

BEDFORDSHIRE v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Played at Luton on August 2 and 3 for the benefit of Wharmby and won by Bedfordshire by an innings and 16 runs. Score and analysis:—

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BRIXTON WANDERERS (2) v. LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK (2).—Played at Norbury on July 17.

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

BEDFORDSHIRE'S FIRST COMPLETE WIN.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE OUTPLAYED AT WARDOWN PARK.

The Bedfordshire cricket team may justly look back with satisfaction upon the two matches in the Minor Counties' Championship decided at Wardown Park, Luton this season. Against Lincolnshire on Saturday they gained three points for a win on the first innings, play being confined to one day, and on Monday and Tuesday practically the same eleven completely outplayed Cambridgeshire and registered the first complete win of the season. The victory was a very creditable one, especially when it is borne in mind that Beds. prospects looked anything but rosy at one time on Bank Holiday. After losing eight wickets for 98 the homesters, thanks to a couple of escapes enjoyed by Wharmby, recovered finely, the last two wickets putting on a hundred runs, and when stumps were drawn on Monday Cambridgeshire had made 39 for 1 wicket, in response to Bedfordshire's total of 198. On Tuesday the visitors never looked like regaining the advantageous position they had lost. In less than an hour and a half their innings was finished off for an addition of 54 runs, and being compelled to follow on they were again dismissed within an hour and three quarters for 89. Beds thus winning by an innings and 16 runs. The early termination of the match—it was over by ten minutes past three—was a great disappointment to the large crowd who had been induced by the bright summer weather to help swell the Wharmby benefit fund. However, Cambridgeshire consented to again take the field for an hour in order that the spectators might have the opportunity of seeing the homesters at the wicket, and though the after cricket was not taken very seriously it was none the less enjoyed by the crowd. The visitors rested their best bowlers, but Fromant met with marked success, bowling Willett for 8 and Grierson for 14, and getting Apthorp lbw for 18. Stearn got Sutherland caught by Gray for 6, and when stumps were drawn the score was 80 for 4 wickets. King being not out 20, and Wharmby not out 11.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

The weather was more settled, though not less chilly, when play was resumed promptly at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning. The day after August Bank Holiday is observed as a semi-holiday in Luton, and there were a good number of spectators on the Wardown Park ground. The wicket had dried unevenly, it being much slower at the town end than at the other, but, nevertheless, the pitch appeared easy. The batsmen, however, found run-getting no easy matter. A. F. Morcom and H. Grierson were entrusted with the attack, and the deadly character of the bowling at once became evident. L. J. Reid, who had scored 14 overnight, had his stumps disturbed by the very first ball sent down by the Bedford Grammar School captain, who is a left-hander and bowls at nearly the same pace as Morcom. B. W. Pigg, who joined Frank Bryan, did not survive the over, being captured at extra cover off the fourth ball he received. Grierson came within an ace of taking three wickets in his first over, as the newcomer, B. Gray, gave a chance to cover-point the first ball he had. Three overs were sent down without a run being scored, but Gray was quick to settle down, and made two or three nice drives. With the score at 48. Skipper Orr took an over at the country end to enable Morcom and Grierson to change over, and Gray sent up the 50 with a capital off-drive from the first ball sent down by the home captain.

The half-century was the result of eighty minutes' batting, and up to this point Gray had done all the scoring since he had been at the wickets. Bryan broke the ice with a single after half-an-hour's play, but with the score at 57 he lost Gray, who played late to the first ball of the second over sent down from the town end by Morcom, and had his leg stump uprooted. He had made 17, and had played attractive cricket. Watts was now the hope of the side, and he soon started scoring. A couple of nice strokes for three were followed by two boundary hits in succession from Morcom, and at 71 Wharmby was given a turn with the bat, in place of Grierson. The change was immediately effective, Wharmby disposing of Watts in his second over.

The score-board now registered 72-5-15, and the remainder of the innings resolved itself into a procession. W. Fromant only subscribed a couple before having his wicket upset by Morcom, and the Cambs. captain shared the fate of his son in being dismissed without scoring. He survived Morcom's over, but, getting to the other end, was beaten by the first ball he received from Wharmby

With Coulson it was similar, except that he survived the professional's over and failed at his first ball from Morcom. G. Rose, who bats left-handed, at once started hitting, but after making a couple of two's and a single, he failed to get hold of one of Wharmby's deliveries, and was finely taken by Grierson with outstretched hand at deep cover. A. Stearn, the whipper-in, hit a single off Morcom, but two balls later Bryan made the one bad stroke of his innings, and was easily caught by Holdstock at mid-on. The innings came to a close just before half-past twelve, two hours and a quarter having been occupied for a total of 95. Bryan gave a particularly patient display, batting an hour and a half for seven runs. Only once did he open his shoulders, and then he registered a capital three through the slips.

Cambridgeshire were 105 in arrears of Bedfordshire's total, and the home captain exercised his right to ask the visitors to follow on. L. J. Reid and T. W. Brown again opened the innings, Morcom and Wharmby continuing to share the attack. The wicket had rolled out very nicely, and both batsmen quickly got to work, runs coming at a much more rapid rate than had been the case earlier in the morning. The first over of each bowler produced a boundary hit, and in Wharmby's second over Brown registered a couple of fours and a three. It was but a flash in the pan, however, as in Morcom's third over Brown was clean bowled, having hit 16 out of 23. Then followed a procession similar to that witnessed in the first innings. Bryan failed to repeat his achievement in the previous innings, succumbing to the first ball he received. B. W. Pigg and Reid looked like improving matters, the first-named dispatching his first ball to the boundary, but with the score carried to 39 Reid, who had equalled Brown's score, was dismissed by Wharmby. Pigg left the following over, yorked by Morcom, and then Wharmby met with another success, getting Gray caught at the wicket. Half the side were out in thirty-five minutes for 41, but Watts and Fromant stayed together until the luncheon interval, when the total stood at 48.

On the resumption of play the sun came out to make the afternoon very pleasant, but unfortunately for the numerous company assembled, Cambs never looked like prolonging the game. Watts started well with a single off Wharmby, and a lovely drive to the off boundary off Morcom. The old Cambridge blue had his revenge the very next ball, however, completely scattering the stumps. The visitors' captain again failed, Morcom sending him back first ball with the unenviable "pair of spectacles" to his credit. Fromant succumbed to Wharmby's fast ball with the score at 59, having batted twenty-five minutes for eight runs. Coulson and Rose infused some life into the game, the left-hander hitting in fine style. He was let off in the country when he had made five, Holdstock completely misjudging the ball, and subsequently he hit one of Wharmby's slows almost out of the ground. An attempt to repeat the feat the next ball brought about his downfall, Willett making a fine running catch at long-off. The partnership had realised 26. After this the end soon came, Coulson being bowled with an addition of four to the total for 18, the highest score of the innings, and his best for Cambridgeshire this season. The game thus ended at ten minutes past three with a victory for Bedfordshire by an innings and 16 runs, this being the first match in which Beds have gained the full five points. Full score and analysis:—

BEDFORDSHIRE.

B L Peal, c Rose, b Coulson	16
W E King, c Stearn, b Pigg	7
Wharmby, not out	87
H R Orr, c C Pigg, b B Pigg	1
F E Apthorp, c and b Coulson	2
Holdstock, c Rose, b Coulson	7
H Willett, b Coulson	2
H O Sutherland, b Coulson	1
A F Morcom, b Rose	4
B Maclear, c Fromant, b Stearn	12
H Grierson, run out	35
Extras	24
Total	198

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Cambridgeshire.—First innings.	
L J Reid, b Grierson	14
T W Brown, c Holdstock b Morcom	23
F W Bryan, c Holdstock, b Morcom	7
B W Pigg, c Maclear, b Grierson	0
B Gray, b Morcom	17
Watts, b Wharmby	15
W Fromant, b Morcom	2
C Pigg, b Wharmby	0
Coulson, b Morcom	0
G Rose, c Grierson, b Wharmby	5
A Stearn, not out	1
Extras	9-93

Cambs.—Second innings.

L J Reid, b Wharmby	16
T W Brown, b Morcom	16
F W Bryan, b Morcom	0
B W Pigg, b Morcom	8
B Gray, c Apthorp, b Wharmby	1
Watts, b Morcom	7
W Fromant, b Wharmby	8
C Pigg, b Morcom	0
Coulson, b Wharmby	18
G Rose, c Willett b Wharmby	15
A Stearn, not out	2
Extras	0-29

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bedfordshire.				
overs	mdns	runs	wkts	
Coulson	29	9	49	5
B W Pigg	19	2	71	2
G Rose	10	1	28	1
A Stearn	4	0	10	1
W Fromant	4	0	16	0
Rose bowled a no-ball.				

Cambridgeshire.				
First Innings.				
overs	mdns	runs	wkts	
A F Morcom	16.4	3	37	5
B L Peal	2	0	5	0
H Grierson	12	3	27	2
Wharmby	11	6	11	3
H R Orr	2	1	4	0
Morcom bowled a wide.				

Second Innings.				
A F Morcom	13	0	48	5
Wharmby	12.1	1	41	5

**MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

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Holdstock, c Rose, b Coulson .....	2
H. Willett, b Coulson .....	2
H. O. Sutherland, b Coulson .....	1
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Watts, b Wharmby .....	18
W. Fromant, b Morcom .....	8
C. Pigg, b Wharmby .....	0
Coulson, b Morcom .....	0
G. Rose, c Grierson, b Wharmby .....	5
A. Stearn, not out... ..	1
Extras .....	8
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>286</b>

Bedfordshire, fortunate in winning the toss, defeated Cambridgeshire at Luton on Monday and Tuesday by an innings and 18 runs. It was appropriate that in this match, set aside for his benefit, Wharmby should have done so well both with bat and ball. More than twenty of his 87 were made during a last wicket partnership with Grierson, the Bedford Grammar School boy, who faced the bowling with a fine confidence. The 56 unexpectedly added at the innings' end went far towards securing full points for the home county, and the rest was done by Morcom and Wharmby, who in the two innings of Cambridgeshire took 10 wickets and eight wickets respectively, the former at a cost of 88 runs and the latter of 52. Bedfordshire were well represented, but the visiting eleven was not quite at full strength.

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Cambs. v. Bedfordshire.

CAMBS. BADLY BEATEN.

Cambridgeshire opened their out fixture against Bedfordshire at Luton on August Bank Holiday. In the morning a series of heavy showers threatened to reduce the match to a one-day game, but there was a clearance in time to allow of a start being made at half-past two, and a full afternoon's play was obtained. The weather conditions were cheerless in the extreme, but notwithstanding this a fairly large number of spectators assembled on the Wardour Park Ground. Cambs. made three changes from the team which so handsomely defeated Suffolk last week, B. Gray, F. W. Bryan and A. Stearn (the St. Giles' bowler) coming in for A. S. Ling, H. C. Tabbutt and F. E. Collier. Beds. were practically at full strength, the only change from the eleven which upset Lincolnshire's unbeaten record on Saturday being the inclusion of H. Willett in place of A. E. Holmes-Brown.

Beds. won the toss, and decided to take first knock on a wicket which was always slow and afforded a good deal of assistance to the bowlers. For some time the cricket was rather uneventful, B. L. Peel and W. E. King starting steadily against the bowling of Coulson and B. W. Pigg. At 25 a separation was effected, Pigg getting King caught at first slip. The next hour's cricket was all in favour of the visitors, and Beds. were saved from disaster by the sterling batting of Wharmby, for whose benefit the match is being devoted. The Bedford pro., who is completing his eighth year of service for the county, lost Peel at 33, Rose bringing off a fine one-handed catch high up at mid-on. The captain, H. R. Orr, stayed only to make a single, playing a "kicker" from B. Pigg to the Cambs captain at mid-on. E. E. Apthorpe was caught and bowled by Coulson after subscribing a couple, and four wickets were down for 44. Holdstock, the Luton pro., assisted his brother professional to put on 34, and was out to a weak stroke on the leg side just as he appeared set. Coulson quickly disposed of H. Willett and H. O. Sutherland, and the batsmen were out for 82. Ten runs earlier Rose, the Eltisbury bowler, had taken the ball from Pigg, and he clean bowled the old Light Blue, A. F. Morcom, after he had made one boundary hit.

There seemed every probability of Bedfordshire being out to a small score, but the "tail" proved remarkably useful, the last two wickets adding 100 runs to the total. These figures were hoisted after an hour and fifty minutes' cricket, and in the next over Wharmby reached the half-century. He was lucky to reach it, because although his earlier cricket had been faultless, he was missed off two successive deliveries of Rose when he stood at 49. The first chance was a difficult one, low down in the slips to Stearn, and the next was to point and ought to have been accepted by Coulson. As is so often the case, the mistakes proved very expensive. Coulson, who had been bowling splendidly, seemed to lose his string after capturing five wickets in 20 overs for 24 runs, and the rate of scoring was appreciably increased. The ninth wicket put on 44 before B. Maclear, the Irish Rugby International, was caught off a bad stroke on a double bowling change being effected, and the last pair did even better, carrying the score to 198. H. Grierson, who is the Bedford Grammar School captain, had a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket answered in his favour before he had scored, and while he was in he treated the spectators to a fine display of free hitting. Pigg resumed the attack in place of Stearn at 166, and Coulson soon afterwards came back for Fromant, but a rapid rate of scoring was maintained, Pigg coming in for especially severe punishment. The innings was brought to a close by Watts, who left his position behind the stumps to meet the throw-in when the batsmen were essaying a third run. He took aim at the wickets and succeeded in running out Grierson, who had hit half a dozen boundaries in his lively innings of 35. Wharmby, who was at the wicket 2 hours and 20 minutes for his 87, hit nine 4's, three 3's, and nine 2's. It was his best batting display of the season for Beds., and a collection was made for him on the ground.

Cambs. had 50 minutes' batting, and in a light which was none too good did well to score 39 for the loss of only one wicket. L. J. Reid and T. W. Brown batted very steadily until five minutes before time, when a double bowling change effected a separation, Brown landing an over-pitched delivery from Morcom into mid-on's hands. T. W. Bryan assisted Reid to play out time.

Cambridgeshire on the following day never looked like occupying the advantageous position which they lost on Bank Holiday, when with eight wickets down for 38, Bedfordshire's chief scorer, Wharmby, was missed twice off successive balls. Overnight the visitors had scored 39 for one wicket, in response to Bedfordshire's total of 198, but on Tuesday they gave one of those feeble batting displays which are all too characteristic of Cambridgeshire cricket. In contrast to the cheerless weather conditions of Monday, Tuesday was an ideal cricketing day, and in the afternoon a large crowd turned up to swell the Wharmby benefit fund. Cambs. made a disastrous start and, unlike their opponents, failed to recover, with the result that they were soundly beaten by an innings and 16 runs. Less than an hour and a half's play sufficed to finish off the first innings for an addition of 54 runs, and being compelled to follow on, Cambs. were dismissed a second time for 89, the match being over by ten minutes past three. The early termination of the game was a great disappointment to the large company which assembled on the ground after the luncheon interval, and Cambs. consented to take the field for an hour in order that the spectators might see the homesters at the wicket. In that time four Beds. wickets were captured for 80 in spite of the fact that Cambs. did not utilise their first bowlers. Fromant met with great success, clean bowling two batsmen and getting another lb.w.

When play was resumed on Tuesday morning, Morcom and Grierson were entrusted with the attack, and the first ball sent down saw Reid, who had made 14 overnight, clean bowled. B. W. Pigg, who joined Bryan, was also captured, an extra cover in Grierson's first over, and B. Gray ought to have been caught at cover-point off the first ball sent down to him. Profiting by his mistake Gray settled down to play nice cricket, monopolising what little scoring there was in the first half-hour. At 48 Orr sent down an over to enable Morcom and Grierson to change ends, and off his first delivery Gray sent up the half-century, which was the result of 80 minutes' batting. The bowling change soon proved effective, however, Morcom's second over at his new end accounting for the dismissal of Gray, who had made 17 out of 18. With four wickets down for 57 it was evident that much depended upon Watts, and the promptness with which he set to work was gratifying to the Cambs. men. A couple of threes were followed by two boundary hits in succession off Morcom, but the

stumper's stay at the crease was all too short. Wharmby took the ball from Grierson at 71, and with a single added he disposed of Watts. Three more overs saw three other wickets down for an addition of seven runs. W. Fromant had his stumps upset after subscribing a couple, and both the captain and Coulson failed to score. G. Rose, who is a left-handed batsman, made a praiseworthy attempt to force the game, but a half hit enabled Grierson to bring off a fine one-handed catch at deep mid-off when he had made five, and Bryan, who had been batting with remarkable patience, got out to his first bad stroke, giving an easy catch to mid-on. Cambs. had occupied two hours and a quarter for their total of 93, Bryan having been in an hour and a half for seven runs. He did not score during the first half-hour's play yesterday morning, and only once during his innings did he open his shoulders, scoring a three through the slips.

Being in a minority of 105, Cambs. followed on, L. J. Reid and T. W. Brown again opening the venture. Morcom and Wharmby continued to share the attack. The pitch had rolled out very nicely, and runs began to come with a freedom which was most refreshing. Both batsmen hit a four in the first two overs, and Brown registered a couple of boundaries and a three in Wharmby's second over. It was too good to last, however. In Morcom's third over the Rodney man, who had scored 16 out of 23, had his stumps scattered. This followed a dismal procession. Bryan failed to repeat his first innings' achievement, succumbing to the first ball he received, and at 39 Reid, having equalled Brown's score, was sent back by Wharmby. B. W. Pigg, who had opened in attractive style, left the following over, yorked by Morcom, and Wharmby got Gray caught at the wicket after he had broken his "duck." Half the side were out in 35 minutes for 41, but Watts and Fromant stayed together until the luncheon interval, when the total stood at 48.

Less than an hour's play after the resumption brought the game to a close. Watts got off well, but a lovely drive to the boundary off Morcom was immediately followed by his dismissal. Skipper Pigg again failed, thus "disgusting a brace," and with the score at 59 Fromant, who had been batting steadily, was beaten by a fast one from Wharmby. Coulson and Rose made things lively for some few minutes putting on 26, the best partnership of the innings. The left-hander hit out finely, sending one of Wharmby's slows almost out of the ground. When he had made five he was missed in the country, but Willett brought about his dismissal with a fine running catch, a long off after he had carried his score to 13. The end came with the total at 89, Wharmby bowling Coulson, who was cordially congratulated by his comrades upon his 18, which was the highest score of the innings, and Coulson's highest innings for Cambs. this season. Cambs. thus provided Beds. with their first win of the season. Full score and analysis:—

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Resuming to-day in stormy weather, Cambs. continued their innings. A very poor display of batting was given, Cambs. being all out in an hour and a half. Bryan batted for an hour and a half for only 7 runs.

Cambs., 109 behind, followed on, and at ten minutes past three were beaten by an innings and 16 runs.

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H. R. Orr c C. Pigg b B. Pigg	1
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Holdstock c Rose b Coulson	2
H. Willett b Coulson	2
H. O. Sutherland b Coulson	1
A. F. Moreom b Rose	4
B. Maclear c Promant b Stearn	12
A. Grierson run out	25
Extras	24
Total	158

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE—1st innings.**

L. J. Reid b Grierson	14
T. W. Brown c Holdstock b Moreom	23
F. W. Bryan c Holdstock b Moreom	7
B. W. Pigg c Maclear b Grierson	0
E. Gray b Moreom	17
Watts b Wharmby	15
W. Promant b Moreom	2
C. Pigg b Wharmby	0
Coulson b Moreom	0
G. Rose c Grierson b Wharmby	5
A. Stearn not out	1
Extras	9
Total	93

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE—2nd innings.**

L. J. Reid b Wharmby	16
T. W. Brown b Moreom	16
F. W. Bryan b Moreom	0
B. Pigg b Moreom	8
Gray c Apthorpe b Wharmby	1
Watts b Moreom	7
W. Promant b Wharmby	8
C. Pigg b Moreom	0
Coulson b Wharmby	18
G. Rose b Willett b Wharmby	13
A. Stearn not out	2
Extras	—
Total	89

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

BEDS.—1st Innings.		CAMBS.—1st Innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Coulson	59 9 49 15	A. Stearn	4 0 10 1
B. W. Pigg	19 2 7 2	W. Promant	4 0 16 0
Stearns	10 1 18 1		

Rose bowled a no-ball.



BEDS. v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

WHARMBY'S BENEFIT.

Crickets in fine, warm, summerlike weather is ideal, but when it has to be played with the weather we experienced on Bank Holiday Monday, there is no pleasure for either players or spectators. This match at Wardown was set aside for the benefit of Wharmby, one of the county professionals, and it was decidedly hard lines for the player that the weather was so wretched, for it affected the gate most seriously. It was not surprising to see no more than two or three hundred spectators present, and those who braved the elements wisely took coats, mackintoshes, or umbrellas with them. On a bright warm day one could safely have predicted a crowd of from two to three thousand spectators, for the Luton public see much too little of county cricket.

It was feared at one time that play would be out of the question on Monday. During the morning there were many sharp showers, and the outlook was anything but encouraging. The teams took an early lunch, and at half-past two it was found possible to make a commencement. The Beds captain, H. R. Orr, won the toss, and decided to take first innings on a wicket which was on the soft side and very slow for run-getting. The local county side was the same as that in the Lincolnshire match except that Willett took the place of Holmes-Brown. By the way, Willett made 133 runs at Bedford on Saturday in the Club and Ground match with the Old Modernians, but in this match he shaped anything but a probable run-getter.

The first pair of batsmen for Beds were B. L. Peel and W. H. King, whilst the bowling of the visitors was entrusted to Coulson—who at one time played for Beds—and B. W. Pigg. During the season Coulson has bowled very finely. Recently he took eight wickets for 5 runs against Norfolk, and also took eight wickets for 11 against Hertfordshire. Runs came very slowly at first. The wicket was slow and the bowling too accurate in length to score from freely. Peel made best use of his opportunities, and the score had reached 25 when King, in playing forward, edged the ball into the hands of short slip and was easily caught for 7. Wharmby was the newcomer, but eight runs later Peel was dismissed with a very fine one-handed catch at mid-on from a hard drive. It was a brilliant catch and seemed hard lines for Peel, for it needed a tall man to reach the ball, and nine times out of ten would have been a good scoring stroke. His 16 runs contained a few fine hits.

H. R. Orr, the county captain, was destined for a short stay, for from a ball which appeared to kick up a bit, he skied it to mid-on after making a single, and was caught by the opposing captain. When the total had reached 44 Apthorp drove a ball back to Coulson, and retired "c. and b." for a couple. The next man to join Wharmby was Holdstock, the popular local player. This pair added 34 runs, and looked like making a good stand until Bort, in trying to hit a ball to leg, skied it, and Rose from slip ran to short leg and

caught him. An addition of four runs saw both Willett and Sutherland clean bowled by Coulson. Neither man had shaped like getting runs. The total was now 82 for seven wickets, and it was doubted if the score would reach the century. A surprise, though, was in store. Morcom stayed until the score reached 98, and then Basil Maclear, who, by the way, is the great International Rugby footballer, helped Wharmby to take the score to 142. Grierson, the Bedford Grammar School bowler, who has few pretensions as a batsman, was the last man in. He survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket before he had scored, and then commenced to hit in no half-hearted manner. He made several forcing strokes to the boundary, and the last wicket actually put on 56 runs, which brought the full total up to 198 runs. The last two wickets added exactly 100 runs.

Of course the feature of the innings was the play of Wharmby, who went in first wicket down with the total at 25 and carried his bat through to the end with 87 runs not out to his credit. He certainly played the bowling with more confidence than any other batsman, and it was an innings well worth watching. With his total at 49, though, he was fortunate, for he gave quite an easy chance at slip, and then off the next ball he ought to have been caught at point by Coulson. These were the only blemishes, though, in a fine innings under difficult conditions. Although Cambridgeshire have done better than Beds in the Minor Counties' Competition they are not a good side. Their bowling is decidedly weak, and Coulson alone did himself credit as a bowler. He is a good bowler on a slow wicket. His five wickets cost 49 runs, but at one time he could claim those five wickets for 21 runs. Out of his first twenty overs he bowled eight maidens. The bowling of Rose, Hearn, and Fromant was very poor, and hardly worthy of ordinary club cricket.

There were fifty minutes left for play when Cambs went in to bat. They started with L. J. Reid and T. W. Brown to the bowling of Morcom and Grierson. Brown scored freely and made 23 runs out of 38 scored for the first wicket. He was caught at mid-off by Holdstock from a full toss from Morcom. Bryan joined Reid—who, early on, was badly missed by Peel at slip—and with the score at 39 for one wicket play closed for the day.

Tuesday was far more suitable for cricket. The morning was cool, but the afternoon was fine and quite warm, and ideal for cricket. The day's play was most disappointing from a spectator's point of view, for Cambridge gave a very noble display, and by three o'clock the game was over, and Beds had won by an innings and 6 runs. For the benefit of the spectators, the visiting side gave Beds an

hour's batting practice, but of course with nothing to play for there was very little interest in the display. Beds scored about 70 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Coming back to the actual match, Reid and Bryan resumed their innings to the bowling of Morcom and Grierson. Disaster quickly overtook the visitors, for Grierson secured a couple of wickets in his first over, and three wickets were down for 39 runs. Gray hit up 17 out of 18 whilst he was in, and then after Watts had made 15, wickets fell like ninepins and the innings closed for 93 runs. Bryan was the last man out, and he had actually been in an hour and twenty-five minutes to add six runs to his overnight score of a single. Morcom secured five wickets for 37 runs and Wharmby three for 11.

Being 105 runs behind, the visitors followed on, but with the second innings they actually fared worse than the first. Reid and Brown opened well, and looked like getting runs, but Morcom clean bowled the latter when he had made 16 out of 23 scored. Bryan, the stonewaller of the first innings, was not destined to repeat history, for Morcom uprooted his stumps with his first ball. Two runs later two other wickets fell, and at 53 another couple were dismissed. The result of the second wicket at this total was disastrous to the Cambridge skipper, for he had the misfortune to "bag a brace." Coulson and Rose hit merrily for a time, but Wharmby got both wickets eventually, and the score at the close only reached 89 all told. Too much praise cannot be given to the Bedfordshire bowlers, for both Morcom and Wharmby bowled very finely. One of the umpires told us that at times Morcom broke the ball fully the width of the wicket with his fastest balls, which made him almost unplayable.

From a playing point of view, personally the match was a big success for Wharmby, for he scored 87 runs and took eight wickets for 52 runs. From a financial benefit standpoint, though, one is sorry to say the result was not satisfactory. With the rain spoiling the gate on Monday, and the luncheon score on Tuesday predicting an early finish, the lovers of cricket did not roll up in large numbers, for they could not expect great value for their "tanners." In making sure of victory Captain Orr did the right thing in making Cambs follow on, but if he had considered the gate for the benefit of Wharmby, he could have easily let Beds batted again until say 3.15, and then had three hours in which to get Cambridgeshire out again. With the bowling at his command, it would have been long odds against the visitors holding the wickets for this time. Had the game been interesting at lunch-time, it is highly probable that the gate would have been doubled during the afternoon, and thus given Wharmby better remuneration for his past services. If anyone is desirous of subscribing to the benefit fund it is not yet too late, for Mr. Ernest Glider will gladly receive any subscriptions on behalf of Wharmby.

With Morcom in the team, Beds have a very useful side, for his bowling is extremely good. Some of the younger members of the side did not shape any too well in batting on Monday, and considering that the match was played at Luton, it would have been complimentary to Lutonians if Roland Brown had been invited to play. It would have added interest to the game, and on his usual form Brown could have replaced at least one man and not weakened the side. Scores:—

BEDFORDSHIRE.

B. L. Peel c Rose b Coulson	16
W. H. King c Stearn b Pigg	7
Wharmby not out	87
H. R. Orr c C. Pigg b B. Pigg	1
H. E. Apthorp c and b Coulson	2
Holdstock c Rose b Coulson	7
H. Willett b Coulson	2
H. O. Sutherland b Coulson	1
A. F. Morcom b Rose	4
B. Maclear c Fromant b Stearn	12
H. Grierson run out	35
Extras	24
Total	198

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

First Inns.		Second Inns.	
L. J. Reid b Grierson	14	b Wharmby	16
T. W. Brown c Holdstock b Morcom	23	b Morcom	16
F. W. Bryan c Holdstock b Morcom	7	b Morcom	0
B. W. Pigg c Maclear b Grierson	0	b Morcom	8
H. Gray b Morcom	17	c Apthorp b Wharmby	1
W. Fromant b Morcom	2	b Wharmby	8
Watts b Wharmby	15	b Morcom	7
C. Pigg b Wharmby	0	b Morcom	0
Coulson b Grierson	0	b Wharmby	18
G. Rose c Grierson b Wharmby	5	c Willett b Wharmby	13
A. Stearn not out	1	not out	2
Extras	9	Extras	0
Total	93	Total	89

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

BEDS.				CAMBS.—First Inns.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.	
Coulson	29	11	49	Morcom	16.4	3	37	5
B. Pigg	19	2	71	Grierson	12	3	27	2
Rose	10	2	28	Wharmby	11	6	11	3
Stearn	4	1	10	Peel	2	0	5	0
Fromant	4	0	16	Orr	8	1	4	0
				Second Inns.				
				Morcom	13	0	48	5
				Wharmby	12.1	1	41	5

**BEDS. v. CAMBS.**

This game commenced at Wardown Park, Luton, on Monday, and the proceeds were given for Wharmby's benefit, though the weather was so cold that the attendance was disappointing. Rain stopped play till after lunch, when the home side—which was the strongest turned out this season—made such fine use of their opportunity that they ran up a very comfortable score considering the soft pitch. Wharmby offered most resistance to the Cambs. bowling, though he was twice missed off successive balls at 50, after which he hit out freely and was still undefeated at the close. With eight wickets down for 98 runs, the prospect was not a rosy one, but the Grammar school captain used the long handle to some purpose, so that the last two wickets put on exactly 100 runs.

Cambs. had fifty minutes' batting, and had lost only one wicket for 38 when play ceased for the day. Next morning Grierson dismissed two men in his first over, and after this the batsmen were mostly in difficulties, the innings closing for the small total of 93. Of course Cambs. had to follow on, but did no better in their second venture, and were beaten by an innings and 16 runs. Full score and analysis:

**BEDFORDSHIRE.**

B L Peel, c Rose, b Coulson.....	16
W E King, c Stearn, b B Pigg.....	7
Wharmby, not out .....	87
H R Orr, c C, b B Pigg.....	1
E E Apthorp, c and b Coulson.....	2
Holdstock, c Rose, b Coulson .....	7
H Willett, b Coulson.....	2
H O Sutherland, b Coulson .....	1
A F Morcom, b Rose.....	4
B Maclear, c Fromant, b Stearn ..	12
A Grierson, run out .....	35
Extras .....	24

198

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

L J Reid, b Grierson ..	14	b Wharmby.....	16
T W Brown, c Holdstock, b		Morcom.....	23
Morcom.....	23	b Morcom .....	16
F W Bryan, c Holdstock, b		Morcom.....	7
Morcom.....	7	b Morcom .....	0
B W Pigg, c Maclear, b Grierson	0	b Morcom .....	8
B Gray, b Morcom ..	17	c Apthorp, b	
		Wharmby ...	1
Watts, b Wharmby .....	15	b Morcom .....	7
W Fromant, b Morcom .....	2	b Wharmby.....	8
O Pigg, b Wharmby .....	0	b Morcom .....	0
Coulson, b Morcom .....	0	b Wharmby.....	18
G Rose, c Grierson, b Wharmby	5	c Willett, b	
		Wharmby ...	13
A Stearn, not out.....	1	not out.....	2
Extras .....	9	Extras .....	0

93

89

**ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.**

**Bedfordshire.**

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Coulson ...	29	11	49	5	Stearn ...	4	1	10	1
B Pigg ...	19	2	71	2	Fromant... 4	0	16	0	
Rose .....	10	2	28	1					

**Cambridgeshire—First innings.**

Morcom ...	16	4	3	37	5	Wharmby	11	6	11	3
Peel.....	2	0	5	0	Orr.....	2	1	4	0	
Grierson... 12	3	27	2							

**Morcom bowled one wide.**

**Second innings.**

Morcom ...	13	0	48	5	Wharmby.	12	1	41	5
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**BEDFORDSHIRE v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**  
**EASY VICTORY FOR BEDS.**

This match in the Minor Counties' Championship was commenced at Wardown on Bank Holiday. It was Cambridgeshire's third visit to Luton, and they came fresh from their victory over Suffolk. Bedfordshire, too, had just handsomely beaten Lincolnshire, and a keen contest was anticipated. The visitors had never yet succeeded in beating Bedfordshire at Luton, and they made three changes in their team. There was only one change from Saturday's game on the home side, H. Willett taking the place of A. E. Holmes-Brown. What with the heavy rain of Sunday and Monday morning's showers, one expected to find the wicket soddened; but this was not quite so, showing that we have at any rate a good drying pitch at Wardown. Play was possible after luncheon, and Mr. Orr, who won the spin, decided to have first innings, fearing that there was little chance of the wicket improving. Peel and King opened Bedfordshire's innings, being opposed by Coulson and B. W. Pigg. Runs naturally came very slow. Peel was inclined to hit out, but his partner was able to do little with Coulson's bowling. At 25 King was nicely taken in the field. Wharmby filled the vacancy, but only 8 runs were added when Peel became a candidate for a seat in the pavilion. H. R. Orr then partnered the Bedfordshire professional, but only made one run before he was also caught out—three for 38. E. E. Apthorp was the newcomer, but after six runs had been added, he was beautifully caught by Coulson off his own ball—four for 44. So far the bowlers had the upper hand. Wharmby, however, was making a brave stand, and when he was joined by Holdstock, it was hoped that the two professionals would change the fortunes of the game. The Luton man played careful cricket, with the idea of keeping his end up, while his partner made the runs. Wharmby made some nice strokes, scoring several boundaries. Then Holdstock gave Rose a chance in the field, and was dismissed for 7. However, the partnership had produced 34 runs, the fifth wicket going down for 78. Willett then went to the wicket, but he was clean bowled by Coulson for a couple—six for 80. The newcomer, H. O. Sutherland, was scarcely a moment at the wicket before his stumps were also scattered by Coulson—seven for 82. Wharmby, however, was hitting out as freely as ever; the professional had got safely set, and though the bowling was repeatedly changed, he defied all efforts to dislodge him. A. F. Morcom was taken by Rose after having made four—eight for 98. Maclear next went in, and assisted Wharmby in carrying the score up to 142. H. Grierson was the last man to go in; he hit

out vigorously, and runs between him and Wharmby came fast. But both men were inclined to "steal" runs, and Grierson paid the penalty, being run out when he had made 35, the last wicket going down for a total of 198. The innings had lasted just exactly three hours, during which time Wharmby had been at the wicket almost two hours and a half. In his fine innings of 87, the professional hit nine 4's, three 3's, and nine 2's, while Grierson who is captain of the Bedford Grammar School eleven, made half-a-dozen boundaries. Last week, Grierson beat the Public Schools record for the number of wickets captured in a season (64).

L. J. Reid and T. W. Brown opened Cambridgeshire's innings, Grierson and Morcom being put on to bowl. The wicket had considerably improved, and the visitors opened promisingly. Brown was caught by Holdstock, off Morcom, for 23, and the first wicket fell for 38. F. W. Bryan filled the vacancy, but after one run had been added, stumps were drawn.

Resuming on Tuesday morning, Cambridgeshire had made overnight 39 for the loss of one wicket. But now Bedfordshire's bowling proved triumphant, and to the surprise of the crowd Wharmby and Morcom got the remaining nine batsmen out for remarkably few runs. Bryan only made 7, while B. W. Pigg was caught for a "duck." B. Gray and Watts were inclined to make a kind of stand, but Morcom took the former at 17, and Wharmby

the latter at 15. The next two newcomers were quickly sent back to the pavilion without having increased the score. It was confidently hoped that Coulson would pull the game out of the fire, so to speak, but the Cambridgeshire professional, who has made some decent scores at Wardown, was taken by Morcom in the first over, clean bowled. G. Rose and A. Stearn gave the bowlers little trouble, and the innings, which had lasted about 1½ hours, closed for a total of 93. This meant, of course, that the visitors had to follow on. In their second innings the visitors did not do even so well, but on a worn wicket this result was not quite unexpected. Morcom and Wharmby were simply irresistible with the ball. The first wicket was down for 23, while the second wicket was totally unproductive. The batting was one succession of failures, and when lunch time arrived seven wickets were down for a total of 53. Resuming at 2.15 the game still ruled in favour of the bowling. Coulson and Rose made a stand, but in less than half an hour Cambridgeshire were all out for a total of 89. Bedfordshire thus won by an innings and 16 runs. However, for the benefit of large numbers who had paid for admission after lunch, Bedfordshire decided to give a kind of "exhibition." The game had, however, been finished, and there was really no interest in the play. The scores are appended:

**BEDFORDSHIRE.**

B. L. Peel, c Rose, b Coulson .....	16
W. E. King, c Stearn, b Pigg .....	7
Wharmby, not out .....	37
H. R. Orr, c C. Pigg, b B. Pigg .....	1
E. E. Apthorp, c and b Coulson .....	2
Holdstock, c Rose, b Coulson .....	7
H. Willett, b Coulson .....	2
H. O. Sutherland, b Coulson .....	1
A. F. Morcom, b Rose .....	4
B. Maclear, c Fromant, b Stearn .....	12
H. Grierson, run out .....	35
Extras .....	24
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>198</b>

**Fall of the wickets.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
25	33	38	44	78	80	82	98	142	198

**BOWLING.**

	o	m	r	w
Coulson .....	29	9	49	5
Pigg, B. W. ....	19	2	71	2
Rose .....	10	1	28	1
Stearn .....	4	0	10	1
Fromant .....	4	0	16	0

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**

**1st Innings.**

L. J. Reid, b Grierson .....	14
T. W. Brown, c Holdstock, b Morcom .....	23
F. W. Bryan, c Holdstock, b Morcom .....	7
B. W. Pigg, c Maclear, b Grierson .....	0
B. Gray, b Morcom .....	17
W. Fromant, b Morcom .....	2
Watts, b Wharmby .....	15
C. Pigg, b Wharmby .....	0
Coulson, b Morcom .....	0
G. Rose, c Grierson, b Wharmby .....	5
A. Stearn, not out .....	1
Extras .....	9
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>93</b>

**2nd Innings.**

L. J. Reid, b Wharmby .....	16
T. W. Brown, b Morcom .....	16
F. W. Bryan, b Morcom .....	0
B. W. Pigg, b Morcom .....	8
B. Gray, c Apthorp, b Wharmby .....	1
W. Fromant, b Wharmby .....	8
Watts, b Morcom .....	7
C. Pigg, b Morcom .....	0
Coulson, b Wharmby .....	18
G. Rose, c Willett, b Wharmby .....	13
A. Stearn, not out .....	2
Extras .....	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>89</b>

**Fall of the wickets.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1st Inn.	38	39	39	57	72	75	78	79	92	93
2nd Inn.	23	23	39	41	41	53	53	61	70	89

**BOWLING.**  
**1st Innings.**

	o	m	r	w
A. F. Morcom .....	16.4	3	37	5
H. Grierson .....	12	3	27	2
Wharmby .....	11	6	11	3
B. L. Peel .....	2	5	5	0
H. R. Orr .....	2	1	4	0
Morcom bowled one wide ball.				

**2nd Innings.**

A. F. Morcom .....	13	0	48	5
Wharmby .....	12.1	1	41	5

BEDS. v. CAMBS.

WHARMBY'S BENEFIT.

The weather at Luton on Monday was all against a good game. Wharmby's subscription lists have been well patronised at Luton and no man is more popular with the sporting Lutonians, of whom some two to three hundred were present, despite the Arctic conditions. Heavy rains had fallen Sunday, and when the time for wickets to be pitched arrived, it was still falling. Although it rained up to 1 o'clock, a start was made by 2.30 on a pitch which gave the bowlers very little assistance. The outfield was extremely dead.

Beds. won the toss, and Peel and King opened the venture. Peel began with a hard drive for 3 off Pigg. King cut the same bowler for 4, but in trying to repeat the stroke was caught at first slip by Stearn, at 25. Wharmby joined Peel but he was very scrappy with Pigg's bowling, putting up a ball which fell short of slips and nearly playing on in one over. Coulson tempted Peel with his slows, and Peel paid the penalty, being finely caught by Rose at mid-on for 18. The Cambs. men gave nothing away in fielding. Pigg was making the ball "kick." Orr was out for scalps, but before he could settle down Pigg caught and bowled him for a single. The Beds. prospects were not quite rosy when Apthorp came in, and he did not improve the situation, for Coulson soon held a very hot drive off his own bowling. The score now read 44 for 4 wickets. Coulson, the Old Bedford Grammar School coach, had bowled 11 overs, of which 5 were maidens, for 11 runs and 2 wickets. The Luton pro. filled the breach and sent the 50 up after an hour's play. Wharmby had 2 fours off Pigg in one over, and Pigg retired, Rose succeeding him. Holdstock did not stay long, being caught by

Pigg off a miss-hit. Willett did not have a chance to show the Lutonians his form, for he broke his "duck" with a lucky snick, which went to the leg, and the next ball Coulson disturbed the wickets for the first time. To signalise Sutherland's appearance, Wharmby was badly missed, and the mistake proved expensive. The old Grammar boy soon had to retire, as he played altogether too late at Coulson. It now looked odds against Bedford making 100, with seven of the best bats out for 83, and with the wicket fast drying under the influence of a strong wind. Morcom sent the first ball he received for 4, and Wharmby with a lovely stroke to leg increased the total with another 4, all run. Coulson had taken in 17 overs, 5 wickets for 24 runs. Rose clean bowled Morcom, who had played through seven overs for 4 runs. Wharmby scored the first four of the match off Coulson, and just after a round of applause announced that Wharmby had made his fifty, after being twice missed at 49 off Rose's bowling. A collection on the ground followed. Maclear joined Wharmby, and started spoiling Coulson's average, both men hitting freely.

A change in the bowling had no effect, and the O.B. made several hard drives before being out to a skier. This wicket put on 43 runs. Coulson was given a rest, and Fromont took his place when Grierson appeared on the scene. The Grammar boy made merry, hitting hard and often. The spectators, who were well nigh frozen, danced with glee. Once Grierson was nearly caught in the long-field, but the fieldsman found it too hot to hold. The end came with Grierson run out. Wharmby was still undefeated with 87 to his credit. Grierson's hitting can be judged by the way he made his runs, viz. 1,4,4,2,3,4,2,1,4,1,4,4,1. The last wicket added 46 runs, the last two 100.

Only three-quarters of an hour was left for Cambs. to bat, and Orr tried several bowlers. Wharmby with his first ball, had Reid (then one) missed by Peel. Scores:—

BEDS.

B. L. Peel, c Rose, b Coulson	16
W. E. King, c Stearn, b B. Pigg	7
Wharmby, not out	87
H. R. Orr, c and b B. Pigg	1
E. E. Apthorpe, c and b Coulson	2
Holdstock, c Rose, b Coulson	7
H. Willett, b Coulson	2
H. O. Sutherland, b Coulson	1
A. F. Morcom, b Rose	4
B. Maclear, c Fromant, b Stearn	12
A. Grierson, run out	35
Extras	24
Total	199

CAMBS.

L. J. Reid, not out	14
T. W. Brown, c Holdstock, b Morcom	23
F. W. Bryan, not out	1
Extra	1
Total (1 wkt.)	39

ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.

Bedfordshire.—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Coulson	29	11	49	5
Pigg, B.	19	2	71	2
Rose	10	2	28	1
Stearn	4	1	10	1
Fromant	4	0	16	0

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**MATCH NUMBER 60 : BEDFORDSHIRE V CAMBRIDGESHIRE - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

At ~~Wardour~~ Luton on Monday 2, Tuesday 3 August 1909

Result: Bedfordshire won by an innings and 16 runs Points: Bedfordshire 5 Toss: Bedfordshire Umpires: ~~XXX~~ ~~XX~~

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Coulson, H	b Morcom	0
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A Stearn	not out	1
Extras	b, lb, w	9
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CDN - Same order? (Followed on)

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 May need checking: Points; Professionals; Initials for Wharmby, Holdstock & Coulson (taken from other scores).

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Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	25	33	38	44	78	80	82	98	142	198
Second innings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Coulson	29	9	49	5	-	-
B W Pigg	19	2	71	2	-	-
Rose	10	1	28	1	-	1
Stearn	4	0	10	1	-	-
Fromant	4	0	16	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	24	1	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Cambridgeshire**

L J Reid	b Grierson	14	(1)	b Wharmby	16
T W Brown	c Holdstock b Morcom	23	(2)	b Morcom	16
F W Bryan	c Holdstock b Morcom	7	(3)	b Morcom	0
B W Pigg	c Maclear b Grierson	0	(4)	b Morcom	8
B Gray	b Morcom	17	(5)	c Apthorp b Wharmby	1
+ Watts, G H	b Wharmby	15	(6)	b Morcom	7
H W Fromant	b Morcom	2	(7)	b Wharmby	8
* C Pigg	b Wharmby	0	(8)	b Morcom	0
Coulson, H	b Morcom	0	(9)	b Wharmby	18
G A Rose	c Grierson b Wharmby	5	(10)	c Willett b Wharmby	13
A J S Stearn	not out	1	(11)	not out	2
Extras	w 1	9			0
<b>Total</b>		<b>93</b>			<b>89</b>

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	38	39	39	57	72	75	78	79	92	93
Second innings	23	23	39	41	41	53	53	61	70	89

Morcom	16.4	3	37	5	1	-	(1)	13	0	48	5	-	-
Peel	2	0	5	0	-	-							
Grierson	12	3	27	2	-	-							
Wharmby	11	6	11	3	-	-	(2)	12.1	1	41	5	-	-
Orr	2	1	4	0	-	-							
Extras	-	-	9	0	-	-		-	-	0	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>25.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Notes: The match was for the benefit of G E Wharmby. Bedfordshire won by an innings and 16 runs at 3.10 pm on the second day after Cambridgeshire followed on 105 runs behind on first innings. Rain on the first day delayed the start until 2.30 pm. For the winners, Morcom took ten wickets in the match for 85 runs. There were 9 fours in beneficiary Wharmby's 87 not out, an innings of almost 2½ hours. In the Bedfordshire innings, Wharmby and Grierson put on 56 runs for the last wicket.

[Missing: Umpires; breakdown of extras.]

Sources: Bedfordshire Advertiser, 6 August; Bedfordshire Standard 6 August; Luton News 5 August; Luton Reporter 5 August; Cambridge Daily News 2,3 August; Cambridgeshire Weekly News 6 August; Hertfordshire Express 7 August; The Sportsman 3,4 August; Cricket 19 August, p 352.

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