

HERTFORDSHIRE v. SUFFOLK.

Played at Watford on June 28 and 29 and won by Suffolk by 6 runs. Score and analysis:—

SUFFOLK.		HERTFORDSHIRE.	
C. L. Alexander, c Titchmarsh, b March	6	c Clarke, b Marsh	4
S. Hill-Wood, c Coleman, b White	1	not out	11
White	21	b White	9
C. W. Alexander, b White	2	c Doll, b Marsh	2
Quaife (W.), b White	2		
Capt. F. Wilson, c Titchmarsh, b Marsh	2	c Marsh, b White	2
K. Raynor, c Harford, b White	24	b White	33
White	23	c Cowley, b Marsh	31
R. L. L. Braddell, b White	2	b White	7
Capt. Murray, b White	2	b White	0
Penfold, c Marsh, b White	1	c White	0
P. W. Cobbold, c Marsh, b White	5	c Cowley, b Coleman	0
White	5	Butcher, b White	0
P. P. Connell, not out	0	Byes, &c.	4
Byes, &c.	1		
Total	88	Total	103

HERTFORDSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
Coleman, b Penfold	13	b Penfold	5
Golding, lbw, b Cobbold	3	run out	16
Dr. A. E. Clarke, st Connell, b Cobbold	0	b Braddell	9
White, c Quaife, b Cobbold	1	b Penfold	4
E. H. Cuthbertson, st Connell, b Cobbold	1	c Wilson, b Cobbold	20
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Raynor, b Cobbold	4	c Cobbold, b Penfold	14
A. Butcher, b Penfold	6	c Cornell, b Braddell	11
R. B. Cowley, c Quaife, b Penfold	0	c Braddell, b Cobbold	27
M. H. C. Doll, c & b Cobbold	13	b Penfold	0
H. M. Harford, c C. W. Alexander, b Penfold	6	b Cobbold	1
W. H. Marsh, not out	23	not out	4
Byes, &c.	1	Byes, &c.	3
Total	71	Total	114

SUFFOLK.

First innings.		Second innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
White	21 1 8 40 8	22 1 10 41 6	
Marsh	13 4 29 2	18 2 52 3	
Golding	8 2 18 0		
	Coleman	4 0 6 1	

HERTFORDSHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Cobbold	12 5 32 6	17 4 5 32 3	
Penfold	11 2 4 38 4	21 4 50 4	
	Braddell	7 3 23 2	
	Wilson	1 0 6 4	

UPPINGHAM v. SIREWSBURY.

Played at Uppingham on June 29 and won by the home side by an innings and 74 runs. Score:—

SIREWSBURY SCHOOL.		UPPINGHAM SCHOOL.	
J. L. Heslton, c Harper, b Palmer	3	b Moore	6
D. Boumphey, c Tomlin, b Palmer	7	run out	10
E. H. Rogers, c Raven, b Moore	2	run out	1
R. C. Burton, b Palmer	0	c Crosthwaite, b Lumgair	29
R. V. Bardsley, run out	1	b Raven	0
J. H. Parry, c Tomlin, b Palmer	2	b Raven	0
A. R. A. Dickens, c Moore, b Palmer	11	b Palmer	12
J. Sidebotham, c and b Palmer	4	c Raven, b Lumgair	1
A. Delap, b Moore	0	not out	16
J. H. Cooke, not out	0	c Tomlin, b Moore	17
H. Leake, b Moore	1	b Palmer	1
Byes, &c.	1	Byes, &c.	4
Total	32	Total	97

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL.		SIREWSBURY SCHOOL.	
G. W. Palmer, b Boumphey	12	G. T. R. Moore, c and b Cook	2
J. F. Bishop, c Heslton, b Bardsley	84	R. R. M. Lumgair, c Boumphey, b Leake	49
R. B. Harper, b Bardsley	8	C. G. Tomlin, b Leake	0
A. P. Graves, not out	6	E. E. Raden, b Delap	0
J. D. Crosthwaite, b Burton	10	Byes, &c.	18
M. K. Young, c Leake, b Burton	3		
K. B. Moore, b Bardsley	7	Total	203



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LINCOLNSHIRE v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Played at Spalding on July 14 and 15 and won by Lincolnshire by eight wickets. Score and analysis:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.		LINCOLNSHIRE.	
Watts, lbw, b Broughton	6	c Crooks, b Riley	4
Coulson, b Geeson	0	lbw, b Cook	4
F. W. Bryan, b Riley	13	run out	7
F. Robertson, c and b Broughton	6	b Broughton	0
A. S. Ling, b Riley	30	b Cook	2
B. W. Pigg, c Geeson, b Cook	5	b Riley	41
E. Laurie, c Allen, b Riley	7	b Riley	1
F. E. Morgan, not out	14	b Broughton	0
O. W. Bocock, run out	5	not out	15
C. Pigg, b Riley	2	c Allen, b Riley	3
A. C. Bellars, b Riley	1	hit wkt, b Riley	0
Byes	7	Byes, &c.	7
Total	96	Total	84

LINCOLNSHIRE.

J. Redwood, st Watts, b Laurie	9		
Rev. C. G. Ward, b Coulson	19	E. T. Cook, lbw, b Coulson	2
Broughton, st Watts, b Coulson	51	Geeson, not out	29
L. S. Harrison, c B. W. Pigg, b Coulson	0	C. C. Harrison, lbw, b Coulson	0
Riley, st Watts, b Coulson	0	Allen, c & b Bellars	18
J. Crookes, b Coulson	14	Byes, &c.	23
		Total	174

Second innings: Redwood, b Coulson, 0; C. C. Harrison, b Pigg, 0; Allen, not out, 2; L. S. Harrison, not out, 4; extras, 3. Total (2 wks), 9.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

First innings.		Second innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Cook	8 3 16 1	9 0 29 2	
Geeson	20 9 34 1		
Broughton	15 7 30 2	4 1 22 2	
Riley	13 8 9 5	14 7 26 5	

Riley bowled two no-balls and Cook three wides.

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Coulson	32 16 65 8	3 2 5 1
Pigg (B. W.)	11 4 19 0	2 1 1 1
Bellars	11 4 32 1	
Laurie	7 0 26 1	
Ling	4 0 9 0	

STAFFORDSHIRE v. CHESHIRE.

Played at Crewe on July 7 and 8 and won by Staffordshire by an innings and 23 runs. Score and analysis:—

CHESHIRE.		STAFFORDSHIRE.	
F. C. Fallows, b Nichols	0	c Winsor, b Barnes	7
R. M. Chadwick, run out	17	b Bucknell	12
G. B. Price, c Winsor, b Nichols	8	c Briggs, b Nichols	0
K. R. Morrice, c Nichols, b Barnes	32	b Bucknell	17
W. E. Jones, b Barnes	24	b Bucknell	5
H. P. Rigby, c Page, b Barnes	14	c Meakin, b Barnes	0
Rev. L. Hamilton, b Nichols	4	st Winsor, b Barnes	0
A. S. Turner, st Winsor, b Barnes	9	b Bucknell	0
Smoker, c Hollowood, b Bucknell	11	not out	0
Chambers, not out	10	b Bucknell	0
J. L. Jones, b Nichols	1	b Bucknell	0
B 2, nb 2	4	B 3, lb 1	4
Total	134	Total	45

STAFFORDSHIRE.		CHESHIRE.	
P. Briggs, c Chadwick, b Chambers	101	Nichols, not out	17
E. H. Bourne, c Turner, b Smoker	8	Bucknell, c Fallows, b Chambers	7
R. C. Page, b Morrice	10	C. L. Winsor, b Chambers	6
H. D. Stratton, c Jones, b Turner	0	Lane, b Chambers	0
Hollowood, b Smoker	21	B 7, lb 1, w 1	9
B. Meakin, b Chambers	1	Total	202
Barnes, b Smoker	22		

First innings.		Second innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Barnes	28 13 54 4	13 7 22 3	
Nichols	21 4 4 50 4	7 1 17 1	
Lane	3 0 6 0		
Bucknell	9 3 11 1	5 5 4 2 6	
Page	1 0 9 0		

STAFFORDSHIRE.		CHESHIRE.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Smoker	25 7 64 3	Morrice	11 1 36 1
Chambers	20 10 35 5	Price	6 1 23 0
Turner	7 0 35 1		

Smoker bowled one wide.

**CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.**

Staffordshire met Cheshire at Crewe yesterday in showery weather, on a very soft wicket. The Cheshire men, batting first, were very slow in compiling runs, and an hour had elapsed before 25 was sent up. Fallows remained at the wicket for 40 minutes without scoring. Morris and W. E. Jones made an excellent stand, aided by Turner, and the century went up after two hours' play. The innings closed for 184. Staffordshire replied briskly, and in two hours the Cheshire score was reached with only five wickets down.

**CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.**

**CHESHIRE'S DISASTROUS FINISH.**

When the second day's play commenced at Crewe yesterday Staffordshire had 31 runs and five wickets in hand on the first innings. Briggs, who was not out on the previous day for 90, went to the wicket again with Nichols, and just passed the century when he was caught, and the innings closed for 202. Cheshire started their second innings briskly, but in less than two hours' play they were dismissed for 45. Staffordshire winning by an innings and 23 runs. Full score and analysis:—

First Innings. CHESHIRE.		Second Innings.	
J. C. Fallows, b Nichols	0	c Winner, b Barnes	7
R. M. Chadwick, run out	17	b Bucknell	12
G. E. Price, c Winner, b Nichols	8	c Briggs, b Nichols	0
K. Morris, c Nichols, b Barnes	52	b Bucknell	17
W. E. Jones, b Barnes	24	b Bucknell	5
H. C. Hilly, c Page, b Barnes	14	b Barnes	5
Rev. L. Hamilton, b Nichols	4	at Winner, b Barnes	0
A. H. Turner, st Winner, b Barnes	9	b Bucknell	0
Smoker, c Hollowood, b Bucknell	11	not out	0
Chambers, not out	10	b Bucknell	0
J. L. Jones, b Nichols	1	b Bucknell	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

STAFFORDSHIRE—First Innings.		Cheshire—First Innings.	
Briggs, c Chadwick, b Cham-	101	Bucknell, c Fallows, b Cham-	7
bers	8	Hollowood, b Smoker	12
Barnes, c Turner, b Smoker	10	Winner, b Chambers	5
Page, b Morris	0	Lane, b Chambers	0
Stratton, c Jones, b Turner	17	Extras	9
Nicholson, not out	17		
McLean, b Chambers	22	<b>Total</b>	<b>202</b>
Barnes, b Smoker	22		

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Cheshire—First Innings.**

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Barnes	28	15	54	4	Bucknell	9	5	11	1
Nichols	21	4	55	4	R. C. Page	1	0	4	0
Lane	5	0	6	0					

Barnes bowled two no-balls.

**Second Innings.**

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Barnes	15	7	22	3	Bucknell	5.5	4	8	0
Nichols	7	1	17	1					

**Staffordshire—First Innings.**

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Smoker	28	7	54	5	Morris	11	1	23	1
Chambers	20	5	35	5	Price	6	1	25	0
Turner	7	0	25	1					

**CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.**

This match was commenced at Crewe, in showery weather, yesterday. Cheshire batted first, but they made little progress against the bowling of Barnes and Nichols. Fallows stayed at the wickets for forty minutes without scoring. In the first hour four wickets had fallen for the meagre total of 32. The next hour's cricket was more productive, the century going up. The last Cheshire wicket fell after three hours and ten minutes play for 134.

Staffordshire, thanks to a fine innings by Briggs, fared much better than this, and were 31 runs on at the close, with four wickets to fall. Score:—

<b>CHESHIRE.—1st innings.</b>	
Fallows, b Nichols	10
Chadwick, run out	17
Price, c Winsor, b Nichols	8
Morrice, c Nichols, b Barnes	32
W. E. Jones, b Barnes	24
Rigby, c Page, b Barnes	14
Hamilton, b Nichols	4
Turner, st Winsor, b Barnes	0
Smoker, c Hollowood, b Bucknell	11
Chambers, not out	1
J. L. Jones, b Nichols	1
Extras, 4; total—134	
<b>STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st innings.</b>	
Bourne, c Turner, b Smoker	8
Page, b Morrice	10
Stratton, c J. Jones, b Turner	0
Meakin, b Chambers	1
Hollowood, b Smoker	21
Briggs, not out	80
Nichols, not out	5
Barnes, b Smoker	22
Bucknell, c Winsor, b Lane	0
Extras, 8; total (for 6 wickets)—165	

**STAFFORDSHIRE BEAT CHESHIRE.**

When play was resumed at Crewe yesterday Staffordshire had a lead of 31 runs and five wickets, and Briggs and Nichols were still in play. The former, after attaining his century, was caught by Chadwick, and the remaining wickets soon fell, the total being 202 against Cheshire's 134. Cheshire's second innings was disastrous, the side being all dismissed for 45, thus giving victory to Staffordshire by an innings and 23 runs. In Cheshire's second innings Bucknell took 6 wickets for 2 runs, Barnes 3 for 22, and Nichols 1 for 17. Score:—

<b>CHESHIRE.—1st innings.</b>	
Fallows, b Nichols	10
Chadwick, run out	17
Price, c Winsor, b Nichols	8
Morrice, c Nichols, b Barnes	32
W. E. Jones, b Barnes	24
Rigby, c Page, b Barnes	14
Rev. C. Hamilton, b Nichols	4
Turner, st Winsor, b Barnes	0
Smoker, c Hollowood, b Bucknell	11
Chambers, not out	1
J. L. Jones, b Nichols	1
Extras, 4; total—134	
<b>STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st innings.</b>	
Briggs, c Chadwick, b Chambers	101
Bourne, c Turner, b Smoker	8
Page, b Morrice	10
Stratton, c J. Jones, b Turner	0
Meakin, b Chambers	1
Hollowood, b Smoker	21
Barnes, b Smoker	22
Bucknell, c and b Lane	7
Nichols, not out	17
Winsor, b Chalmers	6
Lane, b Chalmers	0
Extras, 9; total—202	
<b>CHESHIRE.—2nd innings.</b>	
Fallows, c Winsor, b Barnes	7
Chadwick, b Bucknell	12
Price, c Briggs, b Nichols	0
Morrice, b Bucknell	17
W. E. Jones, b Bucknell	5
Rigby, c Meakin, b Barnes	0
Rev. C. Hamilton, st Winsor, b Barnes	0
Turner, b Bucknell	0
Smoker, not out	0
Chambers, b Bucknell	0
J. L. Jones, b Bucknell	0
Extras, 4; total—45	

**TABLE UP TO DATE.**

	Plyd.	Won on		D.	Points		Per centge.
		W.	1st Inn.		Poss.	Obtd.	
Staffordshire	3	3	0	0	15	15	100.00
Yorkshire 2nd	8	2	0	2	15	10	66.66
Durham	4	1	1	1	15	8	53.33
Northumberland	6	2	0	1	25	10	40.00
Notts 2nd	4	1	0	1	15	5	33.33
Cheshire	4	0	0	1	15	0	00.00

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

Second Class Counties Competition.

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE

Magnificent Century by P. Briggs.

SENSATIONAL FINISH.

Visitors Win by an Innings.

Grand Triumph for Bucknell.

Six Wickets for Two Runs.

CREWE, Thursday.

So well did the Staffordshire men bat yesterday, that the home total was passed within four minutes of the two hours, or in an hour and ten minutes less than the Cheshire innings had occupied. The fifth wicket fell at 90, and P. Briggs and Barnes added 41 for the sixth partnership. Then in the last twenty-five minutes before stumps were drawn Nichols stayed with the Stoke batsman while 25 more were added, and thus when play finished for the day, the visitors were 31 on with four wickets in hand, Mr. Briggs having 90 to his credit and Nicholls claiming five.

This morning play was resumed at 11.35, and Morrice delivered the first over, but after Chambers had taken up the attack at the other extreme, Smoker bowled vice Morrice.

In the over sent down by Morrice the Stoke player cut him through the slips for three and he then got Chambers away for two and three in one over. He next pulled Smoker to the leg for a couple, and so completed his first century of the season and the initial individual hundred for Staffordshire during the present campaign. He had been at the crease for two and a half hours, and had not given a possible chance. With the addition of one run, however, he played the ball straight to Chadwick at mid-on, and brought his grand innings to a close a few minutes before noon. Included in his strokes were a dozen fours, three threes, and ten twos. His display had been a most entertaining one. Beginning in a thoroughly businesslike manner yesterday, he treated Turner somewhat severely, making several fine strokes to the off, and bringing on Price, from whom, with a snick for four, he reached his 50. He continued to bat cleanly and well, and caused Smoker and Chambers to resume the attack, from the latter of whom he got a delightful four to leg, and sent up the 100 for the innings. Turning his attention to Smoker, the fast bowler, Mr. Briggs drove him three times for four, making his own score 70. When Turner resumed in place of Chambers he despatched his first ball grandly to the off for four, and with another boundary stroke he took the visitors' total past that of the home team at six o'clock.

BRIGGS' BRILLIANT CENTURY.

Then hitting with more and more power as time went on, he brought on Morrice in a final, but unsuccessful, effort to secure his wicket before play closed for the day. This morning he completed his century, as already stated. His innings had been of a very finished description, and he had put any amount of power behind his strokes. The seventh wicket fell at 176, and Bucknell helped Nichols to add 16 before he departed, while C. L. Winsor played on to Chambers and Lane was bowled by the same man with 10 runs added.

It was twenty minutes past twelve when the last man was out at 202, four wickets having fallen this morning for 37 runs. All these were credited to Chambers at a cost of 16, and this bowler had the best analysis with five wickets for seven runs each.

Cheshire, 68 behind, entered upon their second innings at twenty-five minutes to one, and play proceeded very quietly for a time, with Barnes and Nichols bowling against Fallows and Chadwick. The crowd cheered wildly when the Stockport man, who yester-

day, it will be remembered, was at the crease forty minutes without scoring, obtained his first run, and then began to show signs of hitting, but when a dozen had been compiled this batsman was very well taken at the wicket. Price was not allowed to open his account, for when the score was 15 he was caught by Briggs at mid-on. Both these wickets fell to the last deliveries of maiden overs. Chadwick and Morrice exhibited some bright form for a time, but eventually the former had his sticks spread-eagled by the late Oldfields professional. The third wicket went down at 30, and the top scorers of the first innings now became associated, and they were together at the luncheon adjournment, when the score was 36.

BUCKNELL BOWLS MAGNIFICENTLY.

Bucknell, who had bowled two maiden overs before lunch, shared the attack with Barnes upon the resumption, and with his second ball he completely beat Morrice with the score at 39. The bowlers found the wicket more to their liking than had been the case yesterday, for the sun shone out brilliantly, and a high wind was up. Barnes next met with success after he had given H. B. Rigby one or two very troublesome deliveries. The batsman attempted to get him to leg, but he only achieved that purpose to be nicely caught at forward short leg by Meakin. This was the beginning of the end for the Cheese county, for in Bucknell's next series, that bowler splendidly got to the stumps of W. E. Jones, while Barnes then got the Rev. L. Hamilton stumped in a very clever manner by Winsor. But this was not all, for Bucknell immediately afterwards "yorked" Chambers. Thus Rigby, Jones, Hamilton, and Chambers had all retired with the score at 44. Bucknell, still bowling magnificently, finished off the innings in great style, by also bowling Turner and J. L. Jones, and hence the discomfiture of Cheshire and the triumph of Staffordshire and Bucknell were complete, for the home side were all out at a quarter to three for 45. Consequently, Staffordshire won handsomely by an innings and 25 runs. It was indeed a sensational finish to a good game, for in 25 minutes after lunch seven wickets fell for nine runs, and the small crowd who were privileged to witness such exciting cricket cheered the victors heartily. Bucknell had bowled splendidly and with such effect, that he had the remarkable average of six wickets for only two runs, in less than six overs. It is the best performance for which the Smethwick professional has been responsible for the county, and it will rank among the most meritorious deeds in the annals of Staffordshire cricket.

Barnes took three other wickets for 22 runs, and Nichols had the remaining one for 17. There had not been any reason to think when Cheshire went in a second time that the visitors would not have to bat again, but the bowling was always too difficult for the batsmen after the interval, and Staffordshire's superiority could never be questioned.

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Runs. Includes J C Fallows b Nichols (0), R M Chadwick run out (17), G B Price c Winsor b Nichols (8), K D R Morrice c Nichols b Barnes (32), W E Jones b Barnes (24), H P Rigby c Page b Barnes (14), Rev. L Hamilton b Nichols (4), A S Turner st Winsor b Barnes (9), Smoker c Hollowood b Bucknell (11), Chambers not out (10), J L Jones b Nichols (1), Extras (4), Total (134).

CHESHIRE.—Second Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Runs. Includes J C Fallows c Winsor b Barnes (7), R M Chadwick b Bucknell (12), G B Price c Briggs b Nichols (0), K D R Morrice b Bucknell (17), W E Jones b Bucknell (5), Chambers b Bucknell (0), H P Rigby c Meakin b Barnes (0), Rev L Hamilton st Winsor b Barnes (0), A S Turner b Bucknell (0), Smoker not out (0), J L Jones b Bucknell (0), Extras (4), Total (45).

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Runs. Includes P Briggs c Chadwick b Chambers (101), E H Bourne c Turner b Smoker (8), R C Page b Morrice (10), H D Stratton c J L Jones b Turner (0), Hollowood (A) b Smoker (21), B Meakin b Chambers (1), Barnes (S F) b Smoker (22), Nichols (J) not out (17), Bucknell (A) c Fallows b Chambers (7), C L Winsor b Chambers (6), Lane (A F) b Chambers (0), Extras (9), Total (202).

FALL OF WICKETS.

Table with 2 rows: Cheshire.—First Innings (1-10) and Staffordshire.—First Innings (1-10). Shows run numbers and wicket numbers.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 2 rows: Cheshire.—First Innings and Staffordshire.—First Innings. Columns: O, M, R, W. Includes Barnes (S F), Nichols (J), Lane (A F), Bucknell (A), R C Page, Chambers, Smoker, K D R Morrice, A S Turner, G B Price, and Umpires: Messrs. J. Gregory and W. Copeland.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

Second Class Counties Competition.

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE

Home Team Recover After Uncertain Start.

CREWE, Wednesday.

Staffordshire's first away match in connection with the second-class counties competition, was entered upon at the splendidly appointed Crewe Alexandra Athletic Grounds this morning. Cheshire have not been represented in the tournament before, but some years ago they had a good side but received such poor support that they had perforce to disband. The county club has now been built up again to the delight of cricketers within their own boundaries, and in the surrounding shires. This match was the fourth on their programme. Previously they have played a drawn game with the Yorkshire II. team, and have lost to Northumberland and Durham. Nevertheless they have shown good form and promise well to hold their own as they progress in the competition.

SMART FIELDING.

Winning the toss, the home captain decided that his team should bat first, and at a quarter to twelve J. E. Fallows (of Stockport) and R. M. Chadwick (of Birkenhead Park) opened the innings against Barnes and Nichols. Three maidens were sent down, and then Chadwick drove Nichols for four, and an over later he got the same bowler to mid-off for a single. B. Meakin and C. L. Winsor were not present at the commencement, and Mr. Briggs kept wicket, while the visitors had two substitutes fielding. The wicket was very soft, after the recent heavy downfalls of rain. While Barnes was bowling his fourth over, Nichols distinguished himself with a very fine stoppage in the slips. Play had been very quiet up to this point, but Chadwick got two and one off Barnes and the ten appeared on the board when twenty-five minutes had expired. C. L. Winsor and B. Meakin then made their appearance. Soon afterwards Chadwick cut the Porthill professional wide of Stratton at point for four, but another five minutes passed without a run being scored. Eventually the Birkenhead man hit Barnes towards the pavilion and two were run. A third run was attempted, but Chadwick turned back as Bucknell threw smartly, and the ball hit the sticks direct from the fieldsmen, before the batsman had made good his ground again. To his credit belonged all the 17 that had been scored.

In the very next over, Fallows played on to Nichols after a stay of 40 minutes, in the course of which he got never a run. G. B. Price and K. D. R. Morrice became associated, and both at once began to score, but they also were not prepared to take any risks. The weather had been dull all along, and rain now began to fall in a drizzle. However, it passed off, and play was continued. Becoming daring, the batsmen began to hit, and Morrice got a splendid four to the pavilion, off Barnes.

MORRICE BATS WELL.

With the last delivery of Nichols' next over, Morrice almost played on, and then Price put up a ball from the other bowler dangerously near point and first slip. A very nice leg stroke by Morrice, who like Chadwick, belongs to Birkenhead Park, produced a single, and he also cut Nichols through the slips for two and drove him for a like number. The pace had increased, and for an hour's play 40 runs were to be shown. Lane bowled instead of Barnes at the church end at 61, and after his initial series Nichols got the Crewe Alexandra man caught at the wicket. His retirement brought in W. E. Jones, who almost immediately opened his account with a cut for two two off Lane. He got the other man to the leg boundary, and thereby brought up the half-century, when the innings had lasted an hour and a quarter. A smart bit of fielding by Briggs at point was heartily applauded, and a big hit by Morrice also came in for recognition. At 69, Barnes, who had previously sent down ten overs for twenty-three runs, returned to the attack at his original end, and Bucknell took the ball from Nichols at 65. In Barnes' second over Morrice attempted to turn him, to leg, but he put up the ball over his head, and Nichols, running across from first slip, easily made the catch. R. C. Page took the last over before lunch in place of Bucknell, but no further wicket fell, and the score was 79, with W. E. Jones and H. P. Rigby together when the adjournment was made. The batsmen had thirteen and seven respectively to their credit.

Barnes and Nichols opened the bowling after luncheon, and each sent down a maiden. In his second over, which also was a maiden, Barnes delivered a no ball, and then Nichols was hit to the rail by Rigby. Jones followed suit by pulling Barnes nicely to the leg boundary, when six were wanted for the hundred. Rigby drove the ball low in the direction of R. C. Page at forward short leg, and the latter reached out and took the catch very neatly.

The Rev. H. Hamilton, captain of the home side, now came in, but at 99 Nichols got past the clergyman's defence. A. S. Turner, the Bollington player, was the next to partner Jones, and the hundred was reached after two hours and ten minutes play.

Turner's stay was a short and merry one, for after he had hit nine in quick time he was reaching out to Barnes, and completely missing the ball, was stumped. The score was then 112. Soon after Smoker came on the scene a sharp shower drove the players to shelter. Scarcely had they reached the pavilion than the rain ceased, and they retraced their steps. Nichols sent down an excellent over, which Smoker, the New Brighton professional, never understood, and the first ball of Barnes' next over bowled Jones, who had collected 24, including three fours and four twos. Eight wickets were thus down for 113, which was better from a Staffordshire point of view than the earlier batting of the home men had seemed to promise. Smoker was now joined by Chambers.

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

J. C. Fallows b Nichols	0
R. M. Chadwick run out	17
G. B. Price c Winsor b Nichols	3
K. D. R. Morrice c Nichols b Barnes	32
W. E. Jones b Barnes	24
H. P. Rigby c Page b Barnes	14
Rev. L. Hamilton b Nichols	4
A. S. Turner st Winsor b Barnes	9
Smoker o Hollowood b Bucknell	11
Chambers not out	19
J. L. Jones b Nichols	1
Extras	4
Total	134

Staffordshire.—P. Briggs not out 1. E. H. Bourne c Turner b Smoker 8, extras 0; total (for one wkt) 9.

Umpires: Messrs. J. Gregory and W. Copeland.

STAFFORDSHIRE V. CHESHIRE.

Years ago Staffordshire and Cheshire were neighbours in the cricket field, and before the days of championships among the minor counties their friendly encounters were generally interesting, and not devoid of good cricket. The Cheshire County Club came up on wild days and ceased to exist, whilst Staffordshire successfully weathered the storms of adversity, and during recent years has made great advancement, its gratifying to find an attempt being made to revive the cricket in Cheshire. This is the first season of the new club, and that being so, it has not thus far given a discreditable account of itself. The Cheshire team cannot hope for much success in the field this year against the experienced and smart sides they have to meet in the Northern Division (notorious for the strength of the Minor Counties). The batsmen, however, put together a team moderately strong in batting, with several useful bowlers, and keen and alert in the field, and there is every reason to hope that, if the promises are not discouraged by initial reverses, which they ought not to be, a fair measure of success may be attained in the near future. In meeting Staffordshire on Wednesday and Thursday, the new team were set a hard task, and their chances were not improved by the conditions, for they had to bat against the Staffordshire bowling on a balking wicket on the second day, and must therefore be commiserated on having the worse of the luck. They held the champions fairly well until lunch-time on Thursday, but were utterly out of place on the balking pitch afterwards, so that the visiting county won by an innings and 33 runs. Staffordshire thus made their points late in the day, and kept it some way off, but the outstanding features of the day were the fine batting of P. Briggs on Wednesday afternoon, and the brilliant bowling of Hucksell on Thursday.

The match commenced in a very soft pitch at 11.45 on Wednesday, Cheshire batting in J. C. Fallows and R. M. Chadwick to face Barnes and Nichols. The former opened with a patient, steady, and effective batting, a batsman of the ultra-patient order, Chadwick, who shaped very well, drove a hole for 8, but this was all the scoring in a quarter of an hour, and Chadwick had made them all. He was then run out, though foolishly starting for an impossible score. The Cheshire player, G. I. Price, followed, and Fallows played on after batting for 15 minutes without scoring. D. H. Morris showed his hitting him to leg for 4. Barnes then gave way to the wicket keeper, Nichols, who bowled at the other end and gave runs later. Barnes showed the appearance of getting better, but he had played quite a good innings. Price had an over before lunch, but on resuming Barnes hit Nichols again, however, he was not so happy in trying to play to leg. He had played quite a good innings. Price had an over before lunch, but on resuming Barnes hit Nichols again, however, he was not so happy in trying to play to leg. He had played quite a good innings. Price had an over before lunch, but on resuming Barnes hit Nichols again, however, he was not so happy in trying to play to leg. He had played quite a good innings.

Staffordshire commenced batting at 4.5, and the first pair were P. Briggs and E. H. Bourne, the bowlers being Smoker and Chambers, the former rather fast and the latter slow. Bourne got four to leg from Smoker, but was not quite comfortable, and was caught from a half hit at square leg with the total at nine. With R. C. Page as a partner, Briggs did most of the scoring, and by the aid of a couple of good boundary shots he appeared in 18 minutes. For a long time the rate of scoring continued to be one run a minute. Page was bowled at 43 and Hollowood succeeded. Briggs made up 55 in 55 minutes, and got four for a grand forenoon stroke in front of cover-point from Smoker, bringing on Price at 51. The Stoke amateurs reached 50 in 10 minutes, and then repeated his excellent stroke to one of cover. Smoker relieved Chambers, who crossed over, and the former got through Hollowood's defence at 51. The century appeared in 30 minutes, and with Barnes as a partner Briggs three times drove Smoker to the boundary, whilst on Turner relieving Chambers he despatched his first ball to the off for four. He was batting in fine form, putting any amount of power behind his strokes, and watching the ball well, in spite of the increasingly bad light. Barnes also played the bowling gracefully, and on Turner superseding Chambers, drove him for four and three, passing the Cheshire total at 61 at 1.15. At 1.15 Barnes chopped a ball on to the wicket, and Nichols remained with Briggs until the bad light put a stop to the game at 4.15. The total fell to 61 for six wickets, and Briggs's individual score standing at 50.

On Thursday the weather was much brighter than on the previous day, the sun shining nicely to temper a cool wind. The wicket was already a little faster than the previous day, and the sun and wind did fair to make it awkward after lunch. Everyone hoped to see Briggs complete his hundred, and the applause was hearty and general when with a three and a two from each bowler the Stoke man reached three figures. Immediately afterwards he hit a ball hard and straight to mid-on, where Chadwick held a sharp catch. The Stoke man had been at the wickets just over 2 1/2 hours, and had given no perceptible chance. He was seen quite at his best, and in the course of a splendid innings hit twelve fours, three threes, and ten twos. Chambers continued to bowl with judgment and had most of the men in difficulties. Hucksell was inclined to launch out, but soon fell at point, after being twice missed at extra cover by W. E. Jones from Morris's bowling. The four outstanding wickets added 37 in 45 minutes and the total reached 221, or 84 in front of the home team's score. The duration of the innings was three hours. Chambers's record on Thursday morning was four for 18.

The home county had 45 minutes' batting before lunch, and did not too well. It was obvious that the pitch was beginning to help the bowlers materially, and both Barnes and Nichols puzzled the batsmen every over. With a dozen scored an appeal for a catch at the wicket went against Fallows, and Price had a very shuffly play, putting one up on the side for Briggs to run and make an easy catch. Morris was quite severe on Barnes, hitting him for two fours and two twos before Hucksell came on for Nichols, and bowled Chadwick just before tea lunch, when the score was 36 for two wickets and 33 were still required to save the inning's defeat. The subsequent play was exciting by reason of the extraordinary performance of Hucksell. Morris got three runs from Barnes and then bowled by the Smithwick man, and Jones having hit a two from each bowler, Rigby popped one from Barnes up to forward short leg. Jones was bowled all over his wicket at the other end, the Rev. L. Hamilton raised his foot just long enough for Wineser to bring off a smart piece of stump-ing, and Chambers succumbed to a Yorker—all at the same total. Only one run had been added when Turner was bowled, and J. J. Jones, sharing the same fate, the innings closed for 45, seven wickets having gone down since lunch for 9 runs, and the last six wickets only a single was scored. Hucksell's feat was a phenomenal one, and his analysis is worthy of reproduction in detail:—

Table with 5 columns: O, M, R, W, W. Rows for Smoker, Chambers, A. S. Turner, U. M. Price.

The only run scored from him came from a fluky mis-hit. His quiet off-break completely enflamed the batsmen, and he did not send down a bad length or loose ball. He was loudly applauded by the spectators. Staffordshire thus won by an innings and 33 runs. The following are the scores and analysis:—

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Rows for F. C. Fallows, R. M. Chadwick, G. I. Price, Barnes, W. E. Jones, H. P. Morris, The Rev. L. Hamilton, A. S. Turner, Smoker, J. L. Jones, K. H. Price.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Rows for P. Briggs, E. H. Bourne, R. C. Page, H. P. Morris, Nichols, P. Meakin, Hucksell, Hollowood, Lane, Extras.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table with 4 columns: O, M, R, W. Rows for Smoker, Chambers, A. S. Turner, U. M. Price.

Smoker bowled two no-balls.

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Table with 4 columns: O, M, R, W. Rows for Smoker, Chambers, A. S. Turner, U. M. Price.

Smoker bowled one wicket.

## CHESHIRE vs. STAFFORDSHIRE

at Crewe Alexandra CC on Wednesday/Thursday, 7th/8th July 1909

Toss : Cheshire. Umpires : J Gregory and W Copeland

Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs

Close of play - STA 165-6 (Briggs 90\*, ?) Source - Staffordshire Advertiser 10 July 1909 Staffordshire Sentinel 7/8 July 1909

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## CHESHIRE

J.C.Fallows	b Nichols	0 c Winser b Barnes	7
R.M.Chadwick	run out	17 b Bucknell	12
G.B.Price	c Winser b Nichols	8 c Briggs b Nichols	0
K.D.R.Morrice	c Nichols b Barnes	32 b Bucknell	17
W.E.Jones	b Barnes	24 b Bucknell	5
H.P.Rigby	c Page b Barnes	14 c Meakin b Barnes	0
F.C.L.Hamilton *	b Nichols	4 st Winser b Barnes	0
W.T.Chambers	not out	10 b Bucknell	0
A.S.Turner	st Winser b Barnes	9 b Bucknell	0
H.G.Smoker	c Hollowood b Bucknell	11 not out	0
J.L.Jones +	b Nichols	1 b Bucknell	0
Extras	(b 2, lb 0, w 0, nb 2)	4 (b 3, lb 1, w 0, nb 0)	4
TOTAL	(62.4 overs)	134 (25.5 overs)	45

1/17 2/17 3/42 4/66 5/94 6/99 7/112 8/113 9/127 10/134

1/12 2/17 3/30 4/39 5/44 6/44 7/44 8/44 9/45 10/45

Bowling: First innings: Barnes 28-13-54-4; Nichols 21.4-4-55-4; Lane 3-0-6-0; Bucknell 9-3-11-1; Page 1-0-4-0.

Bowling: Second innings: Barnes 13-7-22-3; Nichols 7-1-17-1; Bucknell 5.5-4-2-6.

## STAFFORDSHIRE

P.Briggs	c Chadwick b Chambers	101
E.H.Bourne	c Turner b Smoker	8
R.C.Page	b Morrice	10
H.D.Stratton *	c Jones J.L. b Turner	0
J.E.Nichols	not out	17
B.Meakin	b Chambers	1
S.F.Barnes	b Smoker	22
A.Bucknell	c Fallows b Chambers	7
A.Hollowood	b Smoker	21
C.L.Winser +	b Chambers	6
A.F.Lane	b Chambers	0
Extras	(b 7, lb 1, w 0, nb 1)	9
TOTAL	(69.3 overs)	202

1/9 2/42 3/43 4/98 5/99 6/140 7/176 8/192 9/198 10/202

Bowling: First innings: Smoker 25-7-64-3; Chambers 20.3-10-35-5; Turner 7-0-35-1; Morrice 11-1-36-1; Price 6-1-23-0.

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION.

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.

In the Minor Counties Competition Cheshire played their fourth match of the season on Wednesday and Thursday on the Crewe Alexandra Athletic grounds, where they met the Staffordshire eleven, and it could not have been anticipated that they would do any better than they have done against Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham. With the Yorkshire match at Sale the new club opened their season and effected a draw, whilst last month they were defeated at Newcastle by four wickets and at Darlington they lost by a whole innings. The attendance on Wednesday was not very encouraging to those enthusiasts of the county who have worked so hard to reconstitute the club, but there were one or two deterrent factors, the chief of which was probably the weather. Rain threatened throughout the day and at intervals descended rather unpleasantly, but only on one occasion did the elements cause a rush to the pavilion. That occurred about three o'clock and the suspension was for four minutes. The Cheshire team was representative, and Staffordshire was also very strong, including five professionals, one of whom was the reputed bowler Barnes. The teams were as follows: Cheshire: Rev. L. Hamilton (captain), Northenden; R. M. Chadwick and K. D. R. Morrice, Birkenhead Park; W. E. Jones, Tattenhall; J. L. Jones, Sale; J. C. Fallows, Stockport; H. P. Rigby, Sandbach; G. B. Price, Crewe; Smoker, New Brighton; Chambers, Winnington; and A. S. Turner, Staffordshire. Staffordshire: H. D. Stratton, P. Briggs, E. H. Bourne, R. C. Page, B. Meakin, C. L. Winsor, Nicholls, Barnes, Bucknell, Hollowood and Lane. Umpires, Messrs. J. Gregory and W. Copeland.

The Rev. L. Hamilton won the toss and decided to send his team in first. Fallows and Chadwick started on a soft wicket against Barnes and Nicholls just as the Royal train conveying His Majesty the King from Liverpool to Birmingham steamed past the ground at a slackened pace. Ten minutes elapsed before the covers were troubled. Chadwick then driving Nicholls for four. Runs came monotonously, play having been in progress 26 minutes before the score reached ten. Eventually Chadwick sent Barnes towards the pavilion and two were run. A third was attempted, but Bucknell had thrown in and Chadwick did not return the crease before his bats were off. The total score was 17, all of which stood to the credit of the retiring batsman. G. B. Price received an ovation on taking Chadwick's place. In the next over and before another run had been scored Fallows played on from Nicholls. He had been in 10 minutes and had not scored. Morrice, with the first delivery, sent Nicholls nicely for three, and it was he who curbed Barnes's ninth over to be most expensive, nine runs being knocked out of it. The first four had produced 41. Morrice was the faster scorer all along, and it seemed that Price was not very comfortable. At 41 Barnes, again, who 21 had been obtained in ten overs, gave place to Lane, whose sixth delivery Price sent for a single, and thus again obtained the bowling. From Nicholls's first delivery, however, Winsor smartly caught the Crewe man behind the stumps (43 3 8). W. L. Jones and Morrice had a good partnership. Jones made up the half century with a neat glide, and ten runs later Barnes again took up the trundling from his own end, whilst Bucknell superseded Nicholls at 63. Morrice put in some nice prolific play, and he proved to be the highest scorer in his side. At 66 in attempting to put Barnes to leg he sent high over his head and Nicholls easily caught him. Morrice had made 32 in fifty minutes. H. P. Rigby and Jones then became associated, and steady play was witnessed. The first extras were recorded just before 70 was reached. Page took over the bowling at Bucknell's end at 75, and when the score stood at 79 the lunch adjournment was announced. On the resumption Barnes and Nicholls again took up the bowling, and Barnes, after having contributed 14, sending into the hands of Page at forward short leg. The Rev. L. Hamilton, who followed, received three deliveries from Barnes and two from Nicholls, and then went back to the pavilion with a boundary to his name, Nicholls having dislocated his stumps. A. S. Turner made up the hundred and was then let off by Hollowood in the long field. He hit out fearlessly and speedily succumbed, Winsor jumping him from Barnes for nine at 112. One run later Barnes got past Jones's defence (113 8 24). Smoker and Chambers baffled slowly and at 3.50 p.m., after having been in three hours and ten minutes, Cheshire were all out. Staffordshire started at five minutes past four and played until 6.25 p.m., when, in consequence of the fading light, the game was stopped. The rate of scoring was much quicker than was the case with the home team, in that they reached 165 for six in two hours twenty minutes. P. Briggs was in for the whole of that time, and at the conclusion of play he was 90 not out. There was a frequent change of bowlers, Smoker, Chambers, Turner, Morrice and Price doing duty. Fallows could not turn out owing to an injury to his toe, and E. Jones, of Crewe, filled in his place. The first wicket was secured by Smoker, from whom Bourne gave to Turner at square leg, after making eight of the runs scored. At 42 Page's bats were sent flying by Morrice with his sixth delivery (42 2 16), and one run later J. L. Jones, the wicket keeper, ably caught Stratton from Turner (43 3 0). Hollowood and Briggs took the score to 91 when Hollowood, bowled by Smoker, retired after making 21, whilst at 99 Meakin's wicket was secured by Chambers, Meakin having made the one additional run. A fine exhibition by Turner

and Briggs increased the total to 140, of which stage Barnes (22) and Chadwick (14) made. Nicholls and Briggs had not comfortably going when stumps had to be drawn.

A warm sun was shining when Briggs and Nicholls resumed at half past eleven on Thursday morning. Chambers and Morrice were the bowlers, but Morrice after one over gave place to Smoker. Briggs was the more rapid scorer and after 20 minutes' play he completed his century amid applause. It had taken two and a half hours for him to make his hundred. It was noted that he had worn his sweaters during the whole of the time. He pulled it off during the applause and it was also remarkable that he only made one run at forward, being caught at 136 by Chadwick at mid-on from Chambers. Bucknell and Nicholls then became associated. Bucknell was missed twice, but at 122 Fallows got him nicely at point from Chambers (122 8 7). Winsor, his successor, had a very hard stay, for after securing a two and a four he played on to Chambers. The innings closed at 202, when Lane, without breaking his "duck," succumbed to Chambers, Nicholls then having 17 to his credit. It was twenty minutes past twelve when Lane lost his stump and it transpired that during the fifty minutes play had been in progress Chambers had taken four wickets at a cost of only 16 runs.

Cheshire commenced their second innings at twenty-five minutes to one o'clock, Fallows and Chadwick going out to face the attack of Barnes and Nicholls. Fallows was more at ease than he was yesterday; it was quite refreshing to see how rapidly he scored against both Barnes and Nicholls. But his end came suddenly, the umpire granting an appeal from Winsor behind the wickets. He had made seven of the total of twelve. B. Price went to Partner Chadwick, but his contribution consisted of a clypey, Briggs securing him at mid-on from Nicholls at 15. Chadwick and Morrice then hit out well until 30 was reached. At that stage Bucknell took over the bowling from Nicholls and with the fifth ball of his over he got past Chadwick's defence. The latter had made 12 in 45 minutes. Morrice and W. E. Jones had taken the score to 36 when lunch time arrived.

After lunch there was a rapid fall of wickets. Morrice, after contributing 17, was bowled by Bucknell at 30. Five runs later his successor, H. P. Rigby, was caught by Meakin at short-leg from Barnes without troubling the covers; W. E. Jones was bowled by Bucknell (44 6 5) and the Rev. L. Hamilton was stumped by Winsor (44 7 0), whilst without the score being increased Chambers was also dismissed by Bucknell. The latter four wickets had thus cost Staffordshire nothing, and Bucknell's analysis showed that he had taken four wickets for two runs in 5.1 overs. Two deliveries later this average was rendered more creditable by Bucknell clean bowling Turner (45 0 0) and in the second delivery following J. L. Jones had a similar fate (45 10 0). Bucknell had taken six wickets for two runs. Cheshire lost by an innings and 23 runs. Scores:—

1st Innings		2nd Innings	
J. C. Fallows b Nicholls	0	W. E. Jones b Barnes	7
R. M. Chadwick run out	17	B. D. Nicholls	12
G. B. Price c Winsor b Nicholls	8	P. Briggs b Nicholls	0
K. D. R. Morrice c Nicholls b Barnes	32	B. Bucknell	17
W. E. Jones b Barnes	24	B. Bucknell	6
H. P. Rigby c Page b Barnes	14	B. Meakin b Barnes	0
Rev. L. Hamilton b Nicholls	4	A. S. Turner b Barnes	0
A. S. Turner c Winsor b Barnes	0	B. Bucknell	0
Hollowood b Bucknell	11	not out	0
Lane not out	14	B. Bucknell	0
J. L. Jones b Nicholls	1	B. Bucknell	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	134	Total	43

STAFFORDSHIRE:	
P. Briggs c Chadwick b Chambers	101
K. H. Bourne c Turner b Smoker	8
R. C. Page b Morrice	10
H. D. Stratton c J. L. Jones b Turner	0
Hollowood c Smoker	21
B. Meakin b Chambers	1
Barnes b Smoker	22
Nicholls not out	17
Bucknell c Fallows b Chambers	7
C. L. Winsor b Chambers	6
Lane b Chambers	0
Extras	0
Total	202

BOWLING ANALYSIS:		2nd Inn.	
CHESHIRE:		O. M. R. W.	
Barnes	28 13 54 4	10 7 22 3	
Nicholls	21 4 6 55 4	7 1 17 1	
Lane	5 0 0 0		
Bucknell	9 3 11 1	55 4 2 0	
Page	1 0 4 0		

Barnes bowled two no-balls.	
STAFFORDSHIRE:	
O. M. R. W.	
Chambers	20 9 10 55 5
Smoker	25 7 64 3
Morrice	11 1 56 1
Turner	7 0 55 1
Price	6 1 23 0
Smoker bowled one wide.	



COUNTY CRICKET.

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE. (By Our Own Reporter.)

It is many years since a county cricket match was played at Crewe, and it was a pity that the opportunity should have selected Crewe holiday week for their encounter against Staffordshire, as it very materially interfered with the attendance, there being scarcely 400 present on the opening day on Wednesday. Notwithstanding the heavy fall of rain during Tuesday night the Alexandra ground was in good condition, although of course the wicket was a bit soft, and Cheshire were fortunate in getting the best out of it before it was somewhat mutilated for their opponents. A start was made just after 11.30, but little interest was taken in the first one or two overs on account of the passing along the line in view of the spectators of his Majesty the King, who was travelling from Warrington to Birmingham, and who naturally attracted the attention of the small throng of spectators. Cheshire sent to the wicket first P. G. Fallows and R. M. Chadwick, of Bockport and Bickenhead respectively. Barnes and Nichols took up the bowling, but neither the batsmen or bowlers made much impression, the first quarter of an hour passing with only six runs to Cheshire's credit, and this included a four by Chadwick at Barnes. This slow progress continued for the first half hour, when the quarter of century was telegraphed. The pair, however, were getting used to the wicket, and they played very steadily. Barnes was not very firm in his bowling, and several times he luffed Fallows with tempter. Chadwick made a very fine hit off Barnes, and in attempting to make off for a third run the balls were quickly forced off by Winner, the score being 17. George Price, the Crewe champion, took the vacant position, and during the next one or two overs the pair looked like making a good stand. Price had to face Barnes more than his partner, and the Staffordshire bowler increased his speed considerably, causing the Crewe representative to become a bit nervous. Still the runs were slow in arriving, and after forty minutes Fallows succumbed to a ball from Nichols, the score being 17 for two. He had been in 40 minutes, and had not broken his duck. D. R. Morrison (Bickenhead) succeeded him, and runs came more freely. After the first hour 41 had been registered and in one over he knocked nine off Barnes. A change of bowling was necessary after this, and Lane went to the crease. A few minutes later George Price with his score at eight was caught by Winner, the state of the play as represented on the board being 42 3 8. W. H. Jones, of Tattenhall, was the next to face the bowling, and Barnes was again put on. Morrison was still hitting freely, and he made a couple for three very fine hits to long field, and on one occasion was badly missed in the slips. The score increased without anything of note to 65, when another change of bowling was made. Bucknell going on at the west end. Morrison contributed several singles in rapid succession, and in trying to put one to leg was caught by Nichols. This was after 50 minutes play, and the score stood 65 4 32. H. P. Rigby received a hearty cheer as he went to the crease, and he opened his account with a well judged 4. At Limeshaugh Rigby and Jones were put on, and the score stood at 79. It was not long after resumption when the Sandbach representative in negotiating a hard ball from Barnes was neatly caught by Page, his innings representing 14. The Rev. L. Hamilton, Northenden, joined W. E. Jones, and he made a four off the first over. For a while the match was very entertaining. Neither batsmen exceeded many risks, but just after two hours' play and with 112 up A. S. Turner, the Billington amateur, who succeeded the Rev. L. Hamilton, the latter being bowled by Nichols for six, was stumped by Winner. Smoker, late of Hampton, and now of New Brighton, was the next to visit the crease, but he had scarcely settled down to work when rain fell heavily, and the match was temporarily abandoned. Returning Jones was bowled by the first over by Barnes, the score being 113 8 34. He played very steadily for his 24, and his contribution included three fours, four twos and ten ones. Chambers and S. Jones, of Winnington and Sale, formed the tail end, and they probably the innings ended 131. Staffordshire went in at four o'clock, and it was 4 o'clock that Fallows was absent this night's innings. His place was taken in the field by J. Jones, of Chessa Alton, etc. This year Staffordshire have done remarkably well in their county engagements, and have not lost a match. Score:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes J. C. Fallows b Nichols (0), R. M. Chadwick run out (17), G. B. Price c Winner b Nichols (8), K. D. R. Morrison c Nichols b Barnes (37), W. H. Jones b Barnes (24), H. P. Rigby c Page b Barnes (14), Rev. L. Hamilton b Nichols (4), A. S. Turner at Winner b Barnes (9), Smoker c Hollows b Bucknell (11), Chambers not out (10), J. L. Jones b Nichols (1), Extras (4), Total (131).

Staffordshire commenced their innings at five minutes past four with P. Briggs and E. H. Bourne. Smoker took the first over, and Briggs commenced the scoring with a single, and Bourne immediately got the bowler round to the leg. Chambers attacked from the other end, and from his last ball Briggs survived an appeal for a catch at the wicket. Lane fielded for Fallows, who had to retire owing to a slight injury, after once coming out with the team. Bourne gave a possible chance at point, but the catch was not taken and a run was scored. The Benton man then got Smoker away for a couple through the slips, but two balls later he was caught at square leg by Chambers, and the first wicket thus fell at nine.

When R. C. Page had taken up his position at the crease, the Stoke amateur hit Smoker for two and a four. The 30 appeared after a nice cut for a couple by the same batsman. Page hit Chambers for four after that Fowler had sent down five overs for three runs. Briggs pulled Smoker beautifully to the first boundary. Half an hour's play had produced 35. Turner went on to bowl for Smoker and Morrison for Chambers. The latter changed end with success, the new bowler separating the Wolverhampton amateur's stumps with the score at 42. The Staffordshire men afterwards showed brilliant form, and four's, three's and two's came rapidly. Briggs was quite at home, and he hit Price and Smoker all over the field. He had reached his half century after less than 40 minutes' play and never made a false hit. At 6 o'clock the Cheshire total was reached, and half an hour later wickets were drawn with the Staffordshire team 30 runs to the good on the first innings and only six wickets lost.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY.

The match was resumed yesterday, Nichols and Briggs, continuing their innings. The latter, who was not out for 90 on Wednesday, hit a three through the slips the second ball. The wicket was a bit nimble. Briggs in ten minutes had reached his century, but not this season. It had taken him practically two and a half hours to compile his score. The second over after obtaining his three figures he cut a single in the slips, and after playing guardedly for a moment or two he hit out from a tall sent down by Chambers, and was smartly caught by Chadwick at mid on. His score included twelve four's, three three's and ten twos, and the separation caused the board to read 116 7 101. Bucknell went to the crease next, and for the third time since the commencement the bowling was changed, Smoker going on vice Morrison. Both batsmen played carefully for awhile, and off Smoker Bucknell contributed a nice two. He then began to strike out erratically, and in one over was hit twice by Jones. It proved no warning to him, however, for the second ball in the next over he was caught by Fallows at point, his contribution being 7. G. L. Winner joined Nichols, but his sojourn was very short, and he failed to negotiate a steady delivery from Chambers. He had credited himself with half a dozen, consisting of a boundary and a " Yorker." The 200 was telegraphed at 12.15. Lane was the last man to go to the crease, but he failed to break his duck, and in five minutes Chambers had scattered his balls. The innings closed for 202, Nichols carrying his bat for 17, Chambers took four wickets for 16 runs during the morning.

STAFFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes Briggs c Turner b Chambers (101), Bourne c Chadwick b Smoker (8), Page b Morrison (10), Strickland c J. L. Jones b Turner (0), Nichols not out (10), Meakin b Chambers (1), Barnes b Smoker (22), Bucknell c Fallows b Chambers (7), Hollowood b Smoker (21), Winner b Chambers (5), Lane b Chambers (9), Extras (9), Total (202).

CHESHIRE'S SECOND INNINGS.

At 12.40 Cheshire commenced their second innings with Fallows and Chadwick. The former stood his ground 40 minutes on Wednesday without making a single run, and when he broke his duck in the third over he was heartily cheered. He seemed to gain confidence at once, and out of the ensuing few balls he made half a dozen, but in negotiating a hard delivery from Barnes was caught behind the wicket by Winner.

CHESHIRE'S DISASTER.

Geo. Price went to the wicket next, the score reading 12-1-7. His stay was not of a lengthy character, for Briggs caught him at mid on, and he retired without scoring his county. Morrison joined Chadwick, and he looked like retrieving Cheshire's position, but Bucknell's bowling was becoming more deadly, and his middle stump went for 17. After lunch the rot set in rapidly, and Bucknell treated the batsmen with contempt. Chadwick tried once or twice to do a bit of skimming, but he treated matters too easily, and when he had topped the dozen he succumbed. Disaster after disaster now fell to the Cheshiremen, and wickets fell in rapid succession. The last seven wickets only produced nine runs, spread over a period of 25 minutes, which was the time the Cheshireman had been at the wicket since lunch. Out of the seven Bucknell, who was the hero of his county, took five. Four of the wickets fell without a single run, and six fell for a single. It was a disastrous finish for Cheshire, who lost by one innings and 23 runs. Score:

CHESHIRE.—Second Innings.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes F. G. Fallows c Winner b Barnes (7), R. M. Chadwick b Bucknell (12), G. B. Price c Briggs b Nichols (0), K. D. R. Morrison b Bucknell (17), W. E. Jones b Bucknell (8), H. P. Rigby c Meakin b Barnes (0), Rev. L. Hamilton at Winner b Barnes (0), A. S. Turner b Bucknell (0), Smoker not out (0), Chambers b Bucknell (0), J. L. Jones b Bucknell (4), Extras (4), Total (48).

Total 250 runs by 48

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION.

**CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.**

In the Minor Counties Competition, Cheshire played their fourth match of the season on Wednesday and Thursday on the Craven Alexandra Athletic grounds, where they met the Staffordshire eleven, and it could not have been anticipated that they would do any better than they have done against Yorkshire, Northumberland and Durham. With the Yorkshire match at Sale the new club opened their season and effected a draw, whilst last month they were defeated at Newcastle by four wickets and at Darlington they lost by a whole innings. The attendance on Wednesday was not very encouraging to those enthusiasts of the county who have worked so hard to reconstitute the club, but there were one or two deterrent factors, the chief of which was probably the weather. Rain threatened throughout the day and at intervals descended rather unpleasantly, but only on one occasion did the elements cause a rush to the pavilion. That occurred about three o'clock and the sun shone for four minutes. The Cheshire team was representative and Staffordshire was also very strong, including five professionals, one of whom was the reputed bowler Barnes. The teams were as follows:—Cheshire: Rev. L. Hamilton (captain), Northenden; R. M. Chadwick and R. D. B. Morrice, Birkenhead Park; W. E. Jones, Tattonhall; J. L. Jones, Sale; J. C. Fallows, Stockport; H. P. Rigby, Sandbach; G. B. Price, Crewe; Smoker, New Brighton; W. E. Stratton, Warrington; and A. S. Turner, Staffordshire. H. D. Stratton, P. Briggs, E. H. Bourne, R. C. Page, B. Meakin, C. L. Winsor, Nicholls, Barnes, Bucknell, Hollowood and Lane, Emptres, Messrs. J. Gregory and W. Copeland.

The Rev. L. Hamilton won the toss and decided to send his team in first. Fallows and Chadwick started on a soft wicket against Barnes and Nicholls just as the Royal train conveying his Majesty the King from Liverpool to Birmingham steamed past the ground at a slackened pace. Ten minutes elapsed before the scorers were troubled. Chadwick then driving Nicholls for four. Runs came monotonously, play having been in progress 25 minutes before the score reached 40. Eventually Chadwick sent Barnes towards the pavilion and two were run. A third was attempted, but Bucknell had thrown in and Chadwick did not regain the crease before his balls were off. The total score was 17, all of which stood to the credit of the retiring batsman. G. B. Price received an ovation on taking Chadwick's place. In the next over and before another run had been scored Fallows played on from Nicholls. He had been in 40 minutes and had not scored. Morrice, with the first delivery, sent Nicholls nicely for three, and it was he who caused Barnes's ninth over to be most expensive, nine runs being knocked out of it. The first hour had produced 41. Morrice was the faster scorer all along, and it seemed that Price was not very comfortable. At 41 Barnes, against whom 23 had been obtained in ten overs, gave place to Lane, whose sixth delivery Price sent for a single, and thus again obtained the bowling. From Nicholls's first delivery, however, Winsor smartly caught the Crewe man behind the stumps (43-3-8). W. E. Jones and Morrice had a good partnership. Jones made up the half century with a neat glide, and ten runs later Barnes again took up the branding from his own end, whilst Bucknell superseded Nicholls at 65. Morrice put in some nice prolific play, and he proved to be the highest scorer on his side. At 88 in attempting to put Barnes to leg he sent high over his head and Nicholls easily caught him. Morrice had made 82 in fifty minutes. H. P. Rigby and Jones then became associated, and steady play was witnessed. The first extras were recorded just before 70 was reached. Page took over the bowling at Bucknell's end at 75, and when the score stood at 79 the lunch adjournment was announced. On the resumption Barnes and Nicholls again took up the bowling, and Barnes, at 91, scored Rigby's wicket, the Sandbachian after having contributed 14, sending into the hands of Page at forward short leg. The Rev. L. Hamilton, who followed, received three deliveries from Barnes and two from Nicholls, and then went back to the pavilion with a boundary to his name, Nicholls having dislocated his stumps. A. S. Turner made up the hundred and was then let off by Hollowood in the long field. He hit out fearlessly and speedily succumbed, Winsor stumping him from Barnes for nine at 112. One run later Barnes got past Jones's defence (113-8-24). Smoker and Chambers batted slowly and at 3.50 p.m., after having been in three hours and ten minutes, Cheshire were all out. Staffordshire started at five minutes past four and played until 6.55 p.m., when, in consequence of the falling light the game was stopped. Their rate of scoring was much quicker than was the case with the home team, in that they reached 165 for six in two hours twenty minutes. P. Briggs was in for the whole of that time, and at the conclusion of play he was 90 not out. There was a frequent change of bowlers, Smoker, Chambers, Turner, Morrice and Price doing duty. Fallows could not turn out owing to an injury to his toe, and J. Jones, of Crewe, filled in his place. The first wicket was secured by Smoker, from whom Bourne gave to Turner at square-leg, after making eight of the pipe scored. At 42 Page's balls were sent flying by Morrice with his sixth delivery (42-3-10), and one run later J. L. Jones, the wicket-keeper, ably caught Stratton from Turner (43-3-0). Hollowood and Briggs took the score to 98, when Hollowood, bowled by Smoker, retired, after making 21, whilst at 99 Meakin's wicket was secured by Chambers, Meakin having made the one additional run. A fine exhibition by Barnes and Briggs increased the total to 140, at which stage Barnes (22) succumbed to Smoker. Nicholls and Briggs had got comfortably going when stumps had to be drawn.

A warm sun was shining when Briggs and Nicholls resumed at half-past eleven on Thursday morning. Chambers and Morrice were the bowlers, but Morrice after one over gave place to Smoker. Briggs was the more rapid scorer and after 20 minutes' play he completed his century amid applause. It had taken two and a half hours for him to make his hundred. It was noted that he had worn his sweater during the whole of the time. He pulled it off during the applause and it was also remarkable that he only made one run afterwards, being caught at 176 by Chadwick at mid-on from Chambers. Bucknell and Nicholls then became associated. Bucknell was missed twice,

but at 192 Fallows got him nicely at point from Chambers (192-8-7). Winsor, his successor, had a very brief stay, for after securing a two and a four he played on to Chambers. The innings closed at 202, when Lane, without breaking his "duck," succumbed to Chambers. Nicholls then having 17 to his credit. It was twenty minutes past twelve when Lane lost his stump and it transpired that during the fifty minutes play had been in progress Chambers had taken four wickets at a cost of only 16 runs.

Cheshire commenced their second innings at twenty-five minutes to one o'clock, Fallows and Chadwick going out to face the attack of Barnes and Nicholls. Fallows was more at ease than he was yesterday; it was quite refreshing to see him rapidly be scored against both Barnes and Nicholls. But his end came suddenly, the umpire granting an appeal from Winsor behind the wickets. He had made 16 runs of the total of twelve. B. Price went to Partner Chadwick, but his contribution consisted of a cypher, Briggs securing him at mid-on from Nicholls at 15. Chadwick and Morrice then hit out well until 30 runs reached. At that stage Bucknell took over the bowling from Nicholls and with the fifth ball of his over he got past Chadwick's defence. The latter had made 12 in 45 minutes. Morrice and W. E. Jones had taken the score to 55 when a rapid fall of wickets. Morrice, after contributing 17, was bowled by Bucknell at 93. Five runs later his successor, H. P. Rigby, was caught by Meakin at short-leg from Barnes without troubling the scorers; W. E. Jones was bowled by Bucknell (44-6-5) and the Rev. L. Hamilton was stumped by Winsor (44-7-0), whilst without the score being increased Chambers was also dismissed by Bucknell. The latter four wickets had thus cost Staffordshire nothing, and Bucknell's analysis showed that he had taken four wickets for two runs in 5.1 overs. Two deliveries later this average was rendered more creditable by Bucknell clean bowling Turner (45-9-0), and in the second delivery following J. L. Jones had a similar fate (45-10-0). Bucknell had taken six wickets for two runs. Cheshire lost by an innings and 23 runs. Scores:—

1st Innings		2nd Innings	
J. C. Fallows b Nicholls	0	W. E. Jones b Barnes	7
R. M. Chadwick, run out	17	B. B. Bucknell	17
G. B. Price c Winsor b Nicholls	8	P. Briggs b Nicholls	17
R. D. B. Morrice c Nicholls b Barnes	12	B. B. Bucknell	17
W. E. Jones b Barnes	24	B. B. Bucknell	6
H. P. Rigby c Page b Barnes	14	B. Meakin b Barnes	0
Rev. L. Hamilton b Nicholls	4	A. S. Turner b Barnes	0
A. S. Turner b Winsor b Barnes	9	B. Bucknell	0
Smoker c Hollowood b Bucknell	11	not out	40
Chambers not out	10	B. Bucknell	0
J. L. Jones b Nicholls	1	B. Bucknell	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	134	Total	43

  

STAFFORDSHIRE	
P. Briggs c Chadwick b Chambers	131
E. H. Bourne c Turner b Smoker	8
R. C. Page b Morrice	10
H. D. Stratton c J. L. Jones b Turner	0
Hollowood c Smoker	1
P. Meakin c Chadwick	21
Barnes b Smoker	22
Nicholls not out	17
Bucknell c Fallows b Chambers	1
C. L. Winsor b Chambers	6
Lane b Chambers	9
Extras	8
Total	202

**BOWLING ANALYSES.**

1st Inn.	CHESHIRE				2nd Inn.	STAFFORDSHIRE			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Barnes	28	13	84	4	12	7	23	0	
Nicholls	21	4	45	4	7	1	17	1	
Lane	3	0	9	0	—	—	—	—	
Bucknell	9	3	11	1	5	4	3	0	
Page	1	0	4	0	—	—	—	—	

Barnes bowled two no-balls.

1st Inn.	CHESHIRE				2nd Inn.	STAFFORDSHIRE			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Chambers	20	7	43	5	10	4	3	0	
Smoker	11	1	26	1	—	—	—	—	
Morrice	7	0	25	1	—	—	—	—	
Price	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

Smoker bowled one wide.

No 26

Tom Percival

CHESHIRE vs. STAFFORDSHIRE

at Crewe Alexandra CC on Wednesday/Thursday, 7th/8th July 1909

Toss : Not known. Umpires : J.Gregory and W.Copeland

Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs

Cheshire 0 points, Staffordshire 5 points Close of play first day - Staffordshire 165-6 wkts Details required - toss

CHESHIRE

J.C.Fallows	b Nichols	0 c Winser b Barnes	7
R.M.Chadwick	run out	17 b Bucknell	12
G.B.Price	c Winser b Nichols	8 c Briggs b Nichols	0
K.D.R.Morrice	c Nichols b Barnes	32 b Bucknell	17
W.E.Jones	b Barnes	24 b Bucknell	5
H.P.Rigby	c Page b Barnes	14 c Meakin b Barnes	0
F.C.L.Hamilton *	b Nichols	4 st Winser b Barnes	0
A.S.Turner	st Winser b Barnes	9 b Bucknell	0
H.G.Smoker	c Hollowood b Bucknell	11 not out	0
W.T.Chambers	not out	10 b Bucknell	0
J.L.Jones +	b Nichols	1 b Bucknell	0
Extras	(b 2, lb 0, w 0, nb 2)	4 (b 3, lb 1, w 0, nb 0)	4
TOTAL	(62.4 overs)	134 (25.5 overs)	45

1/17 2/17 3/42 4/66 5/94 6/99 7/112 8/113 9/127 10/134

1/12 2/17 3/30 4/39 5/44 6/44 7/44 8/44 9/45 10/45

Bowling: First innings: Barnes 28-13-54-4; Nichols 21.4-4-55-4; Lane 3-0-6-0; Bucknell 9-3-11-1; Page 1-0-4-0.

Bowling: Second innings: Barnes 13-7-22-3; Nichols 7-1-17-1; Bucknell 5.5-4-2-6.

STAFFORDSHIRE

P.Briggs	c Chadwick b Chambers	101
E.H.Bourne	c Turner b Smoker	8
R.C.Page	b Morrice	10
H.D.Stratton *	c Jones J.L. b Turner	0
J.E.Nichols	not out	17
B.Meakin	b Chambers	1
S.F.Barnes	b Smoker	22
A.Bucknell	c Fallows b Chambers	7
A.Hollowood	b Smoker	21
C.L.Winser +	b Chambers	6
A.F.Lane	b Chambers	0
Extras	(b 7, lb 1, w 0, nb 1)	9
TOTAL	(70.3 overs)	202

1/9 2/42 3/43 4/98 5/99 6/140 7/176 8/192 9/198 10/202

Bowling: First innings: Smoker 26-7-64-3; Chambers 20.3-10-35-5; Turner 7-0-35-1; Morrice 11-1-36-1; Price 6-1-23-0.

The Athletic Grounds

MATCH NUMBER 26 : CHESHIRE V STAFFORDSHIRE - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

At Crewe Alexandra CC, Crewe on Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 July 1909

Result: Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs Points: Staffordshire 5 Toss: Cheshire

Umpires: J Gregory and W Copeland

Debutants: *Cheshire:*

First day score: Cheshire 134; Staffordshire 165-6 wickets (Briggs 90\*, *Nichols 5\**)

Cheshire		11.35-		12.45- 2.45	
J C Fallows	b Nichols	0	1	c Winsor b Barnes	7
R M Chadwick	run out	17	2	b Bucknell	12
G B Price	c Winsor b Nichols	8	3	c Briggs b Nichols	0
K D R Morrice	c Nichols b Barnes	32	4	b Bucknell	17
W E Jones	b Barnes	24	5	b Bucknell	5
H P Rigby	c Page b Barnes	14	6	c Meakin b Barnes	0
* F C L Hamilton	b Nichols	4	7	st Winsor b Barnes	0
Chambers, W T	not out	10	8	b Bucknell	0
A S Turner	st Winsor b Barnes	9	9	b Bucknell	0
Smoker, H G	c Hollowood b Bucknell	11	10	not out	0
J L Jones	b Nichols	1	11	b Bucknell	0
Extras	b 2, nb 2	4		b 3, lb 1	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>134</b>			<b>45</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	17	17	42	66	94	99	112	113	127	134
Second innings	12	17	30	39	44	44	44	44	45	45

Barnes	28	13	54	4	-	(1)	13	7	22	3	-	-
Nichols	21.4	4	55	4	-	(2)	7	1	17	1	-	-
Lane	3	0	6	0	-	(3)	5.5	4	2	6	-	-
Bucknell	9	3	11	1	-							
Page	1	0	4	0	-							
Extras	-	-	4	1	-				4	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>25.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

*Nat in CC 2nd inn out on SS.*

Staffordshire		4.05- 12.20?		12.45, 3.35, 10.25 2 1/2 hrs.
P Briggs	c Chadwick b Chambers	101		
E H Bourne	c Turner b Smoker	8		
R C Page	b Morrice	10		
* H D Stratton	c J L Jones b Turner	0		
Nichols, J E	not out	17		
B Meakin	b Chambers	1		
Barnes, S F	b Smoker	22		
Bucknell, A	c Fallows b Chambers	7		
Hollowood, A	b Smoker	21		
+ C L Winsor	b Chambers	6		
Lane, A F	b Chambers	0		
Extras	b 7, lb 1, nb 1	9		
<b>Total</b>		<b>202</b>		

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	9	42	43	98	99	140	176	192	198	202
Second innings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Smoker	25	7	64	3	-	(1)						
Chambers	20.3	10	35	5	-	(2)						
Turner	7	0	35	1	-	(3)						
Morrice	11	1	36	1	-							
Price	6	1	23	0	-							
Extras	-	-	9	0	-							
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>							

*NA in CC Smoker with out no ball?*

Notes: Source: Staffordshire Advertiser 10 July 1909, Staffordshire Sentinel 7/8 July 1909, Staffordshire Annual Report.  
Missing: Debutants; Other not out batsman overnight; Who bowled the no-balls?  
May need checking: Points; Professionals; 2<sup>nd</sup> innings batting order.

*Cheshire Newspapers (Tony Pennell) Crewe Chronicle 10 July (Nov) Crewe Guardian 10 July (Nov) S. Sentinel 7, 8 July (Nov) SA 10 July (Nov) Y Post 8, 9 July (Nov) Wicket 22 July (Nov) p 287.*

*Last 7 Cheshire 2nd inn wickets produced just 7 runs. Cheshire needed 68 to save innings defeat. Fallows hurt his toe & did not field on 1st day & J L Jones took his place. Match completed 2.45 pm on 2nd day. Cheshire took 36-3 after 'sensational' collapse with last 7 wickets falling for 9 runs in 25 minutes. Bucknell overhauled Barnes with 6 for 2.*

*M. App: 381/30 CPs: N/A LPs: Nil*

**MATCH NUMBER 26 : CHESHIRE V STAFFORDSHIRE - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

At Crewe Alexandra Athletic Grounds, [L 7], Crewe on Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 July 1909  
 Result: Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs Points: Staffordshire 5 Toss: Cheshire Umpires: J Gregory and W Copeland  
 Debutants: Cheshire 4 (Chadwick, Chambers, Price, Smoker) Staffordshire 1 (A F Lane) none  
 First day score: Cheshire 134; Staffordshire 165-6 wickets (Briggs 90\*, J E Nichols 5\*)

**Cheshire**

J C Fallows	b Nichols	0	(1)	c Winsor b Barnes	7
R M Chadwick	run out	17	(2)	b Bucknell	12
G B Price	c Winsor b Nichols	8	(3)	c Briggs b Nichols	0
K D R Morrice	c Nichols b Barnes	32	(4)	b Bucknell	17
W E Jones	b Barnes	24	(5)	b Bucknell	5
H P Rigby	c Page b Barnes	14	(6)	c Meakin b Barnes	0
* Rev F C L Hamilton	b Nichols	4	(7)	st Winsor b Barnes	0
A S Turner (9)?	st Winsor b Barnes	9	(9)	b Bucknell	0
Smoker, H G (10)?	c Hollowood b Bucknell	11	(10)	not out	0
Chambers, W T (8)?	not out	10	(8)	b Bucknell	0
+ J L Jones	b Nichols	1	(11)	b Bucknell	0
Extras	b 2, nb 2	4		b 3, lb 1	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>134</b>			<b>45</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	17	17	42	66	94	99	112	113	127	134
Second innings	12	17	30	39	44	44	44	44	45	45

Barnes	28	13	54	4	-	2	(1)	13	7	22	3	-	-
Nichols	21.4	4	55	4	-	-	(2)	7	1	17	1	-	-
Lane	3	0	6	0	-	-							
Bucknell	9	3	11	1	-	-	(3)	5.5	4	2	6	-	-
Page	1	0	4	0	-	-							
Extras	-	-	4	1	-	-				4	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>25.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Staffordshire**

P Briggs	c Chadwick b Chambers	101
E H Bourne	c Turner b Smoker	8
R C Page	b Morrice	10
* H D Stratton	c J L Jones b Turner	0
Nichols, J E	not out	17
B Meakin	b Chambers	1
Barnes, S F	b Smoker	22
Bucknell, A	c Fallows b Chambers	7
Hollowood, A	b Smoker	21
+ C L Winsor	b Chambers	6
Lane, A F	b Chambers	0
Extras	b 7, lb 1, ?w 1	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>202</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	9	42	43	98	99	140	176	192	198	202
Second innings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Smoker (2)?	25?	7	64	3	1?	-
Chambers (1)?	20.3	10	35	5	-	-
Turner (4)?	7	0	35	1	-	-
Morrice (3)?	11	1	36	1	-	-
Price	6	1	23	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	9	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1?</b>	<b>0</b>

Notes: Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs at 2.45 pm on the second day. Cheshire needed 68 runs in their second innings to make Staffordshire bat again, and the last seven wickets fell for just 7 runs in 25 minutes, Bucknell taking 6 wickets for just 2 runs and for once over-shadowing Barnes. For the winners, there were 12 fours, 3 threes and 10 twos in Briggs's 101, an innings of 2½ hours. Morrice tip-scored for Cheshire with 32. Fallows hurt a toe while batting and did not field at the start of the Staffordshire innings and J L Jones acted as substitute fielder. Fallows came on the field later and caught Bucknell.

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**MATCH NUMBER 26 : CHESHIRE V STAFFORDSHIRE - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

At Crewe Alexandra Athletic Grounds, [ ], Crewe on Wednesday 7, Thursday 8 July 1909  
 Result: Staffordshire won by an innings and 23 runs Points: Staffordshire 5 Toss: Cheshire Umpires: J Gregory and W Copeland Debutants: Cheshire 4 (R M Chadwick, W T Chambers, G B Price, H G Smoker); Staffordshire none  
 First day score: Cheshire 134; Staffordshire 165-6 wickets (Briggs 90\*, J E Nichols 5\*)

<b>Cheshire</b>										
J C Fallows	b Nichols	0	(1)	c Winsor b Barnes						7
R M Chadwick	run out	17	(2)	b Bucknell						12
G B Price	c Winsor b Nichols	8	(3)	c Briggs b Nichols						0
K D R Morrice	c Nichols b Barnes	32	(4)	b Bucknell						17
W E Jones	b Barnes	24	(5)	b Bucknell						5
H P Rigby	c Page b Barnes	14	(6)	c Meakin b Barnes						0
* Rev F C L Hamilton	b Nichols	4	(7)	st Winsor b Barnes						0
A S Turner (9)?	st Winsor b Barnes	9	(9)	b Bucknell						0
Smoker, H G (10)?	c Hollowood b Bucknell	11	(10)	not out						0
Chambers, W T (8)?	not out	10	(8)	b Bucknell						0
+ J L Jones	b Nichols	1	(11)	b Bucknell						0
Extras	b 2, nb 2	4		b 3, lb 1						4
<b>Total</b>		<b>134</b>								<b>45</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	17	17	42	66	94	99	112	113	127	134
Second innings	12	17	30	39	44	44	44	44	45	45

Barnes	28	13	54	4	-	2	(1)	13	7	22	3	-	-
Nichols	21.4	4	55	4	-	-	(2)	7	1	17	1	-	-
Lane	3	0	6	0	-	-							
Bucknell	9	3	11	1	-	-	(3)	5.5	4	2	6	-	-
Page	1	0	4	0	-	-							
Extras	-	-	4	1	-	-		-	-	4	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>25.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Staffordshire</b>										
P Briggs	c Chadwick b Chambers	101								
E H Bourne	c Turner b Smoker	8								
R C Page	b Morrice	10								
* HD Stratton	c J L Jones b Turner	0								
Nichols, J E	not out	17								
B Meakin	b Chambers	1								
Barnes, S F	b Smoker	22								
Bucknell, A	c Fallows b Chambers	7								
Hollowood, A	b Smoker	21								
+ C L Winsor	b Chambers	6								
Lane, A F	b Chambers	0								
Extras	b 7, lb 1, ?w 1	9								
<b>Total</b>		<b>202</b>								

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	9	42	43	98	99	140	176	192	198	202
Second innings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Smoker (2)?	25.7	7	64	3	1?	-				
Chambers (1)?	20.3	10	35	5	-	-				
Turner (4)?	7	0	35	1	-	-				
Morrice (3)?	11	1	36	1	-	-				
Price	6	1	23	0	-	-				
Extras	-	-	9	0	-	-				
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