

BEDFORDSHIRE 1964 : MATCHES 10

CAPTAIN: J. SMITH

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M, T	18, 19	MAY	LINCS	LONG STONON	FSTB ✓ A	-	FSTB ✓ A	-
W, T	17, 18	JUNE	CAMBS	ELY	FSTB ✓ A	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
W, T	1, 2	JULY	HERTS	LETCHWORTH	FSTB ✓ A	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
W, T	15, 16		STAFFS	LUTON (W.P.)	FSTB ✓ A	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
W, T	22, 23		CAMBS	LUTON (W.P.)	FSTB ✓ A	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
M, T	3, 4	AUGUST	SHROPS	BEDFORD (BS)	FSTB ✓ A	FSTB ✓ FA	FSTB ✓ A	-
W, T	5, 6		LINCS	BEDFORD (BS)	FSTB ✓ A	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
FS	7, 8		HERTS	BEDFORD (BS)	FSTB ✓ A	FSTB ✓ A	FSTB ✓ A	-
M, T	17, 18		SHROPS	MARSH DRAYTON	FSTB ✓ SA	-	FSTB ✓ FA	-
W, T	19, 20		STAFFS	WALSALL	FSTB ✓ SA	-	-	FSTB ✓ A
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COUNTY XI AT TRENT BRIDGE

Bedfordshire have two most attractive one-day fixtures before they start their Minor Counties programme away to Lincolnshire at Whitsun. This Monday they play a Nottinghamshire XI at Trent Bridge, and on Thursday Northamptonshire II. at The Bury (11.30).

The visit to Trent Bridge—the first since the war—has been arranged through the good offices of Bedford's Geoffrey Millman, who is entering his second season as the Notts captain.

The Bedfordshire team is: J. Smith (captain), D. F. Hoare, P. Taylor, A. W. Durrell, G. Dawson, W. Chamberlain, M. Theobald, G. Jarrett, W. J. Bushby, P. D. Oakley, M. Crouch (wicketkeeper). Peter Taylor is the former Bedford School captain who now plays for Luton.

This year the County will be running without a professional, and a loss is fast bowler John Willis, who has moved jobs.

Australian Prime Minister Menzie will not be attending the Minor Counties—Australians match at The Bury on June 25-26. Mr. Frank Grompton, who wrote inviting Mr. Menzies, has received a reply stating that "since the announcement of the dates of

the Prime Ministers' conference . . . it will be quite impossible to reach London before your match."

Incidentally, all the tickets for the Minor Counties—Australians have not been sold. They are going well, but there are plenty of ground admission tickets for both days, and some stand tickets. Man to contact—Mr. Tom Winter, 91 Rosamond Road, Bedford.

A little cricket was played last week-end, chiefly on the sandy soils of East Bedfordshire, but Bedford Town's ground was too wet to allow a start. The Sunday 1st XI did however, manage a drawn game away to March.

This week-end Vauxhall Motors are due at The Bury on Saturday (2 p.m.), and on Sunday (2.30) a match will be played against J. Nightingale's XI. Teams:

Saturday: S. T. Morris, J. Mordue, D. F. Hoare, J. Brown, P. D. Oakley, T. Sills, A. Ingledew, R. Shepherd, R. White, M. Avis, W. Peet. Martin Avis is a new and promising bat from London University.

Sunday: Brown, Oakley, Hoare, N. Cooley, W. Bushby, Mordue, Sills, Avis, Peet, White and T. Thomas.

Test man goes for a "duck"

After Northamptonshire II had dismissed a Bedfordshire XI for a meagre 105 runs at the Bury yesterday afternoon, they themselves were in trouble when Mordue took two wickets in his first seven deliveries.

One of his victims was **Mushtaq Mohammed**, the Pakistani Test player, for a "duck".

Slow left-arm bowler, D. Steele did most of the damage for Northamptonshire, taking six wickets for 47 runs. Liveliest innings for Bedfordshire came from Graham Wynn who had reached 24 when he skied the ball into the safe hands of Ray Bailey, the Bedford Town footballer.

After their two for nought opening, Northamptonshire revived through Wills and Steele who put on 50 before Wills was stumped and Steele run out of the last ball before tea. The score—54 for 4

Afterwards, Northants went on to win by four wickets.

The County's one-day game with Notts, at Trent Bridge on Monday went rather decisively the home team's way: from 60 for three Notts (missing only Bolus from a full-strength line-up) reached 286 for four declared. Moore and M. Hill each hitting centuries in a 215 stand. Bedfordshire, short of pre-season practice, were all out for 88, former Bedfordshire pace bowler, Ian Davison taking five for 36. Jarrett was top score with 30.

As a result of an easy win over Langford in the Hospital Cricket Cup on Wednesday, Ickwell "A" now meet Biggleswade.

St. Neots 104, Ickwell "B" 50
Langford 37; Ickwell "A" 38 for no wicket.

Bedfordshire, Held Up By Rain, In Last-Ball Drama

By CHILTERN

HIGH drama came at the end of Bedfordshire's Minor Counties match with Lincolnshire at Long Sutton on Tuesday. Mordue, who had taken nine wickets in his first game, faced the last ball of the day, with Bedfordshire facing the prospect of defeat if he lost his wicket, and victory if he could hit a six.

In the event neither happened and Bedfordshire were left five runs short of their target for victory with one wicket in hand.

On the first day on a wicket from which the ball came at varying heights, batsmen on both sides had a struggle for runs.

Against some fine bowling, mainly by Mordue and Smith, who were remarkably accurate, the home side toiled to an undistinguished 127.

Bedfordshire were more enterprising, especially Peter Taylor playing in his first competition match for the county, and he made a polished 39.

At the end of the day, Bedfordshire had gained first-innings points by two runs and still had two wickets in hand, but a heavy drizzle all morning delayed the start until 2.45 p.m. and Smith declared at the overnight total.

Mordue and Bushby so troubled the early Lincolnshire batsmen that five wickets were down for 23 and six for 34, but Pougher and D. A. Buckthorpe brought about an improvement.

At tea, the declaration came, leaving Bedfordshire 102 minutes to get 74 to win.

On paper, that was an easy task, but not on this wicket, with the ball rising nastily. Beeson the wicket-keeper took four catches of the speedy McVicker.

When the eighth wicket fell at 48, Bedfordshire seemed to be facing defeat, but bowlers Mordue and Oakley improved matters until the latter was run out off the fifth ball of the last over.

LINCOLNSHIRE v BEDFORDSHIRE

LINCOLNSHIRE—First Innings

H Price c Crouch b Morley	28
H Pougher c Smith b Mordue	16
T Johnson c Dawson b Mordue	2
I S Madray c Smith b Mordue	1
D A Buckthorpe c Dawson b Mordue	8
N M McVicker b Smith	29
T J Buckthorpe b Mordue	7
R Beeson c Mordue b Smith	8
B Enderby c Bushby b Mordue	15
G R L Drakes not out	4
G B Camplin b Oakley	0
Extras	9

Total 127
Bowling: Bushby 14-2-36-0, Mordue 28-17-31-6, Morley 13-3-27-1, Smith 16-11-10-2, Oakley 6-2-2-10-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE—First Innings

D Hoare lbw b McVicker	15
P M Taylor c T J Buckthorpe b McVicker	39
N Cooley b McVicker	17
G Dawson c Madray b Drakes	5
B D Robinson c T J Buckthorpe b Drakes	11
J Smith c Price b Drakes	10
J Mordue not out	10
W Bushby c McVicker	2
T G Morley c Enderby b McVicker	8
P O Oakley not out	1
Extras	5

Total (for 8 wks dec) 129
M W Crouch did not bat.
Bowling: McVicker 21-4-65-5, Drakes 19-3-51-3, Camplin 3-0-8-0.

LINCOLNSHIRE—Second Innings

H Price c Dawson b Mordue	0
T Johnson c Hoare b Mordue	2
I S Madray c Dawson b Bushby	9
T J Buckthorpe c Smith b Mordue	3
R N Beeson run out	16
N M McVicker c Crouch b Bushby	0
H Pougher not out	15
D A Buckthorpe c Oakley b Morley	27
G R L Drakes not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 7 wks dec) 75
B Enderby, B Camplin did not bat.
Bowling: Bushby 12-5-25-2, Mordue 11-3-26-3, Morley 5-1-21-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE—Second Innings

D J F Hoare b McVicker	1
P M Taylor c Beeson b McVicker	12
N Cooley c Beeson b McVicker	2
G Dawson run out	2
B D Robinson b McVicker	7
J Smith c Johnson b McVicker	7
J Mordue not out	18
W Bushby c Beeson b McVicker	0
T G A Morley c Beeson b McVicker	0
P O Oakley run out	14
M Crouch not out	0
Extras	6

Total (for-9 wks) 69
Bowling: McVicker 15-5-33-7, Camplin 15-3-30-0.

FOUR RUNS IN IT

GREAT credit was due to Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire for managing so entertaining a game in difficult circumstances at Long Sutton on Whit Monday and Tuesday. Rain carved the heart out of the play, yet here was a finish to thrill the crowd—Bedfordshire's penultimate pair together, an over to go, and seven runs needed to win.

In the event a draw—Bedfordshire finished five runs short—was probably fair enough, with the visitors deserving their first-innings points for the better opening day's play.

Scoring in all four innings was fearfully meagre, but the wicket—brittle before the rain—became nasty after it, and in addition each side produced a bowler of real merit.

For Bedfordshire, the hero was John Mordue, the Town's well-built six-footer who was having his first taste of Minor Counties cricket. It certainly won't be his last.

Bowling his medium pace cutters he wrecked the Lincolnshire first innings with figures of six for 31. At one stage he had bowled 16 overs, 14 of which were maidens, and taken two wickets. His final analysis: 25-17-31-6.

Bedfordshire set about their reply well, and it was unfortunate when Hoare had to retire with a pulled muscle. But former Bedford School captain Taylor (also in his first Minor Counties game) found another good partner in Cooley, and the total was taken to 69 before Cooley was bowled.

Hoare returned but failed to add to his 15, and now, as Mordue had done, McVicker tore through the batting for

Lincolnshire and the visitors had to struggle to first innings lead.

The following morning's rain looked like washing out the game but a re-start was possible at 2.45 and Smith declared at his overnight 129 for 8.

Immediately Lincolnshire were in trouble again—and once more to Mordue, three men falling to him for eight runs.

The position did not improve (34 for 6), and Bedfordshire must have been scenting victory until Pougher and D. A. Buckthorpe began to retrieve matters, allowing a tea declaration of 71 for 7.

Bedfordshire were left 105 minutes to get 74 to win, a generous allowance it seemed but the wicket was now pretty spiteful and Lancastrian McVicker at his speediest.

Wicketkeeper Beeson snapped up three catches—and at 40 for 8 Bedfordshire faced defeat rather than victory. But again bowlers came to the rescue. Mordue and Oakley batting so sensibly and well that when the last over arrived six runs separated the sides.

Two short singles were taken, but in attempting another Oakley was run out, and Mordue played the last ball back for a draw.

LINCOLNSHIRE	
First innings	
H. Price c Crouch o Morley	33
H. Pougher c Smith o Mordue	15
J. Johnson c Dawson o Mordue	1
J. S. Mandray c Smith o Mordue	1
D. A. Buckthorpe c Dawson o Mordue	4
Maidens	17
I. J. Buckthorpe o Mordue	1
N. M. McVicker b Smith	8
R. N. Beeson c Mordue b Smith	8
R. Enderby c Bushby o Mordue	15
G. R. L. Drakes not out	4
O. B. Camplin o Oakley	0
Extras	15
Total	127

Bowling: Mordue 25-17-31-6; Smith 16-11-10-1; Oakley 8-2-10-1; Bushby 14-4-35-0; Morley 13-3-27-1.

Second innings	
H. Price c Dawson o Mordue	0
H. Pougher not out	18
T. Johnson c Heare o Mordue	0
J. S. Mandray c Dawson o Bushby	9
D. A. Buckthorpe c Oakley o Morley	27
T. J. Buckthorpe c Smith o Mordue	3
N. M. McVicker c Crouch o Bushby	0
R. N. Beeson run out	14
G. R. L. Drakes not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 7 wks dec)	75

Bushby 12-5-25-2; Mordue 11-5-26-8; Morley 8-1-21-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First innings	
D. Hoare lbw o McVicker	18
P. Taylor c T. Buckthorpe b McVicker	29
N. Cooley o McVicker	17
G. Dawson c Mandray b Drakes	5
D. Robinson o T. Buckthorpe	11
J. Smith (capt.) c Price o Drakes	16
J. W. Mordue not out	9
W. J. Bushby b McVicker	2
T. Morley c Enderby	6
N. McVicker	2
P. Oakley not out	8
Extras	6
Total (for 8 wks dec)	123

Drakes three for 31; McVicker five for 65.

Second innings	
D. Hoare o McVicker	1
P. Taylor c Beeson b McVicker	12
N. Cooley c Beeson b McVicker	2
G. Dawson run out	2
D. Robinson o McVicker	7
J. Smith c Johnson o McVicker	7
J. W. Mordue not out	18
W. J. Bushby c Beeson o McVicker	0
T. Morley c McVicker	0
P. Oakley run out	14
M. Crouch not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wks)	63

McVicker seven for 85.



PROMISING OPENING

AFTER a promising start—the opening pair put on 39—a Bedfordshire XI could muster only 74 against the RAF Technical Training Command at Halton on Tuesday. Their opponents passed this total with three wickets in hand.

It was M. Theobald and G. Fensome who put Bedfordshire in a promising position. Then, wickets fell cheaply until Sid Morris spent 40 minutes at the crease and contributed 24, including a delightful six.

At one stage, the RAF side were 17 for four. Bedfordshire were in with a chance. But runs became more plentiful and they reached the target with three wickets still standing.

Bedfordshire XI: M. Theobald 12, G. Fensome 26, M. Whitmore 0, M. Avis 0, J. Mordue 0, S. T. Morris 24, G. C. Wynn 0, J. Aston 4, T. Brown 0, R. Barker 0, I. Bigley not out 6, extras 2, total 74.—Friday three for 29, Davenport five for 26, Green two for 3.

RAF Technical Training Command 131 for 8 (Mordue four for 33).

JOHN MORDUE took four R.A.F. wickets at a personal cost of 33 runs.

FORTUNES SEE-SAW AT ELY

RAIN dogged the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire players in their Minor Counties match at Ely yesterday and finally won around tea-time when a drizzle became a downpour. It prevented an exciting finish with Bedfordshire chasing 89 runs to win.

Feature of early play on Wednesday was the fine spin bowling by Bedfordshire captain Jack Smith. He reeled off six maidens to start with and went into lunch with figures of 12-10-2-1.

Cambridgeshire's total of 153 in 4½ hours was tedious stuff. Batting was unenterprising against accurate but far from hostile bowling. Credit, however, must go to Bedfordshire for astute field

placing and fine ground fielding.

Opener Southwell was at the crease three hours for his 43 (out of 86) and it was finally England's old spinner Johnny Wardle and Brian Gadsby who relieved matters somewhat with 24 brisk runs.

Criticism of Cambridgeshire's slow batting eased a little when Bedfordshire made their reply—eight wickets down for 53 runs! Indeed, 153 began to look a match-winning total, until Bushby and Morley effected a reviving stand of 24 and were still there at close.

It was Wardle who completely bamboozled the batsmen, turning the ball both ways and varying his pace and flight cleverly.

Thursday morning saw Bushby and Morley continuing the good work. The stand was worth 33 before Morley was picked up in the gully by Wardle.

Then came another champion in Crouch, and he and Bushby hardly made a false stroke as they went past the 100 at a run-a-minute rate.

Wardle certainly did not pose the problems of the pre-

vious day, and the Bedfordshire last wicket had put on 58 and the Cambridgeshire lead was a meagre 11 runs when Bushby holed out at long-on. His 44 runs were extremely well made.

Rain marked the start of the Cambridgeshire second innings, and Morley and Smith quickly bowled Bedfordshire into a winning position at 67 for six. Forty tantalising minutes were then lost to the weather, but on the restart Bedfordshire pushed through their advantage, the remaining four wickets going for 10 runs.

A possible 140 minutes remained and only 89 runs were required for victory. But with 22 scored the rain was back to stay.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First Innings

D. H. Fairey lbw b Bushby	14
M. Southwell b Smith	43
R. A. Gautrey lbw b Smith	12
T. S. Hale b Morley	7
R. Pearl b Bushby	32
P. A. Shippey c & b Bushby	12
J. H. Wardle b Bushby	13
C. E. Gadsby b Smith	11
D. Wing c Cooley b Smith	0
R. Nunn b Bushby	3
A. Wilson not out	4
Extras	2
Total	153

Bowling: Mordue 19-7-22-0; Bushby 25.3-5-68-5; Smith 28-15-24-4; Morley 22-6-37-1

Second Innings

M. Southwell lbw b Morley	0
D. Fairey c Bushby b Mordue	23
R. A. Gautrey c Smith b Morley	12
T. S. Hale c Cooley b Morley	8
R. Pearl c Bushby b Smith	7
J. H. Wardle c Dawson b Smith	0
P. A. Shippey c Crouch b Morley	0
C. E. Gadsby lbw b Morley	0
D. Wing lbw b Morley	0
R. Nunn not out	3
A. Wilson c Crouch b Smith	0
Extras	1
Total	77

Mordue 7-4-7-1; Morley 18-3-54-6; Smith 12-3-15-3.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. Dawson c Southwell b Wardle	14
P. Taylor b Wilson	8
N. Cooley c Nunn b Wing	6
J. Mordue c Nunn b Wardle	0
K. Williams run out	0
J. Smith c Gautrey b Wing	9
G. Wynn b Wardle	8
M. Whitmore st Nunn b Wardle	2
W. Bushby c Pearl b Wardle	44
T. Morley c and b Wardle	22
M. Crouch not out	15
Extras	14
Total	142

Wing 21-10-35-3; Wilson 14-3-27-1; Wardle 28.2-7-55-5; Gadsby 6-1-11-0.

Second Innings

G. Dawson b Wilson	8
P. Taylor c Gautrey b Wilson	8
N. Cooley b Wilson	0
W. Bushby not out	5
K. Williams not out	3
Total (for 3 wks.)	22

Wilson 5-3-6-3; Wing 5-1-16-0.

LAST PAIR DEFY COUNTY

WITH ten men crouching round the bat, Appleyard successfully played out the final over from Ingledew, and so denied Bedfordshire—who had already taken first-innings points—a Minor Counties win at Letchworth last evening.

Hertfordshire had been set 182 to win and were only 14 short at the end. At one stage it looked as though they would succeed, Cundle and Day putting on 53 for the first wicket.

Even so, their 168-9 was the highest innings total of the match. On Wednesday the pitch seemed to play tricks, deliveries coming through at all heights which probably accounted for the low totals.

Bedfordshire opened with Dawson and Taylor, and Dawson with a push to leg and a glorious off drive for four took six off the first over. But the pattern quickly changed. With three more added Dawson was taken at the wicket by Simons and Durley followed with the total at 23.

Taylor, who had taken 30 minutes getting off the mark, also fell to a catch, and then followed a sensational collapse with Hoare, Mordue, Wynn and Smith all going for ducks. So Bedfordshire were 26 for 7, and Morley now joined Chamberlain.

It was a time for good sense and the pair got worthily down to the cause. So well in fact that they were still there at lunch with the scoreboard showing a more respectable total of 72.

Both were out soon afterwards. Chamberlain for a finely made 44, whereupon Ingledew and Crouch put on a valuable 25 for the last wicket when Bedfordshire had revived to a creditable 127.

Hertfordshire were no happier when they began their reply. Mordue had Cundle, Day and Clough all back in the pavilion for only 21, while at the other end Smith tied the batsmen down.

After tea Hertfordshire were even more in the doldrums

(58-7), only Garling doing a one-man rescue act with 45 before he was snapped up behind the wicket by Crouch. At close Hertfordshire were all out for 102, leaving Bedfordshire a 26-run lead and first-innings points.

Taylor and Ingledew, who had played out two overs on Wednesday evening, went out on Thursday with a lead of 25. But with the first ball of the morning, Wacey bowled Taylor.

Ingledew skied a ball from Marques to Camden when he had made two. But then Chamberlain and Durley took the score along steadily.

Both batsmen were troubled by the left arm spin of Appleyard however, and it was he who broke the partnership at 44 by having Durley caught at the wicket.

Hoare was quickly off the mark, but Chamberlain continued to look uncomfortable against Appleyard, and when he failed to get to the pitch of one he was easily caught in the slips by Wright.

As only 59 had been scored in 110 minutes, runs were obviously needed quickly when Dawson went out to bat. But shaping an on-drive he was well caught by Appleyard at forward short-leg.

Hoare began to play some good-looking shots, and at lunch Bedfordshire were 82 for five.

The after lunch period was dominated by Bedfordshire's skipper, Jack Smith, after Hoare and Wynn had been dismissed.

He hit a breezy 39 and was then out in unusual fashion, slipping as he ducked under a short, lifting ball from Marques and was stumped. Immediately he declared Bedfordshire's lead being 181.

BEDFORDSHIRE		HERTFORDSHIRE	
First Innings		First Innings	
G. Dawson c Simons b Marques ...	9	J. Cundle b Mordue	10
P. Taylor c Day b Wacey	13	A. Day lbw b Mordue	8
A. Durley lbw b Wacey	1	P. Clough c Taylor b Mordue	4
W. Chamberlain c Camden b Wacey	44	D. Roberts lbw b Smith	2
D. Hoare lbw b Wacey	0	C. Garling c Crouch b Mordue ...	45
J. Mordue b Wacey	0	L. Wright c Durley b Smith	7
G. Wynn c Simons b Camden ...	0	R. Wacey at Crouch b Smith	4
J. Smith c Simons b Camden ...	0	R. Simons c and b Smith	3
T. Morley c Cundle b Wacey	25	O. Marques c Wynn b Ingledew ...	18
A. Ingledew lbw b Marques	23	J. Appleyard not out	0
M. Crouch not out	2	D. Camden b Mordue	0
Extras	10	Extras	3
Total	127	Total	102
Bowling: Wacey 25-14-31-8; Marques 12-6-23-2; Camden 15-6-46-3.		Bowling: Mordue 15-4-29-5; Smith 22-13-24-4; Ingledew 13-4-13-1.	
Second Innings		Second Innings	
P. Taylor b Wacey	0	J. Cundle lbw b Smith	30
A. Ingledew c Camden b Marques ..	2	A. Day at Crouch b Ingledew ...	43
A. Durley c Simons b Appleyard ..	23	T. Clough lbw b Smith	7
W. Chamberlain c Wright b	16	E. Roberts c Hoare b Smith	21
Appleyard	16	V. Garling c Mordue b Morley ...	29
D. Hoare c Garling b Appleyard ..	29	L. Wright lbw b Mordue	4
G. Dawson c Appleyard b Wacey ..	3	R. Wacey b Mordue	1
J. Mordue lbw b Marques	0	R. Simons b Morley	10
G. Wynn b Appleyard	18	C. Marques c Crouch b Smith ...	11
J. Smith at Simons b Marques	0	J. Appleyard not out	3
T. Morley not out	19	D. Camden not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total (for 9 wks. dec.)	158	Total (for 9 wks.)	168
Bowling: Appleyard 28-11-41-4; Marques 18-4-5-41-3; Wacey 22-9-43-2.		Bowling: Smith 23-8-45-4; Mordue 13-1-34-2; Morley 13-0-40-2; Ingledew 12-2-40-1.	

Unlucky to be out: victory chance faded

WHEN Hancock was run out unluckily with the total at 45, Staffordshire's somewhat slim chance of achieving a target of 165 at nearly 90 an hour virtually disappeared at Luton last night in their Minor Counties game with Bedfordshire. The succeeding batsmen tried to throw their bats at the ball without success and when six o'clock came, it was stalemate. Neither captain was disposed to claim the extra half-hour.

Neither team really made the best of perfect batting conditions on Wednesday. Bedfordshire toiled for 260 minutes for 218-9 declared, Staffordshire for 130 minutes for 108-3.

Bedfordshire's declaration at tea came as a surprise. Last pair Morley and Crouch had raised the score from 171 in confident style. They had mastered the spinners and even seen off the new ball, and there seemed no reason why their partnership should not continue to be productive.

Earlier, the County's innings had got off on the wrong foot, with newcomer Curtis following an outswinger from Wilson and being caught behind. Durley, however, showed confidence despite losing Taylor and Chamberlain, and at lunch the score was 91-4.

Afterwards, Robinson gave promise of a big score until he made a rash stroke, and the backbone of the innings was really provided by Dawson. Then, as had been the case with Durley and Robinson, he was out just as he seemed set for a lot of runs, and it was left to Morley and Crouch to give the total respectability.

For a while Staffordshire looked like taking a decisive step towards first innings points before Wednesday's play ended. But then Oxford

Blue Gibbs, who had been over cautious, broke out with a lofted drive and Taylor picked up a brilliant catch on the mid-wicket boundary. Another good catch, close to the wicket by Mordue, made it 94-3, and Kennedy and Ikin were content to occupy the final 20 minutes in quiet vein.

Bedfordshire's limited attack came in for some punishment on Thursday morning until three wickets crasped for 11 runs, two of them to Ingledew, the most successful bowler.

However, Kennedy and Moore had laid the foundation for first innings points and these were duly collected half an hour before lunch with three wickets in hand.

Immediately Staffordshire declared and Taylor and Curtis saw through the edgy pre-lunch period safely, collecting 28 runs. The break proved fatal for Curtis, and without addition, but Durley joined Taylor to see up the 50 after 55 minutes.

Taylor and Durley were victims to the agility of Staffordshire skipper Ikin, and then came the most attractive innings, from Chamberlain who scored freely on the leg side, and from Dawson who seems to have regained much of his old form.

However, with the latter's departure something of a struggle for runs developed, and Smith decided on another over after tea—his lead was then 157. It meant another ten-minute break, willing Staffordshire's batting time to 103 minutes, and demanding a rate of 90 runs an hour from them to win.



GEOFF DAWSON

Second Innings

P. M. Taylor c Ikin b Evans	16
A. D. Curtis b Harvey	18
A. W. Durley c and b Ikin	20
W. Chamberlain c Ikin b Harvey	40
B. D. Robinson c Hancock b Ikin	8
G. Dawson at Rollinson b Flower	30
J. Mordue not out	11
J. Smith b Wilson	14
T. G. Morley not out	5
Extras	10
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	170

Bowling: Wilson 12-4-57-1; Harvey 11-4-43-2; Ikin 12-3-30-2; Evans 8-0-23-1; Flower 12-2-27-1.

STAFFORDSHIRE

First Innings

E. A. Hancock c Curtis b Mordue	25
P. J. K. Gibbs c Taylor b Ingledew	34
J. S. Hill c Mordue b Ingledew	32
J. Kennedy c Durley b Morley	55
J. T. Ikin run out	18
J. D. Moore b Ingledew	28
L. Rollinson not out	18
R. W. Flower c Durley b Ingledew	5
B. Evans not out	9
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wkts dec)	224

P. R. Harvey and D. Wilson did not bat.

Bowling: Mordue 19-5-48-1; Morley 25-7-73-1; Smith 20-6-48-0; Ingledew 15-1-33-4.

Second Innings

E. A. Hancock run out	26
P. J. K. Gibbs not out	29
J. Kennedy lbw Mordue	3
J. D. Moore c Mordue b Morley	10
J. T. Ikin c Durley b Ingledew	8
L. Rollinson not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for 4 wkts.)	78

Bowling: Mordue 8-1-35-1; Morley 12-2-37-1; Ingledew 3-1-5-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

P. M. Taylor b Harvey	14
A. D. Curtis c Rollinson b Wilson	0
A. W. Durley c Kennedy b Wilson	12
W. Chamberlain b Ikin	40
B. D. Robinson c Harvey b Evans	35
G. Dawson c Rollinson b Wilson	46
J. Mordue lbw b Ikin	5
J. Smith c Rollinson b Wilson	10
T. G. Morley not out	33
A. Ingledew b Wilson	0
M. Crouch not out	14
Extras	11
Total (for 9 wkts dec.)	218

Bowling: Wilson 21-4-52-5; Harvey 18-4-48-1; Evans 16-6-26-1; Flower 12-1-37-0; Ikin 18-1-44-2.

CENTURY STAND HITS COUNTY

CONSIDERING their successful bowling in the first innings Bedfordshire seemed to have a good chance of gaining their first victory of the season when they set Cambridgeshire 175 to win at Luton yesterday. But a century partnership by Hale and Gautrey for the fourth wicket saw the champions home by five wickets and with 25 minutes to spare.

Cambridgeshire had the encouragement of plenty of time to get the runs and, unfortunately for Bedfordshire, Jarrett could not touch the rich vein of the first innings when he claimed eight wickets. His tally in the second—one for 75!

At the end of Wednesday's play Bedfordshire were in a

far better position than their brittle batting entitled them to be. For this they were indebted to some brilliant attacking leg spin by Graham Jarrett and a remarkably accurate defensive spell by Jack Smith.

Smith pinned down Cambridgeshire to such an extent that he bowled 15 maidens—ten in succession—out of 20 overs and took two wickets for 10 runs.

Of necessity Jarrett was more expensive, but his figures of seven for 75 in 24 overs at the close would have been even more impressive had four possible catches been taken.

When Bedfordshire were dismissed on a good wicket for a moderate 180 they looked destined to be led on first innings. And for this total they owed a great deal to Barry Robinson, who hit 98.

This was Robinson's highest score for the County, and he went in at a most difficult time, three wickets having tumbled for 18. When he was out the score was 170 and he had batted 165 minutes, hitting 13 fours.

With Chamberlain he took part in the only worth-while stand of the innings—81 for the fourth wicket. They were the only batsmen to reach double figures.

Cambridgeshire began with an opening partnership of 56 against the seam attack, but once the spinners came on wickets fell regularly.

With 11 runs added yesterday morning Jarrett claimed his eighth wicket and Bedfordshire had a useful lead of 44. But soon they were also in the toils with the bat.

Taking a lesson from their own discomfiture, Cambridgeshire quickly operated with spinners Wardie and Gadsby, and once again Bedfordshire's lack-of-confidence batting was exposed.

Curtis and Williams failed once more, and Chamberlain was bowled round his legs. Taylor seemed on the threshold of a good innings but went on 24, and hero of the first knock, Robinson, was out unluckily, playing on.

At lunch the lead was a meagre 143 with seven wickets gone, but afterwards Smith boosted the advantage with some strong hitting, reaching top score of 31.

Cambridgeshire's task was 175 to win with plenty of time to do it (3½ hours), but they suffered an early shock when Bushby bowled Pairley for a

"duck". At 19 he struck again, getting Bailey caught at the wicket, but Bedfordshire had to wait until Shippey and Hale had carried the score to 45 for their next success, Smith getting Shippey lbw.

Jarrett had been introduced into the attack but he could not present the same problems as on the previous day and after eight overs had cost him 32 runs he was rested.

At tea Cambridgeshire were 74-3.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

P. M. Taylor	b. Wink	8
A. D. Curtis	c. Pairley b. Wilson	7
K. Williams	c. Nunn b. Wink	5
W. Chamberlain	lbw b. Gadsby	55
B. D. Robinson	c. Wardie b. Gadsby	98
J. Smith	run out	6
W. Bushby	b. Gadsby	1
G. Jarrett	b. Wardie	7
J. Mordue	st. Nunn b. Wardie	6
T. Morley	lbw b. Gadsby	5
M. Crouch	not out	2
Extras		2
Total		150

Bowling: Wink 12-4-16-0, Wilson 10-1-45-1, Wardie 21-8-52-2, Pairley 9-0-1-0, Gadsby 23-8-36-4.

BEDFORDSHIRE

Second innings

P. M. Taylor	c. Hale b. Gadsby	24
A. D. Curtis	lbw b. Wardie	7
K. Williams	c. Gautrey b. Wardie	2
W. Chamberlain	b. Gadsby	8
R. D. Robinson	b. Wardie	20
J. Smith	lbw b. Gadsby	31
W. Bushby	c. Wardie b. Gadsby	3
G. Jarrett	c. Bailey b. Wardie	4
T. Morley	c. Gadsby b. Wardie	15
J. Mordue	not out	0
M. Crouch	c. Gautrey b. Gadsby	0
Extras		14
Total		170

Wink 11-5-27-0, Wilson 6-4-25-0, Wardie 23-3-58-5, Gadsby 17-1-4-19-3.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

First innings

D. H. R. Pairley	c. and b. Jarrett	44
D. B. Bailey	c. and b. Smith	18
P. A. Shippey	b. Jarrett	5
T. S. Hale	c. Curtis b. Jarrett	27
R. A. Gautrey	b. Jarrett	0
R. Pearl	c. and b. Jarrett	0
J. H. Wardie	c. Mordue b. Jarrett	15
C. B. Gadsby	c. Crouch b. Jarrett	4
D. Wink	c. Morley b. Jarrett	14
R. Nunn	b. Smith	0
A. R. Wilson	not out	0
Extras		1
Total		135

Bushby 11-5-17-0, Mordue 4-0-8-0, Morley 3-4-14-0, Jarrett 25-1-8-77-8, Smith 21-15-19-2.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Second innings

D. H. R. Pairley	b. Bushby	0
D. B. Bailey	c. Crouch b. Bushby	2
P. A. Shippey	lbw b. Smith	x1
T. S. Hale	b. Bushby	73
R. Gautrey	not out	51
J. H. Wardie	b. Jarrett	3
R. Pearl	not out	4
Extras		5
Total (for 5 wks)		177

Bushby 17-2-50-5, Morley 8-3-18-0, Smith 25-12-13-1, Jarrett 18-1-75-1.

AN HOUR OF THRILLS

BEDFORDSHIRE'S last man, Bill Chamberlain, went limping to the wicket to play two overs and save a draw against Shropshire at Bedford School last night. It was a heart-breaking finish, for Bedfordshire were only 27 runs away from a victory which, on the play, they deserved.

Their target had been 153 in 102 minutes, and it was on-and-off all the way. Earlier, we had seen two brands of captaincy. For Bedfordshire, Jack Smith declared behind, denying his side first-innings points and Geoff Dawson a century. The motive, to make a game of it. For Shropshire, Don Lowe allowed his team to crawl to 200 in five hours on the first day and then asked Bedfordshire to score at 80 an hour pace.

There is no room here to discuss the position, though clearly something (or someone) is wrong. Perhaps two days is not long enough for anything but a contrived result. At any rate some better balance is needed than one team (Shropshire) receiving 161 overs and the other (Bedfordshire) 90.

Someone suggested the pre-lunch two hours on Monday should have been described Y-A-W-N. Certainly there seemed little reason for Shropshire's funereal crawl to 54 in that period.

True, they lost four wickets, but the wicket was good and the air clear; nothing to induce lift or swing in the bowling.

There was a four, off Smith—a rank short ball which was cut square—but it was the only run he conceded off 11 overs!

Scores of 265-9 dec. against Somerset and 203-6 dec. v. Warwickshire (whom they beat) suggested Shropshire have not always been in so dull a vein this season, and to be fair, after lunch there was a little more hustle.

But Jones—two hours over 24 runs—and Barnes took no real risk, and under the sweltering sun Bedfordshire's chances of pushing through their early advantage receded. The 100 came up after three hours; Jones' 50 after 3½; and still it was mostly push and prod, never a full-blooded stroke.

Then, suddenly, Jones' marathon was ended—by a brilliant caught and bowled by Morley—and from the 154-5 at tea Shropshire had an expensive "dip" to 162-9, Morley taking three of the wickets, two off successive balls.

But Bedfordshire were not

released from the hot field yet, last pair Othen and Clafley batting with a sureness and even freedom unsurpassed all day in adding 44 before Shropshire declared.

Yesterday morning Dawson and Chamberlain produced some of the batting so desperately lacking the day before. In an hour they put on 70 runs, and this despite Chamberlain using a runner because of a cartilage injury.

Eventually Chamberlain was out, caught at slip—he had eight 4's in his 65—but Dawson found another good partner in Hoare. Unfortunately lunchtime arrived with Bedfordshire short by 14 runs for first-innings points, and Dawson two runs off his century.

Shropshire began their second knock a little more merrily, that is until they slumped to Jarrett's leg spin from 73-1 to 73-4. Then caution was again the watchword, and we had the small farce of just one more over after tea before the declaration.

SHROPSHIRE

First innings

D. Jones c and b Morley	54
G. Roberts c Durlley b Bushby	7
T. Bennett b Smith	5
P. Gough c Dawson b Jarrett	9
D. F. Lowe c Smith b Jarrett	0
D. Barnes c Smith b Morley	61
B. Everall c Taylor b Morley	19
T. Pitt c Jarrett b Morley	0
D. York lbw b Smith	0
G. Othen not out	24
M. Clafley not out	17
Extras	10

Total (for 9 wickets, dec.) 206

Bowling: Bushby 14-4-36-1; Morley 23-11-41-4; Smith 36-16-40-2; Jarrett 20-5-45-2; Chamberlain 1-0-1-0; Ingledew 17-5-33-0.

Second innings

D. Jones c Hoare b Morley	13
G. Roberts b Jarrett	30
T. Bennett lbw b Smith	29
P. Gough c Robinson b Ingledew	6
F. B. Everall b Jarrett	0
T. Pitt b Jarrett	8
G. Othen c Durlley b Jarrett	27
M. Clafley not out	21
D. Barnes c Ingledew b Smith	3
Extras	2

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 139

Bowling: Bushby 7-0-22-0; Morley 8-3-17-1; Smith 9-2-23-2; Jarrett 16-4-57-4; Ingledew 10-3-18-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

G. Dawson not out	98
P. Taylor b York	0
W. Chamberlain c Barnes b Othen	65
D. Hoare not out	24
Extras	6

Total (for 2 wickets, dec.) 193

York 12-1-36-1; Pitt 9-2-40-0; Barnes 21-4-64-0; Othen 18-3-47-1.

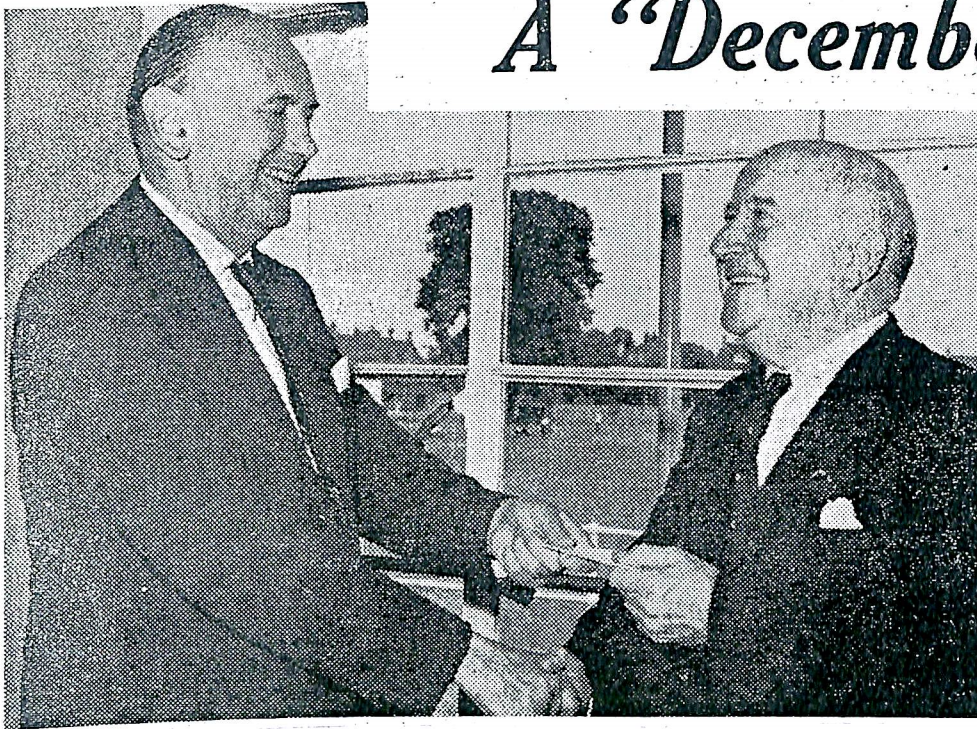
Second innings

G. Dawson & Lowe b Barnes	20
P. Taylor run out	0
B. D. Robinson c Clafley b York	10
A. Ingledew c Gough b Othen	23
J. Smith c Roberts b Othen	27
A. W. Durlley c Clafley b Othen	11
D. Hoare c Bennett b Barnes	16
W. Bushby c Bennett b Barnes	0
G. Jarrett b Othen	14
T. G. A. Morley not out	2
W. Chamberlain not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 9 wickets) 126

York 5-0-16-1; Pitt 5-2-8-0; Othen 10-2-42-4; Barnes 10-1-57-3.

A "December rose"

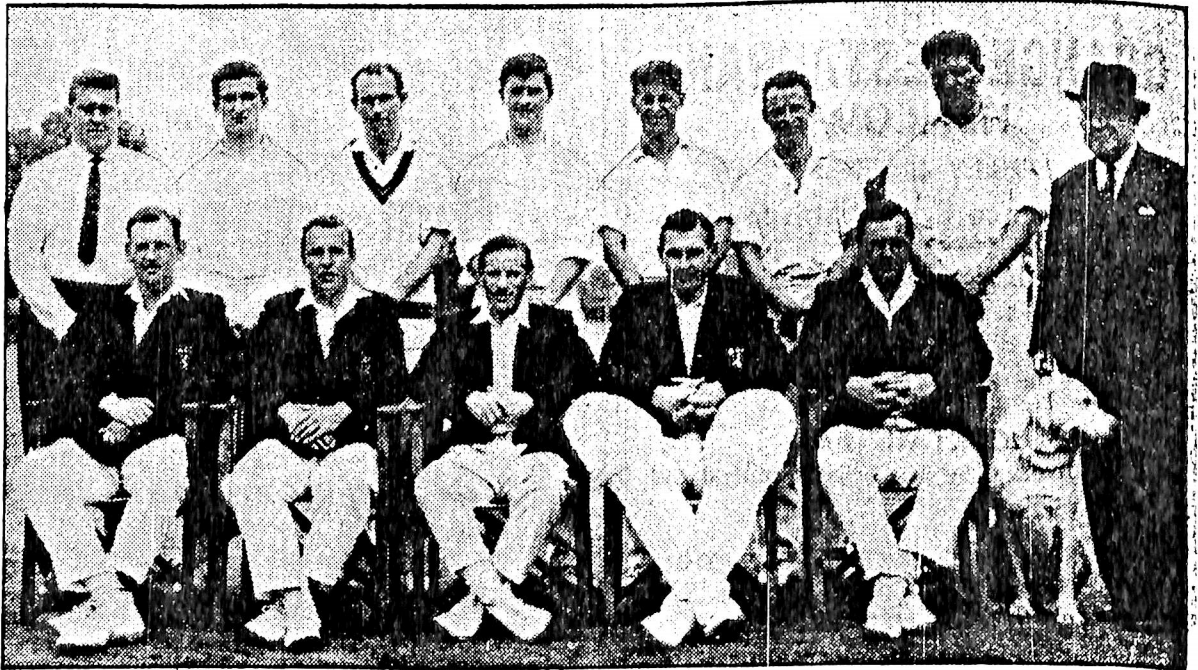


Whether or not it was ordained that Cricket and Crompton should go together, certainly the "wedding" seems more firm as the years go by. And during lunch at Bedford School on Monday, 40 years' service as honorary secretary by Mr. Frank Crompton to Bedfordshire CCC was marked by the presentation of a £250 cheque.

Patron of the club, Major Simon Whitbread, seen (left) making the presentation, said no county in the country had been better served.

"Everything he organises runs perfectly," said Major Whitbread, instancing the recent visit of the Australians to The Bury.

In reply Mr. Crompton said he firmly believed county cricket was a valuable institution because it inculcated a county spirit and provided entertainment. "Over the years I have gathered many happy memories to provide roses for by December and not the least fragrant will be this honour today."



The County team v Lincolnshire. Back row (left to right), Mr. A. J. Pearce (scorer), Cooley, Bushby, Curtis, Morley, Jarrett, Brown and Mr. Frank Crompton. Front (left to right), Hoare, Robinson, Smith, Durley, and Dawson. On Monday Mr. Crompton's 40 years' service as honorary secretary to the club was marked by the presentation of a £250 cheque.

101-COOLEY-100

JUST when some of us who had sat through the Shropshire game were feeling a little fed up with cricket, back it came bobbing into our affection on Wednesday and Thursday.

Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire produced a veritable feast of runs—840 in all for only 15 wickets lost, and five of these went when Lincolnshire were chasing a target which proved a little beyond them.

But Bedfordshire produced the hero—a substitute in the match—Norman Cooley, who is believed to have established a Bedfordshire record with two centuries in the match.

Cooley was not out both times, 101 and 100, the first century coming in 161 minutes (ten fours) and the second in 126 (11 fours). In neither did he give a real chance.

Anything you can do we can do better (and faster) seemed Lincolnshire's answer to Bedfordshire yesterday morning when they hammered 180 runs in 2½ hours.

And main participant was bowler Norman McVicker, sent in as night watchman, who rattled up 89 (14 4s) at a faster rate than his old Yorkshire partner Vic Wilson.

So effective were these two that just after lunch Bedford-

against Shropshire, set the pace.

But it was Durley and later Cooley who really got among the runs, the former reaching 92 before giving a diving return catch to Lawrence, and Cooley topping the ton in an innings which opened with sensible caution and flowed through sheer aggression to all points of the field. There were ten 4s and not a single chance.

A word on Lawrence. The little man, such a character in

v. England XI

Jack Smith and Maurice Crouch have been chosen for an East Anglian XI to play an England future, past and present side at Welwyn on Sunday, August 30. Mike Smith will lead the England side and proceeds are for sclerosis sufferers.

this week, is now 51 and has taken 100 wickets for Wakefield in the Yorkshire Council this season as well as about 40 for Lincolnshire.

With the teams virtually all square four hours remained to produce a result. And once again Dawson and Cooley were in form, Dawson looking all over another big total until on 43 he was adjudged (very narrowly) to have been stumped.

Cooley went on majestically, middling the ball which must have assumed the proportions of a football, which he will be hitting around tomorrow. And a declaration was delayed over tea to allow him his second century, an achievement every-one acknowledged with a standing ovation.

The target now facing Lincolnshire was a formidable two-a-minute, and for 40 minutes they were not only up but ahead of it. But wickets were tumbling too, and with Madray nursing a shoulder injury the effort petered away and the extra half-hour was not claimed.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. Dawson c McVicker b Camplin	24
A. W. Durley c and b Lawrence	92
A. D. Curtis b McVicker	18
N. S. Cooley not out	101
D. F. Hoare not out	29
Extras	10

Total (for 3 wks. dec.) 274

Bowling: McVicker	19.3-6-79-1;	
Shenton	17-3-55-0; Camplin	20-5-68-1;
Lawrence	26-7-49-1; Madray	4-0-13-0.

Second Innings

A. W. Durley b McVicker	4
G. Dawson st Beeson b Lawrence	43
N. S. Cooley not out	100
B. D. Robinson c Madray b Lawrence	10
D. F. Hoare not out	27
Extras	3

Total (for 3 wks. dec.) 187

McVicker	6-0-28-1;	Shenton	3-0-17-0;
Camplin	18-2-60-0;	Lawrence	17-1-67-2;
Price	2-0-12-0.		

LINCOLNSHIRE

First Innings

H. Price c Bushby b Jarrett	49
R. N. Hakin c Hoare b Bushby	4
J. V. Wilson not out	109
N. M. McVicker run out	89
M. Maslin b Brown	17
Extras	7

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) 275

Bowling: Bushby	17-5-62-1;	Morley	12-0-42-0;
Jarrett	26-8-72-1;	Brown	24-4-65-1;
Smith	12-4-27-0.		

Second Innings

J. V. Wilson c Brown b Morley	1
M. Maslin not out	50
R. N. Hakin c Smith b Morley	23
N. M. McVicker c Robinson b Morley	13
J. W. Lawrence c Bushby b Smith	2
R. N. Beeson st Durley b Jarrett	1
H. Price not out	13
Extras	1

Total (for 5 wks.) 104

Bushby	4-0-41-0;	Morley	6-0-27-3;
Smith	3-0-10-1;	Jarrett	4-0-15-1;
Brown	3-0-10-0.		

NO "REST"

A splendid all-round display by Bedford School captain, P. H. Spray, for the Rest against Southern Schools on Tuesday and Wednesday, earned him a place in the Public Schools XI against Combined Services yesterday. Spray hit 47 and 48 and took three for 30 in the second innings.

shire's big total of Wednesday, 274 for three declared, had been superseded for the loss of four wickets. What a run-feast for the batsmen! what a heartbreak for the bowlers.

Bedfordshire's total—and this time skipper Smith batted first on winning the toss—was just as replete with good play. Dawson, armed with a new bat, a reward for his 98 not out

RESULT? RAIN DECIDES

COUNTY CRICKET week ended in typically English fashion on Saturday with a violent storm which left the docile Bedford School cricket in a decidedly soggy state. This also put paid to what few hopes there still were of a definite result in the match against Hertfordshire. Jack Smith kept these hopes high with another of his "generous" declarations—37 runs behind and only three wickets down.

No sooner were the Hertfordshire men at the wicket than the drizzle started again. It persisted on and off causing several stoppages until the ultimate cloudburst.

It did seem that Smith might be justified, however, when Bushby dismissed Wright with his first ball and had Morkill decidedly unhappy about the rest of the over. Morley had Day back in the dressing room too—but that was the lot!

Saturday began with some uneasy moments for Bedfordshire. Wacey and, in particular, Marques were getting the ball to lift and shoot off the edge and this brought the early downfall of Durley and Robinson, both falling to the Hertfordshire skipper.

But Smith joined Dawson and together they put on a splendid 93 before Dawson was stupidly run out for 104—his second big score of the week.

The Hertfordshire first innings produced little of note apart from a sound 72 from Hornsea opener, Alan Day, and a bright 55 not out from ex-Leicestershire batsman Bob Gardner.

Once again, the home bowlers were able to find little in the wicket to aid them and relied on help from the opposition.

But for the rain this would certainly have been another high scoring match. For although Hertfordshire were slow, apart from Morkill, who was cut off in his prime, Dawson and Durley hit 89 in time with the clock before rain curtailed Friday's play.

And even the rain could not give the bowlers much help. Apart from the early hostility of Marques, the wicket remained completely placid and the only alteration in conditions was a slowing up of the outfield.

Jack Smith was right, of course, that the only way to get a result in such a situation was to declare; it was just a matter of timing.

HERTFORDSHIRE (First innings)

A. R. Day c Grouch b Morley	72
L. W. Wright st Grouch b Jarrett	37
T. W. Morkill c Dawson b Brown	34
E. B. Natley lbw b Smith	1
L. R. Gardner not out	55
V. R. Garling b Smith	19
R. H. Wacey c and b Morley	13
Extras	6

Total (for 6 wks dec.) 237

Bowling: Bushby 11-2-39-0, Morley 24.5-8-73-2, Smith 21-10-45-2, Jarrett 15-2-46-1, Brown 12-6-28-1.

(Second innings)

L. W. Wright c Robinson b Bushby	13
A. R. Day b Morley	37
T. W. Morkill not out	37
E. B. Natley not out	10
Extras	1

Total (for 2 wks.) 62

Bowling: Morley 6-1-15-1, Bushby 6-1-19-1, Pearson 1-0-14-0, Jarrett 0.5-0-13-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE (First innings)

A. W. Durley c Gardner b Marques	38
G. Dawson run out	104
B. D. Robinson c Simons b Marques	7
J. Smith not out	46
Extras	5

Total (for 3 wks. dec.) 200

Bowling: Wacey 14-1-55-0, Camden 8-2-25-0, Marques 20-11-87-2, Appleyard 6.5-2-28-0.

Rain Cheated Beds Of Chance Of Victory Over Shropshire

BEDFORDSHIRE were beaten by the weather when they were within 40 runs of victory over Shropshire in the first match of their Midlands Tour at Market Drayton on Tuesday.

Set to get 95 to win in 69 minutes on their second innings Beds went all out to force the pace, but lost eight minutes through rain at 6.04, leaving them only 36 minutes to get the necessary 40. Rolt and Cooley played down the line until the rain came again at 6.20, and the match was drawn.

Time was lost because of rain on the opening day, and Shropshire, who won the toss, did not open their batting until 2.23.

Jones and Apperley scored pretty well at the start but became bogged down against the deliveries of Mordue. After three wickets had fallen for 57 runs the rain came down again just before tea when the Shropshire total stood at 65.

After this the rain played its part, and Jarrett who was helped by the wet pressures on the wicket, went on to take six for 25 in 11.3 overs and Shropshire were all out for a modest total of 101 in just five minutes short of two-and-a-half hours batting.

When Bedfordshire batted, their openers, Geoff Dawson and P. Spray, quickly settled down to profit from the Shropshire opening bowlers and put on 50 in 37 minutes, Dawson getting the majority. The first wicket fell six runs later when Spray was bowled by Barnes for 14. Dawson went on with Cooley and hit eight fours for his first day's tally of 59 to put Bedfordshire in the strong position of 80 for 1 wkt.

The run rate in the first hour on the second day was only 36. After taking 25 minutes to score two, Cooley was caught behind at seven and then there came a transformation with Dawson and Barry Robinson putting the 100 up in 93 minutes. It was a brilliant spell by Dawson, who took his century in 135 minutes with 13 fours, a six and a five.

Nine minutes later after this partnership had put on 50 in 53 minutes, Jack Smith declared at 12.25 with the score 157 for 2.

Shropshire quickly lost their former skipper Frank Apperley when in the fifth over he popped up a catch to Jarrett fielding in front of the bat, and lunch was taken with the score 18 for 1.

After lunch, Don Jones was run out off a quick return by Jarrett for the addition of only two more runs and then came Jarrett's first success when he had Gough caught by Geoff Dawson at first slip.

MORDUE WAS DENIED HIS HAT-TRICK

A change of tactics brought back Morley and Mordue, and success was soon gained when Robinson took a catch off Mordue at backward short leg to dismiss Everall. Next ball Mordue caught and bowled skipper Don Lowe, but a hat-trick was denied him when Geoff Othen survived the remaining four balls of a double wicket maiden over.

Rain came again at 3.04 after 118 minutes play with the score 72 for 7 wickets. After a break of 11 minutes Barnes and Claffey combined well to improve Shropshire's fortunes and put the 100 on the board in 150 minutes. Several bowling changes were made to try to dislodge them and Spray dropped Claffey in the slips off Don Rolt's first over. He was again dropped in the slips, this time by Dawson before the 71 partnership was finally broken by Jarrett who had Barnes lbw for 37. Smith caught the other half of the partnership off Mordue.

When Bedfordshire went in again, Smith faced the task of getting the quick runs by opening with Dawson and the potentially quick scoring Robinson.

Two wickets down in the first five overs Robinson and Smith taking short singles and hitting boundaries fell victims of their haste and were run out. Spray was soon to follow playing on before the rain finally ended any hope of success, with Rolt and Cooley at the wicket.

SHROPSHIRE—1st Innings

D Jones c Pearson b Mordue	27
F Apperley c Smith b Mordue	18
E J Everall c Morley b Jarrett	19
P Gough b Jarrett	4
D Barnes run out	12
D F Lowe c Robinson b Jarrett	7
T Pitt b Jarrett	4
D York b Jarrett	0
R Burton lbw b Smith	2
G Othen c substitute b Jarrett	0
M Claffey not out	0
Extras	8

Total 101
Bowling: T G A Morley 13-4-34-0;
J Mordue 13-6-20-2; J Smith
14-9-14-1; Jarrett 11.3-3-25-6.

BEDFORDSHIRE
First Innings

G Dawson not out	106
P Spray b Barnes	14
N Cooley c Claffey b Othen	7
B D Robinson not out	27
Extras	3

Total (for 2 wks dec) 157
Bowling: D York 7-1-37-0; T Pitt
12-2-43-0; D Othen 19-5-52-1; D
Barnes 6-0-22-1.

SHROPSHIRE
Second Innings

D Jones run out	4
F Apperley c Jarrett b Morley	2
E J Everall c Robinson b Mordue	33
P Gough c Dawson b Jarrett	2
P Barnes lbw b Jarrett	37
D F Lowe c and b Mordue	0
G Othen c Jarrett b Mordue	9
R Burton b Jarrett	0
M Claffey c Smith b Mordue	41
T Pitt c Spray b Mordue	13
D York not out	0
Extras	9

Total 150
Bowling: T G Morley 15-4-33-1; J
Mordue 23.3-14-31-5; G Jarrett
23-4-51-3; J Smith 5-2-6-0; P Spray
2-0-3-0; D P Rolt 5-0-15-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE
Second Innings

G Dawson b York	1
B D Robinson run out	18
G Jarrett lbw b York	4
J Smith run out	17
M Cooley not out	0
P Spray b Othen	1
D P Rolt not out	14
Extras	0

Total (for 5 wks) 55
Bowling: D York 7-2-14-2 G Othen
7-0-41-1.

Answered challenge

RAIN, half-an-hour before the end of the second day's play, ruled out any possibility of a decision in Bedfordshire's game against Shropshire at Market Drayton on Monday and Tuesday.

Final scores: Shropshire 101 and 150; Bedfordshire 137 for two declared and 55 for five.

Highlight of the game was a brilliant undefeated 106 from opener Geoff Dawson, 59 not out at the end of the first day's play, who went on to complete his century in 135 minutes.

Bedfordshire then declared 56 in front of Shropshire, who had tumbled on Monday before the leg break bowling of Jarrett who returned six for 25.

The declaration came obviously to save time lost on the first day through rain and in the second innings, they again had Shropshire in dire trouble. The home county lost seven wickets for 60 runs, being saved only by an eighth wicket stand of 81 by leg break bowler Barnes and wicketkeeper Milton Claffey.

This stand was reflected in runs and time for Shropshire left Bedfordshire 95 minutes in which to get 75 runs. Bedfordshire answered the challenge and in going for the

runs, began to lose wickets.

In fact, Shropshire spectators—once fearing defeat—began to think in terms of victory as the visitors crumpled to 55 for five. But then—**RAIN STOPPED PLAY**—finally at 6.21 with the game scheduled to end at 6.30.

Shropshire

(1st Innings)

D. Jones	c Pearson	b Mordue	27
F. Apperley	c Smith	b Mordue	18
E. J. Everall	c Morley	b Jarrett	19
P. Gough	b Jarrett		4
D. Barnes	run out		12
D. Lowe	c Robinson	b Jarrett	7
T. Pitt	b Jarrett		4
D. York	b Jarrett		0
R. Burton	lbw	b Smith	2
G. Othen	c sub	b Jarrett	0
R. M. Claffey	not out		0
Extras			4

Total 101

Bowling: Jarrett six for 25; Mordue two for 20.

(Second Innings)

Jones	run out		4
F. Apperley	c Jarrett	b Morley	2
E. J. Everall	c Robinson	b Mordue	33
P. Gough	c Dawson	b Jarrett	1
D. Barnes	lbw	b Jarrett	37
D. Lowe	c and b Mordue		0
G. Othen	c Jarrett	b Mordue	8
R. Burton	b Jarrett		0
R. Claffey	c Smith	b Mordue	41
T. Pitt	c Spray	b Mordue	13
D. York	not out		0
Extras			9

Total 150

Bowling: Mordue five for 31; Jarrett three for 53.

Bedfordshire

(1st Innings)

G. Dawson	not out	64	
P. Spray	b Barnes	14	
N. Cooley	c Claffey	b Othen	7
B. Robinson	not out	27	
Extras		4	

Total (for two wks) 157

(2nd Innings)

G. Dawson	b York	1	
B. Robinson	run out	3	
G. Jarrett	lbw	b York	4
J. Smith	run out	17	
N. Cooley	not out	10	
P. Spray	b Othen	1	
D. Roll	not out	14	

Total (for five wks) 53

MORDUE "CAPS" WIN

SOME magnificent pace bowling by Trevor Morley and John Mordue supported by excellent close-to-the-wicket fielding, enabled Bedfordshire to beat Staffordshire by an innings and 21 runs at Walsall yesterday.

Following on 136 runs behind, Staffordshire were bowled out for 115. Morley finishing with five for 51, which gave him a match analysis of 12 for 74.

Morley was ably supported by Mordue, who followed up his 69 not out in Bedfordshire's innings by taking four for 41. He was awarded his County cap.

Bedfordshire were soon among the wickets when Staffordshire followed on. Half the side were back in the pavilion for 74. And despite a captain's innings from Jack Ikin, who scored 35, Bedfordshire captured the last five wickets after lunch for only 28 runs.

Trevor Morley put the County into an almost impregnable position at the end of the first day. He ended the day with figures of seven for 23 and Staffordshire collapsed to 68 for nine, 36 runs short of saving the follow-on.

Bedfordshire could hardly have imagined finishing the day so strongly after winning the toss and losing their first seven batsmen for a meagre 65 runs. But a magnificent eighth wicket partnership by John Mordue and Geoff Jarrett added 108 runs and took the total to 200.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

P. Spray	b Wilson	5
G. Dawson	b Downend	22
N. Cooley	b Howell	18
B. D. Robinson	c Howell b Wilson	4
D. P. Roit	c and b Howell	2
J. Smith	b Downend	7
J. Mordue	not out	69
J. M. Pearson	c Hancock b Howell	0
T. Morley	c Howell b Flower	3
G. Jarrett	b Ikin	66
M. Crouch	not out	6
Extras		13

Total (for 9 wkts dec) 204

Bowling: Wilson 19-8-20-2, Downend 21-5-38-2, Howell 21-5-33-3, Ikin 17-4-66-1, Flower 8-2-22-1.

STAFFORDSHIRE

First Innings

D. A. Hancock	c Crouch b Roit	16
P. Gibbs	c Jarrett b Morley	0
R. Newton	b Morley	4
P. A. Brown	lbw b Morley	16
J. T. Ikin	c Pearson b Morley	14
J. D. Moore	c Smith b Morley	4
L. Robinson	c Jarrett b Morley	13
R. W. Flower	c Crouch b Morley	4
R. H. Downend	c Spray b Smith	8
P. Howell	c Jarrett b Smith	0
D. Wilson	not out	0
Extras		0

Total 68

Bowling: Morley 15-8-25-7, Mordue 7-3-22-0, Roit 3-0-20-1, Smith 4-2-3-2.

Second Innings

D. A. Hancock	c Robinson b Morley	2
P. Gibbs	c Cooley b Mordue	0
R. Newton	c Roit b Mordue	20
P. A. Brown	c Crouch b Mordue	13
J. T. Ikin	lbw b Mordue	35
J. D. Moore	c Cooley b Morley	6
L. Robinson	c Jarrett b Morley	17
R. W. Flower	c Robinson b Morley	4
R. H. Downend	c Pearson b Morley	10
P. Howell	c Morley b Smith	4
D. Wilson	not out	0
Extras		7

Total 115

Bowling: Morley 20 3-5-51-5, Mordue 19-5-41-4, Smith 13-0-16-1.

Cricket club honour A. B. Poole

THE election of Mr. A. B. Poole as President of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club serves as a reminder of how fortunate the club are in their officers both for ability and length of service. Mr. Poole himself goes back 40 years — it was in 1925 when he first played for Bedfordshire — while the doyen of all cricket secretaries is, of course, Mr. Frank Crompton, now beginning his 51st year with the club, 41 years as honorary secretary.

Mr. Poole succeeds as president Mr. H. R. Neate, who has had to give up through indifferent health. At Wednesday's annual meeting warm thanks were expressed to Mr. Neate who is another with long and diligent service to the club.

Joining in 1919, he was chairman from 1938-55 and then became president. That year he was also honoured with life membership.

Vice-chairman Mr. J. A. R. Oliver was appointed chairman, and he proposed as the new vice-chairman his deputy for so many years when he captained Bedfordshire, Mr. G. L. B. August.

Other officers re-elected included the Patron, Major Simon Whitbread; honorary treasurer, Mr. G. F. Osborne; honorary secretary, Mr. Crompton; captain of the XI, Mr. Jack Smith. Additional vice-presidents appointed were Mr. R. Kent, Mr. T. Payton, Mr. H. M. Howard, and Mr. C. H. Matnewman, and vacancies on the committee were filled by Mr. Payton, Mr. Peter

Woolston, and Mr. Tom Clark. Commenting on the annual report (a reference appears in "Spectator" on page 25), Mr. Poole said there were many meritorious performances during the season but the highlights for him were skipper Smith's performance against the Australians and Norman Cooley's two centuries in the Lincolnshire match.

Jack Smith, said Mr. Poole, had shown "great guts" and it was a pity not more of the Minor Counties team had followed his example.

As for Cooley, the quality of his batting would be difficult to fault. By intelligent

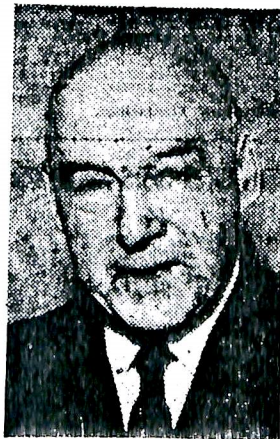
MCCA meeting

At the 60th annual meeting of the Minor Counties Cricket Association, held at Lord's, Mr. Horace R. Neate did not offer himself for re-election as chairman, and Mr. Reginald A. C. Forrester, a Wiltshire solicitor, succeeded to the office.

Mr. Neate has served the Association for forty years, particularly as honorary treasurer from 1945 to 1957 and as chairman from 1958 to 1964.

Mr. S. A. Swift, who succeeded Mr. Neate as honorary treasurer in 1958, also felt obliged to relinquish the office, and the Association placed on record their warm appreciation of the valuable services of Mr. Neate and Mr. Swift.

Mr. G. F. Osborne, manager of Westminster Bank, Bedford, was elected honorary treasurer, and Mr. Frank Crompton was re-elected honorary secretary. This is for the 22nd season, he having served the Association for 40 years, and his services were recognised by the presentation of a gold wristlet watch and other handsome gifts.



MR. H. R. NEATE

use of the feet he had made batting look simple and elegant.

Mr. Poole also congratulated John Mordue on his great success in topping the Minor Counties bowling averages, the first Bedfordshire player to achieve this distinction.

Answering a question, Mr. Crompton said the Minor Counties had considered a knock-out cup competition on the lines of the first-class clubs but had felt it would be silly in view of the fact that their top sides had already been invited into the senior competition. This season Durham had received over £1,200 and the other participating counties £840 each.

"Our captain knows what is involved so perhaps he will get us to the top of the table," commented the secretary amid laughter.

Talking Sport with

Spectator

CRICKET CAN BE CONTRARY

BEDFORDSHIRE County Cricket Club's drop of six places (to 18th) in the Minor Counties Championship table this season hardly ties up with the club's distinction of having nine players included in the Minor Counties averages, five for batting and four for bowling. Normally, such a total would indicate championship class.

What is the explanation? Mr. Frank Crompton, in his report to the Bedfordshire CCC this week, claims that a little more "cricket luck" would have placed Bedfordshire in the top class. Thirty-three points divided the County from the runners-up, Wiltshire.

Eliminating those matches in which generous declarations were made when only two or three wickets were down (and which did not produce the results they were designed to secure), the County had to contend with rain in four games, thus upsetting chances.

Under normal conditions (claims Mr Crompton) the County could and should have won three of those games. In the fourth case the opposition were nine wickets down when time was called. Four wins in those matches would have secured at least third place in the championship. And, of course, the perfect wickets at Bedford School virtually ruled out anything but draws.

Famous feat

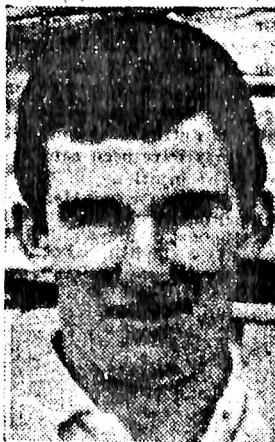
Incidentally, Mr. Crompton has been searching out comparisons with Norman Cooley's magnificent not out centuries (101 and 100) in successive innings in the game with Lincolnshire. He has discovered that only six other players have achieved hundreds in successive innings for Minor Counties:

J. A. Gibbs (for Berkshire, 1902); A. J. Silverlock (Monmouthshire, 1911); A. T. Cook (Surrey 2nd, 1927); E. Paynter (Lancashire 2nd, 1929); H. E. Dollery (Berkshire, 1932); and B. H. Lock (Kent 2nd, 1949).

Lock was the only one to carry his bat in both innings, so Cooley becomes the second to achieve this distinction.

added: It was also brought home to me forcibly that the game is much faster to referee!

Valda taking it 22-20. Then Phil took the second 21-9, and also the third 22-20 on an "edge."



NORMAN COOLEY

Still playing

REPORTING table tennis "Match of the Week" (this page) our correspondent was pleased to note another "old timer," Arthur "Dilly" Webster, still in action.

The pre-war 1939 League Championship finals provided a triumph for the Webster family. Arthur was successful in the Hospital Cup (now known as the Darby and Joan Cup), the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Doubles (in which he was partnered by his sister, Mrs. Hilda Coles, who had also won the Ladies' Singles and Ladies' Doubles), and finally went very near to another triumph in the Men's Singles, only going down in a marathon five sets to Jack Hellyer.

Arthur and Hilda both represented the Bedford League on many occasions, as did two more members of the family after the war, brother Ron and sister Mrs. Gladys Dean.

Arthur, of course, was equally adept at cricket, keeping wicket for Harpur Sports for many seasons and playing for Bedfordshire.

Still on table tennis, a husband and wife clashed in the 2nd Division, Valda Gilbert (BTTC) meeting Phil Gilbert (BLTC). The first game was very close, with

When Hobbs was here

Our reference last week to the late Jack Hobbs, and to the game in which he played in Bedford on Whit Monday, 1935, has produced a letter from the man who hit top score in that match, Mr. H. A. Southgate.

Now residing in Maidenhead, Mr. Southgate, writes: I shall never forget the power he (Hobbs) used in hooking our fast bowler, Reg Ward, in his first over of a ball only just short of a good length. Any other batsman would have been only too happy to have stopped it from hitting the wicket.

Mr. Southgate asks for details of the game and we are pleased to supply a copy of the scoreboard on the right. Bedfordshire won quite comfortably, Hobbs—who required a runner because of a knee injury—falling to a skied catch at square leg.

Mr. Southgate's own knock must have been a very powerful one, his 110 coming in 80 minutes and containing seven sixes and eleven fours. Sid Morris was also in merry mood, three successive strokes producing 14 runs.

Twelve hundred people watched the match on the Goldington Road ground, producing a £34 gate.

BEDFORDSHIRE		CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
A. B. Poole c and b MacMillan	33	J. B. Hobbs c Odell b C. W. Rawlins	52
F. Rayluis c Whitman b MacMillan	8	Rev. E. T. Killick c Howard b R. V. Ward	9
A. W. E. Winlaw c Harris b F. Morton	21	J. Harris b Bailey	15
S. T. Morris c Wilkinson b Jessop	44	Rev. G. L. O. Jessop b Odell	29
H. A. Southgate not out	110	E. T. Whitman c and b Bailey	5
E. C. Howard c Wilkinson b F. Morton	26	P. S. Morton c Howard b C. W. Rawlins	7
E. F. Ward c Harris b F. Morton	10	F. W. Wilkinson not out	14
W. G. Odell c Hart b Ayres	3	R. J. Ayres c Bailey b C. W. Rawlins	4
C. B. Bailey not out	7	F. Morton c Winlaw b R. V. Ward	11
Extras	2	H. B. Hart lbw b R. V. Ward	0
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	254	J. A. MacMillan lbw b R. V. Ward	5
C. W. Rawlins and R. V. Ward did not bat.		Extras	15
Bowling: F. Morton three for 73; Jessop one for 38; MacMillan two for 59; Ayres one for 34.		Total	141
		Bowling: C. W. Rawlins three for 49; R. V. Ward four for 28; Bailey two for 21; Odell one for 24.	

Talking sport with Spectator Cold? — Think of Cricket

Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of Bedfordshire Cricket Club and the Minor Counties, told me he did not feel cold on a particularly bitter day last week. Perhaps he catches an inner glow from thoughts of cricket during the winter: with statistics to be worked out, reports written, and fixtures arranged, the summer sport can never be far from mind.

Next June, of course, Thursday and Friday the 24th and 25th, the Australians will be in Bedford at the Bury

ground playing the Minor Counties. Accommodation for 5,000 people is being laid on, and as this is an all-ticket affair, early application from Mr. H. F. Stokes, 16 Bridge End, Bromham, or Mr. T. Winter, 91 Rosamund Road, Bedford, is advised. Make no mistake, the tickets are going, and Mr. Crompton has over £100 to prove it.

The combination of the County and Town cricket clubs should ensure a memorable day, and it is to be hoped the occasion is aided by the selection of one or two Bedfordshire players for the Minor Counties side. Skipper Jack Smith and batsmen David Hoare and Bill Chamberlain must have real chances.

Incidentally, Smith's adventurous captaincy this season has recently been applauded both at the County club's annual meeting (reported in Tuesday's Bedford Record) and in many letters received by Mr. Crompton.

A typical one is that from Jack Ikin, the Staffordshire captain, who wrote after the first game, "I shall remember this match not as a Staffordshire victory but as one played in the highest possible cricket tradition." Ikin's hope that Jack Smith would be on the points receiving end in the future programme proved too prophetic when Staffordshire themselves were thrashed by eight wickets in the return.

Will Australians pull in' 10,000?

BEDFORD Town Cricket Club are making provision for an attendance of around 5,000 a day for the all-ticket Australia-Minor Counties match at Goldington Bury on Thursday and Friday June 25-26, and already nearly half of the stand accommodation (1,000 seats) has been sold.

Mr. H. F. Stokes, secretary, reported to the club's annual meeting that stand provision might be increased if demand warranted it.

Schoolboy tickets were restricted to a maximum of 1,000 a day and these were going well, particularly for the first day.

Mr. Stokes—who passed the thanks of the club to Mr. Frank Crompton for providing the opportunity of staging such an important match—asked for the assistance of all members in selling tickets and in assisting at the game.

He said the pavilion and enclosure will not be available for members of the club as they are required for players and officials of the Minor

non-playing and lady members 5s.

The secretary again appealed for players of ability to join the club in view of the improved and enlarged fixture list. The club, he said, was held in high esteem in North London club cricket and several of the strong North London clubs had applied for fixtures. It was thus essential for the playing strength of the club to be maintained.

Election of officers was as follows:—
President, Alderman R. Gale; vice-presidents, *en bloc* with the addition of Mr. G. L. B. August, and Mr. Ted Smith; secretary, Mr. H. F. Stokes; treasurer, Mr. F. K. Bree; match secretary, Mr. H. F. Stokes; team secretaries, Mr. T. Bennett and Mr. C. Roffe;

Captain 1st XI, S. T. Morris, vice-captain, J. Morque; captain 2nd XI, G. S. Andrews, vice-captain, R. D. Linger; captain Ramblers XI, D. F. Bennett, vice-captain, P. Scrivener; captain Occasionals XI, P. Woolston; captain Sunday 1st XI, J. Brown, vice-captain, P. Oakley; captain Sunday 2nd XI, E. S. Smith, vice-captain, T. B. Wooliscroft.

Representatives on Bedfordshire County Cricket Club committee, H. F. Stokes and D. G. Jenkins; umpires, C. Head, W. P. Pennick, and E. C. Kenworthy; committee, H. W. Nightingale, T. B. Wooliscroft, C. J. Crocker, C. Head, R. H. White, and R. D. Linger.



"I think we've had enough glances to fine leg."

Counties Cricket Association. A separate marquee is, however, to be provided for the use of members, and in addition there will be a mobile bar and two refreshment tents for the general public.

Cars will not be allowed on the ground, said the secretary, but parking facilities will be provided at White's Farm (Goldington Road). Entrances to the ground are to be in Church Lane and on the east side of Goldington Green.

SUBS UP

The meeting approved increases in annual subscriptions as follows: Playing members (over 18) £2 10s., under 18 £1 1s.; vacation or non-playing 10s. 6d.; junior



Personalities at the dinner are back row (left to right): Mr. W. A. Sime, Mr. T. B. Woollicroft, Mr. S. T. Morris and Mr. J. Nightingale. Seated (left to right) the Deputy Mayor, Mr. K. Birtwistle, Mr. E. M. King, Aid. R. G. Gale and Aid. H. R. Neate.

Village cricket comes to town

BEDFORD Town Cricket Club dinner is essentially a town, county and, sometimes, national occasion, but last week's get-together at the Bridge Hotel, Bedford, will be remembered more in a village context. And the man to achieve this no small feat was Mr. Ted Smith, one of the few real characters left in the local game.

Mr. Smith was "going to the wicket" after a man celebrated in many spheres. Queen's Counsellor Mr. W. A. Sime, MBE, former captain of Bedfordshire and Notts at cricket, and one time skipper of Bedford Rugby Club. But Mr. Smith was not bowled over or bowled out.

Apologising for taking a personal approach to his reply to the toast — "Cricket" — Mr. Smith delighted with reminiscences which began in his first game as a 12-year-old in borrowed long trousers, held up by a tie, for Everton II. "The first ball," said Mr. Smith, "was a full toss to leg, which was glided nicely to long leg. My partner called 'Come several.' One run was safely made but on the second the inevitable occurred — the trousers went down and I was run out."

There followed games—and stories—for the Gentlemen and for Bedfordshire, and Mr. Smith said that though always a village player he had been accepted wherever he went. For that he was grateful.

Amid a further roar of laughter he said: "In the villages some people don't think you are either sane or decent; I have been able to say that the best part of you are somewhere near the mark." And he urged the club to continue entering sides in the Hospital Cup: "It is always very nice to play against you."

Mr. Sime—breaking out as it were from duty at the Great Train Robbery case—paid warm tribute to those who or-

ganised cricket — Mr. Ray Stokes, secretary of the Town club, and Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of Bedfordshire and the Minor Counties.

Mr. Crompton, said Mr. Sime, had "blackmailed" the Australians into coming to Bedford, and one day someone would realise just how much he had done for cricket.

The toast of The Club was given by Dr. M. G. L. Lucas, who referred to cricket as a philosophy, an attitude of mind. He described how the Bedford Club had come full circle, from independence through a merger or takeover, and now restored in its independence and in fine new surroundings at Goldington Bury, thanks to the help of Bedford Corporation. He rejoiced in and applauded the efforts the club were making for the game and wished members the zest, energy, and humour to continue those efforts.

In reply, the new captain of the club, Mr. Sid Morris, said more young men of ability were wanted, and he promised that any who came along would be given every possible opportunity to show their worth. He urged support from every member for the Australia match on June 24-25, and said that in this red-letter year if everyone pulled together they could keep Bedford Town's name and prestige where it belonged—at the top.

Mr. K. Rischmiller proposed the health of the guests, and Commander H. R. Newton, OBE, replied.

Free Foresters here

Bedford School, after a drawn game with Ousels, open their fixtures tomorrow playing Free Foresters, one of the most famous touring sides who, it is believed, have not met the School for about 30 years.

With eight old colours, the School are happily placed, particularly in batting. Captain is P. H. Spray, the opening bat, who could also find himself doing a fair bit of bowling, while J. M. Pearson is in his fourth year in the XI. Other colours are J. D. Poustie, M. H. Griffiths, S. D. McG. Strong, M. H. Murray, R. P. Tutt, and M. Walthew.

Third time lucky?

FOR the second successive week, Bedford Town CC's games were rained off last Saturday. Tomorrow they try again — the first XI home to Tring Park (2.15) and the second XI away to Tring. On Sunday, the Sunday XI will be at home to Camden (2.15).

TEAMS:

Bedford 1st XI: S. T. Morris, J. Mordue, D. F. Hoare, W. Bushby, N. Cooley, P. D. Oakley, A. Ingledew, J. C. Watts, R. Shepherd, T. Sills, M. Avis.

Bedford II: G. S. Andrews, R. D. Linger, Dean, A. Green, J. D. Heaton, T. Thomas, B. K. Williams, R. White, F. Howard, T. B. Woolliscroft, Lock.

Ramblers (v. Bedford School II): D. Bennett, Scrivenor, Hollis, Lord, Feakes, Cain, Whitting, Nethaway, D. Woolliscroft, Banks, Winter.

Occasionals (v. Stratton School, away): Woodston, Corder, Kirk, Price, Berry, T. Bennett, Roffe, Mathews, Wilson, Saul, Eldridge.

Bedford Sunday XI: Brown, Oakley, Hoare, Cooley, Avis, Peet, Bushby, Ingledew, Sills, White, K. Williams.

Bedford Sunday II: (away to Rockingham): E. Smith, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. Woolliscroft, Heaton, Thomas, Eldridge, Winter, Lock, M. Banks, B. Banks, Page.

Goldington Sports (v. Caldecote): J. Parsons, A. Single, A. Steven, M. Turple, D. Clarke, M. Ludman, J. Street, P. Knight, B. Edwards, V. Stapleton, W. Elvin.

Diemers Saturday XI: N. J. McMullen, B. Rawstorne, G. Irvine, R. Bavington, D. Newton, R. Fossey, J. Gooch, M. Jones, D. White, J. Binstead, R. Partridge.

Diemers Sunday XI: G. Irvine, A. Turner, K. Joshi, D. Newton, B. Rawstorne, R. Baker, C. Ogilvie, R. Webb, M. Jones, J. Binstead, R. Wood.

Bright start

Diemer's made a bright start against Meltis and won by seven wickets. Meltis batted first for 99. In reply, Diemer's opening pair put on 76 and the score mounted to 101 for three.

Meltis 99 (L. Cant 26, P. Whiffin 20, P. Huckle 18, Irvine five for 27, Ogilvie two for 14); Diemer's 101 for three (B. Rawstorne 42, A. Turner 40, Wisson two for 26).

With rain-soaked pitches low scores were the feature of Colworth House week-end games.

Unilever, Isleworth 98 for nine declared (D. F. Bristow four for 33, J. L. Aston four for 36). Colworth House 69.

Colworth 58; Wellingborough Old Grammarians 42 (J. L. Aston eight for 20).

SPORTS DIARY

CRICKET

SATURDAY

Friendlies

Bedford v. Tring Park
Tring II v. Bedford II
Bedford School II v. Ramblers
Harpur v. Queens Works
Queens II v. Harpur II
North End v. Igranic
Southill Park v. Travellers
Bedford Swifts v. Southill II
Bedford School III v. Diemer's
Turvey Park v. Bromham Nomads
Godmanchester v. Ickwell
Ickwell II v. Elstow
Arxus v. Berton
Colworth House v. Unilever, Welwyn
Swan C.C. v. Kempston Ramblers
Pavenham v. Sharnbrook
Kempston v. Craykeon
Eaton Soccer v. College of Aeronautics

Bedford and District League

Premier Division

Stevington v. Thurlough
Marston v. Little Staughton
Clapham v. Wyboston

First Division

Stagsden v. Southoe
Cople v. Felmersham
Oakley v. Renhold
Gt. Barford v. Pertenhall

Second Division

Maulden v. Cople II
Gt. Staughton v. Staploe
Wood End v. Roxton
Little Paxton v. Wrestlingworth

Third Division

Thurlough II v. Hobkirks
N. Crawley v. Marston II
Blunham II v. Wilden
Hall Weston v. Woolton

Fourth Division

Sharnbrook v. Potton
Little Staughton II v. Gt. Barford II
Renhold II v. Caldecote

SUNDAY

Bedford v. Camden
Rockingham v. Bedford II
Harpur v. Igranic
Craykeon v. North End
Abbots Langley v. Southill Park
Biggleswade v. Sharnbrook
Southill II v. Abbots Langley II
Westday v. Diemer's
Morris Motors v. Turvey Park
Bedford Phoenix v. Gt. Barford
Queens Works v. Ickwell
Colworth House v. Bedford Swifts
Kempston Ramblers v. Tickford Sports

MONDAY

Texas Instruments v. Colworth House

WEDNESDAY

St. Nents v. Colworth House

TOO SPORTING

Was Bedford School captain P. M. Spray too sporting in his declaration against Buccaneers on Saturday? Having hit an unbeaten 91 out of his side's 224 for 4 in 2½ hours he left the club side two hours to reach the target and they did so (225 for 5) with a couple of minutes to spare. Spray's opening stand with Griffiths—he made 66—was worth 122, while for Buccaneers Old Kent player J. G. W. Davies hit 76 not out.

Tuesday's match with The Leys was drawn, the visitors batting through the rain to reach 153 for 8 declared in 3½ hours. The School's reply (in two hours) was 118 for 2. Pearson making 53 not out and Spray 32.

Tuesday's team was standing (left to right) J. Dalzell, R. P. Tull, N. F. Walther, M. A. Murray, C. T. Oakley and J. F. McDanell. Front row (left to right) J. D. Poustie, J. M. Pearson, P. H. Spray, S. D. McG. Strong and M. N. Griffiths.



Look strong opposition

Great Barford have started the season with two fine wins in the Bedford and District Cricket League and look formidable opposition.

They scored 112 against Renhold, who had three of their batsmen back in the pavilion without a run being scored. Five Barford bowlers were used to dismiss Renhold for 58.

Great Barford II won a hard and exciting game against Renhold II, when K. Ashpole (five for eight) and I. Gentle (four for 12) ran through Renhold for 25. Barford only mustered 28 in reply, despite being 24 for two at one stage. Barford played out time in a second innings.

At Wrestlingworth, Wood End continued their good start to the season. L. Burroway was again the "man of the match" with a score of 76, and bowling figures of seven wickets for 17 runs. Wood End declared at 125 for nine scored in two hours. K. Standen was the outstanding Wrestlingworth bowler with eight for 44.

Wrestlingworth were all out for 38. D. Burroway assisting L. Burroway (seven for 17) by returning two for 19. Notable feature was the high standard of wicketkeeping.

A fine all-round performance by B. Minney—he hit 64, including five sixes, and took five wickets for 12 runs—helped Cople to beat Southoe.

A last wicket stand by K. Beany and J. Tester enabled Blunham II to pass Marston II's score.

PREMIER DIVISION

Marston v. Wyboston
Marston: A. Knight 6, P. Parker 11, Al. Bullion 13, F. Faulkner 5, D. Faulkner 11, G. Robinson (not out) 25, C. White 3, C. Caves 0, M. Ellis 14, F. Trussell 3, A. Goodman 0, extras 9; total 58. D. Folbrigg 3-26, J. Dakin 2-16.
Wyboston: C. Folbrigg 0, G. Quince 27, D. S. Folbrigg 8, D. Folbrigg 11, D. Barril 0, H. Barnes 2, J. Dakin 0, V. Pell 0, B. Norman (not out) 1, extras 1; total 50. F. Trussell 5-24, A. Goodman 2-13.

Blunham v. Stevington
Blunham: R. Harding 3, D. Moore 0, K. Reid 0, R. Rawlin 10, E. Wakeford 2, R. Reid 0, S. Reid 1, P. Rankin 8, D. Gates not out 11, F. Tester 2, W. Fordham 11, extras 8, total 56.
—Fisher three for 15, Elvin three for 23, Wills R. three for 10.
Stevington: W. Neale 13, J. Gibbons 0, A. Wildman 5, G. Curtis 1, D. Fisher 0, D. Elvin 2, J. Wills 0, H. Pearson 3, T. Elvin 0, P. Jackson not out 1, R. Wills 2, extras 5, total 41.
—Tester five for 7, Rawlin five for 25.

FIRST DIVISION

Southoe v. Cople 1
Cople: B. Camber 8, P. Robinson 1, A. Thacker 15, E. Street 37, B. Minney 64, M. Smith 3, D. Shingler not out 5, M. Camber 0, G. Halliday 3, E. Fowler 7, extras 19, total (for 9 wks.) 185.—C. Hagger five for 29, S. Hewitt two for 33, G. Roberts two for 18.
Southoe: J. Ramplly 15, R. Stockley 0, R. Pendred 0, S. Mott 0, S. Hewitt 0, M. Darnell 2, C. Roberts 0, H. Eberton 2, G. Hagger 2, S. Goodman not out 1, S. Wright absent hurt 0, extras 6, total 28.—B. Minney five for 12, R. H. I. four for 10.

Felmersham v. Oakley
Felmersham: T. Longstaff 10, D. Barker 5, L. Bridgewater 12, R. MacKenzie 2, B. Read 1, B. Cockings 4, P. Lawson 34, D. Parker 6, T. Albury 0, T. Constant 0, G. Constant not out 1, extras 9, total 84.—Curtis three for 27, Saunders six for 29.
Oakley: D. Hulatt 10, J. Briggs 40, J. Saunders 7, D. Curtis not out 28, R. Saunders 0, B. Worker not out 6, extras 1, total (for 4 wks.) 87.—Barker three for 16, Longstaff one for 20.

Gt. Barford v. Renhold

Gt. Barford: J. Breeze 1, M. Coates 27, M. Lea 37, B. Mardin 5, I. Robinson 4, C. Storey 17, C. Draper 5, B. Sutherland 4, M. Maskell 0, A. Evans not out 2, T. Mardin 0, extras 12, total 112.
Renhold: K. Rabbit 0, R. Harlow 0, F. Joyce 0, P. Harlow 15, D. Stapleton 2, E. Wootton 2, J. Stapleton 5, I. Bullerwell 0, W. Harlow not out 3, A. Duhcombe 10, P. Carter 4, extras 8, total 58.—Evans two for 8, Storey three for 14, Mardin two for 13, Maskell two for 11.

Pertenhall v. Stagsden

Stagsden: K. Brooks 21, I. Brooks 5, A. Bodkin 2, A. Bonnett 2, P. Mulance 5, G. Newman 1, J. Archer 0, R. French 1, R. Tite 0, A. Judge 2, R. Taylor not out 0, extras 5, total 44.—R. Short six for 14, J. Fitz two for 6, R. White one for 19.
Pertenhall: J. Fitz 7, B. Franklin retired 2, R. Waller 7, R. Short 14, R. Thompson 0, S. Darrington 0, R. White 4, V. Rodis 30, W. Presland 1, J. Brown 1, R. Gell not out 0, extras 3, total (for nine wks.) 69.—T. Brooks four for 15, K. Brooks two for 10, P. Mulance one for 7, A. Brown one for 8.

SECOND DIVISION

Cople II v. Gt. Staughton
Cople II: J. Norman 5, B. Billinger 7, A. Corn 0, E. Hull not out 30, A. Hart 19, B. Yerrill 9, D. Potter 0, J. Newbury 8, C. Minney 6, C. Minney 0, M. Church 0, extras 20, total 104.—A. Newman two for 34, J. Miller two for 15, A. Dawkes three for 17, N.

Bass one for 16, W. Fell two for 5, Gt. Staughton: D. Fansome 18, N. Bass 0, A. Dawkes 5, C. Newman 33, W. Pell 4, J. Malle 0, K. Davison 2, J. Miller 9, R. Holmes not out 3, J. Davison 2, M. Davison 0, extras 4, total 80.—M. Church two for 15, C. Minney eight for 42.

Weed End v. Wrestlingworth

Wood End: J. Saunders 9, B. Keebs 3, C. Fuller 2, D. Burroway 12, J. Burroway 76, J. Pettifer 1, K. Millard 0, E. Burroway 10, M. Pedder 3, P. Page not out 13, C. Kinns not out 1, extras 0, total (for 9 wks. dec.) 125.—Standon eight for 44.
Wrestlingworth: G. Hoy 2, W. Daisley 2, B. Chinn 2, K. Standon 12, T. Hutchinson 0, E. Huckle 8, D. Coupe 0, D. Boswell 0, J. Bentley 5, M. Oliver not out 19, S. Chaffey 1, extras 0, total 36.—L. Burroway seven for 17, D. Burroway two for 19.

THIRD DIVISION

Marston II v. Blunham II

Marston II: T. Owen 17, B. Hudson 4, D. Bushby 1, V. Hale 0, R. Berry 6, M. Smith 10, R. Emmerton 24, T. Craddock 4, P. Cole 0, E. Pursell not out 2, G. Denton 1, extras 6, total 75.
—Armiger five for 18, Brunt two for 39, Page two for 9.
Blunham II: I. Wakefield 0, K. Beany 22, S. Brunt 4, R. Ashwell 3, M. Armiger 1, W. Page 9, I. Jeffries 6, R. Armiger 5, T. Page 2, P. Fordham 2, J. Tester not out 4, extras 14, total 78.—Bushby two for 22, Emmerton two for 24, Smith two for 15, Pursell three for 7.

FOURTH DIVISION

Gt. Barford II v. Renhold II

Renhold II: R. Brunwell 9, W. Elvin 5, D. Sevan 0, R. Saunders 2, J. Norman 3, R. Norman 4, T. Constant 0, G. Norman 1, A. King 4, B. Cooke 1, C. King not out 0, extras 5, total 25.
Gt. Barford II: J. Cooper 5, R. Bundy 1, J. Keightley 10, E. Minney 6, B. Cope 0, K. Ashpole 0, I. Gentle 3, R. Geary 0, I. Geary 0, J. Browning not out 0, C. Mashex 0, extras 3, total 28.

Second innings:

Renhold II: W. Elvin not out 17, R. Saunders 11, R. Norman 2, T. Constant 12, A. King 0, B. Cooke not out 7, C. King 3, extras 4, total (for 5 wks. dec.) 38.
Gt. Barford II: J. Cooper 5, R. Bundy 0, J. Keightley 3, E. Minney 0, R. Cope 1, K. Ashpole 1, I. Gentle not out 25, R. Geary 2, I. Geary not out 2, extras 9, total (for 7 wks.) 50.

Caldecote v. Tomesford

Tomesford: G. Hicks 6, R. Fuller 8, A. Usher 2, J. Wildman not out 27, D. Eaton 3, G. Taylor 4, C. Darrington 51, C. Jackson 0, C. Beaumont 0, J. Beaumont 0, S. Chapman not out 10, extras 25, total (for 9 wks.) 113.
Caldecote: B. Elliman 0, M. Hull 0, D. S. Bygraves 5, F. Tanner not out 38, B. Darnell 2, J. Baldwin 0, P. Waite 7, R. Humphries 0, L. Adams 6, J. Clayton 0, C. Wheatley 0, extras 3, total 87.—C. Jackson seven for 21.

Luton among runs

Luton Town, who have been experiencing an uneven season so far, are at The Bury tomorrow to play Bedford Town.

Skipper B. D. Robinson is not available, so A. W. Durlley leads.

Generally, Luton have been among the runs, but have lacked the bowling penetration to force home this advantage.

Familiar names include Tom Clark, the old Surrey player and former County captain John Oliver. Team:

A. W. Durlley, J. A. R. Oliver, J. A. Muse, R. J. Barker (wicketkeeper), T. H. Clark, B. N. Johnson, P. M. Taylor, M. J. Whitmore, J. Wills, D. P. Bolt, G. C. Wynn.

Bedford show one change from last week, J. D. Heaton

coming in for T. Sills. Team: S. T. Morris, J. Mordue, D. F. Hoare, N. S. Cooley, P.



JOHN WILLS . . . available to Luton this season but not the County.

Oakley, A. Ingledew, W. Bushby, M. Avis, J. Brown, J. D. Heaton, R. Shepherd.

Other Town teams:

2nd XI: Andrews, Linger, Howard, Greene, Richmond, Thomas, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. Woolliscroft, Lock, Peet, Smith.

Ramblers: Bennett, Breeze, Scrivener, Price, Cain, D. Matthews, Sharpe, Watte, Wolfrays, Whiting, Teskes.

Occasionals: Woolston, Berry, Bennett, Furnival, Whitlock, Wilson, J. Matthews, Hawson, Stevens, Rose, P. Greene.

Sunday 1st: Brown, Oakley, Hoare, Cooley, Bushby, Peet, Williams, Avis, Ingledew, Heaton, Thomas.

Sunday 2nd: Smith, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. Woolliscroft, Woolston, Greene, Sharp, Kirk, McGuigan, M. Banks, R. Banks, Lock.

More centuries at the Bury

AGAIN on Sunday, there were more centuries at The Bury when Bedford played Dunstable in their first all-day Sunday game. New century-

makers were Cooley and Williams. Together, they put on 197 before Williams was caught for 105 attempting another big hit.

While Cooley reached his 50 first, Williams was first to his 100 with a burst of aggression against Brown. With Cooley out for a very fine 119, Hoare and Peet added a few quick runs before the innings was declared at 249 for three after a forced break by rain.

The wicket had a little more life in it after the rain and with two down for 19 at tea Dunstable never looked like making the runs.

Although the wicket eased towards the end of Dunstable's innings, Bedford managed to capture the last wicket with only five minutes to spare. Bushby and Ingledew, in particular, bowled well, but with less luck, in the way of catches being held, than they deserved.

Bedford: N. Cooley 119, M. Avis 6, K. Williams 105, D. Hoare not out 10, W. Peet not out 7, extras 2, total (for three wkts dec.) 249.

Dunstable: 130 (A. Clarke 56, W. Bushby four for 28, M. Avis two for 25, A. Ingledew one for 22, T. Sills one for 23, P. Oakley one for 18).

BIG HITTING

GREAT BARFORD completely demoralised Staploe in an East Beds Shield tie when they hit 117 for three off 18 overs.

C. Lee (54 not out) and B. Mardlin (36 not out) put on an unbeaten 86 for the fourth wicket in half-an-hour, off nine overs.

Lee was in great form, hitting six fours, three of them off consecutive balls.

Barford used four bowlers in dismissing Staploe for 35, two wickets falling before a run was scored. Good fielding with fine catching took Barford on to a fine win.

Gt. Barford: M. Coates 11, J. Breeze 14, I. Robinson 0, C. Lee not out 54, B. Mardlin not out 36, extras 2, total (for three wkts) 117.

Staploe: M. Watts 6, R. Daniels 0, B. Mills 0, W. Scotcher 3, P. Brittain 1, A. Mills 10, T. Mills 9, M. Staughton 2, R. Mills 0, D. Brittain 0, I. Daniels not out 0, extras 4, total 35.—A. Evans one for 8, I. Gentle three for 17, J. Breeze two for 2, C. Draper two for 3.

In command

Bedford Town skipper, Sid Morris, leads a Bedfordshire XI against Technical Training Command at RAF Halton next Tuesday. Team:

S. T. Morris, M. Avis, J. Mordue (Bedford Town), T. Brown (Dunstable), I. Bigley (Henlow), R. J. Barker, G. Wynn, M. Whitmore (Luton Town), J. Aston (Colworth House), M. Theobald (Har-

FRIENDLIES

Faded after good start

Diemers did well to beat Phoenix on Sunday by three wickets. Phoenix were 92 for one at one stage, but fell to an eight for 14 spell by Irvine, and were all out for 121.

In reply, Diemer's were 54 for six when Baker and Binstead carried the score to 119.

Phoenix 121 (Holland 38, Alexander 38, Irvine 8-38).

Diemers 125 for seven wickets (Baker 54 not out, Binstead 28, Endersby 3-19).

Olney 150 (B. Marshall 48, J. Wills 42 not out, J. L. Aston 8-38). Colworth House 69 (J. Wills 4-30).

Colworth House 162 for eight wickets dec. (B. Imison 42, R. Jones 28, A. S. Elliott 24 not out, J. Hobbs 22, K. Metcalfe 5-34). John Whites Sports 94 (K. Metcalfe 27, R. Shaw 5-11, A. S. Elliott 4-29).

Sharnbrook 158 for six; Ickwell 154.

Amphill 78 (P. Morris 7-34, B. Chinn 2-2); Brookhirst Igranic 79 for five (D. Ferguson 20, T. Cummings 18, Moore 18 not out).

Hinxworth 158 for seven dec. (D. Spicer 51); Datchworth 74 (R. Spicer 5-5, R. Dellar 4-14).

Roxton 107 for four (G. Jeffries 38 not out, A. Franklin 23); Tempsford 58 (C. Hicks 15).

Bedford Inland Revenue 86 for two (Holmes 38 not out, Rowstorne 32 not out); Gales 81 for six (Stroud 47, Hoyle 2-15).

HOSPITAL CUP

Third round draw

The draw for the third round of the Bedford Hospital Cricket Cup was made on Tuesday and resulted as follows:

St. Neots or Blunham I v. Amphill or Argus.

Diemer and Reynolds or Bedford Town "A" v. Bedford Swifts or Sharnbrook.

Potton or Eaton Socon v. Pavenham or Staploe.

Colworth House or Cryselco v. Queens Works "A" or Thurlleigh or Little Paxton.

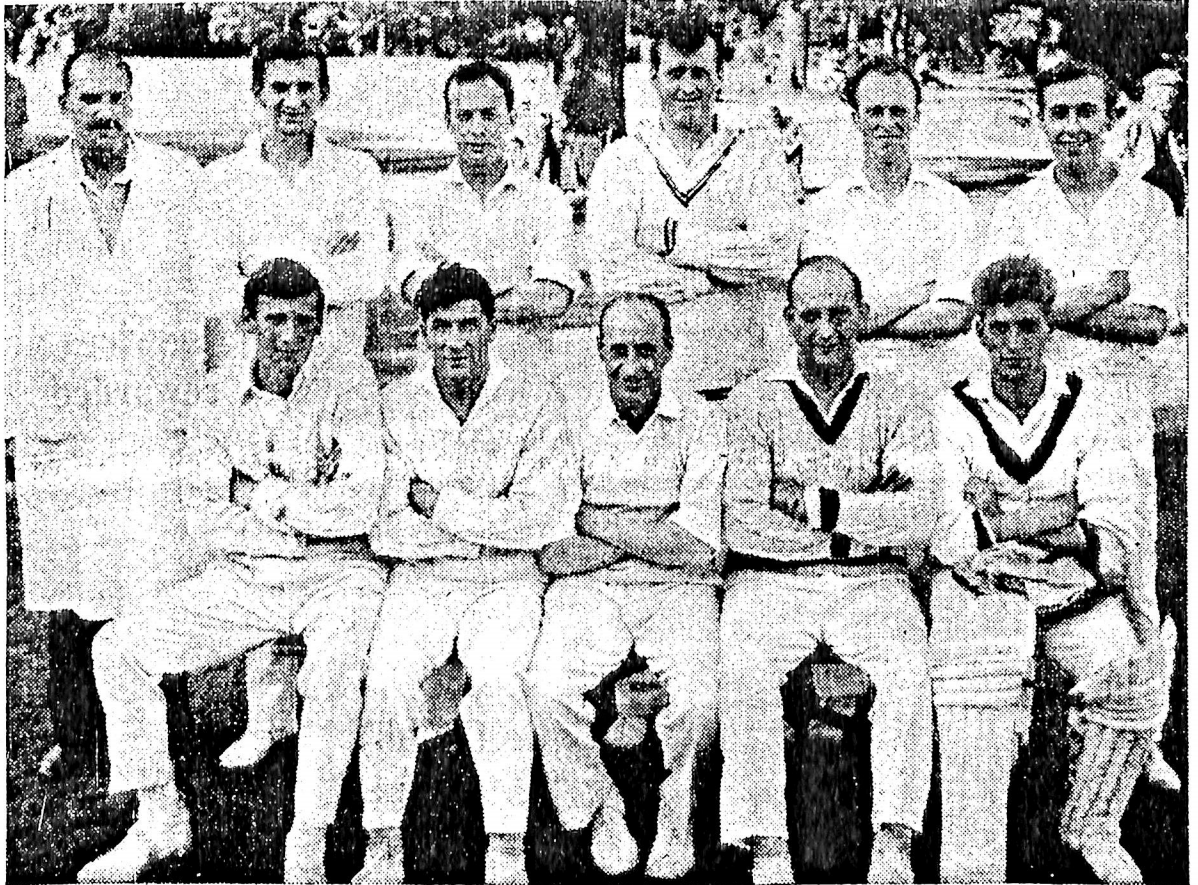
Shire Hall or Wilden or Oakley v. Salford or Biggleswade.

Stewartby or Roxton v. Kimbolton or Elstow.

Harpur or Wootton v. Kempston Ramblers or North End.

Sandy or Igranic v. Henlow or Gt. Staughton.

To be played between June 8 and 19.



In our group of the Harpur team who played Wootton in the Hospital Cup at Beaford on Wednesday are: Back row (left to right), J. Jones, C. Jones, P. Gilbert, M. Ranson, R. King and B. Edds; front row, M. Theobald, E. Middleton, R. Webster, J. Newman and G. Fensome.

All-Bedford final?

FORTY MAIDENS

PROBABLE billing for this year's Hospital Cup final: **Town v. Harpur.**
Draw for the remaining rounds is:

Fourth Round
A Harpur v. Stewarby or Kimbolton.
B Bedford Town "A" or Swifts v. Oakley or Biggleswade.
C Colworth House or Queens Works "A" or Thurligh 1 v. Sandy or Henlow.
D Potton or Staploe v. St. Neots or Ampthill.

Semi-finals
B v. C (Tuesday, July 7).
A v. D (Thursday, July 9).
The final will be played at Bedford Park on Thursday, July 16, at 6 p.m.

JUST FAILED
Chasing Sandy's total of 92, Brookhirst Igranic had three run-outs in an attempt to get the runs. But failed by four. Sandy: Chapman 9, Buck 11, Spring 39, King 20, Whittle 3, Page not out 8, Smith 1, extras 1, total (for 6 wickets) 92.—D. Robinson three for 51, R. K. Jones two for 40.
B.H.I.: Ladbury 3, Morris 11, Moore 25, Catherall 17, Hunt 4, Chinn 9, Burnage 15, Jones 0, Robinson not out 1, Cummings not out 1, extras 2, total (for 8 wickets) 88.—P. Hallworth two for 48, R. Page three for 38.

WELL IN HAND
In their Third Round tie Harpur passed Kempston Ramblers' total of 75 in the fifteenth over.
Kempston Rovers: M. White 2, S. Dalui 8, R. White 28, R. Davis 4, A. Caves 2, A. White 1, F. White 1, P. Haynes 7, I. Russell 0, D. Lock not out 17, P. Ford 0, extras 5, total 75.—M. Rawsome five for 25.
Harpur: M. Theobald 3, G. Pensome 30, R. Webster 9, R. King 13, J. Newman 7, E. Middleton not out 7, K. Ferguson not out 1, extras 6, total (for 5 wickets) 76.

BRIEFLY
Felmersham 69; Sharnbrook 62.
West Indians (Bedford) 123; Sharnbrook 111 for eight.
Great Barford 90; Sharnbrook 45.
Queens II 73; Sharnbrook 124.
Thurligh Boys XI 20; Sharnbrook Boys XI 20 for one.
Colworth House 101 for seven (D. F. Bristow 34 not out); St. Neots 103 for four (C. Freeman 65 not out).
Bedford Town Hall 71 (J. L. Aston six for 36, D. Chance four for 25); Colworth House 57 (Youngman six for 19).

BEDFORD School sent down 86 overs, 40 of which were maidens, against Oundle School who batted for four hours for 142.
It took Bedford School 1 hour 45 minutes—and 29 overs—to pass this score. And they lost only three wickets.

OUNDLE SCHOOL

N. Taylor	b	Walthew	6		
Lord Guernsey	c	Tutt	b	Poultie	15
F. G. Westbrook	c	McDaniel	15		
b	Spray	31			
R. G. Chase	lbw	b	Spray	0	
T. P. Atkinson	c	Strong	b	Spray	25
K. G. Hollebone	b	Walthew	1		
A. C. R. Brown	c	Walthew	12		
b	Spray	12			
L. W. Morton	b	Pearson	5		
D. M. Simpson-Brass	not out	37			
L. Loder	not out	1			
Extras	9				
Total (for 8 wickets) 142					

Bowling: Spray 23-15-32-4, Pearson 27-13-36-1, Walthew 17-6-37-2.

BEDFORD SCHOOL

P. H. Spray	not out	56			
M. N. Griffith	c	Taylor	b	8	
Westbrook	8				
C. T. Oakley	c	and b	Simpson-Brass	47	
J. M. Pearson	c	Chase	b	1	
Simpson-Brass	not out	20			
R. P. Tutt	not out	11			
Extras	11				
Total (for 3 wickets) 143					

Three distinguished Old Bedford Modernians died recently in the space of two days. Brigadier-General H. C. Potter (1887-93) died at Cheltenham on June 10. A fine Rugby player and cricketer, captaining both, he was a veteran of three wars; South Africa, Sudan, and the 1914-18 war. He will be remembered for a memorable address at the speech day of 1928, and he was president of the OBM Club in 1913 and 1950. On the same day his life-long friend, Mr. L. H. Allen Pratt (1889-93) died, also at Cheltenham. He was a solicitor. Both were in their late 80s. The next day, at 3 Merton Road, Bedford, the Rev. Arthur Raley (1898-1906) died. He was two years in the cricket first XI, chaplain in the 1914-18 war, and served in the RAF in the 1939-45 war with the rank of Squadron-Leader.

“Aussies” are looking forward to their trip here

MORE than £1,050 worth of tickets have been sold for the Australia match against Minor Counties at The Bury on June 25-26. “The demand for them is quickening with the approach of the fixture,” said Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of the Minor Counties Cricket Association. But, contrary to popular belief, there are plenty of tickets available, especially ordinary admission tickets.

Mr. Crompton chatted to the Australians at Trent Bridge and reports they are all looking forward very much to their visit. The Bury will certainly please them. The sterling work of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Cherry will provide them with a fine wicket.

The manager of the Australian team, Mr. Ray Steele, is arranging for the team to drive through Bedford in their coach and along the Embankment so that they can get a good view of the river.

The Australian Press will be heavily represented at the match and the Post Office will provide Telex and other communications so that people in Australia will be getting the news almost as soon as the ball leaves the bat!

This will be the first time Bedford has had the privilege of a visit by an Australian side, although the town did receive the New Zealand XI at Bedford School on their first visit to England in 1927.

Bedford Town Cricket Committee and Mr. Frank Crompton have done a good job. Given fine weather, it will be a most enjoyable match—one in which the Australians

should show their batting prowess.

Yesterday, Bedfordshire named their team to play Cambridgeshire at Ely next Wednesday and Thursday. It shows three changes from the side that drew with Lincolnshire. Out go D. Hoare, B. D. Robinson, and P. Oakley; in come W. Chamberlain, G. Wynn, and K. R. G. Williams.

Team:
J. Smith (captain), G. Dawson, M. Crouch (wicket-keeper), P. Taylor, W. Chamberlain, J. Mordue, W. Bushby, T. G. A. Morley, N. Cooley, G. Wynn, K. R. G. Williams.

Minor Counties select their "Trueman"



LINCOLNSHIRE pace bowler N. M. McVicker, who recently took 12 Bedfordshire wickets for 98 runs in the match at Long Sutton, will spearhead Minor Counties attack against the Australians at The Bury on June 25-26.

As announced on Tuesday, one local man makes the team, Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith (pictured left). And 12th man is former Bedford Town and Bedfordshire opening bat Bill Chamberlain, now in League cricket.

Smith, who learned the game at Bedford School, made his debut for Bedfordshire in 1959, and is an accomplished all-rounder.

He will be the first County player to make the Minor Counties side since Geoff Millman played against the Australians in 1956.

Unlucky to miss his first cap is Chamberlain; he was also 12th man in 1962.

Here is the team:

R. INGLIS (Durham). Right-hand opening bat.

B. RICHARDSON (Warrickshire II). Left-hand opening bat.

T. HALE (Cambridgeshire). Left-hander, prolific run-getter.

D. SHEPHERD (Devon). Right-hand bat.

E. J. LANE FOX (Oxfordshire). Former captain Eton College XI and an Oxford Blue. Capped for Minor Counties last season.

J. SMITH (Bedfordshire). Bedfordshire captain. Off-spinner and useful bat.

D. HARDY (Durham). Captain of Durham. He will lead in this match. Right-handed bat and medium pace bowler. Capped in 1958.

R. H. BEESON (Lincolnshire). Lincs captain and wicketkeeper. Capped in 1962.

Runs were plentiful

FINE batting enabled Bedford School to declare with 235 for seven against Stowe School who were set to score at the rate of 90 an hour. They made a brisk start but finally played out for a draw.

BEDFORD SCHOOL	
P. H. Spray c Fife b Black	22
M. N. Griffiths lbw b Richie	37
J. D. Poustie c Garrett b Black	20
J. M. Pearson c Dixey b Burdon	29
S. D. McG. Strong c Garrett b Bane	13
C. T. Oakley c Black b Bane	60
R. P. Tutt c Black b Bane	40
A. Mytton not out	2
Extras	12
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	235
STOWE SCHOOL	
R. M. Goodchild b Pearson	75
D. W. Garrett c Strong b Spray	22
M. K. Davis b Strong	35
R. K. J. Black st McDanell b Pearson	7
A. G. Pife b Pearson	0
J. M. Dixey not out	23
J. F. M. Mellor not out	5
Extras	1
Total (for five wks.)	169

THE CHALLENGERS



T. S. Hale



N. McVicker



R. Beeson

THE Minor Counties side, in probable batting order:—

RUSSELL INGLIS (Durham). A professional with Chester-le-Street in the Durham Senior League. Durham's opening bat, stylish, and gets his runs in double quick time.

BRIAN RICHARDSON (Warwickshire II) looks likely to follow his brothers, Peter and Dick, into the England side. This talented 20-year-old left hand bat and useful leg spinner was an outstanding player at Malvern College and scored 785 runs for Warwickshire II last season. He enjoyed a great start to the season and made his best first-class score of 66 for

the M.C.C. against Scotland. He scored 108 in the match. Already being tipped as an England opener, his best shots are a pull to mid-wicket and the cover drive.

TERRY HALE (Cambridgeshire). In May, Hale, who is 27, was asked to join Gloucestershire but turned down the opportunity so he would be available, if selected, for a Minor Counties cap against the Australians. Last season he was third in the Minor Counties batting averages with an average of 62. His 682 runs were the highest by any Minor Counties batsman. A builder, he has played 32 times for his county.

DAVID SHEPHERD (Devon). Right hander, has played for Devon for the past three seasons, and last year hit two centuries against Oxfordshire. Aged 23, and a schoolmaster, Shepherd, with an average of over 40 for Devon last season, has just completed a highly impressive trial with Gloucestershire, hitting a rapid 70 against Marnesbury and then slamming 104 not out against Gloucester Farmers.



D. Shepherd

EDWARD J. LANE FOX (Cambridgeshire), is a former captain of Eton. A left-handed, early order batsman, he has plenty of style and shots and is a useful slow left arm bowler. In one season with Northants II, before joining Oxfordshire, he topped the bowling averages. After school he attended the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and is engaged in his father's business of estate management. He was married last year and is aged 24.

JACK SMITH (Bedfordshire). One of the County's top sporting personalities—he also plays Rugby football for Bedford and East Midlands—Smith has shown rare dash since he took over the County captaincy from John Oliver. Off spinner and more than useful middle-order batsman, Smith likes to win or lose; draws are "no-results" in his make-up. Now in his fifth year with Bedfordshire he learned his cricket at Bedford School.

DON HARDY (Durham). Skipper Boldon in the Durham Senior League. He is a powerful all-rounder, a strong forcing bat and a medium paced seam bowler.

RON BEESON (Lincolnshire). Wicketkeeper and right-hand bat. Captain of his county for the second successive season. This will be his third appearance in succession for the Minor Counties against touring sides. He first appeared against Pakistan in 1962 and against the West Indies last season. Generally regarded as one of the best wicketkeepers outside first-class cricket, Beeson is a farmer near Grimstby.

STUART YOUNG (Durham). A professional with Darnington in the North Yorkshire and South Durham League, Young is a fast bowler. No fewer than six first-class county sides have tried to sign him but he prefers to stay in club cricket.

NORMAN McVICKER (Lincolnshire). Right arm fast medium bowler and useful right hand bat. Formerly a Lancashire 2nd XI player, he joined Lincolnshire last season and was soon among the wickets. Sports club secretary of the company he plays for (Ross Group) McVicker is again to the fore with his fiery, sustained pace bowling. Against Bedfordshire recently he took 12 wickets for 98 runs in the match.

J. H. MERRYWEATHER (Wilts). Fine off-spin bowler who plays for Chippenham, he was capped by Minor Counties in 1962.

Aussies may not find it easy

THE arrival of an Australian cricket team in this country is always an occasion. That they will be here in Bedford next week still "bowls me over."

But arrive they will to do battle next Thursday and Friday on Bedford Town Cricket Club's ground at The Bury against a Minor Counties XI in which Bedfordshire is represented by their skipper Jack Smith.

Still unbeaten on their tour, the Australians are not expected to slip up in Bedford. But a win for them should not be a formality. The Minor Counties team reads very well and one hopes for a good competitive game as well as some good exhibition cricket.

Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of the Minor Counties and Bedfordshire who has been largely instrumental in making this fixture possible, expressed the hope this week that Bedfordians would visit the ground in strength.

Ticket sales now exceed £1,100 made up of 2,000 tickets for the Thursday and 1,200 for the Friday.

"The success of this match will enable Bedford to qualify for securing further fixtures with other Commonwealth countries," Mr. Crompton tells me.

"There are still plenty of tickets for sale, and people will be able to pay at the three gates. All we need is fine weather; the setting will be perfect."

The Minor Counties team will be staying at a Bedford hotel, and the Australians will be accommodated in Northampton (where they play on Saturday) and will travel to and from Bedford each day.

With the Australians engaged in the Second Test until Tuesday, their team is obviously not available, but the Minor Counties XI have named their champions and details are given below.

Captaining the side will be Durham's skipper, Don Hardy, who was first capped for Minor Counties in 1958. Other capped players are Lane Fox, Beeson, Young, and Merryweather.

High finance

THE £1,100 already taken for tickets exceeds pre-match takings for the Australians-Minor Counties match at Newcastle in 1961. And the Australians' share on present figures is more than they received for the three-day game with Glamorgan at Whitsun!

Minor Counties fast bowler, Stuart Young, was the star of Durham's win over Hertfordshire in the Gillette Cup. He won the £50 prize and gold medal as "man of the match," taking four wickets for 13 runs in 51 deliveries.

Work has started on the 1,000 seater stand, which will dominate the east side of the ground, and preparation of the pitch, erection of marquees and other seating, will start on Monday.

There will be three entrances to the ground: stand and admission ticket holders should use the Goldington Green entrances, and persons paying at the gate the entrance in Church Lane.

Bar facilities and light refreshments will be available. No cars will be allowed on the ground, but there will be a car park at White's Farm, in Goldington Road.

Finally, tickets. A limited number of stand and school-boy tickets are still available, and plenty of ordinary admission tickets. All are available from H. F. Stokes, 16 Bridge End, Bromham, and T. Winter, 91 Rosamond Road, Bedford.

DONE BEFORE

The Minor Counties have beaten a touring side once before; in 1928 at Exeter they beat the West Indians. Against the Australians at Newcastle in 1961 Neil Harvey paid Minor Counties the high tribute of saying their attack was the best they had encountered.

HALE THE HERO BUT AUSSIES FINISH ON TOP

HERO of the Minor Counties' batting on the first day of their match against the Australians at Goldington Bury yesterday was Terry Hale, the 27-year-old Cambridgeshire left-hander. Going in first wicket down with only six on the board, he was sixth out at 118 for a splendidly aggressive innings of 63. Minor Counties were dismissed for 148, and, with a century opening stand by Bill Lawry and Ian Redpath, the Australians start the second day 48 runs ahead with seven wickets in hand.

A crowd of 4,500—receipts, including the advance sale of tickets for today, total £1,434 so far—turned up for this, one of the biggest sporting occasions in the town's history. There were few vacancies on the specially-erected 1,000-seater stand, which dominated the east side of the ground.

Minor Counties, winning the toss, took first use of an easy-paced wicket. Opening pair, Inglis and Richardson, made a cautious start against the accurate attack of Connolly and Corling.

Of the first six overs, four were maidens, and after 25 minutes, with only six on the board, the tourists struck the first blow.

The left-handed Richardson, who the day before had helped Warwickshire to reach the Knock-Out Cup semi-finals at Northampton, was trapped leg-before.

Inglis dominates

Inglis, who early on played and missed twice at Connolly, settled pleasingly and hit the first boundary of the day—an off drive off Corling. He also off drove Connolly for four and monopolised the scoring.

After being in half an hour before he opened his account, Hale drove Sellers through the covers for four. Inglis's stylish knock ended at 31, when he was clean bowled by the left-arm spinner, Martin. The Durham opener had batted a shade under an hour and his 24 included three boundaries.

Sellers' leg breaks and



Norman MacVicker (Lincolnshire), who has contributed to the fall of two of the three Australian wickets.

googlies, joined Martin in an all-spin attack, and Shepherd lured him for four dangerously near Connolly.

Soon afterwards Shepherd, lashing out at Sellers, skied the ball to mid-wicket, where Corling held a difficult running catch (42-3).

With Hale and Lane Fox, both left handers, together, the run-getting rate increased considerably. Twice in one over Lane Fox punished Sellers for fours and Hale

emulated the former Eton captain's feat in the next over, from Cowper.

When the stand had yielded 51 in 36 minutes, Lane Fox was caught at the wicket off Potter, the sixth bowler to be tried, and at lunch the total was 93 for four, Hale's share being 41.

Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith, who went in a few minutes before lunch, did not survive long afterwards. After taking a single, he edged a ball from Martin into slip's hands and half the side was out for 94.

In the same over Hardy almost gave a catch to short leg. Hale broke a quiet spell with a sparkling cover drive for four to take the total to 101 after the innings had been in progress 140 minutes.

Quick to take toll of the bad ball, Hale hammered Martin for three boundaries in one over and reached 52 out of 101 in two hours.

But when he had made 63, including 12 fours, Hale had the bad luck to play a ball from Connolly via his pad to his wicket.

Three quick wickets

Beeson got off the mark with a four and then, at 135, was bowled. Two more wickets fell for the addition of two runs. Young left without scoring, being well caught by Booth running from deep mid-off, and a catch in the gully disposed of Hardy.

With Martin securing his fifth victim in dismissing MacVicker, the innings closed at 148, which occupied three hours ten minutes.

The left-handed Lawry and Redpath, the Australians' opening batsmen in the first two Tests, began their venture confidently. Redpath, however, should have been out when he was five and the total 17. He was dropped by Inglis at leg slip off Young.

Lawry, who has yet to find the form on this tour which brought him two Test hundreds and more than 2,000 runs here in 1961, showed his formidable on-side strength and at tea he had contributed 32 out of the 53.

In the first over after tea, Redpath, a powerful off-side player, helped himself to two fours off MacVicker, whose

pace was eventually replaced by Smith's off spin. Smith won applause by beginning with two maidens and in his third over he had an appeal for leg before against Lawry disallowed.

100 partnership

Another off spinner, Merryweather, was introduced at the other end, but runs continued to flow freely. The partnership became worth 100 after 80 minutes. It was broken without addition when Redpath was well caught at mid wicket. Nine fours were his best hits.

With his ninth boundary, Lawry completed his 50 out of 105 in slightly less than an hour and a half. The batsmen found scoring difficult against Smith and at 132 he deservedly captured the wicket of Lawry, whose best scoring strokes were a six (a straight drive off Merryweather) and 11 fours.

At this point Smith's figures were: 8.3-7-5-1 and when he was taken off after a spell lasting an hour and a half his analysis was most impressive—19-8-22-1.

Recalled to the attack, MacVicker got rid of Potter ten minutes from the close and the tourists were 192 for three.

THE SCOREBOARD

MINOR COUNTIES		AUSTRALIANS	
First Innings		First Innings	
R. Inglis b Martin	24	W. Lawry b Smith	75
B. Richardson lbw b Corling	3	I. Redpath c MacVicker, b Merryweather	36
T. Hale b Connolly	63	B. C. Booth not out	30
D. Shepherd c Corling b Sellers	8	J. Potter b MacVicker	30
E. J. Lane Fox c Grout b Potter	17	R. Cowper not out	2
J. Smith c Potter b Martin	17	Extras (b.5, lb.1, w.1)	7
D. Hardy c Jarman b Martin	4		
R. N. Beeson c Booth b Connolly	0		
S. H. Young c Booth b Connolly	0		
J. H. Merryweather not out	1		
N. M. MacVicker b Martin	1		
Extras (b 4)	4		
Total	148		
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-31, 3-42, 4-93, 5-94, 6-118, 7-135, 8-136, 9-137.		Fall of wickets: 1-100, 2-132, 3-192.	
Bowling: Connolly 17o-3m-26r-2w; Corling 8-3-9-1; Martin 20-7-57-5; Sellers 10-2-24-1; Cowper 5-1-18-0; Potter 3-1-10-1; Jarman 1-1-0-0.		Bowling to date: Young 13-2-35-0; MacVicker 9-0-45-1; Smith 19-9-22-1; Merryweather 13-1-71-1; Hardy 3-1-16-0.	
Umpires: S. Moore and J. O'Neill.			

Yes, it's the Bury

WHAT a year for sport in Bedford: the Eagles' FA Cup run, an England Rugby trial at Goldington Road, and now the Australian touring team at The Bury.

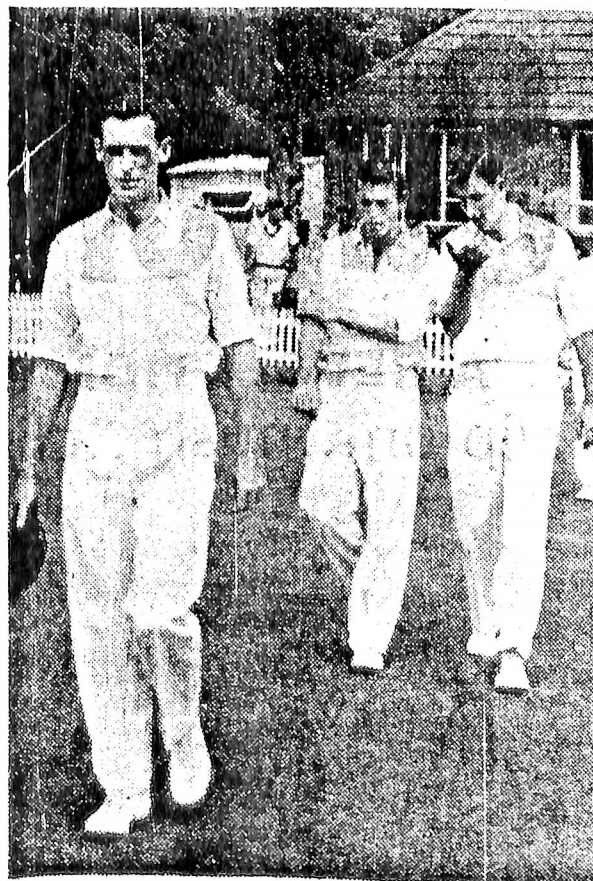
From a derelict area of a few years ago Bedford Town yesterday produced a true centre of cricket. Marquees and special seating ringed the ground and a crowd of 4,500 revelled in the play and sparkling sunshine.

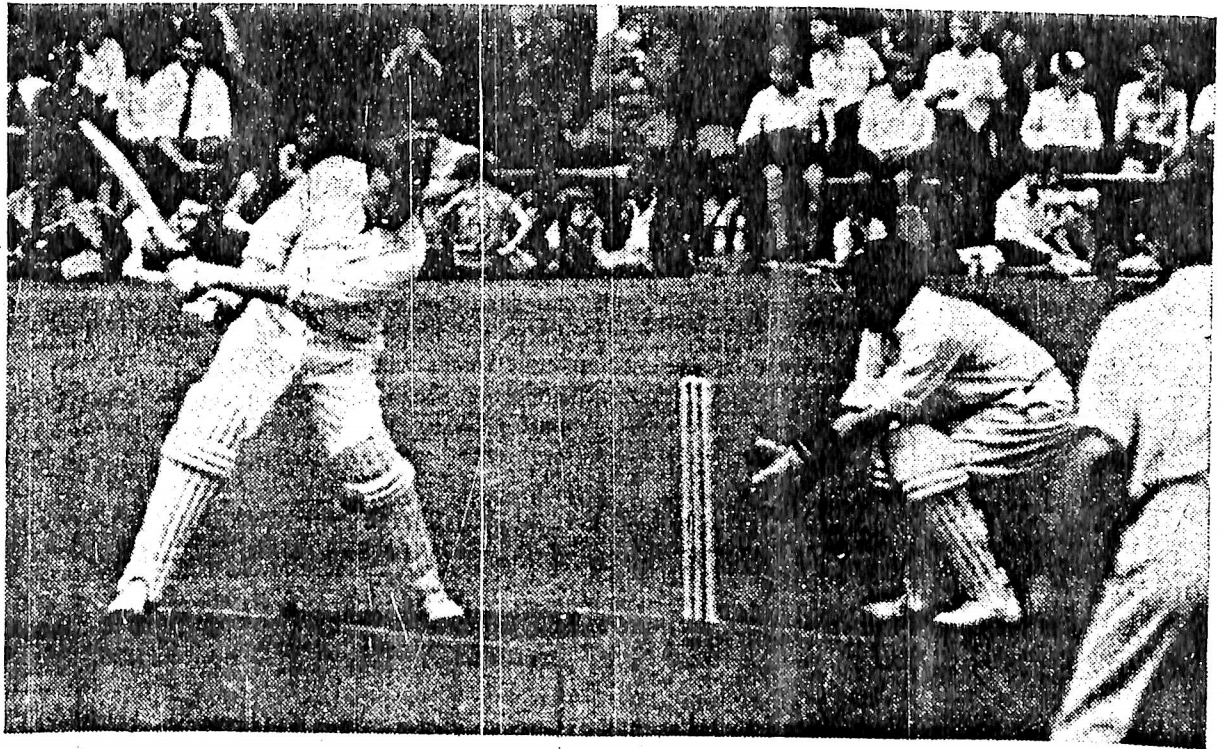
Arrangements were first-class, reflecting highest credit on the Town club, and for Bedfordians not at the Bury yesterday there is another chance today, and one which should be accepted.



The man who made the game possible—Mr. Frank Crompton, secretary of Bedfordshire and the Minor Counties—chats to Australian skipper Brian Booth.

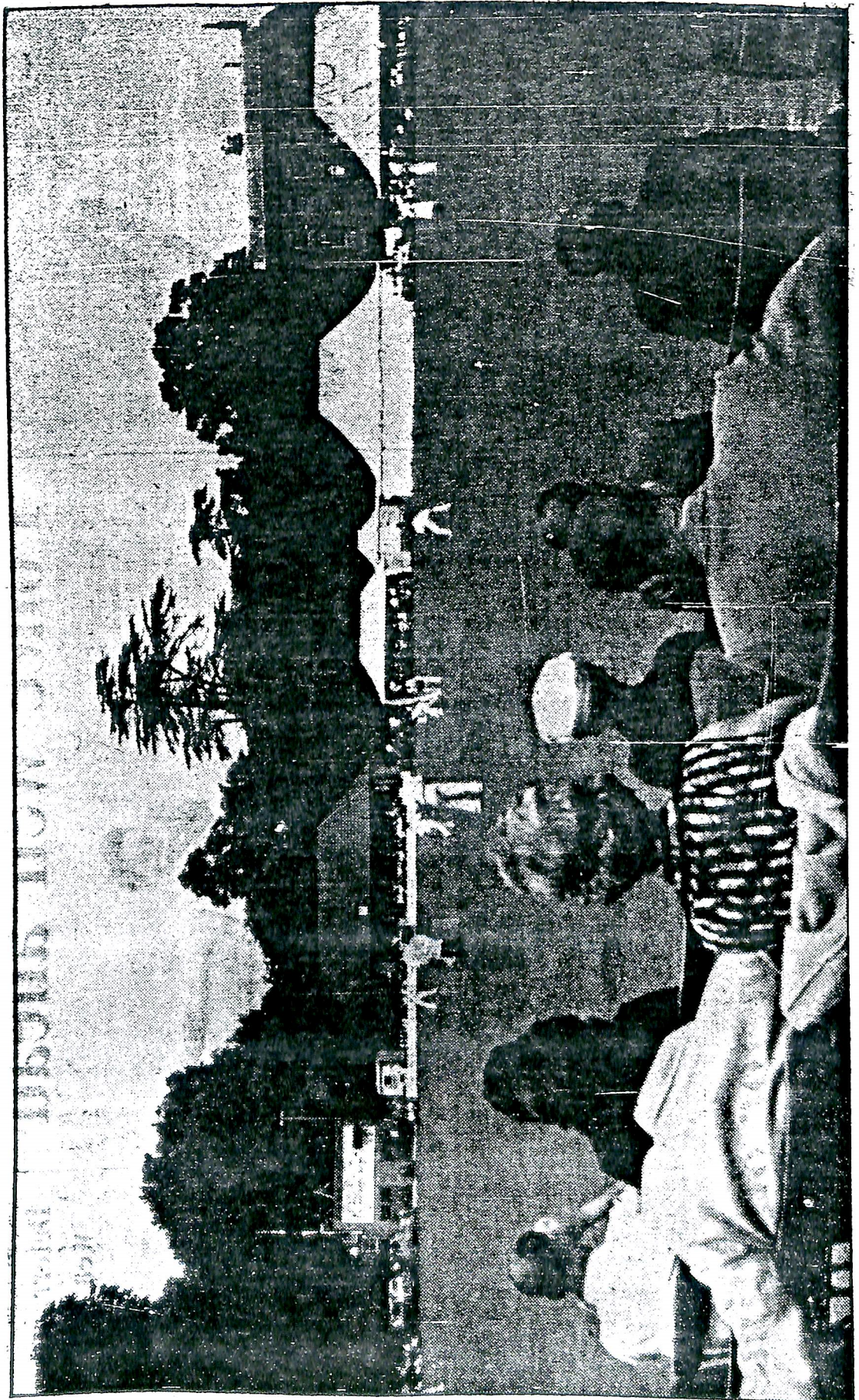
Booth leads out the Australians. Immediately behind, Potter (left) and Lawry.

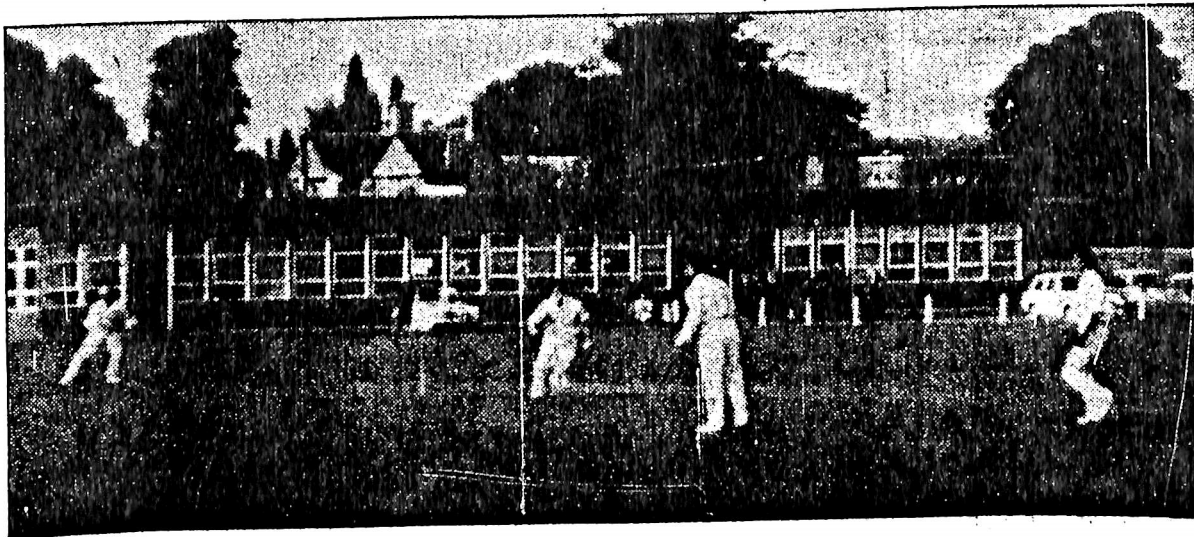




Terry Hale (Cambridge-shire) seen above at the start of his fine innings. Below, some of the personalities. Left to right, the Chief Constable Mr. H. R. Pratt, the Lord Lieutenant Major Simon Whitbread, Chairman of the Minor Counties Mr. H. R. Neate, the Mayor Alderman G. R. Bailey, Clerk to the County Council Mr. G. Brewis and President of the Town Cricket Club, Alderman R. G. Gale.







Non-stop Wood End First win for BMS

Still setting a hot pace for the Second Division title are Wood End. On Saturday they notched their seventh win from eight games.

But Staploe made a fight, even though losing half their side for 13 and being all out for 35. For from 30 for five in reply Wood End slumped to 35 for nine and it was last man Barker who square cut the winning run.

Highlight of the game was that D. Burraway passed 50 wickets in his first full season of league cricket. His figures—53 wickets for 176 runs.

PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v Wyboston

Blunham: R. Harding 1, P. Ranson not out 42, K. Reid 8, P. Rawlins 4, P. Fordham 1, P. Reid 11, F. Tester 10, S. Reid 0, M. Winters 10, W. Fordham 3, D. Gates 0, extras 11, total 101.—Hughes four for 39; Follbigg three for 29; Pell two for 16.

Wyboston: C. Follbigg 1, D. Follbigg 5, J. Dakin 3, D. Follbigg 5, J. Hughes 0, H. Barnes 1, V. Pell not out 0, D. Hughes 1, D. Berrill 0, B. Norman 0, extras 2, total 18.—Reid two for 6; Ranson one for 3; Rawlins five for 2; Tester one for 1.

FIRST DIVISION

Oakley v Stagsden

Stagsden: K. Brooks 8, J. Willmott 0, A. Bodkin 1, T. Brooks 2, P. Collyer 4, F. Archer 4, J. Alder 0, R. French 0, P. Hulance not out 2, A. Judge 0, R. Taylor 2, extras 3, total 26.—D. Curtis seven for 9.

Oakley: B. Worker 7, D. Hulatt 14, J. Saunders 0, B. Everest not out 20, R. Saunders 1, D. Curtis not out 7, extras 1, total (for 4 wks) 50.—R. French four for 15.

Cople v Renhold

Cople: E. Fowler 11, G. Halliday 14, A. Thacker 0, B. Cambers 6, S. Norman 13, E. Street 11, B. Minney 8, M. Cambers 17, P. Robinson 6, D. Shingler 17, R. Hull not out 4, extras 10, total 117.—R. Norman three for 33; D. Stapleton three for 33; F. Brockett three for 27.

Renhold: K. Rabbitt 1, S. Stapleton 26, A. Saunders 3, P. Harlow 25, A. Duncombe 10, F. Brockett 24, D. Stapleton not out 15, G. Harlow 0, W. Harlow 0, R. Norman 0, P. Carter 1, extras 8, total 113.—B. Minney five for 33; R. Hull one for 18; P. Robinson two for 23; D. Shingler two for 22.

SECOND DIVISION

Gt. Staughton v Cople II

Cople II: E. Hull 15, P. Hull 0, A. Corn 0, C. Minney 2, A. Hart 0, B. Billinger 1, M. Hare 0, C. Thacker 2, M. Church not out 2, A. Worrell 0, D. Potter 1, extras 4, total 27.—L. Newman two for 9; T. Miller six for 14.

Gt. Staughton: D. Fensome 41, W. Pell 5, A. Dawkes 0, A. Davison 1, B. Fensome 5, L. Newman 2, T. Miller 0, F.

Headley 19, R. Holmes 2, M. Davison not out 0, N. Bass 0, extras 4, total 79.—P. Hull four for 25; M. Church three for 22; C. Minney two for 8; A. Hart one for 5.

Wrestlingworth v Roxton

Roxton: A. Franklin 14, G. Jeffries 48, R. Minney 0, M. Larkins 7, J. Watson 4, P. Keightley 10, R. Smith 0, W. Stapleton 0, T. Kester 2, P. Russell 0, M. Rowlands not out 0, extras 5, total 88.—B. Williams one for 23; E. Huckle two for 12; D. Boswell two for 30; B. Chinn four for 7.

Wrestlingworth: G. Hoy 2, W. Daisley 1, B. Chinn 24, T. Hutchinson 2, E. Huckle 9, D. Boswell 8, R. Redmond 2, B. Williams 0, D. Coupe 1, R. Purkiss 1, C. Davies not out 2, extras 1, total 53.—M. Larkins seven for 19; W. Stapleton one for 10; P. Keightley two for 7.

Staploe v Wood End

Staploe: A. Mills 3, 16; M. Watts 1, 0; D. Brittain 0, 0; T. Daniels 0, 4; W. Scotcher 5, 11; R. Daniels 7, 0; P. Brittain 8, 12; B. Mills 2, 5; T. Mills 0, 8; K. Staughton 5, 1; P. Mitchell not out 0, not out 5; extras 4, 8; totals 35, 72.—D. Burraway six for 18 and six for 36; P. Hudson three for 9, and four for 28; B. Keens one for 4.

Wood End: B. Keens 4, 0; M. Pedder 0, not out 3; C. Fuller 0, 3; D. Burraway 18, not out 38; P. Hudson 3, 4; M. Ayres 11, 1; K. Millard 0; D. Storey 2; I. Ashpole 0; E. Burraway 1; G. S. Barker not out 1; extras 1, 0; totals 43, 49 for two.—B. Mills two for 27, and two for 2; T. Mills seven for 13.

Playing only their third School fixture—two have been completely washed out—Bedford Modern School won their first match of the season at Wyggeston on Saturday.

The early batsmen so dominated play that BMS were at one time 170 for 2, but wickets fell quickly in the final onslaught for runs and BMS declared at 200 for 7.

For a while it appeared the game was set for a draw, but helped by two outstanding catches, BMS had Wyggeston all out with less than five minutes to go.

BEDFORD MODERN

L. E. Weston b Haywood	57
P. A. Jeffery c Wheatley b Saunders	68
M. H. Jessop b Haywood	7
R. C. Butt b Haywood	41
D. V. G. Sharp c Saunders b Elliott	4
R. K. Williams not out	17
N. J. C. Stewart b Elliott	0
D. J. Linger run out	2
D. J. Dodson not out	2
Extras	2

Total (for 7 wks., dec.) ... 200

Bowling: Elliott 10-2-29-2; Haywood 25-5-59-3.

WYGGESTON

G. G. Sqaunce c Butt b Stewart	11
R. Ewen c Butt b Burnie	18
P. R. Haywood c Jessop b Sharp	37
D. R. Elliott c Dodson b Burnie	0
M. P. Naah b Burnie	19
R. J. Wheatley b Burnie	4
R. B. Saunders b Newman	33
W. Squire c Sharp b Stewart	0
P. A. Gooch b Sharp	6
S. G. Wilkinson not out	2
D. Knowles b Newman	0
Extras	11

Total 141

Newman 15.4-2-73-2; Stewart 11-5-15-2; Burnie 13-6-25-4; Sharp 8-3-16-2.

Colworth do it again

THE position in the Hospital Cup yesterday was that Harpur and Colworth House were definitely through to the semi-finals but it was not known who they would play. Potton and Ampthill were due to meet last night for a place against Harpur on Thursday, and Bedford and Biggleswade contest the other quarter-final either tonight or Monday. The winner of these two will meet Colworth on Tuesday, both semi-finals being in Bedford Park.

Shock team at this stage of the competition are, of course Colworth House. A couple of seasons ago their cricket was of a very modest character, but the arrival of several talented players has produced a most worthwhile XI.

Stephens and Robinson are a solid opening pair, and Dunkley and Aston good pace

On the way to victory: G. A. Robinson square cuts for another quick single, in Colworth House's victory over Sandy.

bowlers who receive keenest support in the field.

This week's quarter-final win over Sandy was typical of their cricket. Robinson and Stephens provided an opening stand of 46, then Dunkley stepped in with a typically hard-hit innings. Then followed a series of run-outs and too-bold hitting, with Colworth seeming over-anxious to press home their advantage. However, 85 for 9 in 18 overs proved quite enough.

With the exception of Chapman, who batted well, Sandy batsmen were unable to overcome the pace-bowling of Dunkley and Aston. King

hit one defiant six, then fell to the first of two brilliant catches by Thompson at long-on.

The second of these was out of this world—a long run in the deep and a diving, sprawling, tumbling catch which brought the crowd to its feet.

Sandy were all out for 86, the last five wickets providing only nine runs.

Colworth: M. Stephens 24, G. A. Robinson 15, R. Dunkley 17, J. L. Aston 2, A. L. Brown 4, E. W. Thompson 3, D. P. Bristow 1, I. R. Holt 1, R. Jones not out 2, J. G. Cox 1, T. F. Jones not out 2, extras 11, total (for 9 wks) 85.—R. Page 9-0-39-3; P. Hallworth 9-0-35-2.

Sandy: E. Smith 5, T. Chapman 25, M. Buck 1, M. Spring 0, R. King 11, M. Whittle 1, R. Page 4, K. Wright 0, C. Single 3, P. Hallworth 0, T. Lenton not out 0, extras 4, total 56.—R. Dunkley 7.1-0-24-4, J. L. Aston 7-2-23-5.

The other semi-finalists, Harpur, came through on Wednesday at the expense of Stewartby. Harpur had 21 overs to spare, answering Stewartby's total of 78 for 1 (Tayles 34) made in 18 overs. Their reply was 77 for 4 (Milton 17, R. Webster 16, K. Ferguson 15 not out).

Bedford Town were also engaged on Wednesday in a fixture postponed because of the Australian match. They made 108 (N. Cooley 49) and then bowled out Swifts for 52, thanks mainly to an accurate spell by Fred Breeze of 7-20.

The Australians say "thanks"

Mr. Frank Crompton has received the following letter from Mr. J. A. Ledward, M.B.E., Treasurer, Australian Board of Control:

"On behalf of the Australian team and myself I would like to thank you most sincerely for all your many kindnesses to us during our recent match at Bedford.

"It was a great delight to myself personally to get to know you and I hope very much it will not be too long before we meet again.

"We were delighted with your lovely ground and the excellent arrangements made for the match.

"Your kindness was greatly appreciated by everyone and we all join in sending you our best wishes."

College only

Shuttleworth College have just concluded a most successful season with victories against Wye College and an Old Students' XI captained by Pat Carlisle. Of 12 matches played, 10 were won, one drawn and one lost.

The only defeat was against a side raised by E. T. Bennett early in the season, when Arthur Swain, in one of his rare appearances nowadays, returned the remarkable figures of seven wickets for 12 runs. In this game the College were dismissed for 102 runs and were defeated by four wickets.

Michael Wake, next season's captain, with a top score of 102 not out, headed the batting with an average of 36.7, while the most successful bowler was Brian Langrick, who took 39 wickets for an average cost of 3.6 runs per wicket.

Wye College 119 (Douglas

Bedford High School v. Bedford Women's CC

Bedford WCC: S. Smith not out 51, N. Hunt 7, M. Humberstone not out 44, extras 1, total (for 1 wkt. dec.) 101.

High School: D. Crawford-Smith 36, M. Marston 9, A. Church 0, C. Knibbs 6, M. Bratt 0, E. Grimwade 18, T. Pritchard 6, H. Burnett 0, S. Hawkes 7, A. Wills 4, S. Lowe not out 0, extras 14, total 100.—M. Humberstone seven for 32.

Hitchin Strollers v. Hinxworth and Edworth

Hinxworth: J. Woodward 49, R. Freeman 20, D. Spicer 14, D. Charles 19, D. Schofield 17, R. Spicer 2, P. Martinez 0, S. Watt not out 1, extras 4, total (for 7 wks. dec.) 126.—W. Isaacs four for 20.

Strollers: 99 for 8 wks. (V. Galkes 47).—R. Dellar six for 33, J. Woodward two for 29.

Hanslope 119 (Tarry 31 not out, Tompkins 27, Buttrum three for 6, Irvine three for 42), Diemer's 124 for six (Breen 38 not out, Irvine 26, Baker 24 not out).

Diemer's 155 for six dec. (Irvine 43, Rawstone 35, Bavington 20). Hobkirk's 157 for seven (Avres 47, Durrant 30, Wilson 26, Bassindale 27 not out, Irvine five for 52).

Sharnbrook Church XI 77 (J. Tusting 37), Sharnbrook CC 146 for six (M. Walsh

BEDFORD LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Wootton go top

WOOTTON have gone to the top of the Third Division of the Bedford and District Cricket League. Some accurate fast bowling by C. Robinson (six for 17) and C. Newbury (three for 9) had North Crawley all out for 46. A second wicket partnership which produced 41 runs paved the way for a comfortable Wootton victory.

Great Barford, set by Renhold to score 86 to win, lost M. Maskell off the first ball of their innings. But to the rescue came C. Lee (31) and J. Robinson (28 not out). Barford went on to score 116 for seven.

Gt. Barford II's star bowler Keith Ashpole, shone with the bat! He was top scorer with 30 (five fours) v Renhold II. For Barford it was a "double double."

Stagsden all out for 29 can blame Cople's B. Minney (7 for seven).

PREMIER DIVISION

BLUNHAM v. LITTLE STAUGHTON

Little Staughton: M. Banks 1, D. Huckle 0, B. Hopperton 4, B. Robins 0, R. Rouns 5, C. Stapleton not out 13, R. Tuorne 12, S. Robins 1, J. Chamberlain 15, C. Stringer 4, extras 2, total 56.—Reid four for 25, Ranson three for 12, Fordham two for 17.
Blunham: P. Ranson 11, D. Moore 12, K. Reid 3, R. Rawlins 5, R. Harding 0, P. Forcham 4, P. Tester 11, M. Winters 0, R. Reid 4, D. Gates 0, W. Fordham not out 9, extras 1, total 60.—Robins five for 20, Chamberlain five for 30.

DIVISION I

STAGSDEN v. COPLE

Cople: E. Fowler 1, C. Halliday 0, A. Thacker 6, E. Street 6, P. Robinson 0, B. Minney 0, D. Stringer 12, M. Cambers 2, R. Hull not out 6, J. Norman 5, G. Blenkin 15, extras 15, total 67.—Archer three for 5.
Stagsden: K. Brooks 8, J. Willmott 0, A. Baskin 0, P. Hulane 6, P. Colyer 2, T. Brooks 0, A. Bennett 0, P. Archer 1, R. French not out 11, J. Alder 0, G. Newman 1, extras 0, total 29.—B. Minney seven for 7.

KEEP IT UP, TOWN

Bedford Town CC will be hoping their new-found winning form can extend through tomorrow when they visit Luton Town. They will "catch" the home side without Oliver, Clark, Muse, Wills, and Whitmore. Teams:

Bedford: S. T. Morris, J. Mordue, D. Hoare, A. D. Curtis, M. Avis, J. Brown, A. Ingledew, P. Oakley, N. Cooley, K. Williams, T. Sills.

Luton, B. D. Robinson, A. W. Durley, B. N. Johnson, P. M. Taylor, D. P. Rolt, G. C. Wynn, P. J. Webley, A. Clifton, J. Kirty, B. J. Taylor, K. Brazier.

Other Town teams:

2nd XI: Andrews, Linger, Greene, Dean, Shepherd, Howard, White, Peet, Carder, Hollis Smith.

Ramblers: Bennett, Scrivener, Breeze, Winter, Price, Thomas, Woolfreys, Sharpe, Whiting, Feakes.

Sunday 1st: Brown, Oakley, Hoare, Cooley, Williams, Avis, Peet, Ingledew, R. Banks, White Curtis.

Sunday 2nd: Smith, Howard, Henderson, Thomas, Sharpe, Greene, Biggs, Carder, Wootton, T. Bennett, M. Banks.

DIVISION III

HOBKIRKS v. BLUNHAM II

Blunham II: R. Ashwell 6, S. Reid 4, R. Wakefield 3, W. Page 10, B. Brunt 2, K. Beaney 0, I. Wakefield 4, M. Armiger 2, T. Page not out 4, J. Tester 2, I. Jeffries 0, extras 7, total 44.—Bowling: Conway four for 25; Dando two for 11; Wilson two for 3.
Hobkirks: T. Fry 27, Staplehurst 0, P. Farmer 19, I. Dando 0, L. Beven not out 47, W. Bassingdale 4, J. Denton 0, B. Wilson 0, extras 3, total 100.—Bowling: Armiger one for 39; Page three for 40; Brunt three for 14.

MARSTON v. THURLEIGH

Marston II: B. Hudson not out 44, V. Hale 8, T. Owen 1, C. Wagstaff 8, D. Faulkner 5, R. Purcell 24, M. Smith 17, R. Ementon 2, P. Smith 6, R. Copperwheat 3, G. Denton not out 0, extras 5, total 100.—Bowling: M. Papworth four for 3; C. Claxton two for 46.
Thurleigh II: P. Hooker 6, W. Norman 3, J. Asplin 1, J. Wagstaff 8, C. Smith 29, J. Thorn 16, R. Hollowell 7, T. Hollowell not out 4, M. Papworth not out 1, extras 6, total (for 7 wks) 81.—Bowling: R. Ementon five for 12; M. Smith one for 22.

WOOTTON v. NORTH CRAWLEY

North Crawley: J. Lancaster 2, C. Dickinson 0, B. Phillips 15, M. Grimes 1, R. Horner 2, A. Cooper, 0, Goodman 10, D. Bishop 8, D. Robertson 0, E. Speechley not out 1, J. Hedge 0, extras 7, total 46.—Bowling: G. Robinson six for 17; C. Newbury three for 9; F. Loff one for 7.
Wootton: D. Roush 0, M. Jenkins 34, R. Craddock 17, P. Harris 5, B. Armstrong 11, R. Clarke 0, P. Loff not out 33, C. Newbury 25, extras 14, total (for 7 wks) 134.—Bowling: B. Phillips three for 14; E. Speechley two for 50; C. Dickenson one for 7. R. Cooper one for 13.

DIVISION IV

RENHOLD II v. GREAT BARFORD II
Gt. Barford II: J. Cooper 11, A. Shortley 10, J. Keightley 0, E. Minney 5, A. Bryant 12, J. Payne 16, C. Anthony 0, M. Darwood 5, R. Bundy 0, K. Ashpole 30, J. Brownell not out 6, extras 5, total 106.
Renhold II: R. Brumwell 7, W. Elvin 7, G. Allen 0, J. Norman 10, T. Whitehead 0, G. Norman 9, T. Constant 17, C. King 5, D. Lock 4, T. Bullerwell 1, B. Bevan not out 2, extras 10, total 63.

OAKLEY v. FELMERSHAM

Felmersham: T. Longstan 10, T. Albury 4, D. Barker 1, J. Mackenzie 12, H. Barnes 2, B. Cockings 3, P. Lawson 17, K. Cockings 14, T. Constant 1, G. Constant 0, B. Cockings not out 1, extras 5, total 70.—D. Curtis three for 28, R. Saunders four for 25.
Oakley: D. Hulatt 10, J. Briggs 19, J. Saunders 13, D. Curtis 6, B. Worker 5, P. Saunders 1, R. Saunders 13, C. Bird 0, P. Bird 3, A. Kesch 0, R. Hulatt not out 1, extras 3, total 80.—D. Barker three for 19, B. Cockings four for 23.

GREAT BARFORD v. RENHOLD

Renhold: R. Harlow 18, A. Saunders 34, P. Harlow 1, P. Rabbit 4, F. Joyce 0, D. Stapleton 0, D. Bevan 7, G. Harlow 2, R. Norman 5, W. Harlow 0, P. Carter not out 7, extras 7, total 85.
Great Barford: M. Maskell 0, T. Mardlin 5, C. Lee 31, J. Breeze 3, B. Mardlin 9, C. Storey 2, B. Cope 16, I. Robinson not out 28, A. Evans not out 15, extras 7, total (for 7 wks.) 116.

DIVISION II

COPLE v. ROXTON

Roxton: A. Franklin 5, G. Jeffries 4, R. Minney 2, M. Larkins 10, P. Keightley 6, J. Watson 16, M. Pullen 12, T. Kester 3, W. Stapleton 4, J. Larkins 0, M. Rowlands 1, extras 1, total 64.—C. Minney eight for 21, M. Smith one for 28, A. Hart one for 14.
Cople II: J. Newbury 0, B. Billinger 3, A. Hart 0, E. Hull 9, A. Corn 1, M. Smith 7, C. Minney 11, M. Hart 2, G. Minney 6, A. Worrall 1, B. Yerrill 9, extras 4, total 58.—M. Larkins eight for 21, R. Keightley two for 31.

LITTLE PAXTON v. WRESTLINGWORTH

Wrestlingworth: G. Hoy 4, R. Redmond 4, B. Chinn 0, T. Hutchinson 0, B. Selwyn 0, E. Huckle 35, D. Boswell 0, D. Coupe 2, B. Hayes 4, B. Williams 1, M. Oliver not out 3, extras 4, total 57.—P. Baker four for 30, D. Gulliers two for 17, A. Durham three for 6.
Little Paxton: E. Day 0, D. Smith 6, S. Green 9, P. Baker 6, A. Durham 3, J. Scotch 9, D. Gulliers 6, B. Liberty 0, R. Day not out 5, B. Gould 0, D. Gould 4, extras 1, total 49.—B. Williams six for 33, E. Huckle four for 16.

Won — with a Barford flurry of four's caught out

BEDFORD TOWN scored another good win on Saturday at Oxford when they beat the City by seven wickets. Set to get 196 in just over two hours, the Town scored the winning runs in the last over, thanks largely to a fine century by D. Hoare.

On a fast, hard wicket the batsmen dominated the game throughout, especially as the bowlers were handicapped at one end by having to bowl into half a gale. T. Sills and M. Henderson opened the bowling but were unable to make much impression on the Oxford opening pair, who put on 119 before being parted.

P. Oakley, who bowled into the wind for most of the innings, had a long and accurate spell, taking the only two wickets to fall, at a cost of 71. Oxford declared at 195 for two.

Hoare and A. Greene, opening for Bedford, nearly emulated the Oxford opening pair, putting on 98 before Greene (30) was "leg before". Hoare continued to punish the Oxford attack, and was joined by N. Cooley, who scored a sparkling 35. Both batsmen were out caught, forcing the pace, shortly before the close, but P. Spray and K. Rischmiller saw Bedford to a well-deserved win with a final flurry of fours.

London West Indians were shot out for a meagre 66 after being set to get 226 in 2½ hours by Bedford West Indians. They found the bowling of B. Dwyer (seven for 23) and R. Griffith (two for 19) a bit too good for them. Chief run-getters for the Bedford team were G. Charles (57), G. Luke (47), D. Cephas (36), and G. Riley (33).

NO COMPLAINTS

No one could complain about the lack of entertainment in the two-innings all-day match between Bedford Phoenix and Leighton Buzzard Rovers. Phoenix scored, in all, 270 runs in 170 minutes, while Rovers, in 225 minutes' batting, scored 234.

Phoenix, First innings: 186 for four dec. (M. Ambler 40, C. Abbott 58 not out); second innings: 84 for three dec. (J. Butcher 34); Leighton 134 for nine dec. (N. Endersby three for 25), and 102 for seven (M. Robson five for 33).

A HAT-TRICK

Kempston did well to dismiss a strong Waresley side for 118 (J. Willmott four for 27, R. Jackson four for 39, including a hat-trick). Kempston replied with 119 for four (R. Atkins 53 not out, K. Woods 27).

Unpredictable Colworth House showed good form against Caldecote. Openers W. Taylor and K. Marlow provided 73 runs, and Jack Aston, playing his first innings since being injured in the Hospital Cup semi-final, hit a quick 40. Colworth House declared at 206 for nine, then R. Shaw returned a season's best, six for 27, and Caldecote were all out for 62.

WELL IN FRONT

Queens Works soundly defeated Argus—by nine wickets. Argus were all out for 113, D. Linger being undefeated with 30. Queens' openers, E. Woodling (51 not out) and D. Lovell (42) put on 68 before they were parted. Woodling and M. Woodland then took the score to 116.

A splendid attacking 88 by J. MacGregor helped Eversholt to declare with 202 for seven against Argus, who were 111 for seven (D. Linger 3) at the close.

Chasing a target of 94 in the final of the East Beds Shield, Junior Section, Diemer's got off to a good start and seemed to have the game sewn up when they were 75 for five. But in the last four overs they could only manage another seven runs and lost three more wickets.

BRIEFLY

Colworth House II 86 for eight (F. Trussell 27 not out, R. Winsor 20); Felmersnam 68 (T. Longstaff 36).

Colworth House 129 (M. G. Stephens 63, J. S. Hobbs 18); Morris Motors 105 (J. S. Hobbs three for 28, D. F. Bristow three for 28, I. Assinder two for 10, R. Shaw two for 30).

Sterling Foundry 82 for six (Meadows 23, Wilson 17 not out, Webb two for 10); Diemer's 84 for four (Baker 38 not out, Ebbs 35, Fender two for 22).

Great Barford, First Division leaders, were literally caught out by Pertenhall, nine catches being taken. For Pertenhall, winners by 18 runs, R. Short took six for 14 in 19 overs, 11 of them maidens.

Another outstanding bowling performance: eight for 17 by Cople's B. Minney including four wickets in four balls.

PREMIER DIVISION

Marston 72 (M. Ellis 29, P. Ranson four for 15, K. Reid three for 20, P. Fordham three for 25); Blunham 131 (R. Harding not out 26, P. Fordham 25, F. Trussell four for 33, A. Goodman three for 45).

DIVISION I

Pertenhall 76 (R. Gell 32, B. Franklin not out 15, C. Storey four for 30); Great Barford 58 (R. Short six for 14).

Renhold 33 (D. Bevan not out 11, B. Minney eight for 17); Cople 111 (E. Street 22, B. Minney 17, R. Harlow four for 36).

Felmersham 110 (T. Longstaff 27, P. Lawson 23, K. Brooks six for 33); Stansden 81 (A. Boddin 18, P. Hulance 17, J. Mackenzie six for 18).

DIVISION II

Little Paxton 104 (P. Baker not out 30, A. Durham 18, C. Minney four for 39, M. Smith three for 16, P. Hull three for 29); Cople II 75 (M. Smith 28, A. Durham five for 19, P. Baker three for 23).

Wrestlingworth 94 (E. Huckle not out 30, M. Larkins three for 24); Roxton 95 for eight (M. Larkins 23, E. Huckle four for 27, B. Williams three for 27).

DIVISION III

Blunham II 95 (I. Wakefield 24, S. Reid 20, D. Bishop four for 19, B. Phillips three for 36); North Crawley 52 (S. Brunt five for 21, J. Tester five for 24).

AGGRESSIVE OPENERS



M. Theobald

HARPUR gave a brilliant display of batting at Peterborough on Sunday, Fensome and Theobald sharing in an opening partnership of 111 in 69 minutes. Theobald was out for exactly 50 and, as so often happens after a long partnership, Fensome followed soon after for 62.

Middleton carried on for his 50 and Eldridge hit a very quick 38 before the innings was closed at 222, scored in 138 minutes. A feature of the innings was the running between the wickets.



G. Fensome

Westwoods started well in reply, 49 runs coming before the first wicket fell. But, after losing two wickets quickly, they gave up the chase and the game petered out to a tame draw.

HARPUR SUNDAY XI	
M. Theobald b Stocks	50
G. Fensome c Browning b Stocks	62
E. Middleton c Browning b Craythorne	53
G. Goswell b Craythorne	12
D. Eldridge not out	38
R. Jeffs not out	5
Extras	2

Total (for 4 wks. dec.) ... 222
Bowling: F. Stocks 22-0-91-2, J. Craythorne 24-2-96-2.

WESTWOODS	
R. Browning lbw b Eldridge	39
L. Bennett b Mallows	20
R. Weston b Eldridge	0
R. Jones b Eldridge	2
J. Craythorne b Footer	38
D. Barrett not out	17
K. Weldon not out	7
Extras	12

Total (for 5 wks.) ... 136
Bowling: D. Eldridge 17-3-44-3, R. Mallows 12-2-34-1, R. Footer 4-0-10-1.

WHAT A WEEK!

IT HAS been a mixed week for Jim and Peter Watts, our two County cricketers.

On Thursday, Jim had to retire hurt with a broken bone in his foot and so it looks as though he will miss that double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets that looked well within the bounds of possibility.

Peter has also had a little bad luck although of a very different nature.

Last week a fine 88 not out virtually won the match for Northants, against Derbyshire. As they finally won by 30-odd runs and were in dire trouble when Peter went to the wicket his fighting knock was invaluable. He was batting very confidently and he looked set for the first century of his career but could find no one to stay with him while he got those 12 precious runs.

At Worcester on Thursday against the championship contenders he was again unlucky when, within nine runs of the maiden century, he was bowled by Test off-spinner Martin Horton.

Here he had gone in a "night watchman" the previous evening and his 91 out of a total of 212 was a particularly fine effort.

The consistent performance by these two Henlow all-rounders have been a feature of Northants. cricket this season.

NO MATCH

Wrestlingworth v. Cople

Played at Wrestlingworth. Although Cople scored a good total of 65 they were no match for Wrestlingworth, who made 101 for the loss of only two wickets.

G. Hoy (38) and T. Hutchinson (44), both not out, did really well. G Hoy's 38 included five fours while T. Hutchinson's 44 included seven fours and one six.

Cople: J. Newbury 19, B. Chambers 1, M. Smith 12, P. Hull 9, M. Norman 10, E. Hall 1, C. Minney not out 13, P. Thacker 0, A. Worboys 7, L. Thacker 0, D. Potter 0, extras 3, total 65.—B. Williams four for 21, R. Goldsmith three for 18, B. Chinn three for 10.

Wrestlingworth: G. Hoy not out 38, W. Daisley 9, B. Chinn 5, T. Hutchinson not out 44, extras 5, total (for two wks.) 101.—C. Minney one for 25, M. Smith one for 40.

Took his chance with both hands

LAST week, Eagles' footballer Norman Cooley rated cricket headlines after two undefeated centuries for Bedfordshire. Then, last Sunday's papers were lavish in their praise for another "cricketing Eagle" — Ray Bailey, the 20-year-old Bedford born player, whose first match for Northamptonshire on Saturday was hailed as a "dream debut".

Injury to Jim Watts gave Ray the chance to play against Kent at Wellingborough. And he made sure it was not wasted!

Taking over the bowling from



Ray Bailey

David Larter, Ray sent Mike Benness back to the pavilion with his fourth ball. His next victim was former England "skipper" Colin Cowdrey, who was beaten by a good delivery and adjudged "leg before".

These two wickets had been taken in 43 deliveries at a cost of only 16 runs and at the end of play, Ray had achieved the impressive figures of five for 81 in 31 overs.



Bedfordshire Colts team which played Oxfordshire Colts: back row (left to right) M. Wynne, J. Dakcell (12th man), L. Newman, M. Stewart, G. Fowler, T. Thomas, and J. D. Brown; front row (left to right) F. Moore, L. E. Weston, P. H. Spray (capt), J. Pearson and P. Jeffrey.

Bedfordshire Colts had two matches at Goldington Bury this week, losing to Oxfordshire on Tuesday and drawing with Huntingdonshire on Wednesday.

Batting first against Oxfordshire, the openers never looked happy against accurate quick bowling, but stands between J. M. Pearson and P. Jeffrey (50 for the third wicket), and between F. Moore and G. Fowler which yielded 51 runs, enabled captain P. H. Spray to declare at 217 for five. Bedfordshire's top scorer was Moore with 65 not out. Oxfordshire got the necessary runs for the loss of two wickets, with only five minutes play left.

Bedfordshire began belligerently against Huntingdonshire, putting up the 50 in 36 minutes. There was a partial collapse when Spray went for 62, but Pearson, M. Wynn and R. J. Folds batted well before the side was all out for 211. At the close of play, Huntingdonshire had two wickets left, and needed 11 runs for victory.

Bedford and District Cricket League

SHARING THE WICKETS

WOOD END bowlers L. Burraway and D. Burraway have struck again. Dismissing Maulden for 31, L. Burraway took five of their wickets for 11 runs and D. Burraway four for 19.

So far this season L. Burraway has taken 84 wickets at a cost of 195 runs and D. Burraway 82 wickets for 326 runs.

Against Cople, Pertenhall were all out for 80 after their first four wickets had produced 67 runs. B. Minney, who took five for 26, including a hat-trick, then hit 54 runs in half an hour and Cople gained a comfortable victory.

First Division leaders, Great Barford, suffered their second successive defeat at Felmersham.

PREMIER DIVISION

THURLEIGH v. BLUNHAM

Thurleigh: J. Warner 4, D. Berrill 25, A. Ellison 5, M. Berrill 6, C. Berrill 1, W. Ellison 1, C. Norman 2, W. Norman 1, C. Smith 0, K. Wastall 1. Blunham: not out 2, extras 7, total 112. Rawlins six for 40, Tester four for 23.

Blunham: P. Ranson 7, D. Moore 0, P. Desborough 1, R. Rawlins 1, R. Harding 0, M. Winters 18, K. Reid not out 3, W. Page 0, R. Reid 0, P. Tester 1, D. Gates 1, extras 8, total 58. M. Berrill eight for 35, C. Berrill two for 19.

DIVISION I

COPLÉ v. PERTENHALL

Pertenhall: R. Oll 14, B. Franklin 12, R. Waller 22, R. Short 12, R. White 5, H. Short 0, W. Presland 0, V. Roddis 0, P. Presland 0, C. Weller not out 0, S. Darrington 5, extras 10, total 80. B. Minney five for 28, M. Cambers one for 8, G. Halliday three for 6.

Cople: J. Norman 4, G. Halliday 8, P. Robinson 0, E. Street 11, M. Cambers 0, B. Minney 54, O. Blekin not out 10, R. Hill 0, G. Minney 4, B. Blinney 2, P. Slinger 0, extras 7, total 100. W. Presland two for 24, R. Short six for 17, S. Darrington two for 8.

FELMERSHAM v. GREAT BARFORD

Felmersham: T. Longstaff 18, T. Albany 1, L. Bridgewater 19, G. Hulatt 11, J. Mackenzie 0, K. Cockings 0, D. Parker 16, P. Lawson 16, B. Cockings 0, C. Loxall 0, G. Constant not out 3, extras 5, total 92.

Second innings, Felmersham 106 for six wickets, L. Bridgewater 33 not out, T. Longstaff 20.

Great Barford: M. Coates 0, T. Mardlin 4, C. Lee 5, B. Mardlin 1, C. Storey 10, I. Robinson 0, B. Cope 0, M. Maskell 12, A. Evans 4, B. Sutberland not out 4, A. Sharley 1, extras 10, total 48. B. Cockings four for 12, J. Mackenzie three for 8.

DIVISION II

WOOD END v. MAULDEN

Wood End: L. Burraway 10, D. Burraway 21, M. Pedder 1, P. Hudson 1, P. Burraway 5, K. Millard 2, G. S. Barker 5, P. Page 0, T. Wood 0, D. Storey not out 2, C. Kings 0, extras 8, total 67. M. Burgoyne three for 32, R. Burgoyne five for 29.

Maulden: M. Burgoyne 21, J. Bone 1, R. Burgoyne 2, D. Kent 0, J. Blinney 4, A. Kennedy 1, R. Clarke 0, M. Cole 2, B. Jones not out 9, R. Rimmer 0, extras 11, total 31. D. Burraway five for 11, D. Burraway four for 19.

NOXTON v. STAPLOE

Noxton: R. Mills 1, T. Daniels 0, P. Mitchell 5, M. Staughton not out 32, M. Watts 3, P. Brittain 0, R. Daniels 0, D. Brittain 0, B. Mills 1, T. Mills 1, W. Scotcher 2, extras 2, total 45. M. Larkins six for 17, P. Keightley one for 5, W. Stapleton three for 18.

Staploe: A. Franklin 20, G. Jafferles 7, R. Minney not out 26, M. Larkins 15, P. Titchmarsh not out 6, extras 2, total 78. B. Mills one for 27, T. Mills one for 17, R. Mills one for 3.

DIVISION III

WOOTTON v. WILDEN

Wootton: D. Rauch 12, R. Craddock 7, M. Jenkins 3, D. Peters 0, C. Newbury 1, R. Clarke 0, J. Benson 4, R. Beard 5, B. Armstrong 0, G. Roston 2, M. Froese 0, extras 6, total 4. Drage clean 10, 12.

Wilden: L. Stanton 4, C. Aspley 8, R. Fowler 1, R. Isaac 0, B. Page 4, G. Roston 1, J. King 0, L. Stanton 1, Fowler 1, J. King 0, not out 0, extras 2, total 2. G. Robinson five for 17, G. Newbury four for 8.

Runs were plentiful

OVER 400 runs were scored in each of six of the games played on Bedford Martlets' Kent tour, the highest total being 545 at Gore Court. Here the Martlets were set 273 to win, and on the following day at Sevenoaks 233. Both totals were reached, with mounting excitement, with only a few minutes to spare.

Five matches were won, two drawn, and one lost, the captaincy being shared by W. Moore, G. M. Jarrett, B. C.

Barnwell, G. H. Cullen, K. H. Richardson, and E. J. Cooper.

Since 1935 the Bedford Martlets have played 176 matches in Kent with this result: Won 93, drawn 34, lost 34, abandoned 15. During this period 101 players have toured, almost all of them being masters, Old Boys and School Colours of Bedford Modern School.

MATCH DETAILS

Martlets 236 (Gale 33, Avis 33, Ayling 39), Tonbridge 74 (Jarrett five for 23, Richardson three for 32).

Linden Park, Tunbridge Wells 155 (Jarrett six for 58, Gale three for 14), Martlets 156 for seven (Curtis 41).

Martlets 254 for four dec. (Weston 121, Avis 57), Bowater Lloyd, Sittingbourne 207 for nine (Gale seven for 112).

Gravesend 245 (Richardson five for 70, Cullen five for 69), Martlets 166 (Ayling 37).

Gore Court 272 for nine dec. (Richardson five for 77), Martlets 273 for six (Ayling 69, Avis 59, Weston 48, Theobald 31).

Holmesdale 232 for seven dec., Martlets 235 for six (Ayling 47, Weston 39, Hetherington 36).

Martlets 303 for seven dec. (Theobald 79, Cullen 62, Ayling 59), Dartford 156 (Richardson three for 43, Cullen three for 27).

Martlets 275 for four dec. (Weston 123, Gale 71, Claridge 32 not out), United Services, Chatham, 206 for six (Stewart four for 40).

Friendlies IN FORM

Morris Motors batted first against Bedford Town at Cowley on Sunday, and scored 140 for the loss of one wicket—a run-out.

Bedford passed their total for the loss of four wickets, helped by the in-form Norman Cooley, who scored 60 before being out "leg before." P. Spray, who opened with Cooley, made 24, and J. Ingledeu scored an undefeated 31.

Morris Motors 140 for one wicket dec. Bedford: N. Cooley 60, P. Spray 24, P. Kirk 1, P. Oakley 8, J. Ingledeu not out 31, T. Thomas not out 6, extras 13, total for four wickets 143.

OTHER GAMES

Colworth House 165 for seven dec. (T. Higgs 54, K. Marlow 52, D. F. Bristow 29 not out, C. Harris 4-42), Oxford Aristotle 89 for eight (T. Partington 31 not out, F. Trussell 4-36, J. S. Hobbs 3-27).

Colworth House 104 (C. A. Robinson 51, W. Taylor 22, I. Cole 4-24, A. White 4-26), Kempston Ramblers 40 (F. White 23, R. Shaw 6-22, I. Assinder 3-14).

R.A.E. Officers' Mess 109 for four (Mason 51 not out, Millett 27), Colworth House II 110 for seven (A. L. Brown 50 not out, K. Pickersgill 28 not out).

COUNTY TEAM

Bedfordshire team to play Shropshire at Market Drayton on Monday and Tuesday and Staffordshire at Walsall on Wednesday and Thursday in the Minor Counties Cricket Competition will be: P. Spray, G. Dawson, N. Cooley, D. Robinson, J. Smith (captain), T. C. A. Morley, J. Mordue, J. M. Pearson, D. P. Roll, C. Jarrett, M. Crouch.

Town C.C. Will Face Several County Men

RETURN of Tony Durley means that the Town C.C. will have a full strength team for their visit to Letchworth on Saturday.

This should be an interesting fixture in that the Hertfordshire club are led by Jack Smith, the Bedfordshire captain and includes two other members of the county side, opening batsman, Geoff Dawson, who has made two centuries in Minor Counties cricket recently, and wicket-keeper, Maurice Crouch.

With several members who have played for Hertfordshire at their disposal, they can field a very powerful team indeed.

Brian Taylor Makes Way For Durley

TO make way for Durley, Brian Taylor drops out and the team, which looks very powerful in batting, will be: B. D. Robinson (capt.), A. W. Durley, P. M. Taylor, D. P. Rolt, M. J. Whitmore, J. Wills, J. A. R. Oliver, T. H. Clark, A. Clifton, P. J. Webley, K. Brazier.

Graham Wynn, who has played for Bedfordshire this season, is in the second team for the home match with Letchworth II: T. D. Matthews (capt.), B. J. Taylor, A. Allin, G. C. Wynn, B. N.

Johnson, R. J. Barker, V. Galyer, M. D. Colling, Rex Cox, J. Kirby, P. Denton.

The Strollers go to Old Warden with: T. Collinson (capt.), D. Burford, J. Brown, Roger Cox, J. Cornwell, J. Gillespie, M. Ison, S. Coeshall, S. Spary, A. Hall, D. T. Matthews.

First Team Is Away Again On Sunday

ONCE again, the first team are away on Sunday when they meet Southgate with eight members of their Saturday side, those not playing being Durley, Wills and Clark.

Team: B. D. Robinson (capt.), K. Brazier, P. M. Taylor, D. P. Rolt, M. J. Whitmore, R. J. Barker, A. Clifton, P. J. Webley, J. A. R. Oliver, D. T. Matthews, J. Kirby.

In their home match with Abbots Langley II, the second team will be led by Brian Taylor in the absence of Terry Matthews and Ray Jeffrey.

Team: B. J. Taylor (capt.), P. Burns, V. Galyer, D. Tipton, Rex Cox, B. G. Sattenley, M. D. Colling, G. Purcell, A. Allin, J. Cook, G. Spavins.

Vauxhall C.C. Will Have A Strong Team

A STRONG team will represent Vauxhall Motors in their away match with Abbots Langley on Saturday: R. Claridge (capt.), W. Weston, H. Brown, R. Adams, R. Lowings, D. Light, C. Bird, P. Beaumont, C. Wright, D. Roberts, H. Hayhurst.

At home, the second team to meet Hazell's II will be: R. Butt (capt.), C. Hayes, P. Rhodes, R. Cannadine, A. Tomkins, T. Brown, C. Bradbury, R. Dench, P. Woods, B. Weedon, M. Light.

There is an all-day home match with Oakmead for the Sunday XI, who will be represented by: R. Adams (capt.), D. Light, M. Light, D. Roberts, C. Bird, P. Beaumont, H. Brown, R. Coles, R. Butt, W. Weston, B. Weedon.

The Town scored a double victory on Saturday when both the first and second teams enjoyed wins against West Herts. In the first-team game at Wardown, John Wills got off to a great start by taking the first wicket before a run had been scored, and he went on to capture three more wickets in his 19 overs.

McGratten, Tooke and Ullah were the only West Herts men to offer any resistance to Luton's bowling, and with Clifton getting some of the success which his bowling has merited all season with 3-44, the scoring was kept down so that West Herts declared at 144 for 9 wks.

The Town quickly got after the runs in reply, and Don Rolt played a fine opening innings with 56 before his wicket fell to make the score 80 for 3. Barry Robinson and Ken Brazier then contributed useful scores to help take the total past that of West Herts for the loss of six wickets.

Away to West Herts II, the Town second-team batted first and scored 136 for 9 declared. Galyer was the top scorer with 33 and Brian Johnson batting low in the order also did well to come up with a 25.

West Herts with plenty of time for a win were soon bogged down with a combination of pace and spin. Kirby, in particular, bamboozled them and took five wickets for 43 runs. Johnson completed a good afternoon with 3 for 31 and skipper Terry Matthews took the other two.

Flitwick II v AC-Delco

FLITWICK II: G Clayton 2, T Andrews 15, J W Butler 5, R Andrews not out 27, B Simms 5, E Giggle 4, M Cherry 0, J Butler 0, N Cook 4, D Cheseman 0, P Jeal 0; extras 11. Total 73.

Bowling: B Kilby 4-21, M Dann 3-21, R Barratt 1-19, T Dimmock 1-2.

AC-DELCO: G Fowler 14, R Welch 14, R Turner not out 11, A Chowdry 4, T Dimmock not out 23; extras 11. Total (for 3 wks) 77.

P Newton, M Hutchins, R Barratt, J McAllister, B Kilby, M Dann did not bat.

Bowling: J W Butler 2-24, T Andrews 1-17.

Flitwick Sunday v Hunting

FLITWICK SUNDAY: T Steele 2, F Cooper 81, A Summerfield 37, P Witter 24, P White not out 29, B Simms not out 13; extras 12. Total (for 4 wks dec) 198.

B Waller, M Hardy, D Jones, G Waller, D Harris did not bat.

Bowling: Bishop 2-52, Ginn 1-47, Morgan 1-34.

HUNTING: Bishop 8, Harding 4, Standring 1, Ginn 1, Bowen 15, Eyre 5, Leather 7, Morgan 0, Graham 0, Smith not out 0, Jones 0; extras 2. Total 43.

Bowling: B Waller 2-20, M Hardy 1-12, P White 2-8, T Steele 4-1.

Flowers Brewery v Whitworth

FLOWERS BREWERY: S Godden 19, E Hopper 1, D Smith 36, D Blowers 51, W Elks 16, T Coles 0, S Watson 6, B Smith 9, D Gray 0, C Thompson not out 5, M Godfrey 0; extras 12. Total 155.

Bowling: Bellamy 4-24, Boucher 2-42, G Aldwinkle 1-21, I Aldwinkle 3-25.

WHITWORTHS: D Woodley 7, P Griegs 24, B Boucher 24, B Bellamy 24, G Aldwinkle 0, T Bellamy not out 28, R Jarvis 0, F Oatridge 4, D Goodman 9, I Aldwinkle not out 13; extras 7. Total (for 8 wks) 140.

P Beard did not bat.

Bowling: T Coles 1-27, D Blowers 1-16, D Smith 3-52, B Smith 3-38.

Frogmore v Luton Nalgo

NALGO: S J Harvey 27, J K Hughes 1, F Neale 81, B Groom 20, J Hickman 4, J Sharp 9, A Rolt 0, A Thomas not out 0, A Murphy 0; extras 8. Total (for 8 wks dec) 150.

B Gill, A Slough did not bat.

FROGMORE: Keirle 13, Jones 18, Griffith 17, Simpson 0, Rawling 49, Yeowart 16, Faullett 22, Laidlaw 5, Holder not out 2, Wackrill not out 3; extras 15. Total (for 8 wks) 151.

Bowling: F H Neale 4-47, J Hickman 3-39, J Hughes 1-27.

Luton Town v West Herts

WEST HERTS: A Bell 0, J Chambers 1, P Webster 10, T McGratten 40, S Inley 5, E Briggs 3, K Tooke 41, O Ullah not out 33, F Davis 0, A Stevens 0, G Weston not out 1; extras 10. Total 144.

LUTON TOWN: D P Rolt 56, P M Taylor 7, M Whitmore 19, B D Robinson 24, P J Webley 5, B J Taylor 0, K Brazier not out 22, T Hearn not out 11; extras 3. Total (for 6 wks) 145.

J A R Oliver, J Wills and A Oldson did not bat.

Wharley End v

Luton Town Strollers

LUTON TOWN STROLLERS: D Whitaker 20, S Spary 8, J J M Gillespie 5, J Cornwell 16, T Collinson 7, M O'Keefe 0, A Hall 0, D Burford not out 21, N Conroy 3, J E Brown 8; extras 5. Total (for 9 wks dec) 93.

Bowling: Jones 2-20, Williams 7-44.

WHARLEY END: T Kennedy 0, P Cox 17, J Brown 30, D Ferguson 6, D Jones 8, W Bradley 0, G King 6, R Taylor 3, H Hawkes 5, D Williams 0, R Dickinson not out 1; extras 1. Total 71.

Bowling: J Brown 1-22, D Burford 7-29, A Hall 1-19.

Champions

WOOTTON made sure of the Division III championship of the Bedford and District Cricket League on Saturday with a win over North Crawley that was due almost entirely to some excellent bowling by P. Orchard, who took eight wickets for eight runs.

Orchard's accuracy is illustrated by the fact that he took four wickets in his first seven overs—all of which were maidens. This performance means that Wootton have taken the title in their first season in the League.

After dismissing Cople for 40 in a Division I match, Oakley looked to have the game won when their score stood at 30 for four. Then came a dramatic collapse, and they were shot out for 33. The instrument of their downfall was G. Halliday, who took six for nine.

This included four wickets in four balls, making it the third week running that a Cople bowler has achieved the hat-trick.

PREMIER DIVISION

CLAPHAM v. MARSTON

Clapham: T. Buck 16, R. Sharman 21, T. Jones 15, George Hishop 4, A. Ward 8, R. Pickering 8, Gordon Hishop not out 50, A. Henman 1, M. McCulley 3, extras 4 total (for 8 wkts dec.) 128.
Marston: A. Bunker 1, P. Parker 6, D. Perrin 6, G. Robinson 3, M. Ellis 0, A. Knight 2, P. Hale 0, R. Pursell 10, F. Trussell 2, R. Emmerton 0, A. Goodmar not out 0, extras 1, total 30.

DIVISION I

SOUTHOE v. FELMERSHAM

Falmersham: T. Longstaff 3, T. Albury 6, L. Bridgewater 12, G. Hullatt 10, H. Barnes 15, J. MacKenzie 21, D. Parker 9, P. Lawson 0, T. Constant 0, C. Lovell 0, B. Cockings not out 0, extras 5, total 81.—S. Hewitt four for 6, C. Hagger two for 28.
Southoe: O. Hagger 4, J. Goodwin 7, J. Mott 0, R. Stoeckly 2, K. Darnell 1, D. Mumford 1, S. Hewitt 5, C. Hagger 18, P. Dunkly 8, R. Hagger 7, I. Darrington 1, extras 1, total 55.—B. Cockings five for 21, J. MacKenzie two for 12, T. Longstaff two for 14.

GT. BARFORD v. STAGSDEN

Stagsden: K. Brooks 0, J. Willmott 25, P. Hulance 0, A. Bodkin 2, T. Brooks 3, P. Archer 4, B. Merrill 0, D. Bonnett 10, A. Bonnett 7, J. Alder not out 6, G. Newman 1, extras 4, total 62.—C. Storey six for 18.
Gt. Barford: J. Breese 0, M. Coates 1, C. Lee 8, B. Mardlin 6, C. Storey 9, M. Macell 0, T. Mardlin 0, C. Gentle 20, I. Robinson 8, A. Evans 2, B. Sutherland not out 5, extras 11, total 68.—B. Merrill five for 28.

OAKLEY v. COPLE

Cople: J. Norman 8, G. Halliday 2, A. Thacker 2, E. Street 4, G. Blenkin 1, B. Minney 9, E. Fowler 9, R. Hull 0, B. Bullinger 2, A. Worrall 0, D. Shingler not out 0, extras 3, total 40.—R. Saunders four for 19, B. Everest four for 18.
Oakley: G. Bird 5, S. Sanders 7, D. Curtis 7, B. Worker 1, B. Everest not out 11, R. Saunders 0, R. Smith 1, B. Bird 0, A. Keech 0, R. Hullatt 0, S. Jefferies 0, extras 1, total 37.—R. Minney four for 12, G. Halliday six for 9.
Second Innings: Cople 72 for five.

PERTENHALL v. RENHOLD

Pertenhall: R. Gell 0, R. Waller 3, A. Goodson 0, R. Short 6, B. Stringer 23, J. Pitts 3, H. Short 6, V. Roddy 1, W. Presland 0, B. Franklin not out 12, S. Darrington 17, extras 2, total 81.—R. Harlow three for 19, A. Duncombe three for 22, R. Norman two for 24, P. Carter one for 7.
Renhold: R. Harlow 3, G. Allen 5, P. Harlow 1, K. Rabbitt 2, D. Stapleton 0, A. Duncombe 7, J. Norman not out 28, R. Norman 2, W. Harlow 2, P. Carter 6, T. Bullerwell 1, extras 3, total 64.—R. Short four for 24, W. Presland four for 29, S. Darrington one for 1, A. Goodson one for 10.

DIVISION III

BLUNHAM v. HAIL WESTON
Blunham II: K. Beanev 3, I. Wakefield 14, P. Ranson 1, R. Ashwell 5, M. Armiger 7, S. Reid 0, R. Wakefield not out 13, J. Tester 0, R. Armiger 11, T. Page 5, W. Page 1, total 81.—Curtis five for 27, Bunnage one for 7, Downey three for 21, Hart one for 6.
Hail Weston: T. Page 33, D. Banett 7, E. Curtis 6, R. Cox 56, M. Downing 7, R. Hart 32, P. Nobbles 13, J. Payne 0, D. Potter 6, R. Bunnage 0, J. Barnett not out 0, extras 15, total 175.—Page four for 49, Armiger one for 40, Ranson one for 34, Tester two for 18, Beanev one for 10.

NORTH CRAWLEY v. WOOTTON
Wootton: D. Rouch 1, R. Craddock 5, P. Harris 7, E. Armstrong 12, C. Newbury 11, M. Jenkins 11, D. Peters 3, J. Beard 4, P. Orchard 11, J. Benson not out 0, R. Clark 1, extras 11, total 67.—P. Stanton two for 21, D. Bishop one for 13, B. Phillips two for 12, M. Grimer four for 8.
North Crawley: F. Seles 0, B. Phillips 0, J. Lancaster 2, M. Grimer 0, P. Cooper 0, J. Seemarks 1, F. Stanton 11, M. Clark 0, S. Goodman 0, D. Bishop 0, C. Dickinson not out 5, extras 6, total 23.—P. Orchard eight for 8, C. Newbury two for 9.

Friendlies

Colworth House 152 for four dec. (J. L. Aston 86 not out, T. P. Baker 22, T. Higgs 22); Kempston East 77 for seven (I. Assinder four for 11, J. L. Aston three for 33).

Colworth House 126 (J. L. Aston 30, M. Lowe 22, J. Church six for 46); Bromham Nomads 127 for three (K. Chamberlain 42 not out).

Dlemers 92 (Maggs 25, Breen 16, Glover 14); Simpson 94 for three (Baker one for 3).

NO FUTURE?

HAS County Cricket lost its appeal? According to some people (writes "Spectator") it has. In fact, some go so far as to say that it has no future at all after the present generation of spectators. They point to the fact that the recent Cricket Week at Bedford School hardly drew "a good number" let alone "a crowd".

little to inspire one with great enthusiasm apart from Norman Cooley's two centuries and Geoff Dawson's high scores. But to blame this on the laws is a little hard, I feel. Everybody agreed that this was a batsman's paradise and that it was as difficult to take a wicket there as at Old Trafford.

This fact is indisputable. The attendance was poor especially as the weather was perfect for most of the week.

Another point Mr. Skerman makes is that today's wickets make the bowlers' task almost impossible. Why not prepare them differently so that they could offer more prospect of a finish?

In a letter, Mr. Arthur Skerman, of Denmark Street, Bedford, says: "Cricket Week this year was more like a funeral service than ever." And he blames today's boredom on the present laws. These, he says, are "almost holy and make the desire to play for a win quite impracticable."

Finally, Mr. Skerman suggests that the real future of the game is in K.O. games such as the Hospital Cup. It is the cricket that brings in the crowds. But whether it is a substitute for a county table is a debatable point. It certainly is a useful adjunct to one, though.

Play during the Week did

SPORTS PARADE

—BY "SPECTATOR"



OFTEN Northamptonshire have looked south for cricket talent and found it within the borders of Bedfordshire. Going back through the years, there was Gordon Brice and Mick Allen. More recently, the cricketing Watts brothers—Peter and Jim—left their native shire to serve Northamptonshire well in the county championship. Now, another Bedfordshire-born man has emerged as a potential "star" of Northamptonshire. Twenty-year-old Raymond Bailey (pictured left) has hit the sporting headlines by taking five wickets in the first innings of each of the first three matches in which he has bowled in county cricket.

Born in Queen's Park, Bedford, Bailey learned his cricket at Queen's Park School and Harpur Secondary Modern. But his first professional coaching came at Cardington Camp from ex-Surrey cricketer Tom Clark, another Bedfordshire first-class cricket product.

A member of Bedford Boys' Club, Bailey had a couple of years coaching at Cardington and then took a course in the Northamptonshire winter indoor cricket school under chief coach Dennis Brookes. He made an impression with Northamptonshire club by taking five wickets in his second XI trial game and was taken on the professional staff last season.

It seemed that Bailey would have a long wait for a first-team chance with two or three other pace bowlers ahead of him in the queue. And the first-string seamers were going strong for most of the season.

By a strange coincidence, Bailey got his chance much earlier than he expected. One of the first-team bowlers went lame at Worcester. And the selectors looked to their reserves only to find that two likely deputies were also on the casualty list.

So they picked third-choice reserve Bailey among the 12 to play against Kent at Wellingborough on the following day. It was a big surprise to the fans to see Bailey's name in the team. But they soon heard more about the 6 ft. 2 inches tall swing bowler from Bedford.

Bailey made a five-wicket debut, taking his first wicket in county cricket with his fourth ball and claiming England batsman Colin Cowdrey as his second victim. Since then, Bailey has taken five for 72 against Middlesex and his best feat was five for 25 against Hampshire at Northampton last week.

During the winter, Bailey works as a clerk in Bedford. He is on the books of Bedford Town F.C. as a wing-half. If he does as well at football as he has done at cricket, Bailey will no doubt become a regular first-team man for the Eagles.

Now, however, he is not likely to jeopardise his cricket career by risking football injury with so few young fast bowlers making the grade in English cricket these days.

Bailey has a smooth and economic action and makes the ball swing away from the bat deceptively at times. He looks capable of keeping up a fair pace in long spells of bowling and could become even quicker through the air if used in short bursts.