

BEDFORDSHIRE 1967

CAPTAIN: J. SMITH

MATCHES 10.

NO	DAY	DATE	MONTH	VERSUS	VENUE	BT	BR	LST	LN
		29,30	MAY	LINCS	GRIMSBY	NO	PLAY	-	MATCH ABANDONED
W,T		14,15	JUNE	CAMB	MARCH	FSB C/A	-	FSB A	-
W,T		28,29		HERTS	WATFORD	FSB A	-	FSB A	-
W,T		12,13	JULY	STAFFS	LUTON	FSB A	-	FSB C/A	-
W,T		19,20		CAMB	LUTON	FSB C/A	-	FSB A	-
M,T		7,8	AUGUST	SHROPS	BEDFORD	FSB A	-	-	FSB C/A
W,T		9,10		LINCS	BEDFORD	FSB A	-	FSB C/A	-
F,S		11,12		HERTS	BEDFORD	-	FSB A	-	FSB C/A
M,T		21,22		SHROPS	WELLINGTON	FSB A	-	-	FSB C/A
W,T		23,24		STAFFS	LICHFIELD	FSB A	-	FSB C/A	-
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		PC	MC	NW
JAN	- DEC BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES	✓		✓
JAN	- DEC BEDFORD RECORD	✓		✓
APRIL	- OCT LUTON SATURDAY TELEGRAPH	✓		
JAN	- DEC LUTON NEWS	✓		✓

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- LNEWS - 10 AUG - Death of J.D.G. Loring (G=George) of Sibroe market gardeners. He was 64. Born at Sibroe of well-known family. Sir Richard played for Beds at cricket. Died at 'Lomax', West End Lane, Sibroe on 8 Aug 1967.
- B. RECORD - 7 FEB - Death Notice - Wilfred S. OBM late of Bedford, passed peacefully away 30 Jan 1967 at 138 Manor Road, Chiquell, Essex, beloved brother of Mrs King 26 Beauchamp Court, Bedford.
21 FEB - Death Notice - Capt Perry, father of Maurice, formerly of 49 Castle Road, Bedford peacefully on 18 Feb ~~1967~~ 1967 at 8 Rutland Road, Weymouth London E11
- B. TIMES 8 DEC - Obit ^{of} Jack Wyndham Linnell who died at his home at ^{The Retreat,} Panshanger on Sat 2 Dec 1967 aged 89

Cooley trial for Lancs

Interest is quickening in Bedfordshire's Gillette Cup clash with Northamptonshire at Wardown Park, Luton, on April 26 (11 to 7.30), and this week the selectors chose 13 players from which the County team will be finalised.

Names will be announced on acceptance, and the choice of 13 is no doubt due to availability and the weather on the day.

One of those expected to be on the list—Bedford Town footballer/cricketer Norman Cooley—goes for a two-day trial with Lancashire this Monday and Tuesday.

The trial offer came in a letter and this week Cooley said: "I think it was my game for Minor Counties against the West Indians last summer which brought me to Lancashire's attention."

Before that, of course, Cooley achieved the rare distinction of two unbeaten 100s in Bedfordshire's game with Shropshire, and clearly he has the ability and temperament to make his way in the first-class game.

Cooley is now 26 and he has, of course, had offers from other counties before. Always the tug of local ties, his job at Brookhirst Igranic and the Eagles have proved too strong. "But this is the best offer yet," he says. "I must go and see what they propose."

WEIGHTY WARNING

BIG-HITTING Colin Milburn, heavyweight Northamptonshire opening batsman, goes into eager action against Bedfordshire in the first round of the Gillette Cup at Wardown Park, Luton, on Wednesday with a hidden warning to the Minor Counties side.

Said Milburn, known in his native County Durham as the Burnopfield Belter: "It is my nature to go after the runs, the quicker the better. The Gillette Cup games are just up my street. I like to hammer the ball and put all my beef behind it."

The last sentence carries the real threat to Bedfordshire. Milburn's beef is not inconsiderable.

At 18 st. 5 lb. he is the same as when he left for a winter session with Western Australia; the same as he was before a no-drink, no-chips diet; the same as he was before he resumed training eleven days ago.

During his spell with Western Australia he took nine catches at short leg. But here's another warning for Bedford-

shire — he also topped the Sheffield Shield averages. And in one hectic exercise in big-hitting, he slammed 129 runs in 85 minutes.

Other players for whom to watch in a Northamptonshire side which is well fancied for the County Championship are skipper Roger Prideaux, Pakistan Test man Mushtaq Mohammad and wicket-keeper Laurie Johnson.

Prideaux, former university blue, opens with Milburn; diminutive Mushtaq comes in first wicket down; Johnson replaces retired captain Keith Andrew, and already shares the world record of 10 catches behind the wicket in a match.

One problem for Northants — will former England pace bowler Dave Larter be fit. Larter has just started training and is expected to play.

What of Bedfordshire? Last season they clinched third position of the pure minor counties in the table and all their players are available again plus Ian Davison who returns after a first-class career with Nottinghamshire since 1959.

If there was a deficiency in the county side last season it was a pace bowler to share the opening brunt with Bill Bushby: 29-year-old Davison can fill this gap.

Bedfordshire should not be let down for spin; skipper Jack Smith even kept the Australians quiet and if there is any help in the wicket Graham Jarrett will exploit it.

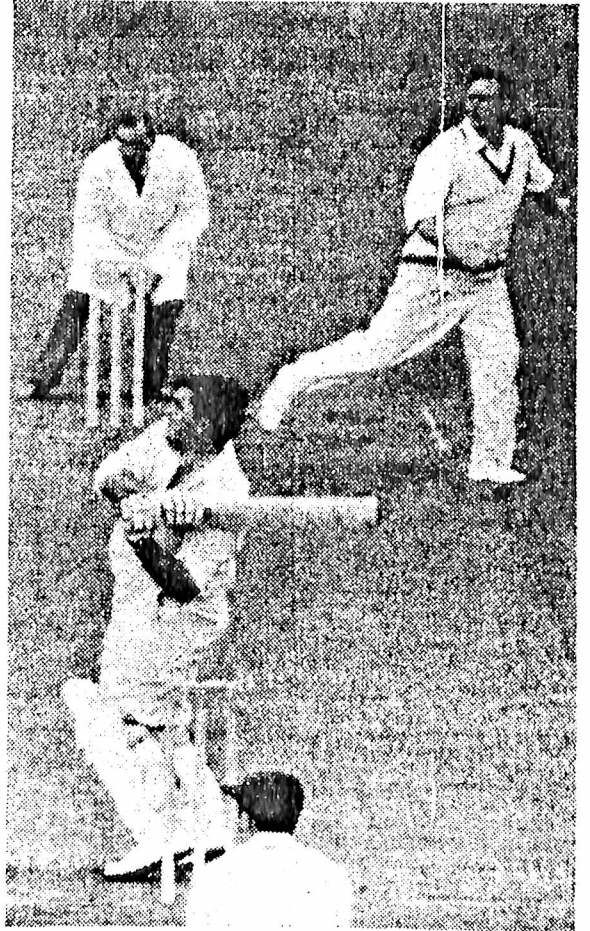
The county are also well equipped for batting—Bushby is eminently capable of hitting a few at No. 9—and if any of Geoff Millman, Peter Taylor, David Hoare or Norman Cooley "come off" there will be runs, attractive ones, in plenty.

Nor is it unimportant that under Smith Bedfordshire will continue with a sense of adventure in their cricket, a valuable approach to such a game.

For all their assembly of talent, Northamptonshire are treating their opponents with respect. They know that some of their own best players in recent years have been recruited from Bedfordshire.

And they realise that cricket is no different from football when it comes to the sudden death of knock-out competition.

A lot, you might say, can happen in the short, short life of a Gillette Cup match.



Colin Milburn goes for a favourite hook shot.

CHOOSING FROM 13

Both sides are likely to finalise their XIs on the morning of the match. Bedfordshire have named 13 . . .

Jack Smith (captain), Geoff Millman (wicket-keeper), Norman Cooley, Alan Durley, Ian Davison, Bill Bushby, Graham Jarrett, David Hoare, Geoff Dawson, Peter Taylor, Martin Ashenden, Tony Ingledew, and Ray White.

Northants, name 14: R. Prideaux, B. Reynolds, C. Milburn, M. Mohammad, D. Steele, B. Crump, D. Larter, L. Johnson, M. Scott, H. Sully, A. Durose, A. Lightfoot, M. Kettle, P. Willey.

Hours of play are 11.0—7.30 and the umpires may order extra time if a finish is possible in the day. The match is limited to one innings, 60 overs each side, and no bowler can have more than 12 overs.

A somewhat depressing note is that no minor county have yet beaten a first-class county. Last year, however, Lincolnshire, hitting 195 off 56.4 overs had Hampshire worried (226—9). In the same first round Northamptonshire were shot out for 67 by Glamorgan (70—1).

Highest-ever total in the competition is the 327—7 by Gloucestershire against Berkshire last season.



Roger Prideaux.

NOT EVEN A CLOSE SHAVE

by DOUGLAS BOWKER

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

C. Milburn c Cooley b Jarrett	63
R. M. Prideaux c Jarrett b Bushby	75
B. L. Reynolds c Cooley b Jarrett	15
Mushtaq Mohammed not out	64
D. S. Steele b Smith	14
A. Lightfoot c & b White	2
B. Crump not out	1
Extras (lb 5)	3
Total (5 wickets)	237

Fall: 1-82, 2-112, 3-184, 4-227, 5-237

Bowling: Davison 12-0-16-0, Bushby 12-1-28-1, Smith 12-1-46-1, White 12-1-41-1, Jarrett 12-2-42-2

Did not bat: M. Kettle, S. Johnson, A. J. Durose, J. D. F. Larter.

BEDFORDSHIRE

G. Millman run out	44
P. M. Taylor c Steele b Crump	25
A. W. Darley run out	0
N. Cooley c Prideaux b Mushtaq	17
G. Dawson c Mushtaq b Durose	14
D. J. F. Hoare b Mushtaq	0
W. J. Bushby b Durose	3
I. Davison c Prideaux b Crump	22
J. Smith c Lightfoot b Mushtaq	8
G. Jarrett not out	14
R. White b Larter	7
Extras (lb 6, nb 1)	7
Total (10 wickets)	154

Fall: 1-41, 2-41, 3-79, 4-105, 5-105, 6-106, 7-108, 8-117, 9-153

Bowling: Larter 11 3-4-26-1, Durose 11 5-26-2, Crump 8 4-21-2, Kettle 8 1-19-0, Mushtaq 12 1-51-3

IN MORE sensible times football ended and cricket began. Increasingly, football has encroached on the summer scene, and it was amusing therefore to see cricket swiping back into the tail-end of April and, as in this Gillette Cup match at Luton on Wednesday, receiving encouragement from a sunny day.

Unfortunately, little spurts of life failed fully to ignite this Bedfordshire's first taste of Knock-out Cup cricket. Northamptonshire duly collected what from the beginning had seemed an ordained victory. The margin was 83 runs which probably satisfied the non-our of both sides but it was barely close enough to excite spectators.

Two run-outs and a failure in the middle batting wrecked the home county's chase of a not unassailable total of 237.

Early on Northants, put in by Smith, looked set to go close to 300. Milburn breezed to 50 in 50 minutes and the 100 was up after 78 minutes (23 overs). Milburn had now gone, hooking at and catching on the splice Jarrett's third delivery and holding out to Cooley at mid-on.

Skipper Prideaux, lost until now in the shadow of the great Milburn, opened up, and though the Jarrett-Cooley combination worked again to dismiss Reynolds—off a full-blooded hit this time—Mushtaq clearly had come to stay.

For a while Jarrett, and notably White who seemed more penetrative than either Davison or Bushby, confined the Northants' pair. Prideaux's 50 took 24 hours in its compilation and only a late flourish, including a straight-driven 6, saw the 200 mark comfortably cleared.

So to the Bedfordshire knock with all eyes on the giant David Larter very much with his cricketing future on trial. He managed his overs quota without any breakdown, but despite some near things managed only the one wicket.

The home county's requirement was exactly 4 an

over, and it was something of a tragedy when Millman, with a sudden rattle of 17 off two overs was meeting this target, a flick round the corner ended Taylor and the partnership on 41.

Worse was to befall. A quick single call by Millman before Darley was acclimatised saw Reynolds throw down the wicket. An in-the-news but, alas, out-of-touch Cooley came in, and though he and Millman struggled on to 75 now it was Millman's turn to be run out; his fault for he checked in mid-wicket.

More and more the game was slipping the visitors' way and 32 overs were expended before the 100 arrived. Cooley, desperate for a full hit chanced his arm and Prideaux took the catch at mid-off. Dawson followed, Mushtaq juggling the catch but holding it third attempt lucky. Hoare surrendered playing back and Bushby was bowled head up.

Skipper Smith with a show of defiance hit successive balls for 4 and 3 and then was caught on the boundary. His effort was infectious for now followed the liveliest partnership, Davison and Jarrett cracking 36 runs, including a 6, into the beer tent from Davison. It could not last and Davison was the man out followed speedily by White and that was that.

Reg Simpson, the former Notts and England player, chose Milburn "man of the match" and rightly so. His only competitors could have been Prideaux and Mushtaq who scored more runs but Milburn provided the one lasting memory and the sort of batting which must be taken up by others if cricket is to recover spectator interest.



● Pictures by staff photographer Antony Woodcock



Above, Geoff Millman, Bedfordshire wicketkeeper, alert for the snick. Below, the fielders crouch as Colin Jarrett bowls to Prideaux. At the other end Mushtaq.



Roger Prideaux in full flow. The fielder—Dick White.

CRICKET

SATURDAY

Bedford v. Henlow.
Saints II v. Bedford II.
Kempston v. Ramblers.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Division One

Little Paxton v. Gt. Barford.

Division Two

Hobkirk v. Potton.
Wood End v. Wrestlingworth.
Wilden v. Tempsford.

SUNDAY

Leicester Ivanhoe v. Bedford.
Bedford II v. Ivanhoe II.
Igranio v. Gysaeico.

Bedford West Indians 22 (G. Riley 18, M. Church 5-19), Brookhurst Igranio 20, P. Morris 20, S. Smith 20, R. Griffin 3-9).

From Colts to County

Bedfordshire County Cricket Club's activities are not confined to their Minor Counties' programme. Each year holiday matches are arranged at Colts' level, and this August chairman George Hawley has laid on an attractive seven-match programme following a trial at Vauxhall-BAC ground on Sunday, July 2.

The full list is: Aug. 7, Hertfordshire Colts, Hitchin; Aug. 8, Oxfordshire Colts, Dunstable; Aug. 10, Lincolnshire Colts, Bedford; Aug. 14, Dorset Colts, Vauxhall; Aug. 15, Suffolk Colts, Vauxhall; Aug. 16, Leicestershire Colts, Leicester; Aug. 17, Huntingdonshire Colts, Huntingdon.

Any youngsters who were under 19 years of age on May 1, 1967, are eligible for selection, and sports masters, club secretaries, parents, or boys themselves who wish to be considered, should send names, addresses, ages, and capabilities to Mr. Hawley at Pulmer Water, Codicote, near Hitchin.

Quite a few of those who have played for the Colts have gone on to make the county side, and it is hoped this trend will continue.

● Bedfordshire's opening Minor Counties game with Lincolnshire, scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, was abandoned because of a rain-soaked pitch without a ball being bowled.

County lose Bushby

Pace bowler Bill Bushby has given up county cricket owing to work commitments and along with Geoff Millman (on holiday) misses Bedfordshire's match with Cambridgeshire at March next Wednesday and Thursday.

Norman Cooley will keep wicket, and Mike Jordan and Fred Moore make up the side. J. Smith (captain), P. M. Taylor, A. W. Durley, G. Dawson, F. Moore, N. Cooley, D. J. F. Hoare, G. Jarrett, I. Davison, M. Jordan, R. White.

Next season, Buckinghamshire will return to the county list in place of Staffordshire.

CATCHES BY COOLEY WICKETS BY WHITE

BEDFORDSHIRE found a new and highly successful partnership to make up for the absence of Bill Bushby and Geoff Millman in their Minor Counties game with Cambridgeshire at March on Wednesday and Thursday. Dick White, with 9-54 in the match and Norman Cooley with nine catches behind the stumps, sizzled out Cambridgeshire for 106 and 176 to win by 10 wickets.

It was a fabulous performance by the two Bedford Town men and there was nothing, repeat nothing, to assist White in the wicket.

Cambridgeshire, in fact, won the toss on Wednesday and chose to bat. After just four overs skipper Rex Gautrey must have been wondering about his decision. Three of his men were back in the pavilion for three runs. Cooley had caught both openers. David Fairley and Tom Shippey and then White bowled Paul Goodman.

Cambridgeshire could have wished Terry Hale was there to revive their fortunes; as it was, only Gautrey himself and Alan Ponder salvaged a little pride with 42 and 36 respectively and 28 minutes after lunch the innings was over.

Bedfordshire found no terrors in the wicket. Geoff Dawson was trapped low but Alan Durley and Peter Taylor advanced the total to 80-1 by

tea and with steady contributions down the list, including a majestic 49 by David Hoare. The visitors were 269-8 at close.

Smith declared overnight and his bowlers quickly set about proving their previous day's achievements were no fluke. White struck in his second over, getting Fairley for a 'duck', and with Goodman going off for a spell after taking a blow to the arm from a Davison delivery and no resistance this time from Ponder and Gautrey, Bedfordshire were heading for an innings victory.

Jarrett now lent support to White and Davison, taking four wickets, but it was skipper Smith, claiming his only wicket of the match, who eventually got the stubborn Terry Dash whose 77 necessitated Bedfordshire batting — albeit briefly—again.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
First Innings	
T. Fairley c Cooley b White	1
T. Shippey c Cooley b Davison	0
P. Goodman b White	2
A. Ponder c Cooley b White	36
R. Gautrey b White	42
T. Dash c Cooley b White	2
S. Bonner not out	11
J. Wardle lbw b Davison	5
B. Gadaby c Cooley b Davison	2
D. Wing b Davison	2
R. Nunn c Taylor b White	5
Total	106
Bowling: J. Davison 16-4-37-4; R. White 12-4-2-28-6; G. Jarrett 11-2-12-0; J. Smith 6-3-4-0.	
Second Innings	
T. Shippey c Cooley b Davison	11
T. Fairley c Durley b White	0
P. Goodman b White	6
A. Ponder b Davison	6
R. Gautrey c Cooley b Jarrett	0
T. Dash lbw b Smith	77
S. Bonner c and b Jarrett	23
J. Wardle c Cooley b White	0
B. Gadaby c Smith b Jarrett	26
D. Wing c Cooley b Jarrett	12
R. Nunn not out	0
Extras	6
Total	176
Bowling: J. Davison 17-3-46-2; White 10-3-26-3; Jarrett 23-2-4-74-4; Smith 10-3-14-1.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Dawson lbw b Fairley	8
P. Taylor st Nunn b Fairley	22
A. Durley b Wardle	61
D. Hoare lbw b Wardle	49
N. Cooley c Gautrey b Dash	17
I. Davison c Shippey b Gadaby	29
P. Webley c Fairley b Gadaby	18
D. Rolt not out	25
J. Smith c Nunn b Gadaby	22
G. Jarrett not out	9
Extras	11
Total (for 8 wickets dec)	269
Bowling: D. Wing 11-2-36-0; D. Fairley 15-4-41-2; J. Wardle 29-4-85-2; T. Dash 17-3-47-1; R. Gautrey 11-1-49-3.	
Second Innings	
G. Dawson not out	8
P. Taylor not out	6
Total (for 0 wicket)	14
Bowling: Jarrett 3-1-3-0; Shippey 2-4-0-11-0.	

TAYLOR BATS WITH BROKEN JAW

BEDFORDSHIRE opening bat, Peter Taylor, returned to the wicket at Watford last night with a fractured jaw to save the county from defeat by Hertfordshire.

"Knocked out" during Wednesday's play, he had not intended to take any further part in the game, but seeing a winning position slipping into a losing one he went out and with Dick White put on 18 runs for the last wicket.

Thus an exciting game ended drawn with Bedfordshire's reward—first innings points.

Jack Smith lost the toss and may have been glad to do so. It placed the decision on John Appleyard, who chose to bat, and from Ian Davison's first over it was clear the Hertfordshire captain was wrong.

Davison made the ball lift aggressively and Hertfordshire had only just crept into double figures when Bell was yorked.

Without addition Evans was caught behind off a ball which rose shoulder high. Smith and Cundle now offered some resistance, seeing off the pacemen, but it was Bedfordshire's Smith who broke through, having Cundle snapped up by Millman on 69.

Further shocks followed with Smith and Martins out on the same total and the Bedfordshire skipper pressed his advantage as Hertfordshire slumped to 86-6.

A dismissal by lunch seemed probable, but Hertfordshire now found a champion in Collier, playing his first county match, who stayed until lunch and well after with a defiant 46 not out.

Hertfordshire's total was 157 and it always seemed within Bedfordshire's reach. The home attack lacked penetration, and though Bedfordshire lost Taylor injured after a well made 22. Millman and Durley played fluently and 50 was up in 35 minutes. Moore (36 in 91 minutes) and Durley then progressed at a more sober rate, but by close Bedfordshire had a useful 50 runs lead with two wickets in hand.

Bedfordshire declared at their overnight total and again Hertfordshire were in desperate straits. Half their side were out for 35. Davison being the destroyer with 2-3, 4-11 and then 5-31 at the end of his first spell.

However, Hertfordshire partially recovered through Martins and Collier, and then came a tremendous 9th-wicket stand of 98 between Wacey and Appleyard.

It meant Bedfordshire had to get 139 to win and shock piled on shock as three wickets tumbled with the total just two runs! Dawson and Moore then survived until tea (34-3).

HERTFORDSHIRE

First innings

G. J. Smith	c Davison	b Jarrett	55
T. A. Bell	b Davison		2
E. J. Evans	c Millman	b Davison	0
J. W. Cundle	c Millman	b Smith	28
P. R. Martins	c Davison	b Smith	0
T. I. Clough	lbw	b Smith	4
H. W. Tilley	b Jarrett		6
R. H. Wacey	c Jarrett	b Davison	11
S. E. Collier	not out		46
J. F. Appleyard	c Durley	b Davison	1
T. Finn	lbw	b Smith	16
Extras			10
Total			157

A. Davison 20-6-47-4; R. White 5-1-20-0; G. Jarrett 20-6-61-2; Smith 12-5-19-4.

Second innings

G. J. Smith	c Millman	b Davison	2
A. Bell	c Durley	b Davison	8
D. J. Evans	c Millman	b Davison	0
J. W. J. Cundle	b Davison		7
P. R. Martins	run out		34
T. I. Clough	c Durley	b Davison	8
F. E. Collier	b Smith		23
H. W. Tilley	b Jarrett		9
R. H. Wacey	lbw	b Jarrett	38
J. F. Appleyard	lbw	b Jarrett	48
T. Finn	not out		0
Extras			16
Total			189

Davison 19-4-60-5; White 17-3-38-0; Jarrett 27-4-12-42-3; Smith 26-9-43-1.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First innings

G. Millman	c Wacey	b Tilley	22
P. M. Taylor	retd. hurt		28
A. W. Durley	c Clough	b Appleyard	68
P. Spray	b Tilley		0
G. Dawson	c & b Tilley		0
P. Moore	c Collier	b Finn	76
J. Davison	c Clough	b Tilley	24
J. Smith	c Clough	b Finn	4
R. Cox	b Finn		18
G. Jarrett	not out		6
Extras			10
Total (for 8 wickets dec)			208

Tilley 16-10-41-4; Finn 18-1-72-3; Wacey 18-6-82-0; Appleyard 18-5-25-1; Smith 4-0-17-0.

Second innings

G. Millman	c Bell	b Finn	1
P. Spray	lbw	b Tilley	1
A. W. Durley	b Tilley		0
G. Dawson	c Tilley	b Finn	31
P. Moore	run out		49
J. Davison	b Appleyard		6
R. Cox	b Finn		4
G. Jarrett	c Collier	b Finn	5
J. Smith	c Cundle	b Appleyard	5
R. White	not out		8
P. M. Taylor	not out		19
Extras			7
Total (for 9 wickets)			137

Finn 16-3-52-4; Tilley 15-8-52-3; Wacey 5-0-22-0; Appleyard 5-1-18-2.

FOUR WICKET BURST..

..then last Staffs pair stick

CAPTURING four wickets in the last 20 minutes, Bedfordshire came desperately close to a sensational win over Staffordshire at Luton last night.

They were foiled by a stubborn innings from Michael Ikin, plus the fact that their already weakened attack was further depleted. Brown pulled a muscle and could not bowl in the second innings.

Unavailability of players left Bedfordshire with only three men who began the season in the Gillette Cup side.

Latest blow came on Tuesday when Ian Davison dropped out with food poisoning. In came Terry Brown, of Dunstable, which left an unbalanced attack of Roger Cox—only an occasional bowler for Luton—to open with Tom Beck and three off-spinners, Brown, Jack Smith and Tony Ingledeu, in support.

Even so, Staffordshire had to struggle in their reply to a useful Bedfordshire total of 241 on Wednesday, finishing the day 137 runs behind with only four wickets left.

Smith was by far the most successful bowler, but Ingledeu had no luck, several catches being dropped off his bowling.

Bedfordshire's innings was rather uneven. They had reached 101 by lunch for the loss of Geoff Millman and Mike Jordan, but the score quickly became 106-4 with Fred Moore missing a half century by one run and Geoff Dawson out to a poor shot after he had made a brilliant start.

When the sixth wicket went at 142, Bedfordshire looked to be in a certain amount of trouble, but 20-year-old Roger Cox, a former Colt, was confident from the start. With Smith 56 valuable runs were added and then Brown helped Cox in a 40 partnership.

The youngster's innings ended on 65 to a brilliant catch in the deep when he was rightly in search of quick runs.

Staffordshire resumed yesterday morning in more determined style and there was near anxiety about first-innings lead for Bedfordshire. They got it—by 39 runs—but it could have been more handsome if Michael Ikin, unbeaten with 63, had not been missed at slip.

Thirty-five minutes remained

to lunch and Bedfordshire made 28 for the loss of Millman, out to the final ball before the break. Then came shocks as Jordan and Moore were dismissed for the addition of one run.

When Dawson was taken behind the wicket Bedfordshire were 48-4 but now came resistance from Robinson, who mixed aggression with caution.

Cox stayed a short time but could not repeat his first innings triumph and it was left to Robinson to be the backbone of the innings, reaching 41 before being caught driving.

Rolt prolonged the end with a stubborn 21 and Bedfordshire finished on 127, which left Staffordshire 167 to win in just over two hours.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings		
G. Millman	run out	12
F. Moore	b Henson	49
M. J. Jordan	c M. Ikin b Deville	12
G. Dawson	b M. Ikin	23
B. D. Robinson	lbw b Henson	19
R. Cox	c Neal b Deville	65
D. P. Rolt	c Frost b Henson	3
J. Smith	st Frost b J. Ikin	27
T. J. Brown	not out	18
A. Ingledeu	b Henson	0
T. Beck	b Deville	1
Extras		7
Total		241

Bowling: Timmins 13-1-50-0; Downend 12-2-21-0; Henson 24-8-46-4; Deville 17-4-2-5; M. Ikin 20-5-41-1; J. Ikin 5-0-20-1.

Second Innings

G. Millman	c M. Ikin b Henson	15
F. Moore	lbw b Henson	5
M. J. Jordan	c Neal b Timmins	0
G. Dawson	c Frost b Timmins	9
B. D. Robinson	c J. Ikin b M. Ikin	42
R. Cox	c M. Ikin b Downend	27
D. P. Rolt	c & b Deville	21
J. Smith	c Frost b Henson	1
A. Ingledeu	b Deville	6
T. Beck	c J. Ikin b Timmins	5
T. J. Brown	not out	4
Extras		12
Total		127

Henson 18-6-35-3; Timmins 16.2-7-39-3; Deville 11-5-22-2; Downend 8-4-6-1; M. Ikin 9-4-15-1.

STAFFORDSHIRE

First Innings		
B. Neal	v Moore b Cox	0
D. Hancock	c Millman b Beck	25
R. Lawry	b Smith	9
V. Babb	lbw b Smith	9
I. Frost	lbw b Smith	3
J. T. Ikin	c Ingledeu b Brown	5
M. Ikin	not out	63
R. Deville	c Millman b Beck	2
R. Downend	c Cox b Smith	36
B. Henson	c Ingledeu b Brown	2
P. Timmins	c and b Smith	0
Extras		16
Total		208

Beck 18-7-40-2; Cox 6-2-14-1; Ingledeu 17-3-34-0; Smith 29-14-41-6; Brown 16.3-6-27-2.

Second Innings

D. Hancock	c Smith b Rolt	3
D. Neal	run out	8
R. Lawry	b Beck	20
V. Babb	c Ingledeu b Beck	20
R. Downend	lbw b Smith	14
M. Ikin	not out	14
J. T. Ikin	c Cox b Ingledeu	12
R. Deville	run out	2
I. Frost	lbw b Smith	0
D. Henson	b Ingledeu	1
P. Timmins	not out	0
Extras		7

Total (for 9 wks.) 116

Beck 11-2-22-2; Rolt 5-2-12-1; Smith 16-4-32-2; Ingledeu 11-2-42-2.

County poised for the top

by DOUGLAS BOWKER

DARE I suggest it? Bedfordshire for the Minor Counties championship! Currently they are third in the table with cricket week—in which they usually do so well—starting on Monday.

Bedfordshire have never won the title though several times have finished runners-up and twice since the war played in challenge matches with the top side.

They have the players—and the spirit—to succeed this time but, of course, they have got to have the weather and a reasonable run of fortune.

As not all teams in the competition play the same number of games, the table is worked out on an average per match. Bedfordshire have so far won two of their five games (20 points), twice won on the first innings (6 points), and in the other game there was no result (2 points), a total of 28 points and an average of 5.60.

Last season, when they finished sixth, they collected 43 points from their 10 games (average 4.30).

Currently above them are Norfolk (average 6.80) and Suffolk (10.00), but the latter have played only the one game!

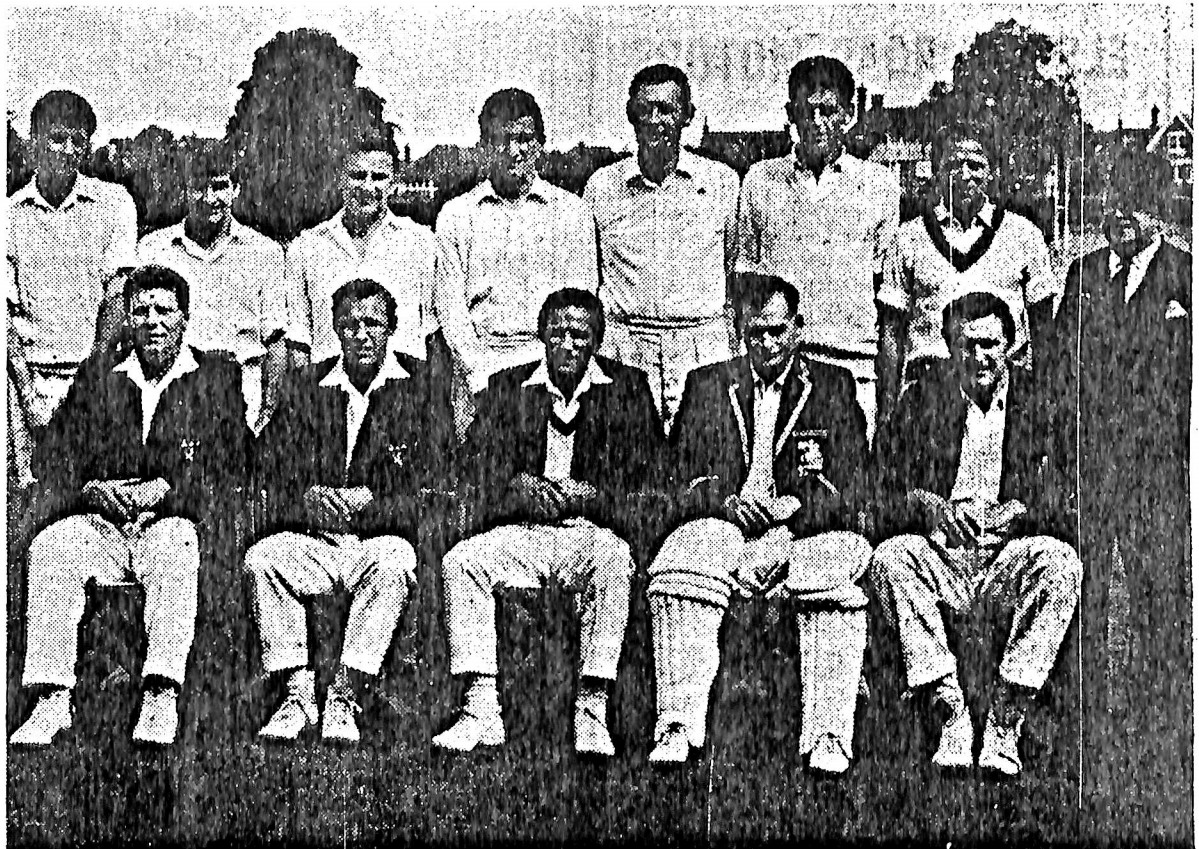
Bedfordshire's three games next week, all at Bedford

School, are against Shropshire (sixth from bottom in the table) on Monday and Tuesday; Lincolnshire (last year's champions but now eighth from bottom) on Wednesday and Thursday; and Hertfordshire (the very bottom side) on Friday and Saturday.

Happily Bedfordshire are restored much more nearly to full strength for the three games.

Jack Smith (capt.), Geoff Millman, Fred Moore, Norman Cooley, Barry Robinson, Graham Jarrett, Tony Ingle-dew, and Ray White will play in all three. Roger Cox, David Hoare, and Ian Davison will make up the team against Shropshire. Hoare and Davison with Tony Durley play against Lincolnshire, and v. Hertfordshire Durley is joined by Geoff Dawson and Bill Bushby. (Didn't someone say he had retired from county cricket?)

The championship, then, is the prize Bedfordshire must aim at—next week and in the final two games v. Shropshire at Wellington on August 21-22 and v. Staffordshire at Lichfield on August 23-24. Failing this, another crack at the Gillette Cup would not come amiss, an honour reserved for the top three pure minor counties in the table.



The team which took Bedfordshire to the top of the table on Tuesday by beating Shropshire. Back row (left to right): P. J. Webley (twelfth man), R. Cox, F. Moore, N. Cooley, D. Hoare, R. White, G. Jarrett, and F. Crompton (honorary secretary). Front (left to right): A. Ingledew, B. Robinson, J. Smith (captain), G. Millman, and I. Davison.

NORMAN CONQUEST SCOREBOARD

BEDFORDSHIRE found a man of and for the hour—the last 60 minutes of play in the game with Shropshire on Tuesday. Norman Cooley slammed 72 not out, turning what seemed an impossible requirement of 100 runs in an hour into reality, the winner coming off the third ball of the final over.

It was frantic stuff. In all Bedfordshire had been set 194 to win in 135 minutes and Shropshire lessened the home county's chance by sending down only 34.3 overs in that time. York, taking an unnecessarily long run, was slow handclapped and twice he "beamed" deliveries over Cooley's head.

What made the finish so fabulous was that Shropshire also had a chance of winning. Openers Hoare and Millman put on 88 at just over a run-a-minute but Bedfordshire then slumped to 105-4. Weaker hearts could have called off the chase but Smith, who thinks draws are for other people, now acted as the spur to Cooley's genius. Together the pair put on 82 runs in 31 minutes, Cooley reaching his own 50 in 39 minutes. Anything but a Bedfordshire win after this would have been unjust.

Not all this wonderful game's excitement was confined to the last hour. On Monday we had something of a dawdling start, with Shropshire taking 3 hours making 140-2. It was too slow to give them a real advantage while Bedfordshire seemed right out of it.

But anyone who now nodded off missed the sensation of eight wickets going for 43 runs and the game very much alive again. Bedfordshire had not suddenly begun to bowl better, demons had not appeared in the placid Bedford School track. It was just one of cricket's happenings.

The men in command at 140-2 were Winfield, a splendid bat in any company, and Gough, a natural hitter reined in by force of early wicket losses. Suddenly he flew at one of Smith's tantalising deliveries and Ingledew gobbled up the catch at deep mid-wicket.

Rowley's first ball was his last — he misread Jarrett's googly — and with Burton left before Shropshire were 145-1.

Winfield could have picked up the pieces but did not get the chance. He was called for a near-suicidal single and was run out. Most of us wished he had made his 100 rather than 92 (16 4s) — he had earned it.

There was no time for sob-stuff however. Jarrett dived to take an incredible one-handed catch at forward short leg. Claffey rammed one straight at Cooley who took it more like a goalkeeper than an outfield footballer, and Smith and Hoare hung on to more pleasant catches and that was that.

An hour earlier Bedfordshire

skipper Smith would have settled for a 250 target, now it was a more modest 184 and a good 2½ hours' battling left.

And how well Bedfordshire used that time. Millman and Moore set a run-a-minute pace in a fine stand of 89 and Hoare and Cooley — a little uncertainly at first — continued it up to 155-2 by close. Moore was a confident opener in the continuing absence of Taylor and Millman — what a great asset he is to the county — perkily looked for every run.

Showers were about on Tuesday morning — there were two brief stoppages — but Bedfordshire smartly knocked off the 29 runs for first-innings lead and declared. With a hot sun soon appearing so did the spinners, but Bedfordshire could not quite force the breakthrough of the first innings, Winfield again being the chief stumbling block with 50. However, Shropshire's declaration now opened the way for Bedfordshire's glorious win.

SHROPSHIRE	
First innings	
D. Jones c Millman b Ingledew	29
S. Johnson c Millman b Deighton	29
M. Winfield run out	51
P. Gough c Ingledew b Smith	50
B. Rowley c Millman b Jarrett	1
R. Burton lbw b Smith	1
G. A. Trinder c Jarrett b Smith	4
R. M. Claffey c Cooley b Jarrett	0
P. Bradley not out	12
D. York c Smith b Jarrett	10
J. Phillips c Hoare b Jarrett	10
Extras	1
Total	143

I. Davison 12-5-24-1; R. White 14-5-36-0; J. Smith 24-14-26-3; G. Jarrett 28-4-8-70-4; A. Ingledew 7-2-22-1

SHROPSHIRE	
Second innings	
D. Jones c Millman b Jarrett	31
S. Johnson lbw b Ingledew	24
H. M. Winfield c Hoare b Jarrett	50
P. Gough c Millman b Smith	51
B. Rowley c Moore b Ingledew	29
R. Burton c Millman b Jarrett	1
D. York c Cooley b Jarrett	0
J. Phillips c Millman b Jarrett	10
G. A. Trinder not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	190

Davison 6-1-17-0; White 6-0-14-0; Jarrett 24-7-60-6; Smith 23-16-43-1; Ingledew 13-1-2-62-2

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First innings	
G. Millman c Jones b Rowley	61
F. Moore c Claffey b Rowley	58
D. Hoare not out	54
N. Cooley not out	52
Extras	7
Total (for 2 wks. dec.)	190

D. York 14-5-2-50-0; J. Phillips 16-9-46-0; G. Trinder 9-0-18-0; R. Rowley 15-1-42-2; P. Bradley 6-1-13-0

BEDFORDSHIRE	
Second innings	
G. Millman c Bradley b York	41
D. Hoare c Rowley b Trinder	37
N. Cooley not out	0
B. Robinson c Rowley b York	0
I. Davison c and b York	1
J. Smith c York b Phillips	13
P. Moore run out	0
G. Jarrett c Johnson b Phillips	0
R. Cox not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 7 wks. dec.)	100

York 16-0-74-3; Phillips 8-5-0-63-1; Trinder 9-0-57-1; Rowley 1-0-10-0

COUNTY BLAST TO THE TOP THEN.....

"BEDFORDSHIRE for the Minor Counties championship!" This was the hope expressed in our cricket column last week, and on Tuesday night, after the most thrilling last-over win over Shropshire, Bedfordshire did indeed leap to top-of-the-table spot.

Leading positions then were:

	P	PTS.	AVG.
Bedfordshire	6	38	6.33
Berkshire	4	24	6.00
Norfolk	8	47	5.87
Warwickshire 2nd	8	46	5.75
Somerset 2nd ...	6	33	5.50
Dorset	2	11	5.50

Alas, a defeat, and no points from the game with Lincolnshire concluded last evening meant a drop to fourth place, but Bedfordshire could again recover the leadership with a win from the match against Hertfordshire starting today at Bedford School.

It looked as if Lincolnshire would call it a rain-robbery. Immediately after Bedfordshire had made a sporting declaration, leaving them two hours in which to get 163 to win, rain reduced their batting time to 100 minutes.

At one stage they were well behind the clock. They still needed 63 in the last half-hour.

But they achieved victory with six minutes to spare.

Wednesday's play developed into a keen battle for a first innings lead, Bedfordshire batting four hours to set Lincolnshire a target of 241.

At the close, Lincolnshire had totalled 168 in 140 minutes for the loss of only four wickets.

Their hero was I. Madray who reached his century in 109 minutes, cracking 15 fours. Six minutes later, with only two more runs added to his score, he was back in the pavilion caught and bowled by Jack Smith.

Highlight of Bedfordshire's innings was another grand knock by Norman Cooley—dismissed by a spectacular catch when he was only one short of a century.

Earlier, Bedfordshire had been in real trouble. The first three wickets tumbled for 33. They lost another at 54.

But Cooley and Barry Robinson restored the position with a fine stand. They were still there at lunch with the score 82 for four.

Then, they stepped up the run-rate. In 84 minutes, the partnership yielded 100. Cooley playing the dominant role.

After Cooley's departure—he had hit a six and nine fours during his 155 minutes at the crease—Ian Davison and Jack Smith kept the runs flowing.

Smith was most aggressive, his 36 including six boundary hits.

Bedfordshire lost their final wicket in the last over before tea.

Lincolnshire lost their openers—for a mere 17 runs. But now Madray arrived on the scene to keep the bowlers at bay until 20 minutes from close.

It took Lincolnshire little more than an hour yesterday to pass the Bedfordshire total. In doing so they lost three more wickets.

Lincolnshire declared at 272 for nine, 31 runs on, and left Bedfordshire an hour's batting time before lunch.

A thunderstorm broke over the ground after the innings had been in progress fifteen minutes, Bedfordshire having scored eight runs off five overs.

But it was a brief interruption. And at lunch, Bedfordshire had put on 23 without loss.

Having lost valuable time to the rain—the resumption was delayed for 45 minutes—Bedfordshire faced an uphill task.

With 39 runs scored, McVicker, in fine bowling form, claimed the wicket of David Hoare. A brilliant catch then had Geoff Millman back in the pavilion—at 67.

Now, Bedfordshire needed another outstanding performance from Cooley. And he was soon off the mark, twice hitting Madray to the boundary.

Both Durley and Cooley appreciated that there was no time for defensive play. They struck out forcefully and it was whilst he was "having a go" that Cooley lost his wicket.

In 26 minutes he had produced 32 runs, which included six 4s.

Robinson was run out, but Durley, full of confidence, reached his half-century—he had batted for 67 minutes.

At tea Bedfordshire declared, 162 on. Jack Smith's 17 included three 4s and Durley was undefeated with 66.

SCOREBOARD

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Millman b Evans	18
F. Moore c Madray b McVicker	7
A. W. Durley b Evans	7
N. Cooley c & b Evans	99
D. J. F. Hoare c Hanson b Evans	8
B. D. Robinson b Camplin	41
I. Davison c Sunley b Evans	14
J. Smith c Richardson b Evans	36
G. Jarrett b McVicker	1
A. Ingledeu b Evans	4
R. White not out	0
Extras	8
Total	241
Bowling: Evans 29.5-7-72-7; McVicker 23-6-58-2; Camplin 11-3-28-1; Lawson 17-5-52-0; Madray 7-0-25-0.	

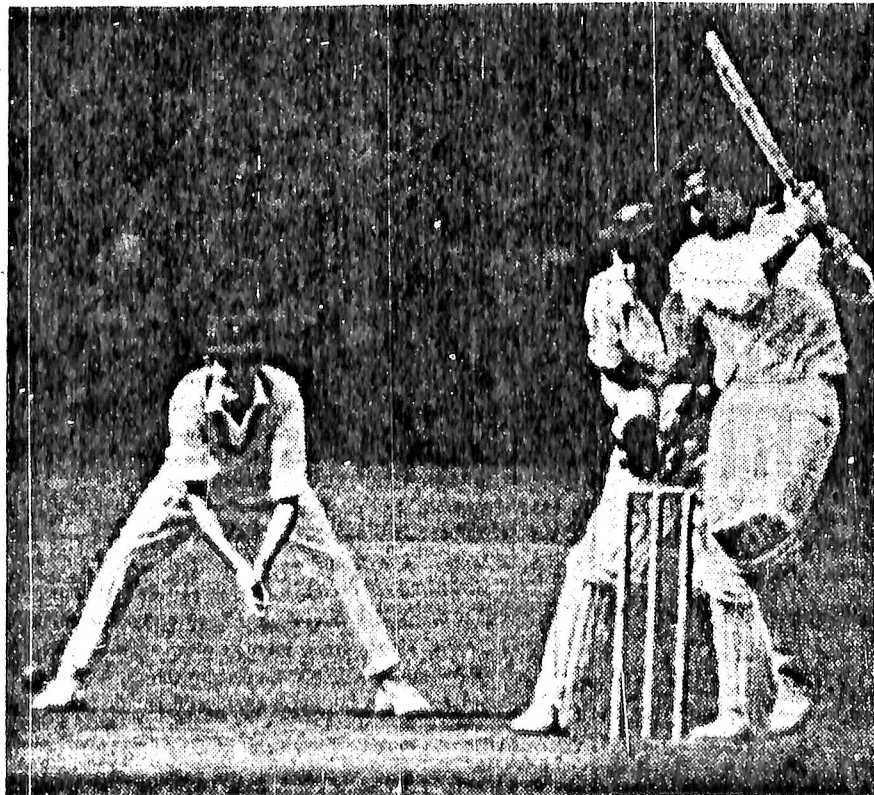
Second Innings	
G. Millman c Camplin b Evans	38
D. Hoare c Hanson b McVicker	10
A. W. Durley not out	66
N. Cooley c Richardson b Madray	32
B. D. Robinson run out	8
F. Moore b Lawson	4
I. Davison b Madray	5
J. Smith not out	21
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	193
Bowling: McVicker 12-6-18-1; Evans 13-3-46-1; Madray 10-1-67-2; Lawson 11-2-54-1	

LINCOLNSHIRE	
(1st Innings)	
G. Robinson b Davison	8
B. Christie c Jarrett b Davison	1
I. B. Madray c & b Smith	102
C. A. Richardson c Durley b Jarrett	12
J. Sunley c Durley b Davison	28
M. J. Keyworth c sub b Smith	43
J. B. Evans c Durley b Davison	40
N. M. McVicker c & b Smith	56
D. Lawson not out	19
R. Hanson b Smith	5
G. B. Camplin not out	6
Extras	12
Total (for 9 wkts. dec.)	272
Bowling: Davison 14-1-55-4; White 9-1-35-0; Smith 20-6-55-4; Jarrett 25-7-88-1; Ingledeu 6-0-25-0.	

Second Innings	
G. Robinson c Smith b Davison	39
B. Christie b White	12
I. B. Madray c Jarrett b White	17
J. Sunley not out	51
J. B. Evans c Smith b White	1
N. M. McVicker st Millman b Jarrett	5
M. J. Keyworth not out b Smith	32
R. Hanson not out	4
Extras	4
Total (for 6 wkts.)	163
Bowling: Davison 7-0-50-1; White 10-0-55-3; Smith 6-0-35-1; Jarrett 3-2-0-21-1.	



Captain courageous—Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith looks for a quick run in the game with Lincolnshire. His bread-backed partner, Ian Davison.



A favourite shot in the Norman Cooley armoury viewed by the Lincolnshire wicketkeeper Hanson and paceman Norman McVicker.

Thirteen would be lucky for county

AFTER the ups and downs of county week, and subsequent matches this week, Bedfordshire currently hold fifth place in the Minor Counties table.

If top spot appears to have eluded the county, there is still the prize of a Gillette Cup place reserved for the first five pure minor counties in the table.

How many points Bedfordshire require is guesswork but secretary Frank Crompton is

"demanding" 13—a win and first innings points.

The two remaining games are v. Shropshire at Wellington on Monday and Tuesday and against Staffordshire at Lichfield on Wednesday and Thursday. Shropshire are currently second from bottom and Staffs third from bottom so hopes are high.

Leading positions in the table are as follows:—

	p.	pts.	av.
Somerset 2nd	7	43	6.14
Warwickshire 2nd	8	46	5.75
Norfolk	9	48	5.33
Cheshire	8	40	5.00
Bedfordshire	8	39	4.87
Durham	10	48	4.8
Lancashire 2nd	9	42	4.66

COLTS KEEP ON DRAWING

BEDFORDSHIRE Colts have followed up their draw with Hertfordshire Colts (reported here last week) with further draws against Oxfordshire Colts and Lincolnshire Colts.

Eagerness to chase Oxfordshire's target of 182 in under 24 hours nearly cost Bedfordshire the match. Three men were run out and the game ended with the last pair Hartup and Williams staving off defeat.

Oxfordshire: 181 for 8 dec. (D. Morgan 81, I. Hartup 20-5-42-5; M. Williams 10-4-21-1, M. Wynn 13-5-38-1.

Bedfordshire: P. Marks 18, P. August 5, D. Whitaker 29, M. Mitchell 19, M. Wynn 17, C. Collinson 0, I. Hartup not out 29, P. Ellis 0, P. Hamel 3, R. Plowman 0, M. Williams not out 2, extras 8, total (for 9 wkts.) 130.

The game at Goldington Bury against Lincolnshire saw a sounder performance from Bedfordshire. J. Dalzell dealt with pretty hostile seam bowling well, scoring an attractive 55, and Mitchell and Wynn lent solid support.

Lincolnshire got off to a "flyer" in their reply, openers Mason and Dobson putting on 96 at better than a run a minute, but good catching and economic bowling by Malcolm Wynn clipped the run-rate.

Bedfordshire: P. August 4, D. Whitaker 0, J. Dalzell 55, M. Mitchell 28, M. Wynn 23, I. Hartup 8, R. Footer 4, S. Lloyd 28, P. Hamel 24, R. Plowman not out 3, extras 10, total (for 9 wkts, dec.) 164.

Lincolnshire: 140 for 6 (P. Mason 49, G. Dobson 52, M. Wynn 13-1-44-5, S. Lloyd 10-1-25-1).

Apart from Graham Jarrett, Bedfordshire are at full strength for the first match. Back comes Peter Taylor, fit again after his nasty facial injury sustained in the game at Watford in June, and back, too, is Trevor Morley. Team: J. Smith (captain); G. Millman, P. M. Taylor, F. Moore, D. J. F. Hoare, R. Cox, G. Dawson, B. D. Robinson, I. Davison, N. Cooley, T. G. A. Morley, R. White will come in for Cooley (not available) at Lichfield.

COX CHECKS SLIDE

BEDFORDSHIRE thoroughly earned their win over Shropshire on the Orleton Park ground, Wellington, on Monday and Tuesday. They were in control except for a brief spell in their second innings when chasing 146 to win in 127 minutes.

Millman's injury was an unsettling incident and the side slipped to 85-6 before young Roger Cox, amending for a "duck" in the first innings, came in to score a fine unbeaten 40.

The base for victory was firmly set up on the first day. Ian Davison bowled with real "bite" to take 6-60 and help put out Shropshire for a moderate 169. But for Don Lowe's 80 not out it could have been a real massacre.

Then Bedfordshire took over with the bat, everyone contributing sound but brisk knocks so that first-innings lead was obtained by close.

Contrary to many opinions skipper Smith chose to advance his lead the following morning, from six runs to 46. Then he flung in his bowlers again, and though Shropshire went safely to 69-1 by lunch they lost four wickets in 20 minutes afterwards and were finally all out just before tea.

Millman's injury, Cox's life-giving knock, and Millman's gallant return to crack the winning run in the last over typified the fighting spirit

Smith has engendered in his team this season.

SHROPSHIRE	
First Innings	
D. Jones c Cox b Davison	10
G. O'Brien c Moore b Morley	1
M. Winfield c Cooley b Davison	4
P. Gough c Hoare b Davison	11
E. Marsh c Millman b Smith	44
D. Lowe not out	80
G. Trinder c Millman b Davison	1
J. Hayward c Taylor b Davison	0
D. York c Moore b Davison	0
M. Lee c Millman b Morley	4
B. Hughes b Morley	0
Extras	12
Total	169
Davison 26-9-60-6, Morley 16-6-40-3, Smith 21-7-39-1, White 6-1-18-0.	

SHROPSHIRE	
Second Innings	
D. Jones c White b Davison	51
G. O'Brien c Morley b Smith	25
N. Winfield c Millman b White	4
P. Gough c Millman b Smith	0
E. Marsh c Millman b White	1
D. Lowe c Cooley b White	5
G. Trinder lbw b Smith	56
J. Hayward c Morley b Smith	8
D. York b Morley	6
M. Lee not out	24
B. Hughes b Morley	1
Extras	7
Total	191

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Millman b York	9
P. Taylor b Lowe	28
D. Hoare lbw b Lowe	47
N. Cooley at Lea b Trinder	42
F. Moore lbw b York	28
B. Robinson b York	51
R. Cox b York	0
I. Davison b Hughes	1
J. Smith not out	23
T. Morley not out	2
Extras	4
Total (for 8 wks dec)	215
York 19-5-4-59-4, Hughes 18-3-36-1, Lowe 21-3-74-2, Trinder 11-3-40-1.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
Second Innings	
G. Millman not out	13
P. Taylor c Lowe b York	14
D. Hoare c O'Brien b Hughes	17
N. Cooley b York	23
B. Robinson c & b York	14
J. Smith c Lowe b Trinder	6
F. Moore b York	0
I. Davison b York	7
R. Cox not out	40
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wks)	146
York 17-2-1-57-5, Hughes 10-2-33-1, Trinder 7-0-37-1, Lowe 1-0-6-0.	



Always busy with bat and ball — Bedfordshire's skipper JACK SMITH.

INJURY - HIT HERO

OPENING for Bedfordshire is proving a "hot seat" this season. In June Peter Taylor took a delivery in the face and broke his jaw but came back to save his side from defeat against Hertfordshire. On Tuesday against Shropshire at Wellington his partner Geoff Millman collected a badly cut nose when a ball flew off the shoulder of his bat. He, too, returned—in happier circumstances—scoring the winning run off the second ball of the last over.

Last night Bedfordshire completed their Minor Counties programme meeting Staffordshire at Lichfield. They lost, but the ten points from the Shropshire match should ensure them a place among the top five pure Minor Counties and entry for the second year running into the lucrative Gillette Cup competition.

With moisture in the wicket on Wednesday morning Smith put Staffordshire in and though openers J. T. Ikin and Hancock put on 31 a collapse to 68-5 justified his decision.

Unfortunately, the breakthrough was not maintained. Hancock was dropped on 44 and he went on to dominate the afternoon session with 87 and largely contribute to a Staffordshire recovery to 191 all out.

Morley, Davison and Smith shared the wickets, Smith being as economical as ever with at one stage, four consecutive maidens and final figures of 3-36.

For once Bedfordshire's batting looked a frail thing. Openers Millman and Taylor, carrying the scars of recent matches, went for seven runs, and only a patient 22 by Moore and a livelier 36 from Dawson kept the innings afloat.

Smith held for a while and the day ended with last pair Davison and White together and Bedfordshire still 75 short of the home total.

Bedfordshire added only three runs to their overnight total before they were fielding for a second time. Davison had Price caught for a single

but the score mounted steadily and then rapidly as M. J. Ikin flogged a half century in 55 minutes.

At one stage he treated Smith with no respect, clouting him for three sixes in one over!

Staffordshire eventually declared on 159-8 which left Bedfordshire 175 minutes out-putting time and a target of 233 runs to win. Hoare opened in place of Millman who was feeling the effects of his injury in the Shropshire game.

The time challenge was never on although Taylor and Hoare put on 49 for the first wicket. When the scoring rate livened up Taylor crashed Jack Ikin for a six but was out soon after.

Then came a middle innings collapse with only Robinson and Davison offering any real resistance. Davison was caught in the deep in an over yielding 14 runs.

Staffordshire won by 91 runs with half an hour to spare.

Scoreboard

STAFFORDSHIRE	
First innings	
J. T. Ikin b Morley	28
J. A. Hancock b Morley	87
S. A. Neal c Millman b Morley	8
P. N. Gill c Moore b Davison	0
C. L. Price lbw b Davison	21
J. Ikin c Millman b Morley	0
J. D. Moore b Davison	0
G. Dawson lbw b Smith	15
L. Robinson b Smith	5
T. Timmis not out	2
K. Gallimore lbw b Smith	2
Extras	16
Total	191
Davison 5-29, Morley 4-85, Smith 3-50, White 0-26.	
Second innings	
S. A. Neal lbw c Smith	36
C. L. Price c Dawson b Davison	1
J. A. Hancock b Morley	19
P. N. Gill ret'd, hurt	21
M. J. Ikin lbw b Davison	51
J. D. Moore b Davison	4
J. Ikin c Cox b Davison	2
R. H. Downend c Robinson b Morley	4
L. Robinson b Morley	12
T. Timmis not out	4
Extras	6
Total (for 8 wkts. lost)	159
Davison 4-42, Morley 3-48, Smith 1-42, White 0-31.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First innings	
G. Millman b Timmis	5
P. M. Taylor b Timmis	4
D. Hoare c Robinson b Timmis	10
P. Moore lbw b J. T. Ikin	22
B. D. Robinson c Downend b J. T. Ikin	4
G. Dawson b Gallimore	36
R. Cox st Robinson b J. T. Ikin	3
J. Smith c Downend b M. J. Ikin	16
L. Davison c Hancock b M. J. Ikin	16
T. Morley b Gallimore	5
R. White not out	1
Extras	3
Total	119
Gallimore 2-14, J. T. Ikin 3-21, M. J. Ikin 1-22, Timmis 3-34, Downend 0-11.	
Second innings	
D. Hoare c Downend b J. Ikin	22
P. Taylor c and b J. Ikin	17
B. D. Robinson b Timmis	24
G. Dawson c J. Ikin b M. Ikin	16
J. Smith c and b Timmis	8
R. Cox c sub b M. Ikin	8
F. Moore not out	17
L. Davison c sub b M. Ikin	10
T. Morley lbw b M. Ikin	4
R. White lbw b M. Ikin	0
Extras	15
Total	142
Gallimore 0-13, Timmis 2-41, M. Ikin 5-47, J. T. Ikin 2-28, Downend 0-0.	

County cricket captain predicts **TOP NEXT YEAR!**

FOR the second year running (as briefly reported here last week) Bedfordshire have qualified for the Gillette Cup. But this does not satisfy skipper Jack Smith: "Next year we will win the Minor Counties title."

In fact the county finished 7th in the table, the same position as last year, though they scored more points (49) than last term (43).

During the school cricket week they led the table briefly, but Hertfordshire—who made a late run up the table — and Staffordshire thwarted them from retaining top spot.

Why does Smith think the county can make it another year? "I have never seen the lads so keen," he says. "They love the competition especially the chance to get into the Gillette Cup."

And — having just started the rugby season for Bedford he added, rather ruefully, "I wish they had the same competition in this game."

Smith, as usual, contributed a great deal to the county's success, not only in spurring the side by his captaincy but

out in the middle by taking 38 wickets and scoring 256 runs. Smith altered his batting style this term and more than doubled his run contribution (106 last season).

Ian Davison was, of course, a great asset this year, just topping Smith for most wickets in the season (39), and the greater availability of Graham Jarrett was another telling factor: he took 34 wickets.

In the batting, Fred Moore assumed a more reliable, senior status, hitting 313 runs as against 125 last year, and newcomer Roger Cox, at only 18, proved a splendid new find.

THE AVERAGES

BATTING					BOWLING					
I	no	r	b	bat	o	m	r	w	av.	
N. Cooley	9	2	353	99	47.57	T. Beck	36	10	79	6 13.16
A. W. Durlley	7	1	242	66*	40.33	I. Davison	201	48	556	30 14.25
D. J. F. Hoare	9	1	267	54*	33.37	J. Smith	284.5	101	554	34 14.57
P. M. Taylor	8	3	144	37	28.80	T. G. Morley	77	21	208	12 17.33
B. D. Robinson	12	0	294	107	24.50	G. Jarrett	218.1	88	595	34 17.50
F. Moore	14	1	313	49	24.07	R. White	147.4	29	454	18 25.22
J. Smith	15	2	256	63	19.67	A. Ingledeu	63.1	14	227	6 37.83
R. Cox	10	2	161	65	18.87	Also bowled: T. Brown 2—27; R. Cox 1—14; D. P. Rolt 1—12; W. J. Bushby 0—106.				
G. Millman	15	1	251	61	17.92	Total wickets 157 plus 3 runs out.				
G. Dawson	11	1	133	38	13.50	MATCHES				
I. Davison	11	1	129	29	12.90	G. Millman	19	(and 4 stumpings);		
* Signifies not out.					N. Cooley 14; J. Smith 9; A. W. Durlley, G. Jarrett 8 each; I. Davison, A. Ingledeu and P. Moore 5 each; R. Cox 4; D. J. F. Hoare 3; P. M. Taylor 4; T. G. A. Morley 2 each; R. White, G. Dawson, B. D. Robinson and sub 1 each.					
Also batted: W. J. Hushby 28, 81; P. J. Webley 18, 62; D. P. Rolt 23*, 3, 21, 24*; G. Jarrett 9*, 6*, 9, 0, 1, 0; T. Brown 18, 4; R. White 0*, 6*, 0*, 0, 5, 1*, 0; A. Ingledeu 0, 6, 4, 0*, 2*; M. Jordan 12, 0; T. Beck 1, 5; P. Spray 1; T. G. A. Morley 2*, 3, 4.					Total runs 2,875.					

OUR TITLE NEXT YEAR

"With a more sustained effort we hope to win the Minor Counties Championship in 1968—a feat we should have accomplished this year," says the annual report of Bedfordshire Cricket Club.

The report says: "There is no doubt that in 1967 we could have secured top place with a little more luck and little more conditioning to meet the rigours of competition cricket. The players did in fact enter into special training for the Gillette Cup match and most certainly profited by the experience."

The Gillette Cup quickened the interest of everyone last season, especially the players, who showed greater availability, the report states.

On the question of availability it adds: "Much still remains to be desired and it is hoped that even greater loyalty will be shown to this valuable county institution in the future."

"We have a very talented side and if all the key players can be available for all the matches our chances of winning the Minor Counties Championship will be greatly enhanced."

Again ably led by Jack

Smith last season, the county finished seventh in the table for the second successive year with 49 points, compared with 43 the previous season. By being in the first five pure Minor Counties sides in the table they again qualified to compete in the Gillette Cup next season.

They are away to Dorset at Sherborne School on May 8, winners at home to Hampshire on May 25.

The report recalls that Ian Davison, having left Nottinghamshire, returned to the side as professional fast bowler and enjoyed the advantage of the services of his former captain and wicket-keeper, Geoffrey Millman.

Davison took 39 wickets and Jack Smith 38. These two and Graham Jarrett were in the Minor Counties averages, as were three batsmen, Norman Cooley, David Hoare, and Peter Taylor. Tony Durley once again took second place in the batting but did not qualify in the Minor Counties averages, being one innings short.

Referring to the Cricket Week at Bedford School, the

report says: "This time the weather was fairly good and the receipts amounted to £30 11s. 9d. compared with £31 13s. 9d. in 1966 and £95 in 1963."

A vice-president, Mr. E Stanley Jones, had offered to donate a trophy next season for the player giving the best performance during Cricket Week.

Paying tribute to the officers, the report says the chairman, Mr. John Oliver, again gave great service and was at all times anxious to see the best team made available. It was to be hoped he would be more loyally supported by key players in 1968.

In his report on the County Colts, Mr. George Hawley says their series of matches were disappointing for two reasons. First, because two games had to be abandoned without a ball being bowled and, secondly, all remaining five games were left drawn. The side's biggest failing was in fielding and in all games vital catches were not taken. Among the bowlers, Williams, of Stratton School, had shown promise.

The reports were due to be presented to the annual meeting at Bedford last night.



County skipper Jack Smith, who receives the Ronald Gale Cup for the best all-rounder of the season.

Averages

BATTING					
	In	no	runs	ht	ave
N. Cooley	9	2	355	99	47.57
A. W. Durley	7	1	242	66*	40.33
J. Hoare	8	1	267	53*	33.37
P. M. Taylor	8	3	144	37	28.80
B. D. Robinson	12	0	294	107	24.50
P. Moore	14	1	313	49	24.67
J. Smith	15	2	256	63	19.67
R. Cox	10	2	151	65	18.87
G. Millman	18	1	251	61	17.95
G. Dawson	11	1	133	56	13.19
I. Davison	11	1	129	29	12.90
* Signifies not out					
BOWLING					
	overs	mins	runs	wkts	ave
T. Beck	16	10	79	8	14.88
I. Davison	20	48	556	10	14.25
J. Smith	284.5	101	554	38	14.57
T. G. Morley	77	21	203	12	17.33
G. Jarrett	213.1	58	595	14	17.50
R. White	147.4	23	454	18	25.22
A. Ingledeu	63.1	14	227	6	37.83
CATCHES					
G. Millman	19	N. Cooley	14	J. Smith	9
A. W. Durley	8	G. Jarrett	8	I. Davison	4
A. Ingledeu	4	F. Moore	5	R. Cox	4
WICKET-KEEPERS					
G. Millman 19 catches and four stumpings, N. Cooley nine catches.					

A SHORT KNOCK — BUT A MERRY ONE

BEDFORDSHIRE County Cricket Club were soon all out at their annual meeting at Shire Hall, Bedford, last Thursday. After a vigorous opening by secretary Frank Crompton and president A. B. Poole, and a mid-order flourish from chairman John Oliver, the rest surrendered with scarcely a murmur and the "innings" closed in under 40 minutes.

The reason was no opposition. Reports, comprehensive as ever, required no debate and officers, efficient as machines, were slickly re-elected. Even the venue of the plum Bedfordshire-Hampshire Gillette Cup tie evoked no demur: Luton had the Northampton fixture last season so naturally Bedford have it this time.

Of course, whether Hampshire are seen at Goldington Bury, the home of Bedford Town CC, on May 25, depends on a first round win v. Dorset at Sherborne School on May 8. Like Bedfordshire, Dorset operate in the Minor Counties competition, and as the sides do not meet in the normal programme it is difficult to get a line on the possible result. However, Bedfordshire have the more consistent record, and if the side apply themselves to pre-season training—as they plan—hopes must run high.

The one cloud on the county's prospects at present is the fitness of their skipper Jack Smith. Jack collected a leg injury playing rugby for Bedford early this season and is only recently out of hospital after a cartilage operation. And he is not happy with his progress.

"I feel there may be something else wrong," he said, rubbing the inside of his right knee. "I still cannot bend it, although someone who had an operation at the same time is leaping about." He may take a second opinion.

Jack's injury did not stop him from being unanimously re-elected captain for next season and he also received the Ronald Gale best-all-rounder trophy with his 256 runs (average 19.67) and 38 wickets (14.57). Mr. Poole presented the trophy in the absence of Ald. Gale and said Jack had captained the side with skill, enterprise and tolerance.

"The first and foremost duty

of a captain is to get the best out of his players," said Mr. Poole. Jack has not only achieved that purpose to the full, but his own individual efforts have also merited this award.

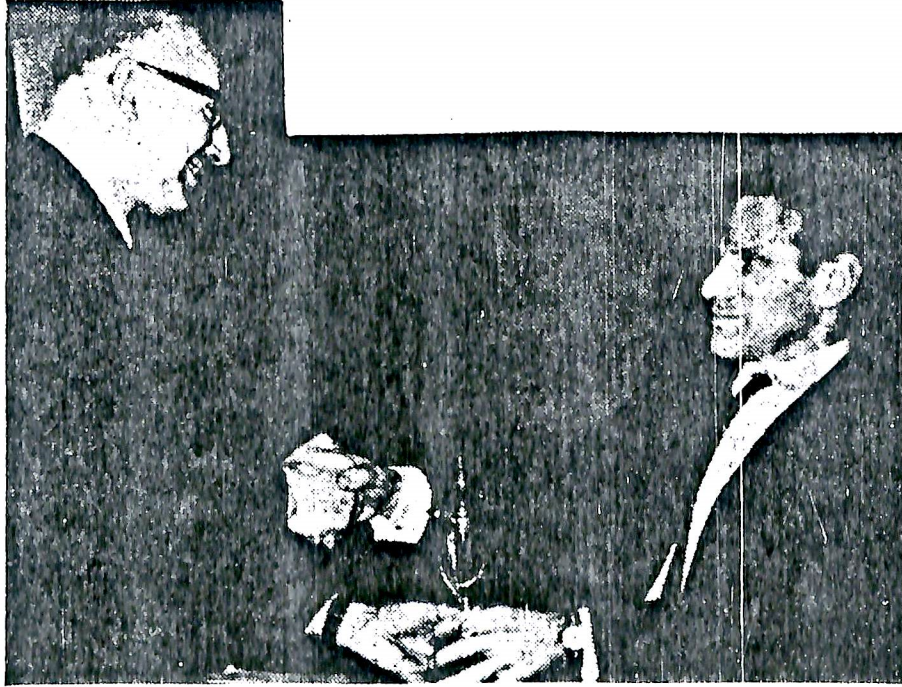
Speaking of the annual report (details of which were given last week), Mr. Oliver said the team had played extremely well. With a bit of luck he felt they would have won the championship. He wished a speedy recovery to Smith and to Peter Taylor who broke his jaw at Watford and had since bruised it again playing rugby for Bedford. He congratulated Roger Cox and Peter Webley who had made such good starts to their careers with the county side.

The treasurer, Mr. Joseph Lay, reported a balance of account of £94 compared with £75 the previous year. Test match profits had been down by £427 but this had been offset by the Gillette Cup proceeds which were up by £440. With the Australian tour and the West Indies, New Zealand and South Africa to be met later, the club could look for-

ward to a considerable upsurge from these sources.

All the club's principal officers were re-elected: Patron, Major Simon Whitbread; president, Mr. A. B. Poole; chairman, Mr. John Oliver; vice-chairman, Mr. George August; treasurer, Mr. Joseph Lay; secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton (for the 44th year); captain, Mr. Jack Smith; scorers Mr. F. R. Favill and Mrs. R. A. Cox; umpires, Messrs. R. A. Cox, L. Blake, K. McCanlis and C. L. Head. Mr. Maurice Crouch was added to the general committee and new vice-presidents are Messrs. W. C. Butt, F. J. C. Hilton and C. N. Peacock.

Mr. Poole ended the meeting by taking up a point in the annual report that "With a more sustained effort we hope to win the Minor Counties championship in 1968." He said, "I know our secretary, (Mr. Crompton) has set his sights high and I hope he is rewarded. Even if we don't succeed I feel sure he will be happy to see us once again in the Gillette Cup competition."



Mr. Poole (left) presents the Ronald Gale trophy to Bedfordshire County Cricket Club skipper Jack Smith.

Hospital Cup line-up

The preliminary and first rounds of the Hospital Cup were drawn on Saturday. Preliminaries are to be played by May 5 and first rounds by May 19. Details:—

ZONE A

Preliminary

Ickwell v. Bromham Nomads.
Tempford v. Lt. Staughton II.

First

Lt. Staughton II or Tempford v. Ickwell or Bromham Nomads.
Colworth House v. Renhold.
Gt. Barford II v. Thurleigh II.
Lynton Works v. Roston.

ZONE B

Preliminary

Caldecote v. Biggleswade.
Eaton Socon v. Sandy.

First

Potton v. Henlow.
Southill Park v. St. Neots.
Biggleswade or Caldecote v. Langford.
Eaton Socon or Sandy v. Weatherley.
Cincinnati.

ZONE C

Preliminary

Thurleigh I. v. Town Hall.

First

Wenhams v. Wilden.
Shire Hall v. Blunham II.
Gt. Barford I v. Cople I.
Thurleigh I or Town Hall v. Goldington Sports.

ZONE D

Preliminary

Eversholt v. Kempston.
North Crawley v. Salford.

First

Eversholt or Kempston v. Marston.
Anphill Town v. North Crawley or Salford.
Wootton I v. Elstow.
Kempston East Methodists v. Silsoe.

ZONE E

Preliminary

Gales v. Stewartby.
Pastels v. Igranic.

First

Bedford Town II v. Kempston Ramblers.
Wootton II v. Pastels or Igranic.
Cople II v. Gales or Stewartby.
Diemer & Reynolds v. Crayke.

ZONE F

Preliminary

Stevington v. Turvey Park.
Sharnbrook v. Harrod.

First

Wood End v. Stagsden.
R.A.F. v. Felmersham.
Stevington or Turvey v. Risley.
Oakley v. Sharnbrook or Harrod.

ZONE G

Preliminary

Hobkirks v. Bedford Town I.
West Indians v. Foundry.

First

Swits v. Argus.
Bedford Town I or Hobkirks v. North End.
Bedford Phoenix v. West Indians or Foundry.
Bartlemera v. Harpur Sports.

ZONE H

Preliminary

Wrestlingworth v. Staploe.
Southoe v. Lt. Paxton.

First

Wrestlingworth or Staploe v. Kimbolton.
Preston v. Han Weston.
Gt. Staughton v. Blunham I.
Gt. Staughton v. Lt. Paxton or Southoe.

● The final of the Hospital Cup will be on July 20 and not as shown in the League handbook.

'IMPRESSED'

Lancashire CCC were "impressed" by Bedfordshire all-rounder Norman Cooley when he attended a trial on Monday and Tuesday and have invited him back for a two-day game with the second team. He will be available for Bedfordshire's Gillette Cup match this Wednesday.

Bedford Town start this week-end with home games at Goldington Bury against St. Giles tomorrow (2 p.m.) and Ramsey on Sunday (2.30).

It's the cricket law so . . .

WATCH THAT FRONT FOOT

AFTER several seasons of trial in first-class and Minor Counties Cricket, experimental laws relating to no-ball, caught, on-side fielders and interference with the ball will now apply to all grades. To help local clubs the new laws are set out here followed by a comment from Mr. Ken McCanlis, chairman of the Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Umpires.

NO BALL

(a) For a delivery to be fair, the ball must be bowled not thrown: if either umpire be not entirely satisfied of the absolute fairness of a delivery in this respect, he shall call and signal "No Ball" instantly upon delivery. The umpire at the bowler's wicket shall call and signal "No Ball" if, in the delivery stride, the bowler's front foot lands clear beyond the popping crease, or if he is not satisfied that the bowler's back foot has landed within and not touching the return crease or its forward extension.

(b) A ball shall be deemed to have been thrown if, in the opinion of either umpire, the process of straightening the bowling arm, whether it be partial or complete, takes place during that part of the delivery swing which directly precedes the ball leaving the hand. This definition shall not debar a bowler from straightening an over-extended arm nor from the use of the wrist in the delivery swing.

(c) In conjunction with the experimental law, the length of the return crease shall be 4 ft. and the popping crease shall extend 6 ft. either side of the line of stumps.

Paragraph (a) sets out the law while (b) defines a throw—a long overdue and welcome addition to the official notes. Paragraph (c) will entail additional work for those marking out pitches and it is hoped all groundsmen and players will be fully aware of the requirements.

CAUGHT

The striker is out "caught"—if the ball, from a stroke off the bat or off a hand holding the bat, but not the wrist, be held by a fieldman before it touch the ground, although it be hugged to the body by the catcher, or be accidentally lodged in his dress. The fieldman must have no part of his body grounded outside the playing area in the act of making the catch and afterwards. The act of making the catch starts from the time when the fieldman first handles the ball.

In the old existing law, provided a fieldman had completed a catch inside the boundary he could carry the ball over and still be credited with a valid catch. This will no longer be the case.

ON-SIDE FIELD

The number of on-side fielders behind the popping crease at the instant of the bowler's delivery shall not exceed two. In the event of an infringement, the square-leg umpire shall call "No Ball".

This law has a misleading title: "Limitation of the number of on-side fielders." The number is not limited at all: a side could put all nine fielders on the on-side provided not more than two are behind the line of the popping crease at the instant the ball is delivered.

INTERFERENCE

WITH THE BALL

No polishing or other interference with the natural condition of the ball shall be allowed. Wiping and cleaning the ball shall be allowed under the umpires' supervision.

This final experiment is probably the one which will be most difficult to enforce. For generations bowlers and players have polished the ball. Umpires will have to exercise much tact and diplomacy and players, and captains in particular, must do their best to help.

● The Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Umpires have a stock of the MCC notes on the experimental laws. Any club requiring a copy should send a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. McCanlis, 71 Denmark Street, Bedford.

Flaming June and ... They have yet to complete match

TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Sir—At the moment you no doubt have a dearth of cricket reports due to the wet weather. I too, have no report to submit for Bedford Phoenix.

You may care to note that although we are now into June my club has not managed to complete any of its fixtures. Indeed, on only two occasions have we managed even to start.

You have reported on the struggles—and extinction—of some local cricket clubs and I believe this is in part due to the frustrations and financial losses suffered by players and officials during the bad weather of last summer and this. Players who plan their weekend around the cricket match find their time wasted, and officials who spend the week arranging teams, coaches, teas, etc., find their efforts pointless when the game has to be called off.

During last winter I, together with Mr. Peter Rushton of Town Hall CC and Mr. McMullen of Diemer and Reynolds CC, had a meeting with representatives of the council and among other things we

suggested that a concrete wicket be laid at Newnham Avenue and concrete practice wickets at Bedford Park. Unfortunately, the council felt unable to agree due to cost, but one cannot help thinking that had this suggestion been accepted, not all cricket need have been cancelled in Bedford due to unfit pitches.

However, in all fairness I would say that following our representations, the pitches in Bedford Park at least have received considerable care and attention this spring, and so far as we can judge, are in an excellent condition.

The groundsmen must also be feeling frustrated by the weather when they prepare pitches which cannot eventually be used.

I hope that next week I shall be able to submit a cricket report proper!

C. ABBOTT,

Secretary,
Bedford Phoenix CC.

● The needs of cricketers are high on the priority list of the Bedfordshire Council for Sport. Mr. Abbott should write to secretary Anne Horobin, 71 Bromham Road, Bedford.

OUT OF LUCK

DESPITE Thursday's downpour the Bedford School wicket was firm and dry under covers, and hopes were high for a win over Tonbridge in the two-day game on Friday-Saturday.

Bedford were put in and quickly in trouble at 35-4. However, Mytton, Baker and Rudolf retrieved matters to allow a declaration at 196-8, Mytton scoring 72.

At the end of the day Tonbridge were 88-4 but the following morning Dalzell exploited a pacer wicket to finish the innings for 122.

Quick runs were now needed to press the advantage and Colledge and Marks, although not hard strikers, scored with brisk singles and Dalzell followed with some spirited strokes.

Tonbridge were left 163 minutes to score 208 runs to win and clearly were not going for them with only 26 scored in 55 minutes before tea. Bedford kept pressure on and claimed 8 wickets; a bit of luck and they must have won.

BEDFORD	
First Innings	
J. C. Dalzell c Langdon b M. Bourne	11
Marks run out	10
Colledge c Brown b Hughes	8
J. Mytton c Langdon b Bourne	72
Lindsay c Barnes b Hughes	0
Baker c Jenkins b P. Bourne	19
W. R. L. Goodall b M. Bourne	12
Rudolf c Langdon b Hughes	16
J. K. Dicks not out	20
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wks. dec)	176
Bowling: M. Bourne 3-40, Hughes 4-51.	
Second Innings	
Colledge b D. Mills	40
Marks run out	31
J. C. Dalzell not out	19
J. H. Mytton b D. Mills	4
Lindsay c Barnes b P. Bourne	2
Baker run out	0
W. R. L. Goodall not out	12
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wks. dec)	133
D. Mills 2-56.	

TONBRIDGE	
First Innings	
Brown c and b Rudolf	24
Jenkins b Dalzell	9
T. Mills b Dalzell	31
P. Bourne b Dicks	3
Langdon c Colledge b Dalzell	19
Barnes c Goodall b Dalzell	11
Carslaw b Dalzell	7
Thomas b Dalzell	2
M. Bourne b Dalzell	4
D. Mills b Harte	4
Hughes not out	0
Extras	4
Total	122
J. C. Dalzell 7-36.	
Second Innings	
Brown b b Dalzell	2
Jenkins b Dicks	30
T. Mills c and b Mytton	29
P. Bourne c Dicks b Dalzell	0
Langdon c Colledge b Dicks	28
Barnes b b Dicks	23
Carslaw not out	18
Thomas b Dalzell	16
M. Bourne b Dalzell	7
D. Mills not out	5
Extras	4
Total (for 8 wks.)	137
Dalzell 4-36, Dicks 3-36.	

BMS, 16-7, still win thanks to spinners

In a remarkable game at Barret on Saturday, Bedford Modern School found themselves struggling on a soft, green wicket against accurate seam bowling. Six wickets were down for 12 runs and 7 for 16. However, fighting knocks from Haywood, Johnson and Lewis, added a little respectability to the proceedings and a total of 52 was reached.

The wicket by now had quickened considerably, and after a few overs from the pace bowlers, Weaver, an off-spinner, and Brownridge, a slow left armer, moved the ball alarmingly, and Queen Elizabeth's were routed for 53.

BMS	
Howard bow b Eddrop	3
Heazell c Cook b Eddrop	0
Challen bow b Eddrop	4
Henderson bow b Eddrop	4
Riley b Russell	1
Weaver c Taylor b Cook	1
Hall b Eddrop	0
Hughes bow b Russell	1
Harrison c Eddrop b Russell	11
Lewis c Taylor b Eddrop	21
Brownridge not out	0
Extras	8
Total	53
Bowling: Eddrop 17-0-13-6, Russell 12-4-5-23.	

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S	
Cripps c Riley b Hall	0
MacLay c Howard b Brownridge	1
Birwell b Weaver	11
Roberts b Brownridge	11
Edwards c Howard b Brownridge	7
Weaver c Taylor b Brownridge	0
Wells b Weaver	0
Cripps c Weaver	0
Russell not out	0
Wells c Weaver	0
Dicks c Howard b Weaver	0
Extras	0
Total	30
Bowling: Weaver 14-7-10-4, Brownridge 15-6-22-5.	

COOLEY MISSES LUTON CLASH

Apart from Norman Cooley, who is attending a wedding, Bedford Town will be at strength for tomorrow's President's Day match with Luton Town at the Bury (2 p.m.).

In recent seasons the Town have been on top in this fixture and they will be keen to continue that trend. Team: P. Oakley, captain, A. Ingledew, W. Bushov, A. G. Coomb, S. T. Morris, D. J. P. Hoare, R. White, T. Thomas, A. Green, W. Peet, M. Wynn. The Mayor and Mayoress.

Ald. and Mrs. Ron Sharman, will attend the game.

Luton will be without skipper Barry Robinson and wicket-keeper Dick Barker. Team:

A. W. Durley, captain, P. M. Taylor, P. J. Webley, D. P. Roll, J. Kirby, T. W. Beck, R. D. Shearn, P. Burns, G. C. Wynn, C. L. Holloway, J. A. Vitor.

Bill Chamberlain, who has been ill in hospital, has now been given a clearance and could resume for Bedford next week.

The Town 2nd are away to Luton 2nd and select the following:

B. Hollis, captain, Cripps, D. Woollicroft, Plowman, Langer, Lloyd, Heygate, Davis, Bunnis, Clark, Fenn.

HOSPITAL CUP

**Dwyer shatters
Wood
End**

Wood End skipper John Bentley congratulated West Indians' captain Barry Dwyer after only 20 minutes' play in their Hospital Cup-tie in Bedford Park on Wednesday.

The game was not over—though the cup holders' win was not long delayed: Dwyer had just wrecked Bentley's stumps for a hat-trick.

In fact, it was Dwyer's fourth wicket in a row, for he had clean bowled Lol Burraway with the last ball of his previous over, and he went on for a fifth wicket (in five balls), all clean bowled.

Before this the Bedford League side had been going well at 30-3. Graham Ashpole, who had opened, was left surveying the slaughter, being finally ninth out for a defiant 15. West Indians "mopped up" in just seven overs.

Wood End 39 (Ashpole 15, L. Burraway 12, Dwyer 8-1-18-7); West Indians 42-2 (G. Riley 23 not out).

A good crowd (collection £5 0s. 6d.) and a fine cup spirit made for a great tie at Cople on Tuesday where Thurleigh won in the 16th over. Appropriately D. Berrill got the winning run and completed his fifty.

Cople 92-6 (P. Hull 32, G. Blenkin 16, R. Hole 3-17, J. Asplin 2-34); Thurleigh 93-3 (D. Berrill not out 52, C. Berrill 32, R. Hull 2-47).

ARGUS GO CLOSE

Argus gave Harpur a great fright in Bedford Park on Monday, getting them all out for 95 and reaching the last over of their innings with 12 runs needed to win. They managed six.

Harpur 95 (Les Newman 23, Malcolm Woodland 20, John Fraser 6-49, Charlie Peters 3-41); Argus 89-5 (Fraser 30, Peters 15, Setchell 3-36, Phil Gilbert 2-39).

On Tuesday, Stewartby went through at the expense of Pertenhall, P. Church pegging the league side down with 7-24.

Stewartby 70-9 (R. Nicholls 38, W. Presland 5-38); Pertenhall 56 (C. Stapleton 18, R. Thompson 15, P. Church 7-24).

Kimbolton won in impressive style against Langford, topping the ton in 18 overs.

Kimbolton 115-8 (Gibson 37, Stevenson 31); Langford 23 (Newman 3-6, Roddis 2-2, Walker 2-9, Stevenson 2-10).

Wootton were no match for last season's losing finalists,



Barry Dwyer—7 for 18.

Sandy, on Wednesday, Sandy winning in the 13th over.

Wootton 51 (Page 7-24); Sandy 52-2 (E. Smith 20, Bichener 22 not out).

Henlow and county player Mike Jordan guided his side to victory over Southill Park, carrying his bat for 39.

Southill 74-8 (V. Green 27 not out, J. Pearce 24); Henlow 75-5.

The third round draw now reads:

- Sandy v. Harpur.
- Blunham or Stevington v. Thurleigh.
- Bedford Town "B" or Silsoe v. Wilden or Roxton.
- Amptihill v. Henlow.
- Little Staughton or Thurleigh and v. West Indians.
- Bedford Town "A" or Craysco v. Stewartby.
- Bromham Nomads v. Kimbolton.
- Everholt v. Sharnbrook or Colworth House.

Bedford "B" play Silsoe on Monday and Bedford "A" meet Craysco on Wednesday, both games at the Bury, and Sandy oppose Harpur a week today at Sandy.



Cricketer Fred Loft is the only pre-war member of Wootton's Bedford league side still playing today. A report of Wootton's match with Oakley is featured on Page 27.



TO STIR THE MEMORY

A picture for the scrapbook . . . Harpur "Past" who played a "Present" side in Bedford Park on Wednesday and only lost in the last over. Back row, left to right: Charlie Smith, and Bernard Cornell. Front: Eric Middleton, Goffre Dilley Webster. The "old-uns" were all out 73, and while quickly "got into line". And Cornell fell on a length only 11 to the Past's 12 and had 18 overs against 20. But the verdict was a good evening rounded off at the customary hostelry.

COOLEY TAKES OVER

Norman Cooley took charge at the Bury on Sunday, placing Bedford in a winning position against Letchworth with a splendid 77 runs. As on the previous day when Bedford beat Luton they were left with only two hours' batting time against the visitors' three. Letchworth 163-9 dec. (J. Packer 57, W. Bushby 3-33, P. Oakley 3-34); Bedford 164-5 (N. Cooley 77, W. Peet not out 33).

Top score of the week - 133 not out by Stewartby's T. Evans in a huge total of 238-5 dec. Opponents Bell Sports (Cambridge) were all out 76 (A. Webb 4-35).

A fine spell of bowling by R. Jackson (5-17) sent Rodexian spinning from 48-1 to all out 76 in reply to Cryselco's 115 (C. Bavington 48).

Amphill also suffered a collapse (40-2 to 46-7) and their total of 116 (M. Sinfield 39) fell short of Old Warden's 124 (M. Odell 32).

Oxberry hit 88 for Silsoe on Saturday in a total of 164-9 dec. but Diemer's played out a draw with 111-8 (Smith 34).

Graham Lazell (39) and Eric Odell (20) figured in a 59 partnership for Beds Times who totalled 96-8 in reply to Fostels all out 70 (Richardson 4-7, Lazell 3-27, Warton 3-30).

Diemer's reached the semi-final of the East Beds Shield by beating Wilden. Brian Rawstone (39 not out) and Geoff Irvine (35 not out) figured in a stand of 56 in Diemer's total of 98-4. Wilden were all out 59.

Flitwick's J. W. Butler

mixed off-breaks and googlies to shatter Ripaults who collapsed from 60-1 to all out 88. His figures: 9-0-38-6. Flitwick made 165 with Butler also top scorer with 33.

Flitwick had another easy win away to Welwyn Garden City 2nd scoring 185-4 dec. (R. Andrews 51) and bowling out Welwyn for 69 (B. Waller 3-16).

Tohler-Meltis bowlers excelled at the weekend. R. Craven (7-23) and T. Tibby (3-24) shot out Edlesborough for 48 on Saturday. Meltis making 51-1 (P. Huckle not out 29). On Sunday, L. Cant had nine maidens in his 14 overs and took 4-17. New Park, Northampton being all out 59. Meltis replied with 60-2 (P. Hall 26).

Colworth House opener B. Coe showed great control in carrying his bat for 61 in an exciting last-over win against Camden Casuals. Casuals declared at 106-7 and Colworth won with three wickets left.

D. Moore (46 not out) and B. Bouch (39) put on 86 to give Phoenix an easy seven-wicket victory after Sharnbrook had totalled 100 (N. Endersby 4-37).

Ex-Bedford Town footballer Bernard Moore slammed 27 runs in 10 minutes to help Goldington to a 2-wicket win over Luton West Indians who declared at 97-4. Arthur Single contributed 30 towards Goldington's 98-8.

SPORTS DIARY

SATURDAY

Aylesbury v Bedford
Bedford 2nd v Aylesbury 2nd.
Ighite v Ramblers
North End v Bragbury
Emanuel School v BMS
Kempston v Cryselco
Flamstead v Bedford West Indians.
Olney v Argus
Newport Pagnell v LBC
Amphill v Leighton Buzzard 2nd.
Standish v Amphill 2nd
Elstow v Goldington Sports
Old Warden v Southill 2nd
Diemer and Reynolds v Ickwell.
Meltis v Dickenson's

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Premier Division
Stevington v Roxton
Stagsden v Blunham
Foullinghoe v Cople
Little Staughton v Felmersham

Division One

Southoe v Renhold
Oakley v Marston
Wootton v Great Barford

Division Two

Hankirks v Wilcote
Potton v Pertenhall
Lombard v Wood End
Woolthorpe v Hall Weston

Division Three

Marston 2nd v Riseley
Loughfoote v Thurleigh 2nd.
Blunham 2nd v Rusden.

Division Four

Great Barford 2nd v Sharnbrook.
Cople 2nd v Wootton 2nd.
Renhold 2nd v Little Staughton 2nd.
Poundry v N. Crayley

SUNDAY

Bedford v Hitchin
Hitchin 2nd v Bedford 2nd.
Pee v North End.
Igranice v Rusden.
Stewartby v Cryselco
Potton v Eversholt
Kempston Ramblers v President's XI
Diemer and Reynolds v Phoenix.
Bedford West Indians v Morris Motors
Sandy v Amphill.
Meltis v Concord.

Cup progress

Bedford Town's two teams came safely through their Hospital Cup ties this week and the fourth round draw reads: Sandy or Harpur v Blunham or Thurleigh.

Town "A" or Stewartby v. Eversholt or Colworth House.
Kimbolton v Lt. Staughton or West Indians.

Town "B" or Roxton v. Henlow

Brief Town scores:
Silsoe 39 (Fred Breeze 5-12, Dick White 2-16); Bedford "B" 42-2 (Eric Howard not out 24). Bedford "A" 91-5 (Trevor Thomas 29); Cryselco 80 (D. Lovell 24, D. Sharp 22, A. Buckingham 5-38, P. Oakley 3-38).

Blunham and Thurleigh were playing last night and tonight Sandy entertain Harpur (K. Ferguson, P. Gilbert, M. Woodland, G. Pensome, A. Kerr, T. Buck, D. Dodson, R. Allan, J. Setchell, B. Ebbs, R. Mollows) on Monday. Town "B" play Roxton at the Bury (6.30).

Shock after shock in cup rush

NO Bedford team remains in the Hospital Cup; only Kimbolton of the "big six" have won the trophy before.

This is the pattern which has emerged from a shock week of results, with the holders, West Indians, and both Bedford Town teams out.

The semi-final draw now reads:

Tuesday, July 4, Henlow v. Sandy or Blunham.

Thursday, July 6, Kimbolton v. Stewartby or Eversholt.

Both semi-final games will be in Bedford Park, and the final is fixed for Thursday, July 20.

Sandy and Blunham were playing last night and Stewartby are home to Eversholt on Monday.

Behind

Tracing through the week, on Monday Town "B" entertained Henlow at the Bury, and Town were always that bit behind the clock. A first-ball dismissal of Malcolm Wynn did not help.

Henlow 87-4 (J. Woodward not out 31, B. Beaumont 18, C. Dear 14, E. Herbert not out 10, R. White 9-0-38-2, F. Breese 9-1-44-1).

Town "B" 80-9 (B. Hollis 19, A. Ingledew 14, F. Breese not out 10, B. Herbert 9-1-43-3, I. Bigley 9-2-28-5).

Tuesday saw something like 200 cars converging on Kimbolton for the clash with West Indians, and a record £12.2.6 collection was taken.

Kimbolton totted up a useful 94-9 and then fielded brilliantly to get the holders all out for 78 in the last over. Highlight was a diving catch by wicketkeeper David Quirke which got rid of the redoubtable Riley.

Kimbolton 94-9 (R. Davison 32, T. Newman 23).

West Indians 78 (B. Dwyer 30, J. Walker 6-36, M. Roddie 3-34).

£11 'gate'

Another big crowd—and an £11 collection—came on Wednesday for the Stewartby and Town "A" replay. The previous week the teams had tied, the Town batting first and making 110-4 and Stewartby losing six wickets making 110.

Now, Stewartby had first knock, and with consistent contributions down the order, again topped the ton thanks to Mike Sullivan, who hoisted Bill Bushby's last delivery for six.

Town were in trouble from the start with Bill Chamberlain and Don Heaton both out cheaply to lbw decisions. The cause was hopeless at 45-6 with 9 runs an over required. The innings folded in the 16th over.

Stewartby 102-7 (M. Sullivan not out 28, D. Pratt 22, T. Brightman 16, W. Bushby 9-0-49-0, C. Wood 9-1-50-5).

Bedford 70 (P. Oakley 16, R. Wood 15, P. Church 8-0-37-5, J. Law 7-3-0-27-4).

[O Stewartby's Richard Holden has taken me to task for giving his team little chance against Town "A" in the Bedford Record. Fair enough. But I was right with Henlow and Kimbolton, and Sandy was my tip for last night. What of the finalists? Kimbolton for sure v. Henlow (Sandy's Ted Smith will never forgive me!) and Kimbolton to win to add to their 1959 success.—D. B.]

Coventry trip

After being rained off last Saturday against Solihull, Bedford Town hope for better luck tomorrow with another new fixture—Coventry away. Team: Oakley, Ingledew, Bushby, Coomb, White, Wynn, Morris, Greene, Heaton, Hoare and Cripps.



Marston batsman, Cyril White, sweeps to leg in the Bedford League game with Staploe on Saturday. For League games see Page 24.

It's going to be a BIG final

Hospital Cup takings for this season could be a record —which means something in excess of £300.

It only requires a bumper crowd for next Thursday's final and a Kimbolton—Sandy clash could provide just that.

Few teams have excited the public more this season than Kimbolton. If they scored 170 (as against semi-finalists Stewartby) off 20 overs can they top 200 off the final's 24-over allowance?

My tip for the trophy weeks ago, I was told then by a Kimbolton official, "Don't boost them too much." But, he added, "They are good".

Well, Kimbolton are "out of the bag". Several hun-

Thrilling finish

Bedford School v. Free Foresters

ALTHOUGH drawn, this game had an exciting ending. Free Foresters began carefully against some tight bowling by Dalzell and Rudolf, who beat the bat more than once. Eventually, Rudolf started taking wickets although Dalzell was very unlucky.

Alan Day batted well for 102 before being smartly caught at extra cover by Mytton. With some hard hitting, they eventually declared at 258-6.

With 45 minutes batting before tea, Bedford School began steadily, scoring 42 without loss. After tea, the pressure was stepped up and although everyone except Mytton found difficulty in playing Day's leg-breaks, a win was still "on".

At last, Mytton was stumped after a mature innings, with some superb off-side shots, and it was a question of holding on. They succeeded—but only just!

FREE FORESTERS

A. R. Day	c Mytton	b Rudolf	102
R. J. L. Aptham	b Rudolf		10
P. C. Howland	b Rudolf		0
M. A. Freedman	b Dicks		35
P. M. M. Jennings	b Encersby		24
C. K. R. Warton	c Mytton	b Rudolf	60
D. H. M. Dalzell	not out		60
C. J. Denham-Davis	not out		21
Extras			

Total (for 6 wks) 258-6

Bowling: Dalzell 14-1-29-0 Rudolf 13-2-31-4 Dicks 10-1-49-1 Encersby 15-0-54-1

BEDFORD SCHOOL

J. C. Dalzell	b Denham-Davis	38	
P. S. Marks	c Ward	b Abell	45
W. L. Colledge	at Ward	b Day	6
J. H. Mytton	at Ward	b Day	78
U. R. M. Lindsay	c Dalrymple	b Abell	13
G. R. Baker	c Cartwright	b Day	17
Holden	not out		10
Fieldner	at Ward	b Day	4
P. D. Rudolf	at Ward	b Day	1
J. K. Dicks	not out		5
Extras			

Total (for 6 wks) 255

Bowling: A. R. Day 21-4-55-5 T. F. Abell 7-0-19-1 C. J. Denham-Davis 8-2-21-1

Test for Town

Bedford Town, who are enjoying a great run at the moment, play one of their strongest fixtures tomorrow—High Wycombe at The Bury. Team:—

P. Oakley, capt., A. Ingle-dew, D. Hoare, A. Greene, W. Chamberlain, J. D. Heaton, S. T. Morris, M. Wynn, W. Bushby, A. G. Coomb, and T. Thomas.

BOWLERS TAKE HONOURS

B.M.S. v. Trinity School Croydon

ON a good wicket with a very fast outfield, there should have been plenty of runs but both sides collapsed against some good slow bowling.

At 40 for 2, Bedford Modern seemed set for a respectable total but some indifferent batting gave wickets away needlessly and the innings closed at 88.

With 32 on the board for the first wicket, Croydon made an equally good start but again the B.M.S. slow bowlers, Brownridge and Weaver,

came to the rescue. For the second match in succession Weaver finished off the innings with a hat-trick, his final analysis being 6-9.

B.M.S.

A. Hayward	c and b Jones	13	
G. Heazell	c Clarke	12	
M. Henderson	c Vaines	b Cosh	20
M. Lall	c Oakes	b Cosh	5
R. A. Riley	lbw b Howsam	1	
A. Weaver	c Vaines	b Cosh	16
R. S. Fensome	c Seymour	b Howsam	1
P. G. Hall	not out		8
K. Jones	lbw b Cosh	0	
A. Lewis	c and b Howsam	4	
J. Brownridge	c and b Howsam	2	
Extras			

Total

Bowling: Jones 6-4-7-1 Bennett 4-7-12-0 Clarke 4-3-6-1 Howsam 17-4-33-4 Cosh 15-5-24-4

TRINITY SCHOOL

J. Howsam	b Weaver	18	
A. Duguid	c Riley	b Hall	22
P. Bennett	b Weaver	0	
P. Cosh	b Weaver	0	
M. Seymour	not out	7	
N. Bartford	b Brownings	0	
J. Davenport	lbw b Brownridge	1	
P. Vaines	lbw b Brownridge	0	
A. Oakes	b Weaver	7	
W. Jones	b Weaver	0	
I. Clarke	b Weaver	0	
Extras			

Total

Bowling: Hall P G 8-4-12-1 Lewis A 10-4-14-0 Brownridge 16-9-16-5 Weaver 9-4-6-9-6

SPORTS DIARY

SATURDAY

Bedford v. Harpur.
Kimbolton v. Bedford 2nd.
Weldon v. Ramblers.
West Indiana v. Kenlow.
Bilton v. Ampthill.
Ampthill 2nd v. Eaton Socon.
Argus v. Bromham Nomads.
Stewartby v. Igranite.
Igranite 2nd v. Kempston Meth.
Sandy v. North End.
Silsoe v. Old Warden.
Ickwell v. Eversholt.
Diemer's single wicket comp.
Goldington v. Pulloxhill.
Rodekian v. Kempston.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Premier Division

Roxton v. Stavington
Stagsden v. Cople.
Thurleigh v. Felmersham.
Lt. Staughton v. Blunham.

Division One

Wootton v. Staploe
Renhold v. Marston.
Gt. Barford v. Oakley.
Southoe v. Lt. Paxton.

Division Two

Gt. Staughton v. Potton.
Hall Weston v. Wood End.
Wrestlingworth v. Tempsford.

Division Three

Caldecote v. Langford.
Riseley v. Thurleigh 2nd.
Blunham 2nd v. Postels.

Division Four

Sharnbrook v. Gt. Barford 2nd
Cople 2nd v. N. Crawley.
Foundry v. Wootton 2nd.

SUNDAY

Bedford v. Stevenage.
Stevenage 2nd v. Bedford 2nd.
Diemer's v. Odham's.
Kempston Ramblers v. Wimbledon Unt.
Rushden v. Froehia
Olney v. Ampthill
Sharnbrook v. Crayke.
Meltis v. Desborough.
Stewartby v. Rootes.
Igranite v. Kettering Southgate
Ickleford v. North End.
Town Hall v. Raunds.

MONDAY

Bedfordshire v. Shropshire, Bedford
School (and Tuesday).

WEDNESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire, Bedford
School (and Thursday).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Bedfordshire v. Hertfordshire, Bedford
School (and Saturday).

SPORTS DIARY

SATURDAY

Camden v. Bedford.
 Tabulators v. Bedford 2nd.
 Ramblers v. Travellers 2nd.
 Ampthill v. Sandv.
 Ampthill 2nd v. Goldington.
 Wareles v. North End.
 Old Warden v. Potton.

ASHBY THWARTS COLTS

BEDFORDSHIRE Colts opened their programme of seven matches with a draw against Hertfordshire Colts at Hitchin on Monday.

Bedfordshire batted soundly down the order with Mitchell (Leighton Buzzard) hitting an excellent unbeaten 80 and Litauniers (Luton Town) showing considerable promise with 24.

Slow left arm bowler Lloyd (Bedford Town) had all the Hertfordshire batsmen in trouble, but R. Ashby, with a very sound undefeated fifty, prevented a complete breakthrough.

Bedfordshire Colts: P. Marks 9, A. Litauniers 24, M. Wynn 22, M. Mitchell not out 80, D. Whitaker 20, C. Dalton 21, I. Hartup not out 13, extras 21, total (for 6 wkts. dec.) 210.

S. Lloyd, P. Hamel, R. Plowman, and M. Williams did not bat.

D. George 14-4-37-2, D. Linsell 11-4-33-1, S. Brace 15-5-33-1, J. Coe 21-4-61-1.

Hertfordshire Colts: H. Hollington 31, P. Furner 24, R. Ashby not out 52, R. Lees 0, E. Jones 19, P. Warner 1, J. Coe 0, D. Linsell 0, D. Howells 4, S. Brace not out 8, extras 6, total (for 8 wkts.) 146.—S. Lloyd 16-4-42-3, C. Dalton 4-2-8-2, M. Wynn 6-2-17-1, R. Plowman 14-6-20-1, I. Hartup 5-2-8-0, M. Williams 5-1-19-0, D. Whitaker 7-1-26-0.

Eversholt v. Wing.
 Igranite 2nd v. Foddington.
 Kempston Ramblers v. Aston Martin.
 Silsoe v. Diemer and Reynolds.
 Dickenson's v. Melita.
 Argus v. Biddenham Esquires.
 Stewarby v. Carribbean Cavaliers.

BEDFORD LEAGUE

Premier Division

Blunham v. Stagsden.
 Cople v. Thurleigh.
 Lt. Staughton v. Stervington.

Division One

Stanoe v. Renhold.
 Marston v. Wootton.
 Southoe v. Oakley.

Division Two

Tempstord v. Honkirks.
 Potton v. Hail Weston.
 Wrestlingworth v. Wilden.
 Pertenhall v. Gt. Staughton.

Division Three

Riseley v. Marston 2nd.
 Langford v. Blunham 2nd.
 Rushden v. Thurleigh 2nd.
 Postels v. Caldecote.

Division Four

Hennold 2nd v. Cople 2nd.
 Wootton 2nd v. Lt. Staughton 2nd.
 Gt. Barford 2nd v. Foundry.

SUNDAY

Huntingdon v. Bedford.
 Bedford 2nd v. Eversholt.
 West Indians v. Kodak.
 Wharley End v. Diemer and Reynolds.
 Blackstone v. Kempston Ramblers.
 Phoenix v. Pertenhall.
 Bicester v. Ampthill.
 Criselco v. Stewarby.
 Silsoe v. Melita.
 Rifeleswade v. Igranite.
 Grants v. North End.

Brothers in 117 stand

The Peters brothers put on 117 for the second wicket playing for Bedford Argus in an 18 overs match against Britannia on Wednesday. And John Darlow claimed his first wicket for Argus after 11 years' service.

Argus 124 for 1 (C. Peters 63 not out, B. Peters 49 not out); Britannia 84 (E. Lewis 3 for 15, M. Birkett 3 for 17).

RUN-HAPPY

Diemer's had an easy win over Thurleigh, being able to declare at 174-7. Batsmen among the runs were Irvine 64, Dick 28, Chamberlain 22, Hooley 21, and Rawstorne 18; Thurleigh's best bowlers being Bright 2-29, Ellison 2-31.

Thurleigh could only muster 67. Fensome (25) being top scorer, while Edge (6-35) and Noble (2-11) did the damage. Diemer's topped 200 against Simpson but were unable to force a win.

Diemer's 204-9 dec. (Rawstorne 55, Gibbs 47, Chamberlain 24 not out, Hooley 22, Jeffries 20); Simpson 149-7 (Irvine 3-55, Mallows 2-44).



Mr. Roger Prideaux, captain of the Northamptonshire Cricket Club, congratulates Ray Bailey while his bride receives a kiss from Colin Milburn, the England and Northamptonshire player.

Lavendon

Cricket stars see Ray Bailey wed

MEMBERS of Northamptonshire cricket team were some of the guests at the wedding on Tuesday of Mr. Ray Bailey, county cricketer and league footballer, at St. Michael's, Lavendon.

Ray, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bailey, of 63 Chestnut Avenue, Bedford, was educated at Harpur Secondary School, Bedford. He became a professional cricketer and footballer in 1963. He plays for Northamptonshire County Club, and after a period with the Eagles at Bedford, signed for league club, Gillingham, in 1966.

He picked a keen sports-woman for a wife. Miss Jane Elizabeth Clarke, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Clarke, of Uphoe Manor Farm, Lavendon, was educated at Convent School, Bedford, and Lady Spencer Churchill College of Education at Wheatley, Oxford. She will teach at Twydall School, Rainham, Kent, next month, near her new home.

The bride was in white kaska, with the skirt forming a train and a French lace bodice. A pearl head-dress served her long veil and she carried pink rosebuds, lily of the valley and stephanotis.

She was attended by sisters Susan and Mary and Julie Tomkins, a friend of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids wore aquamarine pebble satin with matching head-dresses. They carried pink rosebuds and bridal gladioli.

Mr. Peter Amor, bride's cousin, was best man. Groomsmen were Mr. Tony Clarke, bride's cousin and manager of Bletchley Town football club, and Mr. Keith Lawrence, bridegroom's cousin.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Douthwaite, with a reception at the Village Hall.

Two games left— first victory!

RENHOLD 2nd have left it a bit late to score their first League win (they beat Cople, 2nd by 3 wickets on Saturday). They have only two weeks of the season left. Still, there's some consolation: you cannot be dropped from division four!

Saturday's victory must have been a bit of a shock. At one stage opponents Cople 2nd were 70-3. Then Parfett got among the "tall" and the side were all out 77. Renhold replied with 80-7.

Caldecote's J. Baldwin struck with 6-6 in four overs but also they were his last four and Postels had by then pitched up a good score of 124. Far too many runs for Caldecote (all out 55). Postels bowler D. Simpson also collected six wickets.

Stagsden left Blunham 1 hour 35 minutes to get 112 to win and these runs were got with 20 minutes to spare thanks to a fine start by P. Desborough and P. Ranson followed by a good knock by P. Fordham of 48 (seven 4s).

T. Buck saved Thurleigh 2nd from a complete rout, scoring 48 out of a total of 72, but not from defeat at Rushden.

For the second week running Hall Weston topped 50—at one stage they were 48-3, then collapsed to all out 56. It was still an easy win for Potton—by 9 wickets.

Great Barford 2nd and Foundry had four innings of fun and the game ended appropriately with Great Barford—though losing—sportingly going for the runs. Barford had led by four runs on the first innings and then Foundry rattled up 56-7 in half an hour in their second knock Barford were left just over an hour to score 53 to win but failed.

Langford v. Blunham 2nd was also a four-innings affair but with a difference. Langford totalled 48 and then E. Woodward routed Blunham for 20 taking 7-12. But Langford's second knock was a brief affair of 27 runs which left Blunham 50 minutes to get 56 to win. Langford managed only 9 overs in this time and Blunham finished with 39-9.

Fifty - fifty

Fifty years old last month, Ernie Willis of Old Warden has celebrated with successive fifties in his last two games. He hit 52 out of Old Warden's 97 against Silsoe (98-3), and last Saturday collected 59 in Old Warden's 214-4 dec. v. Potton (114 all out).

Tough at the..

Staploe, already assured of promotion to the Premier Division, got a taste of the "higher reaches" in a friendly with Little Staughton on Sunday. They were soundly walloped. Staughton scored 147 (M. Banks 44, B. Cox 40) and then put out Staploe for 47 (R. Robins 6-20).

PREMIER DIVISION

BLUNHAM v. STAGSDEN

Stagsden: L. Drury 20, J. Wilmott 8, D. Bonnet 29, L. Lawson 0, C. Reed 10, A. Bonnet 7, P. Archer 19, R. French 13, J. Alder 2, M. Couyer not out 0, extras 6, total 111.—Ranson 4-54, Rawlins 4-25, Fordham 1-26. Blunham: P. Ranson 19, G. Barker 3, P. Desborough 19, P. Fordham 48, R. Rawlins 3, S. Reid 4, F. Tester not out 12, R. Ashwell not out 2, extras 4, total (for 5 wks.) 113.—D. Bonnett 1-42, P. Archer 2-45, R. French 3-23.

COPLÉ v. THURLEIGH

Thurleigh: J. Warner 21, J. Thorne 8, A. Fensome 12, W. Norman 6, W. Ellison 18, J. Wagstaff 17, C. Berrill 7, R. Berrill 0, D. Ellison 0, J. Berrill not out 8, R. Hollowell 4, extras 10, total 109.—R. Hull 14-2-2-30-3, B. Minney 11-2-25-4, P. Hull 9-2-24-3. Cople: C. Minney 10, A. Thacker 19, G. Binkin 0, P. Hull 14, A. Hart 1, B. Minney not out 46, E. Street not out 12, extras 9, total (for 5 wks.) 111.—R. Hollowell 12-1-43-1, W. Ellison 14-3-41-2, C. Berrill 10-5-18-2.

DIVISION TWO

PERTENHALL v. QT. STAUGHTON

Great Staughton: G. Bull 1, F. Sanders 5, J. Malle 0, A. Davison 9, D. Fensome 2, T. Bayford 6, L. Newman 11, B. Fensome 0, R. Holmes 3, M. Davison 0, P. Nobles not out 0, extras 2, total 39.—W. Pressland 4-7, R. Short 3-11, A. Orr 3-15. Pertenhall: C. L. Stapleton 3, R. Waller 14, I. Oxley 4, R. Thompson 2, A. Orr not out 14, R. Short 3, C. O. Stapleton 0, A. Gentle not out 1, extras 2, total (for 6 wks.) 41.—L. Newman 4-13, B. Fensome 2-26.

POTTON v. HALL WESTON

Hall Weston: 56. (R. Duffin 5-13, B. Steele 3-4, P. S. F. Hutchinson 2-26). Potton: R. Duffin not out 28, B. Steele 7, R. Bloss not out 28, extras 4, total (for 1) 67. G. Cutts 1-30.

DIVISION THREE

LANGFORD v. BLUNHAM 2nd

Langford: D. Boswell 9, D. Wilson 1, S. Cooper 0, M. Smith 0, E. Rutt 0, C. Smith 8, T. Rogers 8, D. Rogers 2, P. Piper 13, E. Woodward 2, J. Mavis not out 0, extras 5, total 48.—W. Page 7-15, R. Armiger 4-26. 2nd innings 27 (W. Page 4-16, S. Brunt 5-11). Blunham: R. Harding 1, S. Brunt 1, W. Page 0, P. Wakfield 4, J. Tester 6, R. Armiger not out 5, J. Jeffries 0, D. Little 0, D. Sibley 0, P. Mitchell 0, K. Lawrence 2, extras

1. total 20.—Woodward 7-12, Piper 3-8. 2nd Innings 39-9 (Piper 6-8, Woodward 2-30).

RUSHDEN UNITED v. THURLEIGH 2nd

Rushden United: D. Pinnock 31, B. Harmer 11, B. Waterfield 3, R. Langley 7, M. Cox 14, B. Perry 28, G. Wait not out 19, A. White not out 4, extras 14, total (for 6 wks. dec.) 131.—T. Buck 12-2-18-1, J. Asplin 9-1-25-1, W. Jermy 6-0-21-1, K. Bright 5-0-23-2, C. Clayton 3-0-19-1. Thurleigh: P. Hooker 7, A. Ellison 5, T. Buck 49, W. Jermy 0, J. Ellison 8, K. Bright 0, J. Asplin 0, S. Asplin 5, J. Handley 2, D. Pitchford not out 0, C. Clayton 0, extras 0, total 72.—M. Cox 12-4-2-35-7, R. Odell 9-0-24-2, M. Wadsworth 3-0-13-1.

POSTELS v. CALDECOTE

Postels: J. Gibbons 18, P. Savage 51, B. Norman 6, H. Berwick 21, D. Ellis 1, G. Appleton 1, N. Izzard 0, M. Umney 0, R. Bundy 1, D. Ruffin not out 6, D. Simpson 5, extras 4, total 124.—J. Baldwin 6-2R, D. C. Byraves 1-19, D. S. Byraves 2-22, U. Cox 1-0. Caldecote: R. Jeaves 6, R. Waite 5, D. S. Byraves 0, B. Filliman 0, L. Cox 2, D. C. Byraves 2, P. Harding 0, J. Baldwin 14, M. Brown 11, L. Adams not out 3, M. York 1, extras 11, total 55.—Simpson 6-14, Ruffin 4-22.

DIVISION FOUR

RENHOLD 2nd v. COPLÉ 2nd

Cople: J. Newbury 23, A. Jennings 11, A. D. Worral 18, D. James 18, M. Cambers 2, B. Newbury 0, M. Brant 2, P. Dunne 0, D. Reilly 0, S. McGowan not out 0, extras 1, total 77.—C. Crouch 4-0-14-1, R. Parfett 9-3-10-4, A. Duncombe 8-1-15-3. Renhold: A. George 12, D. Bevan 14, J. Dewholme 5, A. Duncombe 4, R. Parfett 10, F. Joyce 0, P. Swann not out 11, D. Constant 16, C. Crouch not out 1, extras 7, total (for 7 wks.) 80.—B. Newbury 12-0-10-2, D. James 4-0-19-4, P. Dunne 1-0-2-1.

GT. BARFORD 2nd v. FOUNDRY

Foundry 31 (Maskell 3-8, Mallett 6-14) and 56-7 dec. (Maskell 5-20). Gt. Barford 35. (Evans 5-11) and 46 (Buttram 3-8, Stevens 3-13).

All square

"A draw with the scores level". That is the correct if rather cumbersome result of Bedford Town's game at Huntingdon on Sunday.

Julian Dalzell had the doubtful pleasures of bowling the last over when Huntingdon wanted four runs to win. Three runs were scored and with the last ball Dalzell clean bowled Brand.

Bedford M. Wynn 51, W. Chamberlain 50, P. Spray 19, B. Peet 29, T. Thomas not out 32, J. Dalzell 0, D. Hoare not out 12, extras 5, total (for 5 wks. dec.) 198.

Huntingdon: 198 for 6 (D. Wilson 89, M. Wilson 65, W. Bushby 11-0-56-3, J. Dalzell 6-2-22-2, C. Wood 11-1-45-1).



After good knocks against Shropshire, NORMAN COOLEY had to hustle back for football training.

THANKS TONY- TWICE

Thanks to fine bowling by Bill Bushby (5-44) and Tony Ingledew (4-35), Bedford appeared to have a simple task overhauling Oxford City's total of 123 at the Bury on Sunday.

But Hitchins's bouncers caused alarm and Bedford slumped to 62 for 7, of which Thomas made a noble 40.

Enter Ingledew in his batting role and a wonderful winning revival was under way. Ingledew shielding his young partner Lloyd while 55 runs were added.

Oxford City 123.
W. Bushby 20-4-44-3; A. Ingledew 16.3-7-35-4; S. Lloyd 5-2-10-1.

Bedford: M. Wynn 12, W. Chamberlain 4, T. Thomas 40, B. Peet 0, P. Spray 0, F. Cokley 0, W. Bushby 0, A. Ingledew not out 46, S. Lloyd 14, extras 11, total (for 8 wkts.) 137.
— A. Hitchins 15-5-37-0.

Draws all the way

Bedfordshire Colts completed their programme with two more draws: of the seven-match programme five have ended drawn and the other two, v. Dorset and Suffolk, abandoned because of rain.

Bedfordshire might have got a win against Leicestershire Young Amateurs: Tuler, dropped twice before he had reached double figures, went on to make 75.

Leicestershire: 178-5 dec. (T. Tuler not out 75, S. Lloyd 2-31); Bedfordshire: 160-8 (I. Hartup 53, M. Wynn 41, J. Dalzell 25).

Again fielding lapses allowed Huntingdonshire off the hook in the final match. Only opener M. Stevenson, who made 71, looked impressive. Hunts also were tedious; they took 3 hr. 20 min. over their total, leaving Beds only 2 hr. 9 min. A reply of 148-6 was, in the circumstances, good, with Wynn batting most impressively at No. 6 for an unbeaten fifty.

Hunts: 183-9 dec. (A. Weaver 4-21, I. Hartup 347); Beds: 148-6 (M. Wynn not out 56, I. Hartup 30, M. Mitchell 20).

Set for title snatch

COPLE'S win over Roxton last Saturday puts them right in line for a thrilling Premier Division title snatch tomorrow. Blunham currently head the table by one point but have finished their programme. Victory by Cople at Felmersham will given them the championship.

Feature of the Cople-Roxton match was the fine catching: both sides took six.

Most spectacular was the one by Alan Hart, of Cople. He had to dive sideways to grab the ball inches from the ground.

Staploe have wrapped up division one but who goes up with them? Oakley, Southoe, Wootton, Great Barford and Renhold all hold an interest. Only six points separate second-place Oakley and bottom side Marston in this tight-run section.

With 16 games being played by each side in division two, promotion here may not be settled until September 9—the last day of the season. Most vital game tomorrow: Pertenhall v. Potton who are running in second spot each with 19 points.

Langford and Postels are clear for promotion in division three and here the interest lies in the scramble to avoid the drop to division four: Marston 2nd, Caldecote, Riseley and Thurlleigh 2nd are all concerned. Thurlleigh 2nd v. Caldecote must rate the crucial match tomorrow.

Division four is also settled with North Crawley and Foundry promoted. Crawley have not lost a match all season (like Cople in the premier) and Langford in the third), but Crawley must have had doubts of their record holding last Saturday when Little Staughton shocked them out for 43.

Skipper E. S. Smith made 22 of these on what was a good but dampish wicket.

However, D. Bishop and F. Savage also found the wicket to their liking and figures of 5-9 and 4-13 accounted for Staploe all out 22.

PREMIER DIVISION

COPLE v. ROXTON

Cople: C. Minney 22, A. Thacker 7, A. Hart 3, P. Hull 8, B. Minney 10, G. Blenkin 1, E. Strac 15, P. Jennings 6, G. Minney 0, G. Halliday 10, R. Hull not out 2, extras 3, total 87.
—C. Quince 18-3-38-5, D. Hughes 22-4-42-2, P. Keightley 1-0-2-0, C. Darrington 3-4-2-2-2.

Roxton: A. Franklin 1, G. Jefferies 15, C. Quince 0, J. Watson 4, R. Smith 2, R. Darlow 2, P. Keightley 1, C. Darrington 1, N. Folbiss 0, M. Rowlands 0, D. Hughes not out 0, extras 1, total 27.
—E. Minney 6-3-9-3, R. Hull 6-1-14-2, C. Minney 3-2-1-2, P. Hull 2-3-1-2-3.

STAGSDEN v. LITTLE STAUGHTON

Stagsden: K. Brooks 7, J. Willmot 4, P. Amor 2, G. Newman 0, D. Bennett 1, P. Archer 2, C. Reed 0, A. Bennett 3, P. Hulance not out 3, L. Lawson 0, J. Alder 0, extras 8, total 30.
—R. Robins 9-3-4-11-7, G. Henderson 9-1-11-5.

Little Staughton: B. Cox not out 64, D. Stapleton 3, D. Brown 1, M. Henderson not out 5, extras 2, total (for 2 wkts) 75.
—P. Archer 1-1-35-1, D. Bennett 4-1-16-0, K. Brooks 6-0-14-1, P. Hulance 1-0-8-0, Thurlleigh 65, Stavington 65-8.

DIVISION ONE

Oakley 68, Renhold 45, Gt. Barford 83, Southoe 29, Staploe 100, Marston 87, Lt. Paxton 18, Wootton 19-2.

DIVISION TWO

WILDEN v. WOOD END

Wilden: B. Ashpole 30, J. King 1, J. Stanton 7, B. Pask 0, C. Ashpole 44, M. Lee 11, D. Hartwell 16, K. Ashpole 5, D. Darrington 7, E. Stanton not out 1, G. Roberts 0, extras 4,

total 125.
—L. Burraway 5-39, R. Bowler 5-37, M. Fressione 1-23, Wood End: E. Burraway 10, G. Barker 1, P. Hudson 9, L. Burraway 2, K. Cummins 17, J. Bentley 12, M. Podes 0, R. Bowker 0, H. Mabbitt 0, M. Fressione 2, H. Burraway not out 1, extras 1, total 60.
—K. Ashpole 6-8, G. Roberts 2-31, D. Hartwell 2-11, Pertenhall v. Hobkirks (Hobkirks could not raise a side), Lt. Staughton 129-9 dec. Tempsford 87-7.

DIVISION THREE

RUSHDEN v. RISELEY

Rushden: D. Pridmore 41, B. Harmer 0, B. Waterfield 45, P. Trout 0, B. Perry 41, M. Cox not out 21, G. Wait 2, R. Fothergill 0, extras 20, total (for 7 wkts dec.) 183.
—P. Presland 10-1-29-1, C. Ashwell 14-2-58-2, A. Goodson 12-4-28-3.

Riseley: D. Chadwick 0, G. Bell 2, R. Harris 16, A. Goodson 7, B. Pentlow 4, C. Ashwell 31, P. Presland 11, R. Gardner 0, C. Hutchings not out 4, P. Harris 0, P. Tomkin 1, extras 3, total 79.
—R. Odell 9-2-59-4, M. Cox 14-5-29-3, M. Wadsworth 6-1-8-5, Marston 2nd v. Blunham 2nd (Marston could not raise a side).

DIVISION FOUR

LT. STAUGHTON 2nd v. NORTH CRAWLEY

North Crawley: F. S. Smith 22, D. Savage 2, F. Savage 0, D. Bishop 6, J. Brandon 0, J. Hedge 6, H. Bowley 0, E. Speedley 4, G. Hardwick 0, T. Pinton 2, C. Dickinson not out 0, extras 1, total 43.
—J. Chamberlain 14-8-18-4, D. Blair 0-1-16-1, P. Bone 4-1-18-5.

Little Staughton: C. Brown 1, A. Saunders 3, W. Scotcher 0, D. Blair 1, P. Bone 4, S. Woodham 12, P. Rowe 1, B. Smiley 0, total 22.
—D. Bishop 6-6-9-5, F. Savage 7-2-13-4, Sharnbrook v. Wootton 2nd (no play because of rain).

PREMIER DIVISION

Club	P	W	L	D	pts
Blunham	14	10	1	3	21
Cople	14	7	0	4	22
Roxton	14	4	5	5	11
Thurlleigh	14	4	5	5	11
Felmersham	14	5	6	3	11
Lt. Staughton	14	3	8	3	9
Stavington	14	3	7	4	9
Stagsden	14	1	11	2	2

DIVISION ONE

Club	P	W	L	D	pts
Staploe	12	10	1	1	21
Oakley	14	6	6	2	14
Southoe	14	5	6	3	11
Wootton	14	5	6	3	11
Gt. Barford	14	4	5	5	11
Renhold	14	4	5	5	11
Lt. Paxton	14	3	7	4	9
Marston	14	3	7	4	9

DIVISION TWO

Club	P	W	L	D	pts
Wilden	14	9	1	4	19
Pertenhall	14	8	2	4	18
Potton	14	4	3	7	11
Tempsford	14	4	7	3	11
Lt. Staughton	14	3	8	3	9
Wood End	14	3	7	4	9
Hobkirks	14	3	7	4	9
Wrestlingworth	14	2	10	2	4
Hail Weston	14	2	11	1	4

DIVISION THREE

Club	P	W	L	D	pts
Langford	12	9	0	3	19
Postels	11	9	1	1	19
Blunham 2nd	13	7	5	1	15
Rushden 2nd	13	4	5	4	11
Marston 2nd	13	2	7	4	9
Caldecote	12	3	7	2	4
Riseley	12	3	8	1	7
Thurlleigh 2nd	12	1	8	3	2

DIVISION FOUR

Club	P	W	L	D	pts
North Crawley	14	9	0	5	21
Foundry	14	6	2	6	13
Lt. Staughton 2nd	14	7	3	4	14
Wootton 2nd	14	6	0	8	13
Sharnbrook	14	5	5	4	14
Cople 2nd	13	2	8	3	7
Renhold 2nd	12	2	7	3	7
Gt. Barford 2nd	15	2	8	5	9

Holiday cricket

SATURDAY

Bedford 2nd v. Wembley 2nd, Igranio v. BERTL, Baldock North End v. Birtleswace, Kempston v. Luton Strollers, Bedford Argus v. Wellesborough, Old Warden v. Papworth, Ampthill v. Eversholt, Potton v. Tobler Maltia.

SUNDAY

Bedford v. Stammore (11.30), West Indiana v. Shefford, Crickoe v. Vine, Kempston Ramblers v. Stagsden, Igranio v. Earls Barton, Tobler Maltia v. Turvey Park, Stewartby v. North End, Ampthill v. Olney.

MONDAY

Bedford v. St. Giles (1.40), West Indiana v. London WI (11.30), Old Warden v. Ickwell, Eversholt v. Bedford Argus.

Last pair baulk Town

ALTHOUGH Bedford probably warranted a win over Huntingdon at the Bury on Saturday, the visitors earned credit for their draw. Not until their last pair were together, with 10 minutes left did they stop going for the runs. Surely the true way to play cricket.

After a rather poor start on a rain-affected wicket Bedford did well to reach 182-5. This was due firstly to a grand knock by Bill Peet — undoubtedly his best for the Town — and another by Philip Spray.

The score was 39-3 when the pair came together and after beginning with the necessary caution the situation demanded, both hit well to advance the score to 168.

Huntingdon, left 2 hours 15 minutes, went for the runs im-

mediately, but Ingledeu, who bowled all through — and not with the luck his consistency deserved — returned the fine analysis of 6-83 after 23 overs.

The wicket, under the effects of sun and wind was drying out but Huntingdon continued to go for the bowling until the last pair came together.

BEDFORD LEAGUE FINAL TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

	p	w	l	d	pts
Cople	14	10	0	4	24
Blunham	14	10	1	3	25
Roxton	14	7	4	3	17
Thurleigh	14	4	5	5	13
Felmersham	14	5	7	2	12
Stevington	14	4	7	3	11
Lt. Staughton	14	3	8	3	9
Stagsden	14	1	12	1	3

FIRST DIVISION

	p	w	l	d	pts
Haploe	14	11	2	1	28
Wootton	14	6	4	4	16
Southoe	14	7	7	0	14
Gt. Barford	14	5	5	4	14
Oakley	14	6	6	2	14
Renhold	14	4	7	3	11
Little Paxton	14	3	7	4	10
Marston	14	4	8	2	10

DIVISION TWO

Pertenhall v. Wood End
Wood End: T. Burraway 5, P. Hudson 0, L. Burraway 62, K. Cummings 0, R. Bowker 1, A. Millen 2, J. Bentley 0, H. Madditt not out, I. M. Freestone 0, H. Burraway 0, M. Burraway 0, extras 5, total 76. W. Press'nd 2-12, R. Short 4-24, R. Thompson 1-18.

Pertenhall: R. Waller 26, C. Stapleton senior 0, I. Oley 21, A. Gentle 0, R. Short 11, R. White not out 6, C. Stapleton junior 0, R. Thompson not out 15, extras 1, total (for 6 wks) 79. L. Burraway 1-31, R. Bowker 2-24, M. Freestone 2-22.

A number of games in Division Two are being played tomorrow. Their final table will be published next week.

THIRD DIVISION

	p	w	l	d	pts
Postels	14	10	1	3	23
Langford	14	9	1	4	22
Blunham 2nd	14	7	6	1	15
Rushden Utd.	14	5	4	5	15
Thurleigh 2nd	14	3	6	5	11
Riseley	14	4	9	1	9
Caldecote	14	3	8	3	9
Marston 2nd	14	2	8	4	8

FOURTH DIVISION

Postels v Langford

Langford: Chestern not out 20, Pass 0, Boswell 0, Smith 20, Cooper 2, Roberts 4, Rogers 0, Whelan 0, Wilson 0, Woodward 4, Piper 1, extras 4, total 55. —Boswick 12-7-10-3; Rumm 14-8-8-1; Brooks 13-4-4-26-6.

Postels: Gibbons 7, Brooks 18, Berwick 13, Humberstone 2, Wildinan 11, Ellis 0, Patchin not out 2, Iscard 0, Prigmore not out 4, extras 1, total (for 7 wks) 58. —Woodward 13-1-4-24-2, Wilson 14-2-24-2, Piper 4-1-8-1.

	p	w	l	d	pts
North Crayke	14	0	0	5	24
Foungre	14	7	2	5	19
Sharnbrook	14	6	3	5	17
Little Staughton 2nd	14	7	5	2	16
Wootton 2nd	14	6	6	2	15
Cople 2nd	14	4	8	2	9
Renhold 2nd	14	2	9	3	7
Gt. Barford 2nd	14	2	10	2	8