

Sports and Pastimes.

The Herts County Cricket Club handbook for 1919 has been issued. It shows that the affiliated clubs are Barnet, Cheshunt, Hertford, Stevenage, and West Herts, but surely "there are others." The statement of accounts is given, and is very interesting in respect of subscriptions received during the war period, the amounts being: 1915, £193 17s.; 1916, £92 12s. 6d.; 1917, £78 9s.; 1918, £74 5s. Bank balances on December 31st last were: Deposit account, £425; circuit account, £84.

The County Club's roll of honour of members who served in the war is admittedly incomplete, and members will greatly oblige by sending additions and corrections to the secretary, Mr. J. H. Thorpe, Hertford. The list at present is as follows, and although the death and invalided section is painfully numerous, it is gratifying to find that so many came back safe and sound:—Major B. F. Baker, R.A.F.; C. H. Barfield, killed in France, 1916; Pte. Burton, R.A.M.C.; Earl of Cavan, G.O.C., B.E.F.; Italy; See-Lieut. J. N. Cowley, Herts R.F.A.; Lieut. R. B. Cowley, 3rd Batt. Yorks and Lancs Regt., wounded; See-Lieut. D. J. Cox, 7th Batt. Sussex Regt.; See-Lieut. N. J. Cox, 7th Batt. Sussex Regt., killed; Lieut. E. H. Cuthbertson, Warwickshire Regt., died April 8th, 1917; See-Lieut. E. J. Dodd, R.F.A., killed July 17th, 1917; G. C. Dumbleton, Artists Rifles; Sergt. T. F. Dwight, Herts Yeomanry; Q.M. Sergt. S. G. Etheridge, Artists Rifles; W. Fielder Flint; Capt. A. K. Gibson, Oxford and Bucks L.I.; Lieut.-Col. R. C. Grellet, D.S.O., Yorkshire Regt., wounded twice; Sergt. G. C. Hamond, Artists Rifles; Capt. J. F. Harrison, Royal Horse Guards, wounded; Major H. V. Hesketh Pritchard, D.S.O., M.C., Military Order of Aviz, Portugal, twice mentioned in dispatches; Sergt. L. G. Hozier, 2/1 Battery Herts R.F.A.; See-Lieut. E. S. Household, Essex Regt., died of wounds August 25th, 1917; A. K. Loftis; P. Loftis; Lieut. Cyril R. Lydekker, 1/5 Bedford Regt., killed in action, Suvla Bay, August 15th, 1915; Lieut. W. H. Marsh, A.S.C.; Lieut. R. E. Norman, Oxford and Bucks L.I., wounded; Capt. B. Pawle, 1st Herts Regt.; A. R. Petrie, London Scottish, killed; Shelford; Pte. F. W. Thompson (solo), 11th Essex Regt., missing April 22nd, 1917; J. J. Thorlby, 20th Hussars; Lieut. J. H. Thorpe, R.A.F.; Lieut. C. H. Titchmarsh, A.S.C.; G. H. Vasey; C. H. R. West, 6th Batt. Middlesex Regt., killed; Capt. E. L. Wright, Shropshire L.I., died of wounds.

The Advisory Committee of the M.C.C., on Tuesday, decided to revert to three-day cricket for county championship matches next season. It is understood that the counties were practically unanimous in their desire to return to the old order of things, even Lancashire, who brought forward the proposal to limit county cricket matches to two days, acknowledging that the idea did not work out so well in practice as in theory.

The committee also decided to recommend the following new method of counting points in the championship competition:—Five points for a win outright and two points for the side leading on the first innings in an uncompleted match. In the event of a tie in a finished match, five points to be divided, and in a tie match, where one innings only has been completed, two points to be divided. The scoring to be reckoned on the percentage of points obtained to points obtainable. Where no result is obtained on the first innings the match shall be eliminated from the percentage calculation.

The regimental qualification which obtained during 1919 has been altered to read as follows: Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men, who were serving in 1919, and will be serving in 1920 in a county regiment shall be qualified to play for that county in 1920 only, provided that they have not played for any other county.

Cricket.

HERTFORDSHIRE v. BUCKS.
Hertfordshire have not yet won a match this season, an execrable position by virtue of many circumstances by which the club has been handicapped. Playing Buckinghamshire at Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday and Thursday last week, they were defeated by ten runs only, after full play, each side having two innings. In Hertfordshire's first innings, the Rev. C. G. Ward was top scorer with 30 not out, C. H. Edwards contributing 24; and in the second "go" H. N. Kent had the best total, 30 not out. Buckinghamshire's best batsmen were R. N. Hamilton 36, C. G. Fairbairn 26, W. E. Hazelton 25. For Hertfordshire, Hylton Stewart's averages in the bowling were: first innings 7 wickets for 30, second innings 5 for 40; Kent, 2 for 7 and 4 for 66; Shelford, 1 for 28; and Edwards, 1 for 16. In Hertfordshire's first innings D. A. D. Sewell, 4 for 36; J. Whiting 4 for 20; Hazelton, 1 for 53. No fewer than 32 no-balls were bowled in the match. Scores:—

BUCKS.—First Innings.	
P. S. Fraser b Hylton Stewart	8
T. R. Kent b Shelford	.....
R. N. Hamilton b Hylton Stewart	11
P. W. Le Gros b Hylton Stewart	1
W. J. Franklin c Shelford b Kent	9
E. Whiting c Dumbleton b Hylton	.....
Stewart	6
W. E. Hazelton b Hylton Stewart	25
C. G. Fairbairn not out	5
S. L. Trevor c Dumpleton b Kent	0
D. A. D. Sewell c Lemoine b Hylton	.....
Stewart	5
J. Whiting m Hylton Stewart	0
Extras	8
Total	73

Second Innings.	
P. S. Fraser lbw b Kent	13
T. R. Kent c Leighton b Hylton	.....
Stewart	1
R. N. Hamilton b Kent	36
P. W. Le Gros b Hylton Stewart	4
W. B. Franklin b Hylton Stewart	1
E. Whiting c Etheridge b Kent	8
W. E. Hazelton c Hylton Stewart b	.....
Kent	0
C. G. Fairbairn b Edwards	26
S. L. Trevor c Lemoine b Hylton	.....
Stewart	23
D. A. D. Sewell not out	10
J. Whiting c Shelford b Hylton	.....
Stewart	0
Extras	22
Total	144

HERTFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.	
L. J. Reid c Franklin b Sewell	4
G. Dumbleton run out	3
A. F. Leighton b Hazelton	10
B. D. Hylton Stewart c J. Whiting	.....
b Sewell	4
S. G. Etheridge c Franklin b Sewell	10
Rev. C. G. Ward not out	30
C. H. Edwards b J. Whiting	24
W. H. Marsh b Sewell	8
H. N. Kent c Franklin b J. Whiting	3
H. M. Lemoine o and b J. Whiting	0
Shelford c Fraser b J. Whiting	6
Extras	17
Total	119

Second Innings.	
L. J. Reid c Fraser b Hazelton	3
G. G. Dumbleton c Le Gros b Hazelton	.....
A. F. Leighton b Hazelton	5
B. D. Hylton Stewart c Trevor b J.	.....
Whiting	11
S. G. Etheridge c J. Whiting	4
Rev. C. G. Ward c Kent b Hazelton	2
C. H. Edwards c Trevor b Hazelton	3
W. H. Marsh b J. Whiting	0
H. N. Kent not out	50
H. M. Lemoine st Franklin b J.	10
Whiting	2
Shelford b Hazelton	2
Extras	15
Total	88

HARPENDEN v. ST. ALBANS TOWN.

"COMMONERS'" REVENGE FOR THE JULY DEFEAT.

The St. Albans eleven paid a visit to Harpenden Common on Saturday, when the Harpenden eleven had complete revenge for their defeat by the Town men on July 26th, and won by 145 runs. The Town, after fielding for 220 runs through the heat of the afternoon, were feeling the strain when they went in to bat, and were no match for W. H. Marsh on his own "hunting ground." This brilliant trundler bowled 12.4 overs and took eight wickets for 45 runs, and A. E. Bandy captured the other two for 25. The St. Albans bowling analysis was as follows:—G. H. Rabono, three for 53; F. Burton, four for 86; A. E. Faulkner, one for 23; and W. H. Ryan, one for 37. The match was fought out in the best of spirits, and enjoyed by all, as is usual when these old rivals are opposed. Scores:—

HARPENDEN.	
A. E. Taylor c Dodd b Burton	17
E. B. Brooks b Rabono	6
A. E. Bandy b Burton	24
S. P. Mole c Wright b Rabono	89
W. H. Marsh b Burton	0
G. Birdsall b Faulkner	29
E. E. A. Talbot b Ryan	18
E. A. Talbot b Rabono	6
J. B. Low not out	26
L. L. Bray c Rabono b Burton	0
E. T. French int wkt	0
Extras	10
Total	220

ST. ALBANS TOWN.	
F. A. Burton c Bray b Marsh	2
C. H. Rabono c Taylor b Marsh	12
V. B. Clarke b Marsh	20
A. H. Lowe st Mole b Marsh	13
A. E. Faulkner b Marsh	0
F. G. Faulkner c Bandy b Marsh	0
E. H. Ryan not out	13
W. D. Tripp b Bandy	1
O. P. Dodd lbw b Marsh	1
C. M. Wright b Bandy	5
H. Bow Smith o Talbot b Marsh	3
Extras	6
Total	76

THE WATFORD WEEK.

HERTFORDSHIRE v. CHESHIRE.

VISITORS WIN BY TEN WICKETS.

The Watford week of the Hertfordshire Cricket Club opened on Monday, when on that and the following day the home county played Cheshire, the visitors winning by ten wickets. Cook took five wickets for 40 runs in the Herts first innings, and six for 33 in the second innings; and L. N. Jones three for 52 in the first and three for 54 in the second innings, and Harrison two for 15 in the Herts first innings. Bowling for Herts, Hylton Stewart took six wickets for 79 runs and Marsh two for 56. Scores:—

HERTFORDSHIRE.—First Innings.

Rev. C. G. Ward c Jones b Cook	10
H. J. Paris lbw b Cook	.....
S. G. Etheridge b Harrison	58
B. D. Hylton Stewart b Cook	.....
A. F. Leighton b L. N. Jones	64
L. J. Reid c Tipping b Harrison	3
H. N. Kent c and b Cook	5
C. H. Edwards b L. N. Jones	4
W. H. Marsh b L. N. Jones	0
H. M. Lemoine not out	4
Shelford b Cook	6
Extras	9
Total	165

Second Innings.

Rev. C. G. Ward c McIntyre b Jones	40
S. G. Etheridge c Jones b Cook	6
A. F. Leighton run out	6
L. J. Reid c Tipping b Cook	0
C. H. Edwards b Cook	3
B. D. Hylton Stewart c McIntyre b Jones	0
H. J. Paris b Jones	6
H. N. Kent c Hudson b Cook	9
W. H. Marsh not out	14
H. M. Lemoine b Cook	3
Shelford c Tipping b Cook	0
Extras	5
Total	92

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

H. W. Hodgson b Hylton Stewart	21
Anthony lbw b Marsh	111
D. H. Comber c Shelford b Hylton	.....
W. E. Jones c Lemoine b Hylton	13
Stewart	.....
H. Morris c Lemoine b Marsh	17
L. N. Jones c Hylton Stewart b	.....
Marsh	0
D. M. McIntyre c Shelford b Marsh	12
V. Hope c Etheridge b Hylton	9
Stewart	.....
Cook c Paris b Hylton Stewart	15
F. Harrison not out	19
Tipping c Ward b Hylton Stewart	1
Extras	16
Total	249

Second Innings.

F. Harrison not out	1
D. M. McIntyre not out	8
Total for no wkt. 9	

HERTFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

Owing to rain there was no play on Wednesday when the Hertfordshire eleven were to have commenced their match with Bedfordshire.

The fixture for Friday and Saturday is Herts v. West Herts.

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HERTS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

RECORDS FOR THE SEASON.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

The season just concluded has been a very difficult one for Hertfordshire. It was anticipated that after the losses of the War it must necessarily be a period of experiment, with a gradual drawing together of the scattered threads of cricket.

Mr. Leighton, of Bishop Stortford, who heads the list of batting averages, is a fine all-round cricketer, and Mr. Paris, a new acquisition from Watford, showed excellent form, but the absence of Mr. C. H. Titchmarsh, who is not yet demobilized, was a serious disadvantage, and a successor to the consistent and redoubtable Golding has not yet appeared.

On the other hand the bowling, which was formerly the County's weak point, has been greatly strengthened by the advent of Mr. Hylton Stewart and Mr. Kent.

Although the actual results of the matches are disappointing, the Committee has confidence in the prospect for next year, and has decided to re-enter the Minor Counties' Competition, and looks forward to regaining a leading position.

Matches played, 9; won, 0; drawn, 4; lost, 5.

BATTING AVERAGES.

COUNTY MATCHES.

	No. of inns.	not out.	Times		Avg.
			Highest	Total	
A. F. Leighton ...	9	0	70	263	28·1
B. D. Hylton Stewart	10	0	119	279	27·9
H. J. Paris ...	8	0	80	170	21·2
H. E. Blower ...	4	1	41	53	17·2
Rev. C. G. Ward ...	16	2	40	223	13·15
S. G. Etheridge ...	16	0	58	202	12·10
C. H. Edwards ...	5	1	21	44	11
A. R. Gaussen ...	6	2	14	32	8
L. J. Redd ...	12	1	43	111	9·3
H. N. Kent ...	11	1	30	78	7·8
H. M. Lemaine ...	12	4	19	59	7·3
G. H. Cuthbertson ...	4	0	16	28	7
W. H. Marsh ...	14	0	39	107	7·9
Shelford ...	15	3	8	46	3·10
C. V. Tarbox ...	6	0	5	14	2·2

The following batted less than four times:—B. W. Atkins, D. L. Cox, G. B. Cuthbertson, G. G. Dunbelton, Sinfield, C. H. Titchmarsh, J. H. Thorpe, and J. S. Wright.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

COUNTY MATCHES.

O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
B. D. Hylton Stewart ...	161·4	28	483	31 14·7
H. N. Kent ...	130·3	21	519	32 16·7
W. H. Marsh ...	123	21	379	18 21·1
Shelford ...	197	45	613	25 24·13

The following also bowled:—G. G. Dunbelton, A. R. Gaussen, H. J. Paris, J. S. Wright, B. W. Atkins, J. H. Thorpe, C. H. Edwards, S. G. Etheridge, and C. V. Tarbox.

GENTLEMEN OF HERTS AND CLUB AND GROUND.

Matches played, 10; won, 6; drawn, 2; lost, 2.

BATTING AVERAGES.

TIMES

No. of inns.	not out.	Highest	Total	Avg.
S. G. Etheridge ...	6	0	90	345 57·4
T. H. Thorpe ...	5	2	45	75 25
Rev. C. G. Ward ...	8	0	75	190 23·6
W. H. Marsh ...	4	2	32	42 21
H. J. Sharpe ...	5	0	51	79 15·4
H. N. Kent ...	5	0	63	76 15·1
E. H. Wales ...	5	0	24	58 11·3
B. D. Hylton Stewart	7	1	58	67 11·1
H. J. Gibbon ...	4	0	24	36 9

The following played in less than four innings:—C. H. Titchmarsh, G. G. Dunbelton, Rev. F. R. Bonsey, C. V. Tarbox, A. R. Gaussen, and Shelford.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

O. M. R. W. Avg.

B. D. Hylton Stewart ...	43	13	91	15	6·1
Shelford ...	48	20	100	12	8·4
H. N. Kent ...	59	10	149	14	10·9
W. H. Marsh ...	31	8	89	8	11·1

The following also bowled:—A. R. Gaussen, C. V. Tarbox, J. W. Simon, and White (H. A.).