

BEDFORDSHIRE 1968

CAPTAIN: J. SMITH

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GC	S, S	25, 26		HANTS	BEDFORD	SS NOTES FSB A	FSBW A	FSB A	-
MT		34	JUNE	LINCS	LONG SUTTON	FSB A	-	FSB A	-
W, T		12, 13		CAMBS	CAMBRIDGE	FSB A	-	-	FSB A
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W, T		17, 18		CAMBS	LUTON	FSB A	-	-	FSB A
S, M		21, 22		BUCKS	LUTON	FSB A	-	FSB A	-
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G. MILLMAN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	
P. M. TAYLOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
A. W. DURLEY	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	
N. S. COOLEY	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	-	
D. J. F. HOARE	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
B. D. ROBINSON	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
R. COX	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	
W. J. BUSHBY	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	
J. SMITH	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
I. DAVIDSON	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
B. L. BICKNELL	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
T. K. ROSIER	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	
P. J. WEBLEY	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
G. M. JARRETT	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	
F. L. MOORE	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	
G. C. WYNN M?	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
D. G. LIGHT	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	
T. G. A. MORLEY	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
T. J. BROWN	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	
T. W. H. BECK	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	
M. WYNN	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	
P. W. BICHENER	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	
J. C. DALZELL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	
P. J. OAKLEY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	-	
G. DARLOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	

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# GILLETTE CUP TEST

THE cricket season is only six weeks away, and there will be great interest in its opening with Bedfordshire, for the second year running, lined up in the Gillette Cup.

True, their first round tie will take them away — to Sherborne School against Dorset on Wednesday, May 8—but victory there would mean a plum home game with Hampshire—fixed for Goldington Bury on Saturday, May 25.

Whether that game is ever staged depends on Bedfordshire's build-up to the Dorset tie, and there are indications that players are sparing no effort.

Many are already hard at practice in the indoor centre at Hatfield, and another excellent idea is the arranging of a match with a Norfolk XI at the Bury on Sunday, May 5.

Play will be from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and the game will serve as an excellent trial for both teams; Norfolk go on from Bedford to play their Gillette Cup tie with Cheshire.

Just how Bedfordshire will fare against Dorset is difficult to say, for the teams do not meet in the Minor Counties Championship; Dorset, however, have not Bedfordshire's consistent record in the competition.

Two points to boost Bedfordshire's hopes are:

(1) Skipper Jack Smith is now making a steady return to fitness after his cartilage

operation and seems certain to play.

(2) A new player, John Rosier, has been specially registered by the county. Rosier—an amateur—is described as one of the most accomplished batsmen in club cricket. A member of the London club Forest Hill, he regularly scores 2,000 runs in a season.

## FIXTURES

Here is the full county programme for the season:

May 5—Trial match v. Norfolk (Bury).

May 8—Gillette Cup, first round, v. Dorset (Sherborne School).

May 9—Friendly v. London University (Motspur Park).

May 14—Friendly v. Cambridge University Crusaders (Christ's College, Cambridge).

May 25—Gillette Cup, second round, v. Hampshire (Bury). Provided Bedfordshire win the first round.

All Minor Counties fixtures:

June 3—4 v. Lincolnshire (Long Sutton).

June 12—13 v. Cambridgeshire (Cambridge).

June 30—July 1 v. Hertfordshire (Bishop's Stortford).

July 17—18 v. Cambridgeshire (Luton).

July 21—22 v. Buckinghamshire (Luton).

August 5—6 v. Shropshire (Bedford School).

August 7—8 v. Lincolnshire (Bedford School).

August 9—10 v. Hertfordshire (Bedford School).

August 18—19 v. Shropshire (Wellington).

August 25—26 v. Buckinghamshire (Amersham).

It will be noted that the away games with Hertfordshire, Shropshire, and Buckinghamshire, and the match with Buckinghamshire at Luton, begin on Sundays, and it will be interesting to see if this switch encourages bigger "gates".



# EDRICH HERE ON SUNDAY

ONE of England's most famous cricketers, Bill Edrich, leads Norfolk against Bedfordshire at the Bury this Sunday in a game which will serve as a useful trial for both counties prior to their midweek Gillette Cup matches.

Also in the Norfolk side is G. J. Saville, the most prolific run-getter in the Minor Counties last season (940 runs—average 49.47).

Bedfordshire miss only Inn Davison from a full-strength line-up and include new capture Trevor Rosier, a colleague of Graham Jarrett at Forest Hills, who regularly tops 2,000 runs a season.

Play will be from 11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. and Gillette Cup rules will apply, 60 overs each side, bowlers limited to 12 overs apiece.

Bedfordshire's team is:

J. Smith, T. Rosier, P. M. Taylor, A. W. Durlley, N. Cooley, G. Millman, B. D. Robinson, W. Bushby, G. Jarrett, D. Hoare and R. Cox.

The side for the Gillette Cup match with Dorset at Sherborne School on Wednesday will be chosen on Sunday evening.

Bedfordshire also have a friendly next Thursday with London University at Motpur Park. Team: P. Oakley (capt.), J. Dalzell, M. Wynn, G. Wynn, P. Webley, I. Hartop, M. Mitchell, P. Blitchener, T. Chapman, R. Fage and H. Beaumont.

## Morris out

BEDFORD Town are away to Vauxhall Motors tomorrow and miss Sid Morris. Team: P. Oakley, A. Ingledew, W. Bushby, M. Wynn, T. Thomas, A. Green, A. Coomb, R. White,

B. Peet, P. Ainsworth, D. Heaton.

Because of the county game, Bedford will be weakened at Peterborough on Sunday. Five teenagers are included in this side: M. Green, B. Peet, M. Wynn, T. Thomas, P. Ainsworth, A. Buckingham, J. Dalzell, S. Lloyd, D. Heygate, R. Witts, D. Lindsell.

## Ickwell top

THE new Millman Cup competition got under way at the weekend and Ickwell assured themselves of the league leadership by beating Biggleswade on Saturday and Southill on Sunday. In each game the man-of-the-match award went to Ickwell's Gordon Bygraves.

Against Biggleswade, Bygraves hit 111 including a six and 15 fours in Ickwell's total of 229-5. Biggleswade were put out for 117, Tony Norman taking 5-38.

On Sunday, Bygraves's contribution was less spectacular, but his opening 23 runs put Ickwell on the way to a win after Southill had been routed for 80 (G. Goodyear 4-14, J. Newell 3-21). Ickwell lost four wickets making the required 81.

There were two other games in the competition. Bedford Town's meeting at the Bury with Henlow was ended by rain when Henlow looked set for defeat. Bedford 170 (T. Thomas 40, M. Wynn 32, I.

Bigley 4-20); Henlow 87-8 (W. Bushby 5-32).

Southill Park scored a fine win over St. Neots thanks to man-of-the-match Johnny Pearce. He followed up figures of 4-33 with a well-made 42 runs. St. Neots 143 (C. Drew 54, J. Darrington not out 49); Southill 148-7 (M. H. Green not out 34).

## Pacemen strike

BLETCHLEY proved no match for Bedford Town's pacemen on Sunday and were all out for 88 in 1½ hours. Bedford 137 (G. Millman 48, D. Hoare 23, B. Peet 22, R. Janaway 5-43); Bletchley 88 (A. Buckingham 5-11, W. Bushby 3-35).

Bedford 2nd were less lucky; they were six runs short of victory when time was up. Bletchley 2nd laboured for 46 overs to accumulate 103, Stephen Lloyd bowling beautifully for 5-33. At close Bedford were 98-7 (D. Heygate 42).

Argus bowled themselves to victory in the penultimate over against Shuttleworth College, defiant opener Hadfield being left on 95 not out. The game was a triumph for the Peters brothers: Brian hit an unbeaten 75 and Roy scored 47 and took 6-42. Argus 214-6 dec.; Shuttleworth 135.

● A picture last week showed Mrs. Franklin handing £163 raised from jumble sales to Mr. Charles Hinde of the Bedford and District Cricket League. The money, of course, will go to the league's Hospital Cup funds.

## SATURDAY

Vauxhall v. Bedford  
Bedford 2nd v. Vauxhall 2nd  
Wheatthampstead v. Ramblers  
Amphill v. Argus  
Town Hall v. Amthill "A"  
Old Warden v. Craysico  
sundon Park v. Steppingley

## BEDFORD LEAGUE

### Premier Division

Stevington v. Staploe  
Roaton v. Blunham  
Thurleigh v. Cople  
Felmersham v. Wootton

### Division One

Gt. Barford v. Oakley  
Southoe v. Lt. Staughton  
Renhold v. Wilden  
Stagsden v. Fertenhall

### Division Two

Wood End v. Langford  
Hobkirk v. Wrestlingworth  
Postala v. Tempsford  
Gt. Staughton v. Marston

### Division Three

Blunham 2nd v. Caldecote  
Marston 2nd v. Risley  
Rushden v. Thurleigh 2nd  
North Crawley v. Foundry.

### Division Four

Lt. Staughton 2nd v. Sharnbrook  
Wootton 2nd v. Renhold 2nd  
Cople 2nd v. Goldington Elect.  
Covington v. Gt. Barford 2nd

## SUNDAY

Bedfordshire v. Norfolk (11 a.m.)  
Peterborough v. Bedford  
Amphill v. Old Bletchley  
Craysico v. North End

## TUESDAY

BEDFORD MID-WEEK LEAGUE  
Inland Revenue v. Kempston F.M.  
Beds Times v. Robinson Rentals

## THURSDAY

BEDFORD MID-WEEK LEAGUE  
Goldington Elect. v. Marston Valley

# SO SHARP COUNTY TRIM DORSET

**SUPERB.** Whether bowling, fielding or batting, Bedfordshire looked a class above Dorset in their Gillette Cup clash at Sherborne School yesterday.

They won convincingly and can now look forward with great pleasure and some confidence to their second round match against Hampshire at the Bury on May 25.

Bedfordshire won with eight wickets and 20 overs to spare, and Charles Barnett, the old Gloucester and England player presented Geoff Millman with the Man-of-the-Match award for his unbeaten half-century for Bedfordshire.

Sunny posters beckoned all the way down to Dorset—but from the skies fell only rain. It was non-stop all day on Wednesday, and the decision to try again for play next day was only a formality.

Yesterday morning it was still weeping over the beautiful Sherborne ground, a huge expanse in a great circle of hills.

But colleague Tony Woodcock and myself, who had taken the chance to see the sea, were able to report sunshine at Bournemouth, and by 11.30 it was even shining fitfully on Sherborne.

Getting on with the game was vital. Jarrett and Rosier had said they would definitely not be able to stay over should play trickle into a third day,

and telegrams for substitutes to stand by were sent off.

The players went out at 11.30 with Dorset batting after winning the toss.

A small amount of rain had got under the covers, and the wicket's reputation of being an excellent one was soon upheld.

Both Davison and Bushby found the pace to be up at the bat, and "Big Ian" was soon flinging his arms up as deliveries whistled close to the stumps.

In fact it was Bushby who made the initial breaks, trapping Daniels leg before and then clean bowling Roper. Bushby's further "reward" was a stinging delivery from a wasp, but fortunately it was not on his bowling hand.

Rosier relieved Davison, and his bouncing action quickly accounted for Beale. 22-3 in 13 overs was a magnificent start for Bedfordshire.

Skipper Smith with Jarrett now had a few of their allocated 12 overs, but there was no help from the wicket for them. Further splendid fielding kept the score down. Norman

Coolley once made a soccer-like dive to cut off a four.

At lunch Dorset were 49-3 with 24 overs gone, and Bedfordshire hammered home their success story afterwards. Jarrett twice sent deliveries round the backs of the batsmen's legs.

Millman made the stumping for the first, but was not required for the other as the leg ball went flying.

Skipper Hardwicke edged his teetering side into the sixties, but with the run rate below two an over. He even managed one square cut for four—but was bowled swinging at Jarrett's next.

Davison had a last gasp reward for a fine display, claiming two late wickets while the final Dorset pair of Miller and Stuckey hoisted the 100—but only just. They were all out in three hours and 52.4 overs.

With Rosier midding the ball beautifully and Millman hooking to effect, Bedfordshire got off to a flying reply.

Then Rosier, obviously in line for the man-of-the-match award, was lbw, and next man

in, Durley, was badly missed at first slip.

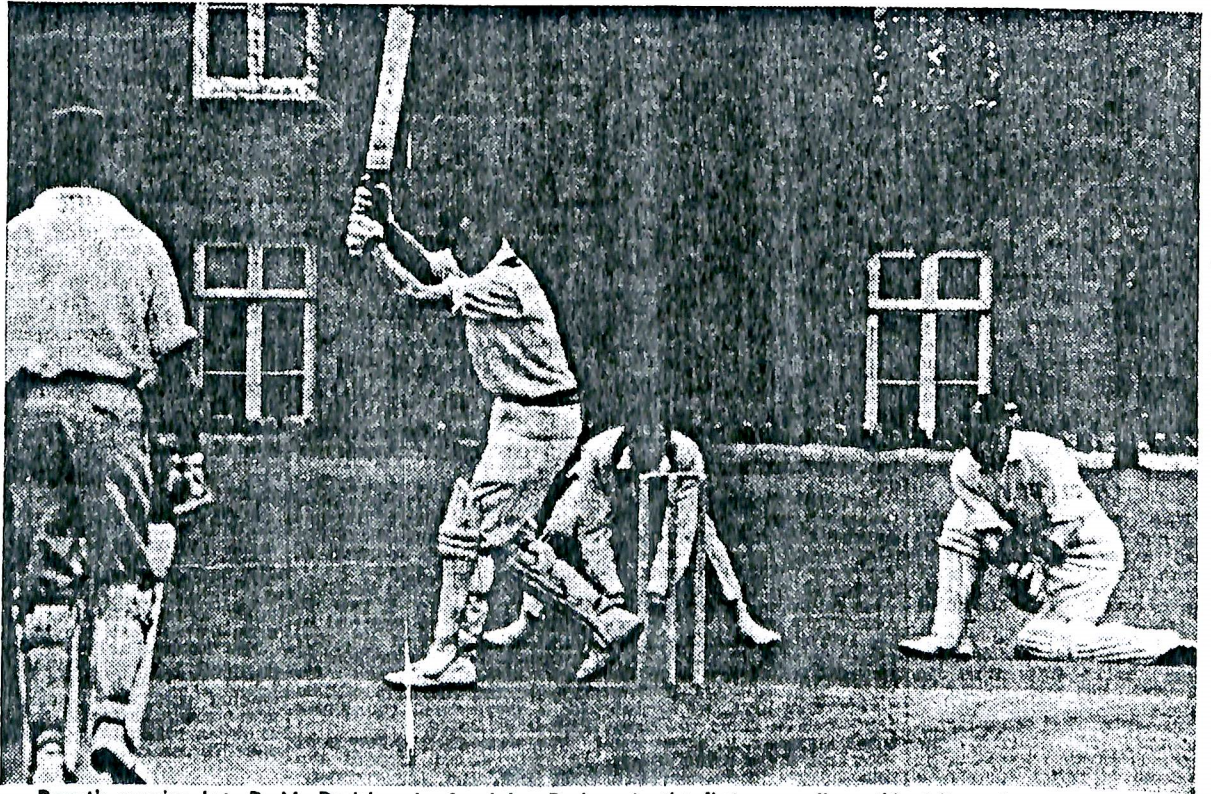
He and Millman now seemed to get tied down, but they were in no trouble, and at tea Bedfordshire were 50 for one.

## DOUGLAS BOWKER AT SHERBORNE

### Scoreboard

DORSET	
D. Daniels lbw b Bushby	10
J. Baker st. Millman b Jarrett	20
C. Roper b Bushby	0
M. Beale b Rosier	3
C. Hunter b Jarrett	18
H. Stephenson c Bushby b Rosier	16
M. Hardwicke b Jarrett	4
D. Hayward c Durley b Rosier	3
R. Miller not out	15
M. Doggrell b Davison	0
F. Stuckey b Davison	5
Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>
Bowling: I. Davison 10.4-2-17-2; W. Bushby 8-4-10-2; T. Rosier 12-3-22-3; J. Smith 10-2-26-0; G. Jarrett 12-5-21-3.	
BEDFORDSHIRE	
G. Millman not out	54
T. Rosier lbw Hayward	19
A. W. Durley c Hunter b Hayward	6
N. Cooley not out	20
Extras	4
<b>Total (for 2 wks.)</b>	<b>103</b>
Bowling: Stuckey 4-1-11-0; Doggrell 7-2-15-0; Hunter 10-2-26-0; Hayward 12-8-18-2; Baker 6-1-19-0; Miller 1-0-8-0; Hardwicke 1-0-4-0.	





Dorset's opening bat, D. M. Daniels, who faced Ian Davison in the first over, allows this delivery to go untouched to wicket-keeper Geoff Millman. Fielding at slip is Tony Durley.

# Gillette Cup 'Giant-killing' is County aim

THE sobering thought about the Gillette Cup—now in its sixth year—is that no minor county has succeeded in beating a first-class one. This, of course, is very proper, but also rather dull, and some time, somewhere there is going to be a surprise. Why not the Bury tomorrow?

LAST week Geoff Millman argued that Bedfordshire had a real chance against Hampshire. He backed it by saying that Bedfordshire were a well-balanced side, not relying on an odd individual for success, and Hampshire might be "edgy" because they have to win. I go along with all this but Bedfordshire, of course, have got to accomplish two tasks.

They have got to make runs against what will be almost a complete seam attack, Hampshire being likely to bring in Alan Castell to join "Butch" White, Bob Cottam, and Derek Shackleton. As Millman put it, "We've got to score off good balls". There won't be many, if any, of the friendly deliveries of the Dorset game, but Bedfordshire's batting goes deep with men like Bill Bushby and Graham Jarrett at 10 and 11.

The second consideration will be to contain Hampshire to a reasonable total. Bedfordshire play only three pacemen, but Ian Davison has experience of the first-class game. Bushby is certain to be steady on his own "track", and newcomer Rosier looked accurate and penetrative at Sherborne.

Two spinners will be unusual in a Gillette Cup match, but skipper Jack Smith kept even the Australians quiet on this ground with his nagging length and Graham Jarrett, of course, given any help from the wicket, is devastating. His turn, either way, coupled with extreme accuracy, make him one of Bedfordshire's chief hopes.

As to fielding, this is always rated one of the top differences between first-class and other cricket. But Bedford-

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DOUGLAS,  
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shire are no slouches here with two men in Luton's Roger Cox and Bedford's Norman Cooley quite brilliant in the mid-wicket area.

Bedfordshire's only other experience in this competition was last year against Northamptonshire and the game went from them at the start when Colin Milburn was allowed to run up 63 runs in as many minutes. It is not insignificant that he scored these runs off the pacemen and fell to Jarrett. In Roy Marshall, Hants have a very similar hitter of the ball, and somehow Bedfordshire must get him out quickly. He and Barry Richards are almost certain to be the chief stumbling blocks: Hampshire's batting otherwise does not look considerable.

Bedfordshire's players—and very good luck to them—are the same as those who so decisively accounted for Dorset in the first round:

G. Millman, T. Rosier, A. W. Durley, N. Cooley, B. D. Robinson, D. J. F. Hoare, R. Cox, I. Davison, W. Bushby, J. Smith (captain), G. Jarrett. Twelfth man: P. Taylor.



# They will pick from . . .

**Roy MARSHALL.** One of the hardest hitters in cricket, Roy smacked a century before lunch in last season's Gillette Cup match with Lincolnshire, earning the man-of-the-match award. He played for Barbados before he was 16, toured England, Australia and New Zealand with the West Indians, appearing in four Tests. After league cricket in the Central Lancs League he joined Hants in 1953 and was appointed captain in 1966. In 1961 he scored over 2,600 runs and has topped 1,000 in 14 seasons.

**Barry REED.** A local product, Reed has only come into the side regularly in the last couple of seasons, but each time topped 1,000 runs. His one century (v. Glamorgan last year) contrasts with his opening partner Marshall's sixty.

**Peter SAINSBURY.** Brilliant all-rounder. He has six times topped 1,000 runs, and in 1955 took 102 wickets and in 1957 held 56 catches.

**Barry RICHARDS.** In his first season with the county, Richards was born in Natal and is almost certain to play for South Africa against England next winter. Last year topped the Curry Cup averages playing for Natal.

**David TURNER.** Left hander, Turner joined after playing for Wiltshire and is another of the county's fine fielders. Best score: 87 v. Middlesex last season.

**Richard GILLIAT.** Another left hander, Gilliat gained cricket and soccer Blues at Oxford, captaining the University at cricket in 1966. He joined Hampshire that season and is assistant secretary.

**Keith WHEATLEY.** Right hand bat and off spinner, Wheatley is in his fourth season with Hants. Top score 59, best bowling 4-15.

**Brian TIMMS.** Sound bat and wicketkeeper, he collected his one century against Oxford University in 1966. In 1965 he claimed 79 victims and the year before 77.

**Derek SHACKLETON.** The legendary "Shack", now 43, has reeled off more than 100 wickets in 19 consecutive seasons — a cricket record. He has also taken more wickets than any other bowler now playing first-class cricket (2,741—average 18.72 up to this season) and on four occasions has taken 9 wickets in an innings. Played in 7 Tests.

**David "Butch" WHITE.** One of the quickest bowlers in the first-class game he was with Bedfordshire's Geoff Millman on England's tour of India and Pakistan in

1961-62 playing in two Tests. Has four times taken more than 100 wickets in a season.

**Bob COTTAM.** Hampshire's other quick man, Cottam took 102 wickets last season, and in 1965 returned the best figures ever in an innings for the county of 9-25 v. Lancs.

**Alan CASTELL.** Not a regular member of the side but could come in to add to Hampshire seam attack for this match. Best bowling 6-49. In 1962 he shared with Danny Livingstone in a 9th wicket record partnership for the county of 230 v. Surrey.

**Danny LIVINGSTONE.** Born in Antigua, he has five times topped 1,000 runs in a season, and scored 200 in the record partnership match with Castell.



The familiar—and lethal—action of Derek Shackleton.

# BEDSER'S CHOICE

One of England's most famous bowlers, Alec Bedser, will adjudicate on the man-of-the-match award.

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Umpires are Arthur Jepson—who has "stood" in Tests—and Cecil Pepper.

★ ★ ★  
Last season Hampshire had their best run in the Gillette Cup. They beat minor county Lincolnshire 244-8 to 141, Glamorgan 236-7 to 220 before losing in the quarter-final to Sussex 224 to 233-9.

★ ★ ★  
Previous winners of the cup are Sussex (twice), Yorkshire, Warwickshire and Kent.

★ ★ ★  
Quickest finish in the competition: Worcestershire beat Lancashire by 9 wickets by 2.20 p.m.

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Highest innings total in the competition: 327-7 off 60 overs by Gloucestershire against Berkshire.

★ ★ ★  
Lowest innings total: 56 off

26.2 overs by Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire.

★ ★ ★  
Highest innings total by a minor county: 195 by Lincolnshire v. Hampshire.

★ ★ ★  
Nineteen centuries have been scored in the competition, the highest individual innings being 146 by G. Boycott, Yorkshire v. Surrey.

★ ★ ★  
Best bowling figures: 7-15 by A. L. Dixon, Kent v. Surrey. Sainsbury of Hampshire, also took seven wickets, for 30, against Norfolk.

## Get there early

Hours of play are from 11 to 7.30, sixty overs each side, twelve overs maximum each bowler. It's all-pay (5s. adults, 2s. 6d. old age pensioners and schoolboys).

There is room for some 200 cars in the ground, but they will not be allowed in after 10.45. Adequate car parking facilities are provided nearby at Bury Farm.

A bar and food will be available on the ground.

If no play is possible because of bad weather, the game will be played on Monday. If the match starts tomorrow, but is not completed, play could carry over to Sunday at the discretion of the umpires.





## SHORT IN LUCK

A PICTURE which sums up the Bedfordshire-Hampshire Gillette Cup second round tie. Roy Marshall (right) and Barry Reed, backed by a scoreboard showing Hampshire 169—0, go out to make more! In fact, they reached 227—the highest-ever partnership in the competition—before Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith deceived Marshall with an off-break. Eventually Hants totalled 321—4 off the 60 overs, Bedfordshire replying with 197—7, in itself a record for a minor county against a first-class side.

The last point should not be overlooked (writes Douglas Bowker). On the Monday Bedfordshire played cricket the equal of Hants, and one was left bemoaning that pre-lunch and pre-rain 80 minutes and 169 runs off the Saturday.

A full report of the game and Smith's reasons for putting Hampshire in were given in Tuesday's Bedford Record. Stemming from Smith's decision, everything piled up against the home county; the rain dribbled on, the wicket became more and more docile, and as fielders and bowlers spluttered with the "soapy" ball, Hants raced to an unassailable position.

Bedfordshire had to have some good luck

to hold their first-class opponents—it was all bad!

Marshall and Reed took 169 off 23 overs on Saturday. On Monday, in fairer conditions, both looked less comfortable, and they and their colleagues managed only an additional 152 off 37 overs.

Had play been confined to the Monday I am convinced Hants would have totalled no more than about 250 and, who knows, with an assailable target, Bedfordshire might have run them very close indeed.

Mr. Alec Bedser, who presented the man-of-the-match award (inevitably to Marshall for his 140 runs), wrote this week to the Bedfordshire secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, "I am sorry you had such bad luck with the weather. You look to me to have a good side which should do well in the championship."

Bedfordshire can best prove Mr. Bedser right with another good Minor Counties run. They have a tough start this Monday and Tuesday (away to Lincolnshire), but they now have a liking for the Gillette Cup, and one will be looking to them to press for inclusion for a third year running.



# SPITEFUL WICKET

## Beds skipper and Lincs bowler end up in hospital

BEDFORDSHIRE skipper Jack Smith was rushed to hospital on Tuesday during the Minor Counties game with Lincolnshire at Long Sutton after being struck on the arm by fast bowler Norman McVicker. "No bones broken," was yesterday's verdict, and he will lead the side against Cambridgeshire at Cambridge on Wednesday.

Less fortunate was Lincolnshire's Brian Evans, who was also hit when batting—by Smith! He fractured a wrist.

The "villain" of the piece was the rain-affected wicket, which caused the ball to come through at varying heights. It also brought about an exciting game which either side could have won but which, in the end, finished drawn with Bedfordshire collecting first innings points.

Sportingly Bedfordshire's acting captain, Geoff Millman, agreed to play out three overs in the rain for the last ten minutes of the match. Lincolnshire wanted 20 runs to win with four wickets left. Ian Davison and Bill Bushby pegged Lincolnshire to 16 runs.

Bedfordshire, forced to bat first on the opening day, lost two men in the opening five overs. Then came a recovery to 109-4 by lunch, but afterwards McVicker took four wickets without conceding a run.

Again Bedfordshire picked

themselves up through skipper Smith, who hit 31 not out for a first innings total of 156. Lincolnshire quickly lost Buckthorpe, and though Robinson (26) and Pougher (25) added substance to their innings they were all out for 124—32 runs behind.

Bedfordshire started their second innings with utmost caution: it was 22 minutes before a run was scored! Taylor played an easy catch into the slips, and Millman, Durley and Cooley all fell in a three-over spell to McVicker.

But once more the county found a hero—young Roger Cox, who contributed 42 not out to the modest total of 99.

Lincolnshire had over two hours to chase the 132 runs for victory and were doing well when rain drove the players in. Then came Millman's generous decision to go out again and the game finished with McVicker run out off the final ball.

● Bedfordshire's team to play Cambridgeshire is: Smith, Millman, Durley, Cooley, Davison, G. Jarrett, T. Rosier, Cox, Taylor, Bicknell, and G. Dawson.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Millman c. North b. Camplyn	38
P. M. Taylor c. Keyworth b. Evans	2
A. W. Durley b. McVicker	1
N. Cooley c. North b. McVicker	19
D. J. P. Hoare c. North b. Barnes	24
B. D. Robinson lbw v. McVicker	24
R. Cox c. Evans b. Barnes	0
W. Bushby c. North b. McVicker	0
J. Smith not out	31
I. Davison b. McVicker	7
B. Bicknell c. Camplyn b. Evans	8
Extras	2
Total	156
Bowling: McVicker 4-62, Evans 1-55, and Barnes 2-24.	

Second Innings	
G. Millman b. McVicker	13
P. M. Taylor c. Robinson b. Barnes	0
A. W. Durley b. McVicker	20
N. Cooley b. McVicker	0
D. J. P. Hoare c. North b. Barnes	7
B. D. Robinson c. Camplyn b. Barnes	0
R. Cox not out	42
W. Bushby b. Camplyn	0
J. Smith ret. hurt	0
I. Davison b. McVicker	8
B. Bicknell c. Robinson b. McVicker	0
Extras	0
Total	99
Bowling: McVicker 5-41, Barnes 3-58, Camplyn 1-20.	

LINCOLNSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Robinson lbw b. Smith	24
D. A. Buckthorpe c. Millman b. Davison	0
H. Pougher lbw Smith	25
M. Maslin c. Smith b. Davison	13
C. A. North b. Bicknell	11
C. A. Richardson c. Cox b. Bicknell	18
M. J. Keyworth c. Millman b. Bicknell	1
N. M. McVicker b. Bushby	4
J. B. Evans not out	20
T. H. Barnes b. Bicknell	0
O. B. Camplyn b. Davison	0
Extras	6
Total	124
Bowling: Davison 3-48, Bicknell 4-11, J. Smith 2-21.	

Second Innings	
G. Robinson c. Taylor b. Bushby	20
D. A. Buckthorpe c. Durley b. Davison	29
H. Pougher b. Davison	8
M. Maslin c. Taylor b. Bushby	25
C. A. North v. Durley b. Davison	4
C. A. Richardson not out	23
M. J. Keyworth c. Millman b. Bushby	4
N. M. McVicker run out	11
Extras	4
Total (for 7 wks)	128
Bowling: Davison 3-58, Bushby 3-54.	

# County tumble to Cambridgeshire

LEFT 175 minutes to score 214 runs to win at Cambridge yesterday, Bedfordshire failed, being all out for 188 with four balls remaining. It was bad luck on Bedfordshire skipper Jack Smith whose declaration with a first-innings lead of just four runs, had generously offered Cambridgeshire a continuing interest in the game.

Bedfordshire had a thoroughly good day on Wed-

nesday. Cambridgeshire took first knock on what looked — and was — a good batting wicket, but Rosier and Davison immediately made inroads, half the Cambridgeshire side being out for 54.

Memories of when Bedfordshire put Cambridgeshire out for 66 before lunch at Luton last season were kindled, but last year's skipper Rex Gautrey now proved there were no terrors, figuring in a stand of nearly 100 with Farnell for the sixth wicket.

Even so the dismissal of Cambridgeshire for 176 was a good achievement by Bedfordshire whose batsmen then emulated Gautrey, hitting 156—3 before close.

Yesterday morning Smith batted on for only 18 minutes to clinch first innings points and declared.

Cambridgeshire accepted the challenge, Fairey and Shippey going off at a run-a-minute rate. Fairey passed his half-century in 80 minutes before falling to Smith.

Hale increased the pace,

rattling 53 in 46 minutes, and clearly Cambridgeshire's intention was to build a big total and set Bedfordshire around 90 an hour to win.

But in the dash for runs there were bits of carelessness — two men were run out — and leg spinner Bicknell, out of the wickets in the first innings, now reaped a rich harvest of five victims.

So, after a magnificent start, Cambridgeshire's innings crumpled away and they were

all out for 217, leaving Bedfordshire 175 minutes and 214 runs away from victory.

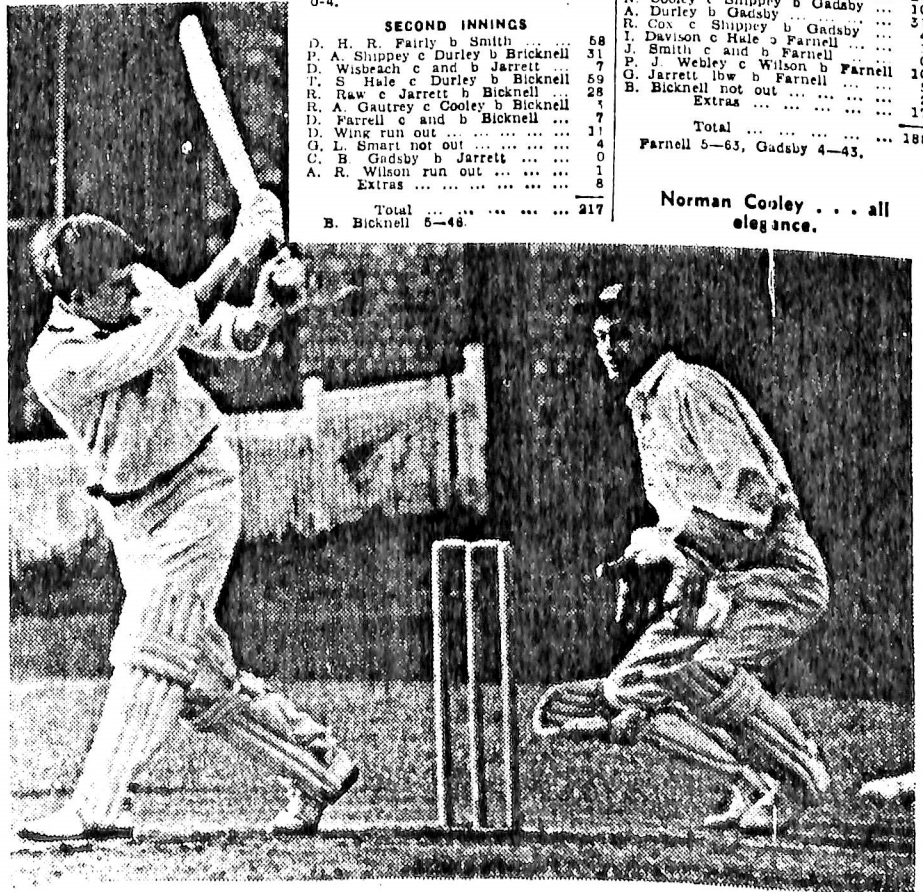
Rosier was promptly run out, but Millman and Taylor settled in sound style to reach 88 at a run-a-minute by 5 o'clock. The requirement then — 126 in 90 minutes.

Then the troubles began, and with five of the middle order going for 50 runs, last man Bicknell came in with still 20 minutes remaining. He survived but Webley did not.

## SCOREBOARD

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
First Innings	
D. H. R. Fairey b Rosier.....	8
P. A. Shippey c Millman b Davison	25
D. Wisbeach b Rosier.....	0
T. S. Hale c Taylor b Davison.....	2
D. Raw lbw b Davison.....	10
R. A. Gautrey c Smith b Jarrett	73
D. Farnell c Taylor b Jarrett	52
C. B. Gadsby lbw b Smith.....	3
G. L. Smart c Millman b Jarrett	7
D. C. Wing c and b Jarrett.....	13
A. R. Wilson not out.....	0
Extras .....	5
Total .....	178
G. Jarrett 4-64, I. Davison 3-35, T. Rosier 2-24, J. Smith 1-24, B. Bicknell 0-4.	
SECOND INNINGS	
D. H. R. Fairey b Smith .....	58
P. A. Shippey c Durlley b Bicknell	31
D. Wisbeach c and b Jarrett .....	7
T. S. Hale c Durlley b Bicknell	69
R. Raw c Jarrett b Bicknell .....	28
R. A. Gautrey c Cooley b Bicknell	1
D. Farnell c and b Bicknell .....	7
D. Wing run out .....	11
G. L. Smart not out .....	4
C. B. Gadsby b Jarrett .....	0
A. R. Wilson run out .....	1
Extras .....	8
Total .....	217
B. Bicknell 5-48.	

BEDFORDSHIRE	
First Innings	
G. Millman c Smart b Gadsby.....	38
T. Rosier b Gadsby.....	46
P. Taylor lbw b Gadsby.....	12
A. Durlley not out.....	43
N. Cooley not out.....	28
Extras .....	13
Total (for 3 wkts dec.)	180
G. B. Gadsby 3-55.	
SECOND INNINGS	
G. Millman c Gautrey b Farnell.....	80
T. Rosier run out .....	1
P. Taylor st Smart b Gadsby .....	27
N. Cooley c Shippey b Gadsby .....	10
A. Durlley b Gadsby .....	10
R. Cox c Shippey b Gadsby .....	31
I. Davison c Hale b Farnell .....	4
J. Smith c and b Farnell .....	1
P. J. Webley c Wilson b Farnell	10
G. Jarrett lbw b Farnell .....	10
B. Bicknell not out .....	5
Extras .....	2
Total .....	17
Farnell 5-63, Gadsby 4-43.	
Norman Cooley . . . all elegance.	





# Cup heroes

## LEAGUE CLUBS BATTLE BRAVELY

BEDFORD and District Cricket League this year started their own league k.o. competition, partly because their clubs were so soon knocked out of the Hospital Cup. Now three of their sides, Cople, Little Staughton, and Roxton are still concerned in the major competition, Cople and Staughton having reached the last eight.

Cople's third round Hospital Cup win came on Tuesday over Weatherley Cincinatti, and once again they leaned heavily on the Minneys, Cyril hitting top score of 23 and Brian taking six wickets for 26 runs.

Weatherley, shock winners over Southill and Biggleswade in earlier rounds, never recovered from a disastrous start

### Line-up

The fourth round line-up now stands as follows:  
 Kimbolton v. Lt. Staughton.  
 Bedford Town "A" v. Eaton Socon.  
 Igranic v. Roxton or Ickwell.  
 Sharnbrook or Sandy v. Cople.  
 The Sharnbrook tie will be played tonight.

in which they lost five wickets for seven runs.

Cople's previous victims — Potton and Henlow.

Cople: C. Minney 23, Street 9, Blenkin 3, P. Hull 4, B. Minney 2, Hindmarsh 3, Smith 0, James 15, R. Hull 0, Halliday not out 9, G. Minney not out 2, extras 3, total 83-9. Briggs 5-37, Buck 2-43.

Weatherley: Gray 0, Fair Weatherley: Gray 0, Fairbanks Harper 0, Surkitt 0, Buck 3, Constant 1, Briggs 7, Purkiss 1, Bard not out 0, extras 1, total 43.—B. Minney 6-26, R. Hull 2-16.

Also playing on Tuesday were Igranic and Bedford North End and in a very tight match Igranic won by six runs.

North End, who had put Igranic in, were never quite on terms with the clock chasing 92 in 15 overs. They wanted 13 runs to win off the last over and started with 2-1-2 off the first three balls. Then Burnage effected two brilliant stumpings to end their innings.

The fielding was very sharp, accounting for three run-outs on each side, and Igranic owed much to a punishing third-wicket stand of 49 by Ladbury (two sixes) and Folds (one six) after they had lost prolific bats Morris and Popham—both to splendid catches—for four runs.

Igranic: P. Morris 1, J. Popham 3, P. Ladbury 25, R. Folds 34, A. Burnage 11, B. Chinn not out 12, S. Smith 2, D. Ferguson 1, extras 3, total (for 7 wickets) 92.—R. Smith 8-1-39-2; P. Hall 7-0-50-2.

North End: D. Pickering 11, J. Howard 12, R. Footer 10, D. Lawson 4, P. Hall 13, E. Arnold 5, B. Jarvis 10, A. Weaver 10, A. Beusnel 0, R. Smith 2, D. Dodson not out 0, extras 9, total 86.—M. Church 7.6-0-46-2; R. Pettifer 7-1-31-5.

## Sunday start for County

BEDFORDSHIRE have their first taste of Sunday cricket when they play Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford this Sunday and Monday. The advantages are two-fold: players will only have to ask for the one day off and there should be a chance of a bigger "gate" on a Sunday rather than a weekday.

Bedfordshire have one or two players unavailable through holidays, and yesterday one place was still vacant. Malcolm Wynn, the 19-year-old Bedford Town bat, makes his debut. Team:

J. Smith, C. Millman, P. Taylor, A. W. Durlay, N. Cooley, G. Jarrett, W. Bushby, I. Davison, F. Moore, G. Wynn, A. N. Other.

An attractive game is scheduled for Bedford Town's ground, Goldington Bury, this Wednesday, when the Club Cricket Conference play Midland Club Cricket Conference. Play starts at 11.30 a.m.

# Jarrett's 8 — 66 in vain

BEDFORDSHIRE ended up their Minor Counties game with Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford on Monday in uncharacteristic style, batting doggedly to salvage a draw rather than attacking for a win.

With regulars like Rosier and Cox absent, and two players, Wynn and Bick, making their debuts, Bedfordshire never really got to grips with the game. They were unceremoniously bundled out for 90 in their first innings, and a target of 230 to win in 220 minutes was never "on" when openers Millman and Taylor both went on 38 scored in even time.

It was all rather annoying, for the best individual performance of the match came from a Bedfordshire player, spin bowler Graham Jarrett, whose first innings tally of 8-66 was his best ever for the county. His 23 not out was also about the best thing of the Bedfordshire first-innings batting.

Hertfordshire chose to take first knock on what was a drying wicket and they owed almost everything to their first three batsmen. Evans, who

made an excellent 66, shared in stands of 38 and 44 with Smith — the former Essex opener — and Stubbs, before Jarrett got to work against the rest.

From 121-3 Herts collapsed to all out 171, Jarrett even getting the redoubtable Evans in the end with a caught and bowled.

But if Herts had been patchy Bedfordshire were virtually threadbare. Berkhamsted pace-man Collins — unavailable to Herts last year — turned in just eleven overs but seven were maidens and he had 4-21.

Millman resisted stubbornly while Taylor, Durley, Cooley and Moore all went (21-4). At last young Graham Wynn arrived to help check the sorry story but now Millman himself was caught.

Light contributed 12, but Bushby and Smith went cheaply, and now all rested on Wynn and Jarrett. Steadily the pair hoisted the meagre 49-8 into the eighties, but now a quick single attempt was Wynn's and Bedfordshire's undoing, Appleyard throwing down the wicket from fine leg.

In contrast to their first innings, Hertfordshire's top three batsmen went cheaply in the second knock. But Stubbs and Collier provided a substantial

stage 10 overs produced 11 runs.

## HERTFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
D. J. Evans c and b Jarrett	66
G. J. Smith b Bushby	23
T. L. Clough c Light b Jarrett	13
L. G. Stubbs c Durley b Jarrett	28
C. I. N. Jones c Millman b Jarrett	1
D. A. Bick c Light b Jarrett	1
F. E. Collier c Millman b Jarrett	2
R. H. Wacey lbw b Jarrett	22
W. H. Tilly c Taylor b Smith	0
D. Appleyard c Durley b Jarrett	0
P. G. Collins not out	0
Extras	7

Total 171  
Bowling: T. G. A. Morley 12-3-36-0; W. Bushby 15-2-40-1; J. Smith 18.1-7-22-1; G. Jarrett 26-7-66-8.

Second Innings	
D. J. Evans c Jarrett b Bushby	7
G. J. Smith c Smith b Jarrett	15
T. L. Clough c Jarrett b Bushby	10
L. G. Stubbs c Durley b Bushby	44
C. I. N. Jones lbw b Bushby	8
F. E. Collier c Moore b Smith	51
R. H. Wacey b Bushby	13
D. A. Bick not out	4
W. H. Tilly not out	1
Extras	4

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 148  
Bowling: Morley 15-4-31-0; Bushby 20-5-52-5; Smith 7-2-11-1; Jarrett 14-1-50-1.

## BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings	
G. Millman c Stubbs b Wacey	18
P. M. Taylor c and b Collins	0
A. W. Durley b Collins	0
N. Cooley c Smith b Collins	8
F. Moore c Collier b Collins	0
G. Wynn run out	24
B. Light b Tilly	12
W. J. Bushby c Stubbs b Tilly	0
J. Smith c Jones b Appleyard	2
G. Jarrett not out	23
T. G. A. Morley lbw b Bick	0
Extras	5

Total 90  
Bowling: Collins 11-7-21-4; Tilly 19-9-36-2; Wacey 4-0-11-1; Appleyard 5-2-17-1; Bick 2-0-0-1.

Second Innings	
G. Millman c Wacey b Tilly	21
P. M. Taylor c Stubbs b Wacey	17
A. W. Durley b Wacey	1
N. Cooley c Smith b Wacey	13
F. Moore lbw b Bick	13
G. Wynn lbw b Bick	4
B. Light not out	14
W. Bushby b Bick	17
J. Smith not out	10
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wks.) 136  
Bowling: Collins 17-4-50-0; Tilly 19-11-21-1; Wacey 18-9-32-3; Appleyard 7-4-8-0; Bick 13-6-17-3; Stubbs 5-2-1-0.

## In hospital

Missing the match was Bedfordshire's secretary, Mr. Frank Crompton, who went into hospital on Saturday evening. This week he was described as "going on nicely". Mr. Crompton is 73.

mid-innings stand, Collier topping his fifty in 74 minutes.

Bushby performed well with the ball this time, taking 5-52, but again his opening partner Morley was out of the wickets though bowling economically.

Hertfordshire's declaration was a fair one, but after the opening 38 by Millman and Taylor, Bedfordshire seemed little interested in bidding for a win. Durley stayed 37 minutes contributing one run and at one



## County must step up the pace

Bedfordshire's next two games—v. Cambridgeshire on July 17-18 and v. Buckinghamshire on July 21-22—are going to be vital if they are to make an impact on the Minor Counties table this season.

So far they are without a win (two draws and a defeat) and are currently 12th in the table.

Both games are at Luton but the teams vary considerably. For the first, Cooley, Bushby, Jarrett, Rosier and Durley are all unavailable. For the second, everyone is available to the extent that Barry Robinson and Durley have to be omitted!

Teams: v. Cambs: J. Smith (capt.), G. Millman, D. Hoare, I. Davison, D. Light, T. Beck, P. Taylor, B. Robinson, R. Cox, T. Brown, F. Moore.

v. Bucks: Smith, Millman, Hoare, Davison, G. Jarrett, T. Rosier, Taylor, Cox, N. Cooley, Moore, W. Bushby.

# ONE-DAY FLOP

AFTER a blank day on Wednesday, Bedfordshire's Minor Counties match with Cambridgeshire at Luton resolved into a one-innings affair yesterday with ten points at stake. Bedfordshire lost, falling 26 runs behind Cambridgeshire's declared total of 156-8.

Even allowing for the fact that the wicket was slow and the ball came tardily on to the bat, there was little excuse for the Cambridgeshire batting crawl.

After their skipper David Faircy had shown the way with a fine knock of 53 in 73 minutes, the innings became an unimaginative plod.

It was remarkable that Faircy's runs came while just five were made at the other end and he hit a six and six fours.

After he left just 32 runs came in the hour before lunch

when Cambridgeshire were 85-4.

By comparison, with the others Raw, who has appeared for the University, played an attractive innings before hitting across the line to Smith, who contributed a typically economic bowl of 21 overs for 21 runs.

Davison also bowled well without assistance from the wicket or luck, while Brown's off-spinners were never col-lared.

When Cambridgeshire declared at 156-8 the innings had lasted 234 minutes and 81 overs.

Bedfordshire were left 146 minutes.

The brisk start did not last because Taylor was out without scoring, after which Millman and Moore became bogged down.

There was no doubt that Bedfordshire had the worst of the wicket, and at tea they were 37-1 off 14 overs which left them with 95 minutes to get 120.

After hitting a boundary, Millman gave a simple catch to mid-off. Moore batted well, picking the right ball to hit, and Bedfordshire entered the

last hour still needing 82 to win with seven wickets left.

Hoare, Robinson, and Brown all went quickly and half the side were out for 82. Then Moore, trying to force the pace, was caught in the covers six short of what would have been a deserved half-century.

Davison went in early but failed to force the pace. Light and Cox promised better things for a time. Then, the former and Smith left in quick succession and finally Cox, who had batted bravely, was last out with ten minutes left to play.

## SCOREBOARD

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	
D. H. R. Faircy, b Smith	53
P. A. Shappey, c Millman, b Beck	3
A. Ponder, c Millman, b Davison	1
T. E. Hale, lbw, b Beck	3
D. Raw, b Smith	43
R. A. Lefevre, b Beck	11
D. Farrell, c Millman, b Davison	1
G. B. Gadsby, not out	20
D. Lyon, run out	9
J. Davy, not out	9
Extras	7

Total (for 8 wkts dec) 156  
 Bowling: Davison 21-5-39-2; Beck 14-7-67-3; Smith 21-10-21-2; Brown 14-3-22-0.

BEDFORDSHIRE	
P. M. Taylor, b Lyon	0
G. F. Millman, c Faircy, b Wilson	24
F. Moore, c Lefevre, b Wilson	41
D. Hoare, c Wilson, b Gadsby	7
E. D. Robinson, b Gadsby	1
T. J. Brown, b Wilson	5
R. Cox, b Gadsby	32
I. Davison, c Wilson, b Faircy	3
D. Light, b Farrell	8
J. Smith, b Farrell	0
T. Beck, not out	4
Extras	2

Total 130  
 Bowling: Lyon 7-4-19-1; Wilson 12-2-30-3; Gadsby 12-3-24-3; Farrell 7-2-10-2; Faircy 3-0-17-1.



# Batting revival earns a draw

RECOVERING some consistent batting form at last, Bedfordshire came close to turning the tables on Buckinghamshire at Luton on Monday after they had had very much the worst of the first day's play.

Set to get 229 to win in 220 minutes, they were only nine short of their objective after a tense finish and they had two wickets in hand at the end.

Their total was the highest of the match and this time, Harris and Waite, who had caused the first innings damage, did not get a wicket between them, being tamed by Rosier and Millman who put on 54 for the first wicket before the former was brilliantly stumped on the leg side.

There was a hard-hit innings by Taylor and, at tea, 152 were needed in 115 minutes. With Cox driving well, making 42 with six fours in 71 minutes, Bedfordshire entered the last hour needing 98 but, despite some big hitting and quick running between the wickets, the task was just beyond them.

Earlier, Buckinghamshire had been made to fight for runs and took 170 minutes to add 124, strange tactics in view of their commanding first innings lead of 92.

Smith was allowed to bowl 20 overs of which 15 were maidens, but Jarrett again came out with the best figures making his match haul 11-138.

## SCOREBOARD

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE		BEDFORDSHIRE	
<b>First Innings</b>		<b>First Innings</b>	
C. Hirst b Rosier	16	G. P. Millman b Harris	3
B. Tustian lbw b Davison	5	F. J. Rosier b Harris	14
J. B. Turner c Davison b Jarrett	50	P. M. Taylor b Harris	4
I. Feasey at Millman b Jarrett	14	N. Cooley b Harris	11
D. A. Jones b Jarrett	45	F. Moore b Poll b Waite	4
J. K. E. Slack b Jarrett	0	R. Cox c Poll b Waite	19
C. J. Parry c and b Jarrett	17	D. Hoare c Tustian b Waite	1
C. W. Poll lbw b Smith	6	W. J. Bushby b Waite	0
F. W. Harris c Davison b Jarrett	0	I. Davison b Waite	0
A. C. Waite b Smith	8	J. Smith not out	2
R. P. Phipps not out	1	G. Jarrett b Harris	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Extras</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Extras</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bowling:</b> I. Davison 12-7-10-1; W. Bushby 13-4-27-0; T. Rosier 8-2-21-1; G. Jarrett 29-8-85-6; J. Smith 13-4-19-2.		<b>A. C. Waite 17-9-29-5; F. W. Harris 17-8-29-5.</b>	
<b>Second Innings</b>		<b>Second Innings</b>	
B. Tustian c Millman b Davison	0	G. P. Millman lbw b Parry	24
C. Hirst c Smith b Jarrett	23	T. J. Rosier at Poll b Parry	34
J. B. Turner lbw b Bushby	15	P. M. Taylor c Feasey b Turner	37
I. Feasey not out	63	N. Cooley lbw b Parry	18
D. A. Jones at Millman b Jarrett	10	F. Moore c Slack b Phipps	19
J. K. E. Slack c Cooley b Jarrett	1	R. Cox run out	42
R. W. Poll run out	6	D. J. F. Hoare at Poll b Parry	17
F. W. Harris lbw b Smith	4	W. J. Bushby not out	4
C. J. Parry run out	11	J. Smith c Turner b Parry	11
R. P. Phipps c Moore b Jarrett	0	I. Davison not out	0
<b>Extras</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total (for eight wickets)</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Extras</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Davison 10-4-20-1; Bushby 12-5-28-1; Jarrett 28.3-4-75-5; Rosier 4-1-5-0, Smith 20-15-7-1.</b>		<b>Waite 10-3-17-0; Harris 16-2-43-0; Parry 30-11-75-5; Phipps 13-1-41-1; Turner 9-2-30-1.</b>	

# A great first win then — rain

by DOUGLAS BOWKER

POOR old cricket! Lambasted either end of its season by gluttonous soccer it has, this year, also taken a pounding from the weather. If it hasn't actually snowed at the Bedford School ground this week there is still today and tomorrow.

For those supporters who cling on in the icy blasts the reward is a last hour of play such as on Tuesday when Bedfordshire sent Shropshire rocking to defeat.

It was a belated first victory for the county, humbled from their proud Gillette Cup perch of the last two years to bottom-but-one-spot in the table.

Unevenness of batting has contributed to the team's lack of success, and there were again signs of this on Monday. Millman went for a "duck" and, after a bit of stiffening, four wickets crashed while the score was advanced from 107 to 143.

Hoare stood firm through all this, eventually emerging with top score of 63. In the final analysis it was a vital contribution: at the time it was a bit tedious. He took 125 minutes over his fifty.

The more cheery knock came from Moore with seven fours mostly from excit-

ing hooks. He deserved better than to fall two short of his half century.

After the rattle of wickets, Bedfordshire had to go on past tea to top 200, too long a period or too small a total off 75 overs.

## Great start

However, Bedfordshire used the remaining time well. Bichener had the distinction of a first-ball wicket on his debut, and secretary Frank Crompton was quick to recall a similar achievement by R. V. Ward. Will Bichener emulate Ward's later feat of all ten in an innings?

Bichener was unlucky to lose a second wicket Davison flooring a catch at slip. The favoured batsman was Willetts, the former Somerset opener but he added only a further 11 runs.

Before this—controversy. Did Millman catch Winfield? It was a case of whether the deflection carried. Winfield claimed he saw the ball bounce. The umpire sided with Millman's magnificent diving effort.

This was off Davison, who then found another bat edge, but the luckless Gough collected the ball in the face splitting a lip. Shropshire (68-3) had suffered enough. They appealed, successfully, against the light, and 40 minutes before seven o'clock (as evening cricketers were starting their games!) play finished.

## Absorbing

Tuesday was absorbing right through. Smith started with four maidens and three wickets and Jarrett mopped up the "tail". In 45 minutes Shropshire were out, just avoiding

the follow-on with a 113 total. Another Shropshire casualty had emerged overnight, wicketkeeper Claffey with a broken finger, and he stepped out of the game.

Bedfordshire now hit 92-6 and declared setting Shropshire 185 to win in 166 minutes.

Davison, who generally rates one wicket for the week good going on the placid school "track", now collected a month's worth in half a dozen overs. Alarming Shropshire were 22-5.

To say Smith crowded the batsmen is understatement. When Davison followed

through the player furthest from the receiving batsman was the batsman the other end!

Johnson held for two hours in a brilliant defensive innings but superb off-the-heat-of-the-bat catches by Bichener, Robinson, and Smith steadily winkled the remainder out. A good Bedfordshire win: at that moment the weather seemed a little less cold.

● The seagulls were in residence on Wednesday and Thursday and the county's game with Lincolnshire was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

# SCOREBOARD

## BEDFORDSHIRE

### First Innings

G. F. Millman b Phillips	0
F. M. Taylor c Gough b York	30
P. Moore b York	28
D. Hoare b Bradley	63
B. D. Robinson c Willetts b Bradley	12
D. Light b York	7
M. Wynn lbw b York	0
P. Bichener lbw b Bradley	13
J. Smith c Johnson b York	11
I. Davison not out	4
G. Jarrett c Othen b York	7
Extras	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>

Bowling: D. York 26-6-72-6; J. Phillips 17-4-56-1; G. Othen 15-6-31-0; P. Bradley 17-5-35-3.  
Fall 1-1, 2-64, 3-107, 4-132, 5-141, 6-143, 7-177, 8-168, 9-198.

### Second Innings

G. F. Millman c Bradley b Phillips	23
F. M. Taylor c Winfield b Phillips	28
D. F. Moore not out	27
B. D. Robinson c Othen b Bradley	1
D. Light c Jones b Bradley	1
G. Jarrett lbw b Phillips	1
J. Smith not out	4
Extras	8
<b>Total (for 6 wkts dec)</b>	<b>92</b>

York 9-2-31-0; Phillips 16-5-36-3; Bradley 7-1-1-17-2.  
1-50, 2-61, 3-61, 4-71, 5-75, 6-88.

## SHROPSHIRE

### First Innings

D. Jones b Bichener	4
I. Willetts b Jarrett	29
M. Winfield c Millman b Davison	13
P. W. Gough lbw b Smith	15
R. Burton c Davison b Jarrett	20
S. Johnson c Jarrett b Smith	17
G. Othen lbw b Smith	17
P. Bradley c Davison b Jarrett	2
D. York c Robinson b Jarrett	1
J. Phillips b Jarrett	9
M. Claffey not out	1
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>113</b>

I. Davison 14-2-35-1; P. Bichener 6-2-18-1; J. Smith 13-8-15-3; G. Jarrett 19-4-43-6.  
1-3, 2-33, 3-53, 4-79, 5-98, 6-99, 7-100, 8-102, 9-112.

### Second Innings

D. Jones c Light b Davison	2
I. Willetts c Millman b Davison	5
M. Winfield b Davison	5
P. W. Gough c Robinson b Bichener	7
R. Burton c Taylor b Davison	7
S. Johnson c Millman b Davison	0
G. Othen c Bichener b Smith	28
P. Bradley c & b Smith	28
D. York b Jarrett	1
J. Phillips not out	10
M. Claffey absent injured	0
Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

Davison 10-3-25-5; Bichener 8-2-10-1; Jarrett 19-3-45-1; Smith 14-8-14-2.  
1-2, 2-11, 3-22, 4-22, 5-22, 6-71, 7-83, 8-100, 9-101.



## CHANCE FOR SANDY'S BICHENER

# County must have change of luck

by DOUGLAS BOWKER

BEDFORDSHIRE arrive at county week without a win (three draws and two defeats), but those prophets of gloom who have already written them out of the Gillette Cup for next season are being a little premature.

There are still another five games (or half the programme) to go, the opportunity for five wins and 50 points! Last year Bedfordshire qualified for the money-spinning Gillette Cup with 49 points.

Even so, it will require a great "heave" and, not least, a change in fortune for a dramatic step away from the present miserable spot in the table—fourth from bottom.

Bedfordshire have been right out of luck so far this term and, perhaps, their favourite Bedford School ground can mark the turning point.

It would be nice to announce full-strength sides for the three-match programme: Shropshire (Monday and

Tuesday); Lincolnshire (Wednesday and Thursday); Hertfordshire (Friday and Saturday). But holidays and the ridiculously early soccer start have made inroads.

Soccer accounts for Norman Cooley, who originally hoped to play in the first two games, but is now required by the Eagles. Paceman Tom Beck, of Luton, is on holiday, and the other regular opening bowler, Bill Bushby, is available only against Hertfordshire.

However, non-availability means a chance for someone else, and the selectors will be applauded for their inclusion of Sandy's pace bowler Peter Bichener.

No local player more richly deserves a county chance and not for his bowling alone.

Bichener is currently running for the "double" with 80 wickets and more than 700 runs. Everyone will wish him success on his county debut.

### Dalzell in

Julian Dalzell, the former Bedford School player, who recently electrified Southill

Park with 164 not out in just over the hour, also gets a game (against Lincolnshire) and stands by as 12th man for the other two.

Here are the teams:

v. Shropshire: J. Smith (capt.), G. F. Millman, G. Jarrett, I. Davison, F. Moore, D. Light, D. F. Hoare, B. D. Robinson, P. M. Taylor, M. Wynn, P. Bichener.

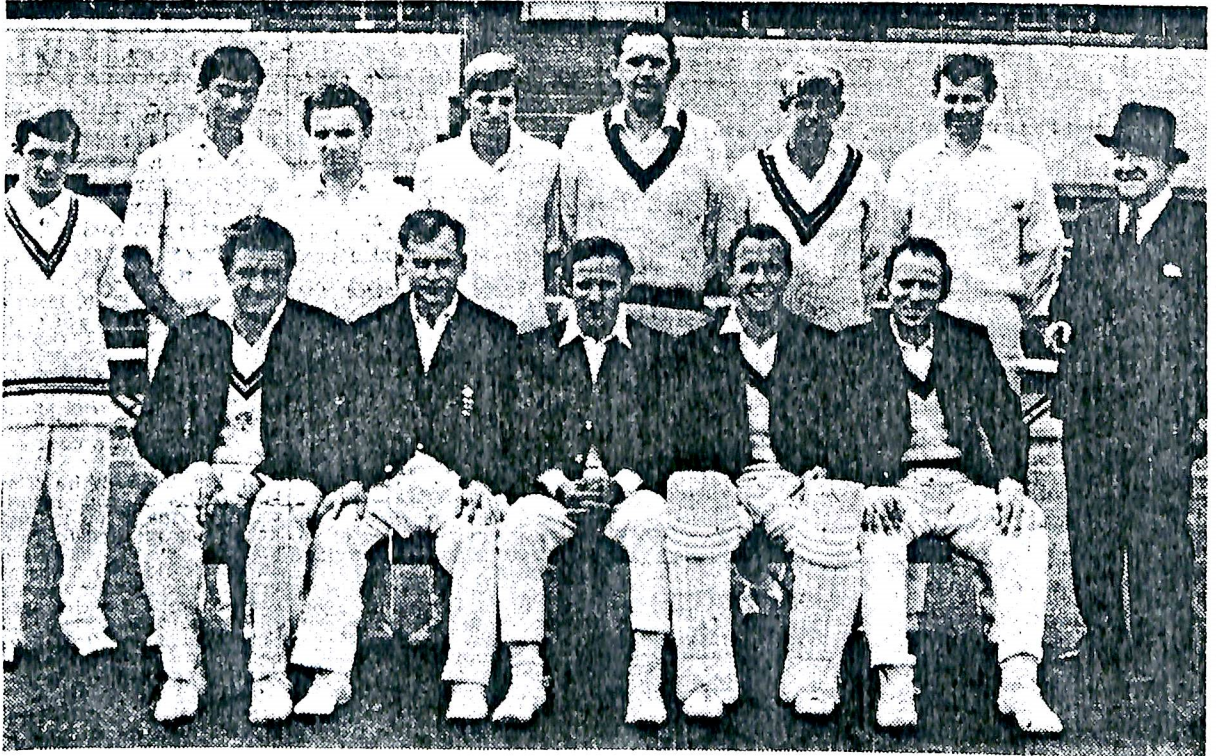
v. Lincolnshire: Smith, Millman, Jarrett, Davison, Moore, Robinson, Wynn, Taylor, Bichener, J. Dalzell, R. Cox.

v. Hertfordshire: Smith, Millman, Jarrett, Davison, Robinson, Cox, Moore, Hoare, Taylor, W. Bushby, T. Rosier.

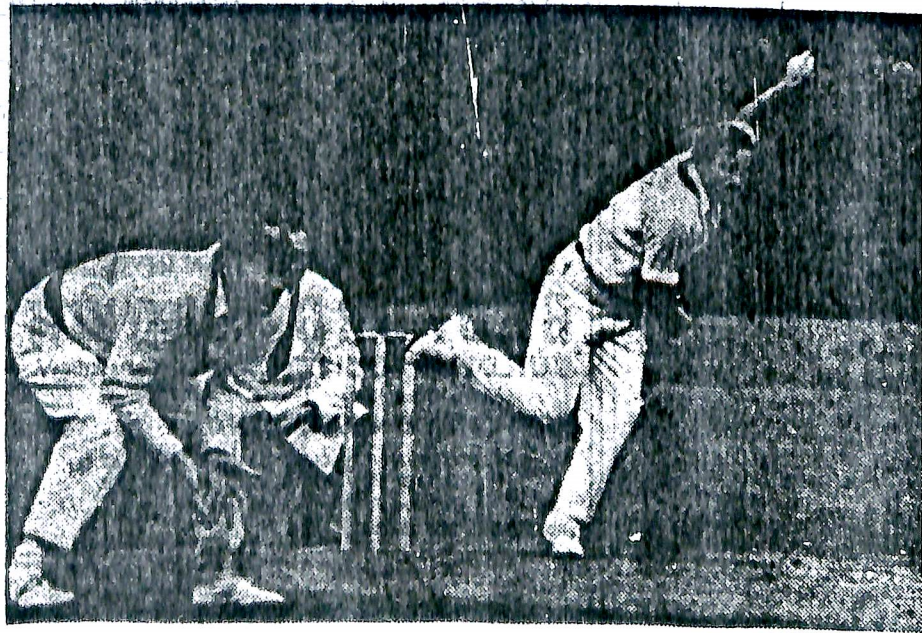
Lincolnshire will miss two star men, pace bowler McVicker and batsman Maslin who are in the Minor Counties side playing the Australians at Torquay.

Play starts at 11.30 (first day) and 11 o'clock (second day) and it would be pleasing to see more people supporting the county side. There is no pleasanter spot to watch cricket than Bedford School and the finishes almost invariably rival the Hospital Cup for excitement!





Bedfordshire's team which beat Shropshire. Back row, left to right, Julian Dalzell (12th man), Malcolm Wynn, Fred Moore, David Light, David Hoare, Peter Taylor, Peter Bichener, Frank Crompton (honorary secretary). Front row, Ian Davison, Geoff Millman, Jack Smith (captain), Barry Robinson, and Graham Jarrett. After the game Moore was awarded his county cap.



With one intent—to win. Studies in concentration by Graham Jarrett (left), David Hoare, and bowler Jack Smith.



## County changes

FOR their two-day match against Shropshire at Wellington, which starts on Sunday, Bedfordshire make three changes from the side that beat Hertfordshire in a one-innings game on Saturday.

Rozler, Dalzell, and Jarrett are replaced by Norman Coolcy, Ian Davison, and Terry Brown, of Dunstable.

Bedfordshire team: J. Smith, N. Coolcy, B. D. Robinson, G. Millman, I. Davison, W. Bushby, D. Hoare, F. Moore, R. Cox, P. Taylor, T. Brown.

### Late stand

Against Lincolnshire Colts at Luton on Monday, Bedfordshire Colts saved the game with a last-wicket stand by Williams and Lloyd which lasted 45 minutes.

Runs were difficult to get on a drying wicket and the bowlers soon settled into their stride.

Weaver bowled well for Bedfordshire, taking six for 51.

Lincolnshire: 136 (J. Mountain 30, N. Inman 29, A. S. Weaver 6-51).

Bedfordshire: 108 for nine (M. O. Williams 28 not out, P. Cowling 6-46).

Bedfordshire Colts also drew with Huntingdonshire Colts.

Huntingdonshire: 175 for four dec. (M. Copestake 90).

Bedfordshire: 172 for nine (D. Lindsell 45, J. Howard 30).

### Rained off

Rain hit the Bedford and District League programme on Saturday. Few games were played.

#### DIVISION ONE

##### Wilden v. Pertenhall

Wilden: B. Ashpole 2, J. King 0, C. Ashpole 7, B. Pask 6, L. Stanton 4, M. Lee not out 13, D. Hartwell 1, R. Fowler 1, R. Hartwell 2, J. Fell 0, G. Roberts 8, extras 6, total 50.—Bowling: A. Orr 5-13, W. Presland 3-7, P. Presland 2-17.

Pertenhall: I. Ogley 10, R. Waller 9, C. G. Stapleton 1, A. Orr 18, B. Seemarks 1, C. Wigley not out 8, R. White not out 3, extras 1, total (for five wkts.) 51.—M. Lee 2-10, D. Hartwell 2-25, G. Roberts 1-15.

##### Potton v. Stagsden

Stagsden: J. Willmott 0, L. Lawson 7, P. Amor 0, P. Hulance 0, A. Bonnett 29, P. Archer 6, D. Bonnett 3, M. Rutter 17, J. Alder 9, R. Bennett 0, M. Collyer not out 0, extras 5, total 75.—Bowling: K. Standon 2-10, P. Hutchinson 2-20, B. Chinn 6-31.

Potton: B. Steele 6, G. Hoy 9, T. Hutchinson 0, B. Chinn 4, R. Duffin 4, K. Standon 1, P. Hutchinson 14, R. Bloss 0, M. Summs 1, D. Carter 0, E. Redmond not out 0, extras 1, total 40.—Bowling: D. Bonnett 2-21, P. Archer 6-8, M. Rutter 2-12.



# SAVED—BY THE RAIN

RAIN which washed out play on Monday rescued Bedfordshire from a desperate position in their Minor Counties game with Shropshire at Wellington.

With the wicket giving help to both medium pace and spin bowlers, Shropshire's lead of 79 runs looked very healthy, particularly as Bedfordshire had been shot out for a mere 95 when they batted first on Sunday.

But persistent rain early on Monday morning made further play impossible and the game was abandoned in the afternoon.

Bedfordshire's captain Jack Smith had decided to bat, but he must have quickly regretted his decision as his side were all out in 154 minutes after only 41.5 overs.

## Tragedy

Excellent Shropshire bowling and some great catches led to Bedfordshire's downfall. In fact only two of the visiting batsmen were not caught. Taylor was bowled and opener Geoff Millman was run out.

Millman's dismissal was a tragedy for Bedfordshire. He batted well and looked the one person who might give Shropshire trouble. But when he had reached 24 he called for a silly second run, and was easily run out.

Shropshire openers Jones and Willetts made a sluggish start, but a partnership of 54 by Winfield and Marsh kept the home side well on top.

Bedfordshire hit back, and six Shropshire wickets had fallen for 99 before the lower order batsmen Bradley and Mucklow, who hit 25 apiece, took Shropshire into a commanding position.

Jack Smith proved to be Bedfordshire's most successful bowler, taking five wickets for 63 runs in a marathon stint of 35 overs, including 17 maidens.

## County slump on bowler's wicket

BEDFORDSHIRE		SHROPSHIRE	
First innings		First innings	
G. Millman run out	24	D. Jones lbw b Bushby	9
P. Taylor b York	0	T. Willetts c Davison b Smith	10
F. Moore c Willetts b Othen	22	E. Marsh c Cox b Smith	18
N. Cooley c Mucklow b Arch	0	M. Winfield lbw b Davison	40
R. Cox c York b Bradley	0	P. Gough c Millman b Smith	6
D. Hoare c Mucklow b Bradley	14	S. Johnson c Davison b Bushby	1
B. Robinson c Winfield b Othen	4	P. Mucklow b Smith	25
W. Bushby c Othen b Bradley	0	G. Othen b Smith	13
J. Smith c Gough b Bradley	4	P. Bradley not out	25
I. Davison c Mucklow b Bradley	13	D. York b Davison	2
P. John not out	8	K. Arch not out	7
Extras	7	Extras	17
Total	95	Total (for 9 wks) 174	

Bowling: Davison 24-11-33-2; Bushby 16-7-26-2; Smith 35-18-65-5; John 8-1-35-0



County captain Jack Smith studies a rain-soaked wicket . . . a familiar scene this season.

# No Gillette Cup spot next season

AFTER two successive seasons in the lucrative Gillette Cup competition, Bedfordshire said farewell to any hopes of a third appearance when they crashed to Buckinghamshire at Amersham on Monday. In several previous games this season the losing margin was a narrow one, this time by eleven runs.

Buckinghamshire found themselves in real trouble in their first innings on Sunday when three wickets fell with only seventeen runs scored.

Against some excellent bowling, Buckinghamshire struggled for runs but Fred Harris hoisted the total to 150 with a defiant 50 in as many minutes.

Leg spinner Graham Jarratt captured five of the wickets at a personal cost of 69.

Bedfordshire also lost cheap wickets. They had Hoare, Taylor, Moore and Cox back in the pavilion with only 54 runs on the scoreboard.

But Durley and Robinson improved their position before Durley was caught. Robinson then opened his shoulders and with Darlow in the anchor role, Bedfordshire swept into a 47-run lead.

### Quick success

Bedfordshire strengthened their overnight position with three quick wickets but then Atkins and Slack, as they had in the first innings, led a Buckinghamshire recovery with a stand of 71 for the fifth wicket.

Buckinghamshire finally totalled 206 leaving Bedfordshire to score 160 runs to win in 150 minutes.

Hoare immediately in superb form, led the way and though Taylor went, caught behind the wicket, at tea Bedfordshire were 40 for one.

Afterwards, Hoare reached

his fifty with a mighty six but then kicked a catch to Parry. Robinson was bowled and Moore and Cox now got penned down and Bedfordshire fell behind the clock.

Bushby was promoted in the order with the idea of picking up the run rate and he succeeded admirably with a lively

24 before he fell to the catch of the match by Poll.

Even so, Bedfordshire were back in the fight and the game remained in the balance until Buckinghamshire brought on spinner Parry.

He took a couple of quick wickets and finally, Darlow was run out to give the home county victory with under five minutes remaining.

## SCOREBOARD

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE		BEDFORDSHIRE	
<b>(First Innings)</b>		<b>(First Innings)</b>	
K. McAdam b Bushby	5	D. Hoare lbw b Harris	54
N. Butler c Durley b Davison	9	F. Taylor lbw b Parry	24
J. Turner c Davison b Bushby	2	F. Moore c Butler b Parry	11
G. Atkins b Jarrett	27	R. Cox c Poll b Harris	11
C. Hurst c Taylor b Jarrett	7	A. W. Durley c Turner b Waite	10
J. Slack lbw b Smith	51	B. Robinson b Parry	11
C. Parry & Darlow b Jarrett	5	G. Darlow not out	10
F. Harris c Taylor b Jarrett	60	W. Bushby lbw b Parry	16
B. Poll c & b Smith	6	J. Smith b Harris	10
A. Waite not out	13	I. Davison b Harris	10
B. Sidaway c & b Jarrett	1	G. Jarrett b Waite	10
Extras	8	Extras	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>
Bowling: Davison 8-1-18-1; Bushby 9-3-18-2; Jarrett 25.4-0-69-5; Smith 22-7-39-2.		Bowling: Harris 15-2-51-4; Waite 18-2-25-2; Parry 15-7-43-4; Bushby 18-2-41-0.	
<b>Second Innings</b>		<b>Second Innings</b>	
K. McAdam c Durley b Bushby	20	D. Hoare c Slack b Parry	20
N. Butler c Durley b Davison	8	F. Taylor c Poll b Harris	11
J. Turner c Jarrett b Davison	14	B. Robinson b Harris	11
G. Atkins b Davison	46	F. Moore c Turner b Harris	11
C. Hurst c Taylor b Davison	1	R. Cox lbw b Parry	11
J. Slack lbw b Smith	58	W. Bushby c Poll b Harris	11
C. Parry b Jarrett	30	A. W. Durley b Harris	10
F. Harris at Durley b Jarrett	18	J. Smith c Waite b Parry	10
B. Poll c Durley b Smith	3	I. Davison c Poll b Parry	10
A. Waite c Bushby b Jarrett	2	G. Darlow run out	1
B. Sidaway not out	0	G. Jarrett not out	1
Extras	14	Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>
Bowling: Davison 13-1-51-4; Bushby 12-3-37-1; Smith 27-18-32-2; Jarrett 28.3-8-72-3.		Bowling: Waite 8-0-37-0; Harris 17.4-11-5; Parry 18-2-53-4; Sidaway 8-20-0.	

# County let down by poor batting

A disappointing season for the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club is reflected in the batting averages. Last season seven players scored more than 200 runs apiece with Cooley and Durley averaging 40 plus.

Details:

	BATTING				
	I	NO	R	Rate	Av.
T. Rosier	5	0	124	48	25.60
G. Millman	13	0	321	80	24.69
R. Cox	10	2	135	42*	22.87
P. Moore	11	1	214	48	21.60
A. W. Durley	8	1	121	43*	17.28
D. J. P. Hoare	11	0	190	63	17.27
J. Smith	13	5	114	31*	14.25
N. Cooley	9	1	109	38*	15.62
P. M. Taylor	15	0	170	37	11.33
B. D. Robinson	9	0	98	28	10.33
G. Jarrett	7	2	46	25*	9.20
W. J. Bushby	8	1	68	24	8.50
I. Davison	10	2	55	18	6.87

\* Signifies not out.

Also batted: D. Light 14\*, 12, 8, 7; G. Darlow 31\*, 1; M. Wenn 24, 4, 0; P. Bichener 13; J. Daisell 10\*; B. Bicknell 8, 2\*; G. P. J. Webby 10; P. J. Oakley 6\*; T. Brown 5; T. Beck 4\*; T. G. A. Morley 0.

## BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
B. Bicknell	32	12	73	8	9.12
J. Smith	275.1	132	350	27	12.96
G. Jarrett	283.3	80	679	46	14.78
I. Davison	174	48	404	28	15.53
T. Rosier	36	10	69	4	17.25
W. J. Bushby	145	43	350	18	13.44
T. Beck	25	7	67	3	22.33

Also bowled: P. Bichener 2 for 28; T. G. A. Morley 0 for 87; T. Brown 0 for 22; P. J. Oakley 0 for 35.

## CATCHES

G. Millman 15 (and five stumpings); A. W. Durley and G. Jarrett 11 each; P. M. Taylor 9; Davison 7; J. Smith 6; R. Cox and D. Light 3 each; N. Cooley, D. J. P. Hoare, W. J. Bushby, P. Moore and B. D. Robinson 2 each; B. Bicknell, G. Darlow and P. Bichener 1 each. Total 78.



## BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

# Rained off

RAIN on Saturday hit most Bedford and District Cricket League matches.

There was a quick result to the Division Two game between Wood End and Langford.

Only one Langford batsman reached double figures and they were all out for 31.

Wood End passed this score for the loss of only two wickets.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Blunham v. Roxton**  
Blunham: P. Jennings 1, G. Barker 4, P. Fordham 0, R. Rawlins 0, F. Tester 20, R. Ashwell 8, M. Ransom 0, R. Wakefield 5, R. Desborough not out 1, R. Lawrence 11, P. Mitchell 0, extras 4, total 55.—Maskell 4-22; Cutts 4-20; Pell 2-0.

Roxton: A. Franklin 1, K. Putter 2, J. Watson not out 8, M. Rowlands 2, P. Keightley not out 4, extras 2, total (for 3 wks.) 19.

**Thurleigh v. Cople**  
Cople: C. Minney 41, E. Street 51, G. Blinkin not out 14, P. Hull not out 14, extras 2, total (for 2 wks.) 102.—W. Ellison 2-25.

Rain stopped play.

## Cricket Fixtures

### SATURDAY

Bedford v. Tripp Park  
Tripp Park 2nd v. Bedford 2nd  
BMS v. Ramblers  
Bedford School v. Halleybury  
North End v. Harpur  
Cryselco v. Sand  
Eversholt v. Ampthill  
Ampthill "A" v. Steppinglev

### BEDFORD LEAGUE

Wootton v. Steadinton  
Blunham v. Felmersham  
Cople v. Roxton  
Staploe v. Thurleigh

### Division One

Wilden v. Ot. Barford  
Pertenhall v. Lt. Staughton  
Staploe v. Boulton

### Division Two

Hobkirk v. Langford  
Lt. Paxton v. Postels  
Wrestlingworth v. Wood End  
Marston v. Ot. Staughton

### Division Three

Caldecote v. Rushden  
Thurleigh 2nd v. Marston 2nd  
Ruseley v. North Crawley

### Division Four

Sharnbrook v. Wootton 2nd  
Rushden 2nd v. Cople 2nd  
Lt. Staughton 2nd v. Covington  
Ot. Barford 2nd v. Goldington Elect.

### SUNDAY

Bedford v. Camden  
Piltwick v. Bedford 2nd  
North End v. Sharnbrook  
Phipps, Northampton v. Cryselco  
Earle Barton v. Ampthill

### BEDFORD MID-WEEK LEAGUE

### TUESDAY

Beds Times v. Postels

### WEDNESDAY

Kempston E.M. v. Goldington Elect.

### THURSDAY

Marston Valley v. Inland Revenue.

Stevington: 37, Staploe: 38 for 8, Wootton: 55, Felmersham: 35 for 5. (Rain stopped play).

### FIRST DIVISION

**Staploe v. Pertenhall**  
Staploe: J. Wilmot 2, L. Lawson 4, D. Bennett 2, P. Collier 0, A. Bennett 0, P. Archer 0, C. Reed 10, G. Newman 6, J. Alder not out 2, R. Bennett 0, M. Collier 0, extras 3, total 31.—A. Orr 4-11; R. Short 3-7; W. Presland 3-2.

Rain stopped play.

### Great Barford v. Oakley

Ot. Barford: A. Shortley 7, B. Mardlin 0, T. Mardlin 2, G. Mullett 2, B. Cope 14, 1, Assinder 0, D. Gates not out 2, G. Swales 0, J. Keightley 0, 1, Gentle 1, R. Covington 0, extras 3, total 31.—J. Frazer 7-12, R. Saunders 1-2.

Oakley: D. Hullett 0, B. Worker 1, B. Kirkup 16, P. Jackson 0, G. Hislop 8, N. Burton 0, J. Frazer not out 0, J. Saunders not out 0, extras 8, total (for 4 wks.) 33.—J. Keightley 3-9, O. Mullett 1-16, B. Mardlin 1-5, Lt. Staughton: 32, Southoe 14-2. (Rain stopped play).

### SECOND DIVISION

**Postels v. Tempsford**  
Tempsford: F. Fuller 9, C. Hick 20, J. Williams 18, K. Pavely 0, W. Hambridge 0, G. Taylor 8, T. Eaton 20, P. Dawes 25, R. Bettles not out 27, B. Sutherland 5, C. Jackson not out 8, extras 8, total (for 9 wks. dec.) 148.—Simpson 8-41, Cummings 0-28; Berwick 1-45; Bundy 0-3.

Postels: Gibbons not out 1, Savage 2, Norman 6, Berwick not out 2, extras 1, total (for 3 wks.) 12.—Dawes 2-7.

Rain stopped play.

### Wood End v. Langford

Langford: R. Chessum 3, D. Boswell 2, S. Cooper 13, D. Rogers 0, J. Whelan 0, N. Smith 1, D. Wilson 2, F. Woodward 0, J. Mayes 0, P. Piper 8, extras 2, total 31.

Bowling: D. Burraway 11.4-5-16-3; M. Frestone 4-3-5-1; R. Bowker 6-4-5-2; J. Bentley 4-3-5-2.

Wood End: R. Bowker 0, R. Denton 3, D. Bowker not out 10, D. Burraway not out 16, extras 4, total (for 2 wks.) 33.

P. Piper 5.1-2-15-2.

Hobkirk: 136-7, Wrestlingworth: 55.

### THIRD DIVISION

### Blunham II v. Caldecote

Blunham II: I. Wakefield 9, K. Bewley 34, W. Page 2, R. Harding 22, E. Fowler 1, M. Armiger 0, T. Page 2, S. Brunt 13, R. Armiger 11, J. Tester not out 20, J. Jeffries 2, extras 1, total 117.—J. Baldwin 5-37, D. C. Bygraves 1-34, R. Waite 1-22, D. S. Bygraves 1-12, J. Porter 1-11.

Caldecote: B. Elliman 4, G. Clayton not out 8, R. Waite not out 3, extras 0, total (1 wkt.) 15.—T. Page 1-14, 8.

### North Crawley v. Foundry Press

Foundry Press: P. Darlow 0, A. Spice 9, L. Jones 4, C. Gibbons 1, O. Stapleton 0, L. A. Jones 4, J. Parker 0, B. Stapleton 0, R. Stevens 11, N. Evans 0, K. Newton not out 0, extras 1, total 31.—D. Eldridge 6-16, R. Cooper 3-9, D. Bishop 1-9.

North Crawley: D. Savage 9, T. Brecon not out 13, D. Bishop 3, D. Eldridge not out 6, extras 2, total (for 2 wks.) 33.—C. Gibbons 2-8.

### FOURTH DIVISION

Rushden 2nd: 38, Wootton 2nd: 8 for 0. (Rain stopped play).

### Cople II v. Goldington Electricity

Goldington: R. Harding 13, Bland 2, King 6, Leadbetter 7, M. Chambers 2, C. Garner 0, Williamson 0, Hill 0, L. Garner not out 1, L. Goodman 0, extras 6, total 37.—B. Newbury 2-12, D. Potter 4-12, D. Shingler 3-7.

Cople: J. Newbury 0, D. Shingler 20, A. Jennings 7, M. Reilly 0, B. Newbury 2, D. Potter 1, B. Verrill 0, K. Speers 0, P. Speers 0, N. Shingler 3, M. Wooding not out 0, extras 6, total 39.—Bland 6-6, Leadbetter 4-27.

### Covington v. Great Barford II

Ot. Barford II: R. West 0, J. Cooper 3, P. Usher 4, W. Stapleton 2, E. Mirney 11, G. Norman 3, R. Knight 0, A. Afayeh 0, J. Norman 0, E. Stone not out 2, C. Mills 1, total 26.—B. Moore 5-19, R. Nell 5-7.

Covington: N. Dorke 31, C. Dorke 2, A. Hardy 1, K. Cockrane 9, J. Hasleton not out 4, extras 8, total (for 4 wks.) 55.—E. Minney 1-10, W. Stapleton 1-7, G. Norman 1-14.

## HOSPITAL CUP

### PERTENHALL v. BLUNHAM

Pertenhall: R. Waller 3, R. Peet 32, C. Stapleton 25, R. Thompson 0, A. Orr not out 6, A. Gentle not out 5, total (for 4 wks.) 68.—P. Fordham 2-28, R. Rawlings 1-19, M. Ransom 1-23.

Blunham: P. Jennings 4, G. Barker 16, P. Fordham 21, R. Rawlings 4, R. Ashwell 4, F. Tester 0, M. Ransom not out 4, R. Wakefield not out 2, extras 2, total (for 6 wks.) 57.—W. Presland 3-23, A. Orr 2-32.

## Faced big target

MCC won the toss and batted on a surprisingly hard wicket. They did not capitalise on some rather loose bowling before lunch and scored under a run-a-minute.

But after lunch, with Willard stroking the ball all over the field, the score quickened appreciably and they were able to declare at 227-5.

The School innings began with two quick wickets falling and only Holden and Mytton could cope with the swing bowling of Coomb and Springall.

The ball moved both ways and the batsmen lacked the experience to cope. Holden's innings of 41 was especially pleasing after some low scores.

### MCC

A. A. Meyer c Fletcher b Blunt	2
C. R. Lambert lbw Oakley	11
P. C. Howland c Philip b Endersby	18
M. J. L. Willard not out	124
H. C. Thompson c Endersby b Mytton	16
J. D. Springall run out	2
R. A. Stillman not out	8
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 227  
 Bowling: Oakley 13-2-36-1; Blunt 14-4-29-1; Rudolf 8-0-50-0; Endersby 14-0-60-1; Mytton 11-1-47-1.

<b>BEDFORD SCHOOL</b>	
P. S. Marks c Smith b Coomb	0
Holden c Howland b Stillman	41
Philip b Coomb	0
J. H. Mytton c Smith b Penman	20
Culliford run out	5
Fletcher c Springall b Penman	0
Roberts lbw Springall	0
Rudolf b Springall	0
Oakley not out	2
Blunt b Stillman	0
Endersby c Lambert b Willard	9
Extras	13
Total	90
Bowling: Coomb 9-3-25-2; Penman 12-6-31-2; Springall 10-8-32-2; Willard 7-3-2-14-2; Stillman 5-1-6-3	

## BMS rescue act of 113

Bedford Modern School's Hall and Howard performed a remarkable rescue act against the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire on Wednesday.

When skipper Hall came in the school were 26-6. Bigley—bowling very fast—having taken five wickets. The pair not only resisted the pacemen but all efforts to dislodge them in a splendid unbeaten stand of 113.

Gents: G. Millman 13. P. August 5. D. Broadbent 23. S. T. Morris 37. T. Chapman 28. B. Peet 13. M. Jordan 23. D. Heaton not out 33. E. Smith 6. extras 3. total (for 8 wkts. dec.) 189.—P. G. Hall 18-6-45-4.

School: G. Heazell 1. A. Challen 0. M. Henderson 1. J. Howard not out 61. M. Lall 0. N. Halsey 1. R. Pensome 0. P. G. Hall not out 65. extras 11. total (for 6 wkts.) 139.—I. Bigley 20-8-30-5.

A strange defensive field, with no slip, mid-on or mid-off, did not add to the enjoyment of the school's game with Oakham on Saturday. There were several interruptions for rain and almost inevitably a lame draw resulted.

Oakham 170 (G. Edwards 46. J. Waller 46. A. Weaver 26-9-43-3. R. E. Johnson 20-5-55-3. A. Lewis 14-6-21-2).

School: G. Heazell 0. A. Challen 9. J. Howard 17. R. Pensome 5. M. Lall not out 22. M. Henderson 1. N. Halsey 1. P. G. Hall not out 20. extras 10. total (for 6 wkts.) 85.



**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**

Despite a sound opening stand of 64 runs by Kempston East Methodists, the score was not sufficient to contain Goldington Electric, who passed their opponents' total for the loss of seven wickets.

Inland Revenue, in dull conditions, did well to amass 118 runs, their chief contributors being D. Fletcher (28), Hull (22), Cliff (16) and Pope 13 not out. C. Moore finished with fine figures of 5-54. In Marston Valley's reply, a confident display by M. Wynn (49), assisted by D. Faulkner (17) and F. Faulkner (25 not out) kept the game very much in the balance, but the capable bowling of Pope, (4-54) and Hull (2-58) saw Inland Revenue the winners by seven runs.

Beds Times got off to a poor start against Marston Valley, losing Coleman and Odell with only three scored. Lazell and Perkiss then pushed the score to 20 but the side were all out for 54 in 13 overs. Batters bowled well taking 8-26. Marston replied cautiously, winning with one over to spare.

Beds Times 54 (Perkiss 8, Lazell 13, Batters 7-2-26-6); Marston 59-2 (Cann 21, Knight not out 28).

**Cripps leads**

Because of the Gillette Cup match Bedford's team to visit Dunstable tomorrow bears a new look. Team:

E. Cripps (capt.), M. Wynn, T. Thomas, J. Dalzell, A. Buckingham, S. Lloyd, D. Heygate, B. Ebbs, D. Lindsell, C. Whiting, and P. Garside.

On Sunday the Town are home to Aylesbury. Team:

N. Cooley (capt.), W. Bushby, A. Ingledew, D. Hoare, P. Oakley, M. Wynn, T. Thomas, J. Dalzell, B. Peet, R. Witts, R. Fenn.

**TOWN BATSMEN FLOP v. ALEXANDRA PARK**

THERE was no "biscuit" for Bedford Town in their Kemp's match with Alexandra Park at the Bury on Tuesday (writes Doug Bowker).

In this 45-overs Knock-out competition, for which more than 100 clubs have entered, Bedford took a grip with their bowling (78-8), then allowed their fingers to be prised open as Park raced to 171-7. Alas, Bedford's batting, failed dismally right through, the side being all out for 69 in 32 overs.

Of course work prevented a full complement but the Park also had only seven or eight regulars. In particular Bedford had no pace attack and it showed as the visitors tore off to 50 in the first 11 overs.

Then Oakley and Ingledew clamped down, Ingledew taking four wickets, and the score was pegged to 60 off 20 overs.

But with this pair's 10 overs allowance expended, Park made merry with the rest of the Bedford bowlers, Cullen in particular scoring well and freely for his half century.

Over Bedford's batting a discreet veil must be drawn. On paper there was enough for a good score, in practice too many got themselves out. To those who fell to Roberts' miseries: he was really sharp, bringing the ball in viciously off a left-arm delivery.

This was the Town's first venture into what is termed the clubs' "Gillette Cup". I hope they try again. And that employers may be encouraged to allow a half day off to players who, after all, bring a bit of gloss to Bedford's name.

**ALEXANDRA PARK**

D. Oakes b Wade	4
W. Bryce lbw Ingledew	51
A. Higgs c Wynn b Ingledew	15
D. Douglas c Wade b Ingledew	4
J. Drake lbw Ingledew	7
N. Cullen run out	60
K. Watkins c Thomas b Oakley	4
J. Douglas not out	34
C. Munday not out	17
Extras	5

Total (for 7 wickets) 171

Bowling: B. Wade 10-0-57-1; T. Thomas 5-0-20-0; P. Oakley 10-4-14-1; A. Ingledew 10-2-18-4; S. Lloyd 2-0-12-0; M. Wynn 8-0-45-0.

**BEDFORD TOWN**

G. Millman c Watkins b Higgs	1
M. Wynn c Bryce b Lennox	1
T. Thomas c Bryce b Roberts	1
D. St. John b Roberts	1
A. Greene lbw Roberts	1
B. Peet run out	1
P. Oakley c Watkins b Higgs	1
A. Ingledew b Oakes	1
P. August not out	1
S. Lloyd c Cullen b Oakes	1
B. Wade c Oakes b Lennox	1
Extras	1

Total

B. Roberts 10-5-17-3; A. Higgs 5-1-12-2; D. St. John 2-0-12-0; C. Munday 1-0-8-0.

**HOSPITAL CUP**

**9-34 spell**

BEDFORD Argus's Colin Redman and Chris Peters turned in wonderful individual performances when their side beat Cryselco on Tuesday in the Hospital Cup.

Redman hit an unbeaten 46 (out of a total of 104-8) and Peters took 9-34 in seven overs. This was in the face of capable Cryselco batting particularly from Sharp and Atkins.

Argus 104-8 (C. Redman not out 46, R. Frossell 26, R. Jackson 6-52, G. White 2-52). Cryselco 81 (D. Sharp 22, R. Atkins 21, C. Peters 9-34, B. Peters 1-42).

Brookhirst Igranice beat Silsoe in the last over at Silsoe on Tuesday. Feature was the tight bowling of both sides.

Silsoe 65-8 (J. Mackey 21, A. Carr 13, D. Robinson 3-26, M. Church 3-35).

Igranice 66-4 (P. Morris 18, T. Dawkins n.o. 16, R. Folds 15, T. Collier 2-26, E. Grinshaw 2-18).

North End also won comfortably on Tuesday, Dodson shattering Barleaners with a 6-22 spell.

North End 103-4 (R. Footer 35, D. Pickering 35).

Barleaners 43. Pertnhall overwhelmed Wootton 2nd by 9 wickets.

Wootton 2nd 25 (Small not out 6, A. Ort 4-10, W. Presland 4-13).

Pertnhall 27-1 (C. Stapleton 12).

Fast developing into the shock team of the competition are Weatherley Cincinnatians. They have followed up victory over Southill by beating Biggleswade.

Biggleswade 83-8 (Charter 19, Carr 19); Weatherley 84-4 (K. Fairbanks not out 38, R. Surkitt not out 28).

Champions Sandy dismissed Great Barford 2nd with ease. Gt. Barford 31 (Bichener 7-10); Sandy 32-1.

**SECOND ROUND DRAW**

Second round draw for Bedford Hospital Cup follows:

Pertnhall v. Postels  
Kempston Wood End v. Diemer and Reynolds Britannia.

Cople 2nd or Kempston Weatherley.  
Woburn Abbey or Wootton v. Bedford Town Harpur.

Eaton Socon v. Elstow Stagsden.  
Turvey Park or Sharnbrook Renhold or Tempsford.

Felmersham or RAE v. Staughton or Gt. Staughton Bromham Nomads or ham 2nd v. Ickwell Goldington Sports.

Hobkirk or Marston 2nd Roxton.  
Argus v. Ickwell 1st or ford.

Colworth House v. Kim or Staploe.  
North End v. Caldecote Wrestlingworth.

Marston 1st or Eversham West Indians or Swift Bedford Town "B" or Hall v. Igranice.

Gt. Barford "B" or Sandy Thurligh 1st or Kempston Ramblers.  
Cople or Henlow v. Felmersham.

To be played on or June 7.

North Crawley scored over win against Stevington the first round of the Beds League cup. Stevington 81-3 (Beasley 39); Pertnhall 82-3 (G. Hardwick not out, R. Cooper not out 24).

**CRICKET FIXTURES**

**SATURDAY**

Dunstable v. Bedford.  
Houghton Regis v. Ramblers  
Bedford School v. Stowe  
Stowe 2nd v. Bedford School 2nd  
Stowe 3rd v. Bedford School 3rd  
Old Warden v. Argus  
Elstow v. Kempston Ramblers  
Caldecote v. Goldington Sports  
Amphill v. Brookhirst Igranice  
Brookhirst 2nd v. Filtwick  
NCAE (Silsoe) v. Amphill "A"  
Diemer's v. Old Blechley  
North End v. Kempston  
St. Neots v. Cryselco  
Eversholt v. Luton Strikers

**MILLMAN CUP**

Henlow v. Kimbolton

**BEDFORD LEAGUE**

**Premier Division**

Stevington v. Cople  
Thurligh v. Blunham  
Roxton v. Felmersham  
Staploe v. Wootton

**First Division**

Gt. Barford v. Pertnhall  
St. Neots v. Oakley  
Renhold v. Stagsden  
Potton v. Wilden

**Second Division**

Gt. Staughton v. Langford  
Postels v. Hobkirk  
Marston v. Lt. Paston  
Wood End v. Tempsford

**Third Division**

North Crawley v. Caldecote  
Poundry v. Marston 2nd  
Blunham 2nd v. Thurligh 2nd

**Fourth Division**

Sharnbrook v. Renhold 2nd  
Wootton 2nd v. Lt. Staughton 2nd  
Cople 2nd v. Gt. Barford 2nd  
Goldington Elec v. Covington

**SUNDAY**

Bedford v. Aylesbury  
Kempston Ramblers v. Peterborough Brotherhood  
Cryselco v. Brookhirst Igranice  
Skefton v. Amphill  
New Bradwell v. Diemer's  
Wolverton v. North End

**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**

**Tuesday**

Kempston East v. Beds Times

**Wednesday**

Robinson Rentals v. Goldington Elec.



# TOWN PAIR STAND DOWN

Sid Morris and Bill Peet step down from the Bedford Town side to visit Letchworth tomorrow. Both have agreed to give youth its chance. Team:

P. Oakley, N. Cooley, A. Ingledew, D. Hoare, M. Wynn, T. Thomas, W. Bushby, A. Coomb, D. Heaton, J. Dalzell, A. Greene.

On Sunday Bedford entertain Dunstable Town at the Bury. Peet, R. Plowman and J. Hogan replacing Bushby, Coomb and Heaton.

Whit Monday will see the strong Finchley side at the Bury, and though the county game denies Town several leading players they still turn out a team of considerable ability.

P. Oakley, A. Green, A. Ingledew, D. Heygate, B. Ebbs, J. Dalzell, M. Wynn, T. Thomas, E. Cripps, A. Coomb, A. Buckingham.

The Finchley match begins cricket week at the Bury and matches have been arranged against Northampton Saints (Tuesday), Water Orton (Wednesday), Gentlemen of Bedfordshire (Thursday) and Sawbridgeworth (Friday).

## HOSPITAL CUP

### NOW COPLE HAMMER HENLOW

THE ambition of Cople, Bedford League champions, in this year's Hospital Cup, knows no bounds. Earlier they beat Potton, now Henlow — and handsomely, too.

Brian Minney was the star, scoring a half century including two sixes, and he followed with 4-29.

Henlow were trying to win all right, three men were run out, but they fell 40 runs short.

Cople 103-7 (B. Minney 50, C. Minney 17, P. Hull 10, T. King 2-0-6-3, I. Bigley 8-0-44-2), Henlow 62 (J. Woodward 21, G. Dear 17, J. Crawley 10, B. Minney 6-0-29-4, R. Hull 5-5-0-31-3).

Collection £2 17s. 7d. Tempsford Bowlers P. Dawes 6-14 and W. Bambridge 3-16 wrecked Renhold's hopes.

Tempsford 63 (W. Bambridge 17, G. Taylor 12), Renhold 38 (R. Harlow 14).

Closest result—three runs in it at Caldecote on Tuesday.

Wrestlingworth 50-7; Caldecote 47-8.

The Bedford-Harpur tie will be played at Goldington Bury tonight.

## BEDFORD LEAGUE

### How they stand

Rain prevented any matches in the Bedford and District League on Saturday. Current positions are as follows:—

PREMIER DIVISION					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Staploe	2	2	0	0	4
Roxton	2	1	0	1	3
Blunham	2	1	0	1	3
Stevington	2	1	0	2	2
Cople	2	0	1	1	1
Thurleigh	2	0	1	1	1
Cople	2	0	1	1	1
Palmerham	2	0	1	1	1
Wootton	2	0	1	1	1

FIRST DIVISION					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Oakley	4	1	3	2	4
Stagsden	3	0	3	3	3
Pertenhall	3	0	3	3	3
Wilden	3	0	3	3	3
Southoe	3	0	3	3	3
Renhold	2	0	2	2	2
Little Staughton	3	0	2	2	2
Great Barford	3	0	2	1	1
Potton	3	0	2	0	0

SECOND DIVISION					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Hobkirks	4	1	2	4	4
Wood End	2	2	0	4	4
Postels	3	1	0	2	4
Marston	3	1	0	2	4
Little Paxton	3	1	1	3	3
Langford	3	0	1	2	2
Great Staughton	3	0	2	2	2
Tempsford	1	0	0	1	1
Wrestlingworth	2	0	2	0	0

THIRD DIVISION					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Rushden Old	2	1	0	2	2
Thurleigh 2nd	1	1	0	2	2
North Crawley	1	1	0	2	2
Blunham 2nd	1	0	1	1	1
Caldecote	2	0	1	1	1
Foundry	1	0	1	0	0
Maraton 2nd	0	0	0	0	0

FOURTH DIVISION					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Sharnbrook	3	1	0	2	4
Renhold 2nd	3	1	0	2	4
Covington	2	2	0	0	4
Cople 2nd	3	1	1	3	3
Goldington Electricity	2	1	0	2	2
Little Staughton 2nd	2	0	1	1	1
Wootton 2nd	2	0	1	1	1
Great Barford 2nd	3	0	2	1	1

## MID-WEEK LEAGUE

### Eldridge 50 and 4-20

ROBINSON Rentals batted first against Inland Revenue and scored 84-4. D. Eldridge was the main contributor with a fine half century (the first in this league).

Inland Revenue began badly with three wickets down for 26, but sensible batting by B. Rawstone — who scored 47 — assisted by R. Malloes (23) added 42 runs for the fourth wicket. But with only a few runs required a dramatic collapse of five wickets saw Robinson Rentals home by six runs. They owed their success to another good performance by Eldridge who took 4-20.

Goldington Electric batted first against Postels and a useful opening stand helped them to a good total of 77. P. Simpson for Postels took 3-26. Postels were never in the hunt after losing four wickets for 4 runs and finished with 47-1 8.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Metchen	3	2	0	3	4
Goldington	3	2	1	0	3
Rushden Rentals	2	1	0	3	3
Inland Revenue	3	1	1	3	3
Postels	2	1	0	2	2
Kepperton East	2	0	1	1	1
Beccs Times	3	0	3	1	1

## Holiday fixtures

**TODAY (FRIDAY)**  
**HOSPITAL CUP**  
Bedford v Harpur (Bury 6.15)

**SATURDAY**  
**MILLMAN CUP**  
Henlow v Southill  
St. Neots v Kimbolton

**FRIENDLIES**  
Letchworth v Bedford  
Bedford 2nd v Letchworth 2nd  
Bronham Nomads v Ramblers  
Argus v Old Warden  
Ipswich v Evershill  
Linslade v Steppingley  
Sandy v Crayke  
Amphill v Harpur  
Shefford v Amphill "A"  
North End v Grant  
Buckingham v Melton  
Kemp Ramblers v Bedford Caribbeans  
Goldington v New Bradwell  
Newport Pagnell v Diemer's  
NCAF v Ipswich 2nd

**BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division**  
Wootton v Cople  
Roxton v Staploe  
Palmerham v Thurleigh

**First Division**  
Stagsden v Great Barford  
Little Staughton v Wilden  
Renhold v Southoe  
Potton v Pertenhall

**Second Division**  
Tempsford v Langford  
Hobkirks v Wood End  
Maraton v Postels  
Little Paxton v Wrestlingworth

**Third Division**  
Caldecote v Foundry  
Rushden v North Crawley

**Fourth Division**  
Great Barford 2nd v Wootton 2nd  
Covington v Sharnbrook  
Cople 2nd v Little Staughton 2nd  
Goldington Elec v Renhold 2nd

**SUNDAY**  
Bedford v Dunstable (11.30)  
Dunstable 2nd v Bedford 2nd  
North End v Sandy  
Rootes v Ipswich  
Old Berkes v Amphill  
Potton v Evershill  
Melton v Addington Laverners  
Phoenix v Diemer's

**MONDAY**  
Lincolnshire v Bedfordshire  
(Long Sutton — and Tuesday)  
Bedford v Finchley (2)  
Crayke v Jentique  
Steppingley v Town Hall  
Fitzwick v Amphill (11.50)  
Old Warden v Southgate  
Ickwell v Diemer's  
Argus v Biddenham Scoutres

**TUESDAY**  
Bedford v Saints (2)  
Bens Times v Inland Revenue

**WEDNESDAY**  
Henlow v Water United (2)  
B.M.S. v Northants Amateurs  
Kepperton EM v Robinson Rentals

**THURSDAY**  
Bedford v Gents of Beds (2)

# Two runs, one run, a tie

Big scores and close results were the order in the Bedford and District League on Saturday. Stagsden and Great Barford played a tie, Pertenhall beat Potton by one run, Cople defeated Wootton by two, and Roger King thrashed an unbeaten century for Goldington Electricity.

Champions Cople looked set for a really big total at Wootton. But the introduction of Eagles' footballer Peter Harris altered this. In just five overs he took four wickets for five runs and Cople had to be content with 103.

Wootton began their reply disastrously, losing four wickets for 20, but Loft and Boyce with 20 runs apiece kept the interest going and Wootton fell only three runs short of their first victory.

The tie at Stagsden came about through a remarkable spell of bowling by D. Bennett. He took 6-29 in 11 overs, his last five Great Barford wickets costing him—one run!

Potton, chasing Pertenhall's total of 129-8, looked set for victory when they wanted only three runs with three wickets standing. But a couple of "ducks" left them a run behind.

An opening stand of 60 by R. Harlow and G. Allen set Renhold off to a big total, F. Breckett following with 60 (five sixes). Opponents Southhoe could only field nine men due to holidays — and lost!

Wood End won their third league game thanks to another fabulous bowl by Lol Burraway of 7-9 in 13.4 overs. Opponents Hobkirk's did not go down without a struggle, Conway hitting back with 5-13 to get Wood End 2-6 at one stage.

Caldecote's J. Baldwin also took seven wickets (for 28 runs) but he was on the losing side against Foundry.

Tempstord skipper J. Wildman put Langford in and seemed justified when Bambridge (6-25) put Langford out for 75. But Tempstord lost half their side making 21 before Paveley and Bettles rescued them with a stand of 39. "Bane" of the week came from Goldington Electricity's Roger King — 101 not out in his side's total of 192-8. He hit three sixes and 13 fours, putting on 84 for the fifth

wicket with Millward. Only Ezvin (54) and Denham (37) really went for the target for Renhold and the match finished drawn.

Lowest total of the week — Great Barford 2nd all out 17. There were six "ducks" against Wootton 2nd.

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Wootton v. Cople**  
Cople: C. Minney 12, E. Street 11, G. Binkin 12, P. Hull 16, B. Minney 31, A. Smith 0, G. Minney 0, G. Halliday 3, D. James 10, A. Worrall not out 1, R. Hull 1, extras 6, total 103—B. Harden 9-2-34-3, A. Brittain 10-2-32-0, D. Boyce 5-0-23-1, P. Harris 5-1-5-4, C. Newbury 1-5-0-31.  
Wootton: J. Beard 1, B. Harden 12, F. Loft 20, J. Norris 0, P. Harris 7, A. Brittain 12, M. Peddar 0, I. Robinson 8, D. Boyce 20, C. Newbury not out 10, B. Armstrong 1, extras 10, total 101—B. Minney 10-2-20-2, R. Hull 8.3-2-28-4, P. Hull 6-2-16-2, C. Minney 7-0-27-2.

**Felmersham v. Thurlleigh**  
Felmersham: P. Lawson 4, V. Buckingham 21, D. Parker 7, T. Longstaff 2, B. Merrill 0, T. Marsh 1, J. Mackenzie 16, I. Sharp 0, G. Hulatt 28, D. Biscock not out 8, B. Cockings 7, extras 7, total 101—T. Buck 4-25, W. Ellison 3-24, M. Berrill 2-36.  
Thurlleigh: J. Newell 0, J. Warner 5, R. Hole 3, A. Fensome 5, A. Ellison 19, C. Berrill 0, T. Buck 8, M. Berrill 23, J. Thorpe 7, J. Ellison 2, W. Ellison not out 0, extras 4, total 81—T. Marsh 3-28, B. Merrill 2-19, D. Parker 2-2.

### DIVISION ONE

**Stagsden v. Great Barford**  
Stagsden: J. Wilmore 10, I. Lawson 13, P. Hulence 1, P. Amor 8, P. Collier 22, D. Bennett 10, A. Bennett 0, R. French 2, J. Alder not out 12, M. Colver 0, R. Bennett 1, total 79—J. Gentle 10-2-17-2, J. Keightley 4-1-10-0, B. Mardlin 8-2-16-2, G. Mallett 8-3-14-1, R. Holyoake 6-0-22-4.  
Great Barford: K. Franklin 12, T. Mardlin 1, B. Mardlin 39, G. Mallett 14, B. Cope 3, K. Cooper not out 6, R. Holyoake 0, R. Covington 0, D. Gates 4, J. Gentle 0, J. Keightley 0, total 79—R. French 13-1-26-2, D. Bennett 11-2-29-6, P. Collier 6-0-24-1.

**Potton v. Pertenhall**  
Pertenhall: R. Waller 10, C. Stapleton 12, G. Stapleton 17, I. Ogley 2, A. Gentle 19, R. Thompson 21, R. Wutte 5, A. Orr not out 30, R. Short 1, C. Milne not out 1, extras 11, total (for 8 wks.) 123—T. Hutchinson 5-40, P. S. F. Hutchinson 3-44.  
Potton: G. Hoy 6, J. Bloss 4, R. Ross 1, P. Hutchinson 8, C. Leigh 5, R. Steele 3, P. S. F. Hutchinson 28, K. Stanger not out 18, M. Stumps 24, T. Hutchinson 0, D. Carter 0, extras 8, total 129—R. White 3-12, W. Pridland 5-59.

**Renhold v. Southoe**  
Renhold: R. Harlow 57, G. Allen 16, J. Cooper 4, F. Breckett 60, R. Parfitt 23, T. Harrison 3, P. Harlow 21, D. Constant 2, J. Scott 1, T. Constant 6, A. Cheatham not out 2, extras 15, total 191.  
Southoe: J. Goodman 0, C. Stetcher 5, D. Pendred 6, S. Hewitt 21, R. Stockley 9, B. Hart 0, D. Humphrey 9, A. Wisdom 0, J. Miller not out 8, total 58—T. Harrison 5-27.

**DIVISION TWO**

**Hobkirk's v. Wood End**  
Hobkirk's: T. Fry 6, M. Lane 8, A. Fry 2, B. Lane 0, D. Payne 0, K. Bewley not out 6, B. Conway 4, T. Griddle 4, J. Killen 6, H. Vintner 0, J. Wilson 0, extras 4, total 40—D. Burraway 15-7-20-2, L. Burraway 13-4-9-9-7, J. Bentley 2-0-7-1.  
Wood End: D. Bowker 1, H. Mabbitt 2, D. Burraway 13, L. Ashpole 1, L. Burraway not out 12, P. Hudson 7, J. Bentley 0, G. Ashpole not out 2, extras 4, total (for 6 wks.) 42—B. Conway 6-0-13-5, T. Fry 5-1-22-1, A. Fry 1-0-5-0.

**Tempstord v. Langford**  
Langford: T. Rogers 7, Smith 0, Cooper 26, Hawkins 9, Boswell 0, Pass 5, D. Rogers 4, Woodward 9, Wilson not out 2, Mares 5, Piper 2, extras 8, total 75—Bambridge 15-5-25-6, Dawes 3-0-6-0, Hicks 11-5-22-4, Jackson 5-0-14-0.  
Tempstord: Fuller 4, Hicks 2, Wildman 0, T. Easton 2, Paveley 26, Bambridge not out 25, Dawes 7, Sutherland not out 5, extras 12, total (for 7 wks.) 123-24-3; Piper 5-0-18-1.

**DIVISION THREE**

**Caldecote v. Foundry**  
Foundry: A. Spice 10, P. Darlow 16, L. Jones 12, C. Gibbons 27, J. Booth 10, J. Buttman 11, I. Jones 10, J. Parker 6, B. Stapleton 7, R. Stevens 0, N. Evans not out 0, extras 6, total 111—J. Baldwin 7-28.  
Caldecote: P. Mauchin 11, G. Clayton 3, R. Jeeves 34, R. Waite 5, J. Porter 12, R. Adams 4, J. Baldwin 12, L. Baldwin 0, P. Byraves 4, P. Tanner not out 2, C. Clayton 2, total 89—J. Booth 5-32, R. Stevens 3-16.

### DIVISION FOUR

**Cople 2nd v. Little Staughton 2nd**  
Cople: D. Shingler 0, J. Newbury 12, A. Jennings 10, D. Potter 9, P. Graves 5, M. Reilly 3, B. Newbury 7, B. Yerrill 0, M. Brant 1, N. Shingler not out 0, A. Carter 14, extras 17, total 31—D. Blair 9-1-29-4, P. Bone 7-0-16-1, M. Henderson 5-2-10-2, G. Coits 5-2-0-11-3.  
Little Staughton: A. Saunders 30, G. Coits 6, M. Henderson 0, P. Bone 22, D. Nuttall 2, S. Robins 0, D. Blair 10, R. Smith not out 1, V. Banks not out 1, extras 14, total (for 7 wks.) 86—B. Newbury 10-3-18-5, D. Shingler 2-2-1-0, D. Potter 10-0-27-2, P. Graves 2-0-14-0, N. Shingler 2-0-6-2.

**Goldington Elec. v. Renhold 2nd**  
Electricity: Cambers 11, Leadbetter 10, King not out 101, Neal 1, Bland 4, Millward 21, C. Garner 16, Goodman 0, L. Garner 0, Hills not out 1, extras 30, total (for 8 wks.) 192—Crouch 9-0-39-2, Stapleton 13-2-44-4, Richards 4-0-23-0, Bevan 3-0-32-1, Munroe 5-0-25-1.  
Renhold: Ezvin 54, Bevan 7, Joyce 11, Denham 37, Crouch 4, Stapleton 0, Richards not out 2, Munroe 0, Rawkins not out 0, extras 14, total (for 7 wks.) 129—Bland 17-6-48-3, Leadbetter 16-3-32-2, King 7-2-25-2, Harding 6-0-9-0.

**Great Barford 2nd v. Wootton 2nd**  
Wootton: Ashpole 0, Small 0, Day 1, Loft 0, Fuller 6, Robinson 27, McConnell 6, Benson 3, Saunders 1, Warner 0, Rankine not out 0, extras 5, total 49—Minney 1-8, Stapleton 4-12, Wiseman 1-12, Norman 2-12.  
Great Barford: Wiseman 0, P. Usher 1, D. Gentle 0, K. Minney 0, W. Stapleton 0, G. Norman 6, A. Mayhew 0, S. Lee 1, R. Breeze 9, R. Knight not out 0, total 17—Robinson 5-5, Loft 3-8, Small 1-4.

## K.O. Cup pairings

The draw for the league's KO cup (second round) is:—  
Great Staughton v. Cople or Wrestlingworth.  
Tempstord or Caldecote v. Goldington Electricity or Wilden.  
Thurlleigh or Little Staughton v. North Crawley.  
Blunham or Langford v. Oakley.  
Renhold or Foundry v. Little Paxton.  
Sharnbrook or Stagsden v. Wood End.  
Staploe v. Postels or Hobkirk's.  
Roxtan v. Felmersham.  
To be played by June 21.

Recent results:—  
Caldecote 2nd: 24 (Bambridge 7-8); Tempstord 30-0 (Taylor not out 21).  
Pertenhall: 55 (R. Thompson 10, B. Mills 6-29); Staploe: 56-7 (P. Brittain not out 24, A. Orr 4-32).



The Modern School skipper, P. G. Hall, in action on Wednesday. The umpire, Ron Cox.

**HOSPITAL CUP**

**Wood End recover**

KEMPSTON Wood End, 21-6 with half of their 12 overs spent, looked to be heading for their first defeat of the season (in their seventh game) against Britannia on Wednesday. But John Bentley and Robert Denton took a string of singles to get back into the game and Bentley settled it with a colossal sweep for six. Britannia 53-7 (P. Amor not out 19, L. Burraway 6-0-20-5); Wood End 54-6 (R. Denton not out 18, J. Bentley not out 15, A. Tatum 4-22).

Kempston Ramblers also won on Wednesday, also in the last over, against Thurlough. Accurate bowling by Gascoyne and Euden held the visitors to 66 and White and Gregory steered Ramblers home.

Thurlough 66-9 (A. Fensome 18, R. Gascoyne 6-0-25-6, A. Euden 7-0-28-3); Ramblers 70-2 (M. White not out 24, D. Gregory not out 32).

Third round draw:  
Eversholt or West Indians v. Colworth House or Kimbolton or Staploe.  
Prettenhall or Postels v. Eaton Socon or Elstow.  
Hobkirk or Marston or Roxton v. Argus or Ickwell.  
Kempston or Weatherley v. Oople or Foundry.  
Sharnbrook or Tempsford v. Sandy or Kempston Ramblers.  
R.A.E. or Little Staughton or Gt. Staughton v. Bromham Nomads or Ickwell or Goldington Sports.  
Wood End v. Wootton 1st or Bedford Town "A".  
Bedford Town "B" or Shirr Hall or Igranic v. North End or Wrestlingworth.  
To be played by June 21.

**PEMBER ROUTS BMS**

Northamptonshire Amateurs Innings against Bedford Modern School on Wednesday was dominated by a hard-hit 87 by A. Clarke, ably supported by R. Payne and J. Singlehurst. The rest of the batsmen found difficulty in scoring off Johnson and Lall and the innings closed at 167.

The school never recovered from a poor start J. Pember bowling accurately to take 6-29.

Northants Amateurs: A. Connolly 9, R. Payne 35, J.

Pember 0, A. Clarke 87, J. Singlehurst 16, M. Adams 0, R. Evans 1, D. Coley 1, D. Green 11, L. Thomas 5, R. Sawbridge not out 0, extras 2, total 167.

Bowling: A. H. Lewis 8-2-27-1, P. G. Hall 9-1-38-2, M. R. Lall 13-3-23-2, A. Weaver 7-0-31-1, R. E. Johnson 11-2-4-46-4.

BMS: G. Heazell 0, A. Challen 4, M. R. Henderson 6, J. Howard 0, R. Fensome 7, M. Lall 32, N. Halsey 0, P. G. Hall 4, A. Weaver 30, A. H. Lewis 19, R. E. Johnson not out 0, extras 4, total 97.

*School batting fluctuates*

BEDFORD School batted in a drizzle against Stowe, and though clearly the bowlers had difficulty holding the ball, this does not detract from enterprising batting by Marks and Mytton. Unfortunately rain brought an early closure.

Bedford: P. S. Marks not out 43, Holden 9, Culliford 21, J. H. Mytton not out 76, extras 6, total (for 2 wks.) 155.

It was a rather different story against Oundle who amassed an impressive 250 for 4 declared and then put out the school for 120.

Oundle's batting showed a good deal of class—Poore scoring particularly well—but the Bedford bowling lacked accuracy.

The rather sorry tale continued with three wickets going for 11 runs. Then, when all seemed lost, Fletcher (Murray Fletcher's son) made 64 not out and, along with Oakley, almost saved the game.

Oundle: A. J. Brunner 34, I. H. P. Dawson 22, J. C. Poore 101, C. J. Nicholls 17, A. N. Gordon not out 53, M. E. G. Gherrie not out 10, extras 13, total (for 4 wks. dec.) 250. Philp 14-3-42-1, Rudolf 16-2-73-1, Durham 10-0-52-1.

Bedford: P. S. Marks 4, Holden 12, Culliford 0, J. H. Mytton 1, Fletcher not out 64, Roberts 0, Philp 11, Rudolf 5, Oakley 7, Durham 6, Blunt 0, extras 10, total 120.—T. J. D. Walker 11-6-20-2, A. N. Gordon 12-5-19-2, T. P. Tyler 16-5-36-2, S. H. W. Davics 11-4-24-3.

**Be there!**

J. G. Dunbar, assistant secretary of MCC, will be the speaker at this Monday's meeting at the County Hotel, Bedford (7 p.m.), to discuss the formation of a Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Clubs. All clubs will be represented.

**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**

**Postels v. Inland Revenue**

Inland Revenue batted first but were soon in difficulties. Despite a brave attempt by B. Rawstorne to stem the collapse, the loss of two wickets in successive deliveries by Dave Simpson, demoralised the middle batsmen and Inland Revenue were all out for 33. D. Simpson finished with the fine figures of 6-12.

Although Postels lost an early wicket, steady batting by Pat McGarry paved the way to a six-wicket victory.

David Lindsell, prolific scorer for Bedford School last season, makes his debut for Bedford tomorrow at the Bury when Luton Town are guests for President's Day.

Barry Ebbs—new to the side this season—also comes in, absentees including Alec Greene and Trevor Thomas. Thomas is lost to the side for the season on his work has taken him to Guernsey. Team: P. Oakley, A. Ingledeu, N. Cooley, S. Morris, D. Hoare, M. Wynn, W. Bushby, J. Dalzell, A. G. Coomb, B. Ebbs, D. Lindsell.

**Cricket**

**SATURDAY**

**FRIENDLIES**

- Bedford T. v. Luton T.
- Luton II v. Bedford II.
- Kempston v. Ramblers.
- Bedford Modern School v. Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.
- Tonbridge v. Bedford School.
- Bedford School II v. North Bucks College.
- Bedford School III v. Goldington Sports.
- Olney v. Ampthill.
- Ampthill "A" v. Westoning.
- Diemer's v. Elstow.
- Ealesborough v. Tobler Melts.
- Argus v. Everholt.
- Blisoe v. Old Warden.
- Brookhirst Igranic v. Harpur.
- Kempston Methodists v. Igranic II.
- North End v. Cryselco.
- Peterbrotherhoods v. Kempston Rambler.

**MILLMAN CUP**

Ickwell v. Southill.

**BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

Premier Division  
Stevington v. Roxton.  
Cople v. Blunham.  
Staploe v. Felmerham.  
Thurlough v. Wootton.

First Division  
Gt. Barford v. Lt. Staughton.  
Furtenhall v. Renhold.  
Southoe v. Potton.  
Wilden v. Stagsden.

Second Division  
Langford v. Hobkirk.  
Postels v. Gt. Staughton.

Wrestlingworth v. Tempsford.  
Lt. Paxton v. Marston.

Third Division  
Marston II v. Caldecote.  
Foundry v. Thurlough II.

Fourth Division  
Renhold II v. Covington.  
Wootton II v. Cople II.  
Lt. Staughton II v. Gt. Barford II.

**SUNDAY**

**FRIENDLIES**

- Bedford v. Letchworth.
- Papworth v. Bedford II.
- Ampthill v. Steppingley.
- Diemer's v. Thurlough.
- Tobler Melts v. New Park.
- Turvey Park v. Everholt.
- Brookhirst Igranic v. Luton Old Boys.
- Cryselco v. Rodexlan.
- North End v. Shefford.
- Argus v. Henlow II.
- Kempston Ramblers v. Bromham.

**MILLMAN CUP**

Biggleswade v. Ickwell.

**TUESDAY**

**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**  
Goldington Elec. v. Beds Times.

**WEDNESDAY**

Cambridgehire v. Bedfordshire.

**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**

Robinson Rentals v. Marston Valley.

**THURSDAY**

Cambridgehire v. Bedfordshire (second day).

**MID-WEEK LEAGUE**

Postels v. Kempston East Methodists.

**TWENTY OVERS**

W. & H. Peacock: 90 for 7 (Heygate 41); Gordon, Williams & Co.: 80. — Buckingham 6-12.





DON HEATON (above) took four wickets on Wednesday when Bedford Town continued their cricket week against Water Orton. Tuesday's game v. Saints was off because of rain.

Heaton, with Tony Ingledeu (3-41), confined Water Orton to a modest total of 147, but it was beyond the reach of some frail Town batting.

Water Orton 147 (G. Becke leg 35, J. Day 29, Heaton 15-3-34-4, E. Chinn 5-0-15-0, Ingledeu 22-2-9-41-3, P. Oakley 13-2-42-2).

Bedford: M. Wynn 7, D. Linsell 3, P. August 16, E. Cripps 11, D. Heaton 10, P. Oakley 10, A. Ingledeu 1, P. Ainsworth 0, S. Morris 23, B. Chinn not out 11, P. Garside 2, extras 12 total 105. — J. Woodfield 10-0-27-4, P. Mowday 11-3-24-3.

Yesterday, the Town were playing the Gentlemen of Bedfordshire and today Sawbridgeworth visit the Bury (2 p.m.).

# BLUNHAM'S DRAMATIC LAST-OVER WIN

Bedford and District Cricket League's premier division game between Cople and Blunham at Cople on Saturday finished on a note of high drama. Blunham's number seven batsman, R. Ashwell, hit the winning four off the fourth ball of the last over and Cople lost by three wickets.

Dropped catches proved Cople's undoing. P. Fordham was missed off three consecutive balls of an over by B. Minney and he went on to score 32 to become top scorer of the match.

Apart from Hodgkinson and Mackness, Stevington's bats-

men cut a rather sorry figure against a Roxton attack shared by Maskell, Pell, Metcalf, and Keightley.

Not one Great Barford batsman reached double figures in their home game with Little Staughton, who dismissed them for a mere 24 and won by 46 runs. Robins and Chamberlain each took four wickets and one batsman was run out, Barford playing one short.

On a good wicket at Pertenhall, Renhold could score only 72 but won by 11 runs. They owed their success much to the bowling of Hulatt and Harlow, who shared the attack throughout Pertenhall's innings, having 21 overs each. Hulatt captured six wickets for 34 and Harlow four for 23.

Claiming seven wickets for 22, P. Collyer played a big part in Stagsden's triumph by six runs at Widen. The home side lost their four wickets for no runs.

Postels beat Staughton by three wickets, thanks chiefly to a fine innings by K. Cummings, who carried his bat for 32 after taking five wickets for 36.

When Dawes went in to bat for Tempsford at the fall of their third wicket, at Wrestlingworth, they needed 12 to win — and he scored them in two hits, losing the ball both times!

Wrestlingworth began well but Bambridge broke through to take five wickets for 13. Hicks lent him good support with three for ten.

## School taught fielding lesson

BEDFORD School gave a good account of themselves in their usually tight two-day game with Tonbridge on June 7 and 8. Only in fielding were they outplayed.

Tonbridge, winning the toss, batted first and scored quickly with the outfield extremely fast. Bedford eventually tied them down and wickets fell steadily. Mytton, Oakley, and Rudolf bowled particularly well.

Replying to a first innings total of 210, Bedford, with Holden and Philp finding their form, ended the day at 164-5.

Next morning play began in light drizzle and the ball was difficult to hold and Philp capitalised on this with some lusty hitting. Maclaren and Rudolf lent competent support and more than 80 runs came in an hour, the innings closing at 256.

Drizzle again after lunch allowed Tonbridge some quick run-getting and they left Bedford to score 174 to win in 125 minutes. Bedford hoped for skipper Mytton to get going; unhappily he was brilliantly caught in the gully off a full-faced square cut just as he had started to dominate.

Although the extra half hour was taken and Philp hit 33 in a quarter of an hour, a Bedford win was never really on. Tight Tonbridge fielding probably saved 25 runs which proved vital.

Tonbridge 210 (R. A. Mudle 79, J. D. Williams 66; Oakley 16-4-66-4, Rudolf 12-3-54-2, Mytton 10-2-33-2, Philp 2-3-1-7-2), and 219-4 dec. (De Abrew not out 81, Williams 63; Bedford School 256 (Holden 83, Philp not out 64, Marks 31, Williams 31.4-10-69-6), and 133-5 (Holden 43, Mytton 38).

9-19-5; C. Darrington 4-0-10-1; J. Towler 6-1-7-2. Widen: J. King 7, R. Fowler 11, L. Stanton 5, C. Ashpole 8, M. Lee 1, B. Pask 0, B. Ashpole 0, C. Darrington 11, D. Hartwell 1, J. Towler not out 0, G. Roberts 0, total 44 — D. Bennett 4-1-10-0; R. French 15-6-12-3; P. Hulance 1-1-0-0; P. Collyer 11-5-3-22-7. Southoe: 36; Potton: 42-4.

### DIVISION TWO

Postels v. Great Staughton  
Great Staughton: G. Bull 11, F. Saunders 1, A. Davison 7, J. Malle 4, D. Fensome 2, L. Newman 7, B. Fensome 12, D. Arnold 0, P. Nobles 8, R. Holmes 0, K. Davison not out 12, extras 3, total 87. — K. Cummings 12-1-36-5; G. Appleton 11-1-28-4.  
Postels: J. Gibbons 0, L. Weston 13, G. Dielhan 0, P. Savage 6, K. Cummings not out 32, K. Humberstone 6, A. Wildman 4, G. Appleton 0, M. Umley not out 2, extras 6, total (for 7 wks.) 68. G. Jones and H. Eastwood did not bat. — L. Newman 15-7-15-5; B. Fensome 14-3-5-21-2; J. Malle 4-1-7-0; P. Nobles 2-0-12-0; F. Saunders 4-0-7-0.

Wrestlingworth v. Tempsford  
Wrestlingworth: Hull 7, Fraser 5, Keech 17, Huckle 10, P. Norman 3, Dingley 7, Williams 0, J. Norman 3, Gibbs 1, Goodyear 4, Brain not out 1, extras 4, total 60. — Bambridge 12-3-15-5; Hicks 4-5-2-10-3.  
Tempsford: Hicks 5, Fuller not out 17, Eaton 4, Paveley 18, Dawes not out 12, extras 5, total (for 5 wks.) 61. Wildman, Bambridge, Bettles, Braybrooke, Jackson and P. Eaton did not bat. — Norman 8-5-4-23-3.

Langford beat Hobkirk by 19 runs. Little Paxton v. Marston (rain).

### DIVISION THREE

Marston 2nd: 83; Caldecote: 84-2. Foundry: 70; Thurligh 2nd: 75-5.

### DIVISION FOUR

Wootton II v. Cople II  
Wootton: Armstrong 12, Beard 0, Small 2, Keena 10, Benson 0, Newbury 10, Loft 4, Day 0, McConnell 0, Fuller not out 0, Ashpole 3, extras 4, total 45. — B. Newbury 3-0-11-0; D. Potter 11-2-6-12-6; N. Shingler 7-2-16-2; P. Graves 2-0-2-2.  
Cople: J. Newbury 11, A. Jennings

6. D. Potter 1, P. Graves 0, D. Shingler 1, M. Reilly 7, B. Yerrill 0, B. Newbury 5, V. Sperra not out 9, N. Shingler 0, M. Wooding 0, extras 2, total 42. — Newbury 9-2-17-4; Loft 6-0-18-2; Small 3-1-5-3.

Little Staughton II v. Great Barford II  
Little Staughton: A. Saunders 12, R. Quenby 2, P. Bone 8, R. Wallis 0, D. Blair 2, G. Cutts 2, D. Northwood 1, D. Harvey 0, R. Jordan 8, K. Robins 0, R. Smith not out 3, total 36. — J. Keightley 2-1-1; E. Minney 3-6; G. Norman 3-15; O. Swales 2-14.  
Great Barford: R. Wiseman 0, R. Noble 4, R. Breese 10, P. Usher 1, D. Baker 6, G. Norman 8, G. Swales not out 30, E. Minney 2, J. Keightley not out 5, total (for 7 wks.) 66. R. Covington and A. Maynew did not bat. — D. Blair 1-5; P. Bone 1-5; R. Quenby 2-24; R. Wallis 1-15.

Renhold 2nd v. Covington (ground unfit).

KNOCK-OUT CUP  
Renhold v. Foundry  
Renhold: R. Harlow not out 81, G. Allen 11, R. Parfett 0, P. Brockett 34, P. Harlow not out 7, extras 4, total (for 3 wks.) 137.  
Foundry: A. Spice 10, P. Darlow 21, J. Booth 20, C. Gibbons 9, Boltrum 0, Tanner not out 30, L. Jones 10, extras 2, total (for 6 wks.) 93. — A. Duncombe 4-33.

### PREMIER DIVISION

Cople v. Blunham  
Cople: C. Minney 12, E. Street 4, G. Blenkin 19, P. Hull 19, B. Minney 0, M. Smith 2, D. James 0, G. Minney 2, G. Halliday 3, R. Hull 7, A. Worrall not out 0, extras 7, total 85. — Ranson 18-5-5-35-7; Rawlins 18-6-34-7.  
Blunham: P. Ranson 1, P. Jennings 18, G. Barker 3, E. Fowler 3, P. Tester 8, P. Fordham 32, R. Ashwell not out 15, M. Ranson 6, R. Rawlins not out 2, extras 3, total (for 7 wks.) 89. — Minney 11-3-24-3; Hull 8-3-19-9; Minney 7-4-1-27-1; Hull 5-1-16-2.

Stevington v. Roxton  
Roxton: Waring 59, Fuller 0, Cutts 52, Pell 3, Franklin 13, Smith not out 12, Metcalf 7, Rowlands 6, Folbigg 7, Maskell 2, Keightley not out 1, extras 9, total (for 9 wks.) 138. — Wills 4-56; Albery 3-30; Jowett 2-30.  
Stevington: Neale 5, Mackness 15, Beesley 5, Albery 16, Curll 8, King 0, Hodgkinson 18, Wills 0, Day 0, Jowett 1, Bullface not out 4, extras 4, total 66. — Maskell 3-14; Pell 2-9; Metcalf 3-2; Keightley 2-3.

Felmersham 28, Staploe 4-1, Thurligh 65, Wootton 66-4.

### DIVISION ONE

Great Barford v. Little Staughton  
Little Staughton: D. Huckle 5, D. Brown 0, T. Reeves 18, G. Henderson 12, J. Chesworth 0, A. Keat 1, R. Robins 0, B. Hopperton 12, P. Row 2, D. Stapleton not out 10, J. Chamberlain 2, extras 8, total 70. — I. Gentle 2-13; G. Mallett 1-18; B. Mardlin 5-16; R. Holvoake 2-13.  
Great Barford: A. Shorley 3, T. Mardlin 4, B. Mardlin 1, R. West 0, G. Mallett 1, B. Cope 0, K. Cower not out 9, D. Clater 3, R. Holvoake 0, I. Gentle 1, total 24. — R. Robins 4-9; J. Chamberlain 4-9; G. Henderson 0-5; J. Chesworth 0-1.

Pertenhall v. Renhold  
Renhold: R. Harlow 29, G. Allen 10, R. Parfett 5, P. Brockett 0, P. Harlow 10, J. Hulatt 0, D. Constant 0, A. Duncombe 15, T. Constant 5, I. Bullerwell not out 0, A. Cheatham 1, total 72. — A. Orr 4-16.  
Pertenhall: R. Waller 4, Stapleton 3, J. Stapleton 1, J. Ogley 1, R. Thompson 19, A. Orr 14, R. White 7, W. Pressland 4, R. Short 1, G. Mallett not out 1, extras 4, total 61. — J. Hulatt 4-34; R. Harlow 4-23.

Widen v. Stagsden  
Stagsden: J. Willmott 1, Lawson 1, P. Hulance 12, P. Amor 5, D. Bennett 4, C. Reed 0, P. Collyer 9, A. Bennett 9, J. Alder 0, R. French 0, B. Bennett not out 0, total 50. — D. Hartwell 9-3-14-2; G. Roberts 10-3-



# Move to place cricket under one umbrella

The need for cricket to have a governing body covering all grades of the game, from the humble village side to the sophisticated town club and higher, was stressed by Mr. Jim Dunbar, an assistant secretary of M.C.C. since 1949, when he addressed a meeting of representatives of clubs in the northern half of Bedfordshire in the County Hotel, Bedford, on Monday.

Those present, numbering about 40, unanimously voted in favour of the formation of a Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Clubs, to be affiliated to the National Cricket Association, founded in 1964.

A similar meeting to cover the southern half of the county will be held at Luton or Dunstable shortly and if they also favour such a move, an inaugural meeting will be held, probably in September.

"There is no question of existing organisations or members losing their autonomy or MCC interfering with their work," Mr. Dunbar said. "This will not offset bodies who have done, and are doing, wonderful work."

"I feel that cricket is very much at the cross-roads at the moment and that it needs the help of all those who have the welfare of the game at heart. For a number of years, MCC have been trying to evolve a system whereby all grades of cricket would come under the

umbrella of one governing body."

Mr. Dunbar pointed out that cricket was the only major sport with no overall form of governing body and the Minister for Sport, Mr. Denis Howell, M.P., felt that something should be done to rectify this.

The Football Association, Rugby Union, Lawn Tennis Association, and the Amateur Athletic Association were all national bodies with mandates to speak for their particular sports.

## Resources

"In the case of cricket," Mr. Dunbar continued, "MCC felt that the time had come when something positive should be done to marshal resources under one overall authority."

He said that the MCC Youth Coaching Association, who for more than 20 years had been responsible for the development of youth, would be

absorbed in the new national organisation. Schools cricket would also be covered.

The proposed representation on the National Cricket Association was six from the first-class counties, ten from county associations, and nine from MCC. No one body would have an overriding vote.

"This will be the first time cricket generally will have a voice in the government of the game," Mr. Dunbar declared.

Mr. Sid Morris, chairman of Bedfordshire Council for Sport and a member of the county cricket club's sub-committee who called the meeting, said that the sub-committee, which comprised himself, Mr. Fred Paice, secretary, and Mr. Ted Smith, had five possible aims for the proposed association.

These aims were: That coaching classes should be arranged at suitable centres within the county with a view to improving the standard of cricket and helping young players with advice and en-

couragement;

That close liaison with Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Umpires should be maintained with a view to improving the standard of umpiring and provide education facilities to this end;

That assistance and advice should be made available to member clubs about preparation of pitches and improvement of ground facilities;

That honorary advisers should be appointed to provide legal and other advice to member clubs; and

That the association should examine the possibility of obtaining supplies in bulk of such items as equipment and fertiliser.

## Important

Mr. Arthur Butcher, president of East Bedfordshire Shield Competition, who is also associated with the Biggleswade, Potton, and Sandy clubs, said he felt that if such an association got off the ground in Bedfordshire, it would have an important bearing on the future of the game in the county.

Mr. Charles Hinde, chairman of Bedford and District League, also spoke in support of the proposal.

Commenting on the lack of facilities in the county for coaching youth players, Mr. J. Ashley Watkins, Bedfordshire's deputy director of education, said he hoped that in three years' time all upper schools would have opportunities for indoor coaching and practice.

Mr. Kenneth McCanlis, chairman of Bedfordshire Association of Cricket Umpires, said that they would keep member clubs up to date in matters of law.

Mr. John Oliver, chairman of Bedfordshire CCC, sent an apology for absence and Mr. George August, vice-chairman, deputised for him.





# HIT FOR SIX — BUT WHERE?

THE winning hit in the game between Renhold and Little Staughton was a six. The ball sailed into an adjoining barley field—and has not been seen since!

But although Renhold lost a ball, they won the match. Set to score 44, they got the runs without losing a wicket.

Hostile bowling by T. Harrison had little Staughton in trouble. Three brilliant catches were taken in the slips by F. Brochett.

Lol Burraway finished off Marston's innings with a hat trick to clinch Wood End's fifth win from five league games this season. R. Denton contributed an elegant 20 for Wood End.

There were several stoppages for rain at Stevington. After

## BEDFORD LEAGUE

Felmersham had batted steadily through the showers for 105, there was a long stoppage for rain. Then, after a cautious start, Stevington hit out to pass Felmersham's score with ten minutes to spare.

Against Wrestlingworth, Postels reached 67 due to a last ditch stand by Wildman (16) and Ruffin (16 not out). Wrestlingworth looked set for victory with a fine stand by Hull (16) and Huckle (20).

But the introduction of spinner McGarry slowed the scoring. A splendid spell by Dave Simpson (8-24) enabled Postels to scramble home by seven runs.

Keen fielding by Templeford made Paxton struggle for runs. It took them 2½ hours to reach 12-7. Tempsford replied with 123-1 in 1 hour 10 minutes. Fuller (31) and Hicks (49 not out) figured in a first wicket stand which yielded 70 runs.

## Scoreboard

### PREMIER DIVISION

Roxton v. Wootton  
Roxton: K. Putter 2, D. Waring 15, G. Quince 2, E. Cutts 14, A. Franklin 0, J. Watson 10, V. Pell 5, M. Rowland not out 38, D. Metcalf 2, M. Maskell 5, P. Keightley 3, extras 2, total 98.—A. Brittain 4-27, D. Boyce 2-41, B. Harden 1-16, G. Robinson 1-11, Wootton: K. Jessop 4, R. Clarke 0, A. Brittain 35, B. Harden 7, G. Robinson 4, F. Loft 0, D. Boyce 10, I. Robinson 2, R. Craddock 0, M. Peddar 2, C. Fuller not out 1, extras 1, total 67.—M. Maskell 2-29, D. Metcalf 4-14, V. Pell 0-6, E. Cutts 2-16.

Stevington v. Felmersham  
Felmersham: Barker 5, Hollowell 5, Buckingham 9, Longstaff 18, Mackenzie 6, Merrill 19, Lawson 15, Parker 9, Hullatt 0, Boocock not out 8, Cockings 0, extras 14, total 105.—Albery 10-1-19-2, Beesley 13-2-26-3, Faigh 5-2-20-2, Hodgkinson 2-0-5-1, Jowett 6-1-19-2.  
Stevington: Neale 7, Mackness 8, Beesley 7, Albery 33, Willis not out 25, Curran not out 23, total 106-4.—Cockings 5-1-14-0, Barker 8-2-28-1, Merrill 8-2-35-3, Parker 5-1-27-0.

Blunham v. Staploe  
Blunham: P. Jennings 3, G. Barker 30, R. Armiger 11, P. Fordham 48, F. Teator not out 35, R. Rawlins 9, R. Ashwell not out 3, extras 148-5 dec.—Haynes 3-34.  
Staploe: B. Cox 18, R. Mills 2, L. Farrar 7, M. Haynes 8, P. Brittain 1, T. Mills 2, M. Staughton 25, M. Watts 5, A. Mills not out 0, B. Mills 0, B. Daniels 1, extras 1, total 68.  
Ranson 2-38, Rawlins 6-25, Fordham 2-4.

Cople v. Thurlleigh  
Thurlleigh: T. Buck 0, J. Newell 2, A. Fensome 7, A. Ellison 0, W. Ellison 9, J. Ellison 0, J. Warner 27, G. Berrill 4, M. Berrill 4, J. Thorne 10, J. Wagstaff not out 1, extras 7, total 71.—B. Minney 13-7-23-4, R. Hull 8-3-9-2, C. Minney 10-0-24-3, P. Hull 6-28-1.  
Cople: C. Minney 29, G. Halliday 7, G. Blenkins 1, B. Minney 6, P. Hull not out 3, N. Hindmarsh not out 22, extras 2, total 72 fo. 4.—T. Buck 10-5-2-30-2, M. Berrill 8-1-21-1, W. Ellison 2-0-11-0.

FIRST DIVISION  
Jetton v. Gt. Barford  
Gt. Barford: T. Mardlin 1, G. Mallett 9, K. Cooper 1, K. Franklin 4, B. Mardlin 15, D. Gates 5, G. Swales 0, I. Assinger 0, R. Holyonke 1, R. West not out 3, I. Gentle 6, extras 1, total 46.—K. Standen 5-28, P. Hutchinson 4-17.  
Potton: G. Hoy 1, B. Steele not out 29, P. Hutchinson 5, R. Bloss 2, P. B. F. Hutchinson 0, K. Standen 6, J. Bloss 0, C. Leigh 2, extras 3, total 48-7.—B. Mardlin 5-16, G. Mallett 1-9.

Renhold v. Lt. Staughton  
Little Staughton: D. Brown 2, J. Robins 4, D. Huckle 3, G. Henderson 14, D. Stapleton 12, B. Hopperton 0, A. Saunders 6, A. Goodson 0, J. Chamberlain 1, P. Rowe 0, Wallace 0, extras 1, total 43.—T. Harrison 6-18, R. Harlow 3-13.  
Renhold: R. Harlow not out 34, C. Allen not out 12, total 48 for no wkt. Wilden 76, Souloe 58, Fentehill 67-8 v. Oakley. Rain stopped play.

### SECOND DIVISION

Wood End v. Marston  
Wood End: R. Denton 20, D. Bowker 1, P. Hudson 19, D. Burraway 7, L. Burraway 3, I. Ashpole 5, M. Freestone 0, J. Bentley 7, R. Bowker 1, H. Mabbitt 2, H. Burraway not out 2, extras 5, total 73.—D. Bushby 5-0-20-3, Cowley 3-2-7-0, G. Henman 6-0-13-6, A. Faulkner 6-1-15-6, A. Bunker 2-0-8-0.  
Marston: J. Cowley 0, E. Hudson 13, Al Bunker 0, M. Lilly 8, W. Davies 0, M. Ellis 15, F. Faulkner 6, Art Bunker 1, A. Owen not out 0, G. Henman 0, D. Bushby 0, extras 4, total 48.—D. Burraway 14-1-30-3, L. Burraway 13-5-7-14-6.

Wrestlingworth v. Postels  
Postels: Gibbons 5, Savage 0, Cummings 10, McGarry 4, Berwick 4, Appleton 3, Duiham 2, Humberstone 3, Wildman 16, Ruffin not out 18, Simpson 0, extras 4, total 67.—Huckle 11-4-18-0, Williams 12-1-25-7, P. Norman 4-0-8-1, J. Norman 3-0-9-0, Kerch 4-2-1-3-2.  
Wrestlingworth: Fraser 1, Keech 10, Dalesley 0, Hull 16, Huckle 20, F. Norman 1, Williams 2, Hills 6, J. Norman 2, Clarke 0, Poynter not out 0, extras 1, total 60.—Simpson 15-1-4-24-8, Ruffin 8-1-24-0, McGarry 7-2-10-2.

Lt. Paxton v. Tempsford  
Little Paxton: Jackson 2, Liberty 9, Norman 0, D. Smith 26, O'Dell 24, Darham not out 37, McCall 1, J. Smith 3, Gould not out 11, extras 8, total 121-7.—Bambridge 16-5-31-2, Davies 10-3-20-1, Taylor 6-0-26-2, Hicks 6-0-32-1, Jackson 2-1-4-1.  
Tempsford: Hicks not out 49, Fuller 31, Wildman not out 18, extras 13, total 123 for one.—Durham 4-0-22-0, McCall 6-0-22-0, Childerly 7-0-30-0, O'Dell 5-0-27-1, Gould 5-0-8-0, Hobkirk 6-2, Gt. Staughton 63-2.

THIRD DIVISION  
North Crawley v. Blunham 2nd  
North Crawley: E. S. Smith 12, T. Breddon 24, G. Hardwick 2, D. Eldridge 1, F. Savage 2, D. Savage not out 10, M. Grimes 5, R. Cooper 5, J. Brandon 0, D. Bishop 0, Bowley 0, extras 9, total 70.—T. Page 5-26, S. Brunt 5-18.  
Blunham: S. Brunt 25, R. Harding 7, J. Mills 0, R. Wakefield 3, M. Armiger 14, T. Page 1, K. Lawrence not out 9, F. Prentice not out 6, extras 6, total 71 for six.—G. Hardwick 2-7, F. Savage 2-7, D. Eldridge 1-26.

Thurlleigh v. Caldecote  
Caldecote: D. Bygraves 1, P. Harding 14, G. Clayton 0, R. Waite not out 30, J. Porter 0, B. Tanner 10, G. Adams 2, D. Bygraves 8, B. Ellman 0, J. Baldwin 1, J. Porter 2, extras 4, total 72.—J. Asplin 5-14, K. Holley 2-2.  
Thurlleigh: R. Berrill 35, R. Holley not out 20, J. Berrill not out 18, extras 2, total 75 for one.  
Foundry 156-5, Rushden 105-8.

FOURTH DIVISION  
Gt. Barford 2nd v. Sharnbrook  
Sharnbrook: Blundell 14, Wildman 0, Millward 19, Wargstaffe 8, Gadsden 5, Broom 2, A. Gadsden not out 6, 2-19, Minney 3-22, Stapleton 0-5, Norman 1-3.  
Rain stopped play.  
Goldington Elec 12, Covington 17-4, Lt. Staughton 2nd beat Renhold 2nd.

## Avoided a caning

IN a 20-overs' challenge match, a strong Bedford Young Teachers' eleven defeated W. & H. Peacock, Bedford auctioneers, who have been enjoying a winning run. The teachers batted first and scored at a steady rate throughout to make 100 for 8, Roger Malloes contributing a sound 31. David Heygate took 3 wickets for 12 runs.

W. & H. Peacock never recovered from a bad start, but a rally by the middle order batsmen took their final score to 72 for 9, of which John Marriott made a fighting 23 and David Heygate 15 not out.

# Century for Holden

BEDFORD School figured in another great game on Saturday and this time came out on the right side.

Felsted were put in and lost four quick wickets. But their captain, Pearce, retrieved the position, allowing a declaration at 206-6.

Marks and Holden made a good start, running well between the wickets, and the rate of 80 an hour was maintained. Then, 20 minutes were lost through rain, but this only served to make Bedford go the harder.

Marks was lost having just completed a stylish fifty, but with Mytton immediately finding his form, the runs were achieved with ten minutes to spare, Holden completing a magnificent century.

### FELSTED

J. A. Macaulay c Oakley b Blunt	0
P. I. A. Neil c Cullford b Durham	33
A. R. E. Stewart c Blunt b Durham	8
G. C. Perry c Blunt b Durham	13
G. Pearce c Holden b Philip	89
A. N. Morley not out	50
I. Woodward c MacIaren b Philip	3
N. P. Singleton not out	2
Extras	2

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 206  
Oakley 12-5-45-0; Blunt 10-0-43-1  
Rudolf 6-0-27-0; Durham 10-2-45-3;  
Mytton 2-0-16-0; Philip 7-3-28-2.

### BEDFORD

P. S. Marks c Chetwood b Morley	51
R. A. Holden not out	107
J. H. Mytton not out	42
Extras	9

Total (for 1 wkt.) ... 209

### Big hitting

Barry Ebbs is winning a real reputation as a hitter. On Sunday, Bedford Town were struggling to score 94 in 80 minutes to beat Grasshoppers. In came Ebbs to clout 26 (three sixes and two fours) off one over from Wisbeach. In all, Ebbs received only 19 balls, hit 34 not out, and Bedford won with ten minutes to spare.

On a wet wicket "ordinary mortals" found runs very

tight. At one stage Ingledeu and Oakley shared 19 overs and conceded only 19 runs.

Grasshoppers: D. Wisbeach 7, J. Page 24, D. Searle 33. A. Ponder 0, C. Reed 0, N. Bussingham 10, R. Ison 0, J. Jacklin 7, K. Baker 0, C. Collett not out 0, F. Bloy 0, extras 12, total 93.—W. Bushby 13-2-38-4, P. Oakley 9-4-12-2.

Bedford: A. Greene 4, M. Wynn 5, R. Witts 23, A. Ingledeu 0, B. Peet 5, N. Cooley 10, B. Ebbs not out 34, P. Oakley 0, W. Bushby not out 11, extras 2, total (for 7 wks.) 94.—N. Bussingham 8-1-30-3.

### Ten-wicket win

Bedford West Indians 79 Griffiths 28 not out, P. Church 7-35; Stewartby 80 for no wkt. (D. Pratt 41, D. Sharp 38).

Olney Town 96-8 (A. Woolston 32, T. Evans 3-12, P. Church 3-24); Stewartby 99-4 (Evans 41).

# Town at strength

BEDFORD are nearer full strength for tomorrow's home game with Coventry and North Warwick. Team:

P. Oakley (capt.), A. Ingledeu, N. Cooley, W. Bushby, M. Wynn, B. Ebbs, A. Greene, D. Heaton, A. G. Coomb, D. Lindsell and R. Plowman.

The second team, away to the Coventry club's second string is:

E. Cripps, A. Buckingham, S. Lloyd, B. Hollis, D. Heygate, S. Wildman, P. Anderson, P. August, B. Peet, R. Penn and J. Dalzell.

Sunday's sides are effected by county calls. The first are away in an all-day match with Eastcote and the second at the Bury playing Eastcote second. Teams:

Ingledeu, Oakley, Ebbs, Plowman, R. Witt, Green, Peet, Dalzell, Lloyd, C. Whiting and M. Larkins.

E. S. Smith, M. Green, August, W. Larkins, P. Ainsworth, Penn, I. Sharp, B. Wade, Heygate, R. Barker and K. Bennett.

### CRICKET

TODAY (FRIDAY)

HOSPITAL CUP

Sharnbrook v. Sandy

### TOMORROW

Bedford v. Coventry and North Warwick  
Coventry 2nd v. Bedford 2nd  
Camden Casuals v. Bedford Ramblers  
Bedford School v. XL Club  
North End v. Ickwell  
Bedford Argus v. Harpur  
Cryselco v. Baldock  
Igranice v. Rodexian  
Stewartby v. Amphilhill  
Old Warden v. CAI  
Everholt v. Stoke Hammond  
Diemers' v. Brotherhoods  
Wharley End v. Meltis  
Goldington v. Caldecote  
Amphilhill 2nd v. Sheford  
Texas Inst. v. Igranice 2nd

### MILLMAN CUP

St. Neots v. Sandy  
Southill v. Henlow

### BEDFORD AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

#### Premier Division

Staploe v. Stevington  
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### SUNDAY

Hertfordshire v. Bedfordshire (Bishop's  
Stortford and Monday)  
Eastcote v. Bedford  
Bedford 2nd v. Eastcote 2nd  
North End v. LBC Stewartby  
Ickleford v. Cryselco  
Igranice v. Delapre  
Barrington v. Amphilhill  
Filtwick v. Eversholt  
Diemers' v. Simpson  
Meltis v. Begbroke  
Kempston Ramblers v. Studham

### MILLMAN CUP

Biggleswade v. St. Neots

### TUESDAY

Beds Times v. Postels  
Inland Revenue v. Marston Valley

### THURSDAY

Goldington Elec. v. Kempston E.M.





Strong favourites for the title this year, Kimbolton Town, who eliminated Bedford West Indians on Friday. Back row, left to right, J. Walker, R. Davison, R. Stevenson, N. Gibson, T. Newman, P. Gutteridge. Front, left to right, R. Banks, D. Quirke, J. Hart, D. Facer, R. Davison.

# FOURTH-WICKET PAIR HIT OUT

A FOURTH wicket stand between T. Harrison and R. Parfett yielded 99 runs and paved the way for a big Renhold score at Potton. They won—in the last over!

Unbeaten Thurlleigh failed dismally at North Crawley against the bowling of David Eldridge who hit the stumps six times. He was almost unplayable and finished with the remarkable figures of eight wickets for eight runs. Crawley won by nine wickets.

Wood End survived another of their desperate collapses, from 26—2 to 32—7, to beat

Gt. Staughton and keep intact their hundred per cent record: six games, six wins.

Postels's Dave Simpson captured seven wickets for 41 runs to dismiss Paxton for 83. A sound opening with Gibbons contributing 34 saw Postels to victory.

Against Blunham, Wootton's

first two wickets fell cheaply but fine knocks by R. Clarke, K. Jessop and P. Harris restored the position and the innings produced 119. Blunham went for cheap runs. But at 15 for 3 they put the shutters up and survived with the last pair at 56.

## Scoreboard

### PREMIER DIVISION

**Thurlleigh v. Felmersham**  
Felmernham: P. Lawson 14, T. Hollowell 21, D. Parker 2, D. Boocock 0, D. Barker 13, T. Longstaff 10, J. Mackenzie 5, B. Merril 9, T. Marsh 0, B. Cockings not out 6, G. Hulatt 14, extras 2, total 96. — T. Buck 23-8-39-7, A. Fensome 5-2-20-2, C. Berrill 12-1-27-1.  
Thurlleigh: T. Buck 26, J. Newell 26, W. Ellison 4, A. Ellison 25, J. Warner 1, C. Berrill 0, M. Berrill 1, J. Wagstaff 0, A. Fensome 4, J. Ellison not out 0, J. Thorne not out 0, extras 2, total (for 9 wks.) 89. — T. Marsh 9-1-32-4, B. Merril 8-2-14-4, B. Cockings 7-0-18-1.

**Wootton v. Blunham**  
Wootton: R. Craddock 0, A. Brittain 3, R. Clarke 30, K. Jessop 26, P. Harris 36, G. Robinson 4, D. Boyce 0, F. Loft 9, I. Robinson 2, B. Marden not out 7, J. Beard 1, extras 1, total 119. — M. Ranson 7-49, R. Rawlins 1-21, P. Ranson 1-15, G. Barker 1-17.  
Blunham: P. Jennings 20, G. Barker 3, R. Armko 0, P. Fordham 9, P. Ranson 13, F. Tester 2, R. Ashwell 5, R. Rawlins 1, M. Ranson 1, R. Lawrence not out 0, P. Mitchell not out 0, extras 2, total (for 9 wks.) 85. — Brittain 2-17, Boyce 5-11, Marden 2-7.

### FIRST DIVISION

**Southoe v. Great Barford**  
Great Barford: G. Mallett 15, D. Baker 3, K. Cooper 2, B. Mardlin 0, K. Franklin 4, D. Gates 0, R. Breeze 5, R. Noble 4, G. Swales not out 1, R. Holyoake 0, I. Gentle 4, extras 1, total 39. — Miller 7-11, Hewitt 3-27.  
Southoe: R. Stockley 0, C. Sletcher 2, D. Pendred 8, R. Hewitt 11, J. Miller 0, J. Wright 0, J. Ramplly 3, A. Wisdom 1, R. Pendred 0, D. Humphreys not out 0, G. Berrill 0, total 23. — Mallett 5-15, Mardlin 3-10.

**Potton v. Renhold**  
Renhold: R. Harlow 6, G. Allen 4, R. Parfett 65, P. Brockett 0, T. Harrison not out 58, P. Harlow 14, J. Cooper not out 8, extras 15, total (for 5 wks. dec.) 164.  
Potton: R. Dunn 11, B. Steele 6, R. Bloss 0, P. Hutchinson 66, G. Hoy 0, C. Leigh 1, J. Bloss 7, M. Sims 5, T. Hutchinson 6, K. Standen 2, D. Carter not out 0, extras 4, total 108. — Chestham 4-18.

### SECOND DIVISION

**Great Staughton v. Wood End**  
Gt. Staughton: G. Bull 2, D. Arnold 9, J. Malle 2, A. Davison 6, D. Fensome 0, F. Saunders 5, L. Newman 7, B. Fensome 0, M. Davison 0, R. Holmes not out 0, B. Dawkes 1, extras 1, total 34. — D. Burrows 15-6-13-0; L. Burrows 14-1-6-19-4.  
Wood End: R. Denton 3, H. Mabbitt 6, P. Hudson 12, D. Bowker 3, 1, Ashpole 1, D. Burrows 0, M. Freestone 2, R. Bowker not out 5, J. Bentley not out 0, extras 3, total (for 7 wks.) 35. — L. Newman 9-8-14-4; B. Fensome 8-0-18-0.

**Postels v. Little Paxton**  
Little Paxton: Jackson 0, Smith 17, Odell 19, Norman 17, South 7, Gould 8, Dunham 3, McCall 1, Childsey not out 8, Day 0, George 0, extras 3, total 83. — Simpson 13-4-0-41-7, Kiffin 4-0-18-0, Berwick 9-2-21-3.  
Postels: Gibbons 34, Savage 6, Norman not out 12, Cummings 12, Berwick 5, Ellis not out 8, extras 8, total (for 4 wks.) 85. — McCall 9-3-22-1, Durham 9-2-20-1, Childsey 5-1-15-1, Odell 5-1-10-0, Norman 1-0-10-1.

### THIRD DIVISION

**North Crawley v. Thurlleigh II**  
Thurlleigh II: C. Berrill 3, H. Hollis 1, J. Berrill 7, J. Asplin 1, K. Wagstaff 0, B. Norman 4, K. Bright 5, D. Hammond 1, K. Drage 0, M. Papworth 0, D. Ellison not out 2, extras 2, total 24. — D. Eldridge 8-8, G. Hardwick 1-14.  
North Crawley: T. Breddon not out 14, F. Savage 10, D. Savage not out 0, extras 1, total (for 1 wk.) 25. — K. Drage 1-17.

**Blunham II v. Foundry**  
Foundry: J. Darlow 26, A. Spice 1, J. Booth 2, L. Jones Jr., 10, L. Jones Sr., 3, C. Gibbons 8, O. Stapleton 3, B. Stapleton 4, J. Parker 8, N. Evans 11, R. Stevens not out 0, extras 10, total 84. — Arminger 3-42, Page 4-20.

**Blunham II: S. Brunt 18, R. Harding 22, E. Fowler 1, J. Mills 7, R. Desborough 0, P. Pringle 10, K. Lawrence 0, R. Wakefield 5, J. Tester 0, T. Page not out 16, M. Arminger not out 3, extras 3, total (for 9 wks.) 85.**

### FOURTH DIVISION

**Goldington Elec. v. Great Barford II**  
Goldington Elec.: R. King 46, B. Leadbetter 21, B. Neil 7, R. Bland 12, L. Garner 8, Campbell not out 8, Gambers 0, C. Garner 18, N. Patrick 0, extras 3, total (for 8 wks. dec.) 123. — Keightley 1-34, Stapleton 6-32.  
Great Barford II: R. West 12, P. Usher 6, R. Covington 2, G. Simms 7, T. Mardlin not out 1, G. Norman 5, E. Minney 0, J. Cooper 0, W. Stapleton 3, J. Keightley 0, C. Berridge 0, extras 10, total 46. — R. Bland 7-24, B. Leadbetter 1-10, R. King 2-2.

**Cople II v. Covington**  
Covington: N. Dorks 21, S. Hellton 2, A. Hardwick 0, R. Neal 0, M. Drew 2, J. Hewitt 0, L. Hewitt 0, B. Moore 0, R. Hellton 1, P. Harrington not out 0, extras 3, total 29. — B. Newbury 4-1-6-0, D. Potter 7-1-16-2, N. Shindler 8-2-4-6, V. Speers 1-1-0-1.  
Cople II: Newbury 3, A. Jennings not out 19, A. Hart not out 11, extras 1, total (for one wk.) 34. — B. Moore 5-2-11-1, R. Neale 4-4-0-22-0.

**Renhold II v. Wootton II**  
Renhold II: Elvin 2, Stapleton 9, Bullerwell 3, Denham 11, Swann 4, Hepplethwaite 4, Carter 1, Duncombe 6, Munro 0, Bevin 8, Rawlins not out 4, extras 4, total 58. — Newbury 3-18, Small 6-18, Loft 1-21.  
Wootton II: Peddar 8, Keens 9, Loft 3, Benson not out 22, Fuller 0, Slater 0, Small 2, McConnell 2, Newbury 4, Ashpole 2, Turrel not out 3, extras 4, total (for 9 wks.) 69. — Swann 5-11, Duncombe 2-14.

## TAYLOR, COOLEY STAR

The Bedford Town club had the signal honour on Wednesday of staging a match between the club Cricket Conference and the Midland Club Cricket Conference, and from both sides there was high praise for the excellent ground and facilities at the Bury.

Major Simon Whitbread, Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and patron of the county club, and Ald. Ron Gale, president of the Bedford club, were among the visitors, and they saw an excellent game won for the Club Cricket Conference by the only two local players engaged, Peter Taylor and Norman Cooley.

The Midlands had declared at 203-7, the unluckiest player being pace bowler Dunn who put down 15 very quick overs but finished with 0-43.

Taylor and Cooley dominated the reply, both batting quite majestically, and the only disappointment was that Taylor just fell short of his century despite Cooley's efforts to allow him the major part of the strike.

Midland CCC 203-7 dec. (A. S. Everitt 43, M. Chislin 35, A. J. Cross 32, C. J. Parry 3-35); Club CC 205-3 (P. M. Taylor not out 99, N. Cooley not out 46).

# Goodbye 'Toots' —teacher for 42 years

JUST 42 years ago, Mr. Elmore John Cooper—fresh from university—arrived at Bedford Modern School to take up a teaching appointment.

At the end of the present term, Mr. Cooper will retire from the school. "I could not have had a happier 42 years at any other school in the country," he says.

### *Sportsman*

"Toots", as he is affectionately known by boys and masters alike, was born in Ealing in 1903 and went to grammar school there. He then studied at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he was a choral scholar. He joined Bed-



Mr. Cooper

ford Modern School in 1926 and has been a sixth form master, teaching English and French, ever since.

### *Musician*

Mr. Cooper has taken part in many school activities. He was editor of the school magazine, "The Eagle", and of the calendar for 35 years. In sport, he was master in charge of cricket for 19 years captained Bedford Martlets cricket team on their 24 annual Kent tours, coached and refereed rugby football matches for many years, and officiated at every athletics meeting.

A housemaster at Culver boarding house for ten years, he has taken part in the masters' revues held until a few years ago, has played the cello in the school orchestra and sung in the choral society. He was also an officer in the Corps.

### *Family man*

Outside school, he taught French in evening classes at the then Bedford Technical Institute for 15 years. He has been a member of Bedford Musical Society and has played in Bedford String Orchestra.

For 13 years he was secretary of Bedfordshire Assistant Masters' Association and was their chairman for three years.

In 1932 Mr. Cooper married Miss Audrey Turner, daughter of Mr. Richard Turner, former borough alderman. They live at Silver Mead, Biddenham, and have two sons and a daughter.



# LAST-OVER FRIGHT FOR FINALISTS

THERE were only two balls to go when Kimbolton, last year's losing finalists, squeezed into this year's semi-finals by beating Little Staughton on Tuesday.

The Bedford League side performed magnificently in scoring 97-7, David Brown cracking a six and four fours in a splendid innings of 39. Then they sent Kimbolton crashing to 51-5.

The evening had switched from bright sunshine to Stygian gloom and Kimbolton's hopes looked equally dim as big hitters Hart and Newman went cheaply.

But one man remained, Peter Davison, and it was he who guided Kimbolton to their last-over victory with 41 runs. He was dropped once!

Little Staughton 97-7 (Brown 39, T. Reeves 16, B. Hopperton 14); Kimbolton 98-7 (P. Davison 41). Collection £9.

## Easier for champions

The champions, Sandy, were also engaged on Tuesday, at Sharnbrook. They, too, had the worst of the light, but Sharnbrook really threw away the chance of an aggressive total when they slumped from 42-2 to 57-8.

Sandy collected the necessary 72 for victory in the 12th of the 15 overs, Rex King finishing it by late-cutting Blood for four. He and Chapman shared in an unbroken stand of 43.

Sharnbrook 71-9 (M. Walsh 27, P. Bichener 4-37, R. Fage 3-25); Sandy 74-2 (T. Chapman not out 28, R. King not out 27).

The other two quarter-final ties were due to be decided last night and the semi-final line-up is:

Kimbolton v. Igranic or Roxton (Bedford Park, Tuesday, July 9);

Bedford Town "A" v. Sandy or Cople (Bedford Park, Thursday, July 11).

## Mr. H. L. V. Day

Mr. H. L. V. Day, whose death at Harrow Weal was reported last week, was not the Old Bedford Modernian of the same name and initials who played rugby for England and cricket for Hampshire. Mr. Eric M. King, president of Bedford Rugby Club, had a drink with Mr. Day last week and reports that he is "very much alive."

## Another thriller

BEDFORD School, specialists in exciting finishes this season, ended Saturday's game crowding round the XL club last pair.

A hat-trick by off-spinner Durham had made possible the closing excitement, after the XL Club had batted rather too slowly to challenge the school's 196-6 dec.

Ted Smith hit 42 despite a pulled muscle, and Murray Fletcher and John Oliver played some good looking shots.

Earlier, Marks and Holder had, for the second week running, provided the school with a century opening stand, Holder playing specially well. Mytton was out to a great catch by Don Jenkins in the gully.

BEDFORD	
P. S. Marks at Simons b Pritchard	65
R. A. Holder lbw b Pritchard	65
J. H. Mytton c Jenkins b Pritchard	3
Culliford c Arthur b Jenkins	35
Fletcher not out	20
P. G. Philip c Simons b Bullock	10
Maclaren c Ronaldson b Bullock	1
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	196
Pritchard 5-28, Bullock 2-29, Jenkins 1-55.	

XL CLUB	
T. Smith c Rudolf b Mytton	42
D. G. Hawley c Maclaren b Blunt	17
B. Ronaldson b Durham	23
J. A. R. Oliver c Holder b Mytton	26
R. G. Simons c Oakley b Mytton	1
F. M. Fletcher c Philip b Durham	50
G. Pritchard b Durham	5
H. Campbell-Hill b Durham	0
G. Arthur c and b Durham	0
R. Bullock not out	5
D. Jenkins not out	0
Extras	9
Total (for 9 wkts.)	146
Durham 5-61, Mytton 3-28 Blunt 1-24.	



The Bedford School captain, J. H. Mytton, chats with XL Club players (left to right) D. G. Jenkins, R. G. Simons and J. A. R. Oliver.

# Kimbolton make it again!

by JIM DAVIS

QUIETLY, firmly, Kimbolton's "skipper", Jeff Hart, told me: "We'll win it this time."

We were discussing his side's chances in the Bedford Hospital Cup final next Thursday after his team had toppled Brookhirst-Igranic in a semi-final tie in Bedford Park on Tuesday.

I back his forecast. And I do so before I know whether Kimbolton's opponents in the final will be Bedford Town or Sandy. (Their tie last night was washed out and they hope to play this evening).

Against Igranic, Kimbolton again demonstrated that they have a powerful batting line-up. And pace bowler John Walker was in cracking form.

Who would they prefer to meet in the final? Said Hart: "We would like to have another go at Sandy. I think we owe them something."

It was Sandy who put paid to Kimbolton's hopes last season when the teams had to meet for a second time, the first game ending in a memorable tie.

Against Igranic, Kimbolton piled up 125 for 5 in fifteen eight-ball overs. And it was Hart, with a grand innings, who played the major role in building up the winning score. He was undefeated with 51 runs to his name.

But if there had been a man-of-the-match award, it would have been difficult to make a choice. For Igranic also had their hero—John Popham. Producing some powerful shots to slam 42—he found the boundary five times—he fully deserved the ovation he received.

Ironically, both Hart and Popham were dropped early on in their innings.

Walker would also come into the reckoning for honours. In the ninth over, he clean bowled three Igranic batsmen at a cost of only two runs.

He struck at a time when Igranic were making a serious challenge, for in the previous over, they had slammed 21 to hoist their score to 58.

Walker's devastating blows shattered Igranic. Their scoring rate slumped alarmingly.

## 'NO SLIP THIS TIME,' SAYS JEFF HART

Finally a target of 50 to win in the three remaining overs was too tall an order — especially when Popham went in the thirteenth. At the close, they were 95 for four.

### Whirlwind

Kimbolton started off in whirlwind fashion. Openers Bill Gibson and Bob Davison took 13 off the first over, including a four off a "no" ball.

Davison went in the fifth over with 29 runs on the board. Tom Newman followed in the eighth over (51-2) which ended with Hart hitting the first six of the match.

With the score at 61, Hart had his escape—when he had scored only nine runs. He was dropped by Stephen Smith at point. And what a costly miss it proved to be. Hart immediately thrashed 18 in four successive scoring strokes.

Runs continued to come at a brisk pace and after Gibson had gone in the 12th, Peter Davison joined in the fun, hitting a six to take Kimbolton's score past the 100 mark.

But he was clean bowled off the next ball. Malcolm Church repeated the dose two deliveries later, to send back Claude Banks for a "duck."

There was a hold up in the 14th over when Hart took a mighty sweep for six and the ball sailed over the fence dividing the park and the new swimming pool site. Spectators joined in the search for the ball!

David Quirke gave Hart useful support and this pair

took the total to 125 for five. Hart's 51 including five fours and three sixes.

Tight bowling at the start gave Igranic little chance to open out. Davison's first over, the second of the innings, was a maiden.

Popham had his "life" in the fourth when he was dropped by Hart when he had scored only seven.

After six overs, Igranic had managed 30 runs. They had to step up the pace to be in with a chance. This was forthcoming. The eighth over yielded 21 runs. Popham hit Davison for two successive fours and Peter Morris also found the boundary.

### Shattered

But Morris's stumps were shattered by a fine ball from Walker in the ninth with the score at 58. Two runs later, Walker claimed Burnage's wicket and then dismissed Peter Ladbury with his very next delivery. But Barry Chinn safely avoided the hat-trick!

It was "curtains" for Igranic when Popham fell to another good ball from Walker in the 13th (70-4).

They finally mustered 95 for 4, a score big enough to have carried them through the earlier rounds. With quicker running between the wickets, however, it could and should have been higher.

But all credit to Igranic for such a splendid run in the competition. This was indeed a brave challenge against a side so well equipped for this type of cricket.

## Scoreboard

KIMBOLTON		IGRANIC	
W. Gibson b Chinn	22	P. Morris b Walker	18
R. Davison b Church	23	J. Popham b Walker	42
T. Newman b Robinson	7	A. Burnage b Walker	1
J. Hart not out	51	P. Ladbury b Walker	0
P. Davison b Church	7	B. Chinn not out	19
C. Banks b Church	0	B. Folds not out	2
D. Quirke not out	15	Extras	12
Extras	2		
Total (for 5 wks)	125	Total (for 4 wks)	95
Bowling: M. Church 8-0-72-3; D. Robinson 8-0-40-1, B. Chinn 2-0-11-1.		Bowling: Walker 8-0-28-4, Davison 7-1-55-0.	



Bob Davison, Kimbolton's opener, succeeds with a leg shot.



Cople, one of the three Bedford League sides who were among the last eight in the Hospital Cup. Back row (left to right): Brian Minney, Neil Hindmarsh, David James, Cyril Minney, and George Blenkin; front row (left to right): Peter Hull, Alan Hart, Gordon Halliday, Edward Street, Roy Hull, and Graham Minney.





Jeremy Mytton in full flow.

# Mytton out on 95

BEDFORD School captain Mytton, requiring a six off the last ball of Saturday's game with Free Foresters to achieve his century, was caught in the attempt.

It was a slightly disappointing finish to him and the school for it left the game drawn. Earlier, the match could have turned either way.

The Free Foresters had batted first and early on were in trouble. But a string of half centuries by three middle-order men allowed a declaration at 250-6.

Again the school openers, Marks and Holden, did their stuff, putting on nearly 70, but it was really left to Mytton to make the runs—and challenge.

Fletcher gave some good support, but the leg spin of Alan Day and off spin of Buder posed many difficulties. Only Mytton really hit with the spin.

FREE FORESTERS	
A. R. Day c Holden b Oakley	0
J. Hudson b Blunt	12
R. J. Nokes c Cullford b Oakley	28
A. Hunter c Marks b Philp	10
R. N. Gore b Blunt	26
P. J. Nicholas run out	50
C. O'Hagan not out	54
T. G. Abell not out	56
Extras	14
<b>Total (for 6 wkts dec)</b>	<b>250</b>
Oakley 7-2-26-2, Blunt 13-2-45-2, Philp 9-4-34-1.	

BEDFORD SCHOOL	
P. B. Marks c Day b Buder	39
R. A. Holden c Parsons b Buder	47
J. M. Mytton c Abell b Day	95
A. Cullford c Parsons b Day	5
P. G. Philp c A. b Day	5
O. M. K. Fletcher c O'Hagan b Abell	17
P. D. Rudolf c Parsons b Day	0
Maclaren c Hudson b Day	8
L. G. L. Oakley not out	1
Extras	12
<b>Total (for 8 wkts)</b>	<b>227</b>
Day 25-4-79-5, Buder 16-2-61-2, Abell 5-0-19-1.	

## Beaten in last over

AFTER the long journey to Croydon, Bedford Modern School made a hesitant start against Trinity School, but recovered well to total 162-8.

Trinity were left 140 minutes to get the necessary runs. This they achieved in the last over, to end a very entertaining and exciting day's cricket.

BEDFORD MODERN	
Halsey c Newman b Fairweather	5
Holroyd at Oakes b Howsam	13
Howard c Oakes b Fairweather	38
Henderson c Oakes b Howsam	8
Fansome at Oakes b Howsam	10
Lall b Fairweather	1
Washington c Oakes b Jones	12
Weaver b Jones	51
Clayton not out	22
Extras	7
<b>Total (for 8 wkts dec)</b>	<b>162</b>
TRINITY SCHOOL	
Winter b Weaver	21
Fishpool b Clayton	8
Newman lbw b Johnson	36
Mawson b Lewis	51
Barford c Clayton b Lewis	21
Vines not out	21
Bennett not out	21
Extras	8
<b>Total (for 8 wkts)</b>	<b>145</b>

# Sparkling Sandy

Thanks mainly to a fine century opening partnership between Peter Bichener and Bill Wilsner, backed up by lusty hitting by the other batsmen, enabled Sandy to score 212 in their 45 overs against Bedford Sunday 2nd eleven in the Millman Cup.

Barry Wade's 12 overs for Bedford gave him excellent figures of 5-41, and David Heygate took the last three Sandy wickets for no runs.

But despite a sound 33 by skipper Sid Smith, and spirited hitting by Brian Ebbs and Wayne Larkins, Bedford were at no stage in a likely winning position on a wicket enlivened a little by steady rain, and were all out for 126.

Ted Smith presented the man of the match award deservedly to Peter Bichener for

his 61 runs and 2-24 bowling figures in 12 overs.

## STRANDED

Bedford Sunday 1st were home to Leamington and most of their innings was played in the rain. It meant they fell just short of Leamington's declared total of 124-7 which took a laborious 2 hours 20 minutes to compile.

Leamington 124-7 dec. (J. Keighley not out 29, R. Plowman 14-2-38-1, R. Barker 16-6-33-4, A. Ingledew 14-5-33-2, S. Lloyd 4-0-16-0).

Bedford: M. Wynn 16, P. August not out 43, R. Witts 6, B. Ebbs 5, B. Peat 20, N. Cooley 22, J. Cooley 1, A. Ingledew 0, R. Barker not out 1, extras 4, total (for 7 wickets) 118.

## OLD BOYS OPEN v. OUSELS

OLD Bedfordians "week" stretches itself to nine days, from tomorrow to Sunday, July 21, sporting items taking in cricket, golf, tennis, rowing, shooting and swimming.

The cricket matches are as follows:

Saturday — Ousels (2.30); Monday — Gents of Beds (11.30); Tuesday — XL Club (11.30); Wednesday — RAF XI (11.30); Thursday — Bedford School (11.30); Friday — Bedford School (second day, 11 a.m.); Saturday — Incogniti (11.30 a.m.).

# CRICKET FIXTURES

### SATURDAY

High Wycombe v. Bedford  
Bedford: P. Oakley, M. Wynn, A. Greene, J. D. Heaton, S. T. Morris, B. Ebbs, D. Lindsell, J. Dalzell, R. Plowman, A. G. Coomb, G. Cripps.  
Bedford 2nd v. High Wycombe 2nd  
Travellers 2nd v. Bedford Ramblers  
Bedford Modern School v. Martlets  
Newport Pagnell v. Argus  
Bragbury v. North End  
Ickwell v. Crayke  
Igranice v. Amptill  
Steepling v. Ickwell 2nd  
Amptill 2nd v. Igranice 2nd  
Old Warden v. Papworth  
Eversholt v. Stewkley  
Meltin v. Luton College  
Goldington v. New Bradwell  
Kempston Ramblers v. Blackstone  
Diemers v. Bedford Caribbeans

### BEDFORD LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
Cople v. Stevington  
Blunham v. Thurligh  
Stanlee v. Roxton  
Wootton v. Felmersham  
**First Division**  
Pertenhall v. Gt. Barford  
Lt. Staughton v. Renhold.  
Oakley v. Potton  
Wilden v. Southoe  
**Second Division**  
Langford v. Postels  
Hpkirks v. Little Paxton  
Marston v. Wrestlingworth  
Temptford v. Wood End  
**Third Division**  
Rushden v. Caldecote  
North Crawley v. Marston 2nd  
Thurligh 2nd v. Blunham 2nd

### Fourth Division

Sharnbrook v. Cople 2nd  
Goldington Elec. v. Wootton 2nd  
Great Barford 2nd v. Covington  
Renhold 2nd v. Lt. Staughton 2nd  
**SUNDAY**  
Wellington v. Bedford  
Bedford 2nd v. Wellington 2nd  
Baldock v. Igranice  
Crayke v. Old Warden  
I.C.I. Welwyn v. North End  
Amptill v. Hemingford Park  
Silsoe v. Steepling  
Diemers v. Felmersham  
Kempston Ramblers v. Cople  
Meltin v. Kettering United Trades  
Sandy v. Eversholt  
St. Neots v. Ickwell (Millman Cup)  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bedfordshire v. Cambridgeshire (And Thursday, Luton).

# CRICKETERS

## GO SLOW

ROXTON were left 1 hour 35 minutes in which to beat Felmersham's 124-7 declared in the Bedford League (Premier Division) on Saturday. Their response: 13-7.

Clearly there was no effort to get the runs, only to survive. Felmersham bowler D. Barker returned the remarkable figures of 6 overs, 6 maidens, 0 runs, 3 wickets.

There was another magnificent bowling effort at Thurlough where Blunham's Mick Ranson took nine wickets for 84 runs in 14.4 overs. The one victim he missed was run out! Mick's brother Peter contributed an unbeaten 69 and C. Berrill produced a fighting knock of 45 for Thurlough.

### Three ducks

Cople lost three of their first four batsmen for "ducks" but still beat Staploe by six wickets.

Totals of 48 and 76 looked a bit shy for Wood End to maintain their 100 per cent record in Division two, but maintain it they did with wins over Little Paxton and Tempsford. Paxton fell eight runs short. Dave Burraway bowling 10 overs for 12 runs and taking four wickets, while Tempsford — themselves previously unbeaten — slumped from surefire winning positions of 49-2 and 61-5 to all out 64. Lol Burraway claiming 7-26 in 16.1 overs.

Tempsford were engaged in an even closer game with

Postels, for whom Lionel Weston hit an attractive half century. When time was up Tempsford were just two runs short of Postels' 145 (scored in 1 hour 55 minutes) with two wickets left. Skipper J. Wildman scored a splendid 69.

Bedford Town pair Sid Smith and David Eldridge shared their talents with North

Crawley in division three, each thumping a fifty in an unbroken century partnership against Blunham 2nd.

There were more big knocks in division four. Billy Elvin hit an exhilarating 53 (two sixes and eight fours) for Renhold 2nd, and Mick Walsh smashed 13 fours in his 91 for Sharnbrook at Wootton.

#### DIVISION ONE

	p	w	1	d	pts
Renhold	8	5	1	2	12
Oakley	7	3	1	1	11
Little Staughton	8	4	2	2	10
Rushden	9	3	3	3	9
Wilden	8	3	3	3	8
Pertenhall	8	2	1	5	9
Potton	9	3	5	1	7
Gt. Barford	9	1	6	2	4
Southoe	7	1	5	1	3

#### Stagsden v. Wilden

Wilden: B. Ashpole 1, R. Fowler 0, B. Paak 3, C. Ashpole 23, M. Lee 0, D. Hartwell 19, L. Stanton 6, R. Hartwell 0, J. Towler 0, J. Pell 15, G. Roberts not out 1, extras 4, total 72. — R. French 10-4-33-2; P. Archer 15-3-4-26-8; M. Rutter 6-3-9-2.

Stagsden: D. Bennett 6, P. Collyer 3, L. Lawson 2, P. Hulance 15, C. Reed 7, P. Archer 18, A. Bennett 2, J. Alder 3, R. French not out 5, M. Rutter not out 2, extras 9, total (for 8 wks.) 73. — D. Hartwell 12-2-18-2; G. Roberts 10-3-26-2; J. Towler 8-0-20-4.

#### Renhold v. Pertenhall

Pertenhall: A. Waller 38, I. Ogley 13, C. G. Stapleton 2, A. Orr 12, R. Thompson 0, C. Wigley 18, R. White 5, B. Seamarks 10, W. Presland 1, R. Short not out 2, C. Milne 2, extras 17, total 120. — J. Cooper 3-20; R. Harlow 3-23; T. Harrison 3-23.

Renhold: A. Harlow 10, G. Allen 3, R. Parfitt 18, F. Brockett 1, T. Harrison 7, P. Harlow 5, J. Cooper 1, A. Duncombe 2, T. Constant 2, Constant 2, A. Cheatham not out 0, extras 6, total 64. — W. Presland 6-32; A. Orr 3-16.

#### Oakley v. Great Barford

Great Barford: D. Baker 3, G. Mallett 5, K. Franklin 16, B. Mardlin 10, K. Cooper 0, R. Breeze 0, D. Gates 6, I. Asinger 4, G. Swales 28, R. Holyoake 0, J. Gentle not out 18, extras 8, total 89. — Kirkup 4-34; Saunders 2-31; J. Fraser 4-6; Jackson 0-6.

Oakley: B. Worker 25, C. Bird 15, D. Evans 10, A. Turner 7, B. Kirkup not out 11, Fraser not out 23, total (for 4 wks.) 91. — Mallett 2-38; Mardlin 1-36; Asinger 1-15.

Potton beat Lt. Staughton.

#### DIVISION TWO

	p	w	1	d	pts
Wood End	8	8	0	0	16
Marston	8	4	1	3	11
Postels	8	4	1	3	11
Tempsford	7	4	1	2	10
Little Paxton	8	2	4	2	8
Great Staughton	7	2	3	2	6
Hobkirk	9	1	6	2	4
Wrestlingworth	7	1	6	0	2

#### Wood End v. Little Paxton

Wood End: R. Denton 6, R. Mabbitt 1, P. Hudson 14, D. Burraway 2, L. Burraway 12, I. Ashpole 0, D. Bowker 1, J. Bentley 0, M. Prestons 0, R. Bowker 3, H. Burraway not out 2, extras 7, total 48. — A. Durham 5-0-21-2; M. McColl 4-0-14-1; G. Childerley 3-0-6-3; B. O'Dell 1-0-1-4.

Little Paxton: D. Smith 4, J. Smith 1, B. O'Dell 5, M. Norman 10, A. Durham 6, M. McColl 0, B. Gould 3, G. Childerley 2, R. Day not out 5, V. Bartley 2, D. Gould 0, extras 3, total 41. — D. Burraway 11-4-12-4; L. Burraway 10-5-2-28-5.

#### Wood End v. Tempsford

Wood End: R. Denton 11, H. Mabbitt 3, P. Hudson 0, D. Burraway 31, L. Burraway 13, I. Ashpole 0, D. Bowker 2, J. Bentley 8, R. Bowker 0, M. Ashpole not out 0, H. Burraway 0, extras 9, total 76. — W. Bambridge 12-4-28-7; P. Dawes 8-1-27-0; C. Jackson 3-5-0-16-2.

Tempsford: G. Hicks 14, R. Fuller 22, G. Palmer 8, J. Wildman 7, K. Paveley 3, W. Bambridge 4, P. Dawes 1, T. Eaton 0, G. Taylor 0, R. Braybrooke not out 0, C. Jackson 1, extras 1, total 84. — D. Burraway 17-5-32-3; L. Burraway 16-1-3-26-7.

#### Tempsford v. Postels

Postels: Gibbons 1, Weston 56, Savage 10, McClary 31, Berwick 15, Wildman 8, Cummings 1, Ellis 11, Rumon 0, Appleton 8, Simpson not out 0, extras 4, total 145. — Bambridge 11-1-55-3; Dawes 8-2-50-0; Jackson 9-3-42-6; Hicks 6-1-14-0.

Tempsford: Hicks 28, Fuller 7, Wildman 69, Paveley 7, Dawes 7, Jackson 1, Palmer 9, Bambridge 4, Eaton not out extras 1, total (for 8 wks.) 144. — Simpson 23-3-72-4; Rumon 6-0-20-1; Berwick 17-3-41-2.

Gt. Staughton beat Langford by 90 runs.

#### DIVISION THREE

	p	w	1	d	pts
North Crawley	6	5	1	0	10
Thurlough 2nd	5	4	1	0	8
Blunham 2nd	5	2	1	2	6
Rushden 2nd	6	2	2	2	6
Caldecote	5	1	3	1	3
Foundry	5	1	3	1	3
Marston 2nd	4	0	4	0	0

#### Blunham v. North Crawley

Blunham: B. Thompson 35, R. Harding 20, W. Page 3, J. Mills 5, M. Armiger 19, F. Prentice 7, R. Wakefield 19, E. Fowler 21, K. Lawrence 0, B. Desborough 4, extras 8, total (for 9 wks. dec.) 155. — D. Eldridge 6-25; P. Spray 2-19; E. Speechley 4-58.

North Crawley: E. S. Smith not out 58, P. Spray 18, F. Savage 1, D. Eldridge not out 69, extras 11, total (for 2 wks.) 138. — W. Page 1-36; M. Harding 1-25.

Marston 2nd: 74, Rushden 78-9.

#### DIVISION FOUR

	p	w	1	d	pts
Covington	9	5	2	2	12
Sharnbrook	8	3	2	3	9
Renhold 2nd	9	2	3	4	8
Wootton 2nd	8	3	3	2	8
Goldington E.	7	3	2	2	8
Lt. Staughton 2nd	7	2	3	2	6
Gt. Barford 2nd	8	2	4	2	6
Cople 2nd	6	2	3	1	5

#### Covington v. Renhold 2nd

Covington: N. Doris 21, R. Moore 16, G. Doris 3, K. Cockrane 9, M. Drew 0, R. Neal 18, J. Hewitt not out 25, B. Moore 15, S. Haselton 3, R. Walters 17, F. Harrington not out 0, extras 7, total (for 9 wks. dec.) 127. — D. Locke 3-23; D. Stapleton 3-31; P. Swann 3-25.

Renhold: W. Elvin 53, D. Stapleton 28, F. Joyce 21, J. Denham 18, P. Swann 1, P. Carter not out 6, H. Rawkins not out 2, extras 5, total (for 5 wks.) 150. — K. Cockrane 2-58; B. Moore 2-35; R. Neal 1-29.

#### Wootton 2nd v. Sharnbrook

Sharnbrook: F. Wildman 2, D. Day 35, R. Wagstaff 18, M. Walsh 91, S. Walsh 1, F. Blinfield not out 5, extras 9, total (for 5 wks. dec.) 163.

Wootton: B. Keens 1, R. Loft 1, R. Turrell 0, D. Ashpole 8, M. Peddar 15, C. Fuller 0, C. Newbury 1, J. Benson 1, E. Day 0, P. McConnell 2, Slater not out 1, extras 1, total 28. — Martin 7-18; D. Walsh 3-12.

#### PREMIER DIVISION

	p	w	1	d	pts
Staploe	8	5	2	1	11
Blunham	7	4	1	2	10
Roxton	8	4	1	1	9
Cople	8	3	3	2	8
Stevington	8	2	3	3	7
Felmersham	7	2	3	2	6
Wootton	8	1	3	4	6
Thurlough	8	0	5	3	3

#### Cople v. Staploe

Staploe: A. Mills 1, R. Mills 0, B. Cox 35, L. Farrer 8, M. Haynes 1, P. Brittain 12, T. Mills 11, M. Staughton 4, M. Watts 0, R. Daniels 4, B. Mills not out 8, extras 9, total 78. — B. Minney 11-4-23-3; R. Hull 9-4-10-1; P. Hull 5-1-20-2; C. Minney 7-1-21-4.

Cople: O. Minney 0, G. Halliday 0, C. Blenkin 18, A. Hart 0, P. Hull not out 30, B. Minney not out 27, extras 6, total (for 6 wks.) 97. — B. Mills 7-2-18-2; L. Farrer 8-3-14-1; M. Haynes 4-2-0-23-0; T. Mills 3-0-18-1.

#### Felmersham v. Roxton

Felmersham: T. Hollowell 14, P. Lawson 9, V. Buckingham 10, T. Longstaff 38, D. Barker 3, J. Mackenzie not out 18, D. Parker 1, B. Merrill 0, B. Cockings not out 13, extras 20, total (for 7 wks. dec.) 124. — D. Metcalf 13-2-27-4; E. Cutts 12-5-8-26-2; V. Pell 10-3-15-1.

Roxton: D. Waring 7, V. Pell 1, G. Quince 2, M. Mankell 1, A. Franklin 2, M. Rowlands not out 0, R. Smith 0, D. Metcalf 0, P. Keightley not out 0, total (for 7 wks.) 13. — B. Merrill 8-4-5-6-1; T. Marsh 6-4-4-1; B. Cockings 6-4-3-8; D. Barker 6-8-0-3.

#### Thurlough v. Blunham

Blunham: P. Jennings 2, P. Ranson not out 69, R. Armiger 20, P. Fordham 5, F. Tester 2, G. Barker 8, R. Ashwell 3, R. Rawlins not out 8, extras 5, total (for 6 wks. dec.) 188. — Buck 2-58; Berrill 2-33; Fensome 1-13; Ellison 1-19.

Thurlough: T. Buck 20, J. Nowall 0, W. Ellison 0, J. Warner 7, A. Ellison 4, C. Berrill 45, A. Fensome 5, M. Berrill 2, J. Thorne 2, J. Ellison 0, J. Wagstaff not out 2, extras 3, total 99. — M. Ranson 9-54; Rawlins 0-19; Fordham 0-23.

Stevington: 153-9 dec., Wootton: 117-7.

# 'Dead duck' says rugby official

BEDFORD'S controversial proposal that the County Rugby Championship should be replaced by a regional knock-out competition, was soundly defeated at the annual meeting of the Rugby Union in London on Friday.

Gilbert Cook, a former England forward and Bedford's vice-chairman, proposed the motion that, "the present county championship is outdated and should be replaced by a knock-out competition organised on regional lines with the final at Twickenham."

The voting was 135 - 57 against in the hall and 426-115 against by proxy vote.

Afterwards Mr. Cook, who first raised the matter at last year's annual meeting said: "I am pleased that at least we gained a fifth of the votes."

## Alarming

Earlier Mr. Cook had told the meeting that the sub-committee for county championship matters had recommended that there should be no change in the present set-up.

"This is very alarming," he said. "Because, to my mind, the county championship is a dead duck. There is nothing between club and international level because, at the moment, some county sides are not as good as our top clubs. If we are going to beat the All Blacks and the South Africans, we will have to do something in order to hot up our international players."

"If you ask South Africans, they will tell you that the reason we do not win is because our sides have not had enough first class practice."

Ron Jacobs, the former Northampton prop forward who captained England four years ago, seconded the motion on behalf of his club.

Mr. Jacobs said: "Our main reason for the proposal is one of playing standards. The present watering down of teams is not helping the standard. The gradual progress of players

used to be club-county-country but this is not the case so often these days."

## High standard

He pointed out that the standard at club level is improving in fitness and higher thought on the field. He added that the same could not be said for county rugby.

"I notice", said Mr. Jacobs, "that the South Africans will



Gilbert Cook.

be playing eight regional sides on their next visit during their 1969-70 tour of this country. What better opportunity than this for improving our standards!"

Doug Harrison, retiring chairman of the sub-committee, Eric Warn, past president

of Devon, and representatives from Leicestershire, and Thornbury RFC spoke against the proposal.

All gave similar reasons of tradition, financial dependants and the preservation of constitutional bodies through the county championship in its present system.

Eric Warn said: "While it would be fine to see 15 very good players capable of beating the best sides, it is still important that we produce rugby for the thousands. We would be, like several other counties, in dire straights financially if it was not for the present set-up. We have not won a championship match for three years but we are self-supporting."

Jim Roberts, the former England and Sale winger, supported Bedford's proposal to streamline the championship as did the final speaker, Don White of Northampton.

Mr. White said: "Most of the comments have been based on sentiment. What has happened, is that we have not been in the same court as the Springboks and All Blacks. We need, as the Welsh do, eight or nine regional sides which have hard, uncompromising, competitive football. The Springboks and All Blacks play against each other until they drop."

On the question of cost, Mr. White pointed out that without touring countries, the counties would make a loss.



# Hoare joins Luton



BEDFORD Town batsman David Hoare has joined Luton Town. But he won't be playing against his old colleagues when the clubs clash at Wardown Park (first teams) and the Bury (second teams) tomorrow. Hoare makes his Luton debut for Strollers, Luton's third side.

Luton miss only wicket-keeper Dick Barker from a full-strength line-up, and will be determined to cancel out the defeat—by three wickets—suffered at the Bury in June.

Bedford hope to have Bill Bushby fully fit again; Norman Cooley is on holiday. Teams:

Luton: B. D. Robinson (captain), P. M. Taylor, P. Webley, A. Durley, R. Cox, C. Wynn, D. Rolt, R. Shearn, T. Beck, S. J. Coeshall, A. P. Powell.

Bedford: P. Oakley, M. Wynn, R. Plowman, A. Ingledeu, E. Cripps, A. Greene, B. Ebbs, S. T. Morris, A. G. Coomb, W. Bushby, R. Witts.

# MIXED WEATHER -AND FORTUNES

OLD Bedfordians week has been plagued by rain, but happily the weather was brighter yesterday for the start of the two-day game with the school.

Two matches have been completed. On Saturday, the OBs suffered a six-wicket defeat from the Ousels (Bedford School masters). Pat Briggs hitting 86 not out (11 fours), and on Monday they accounted for Gentlemen of Bedfordshire by 128 runs. David Eldridge having a remarkable bowl of 8-55 in 17 overs.

Only an hour's play was possible on Tuesday against XL Club, and Wednesday's match v. an RAF XI was completely washed out.

OLD BEDFORDIANS	
J. C. Dalsell, c Briggs, b Barker	12
J. D. Poustie, c and b Caple	11
P. R. Carlisle, c and b Briggs	10
S. D. Strong, c Money, b Caple	10
A. D. R. Daves, not out	10
S. V. Bevan, c Cooper, b Caple	10
R. E. Thomas, c Gibson, b Caple	10
R. E. Gordon, b Pitt	10
D. Coley, st Money, b Caple	10
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks dec) 110  
Bowling: R. E. Barker 8-0-14-0  
P. D. Briggs 12-4-11-1; R. O. Coole 13-3-26-5; A. C. Pitt 8-1-39-1.

OUSELS	
P. D. Briggs, not out	86
D. C. Money, c Gordon, b Daves	10
I. J. Gibson, run out	10
F. J. Wilkins, b Dalsell	10
J. I. Cooper, c Maria, b Dalsell	10
R. E. Barker, not out	10
Extras	10

Total (for 4 wks) 110  
D. E. Work 11-2-0-51-0; J. C. Dalsell 10-2-35-2; A. D. R. Daves 8-0-44-1; J. D. Poustie 4-0-18-0.

OLD BEDFORDIANS	
J. C. Dalsell, c Briggs, b J. Smith	10
S. D. Strong, b P. Smith	10
P. R. Carlisle, b Standidge	10
D. Lindell, c Standidge, b Briggs	10
P. Spray, c Standidge, b Ingledeu	10
D. Wood, b Ingledeu	10
R. Thomas, not out	10
D. Coley, not out	10
Extras	10

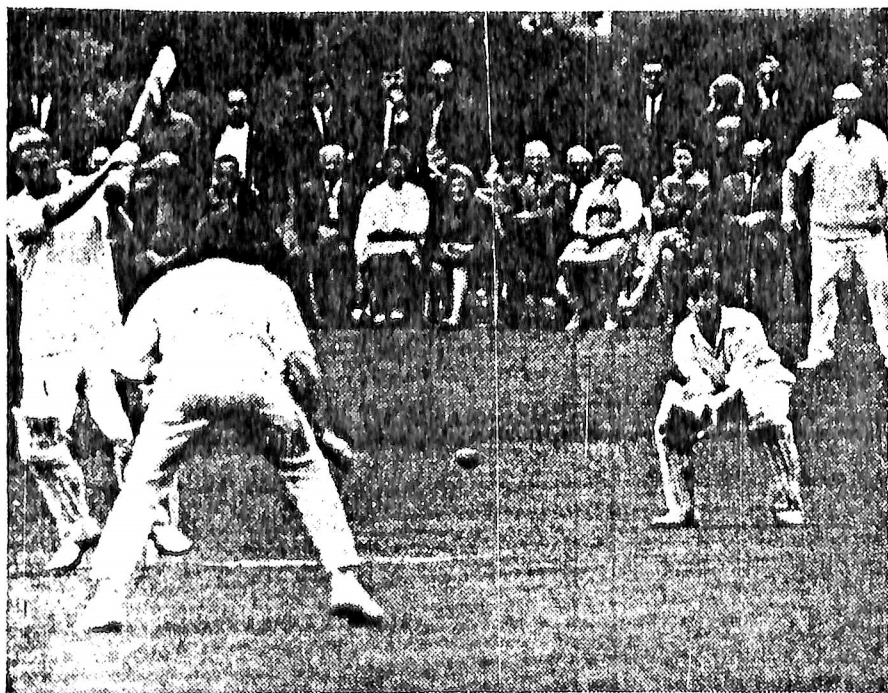
Total (for 6 wks dec) 110  
P. Briggs 10-0-59-1; A. Ingledeu 14-1-89-2; J. Smith 8-0-18-1; Standidge 7-1-20-1; P. Smith 5-0-18-1.

GENTLEMAN OF BEDS	
Nicholls, b Eldridge	10
P. D. Briggs, b Eldridge	10
A. Ingledeu, c Gordon, b Eldridge	10
M. Whitmore, c Wood, b Eldridge	10
P. Smith, st Renwick, b Spray	10
P. Standidge, c Spray, b Eldridge	10
Hartley, run out	10
J. Smith, b Eldridge	10
D. Coley, c Wood, b Eldridge	10
P. Vorce, b Eldridge	10
Davies, not out	10
Extras	10

Total 110  
J. Dalsell 10-1-36-0; D. Eldridge 17-2-55-8; P. Spray 7-0-13-1; Wood 1-0-5-0.

## Mytton in demand

Bedford School captain, Jeremy Mytton, who has scored more than 500 runs despite match cancellations through rain, has been selected for the Rest v. Southern Schools at Lord's on July 29.



Kimbolton's Tom Newman, seen here hitting out, was the first batsman to find the boundary.

# Walker wrecks the champions

SAME teams, different result. That sums up last night's Hospital Cup final at Bedford Park when Kimbolton avenged last year's defeat by Sandy. Hero was John Walker, who took seven wickets for 13 runs in nine overs, six clean bowled.

Kimbolton won the toss and batted, which probably suited Sandy, who in the competition regularly put opponents in.

Big-hitting Kimbolton skipper Jeff Hart was holidaying in Bournemouth, but there was a sound replacement in St. Ives opener Peter Gutteridge.

Bichener opened the first of the 18 8-ball overs with two full toss which Bill Gibson put away for two runs apiece. Six came off the over and six from the first by Page, including a sharp chance by Gibson to Young.

On 14 came the first bit of excitement. Gibson edging Bichener, and Rex King plucked the catch left-handed at deep third man.

Tom Newman entered to strike the game's first four, and on 20 Peter Davison had a wild swing, underhit, and Banks took a simple catch at mid-off.

Page now took a hand, trapping Newman lbw and setting back Bob Davison's middle stump. The score was 21 for four off six overs, and only one run had come from the last three overs.

The half-way mark brought a wicket. Quirke tucking one into the hands of Spring at square leg (35-5).

But Gutteridge stayed, and with Facer the fifty was passed (13th over). The pair bounded on to a stand worth 49.

Sandy lost Bichener in the second over. Facer fielded off his own bowling, slipped over, but still threw down the wicket.

Facer's slow left-arm bowling contrasted with Walker's pace at the other end, but both were accurate and when Walker clean bowled Spring, Sandy, 14 for two off five overs, were very much in trouble.

Worse followed as Walker shattered the stumps of King and Pattinson in three balls and then C. Banks took a brilliant running catch to dismiss Chapman.

Gibson ran out R. Banks (32 for 6) and though Kettleborough with a mighty six and Page stirred Sandy's hopes, Walker bowled both and it was Kimbolton's cup.

The collection neared the £100 mark.

## Town 'drop' out

Bedford Town let their chance of appearing in the final slip through their fingers.

In their semi-final replay with Sandy on Monday, they failed to hold some easy catches.

Cheated by rain when the teams met on Friday, Bedford saw Sandy snatch a last-over victory in the replay.

Changes to Bedford's side brought in Morris, Bushby and Ingledew; the absentees included Cooley and Heaton. Because of a back injury Bushby was unable to bowl.

Receipts for the three semi-final matches were: Kimbolton v. Igranic £30 11s.; Sandy v. Bedford £27 11s. (Friday) and £29 11s.

KIMBOLTON	
W. Gibson, c King, b Bichener	9
P. Davison, c R. Banks, b Bichener	6
T. Newman, lbw, b Page	5
P. Gutteridge, b Page	28
R. Davison, b Page	0
D. Quirke, c Spring, b Page	0
R. Facer, run out	21
C. Banks, not out	10
Extras	4
Total (for 7 wkts)	85

Bowling: P. Bichener 7-0-29-2; R. Page 9-1-30-4; T. Cran 2-0-12-0.

SANDY	
P. Bichener, run out	3
T. Chapman, c C. Banks, b Walker	11
M. Spring, b Walker	4
R. King, b Walker	0
M. Pattinson, b Walker	2
R. Banks, run out	4
R. Facer, b Walker	6
H. Kettleborough, b Walker	13
M. Young, b Walker	4
T. Cran, b Facer	1
W. Wilsner, not out	1
Extras	13
Total	64

Bowling: J. Walker 9-4-13-7; B. Facer 8-3-0-38-1.

BEDFORD	
G. Millman, b Page	24
M. Wynn, c Bichener, b Page	3
R. Witta, b Page	1
S. Morris, c Bichener, b Page	4
W. Bushby, b Bichener	0
W. Peet, not out	8
P. Oakley, b Page	3
A. Ingledew, not out	8
Extras	5
Total (for six wickets)	56

Page 7-0-20-5; Bichener 8-0-31-1.

SANDY	
T. Chapman, c Ingledew, b Oakley	0
P. Bichener, c Wynn, b Oakley	14
M. Spring, b Ingledew	13
R. King, lbw, b Oakley	6
M. Pattinson, b Oakley	0
R. Banks, not out	8
R. Facer, c Ingledew, b Oakley	6
H. Kettleborough, b Ingledew	0
W. Wilsner, c Millman, b Ingledew	6
M. Young, not out	5
Extras	6
Total (for eight wickets)	58

Oakley 7-5-1-27-5; Ingledew 7-0-25-3.



A delivery from Peter Bichener keeps low and the ball shoots past Kimbolton's Peter Davison with Malcolm Young looking on anxiously.

# Cricket fixtures

## SATURDAY

Luton Town v. Bedford Town.  
Bedford 2nd v. Luton 2nd.  
Bucksade v. North End.  
Sandy v. Ickwell (Millman Cup).  
Arkus v. Arkus.  
Cricko v. St. Neots.  
Ipswich v. Chatters.  
Tockford Sports v. Ipswich 2nd.  
Old Warden v. Amphinll.  
Amphinll v. New Bradwell.  
Bromham v. Kempston Ramblers.  
Mells v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Faversham v. Mentmore.  
Goslington v. Elstow.

## BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
Stoughton v. Blunham.  
Roxton v. Cople.  
Frimleyham v. Staple.  
Wootton v. Thurlish.

**First Division**  
Gt. Barford v. Staxson.  
Ll. Staughton v. Southoe.  
Wilden v. Renhold.  
Potton v. Oakley.

**Second Division**  
Langford v. Wood End.  
Hobkirk v. Postels.  
Little Paxton v. Gt. Staughton.  
Tempsford v. Wrestlingworth.

**Third Division**  
Caldecote v. N. Crawley.  
Marston II v. Faversham.

**Fourth Division**  
Sharnbrook v. Gt. Barford II.  
Cople II v. Wootton II.  
Goslington v. Ll. Staughton II.  
Renhold II v. Goslington Electric.

## SUNDAY

Bedfordshire v. Bucks (Millman Cup).  
Warden Park v. Staxson.  
Cople v. Southill Park (Millman Cup).  
Southill Park 2nd v. Bedford 2nd.  
Staxson v. North End.  
Cople v. Arkus.  
Ipswich v. Bucksade.  
Amphinll v. Blunham.  
Kempston Ramblers v. Hunting.  
Rambles.  
Simpson v. Diemer and Reynolds.  
Mells v. Kettering WMC.  
Eton v. Stewley.

# Shield dates

Both semi-finals in the East Beds Shield (Junior Section) are due to be played tonight. Sandy II are at home to Staple and Potton II at home to Wilden. The Potton tie was originally fixed for Tuesday but had to be postponed.

The Junior Shield final will be played at Old Warden next Wednesday. Umpires: G. Feeks (Ickwell) and E. Bennett (Old Warden).

Next Monday Sandy's first team are at home to Henlow in the Senior Shield.

# Bambridge tops 100 wickets

TEMPSFORD'S Bill Bambridge took his 100th wicket this season when he dismissed eight Wood End batsmen for 13 runs. He also hit top score for his side. But the winners were still Wood End, now unbeaten in nine Bedford League games. The margin? Just one run!

## PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v. Thurlish  
Blunham 40, P. Ransom 15, P. Jennings 40, P. Fordham 1, R. Ashwell 3, F. Teater 28, G. Barker 2, R. Rawlins 2, R. Wakefield 0, J. Teater 0, R. Lawrence not out 1, extras 16, total (for 9 wks. dec) 117. — T. Buck 2-10, M. Berrill 1-21, C. Berrill 1-25, W. Ellison 5-4.  
Thurlish 10, T. Buck 10, J. Newall 4, W. Ellison 4, R. Holley 0, A. Ellison 0, J. Warner 10, C. Berrill 18, A. Fensome 0, J. Ellison 0, J. Thome 1, M. Berrill not out 0, extras 3, total 60. — M. Ransom 2-9, R. Rawlins 2-35, P. Fordham 2-9, P. Ransom 2-4.

Cople v. Stoughton  
Stoughton 10, W. Neale 1, D. Mackness 2, P. Hodgkinson 1, B. Jeffries 1, R. Aber 17, Cox 8, Wiles 2, Day 1, Banks 1, Joyce not out 1, extras 1, total 31. — R. Munn 2-25, P. H. Jackson 1-1, C. M. Jones 2-21, 2-7, C. Cople 1-1, Munn not out 20, G. Banks 2, A. Hart 0, G. Blunham not out 3, extras 1, total 18, wks 1-17. — A. Hart 4-0-15-0, Wiles 2-14-2, Joyce 3-3-0-17-0.

Roxton 56, Staxton 54-9  
Wootton v. Frimleyham postponed.

## DIVISION ONE

Pertenhall v. Gt. Barford  
Gt. Barford 10, A. Staxton 2, G. Mallett 1, D. Bates 0, B. Marston 0, K. Cooper 2, D. Gates 10, G. Skyles 0, P. West 2, I. Assinger 1, Gentle 1, R. Cope not out 0, total 29. — W. Prestland 2-11, R. Short 1-16, A. Orr 1-20, C. Milne 1-10.  
Pertenhall 10, R. Walker 1, J. Cople not out 0, B. Seaman 3, C. Wiles 2, A. Gentle 18, A. Orr 2, C. Stapleton (capt) not out 14, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 62. — G. Mallett 2-12, B. Marston 2-20, I. Gentle 1-11, Potton 5-2, Oakley 6-20, Ll. Staughton beat Renhold.

## DIVISION TWO

Tempsford v. Wood End  
Wood End 8, P. Hudson 0, D. Burrows 16, 1, Burrows 11, D. Barker 1, A. Adams 10, J. Phipps 1, R. Bywater 0, M. Adams 1, S. Berrill not out 10, total 55. — Bambridge 31, 2-12, 2-12, 2-12, C. Jackson 5-0-26-0, C. Munn 1-1-20-1.  
Tempsford 8, P. H. 4, R. Phipps 1, J. Wildman 1, R. Bates 10, K. Bates 1, W. Bambridge 4, T. Eaton 1, S. Bettles 3, B. Sutherland 0, P. Davies

1, C. Jackson not out 2, extras 9, total 65. — D. Burrows 18.1-8-29-4, L. Burrows 16.6-23-5, J. Bentley 2-0-4-0.

Langford v. Postels  
Langford 1, Prince 5, Smith 0, Rutt 3, Rogers 0, Cooper 6, Wilson not out 3, Boswell 1, Piper 1, extras 4, total 33. — Simpson 15.1-7-12-6, Berwick 11-6-15-3, Rumm 4-2-2-1.

Postels: Cummings 0, Dhehenn 1, McGarry not out 5, Berwick 0, Ellis 15, Humberstone 0, Wildman 7, Goodwin not out 3, total (for 6 wks.) 34. — Wilson 18-10-15-1, Woodward 16-4-17-3, Piper 1.5-0-2-1, Marston 100, Wrestlingworth 55, Hobkirk v. Lt. Paxton postponed.

## DIVISION THREE

Rushden 110, Caldecote 113-7.  
N. Crawley v. Marston 2nd postponed.

## DIVISION FOUR

Renhold 2nd v. Ll. Staughton 2nd  
Renhold 10, W. Elton 5, D. Stapleton 40, F. Joyce 1, D. Bevan 2, P. Swann 1, M. Rawlins 6, P. Carter 2, J. Denham 0, C. Crouch 0, B. Bevin 4, G. Munro not out 7, extras 6, total 74. — P. Bone 5-25, A. MacDougal 3-12, W. Schutcher 2-22.  
Ll. Staughton: A. Saunders 11, B. Harris 3, P. Bone 5, W. Schutcher 2, A. MacDougal 17, V. Banks 0, D. Woodcar 0, D. Harle 0, B. Marden not out 0, P. Jordan 1, A. Banks 0, extras 1, total 48. — D. Stapleton 7-20, B. Bevin 1-17.  
Stoughton 191 — v. Cople 2nd 31.  
Goslington Elec. v. Wootton 2nd postponed.

# Cople bid for KO Cup

COPLÉ reached the semi-final of the Bedford League KO Cup by beating Roxton on Friday by seven runs. They were given a scare as Roxton, chasing 61 to win, recovered from 20-6 to 48 before the next wicket fell.

Cople: C. Minney 26, E. Street 6, A. Hart 9, P. Hull 7, B. Minney 3, N. Hindmarsh 0, M. Smith 5, G. Blenkin not out 0, extras 4, total (for 7 wks.) 60. — M. Maskell 7-0-31-7, E. Cutts 4-0-27-0, D. Metcalf 2-0-8-0.

Roxton: A. Franklin 20, D. Waring 3, C. Quince 2, J. Watson 0, M. Rowlands 0, E. Cutts 0, P. Keightley 2, D. Metcalf

17, D. Folbigg 1, V. Pell 1, M. Maskell not out 3, extras 4, total 53. — B. Minney 6-2-14-4, R. Hull 4.7-0-22-4, C. Minney 1-0-13-0.

The semi-finals will be played this Monday and Friday in Bedford Park with the final fixed for July 30.



# TITLE RACE HOTS UP

THINGS are desperately tight in the premier division of the Bedford League. Seven of the eight clubs are now separated by only four points.

Cople, the current title holders, were content to play out time for a point at Roxton.

Did they know the two teams above them, Staploe and Blunham were both losing?

Felmersham toppled Staploe by just 12 runs while Stevington beat Blunham by four wickets, Albery following up bowling figures of 5-42 with top score in the match of 35.

Only probability in the division: Thurlleigh are going down. After dismissing Wootton for a modest 58 half their side crashed for 14. C. Berrill (17) resisted stoutly but then the last four wickets went for three runs.

Hobkirk's, with new signing Gascoine to support Conway, bowled out Postels for 56 for a seven-run win in the second division.

But Langford could not check Wood End from a 10-wicket victory, Dave Burraway having 6-5 and 10 maidens in his 13.2 overs.

In the fourth division Malcolm Peddar (39) held Wootton 2nd together, but Cople 2nd still won, Shingler and Newbury striking a winning partnership after four wickets had gone cheaply.

### PREMIER DIVISION

	p	w	l	d pts.
Blunham .. .. .	9	5	2	2 12
Staploe .. .. .	10	5	3	2 12
Roxton .. .. .	9	4	1	4 12
Cople .. .. .	10	4	3	3 11
Felmersham .. .. .	9	3	3	3 9
Stevington .. .. .	10	3	4	3 9
Wootton .. .. .	9	2	3	4 8
Thurlleigh .. .. .	10	0	7	3 3

### Roxton v. Cople

Roxton: D. Waring 32, P. Keightley 4, E. Cutts 8, G. Quince 11, K. Fitter 4, R. Smith 19. M. Maskell not out 20. D. Metcalf not out 13, extras 7, total (for 6 wkts dec.) 118.—B. Minney 11-3-29-1; P. Hull 14-3-47-2; C. Minney 11-3-26-2; G. Halliday 6-1-7-0; N. Hindmarsh 2-1-2-0.  
Cople: C. Minney 1, G. Blenkin 15, A. Hart 2, E. Street 0, P. Hull 5, B. Minney not out 22, N. Hindmarsh 6, G. Minney not out 1, extras 6, total (for 6 wkts.) 58.—M. Maskell 13-9-9-2; D. Metcalf 12-4-14-2; E. Cutts 5-1-14-0; V. Fell 2-1-2-0; G. Quince 7-3-13-2.

### Felmersham v. Staploe

Felmersham: T. Holkewell 15, P. Lawson 20, V. Buckingham 10, T. Longstaff 1, D. Barker 18, J. Mackenzie 0, B. Cockings 0, D. Parker 20, G. Hulatt not out 25, D. Boccock 0, T. Marsh 7, extras 11, total 127.—M. Haynes 2-2-26-5; A. Mills 8-0-30-3; T. Mills 15-2-32-1.  
Staploe: A. Mills 8, R. Mills 20, B. Cox 9, P. Brittain 22, M. Haynes 6, T. Daniels 6, M. Staughton not out 14, T. Mills 4, M. Watts 15, B. Mills 3, R. Daniels 4, extras 4, total 115.—B. Cockings 12-1-43-4; D. Parker 5-0-24-3; T. Marsh 8-3-0-26-2.

### Stevington v. Blunham

Blunham: P. Jennings 4, P. Ranson 7, R. Armiger 0, P. Tester 15, G. Barker 0, M. Rawlins 15, R. Ashwell 9, P. Fordham 8, R. Rawlins 4, J. Tester not out 2, M. Ranson 3, extras 6, total 71.—Wills 5-23; Albery 5-42.  
Stevington: MacKneas 1, Neale 0, Jones not out 19, Curtis 3, Jeffries 0, Albery 35, Hodgkinson 2, Cox not out 7, extras 5, total (for 6 wkts) 72.—M. Ranson 3-28; R. Rawlins 3-16.

### Wootton v. Thurlleigh

Wootton: J. Jessop 7, R. Clarke 1, A. Brittain 8, P. Harris 23, G. Robinson 0, D. Boyce 0, I. Robinson 4, B. Harden 5, J. Norris 7, Loft 0, R. Craddock not out 0, extras 3, total 58.—T. Buck 5-18, M. Berrill 4-26.  
Thurlleigh: T. Buck 9, R. Holey 1, A. Ellison 2, W. Ellison 0, J. Warner 1, A. Fensome 6, C. Berrill 17, S. Asplin 1, M. Berrill 1, J. Thorne 0, J. Ellison not out 0, extras 1, total 40.—D. Boyce 4-14, A. Brittain 4-10, G. Robinson 2-11.

### FIRST DIVISION

	p	w	l	d pts.
Oakley .. .. .	9	6	1	2 14
Lt. Staughton .. .. .	10	6	2	2 14
Renhold .. .. .	10	5	3	2 12
Wilden .. .. .	11	4	3	4 12
Petershall .. .. .	9	3	3	5 11
Stapton .. .. .	9	3	3	3 9
Potton .. .. .	11	3	6	2 4
Southoe .. .. .	9	1	6	2 4
Gt. Barford .. .. .	10	1	7	2 4

Wilden 88, Renhold 46.  
Little Staughton beat Southoe.  
Potton v. Oakley drawn.

### SECOND DIVISION

	p	w	l	d pts.
Wood End .. .. .	10	9	0	1 19
Postels .. .. .	10	5	2	3 13
Marston .. .. .	9	5	1	3 13
Tempsford .. .. .	9	5	1	3 13
Hobkirk's .. .. .	12	3	6	3 9
Lt. Paxton .. .. .	10	2	4	4 8
Lt. Staughton .. .. .	8	2	3	3 7
Langford .. .. .	10	1	7	2 4
Wrestlingworth .. .. .	10	1	9	0 2

### Langford v. Wood End

Langford: R. Cheasum 6, K. Pass 0, S. Cooper 0, P. Prince 6, D. Rogers 0, E. Rutt 0, D. Wilson 1, P. Woodward 5, P. Piper 0, D. Boswell not out 4, J. Mays 0, extras 1, total 25.—D. Burraway 13-2-10-5-6, J. Bentley 3-2-2-0; R. Bowker 4-1-6-0; P. Hudson 3-2-6-1; I. Ashpole 3-2-3-2.  
Wood End: R. Denton not out 14, H. Mabbitt not out 10, total (for 0 wkts) 24.—D. Wilson 3-0-16-0; P. Woodward 1-0-2-0; P. Piper 2-0-6-0.

### Hobkirk's v. Postels

Hobkirk's: M. Lane 9, T. Fry 7, Bewley 0, B. Lane 3, A. Fry 5, Payne 0, Gribble 1, Conway 9, Gascoine not out 12, Killen 5, Nightingale 2, extras 4, total 65.—Simpeon 12-5-18-4; Berwick 12-2-38-5; Goodwin 0-4-0-3-1.  
Postels: Wildman 22, Gibbons 0, Diehlenn 3, Cummings 4, Berwick 2, Ellis 0, Goodwin 10, Umney 2, Appleton 0, Harris 1, Simpson not out 0, extras 12, total 56.—Conway 13-2-26-4; Gascoine 12-3-4-18-5.  
Tempsford 148-9, Wrestlingworth 19, Great Staughton 91 v. Little Paxton, rain stopped play.

### THIRD DIVISION

	p	w	l	d pts.
North Crawley .. .. .	8	6	1	1 13
Thurlleigh 2nd .. .. .	6	5	1	0 10
Rushden Utd. .. .. .	7	2	3	2 6
Blunham 2nd .. .. .	6	2	2	2 6
Caldecote .. .. .	7	2	4	1 5
Foundry .. .. .	6	1	4	1 3
Marston 2nd .. .. .	6	1	4	1 3

### Blunham 2nd v. Thurlleigh 2nd

Blunham: B. Thompson 5, R. Harding 7, S. Brunst 19, E. Fowler 11, M. Armiger 5, T. Page 3, J. Mills 8, R. Wakefield 2, P. Prentice not out 1, F. Lawrence 2, W. Page 0, total 65.—Asplin 2-14; Dragg 3-13; Papworth 2-15; Hammond 1-13; Jermy 2-6.  
Thurlleigh: P. Hooker 19, W. Norman not out 21, J. Berrill 2, J. Asplin 2, K. Wagstaff 0, K. Dragg not out 10, extras 11, total (for 4 wkts.) 65.—Armiger 2-23; W. Page 1-11.  
Caldecote 54, North Crawley 55-5, Foundry 53, Marston 2nd 54-2.

### FOURTH DIVISION

	p	w	l	d pts.
Covington .. .. .	10	6	2	2 14
Sharnbrook .. .. .	10	5	2	3 13
Renhold 2nd .. .. .	11	4	3	4 12
Wootton 2nd .. .. .	10	3	4	3 9
Goldington 2nd .. .. .	9	3	3	3 9
Cople 2nd .. .. .	8	3	4	1 7
Lt. Staughton 2nd .. .. .	9	2	5	2 6
Gt. Barford 2nd .. .. .	9	2	5	2 6

### Wootton 2nd v. Cople 2nd

Wootton: J. Beard 7, R. Loft 8, J. Benson 6, C. Fuller 0, M. Peddar 39, Connell not out 1, Small 5, McConeil not out 1, Warner 0, Roffhead 0, extras 5, total 83.—D. Potter 8-4-1-34-5; B. Newbury 5-0-16-1; N. Shingler 4-2-11-1; V. Speers 3-0-10-0; J. Cambers 3-0-8-3.  
Cople: A. Jennings 6, V. Speers 13, J. Cambers 0, D. Polker 7, D. Shingler not out 23, B. Newbury not out 0, extras 17, total (for 4 wkts.) 84.—Loft 10-3-19-1; Small 12-3-39-2; McConeil 3-1-4-0; Peddar 0-5-0-5-0.

Sharnbrook v. Gt. Barford 2nd  
Sharnbrook: M. Walsh 0, R. Wildman 7, H. Martin 26, J. Roberts 23, E. Blundell 10, J. Walsh 8, D. Walsh 4, J. Slater 10, A. Gadston not out 18, T. Gadston 7, D. Martin 3, extras 3, total 129.—Keightley 4-29, Norman 1-22, Stapleton 3-24, Holyoake 2-35.  
Great Barford: T. Mardin 0, G. Simms 8, R. Breese 0, R. Holyoake 0, P. Usher 14, G. Norman 3, J. Keightley 12, R. Covington 11, W. Stapleton 12, D. Gentle 8, G. Berridge not out 0, extras 2, total 80.—D. Walsh 4-11; H. Martin 3-28; M. Walsh 2-16.  
Little Staughton 2nd 54, Covington 45-3.  
Renhold 2nd 61, Goldington 47.

## Cup finals next week

Cople thrashed 122 runs in Bedford Park on Wednesday (v. Oakley) to reach the final of the Bedford and District League KO Cup.

The other semi-final, Renhold v. Sharnbrook, takes place in Bedford Park this evening (8.30), and the final, also in the Park, will be on Tuesday.

It is hoped Bedford League teams will support these matches. Collections will be taken for a charity to be named later.

Potton 2nd won the East Beds Shield (junior section), beating Staploe by three runs on Wednesday. The final of the senior section, Sandy v. Roxton, takes place this Monday at Biggleswade.

### TODAY (FRIDAY)

**BEDFORD LEAGUE KO CUP**  
Semi-final  
Renhold v. Sharnbrook (Bedford Park).

### SATURDAY

Bedford Town v. Granta  
Ickleford v. Bedford 2nd  
Sharnbrook v. Bedford Ramblers  
Argus v. Silsoe  
Sandy v. Old Warden  
Aversholt v. Harpur  
West Indians v. Mellis  
Amphill v. Ickwell  
Westoning v. Amphill 2nd  
Diemer's v. Old Bitchley  
Kempston Ramblers v. Bedford Caribbeana  
Barton v. Steppingley

### BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE

**Premier Division**  
Cople v. Felmersham  
Thurleigh v. Roxton  
Wootton v. Staploe  
Blunham v. Stevington

**First Division**  
Stagden v. Lt. Staughton  
Oakley v. Renhold  
Pertenhall v. Southoe

**Second Division**  
Langford v. Tempsford  
Wood End v. Hobkirk's  
Fostels v. Marston  
Wrestlingworth v. Ot. Staughton

**Third Division**  
Caldecote v. Blunham 2nd  
Marston 2nd v. Thurleigh 2nd

**Fourth Division**  
Renhold 2nd v. Sharnbrook  
Covington v. Wootton 2nd  
Ot. Barford 2nd v. Cople 2nd  
Goldington Elec. v. Lt. Staughton 2nd

### SUNDAY

Bedford v. Winchmore Hill (11.30)  
Sandy v. Henlow (Millman Cup)  
St. Neots v. Biggleswade (Millman Cup)  
Ipswich v. Electroluc  
Criswick v. Fhipps  
North End v. Kettering Southgate  
Waterlova v. Mellis  
Diemer's v. Ickwell  
Steppingley v. D. C. Carr's XI

### MONDAY

**EAST BEDS SHIELD**  
Final  
Sandy v. Roxton (Biggleswade).

### TUESDAY

**BEDFORD LEAGUE KO CUP**  
Final  
Cople v. Renhold or Sharnbrook (Bedford Park).

## SANDY LEAD

Finalists in the Hospital Cup, Sandy and Kimbolton, also head the Millman Cup competition table. Current positions:

	P	W	L	pts	ave
Sandy	5	5	0	50	10.00
Kimbolton	2	2	0	20	10.00
Henlow	6	5	1	80	8.33
Ickwell	7	4	3	40	5.71
Southill	7	3	4	30	4.28
St. Neots	5	1	4	10	2.00
Bedford	4	0	4	0	—
Biggleswade	4	0	4	0	—

# Weaver destroys OBM's

WITH the first day's play washed out, Bedford Modern School's game with the Old Boys resolved into a one-day match on a still very wet wicket.

The school found the ball difficult to get away, but batted carefully and at 100-8 looked as though they would make a reasonable total. But after a brilliant running catch by Curtis had dismissed Weaver, the "tail" added only 20 runs.

Weston opened aggressively for the Old Boys, hitting 18 runs in quick time, but the introduction of Weaver altered the whole game.

Bowling his off-spinners accurately on a drying wicket he had all the batsmen in trouble, as his 7-38 shows. Excellent ground fielding and catching supported the school's win.

**BMS**

N. Halsey c	S. Morris b	Holiday	20
P. Holroyd b	Edge		7
M. Henderson c	Holiday b	Nevitte	1
R. Fensome b	Edge		18
J. Howard b	Edge		16
P. G. Hall c	Curtis b	Edge	16
M. Lall b	Holiday		15
A. Weaver c	Curtis b	Palmer	13
N. Washington c	Weston b	Holiday	6
J. Clayson c	Curtis b	Holiday	4
K. Johnson not out			1
Extras			8
Total			125

Bowling: Edge 17-8-26-4; Holiday 20-6-24-4.

**OBM**

L. E. Weston b	Weaver		18
A. D. Curtis b	Johnson		6
B. S. Morris c	Hall b	Weaver	3
S. V. Wildman	run out		0
S. T. Morris c	and b	Weaver	19
B. H. Boddy c	and b	Weaver	11
R. B. Claridge b	Weaver		23
J. A. Holiday b	Weaver		4
A. J. Edge c	Johnson b	Weaver	7
G. R. Nevitte	run out		1
A. E. Palmer	not out		0
Extras			7
Total			99

## Tony bids for 1,000 runs

THE first local cricketer to score 1,000 runs this season? Wharley End's Tony Abbott is well on the way. In 17 innings he has slammed 702 runs.

Tony opened the season with a century and has carried his bat in three innings. Last weekend he hit 85 against Cranfield when Wharley End scored 213 for six declared. In a thrilling finish, Cranfield held out for a draw. Their score: 85-9.

## Town line-up

BEDFORD Town skipper Peter Oakley is on holiday and misses the home game with Cambridge side Granta tomorrow. Team:

A. Ingledew (capt.), A. Coomb, A. Greene, A. Curtis, B. Ebbs, J. D. Heaton, R. Plowman, M. Wynn, B. Peet, E. Cripps, D. Lindsell.

Norman Cooley, no longer available on Saturdays because of football, leads the first eleven on Sunday when Winchmore Hill visit the Bury for an all-day game.

Cooley, Ingledew, Curtis, Ebbs, Peet, Plowman, Wynn, Lindsell, R. Fenn, D. Price.

# Title race is now four-team affair

THE seven-horse race for the premier division title of the Bedford and District League appears to have resolved into a struggle between four teams as a result of last Saturday's games.

Blunham and Cople both won and Staploe and Roxton opted for draws when they were in losing positions against Wootton and Thurlough respectively.

Blunham had an overwhelming revenge for their defeat at Stevington the week before. They thrashed 126 in 100 minutes, and then Ranson and Rawlins, with five wickets apiece, shot out Stevington for 22.

Cople were set a good score of 98 to win by Felmersham thanks to a brilliant half century by No. 8 batsman G. Hulatt. He hit his 53 in 34 minutes, clouting a six and seven fours.

But G. Blenkin also turned up with 53 (not out) for Cople. He took longer about it — 96 minutes — but had nine fours.

Roxton decided on playing out time at Wootton when they lost seven wickets making 50. Wootton's total of 107 owed much to a real captain's knock of 44 by A. Brittain.

Top four positions in the premier division now are:

	w	r	d	pts
Blunham	10	6	2	14
Staploe	11	5	3	13
Roxton	10	4	1	13
Cople	11	5	3	13

Most exciting finish of the day came in the second division where Marston claimed Postels last wicket with the final ball of the match. For Marston B. Hudson (42) and M. Gadsden (65) featured in a stand of 98.

## Mytton in form

Bedford School captain, Jeremy Mytton, hit second top score of 41 for the Rest who beat Southern Schools at Lords on Monday. Mytton was also engaged for the Public Schools XI against the English Schools Cricket Association on Tuesday and Wednesday and scored 31 in the first innings and 40 not out in the second. As a result he was selected for the schools' representative team to play Combined Services yesterday and today.

## Sandy retain shield

Sandy won the East Beds Shield (senior section) for the second year running when they beat Roxton at Biggleswade on Monday.

Roxton 61 (E. Cutts 18, P. Bichener 4-34, R. Page 3-22); Sandy 63-2 (T. Chapman 29 not out).

### PREMIER DIVISION

#### Cople v. Felmersham

Felmersham: T. Hollowell 1, P. Lawson 17, D. Barker 11, T. Longstaff 0, K. Thornton 0, D. Parker 5, J. McKenzie 5, G. Hulatt 53, B. Cockings 1, T. Marsh not out 2, K. Marsh 1, extras 1, total 97. — B. Minney 11-2-22-3; R. Hull 10-1-39-2; P. Hull 8-3-21-3; O. Minney 8-3-14-2.

Cople: G. Minney 15, G. Blenkin not out 53, A. Hart 1, E. Street 7, P. Hull 11, B. Minney not out 8, extras 5, total (for 4 wks.) 98. — B. Cockings 6-0-16-0; T. Marsh 8-2-22-1; D. Barker 10-2-33-2; D. Parker 6-0-22-1.

#### Blunham v. Stevington

Blunham: P. Jennings 0, P. Ranson 4, M. Rawlins 25, R. Armliger 6, P. Toaster 8, P. Fordham 43, O. Barker 1, R. Wakefield 15, R. Rawlins 4, M. Ranson not out 4, P. Mitchell 0, extras 16, total 126. — Alberty 8-3-34; Willis 5-4-9.

Stevington: Neale 2, Mackness 3, Jones 3, Cochlan 0, Hatgh 2, Alberty 5, Jeffries 4, Willis 0, Hodgkinson not out 2, Boniface 1, Day 1, extras 1, total 22. — Ranson 5-5; Rawlins 6-18.

#### Wootton v. Staploe

Wootton: R. Craddock 1, J. Norris 15, K. Jesop 8, M. Peddar 9, A. Brittain 44, G. Robinson 2, I. Robinson 2, B. Harden 0, R. Tyrell 12, F. Loft 9, D. Whitworth 0, extras 5, total 107. — B. Mills 20-9-38-5; T. Hills 14-6-19-3; R. Mills 6-0-20-2.

Staploe: R. Mills 6, P. Brittain 13, B. Cox 0, L. Farrer 10, M. Haynes 25, A. Mills 11, M. Watia 2, T. Mills 1, R. Daniels 4, Total (for 7 wks.) 77. — B. Harden 11-2-26-3; A. Brittain 10-18-24-2; G. Robinson 8-0-10-2. Thurlough: 142-8 dec., Roxton 51-5.

### FIRST DIVISION

#### Pertenhall v. Souths

Souths: J. Rampley 11, J. Goodman 0, C. Sletcher 7, R. Stockley 6, A. Wisdom 1, D. Fendrid 2, S. Hewitt 9, J. Wright 1, M. Schofield 1, J. Miller 0, D. Humfrey not out 0, extras 4, total 42. — A. Orr 4-7; C. G. Stapleton 3-12; C. Milne 2-19.

Pertenhall: R. Waller 22, R. Peet 6, C. Stapleton 3, C. G. Stapleton 6, B. Seamarks 0, A. Gentle not out 7, I. Ogleby 0, R. Thompson 0, C. Wigley 0.

A. Orr not out 0, extras 1, total (for 9 wks.) 45. — R. Stockley 5-8; S. Hewitt 2-20; J. Miller 1-16. Renhold: 75, Oakley 78-5.

### SECOND DIVISION

#### Wood End v. Hobkirks

Hobkirks: T. Fry 1, D. Lane 1, M. Lane 1, D. Payne 0, Gascoyne 5, Maddox 0, A. Fry 1, B. Conway 5, B. Payne not out 5, Basindale 1, F. Wilson 2, extras 1, total 23. — D. Burroughs 11-4-10-5; J. Bentley 10-5-13-4. Wood End: R. Denton 5, H. Mahbitt 1, M. Ashpole 1, P. Rudson 7, D. Burroughs not out 7, J. Bentley 2, D. Bowker not out 2, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 24. — B. Conway 7-2-14-2; Gascoyne 7-2-9-3.

#### Postels v. Marston

Marston: B. Hudson 42, A. Bunker 10, Al Bunker 7, M. Gadsden 65, M. Litle 0, M. Ellis 4, G. Moore 3, G. White not out 9, A. Owen 2, F. Trussell 0, M. Smith 0, extras 3, total 145. — Simpson 17-3-35-4; Berwick 13-4-38-3; Goodwin 6-0-27-0; Wildman 3-0-18-0; Cummings 4-0-24-1. Postels: Gibbons 2, Weston 9, Dighan 21, Cummings 1, Berwick 7, Wildman 14, Goodwin 3, Ellis 9, Ruffin 3, Humberstone not out 5, Simpson 4, extras 5, total 83. — Trussell 13-4-22-4; Smith 8-0-21-2; Moore 12-4-20-2; White 7-6-1-1; Gadsden 2-1-4-0; Bunker 2-0-6-1; Ellis 2-1-4-0.

### THIRD DIVISION

Caldecote v. Blunham 2nd  
Caldecote: B. Marshall 0, J. Wakefield 8, R. Jeeves 1, R. Watie 15, P. Harding 0, M. Godber 0, D. C. Bygraves 7, L. Adams 20, M. Brown 4, J. Webb 5, K. Sizer not out 2, total 64. — Armliger 4-10; Langford 4-30. Blunham 2nd: B. Thompson 15, S. Brunt 1, R. Harding 11, K. Beane 0, E. Fowler 12, T. Page not out 15, E. Langford not out 9, extras 3, total (for 5 wks.) 80. — Harding 1-25; Godber 2-28; Bygraves 2-10. Marston 2nd: 84. Thurlough 2nd: 84-8.

### FOURTH DIVISION

Great Barford 2nd v. Cople 2nd  
Cople 2nd: A. Jennings 3, V. Speers 26, D. Potter 0, A. Worrall 3, D. Shingler 22, B. Newbury 7, M. Reilly 0, M. Brant 2, K. Speers 2, N. Shingler 1, P. Speers not out 1, extras 8, total 75. — E. Minney 15-6-20-4; G. Norman 10-3-22-1; R. Holyoake 12-4-3-20-4; R. Covington 2-0-5-0. Great Barford 2nd: D. Baker 1, T. Mardlin 11, P. Usher 8, R. Breeze 2, G. Norman 0, B. Cope 2, E. Minney 17, R. Covington 0, D. Gentle 0, R. Holyoake 12, C. Berridge not out 0, extras 8, total 81. — N. Shingler 10-5-15-4; D. Potter 11-2-29-4; B. Newbury 1-4-0-9-2. Wootton 2nd: 68. Covington 70-2.



# COPLE FIRST KO WINNERS

BEFITTING their rank, Cople, last year's premier division champions, dealt summarily with fourth division Sharnbrook in the final of the Bedford and District League KO Cup in Bedford Park on Tuesday.

The margin was eight wickets, and only briefly did Sharnbrook look like making a game of it: when they reached 26-2 and when they dismissed Cople opener Cyril Minney for a "duck".

But in each case their effort faded. From 26-2 they crashed to all out 47, and Minney's wicket was their only success until Cople's reply reached 46.

Then, Hart, who had hit one glorious six into the new swimming pool area, swept and missed a full toss. A prompt four from Street settled the matter.

The marked difference between the sides was in fielding. Cople were very sharp, and three run-outs were as demoralising to Sharnbrook as the bowling of Brian Minney and Roy Hull.

This is the first season of the KO tournament confined to the Bedford League clubs and is clearly here to stay. It is scarcely likely to challenge the Hospital Cup in crowd appeal, but there was a goodish following and some charity, to be decided later, will benefit from yet another of the league's projects.

SHARNBROOK		COPLE	
A. Gadsden b B. Minney	4	C. Minney c Milward b Walsh	0
R. Wildman run out	9	P. Hull not out	18
J. Boyles b R. Hull	10	A. Hart b D. Walsh	24
M. Walsh run out	5	E. Street not out	4
D. Walsh b R. Hull	0	Extras	3
F. Milward run out	3		
D. Moon b B. Minney	8	Total (for 2 wkts)	50
D. Day b R. Hull	0		
B. Walsh not out	1		
T. Gadsden b B. Minney	0		
D. Martin b R. Hull	1		
Extras	6		
Total	47		
B. Minney 6-0-18-3; R. Hull 5-0-18-3; A. Hart 4-0-24-4		E. Minney, N. Hindmarsh, Smith, G. Bleakin, G. Minney, James and R. Hull did not bat. D. Walsh 4-4-0-24-2; D. Martin 4-0-23-0.	



Sharnbrook opener Gadsden clean bowled by Brian Minney in Tuesday's match. Street is the wicket-keeper.



Roy Hull, who took four Sharnbrook wickets for 23 runs.

## Kimbolton under fire

SANDY's win over Henlow on Saturday means they are still one hundred per cent — six games, six wins — in the Millman Cup competition. They have only one outstanding fixture, at home to St. Neots on August 18.

Kimbolton, who share top spot with Sandy, still have four games to play, and any slip would leave Sandy with the title.

Tomorrow, Kimbolton could make that slip, being at home to Bedford Town, though the latter miss a number of front-line players including skipper Peter Oakley. Team:

A. Ingledew, A. G. Coomb, A. Green, A. D. Curtis, W. Bushby, B. Ebbs, M. Wynn, E. Cripps, D. Lindsell, R. Plowman, B. Peet.

### SATURDAY

#### MILLMAN CUP

Kimbolton v. Bedford  
 Harpur v. Bedford 2nd  
 Bedford Ramblers v. Weldon  
 Sandy v. North End  
 Argus v. Bromham Nomads  
 Stewartby v. Igranic  
 Igranic 2nd v. Podington  
 Survey Park v. Melton  
 Old Warden v. Hitchin  
 Inkwell v. Eversholt  
 Elgham Ferrers v. Amptill  
 Amptill 2nd v. Kempston Meth.  
 Ilsoe v. Delmer's  
 Hunting Ramblers v. Kempston  
 Ramblers  
 Balloxhill v. Coldington

### BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT LEAGUE

#### Premier Division

Borton v. Stevington  
 Welmerham v. Blunham  
 Apple v. Wootton  
 Churchleigh v. Staploe  
 First Division  
 Little Staughton v. Pertenhall  
 Lenhold v. Potton  
 Oakley v. Wilden  
 Southill v. Stagsden  
 Second Division  
 Marston v. Langford  
 Bobkirks v. Tempsford  
 St. Staughton v. Postels  
 Westlingworth v. Little Paxton  
 Third Division  
 Caldecote v. Marston 2nd  
 Dundry v. North Crawley  
 Fourth Division  
 Sharnbrook v. Coldington Elec.  
 Wootton 2nd v. St. Barford 2nd  
 Davington v. Cople 2nd

### SUNDAY

#### MILLMAN CUP

Biggleswade v. Henlow  
 FRIENDLIES  
 Stevenage v. Bedford  
 Bedford 2nd v. Stevenage 2nd  
 Oakford v. North End  
 Milling v. Igranic  
 Sharnbrook v. Crayke  
 Amptill Single Wicket  
 Melton v. Westoning  
 Montmore v. Eversholt  
 Diemer's Single Wicket  
 Kempston Ramblers v. Stevington

### MONDAY

Bedfordshire v. Shropshire (Bedford School)

### TUESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Shropshire (second day)

Bedford v. Worsley

### WEDNESDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire

Wells Colts v. Herts Colts (Bury)

### THURSDAY

Bedfordshire v. Lincolnshire (second day)

# Frank retires

MR. Frank Crompton will today announce that he is giving up as secretary of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club. "The decision is the doctor's, not mine," he says. Recently he had a brief visit to hospital and goes in again next week.

Mr. Crompton, who is 74, has served the county club for 54 years and been its honorary secretary for 44 years. This is a record not only in minor but first-class cricket.

He has also been connected with the Minor Counties Cricket Association for 44 years, the last 24 as honorary secretary. He hopes to continue in this office.

Mr. Crompton's advice will be available to the county club until a new secretary is appointed, and, no doubt, some occasion will be found to pay him proper tribute for his unparalleled services. For the moment all will wish him a speedy return to full health.

# August steers Colts home

**BEDFORDSHIRE** Colts made an impressive start to their programme on Monday with a five-wicket win over Suffolk Colts at Haverhill.

Suffolk made their runs rather slowly, all the Bedfordshire bowlers being economical. Plowman bowled particularly well, and Ellis's figures did not do justice to very good leg-spin bowling.

Ellis was the chief sufferer from dropped catches, but generally Bedfordshire's ground fielding was very smart with Dalton, Lindsell and Lawson outstanding.

Bedfordshire had 160 minutes in which to get 152 to win and they kept the target in sight throughout. After being 40 for one at tea they slumped to 68 for four, but August and Lawson then had a useful partnership.

When Lawson was out, August continued with Legate in an unbroken and winning stand of 50, victory being reached with 20 minutes to spare.

It is worth noting that Bedfordshire's runs were scored off 24 overs fewer than Suffolk received.

**SUFFOLK COLTS**

A. J. Blasby lbw b Plowman	4
J. H. Francis b Plowman	10
B. Maves run out	1
M. W. Wat-son c Legate b Ellis	25
R. J. Robinson b Williams	1
J. A. Steward b Legate	28
P. D. Barker b Plowman	6
B. B. Wace b Plowman	11
J. Micham b Legate	8
J. Ewitt c August b Legate	1
W. R. Yetton not out	6
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>

Bowling: Plowman 19-7-36-4; Williams 17-6-37-1; Legate 13-6-4-35-3; Ellis 19-7-35-1.

**BEDFORDSHIRE COLTS**

P. O. M. August not out	69
A. J. Litaunicka lbw b Yetton	6
D. R. M. Lindsell b Robinson	15
C. A. Dalton c Ewitt b Yetton	11
W. Larkins c Ewitt b Maves	8
D. B. Lawson c Francis b Barker	11
M. Legate not out	12
Extras	10
<b>Total (for 5 wickets)</b>	<b>183</b>

J. Howard, M. Williams, P. R. Ellis and R. J. Plowman did not bat.  
Bowling: Robinson 14-1-0-33-1; Yetton 9-2-25-2; Micham 4-1-0-0; Ewitt 7-0-24-0; Maves 8-0-15-1; Barker 4-0-14-1.

Wednesday's match with Hertfordshire Colts, scheduled for the Bury was rained off. The rest of the programme is: August 12 v Lincolnshire Colts at Vauxhall; August 14 v Huntingdonshire Colts also at Vauxhall; August 15 v Oxfordshire Colts at Queen's College, Oxford; August 16 v Leicestershire Colts at Dunstable.

# Cricket fixtures

**TODAY (FRIDAY)**

**MINOR COUNTIES**  
Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire (Bedford School 11.50)

**SATURDAY**

Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire (second day)

**MILLHAM CUP**  
Kimbolton v. St. Neots

**FRIENDLIES**  
Bedford v. Camden  
Isaburators v. Bedford 2nd  
AC Deico v. Bedford Ramblers  
Wareley v. North End  
Argus v. Barton  
Old Warden v. Potton  
Everholt v. Stoppingley  
West Indiana v. Ipponic  
Ipponic 2nd v. Town Hall  
Amphill v. Skefko  
Elbow v. Diemer's  
Kempton Ramblers v. Aston Martin  
Goldraton v. Amphill 2nd

**BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE**  
**Premier Division**  
Stevington v. Thurling  
Staploe v. Blunham  
Wootton v. Roxton

**First Division**  
Renhold v. Old Barford  
Potton v. Stagsden  
Wilden v. Pertenhall  
Southoe v. Oakley

**Second Division**  
Little Paxton v. Langford  
Postels v. Wood End  
Great Staughton v. Wrestlingworth  
Marston v. Tempsford

**Third Division**  
Foundry v. Caldecote  
Blunham 2nd v. Marston 2nd  
Thurling 2nd v. Rushden

**Fourth Division**  
Goldington Elec. v. Coole 2nd  
Little Staughton 2nd v. Wootton 2nd  
Great Barford 2nd v. Renhold 2nd

**SUNDAY**

Huntingdon v. Bedford  
Bedford 2nd v. Kettlewell  
North End "Young" v. "Old"  
Silvae v. Melton  
Biggleswade v. Ipponic  
Oxwells v. Stewartby  
Hemingford Park v. Amphill  
Wharley End v. Diemer's  
Kempton Ramblers v. Wimbleton



# Leaders struggle

IT'S tough at the top of the Bedford League. Blunham conceded a point to Felmersham, Staploe lost to bottom side Thurlough, and Cople — the reigning champions — only made it by two wickets against Wootton.

Blunham, Roxton and Cople now all have 15 points and Staploe 13.

Felmersham were a bit hard on Blunham, leaving them only 1 hour 10 minutes after taking 2 hours 50 minutes over their 103 total.

Staploe's defeat was brought about by Thurlough captain, C Berrill, who hit 48 after four wickets had gone for 26.

As for Cople, their hero was C. Minney, who batted through for 49 out of a winning total of 73-8.

Renhold had an impressive win by nine wickets in division one against Potton, Harlow and Brand putting on 71. The 107 runs for victory were scored in exactly the hour.

Stagsden could hardly have been optimistic with a total of 39 but Southoe were shot out for 16. At one stage eight wickets had gone for two runs.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Felmersham v. Blunham

Felmersham: T. Hollowell 2, P. Lawson 54, W. Buckingham 2, T. Longstaff 0, D. Parker 2, K. Thornton 0, O. Hullat 4, D. Boocock 17, T. Marsh 11, B. Cockings 3, K. Marsh not out 0, extras 2, total 103.—P. Ranson 3-45, R. Rawlins 3-34, M. Rawlins 2-5.

Blunham: M. Rawlins 6, P. Fordham 10, G. Barker 18, R. Armiger 8, J. Tester 1, P. Ranson 13, F. Tester 0, P. Jennings not out 1, R. Rawlins not out 0, extras 6, total (for 7 wks.) 63.—Cockings 1-18, Marsh 3-34, Parker 3-5.

### Thurlough v. Staploe

Staploe: A. Mills 0, R. Mills 1, B. Cox 42, M. Haynes 5, P. Brittain 1, B. Hart 3, M. Staughton 25, T. Mills 0, V. Walla 20, R. Daniels not out 3, B. Mills 7, extras 9, total 116.—M. Berrill 5-42, T. Buck 2-27, J. Thorne 1-22, B. Hole 2-16.

Thurlough: T. Buck 6, J. Newell 12, R. Hole 8, A. Ellison 0, A. Pensome not out 25, C. Berrill 48, R. Berrill not out 19, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 119.—B. Mills 3-39, M. Haynes 1-34, M. Staughton 1-8.

### Cople v. Wootton

Wootton: R. Craddock 0, J. Norria 14, M. Peddar 10, A. Brittain 17, A. Caves 14, B. Harden 8, J. Beard 0, F. Pitt 1, S. Fyvie 0, P. McConnell 2, D. Whitworth not out 2, extras 3, total 71.—B. Minney 13-5-13-5, R. Hull 10.3-3-25-4, C. Minney 5-1-12-0, P. Hull 7-1-15-1.

Cople: C. Minney not out 49, E. Street 0, M. Smith 0, D. James 5, P. Hull 9, B. Minney 2, N. Hindmarsh 4, J. Cambers 2, A. Worrall 0, R. Hull not out 0, extras 2, total (for 8 wks.) 73.—B. Harden 18-1-34-8, A. Brittain 15-2-2-29-1, P. McConnell 1-0-8-0.

Roxton beat Stevington.

## FIRST DIVISION

### Little Staughton v. Pertenhall

Little Staughton: F. Reeves 4, A. Kent 1, B. Hopperton 2, D. Huckle 4, D. Brown 22, C. Henderson 1, J. Robina 0, D. Stapleton 1, J. Chamberlain 0, P. Rowe 0, A. Goodson not out 0, extras 1, total 36.—C. Milne 4-15, A. Orr 3-8, C. O. Stapleton 2-12.

Pertenhall: R. Waller 9, R. Feet 0, C. Wigley 2, C. Stapleton 0, C. O. Stapleton not out 22, I. Ogley 1, A. Gentle not out 4, extras 1, total (for 5 wks.) 39.—J. Chamberlain 2-16, G. Henderson 2-22.

## Renhold v. Pelton

Potton: B. Steele 5, C. Leigh 0, J. Hutchinson 3, P. Hutchinson 19, K. Standen 7, J. Gibby 36, P. Deaf not out 26, M. Sims 1, R. Redmond 2, D. Carter 1, extras 0, total 100.—T. Harvish 5-23, R. Parlett 2-2.

Renhold: R. Harlow not out 50, O. Craut 33, R. Parlett not out 20, extras 4, total (for 1 wk.) 107.

## Southoe v. Stagsden

Stagsden: J. Willmott 8, L. Lawson 1, P. Amor 0, A. Bonnett 4, P. Hulance 2, P. Archer 14, M. Rutter 2, D. Bonnett 9, O. Newman 0, J. Alder not out 1, R. Bennett 0, extras 0, total 39.—J. Miller 9-4-3-21, S. Hewitt 9-4-18-3.

Southoe: J. Ransley 11, J. Goodman 0, C. Blecher 0, R. Stockley 0, S. Hewitt 1, J. Wright 0, J. Miller 1, A. Wisdom 0, M. Schofield 0, R. Pendred 0, D. Humphries not out 2, extras 1, total 16.—D. Bonnett 8.3-4-4-4; P. Archer 7-3-11-6.

## SECOND DIVISION

Marston beat Langford by four wickets.

Tempsford 89, Hobkirk's 54, Lt. Paxton 72, Wrestlingworth 18.

## THIRD DIVISION

### Faundry v. N. Crawley

Faundry: P. Darlow 18, O. Stapleton 4, R. Footer 20, G. Buttrum 15, A. Turner 32, C. Gibbins 0, T. Parker 4, B. Stapleton 1, N. Evans 3, J. Booth 1, R. Stevens not out 4, extras 2, total 104.—D. Green 5-21, C. Hatwick 1-39, T. Bredon 1-22, T. Hinton 2-13, North Crawley: T. Bredon 48, E. S. Smith 18, F. Savage 22, M. Ormes not out 16, O. Hatwick not out 1, extras 3, total (for 3 wks.) 105.—B. Stapleton 2-21, N. Evans 1-26.

## FOURTH DIVISION

### Govington v. Cople 2nd

Cople: A. Jennings 2, V. Speers 4, D. Potter 4, D. Shingler 35, B. Newbury 8, M. Reilly 0, N. Shingler not out 48, M. Brant 4, K. Speers 0, A. Carter 11, P. Speers 0, extras 8, total 118.—B. Moore 15-4-57-5, L. Hewitt 11.5-8-29-5, N. Dawkes 3-0-24-0.

Govington: N. Dawkes 23, R. Moore 1, L. Hewitt 4, A. Hardwick 0, J. Hewitt 1, M. Drew 4, S. Hazleton not out 2, B. Moore 2, R. Walters 0, M. Farr 0, F. Harrington 0, extras 3, total 42.—N. Shingler 10-0-26-3; D. Potter 6-2-11-6.

Sharnbrook 176-7 dec., Goldington Elec. 76.

Wootton 2nd v. Gt. Barford 2nd, ground unfit.



Stewartby CC: back row (left to right): T. Northwood (umpire), T. Evans, R. Lowe, P. Norford, A. Stevens, P. Church, R. Page (scorer); front row (left to right): D. Godfrey, J. Billington, A. Webb, D. Pratt, J. Law, J. Taylor.

## SPORTS DIARY

### CRICKET

#### FRIDAY

Bedfordshire Colts v Leicestershire  
Colts (at Dunstable)

#### SATURDAY

St. Albans v. Bedford  
Bedford II v. St. Albans II  
Igranio v. Luton Schoolmasters  
Amphill v. Everholt  
Metta v. Electrolux  
Ickwell v. North End  
Stewartby v. Argus  
C.A.F. v. Old Warden  
Kempston Ramblers v Swan  
(Northampton)  
Steppingley v. Old Bletchley  
Goldington Sports v. Waresley  
Diemers v. Caldecote  
New Bradwell v. Amphill "A"

#### BEDFORD & DISTRICT LEAGUE

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##### Third Division

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Thurlleigh II v. Foundry

##### Fourth Division

Sharnbrook v. Covington  
Wootton II v. Goldington  
Coble II v. Renhold II  
Great Barford II v. Little Staughton II

#### SUNDAY

Shropshire v. Bedfordshire  
(At Wellington)  
Oxford City v. Bedford  
Bedford II v. Oakley Hunt  
Igranio v. Flitwick  
Everholt v. Chiltern  
Begroke v. Metta  
Wharley End v. North End  
Blackstone v. Kempston Ramblers  
Diemers v. New Bradwell  
Aston Martin v. Amphill  
Steppingley Single Wicket

#### MILLMAN CUP

Sandy v. St. Neots

# Beaten — by weather

# RAIN PUTS THEM IN A SPIN

RAIN in mid-afternoon ruined Bedfordshire Colts game against Oxon. August declared after it had rained for half an hour, but the game was finally abandoned. Lindsell played a fine innings of 84 and Dalton batted well to help him; add 74 for the second wicket. McLaren also had a promising little knock.

**LEICESTERSHIRE**

R. Aldwinkle not out	19
N. Davidson run out	1
P. Dowling c Dalton b Legate	8
T. Hartley not out	1
Extras	6
<b>Total (for 2 wks.)</b>	<b>35</b>

Bowling: R. J. Plowman 6-2-14-0  
M. O. Williams 4-1-10-0. M. J. Legate 2-1-5-1.

**BEDFORDSHIRE**

P. G. M. August c Carter b Archer	7
D. R. M. Lindsell c Heffernan b Porter	84
C. R. Dalton c Archer b Heffernan	25
G. M. K. Fletcher c Lyon b Heffernan	3
M. I. McLaren b Porter	14
J. Howard run out	0
M. J. Legate c Archer b Badger	12
A. S. Weaver b Heffernan	1
M. O. Williams not out	0
J. N. Pattinson c Hbury b Badger	2
S. R. Lloyd not out	0
Extras	15

**Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 174**

Bowling: R. Windfield 5-2-1-0. R. Pelea 5-0-15-0. C. Archer 4-0-12-1. S. Porter 18-5-58-2. A. Sykes 9-0-19-0. P. Badger 7-2-21-2. D. Heffernan 14 3-5-28-3.

Rain brought play to a premature end in Bedfordshire Colts' game against Leicestershire Colts. Lindsell was in tremendous form and drove powerfully in playing his third excellent innings in three days. He shared an opening stand of 92 with August. Chris Dalton also batted attractively and made his 51 in only an hour.

Bedfordshire declared at 184 for five and Leicestershire were 35 for two when play stopped.

**BEDFORDSHIRE**

P. G. M. August c Sidwell b Cotton	44
D. R. M. Lindsell c Aldwinkle b Brown	65
C. R. Dalton run out	51
D. B. Lawson b Cotton	5
W. Watkins c Hartley b Cotton	1
M. J. Legate not out	0
Extras	18
<b>Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 184</b>	

Bowling: I. Foster 11-5-21-0. A. Cotton 2-0-22-3. D. Sidwell 4-2-8-0. D. Dexter 10-2-41-0. P. Brown 16-2-50-1. D. Jones 6-0-17-0.

BEDFORD Automobile Enthusiasts' Club held their August driving test at Weston Underwood on Sunday. The four tests were laid out on smooth meadowland and were designed to test the drivers' manoeuvring ability against the clock.

The course was hard and dry after a sunny morning and some fast times were recorded, but a sudden heavy shower in mid-afternoon produced slippery conditions in which competitors had to use all their skill to remain on course.

Winners were: Class One (engine over driven wheels) Hylton Bailey, in a Hillman Imp; Class Two (engine remote from driven wheels) Anthony Luddington, in a Cortina 1600; fastest time of day: Hylton Bailey.



# What a way to lose

WOOD END lost their first Bedford League game of the season on Saturday in extraordinary fashion. After battling to 49 on a grassy pitch they took five Little Paxton wickets for five runs.

Dave Burraway took the wickets at a personal cost of two runs.

But Norman lashed 40, being badly dropped twice, and Paxton won by three wickets.

Little Staughton's R Robins was in great form against Gt. Barford, taking eight wickets for four runs on a slow, wet pitch.

Barford were tumbled out for a paltry 17 runs — top scorer was G. Swales, who hit five! Little Staughton won by 64 runs.

The bowlers were the stars in Pertenhall's game with Stagsden. Stagsden's P. Collyer took six wickets for 15 runs, but his fine spell was not enough to gain victory for his side.

Pertenhall won by seven runs, thanks mainly to A. Orr and P. Presland, who took five for 20 and four for 16.

## Double

Good knocks by J. Berrill, who hit 25, and J. Asplin, 24, helped Thurleigh second team to a comfortable win over Foundry. Foundry's top batsman was C. Gibbons, who was 35 not out at the close.

None of the other batsmen reached double figures, and Thurleigh won by 38 runs.

Thurleigh's Drage took four wickets for 11 runs.

Man of the match for Renhold was J. Watson. He took eight for 26 to help his side to a 21-run victory over Oakley.

But it was by no means a comfortable win. At one stage Renhold lost four wickets for seven runs. And it was Watson who came to the rescue, hitting a sound 17. T. Harrison, 23, and G. Grant, 19, were top scorers.

## Collapse

Oakley also began badly, losing five wickets for 25 runs, and only J. Frazer showed any real fight. He hit 12 off one over.

Blunham made a good start against Wootton, but then the middle order men collapsed, with eight falling to reach double figures.

It was left to the last pair, Rawlins and Ranson, to push Blunham along to 77.

But Wootton had an equally disastrous collapse, and only Norris, with 20, gave a good account of himself.

Blunham won by 34 runs. Bowlers on both sides did well. Blunham's R. Fordham took

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five for 13, and M. Ranson took four for 11. Wootton's Boyce took five for 31.

### PREMIER DIVISION

Blunham v. Wootton

Blunham: P. Jennings 15, O. Barker 5, M. Rawlins 0, R. Wakefield 4, P. Fordham 3, F. Teater 7, R. Ashwell 1, J. Teater 4, W. Paer 7, R. Rawlins not out 10, M. Ranson 17, extras 4, total 77 — Boyce 5-31, Loft 5-35.

Wootton: R. Craddock 0, J. Norris 20, M. Pedcar 0, R. Clarke 4, A. Caves 5, I. Robinson 0, J. Beard 7, D. Boyce 3, P. McConnell 0, B. Loft 0, F. Loft not out 5, extras 1, total 43 — Ranson 4-11, Fordham 5-13, Rawlins 1-5.

### FIRST DIVISION

Little Staughton v. Great Barford  
Little Staughton: T. Reeves 5, D. Huckle 5, A. Goudson 7, D. Brown 26, M. Henderson 20, R. Robins 5, G. Henderson 2, A. Kent 2, B. Hopperston 2, D. Stapleton 1, J. Robins not out 0, total 81 — G. Mallett 5-26.

Great Barford: K. Franklin 0, G. Mallett 1, A. Shortle 0, G. Swales 5, B. Mardlin 2, D. Gira 0, B. Cope 1, L. Aslinger not out 2, R. Holyoke 0, W. Stapleton 3, I. Gentle 2, extras 0, total 17 — R. Robins 8-4, G. Henderson 2-12.

### Renhold v. Oakley

Renhold: D. Constant 3, P. Harlow 2, R. Partlett 1, T. Harrison 23, J. Watson 7, G. Grant 19, G. Allen 0, J. Cooper 8, T. Constant 6, F. Joyce 5, extras 2, total 85 — J. Frazer 4-32.

Oakley: O. Ripley 4, D. Hulatt 8, P. Jackson 5, A. Turner 1, J. Frazer 29, J. Saunders 3, W. Burton 0, J. Middleton 0, R. Saunders 7, R. Harris 2, G. Bird not out 0, extras 5, total 64 — J. Watson 8-26.

### Pertenhall v. Stagsden

Pertenhall: R. Waller 12, A. Gentle 13, A. Orr 0, I. Copley 14, W. Presland 7, C. Wigley 0, R. White 0, B. Seemarks 0, C. Stapleton 0, C. Milne 1, P. Presland 0, extras 1, total 48 — P. Collyer 6-15, D. Bennett 2-7, R. French 2-11.

Stagsden: J. Wilmot 0, L. Lawson 4, D. Bennett 4, P. Amor 13, P. Collyer 2, F. Archer 0, M. Rutter 1, A. Bennett 1, J. Alder 1, P. Hulance 12, R. French not out 0, extras 2, total 41 — A. Orr 5-20, P. Presland 4-16, W. Presland 1-4.

### SECOND DIVISION

Little Paxton v. Wood End

Wood End: R. Denton 6, M. Ashpole 0, D. Bowker 1, D. Burraway 12, L. Burraway 11, I. Ashpole 0, P. Hudson 2, J. Bentley 10, H. Mabbitt 1, R. Bowker 2, H. Burraway not out 3, extras 1, total 49 — A. Durham 8-2-16-2, M. McGill 8-3-10-3, B. Clegg 6-11-2, G. Childerley 6-1-11-3, Little Paxton: D. Smith 1, B. Liberty 0, J. Smith 0, B. Odell 1, M. Norman 40, A. Durham 0, R. Gould not out 6, M. McGill 0, extras 2, total (for 7 wickets) 50 — D. Burraway 13-5-26-8, L. Burraway 13-4-24-2.

### THIRD DIVISION

Thurleigh 2nd v. Foundry

Thurleigh: P. Hooker 1, J. Berrill 25, W. Norman 2, B. Asplin 6, R. Holliv 0, J. Asplin 24, K. Drage 0, M. Papworth 7, K. Bright not out 3, D. Hammond 11, J. Thorne not out 0, extras 3, total (for 5 wickets) 60 — N. Evans 3-24, K. Newton 4-26, A. Turner 1-18, C. Gibbons 1-8.

Foundry: P. Darlow 0, A. Amis 1, C. Gibbons not out 35, A. Turner 2, B. Buttrum 0, L. Jones not out 0, L. Jones not out 0, J. Parker 8, B. Stevens 8, W. Evans 0, K. Newton 0, total 51 — J. Asplin 3-19, K. Drage 4-11, M. Papworth 3-7.

### Premier Division

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Roxton	15	6	1	6	18
Blunham I	12	7	2	3	17
Cople I	13	6	3	4	16
Staploe	13	5	4	4	14
Falmersham	12	3	4	5	11
Wootton I	13	2	5	6	10
Stevington	14	3	7	4	10
Thurleigh I	14	2	8	4	8

### First Division

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Pertenhall	13	7	1	5	19
Lt. Staughton I	13	6	3	2	18
Oakley	13	7	2	4	18
Renhold I	14	7	4	3	17
Wilden	14	4	4	6	14
Stagsden	13	5	5	3	13
Potton	14	3	8	3	9
Southoe	12	1	8	3	5
Gt. Barford I	12	1	8	3	5

### Second Division

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wood End	13	10	1	2	22
Tempford	13	8	1	4	20
Marston I	13	7	1	5	19
Postels	14	5	4	5	15
Gt. Staughton II	12	4	4	4	14
Lt. Paxton	14	4	4	6	13
Hobkirk	14	3	8	3	9
Langford	14	1	9	4	6
Wrestlingworth	14	1	12	1	3

### Third Division

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
North Crawley	10	4	1	1	17
Thurleigh II	9	4	1	2	14
Blunham II	7	3	2	2	8
Rushden Utd.	9	2	4	1	7
Caldecote	10	2	4	2	6
Marston II	8	2	4	2	6
Foundry	9	1	6	2	4

### Fourth Division

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Sharnbrook	13	7	2	4	18
Corington	13	7	3	3	17
Renhold II	14	4	4	6	14
Cople II	12	4	4	4	13
Goldington E.	12	4	4	4	12
Wootton II	13	3	6	4	11
Gt. Barford II	13	2	6	5	9
Lt. Staughton II	12	2	6	4	8

## Cricket under pressure

# TIME TO HIT BACK

A WET summer has only served to heighten the plight of cricket (writes Douglas Bowker). Fewer people watch it, fewer people play it. Does the local game follow the national trend?

Standing in Bedford Park on the evening of July 18 one would not have thought so. A solid ring of spectators, generously giving more than £100 to the collection, enjoyed the final of the Hospital Cup. But this occasion is rare in cricket. Only a six-hit away at Bedford School the county once more played before a handful of spectators. And they did not have their strongest side, for fewer people are willing to give up their holidays to play, fewer employers are willing to give players time off, and soccer's tentacles grope into May one end and August the other. How long before that giant closes the gap entirely?

Several teams just don't arrange games after the end of July: they won't have the players for many are also footballers and perhaps not the pitches.

A couple of seasons ago that famous local club Queens Works died and I doubt if an equally celebrated one, Harpur, will see another season.

### Competitive

An attempt to put a competitive "bite" into the game has come with the Millman Cup, the Bedford League KO Cup and the Midweek League.

Such competitions can do nothing but good if they are prepared to expand.

It is not insignificant that teams like Sandy and Kimbolton should head the Millman Cup competition and also figure in the Hospital Cup final. Competition makes for keenness in the players and interest for the spectators. Limited overs, points for a win and nothing for a draw are surely a "must".

The Millman Cup could easily accommodate a second division of teams like Bedford North End, Igranic, Cryselco, Ampthill, Stewartby, Eversholt and so on. If a Hospital Cup final can draw the crowds why not additional games like the winners v. the rest?

I am convinced cricket has got to become quicker still. Half the attraction of Hospital Cup games is that they are over in a matter of three hours and you have a result. Why not the same on Saturdays? Play from two o'clock until six would allow the youngster — who must be attracted into the sport — to enjoy his game and still go out on Saturday evening.

# FINAL GAMES WILL TELL

BEDFORD and District Cricket League titles will hinge on the final games. In the top three divisions tight battles are still going on which may not be resolved for another fortnight.

In the premier division only one game was played last Saturday between Blunham (second) and Cople (third). Cople, last year's champions, won decisively by six wickets to steal ahead of Blunham and level with top side Roxton.

Positions:

	p	w	l	d	pts
Roxton	13	6	1	6	18
Cople	14	7	3	4	18
Blunham	13	7	3	3	17

Roxton have the advantage with a home game against Felmersham tomorrow while Blunham go to Staploe who are only three points behind them in the table.

In the first division, leaders Pertenhall had a "gift" on Saturday. Opponents Pottun could only raise six players because of footballing demands and had to award the points to Pertenhall.

Curiously, the two teams close on Pertenhall's heels, Little Staughton and Oakley, were in opposition and the appropriate result was — a draw.

All three teams have two games still to play, and tomorrow's Pertenhall v. Oakley clash obviously has a strong bearing on the championship.

Positions:

	p	w	l	d	pts
Pertenhall	14	8	1	5	21
Lt. Staughton	14	8	3	3	19
Oakley	14	7	2	5	19

The title race in the second

division is equally desperate. Leaders Wood End crashed for the second week running against third side Marston and second team Tempsford surprisingly went down — by seven wickets — at Great Staughton.

Marston's heroes were Al Bunker and Frank Faulkner who put on 50 after two wickets had gone for two runs, while for Wood End Dave Burroway had a great match taking six for 45 and hitting top score of 33.

Tomorrow, Marston are at Tempsford, while Wood End also have a tough game against fourth side Postels who hit a huge 168 for four declared last Saturday. Deekenn and Norman each hitting sixty runs.

Positions:

	p	w	l	d	pts
Wood End	14	10	2	2	22
Marston	14	8	1	5	21
Tempsford	14	8	2	4	20

Already assured of promotion in division four and five are North Crawley and Thurlough 2nd and Sharnbrook and Covington respectively.

## PREMIER DIVISION

### Blunham v. Cople

Blunham: G. Barker 2, R. Ashwell, 2, M. Rawlings 8, M. Ranson 9, P. Fordham 27, F. Teater 4, R. Wakefield 1, W. Page 2, J. Teater not out 7, R. Lawrence 0, extras 8, total 71 — B. Minney 2-29, R. Hull 1-14, P. Hull 2-15, C. Minney 3-5.  
Cople: C. Minney not out 33, G. Blenkins 0, A. Hart 16, F. Street 0, P. Hull 12, B. Minney not out 8, extras 5, total (for 4 wkts) 78 — M. Ranson 2-23, P. Fordham 1-21, M. Rawlings 1-22.

## Ramblers take to the water

Bedford Rambling Club had a break from a full day's ramble on Sunday when members and friends went on a two-hour afternoon canal cruise.

Starting from Cosgrove Lock in one of the traditionally painted narrow boats, the party went northwards passing Castlethorpe wharf and on to Yardley Gobion.

Returning to Cosgrove they walked along the towpath crossing the aqueduct over the River Ouse and had a picnic lunch by the river bank before returning home.

## FIRST DIVISION

### Southoe v. Gt. Barford

Southoe: J. Goodman 3, J. Humphrey 2, C. Sletcher 2, R. Stock 21, R. Hagger 1, J. Wright 1, G. Berrill not out 0, K. Dyer 0, C. Cropley 3, M. Collins 1, K. Darnall 2, extras 2, total 38 — Mallett, 0-14, R. Mardlin 6-12, Stapleton 1-9.  
Great Barford: A. Shorley 16, G. Mallett 4, K. Franklin not out 14, R. Mardlin 1, D. Gates not out 4, extras 0, total (for 5 wkts) 44 — Stockley 2-26, Wright 0-18.

Little Staughton 145 for 5, Oakley 86 for 8.

## SECOND DIVISION

### Marston v. Wood End

Marston: B. Hudson 0, A. Smith 1, Al Bunker 32, F. Faulkner 10, G. Moore 8, Mellis 23, C. Wood 4, Davies 4, M. Smith 1, M. Norman not out 4, J. Pates 0, extra 6, total 55 — D. Burroway 23, 4-9-45-6, L. Burroway 22, 4-51-3, I. Ashpole 2-0-7-0.  
Wood End: R. Denton 14, R. Mabbitt 0, D. Bowker 0, D. Burroway 33, L. Burroway 14, I. Ashpole 1, P. Hudson 5, R. Bowker 1, M. Ashpole not out 0, M. Burroway 0, H. Burroway 0, extras 3, total 90 — Smith 8-3-12-6, G. Moore 6-1-25-0, Faulkner 3-0-22-1, C. White 4-2-19-0.

## Postels v. Wrestlingworth

Postels: D. Heikann 64, Savage 1, Heikann 8, Norman not out 68, Eric Wick 0, Williams not out 18, extras 1, total (for 4 wkts dec.) 169 — K. 10-3-3-2, J. Norman 11-1-44-0, J. Norman 5-0-18-0, Northwood 4-0-11-0, Huckle 5-0-4-0, Brain 4-1-22-0, Muxton 1-0-15-0.  
Wrestlingworth: Buxton 19, Dingle 6, P. Norman 0, Aeson 17, Muckle 8, Bennett 21, Northwood 3, J. Norman 5, Walker 7, Brain not out 6, extras 1, total 90 — Buxton 11-3-4-0, M. Norman 4-1-18-1, Wright 2-1-8-0, John son 2-1-7-3, Williams 3-0-11-0.

Tempsford 35, Gt. Staughton 86 for 8.

## THIRD DIVISION

### Foundry v. Blunham 2nd

Blunham: K. Beanev 8, S. Brant 1, J. Mills 4, T. Page 3, F. Pringle 1, M. Arnalger 16, K. Lawrence 0, Jeffries 14, P. Mitchell 1, D. Ash not out 4, M. Harding 2, extras 1, total 89 — Evans 3-14, Newton 1-11, Turner 1-16, Gibbons 3-24, Chapman 1-7.  
Foundry: Spice 36, Darlow 12, Samr. 16, Turner 11, Gibbons 6, John Jun. not out 5, extras 7, total 80 (wkts) 90 — Page 1-19, Brant 2-1, Beanev 1-19.  
Rushden 63, Marston 2nd 41, Caldecote 186 for 9 dec, Thurlough 2nd 81 for 7.

## FOURTH DIVISION

### Cople 2nd v. Sharnbrook

Cople: A. Jennings 3, D. Pater 1, J. Newbury 16, D. Shingler 11, Newbury 0, N. Shingler 1, M. Bell 1, P. Cravea 1, M. Brant 1, K. Goss 1, A. Carter not out 0, extras 2, total 40 — Blundell 6-1-12-0, Walsh 10-3-11-0, Youngman 6-1-10-0, Martin 7-3-4-0, 7.  
Sharnbrook: D. Day 5, J. Roberts 1, H. Martin not out 5, E. Blundell 1, D. Walsh not out 18, extras 10, total (for 5 wkts) 48 — N. Shingler 9-3-1-0, O. D. Potter 9-3-14-2.

Goldington Electricity beat Little Staughton 2nd, Gt Barford 2nd unable to take a team, game awarded to Covington.



# A CHANCE FOR CRICKETERS TO HELP THEMSELVES

CRICKET is the only major sport which has no national and county associations, but MCC are now filling this gap.

Recently, in Bedford and Luton, meetings of clubs were addressed on the need of a governing body to cover all grades of the game, and the meetings voted in

favour of the formation of a county association to be affiliated to the national body.

Next Wednesday, at the National College of Agricultural Engineering, Silsoe (7.30), a meeting to inaugurate the new association is to be held.

All cricket clubs are invited to send representatives.

and it is clear that nothing but benefit can be derived from this new development in the game.

The sort of help such a local association could provide would be in coaching, improvement of umpiring standards, help with pitches and ground facilities, legal advice and the purchase in bulk of equipment.

## BLUNHAM'S TITLE

BLUNHAM beat Roxton on Saturday in the play-off for the premier division championship of the Bedford League.

P. Jennings and P. Ranson gave Blunham a good start, 52 for the first wicket, then Roxton's bowlers struck back and Blunham were all out for 84.

Roxton struggled from the start, and a good spell of bowling by P. Fordham, M. Ranson and R. Rawlins—who took two wickets with successive balls—brought victory for Blunham.

BLUNHAM	
P. Ranson run out	31
P. Jennings b Cutts	20
G. Barker b Pell	5
F. Tester run out	10
P. Fordham c Franklin b Pell	5
M. Rawlins b Pell	0
R. Ashwell b Metcalf	3
R. Wakefield b Metcalf	3
R. Rawlins b Maskell	0
J. Tester run out	3
M. Ranson not out	3
Extras	2
Total	84
Bowling: Maskell 1-31; Metcalf 2-18; Pell 3-21; Cutts 1-12	

ROXTON	
D. Waring lbw b Ranson	4
P. Keightley c Jennings b Fordham	6
G. Quince c Jennings b Fordham	16
M. Maskell b Ranson	1
A. Franklin c Barker b Ranson	1
M. Rawlins c Fordham b Rawlins	12
E. Cutts b Fordham	0
K. Putter b Ranson	0
D. Metcalf b Rawlins	0
D. Smith b Ranson	15
V. Pell not out	2
Extras	8
Total	63
Ranson 5-27; Fordham 3-29; Rawlins 2-1	

### FINAL TABLES

#### Premier Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Blunham	14	8	3	3	13
Roxton	14	5	1	7	13
Cople	14	7	5	2	13
Staploe	14	5	5	4	14
Falmersham	14	3	5	6	12
Wootton	14	3	5	6	12
Stevington	14	3	7	4	10
Thurleigh	14	2	8	4	3

#### First Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Pertenhall	19	10	1	5	25
Little Staughton	16	9	1	3	21
Oakley	16	8	1	5	21
Renhold	16	8	5	3	19
Stagsden	16	7	5	4	18
Wilden	16	4	6	6	14
Great Barford	16	4	8	4	12
Potton	16	3	10	3	9
Southoe	16	1	12	3	5

#### Second Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wood End	16	12	2	2	26
Marston	16	9	1	6	24
Tempsford	16	8	2	4	20
Great Staughton	16	7	4	5	19
Little Faxon	16	6	5	5	18
Postels	16	6	5	3	17
Hobkirk	16	3	9	4	10
Langford	16	2	10	4	3
Wrestlingworth	16	1	14	1	3

#### Third Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Roth Crawley	12	9	1	2	20
Thurleigh 2nd	12	6	1	5	17
Blunham 2nd	12	4	3	5	13
Rushden Utd.	12	4	5	3	11
Marston 2nd	12	3	6	3	9
Foundry	12	3	7	2	9
Caldecote	12	2	7	3	7

#### Fourth Division

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Sharnbrook	14	8	2	4	20
Covington	14	8	3	3	19
Godington Elec.	14	5	4	5	15
Cople 2nd	14	6	5	3	15
Renhold 2nd	14	4	4	6	14
Wootton 2nd	14	3	5	6	12
Great Barford 2nd	14	2	7	5	9
Little Staughton 2nd	14	2	8	4	8

## Two centuries

STEWARTBY had two century makers during the season, R. Lowe and A. Webb, and Webb and D. Pratt each topped 500 runs. Leading averages:—

### BATTING

	I.	No.	R.	Av.	Ht	Av.
R. Lowe	8	3	273	115.0	54.6	
A. Webb	20	8	543	103.0	43.7	
R. Nicholls	12	2	317	63	31.7	
F. Evans	18	4	418	70	29.7	
D. Pratt	28	5	570	81	27.1	
J. Law	12	6	142	33.0	23.7	

### BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	Av
D. Pratt	49	14	125	20	6.2
P. Church	281.4	81	534	51	11.6
T. Evans	62	12	186	16	11.6
A. Webb	193.5	39	537	45	11.9
J. Law	190.3	63	402	33	12.2

Of 31 matches played, 14 were won, seven drawn, seven lost and three rained off.

## Cricket clubs get together

**TWENTY-SEVEN** clubs and organisations were represented at an enthusiastic meeting at Silsoe on Wednesday when it was unanimously agreed to form a Bedfordshire Cricket Association.

The election of officers and formulation of the rules occupied more than a couple of hours and all cricket clubs in the county will now be invited to join the association. The cost will be £2 a year and clubs can anticipate help with coaching, pitches, kit and ground facilities.

Officers appointed were: President, Mr. John Oliver; vice-presidents, Mr. Frank Crompton, Mr. Tom Clark and Mr. Sam Whitbread; chairman, Mr. Sid Morris; secretary, Mr. Fred Paice; treasurer, Mr. J. R. Hutchinson; executive, Messrs. G. Reeks (Ickwell CC), G. Millman (Bedford Town), V. Green (Southill Park), R. Banks (Sandy), F. Dawson (Leighton Buzzard), F. Martin (Dunstable Town), R. Lloyd (Vauxhall Motors) and C. Baines (Sundon Park).

# Wynn was a winner

BEDFORD Town Cricket Club scored a total of 2,322 runs in their Saturday games last season — an average of 136 runs per game.

Their averages show that the highest individual score was that of Malcolm Wynn with 74. He played in every game and scored a total of 373 runs.

#### DETAILS

Played 17 won 5 lost 3 drawn 7 abandoned 3 cancelled 6.

#### Batting

	o	m	r	w	ave.
T. Thomas ...	5	0	137	40	27.40
W. Bushby ...	11	5	152	30*	25.35
B. Ebbis ...	8	0	179	52	22.36
M. Wynn ...	17	0	373	74	21.95
B. Morris ...	10	2	162	43	20.23
A. Greene ...	14	1	259	53	19.44
D. Heskett ...	4	1	98	40*	19.20
A. Ingledeu ...	11	2	184	39	18.22
A. Coomb ...	15	2	182	87	18.54
P. Oakley ...	12	2	110	46	11.00
D. Lindsell ...	4	2	64	23*	10.67
B. Peet ...	4	0	45	21	6.45
J. Dalsell ...	6	0	33	12	5.50

\* Stricken not out.

#### Bowling

	o	m	r	w	ave.
W. Bushby	184	46	398	29	13.72
P. Oakley	181.3	38	445	32	13.91
A. Ingledeu	104.4	21	351	21	16.72

Catches: M. Cooley 7, A. Ingledeu 6, W. Bushby and B. Ebbis 5 each, A. Coomb, A. Greene and M. Wynn 4 each, A. Buckingham 3, D. Lindsell, B. Morris and P. Howman 2 each, P. August, J. Dalt, H. G. Morgan, P. Oakley, G. Wynn and Sub. 1 each.

Wynn kept up his fine batting display in the Sunday matches and was again the highest individual scorer with 74.

#### DETAILS

Played 18 won 7 lost 4 drawn 8 abandoned 2 cancelled 3.

#### Batting

	o	m	r	w	ave.
M. Cooley ...	11	4	290	70*	41.45
B. Peet ...	12	3	228	58	25.34
M. Wynn ...	15	2	319	75	24.54
B. Ebbis ...	8	2	128	45*	20.83
R. Witta ...	7	0	127	35	18.14
A. Greene ...	6	0	80	32	15.33
T. Thomas ...	6	1	48	22	9.20
A. Ingledeu ...	8	1	80	23	8.57
A. Curtis ...	6	0	36	14	6.06
P. Oakley ...	7	1	19	9	3.17

\* Stricken not out.

#### Bowling

	o	m	r	w	ave.
A. Buckingham	49.4	18	108	18	8.82
A. Ingledeu	16.2	40	410	27	15.19
P. Oakley	168.4	38	453	29	15.62
W. Bushby	155.2	27	429	27	15.89
B. Howman	100	24	298	11	27.09

Catches: M. Cooley 17, M. Wynn 7, P. August 5, A. Ingledeu, B. Peet and P. Oakley 4 each, J. Dalsell, R. Penn and R. Howman 3 each, A. Curtis, B. Ebbis and B. Lloyd 2 each, A. Buckingham, A. Greene, D. Lindsell, T. Thomas, A. Weaver, R. Witta and D. Hollisroft 1 each.



## Join up — for tilt at County

THE newly-formed Bedfordshire Cricket Association will play a match against a Bedfordshire eleven on the first Sunday in May next season. The team will be selected from clubs who have affiliated to the association, one more good reason for "coming across" with that £2 affiliation fee. The game will be at Goldington Bury.

So far only 23 clubs have affiliated and I would strongly urge those who have not joined this new cricketing "parliament" to do so (writes Douglas Bowker). Clubs can receive nothing but benefit from doing so.

What are these benefits? Mr. J. G. Dunbar, secretary of the National Cricket Association and assistant secretary of MCC, sums it up this way.

"For the first time cricketers, at whatever level, will be entitled to a voice in the management of the game. They will have a greater opportunity to get together to pool their resources of knowledge and enthusiasm; to work as an entity; to compete with the demands of other sports and outdoor leisure pursuits; to tackle the problem of persuading the youngster to anchor his loyalties to the game."

### Coaching

Bedfordshire — incidentally the first county to form an association — have not disclosed their plans yet. "But we have many ideas," said chairman Mr. Sid Morris this week, "and we are busy thrashing them out."

Obviously coaching will be high on the new association's list, and I understand that Mr. Morris, together with Bedfordshire and former Notts cricketer, Geoff Millman, are to take a course at Haylands sports hall. A fixtures bureau, help with pitches and kit, are other possible ways the association can help.

Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is Mr. Fred Paice, who does so much good work with the Bedford and District Cricket League.

● Mr. Morris has recently passed the advanced cricket coaching course at Lilleshall. The certificate authorises him to "teach and coach all aspects of the game to an advanced standard." On the same course was Geoff Boycott, the England and Yorkshire cricketer.

## Groundsman for 34 years

Head groundsman at Bedford School, Mr. George Rainbow, of 62 High Street, Oakley, died on Tuesday evening. He was 58. Mr. Rainbow had been off work for two weeks with heart trouble but had "looked in" at the school on the day of his death.

It is unlikely that anyone locally knew more about the preparation of wickets than Mr. Rainbow, and a schoolboy retrieving a rugby ball from the cricket square in winter did so on tiptoe!

Known familiarly to schoolboys and cricketers as "George", Mr. Rainbow had worked on the school ground for 34 years, succeeding Mr. Tom Shaw as head groundsman some twelve years ago. He was highly respected and liked by all.

Mr. Rainbow is survived by his wife. The funeral will be at Bedford crematorium tomorrow at 11.30.