

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE v. DORSET. Played at Marlow and won by Dorset by ten wickets. Score and analysis:—

Table with columns for Dorset and BUCKS. players and their scores in first and second innings.

Second Innings: Williams, not out, 5; Arundell, not out, 4; byes, &c., 4. Total (no wkt), 13.

BUCKS. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Bucks. players and their scores in first and second innings.

DORSET. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Dorset. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BUCKS. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Bucks. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BERKSHIRE v. WILTSHIRE. Played at Reading and completed in one day. Wiltshire won by ten wickets. Score and analysis:—

BERKSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Berkshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

WILTSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Wiltshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BERKSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Berkshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

WILTSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Wiltshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

STAFFORDSHIRE v. DURHAM. Played at Stoke and won by Staffordshire by ten wickets. The match was played for Hollowood's benefit. Score and analysis:—

STAFFORDSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Staffordshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

DURHAM. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Durham. players and their scores in first and second innings.

STAFFORDSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Staffordshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

DURHAM. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Durham. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE v. WILTSHIRE. Played at Aylesbury and won by Wiltshire by nine wickets. Score and analysis:—

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Buckinghamshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

WILTSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Wiltshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Buckinghamshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

WILTSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Wiltshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Buckinghamshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE v. NORFOLK. Played at Lincoln and won by Lincolnshire by nine wickets. The match was rendered noteworthy by the action of Raikes, the Norfolk captain, in protesting to the M.C.C. that one end of the wicket had been watered more than the other. Score and analysis:—

NORFOLK. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Norfolk. players and their scores in first and second innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Lincolnshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

NORFOLK. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Norfolk. players and their scores in first and second innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE. First Innings. Second Innings.

Table with columns for Lincolnshire. players and their scores in first and second innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

This match was commenced at Lincoln yesterday. Score:—

First Innings.		NORFOLK.		Second Innings.	
Rev. G. McCormick, b Geseon	23	b Geseon	12	Rev. G. McCormick, b Geseon	19
Rev. G. Raikes, c and b Broughton	10	not out	8	Rev. G. Raikes, c and b Broughton	19
G. Stevens, b Geseon	0	not out	0	G. Stevens, b Geseon	0
N. Stevens, b Brooke	4	l b w, b Geseon	3	N. Stevens, b Brooke	4
R. Hereford, b Brooke	0	b Riley	18	R. Hereford, b Brooke	0
C. Durrant, c Allen b Brooke	0			C. Durrant, c Allen b Brooke	0
A. Allopp, b Brooke	13			A. Allopp, b Brooke	13
H. Page, l b w, b Brooke	1			H. Page, l b w, b Brooke	1
Stevens, b Brooke	0			Stevens, b Brooke	0
Gibson, b Brooke	1			Gibson, b Brooke	1
Smith, not out	4			Smith, not out	4
Total	71	Total for 5 wks.	41		

LINCOLNSHIRE—First Innings.

Rev. C. G. Ward, c Smith b	91	J. Crookes, b Smith	7
Gibson	22	Geseon, not out	8
Hibbert, b Raikes	1	J. Brooke, b Gibson	7
Broughton, c Page b Raikes	8	Allen, b Geseon	0
Day, c Page b Gibson	6		
Riley, b Gibson	70		
R. Williams, c Raikes b Gib.	0		
E. Pullen, c Durrant b	0	Extras	11
Stevens	27	Total	181

BOWLING ANALYSIS—Norfolk—First Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	J. Brooke	o.	m.	r.	w.
Geseon	14	6	25	4	10	7		
Riley	7	5	18	0	4	0	11	1
Lincolnshire—First Innings.								
Gibson	21	2	4	49	0	0	22	1
Rev. G. Raikes	10	1	51	2	3	0	15	0
Smith	7	2	22	1	2	0	11	0

LINCOLNSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

This match was concluded at Lincoln yesterday, the home county winning by nine wickets. Full score:—

First Innings.		NORFOLK.		Second Innings.	
Rev. G. McCormick, b Geseon	23	b Geseon	19	Rev. G. McCormick, b Geseon	19
Rev. G. Raikes, c and b Broughton	10	c Day b Broughton	27	Rev. G. Raikes, c and b Broughton	19
G. Stevens, b Geseon	0	c Geseon b Brooke	29	G. Stevens, b Geseon	0
N. Stevens, b Brooke	4	l b w, b Geseon	3	N. Stevens, b Brooke	4
R. Hereford, b Brooke	0	b Riley	18	R. Hereford, b Brooke	0
C. Durrant, c Allen b Brooke	0	b Day	8	C. Durrant, c Allen b Brooke	0
A. Allopp, b Brooke	13	c Crookes b Day	47	A. Allopp, b Brooke	13
H. Page, l b w, b Brooke	1	c Crookes b Day	12	H. Page, l b w, b Brooke	1
Stevens, b Brooke	0	st Allen b Brooke	10	Stevens, b Brooke	0
Gibson, b Brooke	1	b Day	6	Gibson, b Brooke	1
Smith, not out	4	not out	7	Smith, not out	4
		Extras	17		
Total	71	Total	178		

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Rev. C. G. Ward, c Smith b Gibson	22	not out	34
Hibbert, b Raikes	1	b Raikes	9
Broughton, c Page b Raikes	8	not out	25
Day, c Page b Gibson	6		
Riley, b Gibson	70		
R. Williams, c Raikes b Gibson	0		
E. Pullen, c Durrant b Stevens	27		
J. Crookes, b Smith	21		
Geseon, not out	7		
J. Brooke, b Gibson	8		
Allen, b Gibson	0		
Extras	11	Extras	1
Total	181	Total for 1 wkt.	69

BOWLING ANALYSIS—Norfolk—First Innings.

o.	m.	r.	w.	J. Brooke	o.	m.	r.	w.
Geseon	14	6	25	4	10	7		
Riley	7	5	18	0	4	0	11	1
Second Innings.								
Geseon	12	5	25	2	6	1	24	4
Riley	8	1	32	1	15	0	65	2
Broughton	8	0	20	1				

Lincolnshire—First Innings.

Gibson	21	2	4	49	0	0	22	1
Rev. G. Raikes	10	1	51	2	3	0	15	0
Smith	7	2	22	1	2	0	11	0
Second Innings.								
Gibson	7	2	21	0	7	0	57	1

ALLEGED OVER-WATERING OF WICKET.

Regarding yesterday's incident at Lincoln of alleged over-watering of the wicket in the Lincolnshire v. Norfolk match, Day, the old Notts and present Lincoln professional, emphatically denies over-watering the ground as stated by the Norfolk over-watering the ground as stated by the Norfolk captain, and Mr. Waskin, the hon. secretary, has sent a protest to the M.U.C. The affair has caused considerable comment in local cricket circles.

CRICKET TOPICS.

NORFOLK COUNTY AVERAGES—INTERESTING POSITION IN THE LEAGUE—COLLINSON'S 1000 RUNS.

Surrey served Kent a good turn on Saturday by defeating Yorkshire, whom Rushby and "Razor" Smith dismissed at the Oval for 20, the lowest total in the cricket annals of the county of the broad acres. Kent can hardly lose the championship now. Staffordshire, despite the remarkable feats of Barnes, have failed to keep at the top of the Northern Division of the Minor Counties, and Notts II. have qualified to meet Glamorgan in a semi-final at Cardiff, and Lincolnshire have earned the right to meet Wiltshire. Lincolnshire, by the way, came an awful cropper in their last match, Hertfordshire getting them out on a rain-damaged pitch at Grimsby for 89 and 93, and winning the match by an innings and 7 runs. Wiltshire won seven out of eight matches in a division which included Surrey II., Dorset, Bucks and Berks, so that Lincolnshire have no easy task to reach the final. Lincolnshire owe their position to the excellence and the variety of their bowling. It has been a bowlers' season, and Lincolnshire have not been so dependent upon Gerson as formerly. The veteran—he was born in 1862—has not been able to do the amount of execution on favourable pitches that he was accustomed to, but he has still a good command over the ball, and he has been engaged by the Transvaal Cricket Union to coach South African schools under the superintendence of the Union at Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Potchefstroom. Gerson will be out of England for six months.

In reply to Mr. F. D. Lacey's letter re the watered Lincoln wicket, Mr. Watkins, the Lincolnshire secretary, said that the facts were as stated in his previous letter, and that so far as Lincolnshire are concerned the matter is closed. We have therefore probably heard the last of an unpleasant incident, although it is just possible the M.C.C. may consider it advisable to issue some general instructions or advice with regard to the preparation of wickets.

It has been a very moderate season for Norfolk, and the batting and bowling averages which are published in another column tell their own story. Compared with the previous season, there has been a decline in batting out of all proportion to the condition of the wickets, and Geoffrey Stevens stands alone in having played up to his reputation. He scored 283 runs fewer than in 1908, and a reduction in the number of unfinished innings has helped to pull his average down. M. Falcon, C. E. Dunning, and L. Barratt were much missed, and it is to be regretted that R. A. Beresford, the Rev. G. B. Raikes, the Rev. J. G. McCormick, and others of the old brigade could not play oftener. The brunt of the bowling has been borne by Gibson, who has rarely, if ever, done better. Smith had one glorious day, but his full record shows a falling away from his previous figures. In one department Norfolk did extremely well. S. D. Page keeping wicket in quite first class style.

The final positions of the Eastern Group are as follow:—

	P.	W.	Won		pts.	pts.	per c.
			ins.	pos.			
Lincolnshire	10	7	1	50	38	76.00	
Hertfordshire	10	4	2	50	28	52.00	
Bedfordshire	9	2½	2	45	18½	41.11	
Norfolk	9	2	2	45	16	35.55	
Suffolk	10	2½	1	50	15½	31.00	
Cambridgeshire	10	3	0	50	15	30.00	

Bedfordshire v. Norfolk draw ignored, and Suffolk and Bedford divide points for a tie.

There is, after all, a prospect of a close finish in the race for the championship of the East Norfolk League. On Saturday the C.E.Y.M.S. divided points with the Y.M.C.A., the latter making a successful appeal against light at Earlham Road when they required 30 runs to win with only two wickets left. The light was unquestionably very bad, and no surprise would have been felt if the Teachers had adopted a similar course in their match with Carrow at Lakenham, but the Teachers preferred to take the risk, and with Sawford magnificent in defence they were not without hope of saving the game. A few minutes before time, however, and in the growing darkness, they lost their last wicket, and the two points Carrow gained put them level with the C.E.Y.M.S., who have a match in hand. The outstanding feature of the Carrow match was another three-figure innings by Collinson. The Carrow crack scored 131 out of 185, and among his hits were one 6, four 5s, twelve 4s, and eight 3s. Collinson's share in the victory was not confined to his batting, for, going on as first-change bowler, he

took five wickets in fifteen overs for 20 runs. During his innings on Saturday Collinson completed his 1000 runs this season. With the exception of 113 scored in three innings against Cannon Street and Crayford, his runs have all been made in Saturday afternoon League cricket. In thirteen League matches he has scored 916 runs, and, with five not out centuries, he has the phenomenal average of 114.50 per innings. In all matches he has an aggregate of 1029 runs, with an average of 93. His performances in the League have been so remarkable that we append the details:—

- 0 v. Thetford, May 8.
- 86 v. C.E.Y.M.S., May 15.
- 52 v. Overstrand, May 22.
- 40 v. Y.M.C.A., June 5.
- 121 not out v. Dereham, June 12.
- 30 v. C.E.Y.M.S., July 3.
- 20 v. Lowestoft, July 10.
- 122 not out v. Dereham, July 17.
- 192 not out v. Overstrand, July 24.
- 107 not out v. The Ford, July 31.
- 9 v. Lowestoft, August 7.
- 6 v. Y.M.C.A., August 14.
- 131 not out v. Teachers, August 21.

Carrow's outstanding league engagement is a return match with the Teachers, whilst the C.E.Y.M.S. have to visit Thetford and play Dereham at Earlham Road. None of these matches can be played this month, as the only remaining Saturday in August has been selected for the cup final between the C.E.Y.M.S. and Teachers, and with the advent of September it is hard to find players and grounds for cricket matches, so keen is the general desire for football. In fact it is almost certain that some of the clubs will not be able to complete their league programmes, a circumstance which is to be regretted, as the scratching of matches is not likely to further public interest in the competition. We have not been made acquainted with the special circumstances which prevented Overstrand from playing their return match with Dereham at a period in the season when the seashore is usually seen to advantage. Overstrand's August match list is a heavy one, but the league club would like to be assured that their matches are not to be regarded of less importance than friendly matches with touring clubs.

It is a long lane without a turning, and it is pleasant to be able to refer to the change of fortune which has set in at Thetford. Following upon eight consecutive defeats, the Thetfordians have bagged 3 points in their last two matches, and they were robbed of a second point on Saturday through rain. Lowestoft were one short at Thetford, and when the rain came they had lost seven wickets in making 47, and were 72 behind, with only the veteran H. R. Ladell to come in.

The present positions of the clubs in the first division are appended.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
C.E.Y.M.S.	12	8	1	3	19
Carrow	13	8	2	3	19
Overstrand	13	6	5	2	14
East Dereham	11	5	5	1	11
Norwich Y.M.C.A.	12	4	6	2	10
Norwich Teachers	10	4	5	1	9
Lowestoft	13	4	8	1	9
Thetford	10	1	8	1	3

Gothics would have welcomed a little more time and light to have played their match with Mulbarton to a finish, for after being 46 behind on the first innings, they made a splendid attempt to full the game out of the fire. As it is, Mulbarton are practically certain of the Second Division championship for the second year in succession. The table to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Mulbarton & Swardston	12	9	2	1	19
Empire Athletic	11	8	3	0	16
Gothics	11	7	4	0	14
Wymondham	12	6	5	1	13
Brooke	12	6	6	0	12
Y.M.C.A. II.	11	6	5	0	12
Carrow II.	11	3	8	0	6
British Recreation	12	0	12	0	0

North Middlesex, who have been touring in Norfolk, should have formed a very good impression of the abilities of young Baker of the Overstrand Club. Last Monday, at the Peers-ance, his wicket was the ninth to fall, with the score at 246 and his individual effort realised 90. He was out trying to force the pace in order to obtain the coveted three figures before the last wicket fell. At the return match on Thursday the tourists had first knock, and compiled 162. Baker, feeling unwell, did not open the innings for the home side. Five wickets were down for 41 runs, but Baker and Hare of North Walsham stopped the rot, the latter compiling a hard hit 44. Baker saw his side within 14 of the Metropolitan's score, and was undefeated. The old Higher Grade captain has scored nearly 700 runs for the seashore this season.

Cartwright, the Rugby international, was amongst the Holiday Hitties at Overstrand on

Tuesday. His 40 was a fine display of resolute hitting, the ball on one occasion soaring over the pavilion and going through a pane of glass into a bedroom of an adjoining house. The ball was so out up that another had to be requisitioned, and the injured ball is preserved at Overstrand as a memento of his visit.

A curious incident was reported in connection with the recent match between Kent and Somerset. Blythe was bowling, and had so many men stationed on the leg side that the umpire, Bagshaw, stood point.

CRICKET TOPICS.

THE LINCOLN WICKET-LYNN'S FIRST COUNTY MATCH-TEACHERS' GOOD FIGHT WITH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS-ANOTHER HOME DEFEAT FOR DEREHAM.

A good deal has been written, and much more said, about the condition of the wicket on the Lindum ground at the top of Lincoln's steep hill for the return match between Norfolk and Lincolnshire. An inspection of the wicket before the match started revealed a state of things which caused a general feeling of displeasure among the players, and the fact that the Lincolnshire captain should have considered it necessary to apologise to the visitors for the condition of the pitch seems to show that it was not one that a team should expect during a spell of hot weather. Somebody was to blame for the over-watering, but it was difficult to find the right person. Singleton, who prepared the wicket under the direction of Day, said no water had been put on since Monday, and Day's reply to inquiries was that Lincolnshire played him for his batting, and he was, therefore, as anxious as anyone for a good fast wicket. A heavy dew could hardly have produced the effect that was visible for some hours after play commenced.

Norfolk have been blamed for protesting only after their wickets had tumbled down quickly, but we have shown that dissatisfaction was expressed before the game started, and that they went in hoping the wicket would recover quickly. Mr. Ward, the Lincoln Captain, said he would have acted similarly if he had won the toss. The point at issue does not depend upon the success or failure of the batting. There is a higher principle involved, and that being so it does not matter whether fewer men were dismissed at the bad end than at the other and better. Whether the M.C.C., to whom the protest was sent, or the Minor Counties Association will take any action in the matter we cannot say. Some enquiry may be made, and in any investigation the views of the umpires would probably be taken. Curiously enough the officials could claim some connection with the counties engaged, Pate, who lives at Southsea, being Lincolnshire born (his natal place was Spalding), and Jack Head having lived at Yarmouth and Diss and played a good deal of cricket in Norfolk in his younger days.

Gibson bowled extremely well at Lincoln, and Allsopp twice demonstrated what a useful batsman he is, but the best feature of the match, from a Norfolk point of view, was the superb fielding of the team. Norman Stevens, G. B. Raikes, J. G. McCormick, and Allsopp did many brilliant things, and the general work of the whole side was so good that Lincoln people said they had not seen anything better this season, and that it was quite first class. The Lincoln people were most impartial in their criticisms, and, although disapproving of Norfolk's action about the wicket and the appeal by which the batsmen curtailed play for three-quarters of an hour on Wednesday evening, they applauded most liberally all the fine points of the Norfolk fielding. They fairly rose at Norman Stevens when he hurled himself at the ball at the end of his run and robbed Pulein of a couple of runs near the boundary.

George Stevens, the Lynn Grammar School professional, saw to it that there should be no complaint about the wicket for the first County match played at Lynn, and he deserved every bit of the praise which was freely given him for the wicket he had prepared and for the general condition of the ground. Stevens made the ground, and he tends it with the loving care a mother bestows upon her child. It means much hard work, but whether on the ground or playing for his County, or any team, Stevens is never a slacker. He is one of the best triers we know. The two men who made welcome reappearances for Norfolk in this match both did well. G. B. Raikes brought with him a batting average of 100 for 18 matches, and though he lost his wicket fairly early in an attempt to make runs quickly, we saw a few of his beautiful strokes. His triumph came when Norfolk went into the field. He took eleven wickets and backed up his own bowling with some magnificent fielding. Raikes runs up to the wicket in a way which leaves no doubt about the bowler being the agent of attack. He is getting at the batsman all the time, and his following up is daring in the extreme. Some of his catches were wonderful. R. A. A. Beresford gave a delightful exhibition of batting. He has great wrist power, and his strokes

were beautifully executed. Norfolk cannot afford to do without a batsman of his class. He was associated with Geoffrey Stevens in the second three-figure partnership of the match, and while they were together we saw polished and aggressive batting. It was Stevens' second three-figure partnership of the match, the first and the longest of the season for Norfolk having been shared with A. K. Watson, who was quite at his best. Geoffrey Stevens has had to wait a long while for a 100 this year, and his splendid knock on Monday gave him more pleasure than his 13th hundred last season. Norfolk appeared as a very strong all-round combination at Lynn, and it was disappointing to go on to Lincoln and do so badly. Prior to the Lynn match Norfolk had only twice exceeded 200 in an innings this season. The people of Lynn and West Norfolk, who responded splendidly to the call of the Rev. F. A. S. folkes and the other gentlemen who worked so hard to make the match a brilliant success, certainly saw Norfolk at their best.

The merit of getting Cambridgeshire out twice for an aggregate of 312 on a hard wicket looks greater since their big score against Herts. Leonard Reid has been very troublesome to the Norfolk bowlers this year, but they have been far more fortunate than their Hertfordshire brethren, who had four hours of Reid last Friday, his score being 221. Both White of Herts and Coules of Cambridge are finding out the difference between the July wickets and those of the last fortnight. White's three at Cambridge cost him 50 apiece. Bedfordshire, with a first innings total of 215, seemed likely to give Lincolnshire a job at Skegness on Friday, but the northern county pulled through with four wickets to spare, and Lincolnshire will probably go through the divisional matches without a defeat. They are quite safe at the top of the Eastern group, and Herts, twice group winners, can do the northerners no harm in their match to-day. At Lincoln we heard a whisper that the county would ask to be taken back into the Northern group next year. The present positions of the counties are:—

	P.	W.	Won on 1st inns.	Pts. poss.	Pts. obtd.	Per cent.
Lincolnshire	9	7	1	45	38	84.44
Hertfordshire	9	3	2	45	21	46.66
Norfolk	9	2	2	45	16	35.55
Bedfordshire	8	1	2	40	13.50	33.75
Cambridgeshire	9	3	0	45	16	35.33
Suffolk	10	2	1	50	15.50	31.00

Norfolk v. Bedford draw ignored, and Suffolk and Bedford divide points for a tie.

George Pileh returned from his honeymoon to play an important part in a C.E.Y.M.S. victory over Norwich Teachers in the League. Pileh took five wickets for 43 runs, and the Teachers were dismissed for 89, or 5 more than they obtained at Earlham Road in mid-June. It was not a big total for the C.E.Y.M.S. to go in against on a hard wicket, but with George Stevens run out and Shingler bowled without scoring by Woods, the Teachers were much encouraged at the beginning of the innings. Master and Thurgar, however, checked the progress of the Teachers' bowlers, and the 60 runs for which these players made themselves responsible practically won the match, as the remaining wickets fell quickly before Woods and Clarke, and in the end the margin in favour of the C.E.Y.M.S. was only 14 runs. The C.E.Y.M.S. have so many good batsmen that it is rare indeed for them all to fail in the same innings; but it must have given Master a good deal of pleasure to supply such a valuable 43, as the Church captain has given fewer instances than usual of his ability to punish bowling. It was a very keen match, and the closeness of the finish will tend to increase the interest in the Cup final to be played by the same clubs next Saturday week. The C.E.Y.M.S. will probably be stronger on that occasion, but the fact that during the last month they have lost a League match and been dismissed for such totals as 93, 71, and 103, should give the Teachers plenty of encouragement for the big match.

A fine bowling performance by Keymer, who took eight Y.M.C.A. wickets in the course of nine overs for 13 runs, was the foundation upon which Carrow built up their sixth consecutive League victory. Frank Green was responsible for 15 of the Y.M.C.A. total of 46, the last eight wickets going down for 17 runs. The previous Saturday Carrow had experienced great difficulty at Lowestoft in exceeding 36, but it cannot be said that they felt any great anxiety on going in against the Y.M.C.A. bowling. Collinson, however, fell to Lord for a simple figure, and thus failed on two consecutive Saturdays, and with Sutton getting two other wickets, the first three Carrow batsmen left at the same total—17. Another wicket was lost before the required runs were made, and then Arnold and Hill added 53. The former has been batting recently in quite his old form, and his 67 stood out conspicuously in the match, Green's 18 being the next highest contribution. Carrow's last

five wickets went down quickly, the 8th, 9th, and 10th falling at the same total, and Lord took seven of the ten wickets.

Few clubs are harder to beat on their own ground than Dereham, and Lowestoft are entitled to a good deal of credit for their victory. The match was won by a last wicket stand, 33 runs being still wanted, when the last man joined Robertson, who proved equal to the occasion, and came out top scorer in the match. The previous week Lowestoft had seen Carrow pull a match out of the fire, and it was their turn last Saturday. Jack Barton was not in the Dereham team, and Dereham without Barton is often like Hamlet without the Prince. Dereham have lost their last two home matches, and next Saturday they receive a visit from Overstrand, who recently won at Earlham Road.

NORFOLK v. LINCOLNSHIRE

THE WATERED WICKET.

LINCOLN COMMITTEE AND NORFOLK'S
PROTEST.

MR. B. K. WILSON'S STATEMENT.

The following is a copy of a statement in connection with the alleged over-watering of the wicket at Lincoln for the match between Norfolk and Lincolnshire, which Mr. B. K. Wilson has forwarded to Mr. F. E. Lacey, the secretary of the Marylebone Cricket Club.

I am captain of the Norfolk County cricket eleven, and was present at the above match, but did not play owing to an injury. My place was taken by the Rev. G. B. Raikes, who acted throughout after consultation with me, and I entirely approved of his action in the matters following:—

The match was played on the Lindum Ground at Lincoln, and we naturally expected to have a fast and true wicket provided. The attached report from the "Eastern Daily Press" is a correct report as far as it goes, and I wish to supplement it by the following observations.

On my arrival on the ground I found the Rev. C. G. Ward (the Lincoln captain) inspecting the wicket. He at once informed me that he thought there was something wrong, as the wicket appeared to have been very heavily watered at the end nearest the pavilion, while the other end was fast and hard. I made inquiries at once from someone in the pavilion (apparently a ground man), who informed me that no water had been put on "since Monday night" (the match commencing on Wednesday morning). I pointed out that the heavy dews were quite sufficient for the wicket without any watering, and I even considered with Mr. Ward the possibility of a new wicket being found. This was admitted to be impossible, however, as both sides of the wicket provided were so worn. We also hoped that there might have been a good deal less water than we supposed put on on the end in question, and that the sun would very soon dry it up, and it was due to this supposition that Mr. Raikes, on winning the toss, elected to bat first. It was soon, however, seen that while the bowling from the pavilion end came true and fast the ball from the other end came very slow (pieces being taken from the pitch by each ball bowled), and this extraordinary difference had a very marked effect on the batting immediately the sun began to get hold of the wet end. The Norfolk batsmen entirely failed to time the ball (on account of the difference in pace at the different ends), and were all out for 71. Mr. Raikes, who is an experienced batsman, had great difficulty in staying in, and on the fall of the seventh or eighth wicket he came across to me and he stated that he was not disposed to continue the match. He also informed me that Mr. Ward had (two or three times in the course of his—Mr. Raikes'—innings) apologised to him for the gross carelessness in the preparation of the wicket, and that there was this gross carelessness has never been denied (and in fact frequently admitted) by Mr. Ward to myself and Mr. Raikes. He was most anxious that we should acquit the county of any intention in the matter. After consultation, however, with Mr. Raikes, I suggested that a protest should be sent to the M.C.C. and the game continued for the sake of the gate, &c. I would point out that the Norfolk batting failure cannot be attributed to weakness in batting. It was the strongest batting side we have put in the field this year, and what is more significant is that the first five of the Lincolnshire bats fell for 44 runs (while the wicket was still troublesome), and it was only when the wicket improved greatly that the Lincolnshire tail were able to put on more runs. I would also point out that on the Thursday morning (although we started half-an-hour sooner than on the Wednesday) the wicket was hard, fast, and true at both ends. I can only say that after many years' experience I should have judged that the wicket had been heavily watered at one end on the Tuesday night, since it struck all of us that if it had been watered on the Monday night only, Tuesday's hot sun must have dried it up.

The object of our protest was not to endeavour to wrest points from Lincolnshire or to claim points for ourselves, but it seemed fair to other counties in the second class championship that a protest should be made, and that such a thing should in future be prevented. I should like to say that we all absolutely acquitted the county and its officials from any sort of blame in the matter and in our opinion the entire blame was attachable to the staff of the Lincoln Lindum

Ground. In addition to this trouble the wickets were pitched East and West which rendered play impossible at the east end after 5.20.

B. KNYVET WILSON.

Norwich, 12th August, 1909.

P.S.—Since writing the above I have seen the notice inspired by Lincolnshire in the "Sportsman" of to-day. A denial is unfortunately no answer, and the very fact that the Lincolnshire captain was the first person to call my attention to the watered patch at the west end of the wicket, and to express regret several times subsequently, rather knocks the bottom out of the denial.

MEETING OF LINCOLN COMMITTEE.

A special meeting of the executive of the Lincolnshire Club was held at the conclusion of the Norfolk v. Lincolnshire match on the Lincoln Lindum Club ground on Thursday to consider the action of the Norfolk Captain in protesting to the M.C.C. that the ground had been over-watered. Mr. J. Saint Vigor Fox presided, and the hon. secretary of the club, Mr. S. T. Watkins, was instructed to forward to the secretary of the competition an absolute denial of the suggestions made, declaring that the allegations were unfounded and uncalled for. Members of the committee expressed strong indignation that such an allegation should have been made, and asserted that the action of the Norfolk Captain seriously affected the gate on the second day.

In his report to headquarters the secretary of the Lincolnshire Club points out that sixteen of the twenty-three wickets that were taken on Wednesday fell at the opposite end to that complained of. The Lincolnshire Club also complain that no intimation whatever of the protest has been laid with them, and the only information they have of it is what has appeared in the papers. Had Norfolk come to the committee and complained another wicket could have been prepared at once. The Lindum wicket is very near the rock, and needs more watering than the average pitch.

The Lincolnshire secretary states that the pitch was certainly not watered after Monday evening, but that there was an exceptionally heavy dew on Wednesday morning.

Day, the Lincoln professional who prepared the wicket, has written a letter to the local Press, in which he denies emphatically that one end of the wicket was watered more than the other, and adds "I have seen wickets prepared for first class matches for seven years, so that I ought to know something about them. No player seems to have seen the ball turn, which one would naturally expect on an over-watered wicket." Prior to going to Lincoln Day was on the Notts staff.

CRICKET.

NORFOLK v. LINCOLNSHIRE

LINCOLNSHIRE WIN BY NINE WICKETS.

ALLSOPP'S PLUCKY HITTING.

Beaten at Lincoln yesterday by nine wickets, Norfolk finished their season with a record of 16 points out of a possible 45, their only victories being obtained over Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, whilst first innings points were also gained in the drawn matches with Suffolk and Bedfordshire. The state of the game on Wednesday night at Lincoln foreshadowed an easy victory for the side which has won a great proportion of its matches, and the early finish was in accordance with expectations. Norfolk's seven remaining wickets went down for the addition of 137 runs, of which Allsopp claimed 47, and Lincoln, requiring only 69, obtained the runs for the loss of Hibbert's wicket.

Play was resumed yesterday morning in beautiful weather, G. B. Raikes and Geoffrey Stevens, the overnight not outs, continuing Norfolk's second innings, in which three wickets had fallen for 41, to the bowling of Riley and Geeson. Stevens opened with a pretty cut for four off Riley, and Raikes pulled him across for a couple. Stevens survived an appeal of leg before by the same bowler, and 50 went up after five minutes' play, the pair scoring faster than at any period of Norfolk's batting. At 64 Brooke was brought on vice Riley and Stevens turned him to the leg boundary in the first over. Another bowling change was tried at 72, Broughton displacing Geeson. Stevens was ultimately brilliantly caught by Geeson in the slips, and the Norfolk captain was beautifully caught at mid-off, the umpire giving him out after an appeal. There was brighter cricket after this, but though Allsopp hit freely he made several fluky strokes. The innings ultimately closed for 178, leaving Lincolnshire only 69 to get, which they did with the loss of only one wicket, winning the match by nine wickets at 1.45.

NORFOLK.

Rev. G. B. Raikes c and b Broughton	19	c Day b Broughton	27
Rev. J. G. McCormick b Geeson	23	b Geeson	12
G. A. Stevens b Geeson	0	c Geeson b Brooke	29
N. W. Stevens b Brooke	4	lbw b Geeson	3
R. A. A. Beresford b Brookes	0	b Riley	18
C. E. Durrant c Day b Brookes	0	b Day	6
Allsopp b Brooke	13	c Crookes b Day	47
S. D. Page lbw b Brooke	1	c Crookes b Day	12
Stevens b Brooke	6	st Allen b Brooke	10
Gibson b Brooke	1	b Day	5
Smith not out	4	not out	7
Extras	0	Extras	2
Total	71	Total	178

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Rev. C. G. Ward c Smith b Gibson	22	not out	34
Hibbert b Raikes	1	b Raikes	9
Broughton c Page b Raikes	8	not out	25
Day c Page b Gibson	6		
Riley b Gibson	70		
R. Williams c Raikes b Gibson	0		
E. Pullett c Durrant b Stevens	27		
J. Crookes b Smith	21		
Geeson not out	7		
J. A. Brooke b Gibson	8		
Allen b Gibson	0		
Extras	11	Extra	1
Total	181	Total (1 wk)	69

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Geeson	14	6	25	2
Riley	7	3	16	0
Brooke	10.3	4	19	7
Broughton	4	0	11	1
Second Innings.				
Geeson	12	5	25	2
Brooke	16.3	0	65	2
Riley	8	1	32	1
Day	6	1	24	4
Broughton	8	0	30	1
Lincolnshire.				
Gibson	21.2	4	49	6
Raikes	15	1	51	2
Smith	7	2	22	1
Stevens	6	1	22	1
Allsopp	3	0	15	0
Durrant	2	0	11	0
Second Innings.				
Gibson	7	2	31	0
Raikes	6.5	0	37	1

Umpires—Pate and Head.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Eastern Division.

PRESENT POSITIONS OF THE COUNTIES.

	Won	on 1st	Pts.	Pts.	Per cent.	
Lincolnshire	8	5	1	40	35	82.50
Hertfordshire	8	3	2	40	21	52.50
Bedfordshire	7	1	2	35	13.50	33.57
Norfolk	9	2	2	45	16	35.55
Suffolk	10	2	1	50	15.50	31.00
Cambridgeshire	8	2	0	40	10	25.00

Norfolk and Bedfordshire draw ignored, and Suffolk and Bedfordshire divide points for a tie.

CRICKET.

NORFOLK v. LINCOLNSHIRE

REMARKABLE INCIDENTS AT LINCOLN

STATE OF THE WICKET.

PROTEST TO THE M.C.C.

THE SUN BEHIND THE BOWLER'S ARM.

Some remarkable things occurred in connection with yesterday's play in this match at Lincoln Lindum Ground. The wicket, one end in particular, obviously held more moisture than could be accounted for by natural causes, and a statement that artificial watering had not been resorted to since Monday was discredited by both captains. Day, the chief groundsman, denied any knowledge of the wicket having been doctored, but the Norfolk players, after batting an hour and a-half and losing nine wickets for 62, held such pronounced views on the subject that play was suspended, and after a consultation the Norfolk captain decided to enter a protest, which was telegraphed to Lord's, and continue the match only out of consideration for the home county and the public. G. B. Raikes took an hour and a-quarter to make 10, and the opinion of a player of his experience is not to be dismissed hurriedly. He was batting long enough to appreciate the difficulties which had to be faced by other batsmen, and with the wicket fast at one end and slow at the other the success of the bowlers was not surprising. Norfolk were all out before lunch for 71, and after another hour of scorching sunshine and the heavy roller had been put on, the pitch was little better when Lincoln batted, and five wickets were lost in less than three-quarters of an hour for 44. Subsequently, on an improving wicket, Riley, Pullein, and Crookes made runs, and Lincoln ultimately secured a lead of 110. Gibson bowled especially well, and he was backed up by some superb fielding. Going in again just after five o'clock, Norfolk lost McCormick, Beresford, and Norman Stevens in a quarter of an hour, and then play ceased suddenly at thirteen minutes from the usual time under circumstances which caused some unpleasantness. The sun was getting low and shining with a dazzling brightness behind the bowlers' wicket, and Raikes and Geoffrey Stevens said they could not see the ball, and they appealed to the umpires, who walked to the wicket affected, took a long look in the direction of the sun, and then pulled up the stumps. Norfolk, with three wickets down in the second innings, are still 69 runs behind. Altogether a remarkable day.

Coming to details of the day's play, it should be said that Norfolk actually won the toss in two successive matches. It was G. B. Raikes who put up this new record for Norfolk in their last match of the season, B. K. Wilson being a spectator owing to a bruised hand. The Norfolk players appreciated their good fortune, for it was sweltering hot. Unbeaten, Lincolnshire made two changes from the side which won at Norwich, and Cooke was absent, the team, captained by the Rev. Ward, including six professionals.

McCormick and Raikes made a promising start against the bowling of Geeson and Riley, the first named hitting two 4s in Riley's first over, but except for a pretty square hit by Raikes, Geeson was hard to get away. McCormick made a beautiful off drive from Riley, and had scored 23 out of 29 when his leg stump was knocked back by Geeson, who also bowled Geoffrey Stevens in the same over. This was the beginning of a series of disasters. Brookes going on for Riley at 29, dismissed Norman Stevens and Beresford in his fourth over, and Durrant was caught at the wicket off the first ball of the next over. The third, fourth, and fifth wickets thus fell at the same total, 38; Brookes having taken all three in six balls. Allsopp joined his captain and got Brookes to leg for 3 and drove A. Geeson straight for 4. The left-hander was fast overtaking Raikes, who had been in seventy minutes for 12, when the clergyman improved his score by two straight drives off Brookes; but Broughton, going on for Geeson at 56, caught and bowled Raikes brilliantly with his first ball, which Raikes drove back very hard. Raikes was batting an hour and a quarter for 19. Page could not time Brookes, and was soon leg before, whilst Stevens went in to see Allsopp and Gibson bowled middle stump by Brookes. The foot-baller was in half an hour for his valuable 13, and made some good drives. Before Smith took

his place at the wickets, Raikes and Wilson walked out and entered a protest against the state of the pitch. The captains and players joined in a discussion which lasted five minutes. Soon after resuming Stevens was bowled, and the innings closed just before lunch for 71, having lasted a hundred and six minutes. Brookes took seven wickets for 19.

At the close of the Norfolk innings the following telegram was sent to Mr. Lacey, the M.C.C. secretary:—"Lincoln wickets heavily watered one end, admitted. We protest to you, but propose resuming play for sake of gate.—Signed, Raikes, captain Norfolk."

Lincolnshire lost their first wicket at 4, Raikes bowling Hibbert's leg stump with his fourth ball. Ward made some powerful hits, but at 32 Broughton was smartly caught at the wicket off Raikes. A brilliant piece of fielding by Raikes at cover nearly ran Ward out.

A brilliant pick up by Norman Stevens at deep extra cover from a powerful stroke by Ward saved Norfolk 3 runs, and then a series of smart catches off Gibson's bowling brought Norfolk three valuable wickets. Day was captured by Page, and Ward, who seemed likely to make a lot of runs quickly, was caught at deep point, Smith taking the ball above his head. A right handed catch by Raikes at cover dismissed Williams, three wickets falling for one run, and half the side being out for 44. Despite changes of bowling and some brilliant fielding, which a good sized crowd generously applauded, Riley and Pullein added 65 in forty-six minutes, the majority of the runs being made through the slips and by leg glances. Pullein, who made some good late cuts, was smartly caught at second slip by Durrant off Stevens.

The seventh wicket added 47, Riley being bowled leg stump by Gibson at 156, after batting an hour and twenty-five minutes for an excellent 70. Gibson took the last two wickets with successive balls, the innings closing at twelve minutes to five for 181, having lasted two hours and twenty-five minutes. Gibson was Norfolk's best bowler. He took his first three wickets for 13 runs, and his final figures were six for 49. After taking two wickets for 17, Raikes met with no success. All six bowlers tried were splendidly supported by the field, smart catches being made, and the ground fielding was consistently good and often brilliant, an impartial crowd voting it quite first class.

Going in again at thirteen minutes past five, 110 behind, Geeson bowled McCormick at 15, and got Norman Stevens leg before at 23. Beresford made some delightful strokes, but Riley, going on at 36, bowled the Hunstanton player with his fourth ball. Geoffrey Stevens joined Raikes, and shortly afterwards, as described above, play came to an unexpected finish with the total at 41 for three wickets.

NORFOLK.

Rev. G. B. Raikes c and b Broughton	19	not out	8
Rev. J. G. McCormick b Geeson	23	b Geeson	12
G. A. Stevens b Geeson	0	not out	0
N. W. Stevens b Brookes	4	lbw b Geeson	3
E. A. A. Beresford b Brookes	0	b Riley	18
C. E. Durrant c Day b Brookes	0		
Allsopp b Brookes	13		
S. D. Page lbw b Brookes	1		
Stevens b Brookes	6		
Gibson b Brookes	1		
Smith not out	4		
Extras	0		
Total	71	Total (3 wks)...	41

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Rev. C. G. Ward c	22		
Smith b Raikes	1		
Hibbert b Raikes	1		
Broughton c Page b Raikes	8		
Day c Page b Gibson	6		
Riley b Gibson	70		
E. Williams c Raikes b Gibson	0		
E. Pullein c Durrant b Stevens	27		
J. Crookes b Smith	21		
Geeson not out	7		
J. A. Brookes b Gibson	8		
Allen b Gibson	0		
Extras	11		
Total	181		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Norfolk.				
Geeson	14	6	25	2
Riley	7	3	16	0
Brookes	10.3	4	19	7
Broughton	4	0	11	1
Lincolnshire.				
Gibson	21.2	4	49	6
Raikes	15	1	51	2
Smith	7	2	22	1
Stevens	6	1	22	1
Allsopp	3	0	15	0
Durrant	2	0	11	0

Umpires—Pate and Head.

MATCH NUMBER 88 : ~~MAJOR~~ LINCOLNSHIRE V. NORFOLK - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

At Lincoln, on Wed 11, Thur 12 August 1909

Result: Lines won by 9 wickets. Points: Lines. 5 points. Toss: Norfolk

Umpires:

Debut:

First Day Scores: Norfolk 71 & 41-3 (Raikes 8*, G. A. Stevens 0*), Lines. 181

NORFOLK					
* Rev. G. B. Raikes	c & b Broughton	19		c Day b Broughton	27
Rev. J. G. McCormick	b Geeson	23		(1/2) b Geeson	12
G. A. Stevens	b Geeson	0		(5) c Geeson b Brooke	29
N. W. Stevens	b Brooke	4		Uw b Geeson	3
R. A. A. Beresford	b Brooke	0		b Riley	18
C. E. Durrant	c Allen b Brooke	0		b Day	6
Allsopp	b Brooke	13		c Crookes b Day	47
+ S. D. Page	Uw b Brooke	1		c Crookes b Day	12
Stevens	b Brooke	6		st Allen b Brooke	10
Gibson	b Brooke	1		b Day	5
Smith	not out	4		not out	7
Extras		0			2
		71			178

	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
FOW	1											
First Innings	29	29?	38	38	38	56					71	
Second Innings	15	23										
Geeson	14	6	25	2			(1)	12	5	25	2	
Riley	7	3	16	0			(3)	8	1	32	1	
Brooke	10.3	4	19	7			(2)	16.3	0	65	2	
Broughton	4	0	11	1			(5)	8	0	30	1	
Day							(4)	6	1	24	4	
Extras			0	0						2	0	
TOTAL	35.3	13	71	10				50.3	7	178	10	

LINCOLNSHIRE					
* Rev. C. G. Ward	c Smith b Gibson	22		not out	34
Hubbert	b Raikes	1		b Raikes	9
Broughton	c Page b Raikes	8		not out	25
Day	c Page b Gibson	6			
Riley	b Gibson	70			
R. Williams	c Raikes b Gibson	0			
E. Pullen	c Durrant b Stevens	27			
J. Crookes	b Smith	21			
Geeson	not out	7			
J. A. Brooke	b Gibson	8			
+ Allen	b Gibson	0			
Extras		11			1
		181			69-1

	TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
FOW	1											
First Innings	4	32	43		44	109	156			181	181	
Second Innings												
Gibson	21.2	4	49	6			(1)	7	2	31	0	
G. B. Raikes	15	1	51	2			(2)	6.5	0	37	1	
Smith	7	2	22	1								
Stevens	6	1	22	1								
Allsopp	3	0	15	0								
Durrant	2	0	11	0								
Extras			11	0						1	0	
TOTAL	54.2	8	181	10				13.5	2	69	1	

The match finished at 1.45 on the second day. Norfolk protested to Lords that the wicket had been watered artificially. Quote: "Lincoln wickets heavily watered one end, admitted. We protest to you but propose resuming play for sake of game. Signal Raikes, captain Norfolk."

Lincolnshire v. Norfolk.

The return match between these counties was concluded on the Lindum ground, at Lincoln, on Thursday last, Lincolnshire gaining a handsome victory by nine wickets. An extraordinary incident took place on the first day, the Rev. G. B. Raikes, captain of the Norfolk team, alleging that the wicket had been over-watered at one end, and telegraphing a protest to the M.C.C.

Norfolk made a poor show upon batting first, being all dismissed for 71, J. A. Brooke taking seven wickets for 19 runs. The home county, after a bad start, ran up the respectable total of 181, Riley being top-scorer with 70. The visitors batted with more confidence at their second venture, and the innings was eventually completed for 178, Allsopp contributing 47. Day was very effective with the ball, and captured four of the visitors' wickets for 24 runs. Lincolnshire only required 69 to win, and these were obtained for the loss of Hibbert's wicket.

THE WICKET INCIDENT.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lincolnshire County Club, at which Mr. J. St. Vigor Fox presided, the action of the Norfolk captain was considered, and the hon. secretary was instructed to forward a full statement of the facts to the M.C.C. Secretary, absolutely denying the suggestions as being uncalled for and unfounded. The members of the Committee expressed considerable indignation that such an absurd allegation should have been made.

Day, the Lindum professional, also wrote a letter absolutely denying that the wicket had been over watered, and stating that the protest was an insult to himself, the Lindum Club, and Lincolnshire cricket generally, because it simply insinuated that they were trying to take an unfair advantage over Norfolk—an advantage he did not think they needed.

EASTERN SECTION.

	P	W	lst	inn	D	Pos	Obt.	per
								cent
Lincolnshire	9	7	1	0	45	38	84.44	
Hertfordshire	8	3	2	0	40	21	53.00	
Norfolk	10	2	2	1	50	16	32.00	
† Suffolk	10	2	1	1	50	15.5	31.00	
† Bedfordshire	9	1	2	2	45	13.5	30.00	
Cambridgeshire	8	2	0	0	40	10	25.00	

† Suffolk and Bedford having tied, according to the rules of the Association, they divide the 5 points.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP. EASTERN DIVISION. LINCOLNSHIRE v NORFOLK. AN EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT.

On the Lincoln Lindum Cricket Club's ground this morning, the second Lincolnshire match of the season to be played at Lincoln was opened, when Norfolk were the visitors. The first game seen in the city was the opening one of the season against Suffolk, when Lincolnshire took three points for a win on the first innings. Since then they have beaten Cambridgeshire twice, lost on the first innings to Bedfordshire, and won against Hants., Suffolk, and Norfolk. The last named match took place as recently as last Wednesday and Thursday, when after being 41 behind on the first innings, Lincolnshire made a splendid recovery, dismissed Norfolk for 38 in their second venture, and won by six wickets. These performances brought them to the top of the Eastern division of the competition, with a splendid lead.

To-day the home county were able to turn out a good side, though E. T. Cooke, who did so well at Norwich, taking 7 wickets for 21 runs in the Norfolk second innings, was not able to play. It was doubtful whether the captain, W. E. Thompson, would be able to play, and he did not turn out, but with such other players as Ward, Williams, Broughton, Geeson, Allen, Hibbert, Crookes, Riley, Brooke and Day, the side was a good one. Yesterday Norfolk had secured an innings victory over Cambridgeshire at King's Lynn, and everything therefore promised well for an interesting two days' cricket at Lincoln.

Perfect weather conditions prevailed when the match started this morning, and the special care bestowed upon the preparation of the ground by groundman Singleton and Day, the Lindum pros., had resulted in a magnificent wicket, upon which it was thought the batsmen were likely to enjoy the advantage.

There were two changes in the visiting side which defeated Cambridgeshire yesterday. A. K. Watson and B. K. Wilson, the former of whom made 66 at King's Lynn, being left out for N. W. Stevens and Allsopp (the ex-Leicestershire man).

The visitors took first knock and made a disastrous start, for after a promising first wicket stand of the Rev. J. C. McCormick and the Rev. J. B. Raikes had produced 29, several wickets fell quickly. Geeson and Riley had started the home bowling and the former claimed the first wicket, while he also dismissed G. W. Stevens, who had made a century against Cambridgeshire, without scoring. Then Brooke was brought on vice Riley at the pavilion and had met with very considerable success, for wickets fell consistently before him. Only nine had been added before he got through N. W. Stevens' defence, and then he clean bowled R. A. Baresford and had Durrant smartly taken behind the wicket, both without scoring. With Raikes and Allsopp together there was some improvement, for the fifth wicket had fallen at 38, and the sixth partnership carried the total to 66 (the first 50 having taken an hour and twenty minutes to produce). Then Broughton went on in place of Geeson, and for his first delivery Raikes returned one very hard to the bowler, who brought off a magnificent single-handed catch, and seven wickets were down for 58. Another fell to Brooke one later, and yet another at 62.

Then with nine wickets down, an extraordinary incident occurred, for an allegation was made by the visiting captain that the wicket had been overwatered, which, he suggested, was the cause of the Norfolk wickets falling for so few runs. Play was suspended for a time while a consultation took place on the ground, but eventually proceedings were resumed, and Brooke again proved successful, taking the last wicket with the total at 71. Brooke's seven wickets only cost 19 runs, Geeson claimed 2 for 26, and Broughton 1 for 11.

During the afternoon it transpired that the visiting captain (the Rev. G. B. Raikes) had taken the extraordinary action of writing to the Secretary of the M.C.C., protesting that the wicket had been heavily watered at one end, and stating that he was only proceeding with the game under protest. The following is a copy of the wire:—"Lacey, M.C.C., Leeds, London. Lincoln wicket heavily watered one end, admitted. We protest to you, but propose resuming play for sake of game. Raikes, captain, Norfolk."

The Hon. Secretary of the home county indignantly denies the suggestion of the visiting captain. He states that the wicket has not been watered since Monday evening, and that only very lightly so far as the officials of the club and the ground staff of the Lindum Club are concerned the suggestion is utterly without foundation. It is significant that the visitors before starting, won the toss, elected to bat, and started knocking Geeson and Riley about pretty freely, and that it was not until nine of them were out to Brooke's fast bowling that any such suggestion was made.

When play was resumed after lunch there was a capital attendance, and Lincolnshire started with Rev. C. G. Ward and Hibbert, Gibson and Raikes sharing the attack. The first wicket fell early, Hibbert falling to the visitors' captain for a single, while Broughton was out to a catch off the same bowler when the end Ward had carried the score to 32. Five wickets were down for 44.

The Norfolk fielding was particularly smart, and often called forth the applause of the spec-

tators. The assertion of Riley and Pullin improved matters considerably, and the latter sent up the 50 with a cut for 3 after 55 minutes' batting. Despite several bowling changes, the two remained together until the 100 had been secured, Riley at that time having made 31 and Pullin 24.

The Lincolnshire innings closed for 181, Riley falling to Gibson for a useful and prettily completed 70. Crookes added 21.

Left 110 behind, Norfolk lost their first two wickets for 23.

At 5.50 the visiting captain appealed to the umpires to decide whether further play was possible on account of the brilliance of the sun. The umpires agreed, and play was stopped for the day, Norfolk having lost three wickets for 41. Scores:—

1st Innings. Norfolk. 2nd Innings. Rev. J. C. McCormick, b Geeson 23 b Geeson 12 Rev. G. B. Raikes, c and b Broughton 19 not out 8 G. A. Stevens b Geeson 0 not out 0 N. W. Stevens b Brooke 4 lbw, b Geeson 3 R. A. Baresford, b Brooke 0 b Riley 18 C. E. Durrant, c Allen b Brooke 0 Allsopp, b Brooke 18 S. D. Page lbw b Brooke 1 Stevens, b Brooke 6 Gibson, b Brooke 1 Smith, not out 4 Extras 0 Total 181 Total (8 wickets) 41

1st Innings. Lincolnshire. 2nd Innings. Rev. C. G. Ward, c Smith, b Gibson 22 Hibbert, b Raikes 1 Broughton, c Page, b Raikes 9 Day, c Page, b Gibson 6 Riley, not out 0 R. E. Williams c Raikes b Gibson 0 Riley, b Gibson 70 E. Pullin, c Durrant, b Stevens 27 J. E. Crookes, b Smith 21 Geeson, not out 7 J. A. Brooke, b Gibson 8 Allen, b Gibson 0 Extras 11 Total 181

BOWLING ANALYSIS Norfolk, First Innings. Ovs. Mdns. Runs. Wkts. Geeson 14 6 25 2 Riley 7 3 16 0 J. A. Brooke 11 3 19 7 Broughton 4 0 11 1 Umpires: Head and W. Pate.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP. EASTERN DIVISION. LINCOLNSHIRE v NORFOLK.

When play was this morning resumed in this match, which on the first day was made remarkable, first for the Norfolk captain's protest against what he alleged was an "overwatered" wicket at one end, and secondly on account of its being stopped because of the brilliance of the sun, Lincolnshire were still 69 runs on, with three of the visitors' wickets down in their second innings.

Another gloriously fine day was experienced, and there was promise of some interesting cricket when the play commenced at 11 o'clock with the over night not out, the Rev. G. B. Raikes and G. A. Stevens, taking up the batting.

Riley and Geeson commenced the home attack, but it was some time before a separation was brought about, the Norfolk men batting with much more confidence than they had done in the first innings. Brooke was brought on, vice Riley at 54, and Broughton, in place of Geeson, at 72. C. A. Stevens, who had survived an appeal for leg before by Riley, was eventually out to a brilliant catch by Geeson in the slips and the Norfolk captain was beautifully caught by Day at mid-off, the umpire giving him out after appeal. With Allsopp in there was some brighter cricket, though the visiting pros' work included none very fluky strokes. Crookes made a couple of good catches in the country off Day and the Norfolk second innings closed for 178 leaving Lincolnshire 69 to get to win. They started on this light task just after one o'clock with Ward and Hibbert. The necessary runs were obtained for the loss of only one wicket and the game concluded at 1.45, Lincolnshire winning by nine wickets. Scores:—

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THE LINCOLN WICKET INCIDENT. LINCOLNSHIRE COMMITTEE TAKE ACTION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lincolnshire County Cricket Club was held in the pavilion of the Lindum ground this afternoon, Mr. J. St. Vigor Fox presiding. There were also present Rev. C. G. Ward, and Messrs T. P. Stokoe, G. F. Wells-Cole, W. E. Thompson, R. W. Forrest, J. R. Hatfield, E. N. Guy Harper, R. Whittin, J. Pillingham, and the Hon. Sec. (Mr. E. T. Watkins). The action of the Norfolk captain in alleging that the wicket or the Lindum ground yesterday had been overwatered and in telegraphing a protest to the M.C.C., was considered, and the Hon. Sec. was instructed to forward a full statement of the facts to the M.C.C. Secretary absolutely denying the suggestions as being unfounded for and unfounded. The members of the Committee expressed considerable indignation that such an absurd allegation should have been made.

LINDUM PROFESSIONALS' ABSOLUTE DENIAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF "LINCOLNSHIRE ECHO." Sir,—In fairness to myself, the Lindum C.C., and Lincolnshire cricket, an explanation from me, re the Lincolnshire and Norfolk wicket incident, is, I think, not out of place. I see a protest has been made to the Secretary of the M.C.C. "That the wicket was over-watered at one end, admittedly." I did not admit it, and I was the only one who watered it, and then not later than Monday night I took it as an insult to me, because the protest simply intimates that we were trying to take an unfair advantage over Norfolk—an advantage I don't think we need. I can truthfully say that neither end was more favoured with water than the other. I have seen wickets prepared for first-class matches for seven years, so that I ought to know something about them. No player seems to have seen a ball turn, which you would naturally expect to see on an over-watered wicket, and then again the damage was done at the opposite end to which the Norfolk captain said was over-watered. Again, what advantage would it be to me to make a bowler's wicket? I am not a recognised county bowler, and not a good enough batsman to prefer a bowler's wicket to bat on! I tried my best to get as good a wicket as I possibly could for the match, and I think it was one.—Yours, etc. J. W. DAY.

LINCOLNSHIRE v BEDFORDSHIRE.

The team to meet Bedfordshire, at Skegness tomorrow and Saturday, will be selected from the following twelve:—W. E. Thompson (captain), the Rev. C. G. Ward, E. T. Cooke, J. W. Wainman (Donington), W. A. Truscaster, N. W. Wells-Cole, A. S. Hall, R. F. Williams, Geeson, Allen, Riley, and Day.

Including this match, the table of results in the Eastern Division reads as follows:—

Won on P. W. Ins. Dr. P. O. Points. Per. Lincolnshire 3 6 1 0 40 35 80.50 Hertfordshire 8 3 2 0 40 21 52.50 Bedfordshire 8 1 3 2 40 13.50 33.75 Norfolk 10 2 2 1 50 16 32.00 Suffolk 10 2 1 1 50 15.50 31.00 Cambridgeshire 2 2 0 0 40 10 25.00 Suffolk and Bedfordshire having had, according to the rules of the Association, they divide the five points.

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Lincolnshire v Norfolk	Lincoln	Aug 11-12	Lincs 9 wkts.
	Norfolk		
McCormick JJ Rev	b Geeson	23	b Geeson 12
Raikes GB Rev (Capt) c	b Broughton	19	c Day b Broughton 27
Stevens GA	b Geeson	0	c Geeson b Brookes 29
Stevens NP	b Brookes	4	lbw b Geeson 3
Waresford RA	b Brookes	0	b Riley 18
Durrant GE	b Brookes	0	b Day 6
Allsopp T	b Brookes	13	c Crookes b Day 47
Page ED (W)	b Brookes	1	c Crookes b Day 12
Stevens GE	b Brookes	6	st Allen b Brookes 10
Gibson E	b Brookes	1	b Day 5
Smith W	not out	4	not out 7
		-	2
		71	178

Geeson	14	6	35	2	12	5	25	3
Brookes	11.3	4	19	7	16.3	-	35	2
Broughton	4	-	11	1	8	-	30	1
Riley	7	3	16	-	8	1	32	1
Day					6	1	34	4

			Lincs		
Hard EG Rev	c Smith	b Gibson	22	not out	22
Hibbert J		b Raikes	1		b Raikes 9
Broughton JJ	c Page	b Raikes	3	not out	25
Day J	c Page	b Gibson	6		
Williams RE	c Raikes	b Gibson	0		
Riley H		b Gibson	70		
Pullein ES	c Durrant	b Stevens	27		
Crookes JE		b Smith	21		
Geeson F	not out		7		
Brookes JA		b Gibson	3		
Allen GJ (k)		b Gibson	0		
			11		1
			181	1 wkt	69

Durrant	2	-	11	-		
Gibson	21.2	3	49	6	7	2 31 -
Raikes	15	3	51	2	6.5	- 37 1
Stevens GE	6	1	22	1		
Smith	7	2	22	1		
Allsopp	3	-	15	-		

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The Lincoln Ground,

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Norfolk		Lincolnshire	
Rev J C McCormick	23	11 2	b Geeson
* Rev G B Raikes	19	22 1	c and b Broughton
G A Stevens	0		b Geeson
N W Stevens	4		b Brookes
R A Beresford	0		b Brookes
C E Durrant	0		c Allen b Brookes
Allsopp, T C	13		b Brookes
+ S D Page	1		lbw b Brookes
G S Stevens, G	6		b Brookes
Gibson, E	1		b Brookes
Smith, W	4		not out
Extras	0		
Total	71		

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	(29)	(29)	(38)	(38)	(38)	(56)	(57)	(60)	(62)	71
Second innings	(15)	(23)	()	()	()	()	()	()	()	178

	14	6	25	2	-	-	12	5	25	2	-	-
Geeson	3	10.3	11.3	11.4	19	7	(1)	16.3	0	65	2	-
Brookes	4	4	0	11	1	-	(2)	8	0	30	1	-
Broughton	2	7	3	16	0	-	(3)	8	1	32	1	-
Riley							(4)	6	1	24	4	-
Day								-	-	2	0	-
Extras			0	0	-	-						-
Total	35.3	36.3	13	71	10	0	50.3	7	178	10	()	()

Lincolnshire		Norfolk	
* Rev C G Ward	22	1 0.5 - 1.45 pm	c Smith b Gibson
Hibbert, WWS	1	(1)	b Raikes
Broughton, J J	8	(2)	c Page b Raikes
Day, J W	6	(3)	c Page b Gibson
R E Williams	0		c Raikes b Gibson
Riley, E E	70		b Gibson
E Pullain	27		c Durrant b G Stevens
J E Crookes	21		b Smith
Geeson, F	7		not out
J A Brookes	8		b Gibson
+ Allen, G J	0		b Gibson
Extras	11		b , lb
Total	181		(1 wicket)

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	(4)	(32)	(43)	(54)	(44)	(109)	(56)	()	(81)	181
Second innings	()	()	()	()	()	()	()	()	()	()

	6	2	0	11	0	-	7	2	31	0	-	-
Durrant	1	21.2	3	4	49	6	(1)	7	2	31	0	-
Gibson	2	15	3	1	51	2	(2)	6.5	0	37	1	-
Raikes	4	6	1	22	1	-						-
G S Stevens, G	3	7	2	22	1	-						-
Smith	5	3	0	15	0	-						-
Allsopp												-
Extras			11	0	-	-			1	0	-	-
Total	54.2	98	181	10	()	()	13.5	2	69	1	()	()

Notes: Raikes, the Norfolk skipper, protested to the MCC about the pitch being watered at one end. He also protested against the sun at 5:50 p.m. and play stopped.
 Missing: Ground details; Toss; Umpires; Debutants; First day score; Breakdown of extras; Fall of wickets; Who bowled wides & no-balls (if any)? Who was the Lincolnshire captain?
 May need checking: E Pullain in Wisden; J A Brooke in Wisden; Points; Professionals
 EJP (2) - 12, 13 Aug (Don) Lewis Echr 11, 12 Aug (Don) EDP (Don) 7. Post 12, 13 Aug (Don) Cribb 2 Sept p 975

Return match - Lewis won week before at Norwich. Match ended 1.45 pm on second day.
 Groundmen at Lincoln - Day and Singleton. At fall of 9th wk in Norfolk 1st was Raikes when complained wicket had been overwatered and sent cable to MCC Secretary "Lincoln wicket heavily watered one end, admitted. We protest to you, but propose resuming play for sake of the game. Raikes. Capt. Norfolk". B.K.W. then speculated because of buried hand.

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Norfolk

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G A Stevens	b Geeson	0	(5)	c Geeson b Brookes	29
N W Stevens	b Brooke	4	(3)	lbw b Geeson	3
R A A Beresford	b Brooke	0	(4)	b Riley	18
C E Durrant	c Allen b Brooke	0	()	b Day	6
Allsopp, T C	b Brooke	13	()	c Crookes b Day	47
+ S D Page	lbw b Brooke	1	()	c Crookes b Day	12
Stevens, G	b Brooke	6	()	st Allen b Brooke	10
Gibson, E	b Brooke	1	()	b Day	5
Smith, W	not out	4	()	not out	7
Extras		0		? <	2
Total		71			178

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	29	29	38	38	38	56	59	60	62	71
Second innings	15	23								178

Geeson		14	6	25	2	-	-	(1)?	12	5	25	2	-	-
Riley (4)?		7	3	16	0	-	-	(3)?	8	1	32	1	-	-
Brooke (2)?		11.3?	4	19	7	-	-	(2)?	16.3	0	65	2	-	-
Broughton (3)?		4	0	11	1	-	-	(5)?	8	0	30	1	-	-
Day								(4)?	6	1	24	4	-	-
Extras		-	-	0	0	-	-		-	-	2	0	-	-
Total		36.3?	13	71	10	0	0		50.3	7	178	10	-	-

Lincolnshire

* Rev C G Ward	c Smith b Gibson	22	(1)	not out	34
Hibbert, W J	b Raikes	1	(2)	b Raikes	9
Broughton, J J	c Page b Raikes	8	(3)	not out	25
Day, J W	c Page b Gibson	6			
Riley, E E (6)?	b Gibson	70			
R E Williams (5)?	c Raikes b Gibson	0			
E Pullein	c Durrant b G Stevens	27			
J E Crookes	b Smith	21			
Geeson, F	not out	7			
J A Brooke	b Gibson	8			
+ Allen, G J	b Gibson	0			
Extras	? <	11		? <	1
Total		181		(1 wicket)	69

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	4	32	43	44?	44	109	156		181	181
Second innings										

Gibson (2)?	21.2	4?	49	6	-	-	(1)?	7	2	31	0	-	-
Raikes (3)?	15	1?	51	2	-	-	(2)?	6.5	0	37	1	-	-
Smith (5)?	7	2	22	1	-	-							
G S Stevens	6	1	22	1	-	-							
Allsopp (6)?	3	0	15	0	-	-							
Durrant (1)?	2	0	11	0	-	-							
Extras	-	-	11	0	-	-				1	0	-	-
Total	54.2	9	181	10	-	-		13.5	2	69	1	-	-

Notes: Lincolnshire won nine wickets at 1.45 pm on the second day. The match between the two sides the previous week at Norwich. At the fall of the ninth wicket in the Norfolk first innings, complaining the wicket had been over-watered, Raikes the acting Captain and Wilson, who was a spectator nursing a badly bruised hand, inspected the wicket. Raikes subsequently sent a cable to F E Lacey, the Secretary of the MCC and to Dr J Earl Norman, Secretary of the Minor Counties Cricket Association that read "Lincoln wicket heavily watered one-end, and admitted. We protest to you, but propose resuming play for sake of the gate. Raikes, Captain Norfolk". Lincolnshire officials held a meeting the following day and denied the validity of the charges. Day, the Lindum groundsman, wrote to the local newspaper denying the charge. The fallout was that the teams did not meet the next year. As far as the match was concerned, for Lincolnshire Riley scored 70 with ? fours, and Brooke took 7 wickets for 19 runs in the Norfolk first innings. Allsopp top-scored for Norfolk with 47.

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Gibson, E	b Brooke	1	()	b Day	5
Smith, W	not out	4	()	not out	7
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Colin Mumford

Lines v Norfolk Limestone 1909 Aug 11, 12

Norfolk 1st innings - Openers order

The EBP narrative supports McCormick (1) Rickett (2) although its scorecard does not. I favour narrative

McCormick (1) ✓
Rickett (2) ✓

Lines bowling 1st innings

(a) Order. Evidence heavily in favour of Riley (2) Brooke (3) and Broughton (4)

Riley (2) ✓
Brooke (3) ✓
Broughton (4) ✓

(b) Brooke - Over. The published averages require more overs not less to bring them into agreement, therefore accept 11.3 overs

Brooke 11.3 overs. ✓

Norfolk 2nd innings - Order.

The narratives are not very detailed so cannot fill gaps of Nos 6-11. Willing to accept McCormick as (1) and Rickett (2) with (3) (4) - (5) as pointed

McCormick (1) ✓
Rickett (2) ✓
(3)(4)(5) as pointed ✓

Lines 1st innings - Order

Evidence favours Riley (5) Williams (6) therefore accept this

Riley (5) ✓
Williams (6) ✓

Norfolk bowling 1st innings

(a) Order. Willing to accept pointed order. Reject alternative

Order as pointed ✓

(b) Maedens. Willing to accept Gibson 4 maedens and Rickett 1 maedem unless published averages show otherwise

Gibson 4 maedem ✓
Rickett 1 maedem ✓

28/7/13

Stephen Marks

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Brooke (2)?	11.3?	4	19	7	-	-	(2)	16.3	0	65	2	-	-
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Day							(4)	6	1	24	4	-	-
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Raikes (3)?	15	1?	51	2	-	-	(2)	6.5	0	37	1	-	-
Smith (5)?	7	2	22	1	-	-							
G S Stevens	6	1	22	1	-	-							
Allsopp (6)?	3	0	15	0	-	-							
Durrant (1)?	2	0	11	0	-	-							
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