R.J.J. IRELAND

First names in full: Roderick Joseph James
Date of birth: 2 11 1898
Place of birth: Northampton
School: Bedford Modern School
~~University or college:~~

Left or right-handed batsman: left handed
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper:
Year of first class debut:
Teams played for:
First class -

Second class -
Bedfordshire

Others -
Bedford Banks
Westminster Bank [London]

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
Played for Bedfordshire at Rockey
& Bedford Town at Rugby

Occupation: Retired Bank Official

Thank you for your help.

W.D. JOHN

First names in full: WILLIAM DUDLEY
Date of birth: 4th JAN 1909
Place of birth: BARRY, SOUTH WALES
School: BARRY COUNTY (GRAMMER NOW), SCHOOL
University or college:

Left or right-handed batsman: RIGHT
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: RIGHT ARM - SLOW.
Year of first class debut: 1937
Teams played for:
First class - —
Second class - BEDFORDSHIRE
Others - LUTON TOWN.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Highest scores for Bedfordshire were 134 N.O. against Bucks at Ascot-Park in 1937 and 106 against Oxfordshire at Bedford School ground in 1938
Awarded County Cap against Oxfordshire at Oxford (Merton College) in 1938.
Played rugby football for Luton during pre-war years — from 1933 — mainly at outside half.

Occupation: RETIRED. (Export Field Service Manager Vauxhall Motors Ltd)

Thank you for your help.

My apologies for long delay in replying but unfortunately I have never kept records of my cricketing life.

Sincerely
W.D. John.

DUNSTABLE BOROUGH GAZETTE: FRIDAY 26 JUNE 1964.

OBITUARY

Mr. W. A. T. Johnson

Formerly a well-known local cricketer who played for Bedfordshire on a number of occasions and was awarded his county tie, Mr. William Alfred Thomas Johnson, of 61, Garden-road, Dunstable, died at his home on Monday of last week. He was 74 and had been in poor health.

Mr. Johnson came to Dunstable about 43 years ago and worked for a time at Bagshawe's. Later he moved to Harrison Carter, where he stayed as secretary until his retirement.

In the 1920s Bill, as he was known to his many friends, played cricket for Luton Town and later for Dunstable. He finally joined Leighton Buzzard, for whom he played until retiring from the game during the last year.

At one time he was secretary of the Ex-Servicemen's Association and organised a number of Remembrance Day parades.

The funeral service at Dunstable Cemetery Chapel on Thursday of last week was conducted by the Rev. I. Goodfellow.

Mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. B. Johnson, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. E. Johnson, son; Mr. B. Johnson, brother; Mr. and Mrs. L. Knattress, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. C. Hood, brother-in-law; Mr. P Hood, nephew.

Wreaths were from: Wife Nell; Bob, Frances and Linda; Eric, Florrie and Michael; Bert and Dolly; Lily and Will; May and Charles; Peter, Nancy, Bryan and Ian Hood; Mrs. Skinner; Mr. and Mrs. Canovi; Mr. and Mrs. Ward (Houghton Regis); Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown; Ivy Wood; Marjorie Padfield; Vera and Aubrey Janes; Mrs. Holt, Tim and George; Bill Halsey; Staff of Hart and Millican; Mary and Cyril Smith.

Arrangements were by Mr. Cyril D. Smith, of E. Franklin and Co., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES : FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 1958.

Death of a Renhold Farmer and Sportsman

The death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Harold Joyce, of Woodfield Farm, Renhold. Born at Woodfield Farm on February 27, 1892, he lived for a short time at Cardington and served with the Royal Engineers in France during he 1914-18 war. On being invalided out, he returned to Woodfield where he farmed until his death.

A great lover of all sport, he played cricket for Bedfordshire before and after the 1914-18 war and he will be remembered for his many fine displays of batting with Fred Redman, Max Page and Wilfred King. He also played for the Club and Ground, Pyghtle Works, and Renhold, being a founder-member and for many years captain of the village side.

He was president of the first Renhold Flower Show held on August 1, 1921, and helped to start the building of the Recreation Hall. A keen footballer, he captained the village side for a number of years.

Mr. Joyce was a member of the former Board of Guardians, and of the National Farmers' Union. A widower for eight years, he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

The funeral service will be at Renhold Parish Church today (Friday) at 12 noon.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES : FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 1944.

THE VETERAN IN CRICKET

S. P. Keech's Long Career Recalled

It is a paradox of cricket that the veteran is so often the best example of the game's youthful spirit. Largely because of his zest for cricket he arrives at the stage of declining power almost imperceptibly. Maybe his eye is not so keen as once it was; his fingers no longer impart a spin that makes the pitched ball spit viciously away from its line of flight; and in the field he has lost the quickness that makes a catch out of the hardest chance. But these things escape all but the most observant of us. He still has much to give to the loveliest of games. Tried temperament and ripe experience may enable him to stand his ground when the side's innings is falling into ruin around him; or to capture a wicket at the critical moment. So he remains active among cricketers until nature is abused by his exertions—and he does not outstay his welcome. With truth it has been said that a cricketer never really grows old.

Sidney Poole Keech, whose identity the more readily will spring to readers' minds if I call him "Dollar", began playing club cricket with the Bedford Alma before the last war; so to record that in the season now ending he scored a couple of half-centuries for Bedford Town, reached other useful totals, and, when occasion demanded, bowled with all his old spirit, is to substantiate what I have written about the veteran in cricket. "Dollar" has the healthy look of a man who has sought and found his pleasures on cricket's sunlit fields during these many summers past. He began the 1944 season by watching a match from a pavilion seat and saying to all-comers, "I'm too old to play." Doubtless he will try this self-deception again next year. But I suspect that not until the young men return from the wars to home and cricket will "Dollar" lay aside his willow blade once and for all.

FOR COUNTY AT THREE GAMES

A fine all-round sportsman, Sid Keech is nevertheless a modest man who declined to help me in preparing this article, and I have had to delve at random into *The Bedfordshire Times* files for information about his achievements. So obviously the picture presented here is incomplete. Undoubtedly cricket has been his best game, but he and his great friend and Queen's Works clubmate, Stanley Harris, share a unique distinction. They played for Bedfordshire at three games—cricket, football, and hockey. What a splendid contribution Queen's Works made to County cricket, at the time when Keech and Harris were in their prime! Under the captaincy of Tetley, and later of Golding, there were Keech, Harris, Johnny Ratcliffe, Basil Rogers (afterwards a professional for Glamorgan), "Wicker" Childs, H. Faulkner, and Alec Pacey, all of whom did well in the Bedfordshire side.

So far as I am able to ascertain, "Dollar's" best season in County cricket was 1931, when he finished fourth in the Bedfordshire batting averages and was second at bowling with 12 wickets for under 13 runs apiece. He reached the peak of his form that year in a match memorable for the recovery Bedfordshire made against Cambridgeshire. He took five for 65 in Cambridgeshire's first innings of 197. At the tea interval on the first day Bedfordshire had lost six batsmen and scored only 57 runs. Then Queen's Works came to the rescue. Keech (32) and Harris (17) together put on 51, and the batting side made 125. In Cambridgeshire's second knock (173) Keech's figures were four for 38, so that mainly through his work Bedfordshire were able to make a gallant attempt to win the match; they required 245 runs, and at the finish they were 225 for nine.

Another rescue innings played by Sid Keech in the same season was when the County fared badly against Buckinghamshire, whose bowling seems always to be the skeleton in Bedfordshire's cupboard. In reply to a total of 252, the Bedfordshire players had lost seven batsmen by the time 60 runs were up, but Keech (18) and A. B. Poole (57) weathered the storm until close of play. Rain caused the game to be abandoned on the second day.

OFF FIRST-CLASS BOWLERS

The highest score made by "Dollar" for the County appears to have been his 61 (including ten boundary hits) against Sir Julien Cahn's XI in 1934. It was the highest in the Bedfordshire innings, and made off such bowlers as Peebles and Morkel. From the bowling point of view, Keech's memories of that match cannot be amongst his happiest. He and his colleagues in the County's attack suffered terrible affliction. Sir Julien declared at 445 for four, and his side won by an innings. "Dollar" played a handsome part in the same season in Bedfordshire's fine victory by four wickets over Buckinghamshire. In their second innings Buckinghamshire were out for 114, Keech bowling 14 overs, six of which were maidens, and taking four for 29. Scoring 24 not out, he had the satisfaction of making the winning hit.

"Dollar" has always been a fast scorer, and even to-day he makes some younger batsmen look pedestrian by comparison. He made several centuries in club cricket, and his performances for Queen's Works year after year placed on him the stamp of one of local cricket's finest all-rounders between the two wars.

Sid Keech played at outside-left for Bedford Town F.C. in a period, soon after the last war, when the Club's standard of performance was probably higher than it has been at any time since then. I find in the 1922 file of *The Bedfordshire Times* the opinion that the Eagles' attack was the strongest in the Northants. League, whose championship the team came within an ace of winning. Those with memories long enough will recall the grand forwards of those days—Elderton, Keech, Toseland, Lucas, and Sparrow. "Dollar" was said to have played "a great game" against Chelsea—the Eagles lost a close encounter, 6—4 — and when Bedford defeated Northampton Reserves 2—1 our critic wrote: "The man of the forward line was undoubtedly Keech; he was chiefly responsible for the scoring of Bedford's goals, and was generally there when wanted."

SOCCER TO HOCKEY

"Dollar" also played for Biggleswade, and then turned to hockey for his winter sport. It is remarkable how gifted some men are in any ball game they like to take up. Keech served Queen's Works Hockey XI so well at right-back that he was twice chosen for the County.

But those half-centuries in 1944 prompted me to write this article, and I will end on a note concerning Sid Keech's cricket. A few weeks ago I saw him drop the simplest of catches, and, as cricketers will, his team-mates "pulled his leg" mercilessly. One advised him to get the umpire's permission to "take a sack out." And it occurred to me that here was the true measure of a fine sportsman's popularity. Only popular men have their legs pulled.

When the time comes there will be sadness in his leave-taking. But if I had "Dollar's" memories of days in the sun I should be content and envy no man.

H. J. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 1958 - 2.

DEATH OF MR. "DOLLAR" KEECH

County Player in Three Sports

Mr. Sidney Poole Keech, 19 Irwin Road, Bedford, who died on Friday at his home, represented Bedfordshire in no less than three fields of sport, cricket, association football, and hockey.

Aged 64, Mr. Keech is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lilian E. Keech, one son and one daughter. Born in Bedford, he was educated at the Clapham Road and Goldington Road Schools, and on leaving school went to work for W. H. Allen Sons and Co. Ltd., where he was chief electrical buyer at the time of his death.

Known to his friends as "Dollar," Mr. Keech had this nickname from school days, and it remained all through his life.

During the 1914-18 war, he served with the 1/120 Bedfordshire Yeomanry and was in France. He was a member of the Gun team. During the 1939-45 war he was in the Home Guard, and stories have it that in those days he was referred to Corporal Dollar.

FORCEFUL BAT

At cricket, he was a very forceful batsman, a useful change fast bowler, and could perform behind the wicket if necessary. Mr. Keech was a member of the Bedford Alma Club which won the Bedford League Championship in 1913.

On his demobilization in 1918, he turned his affections to Queens Works, where he joined such company as Basil Rogers, "Wicker" Childs, Stan Harris and Johny Ratcliffe, all county cricketers in their time, and all coached by Jack Board, of Gloucestershire.

Perhaps his best season in Minor Counties cricket was in 1931, when Mr. Keech finished fourth in the Bedfordshire batting averages, and was second at bowling, with 12 wickets for under 13 runs apiece.

SEVERAL CENTURIES

He made several centuries in club cricket, and his performances for Queens Works year after year placed on him the stamp of one of local cricket's finest all-rounders between the two wars.

He played at outside left for Bedford Town AFC in the period soon after the 1914-18 war. He also played for Biggleswade and after that turned to hockey. Playing at right back for the Queens Works XI, he was twice chosen to play for the County.

He was also a very useful tennis player, but latterly was more interested in his allotment.

During Bedford cricket week, Mr. Keech could always be found sitting among his friends at Bedford School.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Tuesday.

BEDFORD RECORD: TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 1949.

Death of a Former Sportsman

By the death on Saturday evening of Mr. Reginald Keens, of 71 Sidney Road, Bedford, the County has lost one of its best-known former all-round athletes.

Aged 72, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keens, who then lived at Haynes. Leaving school at the age of ten, by assiduous self-education he became a well-read man. Beginning in the service of the Post Office as a messenger, he was superintendent of postmen in Bedford at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Keens lived in Bedford nearly all his life, and made friends wherever he went. He was keen on most games, and, as a cricketer, was a stylish batsman, playing for the Post Office for many years, and also for the old Victoria Cricket Club in the Bedford and District League. He is said to have made more runs in Bedford Park than anyone else. A useful spin bowler, he was also a fine swimmer. Among his other activities were reading and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary Maxey, of Bedford, and three children, Miss Mary Keens, a member of the G.P.O. staff, Bedford; Group-Captain L. T. Keens, O.B.E., at present at R.A.F. Headquarters, Aden; and Mr. R Lyall Keens, Secretary of British Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral service will take place at Holy Trinity Church to-morrow (Wednesday).

Person Details

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Address in OBC Register At School 1915 - 1926

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1950 Dittr. Richard & Ross Kellett

Evidence for Bedford School, newspapers & fact that Ross Kellett was in the Royal Engineers (Richard was in RAF), indicates all R Kellett Bees matches belong to Ross. Richard's response to Tony Webb (form not returned in his name) on 21/4/1977 implies as much.

Bees Times article of 19 January 1940 is, I believe, a case of the journalist mixing up the two brothers.

See papers.

19/12/19

The experience gained by the team in the first match of the term was put to good use in this match. The most noticeable example of this was Swift, who fought in a good attacking style to win all his fights. Dawes, unfortunately, has lost his ability to judge the timing of his attacks. It is hoped that this defeat is temporary, and that he will soon return to his form of last year. In the sabre Bishop and Muller fought with great determination, but Muller must learn to speed up his attacks. (This also applies to the other member of the sabre team.)

J. A. J. WREDDEN.

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Senior House Fencing Competition

Held on 30th October and 6th November. The result was as follows:

1st	Ashburnham	4th	St. Cuthbert's
2nd	Paulo-Pontine	5th	Crescent
3rd	Bromham	6th	St. Peter's

The individual results were:

	1ST FOIL	2ND FOIL
1st	J. A. J. Wredden (A)	Swift (A)
2nd	A. W. Bishop (PP)	Walsh (B)
3rd	S. Dawes (B)	Putt (PP)
4th	E. P. Muller (Cu)	Radford (Cr)
5th	Braggins (P)	Brown (P)
6th	P. Walsingham (Cr)	Miller (Cu)

	3RD FOIL	SABRE
1st	Harte (A)	J. A. J. Wredden (A)
2nd	Rugman (Cr)	A. W. Bishop (PP)
3rd	Mirander (PP)	E. P. Muller (Cu)
4th	Hartley (P)	P. Walsingham (Cr)
5th	Hood (Cu)	S. Dawes (B)
6th	Davies (B)	Braggins (P)

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BOXING

Junior House Boxing Competition

The result of the Junior House Boxing Competition was:

1st	Ashburnham	4th	Paulo-Pontine
2nd=	Bromham	5th	St. Cuthbert's
	Crescent	6th	St. Peter's

After the Competition the Anderson Shield for the best Junior boxer was awarded to J. M. Pearson.

Fives

The Senior House Competition is almost finished, but it is likely to be held up by the re-surfacing of the court. Because of the court and because of the general congestion of the Easter Term, the Singles Competition has already been started. The result of the Trinity Hall match is as follows:

P. Mellor beat J. Denison, 15-0
M. S. Chesworth beat R. Berger, 15-7
R. F. Hewitt beat H. Pieris, 15-8
Bell lost to J. P. King, 6-15

Mellor and Hewitt
beat Denison and Berger, 15-6, 15-5
beat Peiris and King, 15-2, 15-3

Cheshworth and Bell
beat Pieris and King, 15-2, 15-11
lost to Denison and Berger, 15-13, 12-15

The School won by 168 to 87 points.

P. MELLOR.

Squash Club

Much coaching has been done this term and for this Major Pegg and Mr. Foot are to be thanked. The Singles Competition is now under way and will be completed sometime next term. There has been one match, and that against the Cambridge O.B.s.

The School *v* Cambridge O.B.s

Result: Lost 3-2.

P. Mellor beat
R. J. Wolverson, 9-7, 9-7, 9-2
Griffiths lost to
S. V. Bevan, 10-8, 0-9, 10-8, 6-9, 6-9
D. Carlton lost to
P. H. F. Evans, 10-8, 3-9, 6-9, 6-9
Shannon lost to
R. C. Wolverson, 0-9. 2-9, 6-9
Saunders beat
M. Allen, 9-3, 6-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-5

P. MELLOR.

OLD BEDFORDIAN NEWS

In Memoriam

ROBIN PETER COX
Born, 28th May, 1941
At the School from September 1951 to July 1958
Died suddenly during a rugby football match at Olney on 2nd December, 1961.

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JOHN FREDERICK HAWKINS
Lieut-Colonel, O.B.E., Royal Engineers (retired)
Born, 29th October, 1870
At the School from September 1882 to July 1888
Died at Tilehurst, Berks., on 21st October, 1961.

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ROSS KELLETT
Colonel, Royal Engineers (retired)
Born, 13th April, 1908
At the School from April 1915 to July 1926
Died at Dereham on 10th November, 1961.

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BARRY FITZGERALD MOORE
Wing Commander, O.B.E., R.A.F. (retired)
Born, 29th June, 1891
At the School from May 1904 to December 1909
Died at Parkstone, Dorset, on 29th November, 1961.

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HECTOR LESLIE OURA
Born, 6th April, 1903
At the School from January 1913 to July 1919
Died on 4th December, 1961.

. . . . .

WALTER ARCHDALE SHARPIN
F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Born, 27th September, 1872
At the School from September 1886 to July 1890
Died on 28th October, 1961.

Before coming to Bedford at the turn of the century, Mr. Sharpin was a house surgeon at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and then senior house surgeon and resident medical officer at the Royal Hants. County Hospital, Winchester.

Ross Kellett ~~Richard Kellett~~

PLAYER ORACLE REVEALS RESULTS

You asked for player number 168699

You searched for R Kellett in Minor Counties Championship matches where team is Bedfordshire

	BATTING						BOWLING					FIELDING				
	Mt	Inn	Score	Team Score	How Out	Fielder	Bowler	Ovs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Opp Score	Ct	St	Match	Date	Match Id
⬡	1	1	15	189	b		CJ Smith					300	1		Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire	13 Aug 1925	minc2032
		2	2	205	b		CJ Smith					99-1					
⊖	2	3	9	374	c	JC Bradshaw	LS Hutchinson	15	0	49	1	365			Bedfordshire v Leicestershire Second XI	04 Aug 1926	minc2120
								5	1	23	0	182-1					
⊖	3	4	32	323	b		EA Roberts	7	0	31	0	209	1		Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire	06 Aug 1926	minc2128
								-	-	-	-	86-2					
#	4	5	12	238	b		EH Leek	2	0	3	0	158			Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire	13 Aug 1926	minc2137
		6	24	289-8d	c	EH Leek	EH Leek	-	-	-	-	119-2	1				
▽	5	7	10	142	c	JC Bradshaw	HA Smith	4	0	17	0	172			Bedfordshire v Leicestershire Second XI	20 Aug 1926	minc2156
		8	14	223	c	CAR Coleman	HA Smith	6	0	26	0	198-6					
*	6	9	31	162	c	JA Barmby	RP Thomas	9	1	21	0	189-8d			Bedfordshire v Oxfordshire	27 Jul 1927	minc2218
		10	8	74-2	b		RP Thomas	-	-	-	-						
*	7	11	1	100	st	GW Shaw	TE Drakes	7	3	16	0	184-7d			Bedfordshire v Lincolnshire	01 Aug 1927	minc2222
		12	1	103-5	b		TE Drakes	-	-	-	-						
*	8	13	3	335	b		C Walters					137			Bedfordshire v Oxfordshire	03 Aug 1927	minc2231
												131	1				
*	9	14	36	206	b		FA Burton	4	1	15	0	331			Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire	05 Aug 1927	minc2236
		15	19	145	c	GM Crossman	FA Burton	-	-	-	-	21-1					
Δ	10	16	44	151	b		FA Ridgeon					150	1		Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire	17 Aug 1927	minc2257

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Matches	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	50	100
~~10~~ 11	~~16~~ 18	0 ~~2~~ 2	~~281~~ 145	44	~~16.37~~	0	0

Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	Ct	St
354	6	201	1	1-49	201.00	5	0

Batting details

How out	Number
bowled	9
caught	6
stumped	1
Total	16

Bowling details

How out	Number
bowled	1
Total	1

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* Beds Times specifically refer to Ross Kellett.

Δ Beds Times refers to him as RMA Woolwich opener in Old Beds matches at the time. This is Ross.

Beds v Herts 28 June 1933

▽ Beds averages only refer to one R Kellett

⬡ Beds Times 28/8/25 refers to school cricketer. Ross still there, Richard left in 1923.

Beds Times 20/6 refers to 2 names changed from Herts game. Neither involve Kellett.

⊖ Beds CCC reports show unavailable 21/6/1926 due to exams. Article 20/8 refers going to RMA Woolwich. Article 13/5 refers to player as Beds school captain. THIS is Ross.

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*	1	1	0	71	lbw		F Appleyard					201			Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire	28 Jun 1933	minc2835
		2	1	205	b		EA Roberts					77-0					

Matches	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	50	100
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Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	Ct	St
did not bowl						0	0

Batting details		Bowling details	
How out	Number	How out	Number
bowled	1	Total	0
lbw	1		
Total	2		

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From: Kevin Clement <kpaclement@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: 16 August 2019 21:59
To: Gina Worboys <gworboys@bedfordschool.org.uk>
Subject: Richard and Ross Kellett

Hi Gina

I'm after your valuable help please to enable me to sort out the Kelletts who both played cricket for Bedfordshire. I have a lot of the facts including their birth and death details.

A bit of background. Richard is attributed with playing ten matches for Beds between 1925 and 1927 but I'm beginning to have my doubts about how many he actually played. Ross is stated to have played one match in 1933 but I suspect played more not least because a 1927 newspaper article indicates he was selected for three of the matches credited to Richard.

I'm hoping you can help me solve the conundrum!

The school cricket honours board shows Ross Kellett as playing for the school first team in 1923 at the age of 15 and R Kellett playing in 1924, 1925 and 1926. I know 'R' is Ross as Richard was awarded the CBE in 1943 and the press report indicates he was at Bedford from 1910 to 1923.

Richard definitely played cricket once for the RAF but I wonder if your comprehensive records indicate if he ever played cricket for the School XI? A 1940 report states he played for both the school and County but he could have been mixed up with his brother.

Many thanks for your anticipated help,

Kevin

Beds Times 19 January 1940

Richard Kellett

A COUNTY CRICKETER

Squadron-Leader Kellett was at Bedford School from 1912 to 1923. Both in the classroom and on the playing field he was a spirited boy of energy and diligence. He did well in his studies, and on the athletic side of the School's life he will best be remembered as a cricketer. A left-handed batsman of the punishing type, Kellett played many fine innings for the school and in later years he did good service to the County eleven. He was also a splendid gymnast, perhaps one of the best that the School ever had. He played in the second Rugby fifteen. Four Kellett brothers went to Bedford School and their family lived in Waterloo Road.

On leaving Bedford School Richard Kellett proceeded to the R.A.F. College at Cranwell. He steadily gained promotion, and in July 1938 he broke into the news as the squadron-leader who commanded the unit of four R.A.F. planes which achieved one of the most notable non-stop flights ever accomplished by an organized military unit. The flight was from Cranwell to Ismailia, Egypt, a distance of 4,300 miles, and it was completed in thirty-two hours. Squadron-Leader Kellett received a congratulatory message from the Air Ministry.

In November of the same year he gained his first R.A.F. decoration—the Air Force Cross—when he led the squadron which regained for Britain the non-stop long-distance flight record by flying 7,158 miles from Ismailia to Darwin, Australia. His present home is in Carshalton, Surrey. In 1936 Sqdrn.-Leader Kellett was seconded for service with the Japanese Army, and he holds the Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Apartado 64
Soller
Mallorca

21st April. 1977.

Dear Mr Webb.

In your letter asking for information about all cricketers who have played for Bedfordshire. I regret that I cannot assist you. My younger brother ROSS, who was captain of the School XI (Bedford) + I think played for Bedfordshire, died some fifteen years ago.

Yours sincerely.

Richard Kelleli

LEYS SCHOOL 1929 IN 1977 (LAST) d.d. RAC Wisbech

KERR, Frederic Nairne, B.A.
1, Claremont Terrace, (Douglas 1452) Glasgow, C.3. S. '19$_3$—23$_2$. v$_{1r}$—vi$_1$. S.C.; H. Pre.; L/Cpl.; H.C.; Schol. Downing Coll.; Leaving Schol. (Carmichael); Nat. Sci. Trip., Pts. I and II, Cl. I; Travelling Research Fellowship in Chemistry (Munich Univ.).

KERSHAW, John Edward
S. '78$_3$—79$_2$. iv$_{2m}$—v$_{2c}$. In America.

KERSHAW, Cecil John
Lyndale, Moseley Road, Cheadle Hulme (33), Cheshire, *and* c/o Messrs. The English Sewing Cotton Co., The Parsonage, Manchester. E. '24$_1$—27$_2$. iv$_2$—v$_{1r}$. L.C.; Cert. 'A'; L/Cpl.; S.C.; Comm. Manch. O.L.U.

KIDSTON, William Hamilton Campbell (Deceased). A. '91$_3$—92$_3$ and '94$_1$—96$_3$. *d.* Aug. '17. (See '25 edition)

KILNER, Kenneth Beaumont (*Auctioneer, etc.*)
c/o Rev. H. B. Sutton, 75, Hillfield Avenue, Hornsey, N.8, *and* c/o Harris & Harris, 20/22, Maddox Street, W.1. E. '22$_3$—27$_2$. iii—iv$_1$. 1st F.; G.C.

KING, John Dewhurst (*Farmer*)
Broom Farm House, Broom, Biggleswade. A. '06$_1$—08$_3$. iv$_{1m}$—v$_{2m}$. 2nd L, C. and F. Md. '23.

[7]**KING, Harold Edgar**
c/o Typke & King, Mitcham, Surrey. W. '11$_1$—14$_1$. iv$_{1m}$—v$_{2m}$. 1st F. and H.; 2nd C.; G.C.

[7]**KING, Reginald Arthur**
Crown Chemical Works, Mitcham Common, Surrey. Cald. W. '12$_3$—16$_1$. iii—v$_{2m}$. 1st H.; G.C.

[8]**KING, Eric John Ferguson**
Holmwood, Baker Street, (328) Enfield; 17, North Parade, Southwold, Suffolk; *and* Guy's Hospital, London. W. '19$_1$—22$_3$. v$_2$—iv$_1$.

[8]**KING, Graham Willocks**
Holmwood, Baker Street, Enfield (0328), Middlesex. Cald. W. '26$_3$—iv$_1$—.

[9]**KING, Herbert Gregory**
Glenside, Cotham Park, *and* 51, Broad Street, Bristol. E. '19$_3$—22$_2$. iv$_2$—v$_2$. L.C.

[9]**KING, Ronald Stocker Annear**
Glenside, Cotham Park, Bristol. E. '27$_3$—. iii—.

KING, Kenneth Allen
Standard Bank of S. Africa, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, *and* Glencairn, Bromham Road, (856) Bedford. B. '21$_3$—24$_3$. iii—iv$_1$.

KINGDON, Harold Harris, J.P.
Innellan House (5y), Basingstoke. S. '89$_1$—91$_2$. iv$_{2c}$—iv$_{1c}$. 2nd F. Md. '99.

KINGDON, Herbert Edward Maton (*Nephew to H. H. K.*)
Durlestone (89), Hook, Hants. W. '17$_2$—19$_3$. iv$_3$—iv$_1$.

KINGHORN, David
9, Kensington Gate, Glasgow. A. '13$_2$. iv$_1$.

KINGSLEY, Donald Currie (Deceased). S. '07$_2$—09$_1$. Killed '17. (See '25 edition)

KINMONT, George Milne (*Army*)
Kinmont & Maxwell, 86, George Street (Cent. 470), Edinburgh, *and* Caledonian Club (Regent 684), St. James' Square, S.W. A. '14$_3$—18$_1$. iv$_{1m}$—v$_{2m}$. 1st F.; Pre.; 2nd H.; Sergt. Lt. Scots Guards.

KINSEY, Rudolph Herman
Carleton House, Brighton Road, Purley. S. '20$_2$—23$_2$. iv$_1$—v$_{1r}$. S.C.

KIRKPATRICK, Thomas
5, Magdala Crescent, Edinburgh. A. '91$_3$—94$_2$. iv$_{2m}$—v$_{2m}$. L.C. (1 D). Md.

KIRMAN, Herbert Hesketh, B.A.
Rutland Lodge, Watford (879), Herts. E. '20$_3$—24$_2$. iii—v$_1$. S.C. Emman. Coll., Camb.

KISH, James
1, Ashmore Terrace, Sunderland. W. '17$_2$—18$_2$. iv$_{2m}$.

KITCHIN, William Archibald. '90$_3$—92$_1$. iv$_{2m}$—iv$_{1m}$.

KITCHIN, Edward Stanhope, M.Sc. (Deceased). W. '02$_1$—03$_2$. (See '25 edition)

KNAPMAN, Leonard (*Farmer*), D.S.O.
B. '87$_2$—88$_2$. iv$_{2m}$.

KNAPMAN, Henry Puddicombe (*Estate Agent*)
Norman Court, Salisbury. E. '21$_3$—23$_2$. iv$_1$—v$_{2m}$. L.C.

KNIGHT, Edward Frost. '90$_3$—91$_2$. iv$_{1m}$—v$_{2m}$. Md. '04.

KNIGHTS, Harold James West (Rev.), M.A.
Amberley, Christchurch, New Zealand. D. '96$_3$—99$_2$. v$_{1c}$. Emman., Camb.; Clergy Training Sch. Md. '14.

KNOWLES, George Arthur (*Chemical Manufacturer*)
Cwmbran, Mon. (Telp. 35 and 14 Cwmbran.) W. '99$_1$. iv$_{2m}$. Md. '12.

KNOX, John Taylor
A. '92$_3$—95$_3$. iii$_1$—iv$_{2m}$. 2nd F.; Joint Sec. Lond. O.L.U.

KNOX, William, B.A. (Deceased). A. '01$_3$—06$_2$. Missing '16. (See '25 edition)

28 February 1997

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W K King Esq
43 High Street
BROOM
Beds

Dear Mr King

I am writing to you in connection with a 'Who's Who' of Bedfordshire Cricketers that I am compiling and because you are the only King listed in the Bedford telephone directory as living in Broom

Two Kings played for the Bedfordshire County Cricket team before the Second World War. They were:

R H King	1912 - 1924
J D King	1923 - 1924

According to my researches they both played for Southill Park Cricket Club and they may have been brothers. I have been able to find out that R H went to Eastbourne College and was the son of Herbert King. The family address was The Manor House, Broom. I have been unable to find any information at all about J D.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you are a relative of the family and, if so, whether you are in a position to help me complete some gaps in the information I am collecting.

The data I would like are:

- First names in full
- Date and place of birth
- Schools/university
- Left or right handed batsman
- Type of bowler
- Any details about their career
- Date and place of death

I do hope you can help, but even if you cannot please let me know as I will then explore other leads. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed to facilitate your reply.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Tony Webb

A J Webb

DEAR MR WEBB.

MY MOTHER, MRS W K. KING HAS BEEN IN BROOM SINCE 1970 BUT OUR FAMILY IS NOT LOCAL.

SORRY WE CANNOT HELP.

KILNER, Kenneth Beaumont, F.A.L.P.A., F.R.G.S. (*Colonial Service*)
c/o Valuation Division, Ministry of Lands, Forests & Wild Life, P.O. Box 2795, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa. E. 22³—27². 1st F. O.L.F.C. 27—39; Middx. XV. Acting Chief Valuer to Government of Tanganyika. Md. (1d.). War: Capt. Gold Coast Regt., R.W.A.F.F. and K.O.Y.L.I. (39—45).

KIMMINS, Barry John, F.R.I.B.A. (*Architect*)
Unesco Soudan Mission, P.O. Box 1172, Khartoum, Soudan. A. 36³—39³. 1st F. Bronze Medal of the French Ministry of the Interior for rescuing from drowning 3 young girls 49. Md. War: Lt. R.N.V.R.

KING, Alan Christopher Wallis (*Articled Clerk*)
Bankside, Swainsthorpe, Norwich, Norfolk, *and* Culley & Co., 5 Bank Plain, Norwich (20517). A. 54³—58². Exhib. Chartered Accountancy.

KING, David Robert (*son of H. E. K.*) (*Export Sales Manager*)
7 Westerham Road, Bessels Green, Sevenoaks (52728), Kent, *and* Smith Ltd., Maryland Road, E.15. W. 37³—39³. War: Lt. R.N.V.R. Md. (1d.).

[4]**KING, Derek Peter** (*son of K. A. K.*) (*Agriculture*)
P.O. Box 30063, Nairobi, Kenya, *and* c/o 56 Lakenheath, Oakwood, London, N.14. B. 57³—61². H.Pre.; 1st Sw. (Capt.); W.P. (Capt.); Jun. & Sen. Sw. Champ.; Diving Champ.; Otters; 2nd H. Agricultural Student.

[8]**KING, Eric John Ferguson, L.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.)** (*Dental Surgeon*)
45 North Hill, Colchester, Essex. W. 19¹—22³. Md.

[8]**KING, Graham Willocks** (*Stockbroker*)
Hollycroft, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Sussex (Forest Row 2316), *and* (Partner), Pinners Hall, Austin Friars, E.C.2. (London Wall 2082). W. 26³—30¹. Cald. H.Pre. Md. (1s. 2d.). War: Capt. R.A.

[7]**KING, Harold Edgar** (*Retired Sales Executive*)
Appledore, Skinners Bottom, Scorrier, Redruth, Cornwall. W. 11¹—14¹. 1st F. and H.; 2nd C. Md. (3s. 1d.). War: Major R.A.S.C. Despatches. Tobruk P.O.W. 42.

[9]**KING, Herbert Gregory**
E. 19²—22².

KING, John Dewhirst (*Retired Farmer*)
Brook End House, Domewood, Copthorne (8), Crawley, Sussex. *Club:* R.A.C. A. 06¹—08³. 2nd L., C. and F. Md. (1s. 1d.). War 14: Lt. R.F.A.

KING, Kenneth Allen B. 21³—24³. *d.* 47.

[7]**KING, Reginald Arthur**
7 Stanton House, St. Mark's Hill, Surbiton, Surrey. W. 12³—16¹. Cald. 1st H. War 14: D.R. R.E.

[9]**KING, Ronald Stocker Annear**
E. 27³—30².

[4]**KING, William Anthony** (*son of K. A. K.*) (*Farmer*)
c/o 56 Lakenheath, Oakwood, London, N.14. B. 54³—59². H.Pre.; 1st F.; 3rd H.; Sgt. Royal Agric. Coll., Cirencester 60—62; M.R.A.C., N.D.A.

KINGDON, Harold Harris, J.P. (*Trade and Manufacture*)
Innellan House, Basingstoke (122), Hants. S. 89¹—91². 2nd C. and F. Md.

KINGDON, Herbert Edward Maton (*nephew of H. H. K.*)
Basing Cottage, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Hants. W. 17²—19³. Md.

KINGHORN, David
A. 13².

[0]**KINGSLAND, Lt. John Michael** (*Royal Navy*)
c/o 10 Willow Crescent, Ellesmere, Salop. B. (H.B.) 47³—50¹. R.N.C. Dartmouth; R.N. Eng. Coll. Manadon, R.N.C. Greenwich. H.M.S. *Newcastle; Dainty; Bulwark.* Specialist in Naval Engineering.

[0]**KINGSLAND, Roger** (*Purchase Analyst*)
50 Beverley Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex. B. 46³—48³. 1st F. 48. Naval Cadetship, R.N.C., Dartmouth. Retired from R.N. as Lieut. 58. Md. Ford Motor Co.

KINGSLEY, Donald Currie S. 07²—09¹. Killed in action 17.

KINLOCH, John Donald, M.B., Ch.B. (*cousin to I. A. Boyd*) (*Medical Practitioner*)
c/o Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. E. 44³—48². Schol. H.Pre.; Sen. P.L.; 1st Cl. Scout. Glasgow Univ. 1st H. R.A.M.C. (Capt.) (N.S.). F.R.F.P.S.G., M.R.C.P.E. Medical Registrar, Glasgow Royal Infirmary; Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; Sen. Reg., Western General Hosp., Edinburgh 63—. Md. (1s.).

KINMONT, Colonel George Milne, O.B.E. (*Retired Army Officer*)
Cockell House, Beacon Hill, Penrith (2678), Cumberland. *Club:* Guards, Charles Street, London, W.1. A. 14³—18¹. Pre.; 1st F.; 2nd H.; Sgt. Lt.-Col. Scots Guards; Served in China 27—29; Seconded to Sudan Defence Force 31; Staff Capt. Household Brigade; Sailing Champ. and Scots Guards Cup. Hon. Sec. Scottish Branch O.L.U. 19—21. Sec. to the Cumb. and Westmorland Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Assoc. since retirement in 49. Md. (4d.). Palestine 36; Regular Army Officer in Scots Guards from 22; Retired 49 with rank of Col.; O.B.E.

[0]**KINNEAR, Colin Alexander**
26 Fife Road, East Sheen, London, S.W.14. E. 49³—53². 1st T.

[0]**KINNEAR, David Laurence**
81 Highdown, Worcester Park, Surrey. E. 46³—50³. 1st F.; 2nd H.; T.; Sen. Singles and Doubles Champ.; Bis.; Ashburton Shield 50. Md. (1d.).

KINSEY, Rudolph Herman
S. 20²—23².

KIPPING, Stanley Arnold Brian, M.A. (*Chemist*)
Newstead, 3 Boundary Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (231507), *and* Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., Station Street, Nottingham (56111). S. 41³—46². Exhib. Pre.; T. VI (Capt.); Cpl. St. John's Coll., Camb.; Nat. Sci. Trip, B.A. 50; Prizeman. Md. (1s. 2d.). R.A.F. (N.S.). Admin. Manager, Research Dept., Boots Pure Drug Co.

KIRKBY, Charles Ian (*cousin to P. W. R. K.*)
15 Meadow Bank Avenue, Sheffield, 7 (51495). E. 52³—57². H.Pre.; 2nd H.; L/Cpl. Manchester Univ.

KIRKBY, Peter William Ragg (*cousin to C. I. K.*)
16 Broad Elms Lane, Sheffield, 11 (360850). E. 61³—

KIRKPATRICK, Thomas
A. 91³—94². Md. War 14: Lt. Yeomanry.

KIRMAN, Herbert Hesketh, B.A. E. 20³—24². *d.* 21 Feb. 63.

THE RAMBLINGS OF A RABBIT : HENRY GRIERSON : CHAPMAN AND HALL 1924

Stanley Harris, of Blackheath, is another lively individual, and has come on wonderfully since his School days. He was in the fifteen at Bedford and played forward, I believe. Very frank and open, he will talk for hours about sport, and make you feel exceedingly young, by his boyish manner.

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C.B. Atkinson played centre for the East against England when at School - the East won - but went out to the East before he had time to develop into an International. He died there a short time ago.

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Rex King, the old Oxonian full-back, is also a good cricketer, and one of the finest hitters, when he gets going, that you could wish to see. I once saw him hit Burton, the MCC and Hertfordshire professional and an excellent bowler, for four sixes running in a Minor Counties' Match; terrific buffets, all of them; his strength is in his wrists, which are strong as iron. As a full-back he was a most interesting personality. He spent half his time getting himself into the most frightful trouble, and the rest of the time getting out of it in brilliant fashion.

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H.L.V. Day is the best place kicker of his generation, and as good as Morkel, the Afrikaan. I have seen him kick a goal from half-way at Welford Road when the ball went clean over the top of the goal posts and full pitch into Aylestone Road! I believe he could kick a goal from his own 25 with ease with a following wind, and his sense of direction is little short of marvellous. As a player he is moody, but I believe he would have made a fine wing for England had he been persevered with. It is a common fallacy to suppose that he lacks speed. In point of fact, he is extremely fast! In addition to being a splendid batsman, he is a useful golfer with a classical drive, and a good pianist.

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In the Summer Vacation (1911) I had some delightful Country House Cricket at Dugdale's place Eggington Hall, in Derbyshire. Quite a lot of us went from Bedfordshire, including F.W.H. Nicholas, now of Essex, Rex King and Herbert Sutherland.

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R.H. KING

Army List 1915 Temp. 2nd Lt, serving in 11 Batalion, Durham Light Infantry MC

Earlier: Gunner Hon. Artillery Company – Captain & Adj RFA, Mentioned in despatches.

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We have no Rex King - but I suspect this is the one you want - though by the accounts in the Eastbourne he doesn't seem to have been much of a cricketer!!

→ RBH

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7 February 1997

C M P Bush Esq MA
Headmaster
Eastbourne College
EASTBOURNE
East Sussex

R R.H

I hope this helps a bit.
Robin Harrison
(OEA. Sec)

Thanked by post 21/2.

Dear Mr Bush

I am compiling a 'Who's Who' of all those cricketers who have played for Bedfordshire County Cricket Club between 1919 and 1939. In this context I hope that you may be able to provide me with some information about R H King who appeared for the County from 1912 to 1924 and was a former pupil at the College.

According to Wisden, Rex King was in the Eastbourne College cricket eleven in 1910 and 1911. I believe he was also a good rugby player and according to the Bedfordshire press played for the Harlequins.

The information I am seeking is:

- First names in full REGINALD HERBERT
- Date of birth 23/02/1893
- Place of birth ?
- Address of his parents and his father's occupation Not recorded *
- Any details you may have about his career
- Date of death } No record of it.
- Place of death }
- Details of any brothers or sons who also attended the College I don't think so. No record of any.

It would be very encouraging if you are able to supply any of these details. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed to facilitate your reply and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Tony Webb

A J Webb

* Son of HERBERT KING, OF MANOR HOUSE, BROOM, BIGGLESWADE

He was also in the rugby XV '10 & '11. Went on to Pembroke College Cambridge. Served in the R.A. in both wars. Captain.

FINAL.

BLACKWATER.		WARGRAVE.	
H. S. Malik, b Walton	35	H. A. Wilson, b Goolden	0
A. D. Clark, c Walton	44	G. D. Thomson, b Goolden	7
H. A. V. Maynard, b Walton	33	J. A. Duff, lbw b Maynard	1
C. H. M. Dennys, lbw b Walton	4	A. Patterson, c & b Maynard	0
O. G. Hake, b Lloyd	38	C. G. Walton, not out	5
G. E. Goolden, b Walton	27	L. W. Lloyd, c & b Maynard	1
E. H. Shrager, b Walton	15	V. Godfrey, b Maynard	0
J. H. Goolden, run out	18	R. N. Barwell, b Maynard	17
G. H. Hopewell, b Gibbs	10	P. I. Mead, c Malik b Goolden	1
E. L. Ridley, b Duff	0	T. G. Luson, c Hake b Maynard	11
L. C. Kellie, not out	4	S. C. Gibbs, b Maynard	0
Extras	8	Extras	9
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CRICKET CHARACTERS.

H. A. V. MAYNARD (captain).—Has made an excellent captain, both on and off the field. He has nearly always bowled well and he had a great month in the middle of the season. As a bat he was out of form during June, but has played some fine innings since and he can tackle good bowling on his day. Smart and dashing in the field.

DALPAT SINGH.—Has played some fine innings during the term and got runs with great consistency. His cutting and leg glides were excellent. He was also a first-rate slip and a bowler who often had a good day.

R. H. KING.—His style is thoroughly up to-date and, as he has an eye, it is curious that he has not got more runs. He also looks a bowler, though he seldom gets a wicket. He has made some excellent catches.

H. J. COXHEAD.—Has done well at times as a fast bowler but it takes very little to put him off. He has much improved as a bat and has played some valuable innings. Has a safe pair of hands in the field.

EASTBOURNIAN July 1911

starter and has a very weak leg stroke. His slow bowling has been distinctly good. In the field he is very neat and dashing, but his catching is not exactly safe.

DALPAT SINGH.—Has been rather disappointing this season, though he has not had the best of luck. His best strokes are still his cuts and glides; when he drives, he is too apt to put the ball up. He is a useful change bowler with a distinct swerve and he works hard in the field.

J. L. CORAM.—A hitter who can at all events be trusted to hit something even if it is only the air. He has played several useful knocks but might easily become a better bat if he picked his balls more carefully. His fielding at extra cover has been excellent.

H. DOUGHTY.—Hit very finely in the early part of the term, but after one or two failures he seemed to rather fizzle out. He has improved as a fielder but is probably better in the slips than in the country.

R. H. KING.—A bowler who can undoubtedly send down some really queer balls and who is always likely to get a wicket, but at present he is deficient in the matter of length. His batting seems to have gone steadily off and he would do much better if he kept his right leg still. He must let his hands give more in the field.

H. S. MALIK.—A promising bat who, but for his flourish, would get a good many runs. At present this does for him on a fast wicket. He has a good action as a bowler but no length. Neat but slow in the field.

EASTBOURNIAN JULY 1910

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3 May 2019

Dear Roger

I've been asked by Bedfordshire County Cricket Club to put together an A-Z of all who have played for the County in senior representative cricket since the first match in 1855. The idea is to publish a book, probably in the spring of 2020; most Minor Counties have already done so.

I believe you played one match in the Minor County Championship in 1957 and I'd be really grateful if you could complete the attached form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Kevin

KEVIN CLEMENT

DEAR KEVIN

MY FATHER DIED 13.05.16
I HAVE ENCLOSED A SELECTION OF
PAPER CUTTINGS AND PHOTOS
THAT MAYBE OF INTEREST TO YOU.
MANY THANKS
ANNE KING
(DAUGHTER)

MY MOTHER IS STILL WITH US
SHIRLEY MARTIN - KING (SCORER).

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKETERS : INFORMATION FORM

Surname: KING.

First names in full: ROGER ANDREW ~~KING~~

Date of birth 07.11.1936

Place of birth: BEDFORD

Schools attended: CLAPHAM ROAD SCHOOL

College/university:

Left or right handed batsman: RIGHT

Type of bowler and arm:

Year of debut for Bedfordshire: 1957

Bedfordshire clubs played for:
HARPUR SPORTS - ARGUS -

Other clubs:

Other sports played:
FOOTBALL

Occupat.on: HEATING ENGINNER

Other information of interest
eg well-known relatives, awards, etc:
TERRY KING, BROTHER, MANAGER FOR POTTON UNITED & BEDFORD TOWN (THE EAGLES)

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Bedford Record and Circular
19 JUNE 1962

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— SAME DAY SERVICE —
BEDFORD DYE WORKS

RUN-SEEKERS MAKE MERRY WITH CENTURIES IN THE SUNSHINE

BRIGHT sunshine and hard wickets produced a feast of runs on local cricket grounds during the week-end. While bowlers and fieldsmen toiled centuries were almost commonplace. And they came at a rare pace.

OVER at Newnham Avenue Harpur's Roger King (pictured left) was hitting his club's highest individual score for many years—126 not out in two hours. Seventy-four of his runs came in boundaries, three clean over it and 14 across.

NORMAN Cooley (right), who last week established a personal best of 132 in Bedford's cricket week at The Bury, was again in cracking form on Sunday, carrying his bat with 103.

PRIDE of place went to R. R. Bailey of Queens Works whose unbeaten 103, scored in 78 minutes at Allen Park, must rate the fastest this season. His 100 came up with a huge six, his third of the innings.

QUEENS PAIR PUT ON FIFTY RUNS IN SIXTEEN MINUTES

SET to score 168 runs to win at the rate of 90 an hour, Queens Works beat new opponents, Ickleford, at Allen Park on Saturday with 20 minutes in hand. The 50 runs between 100 and 150 were scored in 16 minutes!

Harris put Ickleford in to bat on a hard, fast wicket, and the brothers Thurstance, both left-handers, found runs difficult to get at first, but then settled down and steadily built up the score.

At 55, C. Thurstance was caught off Harris, and Daniels was well taken by Fundrey off Beard before he had scored. However, E. Thurstance was joined by his other brother, and between them they doubled the score.

E. Thurstance put up the 100 as well as his own 50 in 93 minutes, but shortly afterwards B. Thurstance was well caught by Wells (121 for three). E. Thurstance was eventually caught trying to hit out at Wright, and then Gibson put on a very quick 30 and Ickleford declared at 167 for six.

Queens lost McDonald with the score at 17, but Bailey and Wells set about the bowling and the 50 went up in 36 minutes. Bailey reached his own 50 in 42 minutes and the partnership had put on 62 runs when Wells went down the wicket and was stumped.

Shepherd joined Bailey and the run-spree continued despite frequent bowling changes. With the game almost won Shepherd was not quick enough to get back and was run out.

Queens were now 157 for three and Bailey was on the 90 mark. He won the game with a two (his own score 95) and play continued until the end of the over, Bailey reaching his maiden 100 with a huge six.

Ickleford

C.	Thurstance c Wildman b Harris	22
E.	Thurstance c Shepherd b Wright	65
A.	Daniels c Fundrey b Beard ...	0
B.	Thurstance c Wells b Wright ...	32
A.	Gibson run out	30
L.	Braybrooke not out	12
D.	Kingsmill b Wright	0
	Extras	6
	Total (for 6 wkts. dec.) ...	167

Wright three for 40.

Queens Works

M.	M. J. McDonald b Gibson ...	4
D.	Wells st B. Thurstance b C. Thurstance	25
R.	R. Bailey not out	103
G.	Shepherd run out	39
D.	C. Turrell not out	0
	Extras	5
	Total (for 3 wkts.)	176

SPLENDID INNINGS

NORMAN COOLEY played a splendid innings at Hitchin.

Bedford Sunday XI were able to declare with 201 for six.

Hitchin were all out 72. Bushby, White, and Oakley all bowled well, especially Oakley who, in ten overs, captured five wickets at a personal cost of 25 runs.

Bedford: B. Ebbs 22, W. Chamberlain 4, N. Cooley not out 103, J. Brown 0, A. Green 22, W. Bushby 16, A. Ingledew 17, P. Oakley not out 11, extras 6, total (for six wkts. dec.) 201.

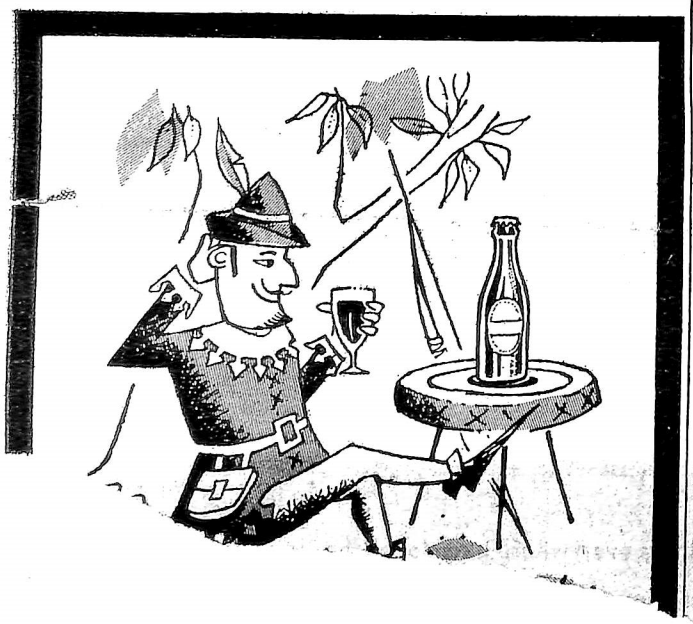
—Dermot three for 63.

Hitchin: 72 (T. Burges 15, J. Mordue 20).—P. Oakley five for 25, R. White two for 14, W. Bushby two for 26.

CANOEING

Members of Viking Kayak club had a successful day at Willesden regatta, held on the Welsh Harp on Whit-Monday.

D. Maycock and D. Green won the final of the junior pairs 1,000 metre event and then with J. Mathers and J. Marshall, won the Kayak four 1,000 metre event. D. Maycock also finished second in the junior single 1,000 metre final.



But this century was in vain

Yet another century was scored by a visitor to the Bury on Saturday, Aylesbury II's opener Phillips, but his side still lost to the Town II —by five runs.

LOOKED CONFIDENT

ROGER KING soon looked confident against the Peterborough Brotherhoods' bowling.

Runs came at a brisk rate. 117 were on the board when Eric Middleton was sent back.

Middleton had contributed 61, which included eight fours. King went on to attack the bowling and raced from 80 to a century with 6, 4, 6, 4.

In all, he hit three sixes and 14 fours, and enabled a declaration after only two hours' batting.

Left with 2¼ hours, Brotherhoods were soon in trouble against the spin attack of Williams and Smith, and never recovered.

The rate of two runs an over with conditions entirely on the side of batsmen, was a wrong policy.

HARPUR

R.	King not out	126
E.	Middleton c Griffin b Woodhouse	61
K.	Williams c Allum b Wagstaff	4
J.	Newman c Glover b Griffin ...	5
B.	Stapleton c Duffy b Griffin ...	12
R.	Webster not out	6
	Extras	6
	Total (for 4 wkts. dec.)	220

Bowling: G. Griffin two for 28.

BROTHERHOOD

G.	Brown lbw b Williams	5
W.	Frisby c Ransome b Smith ...	20
B.	Bosett b Williams	9
D.	Duffy b Smith	2
K.	Woodhouse c Ransome b Smith	0
P.	Glover b Smith	11
F.	Allum c R. Webster b Williams	0
C.	Wagstaff run out	10
G.	Griffin not out	3
T.	Pitchers b Gilbert	0
S.	Tribe b Gilbert	4
	Extras	2
	Total	66

Bowling: S. Smith four for 25, K. Williams three for 37, D. Gilbert two for 2.

AROUND THE GREENS

Bedford West End v. Bedford Borough

W. Archer, W. Branson, S. Chamberlain, L. Church (West End), 22; S. Fennemore, L. Latter, R. Swift, E. Runeckles (Borough), 15.

J. Henderson, A. Craddock, M. Taylor, A. Gage, 14; H. Garlick, T. Bivill, W. Luddington, J. Williams, 26.

R. Bartaby, T. Kimble, K. Horner, W. Noble, 24; G. Luddington, W. Hands, W. Humphries, F. Appleby, 17.

S. Scutchings, G. Litchfield, E. Cosford, R. Walter, 15; C. Lamfield, H. Barker, H. Redman, C. Poole, 23.

Result: West End 75, Borough 81.

Bedford West End v. Wellingborough Swanspool

S. Chamberlain, D. Fynn, M. Taylor, J. Taylor (West End), 20; Swanspool, 14.

G. Ibbott, K. Horner, L. Church, W. Noble, 23; Swanspool, 17.

W. Branson, T. Kimble, S. Facey, A. Gage, 21; Swanspool, 29.

C. Sills, M. Cooper, C. Goldsmith, M. Jeffs, 16; Swanspool, 20.

Result: West End 80, Wellingborough Swanspool 80.

Russell Park v. APCM (Dunstable)

H. Cope, P. Pettitt, E. Howe, S. Ibbott (Russell Park), 21; APCM, 19.

K. Valentine, G. Leadley, G. Brittain, L. Davidge, 26; APCM, 17.

E. A. W. Knibbs, J. S. Jones, C. J. Churchill, C. Gardner, 29; APCM, 8.

U. N. Revis, R. E. Griggs, A. Woods, A. Clare, 23; APCM 19.

Result: Russell Park 99, APCM Dunstable 63.

Russell Park v. Hertford Castle

F. C. Tompkins, J. N. Revis, R. Marsh, G. Hedley (Russell Park), 17; Hertford Castle 13.

H. Cope, A. C. Wildman, J. S. Jones, G. Brittain, 14; Hertford Castle, 21.

O. Kear, J. Pheasant, B. R. Hunt, A. Clare, 20; Hertford Castle, 17.

K. Valentine, P. Brown, G. Farrington, E. Howe, 14; Hertford Castle, 22.

Result: Russell Park 65, Hertford Castle 73.

Bedford Women's BC v. Potton and Sandy Ladies

Mrs. Head, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Campbell (Bedford), 32; A. Gurney, V. Crawley, J. Caves, M. Ibbott (Potton and Sandy), 19.

Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Wragg, Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Hart, 24; Barford, Gaylor, Hawkins, Warrington, 18.

Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Henley, 22; M. Curson, E. Smith, F. Baker, V. Emery, 20.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Custance, Mrs. King, Miss Curtis, 11; C. Arnold, M. Simmonds, F. Norman, S. Baker, 28.

Result: Bedford 89, Potton and Sandy 85.

HARPUR WILL BE WITHOUT CORNELL FOR TIE AT STAGSDEN

HARPUR to win the Hospital Cup? A popular forecast! But for their tie at Stagsden on Friday they will be without B. Cornell. P. Gilbert is also a doubtful starter.

Probable team from: R. Webster, A. Webster, E. Middleton, R. King, B. Stapleton, J. Newman, B. Ebbs, A. Norcott, M. Ransome, T. Maggs, P. Gilbert, or S. Smith.

Bedford Argus meet Cryselco Bedford Park tonight.

On Friday evening, Bedford West Indians oppose Bedford North End in Bedford Park.

The draw for the quarter and semi-finals takes place this evening.

WON BY 47 RUNS

Bedford Thursday beat Kettering Thursday by 47 runs.

Bedford: G. Williams 1, T. Rose 32, L. Young 21, J. Gregory 8, J. Whaley 7, K. Turner 2, W. Fitzpatrick 3, M. Lynch 1, E. Rainbird 0, R. Conway 0, extras 8, total 83.

Kettering: 36 (Turner five for 16, Young three for 5).

LAST MAN IN AND ONE BALL TO COME . . .

KEMPSTON Ramblers lost their final wicket with the very last ball of the match against Kempston.

Kempston made a poor start, losing four wickets with only 44 runs on the board.

J. Salter then joined R. Turner and this pair, with careful play, proceeded to pull the game round.

After adding 30 runs, Salter was well beaten by P. Haines. This brought Turner and Willmott together and their partnership yielded 100 runs.

Turner was out with his score at 78, which included ten fours and two sixes. Willmott was undefeated with 56 to his credit when Kempston declared at 203 for eight.

The Ramblers opened steadily, but with the score at 27, lost three wickets without a run being added.

Two more wickets fell for only fifteen runs. T. Rich and A. White then defied the attack, taking no risks—and the score mounted to 106. At this total, they were both sent back.

Ramblers tried desperately to save the game. In the er everything depended last ball, and Kemp an exciting gar

rmidable

HARPUR BEAT HOS HOLDERS

To Play Biggleswade in Final Next Thursday

Harpur Sports, winners of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup five times and finalists 11 times since the inception of the competition in 1933, achieved a thrilling victory by eight runs over Bedford Town, the holders, in the semi-final in Bedford Park on Wednesday. In the final on the same ground next Thursday, starting at 6 p.m., Harpur will oppose Biggleswade.

Biggleswade by defeating Eversholt by 34 runs in Bedford Park on Tuesday, qualified for the final for the second time. They were beaten at this stage in 1951 by Bedford Town.

Big crowds saw the semi-finals in hot, sultry weather. The collection on Tuesday totalled more than £14 and that on Wednesday £22 16s. 6d.

Harpur's success avenged the defeat inflicted on them by the Town in the final last summer. The teams, incidentally, have met three times in semi-finals—in 1949, 1952 and this year—and on each occasion Harpur have won.

Batting first, Harpur lost King in Jenkins's first over, but with the brothers Webster together, runs came steadily. There were 34 on the board when A. Webster was run out as the result of a fine piece of fielding at short leg.

Greene, next in, allowed R. Webster to have the strike and off one over from Jenkins, he hit 15—three fours, a two, and a single.

After scoring 34, however, Webster was adjudged leg-before. J. Newman clouted a quick 16 and the innings ended at 90 for six off 20 overs. The Town's fielding was good and Jarvis in the gully saved at least 20 runs.

KING'S QUICK WICKETS

King, with the first ball in Bedford's innings, bowled Jones. The new batsman, Harris, was in an aggresive mood but when he had just reached double figures King dismissed him with a beautiful ball.

Another victim fell to King, when he knocked back Coomb's off stump, and in his next over he clean bowled Howard.

Bedford had lost these four ckets for 21 and were sadly ind the clock. Then Peet well caught by King one later, but August and Jar- enlivened the batting be- Jarvis was brilliantly in the deep by R. Webster.

August was run out after making the Town's top score of 23 and they finished eight behind with their last pair together.

Harpur: R. King c Peet b Jenkins 1, R. Webster lbw b Coomb 34, A. Webster run out 20, A. Greene b Maries 16, J. Newman b Coomb 16, K. Ferguson not out 0, N. Wilson run out 1, extras 2, total (for 6 wkts.) 90. D. Furnival, C. Newman, A. F. Martin and J. Payne did not bat. Coomb 10o.-0m.-35r.-2w.; Jenkins 6-0-35-1; Maries 4-0-18-1.

Bedford: E. C. Howard b King 10, C. G. Jones b King 0, V. J. Harris b King 10, A. G. Coomb b King 2, W. Peet c King b Ferguson 0, G. L. B. August run out 23, R. H. Jarvis c R. Webster b Ferguson 12, F. K. Breeze c J. Payne b Ferguson 13, D. G. Jenkins st A. Webster b Ferguson 4, G. S. Andrews not out 3, B. J. Maries not out 4, extras 1, total (for 9 wkts.) 82.—King 10-1-32-4; Ferguson 10-0-49-4.

Five - goals Potton keep Charity Cup

A lesson in how to take chances was handed out by Potton United, the holders, in Wednesday's North Beds Charity Cup final at Biggleswade. They retained the trophy with a 5—1 win over Ampthill Town.

Potton's success, well deserved, was sealed when they notched their third goal just before half-time and added another immediately after the interval.

Although they were never completely outplayed Ampthill could never match Potton's finishing power and their only reward was a goal in the last five minutes.

For the first 15 minutes Ampthill showed promise of putting up a hard fight. Then Potton struck the first blow, Dazeley heading a fine goal from a corner.

A minute later Potton had an escape when goalkeeper Webb expected Welch's curving shot to go wide—and the ball smacked against a post!

In the 23rd minute Ampthill's goalkeeper Wilson failed to gather a high lob into the goal area and Darlow, who went up with him, was just able to get his head to the ball and turn it into the net.

Ampthill's win hopes were crushed when just on half-time Potton went three ahead. Wilson did well to smother a close range shot from Darlow but the ball spun behind him and before he could recover Beddall raced in and banged the ball home.

Second-half play was only a minute old when Darlow fired a 30-yard shot past Wilson, and in the 56th minute Dazeley headed another goal from a corner.

Ampthill played with a lot of spirit and almost scored in the 70th minute when Welch's corner curled in and hit the bar. Five minutes later a bad back-pass almost gave Ampthill a goal, Webb making a good save from Sinfield.

There were four minutes left when Cashin burst through and scored Ampthill's goal.

Total receipts: £48 10s.

Pictured after Potton's Charity Cup success—skipper Roger King and Mr. S. A. Butcher, the competition's president.

Combined XI to play 'Eagles'

Potton Casuals FC have arranged a match between a combined Potton United and Casuals XI against a Bedford Town XI.

Money raised will be for two players, Michael (Tyke) Dennis, who was hurt in a road accident last December, and Colin Palma, who has had a cartilage operation as a result of being injured in a game.

The match has been fixed for Thursday, May 25, at Potton.

TOWN'S

Biggleswade 6 pts., Letchworth 8

In an exciting last [illegible] of the season Biggleswa[illegible] up a spirited display [illegible] ahead with two fi[illegible] way through t[illegible] But near th[illegible] a laps[illegible] worth [illegible] For[illegible] sta[illegible]

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This was[illegible] last game as c[illegible] again he field[illegible] kicked beautifully[illegible] given wonderful ser[illegible] club on and off the fie[illegible] playing record includes [illegible] first team appearances and two years as captain.

Howard Taylor, a very good scrum half was playing his last match for the club. Often, his quiet efficiency made the game look easy and he will be greatly missed next season.

LAST MATCH WIN FOR LAWRENCE

Letchworth "A" 11 pts., Biggleswade "A" 21.

The Town rounded off the season with a good win to make their final record: P. 29, W. 18, D. 2, L. 9; for 364, against 212.

It was skipper Keith Law-[illegible]

[illegible] Davidson [illegible] Baker.

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Two m[illegible] the men's [illegible] On Saturd[illegible] win over A[illegible] games to n[illegible] On Sun[illegible] London E[illegible] lost over [illegible] games to [illegible] foursomes [illegible] lost five [illegible] was repea[illegible] fourball [illegible]

Double for 'Saints'

Having lost 1—0 at home to St. Neots the previous week *Potton United played the return game at Shortsands* [illegible]

In an exciting match *Sandy Albion drew 2—2 at home to Addmult.*

At one stage late in the [illegible] seemed to

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE (Including April 22)

Division I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Desborough	29	21	5	3	78	27	47
Bletchley F.C.	30	20	3	7	75	45	43
Wellingboro'	27	17	6	4	61	29	40
St. Neots Town	27	17	4	6	80	36	38
Bourne Town	29	16	5	8	67	57	37

WADERS MEN SUSP[illegible]

Brian Paul has been suspended for 21 days and Peter Hutchinson for 14

Commission following an inquiry into reports on the Waders' match against Northampton "A" at Fair-

HARPUR IN SHIELD SEMI-FINAL

Today (Tuesday) Harpur Sports will oppose Sandy in the semi-final of the East Beds Shield in Bedford Park, starting at 6.30 p.m.

Gilbert Troubles North End

Bowling unchanged, P. Gilbert took six Bedford North End wickets for 22 and thus played a substantial part in Harpur Sunday XI's win by 74 runs.

Batting first, Harpur made 148 for eight declared, R. King and A. Webster putting on 84 runs for the second wicket. King batted beautifully for his 38, and Webster (47) was well caught at mid-wicket when his 50 seemed certain.

North End were left about two hours to get the runs but were all out for 74. P. Gilbert, mainly attacking the leg stump, claimed six wickets for 22, while G. Webster, also bowling unchanged, took three for 47.

W. Beardsmore had unfortunately pulled a muscle and went in at number seven. He and the other later batsmen made a good attempt to hold on for a draw but the last wicket fell with 20 minutes to spare, Swales being run out attempting a quick one to give Beardsmore the bowling.

Harpur: R. King 38, R. Webster 3, A. Webster 47, J. Newman 20, M. Goswell 23, P. Ladbury 0, C. Newman 9, A. Brannon 1, K. Richardson not out 2, extras 5, total (for eight wickets declared) 148. P. Gilbert and G. Webster did not bat.—C. Sanders six for 58.

North End: T. King 6, D. Pickering 17, E. Arnold 8, C. Sanders 2, A. Feasey 6, R. Smith 0, W. Beardsmore not out 13, C. Footer 0, J. Stanley 5, K. Simmons 12, K. Swales 0, extras 5, total 74.—P. Gilbert six for 22.

Harpur Claim 3 Henlow Wickets In Last Over to Tie the Match

Needing three runs off the last over to win, Henlow lost three wickets and scored only two runs to tie their game with Harpur Sports.

On an easy wicket with a very fast outfield, Harpur batted first and began steadily. R. Webster scored freely for his 41, and at 74 for three Harpur looked set for a good score.

But Ron Beaumont, who is having a fine season as a fast bowler, again proved to be the danger. Four quick wickets fell for only 12 more runs, and Harpur were all out just before tea for 112.

With two hours remaining Henlow started confidently. Michael Jordan, who had been promoted to open the innings, had a good third wicket partnership with Ward, but the slower scoring rate of Bob Legate and Vic Edmunds brough the score to 110 for five when Ferguson began the last over.

Legate took a two off the first ball to equal the scores, but was clean bowled by the third. On the fourth ball Simpson mishit and Edmunds, calling for a sharp single, was run out. Houghton played back the fifth ball and hit the last hard along the ground towards the bowler. The batsman ran, Ferguson dived full length and stopped the ball, and while lying flat on his back threw down the wicket to run out Houghton.

Harpur: King b Cooper 16, L. Webster c Edmunds b J. Legate 41, A. Webster lbw R. Beaumont 7, Goswell st Houghton b R. Beaumont 10, Ladbury b R. Beaumont 9, Newman b R. Beaumont 0, Martin not out 9, Ferguson b R. Beaumont 8, Gilbert c J. Legate b B. Beaumont 7, Cornell b B. Beaumont 0, G. Webster c Edmunds b J. Legate 1, extras 4, total 112.—R. Beaumont five for 28, Legate two for 26, B. Beaumont two for 27.

Henlow: G. Dear c S. Webster b Gilbert 3, M. Jordan c A. Webster b Cornell 28, J. Cooper b Gilbert 8, A. Ward lbw b Cornell 20, J. Legate c Ladbury b G. Webster 9, R. Legate b Ferguson 24, B. Beaumont run out 11, V. Edmunds run out 2, P. Simpson not out 0, M. Houghton run out 0, extras 7, total (for 8 wickets) 112.—P. Gilbert two for 33, Cornell two for 33.

MAIDEN CENTURY FOR R. KING

R. King, unable to travel to Wisbech with Harpur's 1st XI, helped himself to an unbeaten maiden century (fourteen 4's) against South End Ramblers. It was not without blemish, giving a chance behind the wicket in the 40's, and two simple chances in the "nervous 90's".

Wickets at the other end tumbled, and Harpur declared at 159 for 9.

Ramblers hung on to save the draw (86 for 9) S. Davis proving very stubborn. In the last over however, Harpur grounded a difficult chance.

Harpur II: R. King not out 101, F. Housden 2, A. Loosley 0, R. Swannell 4, A. Martin 0, J. Blakemore 1, D. Bavington 1, R. C. King 22, L. Sharp 7, K. Hoar 1, N. Wilson 1, extras 19, total (for 9 wkts.) 159.—Green four for 37, Wisson three for 49

Ramblers: F. Roome 4, G. Ferguson 4, H. Norman 24, L. Dimmock 10, R. Wisson 21, J. Sheridan 1, G. Davis not out 8, R. Pallant 0, K. Green 3, W. Nichols 8, G. Prigmore not out 2, extras 1, total (for 9 wkts.) 86.

HARPUR SUNDAY XI DEFEAT MARCH BY SEVEN WICKETS

Harpur Sunday XI gain[illegible] a fine win over March at All[illegible] Park by seven wickets wi[illegible] only four runs to spare.

Harpur won the toss and p[illegible] March in to bat, and bot[illegible] openers should have been dis[illegible] missed during R. King's firs[illegible] over, two catches going astra[illegible] in the slips and gulley.

M. Wallis was smartly stumped by A. Webster at 28 after which Isbister and Martin pushed the score along to 59 until the former was well caught at deep square leg.

March then "folded up" and were all out for 102, Martin batting 80 minutes for his 11 runs.

Harpur won for the loss of only three wickets, the winning hit being a glorious straight-driven six by J. Newman.

March: M. Wallis 19, M. Martin 11, J. Isbister 25, M. Hawes 6, R. Scott 16, A. Wilson 0, O. Rout 0, M. Kisby 1, A. Ogen not out 2, J. Martin 7, T. Reynolds 6, extras 9, total 102—G. Webster five for 27.

Harpur: R. King 32, M. Goswell 9, A. Greene not out 30, A. Webster 7, J. Newman not out 22, extras 5, total (for 3 wkts.) 105. C. Newman, R. Webster, N. Wilson, A. Brannon, P. Richardson, C. Webster did not bat.

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Cricket

Harpur report on a good season

"It was a commendable season from the playing point of view", stated Mr. C. Newman, hon. secretary of Harpur Sports Cricket Club, in his report to their annual meeting at the King's Arms Hotel, Bedford, last week. Of the 58 games arranged for the three teams, 27 were won, 18 drawn, 11 lost, and two abandoned.

During the season the club won the Coronation Shield and the Bedford Town Six-a-side Competition, in the final of which Harpur "A" narrowly beat their "B" side.

Congratulations were extended to Tony Ingledew and Phil Gilbert on being chosen to play for Bedfordshire in the Minor Counties Competition. "It is pleasing to note that they both acquitted themselves with credit", commented Mr. Newman.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. J. R. Salsbury was again elected president, and Mr. Arthur Webster was appointed first eleven captain in place of Mr. Terry King.

Other officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. F. H. Loosley; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Newman; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Newman; hon. fixture secretary, Mr. P. Gilbert; hon. team secretary, Mr. E. Middleton.

Vice-captain 1st XI, Mr. R. Webster; captain 2nd XI, Mr. C. Newman; vice-captain, Mr. N. Wilson; captain Sunday XI, Mr. R. Webster; vice-captain, Mr. Barry Ebbs.

The Percy Burke bat was awarded to Barry Ebbs as the most improved player of the season.

Here are the season's leading averages:—

FIRST ELEVEN

Batting

	inns	n.o	runs	h.s	av.
R. King	11	2	407	118*	45.02
M. Woodlands	18	1	454	71	30.2
R. Webster	18	2	442	61*	27.06
E. Middleton	7	1	152	101*	25.03
J. Newman	11	3	187	37	23.03
A. Greene	12	2	215	62*	21.5

* not out

Bowling

	o	m	r	w	av.
K. Richardson	20	0	77	10	7.7
S. Smith	100	19	270	26	10.38
P. Gilbert	159	29	422	30	14.06
A. Ingledew	151	19	512	29	17.65
B. Cornell	152	25	457	24	19.04

Catches: A. Ingledew, A. Webster, R. Webster, 7 each; Barry Ebbs 6; R. King, K. Richardson, 3 each; A. Greene, S. Smith C Gill, P. Almond, 2 each.

SECOND ELEVEN

Batting

	inns	n.o	runs	h.s	av.
B. Peters	7	1	217	75	36.16
G. Goswell	7	1	126	40	21.00
Barry Ebbs	6	0	101	62	16.83
C. Newman	12	3	151	81*	16.77
K. Ferguson	12	3	153	28*	14.77
Brian Ebbs	12	2	124	20	12.4

* not out

Bowling

	o	m	r	w	av.
S. Smith	29	6	64	11	5.81
K. Ferguson	150	30	383	37	10.35
N. Wilson	139	34	350	29	12.06
C. Newman	54	2	190	14	13.57

Catches: A. Davies, C. Newman, 5 each; G. Goswell, C. Gill, 4 each; N. Wilson, A. Norcott, 3 each; K. Richardson, S. Smith, K. Ferguson, P. Almond, 2 each.

SUNDAY ELEVEN

Batting

	inns	n.o	runs	h.s	av.
R. King	15	1	595	77	42.5
Barry Ebbs	20	1	489	82	25.73
E. Middleton	18	0	370	57	23.12
J. Newman	10	1	186	49	20.66
A. Ingledew	10	2	153	40	19.12
B. Peters	15	6	159	27*	17.66
A. Webster	8	0	95	46	15.85
R. Webster	18	3	216	40	14.4

* not out

Bowling

	o	m	r	w	av.
R. King	64	13	185	17	10.76
S. Smith	318	66	873	81	10.77
A. Ingledew	184	38	508	36	14.11
P. Gilbert	113	13	251	15	16.73

Catches: R. Webster, 12; C. Gill, 9; R. King, 7; E. Middleton, A. Webster, Barry Ebbs, 6 each; Brian Ebbs, 5; A. Ingledew, 4; S. Smith, A. Norcott, P. Gilbert, 3 each; M. Woodlands, J. Newman, B. Peters, 2 each.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

	pl.	won	dr	lost	tied
1st XI	20	9	7	3	1
2nd XI	16	7	5	4	0
Sunday XI	22	10	7	4	1

Athletics

Work starts on new pavilion

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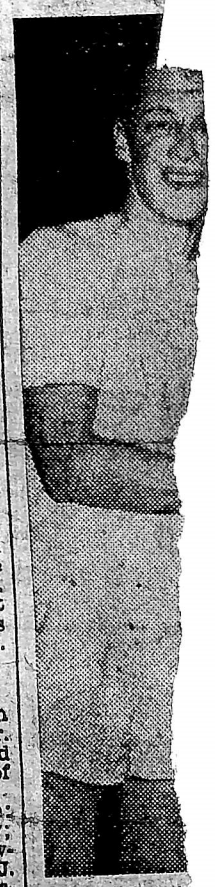

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A Masters' XI: R. C. Tankins 2, C. G. Wilson not out 7, P. S. Hetherington 32, G. H. Cullen 23, G. H. C. Waters 2, R. Elliott 0, E. J. Cooper 6, C. W. Hill 2, D. O'R. Dickey 0, J. H. Greenwood 1, L. Halstead 3, extras 6, total 84.

Modern School: P. J. Kippax not out 57, Bunker 14, D. Wardleworth 1, R. Dyer-Smith not out 12, extras 1, total (for two wickets) 85.

Roger King hits fine hundred for Harpur

FEATURE of the high-scoring drawn game between Harpur Sports and Queens Works at Newnham Avenue on Saturday was a brilliant 118 not out by the Harpur opening bat, Roger King.

In four hours' cricket 319 runs were scored, a scoring rate of 80 an hour. Harpur won the toss and batted first, the first wicket falling at 43.

Two other wickets fell quite quickly, and then R. Webster joined R. King, and these two took the score from 72 to 203. R. Webster was out last ball before tea for a well-made 43.

Queens had to score at the rate of 100 an hour to win. They started slowly, the first five overs being maidens. After that they never reached the required rate and at the finish were 116 for six. A. Ingledew finished with the best bowling figures, three for 41.

Harpur: M. Woodland c Wooding b Williams 20, R. King not out 118, J. Newman b Dean 0, A. Greene c Shortland b Dean 7, R. Webster b Williams 43, extras 15, total for 4 wkts. dec.) 203.—K. Williams two for 34, J. Dean two for 40.

Queens: E. Wooding c A. Webster b Peters 24, M. Shortland b Ingledew 27, K. Williams lbw b Ingledew 8, G. Shepherd run out 18, S. Wildman c R. King b Ingledew 16, R. Harris not out 11, P. Wright b Gilbert 0, R. Slaughter not out 2, extras 10, total (for 6 wkts.) 116.—P. Gilbert one for 31, A. Ingledew three for 41, B. Peters one for 14.

St. Neots v. North End

North End: W. Beardsmore 0, D. Sharp 45, D. Boyde 23, D. Pickering 3, E. Arnold 4, C. Sanders 29, M. Daniels 5, R. Birtwhistle 1, J. Scullion 17, P. Budd not out 0, D. Dodson extras 14, total ... P. Davison five for 35, A. ... two for 18.

St. Neots: 68. (R. Br... D. Sharp seven for 28, ... two for 22, R. Birtwh... for 11).

SECOND TEAMS ALSO DRAW

Harpur and Queens second elevens also played a drawn game at Allen Park on Saturday.

Barry and Brian Ebbs opened Harpur's batting and put on 39 for the first wicket, when Brian was bowled after batting soundly for 20. Barry had difficulty in timing the ball and did not appear hap... early in his innings, how... he weathered the storm ... went on to score 62. ... of his best knocks, ... ful one.

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Banbury 20 Club v. Harpur Sports Sunday XI

Harpur: R. King 52, R. Webster 1, A. Greene 16, C. Newman 0, A. Brannon 16, A. Webster 6, P. Ladbury 47, M. Goswell 15, N. Wilson 2, K. Richardson not out 0, P. Gilbert 8, extras 12, total 175.

Banbury: 177 for 6 wkts. (E. Webber 36, W. Angel 42).—Wilson and Gilbert each took two wickets.

HARPUR IN FINAL

Harpur Sports reached the final of the East Beds. Shield by defeating Sandy in Bedford Park by 94 runs.

In a game of 20 overs, Harpur amassed 146 runs, R. King and R. Webster putting on 55 for the first wicket. J. Newman and King then added a further 58, of which Newman made 43 (six 4's and one 6). R. King was unbeaten with 65. Sandy could reply with only 52 for seven.

Harpur: R. King not out 65, R. Webster 24, J. Newman 43, A. Webster 12, extras 2, total (for three wkts.) 146.

Sandy: B. Hall 5, M. Young 2, Shorley 14, R. Crawley 0, H. Re... 1, S. Reed 1, R. Reed not out ... E. Smith 11, K. Reed not out 1, ... tras 2, total (for seven wkts.) 5... P. Gilbert four for 16, K. Fergu... two for 10.

YOUTH CUP FINAL TIE

Having scored a "doub... over London Road B.C. in ... Youth League, Queen's W... Juniors were very lucky ... force a tie in the Bed... Youth Club Knock-out ... final at Bedford Park on ... day. Each club will hold ... cup for six months.

London Road: R. King 7, J. ... 11, T. Allen 1, P. Ager 0, G. ... 4, A. Woolston not out 14, G. ... ley 13, C. Peters 1, C. Anstee ... Owens 4, J. Wright not out 5 ... 2, total (for nine wkts.) 62.—... four for 24, Davidson four fo... Queen's: M. Shortland 9, B. ... ton 5, E. Dunstan 14, R. Jo... P. Wells 0, P. Harlow not ... D. Wells 9, C. Kemp 1, ... not out 0, extras 13, total ... wts.) 62.—King five for 21.

BIGGLESWADE'S WIN IN CUP FINAL

In one of the greatest Bedford Hospital Cup finals of recent years, full of excitement and played in the finest of spirits, Biggleswade defeated Harpur Sports by seven runs at Bedford Park last night, thus winning the trophy for the first time.

Splendid weather, a splendid crowd, and a record collection of £53 10s. 0d. added to the evening's pleasure.

Biggleswade won the toss and opened with Smith and Williams, the latter having returned from Wales, where he was on holiday for the game. He had not returned for a "duck", and he took six of the seven runs scored off the first of the 24 overs. Only a couple of singles followed from the next two overs, but then Smith square cut Gilbert for four and nine came from the over.

AGGRESSIVE HITTING

Harpur's ground fielding was exceptionally good, but the Biggleswade pair backed aggressive hitting with quick running. Williams took two successive fours off King, but touched the next ball to wicketkeeper Webster. He had made 28 out of 45 in nine overs.

Mark King joined Smith and the scoring rate of five an over was maintained. Smith treated the square leg spectators to a glorious six before a skied catch ended a fine innings of 37 out of 77 in 13 overs.

Then came a dramatic change with three wickets going in four balls, Ferguson bowling King and Carr, and Gilbert bowling Humphries (88—five, 17 overs).

Miller and Brunt checked the collapse, Miller putting up the 100 off the first ball of the 19th over, but apart from a good knock by Bygraves most of the success was now Harpur's, the innings closing for 125 off the fourth ball of the last over.

King and R. Webster opened confidently for Harpur, but Webster, dissatisfied with his share (2) of the 12 runs, swung a little carelessly at Allen and was caught. Arthur Webster came in looking for runs, hooking Smith for two lovely fours, and then straight driving Allen.

The 50 came up off the second ball of the tenth over, but it was also Webster's undoing, a brilliant return by Williams running him out. He had batted superbly for 23, 20 of them in boundaries.

Biggleswade got another valuable wicket when Mark King took a beautiful catch on the long-on boundary to dismiss R. King (61—3, 12 overs) but John Newman and A. Greene kept the score running almost parallel with Biggleswade's, and with seven overs to go 40 were needed.

Another fine run-out (of Newman) and the bowling of Wilson first ball threw the match back in Biggleswade's favour, but Greene responded for Harpur with 4, 2, 2 in three hits to put up the 100.

With 20 needed off the last four overs excitement was at fever pitch. Ferguson was lbw to Williams, and after a hooked four by Greene C. Newman was run out (110—7).

A few cheeky singles and yet another run-out——the fourth of the innings—left 11 runs to win off the last over.

Smith was the bowler and Payne faced, and after two wild swings he was bowled off the third. Gilbert, last man in, got a three off the fourth ball, but Greene missed the next two and Biggleswade had won.

Biggleswade: E. Smith c and b Ferguson 37, M. Williams c A. Webster b King 28, M. King b Ferguson 20, R. Humphries b Gilbert 2, D. Carr b Ferguson 0, P. Miller b Gilbert 5, A. Brunt not out 14, M. Course st A. Webster b Ferguson 2, W. Bygraves run out 12, F. Evans b Gilbert 0, P. Allen b Ferguson 0, extras 5, total 125.—K. Ferguson 7.4o. 0m. 40r. 5w.; P. Gilbert 10-0-44-3; R. King 6-0-36-1.

Harpur: R. King c King b Allen 24, R. Webster c Carr b Allen 2, A. Webster run out 23, J. Newman run out 23, A. Greene not out 32, N. Wilson b Williams 0, K. Ferguson lbw Williams 1, C. Newman run out 1, A. Martin run out 1, J. Payne b Smith 0, P. Gilbert run out 3, extras 8, total 118.—E. Smith 9-0-42-1; P. Allen 8-0-41-2; M. Williams 7-0-26-2.

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HARPUR BATSMAN IS CHOSEN FOR COUNTY

BEDFORDSHIRE'S desire to give promising young players a chance in championship cricket is further underlined by the choice of two new batsmen for the Minor Counties game against Cambridgeshire at Ely next Tuesday and Wednesday.

They are Bedford-born Roger King, Harpur Sports' 20-year-old opening batsman, and Barry Robinson, aged 25, of Luton Town.

"We are carrying out a policy of blooding young players in this class of cricket," says Mr. Frank Crompton, Bedfordshire's hon. secretary. "Others are knocking at the door and their claims will be satisfied in due course."

King pressed his claims to a place with an innings of 46 for a County XI against London University at Dunstable last month, and in the same game he took two wickets for seven runs in five overs.

A fine footballer, he appeared regularly at centre half for Kempston Rovers when they won the United Counties League championship in the 1955-56 campaign and finished runners-up last season.

Roger King

Robinson, a native of Luton, is a former Luton Grammar School boy who is now taking a teachers' training course at Exeter College after being up at Cambridge. He is also a good all-round sportsman who plays at scrum-half for Old Lutonians.

Michael Jordan, 20-year-old Henlow batsman who made his debut against Lincolnshire this week, keeps his place.

Apart from the introduction of King and Robinson, Sid Morris, who headed the batting averages last season, will reappear. George August, Don Jenkins, and Frank Whittingham are not available, and so the team is:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), J. G. Owen, S. T. Morris, N. S. Gunn, F. K. Breeze, I. Davison, F. J. Comerford, T. R. McIntyre, M. Jordan, R. A. King, B. Robinson.

NO DECISION

With more than five hours lost through rain, Bedfordshire's opening Minor Counties game of the season with Lincolnshire at Woodhall Spa on Monday and Tuesday was finally abandoned with no decision.

BEDFORDSHIRE

First Innings

G. L. B. August c Cherry-Downes b Lea	2
F. J. Comerford c Flower b Lea	6
N. S. Gunn c Taylor b Lea	47
J. A. R. Oliver c Kelsey b Lea	31
J. G. Owen c Cherry-Downes b Flower	36
M. Jordan lbw b Walton	1
F. Whittingham c Ehrenfried b Cherry-Downes	31
T. R. McIntyre b Cherry-Downes	2
I. Davison not out	24
F. K. Breeze c D. W. Taylor b Cherry-Downes	2
D. G. Jenkins b Cherry-Downes	0
Extras	3
Total	185

Bowling: Lea four for 48, Cherry-Downes four for 72, Walton one for 60, Flower one for 7, Clark none for 5.

LINCOLNSHIRE

First Innings

D. W. Taylor c Owen b Jenkins	32
J. H. Taylor not out	31
R. C. Inman not out	2
R. Kelsey b Jenkins	6
Extras	6
Total (for two wkts.)	77

Jenkins 7 o, 0 m, 24 r, 2 w, Davison 13-6-13-0, Breeze 8-1-15-0, Oliver 8-1-12-0, Owen 3-1-7-0.

MILLMAN PLAYS IN TOWN WEEK

After having Monday's fixture with Harpur Sports abandoned because of rain, Bedford Town have since been favoured with sunny weather for their Cricket Week. Results have not been so rewarding, however, the Town losing to Kidderminster on Tuesday by 90 runs and to RAF Halton on Wednesday by 65. Scores:—

Bedford Town: G. Millman 55, D. F. Hoar 0, J. Brown 0, T. B. Woolliscroft 17, J. Taylor 0, G. L. Smart 6, H. F. Stokes 11, G. S. Andrews not out 2, J. D. Kirby 11, C. Dixon, 6, R. D. Linger 0, extras 1, total 109.—Harris six for 46, Spittle three for 51.

Kidderminster: 199 (P. Harris 64, W. Beeton 45).—Dixon five for 24, Kirby two for 41, Taylor two for 31.

RAF Halton: 130 (Stubbs 61).—Netherway five for 40, Morris two for 15.

Bedford Town: D. T. Matthews 13, D. F. Hoar 19, J. K. Hargreaves 2, Osbourne 4, I. Brown 2, C. Morris 5, G. Smart 0, R. Stokes 0, J. Kirby 0, E. Netherway not out 3, R. Sallsbury 8, extras 11, total 66.

TOWN CHANGES

Bedford Town, away to Aylesbury tomorrow, miss Heaton and Morris, unavailable, and Taylor and Andrews are promoted from the 2nd XI. Team:

G. L. B. August, D. G. Jenkins, F. K. Breeze, F. J. Comerford, N. Senior, P. J. Oakley, G. S. Andrews, J. Taylor, D. F. Hoar, B. Peet, G. L. Smart.

Other Bedford teams:—

2nd XI (v. Alesbury II), at home: M. Hall, T. B. Woolliscroft, E. S. Smith, E. C. Howard, J. Brown, R. D. Linger, J. Thompson, R. Stevenson, J. Kirby, J. K. Hargreaves, and T. Farrington.

Sunday XI (v. Cambridge University and College Servants), home: E. S. Smith, B. Peet, J. Brown, E. C. Howard, P. D. Oakley, C. Dixon, R. Stevenson, J. Sallsbury, E. J. Netherway, D. F. Hoar, and I. Brown.

Queen's Works (v. North End), home: M. M. J. MacDonald (captain), S. V. Wildman, E. C. Wooding, P. Wells, P. F. W. Wright, E. J. Dunstan, H. F. Boyse, G. Shepherd, H. J. Dean, M. Shortland, C. J. Beard.

School's Last Pair Force a Draw

Rain played an important part in Bedford School's annual two-innings match with Tonbridge, which was drawn.

The start on Friday was delayed, but Prideaux, a Kent Second XI batsman, played a sound, unruffled innings of 51.

After lunch, hot sun produced a difficult wicket on which the ball "bit", and Bensley and Eldridge bowled particularly well, getting half the Tonbridge side out for 87.

Cooper (four for 20) also bowled his leg-breaks accurately, and Tonbridge were 138 for nine. Then came the turning point, with Tonbridge's last wicket adding an invaluable 41, though there were numerous occasions on which the batsmen played and missed, or edged the ball just wide of fieldsmen. Bensley bowled very well—three for 32 in 20 overs.

The School innings never settled down. Page and Meredith (who in the two innings took ten for 11) both found more life in the pitch, and unsound strokes saw Bedford's total at 35 for nine. Again a last-wicket stand; this time a very sound one by Cooper and Bensley, brought the total up to 66.

ANOTHER COLLAPSE

Next morning the opening pair following on, put on 26, but again a collapse—35 for six.

At this point Eldridge and Pettigrew ii came together, and in a stand of many free-scoring strokes took the score to 110 for seven.

After lunch a deluge flooded the wicket, and play resumed with only half an hour left. After Eldridge was bowled everything depended once more on Bensley and Cooper, and again they defended soundly, leaving the School 11 runs on with a wicket in hand.

Bedford School: Hearth 4, 16; Tate 6, 1; S. G. Cook 1, 0; K. Rischmiller 4, 0; Pettigrew i 5, 2; D. C. Eldridge 1, 38; Clayton 6, 9; Pettigrew ii 6, 48; R. G. Bass 0, 0; Cooper not out 14, not out 13; Bensley 16, not out 0; extras 3, 5; totals 66 and 134 for nine.

Tonbridge: M. S. Connell 3, J. H. Foskett 15, P. M. Prideaux 51, B. M. Vickers 15, P. D. Rylands 7, R. Trussell 0, D. B. E. Hudson 32, R. H. C. Page 1, R. M. Giles 41, D. J. Evans 1, P. Meredith not out 11, extras 12, total 189.

HOSPITAL CUP

The draw for the third round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup resulted as follows:—

St. Neots or Potton "B" v. Eaton Socon.

Keysoe or Biggleswade v. Harpur "B".

Bedford Town "B" v. Ickwell "A" or Blunham "A".

Stewartby or Langford v. Pavenham.

Little Staughton or Henlow v. South End or RAF Cardington.

North End v. Grasshoppers or Astwood.

Bedford Town "A" v. Caldecote or Great Barford.

Thurleigh or Sharnbrook v. Kimbolton.

To be played by June 26.

The draw for the next round will take place on Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m.

FERGUSON'S HAT-TRICK

Ken Ferguson took eight wickets for 14, including the hat-trick, for Harpur Sports "B" in their second round game with Argus at Newnham Avenue on Wednesday. He claimed his last five victims in nine balls for no runs.

Argus were all out for 26, and Harpur replied with no wicket, C. G. [illegible] not out.

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Millman Trophy

Argus squeezed out—by five runs

BEDFORD Argus, who lost their unbeaten record in their 13th game against Oakley last week, failed to get back to winning ways when they fell five short of Bromham's total of 164 in a Millman Trophy tie.

Early Bromham batsmen were well contained by Merrill and Buckingham and only 41 runs came in the first 18 overs.

But Coates swung the game in Bromham's favour, having several "lives", and going on to make 66.

With Gill, Frossell and King all showing good form, and with Brian Peters still at the wicket, Argus looked in a comfortable position at 94-3 in reply.

But they were denied victory despite some frantic hitting by last man Buckingham in the final over.

Bromham Nomads: G. Payne 9, R. Pinsent 17, Almond 0, Coates 66, Otter 9, Fleming 12, Holmes 7, Wills 0, Turner 5, Lay not out 17, Robinson not out 9, extras 13, total (for 9 wkts.) 164. Merrill 3-27, C. Peters 4-57, L. Newman 2-26.

Argus: C. Gill 15, R. Frossell 31, R. King 26, B. Peters 38, L. Newman 12, M. Trewhella 8, R. Anstee 1, B. Morton 5, C. Peters not out 0, B. Merrill 0, A. Buckingham not out 6, extras 17, total (for 9 wkts.) 159. Holmes 2-35, Wills 3-31, Turner 2-37.

Stansell 6-28 raps Igranic

Shefford chose to bat in their Trophy game with Igranic and it proved to be a wise decision. After losing the first wicket at 30, Rockall and Swaney added 93 before Rockall was caught in the deep.

Wickets began to fall a little more regularly after this, although Swaney still scored well. After the 45 overs Shefford had amassed 176.

Igranic started disastrously, with Hazelwood being out second ball. Stansell was bowling well and wickets fell at all-too-regular intervals: at one stage Igranic were 38-7.

Dawkins and Burnage offered a little resistance for the last wicket but Stansell's early venom proved too much for Igranic to recover.

Stansell was nominated as man of the match.

MIDDLEMEN TO RESCUE

Once again Potton have to thank their middle batsmen for seeing them to a Trophy victory after Ashwell had scored 150, mainly due to some erratic bowling and slack fielding.

After losing two quick wickets, some good batting by Bloss and Whiting, followed by some illustrious hitting from Leigh, saw Potton to victory.

Greenfield of Potton was man of the match.

Ashwell: B. Cherry 48, A. Mason 4, K. Eversden 3, M. Newland 13, D. Newis 1, A. Harper 3, P. Bryant 2. P. Geeves 20, N. Pawson 5, K. O'Loony 16, R. Worbey not out 2, extras 33, total 150. Greenfield 6-50, Cobb 1-25, Leigh 1-20, Steele 2-20.

Potton: G. Gray 7, R. Duffin 1, C. Whiting 46, N. Westhorp 5, R. Bloss 36, B. Steele 7, S. Darrington 1, M. Greenfield not out 13, C. Leigh not out 28, extras 7, total (for 7 wkts) 151. Bryant 1-40, Harper 2-22, Newis 2-45, Newland 2-19.

Lively Shefford

SHEFFORD batsmen were in a free scoring mood on Sunday, hammering 231 for 4 declared against Southill seconds.

Ken Vintner and Joe Pattinson put on an unbeaten 112 runs for the fifth wicket in 58 minutes and this included five sixes and 13 fours, with Vintner cracking Eric Blott for 32 in one over.

Southill hit back well through an opening partnership of 61 from John Miller and Eric Blott and Miller shared in a further stand of 60 with skipper Ken Lawrence. The match was drawn.

Shefford: J. Guthrie 16, C. Rockall 12, D. Swawey 38, J. Gudgin 38, J. Pattinson not out 55, K. Vintner not out 62. Extras 10. Total (for 4 wickets dec.) 231. Bowling E. Blott 2-65, G. Price 48, P. Oliver 1-60.

Southill II: J. E. Miller not out 50, E. S. Blott 28, J. Taylor 0, G. PRice 8, K. W. Lawrence 34, P. B. Oliver 5, B. Tanner not out 5. Extras 10. Total (for 5 wickets) 140. Bowling: J. Gudgin 3-42, C. Rockall 2-38.

QUICK WIN

After dismissing St. Giles for 123, partnerships of 40 by Martin Lawrence and Vic Green, and 60 by Lawrence and Brian Herbert, put Southill on the road to a quick five-wickets victory.

St. Giles 123 (P. Raby 38, D. Thurgeson 4-18, R. Tye 3-43. A. Corbyn 2-25); Southill 124—5 (M. J. Lawrence 56, B. A. Herbert 23).

SALISBURY TOPPERS

Bedford West Indians, the holders, took over at the top of the Salisbury Midweek League when they thrashed Ickwell by nine wickets on Wednesday.

Ickwell, who were leading the table, could do little right. Brian Herbert hit 27, but the other batsmen never looked like getting on top of the bowling.

A silly run-out did not help, and Ickwell had to be content with the moderate score of 75.

This was nothing like enough to test the West Indians. With Bob Demming hammering an unbeaten 47, they roared past their target for the loss of just one wicket.

The West Indians have a 100 per cent record in the league and are obviously going to take some stopping. What could be the crucial game is being played at Bedford Park tonight, when the West Indians take on Bedford Town.

The Town scored an easy win over Stewartby last week. The Stewartby bowlers kept a good length but could not contain the in-form Ian McLaren who made 42.

With Malcolm Wynn contributing 23, the Town totalled 93, and any hopes Stewartby had of reaching this target went in the first over when Dick White took two wickets.

White claimed two more in his second over and at one stage Stewartby had lost four wickets for three runs.

Pratt and Law rallied Stewartby briefly but the Town were never pushed. Stewartby finally mustered 36-8.

In the other match played last week, Henlow recorded their first victory over Kempston Ramblers, who are finding the competition a bit tough.

Current positions:

	p	w	t	l	pts
West Indians	3	3	0	0	1
Ickwell	4	2	1	1	
Bedford Town	3	2	1	0	
Stewartby	5	2	0		
Henlow	4	1	0		
K'ston Ramblers	3	0	0		

The Argus team who played Bromham Nomads on Saturday. Back row, left to right, B. Everett, R. King, R. Anstee, B. Morton, R. Peters, B. Merrill, L. Newman and J. Timmins. Front row, left to right, R. Frossell, M. Trewhella, B. Peters, C. Gill and A. Buck.

CHIP 6-1

RAIN was th winner in Igran match against on Sunday. Stum drawn 10 minutes ear

Westonia started slow but then Behan and Fo took the score to 126 wit a third wicket stand of 80

When these two were parted wickets fell regularly, mainly to Chinn, and the innings closed at 185.

Igranic recovered well after the loss of Morris, and Webb and Smith scored quickly. They took the score to 76 before Smith was caught behind.

A combination of interruptions by rain and good bowling by Osborne saw a slight collapse and Igranic were 121 for 8 when rain stopped play.

Westonia 185. (B. Behan 29, T. Fox 44, B. Chinn 12.5-6-14-6, S. Smith 3-0-10-2).

Igranic: P. Morris 9, A. Webb 61, S. Smith 30, C. Crichlow 3, B. Chinn 9, S. Soares 0, D. Charles 3, T. Dawkins not out 1, M. Church 0, total (for 8 wkts.) 121. C. Osborne 7-0-27-6.

Midweek League

A fair 'cop'

First Division

Brookhirst Igranic had an easy win over the Police by 10 wickets. Their bowlers were in fine form as they dismissed the Police for 41. Only P. McGowan could make any headway with 17 to his credit. B. Dywer was the chief tormenter with an analysis of 3-13, followed by C. Griffiths 3-7 and D. Lester 2-5. Openers S. Smith (18) and V. Lindo (24) gave a good display of careful batting and reached 44 without loss.

Argus were toppled from their perch by Oakley — their first defeat of the season. Batting first they were all out for 52 after openers L. Newman (5) and D. Evans (18) had given them a reasonable start. D. Hulatt and B. Worker, the Oakley first pair, took the score beyond 20 before they were parted, B. Worker (13) and G. Ripley (15) went comfortably to a five wickets win.

Ridgmont v. Wilden proved to be one of the highest-scoring matches in the league, as no fewer than 235 runs were scored in 2 hours 10 minutes batting. Ridgmont must have thought that they had scored enough with 117-5. A. Bunker had 26, and then followed a delightful unbroken sixth-wicket partnership between M. Wynn (43 not out) and D. Faulkner (28 not out). These two put on 68. J. Pell bowled well, taking 3-13. But Wilden set about the task of matching this score. The openers did their share with a partnership of 22, and J. Hughes continued to bat well in reaching 30. Together with R. Fowler (25) he added 43 for the fourth wicket, and with the score at 83-6 it was quite even. Then B. Pask set the game alight with a dazzling performance. His first scoring shot of 2, was followed by 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 4, and in taking a cheeky single to level the scores he finished 31 not out in the final total of 118-7.

Cople gave a brilliant display in beating Kempston Methodists by 50 runs. A record first-wicket stand of exactly 100, between P. Hull (75) and C. Minney (24) paved the way to this success. Hull really had a field day with three sixes and 10 fours, 58 in boundaries! N. Hindmarsh also had a good knock of 20. Only bowler D. Thompson had impressive figures of 4-12. In spite of this onslaught, Methodists gave a good account of themselves. Openers D. Sharp (26) and A. Thompson (15) put on 37, but some fine controlled bowling by Hull (2-14) held the balance in Cople's favour.

Second Division

RAE continue to set a strong pace, recording their fifth successive win at the expense of Britannia. Batting first they scored 87-5, R. Arnold (20) sharing in a very useful fourth wicket stand of 34 with J. Danes (22). Britannia had a disappointing start, and it was not until B. Rideout was joined by skipper Bob Pearce that the runs began to flow. These two added 20 with B. Pearce out for 11, and when the innings ended at 69-6, Rideout was 25 not out.

Clark Tyler also remain undefeated in this division. They beat Sainsburys by 53 runs. They were given a great start by their openers P. Darlow (26) and M. Dobson (15), and when the number three batsman, G. Kavanagh, also added his weight with a hefty 33, it was no surprise to see the score leap to 98-5. Only Ian Brecknock could shine with the bat for Sainsburys. Opening the innings he must have had mixed feelings as he watched three wickets fall rather quickly. Brecknock was finally out for 22 — almost half of the final total of 45. J. Nelson was the main cause for these failings with 4-24.

Postels recorded their first win when they beat Granada Rentals by eight runs. Youngsters Alan Stanbrook (20) and Geoff Appleton (21) were the main batsmen in a score of 66. G. Williams bowled exceptionally well with 3-16. Granada could not have foreseen much difficulty as their openers J. Grover (22) and C. Mitchell (9) shared in a first-wicket stand of 30. But then a dramatic change developed as D. Probert swung into action. His 4-18 gave Postels a great fillip, and with Geoff Appleton also sharing in the limelight (3-11) Granada fell short at 58-9.

Goldington v. Unigate was a great game with Unigate finally winning by two runs, with everything hinging on the last two balls. Unigate had done well to reach 76-7, and this was mainly contributed by the strong middle batting; C. Berrill (10), E. Baxter (16), M. Jakes (10 not out) and R. Tillotson (15). Goldington lost I. Bullock and K. Brice for less than 10, but Ian Babbington played well to make top score of 33. Ian Bygraves had 18 and Goldington seemed to be coasting to a win. But skipper E. Baxter brought himself back to bowl and took two wickets leaving a frustrated Goldington with 74-6.

Ramblers grand slam

OPENER John Gibbs was Biggleswade's batting star against Hunting Ramblers.

He was out just before the innings closed, having made 67. Middle order batsmen Bumstead and Hoole proved useful partners.

When Ramblers took the strike, the Biggleswade bowlers made little headway and openers Montague and Osbourne took the score to 101 before they were parted.

Montague went on to reach 86 which helped his side to a six-wicket win.

Biggleswade: 169-7. (J. Gibbs 67, A. Bumstead 30, N. Hoole 39).

Hunting Ramblers: 172-4 (C. Montague 86, E. Osbourne 36, G. York 3-68).

Last over win

BIGGLESWADE scored the winning runs in the last over of their match with St. Giles.

Although they lost opener Young early on, St. Giles looked to be heading for a big score with some useful performances from Scott, Kendall, and Wright.

But after these had fallen, together with the big hitting Guest, wickets tumbled. Bowles had a mammoth bowling stint for Biggleswade, being well supported by York.

Gibbs soon followed Adams back to the pavilion when Biggleswade batted, but Brown and Dilley took the score to the 100 mark.

Gillard then came in to score freely and Biggleswade finished the winners by six wickets.

St. Giles: 140 (Scott 21, Kendall 30, Wright 33, Guest 10, Bush 12. York 3-34, Bowles 4-56).

Biggleswade: J. Adams 0, J. Gibbs 13, J. Brown 50, C. Dilley 39, R. Gillard not out 31, E. Bowles not out 2, Extras 7. Total (for 4 wickets) 142.

March hang on

SOUTHILL Seconds took the major honours in the drawn match against March Seconds, but were unable to force a break through.

A fourth wicket stand by Neville Chambers and Ken Warwick set Southill up for a useful total of 146 for 5 wickets declared.

Basil Boyce and John Isbister saved March from a complete collapse in a partnership of 83.

Southill 2nd: E. S. Blott 7, D. Adams 3, W. Chambers 56, K. W. Lawrence 1, K. Warwick not out 51, G. Price 9, J. E. Miller not out 11, extras 8. Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 146.

March 2nd: 118 for 8 (B. Boyce 45, J. Isbister 35, G. Price 4-9, K. Lawrence 2-25, A. Massey 2-60).

lectors call up David Coleman

Norman Cooley quietly plays back a delivery from Roger King in the Town-Harpur clash on Wednesday. Town skipper Peter Oakley is the other batsman.

HOBBS ROUTS HARPUR

Bedford Town made rather short work of Harpur in the Salsbury Midweek League at the Bury on Wednesday, shooting them out for 48 in 12 overs. Chief destroyer was Hobbs who took five wickets for six runs in three overs after contributing a neat 25 not out. Scores:

Bedford: 105-4 (N. Cooley 44, A. Hobbs not out 25, P. Oakley 22, R. Mallows 4-0-22-3); Harpur 48 (M. Woodlands 14, A. Hobbs 3-1-6-5, R. White 4-1-11-2).

The other two games in the competition were much closer.

Kempston Ramblers scored an exciting last-over win against Brookhirst Igranic thanks to tight bowling by Euden, Shah and Russell.

Igranic 63-8; Kempston Ramblers 66-6.

Tobler Meltis beat North End by 11 runs, Wisson producing a fine all-round performance.

Meltis 107-6 (A. Thompson 33, R. Wisson 31); North End 96 (B. Jarvis 27, R. Footer 24, Wisson 4-27, R. Craven 3-27).

BEDFORD & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

	p	w	l	d	pts
Roxton	2	2	0	0	8
Felmersham	2	1	0	1	5
Cople	1	1	0	0	4
Little Staughton	1	1	0	0	4
Pertenhall	2	0	1	1	1
Staploe	1	0	1	0	0
Wootton	1	0	1	0	0
Oakley	2	0	2	0	0
Blunham	0	0	0	0	0

FIRST DIVISION

	p	w	l	d	pts
Stagsden	2	1	0	1	5
Wood End	2	1	0	1	5
Wilden	1	1			4
Stevington					2

Sandy v. Rest

Sandy, champions of the Millman Cup last season, are to play The Rest on their own ground on June 25. The Rest are drawn from the other seven clubs in membership last year: this season the competition has expanded to 16 clubs.

The Rest team are:

P. Oakley, captain (Bedford Town), M. Jordan and I. Bigley (Henlow), C. Drew and V. Reid (St. Neots), G. Bygraves (Ickwell), B. Herbert and A. Boon (Southill), M. Course (Biggleswade), D. Quirk and R. Stevenson (Kimbolton). 12th man W. Gibson (Southill).

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Mr. F. G. Marks, deputy secretary, told the Committee that a further 14 other staff of a total of 800 were also absent for the same reason. He said that vaccine arrived on Thursday, but it amounted to only 18 per cent of the original request.

"The medical staff under Dr. M. D. Hosford have agreed", said Mr. Marks, "that the nurses should have top priority."

Too Late for M.O.

Dr. W. C. V. Brothwood, Bedfordshire Medical Officer of Health, who is himself just recovering from an attack of Asian 'flu, said he had received notice from the Ministry of Health stating that 189 c.c.s of vaccine would be arriving that day or today (Tuesday) for general medical practitioners.

"It seems there will be more than enough to give one c.c. to each general medical practitioner who says he wants one. The public health people will receive theirs later, but in any case it will be too late, as, has been mentioned, I have already caught it."

Dr. G. A. Metcalfe commented that it was a curious thing that general practitionrs seemed to develop an immunity to the disease. "We are in and out of it twenty times a day", he added.

Down to 29 Per Cent

Attendances at Riseley School were down to 29 per cent last week — the lowest in the County. Thurleigh and Ravensden also showed low returns, the latter school being

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enable them to get some fresh air. As a result there were much more normal attendances yesterday (Monday).

Official Figures

Official school attendance figures show a general improvement, apart from one or two areas. Among the highest attendances last week were Priory Street Roman Catholic with 72.6 per cent and Queen's Park Juniors with 72 per cent. At the Silver Jubilee schools, howevr, figures were down to 56 per cent (boys) 54.8 per cent (girls), and 60 per cent (infants).

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Well-Known Sportsman Married

A well-known local sportsman, Mr. Roger Andrew King, was married to Miss Shirley Anne Martin, at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Saturday.

Miss Martin is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, 40 Queen Street, Bedford. She is employed at Telephone House, Bedford.

Mr. King is the younger son of Mrs. King and the late Mr. R. King, 32 Wellington Street, Bedford. He is opening bat for Harpur Sports Cricket Club, and for the past two seasons has assisted Kempston Rovers Football Club. He is now centre half for Potton United Football Club.

The bride wore white lace over taffeta, with a short circular veil, and a headdress of white net and orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Her two bridesmaids, Miss Jean Lovesey and Miss Jennifer Summerfield (friends), wore white brocade with headdresses of red roses. They wore red shoes and gloves, and carried bouquets of red roses and white carnations.

The best man was Mr. Terry King (brother of bridegroom), and the groomsmen were Mr. Alec Martin and Mr. Tony Martin (brothers of bride).

The service was conducted by the Rev. John W. H. Faulkner, and a reception was held at the Grosvenor Club, Ashburnham Road.

Their future home is at 200 Foster Hill Road, Bedford.

TWO MID-DAY TRAINS FROM LONDON

An improvement in the Saturday mid-day train service to Bedford from London has been made by the London Midland Region of British Railways. This follows representations from Mr. Christopher Soames, Bedford's M.P.

He told Mr. David Blee, general manager of the region, that Bedford travellers were complaining that, under the new winter time-table, only one lunch-time London-Bedford train had been laid on: the 12.30. Last winter there were two: the 12.30 and the 12.55.

As a result of these representations, the 1 p.m. London-Leicester train, which formerly stopped only at Harpenden and Luton, is now to stop also at Bedford throughout the winter.

This brings the current Saturday mid-day train service up to that of last winter.

Mr. Soames has also made representations about overcrowding on late afternoon trains to Bedford. These are being considered by British Railways.

Boiler fittings worth £100 have disappeared from a boiler house at Bedford gas works. Police are investigating the theft.

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Bedford Argus Cricket Team - H2086/2.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Whilst we are on the subject of acknowledgements, there are two other people whose contribution and work load in the name of **Bedford Town Football Club** often goes unnoticed.

I am sure that everyone has been more than impressed with the quality of the Programme this season. We are indebted to **Josie Meaney** for her unstinting work in producing a professional programme which must be the envy of many other clubs. *Thanks Josie*.

Thanks also to **Nic Meaney** our own 'Sparky' who has, on more than one occasion, 'kept the show on the road', or (more to the point), 'light on the subject', with his ever increasing knowledge of our temperamental floodlights.

Thank you both for your unwavering support in these and many other ways, for the good of **Bedford Town Football Club**.

Penny Young

Tribute to Terry King

This season has been what can only be described as *the crowning glory of* **Terry King's** three year reign at **Bedford Town Football Club** - *and what a way to go* - flying high on three promotions and several cup successes. He has certainly gained a rightful place in the history of the Club which owes a debt of gratitude to this man for his contributions over the years.

Terry King became manager of **Bedford Town** at the start of season 1992/93, having come out of retirement after a 45 year association with *Potton United*. At that time the **Eagles** had just completed their first season of non-league football after a 10 year break, and had finished the term in 4th position of *Division One* of the *South Midlands Football League*, playing on a park pitch under the management of **Tony Sullivan** who, on **Terry King's** arrival, moved comfortably into the position of Assistant Manager.

During his first season with the **Eagles,** he skippered the side to the *Championship of the First Division* and claimed the *Harry Robinson Trophy* which was the icing on the cake, beating *Kempston Rovers* 1-0. **Terry** guided players such as *Vernon Pedley, Tony Luff, Dave Liddle, Billy Horn, John Friend, Aaron Coker, Jason Reed, John Carmichael, Martin Cox, Ian Phelan, Paul Daniels, Paul Grant and Jamie Hunter* to these victories, **clocking up 163 goals in 46 games, conceding only 40 goals, losing a mere 4 and drawing 5 matches.** Watching eagerly from the dug out, **Terry** witnessed his players performing brilliantly against such teams as *Flamstead, London Colney, Sandy Albion and Bedford United* when, after being beaten on Boxing Day, **Bedford** put all to rights on the Easter Monday with Jamie Hunter netting a hat-trick against his old club. **Terry** will undoubtedly remember 3rd May, 1993, when **Bedford** won the league in front of a huge Bank Holiday crowd, beating Caddington 6-1 with six different **Eagles** scorers. Also during this season he was eventually named the SML *'Manager of the Month'* for April.

The following Season (1993/94) **Terry** experienced a move in two directions, one to the *New Eyrie* in *Meadow Lane*, the other into the *Premier Division* of the *SML*. His name will go down in history as being the first manager to be installed at the new ground. This season also saw the team entering no less than 9 cup Competitions, which, perhaps with hindsight, was a little over the top. However, **Terry** did achieve clinching the *Hinchingbrooke Cup* and the *South Midlands Floodlit Cup*, on the way to securing yet another *championship* in the *Premier Division.* During this term **Terry** led the **Eagles** out three times against his old team *Potton United,* at first unsuccessfully in the *Bedfordshire Senior Cup*, and then later on in the *Hinchingbrooke Cup*, which necessitated being played twice due to a draw in the semi final, this time winning 4-1. These must have been emotional games for him. As was undoubtedly reaching the final in the *Bedfordshire Premier Cup against Endsleigh Division One side Luton Town,* losing 2-1 in the dying minutes of play.

Season 1994/95 has been a real challenge for **Terry**. A season of thrills and spills has ended with promotion bids being closely contested for against strong opposition, a completely different style of football and sadly, the loss of right hand man **Andy Lloyd**. However, **Terry** has risen above all these obstacles, pressing on stoically for a promotion bid to **Division Two** of the **Diadora Football League** and the finals of the *Hinchingbrooke Cup* and the *Bedfordshire Senior Cup.*

Terry will always have a special place in **Eagles'** memories, and we hope to see him cheering the **Eagles** teams of the future, as his larger than life view points and personality will always have an audience at the *New Eyrie.*

Harpur Sports Unbeaten in Saturday Matches

Harpur Sports 1st XI are unbeaten in Saturday matches having played nine, won eight, and drawn one. Here is a picture of the team that defeated Queen's Works by 104 runs at Newnham Avenue last week. Back row (left to right), Mr. J. Jones (umpire), P. Ladbury, S. Smith, B. Cornall, P. Gilbert, M. Woodlands, R. Webster, and Miss S. Martin (scorer); front row, A. Ingledew, A. Greene, A. Webster (captain), J. Newman, and R. King.

Sprint Victories for Bedford Ladies

A small contingent of Bed-

Town C.C. Teams

MORRIS, MILLMAN NOT AVAILABLE

For their away match against Harrow, new opponents, tomorrow, Bedford Town will be without Sid Morris and Geoff Millman, who is in the Combined Services side to play Surrey at the Oval.

...K. Jenkins, Howard, Breeze, Andrews, Smith, Nethaway, Hall, and Taylor.

2nd XI (v. Harrow II at Eaton Bury): Woolliscroft, Matthews, Barcock, Scrivener, Linger, Peet, Maries, New, Harris, Chamberlain.

Tublers (v. Eaton Socon away): Stokes, Manship, Feasey, Bennett, Cook, Clifford, Duckett, and Salisbury.

Sunday XI (v. Casuals at Goldington Bury): Howard, Smith, Dixon, Peet, Hoar, Chamberlain, Stevenson, Brown, Poulter, Salisbury and Oakley.

TO VISIT KIMBOLTON

K. Vane Percy will captain Gentlemen of Bedfordshire against Kimbolton School at Kimbolton next Wednesday (1.30 a.m.). Team: K. Vane Percy, E. C. Howard, Major R. V. Spark, T. B. Woolliscroft, D. T. Matthews, S. Randall, M. W. Crouch, Hall, T. Holloway, B. Johnson, B. F. Dunkley. Hon. Sec., Mr. A. W. H. Poole; umpire, Mr. R. A. Cox.

...w 1st XI team at home to ...tomorrow, 2.30 p.m.: J. Legate, ...) R. Legate, F. Smith, J. ...M. Houghton, R. Grey, G. ...M. Jordan, W. Hyde, B. Beau... ...4. Beaumont. Umpire: J. Craw... ...rer: Miss Jordan.

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SCHOOL BOWLER TA... WICKETS IN OVER

Cycling

Roffey Misses Third Win by 30 Seconds

Bedfordshire Road C.C.'s 50-mile time trial saw a spirited battle between the winner for the past two years, W. Roffey, and R. Nicol for first place.

At 37½ miles they were level on time, but Nicol put in a fast finish to win in 2-11-4 to Roffey's 2-11-34.

One of the finest rides of the day came from 19-year-old D. Neame, who knocked 6 min. off his previous time to win first handicap and third place awards. Other times were:

A. Smith 2-15-38, J. Taylor 2-16-5, R. Presland 2-17-19, P. Stimpson 2-19-23, V. Stringer 2-19-10, M. Willson 2-20-17, R. Peckham 2-27-5, C. Buxton 2-20-21, and R. Ding 2-26-52.

The ladies' 15-mile race attracted only two entries and Miss M. Woods was fastest with 40.37 and Miss Matthews second with 45.2. After the events a party of 20 rode to Buckingham for lunch and lazed by the canal at Linford for most of the afternoon. This week the club 100-mile event is again being held in conjunction with the N.D.C.A. race, and the 14 riders from the club are hoping to win yet another team award at this distance. In the afternoon the annual cyclists' service is being held at Cardington Church at 3 o'clock. Tea will be at the clubhouse.

FIFTH AWARD

Once again, St. Neots and District "stole the limelight" last week-end with Jordan, Street, and Buck gaining 4th, 5th, and 6th places in the Century R.C. 100.

Their aggregate times easily gained the team prize, and lowered the club's 100 miles record for the second time this

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R. KING BIDS FOR A PLACE AS COUNTY OPENER

Jordan, of Henlow, Also Shines v. University

Competition for the place of opening partner for George August in the Bedfordshire team left vacant by the departure of Geoff Millman to Notts, is likely to be keen.

This much was apparent from the trial match against London University at Dunstable on Thursday when King, of Harpur Sports, pressed home his claims with an innings of 46.

King has the added advantage of being an all-rounder, and in five overs he took two wickets at a cost of only seven runs.

However, the selectors also have a high regard for King's former partner Lowings, who is now with Luton Town.

On this occasion, Lowings received a good ball which moved in to him early in his innings and so lost the opportunity to show his ability.

Best innings of the day came from Jordan (Henlow), who was discovered during the winter coaching at Cardington.

Although slow at times, he played a most competent knock of 79, which may well get him into the County side for the opening match with Lincolnshire at Whitsun.

McIntyre "Keeps" Well

Wicketkeeper is likely to be McIntyre, of RAF Henlow, who already has had some experience of county cricket.

Standing up to the fast bowlers, of whom Smith (Dunstable Town) was the most impressive, he took the ball very keenly and claimed a smart catch on the leg side.

Bedfordshire gained a much easier win than had been anticipated (by 115 runs), but the University's last pair, by stubborn defence, nearly managed to play out time.

There were only five minutes left when the last wicket fell.

A Bedfordshire XI

R. A. King c Lindsay b Auguste	46
R. D. Lowings lbw b Harrison	4
M. Jordan c Coats b Harrison	79
F. Whittingham lbw b Jung	12
R. F. Dunkley run out	14
S. T. Morris c Jung b Harrison	4
B. J. Ginnever not out	17
P. Oakley not out	4
Extras	16
Total (for six wkts., dec.)	202

T. F. McIntyre D. J. Smith and P. Buckingham did not bat.

London University

P. Hawkins b Smith	2
D. Jung b Smith	10
B. Auguste c Whittingham b King	0
C. L. Broadhurst b Smith	23
R. A. Peach c Whittingham b Smith	7
A. Coats run out	12
A. Parkinson c McIntyre b Buckingham	7
R. I. MacRae c Smith b King	10
H. M. Murray c McIntyre b Oakley	1
J. M. Harrison not out	4
T. P. Lindsay b Whittingham	4
Extras	7
Total	87

Bowling: Smith 11 o. 3 m. 39 r. 4 w.; King 6-1-7-2; Dunkley 7-0-16-0; Buckingham 10-5-13-1; Whittingham 1.3-0-4-1; Oakley 6-5-1-1; Jordan 4-4-0-0.

Town's Young Opening Pair in 86 Stand

Rain restricted play to an hour and 35 minutes in Bedford Town's fixture against Three Counties Hospital at Arlesey on Saturday and the match had to be abandoned as a draw.

Don Jenkins captained Bedford in the absence of George August, who was not available, and on winning the toss he elected to bat on a wet wicket that gave no help to the bowlers.

Despite a short interruption because of rain early on, the Town's young opening pair, Neville Senior and David Hoar, gave them an excellent send-off, putting on 86 at a rate of just over a run a minute.

A feature of the partnership was their well-judged running between wickets. Senior was first to go, being leg-before to Page, and one run later Hoar, after claiming five boundaries in 48, was caught in the gully off the same bowler.

Three Victims for Page

Sid Morris was out cheaply, and immediately afterwards rain ended play for the day with the total at 98 for three. *Page captured all three wickets, but more than once Pogmore was unlucky not to dismiss Hoar.*

Bedford Town: N. Senior lbw b Page 37, D. F. Hoar c Bircumshaw b Page 48, S. T. Morris b Page 2, W. Peet not out 8, extras 3, total (for three wickets) 98. J. Brown, J. Taylor, G. L. Smart, P. J. Oakley, G. S. Andrews, F. K. Burgess and D. G. Jenkins did not bat.

Bircumshaw 8 o. Callingham 8 o. F. Mays 5-1-19-0, ... Page 10.2-0-33-3, H. Pogmore 8-2-23-0.

Only half an hour's play was possible in Bedford II's game against Henlow Park at Goldington Bury, the home team scoring 26 for two.

The weather washed out Bedford School's fixture with the Forty Club, and both Harpur Sports' matches were cancelled.

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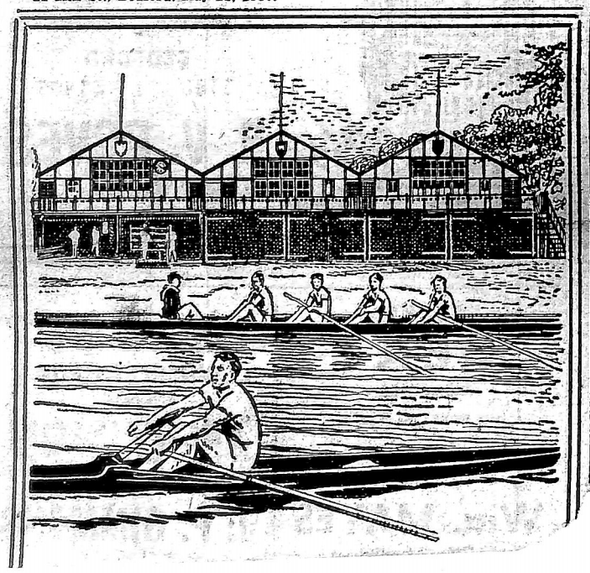

THURSDAY DRAW WITH POSTELS

With L. Cant and H. Berwick hitting a bright 51 for the second wicket, Postels were in a strong position against Bedford Thursday with 62 runs made for the loss of one wicket.

When Cant was bowled, however, Chappell and Poole seized the initiative for Thursday quickly disposing of the remaining batsmen and *Postels were all out for 97.*

Opening for Thursday, T. Rose batted successfully, but wickets tumbled cheaply at the other end. With the score at 57 for eight and 41 runs needed to win, S. Lilliman joined A. Chappell. A partnership showing great promise then developed until stumps were drawn with Thursday needing 21 runs to win and two wickets to fall.

Postels: Stapleton 5, Berwick 21, Cant 32, Ashwell 1, Worsley 0, Duncombe 8, Lovell 0, Cross 11, Lightfoot 0, Stonebridge 4, Harrison not out 4, extras 11, total 97.—Hargreaves one for 12, Poole four for 34, Chappell five for 26.

Thursday: T. Rose 23, E. Yates 0, S. Smith 0, C. Hargreaves 2, W. Poole 7, R. Phillips 2, A. Chappell not out 18, J. Gaunt 4, T. Hollowell 0, S. Lilliman not out 7, extras 14, total (for 8 wickets) 77.—Cant two for 16, Stapleton three for 24, Berwick two for 17.

HOSPITAL CUP

Better Fielding Team Wins

Goldington Sports, much the better team in the field, qualified for the second round of the Bedford and District Hospital Cup by defeating Queen's Works "B" in a match of 20 overs a side at Allen Park on Friday.

The Works had every chance to win, but the inability of the early batsmen to score quick runs cost them the game.

D. Clarke bowled extremely well without a rest, but he and his colleagues in the attack were not helped in the field, as the fielding and returns to the wicket were poor.

In all fairness, Queen's were handicapped by bad light for most of their innings. However, the rain held off and game finished almost in d... ness.

Goldington: A. G. Sing... W. Elvin 15, D. Tickner ... Stapleton 20, F. Line ... Tucker 1, J. Whaley 0, J. ... 13, D. Mears 9, R. Bru... not out 2, R. Clarke not ... extras 3, total 65.—D. C... six for 28.

Queen's "B": M. Shortla... 19, G. Allen 12, J. Shortlan... 1, C. White 6, R. Sell not ou... 7, K. Wilson 0, D. Boyde not out 2, C. Kemp 0, extras 6, total 53.—R. Clarke three for 21.

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CORNELL BACK WITH 6 FOR 7

King, Woodlands in 138 Stand

Harpur Sports had to be content with a moral victory over R.A.F. Henlow at Newnham Avenue. Harpur left the visitors 2¼ hours batting time to beat their declared total of 185 for five, and at close the R.A.F. side had replied with a rather feeble 55 for nine.

Harpur won the toss and elected to bat, and Henlow had a quick wicket when Greene was bowled with the total at 17. But it was a long time before R. King and M. Woodlands were separated, their stand putting on 138 of which King made 73—an excellent innings. M. Woodlands (62) was also in great form.

B. Cornell, who was making his first appearance this season following a football injury, dropped straight on to a length when R.A.F. Henlow batted, and returned the fine analysis of 13 overs, 9 maidens, 7 runs, 6 wickets. P. Gilbert's analysis was 11—8—5—2.

Harpur: A. Greene b Chapman 9, R. King b Chapman 73, M. Woodlands c and b Bumper 62, R. Lowings not out 12, J. Newman b Neve 8, R. Webster c Parlow b Chapman 10, extras 11, total (for 5 wickets dec.) 185. A. Webster, P. Ladbury, P. Gilbert, K. Ferguson, B. Cornell did not bat.—Chapman three for 46.

R.A.F. Henlow: Moorhouse b Gilbert 7, Robinson b Gilbert 4, Davey c King b Cornell 2, Darlow b Cornell 2, Chapman lbw Cornell 21, Horwood b Cornell 2, Neve c King b Ladbury 0, Leyland b Cornell 3, Draper not out 3, Bumper b Cornell 0, extras 11 total (for 9 wickets) 55.—B. Cornell six for 7.

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PARK PITCHES CRITICISED

TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Sir,—I feel, as I am sure many other local cricketers do, that it is about time some attention is given to the cricket pitches in local parks.

Russell Park, in particular, is a bowlers' paradise. For more bunkers are found on the wicket than on the adjoining putting green. If the dry weather continues the wickets will become very dangerous.

Might it be suggested that even a few of the hours spent watering the gardens could be used to water the wickets.

Surely 10s. or 15s. is a high price to pay when only four white lines are visible of any preparation.

Must we wait until someone is injured before anything is done?

ROGER A. KING.

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N. Wilson 1, extras 10, ... (for 6 wickets dec.) 174. Birkett two for 16, Peters three for 36. A. Loosley did not bat. K. Swales did not bat. Argus: J. Hellyer 2, H. Jones 5, G. Barnes 1, H. Dexter 7, F. White 0, B. Peters not out 37, T. Faulkner 12, H. Page 24, M. Birkett 1, J. Savage not out 0, extras 16, total (for 8 wickets) 105. N. Wilson four for 30, K. Swales three for 35, H. Turvey did not bat.

Harpur Off to Good Start in Hospital Cup

Five times winners of the Bedford Hospital Cup, Harpur Sports have, none the less, not succeeded in "lifting" the trophy since 1949. Can they win it this year to lead Bedford Town, who have also won the trophy on five occasions?

Here is a picture of the Harpur side which made a convincing start last Friday in the preliminary round of the competition. They are (left to right) A. Ingledew, B. Cornell, A. Webster, R. Webster, J. Newman, P. Ladbury, P. Gilbert, A. Greene, E. Middleton, T. King, and R. A. King.

After dismissing local rivals Igranic for 57 (Phil Gilbert took five wickets for 19 runs) at Bedford Park, Harpur replied with 58 for the loss of only three wickets, Roger King hitting 30 and Eric Middleton 26 not out.

Hargreaves Secures Seven Wickets

C. Hargreaves 0, W. Fitzpatrick 2, E. Yates not out 4, extras 3, total (for seven wkts.) 71.—Wootton took four wickets and Allen two.

Riseley: J. Baines 0, A. Wise 1, W. Allen 12, E. Tarry 0, P. Wootton 0, L. Williams 6, D. Short 1, T. Cerasale 0, T. Clifton not out 4, J. Gell 0, S. Walker 2, extras 6, total 32.—Hargreaves seven for 14, A. Chappell two for 12.

Pertenhall All Out for 21 in 15 Overs

Sharnbrook qualified to visit Houghton Conquest or Clapham "A" as the result of their preliminary round success over Pertenhall at Sharnbrook on Monday.

Taking first innings, Sharnbrook lost Edwards in the first over with the score at one, but there was a partnership of 43 for the second wicket by R. Dunkley and G. Boyles. After some quick wickets had fallen, J. Shayler and R. Marsh carried the score to 72 at the end of 20 ov

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HARPUR CRICKET CLUB

FAREWELL EVENING

FRIDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1971

BEDFORD NORTH END W.M. CLUB

Bedfordshire Standard: Friday 27 April 1923

COUNTY CRICKET NOTES.

By "How's That?"

Enthusiasm.

It is only natural that the County Club should be the first to feel the effect of the tremendous growth of enthusiasm for cricket in the County, and it is very pleasing to call attention to what I believe is a record in the history of our shire cricket. So great is the number of applications for games with the Club and Ground that it has been found necessary to arrange a few extra fixtures to relieve the pressure. For the first time, then, next Saturday, the Club and Ground is able to turn out two teams—one against the Bedford and District League champions, Queen's Works, on the Queen's Recreation Ground, and the other against a team representing the League itself on the Goldington-road ground.

Young Talent.

While the former team will contain most of the seasoned players, the latter match will be especially interesting as it will include on both sides some young players of promise. Tribute must be paid to the League Committee for their ready response to the request to provide the opposition. It is the only date on which such a fixture could take place on account of the League's heavy programme, which starts on the following Saturday. Certainly it is only by such matches as this that promising and keen young players can get a chance of the recognition they deserve.

The Club and Ground Teams.

The team to meet Queen's Works at Biddenham at 1.45 p.m. will be selected from: E. G. Penstone (capt.), W. E. King, P. Burke, W. Bovell-Jones, Capt. Rait-Kerr, L. Clark, Capt. D. Gaye, E. D. Daunt, J. H. Joyce, W. W. Corfield, H. Makey, and Dilley. Umpire, Capt. Hime.

The other team, which plays on the Club ground against the League at 2.15 p.m., is selected from: A. W. H. Poole (capt.), A. K. Warner, K. Miller, C. Skevington, F. Redman, E. Hill, C. J. J. Lowe, W. H. Piper, H. Worsley, L. Keens, H. Perry, and Penn. Umpire, H. Piper.

New Men.

Just a word about one or two of the young talent appearing for the first time in a Club and Ground team. Hill is the old Modern School captain, who, if I remember rightly, is a batsman, with a stout heart and defence. He lacks a little in physique at present, and this same remark applies to his late schoolfellow, Keens. The latter has a real cricket name and nature; he has a good idea of wicket-keeping, and if he took my advice he would master this department of the game first and thus leave his batting to take care of itself for the present. Perry is another wicket-keeper, from Henlow, who has written for a trial. W. H. Piper is the Town footballer, a bowler of good pace, who should now concentrate on direction and length. V. Williams, a new-comer to Bedford from South Africa, would have played next Saturday, but has expressed a desire to first make himself familiar with English wickets at the nets. He has never before played on grass wickets.

Basil Rogers.

Basil Rogers, son of "Dick," and late of Queen's Works, is making his debut in first-class cricket next week, when he becomes qualified for Glamorganshire. He has been given three games against Surrey, next Wednesday, Yorkshire and Lancashire. What opponents for a bowler to make a start against! Everyone will wish Rogers the best of luck, and "may you often get that one in, Basil, with just that extra 'nip' in it." If the Old Modernian's temperament was a little more "crickety," he would indeed be a great bowler, but perhaps he has gained this qualification in the West. Let us hope so.

Whitsuntide Cricket.

A word of advice to those about to make arrangements to go away from Bedford for the Whitsun holiday. Don't; spend a cheap, restful holiday watching County cricket. On Saturday, May 19th, Beds. receive a visit from the M.C.C., and on the Whit-Monday and Tuesday, Kent II. are entertained. Both matches are to be played on the Goldington-road ground, and hopes are entertained of a record attendance. Evening entertainment will be provided by the Bedford Amateur Operatic Society, who are that week producing Gilbert and Sullivan's "Haddon Hall."

Our Cricket Portrait Gallery.

No. 1.

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WILFRED E. KING.

BEDFORDSHIRE'S COUNTY CAPTAIN.

What more popular cricketer throughout the county could be chosen to inaugurate a new feature than Wilfred King, Bedfordshire's captain, left-handed hitter, and slow to medium bowler? While Wilfred is on the field he is usually the cause of excitement of some kind. He is either thrilling the spectators with his extraordinarily powerful strokes which send the ball soaring well over their heads, or he is exciting the mind of the padded batsman waiting for one of his predecessors to be beaten and bowled, when he himself will be called upon to face bowling which borders on the art of wizardry, when King gets a wicket to his liking.

Born at Keysoe Park on July 6, 1884, educated at Bedford Modern School, he was blessed, in addition to the services of "Dick" Rogers as a coach, with an enthusiastic cricketing father, and many a time, when a youth, King has taken 50 or 100 runs out of his cricketing "bag" he has placed a similar number of coins in his "every-day bags," the gift of a generous and proud parent. The present captain first turned out for his County in 1905, against Northumberland, scoring 55 and 12, while in his next County match, which was against Staffordshire, he met and flogged the famous bowler Barnes for 83 of the best. At the end of this season we find King had 1233 runs and 118 wickets to his credit. The next year was his best in aggregate runs and wickets, scoring 1,603 and taking 151. Every year up to 1914 found him making his thousand runs and taking 100 wickets. Here are a few details of several season's work:—

	Runs.	Wkts.	Centuries.
1904	1272	194	—
1905	1233	118	2
1906	1603	151	2
1907	1509	148	3
1908	1382	134	3
1909	1325	84	1
1910	1686	131	5
1911	1005	58	3

While his post-war totals do not reach the heights of his pre-war records, some of his best County individual efforts have been made in recent years. His seven wickets for six runs last year against Bucks., on the School ground, was a feat through which Beds. won their only match of the season, and for which his fellow players relieved him of the fag of walking off the field, for they shouldered him to the pavilion. Another great performance was against Hertfordshire, when he scored exactly 100 in 50 minutes. To show the condition to which King had reduced the Herts. bowling, Titchmarsh, who has just returned from Australia with Maclaren's team, was put on, and his one and only over was treated by the left-hander thus: 6, 4, 4, 6, 4. Then "Titch" bowled a wide in despair; Wilfred ran out after it, and tipped it for another 6. Altogether, his hundred contained six 6's, eleven 4's, two 3's, three 2's, and only eight singles. For Beds. Farmers against Hunts. Farmers King made last June 177 not out, which included thirteen 6's and fifteen 4's. His best bowling performance in any match was for Club and Ground v. Bedford School, in 1913, when, playing 12 a-side, he took all eleven wickets. These performances are wonderful for a cricketer who has no physical defect, but how much more exceptional are they when it is realised that Wilfred can only boast of two fingers and a thumb on his left hand, and cannot raise his right arm above the horizontal position.

One cannot conclude this short sketch without paying tribute to Wilfred King's popularity with cricketers of all grades. He is a sportsman to the backbone, and Bedfordshire may justly be proud of its cricket captain.

Next week I hope to hang in our gallery Queen's Works Cricket Team, with a short sketch of its history.

"HOW'S THAT?"

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Mr. King played for his school and also in league cricket. His father ran Keysoe Park cricket team before the turn of the century, and on three occasions won the county First Division championship. In 1900, Mr. King made his first century in league cricket, though it was not until four years later that he was recognised as an all-rounder of merit.

Mr. King played regularly for the county side for 20 years, retiring in 1925. From 1922 until his retirement he captained the side.

Latterly, he lived with his wife at 19, Uplands-avenue, Hitchin, having moved there two years ago when he retired from being licensee of the Raven Inn, Hexton, after 33 years.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, both of whom have played for Dunstable Town Cricket Club.

A funeral service will be held at the Priory Church, Dunstable, on Thursday morning, followed by cremation at Luton.

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6.2.97

Dear Mr Webb,

Graham Sidney Leventhorpe

You have taken me back a long way! You must have done some keen detective work to trace me after all these years.. I will do my best to provide you with some information on my father's cricketing career, but I was only 12 at the outbreak of the Second World War, after which date I don't think he ever touched bat or ball.

He was indeed born in India, at Poona, where my grandfather was in the Indian Civil Service. He was a right handed bat and certainly on occasion kept wicket - he had a remarkably good and quick eye. I cannot help you over the Indian Cricket Board, but he was only out there apart from as a boy, between 1929-1931. Does that date fit? Could it have been his father?

He certainly played cricket in India, regularly playing with the Maharajah of Patiala, a fanatical player, who, short of a flat area in his domain, took the top off a mountain! My father was a "lazy" bat and preferred to score in boundaries, especially in the heat of India and this was quite costly in balls lost over the edge. He played regularly in R.A. and R.E. fixtures when in England.. He was chosen as an Instructor at Staff College in the '20's because they wanted a good opening bat.

He died in November 1963 at his home Twyford House, Twyford, Winchester, Hants.

He was commissioned in 1910, and served throughout the first World War in France winning a D.S.O., I believe for keeping his guns firing under close attack; he was also Mentioned in Dispatches. He was again Mentioned in Dispatches in World War Two, after Dunkirk where as divisional C.R.A. he instructed his gunners to destroy their guns and take their gun sights home with them. He and Monty fell out and he spent the rest of the war on home staff appointments. Apart from dabbling in market gardening, he did not take up any business interests, but did have a number of local and charitable interests.

Yours Sincerely,

R.C.Leventhorpe.

Mr A.J.Webb,
59c Mount Avenue,
Ealing,
London W5 1PN

Thanked by postcard 21/2.

21 February 1997

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E J H Gould Esq MA
The Master
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Dear Mr Gould

I am writing to thank you very much indeed for your most helpful response to my enquiry about two former pupils who had played for Bedfordshire County Cricket Club.

By chance, I was put in touch with Graham Sydney Leventhorpe's son who lives on the Isle of Man. In case you want to add the information to the College Register, I can confirm that Graham Leventhorpe was born in India - at Poona - and that he died at Twyford, Winchester.

If I find out anything more about Henry Radice, I will let you know.

Thank you again for your help and please don't acknowledge this letter.

Yours sincerely

A J Webb

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The Master E J H Gould MA

30th January 1997

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your letter asking about two Bedfordshire County Cricketers who were former pupils at the College. I am passing your letter on to our archivist, Dr. Terry Rogers, to see what he might be able to turn up but in the meantime I can give you the two entries from the College Register:

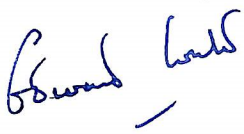
No. 8354 Graham Sydney Leventhorpe
born 4th November 1890 son of J.B. Leventhorpe (3036 in Register)
Joined MC (C2) as Junior Scholar in September 1903
Prefect XI 1907-08 Racquets 1908 left July 1908
Woolwich, Royal Artillery 1910 France 1914-18 Captain 1916
Despatches, DSO 1917 Major 1929 Colonel 1937
British Expeditionary Force Despatches 1939 Colonel Retd. 1945
married Dorothy , daughter of C.J. Leyland, Beal, Northumberland
address Gastons, Kilmeston, Alresford, Hants
Died 15 December 1963

No. 13739 Henry Lally Tolendal Radice
born 13th June 1921 son of F. Radice, Goldington Avenue, Bedford
Joined MC September 1935 (C3)
Prefect XI 1939-40 left July 1940
Army 1940 Sandhurst 1941 Glos Regiment 1941
India South-East Asia Command, Captain 1948
address: c/o Lloyds Bank, Pall Mall, SW1
Supplement entry
Lt Col MBE, Commanding 1st Bn The Gloucestershire Regt 1964-67, retd 1976
Regimental Sec. 1976 - Vice President Army Rugby Union 1974; Treasurer 1975
address: Lloyds Bank, Cox's & King's, 6 Pall Mall, SW1

The entry for G.S. Leventhorpe's father (J.B. Leventhorpe) does not add any factual detail on addresses except that he went to the Royal Indian Engineering College in 1875, was with the Public Works Department in India in 1877, an Executive Engineer in 1887 and retired in 1910 as Superintendent Engineer, which means probably that G.S. was born in India.

I hope this is of some help to you. Dr. Rogers will follow up with anything further he might find in the archives.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. A.J. Webb
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Dr R McC Linnell

Robert McCheyne	Born 16 February 1881 78 Branstone Road, Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire Father John Edward Linnell Curate of Christ Church, Burton-on- Trent, and Mother [Emmeline] Elizabeth Linnell, formerly Darby . Died 16 March 1915 Military Hospital, South Tidworth, Wiltshire; buried at Pavenham Churchyard, Bedfordshire
Type of Player	Batsman and bowler
Education	Bedford Modern School [1889-1899]; Cricket XI [1898-1899] St John's College, Cambridge 1900-1902. London Hospital 1903-1910? - Diplomas of Licentiate, Royal College of Physicians (LRCP), and Member, Royal College of Surgeons (MRCS), and later Diploma of Public Health (DPH) and Diploma of Tropical Medicine (DTM)
Main Teams	**Bedfordshire 1909-1910** - 3 matches – one in 1909 and two in 1910 [3, 6, 2, 5*, 20, 5.00 - - 2 - -, 36 balls, 26, 3, 8.66, 3-16] **Federated Malay State 1914**- In August 1914 he captained the team that defeated Singapore for the first time in thirteen years. London Hospital which team won the Inter-Hospital Challenge Cup
Other Sports	Half Blue for cross country at Cambridge University. At the Inter-Hospital Sports he won the Three Mile, Mile and Half Mile Races

Medical Career

In 1910 he went as medical officer to Rossall School where he was for five terms, and in the holidays did his training at Aldershot as a lieutenant of the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Special Reserve.

In January 1912 he went as Medical Officer to the Kuala Lumpur Robber Company. He did some research work on malaria and a paper embodying the results of his three-year experience was to be read before the Society of Tropical Medicine.

In October 1914 he was recalled from Malaya by the War Office, where he was gazetted Captain and sent to Bulford where the Canadians had many cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Having formed a theory that the disease was communicated by horses, he conducted many experiments to test it. It cannot be said to have established the truth as he fell ill and, after appearing to be making a good recovery, he had a relapse and died on 16 March 1915 at the Military Hospital, South Tidworth. Though he did not die on the field of battle, he gave his life in the service of his country.

THE EAGLE (B.M.S MAGAZINE) 1915

Beds 1909-10

R. McC Linnell was in the School First Eleven in 1898-9. At St. John's College, Cambridge, he played cricket regularly for his College and obtained his "half-blue" for Cross Country running. Proceeding to the London Hospital he took his diploma of L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. and later those of D.P.H. (diploma of Public Health) and D.T.M. (diploma of Tropical Medicine). In 1910 he went as medical officer to Rossall School, where he was for five terms, and in the holidays did his training at Aldershot as a lieutenant of the R.A.M.C. in the Special Reserve.

At the hospital he played cricket, being in the team that won the Inter-Hospital Challenge Cup. At the Inter-Hospital Sports he won the Three Miles, Mile, and Half Mile races, and in a contest between the United Hospitals and Trinity College, Dublin, defeated the Amateur Champion of Ireland in the Three Miles.

In Jan. 1912, he went as Medical Officer to the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Co., and last August Bank Holiday captained the Federated Malay States cricket team that defeated Singapore for the first time in thirteen years.

He did some very good work on malaria, and a paper embodying the results of his three years' experience is to be read before the Society of Tropical Medicine.

Having been recalled by the War Office last October, he was gazetted Captain, and sent to Bulford, where the Canadians had many cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis. Having formed a theory that the disease was communicated by horses, he conducted many experiments to test it, and though he cannot be said to have established the truth, he fell ill, and, after appearing to be making a good recovery, had a relapse and died on March 16th. He was buried at Pavenham, Mr. Evans taking the service. Though he did not die on the field of battle he gave his life in the service of his country.

E. LITCHFIELD

First names in full: ERIC. FRANK.
Date of birth: 22- 12- 12.
Place of birth: BEDFORD
School: HARPUR TRUST.
University or college: —

Left or right-handed batsman: R. Handed o/ener.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: —
Year of first class debut: —
Teams played for:
First class - /
Second class - BEDFORD.
Others - LOCAL.

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

Played Table Tennis
Football. cricket ms / accurate.

Occupation: PLUMBER.

Thank you for your help.

E.F. LITCHFIELD

74 CHurch Lane
Soldingstn.
Bedford.

Dear Mr. Webb,

Thank you for your letter regarding (Cricketers) who have played for Bedfordshire.
I was very surprised, and I am sorry, I will not be able to help you very much.
I did play for the County about 3 times in the 193— when I was about twenty. - otherwise I only played in Local cricket.
I finished playing after the war as I lost the sight of the R-eye in Italy. I am now 63

and watch Bedford Town most week-ends in the season. - I live near the ground. (Goldington Burg)

I hope you are successfull in your venture. - Please excuse writing - I haven't wrote for years. - cheerio

yours sincerly
C. F. Litchfield.

P.S. sorry - not being able To help you very much

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June 2, 1977

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England

Dear Mr. Webb:

Thank you for your letter of April 5. The following is a brief resume giving some data which you may use in compiling information about Cricketers who played for Bedfordshire.

Name:	James Stewart Mackay
Date of Birth:	April 5, 1907
Place of Birth:	North Sydney, Nova Scotia
School:	Bedford School 1920 - 1925
Cricket:	Right handed batsman, right hand medium-fast swing bowler Played for Bedfordshire in 1925 and a Cricket Club in Dulwich in 1926 and 1927.
Rugby:	Played Rugby for Scotland in the School Boys International in 1925 and again in 1926. Played for London Scottish first team, including the seven-a-side team in 1926 and 1927.
Misc. Overseas:	Captained Scotland in Cricket, Rugby and Track - in Manila, Philippines and also captained the Manila Cricket team for two seasons.

I hope this will assist you in putting together some biographical information.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

James S. Mackay

James S. Mackay

B Maclear

Basil Born 7 April 1881 2 Sussex Terrace, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire, the fifth son of Captain Henry Wallish Maclear of the Buffs [East Kent Regiment], [Major in October 1885], who ended up as practicing as a doctor in Bedford, and Mary Comerford Maclear, formerly Casey.
Killed in action 24 May 1915 North West of Wieltje, near Ypres.

Type of Player Batsman and bowler

Education Bedford Grammar School [1893-1899]; Cricket XI [1896-1899]
Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst 1899-1900 [Cricket XI 1900]

Main Teams **Bedfordshire 1900-1909** - 5 matches with 3 in 1900 and 2 in 1909.
[Career record 1900-1909 5, 8, 0, 39, 85, 10.62 - - 1 3 – 126, 104, 1, 104.00, 1-67.]

Military Career Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst 1899- 1900 winning Sword of Honour Joined Royal Dublin Fusiliers 1900 as Second Lieutenant. Served in Boer War 1900-1902 and mentioned in Despatches and awarded the Queen's Medal with five clasps. Appointed captain in 1902 and served as second in command and adjutant of the Lagos Battalion West African Field Force (WAFF) in 1903 and to full command in 1905. In that year he returned home and was stationed at Fermoy, Munster and began his international Rugby Career for Ireland. In 1911 he was posted to the staff of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst where he remained until February 1915. He was then sent to the Western Front arriving in France in March. A month later he was dead having been killed in action on 24 May 1915, northwest of Wieltje, near Ypres. He is reported as having died leading a bombing party to beat back some of the advancing enemy when he was shot through the throat. His body was not recovered and he is commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.

Rugby Career He is best known as a rugby player, with 11 appearances for Ireland between 1905 and 1907, being on the winning side six times, including three wins against England. He had been eligible to play for England but had been overlooked by the England Selectors. He is reported as being a forceful rather than a subtle player weighing in 14 stones and just short of six feet tall. He scored a try in his debut match against England in 1905 which Ireland won. In 1906 he scored an 80 metre try against South Africa regarded as one of greatest in the history of Irish Rugby – Ireland lost by 15 points to 12. A persistent knee injury cut short his international career. In 2015 he was inducted to the World Rugby Hall of Fame.

He began his playing career in the Bedford School Rugby XV for five years between 1895 and 1899, the last three seasons as captain. For the school, he had usually played as a forward. He made his debut in club rugby for Blackheath at age 15. Other senior teams played for, usually as a centre or wing, included the Royal Military Academy,Sandhurst; Bedford; Monkstown , Cork County, Munster and the Barbarians.

Family Connections Basil Maclear was grandson of Sir Thomas Maclear, the late Astronomer Royal at the Observatory at Cape Town, who was also close friends with David Livingstone, as they shared a common interest in the exploration of Africa. The Maclear crater on the moon is named after Sir Thomas, as is Maclear's Beacon on Table Mountain, the town of Maclear in South Africa, and Cape Maclear in Malawi.

There were five brothers, three of whom were killed in the First World War –Percy in 1914, commanding the Second Nigeria Regiment in the Cameroons; Harry with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers near Loos in 1916; and Basil himself. As part of the events to celebrate the one hundred years anniversary of the First World War a lecture took place on 8 October 2015 at Bedford School on the subject of the Maclear brothers which was given by James Smith and Stephen Walker.

Volume 1, Part 1, Page 228 - LLOYD, Edward Raymond - Captain and adjutant, 2nd Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

Elder surviving son of Lieut-Col Edward Lloyd, of Bedford, late Indian Cavalry, by his wife, Mary Katharine, dau of the Rev. John Harding. Born 13th Nov 1882; educated Bedford Grammar School and Sandhurst; gazetted 2nd Lieut, 1st Battalion of the Inniskillings 22nd Oct 1902, promoted Lieutenant 2nd Jan 1905 and subsequently transferred to the 2nd Battalion, then in Egypt, of which corps he was successively assistant adjutant and (29th Aug 1911) adjutant.

He received his Coy. 21st Feb 1912, went to the front with the Expeditionary Force in Aug 1914, was wounded in the fighting about Cambray Le Cateau on 26th Aug and died of wounds in the hospital at Cambray 3rd Dec following. Was Unmarried.

He was mentioned in F.M. (now Lord) Frenchs despatches on 8th Oct for gallant and distinguished service in the field. A good all round sportsman, he represented his school in the public schools boxing competition held at Aldershot in 1899, and was a keen follower of the hounds and a frequent rider in point to point hunt steeplechases. He was also a good shot both with gun and rifle.

LYALL **A**

A L I - No further information currently

MACLEAR **Basil**

Captain, 2nd Battalion, Royal Dublion Fusiliers. Killed in action Monday 24th May 1915. No known grave. Commemorated on *YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL*, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 44 and 46.

MACLEAR, DSO **Harry**

Lieutenant Colonel, East Lancashire Regiment attached 13th Battalion, Royal Scots. Killed in action Wednesday 15th March 1916. Awarded the Distiguished Sevice Order (DSO). Son of Henry Wallich Maclear and Mary Maclear; husband of Beatrice Maclear, of 2, Warwick Avenue, Bedford. Buried in *MAZINGARBE COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Pas de Calais, France*. Grave 107A.

This extract from *The VC and DSO Book - Distinguished Service Order 1886-1915* published by Naval and Military Press:

> **MACLEAR, HARRY**, Major, was gazetted to the East Lancashire Regt. 18 March, 1891: became Lieutenant 3 April, 1892; Captain 11 May, 19th), and Major 9 March, 1910. He served in the Chitral Campaign in 1895, with the Relief Force (Medal with clasp). Served on the North-West Frontier of India, 1891-98 (Malakand; clasp). Served in East Africa, 1903-4; commanded the 9th Somali Camel Corps from 20 Dec. 1903. Took part in the operations in Somaliland; Special Service Officer, Assistant to Base Sopply and Transport Officer, Berbera (from Nov. 1903) (Medal with clasp). Major Maclear served in the European War, and was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order ondon Gazette, 23 June, 1915]: "Harry Maclear, Major, East Lancashire Regt. For distinguished service in the field." He was killed in action in France 7 March, 1916.

MACLEAR **Percy**

SDGW states Major, Royal Dublin Fusiliers while CWGC states Lieutenant Colonel, commanding 2nd, Nigeria Regiment, W.A.F.F. Killed in action Sunday 30th August 1914. Husband of Ethel Maclear, of "Pinecot," Gordon Rd., Camberley, Surrey. No known grave. Commemorated on LOKOJA MEMORIAL, Nigeria.

MARTIN **Henry**

Private 11330, "F" Company, 6th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders. Killed in action Saturday 13th March 1915. Age 17. Born Peterburgh, enlisted Bedford. Son of Henry and Alice Emma Martin, of 42, Stanley St., Bedford. A Clerk in the Finance Dept., Bedford Corporation. No known grave. Commemorated on LE TOURET MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 39 to 41

McNAUGHTON **Ronald M C**

Lance Corporal 1162, 54th East Anglian Division, Royal Engineers. Died in England 10th September 1914. Age 23. Enlisted Bedford. Son of J. I. and Janie C. McNaughton, of "Belhaven," 39, Kimbolton Rd., Bedford. Buried in BEDFORD CEMETERY, Bedfordshire. Plot/Row/Section K. Grave 31. See also Bedford Cemetery.

1905 and 1907. One newspaper described him as a "lion of the game." Another suggested he was "one of the greatest three-quarter backs who ever played rugby for Ireland or for any other national XV."

Basil's mother, Mary Comerford Casey Maclear, was born in 1845 in Liverpool, the daughter of a Merseyside soap magnate and the descendant of the Comerford family of Co Wexford and Cork. Her grandmother, Jane Comerford, daughter of Peter Comerford, a wine merchant in Cork in the late 18th century, married her cousin Edwards Casey of Cahirgal and Elmgrove, Cork, in 1792, and the Comerford name was continued through their descendants for many generations.

Edwards Casey, who died in 1827, and his wife Jane Comerford had six sons and three daughters. One of their sons, William Comerford Casey, was a freeman of Cork, and voted in the 1827 election. Soon after, he later moved to Wavertree, Liverpool, and was a soap manufacturer in Liverpool, where he was partner with his brother George Casey in the firm of WC and G Casey.

William Comerford Casey married Susannah (born 1815), daughter of John Hawkins (1791-1877), solicitor, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and his wife Susannah Theed Pearse (1791-1847). Her brother, Sir Henry Hawkins (1817-1907) was a barrister and judge, and became Lord Bampton. Susannah and William Comerford Casey were the parents of four sons and four daughters.

William Comerford Casey died in 1852. His daughter, Mary Comerford Casey, was born in Liverpool in 1845, and baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Wavertree, 25 April 1845. In June 1870, she married her cousin, Major Henry 'Harry' Wallich Maclear (1845-1911), an officer in the 3rd Buffs who practised as a doctor in Bedford.

Harry Maclear was born in Cape Town on 31 October 1845. His father, Sir Thomas Maclear, was the Astronomer Royal in Cape Town. Sir Thomas was born in Newtownstewart, Co Tyrone, and studied medicine at the Royal College of Surgeons in London. But he spent much of his life working as an astronomer and in 1860 he was knighted for his scientific excellence. He was a close friend of David Livingstone, and they shared a common interest in the exploration of Africa. The crater Maclear on the Moon is named after him, as are Maclear's Beacon on Table Mountain, the town of Maclear, South Africa and Cape Maclear in Malawi.

Dr Maclear's brother, John Fiot Lee Pearse Maclear (1838-1907), was an Admiral in the Royal Navy, known for his work in hydrography and as the commander of *HMS Challenger*. He has given his name to Maclear Island and Mount Maclear in Queensland.

Dr Harry Maclear died on 6 February 1911. Mary Comerford Casey and Harry Maclear were the parents of five sons; four of their sons were army officers, and three were killed in World War I:

1, (Lieutenant-Colonel) **Harry Maclear**, DSO (1872-1916). An officer in the East Lancashire Regiment, he was killed on 15 March 1916 while commanding the 13th Royal Scots at the Pas de Calais, France, and is buried at Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery.
2, Arthur Maclear (1873-1945), a miniature painter.
3, (Lieutenant-Colonel) **Percy Maclear** (1875-1914). He was killed on 30 August 1914 in the Cameroons while commanding the 2nd Nigeria Regiment of the West African FF. He married **Ethel Pethean** and they had a daughter:
1a, Eileen Mary Maclear (1910-1989); she was born in Bolton, Lancashire, and died in North Tawton, Devon.
4, (Lieutenant-Colonel) **Ronald Maclear**, OBE, MC (1877-1932), Registrar of Bodmin. He too was noted Rugby player – he played rugby for Bedford and the East Midlands, played 48 county matches and played for England v The Rest of England. In 1907, he married Emma Grizel Stronach, daughter of John Stronach of Ceylon and Bedford; she died in Bognor Regis in 1940.
5, (Captain) **Basil Maclear** (1881-1915).

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International Caps

W 11 February 1905. Ireland (6) 17 vs England (0) 3. Mardyke, Cork.
W 25 February 1905. Scotland (0) 5 vs Ireland (5) 11. Inverleith.
L 1 March 1905. Wales (10) 10 vs Ireland (3) 3. St Helen's Swansea.
L 25 November 1905. Ireland (0) vs New Zealand (5) 15. Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
W 10 February 1906. England (0) 6 vs Ireland (8) 16. Welford Road, Leicester.
L 24 February 1906. Ireland (0) 6 vs Scotland (10) 13. Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
W 10 March 1906. Ireland (8) 11 vs Wales (3) 6. Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast.
L 24 November 1906. Ireland (3) 12 vs South Africa (12) 15. Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast.
W 9 February 1907. Ireland (14) 17 vs England (0) 9. Lansdowne Road, Dublin.
W 23 February 1907. Scotland (0) 15 vs Ireland (3) 3. Inverleith.
L 9 March 1907. Wales (6) 29 vs Ireland (0) 0. National Stadium, Cardiff.

Captain Basil Maclear
Royal Dublin Fusiliers
Died 24 May 1915
Aged 34
Centre
Eleven Caps

'A keen soldier, a great athlete, an honest English Gentleman'

Basil Maclear was born on 7 April 1881 in Portsmouth, England, the fifth son of Major H. W. Maclear (The Buffs) and Mrs Maclear of Bedford and grandson of Sir Thomas Maclear, late Astronomer Royal, Observatory, Cape Town who was also close friends with David Livingstone, as they shared a common interest in the exploration of Africa. The Maclear crater on the Moon is named after him, as is Maclear's Beacon on Table Mountain, the town of Maclear, South Africa and Cape Maclear in Malawi. Two of his brothers were also killed during the war. Lieutenant Colonel Percy Maclear, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Commanding 2nd Nigeria Regiment, in the Cameroons on 30 August 1914 (commemorated on the Lokoja memorial), and Lieutenant Colonel Harry Maclear DSO near Loos on 16 March 1916 (commemorated in the Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery). His other two brothers fortunately survived the war.

He was educated at Bedford Grammar School where he did exceptionally well and captained the first XV. E. A. Rolfe in the 1929 Old Bedfordians' yearbook wrote of him:

> As a youngster at the Priory School he signalized himself by winning every event in the athletic sports ... At the early age of 15 he played for Blackheath and the records of the time describe him as 'a promising forward, tall, heavy, strong and fast, a resolute tackler and a reliable place-kick.

After leaving school he went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, winning the Sword of Honour. He was gazetted as second lieutenant in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, served throughout the Boer War, 1899-1902, and was Mentioned in Despatches. He was appointed second in command and adjutant of the Lagos Battalion West African Field Force (WAFF) in 1903, and to the full command 1905.

On returning home he continued with his rugby career. He weighed in at fourteen stone and was just short of six feet in height with a magnificent physique. Described

a powerful rather than subtle player, he was dangerous in attack and formidable in defence, running straight and hard, and handing off with a force, which was only equalled by the tremendous vigour of his tackling. He captained Munster against the All Blacks in 1905. Munster lost thirty-three to nil. He also played for the Officers of the Army vs the Officers of the Royal Navy in February 1907.

Despite Maclear converting ten tries out of twelve at Richmond watched by the England selectors and, despite the fact that they had no place kickers of repute, he still failed to be selected. As a result of being stationed at Fermoy, County Cork, he became eligible to play for Ireland. In his first international he formed part of the Irish team that beat England by the resounding score of seventeen-three Rowland Hill, President of the IRFU, commented after seeing him play against England:

An English soldier stationed in Munster made his debut for Ireland against England at Cork. His name was Basil Maclear and he stamped his authority and class on the match by creating two tries in the first half and scoring another after the interval.

The Times was equally praising:

His defence was very fine, he fitted in well to the passing game . . .displayed a fine turn of speed and . . . was very difficult to stop. Maclear was the key player in the win over Scotland too, and the try he created for Moffatt gave that player his fourth touchdown in three internationals – an Irish record.

In 1913 he was posted to the staff at RMC Sandhurst, where he remained until 25 February 1915 when he went to the Western Front arriving in March. A month later he was dead.

He was killed in action on 24 May 1915, northwest of Wieltje, near Ypres. At about 4am the Germans launched a heavy gas attack, followed by an infantry assault, which overran trenches from which enfilade fire was directed into the British trenches. The 80th flank was exposed, but they continued to fight. The battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel A. Lovebrand, was killed. Captain Maclear wetted the gas respirators of the troops near him, and encouraged their defence. In mid-morning Maclear was leading a bombing party to beat back some advancing enemy when he was shot through the throat and killed. After the action, only twenty-one men returned from the trenches, all that remained of the seventeen officers and 651 men who had been 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Maclear was once again Mentioned in Despatches for his bravery.

Capt Basil Maclear is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium (Panels 44 and 46).

He was the first Irish International to be killed in the Great War.

EARL OF ESSEX (VISCOUNT MALDEN)

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First names in full: REGINALD GEORGE DE VERE CAPELL
Date of birth: 9th October 1906
Place of birth: MURSLEY BUCKINGHAM SHIRE
School: ETON
University or college: MAGDALEN CAMBRIDGE

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: MEDIUM RIGHT
Year of first class debut: 1928
Teams played for:
First class -

Second class - BEDFORDSHIRE

Others -

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
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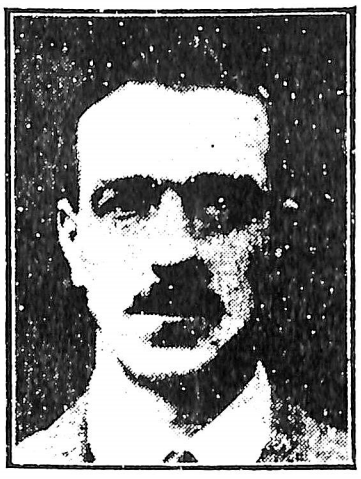
RODE IN NUMEROUS POINT TO POINTS & UNDER NATIONAL HUNT RULES

Occupation: RETIRED AUCTIONEER & FARMER

Thank you for your help.

Luton News: Thursday 30 July 1931.

TO SUCCEED BROTHER



Mr. A. J. Mander for Beech Hill School

Luton Education Committee, sitting in committee on Monday night, appointed Mr. Arthur John Mander, headmaster of Hitchin-road Boys' School, to succeed his brother, Mr. Fred. Mander, as headmaster of Beech Hill Boys' School. Applications for the post were invited from head teachers in the town, Mr. Fred. Mander having resigned to take up the secretaryship of the National Union of Teachers.

Mr. A. J. Mander, who lives at 9, Ashburnham-road, takes up his appointment on August 31st. His health has greatly improved since his recent illness. He has been a teacher under the Luton Education Authority for thirty-six years. He began his career at what was then the Waller-street Higher Grade School, and, in 1910, became headmaster of the Hitchin-road Boys' School. When war broke out he obtained permission to join the Army, and was commissioned in the 5th Battalion, Bedfs. Regiment. Mr. Mander joined the 1st Battalion in the Near East, where he rose to the rank of captain. At the end of the War he became headmaster of the Old Bedford-road School, but in 1925 he returned to Hitchin-road. Mr. Fred Mander had taken his place there during the War years, but was later transferred to Beech Hill.

Until 1926 Mr. Mander commanded the Luton Company of the 5th Battalion, Bedfs and Herts Regiment (T.A.), retiring with the rank of major.

Mr. Mander followed Mr. C. F. Colling as captain of the Luton Town Cricket Club, and held that position until 1929. For some time he was a director of Luton Town Football Club.

Mr. A. J. Mander's successor at the Hitchin-road School has not yet been appointed.

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3 May 2019

Dear Basil

I've been asked by Bedfordshire County Cricket Club to put together an A-Z of all who have played for the County in senior representative cricket since the first match in 1855. The idea is to publish a book, probably in the spring of 2020; most Minor Counties have already done so.

I believe you played two matches in the Minor County Championship in 1953 and I'd be really grateful if you could complete the attached form and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

KEVIN CLEMENT

Bedfordshire Standard: Friday 11 May 1923 – 5.

Our Cricket Portrait Gallery.

No. 3.—Founder and Hon. Sec. of Beds. County C.C.

Photo] MR. W. W. MARKS. [Olive Edis.

Two gentlemen spending the evening at a mutual friend's house some twenty-four years ago—in 1899, to be precise—happened to start a conversation on cricket, when one suggested that the particular County in which they both lived would be better if it could boast of a Cricket Club.

To this conversation the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club owes its origin, and the two gentlemen in question, Mr. W. W. Marks and Mr. R. W. Allen, became the joint Honorary Secretaries. The latter gentleman resigned some three or four years ago, but, luckily for the Club, the remaining founder still retains his office and incidentally his wonderful enthusiasm.

Mr. Marks' first effort to put the Club on a sound financial basis was at its birth, when he secured four yearly subscriptions of £25 each in the persons of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, Colonel Shuttleworth, Mr. Bob Sievier (the famous racehorse owner), and he also subscribed £100 himself.

The case put forward by the present Hon. Secretary of the Club for the support of a County Cricket Club, is, that it forms a bond of interest between the various towns. He maintains, without county institutions such as this, a town like Luton would probably display as much interest in its nearer neighbour, St. Albans, than in the county capital. To put the idea in the typical plain language of Mr. Marks himself, "A County Cricket Club is a valuable institution: it is a training ground for ideal manhood: as an educative factor it blends pride of race with true nobility of character; it is also a stimulus to county loyalty."

Mr. Marks is an old, active cricketer himself. Coming from the premier county of cricket, Yorkshire, he was a regular member of the Wakefield side. He often tells a story against himself. George Ulyett, probably the finest bowler even Yorkshire ever possessed, "yorked" the present Hon. Secretary with the first ball on the first occasion of their meeting on the cricket field. Soon after, a friend asked him what he thought of George Ulyett's bowling. "Very good indeed, what I saw of it!" was the reply. Mr. Marks' father was also connected for many years with the Wakefield Club.

Those who know the multifarious duties of the Clerk of the Peace of the County, marvel that he finds leisure to take any but a passing interest in the Club, but the enormous success of the Shilling Fund is but one striking example of how dear to him is the game throughout the County.

One dare not think of the consequences to our County Cricket if, through any cause whatever, Mr. Marks felt compelled to relinquish the honorary office he has held with such signal success for twenty-four years. His judgment, enthusiasm and personality make him the backbone of the Club, and I venture to say that no other cricketing county in England, either first or second class, could match him with any of their officials. Long may he continue to lead us and attain the ambition of his heart, viz., Bedfordshire champion county of the Minor Counties Association.

It would be interesting to show how the Club has recovered in membership since the war, and the following statement shows increase in club membership for the years 1919 to 1923:—

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923 to date
Ladies	6	9	17	21	30
Boys	—	1	2	1	5
Gentlemen	81	119	173	197	241
	87	129	192	219	276

Next week we hope to hang in our Gallery a portrait of H. Maxey, the County cover-point and steady batsman.

"HOW'S THAT?"

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 1945-2.

CRICKET SCORING IN THE MODERN WAY

Bedford Bowler Invented a New System

This summer there has appeared on the local cricket scene one Kenneth McCanlis, who, from 1934 to 1936, played regularly for Surrey 2nd XI as a fast bowler. Married to a Bedfordian, formerly Miss Vera Mathers, he now lives in the town, and on Saturday afternoons he sends down rather slower deliveries to the opponents of Bedford Town C.C. Strained leg muscles compelled him to give up fast bowling, but he remains a fine cricketer and also a keen student of the game.

His keenness is not confined to the arts of cricket. Years ago McCanlis turned his attention to the statistical side and found it so fascinating that, in collaboration with his brother, he evolved a far more comprehensive system of scoring than had hitherto been known. The score book commonly in use tells you a lot—but by no means everything. The McCanlis system enables you to see, from the mere record, a match in retrospect with a greater degree of accuracy. Nowadays numerous English county clubs and every other cricketing country, with the exception, strangely enough, of Australia, favours the system. The late Mr. Rogers, Bedfordshire Cricket Club's scorer, used it for several seasons up to the war.

It differs in various ways from the old score books, yet the scorer's work is simplified as soon as he has taken due note of the instructions given. The fundamental change is in the matter of recording a batsman's runs and a bowler's analysis. The McCanlis brothers have merged the two processes. Instead of long lines opposite the batsman's name there are squares wherein his runs and the balls delivered to him are recorded at the same time.

Thus it is possible to see at a glance the number of balls received, and the runs scored therefrom, by any batsman from any bowler. Here is the incontrovertible truth about a player's rate of scoring. Mr. McCanlis thinks that the time a batsman spends at the wicket is, in most cases, misleading. The important factor is the number of deliveries he actually receives.

AT THE BOWLER'S END

Explaining his system to me (writes H. J. D.), Mr. McCanlis showed me instances, from his records of county matches, where batsmen have been at the bowlers' end for almost every ball of several overs in succession. There are other circumstances to be taken into account. Mr. McCanlis recalled how a famous England cricketer won the Lawrence trophy for the fastest hundred a few seasons ago. He appeared to be two or three minutes faster than another batsman who made a hurricane century in the same season. The point overlooked was that the trophy winner made his runs in one partnership, whereas the other man saw four wickets fall. And each fallen wicket meant a delay of at least two minutes.

It would need more space than is available to deal in detail with the McCanlis scoring system. But here are a few points. The cumulative score is shown above each over; so, too, is the number of overs bowled by each man sharing in the attack and the number of runs scored in an over. There is a space for notes. Against the batsman's name are two squares marked "time in" and "time out", and another space in which is written the position of the fieldsman who may catch him. At a glance the score sheet tells you all; and, what is important for the scorer, the calculations to be made at the end of an innings are considerably minimized.

K. McCanlis, grandson of a Kent County cricketer, had the unique experience of taking wickets with his first and last deliveries for the Surrey 2nd XI. His best performance was six for 13 against Suffolk eleven years ago.

F.J.H. VENN
Born 21 August 1923
At the School from 1932 to 1941
Died 25 October 1991

JAMES RUFF WARBOYS
Born 8 December 1909
At the School 1922 to 1926
Died 4 December 1991

CAPTAIN H.B. WOOD
At the School from 1909 to 1917
Died 1991

ALAN LINDSAY WYLIE, MC
Born 24 March 1924
At the School 1931 to 1942
Died 15 February 1992

COLONEL K.N. WYLIE, DSO, MBE, RE (Retd)
At the School from 1926 to 1929
Died October 1991

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THOMAS W. BROOKE-SMITH
Born 14 August 1918
At the School 1930 to 1934
Died 12 November 1991
Tom 'Brookie' Brooke-Smith exemplified the popular image of a test pilot. He was a jovial, larger than life figure, and his exploits spanned the pre-war period of flying for fun and the jet age. His father was a fenland farmer, and at the age of four young Tom was much impressed by the sight of a helmeted pilot, who had landed in one of his father's fields in order to ask the way. While he was a pupil at Bedford, he would eagerly cycle out to watch the flying at the airship station at Cardington and at RAF Henlow. He began to learn to fly at Brooklands in his teens, and left Bedford at 16 to study aeronautical engineering at Chelsea College. The day after his 17th birthday, he went solo. He became a test pilot in 1941, and by the age of 23 he had flown 83 different aircraft types. He did not actually qualify formally as a test pilot until after the war, in 1947, but became chief test pilot at Shorts the following year. He is probably best remembered as being the first pilot to make a jet-powered vertical take-off in a fixed wing aircraft, translate into aerodynamic flight, then return to the hover for a vertical landing. He said, when faced with the task, that he was 'on a collision course with Sir Isaac Newton'.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1961, held the Derry and Richards Medal for experimental test flying, the Britannia Trophy, the Segrave Trophy, the Founder's Medal of the Air League of the British Empire, and was a former Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators.

Brooke-Smith is survived by his wife, Joey, son and two daughters.

HENRY FRANCIS HARPUR-CREWE
Born Henry Francis Jenney – 25 February 1921
At the School 1929 to 1936
Died 11 November 1991

The Squire of Calke in Derbyshire was the central figure in the greatest heritage *'cause célèbre'* of the 1980s – the saving for the nation of his family seat. Before 1981 Calke Abbey had been one of the great unknown houses of England, for the Harpur-Crewes had long been of a distinctly reclusive nature. Faced with a bill of £8 million for capital taxation incurred by the death of his brother, Henry Harpur-Crewe could easily have sold up the handsome 18th century house and its gloriously landscaped 14,000 acre estate, not to mention the extraordinary magpie hoards of unchanged (and often unpacked) contents. Calke was termed a 'time capsule'; it would have been the dispersal sale of the century. Instead, this shy private man gallantly exposed himself and his house to the full glare of the media in order to draw attention to Calke's plight. Eventually, after a sensational campaign to preserve this precious piece of social and architectural history, the Chancellor of the Exchequer dramatically announced in his 1984 Budget speech that he was giving £4.5 million to the National Heritage Memorial Fund in order to save Calke. The property then passed to the National Trust, which carried out a sensitive restoration, preserving Calke's singular atmosphere. Credit was rightly given to the heritage lobby for saving Calke, but not enough recognition was given to the personal contribution of Henry Harpur-Crewe.

G.M. MOLL
Born 11 October 1911
Died 24 May 1991
Gerry Moll (Crescent House) attended the School from Christmas Term 1923 to Summer Term 1930. He was an outstanding athlete and in 1929 created a new public schools' high jump record of 5ft 11in. He also excelled at hurdling, discus and javelin throwing and captained the School at cricket and fives.

He achieved many further success in athletics – notably high jumping and pole vaulting – at Pembroke College, Cambridge and at county level for Bedfordshire. After university he returned to Bedford for a short time to teach, thereby marking the start of a long and dedicated career as a preparatory school master. Throughout his retirement he continued to pursue his lifelong interests in sport, music and ornithology. He was also a prolific diarist.

He leaves behind his wife, Hilary, two sons and three grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS

Alistair J. Taylor (76–84). The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Dr and Mrs F.R. Taylor of Silsoe, Bedfordshire and Caroline Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.R. Vartan of Castor, Peterborough.

Captain A.P. Hendry (72–82). The engagement is announced between Athol, son of Mr A.P. Hendry of Oakley, Bedfordshire and Mrs R.M. Hendry of Bedford and Lucy, daughter of Major General and Mrs A.W. Dennis of Baughurst, Hampshire.

MARRIAGES

Baile-Mishigori. On 26 August 1991, in Hong Kong Cathedral, Matthew Baile (79–82) to Ayako Mishigori.

Kerr–Aldred. On 22 June 1991, at St Mary's Church, High Halden, Richard Buchanan Kerr (51–68), only son of Mrs J. Kerr and the late Mr J. Kerr of Bedford, to Charlotte, daughter of Mrs Jeffrey Eker, of High Halden, Kent.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,
It was with great interest that I read David Heald's article, 'A Tale of Two Schools – Bedford School and Victoria College' in the December issue of The Ousel for, as V. Thorn II ('V' for Victoria College) I was one of those evacuees from Jersey who were so kindly befriended by Bedford School and it was my mother, Mrs 'Bunny' Thorn who offered a home to a number of exiled Victoria College boys in our house, 19 Lansdowne Road, Bedford . . .

Not being Channel Islanders by birth, my mother decided to take the family back to the mainland rather than face the very real possibility of our being interned later on in German-occupied France which, as it turned out, was the right decision, but it did mean leaving behind everything we possessed, except for what we could carry in just one suitcase each.

One of the last things we boys did before packing our suitcases and hurrying to the harbour at St Helier, was to take a cricket stump and make a deep hole in the garden in which we each in turn solemnly buried one of our most precious possessions.

As far as I can remember, my elder brother Michael (the C.M. Thorn mentioned in David Heald's article) dropped a half-crown down the narrow hole. I left a small model Spitfire behind, minus its propeller, while my younger brother David decided to bury one of his best marbles, all safely hidden from those foreign invaders who were about to occupy not only the Channel Islands but, as we then thought, our own house with all our possessions as well . . .

During that first year back in England, we went to a preparatory school called 'Holmwood' in Formby and then, when my father was posted to Scotland, it was decided to take the three of us to Bedford to join the other boys from Victoria College who had already arrived there before us.

In those days we all had the school initial 'V' placed before our surname to show that we were Victoria College boys and throughout the war we also wore grey suits with maroon Victoria College caps and ties.

Being dayboys, we were all put into Paulo

at The Oval in 1895, scoring 27 and 100. Born at Tamworth, Staffordshire, on October 8, 1867, he was taken to live at Brighton when a month old, and returned to play for his native county from 1887 to 1890, heading the batting averages in the last season when making 133 v. Northamptonshire at Stoke. In 1891 "Billy" Marlow began to qualify by residence for Sussex, being contemporary with such famous players as "Ranji," C. B. Fry and Sir Aubrey Smith. Against M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's in that season, his first match for his new county, he hit 144, and as a stylish, forcing opening batsman and brilliant fieldsman at mid-off and third man he continued till he retired from the game in 1904. Later he became a first-class umpire.

His highest innings for Sussex was 155 against Somerset at Hove in 1895, when he and K. S. Ranjitsinhji added 226 for the second wicket, and he hit 130 from the Oxford University bowling on the same ground when sharing in an opening stand of 303 with G. L. Wilson. Next year, also at Hove, he and George Bean made 211 for the first wicket against Gloucestershire. Altogether he scored 7,855 runs, average 22.44.

MARTIN, MR. AUSTIN WALTER, who died on December 23, aged 80, was from 1924 to 1940 head groundsman at The Oval, in which time he was responsible for the preparation of many Test match pitches, including that upon which in 1938 Hutton scored his record 364 against Australia. He was a member of the Surrey C.C.C. ground staff for fifty-one years. Well-known to all in the cricket world as "Bosser," he was an authority upon the subject of the destruction of insect pests. In 1935, when the turf at Lord's suffered so considerably from a plague of "leather-jackets," he was called in with successful results to act as general in the "war." His son is head groundsman at Lord's.

MATTHEWS, THE HON. R. C., who died on September 20, aged 81, was a great cricket-lover and worker for the game in Canada. He financed the Canadian side that toured England in 1936. A visit to Canada by an M.C.C. side that followed had much to do with the formation of the Canadian Cricket Association.

MICKLEM, MR. LIONEL OFFLEY, who died at Kettering on February 7, aged 78, was in the Winchester XI from 1890 to 1892, being contemporary with such players as J. R. Mason and H. D. G. Leveson Gower. At one time he owned a cattle station in Queensland, Australia.

MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM, who died at Oundle on November 14, aged 74, was cricket coach at Oundle for some thirty years before retiring in 1946.

MORCOM, DR. ALFRED FARR, who died in London on February 12, four days before his 67th birthday, did great work for Cambridge University in the early part of the century. After three years in the Repton XI from 1901 to 1903, he gained a Blue in 1905 and helped in a remarkable win by 40 runs in the University match. Cambridge, 101 behind on the first innings, recovered after being seemingly set for defeat and left the Dark Blues to get 164. Then Morcom got to work with fast-medium right-arm bowling and, by taking six wickets for 41 runs, brought about the dismissal of Oxford for 123. Next season, when Cambridge again won, Morcom achieved little in the big game; but in 1907 he once more came into the limelight. He took five wickets for 69 in the first innings and four for 29 in the second, and Cambridge, after getting the worst of the pitch in a match much interfered with by rain, won by five wickets. In three University matches he dismissed twenty-one batsmen at a cost of 14 runs apiece, a remarkable feat. His best performance for the University was in 1906 when at Fenner's he took twelve Northamptonshire wickets for 98 runs. Nearly always accurate in length, he brought the ball down from a good height, making it come quickly off the turf and introducing an occasional break-back or yorker. With G. G. Napier, fast-medium, and P. R. May, fast, he comprised a most formidable bowling combination for Cambridge. Later he assisted Bedfordshire, but the exigencies of his profession limited his appearances. He was born on February 16, 1885.

MURRELL, MR. HARRY ROBERT, who died at his home at West Wickham, Kent, on August 15, aged 71, was for forty-six years associated with Middlesex, first as wicket-keeper and afterwards as scorer. Born at Hounslow, Middlesex, on November 19, 1880, "Joe" Murrell, as he was always known, began his first-

class career with Kent, playing for them in twenty-seven matches between 1899 and 1905. As Fred Huish was then in his prime, Murrell found the opportunity to keep wicket on only six occasions during that period, but he caught seventeen batsmen and stumped three. He took part in the "tie" between Kent and Surrey at The Oval in 1905, of which match Lord Harris, in his *History of Kent County Cricket*, wrote: "To show the coolness of some of our team, when the match was a tie and Smith skied the ball to Murrell"—at third man—"the latter quietly rubbed his hands on his trousers and then caught it, while I am told that Blythe said, before the ball was in Murrell's hands, 'This is the first tie-match I have ever played in!' "

The following season Murrell joined Middlesex, and he retained his place in the county side until 1926. In that time he helped in the dismissal of 749 batsmen for the county. A first-class wicket-keeper, specially good on the leg-side because he was left-handed, he would undoubtedly have gained higher honours had he not been contemporary with E. J. Smith and H. Strudwick. Twice he helped Middlesex to win the County Championship, in 1920 and 1921, and of him *Wisden* of the time said: "In Murrell, Middlesex had one of the best of wicket-keepers—never estimated at quite his real value."

His best performance was when, in 1926, he dismissed six batsmen in the second innings of Gloucestershire at Bristol, catching four and stumping two. Sir Pelham Warner, the former Middlesex captain, paid a high tribute to Murrell's loyalty, judgment and advice in critical situations, particularly when in 1920 Middlesex beat Kent at Canterbury by four runs and Yorkshire at Bradford by five runs. A fast-footed, tall and lean right-handed batsman, Murrell could hit extremely hard. For M.C.C. and Ground against Kent in 1905, he scored 67 out of 89 in forty minutes, and, going in No. 9 for Middlesex at Leeds in 1906, he punished the Yorkshire bowling for 63 in just over an hour.

NEWTON, MR. ARTHUR EDWARD, who died at his home at Trull, Somerset on September 15, three days after his 90th birthday, was a famous wicket-keeper who continued his activities in club cricket until the age of 81. When 74, having cycled to the Taunton ground to turn out for Somerset Stragglers, he demonstrated that his ability had not seriously declined by stumping five batsmen. While at Eton in 1880 he began an association with Somerset which lasted for thirty-four years. "A.E.," as he was affectionately known to so many, helped S. M. J. Woods to take a wicket with the first ball he bowled for Somerset. This was at Edgbaston in 1886. C. W. Rock, batting for Warwickshire, missed a very fast yorker on the leg-side, and Newton stumped him brilliantly.

Born on September 12, 1862, he played against Harrow at Lord's in 1879 and the two following years. The matches of 1880 and 1881 were noteworthy for the fact that, though P. J. de Paravacini took twelve Harrow wickets on each occasion, he was twice on the losing side. When at Pembroke College, Oxford, Newton gained a Blue in 1885, and he appeared for Gentlemen against Players at The Oval in 1897, conceding only two byes in a total of 431, and at Lord's in 1902. He took part in two tours abroad. In 1885 he was a member of a team of amateurs who went to the U.S.A. under E. J. Sanders, finishing second in the batting averages, and in the winter of 1887–88 he visited Australia with G. F. Vernon's side. Cricket grounds in the Antipodes in those far-off days left much to be desired. Newton used to relate how one of his team-mates refused to field in the deep during a match in Tasmania because he had seen a snake wriggle into a hole close to where he was placed! Altogether in first-class cricket Newton caught 297 batsmen and stumped 119. Until the last ten years of his life he hunted regularly with the Taunton Vale Foxhounds and the Taunton Vale Harriers. He was a member of the M.C.C. from 1884.

NORDEN, MR. RICHARD WATTS, who died at Johannesburg on February 20, aged 73, played as a slow left-arm bowler for Transvaal between 1904 and 1907. In a Currie Cup match against Rhodesia at Johannesburg in 1905 he took twelve wickets for 33 runs, his second innings analysis reading 12—8—12—8.

NAWAB IFTIKHAR ALI OF PATAUDI, who died after a heart attack while playing polo at New Delhi on January 5, at the age of 41, will always be associated with Ranjitsinhji and Duleepsinhji as three great Indian batsmen who became leading figures in English cricket. Pataudi, known as "Pat" throughout the world, achieved the rare distinction of representing England and India in Test cricket.

Lea-Wilson, Leslie Charles. Jan., 1899–Apr., 1903. BROOK.
s. of Rev. C. Lea-Wilson, Glen Willyn, Northwood, Middx. b. Jan. 20, 1885. Planter and farmer in Uganda. d. Jan. 8, 1953.

Lynch-Blosse, Henry. Jan., 1899–July, 1901. ORCHARD.
s. of E. F. Lynch-Blosse, Brecon, South Wales. b. Oct. 29, 1884. Mil. Member, Recruiting Tribunal 1915; 2nd Lt. (*t*) R.E. 1916, Capt., France. Mining Engineer.

Paul, William Edmund Jeffrey. Jan. 1899–Dec., 1903. BROOK.
2nd s. of the late Sir W. J. Paul, Bart., Artramont, Wexford, Ireland. b. Sept. 23, 1885. Trin. Coll., Camb. LL.B. 1907. B.A. 1908. D.D. (Hon.). m. 1927. H.O. Hon. Canon Dioc. Sask. 1918. Archdeacon 1927. Gen. Miss. Centr. Div. Indian Work Dio., Sask. 1924. Succeeded brother as 6th Bart. 1955. *Gaultier, Woodstown, Waterford, Eire.*

Plimpton, Kelburne Archibald. Jan., 1899–Dec., 1902. MITRE.
s of the late A. W. Plimpton, Beverley, Yorks. b. Nov. 12, 1884. E. Yorks. Regt. 1904. Great War, France 1915, Salonika, advance into Bulgaria and Constantinople 1915–18, Despatches twice, D.S.O., Bt. Maj. Retired 1921. Lt.-Col., Res. of Off.

Wild, Oliver Hilton. Jan., 1899–July, 1902. CROSS.
s. of George Wild. b. June 11, 1884. M.B., Ch.B. Edin. 1920. d. Aug. 7, 1947.

Coates, James Edward. Apr., 1899–July, 1900. HALL.
s. of E. H. Coates, O.R. b. May 29, 1883. Pte. 10th Bn. 1st Div. C.E.F. 8/14; Sergt. France 1915. Canadian Admin. Staff 1916–18. Fruit and poultry farmer. *R.R.I. Victoria, B.C.*

Crossley, Francis Marshall. Apr., 1899–Apr., 1903. MITRE.
s. of the late F. W. Crossley. b. July 26, 1884. Clare Coll., Camb. 2nd Lt. (*t*) 16th K.R.R.C. 9/14, Lt. 7/17; Transferred to M.T., R.A.S.C. 9/15; France 1916/18. Arable and fruit farming. d. Jan. 4, 1938.

Deakin, Thomas Buckley. Apr., 1899–July, 1904. MITRE.
5th s. of the late J. B. Deakin, Prince's Park, Liverpool. b. Mar. 2, 1885. Sch. Prefect. Hert. Coll., Ox. B.A. 1907. M.A. 1910. m. 1913; 1 s., 2 d. Late Headmaster, Charters Towers, E. Grinstead 1914–21, 1921–37. Joint H.M. Streete Court School, Westgate-on-Sea. *Club, Overseas League. 18, Bendee Rd., Neston, Cheshire.*

Egerton, Philip Reginald le Belward. Apr., 1899–Dec., 1902. HALL.
now **Grey-Egerton,** Sir Philip Reginald le Belward. s. of Col. Caledon Egerton, Tenantrees, Dorchester. b. Sept. 3, 1885. m.; 2 s., 1 d. Sudan Civil Service. High Sheriff, Ches. 1941. Succeeded cousin as 14th Bart. 1945. Hon. Col. R.A. (T.A.). D.L.; J.P.; Order of Nile, 4th Class. *Stafford House, nr. Dorchester, Dorset.*

Healing, John Burton. Apr., 1899–July, 1902. HALL.
s. of J. Healing, 13, Chiltern Rd., Dunstable. b. June 1, 1884. Canadian Cavalry, 1914–15. Lt. 2nd Bedford Regt. 1915–19; France. Architect. A.R.I.B.A. Estate Agent. d. Dec. 3, 1949.

Hitchcock, Edmund Lionel. Apr., 1899–Dec., 1901. HALL.
s. of E. L. Hitchcock, Cherwell Lea, Banbury Rd., Oxford. b. May 30, 1884. d. Dec. 19, 1938.

Linton, Philip. Apr., 1899–July, 1900. MITRE.
3rd s. of Rt. Rev. Lord Bp. Riverina, N.S.W. b. Aug. 18, 1884. Farming since 1921. *P.O. Box 46, Beatrice, S. Rhodesia.*

Morcom, Alfred Farr. Apr., 1899–July, 1903. HALL.
s. of Dr. A. Morcom, J.P., Montpelier House, Dunstable. b. Feb. 16, 1885. XI. 1901, 02, 03. Clare Coll., Camb. B.A., 3rd Cl. Nat. Sci., 1906. Camb. XI. 1905, 06, 07. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 1909. M.A., M.B., B.Ch. 1911. M.D. Capt. (*t*) R.A.M.C., France 1917–19. Medical Consultant to I.C.I. Ltd. Vice-President, Harveian Soc. President, Repton Pilgrims 1935. Governor, Repton School 1936–52. d. Feb. 12, 1952.

MITRE.

and Sch. 2nd Lt. 4th York. and Lanc. Regt. (T.F.) 9/14, Capt. 3/15; Adjt. 1915–19. Solicitor 1908–23. Iron and steel merchant and manufacturer. *Greenbank, Street, Somerset.*

Beswick, George William Porritt. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1901. PRIORY.
e. s. of the late J. Beswick, Foxlow Grange, Buxton. b. June 24, 1884. d. Nov. 27, 1951.

Beswick, Percy James. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1904. PRIORY.
br. of the above. b. Nov. 11, 1886. m. 1919. *Foxlow Grange, Buxton.*

Craven, Arthur Douglas. Sept., 1899–July, 1901. ORCHARD.
s. of W. Craven, Sheffield. b. Nov. 7, 1885. Univ. Coll., Lond. Pte. 21st R. Fus. 9/14; Sergt. France 1915/16; 2nd Lt. (*t*) R.E. 7/16, Capt. 11/18; France 1916–18. Engineer. M.I.Mech.E. d. Dec. 17, 1950.

Dixon-Nuttall, William Francis. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1903. HALL.
s. of F. R. Dixon-Nuttall, Ingleholme, Eccleston Park, Prescot. b. Mar. 22, 1885. Maj. R.E. (T.F.). Gallipoli 8/15–1/16, Egypt and Salonika 1916–18, Despatches, D.S.O. J.P. *Inglehurst, Huyton, nr. Liverpool.*

Dymond, Arthur. Sept., 1899–July, 1902. LATHAM.
s. of J. Dymond, Brierley, nr. Barnsley. b. Dec. 9, 1884. Pte. R. Fus. 8/14; 2nd Lt. 5th York. and Lanc. Regt. (T.F.) 6/15; Lt. 7/17, secd. W. African Regt. 11/17. Brewer. Retired. d. June 20, 1937.

Elder, Alexander Austin. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1902. PRIORY.
s. of the late T. E. Elder, Heswall, Cheshire. b. Oct. 24, 1885. Exh. Edin. Univ. M.A., 2nd Cl. Class., 1908. Pte. Artists' Rifles 9/14; France 12/14–11/15; 2nd Lt. 2nd K.S.L.I. 6/15; Macedonia 1917–18, Despatches twice. Attaché to Legation, Sofia, as Passport Control Officer 1920. Brit. Embassy, Stambul, 1924. d. Dec. 18, 1943.

Estridge, William Edward Parry. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1903. BROOK.
s. of the late Edward Estridge, Repton Sch. b. May 22, 1886. Canada 1910–15. Schoolmaster. d. Oct. 30, 1950.

Foster, Charles William. Sept., 1899–July, 1903. LATHAM.
e. s. of W. S. Foster, Silverburn, Hoddesdon. b. Mar. 24, 1885. Indian Police 1905–22, retired. Served with N.W. Frontier Mil. 1914–18. Certified Accountant 1927. Civil Asst., War Office 1939–45. *New St., Alderney, Channel Islands.*

Gordon, Christopher. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1901. BROOK.
s. of Rev. E. Gordon. b. May 18, 1885. Edin. Univ. M.B., Ch.B. 1913. Capt. (*t*) R.A.M.C. Malta 1917–19. d. Apr. 1945.

Greswell, Ernest Arthur. Sept., 1899–July, 1904. BROOK.
e. s. of C. H. Greswell, Wayvile, Bicknoller, Taunton. b. June 8, 1885. Exh. F. Sch. 1900. Prefect. XI. 1902, 03, 04. F. XI. 1902, 03. Hert. Coll., Ox. Exh. 1904. B.A. 1908. M.A. 1929. m. 1914; 2 s., 1 d. Indian Forest Service. I.A.R.O. 1916–19; Capt. 1917. Dep. Controller, Timber Supplies, Punjab, Indian Munitions Bd. 1917–19. Retired 1927. Educational Secretary, Appointments Committee, Oxford 1928–45. Governor Repton School 1930. *Wayvile, Bicknoller, Taunton.*

Hill, George Francis Gordon, Sept., 1899–Dec., 1901. LATHAM.
s. of R. Hill, Thornton Dale, Pickering. b. Mar. 26, 1885. Lt. 1st Labour Coy. Labour Corps., France 1917–19. d. Apr. 18, 1953.

Hughes, Gilbert Keates. Sept., 1899–July, 1901. ORCHARD.
s. of the late H. W. Hughes, Wilmslow, Manchester. b. Nov. 26, 1884. Signalman, R.N.V.R., H.M.S. "City of Belfast," 1915–19. Fruit grower. *54, Tilford Rd., Farnham, Surrey.*

Hunt, Francis Whittaker. Sept., 1899–Dec., 1903. CROSS.
s. of the late W. F. Hunt, Sedgeford Hall, King's Lynn. b. Aug. 4, 1885. Oriel Coll., Ox. B.A., 3rd Cl. Theol., 1909; M.A. 1917. H.O. 1911. Chap. of Bp. Coll., Cheshunt 1914–20; Asst. Curate, Toddington 1921; Curate of Brighton 1923–28; R. of Toddington 1928. d. May 24, 1951.

Hussey, Eric Robert James. Sept., 1899–July, 1904. HALL.
s. of Rev. J. Hussey, Asheldon, Torquay. b. Apr. 26, 1885. Exh. F. [illegible] Hert. Coll., Ox.

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY CRICKETERS : INFORMATION FORM

Surname: MORDUE

First names in full: JOHN MANNERINGS

Date of birth 18/01/1935

Place of birth: CHESTER-LE-STREET CO. DURHAM

Schools attended: RED ROSE PRIMARY
CHESTER-LE-ST. GRAMMAR SCHOOL

College/university: –

Left or right handed batsman: RIGHT HAND

Type of bowler and arm: MEDIUM FAST RIGHT ARM

Year of debut for Bedfordshire: 1964

Bedfordshire clubs played for:
BEDFORD TOWN

Other clubs: CHESTER-LE-ST (DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE)
HITCHIN / MIDDLESBROUGH (N.YKS/STH DURHAM ?)
CIVIL SERVICE. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Other sports played:
SOCCER, GOLF. 2 TOURS TO INDIA AND AUSTRALIA 1 TO S. AFRICA

Occupation: H.M. INSPECTOR OF TAXES

Other information of interest
eg well-known relatives, awards, etc:
AWARDED M.B.E. IN 1993.

Thank you for your help

11 Stray Court
Princes Villa Rd.
Harrogate
HG1 5RJ

6/5/19.

Dear Kevin

Thank you for your letter of 3rd May.

Going back to 1885 in this task presents a huge problem I think. However I am sure you have done this before, obviously, so the best of luck this time round. I am sure Frank Crompton's papers must be a big help.

Your enquiry has brought back some very happy memories of my short spell with Bedfordshire. This was cut short by my having to move back up North with my employment.

I am not one for this 'facebook - twitter' stuff but it would be nice to know of any of my fellow playing mates are still holding on at the crease like me!

Yours sincerely
J. K. Smedley.

S.T. MORRIS

First names in full: SIDNEY T.
Date of birth: 31-10-11
Place of birth: Cardiff, Wales
School: Bedford Modern School
University or college:

~~Left or~~ Right-handed batsman.
Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper:
Year of ~~first~~ M.C. class debut: 1934
Teams played for:
First class -
Second class - Wanderers
Others -

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)
First class Rugby Referee.
Member of M.C.C. Coaching committee
Chelsea coach.
Many regular coaching courses.

Occupation: Gen. Sec. of Welsh Rural Community Council

Thank you for your help.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 1966

Was Mayor for three terms

A former High Sheriff of Bedfordshire and three times Mayor of Bedford Mr. Horace R. Neate, 4 Rothsay Gardens, Bedford, died on Saturday. He was 75

Mr. Neate was brought up in the West Country but came to Bedford shortly after the 1914-18 war. He soon became interested in local affairs and was elected to Bedford Town Council in 1928. He was Mayor for three successive terms beginning in 1933, and became an Alderman of the Borough.

Later Mr. Neate threw his energies into County Council

work, and was a County Alderman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. His local government career was crowned when he became High Sheriff in 1955 and he retired as "father" of the Council.

A former president of Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, he became honorary treasurer and later chairman of the Minor Counties Cricket Association. He was a former governor of Middlesex Hospital and vice-chairman of the North-West Metropolitan Hospital Board. He was also chairman of the Police Committee for England and Wales.

Among his other interests were Rotary, the Chamber of Trade, the Royal Geographical Society, and the Harpur Trust.

A family service was held on Tuesday at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, where there will be a memorial service on November 22.

Cricket loses a true friend

At the Advisory County Cricket committee meeting on Wednesday the President of MCC, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, paid warm tribute to the late Mr. Horace R. Neate and members stood in silence.

Mr. Neate served on the Advisory Committee from 1958-64 and gave a lifetime of service to cricket.

An honorary life member of the Bedfordshire Cricket Club, he first became a member in 1919. He played as an opening bat in the Club and Ground (Extra) XI and served as chairman of the County Club from 1938 55, then becoming president until ill health compelled his retirement in 1964.

He served the Minor Counties Cricket Association for 40 years, being honorary treasurer from 1945-57, and in 1958 was appointed chairman, holding the position until 1964

Supporters at Bedford School and the Bury—and at the Town rugby ground—will miss a courteous and knowledgeable friend.

BEDFORDSHIRE STANDARD: FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 1911-1.

F. C. W. NEWMAN.

A PROLIFIC SCORER.

Of the many excellent cricketers who have learnt the science of the game at the Bedford Modern School, F. C. W. Newman bids fair to eclipse all who have gone before him. The son of Mr. H. P. Newman, who has for some seasons past played for Bedford Victoria, our hero first saw the light of day on February 2, fifteen years ago, at Luton. Entering the Modern School early in life he took to cricket as a duck does to water, and soon gained distinction. He won his first colours last season, although it cannot be said he did anything remarkable beyond playing a good sound game.

It is with this season's play that we are chiefly concerned. Early in May Newman and Warton (the Modern School captain) greatly surprised the local cricketing world by putting on 205 for the first wicket against Mr. H. Willett's XI. Newman's contribution was 104 and Warton compiled 206, not out. Newman's next three-figure innings was obtained against Dunstable Grammar School, on June 3, when the Modern side piled up the huge total of 227 for one wicket, out of which the subject of our sketch made 160, not out. On July 1 Newman made his third century, and it would seem that he was rather partial to the bowling of Dunstable Grammar School, for on this occasion he collected 129, not out, by excellent play. On two other occasions he has almost reached the hundred, for we see that he made 93, not out, against Elstow School, and 92 against University College School. We cannot, however, do better than give Newman's full list of innings, from which it will be seen that he scored every time he went to the wicket, and his lowest total was 15:—

May	20.—v. Mr. H. Willett's XI.	104
,,	31.—v. Elstow School	41
June	3.—v. Dunstable Grammar School	160*
,,	7.—v. M.C.C.	69
,,	10.—v. Wellingborough G.S.	15
,,	14.—v. Oakham School	38
,,	28.—v. Elstow School	93*
July	1.—v. Dunstable Grammar School	129*
,,	5.—v. Beds. C. and G.	24
,,	8.—v. Wellingborough G.S. ...	21
,,	22.—v. U.C.S.	92
,,	28.—v. Old Modernians	60
,,	29.—v. Old Modernians	52

* Not out.

The 15 years old boy has thus made 898 in 13 innings (three times not out) and has the splendid average of 80.8. The record of the School, put up in 1892 by A. J. Turner, of 84.4, in 17 innings (seven times not out), is therefore beaten by this youthful batsman—a record which has well stood the test of nearly 20 years.

Newman, who is now a very free hitter, was at one time a batsman of the barn-door description—content to keep his end up and nothing more. His conversion to freer and more attractive methods has been amply justified, and his name will now go down in the annals of Modern School cricket as the most consistently successful bat the School has possessed. He should prove a treasure for Bedfordshire in years to come, and this season he has been seen in the ranks of the Bedford Victoria, and is bound to be heard of again in League cricket before the season expires.

C.L. OAKLEY

First names in full: CHARLES LIGHTBOWN

Date of birth: 15th OCTOBER 1919

Place of birth: DACCA, BANGALADESH (EX E.BENGAL INDIA)

School: BEDFORD

University or college:
ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, WOOLWICH

Left or right-handed batsman RIGHT-HANDED

Type of bowler and arm/wicket keeper: RIGHT-ARM LEG SPIN

Year of first class debut:

Teams played for:

First class - BEDFORDSHIRE 1938/39

Second class -

Others - ARMY IN PALESTINE XI
ARMY IN EGYPT XI
ROYAL ARTILLERY XI
CLUB CRICKET FOR FREE FORESTERS

Other possible points of interest: (for example comparable success at other sports, famous relatives and so forth)

AS CAPTAIN OF BEDFORD SCHOOL XI 1938 - 1000 RUNS FOR SEASON AND AVERAGE OF 101.1
RUGGER BLUE AT ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY
HOCKEY FOR ROYAL ARTILLERY
GOLF FOR ROYAL ARTILLERY
ATHLETICS BLUE AT ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY (PUTTING THE SHOT)

MY BROTHER IS LEO OAKLEY WHO PLAYED RUGGER FOR:-
BEDFORD
E. MIDLANDS
BARBARIANS
ENGLAND

Thank you for your help.

'WAGTAILS'
BLAIRMORE DRIVE
ROSEMOUNT
BLAIRGOWRIE
PERTHSHIRE PH10 6NA

TEL: BLAIRGOWRIE 3630

7th January 1977

Dear Mr Webb,

Thank you for your letter of 29th December.

I enclose the form you sent to help with your research.

I am afraid I haven't played any cricket for 10 years now, but I keep up my golf very keenly and am a member of the R & A St Andrews.

Hope the information I have given will be of some help

Yours sincerely,

Charles Oakley

Addresses in OB Register

1947 Capt RA c/o 19 Park Avenue, BEDFORD
1950 Ditto.

AEL ERNEST BARLEN
)rary Vice President of the OB Club)
9 April, 1930
)l staff 1956 to 1990
l Master 1988 to 1990)
24 September, 1991

ARD LAWRENCE COLVIN
1902
: School 1915 to 1922
September 1989

RLES MAURICE ANTHONY DUDENEY
3 April 1920
: School 1927 to 1939
12 September, 1991
III, School Fencing Team, Captain of the
nasium, Head of School.

ERT FRANCIS JACOB
: School from 1922 to 1926
March 1990

. MACAULEY JOHNSTON
21 January 1908
: School from 1919 to 1926
7 April 1991

ICELOT THOMAS GEORGE RICKETTS
15 November 1903
: School from 1912 to 1921
16 April 1991

I FOUNTAIN STEIN
15 August 1944
: School from 1951 to 1962
25 October 1990

EL BRYAN KNOX TOWNSEND
22 October 1927
: School from 1936 to 1945
2 May 1991

FIELD LUCAN HALL WALSHE
9 February 1913
: School from 1926 to 1932
23 August 1991

. BROMILOW COOK
: School 1912 to 1915
14 August, 1991 (aged 91)
leaving the School, Cyril joined Brunner
d & Co. (now ICI). He served in the Royal
g Corps from 1917–1919, then rejoined
China in 1919, working his way up to
man of ICI (China) Ltd in 1954. He also
d as Director of ICI (Japan) Ltd, and was
inted Director of the Hongkong &
ghai Bank.

JI CHARLES LIGHTBROWN OAKLEY
15 October 1919
e School from 1931 to 1938
17 July 1991
following is an extract from his local
r:
neral service was held in St Catherine's
ch, Blairgowrie, on Monday for Lt Col
es Lightbrown Oakley, of Wagtails, Blair-
Drive, Blairgowrie, who died on Wednesday last week (July 17); he was 71.

'At the service a close friend, Major Pat Henderson, said the life of Lt Col Oakley was a life full of action and achievement, and blessed by a happy marriage.

'Lt Col Oakley was born in India, then went to Bedford School. He was a brilliant cricketer, captaining the school team, and his batting records stand to this day. He was also an outstanding rugby player.

'He was commissioned into the Royal Artillery, in which he served for 36 years. He saw active service first in war-time France, later in Palestine and North Africa, Cyprus, Germany, and the USA.

'Before retiring in 1974, he was posted to the Outer Hebrides and Perth. It was at this time that he developed a deep love for Scotland and decided, with his wife Barbara, to retire to Rosemount.

'He soon made many close friendships and took a keen interest in all field sports, accompanied by his dog, Rocket, but golf was his main interest. He was a member of Blairgowrie, the Royal and Ancient, and the British Seniors. His golf, when he retired, was of a high standard, and he played off a six handicap. 'He ran the Royal Artillery golf in Scotland, and arranged a number of other competitions.

'Always ready to give anyone a helping hand with any worthwhile cause, his cheerful disposition and joviality made him a much sought-after companion.

'He is survived by his wife Barbara, two daughters, Charmian and Cherry, and a son, Charles, also in the Army.'

CYRIL NORMAN REED
Born 10 July 1906
At the School from 1920 to 1925
Died 26 July 1991
Cyril spent his early childhood days in India. After the First World War he returned with his family to Bedford, where he finished his education. He became a Sergeant CCF, Senior Monitor, and Head of Crescent. Cyril also started to make a name for himself as an all-round games player. He was Captain of Cricket and Vice-Captain of 1st XV Rugby.

After leaving the School, he joined the Commercial Union Insurance Company and, after a short period of working in England, he was posted to India – firstly to Bombay, then to Karachi, and on to Lahore. He was then moved to Penang, and during his time there he achieved the highest ever score in a cricket match. His final move was to Madras, where he stayed until his retirement from Commercial Union. At one period he was elected President of the British Insurance Companies in India.

After his retirement Cyril still continued to play cricket and tennis and even played squash into the 1970s. In addition, he had become greatly interested in horses, and he jointly owned a stud farm, breeding and training horses in southern India, before returning to this country.

Cyril was always very much a family man, and after his wife Ena's death in July 1990, his health deteriorated rapidly. He leaves three married daughters and five grandchildren.

Dr HERBERT JOHN WILSON
Born 4 April 1913
At the School from 1927 to 1930
Died 15 October 1990 at Budleigh Salterton
After leaving School, Jack went to America and graduated at Philadelphia in 1935, as a Doctor of Osteopathy. He returned home and practised in Birmingham from 1936 to 1964, apart from four years in the RAF in the Middle East during the Second World War. In 1964, he moved to the West Country and practised in Budleigh Salterton until 1987, when ill health forced him to retire.

R.A. Fennemore, The Head Master, Dr Sandra Evans, M.W.L. Morris and W.A. Thorn at the Harpenden Party

BEDFORD RECORD: TUESDAY 23 JULY 1946.

THE LATE MR. H. W. OCLEE

Teacher, Cricketer, and Footballer

An all-round sportsman who was at the peak of his career in Victorian days, died on Thursday at the age of 82 years. He was Mr. Herbert William Oclee, of "Minlaton", The Green, Bromham, one of Bedfordshire's best fast bowlers in his day and a member of the Luton Town F.C. team when that club first played professional football.

He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Emily Carr, of Marston, whom he married nearly 53 years ago at St. Martin's Church, Kentish Town. Their only child, Harold Vernon, was killed in 1916 in the Battle of the Somme. Mrs. Oclee was organist at Flitton Parish Church for many years before her marriage, and was also a keen parish worker.

Mr. Oclee was known and remembered by many hundreds of people in Bedford and the County, not only because of his sporting activities but through his very long association with the Harpur Trust Boys' School. He was appointed to the teaching staff in 1885, having received his education in Middlesbrough, and remained a master there until his retirement in 1923. During his 38½ years' service he taught most of the classes from Standard II to Standard VII and he must have had upwards of 2,000 boys pass through his classes. On the formation of the Evening Institute he took a class of second-year continuation boys. Mr. Oclee was absent from his duties only once, and this was on account of illness.

Bowling Successes

Mr. Oclee played for Bedfordshire at cricket in the 'nineties and early years of this century, and numerous were his bowling successes in teams captained by those grand cricketers, Mr. C. R. Thring and Mr. H. R. Orr. Mr. Oclee outlived nearly all his cricket contemporaries, who often talked in after-years of his performances. In club cricket he took many wickets season after season for Bedford Town, Bedfordshire Club and Ground, and a County Teachers' eleven, who had a very successful run under Mr. G. M. T. Bates, Mr. Oclee's first "chief" at Harpur Trust School. He was also a useful batsman.

Mr. Oclee was one of Bedford's finest footballers in the latter years of the last century. He captained the Town A.F.C. in 1890-01, when the team lost only two matches of the 20 played, and afterwards played for Luton.

Born at Maidstone on 20th September 1863, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Oclee, his father being Head Master of Maulden School. He lived at Putnoe for many years before moving to Bromham 14 years ago.

136, FA Cup 8, Football League Cup 25, Full Members' Cup 6.
After seven years with Wrexham, he came to Stamford Bridge, immediately won his place in the first team and became a vital member of the Second Division championship team of 1983-4. An outstanding goalkeeper, respected and liked throughout the game, he proved to be an excellent handler of the ball with fine anticipation as well as being agile and courageous.

The recognized deputy to Neville Southall in the Welsh goal, his career suffered a major set-back in March 1986 when he severely injured a knee and was incapacitated for six months. He resumed, still some way short of full fitness, before being forced to retire in May 1988. Chelsea received £125,000 in insurance compensation. Appointed to the Chelsea coaching staff after his retirement, he then moved to Reading as coach and was assistant manager (1990-91).

NUTTON, Michael William (1977-1983) Central defender
Born: St John's Wood, 3 October 1959.
5ft 11in; 10st 12lb.
Career: Chelsea (October 1977), Reading (loan), Millwall (March 1983), Fisher Athletic (cs 1987).
Chelsea debut: 23 December 1978. Appearances: League 77(2), FA Cup 3, League Cup 1.
Nutton joined Chelsea as a schoolboy and graduated to the full-time professional ranks after 18 months as an apprentice. A competent defender in the middle of the back-four, he had several spells in the first team without ever establishing himself as an automatic choice. His misfortune was to come into a struggling team virtually doomed to relegation and in an era of many comings and goings. He lacked the height to dominate in defence but was a useful foil in partnership with Micky Droy.

OAKTON, Albert Eric (1932-1937) Winger
Born: Kiveton Park (Yorkshire), 28 December 1906; Died: 5 August 1981.
5ft 9in; 11st.
Career: Grimsby Town (amateur) (November 1927), Rotherham United (August 1930), Worksop Town, Sheffield United (November 1927), Scunthorpe United, Bristol Rovers, Chelsea (May 1932), Nottingham Forest (June 1937).
Chelsea debut: 27 August 1932. Appearances: League 107, FA Cup 5; Goals: League 27, FA Cup 1.
At home on either flank, Oakton was a fast, direct winger with a flair for scoring goals. For two seasons he was a regular choice in the first team but the arrival of Dick Spence and Willie Barraclough restricted his opportunities after that.

O'CONNELL, Seamus D. (1954-1956) Inside-forward
Born: Carlisle, 1 January 1930.
Career: Sligo Rovers, Queen's Park, Middlesbrough (amateur) (May 1953), Bishop Auckland, Chelsea (amateur, August 1954), Crook Town, Carlisle (amateur, February 1958).
Honours: England Amateur international, Football League Championship medal 1955, FA Amateur Cup winners' medal 1955, 1956, runners-up 1954.
Chelsea debut: 16 October 1954. Appearances: League 16, FA Cup 1; Goals: League 11, FA Cup 1.
O'Connell marked his debut with a hat-trick in the 6-5 home defeat by Manchester United and, when available, proved himself a prolific goalscorer at the top level. Well-built and a fine mover with the ball, his accurate shooting was his greatest asset. How much he might have achieved in the professional game will never be known, since he left soccer, to help his father in his cattle-dealing business, and made only spasmodic appearances thereafter for Crook Town and Carlisle United. He never relinquished his amateur status.

ODELL, Leslie Frank (1924-1937) Full-back
Born: Sandy (Bedfordshire).
6ft; 13st 4lb.
Career: Sandy, Biggleswade Town, Luton Town (amateur), Chelsea (amateur, August 1924; professional, September 1924), Bedford Town (player-manager, September 1937).
Chelsea debut: 20 December 1924. Appearances: League 101, FA Cup 2; Goals: League 7.
Curiously, this tall, commanding full-back could never claim a regular place throughout his 12 seasons at Stamford Bridge and this despite chalking up a century of appearances. He began in the Smith-Harrow era, partnered Scottish internationals Law and Macaulay, and finished as Barber and O'Hare were becoming established. A loyal servant whose strength was, not least, the length and power of his kicking, which was also put to good use from the penalty-spot.

O'DOWD, James Peter (1931-1934) Centre-half
Born: Halifax, 26 February 1908; Died: 8 May 1964.
5ft 11in; 10st 5lb.
Career: St Bees GS (Bradford), Apperley Bridge, Selby, Bradford (amateur 1926), Blackburn Rovers (December 1926), Burnley (March 1930), Chelsea (November 1931, £5,250), Valenciennes (September 1934), Torquay United (March 1937).
Honours: England international (3 caps).
Chelsea debut: 14 November 1931. Appearances: League 80, FA Cup 7.
Those who were fortunate enough to see O'Dowd's all-too-brief Chelsea career mostly agree that he was the club's finest-ever centre-half. Quietly spoken, he was a stylist, an intelligent player with time in which to use the ball constructively, and always with an eye to move forward to lend weight to the attack. His performance for England against Scotland in 1932 was universally admired. Then, at the height of his powers, he fell out with the Stamford Bridge management, and went off to play in France for much greater financial reward.

OELOFSE, Roelf J. (1951-1953) Centre-half
Born: Johannesburg, 12 November 1926.
5ft 11in; 12st 4lb.
Career: Berea Park (SA), Chelsea (October 1951) Watford (July 1953), South Africa football (1954).
Chelsea debut: 1 March 1952. Appearances: League 8.
One of several South African players who tried their hand in English football after World War Two, Oelofse was a dominating figure in defence. He played a few games as a deputy for John Harris before moving to Watford, then in the Third Division South.

O'HARA, Francis (1905-1906) Centre-forward
Born: Coatbridge.
5ft 5½in; 9st 4lb.
Career: Albion Rovers, Chelsea (August 1905), not retained (May 1906).
Chelsea debut: 7 October 1905. Appearances: League 1, FA Cup 2; Goals: FA Cup 3.
One of the large squad assembled to launch Chelsea into the Football League. 'Pat' O'Hara was unable to force his way into the first team and was at Stamford Bridge for only one season.

O'HARE, John (1932-1941) Full-back
Born: Armadale.
5ft 8in; 11st 4lb.
Career: Shawfield Juniors, Chelsea (June 1932), Retired (1941).
Chelsea debut: 24 February 1934. Appearances: League 102, FA Cup 6.
O'Hare was a fearless tackler who lacked the pace to become a top-class full-back. Nevertheless, he was a dependable player who was a peripheral first-teamer in the four seasons leading up to World War Two, despite competing for his place with the likes of George Barber, Ned Barkas, Tommy Law and Jack Smith. A centre-forward at school, he was converted to his defensive position by chance.

ORD, Thomas (1972-1973) Midfield
Born: Woolwich, 15 October 1952.
5ft 9in; 11st 7lb.
Career: Erith and Belvedere, Chelsea (December 1972), Bristol City (loan), Montreal Olympic (May 1973), Rochester Lancers (May 1974), New York Cosmos (July 1975), Vancouver Whitecaps (April 1976), Seattle Sounders (July 1977), Tulsa Roughnecks (April 1980), Atlanta Chiefs (July 1980).
Chelsea debut: 7 April 1973. Appearances: League 3; Goals: League 1.
Despite scoring on his debut, Ord never succeeded in winning a first-team place at a time when the professional staff was being pruned for financial reasons. He played for a few seasons in the North American Soccer League.

ORMISTON, Andrew (1909-1918) Centre-half
Born: Paisley, 1 March 1884; Died: 1952.
5ft 11½in; 12st 6lb.
Career: Hebburn Argyle, Lincoln City (1901), Chelsea (cs 1909), Lincoln City (1918).
Chelsea debut: 4 September 1909. Appearances: League 95, FA Cup 7; Goals: League 1.
'Alec' Ormiston was a commanding centre-half and a particularly fine header of the ball. One of several players who followed manager David Calderhead from Lincoln City to Chelsea at that time, he never quite succeeded in coming to terms with the demands of a higher class of football, although he played in the majority of the games in the promotion season of 1912-13.

O'ROURKE, John (1962-1963) Centre-forward
Born: Northampton, 11 December 1945.
5ft 8¾in; 10st 10lb.
Career: Arsenal (amateur), Chelsea (April 1962), Luton Town (December 1963), Middlesbrough (July 1966), Ipswich Town (February 1968), Coventry City (November 1969), Queen's Park Rangers (October 1971), Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic (January 1974).
Honours: England Youth international.
Chelsea debut: 25 September 1963. Appearances: League Cup 1.
One of soccer's nomads, O'Rourke topped the Combination goalscorers list in 1962-3 but failed to win a first-team place at a time when Barry Bridges and Graham Moore were the recognized choices for the central attacking positions He went on to score some 150 League goals with six different clubs.

OSGOOD, Peter Leslie (1964-1974 & 1978-1979) Striker-Midfield
Born: Windsor, 20 February 1947.
6ft 2in; 12st 9lb.
Career: Spital Old Boys, Windsor Corinthians, Windsor Eriths, Chelsea (September 1964), Southampton (March 1974, £275,000), Norwich City (loan), Philadelphia Fury (December 1977), Chelsea (December 1978, £25,000), Retired (September 1979).
Honours: England international (4 caps), England Under-23 (6 caps), England Youth, Football League XI (3 appearances), FA Cup winners' medal 1970, 1976, European Cup-winners' Cup winners' medal 1971, Football League Cup runners-up medal 1972. Also 1 FA Charity Shield appearance 1970.
Chelsea debut: 16 December 1964. Appearances: League 286(3), FA Cup 34, League Cup 30, Fairs Cup 14(1), European Cup-winners' Cup 11; Goals: League 105, FA Cup 19, League Cup 10, Fairs Cup 4, European Cup-winners' Cup 12.
An immensely talented player, whether as a striker or operating in midfield, Osgood arrived on the Stamford Bridge scene as an unknown amateur in March 1964. He scored two goals on his debut, nine

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1938-1.

COUNTY CRICKETER'S DEATH

Mr. W. Odell's Promising Career Cut Short

Sportsmen throughout the County will regret to learn of the death on Tuesday of Mr. Wilfred Odell, O.B.M., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Odell, of High Street, Clophill, who had been ill with pneumonia. Mr. Odell, who was twenty-three years of age, was an all-round athlete of great promise and was very popular. Cricket was his greatest love and his all-round ability won for him a place in the County eleven on several occasions. One of his proudest moments was when he caught the illustrious Jack Hobbs in Bedfordshire's match with Cambridgeshire at Bedford a few summers ago. He played for Clophill and the Vauxhall club at Luton, and more than once topped the century. He also played in representative club cricket conference matches.

Mr. Odell also played football for Clophill and Silsoe as centre-half.

Since leaving the Bedford Modern School he had been employed as a cashier at the Vauxhall Works, Luton.

The funeral takes place on Saturday.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES: FRIDAY 22 JULY 1949.

DEATH OF REV. E. Y. ORLEBAR

A member of one of the oldest families in the County, the Rev. Edward Yarde Orlebar, aged 76, died at his home, Crawley House, Crawley Park, Husborne Crawley, suddenly on Saturday. Mr. Orlebar, who was a son of the Rev. A. Orlebar, some-time Vicar of Willington, had lived at Husborne Crawley since his retirement from the living at Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire. Educated at Radley College, Abingdon; New College, Oxford; and Ely Theological College, Mr. Orlebar was ordained in 1896 and became a priest three years later. His first appointment was as curate of Christ Church, Southgate, from 1896 to 1897, and then curate of Bickley, 1898-1902. Among other appointments were: Vicar of Steeple Morden 1902-20, Rector of Oakley Parva and Perpetual Curate of Oakley Magna 1923-24, Rector of Bobbingworth 1924-27. He leaves a widow and three children. Mr. Godfrey Orlebar, who lives in Canada, Mrs. Rachel Wyldbone-Smith, and Mrs. Diana Streatfield who resides in the U.S.A. A requiem service took place at Husborne Crawley Church on Wednesday.

BEDFORDSHIRE TIMES : FRIDAY 24 MAY 1940.

DEATH OF MR. H. R. ORR

A Bedfordshire Cricket Captain

We regret to record the death of Mr. Herbert Richard Orr, O.B., of "Stanninghall", Pemberley Avenue, Bedford, which occurred at Carrick Grange, Sevenoaks, on Wednesday at the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. Orr's name will always be associated with the history of Bedfordshire cricket, for he was captain of the County Eleven from 1899 to 1912 and played many a great innings and took many a wicket for the side. He played his first game for Bedfordshire while still at Bedford School in 1882, and ever since his interest in the County team, to which he gave invaluable service, off the field as well as on, had been undiminished. He was a Vice-President of the County Club and a member of the Selection Committee.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA

Mr. Orr was at Bedford School from 1875 to 1884; and for five of these years he was in the cricket eleven and captained it in 1884. He was in the Rugby fifteen in 1882-1883-1884 and was a fast, strong wing-threequarter. At Cambridge he just missed getting his Blue for cricket; he played for the University against Yorkshire and the Gentlemen of England. On leaving the University he went to Australia, where his ability with both bat and ball was soon recognized, and he played for the Melbourne Club under the captaincy of Mr. J. M. Blackham, the Australian wicket-keeper. He also captained the first Western Australian team in 1892. He was a personal friend of many of the Australian Test cricketers. He was also proud of the fact that he had had the unique experience of witnessing Test cricket in Australia, South Africa, and Jamaica; as well as in England. He highly valued a small silver casket which held cigarette ash, this casket commemorating his victory for the "Ashes" in a game of deck quoits against famous Australian cricketers.

In 1899 Mr. Orr returned to England and then ensued his most fruitful association with Bedfordshire cricket. Until 1912 he was captain, and his colleagues during that period included Dr. A. F. Morcom, Mr. R. W. Rice, Mr. B. L. Peel, Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, Mr. E. E. Apthorpe, the evergreen Tom Brown and George Wharmby, Mr. W. E. King, Messrs. F. G. Brooks, A. Grierson, and P. A. Foy (Bedford School), Messrs. N. B. T. Oliver and F. C. W. Newman (Bedford Modern School), and Messrs. L. Parbury, A. E. Holmes-Brown, and W. G. Southwell, who were the bright particular stars of cricket at Elstow School when Mr. Orr was a master for several years during the headmastership of the late Rev. C. F. Farrar. Under Mr. Orr's leadership the Bedfordshire Eleven more than once went very near to winning the Minor Counties Championship, notably in 1906, and he had the honour of skippering the side when they defeated Northamptonshire.

A PRESENTATION

In 1912 Mr. Orr went to British Columbia and 234 people, including 124 members of the Bedford and District League, subscribed towards a presentation to him as a mark of appreciation of his notable services. At a dinner held in his honour at Bedford in October 1912 and presided over by Mr. R. E. Prothero (afterwards Lord Ernle), many fine tributes were paid to Mr. Orr, who was presented with a watch and a cheque. It was stated that during his thirteen seasons as captain of Bedfordshire he made 4,043 runs, with an average of 23.3 per innings, and took 190 wickets at a cost of 19.16 runs per wicket. In British Columbia Mr. Orr went on playing cricket and was soon elected captain of the Vancouver Island Club.

On his return to England he played Club cricket in Norfolk until he was sixty-five. Then he had "Stanninghall" built and returned to Bedford. He at once renewed his keen interest in Bedford School and County cricket and was a familiar and popular figure at the matches with his great friend and fellow-cricketing enthusiast, the late Mr. R. W. Rice. He was a generous supporter of the School, and his family helped to provide a school cricket pavilion. The handsome pavilion now on the School ground bears a plate to the memory of a sister of Mr. Orr and also commemorates the captaincy of School elevens by two Orr brothers and of the pleasure they found at the School. Mr. Orr offered an annual prize for fielding, and it is interesting to note that this was won last year by Roy Crompton, son of Mr. Frank Crompton, the County Club honorary secretary. One of the last gifts made to the School by Mr. Orr consisted of benches to enable spectators to sit in comfort at the School end of the cricket table and watch the games. He had arranged to get together an eleven in July to play the School.

At his home, "Stanninghall", he had a well-appointed bowls green, which was laid out by Mr. "Dick" Rogers, of Modern School cricket fame, and here a match was played annually during Old Bedfordian Week. Mr. Orr's team also entertained the Borough Police side annually. A feature which always captivated the new visitor was the weathervane, which embodied the figure of Father Time with a scythe and hour-glass. This vane is a replica of the famous one at Lords, a ground where Mr. Orr, himself a long-standing member of the M.C.C., found much pleasure

GREAT FRIENDS OF BEDFORD SCHOOL

Mr. Orr, who was unmarried, was the second son of the late Mr. Henry Adair Orr and Mrs. Orr, whose home was at Pemberley, off the Kimbolton Road. As stated above, all the family were great friends of Bedford School. Mrs. Orr, who was born in 1832, died in May 1907. Her five children were Stanley, Herbert, Rowland, Laura, and Florence. Miss Florence Orr, who died in July 1924, was known in Bedford for her manifold charitable activities and particularly for her work in connexion with Hospital Week, of which she was President. Mr. Rowland Frederick Augustus Orr, who died on 1st January 1930, aged sixty-three, was an all-round sportsman and captained the Bedford School Cricket Eleven in 1885. The other sister, Miss Laura Gertrude Ida Orr, died in August 1930.

The home of the Orrs at Pemberley originally covered a large expanse of ground near the Bedford School field. Pemberley was subsequently used as the Head Master's residence and it was eventually purchased by the Harper Trust to allow of an extension to the School Field. The site of the School Chapel was at one time the orchard of Pemberley.

The funeral is to take place privately and Mr. Orr's remains are to be cremated in Kent.

secretary of the Bedford Musical Society. He had also been for more than forty years a Churchwarden of St. Paul's parish.

These varied pursuits and enthusiasms made a full and fruitful life of hard work seasoned by cultured leisure; and Harvey Goldsmith's quiet, kindly personality will be long remembered by friends and patients, and not least by those who benefited by his many unseen acts of kindness.

His affection for the School has been shown in many ways—by the History Prize which has made his name so familiar on Speech Day; by the gift of the fine young trees planted in front of the Fives Courts and the Biology Building; by his recent gift of French books to the Memorial Library; and by the generous legacy to which reference is made below.

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By his will, Dr. Harvey Goldsmith left £5,000 to Bedford School (subject to two life interests) to found a Scholarship to be awarded at the discretion of the Head Master for the time being to any deserving scholar of Bedford School, other than an elementary exhibitioner, to continue his education at Gonville and Caius College, or such other college as he may decide upon, preference being given to such scholar as could not otherwise do so.

ROBERT GUTHRIE HARDING.
Born, 25th November, 1879.
Entered the School, January, 1891.
Left, July, 1896.
Died in November, 1936.

ARTHUR WALLIS MILLS.
Born, 21st October, 1877.
Entered the School, January, 1889.
Left, December, 1889.
Died on 5th April, 1940.

Mr. Wallis Mills left Bedford to enter the South Kensington School of Art. His first drawing for *Punch* appeared in December, 1898, and for many years after it was followed almost weekly by other pictures. During the last war he served in France with the R.G.A., and did valuable work in camouflage.

HERBERT RICHARD ORR.
Born, 3rd February, 1865.
Entered the School, January, 1875.
Left, July, 1884.
Died at Sevenoaks on 22nd May, 1940.

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ERIC THWAITES.
Born, 29th July, 1880.
Entered the School, September, 1888.
Left, December, 1898.
Died at Bedford on 26th April, 1940.

SPORT OF THE WEEK

MR. H. R. ORR, O.B.

A Bedfordshire Cricket Stalwart

Fifty years ago this week Mr. H. R. Orr, O.B., was selected to play for Cambridge University against Yorkshire. He did so, and also represented the University against the Gentlemen of England in the same season. Since that time Mr. Orr has played the game in two other countries and given stalwart service to Bedfordshire cricket as a player, captain, and committee-man. His interest in the sport and in the county side remains undiminished, and with his great friend and fellow cricketing enthusiast, Mr. R. W. Rice, the old Gloucestershire and Bedfordshire player, he is a familiar and popular figure at the Bedford School and Goldington Road grounds. It is entertaining to sit with Mr. Orr and Mr. Rice and their friends and to hear their stories of the giants and the games of a past generation. These are no old men's rambling reminiscences, but vitally alive, pointed, often humorous stories of a grand game and the outstanding personalities who have peopled the famous theatres of the sport.

But to persuade Mr. Orr to speak of his own record and to get him relating stories of others are two different things. However, I can give a few brief particulars of his playing career which illustrate his great experience and his devotion to Bedfordshire cricket. He was at Bedford School from 1875 to 1884, and was a member of the School Eleven. He recalls with pleasure that he was awarded his colours by the late Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Burge) who was then captain.

FIRST COUNTY MATCH

It was while at Bedford School, in 1882, that Mr. Orr played his first game for Bedfordshire. The county side at that time included Messrs. H. G. Tylecote, T. C. Brown, W. E. Gilder, A. Polhill-Turner, W. P. Godfrey, H. L. Talbot, G. Long, and C. Brown. Mr. Orr then went to Cambridge, where he just missed getting his Blue for cricket. On leaving the University he went to Australia. His ability with both bat and ball was soon recognized, and he played for the Melbourne Club under the captaincy of Mr. J. Mc. Blackham, the Australian wicket-keeper. He also captained the first West Australian team in 1892.

Mr. Orr returned to England in 1899 and renewed his association with the Bedfordshire side. He was captain for thirteen seasons until 1912, and his colleagues during that period included Mr. R. W. Rice, Dr. A. F. Morcom, Mr. B. L. Peel, Mr. L. G. Stileman-Gibbard, Mr. E. E. Apthorpe, Mr. Warmby, Mr. P. Brown, Mr. W. E. King, Messrs. F. G. Brooks, H. Grierson, and P. A. Foy, then at Bedford School, Messrs. N. D. T. Oliver and F. C. W. Newman (who now plays for Sir Julien Cahn's XI), then at the Modern School, and Messrs. L. Parbury, A. Holmes-Brown, and W. E. G. Southwell, who were at Elstow School, to mention a few well-known players. In 1912 he resigned the captaincy in view of his impending departure for British Columbia. Steps were at once taken to open a subscription list to make a presentation to Mr. Orr as a mark of appreciation of his services. Mr. Orr's good work and popularity may be judged by the fact that no fewer than 234 people subscribed, including 124 members of the Bedford and District League.

HIS RECORD

A presentation dinner was held at the Central Restaurant in October 1912 and was presided over by Mr. R. E. Prothero. Many fine tributes were paid to Mr. Orr, who was presented with a watch and a cheque, and earnest hopes were expressed that he would soon return to Bedfordshire. It was stated that during his thirteen seasons as captain he made 4,043 runs with an average of 23.3 per innings, and took 190 wickets at a cost of 19.16 runs per wicket. When he reached British Columbia he became a member of the Vancouver Island Club, and was elected captain in 1913. On his return to England he played club cricket in Norfolk until he was sixty-five.

Bedford again claimed his interest and to-day he resides in Pemberley Avenue and is a member of the County Club Selection Committee. He thinks that there is every promise of a good season for the County Eleven, and says that the team should do very well when the full side can be got together in August.

CROQUET CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Bedfordshire croquet team—Miss D. D. Steel (English champion), Mr. E. L. Ward-Petley, Mr. Alan Wood, Mr. H. L. Walling, Miss C. Attenborough, and the Rev. S. E. Sears—on winning the Inter-County Championship at Hurlingham last week. It is the first success gained by Bedfordshire in this competition since it was inaugurated thirty years ago. Some years ago Bedfordshire tied for first place, but lost on the play-off.

Some of the younger generation are apt to laugh at croquet as an old woman's game, but by laughing they are displaying a lamentable ignorance of the game. It is a sport which calls for great skill and a careful study of tactics. It has rightly been described as "billiards on the grass", and all will agree that billiards calls for much proficiency. For instance, the croquet hoop is only 3½in. wide and the ball is 3½in. in circumference. There is little margin for error.

ALL-WEATHER GAME

I was surprised to find play in full swing at the Bedford Club in Kimbolton Road on Tuesday when it was raining heavily, and I learned that croquet is about the only green game played independently of the weather. Now you bowlers, cricketers, and tennis players who scurry for shelter at the first sign of rain! As Mr. Claude Clark said to me, "Rain or snow, we have to go on playing or scratch the game. If a programme is arranged for a week it has to be adhered to or it is disturbed and the tournament is incompleted."

The Bedford lawns are delightfully situated and the Club is in a flourishing condition. New members will be welcomed. This week the annual tournament is being held, reference to which will be found in another column.

COUNTY ATHLETICS

Bedfordshire and Yorkshire were equal seventh with 21 points in the Inter-Counties Athletic Championship held at the White City on Monday. C. Whitehead, the Modern School master and international runner, was unfortunate to pull a muscle in the steeplechase. This mishap prevented him taking part in the invitation mile event, and unless he makes a quick recovery may spoil his chances of going to the Olympic Games. Mr. A. B. Wignall, Head Master of the Harper Central School, Bedford, was a judge for the pole-vault and javelin-throwing events. Mr. Wignall has been invited to judge at the A.A.A. championships at the White City next month.

THE BEDFORD RUGBY CLUB

The Lord Lieutenant of the County, Lord Luke, was elected President of the Bedford Rugby Club at the annual meeting held at St. Cuthbert's Hall on Friday evening in succession to Mr. S. R. Wells, M.P., who resigned.

The Mayor (Mr. H. R. Neate) presided over a small attendance and was supported by Mr. H. W. Finlinson (Chairman of the Committee), Mr. Arthur Marshall (hon. secretary), Mr. B. Edgington (hon. treasurer), and members of the Committee.

Mr. Finlinson moved the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts (which have been published in our columns), and in doing so referred to the recommended alteration of the rules to provide for the appointment of an assistant hon. secretary and the appointment of hon. secretary, hon. assistant secretary, hon. match secretary, and hon. treasurer by the Committee instead of by the annual meeting. The report and alteration of rules were passed without discussion.

When it came to the election of President Mr. Finlinson read a letter from Mr. Wells resigning from the position, and Lord Luke was elected.

Vice-presidents were re-elected with five additions, including Mr. H. A. Deacon, who has been made a life member. As there were no new nominations for the positions of hon. secretary, hon. match secretary, and hon. treasurer, the retiring officials were declared re-elected, as were the retiring members of the Committee, Messrs. S. A. Crawley, A. Fensome, and L. H. Nicholson. Mr. F. Kingston (hon. auditor), and Messrs. McPherson, Timmins, and Ednie (Chartered Accountants) were also re-elected.

whenever we go out into the fields and woods of Bedfordshire and see that hustling, vigorous butterfly we shall think of Herbert Orr. (Applause).

Mr. W. W. Marks, in supporting the toast, said that he would say "ditto" to everything that Mr. Prothero had said, and his "ditto" was a very useful "ditto," because with regard to county cricket no one know more about what Mr. Orr had done than he did. He did not think anyone who had been on the Committee or was at present on the Committee but had had the opportunity of appreciating the work Mr. Orr had done. He believed that during the whole of the thirteen years of his captaincy there had never been a day, and few nights, when county cricket had not been in his mind. He had done more than any man who had been on the Committee to get new members for the club, and even after the season was over, when most skippers felt justified in resting until they were wanted to skipper again, he was always busy loking after the interests of the club. He could not say how deeply he regretted Mr. Orr's going, and he hoped that the thousands of miles between them would not cause him to lose touch with the club. It would be the greatest grief to him (Mr. Orr) if Bedfordshire County Cricket went down when he had gone. The excellent tone of their Bedfordshire side for the past thirteen years had been entirely due to the sporting instincts of their skipper. (Applause).

Mr. Orr's health was thon drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Stockburn stated that the total number of subscribers to Mr. Orr's testimonial fund was 234, of whom he was pleased to say 124 were members of the Bedford and District Cricket League, and the total receipts were £84 10s. 1d. The expenses amounted to £2 6s., leaving a balance of £82 4s., and since the list was closed he had received a further 14s.

Mr. Prothero then, on behalf of the subscribers, presented to Mr. Orr the gold watch and sixty guineas. Inside the watch was inscribed the following: "Presented to H. R. Orr, Esqr., by the cricketing public of Bedfordshire, together with a purse of gold in recognition of his invaluable services during the past 13 years, as captain of the County Cricket Club. October, 1912."

Mr. Orr, who, upon rising, was loudly cheered, said: I confess that I would sooner be at the crease on a sticky wicket than on my legs here to-night. I really feel that I can't reply in adequate terms to the very kind words which Mr. Prothero and Mr. Marks have said about me. As you all know I have had the interest of county cricket, by which I mean all sorts of cricket in the county, at heart. We are not a hole and corner club, but include school and League cricket, and I am only too pleased to see League supporters here to-night. I really cannot thany you enough for this splendid testimonial and for rolling up in such goodly numbers. This beautiful watch I shall treasure more than I can say. I only hope that it will not only go up to British Columbia, but come back, and that I shall be wearing it again, in the pavilion, maybe, or at least not far from a county match, if there is one going on when I come back. (Cheers.) I should like to refer back to the birth of the new county club. I shall never forget on my return from Australia, in 1899, how pleased I was to hear that there was a movement on foot to restart the club. I had played for the County Club as far back as 1882, and I knew what difficulties there were in the way of getting the thing going. No one knows better than I that the Bedfordshire County Club would not be in existence, would not have been re-started, but for two men, and those two men are Mr. Allen and Mr. Marks. (Applause.) I never attended more dull, apathetic meetings than the first three or four on my return, and it was absolutely due to their zeal, business methods, and tenacity, that the ship got launched. After the ship was launched it rested solely upon the players to keep it afloat. I was told in those early days that the club might struggle on for two or three years, but it would fizzle out. It has been a great pleasure to me to feel that, after the thirteen seasons during which I have been skipper, I am not leaving a sinking boat. (Applause.) Now it is very hard for me to tell you what I think of the players I have had under me all those years. I have been given credit for being a good sportsman; well, I hope I am; but I should just like to say that I don't think it has been altogether due to the skipper that we have got that good name for sportsmanship, because I have never had any trouble with my players at all, amateurs or professionals.

Among other incidents, Mr. Orr recounted an amusing little experience of Pestell, another member of the club. "Pestell," he said, "left Elstow village and went up north. He turned up on a ground somewhere near Liverpool, and someone said 'Well, young man, where do you come from?' 'Elstow.' 'Where's Elstow?' 'Don't know Elstow! Why, its where John Bunyan came from.' 'Benyan! Who did he play for?'" (Loud laughter.)

The Rev. C. F. Farrar, in proposing "The Chairman," said "As you know, when you pass a ray of light through a spectrum it comes out in all the colours of the rainbow, and so our great esteem and affection for the skipper has been passed through the scholarly mind of our chairman, and it has come out radiant, by the graceful generous, and heartfelt words in which he has expressed our feelings towards the Skipper this evening. (Applause.) Our Chairman, as you know, is our great [illegible] in Bedfordshire, whether in the field of [illegible] in the field of good citizenship. If any of you want your early deficient education improving you go to him; if you want a small holding you at once apply to him. He pulls the brambles even out of the thorny path of the Insurance Act. (Laughter.) If I feel peculiarly low in spirit and at emnity with all mankind I pluck from my bookshelves "Psalms from human life"; when I go for my annual holiday in the summer to France I tuck away that most delightful of all books, "The pleasant land of France." I verily believe that if the plagues of Egypt came, or a crater of a volcano opened in St. Paul's [illegible] there were an epidemic of twins, the [illegible] would at once warmly propose Mr. [illegible] to the chair. (Loud laughter.) [illegible] would go back to the rivers, the [illegible] appear, the crater would turn into a [illegible] garden, and the twins even would [illegible] the bounds of decency. Ever since [illegible] been a public man he has always [illegible] public eye. I should say of him that [illegible] if he has ever made an enemy in his [illegible] lesser men make enemies because [illegible] our little grievances with people. [illegible] makes opponents. (Applause.)

After relating some interesting [illegible] in which Mr. Prothero was the [illegible] Mr. Farrar said in conclusion, "I [illegible] the toast of our Chairman; I give [illegible] toast of the best of sportsmen, [illegible] scholar, the most charming of [illegible] the staunchest of friends, the best [illegible] fellows—Our Chairman." (Cheers.)

Mr. R. W. Allen, in supporting the [illegible] said that he felt that there was a [illegible] ness about that dinner, because it [illegible] it were, the human link of those who originally associated with the founding the present club, and now that the [illegible] broken they must all strive to pull [illegible] to keep the club together, if not [illegible] club's own sake, certainly for [illegible] sake. He re-echoed every single word the Chairman had said, and also what fallen from the lips of Mr. Marks with [illegible] to the services that Mr. Orr had [illegible] behind the scenes. He ventured to hope when Mr. Orr went to his new field [illegible] he would not forget the words which [illegible] Chairman had spoken.

Mr. Stockburn said that he thought might be of some interest to the company know the extent of Mr. Orr's performance with the bat and ball during the [illegible] he had captained the county team [illegible] county cricket he had made 4,45[illegible] with an average of 23.3, and taken [illegible] wickets, with an average of 19.6 per [illegible] (Cheers.)

In responding, Mr. Prothero said: [illegible] have been very cheerful and yet there [illegible] it all there has been a feeling that we [illegible] parting with a very old, trusted and [illegible] friend, and I should like once more to [illegible] press our great regret at Mr. Orr's [illegible] and our very earnest wish that in the world he will find every happiness [illegible] can hope to attain—(hear, hear)—that [illegible] will prosper and that he will, we [illegible] make a fortune sufficiently large [illegible] home and again skipper the county [illegible] fordshire team. (Hear, hear.) And [illegible] does I am quite sure of this, that his presence in the field would be an [illegible] to all the players who may be playing [illegible] side." (Cheers.)

BEDFORDSHIRE STANDARD: FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 1912-1.

Complimentary Dinner to Mr. Orr.

Presentation of Watch and Purse of Gold.

Reminiscent Cricketers.

The invaluable services which have been rendered by Mr. H. R. Orr to cricket in Bedfordshire during the thirteen years of his captaincy and in the cause of sport generally were publicly recognised on Monday evening, when a farewell dinner was given in his honour at the Central Restaurant, High-street. Mr. Orr was also presented with a testimonial in the form of an inscribed gold watch and a purse of sixty guineas, in token of the great feeling of admiration and respect which the cricketing public have for him.

Mr. R. E. Prothero, M.V.O., presided, supported by Mr. H. R. Orr, Mr. W. W. Marks and Mr. R. W. Allen (hon. secretaries), the Rev. C. F. Farrar, Dr. D. Bower, Mr. J. W. Crossman, Colonel Stevens, Major Weller, Mr. J. A. Whitchurch, the Rev. Canon Woodard, Major F. A. D. Stevens, Dr. Colby Sharpin, Mr. W. F. Brown (Dunstable), Mr. J. P. White, Mr. F. R. Hockliffe, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. T. H. G. Pearson, Mr. S. G. Wilkinson, Mr. T. Coates, Mr. A. W. Ades, Mr. C. E. Timmus, Mr. V. F. de Lisle, Dr. A. G. Morcom, Mr. Melville Allen, Mr. D. Piper, Mr E. E. Apthorpe, Mr. R. W. Rice, Mr. D. L. McPherson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Exton Smith, Mr. C. Bower, Mr. W. Whiting, Mr. H. O. Stockburn, Mr. G. Wharmby, Mr. A. E. Gell, Mr. F. Tucker, Mr. W. Cherry, Mr. Cherry, jun., Mr. "Dick" Rogers, Mr. E. Rogers, Mr. J. Taylor, and Mr. G. Dunn.

An excellent dinner, catered for by Messrs. Dudeney and Johnston was provided.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. Stockburn read a telegram from Mr. A. Morrison, regretting his inability to be present and wishing Mr. Orr every good wish, and letters to the same effect from Mr. C. Ritson and the Mayor (Mr. W. Roff).

The Chairman, in submitting the toast of "Our Guest," said "Our guest" is always the chief toast on these occasions, but "Our guest" is not always asked for the same reason. Sometimes "Our guest" is asked on promotion. In the profession in which Mr. Marks and I, and other guests to night follow, a barrister, for instance, becomes a judge; he becomes at the same time "Our guest," and while he is recounting his early struggles at the bar, we are occupying our brains with the thought that as he is giving up his practice some of it may come our way, and that if we catch his eye we may on the earliest opportunity be made revising barrister. We, in fact, in commercial English, which I see they teach—do they not, Mr. Hockliffe, in the Evening Institution?—"thank you in anticipation." (Laughter). Sometimes, of course, a man is "Our guest" because he holds some coveted position which we think we could occupy better than he, and while he is assuring us that no man ever had more loyal colleagues, we are hoping that at the close of his speech he will announce his impending resignation. (Laughter). I think that kind of "Our guest" is rather dying out. Experience shows that while it is certain that he, humanly speaking, will eat his dinner, it is not quite so certain that he will not be too human to resign. Then there are a variety of other kinds of "Our guest." Of course, the after-dinner customs of foreign nations differ from our own, but in all cases there is one purpose that runs through these after dinner customs, and that is to secure an easy digestion. (Laughter). In India, in Bengal, I believe, they look at the performance of nautch girls—I believe Colonel Weller will confirm that. (Laughter). In ancient Rome—of course Mr. Rice is more conversant with the classics than I—I believe they were carefully oiled, scraped and massaged. (Laughter). In England we make use of "Our guest" as an aid to digestion. (Laughter). That is the principal use to which we put him. At political banquets, for instance, I as an unfortunate candidate have assisted at a good many of those occasions. I felt that I was asked because I was either to agree with my audience, or possibly might make them think that they were more intelligent and more patriotic than their opponents. Sometimes, of course, we have as our guest a great statesman, and he stuffs us with the flattering idea that we are going to hear from him some important political pronouncement, which would give us the pleasant feeling that we knew a piece of news at least eight hours before our next-door neighbour will read it in the newspapers. In those cases it seems to me that we are able to gratify our appetites, and at the same time think that we are improving our minds. "Oour guest" is in fact just like one of those tablets that gentlemen who ought not to drink champagne and do-gentlemen who have not got the gastric vigour to digest it or the moral vigour to refuse it-put into their champagne in order to digest it. And that purpose is served by "Our guest" at that sort of political banquet. Then again that same object—easy digestion—is sometimes quite barely and without any disguise aimed at, as when a man is invited to be "Our guest" at some dinner for a purpose with which he is wholly unconnected. He is well-known as a fluent and excellent after-dinner speaker, and he is asked because he will amuse us and keep us awake while we recover from a hearty meal. And I believe from that point of view, as a "devilled biscuit" Mr. Marks is in great request in the town of Bedford—(loud laughter)—and Mr. Farrar as a "digestive pickle." (Loud laughter).

Now, gentlemen, "Our guest" to-night need not be in the least afraid that we think that he is a digestive relish, continued Mr. Prothero. Neither do we think that he is likely with oil-flask and scraper in hand to proceed to massage us. Neither have we any idea that if we sit next to him we shall be put on to bowl first or go in first. Neither, speaking of course strictly for myself, are we at all likely to confuse him with a nautch girl. But he is here to-night on quite a different ground.. Why is he our guest? He is our guest first and foremost, I think, because we are his personal friends—(hear, hear)—and we one and all wish him to carry away a pleasant recollection of our friendly gathering here to-night. There are very few men to whom we wish "Good-bye" with a keener regret, or wish "Good luck" with more heartfelt sincerity. (Hear, hear). And in the second place Mr. Orr is our guest because as lovers of cricket we one and all respect and admire him for having played a grand game for our side, and played it conspicuously well. (Applause). He has played it well, gentlemen, not only on the practical side in the field with the bat and with the ball, but he has played it conspicuously well also on the moral side, by the display of all those qualities of pluck, keenness, good temper, courtesy and fairness, which, we hope, our national game develops. (Hear, hear). As cricketers, many of you, perhaps, know what he has done for Bedfordshire cricket as well as I know myself. He began as our captain thirteen years ago. He has been for thirteen seasons captain of the Bedfordshire County Cricket Club, and during the whole of that time he has never quite lifted the County into the first class, but we have been there or thereabouts in several seasons. And it would surprise you if you read the record of the county club matches which Bedfordshire had made, to see how many points we have secured against formidable antagonists. Taking all those matches one with another, and speaking from memory, I believe we are 61 points ahead of all those counties. (Applause). Now, that is a very good record, and throughout the whole of that, both with the bat and ball Mr. Orr has been one of the best men of our side. (Applause). And if he has not succeeded quite in making Bedfordshire a first-class county in cricket, he has made it a first-class county on the moral side. I am quite sure of this—that as a cricketing county Bedfordshire stands in the first rank as a county which plays fair, clean and honourable cricket. (Applause). And that high position we owe in a very great measure to the personality of Mr. Orr. (Applause).

I wonder if any of you ever collect butterflies, Mr. Prothero continued. I do. (Laughter). Well, there is a certain butterfly which is very common in one of the woods of North Bedfordshire, and it is always associated in my mind with Mr. Orr. You may know the butterfly to which I allude. It is called the Grisly Skipper. (Laughter). I am sure that

BEDFORDSHIRE STANDARD: FRIDAY 14 JUNE 1912-3.

Bedfordshire Cricket Captain Leaving England.

Cricketers in town and county will hear with great regret the intimation that Mr. H. R. Orr, who for 13 years has controlled the destinies of Bedfordshire cricket, on the field of play at least, is to leave England at the close of the cricket season, for British Columbia, where he is taking up fruit growing with some friends. Mr. Orr was educated at Bedford Grammar School and Jesus College,, Cambridge, where he missed his Blue by a pure accident. After a period in Australia he returned to England and took up the duties of Games Master at Elstow School. There he has organised all the School games for many years and has had under his care many a cricketer and footballer who have made names for themselves in a bigger field than Bedford or Bedfordshire has to offer. Coming into the Bedfordshire eleven 13 years years ago he immediately succeeded Mr. L. C. R. Thring in the captaincy and has since been a continuous member of the team. No bat has made so many runs for the county during recent years—we have had more brilliant men, perhaps, with us for brief periods—but for consistency and general soundness Mr. Orr has never been surpassed. At the present time, after all these years of hard service, he is rightly looked upon as one of the most productive batsmen in the county. A hard hitting bat, he yet maintains the soundest of defences, and is an extremely difficult man to dislodge once h gets going. Many changes has Mr. Orr seen and through many troublous periods has he steered his team but now he has the satisfaction of leaving it in as sound a position as it has ever been—with the prospect of a prosperous time ahead. Through the difficulties he has been called upon to face Mr. Orr has never lost his wonderful popularity throughout the county, where his whole-hearted and practical enthusiasm for the game has not failed to be appreciated. Bedfordshire cricket will lose a capital sportsman, an accomplished batsman, and a thorough good fellow when Mr. Orr goes to British Columbia.

We hope that his intention of "making the most of the present season" will be carried out that he may make this, his last, the best year he has had as skipper of the county XI.

Bedfordshire Times: Friday 10 January 1930-

THE LATE MR. F. R. ORR

MEMBER OF WELL-KNOWN BEDFORD FAMILY

The death took place on 1st January at "Pemberly", Kimbolton Road, Bedford, of Mr. Rowland Frederick Augustus Orr after an illness of only two days. Mr. Orr was aged 63, and death followed a heart attack. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adair Orr, and came of a family closely associated with Bedford School, where he was educated. As a lad he lived at the "Pemberly" which subsequently was used as the residence of the Head Master and which was eventually purchased by the Harper Trust and pulled down to allow of an extension to the School field. The site of the School Chapel was at one time an orchard attached to Pemberly House.

The late Mr. Orr's brother, Mr. Herbert R. Orr, was formerly a well-known cricketer at the School and was for many years captain of the Bedfordshire County Cricket XI. A sister, Miss Florence Orr, who died in July, 1924, was known in the town for her manifold charitable activities and particularly for her work in connexion with Hospital Week, of which she was president.

In his day the late Mr. Orr was a well-known figure in local sports circles. He was a member of the School XI for four years (1882-5), succeeding his brother, Mr. Herbert Orr, in the captaincy in his last season. An accomplished bat and a prolific scorer, after leaving School he played for Kensington Park, a well-known London Club in those days, and for his native county. For Bedfordshire he played under the captaincy of Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Head Master of Dunstable School, and of his brother, Mr. H. R. Orr. He was a brilliant cover-point. Mr. Orr was also an enthusiastic Rugby player, and was one of the School's three-quarters in the 1884-5 season.

Mr. Rowland Orr was a member of the banking profession. For nearly forty years he was with Lloyds Bank in the Strand, in later years as cashier. On his retirement he returned to Bedford and lived with his sister at "Pemberly", where he found great pleasure in his hobby of gardening. Of a very kindly and charitable disposition, he helped many causes in a quiet and unobtrusive way. He was unmarried.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on Monday this week, the interment being preceded by a service at St. Paul's Church conducted by the Curate (the Rev. H. R. Bate). The family mourners present were: Mr. R. H. Orr and Miss Orr (brother and sister), Mr. J. B. Orr (nephew), Mrs. Stuart Mason (niece), Mr. Douglas Orr (nephew), and Miss Irene Orr (niece).

Among others in the Church were Canon Rawdon Briggs, the Rev. L. P. Smith (Goldington), Mr. W. E. Smith, Mr. Donald Piper, and Mr. H. M. Newcomb.

The choir was in attendance, and before the arrival of the mourners Mr. H. J. Colson, at the organ, played funeral music by Grieg. The Twenty-third Psalm was chanted, and the hymns sung were "The King of Love my Shepherd is" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul".

Floral tributes were sent from: Mr. R. H. Orr and Miss Orr; Ethel Macdonald; The Staff of Lloyds Bank (London); Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dymock; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Skipwith; Mrs. Charles Verey and family; Mr. J. W. D. Harrison; Miss Offord; The Rev. W. O. Parker Ford; Mary and Doris; Laura and Hervie; Kate; Mrs. J. W. Orr, Nephews and Nieces.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. E. P. Rose and Son, Ltd.

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Such a project, so carried out, costs a great deal of money—£5,500 is the latest figure mentioned if we want the latest improvements. To meet this a loan will be negotiated which it is important to reduce as far as possible by contributions; and we print elsewhere the letter which has been addressed by the Head Master to the parents of boys now at the School, and to the Governors of the Harper Trust, together with a list of subscribers up to date. It will be seen that while subscriptions have been extremely generous, they have not been very numerous; and it is hoped that all those appealed to will send what they can afford, with the assurance that sums large or small will be most gratefully received. Otherwise we may fall so far short of the projected £1,500 as to endanger the whole scheme.

It will be noticed that no direct appeal is being addressed to Old Bedfordians: it is felt that many calls have already been made upon them by the School, to which they have made a most generous response. But the idea of building a Swimming Bath is one which many of them have long been urging, and we believe that the present scheme will entirely commend itself to them; so that there may well be some of them who will feel that they can afford to contribute to it, and would really like to do so. If, in that case, they will send their cheques to the Head Master, they will be conferring an important benefit upon the School, and are assured of our great gratitude.

Meanwhile, the many arrangements that have to be made before beginning to build are almost all successfully concluded; and we owe much already to the good will and co-operation of the Harper Trust and the Town Council. We are encouraged to hope that the building will be started before long, and that the Bath will be opened in the Summer Term.

In Memoriam.

HARRY EMANS POLLARD,
Born, June 22nd, 1873.
Entered the School, September, 1886.
Left the School, July, 1890.
Died at 7 Hazlitt Road, London, W.14, on November 19th, 1929.

ROWLAND FREDERICK AUGUSTUS ORR,
Born, September 21st, 1866.
Entered the School, September, 1876.
Left the School, December, 1885.
Died at "Pemberly," Bedford, on January 1st, 1930.

"The death took place on January 1st, at 'Pemberly,' Kimbolton Road, Bedford, of Mr. Rowland Frederick Augustus Orr, after an illness of only two days. Mr. Orr was aged 63, and death followed a heart attack. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adair Orr, and came of a family closely associated with Bedford School, where he was educated. As a lad he lived at the 'Pemberly,' which subsequently was used as the residence of the Head Master, and which was eventually purchased by the Harper Trust and pulled down to allow of an extension to the School field. The site of the School Chapel was at one time an orchard attached to Pemberly House. In his day the late Mr. Orr was a well-known figure in local sports circles. He was a member of the School XI for four years (1882-5), succeeding his brother, Mr. Herbert Orr, in the captaincy in his last season. An accomplished bat and a prolific scorer, after leaving School he played for Kensington Park, a well-known London Club in those days, and for his native county. For Bedfordshire he played under the captaincy of Mr. L. C. R. Thring, Head Master of Dunstable School, and of his brother, Mr. H. R. Orr. He was a brilliant cover-point. Mr. Orr was also an enthusiastic Rugby player, and was one of the School's three-quarters in the 1884-5 season. Mr. Rowland Orr was a member of the banking profession. For nearly forty years he was with Lloyds Bank in the Strand, in later years as cashier. On his retirement he returned to Bedford and lived with his sister at 'Pemberly,' where he found great pleasure in his hobby of gardening. Of a very kindly and charitable disposition, he helped many causes in a quiet and unobtrusive way. He was unmarried."

—From *The Bedfordshire Times.*

MATTHEW JOHNSTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
Entered the School, 1869.
Left the School, Christmas, 1875.
Died at 20 Adelaide Square on January 5th, 1930, aged 71.

"Dr. Johnston, who was a son of the late Col. and Mrs. P. Johnston, of Linden Road, Bedford, was educated at Bedford School (1869-1875), and was a member of the School XV and VIII. On taking his degrees he practised at various hospitals, and later became medical adviser to the late Earl of Rosslyn, of whom he became a life-long friend. After Lord Rosslyn's death he went, in 1890, to South Africa, as medical officer to the Chartered Co. He spent two years in Africa, and on returning to England settled down in private practice at Bewdley, Worcestershire, where he was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends, on account of his kindly and sympathetic nature. On his retirement about seven years ago he come back to his native town, where he worked at times with his old school friend, Dr. Colby Sharpin. He always took a great interest in his old School, and latterly was a regular attender at the School cricket and football matches."

—From *The Bedfordshire Times.*

PHILIP GREENWOOD,
Born, December 28th, 1878.
Entered the School, January, 1891.
Left the School, April, 1896.
Died at The Firs, Knutsford, Cheshire, on January 21st, 1930.

The "Oak" Fund.

THE SCHOOL HALL.

RECENT GIFTS OF CHAIRS
(Third List.)

The following have kindly given chairs:

Armchairs (20 required in all): No. 16, L. Bradford Cook 1920-24) and Andrew G. Cook (1926-28); No. 17, A. L. Turner (1885-1887); No. 18, C. W. Baty, Esq., now Head Master of the King's School, Chester; No. 19, H. T. Edgecombe (1921-25); No.

20, The Transva
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Bedfordshire Times : Friday 8 August 1958 - 1.

MEMENTO FOR ASHENDEN

Tomorrow, Martin Ashenden, Bedfordshire's fast bowler, is to be presented with the ball with which he took all ten Shropshire first innings wickets for 15 runs on Monday.

The presentation will be made by Mr. A. B. Poole, chairman of the county cricket club.

Ashenden's feat was the highlight of Bedfordshire's victory by an innings and 37 runs. Summary of the scores:—

Shropshire 37 (J. T. Davis 15, M. Ashenden 8.4o., 1m., 15r., 10w.), and 155 (K. Arch 32, F. B. Everall 27, D. A. Foxall 24, D. E. Pratt 26-8-40-6, J. A. R. Oliver 16-5-38-2); Bedfordshire 229 for six dec. (R. D. Lowings 80, G. Dawson 54, N. S. Gunn 33, H. R. Thomas 23-5-68-3).

PRESENTATION TO OWEN

The splendid service to Bedfordshire cricket of all-rounder Glyn Owen from 1939 to 1957, was marked during the luncheon interval on Monday by the presentation of a gold wristlet watch.

The presentation was made by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Major Simon Whitbread, patron of the County Club, who described Owen as "a great all-rounder whose unbounded enthusiasm for the game brought joy to countless numbers of people."

Major Whitbread then went on to recall some of the highlights of Owen's 18 years with the club during which time he scored 3,958 runs and took 275 wickets.

In 1939 he was in a second-wicket partnership with N. E. Browning of 291, a Bedfordshire record, Owen's contribution being 155. He topped the batting averages in 1948, his highest score being 162 not out and his average 79.50.

He again topped the batting in 1950 (highest 124 not out) and in 1954 (highest 170 not out). In 1953 he headed the bowling averages with 37 wickets.

Owen's achievement was the more remarkable because there was no play during the war years.