. S. Andrews, V. J. Harris, E. S. Smith, J. E. Nethaway, R. E. Poulter.

Barry Hollis, who has been batting well for the Ramblers this season, is promoted to the Town II for their away game with Letchworth II. Team:

T. B. Woollicroft, M. Hall, W. Peet, B. Marles, R. D. Linger, P. W. Scrivener, J. Taylor, D. T. Matthews, E. P. Barock, P. Oakley, B. F. Hollis.

Other teams:—Ramblers (v. Kettering Extra 2nd away, a new fixture): C. D. Barnes, D. F. Bennett, I. Brown, W. F. Gaunt, R. Archer, L. Manship, B. R. Clifford, J. Kirby, R. Jarvis, E. King, G. A. R. Brett.

Bedford Sunday XI (v. City of Ely, Goldington Bury, 2.30 p.m.): E. C. Howard, E. S. Smith, R. E. Poulter, D. F. Hoar, P. Oakley, W. Chamberlain, D. P. Bennett, C. H. Dixon, I. Brown, G. Duckett, J. E. Nethaway.

Hospital Cup

EASY FOR HARPUR

Harpur Sports beat Little Staughton in Bedford Park on Tuesday evening without losing a wicket.

Little Staughton: P. Quenby 0, C. Brown 5, G. Robins 3, R. Robins 16, V. Banks 2, G. Peck 0, J. Robins 4, M. Whitlock 1, C. Stapleton 2, R. Hopperton not out 3, O. Jordan 0, extras 7, total 43. — B. Cornell 8 o. 2 m. 15 r. 6 w. P. Gilbert 8-2-20-4.

Harpur: R. King not out 15, R. Webster not out 27, extras 2, total (for 10 wkt.) 43.

Collection: £3 9s.

Postels Soon Out

Postels made an early exit when, at Bedford Park on Monday they were beaten by R.A.F. Cardington, who owed much to Evans (55 not out).

Postels: Mackness 28, Thorne 7, Ashwell 19, B. Lawson 2, Berwick not out 5, Cant 15, Duncombe 4, S. Lawson 6, Whittaker not out 2, extras 10, total (for 7 wkt.) 90.

R.A.F. Hope: 10, Fletcher not out 13, Smith 4, Evans not out 55, Brown 6, extras 6, total (for 3 wkt.) 93.

14 Overs Sufficed

Sharnbrook beat Bedford Argus at Sharnbrook on Tuesday by virtue of good running between the wickets. They passed the Argus total of 75 for seven in 14 overs.

Argus: B. Peters 7, F. White 7, H. Jones 7, G. Spencer 10, H. Dexter 4, S. Barnes 12, H. Turvey 6, R. Anstee not out 16, J. Jones not out 5, extras 2, total (for 7 wkt.) 75.

Sharnbrook: B. Lovell not out 23, R. Wildman 5, J. Bowles 3, R. Dunkley 22, L. Blundell 0, J. Shayer 2, E. Blundell 2, H. Martin not out 5, extras 10, total (for 6 wkt.) 81.

Pertenhall Through

Pertenhall: J. Roddis 23, R. Jones 25, S. George 4, M. Bennett 4, W. Presland 11, S. Nicholson 1, O. Stapleton 7, H. Handley 6, V. Stapleton 0, B. Wigley 0, C. Weiler 0, extras 2, total 83. — K. Brightman six for 44, L. Hills three for 37.

Kempston: J. Tysoe 3, A. Parker 0, R. Turner 2, H. White 6, F. Sharp 5, D. Sharp 11, L. Hills 10, extras 6, total (for six wkt.) 43. — R. Jones three for 23, W. Presland two for 14.

On Monday, the cup-holders, Biggleswade, had an easy win at Ridgmont. Biggleswade, 105 (Bowles 32, Humphries 21).

Ridgmont, 30 (Smith seven for 10, Allen two for 16).

Dean, 64 for nine; Bedford Town "A", 68 for six (at Goldington Bury on Wednesday).

Second Round

The second round draw, made on Tuesday, resulted as follows:

Telephones or Shire Hall v. Marston, Goldington or St. Neots v. N. Crawley or Stevenage.

Bedford Town "A" v. Colworth House, Staploe or North End v. Sharnbrook, Eaton Socon or Great Staughton v. Tempsford or Blunham "B".

Biggleswade v. Eversholt.

Pertenhall v. Gale's XI or Clapham "A", Wood End or Sandy v. Astwood or Young Farmers.

Stewartby v. Electricity.

Linton Works v. Mogerhanger or Police, Copple or Ickwell v. Keysoe or Felmersham.

Cardington R.A.F. v. Everton or Crayke.

Little Staughton "B" v. Riseley or Blunham "A".

Bedford Town "B" or, Igranle v. Caldecote or Potten "B".

Queen's "B" or Renhold v. Harpur "A" or Little Staughton "A".

Bedford Thursday or Colmworth v. Thurlough or Queen's "A".

Unbeaten Town Face Luton

Bedford Town, unbeaten this season with three wins, two draws, and a tie from six Saturday matches, face their strongest challenge tomorrow with the visit to Goldington Bury of Luton Town.

With the return of Millman, Bedford are at full strength, Luton causing a major surprise by the dropping for the first time in ten years of Terry Matthews.

New faces in their team are G. Slaney, a fast medium bowler who has had experience with Warwickshire II, and another opening bowler, B. Johnson, who has come up from the 2nd XI.

Of the batsmen, Muse has been in the best form recently with two 50s and a century in his last three innings. Teams:

Bedford: G. L. B. Aukrust, D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, P. K. Bresson, E. C. Howard, C. F. Sabey, G. F. Millman, G. S. Andrews, V. J. Harris, E. B. Smith, J. E. Nettleship.
Luton: J. A. R. Oliver, C. V. A. Colling, F. Winatancy, J. A. Muse, I. Davison, E. S. Randall, K. Brazell, T. Kelly, B. Johnson, B. Robinson, G. Slaney.

Town 2nd XI (v. Luton II at Wardown Park): Woolliscroft, Hall, Matthews, Poulter, Maries, Scrivener, Peet, Taylor, Dixon, Hollis, Oakley.

Ramblers XI (v. Travellers at Cambridge): Barnes, Bennett, Brown, Stokes, Cook, E. J. Frasey, Jarvis, Manship, Gaunt, Clifford, Kirby.

Town Sunday XI (v. Cambridge University and College Servants at Goldington Bury): Howard, Smith, Peet, Stevenson, Hoar, Linger, Brown, Bennett, Salisbury, Kirby, Poulter.

Lively Batting From Town II

Bedford Town II, visiting Letchworth II on Saturday, included Bob Street, as it was not known that he was on leave until the last minute.

He and Hollis, promoted from the Ramblers, figured in an opening stand of 88, Street having made 57 of these when he was first out after only an hour.

Scrivener and Peter Oakley provided another good stand, Oakley ending an unsuccessful spell by showing what a fine bat he is with an attacking 63 (including nine boundaries) in 60 minutes. Woolliscroft rounded off the innings by taking 20 runs off one over, and declared at 216 for five.

Letchworth had precisely the same time to get the runs (2 hours and 10 minutes), but they made little attempt to do so. Maries bowled the first two batsmen with the score at two, but the third wicket remained intact for an hour before Maries again broke through.

Wickets then fell rapidly, but Jones defied all efforts to dislodge him, and the match was left drawn. Maries bowled very well indeed, and took seven wickets for 30 runs in 14 overs.

Town II: R. W. Street 57, B. Hollis 38, W. Peet 1, P. Oakley 53, P. W. Scrivener 23, T. B. Woolliscroft not out 30, extras 9, total (for five wks., dec.) 218.

Letchworth II: 129 for eight (K. Taylor 46, E. Jones not out 33).

Hesitant Strokes School's Undoing

Hesitant strokes by the early Bedford School batsmen produced only a meagre 154 runs at the School field on Saturday, a total Stowe passed for the loss of five wickets in 2½ hours.

Eldridge played Cameron's in-swingers with confidence, but Bedford lost seven wickets for 89 before lunch. Afterwards there was a splendid recovery, in which Summerfield held one end for 70 minutes, while first Bass and then Ferro attacked the bowling with success. Even so, 154 proved little enough for the home bowlers, of whom Eldridge took three for 59.

Bedford School: D. G. Conniff c Harris b Cameron 8, Hearsh b Cameron 6, K. Rischmiller b Garwood-Gowers 0, E. M. Howlett b Cameron 7, D. C. Eldridge b Harris 59, R. L. J. Kilby at Rushton b Shillington 11, C. Kapur b Garwood-Gowers 11, R. L. Wade c

Shillington b Cameron 8, Summerfield not out 15, R. G. Bass c Garwood-Gowers b Shillington 12, J. R. N. Ferro c Miall b Shillington 26, extras 15, total 154.

Stowe School: J. A. Boyd-Smith c Conniff b Eldridge 19, S. O. H. Sinclear b Eldridge 32, J. B. Kerr c Summerfield b Ferro 20, J. H. Harris not out 36, D. E. Johnson b Eldridge 24, D. Cameron c Rischmiller b Wade 19, M. D. Miall not out 0, extras 5, total (for five wks.) 155.

Casuals Scrape Home

Bedford Casuals found run-getting difficult on Sunday at home to R.A.F. Wyton.

Set to score only 108 to win, they seemed assured of success when 35 for no wicket. But with the departure of Worsley, wickets fell quickly, chiefly because of the splendid fielding of the R.A.F. side.

Phillips and Salisbury then stopped the rot, but with 20 runs still wanted Phillips was out. Salisbury, the youngest member, played like a veteran, however, and the visitors' total was passed just on time.

R.A.F. Wyton: 105 (Wing-Comdr. Russell 55, Everest four for 39, White three for 19, Green two for 0).

Casuals: Worsley 36, Thompson 15, K. Bond 0, R. Smith 22, D. Green 0, R. Phillips 12, R. White 2, R. Eddy 0, T. Salisbury not out 11, B. Everest not out 4, extras 2, total (for nine wks.) 107.—Montgomery six for 40.

Sharnbrook Impress

Sharnbrook achieved two notable performances over the week-end. Both on Saturday and Sunday their sides passed the 200 runs mark for the loss of only five wickets in each match, and opponents Casuals "B" were put out for 43 and Queen's II for 13!

Sharnbrook: J. Edwards 4, B. Lovell 75, D. Edwards 18, Dunkley not out 34, Boyles 12, R. Wildman 0, extras 11, total (for five wks., dec.) 212.

Casuals "B": 43 (T. Brooks not out 11, L. Blundell four for 1, H. Martin four for 2).

Sharnbrook: B. Lovell 6, J. Edwards 22, R. Wildman 0, R. Dunkley not out 108, J. Boyles 48, J. Shayer 1, H. Martin not out 14, extras 19, total (for five wks., dec.) 218.

Queen's II: 13 (D. Eason five for 1, L. Blundell three for 3).

Still 100 per cent

Playing the Knoll School, Woburn Sands, on Saturday, and Kimbolton School (under 13) on Wednesday, Rushmoor School preserved their winning record. In the first game Potter hit a faultless half-century, and against Kimbolton he was undefeated with 65.

Rushmoor School: 128 for six dec. (K. Potter 64, R. Hartup 28). The Knoll: 53 (D. Milton three for 20, C. Potter three for 6).

Rushmoor: 163 for two dec. (Potter not out 65), Kimbolton: 21 (Frossell five for 3, Milton two for 0).

R.A.E. Bedford v. Portenhall

R.A.E.: 74 (D. Cook 17, D. Anderson 31).—S. George three for 6.

Portenhall: 90 (H. Gentle 27).—E. Wildman four for 16, K. Winters three for 38.

Homerton College, Cambridge v. Bedford Women's C.C.

Bedford: N. Hunt 2, D. Langford 3, A. Stokes 6, R. Norman not out 55, B. Cooper 0, J. Raynes 1, J. Negus 15, S. Miles 0, B. Two 0, B. Wilkins not out 0, extras 1, total 61.

Homerton: 90 for seven (Holman 34).—Cooper three for 32, Hunt three for 38.

Randall 34 (J. Ager 0, E. Stapleton 9, P. Linford three for 16, B. Roberts seven for 12); Everton 62 for 1 wkt. (F. Barnett not out 37, J. Barnett not out 21).

Bedford Young Conservatives 117 for two (Wells 66, Holliss not out 33, R. Chambers two for 46); Dickens (Harrold) 43 (J. Edwards 11, A. Lyman 10, Beard three for 4, Pantou three for 14).

Roxton 46 for seven dec. (Jones 12, Cooper not out 10, Single two for 21, Parsons three for 24); Henry Kingham and Sons Ltd. 28 for five (Single not out 13, Clarke three for 10).

Gamlingsay 161 for 4 dec. (M. King 77, S. Cole 20, H. Adams 24); Herts Rubbery Company 65. (Adams six for 11, King four for 33).

Stowe Goldington 89. (M. Carroll 10, F. Evans and D. Phillips each took 4 wickets); Astwood 59. (A. Calver 0, B. King 10, H. Evans took five wickets).

Little Shelford 36. (Nights four for 10, Darlow three for 17, Burckett two for 7); Gamlingsay 110. (S. Cole 21, K. Darlow 28, R. Burckett not out 38).



"Oh, yes—now where was I?"

PILGRIMS HERE

Returning to the scene of former triumphs (or failures) tomorrow will be Bedford Pilgrims, who meet Bedford Modern School at Clarendon Street. Eight of their side are O.B.M.s.

J. H. L. Davis (captain), M. P. Houghton, S. W. Houghton, J. R. A. Pearson, K. Tait, R. F. Graves, M. L. Cooper, J. Legate, D. B. Barnett, G. Thomas, and A. Norman.

School Rush to Victory With Sixes and Fours

Scoring 175 runs in 80 minutes, Bedford School scored a very fine victory indeed by six wickets over Tonbridge School at Tonbridge last week-end. Feature was the powerful hitting of P. M. Howlett, whose 76 included five sixes and six fours.

Tonbridge, who batted first on a wicket which did not help the bowlers, were none the less troubled by R. G. Bass (four for 30), who got some life out of the wet pitch. R. L. Wade also spun the ball well, and only Conniff, who contributed 72, managed to score freely against keen Bedford bowling and fielding.

Set to make 185 in 140 minutes, Bedford scored 10 in the 25 minutes before tea. During this period Heath and Conniff both weathered the new ball attack well.

Afterwards Howlett attacked the bowling to such effect that he scored 76 in 45 minutes, hitting five sixes and six fours, and the remaining 175 runs were obtained in only 80 minutes.

Conniff carried his bat for a very sound 63, and at last, through aggression in the field and at the wicket, the School showed that they are a potentially strong side.

Tonbridge: J. C. Holman lbw b Bass 3, R. M. Vickers b Wade 33, C. J. Crang c Rischmiller b Eldridge 22, R. M. Prideaux b Wade 0, M. S. Conniff b Bass 72, R. Trussell b Eldridge 19, A. E. Hudson c Ferro b Conniff 0, M. H. Foster c Ferro b Bass 9, D. H. Godfrey b Bass 7, M. J. Lewis not out 7, P. Meredith not out 5, extras 7, total for nine wickets dec. 184.
Bedford: D. G. Conniff not out 63, Heath c Holman b Godfrey 1, K. Rischmiller c Holman b Foster 21, P. M. Howlett c and b Foster 76, D. C. Eldridge c Foster b Trussell 22, R. L. Wade not out 0, extras 2, total for four wickets 185.—R. L. J. Kilby, C. Kapur, Summerfield, R. G. Bass, J. R. N. Ferro did not bat.

Hostile Jim Cooper

Excellent batting by J. C. Winter, the Broxbourne and Hertfordshire left hander, and hostile bowling by Jim Cooper (17.0, 4 m. 42 r. 6 w.) gave Legate's XI a comfortable win over Southill Park on Sunday.

Legate's XI: J. Crawley st Smart b Burnage 7, J. G. Winter c Marchant b Pearce 43, M. Houghton c Green b Pearce 25, S. Houghton b Burnage 26, B. Beaumont lbw b Tait 3, J. Watts b Tait 0, J. Legate c Godman b Tait 14, R. Legate b Burnage 1, J. Cooper b Tait 7, B. Herbert not out 6, H. Brown not out 8, extras 20, total (for nine wickets, dec.) 157.—Tait four for 56, Burnage three for 31, Pearce two for 23.

Southill Park: Marchant c Herbert b Legate 12, Godman c Herbert b Cooper 12, Gilbert run out 2, V. Green c Beaumont b Cooper 0, Robinson b Cooper 4, M. Green lbw b Cooper 2, Smart b Cooper 2, Tait lbw b Cooper 22, Pearce c Beaumont b Legate 5, Reeks run out 2, Burnage not out 1, extras 8, total 72.—Jim Cooper six for 42, Jack Legate two for 6.

Wells, Grosvenor Tie

Scoring 11 runs off the last over, Wells of Bedford tied with Grosvenor in an 18-over match.

Set 61 to win, Wells started in fine style, scoring 12 off the first two overs. But excellent bowling by J. Payne (six for 14) made runs difficult and 11 were still required off the final over with the last pair in.

Wilson hit ten off four balls and attempting the winner Keeley was run out.

Grosvenor: P. Simpson 15, R. Dean 6, D. Wilson 0, A. Mehew 1, K. Donnan 8, R. Howell 6, D. Farrout 3, J. Payne not out 2, D. Price not out 2, extras 7, total for seven wickets 50.—Young three for 23, Wilson two for 20.

Wells: W. Luff 8, E. Foley 11, E. Skeemer 0, M. Freestone 3, P. Canham 1, R. Dynes 0, Martin 4, Young 0, N. Wilson not out 22, Millard 1, Keeley 0, extras 2, total 80.—Payne six for 14, Simpson three for 35.

OAKLEY INCLUDED

Tomorrow Bedford Town visit Aylesbury and will be without C. F. Sabey and V. J. Harris.

D. F. Hoar, who will be home on leave, and Peter Oakley deputize.

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, E. C. Howard, G. F. Millman, F. K. Breeze, G. S. Andrews, D. F. Hoar, E. S. Smith, J. E. Nethaway, and P. Oakley.

Other teams:—

Town II (v. Aylesbury II at Goldington Bury): T. B. Woollicroft, M. Hall, R. E. Poulter, W. Peet, B. Maries, P. W. Scrivener, J. Taylor, D. T. Matthews, B. Hollis, G. A. R. Brett, and W. Chamberlain.

Ramblers (v. R.A.F. Henlow, away): C. D. Barnes, H. F. Stokes, A. Cook, R. Archer, D. F. Bennett, I. Brown, W. F. Gaunt, B. R. Clifford, M. Feazey, R. D. Linger, and L. Manship.

SIX-A-SIDE EVENT

On Sunday Bedford Town try an interesting experiment by staging a six-a-side cricket tournament at Goldington Bury.

Eight teams have entered, and each game will be of ten overs, five per team, every player but the wicket-keeper bowling one over.

Play will be from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. (approximately).

ALL-WIN HARPUR

Harpur Sports 1st XI, having won all Saturday games this season, go into the field tomorrow without their skipper, A. Webster. The fixture is a new one, v. Knebworth Park. C. Gill will be an able deputy behind the stumps.

Team:—

R. Webster (captain), A. Greene, R. King, J. Newman, P. Gilbert, B. Cornell, A. Ingledew, P. Ladbury, M. Woodlands, S. Smith, C. Gill.
Harpur II, v. Cambridge University College Servants, at Cambridge: C. Newman (captain), L. Sharp, A. Martin, A. Norman, N. Wilson, M. Goswell, P. Cannon, J. Odell, G. Robertson, A. Loosley, J. Blakemore.

Electricity v. Castle Press

Castle Press: Reynolds lbw b French 4, Starmore b French 1, Lee b Chambers b Lowndes 4, Edwards b French 2, Wagstaff b French 2, Parker c Young b French 6, Dilley b French 4, Steele not out 0, Mitchell b Tansey 1, Wilson c Young b Tansey 0, extras 1, total for nine wickets 25.—R. French six for 9, B. Tansey two for 2.
Electricity: J. Young c Edwards b Lee 16, R. Lowndes b Edwards 2, R. Phillips run out 0, J. Crane b Wagstaff 1, A. Joy c Reynolds b Wagstaff 1, R. French c Parker b Lee 13, B. Tansey not out 7, J. Chambers c Wagstaff b Lee 0, E. Mill b Starmore 0, extras 1, total for eight wickets 41.—Lee three for 8.

Kettering Electricity v. Bedford Electricity

Kettering: K. Ball b Walker 42, D. Greenway lbw b Walker 0, N. Goodfellow b Walker 0, R. Groom b Walker 10, D. Butt c and b Lowndes 0, C. McKay at Chambers b Daniels 6, E. Owen b Daniels 0, M. Errington b Walker 13, G. Vickers c Wady b Walker 2, J. Stanyon c Wady b Walker 1, E. Esam not out 0, extras 18, total 90.—R. Walker seven for 16, R. Daniels two for 20.
Bedford: W. Neale b Errington 4, R. French c Ball b Errington 1, R. Daniels b Errington 17, L. Phillips c Ball b Owen 9, R. Walker c Ball b Owen 14, B. Tansey b Errington 4, R. Lowndes not out 31, E. Hillis b Errington 1, J. Wady at Ball b Owen 5, extras 10, total for eight wickets 96.—M. Errington five for 27, E. Owen three for 22.

Bedford Women's O.C. v. B.T.M. Rugby

B.T.H. Rugby: J. Turner b Cooper 4, P. Kirtton b Cooper 1, P. Blythman at Two b Hunt 81, H. Craig lbw b Cooper 0, A. Higgins c and b Langford 15, E. Blythman c Two b Langford 0, M. Stalley run out 0, R. Lusty c Negus b Langford 1, M. Turnbull c Stokes b Langford 8, L. Conner b Hunt 8, D. Stovell not out 0, extras 8, total 102.—D. Langford four for 20, B. Cooper three for 45, W. Hunt two for 29.
Bedford: R. Minns b E. Blythman 0, D. Langford b P. Blythman 0, N. Hunt b E. Blythman 0, B. Cooper b P. Blythman 6, A. Stokes b E. Blythman 10, J. Negus c Craig b P. Blythman 12, J. Raynes run out 0, M. Minns lbw b E. Blythman 4, S. Miles not out 1, B. Two b E. Blythman 0, B. Wilkins b E. Blythman 0, total 33.—E. Blythman six for 13, P. Blythman three for 20.

Bacchus v. Grosvenor Club

Grosvenor: Wilson 6, Mehew 5, Simpson 2, Savory 0, Price 2, Eykyn 1, Skeemer 4, Payne 1, Hutchings 0, Parrott not out 1, Leonard 0, extras 15, total 37.—King six for 7, Swales two for 15.

Bacchus: Green 7, Brice 18, Varney 0, Skinner 7, Swannell 1, Whitmore not out 11, Fowler 2, Field not out 5, extras 5, total for six wickets 66.—Wilson three for 10.

Bacchus v. Diemer and Reynolds

Bacchus: Brice 9, Skinner 9, Swannell 3, Varney 0, Green 15, King not out 25, Whitmore not out 11, extras 3, total for five wickets 75.—McMullen three for 12.
Diemer: Fell 37, Wills 1, Lambert 7, Conway 0, Jones 3, McMullen 4, Hull 0, Hall not out 8, Williamson 0, Dobson not out 3, extras 6, total for eight wickets 67.—King six for 18.

Simpson, 114 for nine dec. (Wills five for 38, White two for 23); Diemer and Reynolds, 78 (Lovatt 21, Ebbs 20).

Dickens (Harrold), 80 for nine (J. Edwards 20, R. Rogers 11, Rees four for 28, Reynolds five for 29); Bedford Telephones, 80 (Humberstone 20, West 12, R. Chambers four for 23, A. Lyman three for 23).

QUEEN'S v. BIGGLESWADE IN HOSPITAL CUP

From an initial entry of 83 clubs, the Bedford Hospital Cup competition is now narrowing to the last 16.

Though most of the "big guns" are still there, one of them must soon fall through the luck of the draw, which has cast Queen's Works "A" and Biggleswade (holders) together.

Here is the full draw for the third round, made this week. Games must be played by June 27.

Stewartby or Electricity v. Renhold or Harpur "A"
Little Staughton "B" or Blunham "A" v. Wood End
Queen's "A" v. Biggleswade
Bedford Town "A" or Colworth House v. R.A.P. Cardington or Orsello
Marston v. St. Neots or Stavington North End Club or Sharnbrook v. Bedford Town "B"
Eaton Soccer or Great Staughton or Tempsford v. Lynton Works or Police
Pertenhall or Clapham "A" v. Ickwell or Fulmerham
Recent results are as follows:—

SHIRE HALL COLLAPSE

With the score 38 for three and still half the overs remaining, Shire Hall looked like giving Marston's total of 81 a close run. But Marston changed their attack, bringing on F. Faulkner and D. Stapleton, and Shire Hall were all out for 53.

Stapleton had an excellent game with top score of 27 and an analysis of four for 6 in three overs.

Marston: R. Copperwheat 2, G. Moore 3, D. Stapleton 27, D. Faulkner 18, C. Carys 4, F. Bunker 1, F. Faulner 11, F. Lilly 1, A. Goodman 1, C. White 0, Knight 0, extras 13, total 81.—K. Evans five for 29, R. White five for 39.
Shire Hall: A. Jessop 13, T. Ruff 1, J. Mitchell 8, L. Kay 10, J. Ethernorton 8, R. White 2, K. Evans 0, D. Carter 1, B. Cain 4, M. Long 0, B. Harris 1, extras 5, total 53.—D. Stapleton four for 6, F. Faulkner three for 11.

Colmworth v. Queen's Works "A"

Played at Colmworth on Monday.
Queen's "A": M. M. J. McDonald b M. Henderson 8, R. Morris c and b M. Henderson 10, G. Shepherd c and b Hall 2, S. V. Wildman b Stringer 20, D. A. Barnett b R. Henderson 16, E. G. Walker c Chamberlain b Stringer 19, R. J. C. Harris not out 12, T. A. Robinson b R. Henderson 1, E. J. Dunstan lbw b Stringer 0, B. Chapman lbw b R. Henderson 2, O. J. Beard not out 0, extras 4, total (for eight wks.) 92.—R. Henderson three for 19, C. Stringer three for 21.
Colmworth: W. Ellison b Dunstan 0, J. Chamberlain retired hurt 0, M. Hall b Walker 1, J. Hughes b Walker 0, E. Swales b Beard 2, C. Stringer 0, Walker 0, M. Henderson b Beard 5, S. Matthews b Beard 0, R. Henderson b Robinson 9, J. Swales c Barnett b Robinson 0, V. Abraham not out 9, extras 3, total 34.—Walker three for 5, Beard three for 5.

Tempsford v. Blunham

Played at Tempsford on June 8.
Tempsford: P. Dawes b Clarke 8, E. Ingram b Cook 0, D. Mott b Cook 15, C. Taylor b Cook 0, C. Jackson b Cook 13, R. Bettles b Cook 4, G.

Odell run out 1, L. Mardlin st Day b Cook 0, J. Bettles not out 0, R. Jones c and b Clarke 0, C. Beaumont b Clarke 0, extras 8, total 45.—Cook five for 18, Clarke four for 21.

Blunham: E. Jeffries b Jackson 2, G. Welling 0, Dawes 0, R. Dean b Dawes 1, B. Clarke b Jackson 0, R. Sims run out 4, D. Cook b Jackson 3, D. Harding b Jackson 0, L. Chartress c Taylor b Jackson 3, L. Day b Dawes 1, J. Ibbott b Dawes 4, Dear not out 0, total 18.—Jackson five for 8, Dawes four for 10.

Kempston Wood End v. Astwood
Played at Kempston on Wednesday.

Wood End: R. Ashpole b Culham 5, J. Fuller run out 14, J. Pollard b Culham 2, F. Loft c Wooding b Culham 7, D. Jessop c Phillips b Wooding 0, L. Burrows b Wooding 2, S. Sanders b Phillips 5, B. Keech not out 6, T. Burrows b Culham 2, N. Sanders b Seamarks 12, D. Jones b Phillips 2, extras 4, total 61.

Astwood: A. Seamarks c Loft b Fuller 7, D. Phillips b Fuller 0, A. Calver c and b Burrows 7, R. Boat run out 4, A. Wooding b Burrows 9, B. Ritchie c Ashpole b Fuller 0, R. Mayor run out 1, S. Culham c and b Fuller 1, G. Williams b Fuller 0, B. King c Burrows b Loft 0, E. Peacock not out 0, extras 2, total 31.

Eversholt, 43 (Smith five for 22, Allen five for 21); Biggleswade, 43 for five.

Background to That Burke Innings

Capt. Percy Burke provides some "bits and pieces" which form an interesting background to that defiant innings of nephew Jim Burke against England earlier this week.

Typical of cricket, and no doubt any sport, Burke was acclaimed by hundreds when he hit a century in his first Test back in 1951, but with a failure in his next match was met only by the porter for his baggage! There followed a difficult period when Burke was showered with advice—differing advice—on how best to play his own game. Loss of form resulted, but Burke—perhaps a little stodgily, but certainly doggedly—played and fought cricket his own way to regain the Australian team, and achieve his greatest day so far, last Tuesday, which, incidentally, was his 26th birthday.

Curiously, Burke seemed destined more for golf. His mother reached the final of the Australian ladies' amateur tournament four successive years, and achieved fame by holing out in one twice in a round.

Captain Burke, at least, is overjoyed Jim chose cricket, for apart from re-living his own crickering days by watching his nephew—he has seen eight of the tourists' matches as well as the Test—Jim is the only member of the family to take serious interest in the game since Captain Burke himself finished in 1930.

They also share a musical affinity, Jim being no mean pianist—classical and jazz.

Bedford League

CLAPHAM CRASH TO PERTENHALL

Clapham visiting Pertenhall with maximum points from their last four games, were soundly beaten, Pertenhall winning with six wickets to spare. W. Presland (six for 15) and R. Jones (four for 13) were in their best form, dismissing Clapham for only 29. Pertenhall equalled this total for the loss of one wicket, but then three more fell without addition, B. Stapleton and W. Presland then passed Clapham's score in a stand of 28, and Pertenhall went on to total 147.

After an opening stand of 37 by Ferguson and Jones, South End Ramblers lost five wickets for two runs. Stubborn resistance by Wisson, Keech, and Allen avoided a complete collapse resulting. Set 69 to win, Langford found the bowling of Wisson (five for 18) and Prigmore (five for 19) far too good for them, and were dismissed for 37.

PREMIER DIVISION

Langford v. South End Ramblers
Ramblers: G. Ferguson 18, L. Jones 18, A. Spice 0, R. Pallant 1, E. Duffell 1, R. Wisson not out 12, E. Marriott 0, R. Keech 8, G. Prigmore 0, H. Allen 7, W. Nichols 0, extras 3, total 68.—Whiteman six for 20.
Langford: J. Adams 4, W. Smales 0, L. King 0, T. Chessum 0, N. Hoole 2, J. Caldron 2, N. Rogers 15, C. Kilby 1, G. Aggar 2, R. Kilby 0, E. Whiteman 2, total 37.—R. Wisson five for 18, G. Prigmore five for 19.

Thurleigh v. Blunham

Thurleigh: S. Asplin b Fordham 1, R. Berrill b Tester 2, D. Berrill b Tester 0, C. Clayton b Rawlins 4, C. Berrill c M. Rawlins b Rawlins 26, A. Ellison b Rawlins 0, M. Papworth b Fordham 4, J. Wagstaff b Rawlins 3, K. Berrill b Tester 0, K. Wagstaff b Clark 7, P. Hooker not out 0, extras 8, total 55.

Blunham: R. Rawlins b K. Berrill 3, F. Abbott c C. Berrill 3, A. Sims c and b C. Berrill 0, R. Harding lbw b K. Berrill 0, R. Clark not out 9, D. Moore lbw b K. Berrill 3, M. Rawlins c C. Berrill 2, G. Breed b C. Berrill 2, F. Tester b K. Berrill 1, W. Fordham b K. Berrill 0, I. Wakefield run out 1, extras 4, total 33.

Pertenhall v. Clapham

Clapham: T. Buck 9, D. Goodwin 0, J. Litchfield 2, R. Devereux 0, A. Hemman 1, G. Hislop 1, D. Norman 2, R. Nicholson 8, L. Wooding 4, C. Turner 0, T. Ward not out 1, extras 1, total 39.—W. Presland six for 15, R. Jones four for 13.

Pertenhall: T. Roddis 2, M. Bennett 8, K. Gentle 18, R. Jones 0, O. Stapleton 21, W. Presland 21, S. George 5, S. Nicholson 3, B. Wigley 28, B. Seamarks not out 31, J. Hall 10, extras 2, total 147.—T. Ward three for 6, G. Hislop two for 18, R. Devereux one for 39, T. Buck one for 5, J. Litchfield one for 11.

DIVISION I

Mogerhanger v. Riseley

Mogerhanger: F. Reid 0, J. Sanderson 4, E. Street 1, C. Shorley 3, K. Reid 9, P. Rawlins 18, D. Jones 4, R. Reid 9, B. Reid 3, W. Wilsher 4, Phoenix 1, extras 12, total 59.—J. Ashpole three for 12, G. Hopkins three for 15.

Riseley: L. Williams 21, C. Hartop 8, W. Norman 0, P. Wootton 0, H. Short 3, G. Hopkins 1, P. Dobson 5, W. Partridge 1, T. Ashpole 5, W. Allen 0, A. Goodson 0, total 41.—P. Rawlins four for 14, R. Reid four for 16.

East Beds Shield

WARPUR SPORTS v. POTTON

Warpur: R. King c Page b Huckle 48, M. Woodland c Huckle b Morley 16, J. Newman not out 59, A. Ingledew not out 1, extras 1, total (for two wks.) 105.—Morley 10 c, 58 r 1 w., Huckle 5-22-1.

Potton: C. Rawlins c A. Webster b Gilbert 2, H. Woodman b Gilbert 2, D. Page b Corneli 3, G. Dawson c Norman b Gilbert 8, T. Morley c and b Gilbert 21, E. Clarke b Gilbert 3, E. Huckle run out 11, W. Jakes b Corneli 6, C. Munns b Gilbert 5, E. Blott b Corneli 1, J. Standen not out 1, extras 1, total 84.—Gilbert 10 c, 2 m, 34 r, 6 w., Corneli 10-0-49-23.

School Shake Strong Forty Club Team

A most exciting game which was full of incident from first to last. That sums up the encounter between Bedford School and the Forty Club at Bedford on Saturday. The Forty Club won by a mere 11 runs.

The School began extremely well against the strong opposition.

R. G. Bass, who took six for 36, was chiefly responsible for the club losing seven for 55 in the first 90 minutes—including such notable scalps as R. A. Taylor (Cambridgeshire), P. D. Watts (the old B.M.S. player, now professional with Northants.), Percy Davis (also of Northants.) and Jack Walsh (Leicestershire). Bass was ably supported by Wade and Eldridge, and by first-class fielding.

Soon after lunch the club were 68 for nine, but a wonderful recovery—a last-wicket stand of 77 by Old Bedfordians the Rev. R. D. Payne and A. C. Pitt—took the score to 145.

The School innings was notable for the very sound batting of Summerfield, and another fine attacking innings of 53 by P. M. Howlett. These and K. Rischmiller took the score to 110 for four wickets, and played the spin attack of Peter Watts and Jack Walsh extremely well.

But then Jack Walsh bowled his "Chinaman" and googly to such effect that his last spell brought him five for 12, and the School finished 11 runs short of the total. The Rev. R. D. Payne claimed five victims behind the stumps.

Forty Club: M. G. Nunn c Denton b Bass 0, R. A. Taylor b Wade 13, J. E. Manning b Bass 0, P. Watts b Bass 3, C. W. Suter b Eldridge 19, P. Davis c Wade b Bass 24, R. L. J. Kilby lbw b Bass 4, J. E. Walsh c Summerfield b Bass 0, C. W. Connery lbw b Wade 4, Rev. R. D. Payne b Eldridge 48, A. C. Pitt not out 27, extras 3, total 145.—R. O. Bass six for 36.

Bedford School: D. G. Conniff c Davis b Watts 0, P. R. Carlisle c Payne b Watts 5, Summerfield b Walsh 22, P. M. Howlett c Payne b Watts 53, K. Rischmiller c Payne b Walsh 13, Denton b Walsh 2, D. C. Eldridge lbw b Walsh 2, C. Kapur c Davis b Walsh 9, R. N. Ferro not out 10, R. L. Wade at Payne b Walsh 0, R. G. Bass at Payne b Walsh 0, extras 21, total 134.—J. E. Walsh seven for 27, P. D. Watts three for 45.

Still Unbeaten

Bedford Casuals retained their unbeaten record at Cambridge on Sunday, playing a drawn match with Camden C.C. on the Downing College ground.

The loss of two early wickets seemed to unsettle the Cambridge side, for they relied more on defensive play, a policy which seemed unwarranted on a perfect batsman's wicket.

With the exception of Taylor, Bond, and Nunn, the Cambridgeshire players, no other batsmen offered much resistance to the Casuals bowling which appears to be above the usual club standard.

When the Casuals batted, it was soon apparent that Hale was a bowler of real pace. Royston, at the other end, gained good pace off the wicket and kept a perfect length.

Phillips, Thompson and Harris were dismissed for 14, but Green and Millman took the score to 42 before the latter was bowled.

The only other batsmen to show any confidence against the speed attack were Salisbury and Ernest. Salisbury was unbeaten at the close.

Camden C.C. (Cambridge) 115. (Taylor 35, Bond 27, Nunn 15, G. White one for 20, L. Cant one for 24, R. White four for 20, Ernest three for 22, Green one for 8.

Casuals: Millman 20, Phillips 1, Thompson 0, Harris 0, P. Green 20, Bumsted 1, R. White 0, T. Salisbury not out 11, L. Cant 0, B. Everest 21, G. White not out 4, extras 5, total (for nine wickets) 83.—Hale two for 16, Royston three for 9, Furness three for 9.

Casuals team v. Acton Corinthians at Bedford Park on Sunday (2.40): P. Green, R. Phillips, M. Thompson, V. J. Harris—T. Salisbury, H. A. Bumsted, L. Cant, B. Everest, R. White, G. White.

Bedford Women's C.C. v. Northampton Ladies' C.C.

Bedford: N. Hunt lbw b Stephens 6, R. Norman b Law 31, M. Humberstone run out 25, D. Langford b Law 1, A. Stokes lbw b Law 0, J. Neus b Law 1, B. Cooper b Stephens 1, V. Gilbert not out 2, J. Raines b Stephens 5, B. Two b Law 1, D. James b Stephens 0, extras 12, total 85.—S. Stephens three for 43, J. Law six for 29.

Northampton: S. King b Cooper 0, Stephens b Cooper 2, Williams b Norman 7, Mannings c Raines b Norman 1, J. Law b Cooper 6, Bedington c Humberstone b Cooper 2, Vender lbw b Norman 0, Webb run out 2, Lyon b Norman 11, Hornsley c Raines b Cooper 0, King not out 5, extras 5, total 41.—Cooper five for 17, R. Norman four for 19.

Ipswich 43 (Todd seven for 16): Pye Radio (Cambridge) 132 for three (Dobson 42, Kemp 42 not out).

Blunham British Legion 58. Blunham six for 24.

Randalls v. Wells

Randalls: J. Aver 48, J. Scullion 2, A. Wisson 15, T. Smith 5, C. Readman 7, K. Arnsby 0, H. Godt not out 4, D. Brown 0, K. Budd 1, R. Harris not out 1, extras 8, total (for eight wickets) 88.—Young four for 24.

Wells of Bedford: Skemer 8, Foley 0, Canham 0, Martin 3, Wilson 1, Young 2, Chancellor 12, Millard 3, Luff 1, Dynes 1, Keeley not out 0, extras 7, total 38.—Wisson five for 22, Budd three for 7.

AUGUST RETURNS TO LEAD TOWN

George August returns to lead Bedford Town in their away game with Welwyn Garden City tomorrow. Jenkins, Breeze, and Morris are not available, and their places are taken by Poulter, Maries, and Linger. Team:

G. L. B. August, E. C. Howard, V. J. Harris, E. S. Smith, C. F. Sabey, G. S. Andrews, G. F. Millman, R. E. Poulter, B. J. Maries, R. D. Linger, and J. E. Nethaway.

There is a big attraction at Goldington Bury on Sunday when a Northamptonshire XI oppose Bedford Town in aid of George Tribe's testimonial fund. The Town's team is:

E. C. Howard (capt.), G. L. B. August, E. S. Smith, F. K. Breeze, G. F. Millman, A. Dixon, W. Chamberlain, R. Stevenson, J. E. Nethaway, R. E. Poulter, and W. Peet.

Bedford League

Ramblers Gain Fourth Win

South End Ramblers gained their fourth win in five Bedford District League Premier Division matches when they defeated Caldecote by 48 runs at Caldecote on Sunday.

Ramblers: D. Clavson 1, J. Bosworth 28, L. Jones 0, R. Pallant 5, R. Wilson 7, O. Ferguson 0, A. Spivey 6, E. Duffett not out 51, R. Keech 11, E. Marritt 1, K. Green 1, total 67.—C. Odell six for 39.

Caldecote: C. Odell 8, B. Eillman 0, C. Rowland 10, D. Randall 0, F. Tanner 4, B. Price 2, A. Clark 10, J. Heath 1, G. Watts 0, J. Woodhead not out 1, D. Dickett 2, extras 1, total 39.—A. Wilson five for 20, K. Green three for 17.

Thurleigh v. Thurleigh
Thurleigh: S. Asplin 0, R. Berrill 0, D. Berrill 0, C. Clayton 1, C. Berrill 16, A. O. Bull 0, M. Papworth 0, P. Hooker 3, I. Waistat 0, K. Waistat not out 0, K. Berrill 4, extras 2, total 20.—secretary took three wickets.

Perthenhall v. Perthenhall
Perthenhall: K. Gentle 1, O. Strappington 14, M. Bennett 1, R. Jones 2, H. Handly 2, J. Rodish 0, S. George 0, W. Presland 9, B. Swamarka not out 1, B. Wicley 0, J. Hall 0, extras 3, total 33.—K. Berrill took five wickets and C. Berrill four.

DIVISION I

Lynton Works v. Gt. Barford
Gt. Barford: P. Usher 7, P. Johnson 10, J. Breeze 4, W. Skevington 17, M. Lee 20, G. Robinson 0, J. Jeffs 0, D. Robinson not out 16, C. Martin not out 11, extras 3, total (for seven wickets) 93.—Budd took three wickets, and Brown two.

Lynton on Works: Birtwhistle 1, Bavington 9, Bould 0, Budd 6, Mobbs 2, Scullion 1, Litchfield not out 18, Brown 3, Williams 3, Newton 2, O'Sullivan 5, total 60.—Skevington and Breeze each took three wickets and G. Robinson two.

Risley v. Stevington
Stevington: 70 (Curtis 41, Cartridge six for 25); Risley 87 (C. Hartop 34, Bowler three for 9).

DIVISION II (Section II)
Cople v. Felmersham
Felmersham: D. Lawson 7, J. Mackenzie 11, S. Richardson 8, Berker 0, D. Lovell 0, M. Lovell 0, Constant 0, K. Marsh 0, H. Lawson 1, K. Richardson 0, C. Payne, not out 0, total 27.—A. Hart six for 12, A. Worrall four for 3, C. Cole 2, E. Hull 10, M. Chambers 3, D. Shingler 1, B. Minney 27, A. Worrall 0, A. Hart 1, P. Jennings 21, L. Hull 0, J. Newbury 3, E. Verrill 0, J. Heggie not out 11, extras 8, total 54.

DIVISION III (Section II)
Oakley v. Little Staughton II
Little Staughton: E. Topham 0, 0; S. Marshall 5, not out 4; D. Huckle 10, 6; R. Thorne 0, 12; W. Woodham 0, 2; R. Smith 0, 0; H. Parker 0, 0; C. Parker 3, 4; L. Saunders 10, 3; M. White 0, 16; T. Brars not out 2; 2; extras 5, 1; total 35, 50.—J. Saunders eight for 18, three for 22; C. Bird one for 7, two for 17.

Oakley: C. Bird 11, 1; J. Briggs 11, not out 2; J. Saunders 2, 0; B. Keech 4, 0; R. Saunders 8, not out 3; J. Bryson 0, B. Brown 6, Roy Hulatt 0, R. Croft 5, J. Jeffries 0, Roger Hulatt not out 3, extras 4, 3, total 54 (for three wickets) 9.—J. Saunders four for 15, three for 0; R. Smith two for 12.

HOSPITAL CUP DRAW
FOURTH ROUND
Blunham "A" or Wood End v. Stevington or Harpur Sports.
Bedford Town "A" v. Marston or St. Neots.
Biggleswade v. Eaton Socon or Lynton Works.
N.E.C. or Town "B" v. Clapham or Ickwell.

To be played on July 6.
Third round result: Biggleswade 78, Queen's Works "A" 71.

This Week's Sports Fixtures

Cricket

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford Town v. Mill Hill.
 Harpur Sports v. Queen's Works.
 Dulwich College v. Bedford School.
 Bedford Modern School v. Queen Elizabeth's School.
 Shire Hill v. Kempston.
 Eversholt v. Bedford Argus.
 Southill Park v. Henlow Park.
 Crayke v. Bedford North End.
 Mill Hill II v. Bedford II.
 Wheatthamstead v. Bedford Ramblers.
 Eaton Socon v. Harpur Sports II.
 Bedford Casuals v. Sandy.
 R.A.F. Cardington v. Potton.
 Goldington v. Fitzwick.
 Henlow II v. Hitchin Strollers.
 Sharnbrook v. Olney.
 Diener and Reynolds v. Old Warden.
 Campton v. Grayshurst.
 Westwood Sports v. Melton.
 Grovener C.C. v. Fitzwick "B".
 Bondor v. Clifton.
 Clifton II v. Smart and Brown.
 Burtonian v. Eaton.
 R.A.F. Cardington v. Potton.
 St. Giles v. Biggleswade.
 Biggleswade II v. Ickwell.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Langford v. Potton.
 Thurlough v. Pertenhall.
 Caldecote v. Blunham.

Division I

Lenon Works v. Riseley.
 Stagden v. Great Barford.
 Stevenage v. Dean.
 Renhold v. Mogerhanger.

Division II (Section I)

Ickwell v. Tempsford.
 Colworth v. Little Staughton.
 Pavenham v. Staple.
 Wynton v. Little Paxton.

Division II (Section II)

Kempston Wood End v. Sharnbrook.
 Marston II v. North Crawley.
 Felmeisham v. Souldrop.

Division III (Section I)

Little Staughton II v. Thurlough II.
 Oakley v. Riseley II.
 Clapham II v. South End Ramblers II.

Division III (Section II)

Blunham II v. Caldecote II.
 Wrestlingworth v. Roston.

SUNDAY

Southill Park v. Bedford Town.
 A Bedford Town XI v. Kettle.
 Harpur Sports v. March.
 Queen's Works v. Crayke.
 Huntingdon v. Bedford Casuals.
 R.A.F. Cardington v. Diener.
 Bedford Casuals "B" v. Ickwell.
 Shefford v. Campton.
 Stevenage v. Henlow Park.

THURSDAY

Kangaroos XI v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire (Wellingborough School).
 Bedford Thursday v. Lilley C.C.

Bedford Out For Revenge

Bedford Town, beaten twice last season by their old rivals, Luton Town, seek revenge at Wardown Park, Luton, tomorrow. They hope for fine weather, especially as the earlier fixture at Goldington Bury was rained off.

Fred Breeze, away on holiday, and Sid Smith, suffering from a strained back, are missing from Bedford's team, which is:

G. L. B. August (captain), D. G. Jenkins, S. T. Morris, E. C. Howard, G. F. Millman, C. F. Sabey, G. S. Andrews, P. Oakley, J. Taylor, R. E. Poulter, and C. H. Dixon.

Luton are without Terry Kelly, footballing son of the Eagles' manager, and Terry Matthews, who are both on holiday. Team:

J. A. R. Oliver (captain), C. V. A. Colling, D. S. Randall, K. Brazier, F. Winstanley, J. A. Muse, G. T. Slaney, B. Johnson, B. J. Taylor, I. Davison, and B. G. Satterley.

Luton have won four of their last seven completed matches.

Because Tom Woolliscroft will not be available after tomorrow, Maurice Hall is to captain Bedford's second eleven for the rest of the season. Here is the team to receive Luton II:

M. Hall, T. B. Woolliscroft, J. E. Nethaway, R. D. Linger, B. J. Maries, B. Peet, E. F. Barcock, P. W. Scrivener, B. F. Hollis, J. Kirby, and D. T. Matthews.

Ramblers (v. Ballito, away): Barnes, Stokes, Feasey, Jarvis, Clifford, Brown, Bennett, McCannis, Cook, Duckett, and Gaunt.

Sunday XI (v. Travellers, at Goldington Bury): Howard, Peet, Poulter, Dixon, Chamberlain, Stevenson, Salisbury, Brown, Oakley, Bennett, and Hall.

Old Modernians In Opposition

Two Old Bedford Modernians and an Old Bedfordian in a first-class cricket match must be something of a rarity.

In the current match at Northampton, G. F. Millman appears in the R.A.F. side, and P. D. Watts and M. H. J. Allen for Northamptonshire.

Millman, who shared in an opening century stand, hit 69, his top score in first-class cricket.

Watts, who joined Northamptonshire as a professional at the beginning of this season, makes his debut in this match.

THEY COULD NOT SAVE HARPUR

Fighting knocks by J. and C. Newman failed to save Harpur Sports Sunday XI from a 59-run defeat away to Banbury 20 Club.

Banbury batted first and lost four wickets making 45, but then rain intervened and reduced the pitch to a lifeless state.

Harpur had to wait until the score had reached 118 for another wicket, and then Canning and Kennard put on a further 73 before the latter was bowled. Canning was then in the 60s and the declaration was delayed until he had reached his hundred.

Harpur were left 2 hours 35 minutes to get 115 runs, and they lost three wickets for 16. R. Weister and J. Newman kept up with the clock, however, and 60 runs were on the board before Weister was stumped.

Ingledeu left without addition, but C. Newman and J. Newman scored merly until at 59 J. Newman was caught. C. Newman held firm for a long period, but with 20 minutes to go Harpur were all out.

Banbury 20 Club: B. South 11, D. Barrett 2, H. J. Locke 14, E. Ward 18, M. Canning not out 101, N. White 26, M. Kennard 23, P. Jones 2, K. Sparkes not out 2, extras 15, total for seven wickets dec. 214.

Harpur: A. Greene 6, R. Weister 27, P. Labury 0, K. Richardson 0, J. Newman 50, A. Ingledeu 0, C. Newman 35, A. Martin 9, D. Furnival 0, C. Gill not out 8, B. Smith 3, extras 19, total 153.

Diemer's Bowl Tight

Diemer and Reynolds figured in their first drawn game of the season when at home to Hunting Percival on Sunday.

Against tight bowling, Hunting Percival scored at a slow rate and eventually declared at 108 for nine after 47 overs had been bowled.

In reply, Diemer's could not beat the clock, despite a fairly rapid rate, and at the close were 78 for seven.

Hunting Percival, 108 for nine (Rouillon 46, Large 22, Williamson three for 39, Lambert two for 19, Walk two for 21, Thorne two for 26). Diemer's, 78 for seven (Lambert 23, Jones 12, Crisp 11 not out).

Randalls v. Young Conservatives: Randalls: Stevenson 17, H. Goff 2, J. Mossman 0, F. League 6, A. Wisson 2, D. Budd 1, C. Readman not out 6, K. Armitay 0, R. Cava 2, W. Bird 0, T. Smith 1, extras 3, total 40. Parker three for 8, Band Ave for 4, Humphreys two for 7.

Young Conservatives: J. Soper 1, Phillips 1, Acres 0, Mann 0, Panton 7, Beard 6, Band 2, Smith 0, Ackroyd not out 10, Humphreys 4, Parker 0, extras 6, total 36. Budd seven for 19, Wisson three for 11.

H.T.H. Rugby v. Bedford Women's C.C.

H.T.H. Rugby: J. Turner run out 4, E. Rivthman 66, M. Reynolds 0, Langford 6, P. Rivthman 60, M. Stanley 3, Langford 11, L. Connor c Hunt b Langford 8, P. Kirton run out 2, A. Higgins not out 5, R. Lusty c and b Langford 3, P. Waddons c Negus b Langford 1, extras 5, total 187. D. Langford Ave for 76.

Bedford W.C.C.: N. Hunt b E. Rivthman 3, D. Langford c and b E. Rivthman 5, R. Norman c Lusty b E. Rivthman 17, B. Thomas not out 2, R. Mians not out 18, extras 8, total for three wickets 68. E. Rivthman three for 19. Rain stopped play.

Dickens (Harrold) C.C. 21 (G. Curtis eight for 6), Stevington 46 (G. Curtis 21, L. Cook 14, A. Luman three for 22, G. Robinson two for 5).

Marston 174 for eight (Poulkner 74 not out), Stevington did not bat. Rain stopped play.

This Week's Sports Fixtures

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Luton Town v. Bedford Town, Bedford II v. Luton II, Queen's Works v. Harpur Sports, Harpur II v. R.A.F. Gardington, Sharnbrook v. Biggleswade, Crayke v. Smart and Brown, Diswell (Welwyn) v. Kempston, Ballito v. Bedford Ramblers, Bedford Casuals v. Newport Pagnell, Pitwick v. Meltis, Old Warden v. Silsoe, Sharnbrook v. Biggleswade II, Diemer and Reynolds v. Wharley End, Barton v. Bedford Argus, Southill Park v. I.C.I. Welwyn, Henlow II v. Southill II, Shefford v. Rushden Wanderers, Hilton v. Potton, Moulsoe v. Ampthill, Aspley Guise v. Great Brickhill, Pulloxhill v. Westoning, Goldington v. Langford.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division
Blunham v. South End Ramblers, Potton v. Pertenhall, Thurlough v. Clapham, Langford v. Caldecote.

Division I

Dean v. Risalee, Reishold v. Great Barford, Stevington v. Mogerhanger, Lynton Works v. Stagden.

Division II (Section I)

Little Staughton v. Ickwell, Wyboston v. Pavenham, Tempsford v. Little Paxton, Staploe v. Great Staughton.

Division II (Section II)

North Crawley v. Sharnbrook, Cople v. Marston II, Kempston Wood End v. Wilson and Humphreys.

Division III (Section I)

South End Ramblers II v. Little Staughton II, Clapham II v. Oakley.

SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Travellers, Harpur Sports v. North End, Crayke v. Stewartby, Kettering Town v. Bedford Casuals, Ickwell v. Casuals II, R.A.F. Gardington v. Meltis, Pavenham v. Diemer and Reynolds, Campton v. Combined Clubs, Southill Park v. Northampton Wanderers.

MONDAY

Bedfordshire v. Leicestershire II (at Wardown Park, Luton), Old Bedfordians v. Gentlemen of Bedfordshire (Bedford School).

TUESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Leicestershire II, (second day), Essex v. Goldington.

THURSDAY

Bedford Modern School v. Old Bedford Modernians (and Friday), Northampton Chemists v. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY

EAST BEDS SHIELD FINAL
Goldington v. Smart and Brown (at Biggleswade).

FOUR CLUBS SHARE LEAD

No fewer than four clubs shared the lead in the Premier Division of the Bedford and District Cricket League on July 14. They were Thurlough, last year's winners, Clapham, South End Ramblers, and Pertenhall. Here are the tables:

PREMIER DIVISION				
	P	W	L	D
Clapham	7	5	1	1
South End Ramblers	8	5	2	1
Pertenhall	9	4	2	3
Thurlough	9	5	3	1
Langford	7	4	2	1
Blunham	7	2	4	1
Caldecote	8	0	5	3
Potton	9	0	6	3

DIVISION I				
	P	W	L	D
Dean	9	5	2	2
Mogerhanger	9	5	2	2
Great Barford	8	5	2	1
Stevington	9	6	3	1
Stagden	9	4	3	2
Risalee	9	4	3	2
Lynton Works	9	2	4	5
Reishold	9	0	8	1

DIVISION II (SECTION I)				
	P	W	L	D
Wyboston	9	6	2	1
Little Staughton	9	5	2	2
Ickwell	9	4	2	3
Staploe	8	4	2	1
Great Staughton	7	6	2	0
Pavenham	9	3	4	2
Little Paxton	8	3	4	2
Tempsford	9	5	1	7
Colmworth	9	0	9	0

DIVISION II (SECTION II)				
	P	W	L	D
North Crawley	8	6	1	1
Spauldrop	8	6	2	1
Felmersham	9	3	3	3
Kempston Wood End	8	3	3	2
Cople	6	2	3	7
Sharnbrook	8	2	3	6
Wilson & Humphreys	9	2	6	2
Marston	7	1	4	2

DIVISION III (SECTION I)				
	P	W	L	D
Keysoe	8	5	2	1
Little Staughton II	7	5	2	0
Oakley	10	4	4	2
Thurlough II	8	3	3	8
Clapham II	8	3	3	8
Risalee II	7	2	4	1
South End Ramblers II	7	1	5	1

DIVISION III (SECTION II)				
	P	W	L	D
Wrestlingworth	5	5	0	0
Langford II	5	3	1	7
Caldecote II	6	3	1	7
Roxton	5	0	5	0
Blunham II	4	0	4	0

PREMIER DIVISION
Langford 80 for six (Hoole 30 not out), Blunham did not bat. Rain stopped play.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)
Colmworth 17 (Ellis five for 7, Bell five for 5), Wyboston 35 for no wicket.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)
Marston II 77 (V. Hale 26), Wilson and Humphreys did not bat. Rain stopped play.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)
Keysoe v. Oakley
Oakley: C. Bird c K. Woolston b Brown 4, J. Briggs run out 5, J. Saunders b E. Woolston 2, B. Keech c Freeman b Brown 0, B. Saunders b Brown 0, R. Saunders b P. Woolston 4, R. Owen c R. Woolston b Brown 1, A. Keech b P. Woolston 0, B. Croft b R. Brown 2, J. Jeffries not out 0, K. Hullah b K. Brown 2, extras 1, total 21.
Keysoe: K. Brown b J. Saunders 10, W. Ellison b C. Bird 8, P. Woolston not out 7, V. Ballardine not out 1, extras 3, total for two wickets 20.

HOSPITAL CUP: NEW DATE

With fine, bright weather in the morning giving way to a return of the previous day's heavy, thundery rain, last night's Bedford Hospital Cup final between Bedford North End and St. Neots was called off at tea-time.

Parks Superintendent Mr. Aitchison made commendable arrangements to cover the wicket, but his resources could not extend to the whole Park, which, he described at 4 p.m., as fit "only for water-polo."

The new date for the final is next Tuesday, July 24, beginning at 6 p.m., in Bedford Park.

Young Amateurs Wanted

Bedfordshire Young Amateurs have a home fixture this season with Leicestershire Young Amateurs (at Bedford School on August 13), and away matches with Oxfordshire Colts and Hertfordshire Young Amateurs on the following two days.

Mr B. Howe, of 114 High Street, Henlow, the secretary and organizer of the Young Amateurs, does not wish to limit the sides entirely to nominees from the major Bedfordshire Schools, and would welcome further nominations of really outstanding youths, still under 19 years of age, from secretaries and captains of Works and Club teams in the County, together with full details of their abilities and records.

Bedford League

TOP SCORE AND EIGHT FOR 22

R. Jones played a large part in Pertenhall's 49 runs win over Potton, hitting top score of 30 and then taking eight wickets for 22 runs. Potton thus still await their season's first win.

After Cople bowler A. Hart had taken six of Marston's wickets for 7 runs, he went out and scored 25, the highest in Cople's innings. His full bowling analysis was 8 overs, 4 maidens, 7 runs, 6 wickets.

PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v. South End Ramblers
 Ramblers: D. Clavson 22, J. Bosworth 4, C. Jones 2, L. Jones 0, G. Fekkanon 0, E. Duffett 5, J. Housden 0, A. Spive 0, H. Allen 2, K. Green not out 1, G. Prigmore 2, extras 9, total 52.—F. Tester six for 15.

Blunham v. Rawlings
 Rawlings: R. Rawlings 15, Wakefield 3, K. Clarke 0, D. Moore 9, B. Page 1, G. Welling 0, R. Harding 0, W. Fincham 0, G. Reed not out 15, H. Sims 0, P. Tester 3, extras 4, total 35.—K. Green six for 11, G. Prigmore four for 15.

Potton v. Pertenhall

Pertenhall: A. Stapleton 5, J. Riddis 0, R. Jones 30, H. Handley 15, S. George 8, W. Pressland 14, B. Seamarks 1, V. Stapleton 4, L. Richards 1, S. Nicholson not out 10, B. Wisley 0, extras 5, total 91.—B. Moore two for 24, T. Peck three for 24, J. Coys two for 7, A. Duffin two for 14.
 Potton: B. Moore 11, G. Gray 0, A. Aldred 2, B. Clavin 1, G. Peck 2, J. Coys 0, R. Duffin 14, D. Gentry 0, P. Brookman 0, K. Hutchinson not out 3, M. Gravestock 0, extras 3, total 42.—R. Jones eight for 22, W. Pressland two for 17.

DIVISION I

Renhold v. Grant Barford
 Grant Barford: P. Usher 3, P. Johnson 1, I. Holt 3, M. Lee 5, W. Skevington 28, G. Robinson 11, J. Breeze 0, D. Robinson 1, G. Mardlin 5, B. Cope 4, M. Maskell not out 1, extras 5, total 65.—J. Norman four for 20, W. Harlow two for 6.

Renhold v. Harlow
 Harlow: P. Harlow 11, K. Edwards 2, W. Harlow 4, P. Joyce 1, F. Brockett 0, D. Stapleton 4, R. Harlow 0, J. Norman 3, A. Duncombe 1, G. Norman not out 1, J. Harvey 0, extras 4, total 31.—G. Robinson four for 5, M. Lee three for five, W. Skevington two for 9.

Stevington v. Mogerhanger
 Stevington: S. Coleman 31, A. Woods 1, G. Curtis 5, H. Sargent 8, T. Ingam 1, D. Cook 0, D. Fisher 1, J. Boulton 2, H. Dart 2, A. Cox 1, V. Bowdler not out 1, extras 1, total 42.—P. Rawlins three for 19, K. Red three for 32, T. Sanderson two for 16.

Mogerhanger v. Reid
 Reid: S. Reid 10, E. Wilsher 1, E. Street 5, C. Shortley 0, K. Reid 1, F. Reid 7, P. Rawlins 8, W. Wilsher 1, R. Reid 3, D. Jones 5, T. Sanderson not out 0, total 42.—G. Curtis five for 22, D. Fisher three for 4, V. Bowdler two for 16.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Marston
 Marston: C. Rose 5, G. Cooper 2, I. Page 0, J. Stapleton 6, B. Amner 1, M. Burrows 1, J. Whitehead 3, D. Ince not out 0, G. Denton 0, D. Bann 3, D. Cole 1, extras 4, total 33.—A. Hart six for 7, D. Shingler two for 9.

Cople v. Hill
 Hill: F. Hill 7, M. Campeira 9, A. Williams 3, B. Minns 4, D. Shipper 1, A. Hart 2, C. Graves 0, J. Newland 0, J. Hezlie 1, E. Verrill not out 0, G. Harnday 0, extras 3, total 57.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Clapham v. Oakley
 Clapham: B. Worker 11, L. Ward 0, R. Henman 0, B. Hunt 15, L. Wisley 1, D. Goodwin 0, Lightburn 0, S. P. Bell 0, F. Barker 0, M. Pass 0, E. Stapleton not out 0, extras 2, total 7.—R. Saunders four for 7.

Oakley v. Hill
 Hill: C. Hill 10, J. Briggs 8, J. Saunders 0, B. Treach 1, R. Saunders 1, B. Brown 6, T. Thompson 5, A. Keen 1, R. Credit 1, R. Hulatt not out 0, S. Moore 0, extras 6, total 39.—B. Hill five for 9.

HOWLETT HITS 83 FOR OLD BOYS

Old Bedfordians Week began on Monday with a close match against the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire, the Gentlemen winning by 18 runs.

The O.B.s looked very ill-placed when 22 for four in reply to the Gentlemen's 203 for seven declared, but a really great innings of 88 by P. M. Howlett kept them well in the battle.

Under difficult conditions Howlett took only 76 minutes making his 83, and at one period he and Murray-Clarke took 28 off three overs from W. R. Rushworth.

Gentlemen: E. S. Smith 5, Vane-Percy 6, Coley 31, W. Chamberlain hit wicket 6, Coley 38, K. F. Barcock 0, Gordon 6, Vane-Percy 25, W. Peck 4, Payne 6, Duckett 32, T. B. Woollicroft 5, Vane-Percy 0, I. Brown 4, Payne 6, Cook 24, W. R. Rushworth not out 15, H. King 6, Duckett 6, extras 14, total (for 7 wks. dec) 203. N. Halloway and C. Evans did not bat.—J. G. Cook 11-0-41-2, D. Coley 10-2-31-2, Vane-Percy 8-1-20-2.

Old Bedfordians: D. Coley 6, Woollicroft 6, Rushworth 2, K. Vane-Percy 6, Dixon 6, D. Payne 5, and B. Dixon 1, R. E. Gordon 1, W. Rushworth 4, D. Wynn-Williams 5, and B. Evans 24, P. M. Howlett 83, Smith 6, King 15, Murray-Clarke 6, Dixon 15, R. V. Spark 1, W. Dixon 7, A. Duckett 1, Brown 6, Peet 5, J. G. Cook not out 3, extras 17, total 185.—Dixon 16-2-52-5, Rushworth 11-5-37-2.

Last Pair Beat Diemer's

In a very close finish at Pavennam, Diemer's lost by one wicket. Batting first, they were all out for 75, a notable occurrence being that Lambert, who heads the batting averages, got his first "duck" in 28 innings, being brilliantly caught out.

The last over arrived with Pavennam's last pair in, and five runs wanted. With three balls to go Wesley hit a four and settled the issue next ball with another four.

Diemer's 75 (Crisp 20, Lovatt 13, Litchfield 12, T. Higgs four for 9); Pavennam 79 for 9 wickets (Turner 31, M. Higgs not out 12, Williamson five for 31, Wills three for 22).

Bedford Women's C.C. v. Vagabonds C.C. (Herts)

Women's C.C.: N. Hunt 1, D. Langford 0, H. Feltwell 4, A. Winterbottom 31, R. Norman 5, M. Humberstone 0, M. McVittie 0, E. Riley 11, R. Minna 8, J. Negus 4, S. Miles not out 0, extras 5, total 37.—Sutherland five for 14.

Vagabonds 82 for seven (Collins 43, Crane not out 17, Feltwell five for 15).

Bedford Women's C.C. v. Bedford High School

High School: J. Melkicjohn 6, B. England 3, B. Butler 0, B. Godber 5, M. Spitzer 0, D. Schofield 0, S. Ferguson 0, H. Rogers 0, not out 2, P. Wilks 0, A. Bourne 0, W. Bealman 0, extras 2, total 19.—M. Humberstone three for 4, J. Thomas three for 4, N. Hunt two for 7.

Bedford W.C.C.: J. Thomas 0, J. Negus 5, M. Minns 1, D. James 1, B. Wilkins 0, B. Freams 2, R. Carter 8, M. Langford not out 14, J. Minns 1, N. Hunt not out 0, extras 1, total 33.—P. Wilks six for 17, B. Godber two for 5.

Herts. Rubber Co. v. Wrestlingw'gth

Herts. Rubber Co: 70 (M. Cliver three for 5, R. Deble two for 1).

Wrestlingw'gth: L. Rabone 9, W. Daisly 1, D. Coups 3, J. Norman 0, M. Daisly 0, R. Franklin 4, M. Deeb 3, S. Huckle 24, L. Compton 2, J. Bloss 3, M. Oliver 21, B. Williams not out 3, extras 3, total 75.—J. Bellwood five for 16.

Tom-Tits v. Bromham Nomads

Nomads: L. Pinnent not out 39, A. Wood 6, Stapleton 6, Chubb 0, J. Church 6, Lovell 6, Chubb 6, R. Ward 6, Chubb 2, C. Hudson 6, Shepherd 1, C. Bushell 1, W. Shepherd 1, C. Church 6, Hewitt 6, Shepherd 0, A. Ward 6, Lawrence 6, Bell 6, Bell 6, Shepherd 0, R. Boardley 1, W. Shepherd 3, L. Green 6, Stapleton 6, Shepherd 0, extras 4, total 64.

Tom-Tits: P. Hull 6, Bellis 1, M. Ellerbeck 1, W. Church 1, R. Atkins 1, W. Church 5, A. Shepherd 6, Ward 6, Bellis 3, R. Percy 6, Bellis 2, F. Hewitt 6, Church 8, B. Stapleton 1, B. Bellis 4, A. Lovell 6, Church 8, R. Hewitt 6, Pinnent 6, Church 1, L. Chubb 6, Church 6, Bellis 1, A. Lawrence not out 0, extras 5, total 58.

Diemer's 75 (Crisp 20, Lovatt 13, Litchfield 12, T. Higgs four for 9), Pavennam 79 for 9 wickets (Turner 31, M. Higgs not out 12, Williamson five for 31, Wills three for 22).

Olney Town, 44 (T. Wood 20, P. Beubington 10, A. Leman six for 19, R. Chambers three for 14); Diernen (Harrold) C.C., 28 (S. Coleman 17, A. Mann four for 5, T. Robinson four for 16, T. Wood two for 7).

Six-a-Side Cricket

Accounts Win Allen's Event

Having defeated the Tool Room in the semi-final the Accounts Department of W. H. Allen, Sons and Co. Ltd. went on to beat the Electrical Shop "B" by 27 runs in the final of the annual six-a-side cricket tournament organized by the Recreation Club, at Allen Park on Monday.

In the final the Accounts were all out for 45, the side owing much to a fine innings of 22 not out by Page. In falling light, the Electrical Shop "B" tried in vain to overtake the total, and were skittled out for a mere 18.

Mr. S. H. Clarke, vice-chairman of the Recreation Club, presented the cup to the winning team captain, Robinson. It had, he said, been a most enjoyable competition, the biggest since the event started. He was delighted to see the name of the Accounts Department on the cup for the second time.

Also present was Mr. N. F. Jones, secretary of the Recreation Club, and Mr. J. W. Boddie, chairman. The tournament was organized by a special social sub-committee of the Recreation Club.

Accounts: Shepherd 6, Blood 10, Wright 6, Darwood 1, Page not out 22, Robinson run out 2, Frossell not out 4, extras 6, total 45.—J. Jones did not bat.

Electrical Shop "B": Harlow 6, Robinson 7, Allen 6, and B. Jones 5, Newman 6, Robinson 2, Blood run out 0, Parker run out 2, Garwood 6, Page 0, extras 2, total 18.

TOWN v. SAINTS TOMORROW

Bedford Town are without Howard and Breeze (both on holiday) for their game with Northampton saints at Goldington Bury tomorrow. Team:

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, G. F. Millman, C. F. Sabe, G. S. Andrews, P. Oakley, C. Dixon, R. E. Poulter, E. S. Smith, W. Chamberlain, B. Hollis.

Other Town teams:—2nd XI (v. Buckingham, away): Hall, Woollicroft, Matthews, Peet, Scrivener, Linger, Maries, Archer, H. King, Barcock, Feasey.

Ramblers (v. De Havillands, away): Barnes, Bennett, E. King, Jarvis, Clifford, Brown, Manahip, Cook, Stevenson, Salisbury, Hebba.

Sunday XI (v. Wellington, at Goldington Bury): Smith (captain), Peet, Huar, Poulter, Dixon, Brown, Bennett, Salisbury, Chamberlain, Stevenson, White.

Smart and Brown Win Shield

Smart and Brown won the East Beds Shield when they defeated Goldington in the final at Fairfield on Wednesday.

Goldington: D. Tickner 4, L. Dimmick 2, G. Dawson 14, J. Weldon 1, F. Lins 11, G. Tucker 0, J. Meadows 7, J. Figg not out 14, W. Brumwell not out 3, extras 2, total for seven wickets 58.—Richardson two for 35, Hoole two for 21.

Smart and Brown: T. Murphy 2, M. Payne 0, F. Cox 18, J. Gray 0, R. Richardson 16, I. Perkins not out 7, J. Caloun not out 11, M. Pickles 6, Dimmick 6, extras 4, total for six wickets 64.—Lynch one for 16, Dimmick four for 40.

North End Win a Battle of Tactics And The Hospital Cup

If big hitting and scampered singles are essentials of Hospital Cup cricket, then Tuesday's final in Bedford Park was not among the most characteristic or exciting.

But Bedford North End, the winners, and St. Neots provided something perhaps much better, an intense cricketing duel, with skill and tactics always the guiding principles.

The mode of play was really dictated by the total of St. Neots, who, winning the toss, batted first. Ninety-six from 24 overs was a worthwhile score but not one which demanded any extravagances of hitting by North End.

Four runs an over were all they required, and that was the pace they set. The ball to hit, or rather steer away for runs, was patiently awaited.

As for St. Neots, their hope lay in slowing down even this rate of scoring, and for a few overs they succeeded—so evenly poised was this battle.

The crux came in the brief span of seven balls. Before then North End had slipped to the requirement of five runs an over instead of four, but by scoring (not hitting) 18 runs off those seven deliveries, they were almost "home and dry".

"Dry" will be a happy choice of word for the organizers of the competition, for after Thursday's downpour Tuesday bloomed bright and sunny, encouraging a large crowd who generously gave a record collection, £63 11s. 0d., to allow a record sum for the competition, £307, beating the previous best of 1952, £303.

But back to the game. St. Neots, of course, were newcomers to the Cup this year, and with the Town "A" and Harpur behind them, possibly began the final as favourites. They started, too, in great style, Taylor clipping the first ball for four and the next for a single.



The North End team pose with the trophy after the presentation by the Mayor, Ald. R. G. Gale. Back row (left to right), F. Midcalf, K. Swales, E. Arnold, B. Cor, and J. Ager. Front row, C. Sanders, B. Beardsmore, T. King (captain), D. Dodson, D. Pickering, and A. Feazey.

Taylor continued well, and though soon losing H. Davison found a most resolute partner in Custance.

An unaccepted chance at first slip became serious for North End as the score slipped past 50 with Taylor and Custance still there.

Then came a dramatic change. Midcalf held a lovely catch moving to his right to out Custance, and a quick return by Swales ran out Taylor. St. Neots's batting was pretty thin thereafter, and King brought in his side in the 23rd over with St. Neots all out 96.

The pattern of North End's reply has been told, and if Beardsmore's 47 not out was the backbone he would readily acknowledge the help of the others.

Beardsmore most typified this "cricketing" final, playing almost as he would on a Saturday afternoon and with no trace of "big occasion

was directed at a leg trap of five fieldsmen. Undoubtedly he made run-getting more difficult by this most controversial style of bowling, and he was not averse to the "bumper" when a softish wicket permitted.

All credit then to North End for overcoming these additional difficulties, particularly to Sanders, who lofted Presland for the only six of the match and hooked fours of the last two balls of the 22nd over to win the match.

St. Neots: S. Taylor ran out 34, H. Davison c Beardsmore b Dodson 1, D. Custance c Midcalf b Dodson 22, P. Davison c Cox b Dodson 15, R. Chandler c Beardsmore b King 1, K. Pateman st Beardsmore b King 5, R. Presland b King 6, D. Baggett run out 3, R. Meeks b Dodson 4, R. Swales run out 3, J. Shaw not out 0, extras 8, total 96. Dodson 1-0-0-Im 40r, 4w; Swales 5-0-50-0; King 6-0-12-3.

North End: W. Beardsmore run out 47, D. Pickering b Pateman 17, E. Arnold b Pateman 2, T. King run out 11, C. Sanders run out 20, extras 5, total for three wickets 75—Presland 11-0-47-0; Pateman 6-0-53-2; Custance 3-0-13-0.

LEG THEORY CONDEMNED

To the Sports Editor

Sir,—May I venture a word or two of comment on the recent semi-final and final Hospital Cup games at Bedford Park?

It was noticeable that a full, fast leg theory attack was in use by one side, and it is to be regretted that tactics such as these should be used in friendly club cricket. The practice was long ago condemned by the M.C.C. as harmful to the best interests of the game, and aimed at intimidating batsmen rather than at taking wickets.

It is to be admitted that a modified form of leg theory is still used in Test Cricket, i.e., by the world's best batsmen on perfect wickets. To use these methods in a friendly competition on club and park wickets, often in fading light, is not in the best interests either of the competition or of the game, and may lead to serious injury. Further, though it may bring success in the field, it can only bring unpopularity to the side which consistently employs it.

A. PLAYER.



Twelve-year-old Frederick Burr, who operated the scoreboard at the match, has performed this function at Hospital Cup semi-finals and finals for the past three years.

nerves". Always he picked his shots, his best work being on the leg side.

Mention of the leg side reminds one to comment on the bowling of St. Neots's R. Presland.

To a large extent his attack

Bedford League

Pertenhall Win by Four Runs

Excitement ran high in the Bedford and District League Premier Division, match between South End Ramblers and Pertenhall, at Russell Park, Bedford, on Saturday. First one side and then the other held the advantage before Pertenhall won by four runs.

Good bowling by R. Wisson (six for 25) enabled South End to dismiss the visitors for 70. Then the Ramblers lost three wickets for only seven runs, but sound batting by Wisson, Pallant and Ferguson retrieved their position.

At 59 for seven they seemed well set for victory, but they were all out for the addition of only seven runs. W. Praeland taking seven wickets for 27.

In recording their win at Riseley, Renhold owed much to D. Stapleton and P. Harlow, who added 62 for the second wicket, P. Harlow hitting a chanceless 72.

D. Stapleton was also in form with the ball, taking seven for 21 with his spinners. Sixteen-year-old J. C. Thorne, son of J. L. Thorne, took seven South End Ramblers II wickets for 15 runs, to help Thurlough II to a three wickets' victory.

PREMIER DIVISION

South End Ramblers v. Pertenhall
 Ramblers: D. Clayton 1, J. Be-worth 0, H. Norman 4, C. Jones 8, R. Wisson 20, D. Pallant 12, G. Ferguson 14, E. Duffett 6, A. Spice 2, K. Green 0, G. Prigmore not out 0, extras 1, total 68.—W. Praeland seven for 27.
 Pertenhall: O. Stapleton 0, R. Gentle 2, R. Jones 4, H. Handley 4, B. Seamarks 3, W. Praeland 0, 8, George 4, J. Roddis 1, V. Stapleton not out 13, S. Nicholson 2, B. Wisley 15, extras 13, total 70.—R. Wisson six for 25.

DIVISION I

Riseley v. Renhold
 Renhold: P. Harlow 72, K. Edwards 16, D. Stapleton 27, C. Joyce not out 12, W. Harlow not out 11, extras 3, total (for three wkts dec.) 142.—G. Hopkins one for 26, W. Partridge one for 32, J. Ashpole one for 47.
 Riseley: G. Hopkins 7, C. Hartop 24, W. Norman 26, P. Woolton 6, J. Ashpole 1, C. Pell 6, W. Partridge 18, A. Wise 0, F. Ashpole 0, W. Allen not out 0, R. Dobson 6, extras 1, total 88.—D. Stapleton seven for 21, A. Duncombe two for 17, J. Norman one for 19.

Great Barford v. Dean

Great Barford: P. Usher 7, P. Johnson 6, M. Lee 8, W. Skewington 7, G. Robinson 22, J. Breeze 4, G. Mardlin 6, D. Robinson 0, B. Cope 5, 1, Bolt not out 1, M. Maatell 0, extras 2, total 87.—K. Hart seven for 26.
 Dean: C. Green 0, K. Hart 2, J. Hewitt 1, F. Hart 0, H. Lilly 1, V. Horsford 2, L. Hewitt 6, W. Cude 14, P. Hart not out 2, M. Deighton 0, P. Knight 0, extras 1, total 35.—W. Skewington six for 12, G. Robinson two for 10.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Cople v. Kempston Wood End
 Cople: E. Hull 2, M. Cambers 2, A. Worrall 5, B. Minney 1, P. Jennings 4, D. Shingler 4, L. Hull 0, C. Graves not out 2, J. Newbury 0, J. Hoggie 0, J. Cambers 2, extras 3, total 25.—F. Loft five for 12, L. Burroway four for 10.
 Wood End: R. Ashpole 3, O. Parker 4, C. Anthony 15, P. Loft 3, D. Jenao 2, L. Burroway 9, D. Robinson 0, R. Green 0, T. Burroway 10, R. Ashpole not out 2, D. Jones 4, extras 4, total 55.—B. Minney five for 15, D. Shingler three for 24, J. Cambers two for 4.

North Crawley v. Fomersham

North Crawley: P. Savage 20, T. Caven 0, D. Savage 0, J. Seamarks 6, W. Howe 2, P. Wooding 1, G. Placton 10, F. Eales 10, T. Speechley 0, J. Lancaster not out 0, P. Stanton 0, extras 3, total 68.—D. Lovell four for 18, D. Parker three for 13, O. Richardson three for 20.
 Fomersham: J. Mackenzie 5, P. Lawson 6, J. Hulatt 28, G. Richardson 12, D. Parker 10, D. Barker 4, K. Marsh 4, D. Lovell 1, H. Lawson 2, M. Lovell not out 7, K. Richardson 0, extras 4, total 78.—W. Howe seven for 25, E. Speechley two for 22, P. Stanton one for 13.

DIVISION III (DIVISION I)

Thurlough II v. South End Ramblers II
 Ramblers: L. Jones 0, F. Rooms 2, J. Houlden 12, D. Ferguson 0, J. Marriott 15, H. Allen 6, T. Fordham 0, R. Minns 2, W. Nichols 6, J. Grooms not out 1, H. Sherman 0, extras 3, total 55.—J. L. Thorne seven for 15.
 Thurlough: P. Holley 14, C. Maddison 4, M. Smith 7, R. Lovell 23, L. Franklin 4, J. L. Thorne 3, J. O. Thorne 1, G. Gammons not out 1, extras 1, total (for seven wickets) 68.—J. Harlop, C. Clayton and F. Hollowell did not bat.

Keysoe v. Little Staughton II

Keysoe: K. Brown 1, W. Ellison 0, P. Woolston 9, F. Roddis 8, K. Woolston 16, T. Freeman 0, A. Cook 6, T. George 1, D. Freeman not out 5, D. Blair 3, B. Moggerwood 1, total 48.—L. Saunders seen for 17.
 Little Staughton: E. Topham 3, D. Huckle 4, S. Marshall 0, R. Thorne 0, C. Parker 2, H. Parker 1, R. Smith 9, M. Woodhams 1, M. Whittle not out 0, T. Bular 2, Saunders 1, extras 3, total 26.—K. Brown five for 10.

Conway's Seven For 5

Diemer's fast bowler, Conway, returned the remarkable figures of seven wickets for five runs in seven overs, to rout Hobkirk's for only 11 runs. In his first four overs he took four wickets without cost.

Conway also contributed a lively 18 runs with the bat; in contrast Pell took nearly 1½ hours making his 18.

Diemer's: Cox 30, Williamson 6, Pell 18, Conway 18, Green 0, Hall 12, Parker 0, Sewall not out 15, Clarke not out 12, extras 7, total (for seven wickets dec.) 118.
 Hobkirk's: A. Crisp 0, W. Crisp 0, B. Worsley 3, Wilson 1, Craven 0, Varney 0, Payne 0, Gadaby 4, J. Gadaby not out 1, Diemer 2, total 11.—Conway seven for 5, Williamson three for 6.

Double Figures Rare

On a rain-affected pitch bowlers were on top throughout in the match between Henlow II and Hinxworth. Only three batsmen, Brian Twigg and Geoff Dunn for Henlow, and H. Triplow for Hinxworth, reached double figures.

Vic Beaumont and Terry King bowled unchanged throughout the Hinxworth innings. Beaumont returning the excellent analysis of 10.2-7-6-4.

Hinxworth: R. Spicer 1, D. Charles 4, W. Turner 3, D. King 0, H. Triplow 10, K. Bason 0, G. Sparks 5, T. Elliot not out 1, B. Nunnstone 1, P. Betteston 4, M. Matthews 0, extras 3, total 30.—V. Beaumont four for 6, T. King four for 21.
 Henlow II: D. W. Hyde 2, P. By-waters 0, P. J. Simpson 8, W. Edmunds 4, V. J. Beaumont 0, A. G. Tuck 6, T. R. King 0, B. J. Twigg 11, W. Moore 2, G. E. Dunn 16, A. C. Bland not out 2, total 49.
 D. King five for 35, H. Triplow three for 16.

Women Draw With Architects

County Architects XI: J. Sailer 0, Winterbottom 1, J. Eberington not out 37, D. Carter 0, Winterbottom 7, J. Dowland 0, Feltwell 4, L. Key not out 38, extras 5, total (for three wickets dec.) 102.—A. Winterbottom two for 25, H. Feltwell one for 3.
 Bedford W.C.C.: R. Norman 0, Etherington 0, M. Humberstone 0, Long 0, H. Feltwell 0, Long 29, A. Winterbottom 0, Long 5, R. Minns 0, Etherington 0, J. Negus run out 0, R. Carter not out 6, D. Langford not out 0, extras 8, total (for six wickets) 48.—M. Long three for 11, J. Eberington two for 13, R. Cain one for 6.

NEW FIXTURE FOR TOWN

For their new fixture, away to Oxford City tomorrow, Bedford Town are without Howard and Breeze (on holiday), and Dixon, Millman, Smith and Morris, all of whom are not available. Team:—

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, C. F. Sabej, G. S. Andrews, R. E. Poulter, D. F. Hoar, W. Chamberlain, B. F. Hollis, P. Oakley, R. D. Linger and T. B. Woolliscroft.

2nd XI (away to Peterborough): Hall, Matthews, Scrivener, Peet, Barcock, Nethaway, Archer, Maries, White, King (H.), Stevenson.

Bedford Ramblers play their one and only home fixture tomorrow, at Goldington Bury, where they have a very attractive fixture with Wharley End. Team:—

Barnes, Bennett, Stokes, Brown, Jarvis, Clifford, Manship, King (E.), Cook, Kirby, Brothwood (M.).

COOMB TO PLAY

A. G. Coomb, who will be in Bedford on holiday, turns out for the Town Sunday XI against Wolverton at Goldington Bury. Team:—

Smith, Peet, Coomb, Hoar, Poulter, Brown, Chamberlain, Stevenson, Oakley, White, and Salisbury.

Other Town teams:—
 v. Northampton Polytechnic at Palmers Green on Monday: Jenkins, Smith, Poulter, Hoar, Oakley, Linger, Woolliscroft, Matthews, Peet, Barnes, and Stevenson.

v. Letchworth (away) on Tuesday: Matthews, Woolliscroft, Scrivener, Poulter, Hoar, Oakley, Peet, Iuckett, Brown, Stevenson and White.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Cricket

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Oxford City v. Bedford Town.
 St. Neots v. Harpur Sports.
 Queen's Works v. Bedford North End.
 Waterlow v. Kempston.
 Henlow Park v. Southill Park.
 Eaton Socon v. Biggleswade.
 Bedford Argus v. Old Warden.
 Metis v. Eversholt.
 Bedford Casuals v. Olney.
 Peterborough II v. Bedford II.
 Bedford Ramblers v. Wharley End.
 Harpur Sports II v. Vauxhall.
 St. Neots II v. Henlow II.
 Biggleswade II v. Eaton Socon II.
 Elstival v. Potton.
 Filwick v. Cross and Co.
 Diemer and Reynolds v. Elstow.
 Aspley Gulse v. Chiltern C.C.
 Moulsoe v. Milton Keynes.
 Clifton v. Baldock.
 Southill II v. Campton.
 Woodside v. Filwick "B".
 Shefford v. Grosvenor C.C.
 Gentlemen of the Lion v. Hinxworth.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Potton v. South End Ramblers.
 Caldecote v. Thurlough.
 Langford v. Clapham.

Division I

Riseley v. Mokerhanger.
 Renhold v. Stevenage.
 Dean v. Lynton Works.

Division II (Section I)

Colnworth v. Ickwell.
 Great Staughton v. Little Paxton.
 Staploe v. Wyboston.
 Little Staughton v. Tempstord.

Division II (Section II)

Sharnbrook v. Cople.
 Kempston Wood End v. Mursdon.
 Bouldrop v. Clapham.

Division III (Section I)

Oakley v. South End Ramblers II.
 Clapham II v. Riseley II.
 Keysoe v. Little Staughton II.

Division III (Section II)

Blinham II v. Langford II.
 Caldecote II v. Wrestlingworth.

SUNDAY

Bedford Town v. Wolverton.
 Harpur Sports v. Casuals.
 Stewartby v. Bedford North End.
 Bedford Casuals "B" v. Baldock.
 Southill Park v. Letchworth.
 Shefford v. Dunstable Corinthians.
 Langford v. Ickwell.
 Clifton v. Campton.
 Grosvenor v. Gas Company.

MONDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (Bedford School).
 Northampton Polytechnic v. Bedford.
 March v. Harpur Sports.
 Henlow Park v. Leagrave.
 Biggleswade v. Lathol.
 Old Warden v. Ickwell.
 Lillingstone Deverell v. Aspley Gulse.
 Newport Pagnell v. Moulsoe.
 Southill Park v. Blechley.
 Sandy v. Potton.
 Langford v. Shefford.
 Filwick v. Highwood.

TUESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (second day).
 Letchworth v. Bedford Town.
 Filwick v. Metropolitan Police.

WEDNESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire (Bedford School).
 Filwick v. Sartoris.

THURSDAY

Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire (second day).
 Filwick v. Phipps.
 Liverpool Victoria, Kettering, v. Bedford Thursday.

FRIDAY

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire (Bedford School), and Saturday.
 Filwick v. R.A.F. Henlow.



"EIGHT - NINE - TEN - OUT"

[Our artist, Van, does not suggest that this will happen on the Bedford School ground next week!]

HARPUR WIN BY TWO WICKETS

Harpur Sports gained an exciting win by two wickets at March on Monday.

March, winning the toss, batted on a sluggish wicket, and although making a fairly good start were dismissed for 108, due mainly to some good attacking bowling by S. Smith and some excellent fielding.

Harpur appeared to have the game well in hand, losing two wickets for 75, but after R. King left four wickets fell cheaply. But C. Newman, farming the bowling and stealing several short singles, steered Harpur home to victory.

R. King batted excellently for 49, but had a life at 12. The game was in the balance at several stages and missed chances by March, especially in the closing overs, probably cost them the game.

Hicks bowled well: 23 overs, 10 maidens, 33 runs, 6 wickets.

March 108 (S. Isbister 21, K. Bailey 20, W. Ashton 20 not out).—Smith four for 25, Webster four for 28.

Harpur: R. A. King 49, P. Ladbury 10, A. Greene 10, R. Webster 6, A. Webster 2, A. Inglewade 7, C. Newman not out 22, D. Furnival 0, P. Gilbert 2, G. Webster not out 0, extras 3, total (for 8 wks.) 111.—Hicks six for 33.

Henlow v. Leagrave

Match drawn. Early-morning rain delayed start and a violent thunderstorm at lunch-time saturated the wicket, although covers had been put out.

Baggaley and Osborne batted well for Leagrave with T. Daniels the only other batsman to reach double figures. Jimmy Watt's hostile pace bowling gave him five for 26.

Henlow were kept largely on the defensive by keen fielding and accurate bowling. Michael Jordan, however, twice sent the ball out of the ground during his innings of 35. Grimshaw gave steady support, but the wet outfield hampered boundary shots.

Leagrave 89.—Cooper two for 22, J. Watts five for 26, Gray two for 14.

Henlow: E. Smith 6, M. J. Jordan 35, M. P. Houghton 2, G. V. Dear 1, V. Grimshaw not out 14, D. J. Cooper 2, P. J. Watts not out 3, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 64.—Baggaley three for 14, Hull one for 13.

Harpur Sports Sunday XI v. Baldock

Baldock 90 (R. Thornton 18, J. Young 15, A. Thompson 17).—P. Gilbert four for 34.

Harpur: R. A. King 12, P. Ladbury not out 41, A. Webster 19, J. Newman 12, C. Newman not out 8, extras 4, total (for 3 wks.) 98.

Wrestlingworth v. Letchworth Strollers

Wrestlingworth: L. Rabone 14, W. Daisley 21, R. Franklin 2, M. Deeble 8, E. Huckle 2, G. Hoy 1, V. Bentley 1, M. Oliver 6, M. Daisley 0, B. Williams not out 5, J. Biosa 0, extras 1, total 59.—Stanley four for 24, R. Blackburn two for 18, J. Graham one for 5.

Letchworth Strollers 60 for four.—E. Huckle one for 12, B. Williams one for 26.

This Week's Sports Fixtures

Cricket

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire, at Bedford School (second day, 11 a.m. to 6 or 6.30 p.m.)

FRIENDLIES

Bedford Town v. March Town.
Southill v. Bedford Town II.
St. Ives v. Bedford Ramblers.
Knebworth v. Harpur Sports.
Harpur II v. Stony Stratford.
Henlow v. Queen's Works.
Rushden II v. Queen's II.
Apsley Gulse v. Bedford Argus.
Luton Davis v. Bedford Casuals.
North End v. St. Neots.
Sharnbrook v. Kempston.
Mellis v. Ampthill.
Grosvenor v. Hospitals.
Silsoe v. Diemer and Reynolds.
Old Warden v. Wareley.
Baldock v. Clifton.
Campton v. Everton.
Tickford Sports v. Piltwick.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

South End Ramblers v. Caldecote.
Blunham v. Thurlleigh.

Division I

Risley v. Gt. Barford.
Stagsden v. Stevington.
Moserhanger v. Dean.
Lynnton Works v. Renhold.

Division II (Section I)

Pavenham v. Lt. Staughton.
Lt. Paxton v. Colmworth.
Weboston v. Gt. Staughton.
Tempsford v. Staploe.

Division II (Section II)

Wilson and Humphreys v. Sharnbrook

Marston v. Felmersham.
North Crawley v. Wood End.
Cople v. Souldrop.

Division III (Section I)

South End Ramblers v. Riseley.
Clapham v. Keysoe.
Lt. Staughton v. Oakley.

Division III (Section II)

Caldecote v. Kempston West End.

SUNDAY

Bedford Town XI v. Mr. Bert Allen's League XI. (Goldington Bury, 2.30).
Huntingdon v. Bedford Town.
Roade v. Harpur Sports.
Bedford Casuals v. Northampton Wanderers.
Faton Bacon II v. Casuals II.
Mellis v. Edlesborough.

MONDAY

Bedfordshire Young Amateurs v. Leicestershire Y.A. (Bedford School).

TUESDAY

Oxfordshire Colts v. Bedfordshire Young Amateurs (Oxford).

WEDNESDAY

Hertfordshire Young Amateurs v. Bedfordshire Y.A. (Letchworth).

THURSDAY

Bedford Thursday v. Depot Beds. and Heits.

Bedford and District Cricket League

Up to August 4.

Premier Division

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
Pertenhall	11	6	2	3	15
Langford	10	6	2	2	14
South End Ramblers	10	6	4	1	13
Thurlleigh	11	6	4	1	13
Clapham	9	5	2	2	12
Blunham	11	3	5	3	9
Potton	11	1	7	3	5
Caldecote	11	0	8	3	3

Division I

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
Great Barford	11	7	2	2	16
Stevington	11	6	3	2	14
Moserhanger	11	6	3	2	14
Dean	11	6	3	2	14
Risley	10	4	4	2	10
Stagsden	11	4	5	2	10
Lynnton Works	11	2	6	3	7
Renhold	10	0	9	1	1

Division II (Section I)

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
Weboston	11	7	2	2	16
Ickwell	12	6	2	4	16
Little Staughton	13	5	2	6	16
Great Staughton	10	7	2	1	15
Staploe	11	5	4	2	12
Pavenham	12	5	5	2	12
Little Paxton	10	4	4	2	10
Tempsford	13	3	7	3	9
Colmworth	11	0	11	0	0

Division II (Section II)

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
North Crawley	11	7	2	2	16
Wood End	10	5	3	2	13
Cople	9	5	3	1	11
Souldrop	10	5	4	1	11
Felmersham	11	4	4	3	11
Sharnbrook	10	2	5	3	7
Marston	10	2	6	3	7
Wilson & Humphreys	12	2	7	3	7

Division III (Section I)

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
Keysoe	9	6	2	1	13
Little Staughton	9	6	3	0	12
Oakley	11	5	4	2	12
Thurlleigh	9	3	3	3	9
Clapham	8	4	4	0	8
Riseley	8	2	4	2	6
South End Ramblers	8	1	6	1	3

Division III (Section II)

	p.	w.	l.	d.	pts.
Wrestlingworth	5	5	0	0	10
Langford	5	4	0	1	9
Caldecote	6	3	2	1	7
Roxton	6	0	6	0	0
Blunham	6	0	6	0	0

SERVICE TO CRICKET



Mr. A. W. H. Poole, L.R.A.M., F.C.I.S., honorary scorer of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, who is seen above carrying out his duties at Bedford School last week, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest member of the club, having joined 60 years ago.

Mr. Poole also belonged to the former Bedford Town C.C. which was merged into the County in 1912 and remained so until the Town club was resuscitated in 1937.

It was in 1925 that Mr. Poole became captain of Bedfordshire Club and Ground Extra XI and held that position for some years.

After a spell as the County's umpire, he has served as hon.

scorer for the last 12 years, and those who have inspected his score books have been much impressed by his neatness and beautiful calligraphy.

A member of the general committee for many years, Mr. Poole also serves on the selection committee and has been a member of the Minor Counties Cricket Association since 1934.

Until his retirement he was Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for Bedfordshire, having succeeded his father in this office. He is the author of a standard text book of weights and measures and is a life member of the Institute of Weights and Measures Administration, serving as chairman in 1933-34.

Martlets' Tour As Enjoyable As Ever

Kent weather was immeasurably superior to what Bedford experienced during August week and although Bedford Martlets, on their 16th tour, did not escape the violent hail storm on the Monday, and ran into local rain on the Friday they played six completed matches on rather slow wickets in good and sometimes brilliant weather.

Their unique headquarters at East Farleigh and never-falling Kent hospitality, contributed to make the week as enjoyable as ever, perhaps even more so as the weather was so unexpectedly good.

The touring part was almost exclusively Bedford Modern School, past and present, and was "managed" by E. J. Cooper and W. Moore.

The Martlets 208 for eight dec. (B. C. Barnwell 111 not out, K. Tait 22, Tonbridge 48 (P. R. Morris five for 13, G. M. Jarrett five for 18). Won by 152 runs.

The Martlets 174 (A. Norman 46, F. J. Comerford 39), Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells, 151 for eight (G. M. Jarrett four for 61). Drawn.

The Martlets 209 for six dec. (P. J. Comerford 118, K. Richardson 47 not out). Bowater Lloyds Sittingbourne, 0-0. Abandoned.

The Martlets 217 for four dec. (F. J. Comerford 161 not out, B. Little 34 not out, Hythe 149 (B. Little six for 31). Won by 68 runs.

Gure Courts 187 for eight dec. (P. R. Morris five for 46). The Martlets 175 (F. J. Comerford 50, G. M. Jarrett 33, W. Moore 33). Lost by 12 runs in the last over, a run-out proving fatal at 148 for four.

Old Williamsonian's 72 (L. Bainbridge three for 21, G. M. Jarrett five for 131). The Martlets 55 (K. Tait 48). Lost by 17 runs against accurate fast-medium bowling.

The Martlets 23 for two. Abandoned (rain) against East Grinstead.

The Martlets 203 for six dec. (P. J. Kippax 48, A. Norman 79, K. Richardson 35). Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham 93 (P. R. Morris five for 39, G. M. Jarrett four for 26). Won by 110 runs.

POOR FIELDING BY KEMPSTON

Kempston, playing at Sharnbrook on Saturday, after three weeks without a game because of the weather, found they were out of form.

With three leading members on holiday, Kempston gave a poor display in the field while their batting was of a low order. In fact they were lucky to draw.

Sharnbrook: Lovell 4, Edwards 28, Boyles 5, Dunk 43, Alcock not out 15, Wildman 5, Millward not out 5, Shaylor 1, extras 7, total (for six wks.) 113.—Southgate four for 38, Brooks one for 0.

Kempston: J. Tysoe 2, D. Sharp 16, W. Tipton 5, R. Turner 11, L. Hills 5, F. Sharp 0, A. Parker not out 8, S. Southgate not out 1, extras 10, total (for six wks.) 58.—Dunkey three for 11.

INSURANCE INSTITUTE GAMES

The Insurance Institute of Bedford played their annual cricket match with the Luton and St. Albans Institute at Eversholt.

Bedford 224 for nine declared (C. J. R. Green 46, L. F. B. Williams 37); Luton and St. Albans 124 for nine.

Bedford Institute 53 (O'Connor seven for 24); Northampton Institute 54 for eight.

Liverpool Victoria (Kettering) v. Bedford Thursday

Liverpool Victoria: 150 (L. Plewa 27, E. Maude 45, P. Draper 36; F. Rainbird took five wickets and A. Chappell three).

Thursday: T. L. Rose 12, C. Hargreaves 21, R. Phillips 2, R. Townley 28, T. Salisbury 15, A. Chappell 0, R. Eddy 9, S. Lillman not out 10, E. D. Rainbird not out 0, extras 3, total (for 7 wks.) 100. W. Luff and P. Redman did not bat.

Southill Park II 152 (D. J. Marchant 52, R. D. Linger four for 51, B. Peet three for 42, R. Stevenson two for 17). Bedford Town II 66 for nine (B. Peet 28, A. G. Swain five for 15, J. F. Pearce two for 20).

Melita 110 for seven dec. (D. Cook 23, L. Chamberlain 32, P. Cook 21, L. Taylor three for 42, D. Palmer three for 44). Ampthill 140 for three (J. Edwards 70 not out, L. Rogers 26, A. Wilson two for 46).

Potton 107 (D. Page 50, W. Sullivan five for 57). Stewartby 109 (A. Webb 47, D. Page four for 45, G. Gray three for 11, B. Moore three for 21).

KEYSOE'S CHAMPIONSHIP

By defeating Clapham II on Saturday, Keysoe won the Bedford and District League, Division III (Section I) title for the first time.

After dismissing Clapham for 28, Keysoe lost six wickets for 16 but Cook and Roddis took the score to 54.

Cook's 55 is the club's highest individual score of the season.

Clapham: Worker 2, Hunt 8, Baker 0, Brown 0, Hishop 4, Poole 4, Powell 7, Pass 0, Devereux 3, Pell 0, Buck not out 0, total 28.—P. Woolston six for 13.

Keysoe: K. Brown 7, W. Ellison 7, K. Woolston 0, P. Woolston 0, T. George 0, A. Cook 55, T. Freeman 1, P. Roddis 20, D. Freeman 7, D. Bilar 1, B. Haggerwood not out 3, extras 1, total 100.—Hunt took five wickets.

PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v. Thurlleigh

Thurlleigh: R. Apple 7, A. Killian 2, K. Wagstaff 6, C. Clayton 1, R. Hill 0, J. Wagstaff 8, M. Papworth 0, C. Berrill 14, D. Berrill 2, P. Hooker 2, K. Berrill not out 1, extras 8, total 49.—R. Rawlins seven for 19. Tester took three wickets.

Blunham: R. Rawlins 7, I. Wakefield 1, D. Brooks 1, R. Harding 0, D. Moore 0, M. Rawlins 13, F. Tester 1, W. Page 0, T. Breed 0, G. Welling 3, H. Sims not out 0, extras 1, total 36.—K. Berrill took six wickets and C. Berrill four.

Potton II v. Clapham

Potton II: B. Moore 6, G. Gray 3, P. Hutchinson 17, P. Brown 5, C. Blott 3, J. Cobb 0, R. Duffin 2, L. Elms 0, E. Giles 2, F. Brookman 5, M. Hutchinson not out 4, extras 1, total 46.—T. Buck seven for 14, T. Ward three for 12. Second innings 67.

Clapham: T. Buck 8, J. Litchfield 4, R. Devereux 0, L. Wooding 0, Hishop 4, C. Turner 0, R. Nicholson 1, A. Henman 0, D. Norman 0, D. Goodwin 7, T. Ward not out 0, extras 2, total 24.—L. Sims five for 7, B. Moore three for 16. Second innings 11 for two.

Harpur Sports Win Final

In the final of the Coronation Shield in Bedford Park on August 9, Harpur Sports defeated Biggleswade by 27 runs.

Harpur, batting first, hit 81 off 18 overs. Of that total A. Greene scored 38 not out and R. King hit a quick 21.

Biggleswade began their innings in poor light and Gilbert quickly got among the wickets. The side were all out for 54 in 16.4 overs.

Gilbert took seven wickets for 35 runs, hitting the stumps six times, and B. Cornell, with figures of 8 overs, 1 maiden, 17 runs, 3 wickets, had an excellent spell of tight bowling.

Harpur: R. A. King c Bygrave b Williams 21, A. Greene not out 38, R. Webster at Humphries b Smith 3, J. Newman b Williams 5, A. Webster b Williams 5, A. Ingledew run out 4, extras 5, total (for 5 wks) 81.

C. Newman, P. Ladbury, P. Gilbert, B. Cornell, and S. Smith did not bat.

Bowling: Williams 90, Om. 38r. 3w. Smith 8-0-38-1.

Biggleswade: C. Rawlins b Gilbert 2, M. Williams b Gilbert 5, E. Bowler b Gilbert 1, A. Bumstead b Cornell 8, P. Miller b Gilbert 1, R. Humphries b Smith b Gilbert 9, M. King at A. Webster b Cornell 2, E. Smith b Gilbert 0, R. Newman b Gilbert 0, W. Bygrave c R. Webster b Cornell 11, G. Gilbert not out 4, extras 2, total 54.—Gilbert 8.4-1-35-7, Cornell 8-1-17-3.

TOWN AT HOME TO ST. ALBANS

Bedford Town, at home to St. Albans at Godington Bury tomorrow, field the following team:

August, Jenkins, Morris, Howard, Breeze, Sabey, Smith, Poulter, Dixon, Chamberlain, Connell. The first five named return to the side, while O. S. (Don) Andrews, team secretary, who is to be married at Kideminster tomorrow, and Millman are not available.

2nd XI (v. Biggleswade, away): Hall, Woolfscroft, Matthews, Peet, Scrivener, Barcock, Linger, Maries, Nicholson, Stevenson, Ebb.

Ramblers (v. Letchworth Tabilators, away): Barnea, Bennett, Manship, E. King, Clifford, Duckett, Stokes, Cook, Brets, Thompson, Charles.

Sunday XI (v. Letchworth, away): Howard, Smith, Peet, Poulter, Har, Dixon, Oakley, Stevenson, Chamberlain, Salisbury, A. N. Other.

DIVISION II (SECTION I)

Great Staughton 59, Wyboston 37.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Cople v. Souldrop

Cople: E. Hull 12, M. Cambers 0, A. Worrall 1, B. Minney 8, D. Shingler 0, A. Hart 0, L. Hull 0, J. Newbury 1, J. Cambers 0, D. Storton not out 0, G. Halliday 1, extras 4, total 27.—J. Adams took seven wickets, M. Adams two, and Smeathers one.

Souldrop: B. Whittington 0, J. Ruckby 4, B. Smeathers 3, J. Adams 2, R. Hunt 0, W. Rich 0, G. Read 2, M. Adams not out 16, A. Fensome 5, M. Prigmore 3, P. Anderson 0, extras 3, total 38.—Shingler took five wickets, Minney two, Hart two, and Worrall one.

DIVISION III (SECTION I)

Little Staughton v. Oakley

Little Staughton: E. Topham 1, B. Hopper 10, D. Huckle 2, T. Biles 5, H. Parker 11, S. Marshall 13, W. Woodham 0, L. Saunders not out 1, M. Whittle 1, A. Saunders 0, P. Saunders 2, total 46.—A. Keech five for 28.

Oakley: J. Briggs 3, J. Saunders 16, B. Keech 9, A. Keech 3, J. Bryson 22, B. Croft 8, R. Hulatt 2, J. Jeffries 0, S. Moore 12, Roger Hulatt 1, G. Linger not out 2, extras 3, total 81.—H. Parker four for 28, Hopper three for 20.

Cricket

TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

Bedford v. St. Albans, Hitchin v. Harpur Sports, Stewart and Lloyds v. Queen's Works, North End v. L.B.C. Stewartby, Shire Hall v. Kempston.

Melits v. Ickwell, Biggleswade v. Bedford II, Harpur II v. Hitchin II, Casuals v. Filtwick "B", Old Warden v. Biggleswade II, Eaton Socon v. Henlow.

Bedford Argus v. Sharnbrook, Diemer and Reynolds v. Slingson, Elstow v. Grosvenor, Filtwick v. English Electric, Campton v. Victoria.

Clifton v. Hitchin United, Letchworth Tab II v. Ramblers, Henlow II v. Eaton Socon II, Queen's II v. Vauxhall II.

BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

Premier Division

Clapham v. South End Ramblers, Potton v. Blunham, Pertenhall v. Langford.

Division I

Stevington v. Riseley, Great Barford v. Lynton Works, Renhold v. Stagden.

Division II (Section I)

Ickwell v. Wyboston, Little Staughton v. Great Staughton, Colmworth v. Pavenham, Little Paxton v. Staploe.

Division II (Section II)

North Crawley v. Cople, Sharnbrook v. Marston, Souldrop v. Wilson and Humphreys, Felmersham v. Wood End.

Division III (Section I)

Thurlleigh v. Clapham, Riseley v. Little Staughton.

SUNDAY

Letchworth v. Bedford, Toddington v. Harpur, League Champions v. Rest (Allen Park), Bondor v. Bedford Casuals, Hunting Percival v. Melits, Diemer and Reynolds v. Newport Pagnell, Casuals "B" v. St. Neots 2nd.

MONDAY

Leicestershire II v. Bedfordshire, Wyginton School v. Letchworth (and Tuesday).

THURSDAY

Bedford Thursday v. Filtwick.

Bedford League

TRIPLE TIE IS POSSIBLE

Pertenhall recorded their sixth successive away victory in the Premier Division of the Bedford and District League, when they won at Clapham on Saturday.

As a result of Saturday's games, the championship struggle is now reduced to three clubs—Langford, Pertenhall, and Thurleigh.

The position at the top of the table is:—

	F	W	D	L	PTS
Langford	13	8	3	2	19
Thurleigh	14	9	1	4	19
Pertenhall	13	7	3	3	17

Thurleigh, having completed their fixtures, await the result of tomorrow's vital game at Langford, where Pertenhall must win to stop Langford securing the shield. Should Pertenhall maintain their hundred per cent away record, a triple tie will result.

Stagsden were soon in trouble against Dean, losing their first four wickets for two runs. However, G. Newman and B. Everest put on 49 for the fifth wicket, enabling Stagsden to reach a winning total of 63 by five runs.

Cople owed a lot to the fine bowling of B. Minney, who, in ten overs, six of them maidens, took seven Felmersham wickets for 7 runs, hitting the stumps six times. Cople won by two wickets.

PREMIER DIVISION

Clapham v. Pertenhall

Clapham: T. Buck 12, J. Litchfield 5, R. Devereux 0, G. Hislop 9, T. Wooding 5, A. Henman 0, D. Goodwin 5, R. Pickering 17, C. Turner 0, J. Baker 3, T. Ward not out 0, extras 4, total 60.—R. Jones seven for 31, W. Presland three for 25.
Pertenhall: S. George 16, O. Stapleton 1, B. Seamarks 1, R. Jones 11, H. Handley 1, M. Bennett not out 28, W. Presland 0, J. Roddix 2, V. Stapleton not out 0, extras 8, total (for seven wickets) 68.—T. Buck five for 32, G. Hislop two for 18.

DIVISION I

Stagsden v. Dean

Stagsden: G. Newnan 22, T. Brooks 0, P. Collier 0, A. Woolston 0, J. Sharp 0, B. Everest 23, B. Sharp 0, J. Alder not out 8, R. Flute 4, R. Bazeley retired hurt 0, extras 7, total 63.
Dean: C. Green 0, F. Hart 0, K. Hart 24, I. Hewitt 0, J. Hewitt 2, W. Cade 12, G. Horsford 2, H. Lilley 0, M. Deighton 11, P. Knight 0, J. Maves not out 1, extras 6, total 58.—B. Everest five for 13.

Great Barford v. Mokerhanger

Mokerhanger: E. Wisler 7, S. Reid 1, T. Sanderson 4, W. Wisler 0, F. Reid 0, K. Reid 2, P. Rawlins 8, E. Street 0, D. Jones 5, R. Reid 0, J. Croft not out 1, extras 1, total 22.—G. Robinson five for 8, J. Breeze two for 7, W. Skevinton two for 15.
Great Barford: G. Martin 5, D. Robinson 1, J. Breeze not out 10, G. Robinson 3, W. Skevinton not out 6, extras 5, total for three wickets 30.—R. Reid three for 10.

DIVISION II (SECTION II)

Felmersham v. Cople

Felmersham: P. Lawson 2, H. Lawson 1, D. Parker 0, A. Betts 9, G. Richardson 0, K. Marsh 0, D. Lovell 1, N. Lovell 0, K. Richardson 0, G. Constant not out 1, D. Constant 2, extras 4, total 20.—B. Minney 100.. 6m. 7r. 7w.
Cople: E. Hull 5, A. Worrall 1, A. Hart 4, B. Binney 6, C. Graves 5, I. Hull 2, D. Storton not out 0, J. Cambers 0, E. Yerrill 0, extras 2, total for eight wickets 25.
Sharnbrook 61; Souldrop 62 for three.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The relatives of the late Mr. G. L. Ducker, who passed away on December 23, 1956, at Clapham Hospital, Bedford, wish to thank the doctors, Mr. and Mrs. Leatherdale, and staff for their kindness and attention throughout his long illness.

Miss L. Everest, sons, and daughters of the late Mrs. G. R. Everest, "The Laurels", Bromham, Bedfordshire, wish to thank all friends for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers.

The husband and sister of the late Mrs. W. Howe, Albert Terrace, Sharnbrook, wish to thank all relations and friends for their kind thoughts, letters of sympathy, and flowers. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Rust, 5 Owen Close, Kempston, wish to thank all relatives and friends, for their prayers, kindness and sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement; also for the beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mrs. S. L. Saville and family wish to thank relatives, friends, and neighbours for the kind sympathy shown during their sad bereavement, also for the letters and beautiful floral tributes. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

Mrs. E. E. Sibley and Alan, 5 Ouse Road, Bedford, wish to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy in their sudden bereavement; and for the beautiful flowers. Please accept this as the only acknowledgment.

BIRTHS

BRADSHAW.—On December 21, 1956, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing) to Edith (nee Bird) and Benjamin Bradshaw, the gift of a daughter (Carol Anne). Grateful thanks to maternity staff.

MALLET.—On December 21, 1956, at 50 Gloucester Road, Bedford, to Evelyn (nee Burnett), and Phillip, a son (Ian Philip). Sincere thanks to the nurse.

MANTLE.—On December 14, 1956, at Market Harborough, to Ruth and Ian a daughter.

MUNNS.—On December 19, 1956, at 9 Kirkman Close, Bedford, to Evelyn, (nee Crane) and Dick, the precious gift of a son (Colin Aubrey). Grateful thanks to doctor and staff.

STEVENS.—On December 18, 1956, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), to Patricia (nee Devine) and Michael Stevens, a daughter (Deborah Patricia). Grateful thanks to maternity staff.

WARD.—On December 21, 1956, at Bedford General Hospital (South Wing) to Shirley (nee Wharton) and Hayden Clive Ward, the gift of a son, David. Grateful thanks to the maternity staff.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The engagement is announced between Roland Cecil Abraham, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham of 3 Combs Close, Bedford, and Maureen, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of 51 Sprattton Lane, Brixworth, Northants.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bass, 2 Council Houses, Souldrop, wish to announce the engagement of Alec, youngest son Mr. A. Head and the late Mrs. Head, of Monks Cleith, Suffolk, to their second daughter, Gillian.

The engagement was announced on December 24 between Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Beattie, 14 Alamein Avenue, Bedford, and Eileen, second daughter of Mrs. Gnapp, 24 Ditmas Avenue, Kempston.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark, 31 Cedar Road, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dean, 68 Church Lane, Goldington, Bedford, to their only daughter, Margaret Jean.

The engagement was announced on Christmas Day between Bryan Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Collins, 5 The Crescent, Magerhanger, and Elizabeth Ann (Betty), younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sabey, Duncombes Farm, Gt. Barford.

The engagement was announced on December 24 between Keith Dennis, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Barker, 222 London Road, Bedford, and Barbara Anne, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meakins, 43 Stanley Street, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. France, 36 Dudley Street, Bedford, to Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. E. Holmes and the late Mr. H. Holmes, Brandon Cottage, Lillingstone Lovell, Bucks.

The marriage arranged between Jeffrey Green, 35 Beaconsfield Street, Bedford, and Josephine Westgate, of 41a Lansdowne Road, Bedford, will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Bromham Road, Bedford, on Saturday, January 6, at 11.30 a.m. All friends welcome at the church.

The engagement is announced between Rodney, youngest son of Mrs. Hawkins, of 9 Bedford Ave Bedford, to Joan, youngest daughter of Mrs. Fagan and the late Mr. Rowley, of 58 Pilcroft Street, Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Horner, 64 Christie Road, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement to Christmas Day of Col. John Bright, R.A.F., youngest son of Mrs. R. Bright, of Christie Road, Bedford, to their eldest daughter, Judith.

The engagement is announced between Jack, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. S. Holt, of Failsworth, Manchester, to Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Folds, of 52 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds.

The engagement is announced between John Howard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. McMurdy, of 52 Pilgrims Way, Bedford, and Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. L. G. Webb, of 24 Eaton Road, Kempston, Bedfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. G. Jennings 78 Filbrick Road, Amptill, and Shirley, elder daughter of Dr. Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Lang, Connold, 9 Station Road, Biggleswade.

The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Joyce, Grange Farm, Cottage, Ravensden, and Doreen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harlow, Council Houses, Renhold.

The engagement is announced between Gordon, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. L. Lack, Barford Road, Willington, and Esme, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown, 10 Church Row, Cople, Beds.

Mr. and Mrs. Little, of 48 De Parys Avenue, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Robert Groves, London, formerly of Bedford to their eldest daughter, Shirley.

The engagement has been announced between William (Bill), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan, 15 St. Leonard's Street, Bedford, and Shirley Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, 1 White Hall Estate, Liddington.

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Millard, of 47 Beaconsfield Street, Bedford, and Doreen Morris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Louke, 47 Iddesleigh Road, Bedford.

Mrs. Procter, of 2 Millards Close, Cranfield, wishes to announce the engagement of Tony, eldest grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. Robins, of Brook End, North Crawley, to June, her only daughter.

The engagement is announced between Sub/Lieut. Alan Edward Palmer, and Mrs. E. P. Palmer, of Police Station, Kempston, and Valerie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Painter, of 5 Edward Road, Bedford.

The engagement is announced between Martin James, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. V. Salsbury, of 30 Linden Road, Bedford, and Ann, only child of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Jeffs, of 56 Hitchin Road, Stotfold, Bedfordshire.

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Simmons, 110 Acacia Road, Bedford, and Josephine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Beard, 26 Mustel Road, Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Skevington, of Harfold, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of John Mackenzie, the only son of Mrs. Jackson, and the late Mr. Mackenzie, of Felmersham, to their daughter, Joy.

The engagement is announced of Brian Charles, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, of 23 Orchard Street, Kempston, and Jennifer Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ball, 36 Littleale Street, Kempston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, of "Belmont", Flitwick Road, Maulden, have pleasure in announcing the engagement to Christmas Eve of John Ian, younger son of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Barham, of 144 Bromham Road, Bedford, to Doreen Mary, their only daughter.

The engagement was announced on Christmas Day between Stephen, younger son of Mr. F. Willis, of Darfield, Barnsley, and Carole Ann, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Phillips, of 35 Mile Road, Bedford.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Winch, of 152 Castle Road, Bedford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Paul (Roy), second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Deverell, of 4 East Square, Shortstown Bedford, to their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on December 19, 1956.

MARRIAGE

BIERNIS-GILL.—On December 22, at St. Swithun's Church, Sandy, Edgar Biernis and Elizabeth Ruth Gill.

SILVER WEDDINGS

HOLCATE-DYSON.—On December 26, 1931, at Baptist Church, Tenton Road, Cammidge, Frederick Holgate to Eva Dyson.

WARNER-COOPER.—On December 26, 1931, at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Cranfield, by the late Rev. Farrington Downs, Sidney J. Warner to Catherine A. Cooper.—Present address: 92 High Street, Cranfield.

GOLDEN WEDDING

GARDINER-PATTERSON.—On December 29, 1906, at Parish Church, Rookhope, near Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham, by the late Rev. John Baker, John Hodgson (Jack) Gardiner to Margaret Elizabeth Patterson, both of Rookhope. Present address, 17 Matland Street, Bedford.

DEATHS

CHAPPELL.—On December 25, 1956, Hubert George Chappell, aged 71 years, beloved husband of Mary Ann Chappell, and a dear father, 26 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds. Funeral service today (Friday), 3.15 p.m. at Bedford Crematorium.

CLARK.—On December 22, 1956, Annie Elizabeth, widow of Morris Clark, 3 Dean Street, Bedford, aged 88 years.

COMPTON.—On December 14, 1956, Edwin Thomas Compton, 3 Gwyn Street, Bedford, aged 59 years.

DUCCER.—George Louka, of Coxy Cot, Roston, died December 23, 1956, aged 80 years, at Clapham Hospital, Bedford.

EVERETT.—On December 21, 1956, Georgina Rosetta Everest, aged 76 years, widow of Ernest John and a dearly-loved mother, The Laurels, 72 Village Road Bromham Beds.

GREEN.—On December 25, 1956, Ellen Green, aged 95 years of 247 Goldington Road, Bedford, widow of Thomas William Green.

GOODSHIP.—On December 24, 1956, Ronald Herbert Goodship, aged 49 years, beloved husband of Constance and dear daddy of John and Janet, 9 Pemberton Avenue, Bedford. Funeral service Saturday, 10.30 a.m., St. Andrew's Church, followed by cremation. No flowers by request.

HIGNMAN.—On December 22, 1956, Louise Janet, formerly of 4 The Embankment, Bedford, aged 74 years.

HOGGITT.—On December 18, 1956, William Everett Hoggitt, 13 Chanter Road, Kempston, Beds., aged 62 years.

JANES.—On December 27, 1956, at her home, High Street, Ridgmont, Mabel Janes, beloved wife of Harry Janes, aged 74 years. Funeral service, St. Paul's Church, Ridgmont, Saturday, December 29, at 2.30 p.m.

JOHNSON.—On December 21, 1956, Evelyn Johnson, 4 Newnham Avenue, Bedford, aged 83 years.

LINGER.—On Sunday December 23, 1956, suddenly, William Alfred Linger, 5 Glyn Street, Stagden, Beds., aged 61 years.

LIVETT.—On December 11, 1956, suddenly, Rose Hannah Livett, of 4 Lovell Homes, Oakley, widow of George Livett. Interred at Roston.

MACKNESS.—On December 22, 1956, Mabel Doreen, widow of Stanley Thomas Mackness, 34 Silver Street, Stevington Beds., aged 75 years.

MARTIN.—On December 19, 1956, Carol Martin, 23 High Street, Wymington, Beds., aged 1 week.

MIDDLETON.—Mrs. F. Middleton, 24 Garfield Street, Bedford, passed peacefully away on Sunday, December 16, 1956, at Bedford General Hospital (North Wing), Bedford. Funeral took place at Park Road Methodist Chapel on Thursday, December 20, 1956, followed by interment at Bedford Cemetery.

MORRIS.—On December 20, 1956, Emma Morris, 47 Dame Alice Street, Street Bedford (aged 10 days).

O'DOWD.—On December 21, 1956, Stephen Patrick O'Dowd, 27 Gwyn Street, Bedford, aged 88 years.

ROBT.—On December 21, 1956, Robert Gordon, only beloved child of Tom and Joan, after an illness of two months.

SARGENT.—On December 19, 1956, Caroline Sargent, 133 Howbury Street, Bedford, aged 84 years.

STEVENS.—On December 24, 1956, suddenly, George, beloved husband of Priscilla Stevens, 15 Russell Street, St. Neots (late Riseley), and dear father of Joyce, Horace, and Cyril. Funeral 2 p.m., December 29 at Riseley Church.

SWALES.—On December 23, 1956, Amy Elizabeth Swales, wife of Arthur William Swales, 15 Matland Street, Bedford, aged 81 years.

IN MEMORIAM

BERWICK.—In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Elizabeth Berwick, who passed away December 22, 1942.—Remembered always from her daughter and family, Houghton Conquest, also son and daughter-in-law, Kettering.

BULL.—Cherished memories of a dear husband, father, and grand-dad, who fell asleep December 31, 1955.—Sadly missed from his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

CONSTANT.—Treasured memories of our dear father, Cornelius Joseph who was called to rest December 27, 1950. Deep in our hearts a memory is kept of one we all loved and will never forget.—From his loving family.

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD-JONES.—Douglas George, in loving memory of a beloved husband and father, who died December 27, 1955. Remembering with love our happy years together.

GOODWIN.—Treasured memories of our dearly-loved son, Walter Charles, who passed away on December 20, 1948.—From mam, Bert, Harry, and all.

MANNING.—W.T. Remembrance with love and pride on this his birthday.—His wife, Nancy.

PHILLIPS.—In loving memory of Horace, a dear husband and father, who died December 28, 1953. Peace after pain.—Rene, Michael, and Bob.

SANDERS.—In loving memory of a dear mother and nanny, who died December 31, 1954.—Remembered always from Eva, Lea, and children.

SEAMARKS.—Treasured memories of a dear wife, mother, and grandma, Annie Eliza Seamarks, who fell asleep on December 30, 1955, without farewell, with only our memories to keep of her.—From her loving husband and family, Oakley, Kempston, Bromham and Biddenham.

SMITH.—In loving memory of a dearly-loved husband and daddy, Ex-Insp. George Greenwood Smith, 29 High Street, Harrold, who passed away January 2, 1951.—Always lovingly remembered.

STRINGER.—In remembrance of dad, Herbert Stringer, died on December 31, 1952.—Millie and Mick.

SUGARS.—In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, and nanny, Emily Eliza, who passed away December 29, 1955.—From her loving husband and family, Kempston and Haslemere.

WILLIAMSON.—Treasured memories of a dear mother and nanny, Hannah Jane, who died December 28, 1953. Resting where no shadows fall.—Always remembered by Edna, Alf, and family.

WILLIAMSON.—Treasured memories of a dear mother and nanny, who fell asleep December 28, 1953.—Always remembered by Hannah, Bill, Edna, May, and Derek. At even ere the sun was set.

WOODING.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Alfred John, who fell asleep December 23, 1951. These years have been lonely without you. Life to us is not the same. What we would give to see you smile. And hear you call our names.—From your loving wife, children, and grandchildren (Cranfield).

WOODS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Hannah, who passed away December 22, 1953.—From her loving son Bill and Ethel.