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First day score: Norfolk 182; Bedfordshire 245-9 wickets (F E Pestell 2*)

Norfolk

* Rev G B Raikes	1	b Pestell	19	(4)	c Apthorp b Orr	66
C J H Treglown	2	b Pestell	8	(6)	not out	18
G A Stevens		c Rogers b Orr	28	(3)	c Maltby b Grierson	108
M Falcon		c Saunders b Orr	10	(1)	c Rogers b Orr	20
G W Birkbeck		run out	1	(2)	c Apthorp b Pilgrim	27
H R Wakefield		c and b Grierson	71	(5)	c Holdstock b Orr	17
+ R W Thurgar		b Pestell	7	(1)	c Holdstock b Orr	12
E J Fulcher		c Apthorp b Pilgrim	7	(7)	b Grierson	4
G Gemmell		b Orr	12	(7)	b Pestell	26
Allsopp, T C		st Apthorp b Orr	1	(7)	absent hurt	-
Watson, H		not out	10	(9)	c Pilgrim b Orr	7
Extras		b 8	8		w 2, ?	23
Total			182			328

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	34	37	64	67	76	151	166	168	328	182
Second innings	34	79	226	250	256	260	294	307	328	-

Grierson	18	5	27	1	-	-	(4)	21	2	57	2	-	-
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1	-	-	(2)	13	2	43	1	1	-
Pestell	15	3	70	3	-	-	(1)	18	1	78	1	1	-
Orr	10.2	2	36	4	-	-	(3)	22.3	1	88	5	-	-
Holdstock	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	3	0	19	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	8	1	-	-		-	-	23	0	-	-
Total	59.2	12	182	10	0	0		77.3	6	308x	9	2	0

Bedfordshire

Holdstock, H F		c Stevens b Raikes	14	(4)	st Thurgar b Raikes	6
Rogers, E		c Thurgar b Raikes	64	(3)	c Fulcher b Birkbeck	57
H Willett		b Watson	17			
H Squire		b Fulcher	36	(5)	not out	45
+ E E Apthorp		c Wakefield b Falcon	24	(6)	not out	3
* H R Orr		c Raikes b Falcon	40	(1)	b Falcon	0
N S Maltby		b Wakefield	1	(2)	c Thurgar b Raikes	11
T W Saunders		c Stevens b Raikes	25			
H Grierson		c Fulcher b Wakefield	13			
Pestell, F E		not out	20			
Pilgrim, G A		lbw b Watson	3			
Extras		w 1, nb 1, ?	10			8
Total			267		(4 wickets)	130

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	37	82	122	141/149	156	180	209	237	245	267
Second innings	0	29	39	120	-	-	-	-	-	-

Falcon	18	21	60	2	1	-	(1)	5	1	18	1	-	-
Allsopp	5	1	19	0	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Raikes	19	1	61	3	-	-	(3)	11	1	36	2	-	-
Wakefield	13	3	28	2	-	-	(2)	8	2	19	0	-	-
Watson	13.5	3	59	2	-	1	(4)	5	1	7	0	-	-
Fulcher	12	3	30	1	-	-	(6)	2	0	14	0	-	-
Birkbeck	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	11	1	28	1	-	-
Extras	-	-	10	0	-	-		-	-	8	0	-	-
Total	80.5	12	267	10	1	1		42	6	130	4	-	-

Notes: This match was drawn. For the home side, there were 7 fours and 7 fours respectively in Rogers's two innings of 64 and 57. For the visitors, there were 1 six, 11 fours, 7 threes and 7 twos in Stevens's 108, an innings of 7 minutes. Wakefield's 71 contained 11 fours and Raikes's 66 included 7 fours. In the Norfolk second innings, Stevens and Raikes put on 147 runs for the second wicket. In the Bedfordshire [first?] innings Allsopp reopened a wound in his finger and E Gibson acted as his substitute

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At The ? Bedford on Thursday 20, Friday 21 July 1911

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Toss: Norfolk Umpires: Not known Debutants: Bedfordshire (?); Norfolk (?)

First day score: Norfolk 182; Bedfordshire 245-9 wickets (F E Pestell 2*)

Norfolk

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C J H Treglown	b Pestell	8	()	not out	18
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Allsopp, T C	st Apthorp b Orr	1	()	absent hurt	-
Watson, H	not out	10	()	c Pilgrim b Orr	7
Extras	b 8	8		w 2, ?	23
Total		182			328

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings	34	37			76	115				182
Second innings	34	79	226			260			328	-

Grierson	18	5	27	1	-	-	(4)	21	2	57	2	-	-
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1	-	-	(2)	13	2	43	1	1	-
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Holdstock							(5)	3	0	19	0	-	-
Extras	-	-	8	1	-	-		-	-	23	0	-	-
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Extras	w 1, nb 1, ?	10		?	8
Total		267		(4 wickets)	130

Fall of wickets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
First innings				149		180			245	267
Second innings	0	29			-	-	-	-	-	-

Falcon	18	1	60	2	1	-	(1)	5	1	18	1	-	-
Allsopp	5	1	19	0	-	-							
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Watson	13.5	3	59	2	-	1	(4)	5	1	7	0	-	-
Fulcher	12	3	30	1			(6)	2	0	14	0	-	-
Birkbeck							()	11	1	28	1	-	-
Extras	-	-	10	0	-	-		-	-	8	0	-	-
Total	80.5	12	267	10	1	1		42	6	130	4	-	-

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Cricket

BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

The County Club are to be congratulated on their venture into the alluring domains of charity cricket; for Thursday saw the largest crowd on the Grammar School ground that has ever foregathered at a County match in Bedford, and the home team establish a splendid lead. It was mostly a Society party, but there was no inconsiderable number of those whose names would not be found in "Who's Who" or Dehrett. Among those present we noticed Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Whitbread, the Mayor and Mayor-ess of Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Carter, Mr. W. W. Marks, Mrs. R. W. Allen, the Rev. C. F. Farrar, Mr. J. Howard Howard, Mr. R. E. Prothero, General Layard, Dr. Borer and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitchurch. Tea was provided in a delightful manner by Mrs. Dymock, Miss F. Orr and their helpers, and music by the Bedford Town Band.

But the cricket was the thing. Though Mr. Orr lost the toss, Bedfordshire's star always seemed in the ascendant, and that despite the fact that the visitors brought practically their Championship side of last year, and Bedfordshire were weak. With Morcom and Wharmby away, the Norfolk batsmen should have revelled on the plumb fast wicket Cherry had provided. Treglow and Raikes had made 34 off Grierson and Pilgrim, when Pestell, relieving the former, bowled Raikes in his first over and Treglow in his 2nd. Pestell bowled magnificently at this stage, his length, variety and judgment being alike excellent. Stevens and Falcon took the score to 64, when Orr went on and got the ex-Cambridge captain brilliantly caught on the square leg boundary by Saunders. Three runs later Birkbeck was smartly run out by Holdstock. At 78 Stevens, who had never been comfortable with Orr's slow fell to a catch at cover point. Wakefield and Thurgar improved matters, but with the last ball before lunch, and with the score at 115, the latter was well bowled by Pestell. Shortly after resuming, Fulcher lifted a ball he intended to drive, and Apthorp accepted it at the wicket. Chiefly by the magnificent batting of Wakefield, who was playing his second game for Norfolk, the tail end put some spirit and dash into the innings. He made 71 of the 161 scored in the hour he was at the wickets. 44 of them were from boundaries, mostly drives all along the carpet. Grierson at last separated the pair with a fine running catch. Then the innings was quickly closed. Orr captured four wickets for 38, Pestell three for 70, Pilgrim one for 41, and Grierson the other for 27.

Bedfordshire commenced their innings soon after 3 o'clock, with Rogers and Holdstock. After a shaky start, the Bedford boy settled down to bat really admirably, cutting and driving the fast bowling and placing the slows with polished ease. He was frequently applauded. At 39 he lost Holdstock, who fell to a smart catch by Stevens, who was standing by the side of the stumper. He completed his fifty out of 78 made in exactly the hour. At 82 Willett played too late for a special rapid from Watson. With Squire and Rogers together some sparkling cricket was on view, the former cutting and driving with great power. In his 38 were eight fours! However, in the first over after lunch, Rogers' fine innings came to an end, for in jumping in to drive, he edged the ball and was caught. His 64 occupied him 36 minutes in the making. Shortly after Apthorp arrived Fulcher bowled Squire. A running catch at mid-off by Wakefield got rid of Apthorp for a vigorous 24. Maltby stayed an over or two and then there was some more attractive hitting by Saunders and the skipper. A boundary overthrow for Saunders sent up the second century, but at 209 Orr asked the ball and was taken at point. His was a characteristically free and spirited display. Grierson batted well for his runs. Saunders was out to the last ball of the day a la Holdstock, and Bedfordshire had the useful lead of a wicket and 63 runs. Pestell and Pilgrim played most cautiously on Friday an extremely tantalising procedure for the visitors, who had to ring all their changes of their bowling, but was useful for the homesters. In addition to putting 22 runs for the last wicket, they took 40 minutes in which to do it, and that, at this stage, was almost as important a factor. The sun was already at broiling heat, and

the longer Norfolk remained in the field, the longer Bedfordshire were deprived of the opportunity. Both men presented a straight bat to everything, and withstood the pretty wiles and devices of the visiting bowlers to get themselves out. Googlies and off's received the same cautious treatment, but Pestell got in several very nice strokes. However, at 267 Pilgrim repeated his old offence, and the innings closed 85 on.

Norfolk began their second venture at ten minutes to twelve. Falcon and Birkbeck batted by the book, taking no risks, but apparently finding no difficulty with the bowling of Pestell and Pilgrim. At 34 Orr took the ball from Pilgrim, and off his first ball saw Rogers hold an easy catch at mid-off which settled Falcon's account. This brought in Stevens, the crack bat of the side, and considered by some to be the best bat in Minor county cricket. With Grierson bowling for Pestell, the batsmen adopted cautious tactics, a tribute to the fine bowling at both ends. Stevens spooned one from Grierson towards Pilgrim at point, but the fielder started too late for what would otherwise have been an easy catch. At 75 Pestell missed Birkbeck in the slips of Grierson, but in the next over Apthorp had him at the wickets off Pilgrim. Soon after one o'clock the arrears were knocked off, and Stevens began to open his shoulders.

At lunch the score stood at 121 for 2. Resuming, fours came with relentless regularity, notwithstanding repeated changes. In 20 minutes 50 runs were added, and still they came. At 245 Stevens completed his century, and five minutes later he sent up the second century.

Pilgrim took Holdstock's place at the top end. From his first ball Raikes sent 220 up, and from the next completed his half century. In the next over, from Grierson's second ball Maltby at mid-off held a hot run from Stevens. It was a magnificent catch, and brought the Grammar Boy well deserved appreciation. In his innings Stevens hit one 6 and eleven 4s. The score when Stevens went out read 236-3-108. Raikes continued to bat steadily, and the score rose to 240, when Orr went on for Pilgrim. From the last ball of his first over Apthorp snapped up Raikes behind the wicket, the score reading 250-4-66. From the next ball Grierson's Orr made a good attempt at a catch from Wakefield, but he just failed to reach it. He received his compensation in his next over, when Holdstock caught Wakefield in the country. 256 for five, the score stood then. When 260 was reached Fulcher was well bowled by Grierson, his contribution having been 4. From the last ball of the next over Apthorp should have stumped Gemmell, but he struck over the wickets. A little later he failed to hold him from a snick off Grierson's bowling. Gemmell and Treglow began another partnership, which bid fair to carry the side into the third century, but Pestell went on for Grierson, and with his first ball dismissed Gemmell with the score at 294. The 300 went up just before 4 o'clock. Up to this time Treglow had made 13 in 44 minutes. At 307 Pilgrim caught Watson off Orr's bowling. Thurgar went in, and after the addition of 21 runs hit up one from Orr and succumbed to another catch in the country by Holdstock.

The Skipper and Maltby opened for the home county at 4.27, and before a run had been scored the former was dismissed by Falcon's fifth ball. Off Wakefield's fifth ball Rogers was missed by Fulcher. The first good hit of the side came from Maltby, who put one of Falcon's round to leg for a boundary. The total reached 29 before Maltby was caught at the wicket off Raikes. His score was 11. Holdstock, after scoring 6 was stumped by Thurgar, when the score stood at 39. Squires and Rogers stopped the rot, playing very carefully. Though slow at first, the cricket soon brightened up. Squires getting in some pretty leg glances, and Rogers cutting with accuracy and power. At 70 Rogers was given a life at the wicket, and then went on to punish the bowlers. At 96 he completed his 50, Squires sending up the hundred in the next over with a capital leg glance. The stand was fast placing the home county into a safe position, when Rogers scooped a ball into Fulcher's hands at square leg. The score was now 120, and the hour 8 p.m. Ten minutes later Norfolk gave up the unequal struggle, and conceded to Bedfordshire the three points gained for the first inning's lead. Scores:—

NORFOLK.

Rev. G. B. Raikes, b Pestell	19
C. J. H. Treglow, b Pestell	8
G. A. Stevens, c Rogers, b Orr	28
M. Falcon, c Saunders, b Orr	10
G. W. Birkbeck, run out	1
H. R. Wakefield, c and b Grierson	71
R. W. Thurgar, b Pestell	7
E. J. Fulcher, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	7
G. Gunnell, b Orr	12
Allsopp, st Apthorp, b Orr	1
Watson, not out	10
Extras	8
Total	182

NORFOLK—Second Innings:

M. Falcon, c Rogers, b Orr	20
E. W. Birkbeck, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	27
A. Stevens, c Maltby, b Grierson	108
Rev. G. B. Raikes, c Apthorp, b Orr	66
H. R. Wakefield, c Holdstock, b Orr	17
Treglow, not out	18
E. J. Fulcher, b Grierson	4
G. Gemmell, b Pestell	26
Watson, c Pilgrim, b Orr	7
R. W. Thurgar, c Holdstock, b Orr	12
Allsopp, absent hurt	
Extras	23
Total	328

BEDFORDSHIRE,

Holdstock, c Stevens, b Wakefield	14
Rogers, c Thurgar, b Raikes	64
H. Willett, b Watson	17
H. Squire, b Fulcher	36
E. E. Apthorp, c Wakefield, b Falcon	24
H. R. Orr, c Raikes, b Falcon	40
N. Maltby, b Wakefield	1
T. Saunders, c Stevens, b Raikes	25
H. Grierson, c Fulcher, b Wakefield	13
Pestell, not out	20
Pilgrim, lbw., b Watson	3
Extras	10
Total	267

BEDS.—2nd Innings.

H. R. Orr, b Falcon	0
N. Maltby, c Thurgar, b Raikes	11
Rogers, c Fulcher, b Birkbeck	59
E. Holdstock, st Thurgar, b Raikes	6
H. Squires, not out	45
E. E. Apthorp, not out	3
Extras	8
Total (1 wickets)	130

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

	o.	m	r	w.
H. Grierson	12	5	27	1
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1
Pestell	15	3	70	3
H. R. Orr	10.2	2	36	4

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m	r	w.
Pestell	18	1	73	1
Pilgrim	13	2	43	1
H. R. Orr	22.3	1	88	5
H. Grierson	21	2	77	2
Holdstock	3	0	19	0

Pestell and Pilgrim each bowled a wicket.

Beds.—1st Innings.

	o.	m	r	w.
Falcon	18	2	60	2
Allsopp	6	1	19	0
Raikes	19	1	61	3
Wakefield	13	3	28	2
Watson	15.5	3	59	1
Fulcher	12	3	30	1

Falcon bowled a wide ball and Fulcher a no-ball.

Beds.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m	r	w.
Falcon	5	1	18	1
Wakefield	8	2	19	0
Raikes	11	1	36	2
Watson	5	1	7	0
Birkbeck	11	1	28	1
Fulcher	2	0	14	0

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

A FASHIONABLE GATHERING.

The above game commenced on the Grammar School ground, Bedford, yesterday, in brilliant weather. The home county were minus the services of A. F. Morcom, W. C. Bocquet, and Wharmby, their places being taken by N. C. Maltby, Pilgrim, and Pestell, two products of the local cricket League. Last season Norfolk got the better of the Bedfordians on two occasions, but this season it would seem from the great advantage the homesters have now in hand that the positions will be reversed. Bedfordshire are this season in a winning vein, and the display given yesterday in batting, bowling, and fielding reflects great credit on all concerned.

Mrs. Dymock and Miss F. Orr had arranged for tea in an enclosure, which was well patronised, and the County Club should benefit by the venture. The Bedford Town Silver Band discoursed sweet music during the afternoon. A large and fashionable company was present in the enclosure and pavilion, among whom were the Lord Lieutenant (Lord St. John), Sir Algernon and Lady Osborn, the Hon. Henry St. John, the Mayor and Mayoress of Bedford (Mr. and Mrs. Hope), Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitbread, Col. and Mrs. Duberly, Major and Mrs. F. A. D. Stevens, Col. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Allen, Mr. W. W. and the Misses Marks, Dr. D. Bower, General Layard, Rev. R. H. Moss, Rev. C. F. and Mrs. Farrar, Mr. R. E. Prothero and Miss Prothero, Rev. G. F. Apthorp, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. J. A. Whitechurch, Mr. Herbert King and Miss King (Broom), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adee, Mr. J. W. D. Harrison, Mr. W. Hatfield Harter, Dr. Stanbury Phillips, Mr. J. W. Crossman, Mr. C. J. Maltby, Mr. Charles Fry, and Mr. F. Hughes.

The Rev. G. B. Raikes won the spin of the coin, and took Treglown in with him to bat on a perfect wicket. The Beds. skipper put on Grierson (School end) and Pilgrim to bowl. It was early evident that the batsmen were not out to take advantage, for a number of leg-balls went unnoticed. The first 12 overs produced 28 runs. Then Pestell displaced Grierson, and with his fifth ball he broke through the captain's defence. Without the addition of further runs off Pestell, he upset Treglown's stumps, the latter having very carefully compiled eight (2 for 37). At 53 Orr went on in place of Pilgrim. After Stevens had been let off in the slips, Saunders was applauded for a bit of smart fielding in mid-field, and followed this up by taking Falcon on the square leg boundary off Orr's "changeables." (3 for 64). Birkbeck evidently did not feel at home with the skipper's bowling, and he let out to one which was smartly returned by Squire from the long field, and Apthorp quickly upset his stumps. (4 for 67). Meanwhile, Stevens was playing a fine game, making the most of his runs off the left-hander, but in the next over he was caught at mid-off by Rogers, after making a capital 28. Half the side were out for 76, brought about by grand fielding and excellent bowling. Wakefield and Thurger made a stand, played free cricket, and the century was signalled after about an hour and a half's play. Grierson then went on vice Orr at the Park end, and Pilgrim relieved Pestell. The pair, however, continued to bat nicely but carefully; some of the strokes made by Wakefield were splendid, his drives being "extra." At 112 Orr resumed operations with the ball, displacing Grierson. Three runs later Pestell "yorked" Thurger for a very carefully compiled 7, and the young pro. had then taken 3 for 45 (6 for 151). The players then adjourned for lunch.

On resuming after lunch, Fulcher joined Wakefield, and 15 were added when the former was snapped at the wicket. Gemmell was the incomer, but at 168 Wakefield fell c. and b. to Grierson. The batsman was well cheered for his splendidly played 71, which included ten 4's. Allsopp and Watson were the last pair, but the former did not long survive Orr's breaks, and was stumped. The innings thus closed for 182.

Holdstock and Rogers opened the Bedfordshire innings to the bowling of Falcon and Allsopp. The pair played pretty cricket, Rogers' off strokes being good, and he compiled 22 out of the first 30. Raikes then went on at the Park end, but runs still continued to come. Rogers kept running out to Raikes' slows; once he returned a hot hand-ful to the bowler, who was unable to hold it. Just afterwards, however, the Luton pro. was nicely taken in the slips by Stevens off Raikes. Willett was the incomer, and opened his account with a single off Wakefield, who had given Allsopp a rest. Runs came at a nice pace, Rogers being the chief scorer, and 60 was signalled after considerably less than an hour's play. Watson was next given a trial with the ball. Rogers was cheered when he made his half-century out of 78. Four runs later Willett was clean bowled for a nicely played 17. A cut by Squire past point to the boundary sent in 90, and a little later he sent up the century with a similar shot. He made six boundary hits in succession, and when the tea interval arrived his score stood at 27, and Rogers had amassed 63.

Fulcher and Raikes resumed the attack, and with the latter's third ball Rogers was taken behind the wicket. He had played a brilliant innings. Apthorp was the incomer, and opened with three singles. At 141 Squire's off stump was removed by Fulcher. His score of 36 included eight 4's. The county captain was the next to go to the wicket, and he and Apthorp had a merry time, until at 156 Apthorp was out to a brilliant running catch by Wakefield. Maltby, who made his debut in county cricket, was at the wicket for a long time before he scored, and was eventually disposed of by Wakefield for a single. Saunders was the incomer, and he started scoring from an over-throw, which signalled the double century. Nine runs later Orr was caught by the opposing captain for a dashing display of 41, which included five 4's. (209 for 7). Grierson led off with a couple, and then a drive to the off boundary, which sent up 220. Saunders made some nice strokes, but when he had made 20 he was let off by Wakefield at mid-off. Several bowling changes were tried, and eventually Grierson was taken in the slips by Fulcher off Wake-

field. (237 for 8). The Arlesey amateur was well caught for a useful 25, and stumps were drawn for the day. Scores and analysis.

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Watson, not out	20
Extras	8

Total 182

Bowling Analysis.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

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E. E. Apthorp, c Wakefield, b Falcon	24
H. R. Orr, c Raikes, b Falcon	40
N. Maltby, b Wakefield	1
T. Saunders, c Stevens, b Raikes	25
H. Grierson, c Fulcher, b Wakefield	13
Pestell, not out	2
Extras	9

Total (9 wickets) 245

Pilgrim to bat.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

[By "Oozoo."]

Whoever would have thought that Bedfordshire, minus their two most dangerous and consistent bowlers, Wharmby and Morcom, would be capable of getting Norfolk champion county as they are, out on a magnificent wicket for a paltry 182. But that is, as is now ancient history, what the Beds. bowlers actually accomplished. It was a triumph of steady rather than brilliant bowling, backed up by fielding that would have done credit to any first-class county. It was a bad blow for Beds. when Wharmby wrote off, but the difficulty as to another bowler was solved by the inclusion of Frank Pestell, whose work for Warrington has been most praiseworthy this year. Thus it was that three of the four professionals on the side of the home county were youngsters, born and bred and had learnt practically all their cricket within a mile of the Town Bridge.

Without Wharmby and Bocquet, two of the few batting successes of the Herts. match, the batting strength of the side, on paper, gave rise to some reasonable trepidation, but all turned out well and in the first innings, of which consistency was the ruling note, young Rogers bore off the palm for the highest score. Norfolk were more at home during their second knock, and in the end left Beds. with 244 to get in just over a couple of hours. Evidently with the idea of having a "go" for the runs Orr went in first, but failed to survive the first over. From that point Beds. gave up hope of getting the runs and with three wickets down within half an hour, they were, for a time, fighting with their backs to the wall. Norfolk put every ounce into getting them out and play for an hour was intensely interesting. Rogers and Hastings Squire were the heroes of the Bedfordshire innings; had they not stopped together at such an opportune moment it is doubtful if we should be rejoicing in the capture of a further three points. When play came to a close, however, Beds. were in a very happy position, and had time allowed they must have bagged the full complement of points.

Norfolk came to Bedford under the stigma of a sound thrashing earlier in the week at the hands of Herts. (whom Beds. twice have defeated). They were anxious to make amends for an innings defeat and meant to make Beds. their victims. They had every encouragement. First, use of Cherry's very best wicket and the knowledge that their opponents were badly handicapped for bowlers. Play at first was very slow, Grierson and Pilgrim keeping excellent lengths. When at last a change was necessary and Pestell displaced the Canfab success was not long delayed, and in the first two overs the Elstow youth clean bowled Treglown and the Rev. G. B. Raikes. S. A. Stevens, that wonderful young batsman (who made three centuries last week), and M. Falcon, the well-known Cambridge secretary, were now associated, and a formidable pair they are. But Beds. were out for a win and Falcon, who never appeared comfortable to Orr's wily ones, let out to a leg ball and was handsomely caught on the square leg boundary by that sprightly fieldsman, Saunders. Stevens was missed in the slips and appeared to be well away for a big score when he also fell a victim to a snare of Orr's.

Wakefield, a youngster up at Oxford, and son of Bishop Wakefield, of Norwich, was the only one of the remaining batsmen to do anything. He batted in grand style, the bowling appearing to present little difficulty to him. He had compiled a brilliant 71 ere Grierson got him, c and b. The last man in gave a little trouble but 182 was the total realised. Orr had the best figures and bowled really well. Grierson's 12 overs for 27 runs shows what a really difficult bowler he is to score off. Pestell has improved considerably since he left Bedfordshire. He bothered the batsmen with his swinging, swerving ball, but neither his or Pilgrim's figures say how well they bowled.

Rogers and Holdstock opened for Beds and runs came very slowly, what scoring there was being done by the Modern School pro.

Holdstock is a proverbial slow starter, but somehow this year he can't get going, and in this match after batting quite a long while for 14 he was bagged in the slips. Rogers was showing capital form and with Willett keeping his end up things were not going so badly for Beds. But Willett did not stay a great while, a beautiful ball putting his stumps awry. Squire and Rogers were partners in a good stand prior to tea, and the pair were still together when the halt was called.

The tea interval proved, as it has many times proved before, disastrous for the batting side. Rogers was immediately caught behind the wicket for a really splendid 63. He is justifying his inclusion with a vengeance. Squire was out soon after, having hit boisterously his 36 containing a nice batch of eight boundaries. Orr and Apthorp were assisted in a merry stand until the latter was out to a ripping catch by Wakefield. There was still a chance that Norfolk would lead on the first innings and Orr was the right man to be at the wickets at such a juncture. He hit as if he had not a care in the world and the danger was soon past. Maltby did not make much of a show, but Saunders and Grierson each made a few, and in the end Beds had a lead of 85.

On Friday Norfolk made a heroic effort to pull the match out of the fire. Two wickets were lost in wiping off the arrears and at lunch things were not altogether hopeful. But Norfolk were all out for the total spoils and Stevens and Raikes put up a bold opposition to whatever bowling Mr. Orr could put against them. The burly old Norwich schoolboy batted magnificently and it was not until he had exceeded the hundred (his third, in four years, on the Grammar School ground) that he was out. So well did the Norfolk batsmen support him that the innings realised over three hundred, and Bedfordshire were left to get 244 in a couple of hours, a task they found impossible. But this second venture of Bedfordshire's further emphasised the fact that in "Dick" Rogers' son the county have a rare "find," a somewhat ungainly figure at the wicket, he nevertheless bats very prettily, and I think, would make still more runs were he smarter between the wickets. And I have known him to get a heap of wickets with that crafty slow ball of his. Have we a J. W. Hearne in the making? With 143 on the board for three wickets and no chance of a definite finish being arrived at the game was abandoned. In every department Bedfordshire shone and they must be congratulated on taking three points out of such doughty opponents. We may see Beds heading their section this year. They have a good start.

The excellent form shown by Bedfordshire this season has brought them to the top of the table in the North and East Section of the Minor Counties Championship, with a grand percentage of 86.68. It is very satisfactory to notice this, and all good Bedfordians hope the position will be maintained. The table given below is made up to July 22 inclusive.

Congratulations to Rogers, who, for his brilliant batting display last week, has been presented with a county cap, and has been invited to play in the remainder of this season's matches for the County. The Modern School pro. has well earned both honours. T. Saunders, the Arlesey amateur, who was given his cap last season, has also been invited to take part in the remaining games.

It is satisfactory to note that the Norfolk team were very pleased with their visit to Bedford last week. In conversation with the writer, their Secretary said his fellows always enjoyed playing against Bedfordshire, as they were such good sportsmen. The Norfolk skipper also confirmed this.

Minor Counties Championship.

BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY BOTH SIDES.

BEDS. GAIN THREE POINTS.

The first meeting of Bedfordshire and Norfolk took place on the Grammar School ground on Thursday and Friday last week. The home county were minus the services of A. F. Morcom, N. C. Bocquet, and Wharmby, their places being taken by N. C. Maltby, Pilgrim, and Pestell, two products of the local cricket League. Last season Norfolk got the better of the Bedfordians on two occasions, but in the game under notice the homesters were the best side. Bedfordshire are this season in a winning vein, and the display given in batting, bowling, and fielding reflects great credit on all concerned. That Bedfordshire made such a creditable show is very gratifying, and should cause supporters to rally round the club. The first day's proceedings were distinctly in favour of the home county, but Friday morning saw a change in the fortunes of the visitors. The "sporting parson," as the Norfolk skipper is familiarly called, and Stevens played with determination, and had the satisfaction of turning the tide of fortune somewhat in their side's favour. The task set of Bedfordshire getting 244 in about two hours was, of course, bordering on the impossible, but the captain fell in a brave attempt at making a bold bid for victory. A word may be said about the fielding; we have seldom seen better, and the catches taken by Holdstock in the country on Friday with the glaring sun in his eyes were indeed creditable.

The visiting captain won the toss and opened the innings with Tregloun. Wickets fell at regular intervals, the best stand of the innings being made by Wakefield, who compiled a capital 71. The venture reached a total of 182, and late in the afternoon the home county had the satisfaction of passing their opponents' score. Norfolk did much better in the second innings, a great stand being made by Raikes and Stevens, who put on 147 for the third wicket. It was almost impossible for Bedfordshire to knock off the required runs for victory in the time at their disposal, but the score of 130 for four wickets was a good one. Full scores and analysis:—

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

C. J. H. Tregloun, b Pestell	8
Rev. G. B. Raikes, b Pestell	19
G. A. Stevens, c Rogers, b Orr	28
M. Falcon, c Saunders, b Orr	10
G. W. Birkbeck, run out	1
H. R. Wakefield, c and b Grierson	71
R. W. Thurger, b Pestell	7
E. J. Fulcher, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	7
G. Gemmell, b Orr	12
Allsopp, st. Apthorp, b Orr	1
Watson, not out	20
Extras	8

Total 182

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

M. Falcon, c Rogers, b Orr	20
G. W. Birkbeck, c Apthorp, b Pilgrim	27
G. A. Stevens, c Maltby, b Grierson	108
G. B. Raikes, c Apthorp, b Orr	66
H. B. Wakefield, c Holdstock, b Orr	17
C. J. H. Tregloun, not out	18
E. G. Fulcher, b Grierson	4
G. Gemmell, b Pestell	26
Watson, c Pilgrim, b Orr	7
R. W. Thurger, c Holdstock, b Orr	12
Allsopp, absent	0
Extras	23

Total 328

Beds.—1st Innings.

Holdstock, c Stevens, b Raikes	14
Rogers, c Thurger, b Raikes	64
H. Willett, b Watson	17
H. Squire, b Fulcher	36
E. E. Apthorp, c Wakefield, b Falcon	24
H. R. Orr, c Raikes, b Falcon	40
N. Maltby, b Wakefield	1
T. Saunders, c Stevens, b Raikes	25
H. Grierson, c Fulcher, b Wakefield	13
Pestell, not out	20
Pilgrim, lbw., b Watson	3
Extras	10

Total 267

BEDS.—2nd Innings.

H. R. Orr, b Falcon	0
N. Maltby, c Thurger, b Raikes	11
Rogers, c Fulcher, b Birkbeck	57
Holdstock, st. Thurger, b Raikes	6
H. Squire, not out	45
E. E. Apthorp, not out	3
Extras	8

Total (4 wickets) 130

H. Willett, T. Saunders, Pestell, H. Grierson, and Pilgrim did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
H. Grierson	12	5	27	1
Pilgrim	16	2	41	1
Pestell	15	3	70	3
H. R. Orr	10.2	2	36	4

Norfolk.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Pestell	18	1	78	1
Pilgrim	13	2	43	1
H. R. Orr	22.3	1	88	5
H. Grierson	21	2	77	2
Holdstock	3	0	19	0

Pestell and Pilgrim each bowled a wide.

Beds.—1st Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	18	2	60	2
Allsopp	6	1	19	0
Raikes	19	1	61	3
Wakefield	13	3	28	2
Watson	15.5	3	59	1
Fulcher	12	3	30	1

Falcon bowled a wide ball and Fulcher a no-ball.

BEDS.—2nd Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Falcon	5	1	18	1
Wakefield	8	2	19	—
Raikes	11	1	36	2
Watson	5	1	7	—
Birkbeck	11	1	28	1
Fulcher	2	—	14	—

No. Matches. No. Points.

	Played.	Won.	Wou on 1st Ina.	Drawn.	Possible.	Obtained.	Percent- age
Bedfordshire	3	2	0	0	15	13	86.68
Staffordshire	5	4	0	0	25	23	80.00
Durham	7	4	0	0	35	21	60.00
Hertfordshire	5	2	0	0	30	16	53.33
Northumberland	2	0	1	0	25	14	52.00
Cambridgeshire	2	0	1	0	10	3	30.00
Lincolnshire	4	1	0	0	20	5	25.00
Cheshire	5	1	0	0	25	5	20.00
Norfolk	3	0	0	0	15	1	6.66

Norfolk has not played any matches.

MATCH NUMBER 35 : BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK - MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bedford on Thur 20, Fri 21 July 1911

Result: Draw Points: Beds 3 points, Norfolk 1 point. Toss: Norfolk

Umpires: Debits

First Day Score: Norfolk 182, Beds 245-9 (Pestell 2*)

NORFOLK

Rov. G. B. Raikes	b Pestell	19	(4) c Apthorp b Orr	66
C. J. H. Treglown	b Pestell	8	not out	18
G. A. Stevens	c Rogers b Orr	28	(3) c Mottley b Grierson	108
M. Faleon	c Saunders b Orr	10	(1) c Rogers b Orr	20
G. W. Birkbeck	run out	1	(2) c Apthorp b Pilgrim	27
H. Wakefield	ch b Grierson	71	(5) c Hiddotank b Orr	17
R. Thurgar	b Pestell	7	c Hiddotank b Orr	12
E. Fulker	c Apthorp b Pilgrim	7	b Grierson	4
G. Kennell	b Orr	12	b Pestell	26
Allsopp, T.	st Apthorp b Orr	1	absent	-
Watson	not out	10	c Pilgrim b Orr	7
Extras		8		23
				328

TOTAL		182										328			
FOW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
First Innings	34	37			76	115			172?	182					
Second Innings	34	79	226			260				328					
Grierson		12	5	27	1				(4)	21	2	57	2	-	-
Pilgrim		16	2	41	1				(2)	13	2	43	1	1	-
Pestell		15	3	70	3				(1)	18	1	78	1	1	-
Orr		10.2	2	36	4				(3)	22.3	1	88	5	-	-
Hiddotank									(5)	3	0	19	0	-	-
Extras				8	1							23			
TOTAL	53.2	12	182	10					77.3	6	308	9			

BEDFORDSHIRE

Hiddotank	c Stevens b Raikes	14	(4) st Thurgar b Raikes	6
E. Rogers	c Thurgar b Raikes	64	(3)? c Fulker b Birkbeck	57
H. Willott	b Watson	17		
H. Squire	b Fulker	76	(5) not out	45
E. E. Apthorp	c Wakefield (Faleon)	24	not out	3
H. B. Orr	c Raikes b Faleon	40	(1) b Faleon	0
N. Mottley	b Wakefield	1	(2) c Thurgar b Raikes	11
T. Saunders	c Stevens b Raikes	25		
H. Grierson	c Fulker b Wakefield	15		
Pestell	not out	20		
Pilgrim	Un b Watson	3		
Extras		10		8
TOTAL		267		130-4

FOW	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
First Innings				149		180			245	267			
Second Innings	0	29			-	-	-	-	-	-			
Faleon	18	1	60	2	1	-			(1)	5	1	18	1
Allsopp	5	1	19	0	-	-			(3)	11	1	36	2
Raikes	19	1	61	3	-	-			(2)	8	2	19	0
Wakefield	13	3	28	2	-	-			(4)	5	1	7	0
Watson	13.5	3	59	2	-	-			(6)	2	0	14	0
Fulker	12	3	30	1	-	1			(5)	11	1	28	1
Birkbeck												8	
Extras			10										
TOTAL	80.5	12	267	10					42	6	130	4	

Notes: Wakefield's 71 contained 11 '4's. Rogers 64 contained 7 '4's. Stevens 108 contained 1 '6' & 11 '4's. Allsopp roped the wicket in his finger & Gibson substituted. The game was left drawn at 6.15. Sources: - EDP 21, 22 July, Mercury 29 July, Chronicle 29 July

DERBYSHIRE v. LEICESTERSHIRE.

WEEK-END CRICKET.

Played at Chesterfield on July 29, 31 and August 1 and left drawn. Beyond everything else this match was remarkable for the batting of Sharp who, doing better than ever before, scored 216 in four hours and 10 minutes—his first hundred in important cricket. He hit two 5's and thirty-seven 4's and drove and hit to leg well. He was missed when 82 and 103, and should have been stumped when 163. With Fowke, who batted for 200 minutes, he added 262 for the sixth wicket in three hours. Chapman batted well in both innings for Derbyshire. In his first he put on 53 with Oliver and 79 with Morton, and in his second added 117 for the second wicket with Cadman. The latter, cutting and off-driving in attractive style, hit a 6 and sixteen 4's and made no mistake until 102. When the innings was closed Leicestershire were left with 193 to make in 110 minutes, but before they could go in rain came down and stopped the match. Score and analysis:—

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AN ANECDOTE OF HIRST AND RHODES.

To the Editor of CRICKET.

Sir,—The following anecdote, to the truth of which the writer vouches, has never as yet appeared in print, but has been carefully kept, like the solitary bottle of a rare and choice vintage, for some auspicious occasion. That occasion having now arrived (in the shape of Rhodes's benefit) the writer presents it, with his compliments, to be uncorked by the Editor of Cricket.

At the close of the season of 1902 the writer was playing in a small match for the benefit of some local charity, in which Hirst and Rhodes with characteristic good nature were also participating, their presence, needless to say, proving a great attraction. Everyone was still talking of the thrilling finish to the final Test match at the Oval, in which the last two men Hirst and Rhodes—the last hope of England—by their cool and plucky batting at the crisis of the game, gained for their country a most memorable victory by one wicket. During an interval in the local charity match, a player, whose enthusiasm for the game may be said to have outweighed his skill, approached Hirst, and, chatting over the incidents of the great match at the Oval, asked him if he had not felt nervous towards the finish.

"Nervous!" said Hirst, apparently surprised at the strangeness of the question; "no, I can't say that I was nervous. But now you come to mention it, I remember I was a bit afraid lest the occasion might be too big for Wilfred."

Pondering over this reply, our inquisitive cricketer a little later took advantage of the fall of another wicket to propound his little query to Rhodes.

"Nervous!" replied Rhodes thoughtfully. "No, I was'n't nervous. Not exactly what you might call nervous. But I must say I did feel anxious lest George might get out."

Yours, etc.,

Huddersfield, July 27, 1911.

A. C. DENHAM.

BEDFORDSHIRE v. NORFOLK.—Played at Bedford on July 20 and 21 and left drawn. Score and analysis:—

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