

CRICKET.

NORWICH WEEK.

COUNTY WIN BY 8 WICKETS

A PROMISING BATSMAN

The cricket at Lakenham yesterday in the second and concluding day of the match between F. B. Baker's Cambridge XI. and Norfolk County was of a more attractive and entertaining character than that of Monday. Fewer wickets fell, and though the total runs obtained was only 3 more than on the opening day the rate of scoring was much faster. There was one partnership in which three figures were reached in 70 minutes, and Norfolk, who were left to get 141 in the fourth innings, knocked off the runs in 93 minutes to win the match at twenty minutes past four by eight wickets.

Of the four batsmen who yesterday obtained 30 runs or more, C. S. Colman afforded most pleasure to the onlookers. The fruits of good coaching are apparent in the correctness of his attitude and style. The bat is seldom out of the perpendicular, his strokes are many, including the forcing one to the on, and in the timing and execution of them he shows sound skill and judgment. The power is there too, and after seeing his second good knock in his first county match we feel inclined to regard him as one of the most promising recruits Norfolk has had for some years. Colman's match figures were just beaten by E. Edrich, who was unfortunately run out on Monday. Yesterday the Blofield man went in first and was undefeated when the match was won, and more than half the total runs came from his bat. In the making of some of his shots the bat was not always straight, and the ball occasionally came off the edge of it, but Edrich has a good eye and watches the ball very well. A favourite shot is between cover point and mid-off, but he has many others, including the square cut and a good pull, which he brought out with great success twice in one over against Wessels. He scored faster than Colman, and when G. R. Neville joined him to help in hitting off the balance of the runs required with fourers to leg there was great liveliness and much enthusiasm at the benches.

It was Neville too who came out best of the half-dozen bowlers the Norfolk captain put on in the second innings of the visitors. He bowled Wainwright with his third ball, and had three other victims in the course of fourteen overs for only 30 runs. Among his victims was Wessels, the untiring Crusaders' bowler, who laid about with a freedom that was good to see. He and Blanch added 47 for the third wicket, and after Wessels left the end seemed near, but it was delayed till after lunch by a last wicket stand by H. Winter and Lloyd, the pair adding 34 runs. The total of the innings was 154, the runs being made in two hours and forty minutes. Cyril Popham, who is going up to Cambridge and has been getting wickets and runs for the Cryptics in good London cricket, had two victims in four overs for 9 runs.

A blow on the knee when batting prevented C. R. Benstead from turning out for the last innings of the match, and Cant fielded as substitute, and saved many runs too, for the Attleborough man is alert and quick. The visitors missed Benstead's bowling, a department in which they were none too strong, and after R. C. Hudson was sent back by the fourth ball Colman and Edrich exposed the weakness of it during a second wicket partnership, which yielded 101 runs in seventy minutes. Neville and Edrich hit off the balance of the runs (40) in fifteen minutes, and the match was won early and easily. Edrich's 71 included nine 4s. The light during the morning was often poor, and some rain fell, but the play was not interrupted.

A CAMBRIDGE XI.

E. O. Pretheroe c Hudson	12	c Neville	6
M. C. Wainwright c			
Jessopp b C. Popham	33	b Neville	10
A. T. H. Blanch b			
D. Wessels b Neville	12	b Cant	30
C. A. Winter c sub.	5	lbw b Neville	40
b C. Popham	19	c C. Popham b	
C. R. Benstead b Jessopp	27	Watson	5
W. E. Lucas b Neville	4	b Jessopp	8
F. B. Baker c Borthwick b Jessopp	6	c Jessopp b C. Popham	4
N. O. Rees c and b			
Jessopp	1	b C. Popham	0
H. E. Winter b Watson	0	c R. Popham b	
J. E. Lloyd not out	0	Watson	16
Extras	10	not out	16
		Extras	15
Total	129	Total	154

NORFOLK.

R. F. Popham c C.			
Winter b Wessels	0		
R. C. Hudson st Rees			
b Benstead	22	b Wessels	0
C. S. Colman b Wessels	40	b H. Winter	42
H. Dougill b Benstead	5		
R. W. Cant b Wessels	0		
C. H. Popham lbw b			
Wessels	0		
C. H. Borthwick b			
Wessels	7		
E. Edrich run out	15	not out	71
G. R. Neville c Rees b			
Wessels	7	not out	20
N. A. Jessopp not out	15		
Watson b Benstead	23		
Extras	9	Extras	9
Total	143	Total (2 wks)	143

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

A Cambridge XI.—Second Innings.			
	O.	M.	R.
Jessopp	19	6	42
Watson	13.1	2	49
Neville	14	2	50
Cant	4	2	9
C. Popham	4	1	9

Norfolk—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.
Wessels	16	2	56
Lucas	7	1	15
C. Winter	9	0	14
H. Winter	9	0	55
Baker	2	0	15

Wessels delivered 4 no balls.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

The Club and Ground team to play Fakenham and District at Lakenham to-day and tomorrow comprises R. F. Popham, C. H. Popham, A. R. Hudson, R. C. Hudson, J. M. Coldham, J. H. Falcon, T. P. Evershed, C. S. Colman, G. R. Neville, Watson, Colman, and A. N. Other.

NORWICH CRICKET WEEK.

SENSATIONAL PLAY.

COUNTY BEATEN BY THE M.C.C.

Two hours' cricket sufficed to finish the third match of the week at Lakenham on Saturday, the M.C.C. winning at twenty-five minutes past one by eight wickets. Neither the state of the wicket nor the quality of the bowling provided any excuse for the feeble batting of the Norfolk team in its second innings, but in all probability the morale of the side was considerably affected by the running out of two of the best batsmen as the result of brilliant work in the field by the brothers Claud and Hubert Ashton. Just before the second of three disasters occurred the total was 50 with only two wickets down, and there seemed a quite reasonable prospect of the arrears of 75 being wiped off, and a respectable total being made, as C. S. Colman and M. Falcon were both well set and batting with every appearance of confidence. Twenty-five minutes later the County were faced with almost certain defeat, eight men being out and the total only 73, and it was only the hitting of George Neville and Watson that made it necessary for the visitors to bat a second time. It was a poor ending to a week of excellent cricket, and the easy termination was a disappointment to those who intended visiting the ground in the afternoon.

R. F. Popham, like Watson, is so fast a runner between wickets, that many short runs are possible for him which would be dangerous and even fatal for others to attempt, and we had frequent evidence of it during the week, and particularly during his long innings on Thursday. But like the pitcher which went to the well once too often, he was surprised by the quickness and accuracy of the Winchester boy's return of the ball after running from mid-on, and he paid the full penalty, the ball hitting the wicket before the second run had been completed. The sound and effective batting of C. S. Colman and R. B. Heading promised to make amends for the loss of Popham, till Mead suddenly got through the defence of the Thornham batsman with two good ones, the second of which hit the wicket. As it happened this was the veteran Essex professional's only success in the innings, and it was Captain Foster and G. de L. Hough who wrecked the hopes of so many of the Norfolk batsmen, the M.C.C. captain getting 6 victims in the match for 53 runs.

The dramatic turning point of the innings came with the dismissal of the Norfolk captain. There was power behind Colman's off drive, and the ground was fast, and when he called his captain, Colman, was confident of the ball passing the field-man at extra cover. He almost instantly realized his mistake, for with wonderful activity and dexterity, Hubert Ashton picked up the ball right-handed and returned it with precision and swiftness for Hough to put the wicket down before M. Falcon had got back. The unfortunate business had an unsettling effect upon Colman, for he was bowled without any addition to the score, and this procession thus started, and continued till Neville and Watson averted the innings defeat by a ninth wicket partnership, which produced 18 runs. Watson making 12 of them, and starting with two good hits to leg. Neville made some capital strokes, and was undefeated when the last wicket fell.

C. H. Borthwick's right-hand was so swollen that it may have influenced M. Falcon in deciding not to bowl when the M.C.C. went in at one o'clock to get 22. But Watson, bowling from the top end, sent up a shout by bowling Captain Murray Jardine with his first ball. Watson could scarcely hope to continue in this fashion, though before the close he managed to get yet another wicket, H. Ashton being caught by the wicket-keeper. The required runs were made chiefly from Jessopp, Munds, the Kentish left-hander, displaying a very straight bat and some good strokes.

NORFOLK.

R. F. Popham c M. Jardine b Newman	34	run out	6
C. S. Colman b Mead	1	b Hough	25
R. B. Heading b Hough	30	b Mead	10
M. Falcon lbw b Hough	35	run out	5
J. H. Falcon c Munds b Mead	1	lbw b Foster	6
R. C. Hudson b Mead	1	b Newman	4
T. B. Raikes b Mead	0	b Foster	4
N. A. Jessopp not out	5	b Foster	2
G. R. Neville b Hough	4	not out	12
C. H. Borthwick b Mead	1	c Newman b Jardine	1
Watson c O. Ashton b Hough	18	lbw b Hough	12
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	139	Total	56

M.C.C.

D. R. Jardine c Hudson b M. Falcon	0	not out	9
Munds b Watson	12	not out	9
E. K. Stephenson b M. Falcon	0	not out	9
Newman c Borthwick b M. Falcon	92	not out	1
G. Ashton lbw b Watson	20	not out	1
C. T. Ashton c Borthwick b J. Falcon	39	c Borthwick b Watson	8
H. Falcon lbw b M. Jessopp	3	not out	4
G. de L. Hough lbw b Jessopp	3	not out	4
Captain R. A. Foster b Jessopp	7	not out	4
Captain M. Jardine not out	4	b Watson	0
Mead (W) b Jessopp	0	Extras	4
Extras	34	Extras	4
Total	214	Total (2 wks)	22

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Norfolk—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. Ashton	5	0	17	0
Mead	12	5	25	1
G. de L. Hough	11	2	17	2
Newman	7	1	12	1
Capt. Foster	6	1	16	5
G. Jardine	4	0	3	1

M.C.C.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Watson	4	2	3	2
N. A. Jessopp	3.5	0	15	0

OLD BUCKENHAM v. NORWICH COMRADES.

An interesting match took place at the Old Buckenham Hall Ground on Saturday, the visitors being the Norwich Comrades, the Great War. Each side played 12 men, and victory rested with the Comrades by a single run. For Old Buckenham Squads took five wickets for 15 runs, and for the visitors, H. Smith seven for 19, and J. P. W. Evershed four for 29. Scores:—

COMRADES.

J. P. W. Evershed b Lord	15
W. O. Chapman run out	25
W. Mahoney b Lord	2
B. Applewhite c Whitehead b Squibs	12
N. J. Howes b Squibs	13
P. W. Greengrass c Lord	0
D. M. Matlock b Squibs	0
P. J. Fish b Squibs	0
R. E. Carter not out	5
C. W. Smith c Loveday b Lord	0
H. Smith c Bryce b Lord	0
Extras	4
Total	76

OLD BUCKENHAM.

B. Lord b Evershed	12
W. Scudsbury b H. Smith	14
H. Turner c Mahoney b Evershed	11
S. Carter b Evershed	12
W. Bryce c Carter b H. Smith	0
W. Porter b H. Smith	0
C. Br. Chalk b H. Smith	2
H. Tucker c Copeman b H. Smith	12
P. Whitehead b H. Smith	0
G. Pettit b Evershed	0
H. Loveday b H. Smith	2
P. Doreley not out	0
Extras	4
Total	75

Lowestoft Athletic v. Lowestoft Town.—Played at Lowestoft on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Lowestoft Town by 155 runs.

LOWESTOFT TOWN.

C. J. Phillips lbw b Wilkin	0
Rev. A. R. Barnes c Mitchell b Davis	51
A. Cooper b Barton	52
O. S. Bond c Barton b Reynolds	3
W. G. English b Davis	23
F. Turner not out	57
A. R. East not out	24
Extras	16
Total (5 wks declared)	211

LOWESTOFT ATHLETIC.

A. Davis b English	2
C. Crowe b English	0
G. Reeves b English	0
A. Whyard b English	0
B. Barton b Barnes	8
R. Reynolds c Phillips b English	4
A. Mitchell b English	7
A. Wilkin b English	24
A. Rose b English	0
P. K. Crowe c Phillips b English	9
C. Bothwell not out	0
Extras	7
Total	76

Tharston v. Pulham Air Station.—Played at Pulham on Wednesday, and resulted in a draw. Scores:—Tharston—W. H. Grimble 0, F. Crawshaw 61, E. Edwards 7, L. Crawshaw 5, T. Andrews 16, H. Brewster 10, S. Howell 0, H. Potter 0, extras 25; total (for 7 wks), 124. Innings declared. A. Hardesty, T. Fells, and R. Gowing did not bat. Pulham Air Station—Hobden 1, Wolsey 40, Reynolds 13, Band 3, Hands 17, Butcher 7, Chadwell 17, Lowsey 1, Taylor 1, extras 12; total (for 7 wks), 112. Smith and Gray did not bat.

Tharston v. Saxlingham.—Played at Saxlingham, and resulted in a win for Tharston. Tharston—B. Howell 5, N. Andrews 3, E. Grimble 8, F. Andrews 5, H. Potter 2, R. Gowing not out 1, J. Barnes 0, A. Hardesty 2, S. Howell 0, C. Hazell 0, A. Punnell 0, extras 7; total 35. Saxlingham—J. Aldis 0, T. Dade 4, W. Brighton 0, T. Rix 6, T. English 2, W. Moore 0, E. Emms 0, H. Hicks 8, J. Emms 1, P. Witten 2, C. Ramis not out 4, extras 5; total 32.

Haddiscoe v. 977 M.T. Company R.A.S.C.—Played at Haddiscoe on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Haddiscoe—S. Smith 1, H. Theobald 3, J. Theobald 2, Rev. Farrad 9, T. Buck 5, W. Cullley 3, H. Manthorpe 3, L. Barnes 0, A. Barnes 0, A. Kett 8, A. Blyth 1, extras 2; total 37. 977 M.T. Company, R.A.S.C.—Lieut. Dartnall 2, Sergt. Harvey 0, Pte. Marland 2, Pte. McKinnell 4, Corp. Fry 2, Mr. Sporne 2, Sec. Lieut. Conford 5, Staff-Sergt. Ingram 4, Lance-Corp. Bartley 1, Pte. Cox 2, Pte. Sharples 10, extras 12; total 46.

Barney v. Fulmeston.—Played at Barney and resulted in a win for Barney. Fulmeston—R. Hawes 3, J. Harrison 2, T. Hawes 0, J. Moy 0, A. Utting 1, F. Osrick 15, R. Leach 8, Claxton 4, C. Woodhouse 0, H. Hawes 0, J. Leach 0, extras 9; total 42. Barney—H. W. Rose 0, T. E. Sharpe 12, J. Temple 22, A. Temple 3, J. H. Jones 3, P. Rumbler 1, A. Utting 6, J. Harrison 16, S. Page 21, J. Pond and T. Bushell did not bat; extras 16; total 81.

North Elmham v. Tittleshall.—Played at North Elmham on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 28 runs. North Elmham—Dr. A. L. H. Rackham b Melton 20, F. Johnson b Melton 3, W. Ramm b Melton 6, R. J. Hewett b J. Robertson 0, G. Mace b Melton 4, F. W. Kerrison b Francis 10, Rev. E. H. Townsend run out 10, B. Jex b Francis 8, W. Langley b Francis 0, H. Reeve c Robertson b Melton 0, C. Earl not out 2, extras 11; total 74. Tittleshall—Rev. H. Lee Warner c Reeve b Hewett 23, F. Francis c Mace b Hewett 8, J. Robertson b Hewett 12, M. K. North not out 25, C. Wright b Hewett 2, S. Everett b Hewett 5, J. Reeve c Reeve b Hewett 1, H. Robertson c Jex b Rackham 12, W. Wright b Rackham 3, R. Melton c Kerrison b Ramm 2, H. Twite not out 1, extras 7; total 102.