

SPORTS & PASTIMES

CRICKET.

COUNTY CRICKET MATCH AT MACCLESFIELD.

CHESHIRE vs. STAFFORDSHIRE.

By "VETERAN" (Macclesfield).

Cheshire's prospects are quite good for the coming season, which commenced on Whit-Monday at Victoria Road Cricket Ground, Macclesfield, in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress and Miss Frost and a very large attendance of the public. The weather was perfect. Mr. Vernon Hope, who has done so much in previous years for cricket in Cheshire, will be captain again. In addition to those who played last season, they are hoping to have the assistance of Mr. T. A. L. Brocklebank, the Cambridge senior, during the vacation. There are also several Cheshire public school boys who will be given a trial, and during July and August Cheshire expects to be very strong. The professionals will be Cook and Clifton, as last season.

We learn on good authority that every effort is being made for Cheshire to join the first-class circle in the near future, and their form last year might have been compared quite favourably with that of Derbyshire and Worcestershire.

The patent factor is, of course, finances, and it is hoped that greater support to such a noble enterprise will be given this year.

Restricted railway facilities somewhat hampered the selection of the teams. Cheshire had several new representatives to whom minor county cricket was a novelty. But through it all there blew a breath of Macclesfield, and Treacle Town has every right to feel proud of the part that local sportsmen played in the match. First and foremost comes the skipper of the county and the skipper of the town, Vernon Hope, with his lieutenant on the local side, F. A. Harrison. Chester Twemlow was in his usual place behind the sticks, and Norman Brocklehurst was selected for his bowling. Jack Cook, of Billington, figured prominently with the ball. Others of ancient repute with Cheshire were the Brothers Jones and Harry Morris. Newcomers were P. R. Astle, of Stockport; F. T. H. Heald, of Bramhall; and Frost, of Chester.

A welcome enthusiasm was manifested throughout the match. Despite improvements in seating accommodation on the popular side of the ground, and the inconvenience of travel by train, the ground, bathed in sun-bire from morning till night, was taxed almost to its utmost capacity, there being something like 3,000 present. The ground presented a very animated appearance on Monday afternoon.

A pleasing feature of the accommodation was the room that had been allocated for motor-cars and bicycles.

With a broiling sun pouring down on Monday morning, there was a doubt in the Cheshire captain's mind—when he won the toss—whether or not his team should bat first or field. Much rain fell during Saturday night, and although Sunday's genial conditions dried the pitch considerably, a batsman's wicket was scarcely to be thought of. However, Cheshire batted first, and the start was none too promising; but the captain (Vernon Hope), and, later, Heald (of Bramhall) played with a determined resolve to mend matters, and ultimately the score reached the respectable total of 128.

An excellent lunch was catered by the Victory Café Company, to which a goodly number sat down. They also provided tea, which was largely patronised.

As lovers of cricket we appreciated in its proper place the finer points of play, such as the wiles of the bowlers to tempt men to hit, the grim dogged refusal of the majority of the Cheshire batsmen to be persuaded and coaxed out of their carefulness, also the keen smart fielding shown on both sides; but we began to wonder whether hitters had become as rare as good fast bowlers. Yet there should be at least one of each specimen in a properly constituted eleven.

The start of Staffordshire first innings was—owing to some good and steady bowling by Hope and Cook—even poorer than Cheshire's attempt, and when the lusty man came in it looked as if Cheshire would start their second innings with a useful lead of half a century of runs; but the visitors' captain (B. Meakin) played a fine game for his side, and, with Charlesworth, added 41 runs for the last wicket. Following the tea interval the Cestrians commenced their second innings, and the first few batsmen seemed to be satisfied by gently patting the ball, as if they were frightened of damaging the perfect rotundity

of it. The Staffordshire bowling, no doubt, was pretty good, but some of the Cheshire batsmen got themselves out on Monday evening by wretched—almost puerile—strokes, the result of which spoiled the chances of a full day's cricket for Tuesday. The total at the end of Monday realised about 70 runs for nine wickets, which left the visitors in a more favourable position than at any other part of the match. On Tuesday morning there was a grim struggle for the 95 runs required, and after the second wicket of the visitors fell it was a case of anybody's game. The Cheshire bowlers kept an admirable length, with the result that by lunchtime—two and a half hours of play—only 70 odd runs had been made. After lunch three wickets were outstanding, and about 20 runs to get, and one was bound to admire the Staffordshire batting in the second innings. One after the other the batsmen went in and played "keeps," and gradually won the match by two wickets—a desperately close finish.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
W. E. Jones c Hewson b Morgan	11			
P. R. Astle b Morgan	2			
H. Morris c Cooper b Charlesworth	6			
D. N. Jones c Cooper b Morgan	21			
Vernon Hope lbw b Heath	38			
J. Cook b Charlesworth	0			
Major Frost b Charlesworth	0			
F. T. H. Heald c Lockett b Heath	27			
F. Harrison st Bratby b Heath	4			
C. Twemlow not out	6			
N. Brocklehurst c and b Heath	0			
Extras	14			
Total	128			

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Morgan	15	1	40	3
Charlesworth	17	5	37	3
Lockett	4	2	13	0
Heald, J. S.	6.3	1	24	4
1-13, 2-20, 3-20, 4-58, 5-56, 6-56, 7-105, 8-117, 9-128, 10-128.				

2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
W. E. Jones b Morgan	14			
P. R. Astle b Heath	10			
H. Morris b Morgan	5			
D. N. Jones c Hewson b Morgan	12			
Vernon Hope b Morgan	9			
J. Cook run out	1			
Major Frost b Heath	0			
F. T. H. Heald not out	20			
F. Harrison c Bratby b Heath	1			
C. Twemlow c and b Heath	0			
N. Brocklehurst b Morgan	5			
Extras	6			
Total	82			

2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Morgan	16.2	4	37	5
Charlesworth	4	0	12	0
Heath	10	0	26	4
Lockett	3	1	2	0
1-19, 2-24, 3-37, 4-51, 5-53, 6-53, 7-55, 8-67, 9-67, 10-82.				

STAFFORDSHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
B. Meakin b W. E. Jones	24			
J. S. Heath lbw Vernon Hope	0			
F. R. Heath lbw Vernon Hope	23			
P. F. Stubbs c Heald b Cook	0			
A. E. Bratby lbw b Cook	1			
G. E. Cooper b Vernon Hope	8			
J. W. Johnson b Vernon Hope	7			
C. P. Hewson b Cook	7			
A. Lockett b Cook	7			
Morgan b Vernon Hope	10			
Charlesworth not out	10			
Extras	21			
Total	112			

STAFFS.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Cook	19	6	37	4
Vernon Hope	19	1	51	5
W. E. Jones	1.1	0	0	1
L. N. Jones	1	0	2	0
1-11, 2-21, 3-24, 4-2, 5-28, 6-38, 7-52, 8-66, 9-71, 10-112.				

STAFFORDSHIRE—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
J. S. Heath b Cook	17			
F. R. Heath c Harrison b Cook	6			
A. E. Bratby lbw b W. E. Jones	4			
G. E. Cooper lbw b Vernon Hope	8			
J. W. Johnson b W. E. Jones	16			
C. P. Hewson c and b Cook	14			
P. F. Stubbs st Twemlow b W. E. Jones	8			
B. Meakin c Cook b Hope	3			
Lockett not out	8			
Morgan not out	7			
Charlesworth did not bat				
Extras	8			
Total	99			

2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Cook	30	14	47	3
Vernon Hope	9	3	15	2
L. N. Jones	10	3	15	1
W. E. Jones	10	3	18	2
1-13, 2-41, 3-43, 4-63, 5-67, 6-74, 7-82, 8-91.				

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

(By "LUFT BALL.")

There is an old conviction that a captain who is a bowler either bowls too much or too little, and, in my humble judgment, I thought if a change of bowling had been made earlier, when Staffordshire's nine wickets were down for 71 in the first innings, Cheshire might have got a more substantial lead; but it is, of course, easy to have the quality of being wise after that which happens (I have always reasoned that a captain is a greater asset as one of the other ten than if he be a law unto himself, and for that very purpose I hope, even if they play Douglas in the Test matches, that either Fry or Spooner be selected as captain, in any case, our interest in Australia would seem to demand a new experiment in captaincy.) One of the most exhilarating incidents on Tuesday morning was the keen bowling and fielding shown by the Cestrians. The fielders saved numerous runs by clean ground work, never failing to pick up the ball even when travelling at top speed. Frank Harrison crowned the day's brilliance by catching F. R. Heath on the boundary off a tremendous drive. It was a very fine one-handed catch, and that, coupled with Jack Cook's two catches, were well worth the visit to the ground on Tuesday morning.

Twemlow did a smart piece of stumping by dismissing the eighth Staffordshire batsman on Tuesday, but I thought he was far from up to his usually high standard on Monday—more especially when the left-hander (Meakin) was batting. The number of extras was out of all proportion to the total recorded, and perhaps Chester would serve a more useful purpose by standing a bit further back from the stumps.

Many spectators wondered why the local man (Brocklehurst) was played, seeing that he was not called upon to bowl, and, one thinks, the Cheshire Selection Committee would have done better by playing a sound bat (or even a bitter like Stanley Turner) in place of the Bolton Leaguer. The Major from the county town, unfortunately, did not belie his surname by his failures at the wickets.

It was my first sight of Heald's batting, and by that display I conceived a great admiration for his work, both in the field and at the crease—the Bramhall man is without doubt an acquisition to Cheshire cricket, and it was a pity that he could get nobody to stay with him on Monday evening, and also on Tuesday morning, as his runs in both innings were made with style and knowledge. By his sound batting in this match he has proved the necessity and justice of being allotted to an earlier place in the batting order in any future similar games.

MACCLESFIELD v. BRAMHALL.

Last Saturday Macclesfield journeyed to Bramhall and secured a draw with the home team. Bramhall compiled 125 for seven wickets. Hills was their top scorer, and was still going strong at 37. Frank Harrison caught Higgins off a ball from Charlesworth after a useful 30 runs had been put up. Macclesfieldians generally had an opportunity on Monday of seeing the fine, and at the same time the useful, batting of Heald, when he ran out top scorer for Cheshire in the Minor Counties match. Although he did not quite attain the same distinction with his club on Saturday, he was not far off it, for he had scored 26 before Harrison found his wicket.

Harrison and Twemlow opened for Macclesfield, but neither stayed long, and together with Jones all fell victims to the wiles of Heald. Vernon Hope and Leadbetter made a decided stand that pulled the figures round splendidly, and both were still batting when the stumps were drawn with 74 for three wickets. Score:—

MACCLESFIELD.

J. A. Harrison b Heald	5
C. B. Twemlow c Heald b Higgins	8
W. C. Jones b Heald	2
Vernon Hope not out	24
T. M. Leadbetter not out	22
Extras	11

Total for 3 wkts 74

P. Whitaker, E. C. Hartley, M. Davis, P. B. Sinclair, G. Fountain, and Charlesworth did not bat.

BRAMHALL.

R. B. Catterall b Charlesworth	2
S. H. Higgins c Harrison b Ch'worth	30
T. H. Heald b Harrison	26
F. Crossley b Charlesworth	0
R. Hills not out	37
R. Haigh c Davis b Charlesworth	12
IL Dawson c Hope b P. Whitaker	0
W. Lees c Hartley b Whitaker	3
J. H. Leech not out	2
Extras	13

Total for 7 wkts 125

W. Phythian and S. Marland did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Charlesworth	21	0	43	4
Vernon Hope	13	-3	40	0
Harrison	7	0	21	1
P. Whitaker	5	1	8	2

FIRST MACCLESFIELD LEAGUE VICTORY.

MACCLESFIELD v. BLACKLEY.

Macclesfield met Blackley on Whit-Monday—a Manchester Federation fixture. Owing to the County match the team included seven members of the second eleven. Macclesfield won the toss, and, on a bad wicket, compiled only 73, Bushby being top scorer with 20. Against this score Blackley could only make 49, their batsmen quite failing against Leadbetter. This bowler, by exploiting the "googlie," secured eight wickets for 27 runs, no prolonged stand being made by the Blackley batsmen. A tribute must be paid to the excellent fielding of the Macclesfield team—not a catch was missed and no runs were given away by misfielding. Mention should also be made of the magnificent catch in deep-field by which Davies got rid of Ashton.

MACCLESFIELD.

T. H. Leadbetter b Hibbert	10
D. H. Hartley bow b Hibbert	4
M. Davies b Hibbert	2
F. Whitaker b Butterworth	3
H. Bushby b Hibbert	20
G. Fountain c Boardman b But'worth	4
H. Veale b Hibbert	0
A. Ireland c Langford b Butterworth	4
J. Clayton c Langfield b Butterworth	3
P. B. Sinclair not out	6
H. Sheasby st Ashworth b Hibbert	1
Extras	16

Total 73

BLACKLEY.

B. Langfield b Leadbetter	5
S. Bennett c Ireland b Leadbetter	3
G. Ashton c Davies b Leadbetter	20
C. Haslam b Whitaker	0
W. Wemyas b Leadbetter	1
H. Langfield b Leadbetter	1
F. Hibbert b Leadbetter	7
H. Boardman st Bushby b Leadbetter	0
L. Sutton not out	9
W. Ashworth c Veale b Leadbetter	2
J. Butterworth bow b Ireland	1
Extras	1

Total 49

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

MACCLESFIELD.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
F. Whitaker	8	2	21	1
T. H. Leadbetter	11	1	27	8
A. Ireland	3.1	3	0	1

THE SECOND LOSE TO BRAMHALL.

This match was played on the Victoria Road ground last Saturday. Score:—

MACCLESFIELD 2nd XI.

F. Whitaker b Kettlewell	16
E. R. Oakley c Haigh b Kettlewell	10
H. Bushey b Haigh	3
A. Ireland b Conry	23
P. Eccleston b Conry	0
A. Whiteley c Kettlewell b Haigh	7
H. Veale c Garner b Croft	18
J. Clayton run out	0
H. Simpson b Garner	10
E. Knight not out	24
F. Millet not out	13
C. Davies did not bat	8
Extras	8

Total for 9 wkts (inns dec)...130

BRAMHALL 2nd XI.

Walker b Davies	9
Johnson b Simpson	29
Oldham b Eccleston	46
Mitchell c Bushby b Ireland	18
Garner not out	3
Haigh b Simpson	0
Jackson run out	2
Conry c Ireland b Oakley	12
M. Garner not out	9
Extras	10

Total for 7 wkts. 138

Kettlewell, Hancock, and Croft did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
F. Whitaker	5	0	23	0
C. Davies	5	0	12	1
E. Knight	4	21	0	0
H. Simpson	5	0	31	2
P. Eccleston	3	0	24	1
E. R. Oakley	4	1	7	2
A. Ireland	4	0	17	1

CHEADLE v. LANGLEY.

At Langley. Score:—

CHEADLE.

T. Blatherwick b W. Holland	27
H. Howath b Millward	6
H. Hargreaves bow b W. Holland	6
H. Bennett b W. Holland	1
J. E. Weston c Wood b W. Holland	16
S. Eichel's c Goodwin b W. Holland	6
A. E. Pibbottson b W. Holland	1
H. Smith bow b Wood	2
T. Buxton not out	0
J. Hollowell b W. Holland	0
W. Atkinson c Wood b Taylor	2
Extras	9

Total 76

LANGLEY.

B. Hammond b Smith	0
A. White b Atkinson	23
H. Whiston b Smith	5
H. Goodwin b Atkinson	0
J. Goodwin b Atkinson	1
W. Wood c Hargreaves b Atkinson	2
O. Millward b Howath	15
N. Dawson b Howath	6
A. Taylor b Hargreaves	1
W. Holland b Howath	0
W. Wardle not out	0
Extras	2

Total 65

CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM v Y.M.C.A.
At Macclesfield. Score:—

CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM.

W. Crossley b A. E. Lloyd	23
W. Osbaldeston c Welsh b Lindsay	31
J. Daley c Walker b Campbell	12
H. Horton not out	46
G. Averies c Ellison b Lindsay	0
J. Crouch not out	32
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wickets)..... 150

Y.M.C.A.

J. Welsh b Horton	2
S. Walker c Averies b Horton	54
R. H. Swinson c Mottershead b Osbaldeston	2
H. Farrell b Horton	3
H. Ellison c Butler b Horton	0
G. Abbott c Mottershead b Osbaldeston	4
D. Warnoch c Crossley b Horton	0
A. E. Lloyd b Osbaldeston	16
W. D. Sutcliffe c Mottershead b Osbaldeston	13
R. Campbell not out	1
T. D. Lindsay b Horton	0
Extras	4

Total 98

CRICKET.

LANCASHIRE 2nd v. CHESHIRE.

CHESHIRE'S LEAD ON FIRST DAY'S PLAY.

There were not many spectators at Old Trafford on Wednesday for the match between Lancashire 2nd and Cheshire. This is the first engagement that Cheshire have had with Lancashire since before the war.

The teams were:
Lancashire: T. A. Higson (captain), E. Paynter, K. P. Neall, G. Rogerson, Captain R. Howard, W. B. Howarth, W. A. Shutt, O. Leach, W. Brown, J. W. Whewell, and Watson, of the ground staff.

Cheshire: V. Hope (captain), W. E. Jones, L. N. Jones, H. W. Hodgson, J. S. Cragg, P. L. V. Astle, T. Heald, H. Morris, E. Gammond, Cook and Clifton. Play opened at 11.30. Lancashire batted first, K. P. Neall and G. Rogerson going out to face the bowling of Cook and Clifton. The start was not auspicious, the first wicket falling for nineteen runs, Rogerson being stumped by Gammond off Clifton, and with the addition of three more runs Watson, who had joined Neall, played up a ball from Cook towards point, where J. S. Cragg was fielding. The Stockport man took the catch cleverly. A likely partnership followed when Captain Howard came out to bat, and by 12.20, when rain stopped play for a time, the score stood at 57. Score:—

Shortly afterwards the rain ceased and play was resumed. Captain Howard batted nicely, and Neall was in forceful vein, but at 70 Clifton claimed the latter's wicket, and at 76 the fourth wicket fell, Captain Howard making a poor stroke and being taken at cover point by J. S. Cragg. O. Leach was at the crease along with Brown for quite a time for a matter of four runs, but during his stay the Littleboro' batsman put on 34 runs.

The first change was made in the bowling at 108, when V. Hope went on in place of Cook, and at 109 Clifton gave place to T. H. Heald. At 118 Leach snicked a ball from Hope and was caught behind the stumps. When the lunch interval arrived Brown and T. A. Higson were batting, the former having made 41 and the latter 8, the score then being 135 for 5 wickets.

On resuming Cook and Clifton again went on to bowl. In the first few minutes Higson got a five, one for the stroke and four for an overthrow. Fifteen minutes from the re-start Brown reached his half-century, but just afterwards was run out, the score board registering 160. Included in Brown's score of 52, for which he only batted 45 minutes, were seven boundaries. E. Paynter joined Higson, but it was not long before the latter misjudged a ball from Clifton and it disturbed his middle stump. Paynter and W. B. Howarth stayed for a while, but the scoring was slow, only 10 runs being put on in 35 minutes. Paynter eventually chopped a ball from Cook on to his wicket. Following this, Howarth made a very feeble shot off a delivery from Clifton and was easily caught at mid-on by P. L. V. Astle. Neither W. A. Shutt nor J. Whewell offered much resistance, and the latter being caught at point by H. Morris, off a bad stroke, the innings closed after three hours' play for 191 runs.

Cheshire obtained a lead over their opponents on the first day's play of 27 runs, and there were still four wickets to fall, when play closed.

The innings opened at about 3.45 and at the commencement Cheshire like their opponents did not do too well, W. E. Jones being out with the score at 14, to a clever delivery from W. A. Shutt, who with Brown had opened the bowling. A stand however was made by H. W. Hodgson and J. S. Cragg, both of whom batted well and by the tea interval they had carried the score to 75. Several changes were made in the bowling, W. B. Howarth, Watson, and Capt. Howard going on in turn. Shortly after resuming Cragg was out to the first named, but L. N. Jones joined Hodgson, who not long afterwards reached his half century, and the partnership was an interesting one. Hodgson was eventually bowled by Brown, but even at the close of play for the day, L. N. Jones was still undefeated with a score of 88, included in which were 14 boundaries, and his batting was really bright and interesting to watch. T. H. Heald, V. Hope and H. Morris were all dismissed at very little cost, and Jones' partner at the close was P. L. V. Astle, whose score stood at four

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Continuing their innings yesterday, Cheshire batted for another hour and ran up a total of 235, or in other words, obtained a lead of 104 over their opponents. L. N. Jones and P. L. V. Astle resumed against the bowling of W. B. Howarth and Brown, but with the addition of 2 runs to his overnight score, the Boulton Hall player was out l.b.w. His partner Astle, however, gave a pretty exhibition, batting coolly and scoring at a steady pace, and at the close of the innings was still undefeated with his score at 34.

Cook made 11 and then suffered a similar fate to his predecessor. Clifton was caught at first slip by Brown and an appeal by him against the decision was disallowed. E. Gammond the last man, ran up to 13, but was then bowled.

LANCASHIRE'S BAD START.

The home county made a very bad start in their second innings, considerably worse than that of the preceding day, three wickets falling in less than a quarter of an hour for 7 runs, Clifton, the New Brighton professional, performing the hat trick with the last ball of an over and the first and second balls of his over following. K. P. Neall and G. Rogerson were the first two batsmen, and with the score at four the former was bowled, and with the addition of only three runs Rogerson was taken at first slip by Cook, and Captain Howard was caught at second slip by L. L. Jones from the first ball he received.

Watson and O. Leach batted carefully, however, and the score began to rise steadily, until, on the stroke of 1.30, Leach attempted a square cut at a ball from Hope, who, together with L. L. Jones, had relieved the first two bowlers, and Astle, running up, brought off a clever catch. The score at this stage when the players went in to lunch was 66 for the loss of four wickets. Scores:—

A USEFUL PARTNERSHIP.

After the interval Clifton and Cook resumed, but Watson had settled down nicely, and with a quick scorer like Brown as his partner, the 104 that Lancashire were in arrears were knocked off by half-past two, the innings having then been in progress for an hour and a half. The Cheshire fielding was much smarter than was the case on Wednesday. Brown got two boundaries and a five, the latter all run, in three strokes. At 102 L. N. Jones again relieved Clifton, but it was not until 63 runs had been added that the partnership was dissolved by a ball from Jones, which struck Brown on the leg and glided on to his wicket. The Littleborough batsman had scored 39 runs in forty minutes.

At this stage Watson was three short of his half-century, but did not reach it before another ten minutes had elapsed, and had then been batting one hour and fifty minutes. T. A. Higson joined him, but was bowled by Cook after a brief stay.

W. B. Howarth only got a single and then gave a chance in the slips, which Morris took advantage of, while Paynter just afterwards was caught at mid-off. The last wicket stand, however, put

on 48 runs before W. A. Shutt was bowled by Hope. The innings closing for 237 runs, leaving Cheshire with 124 runs required to win.

A MORAL VICTORY.

Cheshire had only an hour and a quarter in which to get the runs required to win. Each batsman played a hard game, and at half past six, when stumps were drawn, Cheshire, with five wickets still in hand only required nine runs for victory.

Lancashire 2nd.—First Innings.

K. P. Neall b Clifton	34
G. Rogerson st E. Gammond b Clifton	9
Watson c J. S. Cragg b Cook	1
Capt. Howard c J. S. Cragg b Cook	28
O. Leach c E. Gammond b V. Hope	4
Brown run out	52
T. A. Higson b Clifton	30
E. Paynter b Cook	5
W. B. Howarth c P. L. V. Astle b Clifton	7
W. A. Shutt not out	1
J. Whewell c H. Morris b Clifton	0
Extras	20
Total	191

Lancashire II.—2nd Innings.

K. P. Neall b Clifton	0
G. Rogerson c Cook b Clifton	4
Watson b Clifton	78
Capt. Howard c L. N. Jones b Clifton	3
O. Leach c P. L. V. Astle b V. Hope	28
Brown b L. N. Jones	39
T. A. Higson b Cook	1
E. Paynter c L. N. Jones b Clifton	12
W. B. Howarth c H. Morris b Clifton	1
W. A. Shutt b V. Hope	20
J. Whewell not out	32
Extras	19
Total	237

Cheshire.—1st Innings.

W. E. Jones b Shutt	10
H. W. Hudson b Brown	57
J. S. Cragg b Howarth	28
L. N. Jones lbw b W. B. Howarth	30
T. H. Heald c Capt. Howard b Watson	8
V. Hope b Watson	1
H. Morris lbw b Howarth	6
P. L. V. Astle not out	34
Cook lbw b W. B. Howarth	11
Clifton c Brown b W. B. Howarth	17
E. Gammond b Brown	13
Extras	20
Total	235

Cheshire.—2nd Innings.

W. E. Jones b Brown	50
H. W. Hudson c and b Watson	20
J. S. Cragg b Brown	20
L. N. Jones c Whewell b Watson	10
T. H. Heald c Brown b Watson	5
H. Morris not out	12
Extras	8
Total (for 5 wks)	125

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire 2nd.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	28	8	54	3
Clifton	27.2	2	98	5
V. Hope	3	0	9	1
T. H. Heald	3	0	12	0

Lancashire.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	35	9	57	1
Clifton	25	0	74	6
L. N. Jones	10	0	47	1
V. Hope	3.3	0	12	2
H. W. Hodgson	7	2	13	0
W. E. Jones	7	2	15	0

Cheshire.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	18.4	2	75	2
W. A. Shutt	14	4	47	1
W. Howarth	32	2	101	5
Watson	14	2	52	2
Shutt and Brown each bowled one no ball.				

Cheshire.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	10	0	39	2
W. A. Shutt	4	1	17	0
Watson	14	0	25	3
W. B. Howarth	5	0	35	0
Brown bowled 2 no-balls.				

SPORTS NOTES.

Cricket.

Cheshire v. Lancashire.

TIME SAV' 3 LANCASHIRE.

Thanks mainly to some excellent bowling by Cook and Clifton, Cheshire obtained a strong advantage over Lancashire 2nd at Old Trafford on Wednesday. On a wicket from which the bowlers received no assistance, the whole of the Lancashire side were accounted for for a total of 101. With only 22 on the board, both Hodgson and Watson had been dismissed, the former being stumped from a ball from Clifton, while Watson was caught by Morris, Cook being the bowler. The only one to face the bowling with any confidence was Brown, the Littleborough fast bowler, amassing 52 in fifty minutes.

The Cheshire batting was by far the more forceful, and although W. E. Jones was bowled by Shutt with the total at 14, the Lancashire total was passed with only five wickets down. Hudson, who opened the innings with Jones, was responsible for a splendidly obtained 57. The best performance of the day was credited to L. N. Jones. Going in at the fall of the second wicket, he hit fifteen 4's, and when stumps were drawn was 83 not out.

Time alone saved the Lancashire 2nd eleven from defeat at the hands of Cheshire, at Old Trafford, on Thursday. When play was resumed Cheshire were in the strong position of being 27 runs on with four wickets to fall. An hour's play sufficed for these to go for the addition of 77 runs, the visitors then holding a lead of 104 on the first innings, with a total of 285.

Opening their second innings, Lancashire early suffered something in the nature of a catastrophe, three valuable bats in Neall, Hodgson, and Capt. Howarth being dismissed with only 7 runs recorded. Leach then joined Watson, and the partnership realised 59 before the former was caught by Asdie off Hope. With four wickets down for 66, things were looking ominous for the home county. However, Watson patiently contrived to carry his innings to 78, while 39 and 32 by Brown and Whewell respectively enabled Lancashire to carry their total to 237.

Faced with the no light task of obtaining 134 runs in seventy-five minutes, W. E. Jones and Hudson opened Chesh's final venture. Both hit freely, the first 50 being signalled just prior to Hudson falling a victim to a good length ball by Watson. W. E. Jones was then 30, but after recording his half century he was neatly taken by Howarth in the slips. Another three wickets in L. N. Jones, Craig and Hoild, were sacrificed in the attempt to obtain the necessary runs. Stumps were drawn with Cheshire only 9 runs short of victory. Scores and analysis:—

LANCASHIRE I.

K. T. Neall b Clifton	34
G. Hodgson at Garmond b Clifton	9
Watson c Morris b Cook	1
Capt. Howard c Craig b Cook	28
C. Leach c Garmond b Hope	4
Brown run out	52
T. A. Higson b Clifton	36
E. Taynter b Cook	6
W. V. Howarth c Asdie b Clifton	7
W. A. Shutt not out	1
J. Whewell c Morris b Clifton	0
Extras	20
Total	191

CHESHIRE.

W. E. Jones b Shutt	10
H. W. Hudson b Brown	57
J. F. Craig b Howard	28
L. N. Jones lbw b Howarth	90
T. H. Hoild c Howard b Watson	8
V. Hope b Watson	1
Morris lbw b Howard	6
T. V. Asdie not out	34
Cook lbw b Brown	11
Clifton c Brown b Howarth	17
E. Garmond b Brown	13
Extras	20
Total	295

LANCASHIRE II.

Second innings:

E. P. Neall b Clifton	0
G. Hodgson c Cook b Clifton	4
Watson c Morris b Clifton	78
Capt. Howard c L. Jones b Clifton	0
C. Leach c Asdie b Hope	28
Brown b L. N. Jones	39
T. A. Higson b Cook	4
E. Taynter c L. Jones b Clifton	12
W. B. Howarth b Clifton	1
W. Whewell not out	0
W. A. Shutt not out	0
Extras	16
Total	189

CHESHIRE.

W. E. Jones c Howarth b Brown	50
H. W. Hudson c and b Watson	20
J. F. Craig b Brown	20
L. N. Jones st Whewell b Watson	5
C. H. Hoild c Brown b Watson	5
H. Morris not out	12
Extras	8
Total (for five wickets)	125

Bowling analysis.
Lancashire: 1st innings: Cook 28o, 8m, 64r, 3w, Clifton 27.2o, 6m, 56r, 5w, Hope 3o, 6m, 9r, 1w, Hoild 3o, 6m, 12r, 0w. Second innings: Cook 33o, 9m, 57r, 1w, Clifton 25o, 6m, 74r, 0w, Hope 33o, 6m, 12r, 2w, Hoildon 7o, 2m, 12r, 0w, W. E. Jones 7o, 2m, 15r, 0w, L. N. Jones 10o, 6m, 47r, 1w.

Cheshire: First innings: Howarth 32o, 2m, 101r, 5w, Watson 14o, 2m, 52r, 2w, Brown 18.4o, 2m, 75r, 2w, Shutt 14o, 4m, 47r, 1w. Second innings: Howarth 5o, 6m, 36r, 0w, Watson 14o, 2m, 52r, 2w, Brown 10o, 6m, 36r, 2w, Shutt 4o, 2m, 16r, 0w.

BOUGHTON HALL v. NORTHERN.

The meeting of these old opponents at Boughton Hall's picturesque ground always proves a great attraction, and it was unfortunate that heavy showers of rain caused a late start. The batting on both sides was of an attractive character, the wicket favouring run-getting. W. E. Jones scored a century without being dismissed, E. H. Darby had 51, and R. Wilson not out 25. For the loss of only two wickets Boughton scored 196 and then declared. W. E. Jones hit 16 boundaries during his innings, and it is curious to note that the 100 out of the Hall total all were scored by boundary hits. The Northern batsmen were equally at home at the wicket, and for the loss of a couple of batsmen made 108, the principal contributors being Lashmore's 59 not out, and G. Batchelor's 42. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.

E. H. Darby c Simpson b Howell-Jones	51
W. E. Jones not out	100
L. N. Jones c Dutton b Howell-Jones	10
R. Wilson not out	25
Extras	10
Total (2 wkts)	196

NORTHERN.

J. N. T. Lashmar not out	60
E. L. Mate b Bailey	0
G. Batchelor run out	32
L. Dutton not out	3
Extras	14
Total (2 wkts)	108

For Boughton Hall, L. Hales, G. A. Pratt, R. Frost, H. R. Parry, W. A. V. Charlton, H. D. Roberts, and T. H. Bailey did not bat. For Northern, F. Thompson, H. R. Howell-Jones, C. R. Nickells, H. Ritchie, A. H. Green and H. M. Simpson did not bat.

BOUGHTON HALL v. BIRKENHEAD PARK.

Boughton Hall met Birkenhead Park on Wednesday, a weak home side suffering defeat by 248 to 139. Batting first, the home side had the misfortune to lose Charlton with three only on the book, but the second wicket carried the score to 62, Pratt and Hawkins hitting well in making respective scores of 35 and 32. Pratt included six boundary hits in his total, and in addition to three similar scoring strokes, Hawkins had the rather rare figure of a five in his bag. The third wicket added 25 to the total, but half the side were out for 93, and the end came with the score at 139. J. P. Hodgson and A. C. Williamson opened the Park innings in merry style, 40 being signalled before the former was held by Pratt off Hack, who had the satisfaction of getting a couple of wickets in his first over, his last ball dismissing Hughes with no further score recorded. With Williamson and W. E. Smith together, runs came at a good rate, and the score was taken to 15 short of the home side's total before a separation was effected. On this occasion Bailey dismissed two men in one over, and without addition to the score. The game was won before the fifth wicket fell, but the following batsmen hit steadily—the last pair carried the score from 204 to 248—until the Hall had to admit defeat by a wicket and 109 runs. Scores:

BOUGHTON HALL.

W. A. V. Charlton lbw b Craig	2
G. A. Pratt c Hughes b Hodgson	35
S. V. Hawkins b Hodgson	32
R. Wilson b Craig	13
F. Hawk b Hodgson	11
R. Parry b Craig	0
H. D. Roberts c Hodgson b Craig	10
J. M. Simon b Hodgson	1
Rev. J. E. Matthews not out	10
J. H. Bailey b Craig	0
R. D. Nicholn b Craig	12
Extras	15
Total	139

BIRKENHEAD PARK.

J. P. Hodgson c Pratt b Hack	25
N. C. Williamson b Hack	72
W. Hughes b Hack	0
W. E. Smith c Roberts b Beilby	40
T. G. Griffiths b Beilby	0
T. W. Hunt b Hack	22
G. T. Floyd run out	16
H. R. Hodgson b Beilby	7
A. G. Keen not out	18
K. G. Braimor c Hack b Beilby	7
N. H. W. Craig not out	29
Extras	12
Total (nine wickets)	248

EATON PARK v. CHIRK.

Eaton Park had Chirk as visitors on Saturday, the ordinary town side gaining the verdict. Batting first, the Park lost their first wicket with six on the book, and the second and third both fell at 15. Fred Thomas then began to hit, and the fourth man was not dismissed until the score had reached 39. Youens made merry with the bat, and joined with Thomas in hitting over 20 runs. The Park innings closed at 85 for nine wickets. A. Unwin captured five wickets for nine runs, S. Edwards two for 11, and G. E. James two for six. Chirk's first pair made a good start, double figures being reached after the first three overs had been bowled. The fourth over was a "maiden," and 12 runs were hit off the next two overs. The score was 27 before C. Thomas was well beaten by I'Anson. Owen continued to hit with rare freedom, C. Norris hitting two only of the 17 the second wicket produced. Five runs later, all to Owen, and R. Norris was caught, and four runs only were added before G. James was dismissed. The next pair carried the score to 53, the fifth and sixth wickets were down at 66, and with the score at 88 for seven wickets the innings was closed. I'Anson's five wickets cost 32 runs only. Scores:—

EATON PARK.

R. Drake c Jones b Unwin	6
Fred Thomas b Unwin	23
A. E. Richards b Unwin	6
— Kerfoot b Unwin	5
J. I'Anson b Edwards	4
J. Youens c Norris b James	20
F. Thomas c Davies b James	4
J. Thomas c Thomas b Unwin	0
Major B. Kerr b Edwards	5
H. Fearfull not out	5
Extras	7
Total	85

CHIRK.

G. Thomas b I'Anson	9
G. Owen c Kerfoot b I'Anson	43
C. Norris c Fearfull b I'Anson	2
R. Norris c Richards b J. Thomas	0
G. James c F. Thomas b I'Anson	1
A. Unwin run out	15
R. Davies b I'Anson	0
A. Jones not out	6
C. Edwards, J. Stokes and S. Edwards did not bat	—
Extras	12
Total (7 wkts)	88

BROOK HIRST v. TATTENHALL.

Brook Hirst entertained Tattenhall at Long Lane on Saturday. The start was delayed through rain. The visiting captain won the toss, and put the home side in first. Livesey and Youd were the opening pair, but the former was bowled off his pads before he had scored. Greatorex filled the vacancy, and he and Youd batted confidently for some time, until the latter was unfortunate in hitting a ball into his own face, and had to retire for a time. Meanwhile, Bromfield joined Greatorex, when an exhibition of good clean hitting was given by both batsmen, until the score was 63, when the former was bowled. P. S. Break then joined Greatorex, but after making a couple, was well caught by J. Dutton. Youd then went to the wickets again, and at 75 Greatorex was bowled. Laneley joined Youd, and carried the score to 105, when the captain declared the innings closed. Tattenhall put up rather a feeble show against the bowling of Greatorex, who was in exceedingly good form with the ball. J. Wokki was the only batsman to reach double figures, making 11 in good style. The whole side was eventually dismissed for 32, leaving the home team easy victors. Greatorex took 7 wickets for 9 runs. Scores:—

Brook Hirst: B. Youd not out 26, A. C. Livesey b W. Pritchard 0, W. Greatorex b F. Pritchard 27, E. Bromfield b F. Pritchard 39, P. S. Break c J. Dutton b F. Pritchard 2, O. Laneley not out 7, W. Staudring, O. A. Bradbury, S. Woodcock, J. Gregg, and W. Wilde, did not bat, extras 4; total (for 4 wickets) 105. Innings declared closed.
Tattenhall: J. H. Dutton b Bromfield 2, F. M. Dutton b Greatorex 0, F. Pritchard c Youd b Bromfield 0, C. Lutener b Greatorex 0, E. Kay b Greatorex 0, W. Pritchard c and b Greatorex 2, J. Day c Bromfield b Greatorex 0, J. Welch not out 11, J. Cliffe c Gregg b Laneley 6, B. Smealey b Greatorex 1, E. Spencer b Greatorex 0, extras 10; total 32.

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE'S EASY VICTORY.

LANCASHIRE 2nd DEFEATED BY AN INNINGS AND 67 RUNS.

The return match between Cheshire and Lancashire 2nd opened at Bollington in ideal weather on Wednesday. Neither county fielded as strong an eleven as was the case in the first match. Clifton, the Cheshire bowler, had not arrived when the match commenced, and in the meantime Shaw fielded as substitute for him.

Play opened at 11.30, Lancashire batting first. They made a poor start, losing three wickets for 17 runs, and this was further emphasised by the fact that included in the score were 12 byes. Cook opened the bowling, and each player recorded a single from his over.

FIRST WICKET DOWN FOR FOUR.

At the other end L. N. Jones went on, and Leach hit his second ball for two. But the Poughton Hall bowler had his revenge, displacing Leach's inside stump with his next ball, the first wicket thus falling for four runs. H. Barnes, who succeeded Leach, got a single, and after this four byes were added; but with the last ball of his over Jones lifted Rogerson's middle stump clean out of the ground. Barnes did not stop long either, Cook clean bowling him. F. Taylor and A. Minshall stemmed the tide and the score rose slowly, though Taylor had a narrow escape from being caught at silly leg off Cook, but W. E. Jones failed to hold the ball.

GOOD CATCH BY JONES.

At 37 misfortune again overtook the visitors, Taylor returning a ball from Jones, which the latter, by a great effort, managed to reach almost as it was touching the ground, and though he tumbled head over heels he stuck to the ball, and the umpires' decision was against the batsman.

With H. Tyldesley and Minshall at the wicket the half century went up after 40 minutes play. At 51 F. A. Harrison who plays for the Macclesfield club, relieved Jones, and Tyldesley hit him to the off for one. But with his fourth ball Tyldesley made a mis-hit and was caught by P. L. V. Astle on the leg side.

The Lancashire captain, T. A. Higson, only scored five and then his balls were neatly lifted from his wickets by a ball from Harrison, who had now secured two wickets for eight runs. Cook was also bowling well and sent down eleven overs from which only 15 runs were made.

SLOW SCORING.

J. Whewell came out to bat. The scoring was slow, and Minshall up to now had only reached 14.

At 74 he hit a ball to cover point, where D. H. Coomber was fielding, and the Ashton player gathered and returned it splendidly, and the Cheshire stumper completed the work to the discomfiture of Whewell. Ellis got a hard hit to the boundary, but made a bad stroke with his next ball from Harrison and was caught by the bowler. Cook, after having bowled 16 overs for 30 runs, was relieved by L. N. Jones, and just afterwards Threlfall was missed in the long field by Hartley.

At 107 the Cheshire captain displaced Harrison, and with the score at 122 Threlfall, who had scored quickly, catching up with Minshall at 28, stepped in front of the wicket and was out lbw.

The last batsman, F. Webster, sustained his reputation as a Lancashire League cricketer, hitting 16 from four balls from Hope in one over; but he was eventually bowled and the innings closed after one hour and 55 minutes' play for a total of 138.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST INNINGS.

Cheshire opened their innings at 2.15. W. E. Jones and E. H. Hartley batting against the bowling of Threlfall and Taylor. The first wicket fell at six, Hartley making a bad stroke and being caught by the bowler, Threlfall. D. H. Coomber batted nicely for a time but only reached twelve, at which stage he was caught behind (he wicket by Whewell). W. E. Jones joined his brother at the crease, and a good partnership followed. Scoring was quick, and the 60 was reached in thirty minutes, and the century after fifty-three minutes'

play. At 106, however, L. N. Jones gave a chance off Webster, and was taken at long-leg by Barnes, and the partnership was dissolved after it had added 80 runs to the score. Included in Jones's score of 39 were eight boundaries. P. L. V. Astle joined W. E. Jones at the wicket. During play so far Lancashire had tried five bowlers—Taylor, Threlfall, Tyldesley, Webster, and Ellis.

A further 36 runs were added by this partnership, of which number Astle contributed 25, batting easily and with confidence, and it was unfortunate that he should at last get in front of a ball from Webster and be out to an lbw decision. The score then stood at 142, and three runs later Jones, who had reached 60, was caught behind the wickets from a ball by Ellis, while at 150 V. Hope, the Cheshire captain, was dismissed by Ellis. A further stand, however, was made by H. Morris, who figures with the East Cheshire Wanderers, and Cook, both of whom were batting when the tea interval arrived with the score at 210 for six wickets. Another 105 runs were added to the score after tea, making the Cheshire total for their first innings 315, or in other words giving them a lead of 177 over their opponents. Cook made 70 in good style, but was eventually out to a clever catch by Threlfall. F. A. Harrison, who is by no means a bad bat, was unfortunate in being bowled by Webster before he had scored. Clarke made a single, and T. Shaw, who after all played in place of Clifton, reached eight before his wicket fell to the same bowler, while Morris carried out his bat undefeated at the close of the innings for 86, the highest score of the side, and well he played to reach it.

VISITORS' SECOND INNINGS.

Lancashire again fared badly at the start of their second innings, Rogerson being caught by W. E. Jones off Cook's bowling when he had only scored a single, and Leach being run out. Barnes stopped the rot for a time, but at 32, when stumps were drawn for the day, his partner, Taylor, was out lbw to Cook, leaving Lancashire still 145 runs behind with seven wickets to fall.

The match concluded shortly before lunch yesterday, Cheshire winning easily by an innings and 67 runs.

Play opened at 11 o'clock, Barnes resuming, along with A. Minshall, opposed to the bowling of L. N. Jones and Cook. Barnes played nice cricket, but with 13 added he was, unfortunately for Lancashire, caught in the slips. The next three wickets fell at the same score, Minshall being caught at the wicket off Jones, who also dismissed Higson and Whewell. Threlfall made a brief stand with Tyldesley, but made a mistake in starting to run off a short hit, and was in consequence run out, eight wickets thus falling for 67 runs. Tyldesley, who was eventually bowled by Cook, had four boundary hits in his score of 19. Webster was only at the wickets a short time when he was caught by Jones, and the innings closed for a total of 110, Ellis being not out 25.

Lancashire 2nd.

G. Rogerson b L. N. Jones	1
C. Leach b L. N. Jones	3
H. Barnes b Cook	1
Taylor (F.) c and b L. N. Jones	14
A. Minshall not out	29
Tyldesley (H.) c P. L. V. Astle b F. A. Harrison	14
T. A. Higson (captain) b F. A. Harrison	5
J. Whewell run out	5
Ellis (S.) c and b F. A. Harrison	4
Threlfall (J.) lbw b V. Hope	23
S. Webster b V. Hope	16
Extras	18

Total 138

Lancashire—Second Innings.

G. Rogerson c W. E. Jones b Cook	1
G. Leach run out	1
H. Barnes c L. N. Jones b Cook	22
Taylor lbw b Cook	14
A. Minshall c Clarke b L. N. Jones	4
Tyldesley b Cook	19
T. A. Higson b L. N. Jones	0
J. Whewell b L. N. Jones	0
Threlfall run out	13
Ellis not out	25
S. Webster c L. N. Jones b F. A. Harrison	3
Harrison	3
Extras	8

Total 110

Cheshire.—First Innings.

W. E. Jones c J. Whewell b Ellis	60
E. H. Hartley c and b Threlfall	1
D. H. Coomber c J. Whewell b Threlfall	12
L. N. Jones c H. Barnes b F. Webster	39
P. L. V. Astle lbw b F. Webster	25
V. Hope b Ellis	3
H. Morris not out	86
Cook c Threlfall b Ellis	70
F. A. Harrison b F. Webster	0
Clarke b Ellis	1
T. Shaw b F. Webster	8
Extras	10

Total 315

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire 2nd.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	18	6	30	1
L. N. Jones	12	4	42	3
F. A. Harrison	8	2	27	3
V. Hope	3.1	1	21	2

Lancashire 2nd Inns.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	19	5	50	4
L. N. Jones	14	3	44	3
T. Shaw	1	0	4	0
F. A. Harrison	3.2	1	4	1

Cheshire.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	14	1	70	0
Threlfall	8	0	40	2
H. Barnes	6	0	32	0
Tyldesley (H.)	6	0	39	0
Ellis	17	1	67	4
S. Webster	14	2	57	4

STOCKPORT'S GREAT WIN.

GALA DAY AT CALE GREEN.

Stockport had a great win over Sale on Saturday, after a very keen game. Sale has been included in the fixture list for many years now, and their annual visit to Cale Green is always regarded as an attractive feature, and one of the best games of the season is generally seen.

Saturday was something in the nature of a gala day at Cale Green, for in addition to Sale's visit it was the bowling members' handicap for the captain's prize, for which event there were over a hundred entries.

A collection was also taken on the ground, and the ladies were busily engaged in selling flowers, and the whole of the proceeds from these sources, as well as the amount derived from the entrance fees for the handicap, are being given to various deserving local institutions.

The weather being beautifully fine, and ideal for the game, a very large number of people were present to watch the match, in fact it was undoubtedly the largest "gate" that has been seen at Cale Green since pre-war days.

THE GAME.

Sale were successful with the spin of the coin, and elected to bat first. F. G. MacLaren and A. Greenhalgh opening to the bowling of F. W. Archer and C. R. Johnson. F. W. Eowerbutts and H. May were not playing, and the vacancies arising had been filled by V. B. Firth and C. R. Johnson.

Sale did not open too well, the first wicket falling at 13, MacLaren's off stump being displaced by Archer. A. Minshull, the Lancashire second player, succeeded him, but did not remain for any length of time, his wicket also being captured when the score had run to 32 by Stockport's left-hander.

A GOOD PARTNERSHIP.

Greenhalgh batted nicely, and Wilson partnered him well. This partnership lasted for a very long while, and despite the fact that several changes were made in the bowling, J. S. Cragg, V. B. Firth, P. L. V. Astle, and F. S. Helme giving relief in turn, both batsmen reached their half century, and in all put on 142 runs before another wicket fell. F. W. Archer was again brought on towards the close, and it was he who at last captured Wilson's wicket. In his score of 59 Wilson had four 4's and a 5. H. Rhodes came out to join Greenhalgh, but the latter was not fortunate enough to reach his century, though he only required another seven runs, when off the bowling of Helme he gave a chance in the slips which Delaney took, and at this stage, with the score at 218 for the loss of four wickets, Sale declared.

THE STOCKPORT INNINGS

did not commence till 5.50, for Sale had been batting for two hours and fifty minutes, and as stumps were to be drawn at 7.30, the home side had an hour and fifty minutes in which to get the runs required. It was a very difficult task that they were faced with, but thanks to the remarkably

FINE EXHIBITION BY ASTLE

and the excellent batting of F. S. Helme and F. M. Beeley, Stockport secured the victory on the stroke of time, greatly to the delight of the numerous spectators who were watching the game.

Even as the Sale innings had opened, so it was that Stockport's first two wicket fell at little cost. T. M. Lees, who opened the innings along with P. L. V. Astle, being bowled by Minshull at 22 and V. B. Delaney by MacLaren at 29. F. S. Helme, however, who came out of the pavilion next, partnered Astle, who was batting in great style, and with Helme also hitting out freely, runs were put on at a quick rate. Changes were made in the bowling, J. Johnson and A. Greenhalgh relieving the first two bowlers, but the score continued to rise till 112 was reached, when Helme's wicket was captured. Astle reached his half century after 70 minutes play. The rate of scoring was maintained, and even increased, with the coming of F. M. Beeley, who, batting with confidence, added 35 before he was unfortunately run out. With F. W. Archer as his partner, Astle passed

HIS CENTURY

amid great enthusiasm, after batting for one hour and 40 minutes, and with his score at 107, after having played a great game was stumped by Clarke when hitting out to a ball from MacLaren. Astle, whose hitting was the feature of the game and whose score included many boundaries, met with a great reception on reaching the pavilion.

Time was drawing to a close—there were only a few minutes left and Stockport had thirteen runs to get to win when Cragg joined Archer. There was some excitement when the thirteen was reduced to three and only one ball to be played. The ball came down well on the off side of the wicket and Cragg got it away. It was scarcely a two run, but the couple was obtained and as the ball was not accurately returned to the stumper, another run was obtained for the overthrow, and Stockport won by the odd run a game which was intensely interesting from start to finish. Scores:—

Sale

F. G. MacLaren b F. W. Archer	9
A. Greenhalgh o V. B. Delaney b F. S. Helme	93
A. Minshull b F. W. Archer	10
C. S. Wilson b F. W. Archer	59
H. Rhodes not out	24
Extras	25

Total (for 4 wickets).....218

Innings declared

Stockport.	
T. M. Lees b A. Minshull	4
P. L. V. Astle b J. Clarke b MacLaren	107
V. B. Delaney b MacLaren	5
F. S. Helme b Greenhalgh	44
F. M. Beeley run out	33
F. W. Archer not out	10
J. S. Cragg not out	4
Extras	15

Total (for 5 wickets).....220

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Sale.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. W. Archer	21	0	80	3
C. R. Johnson	22	2	50	0
J. S. Cragg	6	0	28	0
V. B. Firth	4	0	9	0
P. L. V. Astle	5	1	16	0
F. S. Helme	2	0	12	1

Stockport.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Minshull	13	3	46	1
F. G. MacLaren	10	0	67	2
J. Johnson	11	0	54	0
A. Greenhalgh	7	0	40	1

STOCKPORT 2nd FAIL AGAINST SALE 2nd.

Stockport 2nd lost by 20 runs their match with Sale at Sale on Saturday. The home team batted first and scored 149 off the bowling of H. C. Davis, J. H. Ramskill, E. F. Burn, and S. Beswick. Davies and Ramskill began the attack and the latter bowled G. Water with his first ball. Burn was the most effective of the Stockport bowlers. He took five wickets at the expense of 59 runs; Davis was responsible for three for 33 runs. Of the Sale batsmen H. Ross Bain attained the highest score (45). T. Whitelegg coming next with 35.

In the Stockport innings G. F. Higson batted well for 34. The other batsmen to obtain double figures were: W. C. Brierley (18), H. C. Davis (16), S. R. V. Stockdale (15), and E. F. Burn (12). The innings concluded for a total of 125. Scores:—

Sale 2nd.

G. Water b Ramskill	1
H. Ross Bain run out	44
T. Whitelegg b E. F. Burn	35
E. Cartwright o Cookson b E. F. Burn	4
J. Clifton o Lingard b E. F. Burn	1
F. Baldwin o Lingard b E. F. Burn	14
E. Padden b H. C. Davis	7
A. Bell b H. C. Davis	16
S. Booth b H. C. Davis	3
J. Duddon not out	3
R. Fleming lbw. b E. F. Burn	6
Extras	12
Total	148

Stockport 2nd.

S. R. V. Stockdale run out	15
W. C. Brierley o Clifton b Dudden	18
G. F. Higson o Ross Bain b Whitelegg	34
V. Lowe b Bell	9
C. E. Cookson o Clifton b Cartwright	2
E. F. Burn b Dudden	12
H. C. Davis o Ross Bain b Dudden	16
Rev. C. R. Johnson b Dudden	0
H. Lingard b Whitelegg	5
S. Beswick b Whitelegg	4
Extras	11
Total	126

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Sale 2nd.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. C. Davis	9	2	33	3
J. H. Ramskill	5	0	32	1
E. F. Burn	11.5	0	59	3
S. Beswick	3	1	10	0

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE v. LANCASHIRE SECOND.

By "VETERAN" (Macclesfield).

The return match between Cheshire and Lancashire Second began at Bollington on Wednesday in beautiful sunshiny weather and before a fairly big crowd of spectators—certainly the largest that I have ever seen at a County match in the Happy Valley. All the players, as well as the spectators, seemed to be in a gay, bright and sparkling humour. I have, ever since I gave up playing cricket regularly, been an inveterate cricket watcher, and I rejoice to see that the cricket watcher is once more coming into his own. Just before the war there was a serious slump in cricket watching, an unhealthy reaction, even a revolutionary suggestion that the game itself was dull to watch. The position has once more righted itself, and this splendid company of companionable people is again an established institution. The crowd at a cricket match is the only community I know of where Englishmen talk to each other quite naturally without being introduced. It usually begins by someone saying, "Who is that fielding at point or extra-cover?" The answer is supplied by the nearest man who knows. The greater the crowd the greater the intimacy. It is perhaps an advantage that they do not have to look at each other. Their eyes are fixed upon the field, and so they talk with the splendid, unself-consciousness of intimate friends exchanging confidences in the dark. They become frank and discover fine shades of entertainment in the simplest episode or gesture. But the cricket-watcher is also critical and reminiscent. He is haunted by memories and traditions. He respects certain conventions, which always have to be observed. For instance, one must always applaud a boundary, the fall of a wicket, the 50 up, the century up, and so on. This applause is not necessarily regulated by merit. A side may have lost eight wickets for 100 runs, but still the 100 must be applauded. It is a kind of Dervish reverence for decimals. Cricket is a serious game, founded upon the development and character of the English race. Its story is preserved carefully in her archives.

Now for a few comments on the actual play on Wednesday and Thursday at Bollington. The wicket seemed to be in good order, the ball only occasionally getting up to fast bowlers like L. N. Jones and Threlfall. All through the Lancastrians' first innings the ball and the field controlled the bat with surprising ease, the top scorer realising 20 runs only. The Cheshire bowling on the whole was decidedly accurate, and this would doubtless account for the fact that on a really excellent wicket there were but two Lancashire men who succeeded in getting beyond the 20's. Notwithstanding that the bowling of the Cheshires was undoubtedly very good, and every credit is due to the honesters, the batting of Lancashire was altogether unworthy of such a side. There was, with the exception of Minshull, a lack of soundness in defence, and it was a case in which defence was very much needed to meet the good trundling sent down by Hope, Cook, L. N. Jones, and Frank Harrison.

The Cheshire batsmen entered upon their somewhat easy task with a light heart, and the batting of the Brothers Jones (Chester), H. Morris and Cook, and in a lesser degree Astle, was exceptionally good. W. E. and L. N. Jones put on 80 runs for the third wicket, runs coming with the utmost ease and regularity. After they were separated Harry Morris played a very fine innings of 86 not out, at a time when things were not going any too rosy for Cheshire, and he was ably backed up by Jack Cook, who made a sterling 70 before being well caught. These two took the score from 150 to 286 before they were parted.

The fielding of the Lancashire men on Wednesday afternoon compared unfavourably with that of the Cheshires, and the one bright spot about the Lancastrians was Whewell's wicket-keeping. The major portion of the Lancashire bowling—with, perhaps, the exception of Ellis and Webster—speaking frankly, looked very second-rate, and seemed to me to even compare unfavourably with some of the local club cricket bowling which I have witnessed this summer.

The weather was gloriously fine when play was resumed on the second day, and the wicket was still wearing well. The Lancastrians were 177 runs behind when they went in a second time, and it was very generally anticipated that they would save the innings defeat. This was far from being so, however, the whole side being dismissed for a total of 110, of which S. Ellis claimed 25 not out—the top scorer. The bowling of Cook, L. N. Jones, and Harrison was undoubtedly very good indeed, but the Lancastrians' batting was altogether of a very moderate standard, and they deservedly lost the match by feeble all-round play. Nevertheless, the home team deserve our heartiest congratulations for winning by an innings and 67 runs, and they should, with luck, make a bold bid this year for the championship of the Minor Counties.

The Cheshire men will shortly go on their northern tour, when they are due to encounter Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire (Second XI). They are keen and live cricketers, a jolly set of sportsmen, and they are controlled by a captain who knows what he wants, and mostly gets it, and what he wants is nearly always the right thing. Good luck to them. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

G. Rogerson b L. N. Jones	1
C. Leach b L. N. Jones	3
H. Barnes b Cook	1
F. Taylor c and b L. N. Jones	14
A. Minshull not out	29
H. Tyldesley c Astle b Harrison	14
T. A. Higson b Harrison	5
J. Whewell run out	5
S. Ellis c and b Harrison	4
J. Threlfall lbw b Vernon Hope	28
F. Webster b Vernon Hope	16
Extras	18

Total 138

Fall of wickets: One for 4; 2—9; 3—17; 4—37; 5—55; 6—65; 7—74; 8—78; 9—122; 10—138.

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

W. E. Jones c Whewell b Ellis	60
E. H. Hartley c and b Threlfall	1
D. J. Coomber c Whewell b Threlfall	12
L. N. Jones c Barnes b Webster	39
P. L. V. Astle lbw c Webster	25
Vernon Hope b Ellis	3
H. Morris not out	56
Cook (J.) c Threlfall b Ellis	70
F. A. Harrison b Webster	0
F. Clarke b Ellis	1
T. Shaw b Webster	8
Extras	10

Total 315

Fall of wickets:—One for 6; 2—26; 3—108; 4—142; 5—145; 6—160; 7—286; 8—286; 9—298; 10—315.

LANCASHIRE.—Second Innings.

G. Rogerson c W. E. Jones b Cook	1
C. Leach run out	1
H. Barnes c L. N. Jones b Cook	22
F. Taylor lbw b Cook	14
A. Minshull c Clarke b L. N. Jones	4
H. Tyldesley b Cook	19
T. A. Higson b L. N. Jones	0
J. Whewell b L. N. Jones	0
J. Threlfall run out	13
S. Ellis not out	25
F. Webster c L. N. Jones b Harrison	3
Extras	8

Total 110

Fall of wickets: One for 2; 2—2; 3—32; 4—45; 5—45; 6—45; 7—45; 8—67; 9—91; 10—110.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Cook	16	6	30	1
L. N. Jones	12	5	42	3
F. A. Harrison	8	2	27	3
Vernon Hope	3	1	21	2

LANCASHIRE.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
H. Tyldesley	6	0	39	0
Ellis	17	1	67	4
Webster	14	2	57	4
Barnes	6	0	32	0
Taylor	14	1	70	0
Threlfall	8	0	40	2

LANCASHIRE.—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Cook	19	5	50	4
L. N. Jones	14	3	44	3
T. Shaw	1	0	4	0
F. A. Harrison	3	0	4	1

BOLLINGTON.

THE COUNTY CRICKET MATCH.

The Bollington Cricket Ground was the centre of attraction on Wednesday and Thursday on the occasion of the Minor Counties match between Cheshire and Lancashire Second. The match is fully reported in another column by our able correspondent "Veteran." There was quite an influx into the village on both days, especially on Wednesday, when the glorious sunshine attracted a large crowd. Macclesfield was well represented, both on the team and amongst the spectators. Tom Shaw, of Bollington, played for Cheshire, and Jack Cook contributed materially to the county's success by both his bowling and batting. The wicket was in fine condition—hard and fast—the cricket of a high order, and the better side won. What more to make a cricketer's heart rejoice?

WESLEYAN GARDEN PARTY.

A highly successful garden party and sale of work was held in the beautiful gardens at the Waterhouse on Saturday afternoon in delightful sunshine. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, who had not returned from abroad, were represented by Miss K. Oliver, Councillor Ian Oliver and Mr. G. Oliver.

Mr. G. Oliver presided at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mrs. Eytche, of Macclesfield.

The following were the stallholders: Work stall, Mrs. Pollitt, Mrs. Shaw, and Miss K. Oliver; farm produce stall, Miss Brown, Miss Ward, and Miss Wright; men's stall, Mr. West, Mr. G. Oliver, Mr. Allman, Mr. A. Taylor, and Mr. John Goodwin; refreshments, Miss A. Allman, the Misses West, Misses Chadwick, Lowe, N. Wyde, Havendale, Canham, and L. Williams.

Enjoyable entertainments were provided by the Bollington Follies and an orchestra.

The total proceeds amounted to over £60, and will be devoted to the Men's and Women's Institutes.

BOLLINGTON v. CASTLETON.

The Happy Valley were beaten last Saturday in a low scoring match in which they made 92 as against 111 by their opponents.

The Bollington innings was conspicuous for the low scoring of practically every member. Berry and Howarth were only ones to break the monotony of small scores and the only players to reach double figures. These two made much more than half the score, and but for their decided staidness Bollington would have been in a poor plight.

Castleton were little better, but the little made the difference between victory and defeat. Four of their men compiled good scores that made useful additions to the total. The scores were:—

BOLLINGTON.

H. Berry b Belmont	18
A. Wainwright b Belmont	6
W. Goodwin, jun., b Lewis	0
J. Cook b Belmont	5
H. Howarth run out	39
J. Harding b Belmont	2
W. Goodwin, sen., b Lewis	4
T. B. Knight c Shawcross b Lord	9
W. Whitshurst b Belmont	2
H. Holson not out	3
T. Shaw b Belmont	0
Extras	4
Total	92

CASTLETON.

I. W. Taylor c Harding b Cook	9
E. Rhodes b Cook	6
E. L. Shawcross b Holson	34
E. G. Seibert lbw b Shaw	19
I. C. Belmont b Cook	13
A. L. Lewis b Cook	10
E. H. Taylor b Cook	2
P. H. Rudd b Cook	6
E. B. Lord b Cook	1
A. Rhodes lbw b Goodwin	9
W. H. Stead not out	1
Extras	11
Total	111

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bollington.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
A. S. Lewis	11.2	1	43	2
I. C. Belmont	14	4	30	6
E. B. Lord	3	1	6	1

Castleton.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.
Cook	12.3	2	41	7
T. Shaw	6	1	36	1
H. Holson	5	0	15	1
W. Goodwin	2	1	18	1

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND.
EVEN SCORING.

When play in the Cheshire-Northumberland minor counties match at Newcastle concluded for the day on Monday, the position was very even, for Northumberland, with three wickets to, were 41 behind Cheshire. There were some good partnerships in Cheshire's innings, which totalled 247, after three hours and ten minutes' batting. W. E. Jones and Hope made 42 for the first wicket, Hodgson and L. N. Jones 40 for the third wicket, and the two Hodgsons 45 for the fifth wicket, while Clifton and P. Hodgson added 31 for the ninth wicket. H. Hodgson batted an hour and three-quarters for his 55. He gave a difficult chance when 40, and was nearly stopped when 50. He hit thirteen 4's, Hetherington bowled splendidly, and took nine wickets for 90 runs.

Northumberland opened badly, but Hunting and Couves improved the position, while later Hunting and Milne added a useful 40 runs for the seventh wicket. Hunting's innings was in direct contrast to his usual brisk hitting, but so good was the bowling and the fielding that runs were hard-earned.

On Tuesday Cheshire gained an excellent win by 114 runs. Play had been very even on the first day, and at the close saw only 41 runs separating the sides, with Northumberland three wickets in hand. To secure that number they failed by 10 runs.

After half an hour's batting on Tuesday morning there were signs of a Cheshire collapse before lunch, when four wickets were down for 70, and had Northumberland held well they might have maintained their position. J. Hodgson, Hope, and Morris, who each got over 40 runs, all had lives early on. The two first-named hit freely. Cheshire's innings lasted two and a half hours and Northumberland were left with three-quarters of an hour to get 226 to win.

They never shaped like getting them, for six men were out for 60, and only Milne and Hetherington, who bore the brunt of the bowling, made any real effort. The Northumberland innings closed after two hours for 111. Jones and Cook bowled splendidly and had excellent support in the field. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.
First innings.

W. E. Jones b Hetherington	18
D. H. Coomber c Milne b Hetherington	0
H. W. Hodgson c Stanger-Leathes b Hetherington	85
L. N. Jones c Couves b Hetherington	30
V. Hope st Craig b Hetherington	3
Morris b Hetherington	37
L. V. Astle c ang b Hetherington	17
P. J. Hodgson c Broadbelt b Hetherington	21
Clifton not out	21
Cook c Towler b Hetherington	4
J. H. Clarke c Armstrong b Milne	6
Extras	27
Total	274

Second innings.

W. E. Jones c Couves b Hetherington	16
D. H. Coomber c S. Leathes b Hetherington	0
H. W. Hodgson c Hetherington b Milne	27
L. N. Jones c Craig b Hetherington	4
V. Hope st Craig b Milne	43
Morris not out	42
L. V. Astle b Milne	10
P. J. Hodgson b Towler	42
Cook c and b Hetherington	10
Clifton c Towler b Hetherington	6
J. H. Clarke b Hetherington	11
Extras	11
Total	215

NORTHUMBERLAND.
First innings.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes b Clifton	7
L. J. Couves c Clarke b Jones	45
F. T. Broadbent c Jones b Cook	1
G. H. Hunting c Clifton b Cook	91
N. Whitfield c and b Cook	10
J. L. Towler lbw b Cook	7
W. G. Armstrong b Clifton	5
Milne c Morris b Cook	29
Hetherington c Clifton b Jones	16
J. K. Craig b Cook	2
W. Nichol not out	0
Extras	11
Total	111

Second innings.

C. F. Stanger-Leathes b Cook	9
L. J. Couves c and b Clifton	1
F. T. Broadbent c L. Jones b Cook	12
Bunting b Cook	0
N. Whitfield c Clarke b L. Jones	10
J. L. Towler c Clifton b L. Jones	5
W. G. Armstrong c Morris b W. Jones	10
Milne c L. Jones b Cook	17
Hetherington not out	21
J. K. Craig b W. Jones	8
W. Nichol at Clarke b W. Jones	6
Extras	12
Total	111

Bowling analysis.
Cheshire.—1st innings: Milne 41o. 6m. 87r. 1w.; Towler 3o. 5m. 20r. 0w.; Hetherington 41o. 10m. 90r. 9w.; Nichol 4o. 1m. 25r. 0w. Second innings: Milne 35o. 9m. 84r. 3w.; Towler 6o. 2m. 27r. 1w.; Hetherington 25o. 4m. 93r. 6w.
Northumberland.—1st innings: Cook 27.5o. 7m. 79r. 6w.; Clifton 25o. 1m. 105r. 2w.; L. Jones 11o. 1m. 40r. 2w.; Hope 1o. 6m. 5r. 0w. Second. innings: Cook 21o. 11m. 23r. 4w.; Clifton 17o. 1m. 47r. 1w.; L. Jones 7o. 3m. 22r. 2w.; W. Jones 3.5o. 0m. 7r. 3w.

WREKIN COLLEGE v. BOUGHTON HALL.
The Boughton Hall team motored over to Wellington on Saturday to play Wrekin College, the new public school in Shropshire, and had a most enjoyable day's outing. The new school, a magnificent pile of commodious and thoroughly equipped buildings, playing fields, farm, etc., takes its name from the hill made famous by Macaulay's immortal lines, "Hill streamed in crimson on the wind and the Wrekin's crest of light." The cricket ground is a fine one, and the wicket was in excellent order. Frost lost the toss, and the School took first knock, H. Hayward and T. Leyston opening to the bowling of Hack and Parry. Seven runs were scored, when Hack found Leyston's off peg with a good one. Williams joined Hayward, and they took the score to 32, before the latter fell a victim to Hack. After Williams had been caught by Wilson at mid-on, none of the rest of the side gave much trouble, and all were out for 53. Williams played a good innings for his 28.

Boughton Hall started with Roberts and Platt, who were not separated until the score had reached 27, the former being then caught and bowled by Williams. Hales followed, and the score was taken to 52, before Pratt received marching orders for a well played 28. Hales 7o. W. E. Jones 4o. L. N. Jones 4o, gave the boys some leather hunting, all three scoring delightful cricket, reaking a variety of scoring hits all round the wicket. The boys were given another knock, but W. E. Jones demoralised them with his slow bowling, and all the side were out for 22. The School side was not at full strength, owing to their captain and two of their best bats being away ill. Their batting strength was rather weak, but they were excellent in the field. Scores:—

WREKIN COLLEGE.

R. Hayward b Hack	14
T. Leyston b Hack	1
G. Williams c Wilson b Frost	29
J. D. H. Wearing b Parry	2
J. Murray b Parry	7
L. Murray c Hales b Parry	0
R. Boulton c Hack b Parry	10
N. F. Watterson c L. N. Jones b Hales	7
E. H. Whitehouse c Frost b Hales	6
C. Bolton b Hales	4
B. G. W. Scholes not out	0
Extras	3
Total	83

BOUGHTON HALL.

H. O. Roberts c and b Williams	12
G. A. Pratt c Watterson b Boulton	23
L. Hales c Wearing b Hayward	76
R. Frost c J. Murray b Williams	1
W. E. Jones c Whitehouse b Leyston	40
R. Wilson c Wearing b Leyston	6
S. V. Hawkins c Hayward b Leyston	1
L. N. Jones c and b Murray	40
F. Hack not out	14
J. W. Kendrick b Williams	13
H. R. Parry not out	4
Extras	9
Total	244

FORMBY v. NESTON.
At Formby, on Wednesday, the home team having little difficulty in winning. Neston batted first, and completed 156, after just over two hours. A feature of the innings was the grand batting of L. Ravenscroft, who came in at the fall of the sixth wicket with the score at 54. He at once got to work, and was last out for 61, after batting just over an hour and hitting nine 4's. Nutter bowled splendidly for Formby, taking nine wickets for 55, and performing the "hat trick." Formby started badly, losing three wickets for 21. A good stand by R. P. Heywood and Nutter resulted in 84 runs being added, Nutter retiring for 36. Heywood continued to lay on, and got his 50 in 45 minutes. The Neston team was passed with the loss of only five batsmen after 75 minutes. Heywood left at 154, having hit eight 4's and five 3's. For Neston Hollowell scored four wickets for 51 runs. Scores:—
Neston: G. W. Parris c and b Nutter 18, H. J. Beausire c Goadby b Lowe 12, G. Nickson b Nutter 7, G. Trantom c Goadby b Nutter 5, F. N. Smith b Nutter 0, E. J. Griffiths b Nutter 1, J. C. Cunningham c Williams b Nutter 14, L. Ravenscroft b Nutter 61, P. C. Hollowell b Nutter 11, D. E. Davies b Nutter 7, Jones (sub.) not out 0, extras 14; total 156.
Formby: R. P. Heywood c Ravenscroft b Beausire 80, L. Goadby b Hollowell 2, T. Williams b Hollowell 0, A. Bowker b Hollowell 7, Nutter c and b Hollowell 36, M. Lowe not out 24, L. Bowker not out 2, extras 3; total (five wickets) 159.

CRICKET.

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DURHAM v. CHESHIRE.

REMARKABLE CHESHIRE HITTING.

There were several showers at Burnwood, where the match between Durham and Cheshire began on Wednesday morning, the start being delayed for a considerable period. Cheshire's opening batsmen fared badly, four of them being back in the pavilion with the total of 41. J. Hodgson and Astle then became associated and made a fine stand, adding 74 for the fifth wicket 'ere being parted. Hodgson's 54 included ten 4's, and his only life was a hard chance when 43. Astle was more subdued, but hit four 4's. Coomber hit lustily and got three 4's in one over from Goodrich. The innings lasted three hours.

Durham made a moderate opening and had three men for 30, and with seven wickets to fall are 157 behind.

Cheshire were baffled of another victory on their tour when time arrived, on Thursday, Durham, with two wickets to fall, being 161 behind. Durham's outstanding wickets added 41 runs, Scott, Page and Cooman making the only stand against Cook, who took five wickets for 10 runs. W. E. Jones and H. Hodgson scored at a merry rate, and in a little over three hours made 212 without being separated. Their cricket was faultless. Jones hit seventeen, and Hodgson nineteen 4's. When Durham batted again they lost three men for 27. Fortunately for them, Wake offered some resistance to the varied Cheshire bowling, and with Cooman added 44 runs. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.
First innings.

H. Hodgson c Weight b Spiller	54
W. E. Jones c Keogh b Spiller	1
J. Hodgson b Goodrich	54
L. Jones c Goodrich b Spiller	9
H. Morris b Goodrich	1
P. Astle c S. Page b Spiller	36
V. Hope c Goadby b Goodrich	4
D. H. Coomber not out	39
Cook b Spiller	1
Clifton c Weight b Milham	19
C. B. Twemlow b Spiller	4
Extras	21
Total	204

Second innings.

H. Hodgson not out	113
W. E. Jones not out	100
Extras	6
Total (no wicket, declared)	219

DURHAM.
First innings.

T. Knack c W. Jones b Cooke	9
Weight c Cooke b Clifton	11
J. Wake c L. Jones b Clifton	0
G. Scott-Page c W. E. Jones b Cook	30
J. Cooman run out	20
A. A. Pope not out	23
W. R. Alderson c Clifton b Cook	5
W. Cornby b Cook	0
W. Spiller b Cook	0
C. R. Milham c Astle b Cook	0
A. Goodrich lbw b Cook	0
Extras	10
Total	128

Second innings.

T. Knack c Cook b Clifton	19
Weight lbw b W. Jones	0
J. Wake b Hope	64
G. Scott-Page c Cook b Clifton	0
J. J. Cooman c Hope b L. Jones	27
A. A. Pope c W. Jones b Cook	4
W. R. Alderson c L. Jones b Clifton	16
W. Cornby c Morris b H. Hodgson	1
W. Spiller not out	0
C. R. Milham and A. Goodrich did not bat	0
Extras	0
Total (8 wkts.)	133

Bowling Analysis.
Cheshire. 1st innings: Goodrich 25o. 7m. 89r. 3w.; Spiller 25o. 3m. 82r. 6w.; Weight 16o. 10m. 23r. 0w.; Astle 3o. 1m. 7r. 1w. Second innings: Goodrich 19o. 6m. 64r. 0w.; Spiller 14o. 5m. 62r. 0w.; Weight 14o. 3m. 35r. 0w.; Milne 24o. 1m. 52r. 0w.
Durham. 1st innings: Cook 25o. 6m. 39r. 7w.; Clifton 11o. 0m. 35r. 2w.; L. Jones 1o. 6m. 5r. 0w.; W. Jones 4o. 0m. 10r. 0w.; Hope 10o. 1m. 2a. 0w. Second innings: Cook 17o. 2m. 31r. 1w.; Clifton 11o. 2m. 35r. 3w.; L. Jones 4o. 0m. 10r. 1w.; W. Jones 8o. 0m. 23r. 0w.; Hope 2.5o. 0m. 9r. 0w.; Hodgson 4o. 0m. 3r. 0w.

CHESHIRE WELL AHEAD.

MINOR COUNTIES MATCH AT NEW BRIGHTON.

Cheshire had not appeared at the New Brighton club's ground at Rake Lane since 1914, when they played Durham, but the attendance was only moderate when they took the field against Northumberland yesterday morning. The wicket had recovered quite well, and was playing easy when Northumberland, having won the toss, batted first. Clifton, the New Brighton professional, was absent from the home side owing to a damaged knee. Cook soon got the measure of the Northumberland batsmen, and after his captain had sent the first man back for 3, the professional, helped by some admirable Belding, did so well that five wickets were down for 36. L. N. Jones helped him to two of his wickets by splendid catches in the slips. The wickets continued to fall quickly, and when the 50 appeared, after an hour and twenty-five minutes play, eight men had been dismissed. Cook and Hope were bowling so well that Dickinson took just over an hour to score his eleven. With Surrey in the play livened up somewhat, and a dropped catch by Cook allowed Hetherington to score 27 before the innings closed. He was undefeated at the finish, and, in comparison with the others, gave quite a bright display. Cook had the following fine analysis:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
19	8	26	6

When Boumphrey and W. E. Jones opened for Cheshire a strong wind was blowing across the ground with such force that the balls were blown off on several occasions. The bowling of Milne and Hetherington was treated very cautiously by both men. The first wicket did not fall until Cheshire were well on the way to overtaking the visitors' total, and Boumphrey had seven 4's in his score of 36. Jones went on till within three of the half century, but he was caught by Milne off Hetherington. Milne had been bowling a splendid length, and when he was replaced by Surrey he had sent down twelve maiden overs out of fourteen. The Northumberland total was passed for the loss of only one wicket, but the next four wickets fell for the addition of only 26 runs. Cook and Hope, however, showed that they could bat as well as bowl, and when the innings closed Cheshire were 89 runs ahead on the first innings. Milne had come on a second time, and in his second venture had not only kept the score down but also taken several wickets, his final figures being:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
29	18	43	7

There was still an hour and a quarter left for play, and during that time Northumberland lost two valuable wickets for 62 runs. Stanger-Leathes and Couves opened quite confidently the second time, and took the score to 33 before the former was dismissed by Cook. Two runs later Dickinson scooped one into Boumphrey's hands, but Whitefield and Couves played out time, although play was interrupted by rain, and at the close Northumberland were still 37 behind Cheshire's total with eight wickets in hand. Score:—

1st Inns.		NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd Inns.	
O. F. Stanger-Leathes,	c W. E. Jones	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	7	10
Jones	b Cook	not out	27		
L. C. Couves,	c Cook	b Hope	3		
W. Dickinson,	lbw	b Cook	0		
N. Whitefield,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	0		
Cook	not out	11			
E. Wood,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	9		
F. T. Broadbent,	run out	0			
J. L. Towler,	c and b Hope	9			
Milne,	b Cook	1			
Hetherington,	not out	27			
B. H. Surry,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	11		
J. E. Wilkinson,	b L. N. Jones	2			
Extras	12				
Total	99	Total (2 wickets)	62		

1st Inns.		CHESHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
W. E. Jones,	c Milne	b H. T. Jones	47		
D. Boumphrey,	c Towler	b Surry	36		
P. V. J. Astle,	c Wilkinson	b Milne	9		
L. N. Jones,	c W. E. Jones	b Milne	1		
H. Morris,	c Hetherington	b Milne	5		
V. Hope,	c Wilkinson	b Hetherington	29		
T. H. Head,	c Stanger-Leathes	b Milne	20		
R. F. Flak,	b Milne	1			
Cook,	c Whitefield	b Milne	30		
F. W. Archer,	lbw	b Milne	1		
T. H. Clarke,	not out	0			
Extras	12				
Total	191				

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
 Northumberland.—1st Inns.: Cook 6 for 26, Hope 2 for 51, L. N. Jones 1 for 3.
 Cheshire.—1st Inns.: Milne 7 for 43, Hetherington 2 for 24, Towler 0 for 25, Surry 1 for 27.

CHESHIRE'S EASY WIN.

Cheshire beat Northumberland at New Brighton, yesterday, by nine wickets before lunch. The overnight not out, Couves (27) and Whitefield (11) took the total to 79 before Whitefield was sent back. Another three wickets, including Couves for a patient 46, had fallen by the time the hundred appeared after play had been in progress forty minutes. Hetherington and Surry, as in the first innings, did well, and the last two wickets added 54.

Cheshire needed 70 to win when Boumphrey and W. E. Jones opened for them, and there was fifty minutes left for play before lunch. A curious incident occurred in the second over of the innings, when Jones's bat snapped clean in two from his first stroke. The score was taken to 54 by easy stages, at which point Boumphrey was caught in the long field for a stylish 39, which included six 4's. The remaining runs were soon hit off. Scores:—

1st Inns.		NORTHUMBERLAND.		2nd Inns.	
O. F. Stanger-Leathes,	c W. E. Jones	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	7	10
Jones	b Cook	not out	27		
L. C. Couves,	c Cook	b Hope	3		
W. Dickinson,	lbw	b Cook	0		
N. Whitefield,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	0		
Cook	not out	11			
E. Wood,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	9		
F. T. Broadbent,	run out	0			
J. L. Towler,	c and b Hope	9			
Milne,	b Cook	1			
Hetherington,	not out	27			
B. H. Surry,	c L. N. Jones	b Cook	11		
J. E. Wilkinson,	b L. N. Jones	2			
Extras	12				
Total	99	Total	191		

1st Inns.		CHESHIRE.		2nd Inns.	
W. E. Jones,	c Milne	b H. T. Jones	47		
D. Boumphrey,	c Towler	b Surry	36		
P. V. J. Astle,	c Wilkinson	b Milne	9		
L. N. Jones,	c W. E. Jones	b Milne	1		
H. Morris,	c Hetherington	b Milne	5		
V. Hope,	c Wilkinson	b Hetherington	29		
T. H. Head,	c Stanger-Leathes	b Milne	20		
R. F. Flak,	b Milne	1			
Cook,	c Whitefield	b Milne	30		
F. W. Archer,	lbw	b Milne	1		
T. H. Clarke,	not out	0			
Extras	12				
Total	191	Total (1 wicket)	70		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
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LOCAL GAMES.

SUTTON v. WALKER'S (WARRINGTON).

At Sutton. A. Taylor, for Sutton, hit a brilliant 53 (not out), including eight 4's. Scores:—

WALKER'S		SUTTON	
T. Grims, c Bamber b A Taylor	1	A Taylor, not out	53
A. Baker, b A Taylor	1	L. Greenough, not out	22
C. Armitage, c & b Bromilow	12		
W. Hunter, c Greenough b Bromilow	12		
W. C. Wright, b F Taylor	12		
W. Wright, c Williams b F Taylor	5		
W. Mason, b F Taylor	0		
J. Lee, c A Taylor b F Taylor	0		
T. Houghton, b A Taylor	0		
E. Stott, not out	0		
J. Edwards, b A Taylor	0		
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	78	Total	85

For Sutton, W. Bromilow, W. Royden, T. W. Owen, W. Taylor, J. Forsyth, F. Taylor, H. Abbott, A. Williams, and J. Bamber did not bat.

NORTHERN II. v. BOUGHTON HALL II.

At Boughton Hall. R. Critchley took four wickets for 5 runs in three overs, and W. H. Owen three wickets for 15 runs. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL II.		NORTHERN II.	
Senior, c James b Vicary	10	C. H. Vicary, b Mathews	1
Hack, c Stacey b H. B. Stacey	8	H. B. Stacey, c Penna b Critchley	5
Critchley, c Stacey b James	6	Judd, not out	5
Blake, c Dutton b James	6	C. R. Nickells, b Judd	3
Mathews, b James	2	A. G. Robertson, b Judd	10
Nickell, c Critchley b Judd	10	C. Sturt, b Judd	10
Owen, c Owen b Critchley	10	H. Rhodes, b Hack	0
Judd, c Owen b Critchley	10	R. James, c Senior b Hack	0
Robertson, c Stacey b Critchley	0	M. D. Critchley, lbw b Hack	0
Critchley	0	K. P. Drummond, run out	10
Hawkins, c Robertson b Critchley	1	W. H. Owen, c Judd b Day, b Owen	0
Day, b Owen	0	Dryland, not out	7
Dryland, not out	1	Hack	2
Penna, b Owen	4	Extras	19
Extras	4	Total	78
Total	78	Total	245

NESTON AND DISTRICT v. LANCASTER.

At Lancaster. Scores:—

LANCASTER		NESTON AND DISTRICT	
V. P. Smith, c Barrall	35	F. J. Griffiths, c Banks b Fretter	7
F. G. Banks, c Nickson b Lett	10	O. G. Trantam, c Banks b Lett	42
A. E. Smith, c Lett b Hollowell	10	G. G. Nickson, c Banks b Lett	43
E. Douthwaite, c Nickson b Hollowell	10	F. J. Kirby, c Duffy b W. C. Hollowell	4
T. W. Funchard, b Hollowell	10	W. C. Hollowell, c Duffy b Taylor	14
C. Taylor, c Beauzire b Hollowell	10	H. J. Beauzire, c Douthwaite b Winby	15
J. T. Anderson, b Beauzire	10	F. N. Smith, b Banks b Fretter	26
Hollowell	10	A. Barrall, c Smith b Fretter	7
Beauzire	10	G. E. Eaton, b Banks b Fretter	5
E. Duffy, lbw b Beauzire	10	F. Lett, not out	1
Fretter, c & b Hollowell	10	Extras	12
F. B. Taylor, not out	10	Total	199
H. Winby, c Nickson b Lett	10	Total (9 wickets)	178
Extras	11		
Total	199		

FATHERS v. CALDAY GRANGE SCHOOL.

At Calday, on Saturday. It was a very exciting game, the school winning by 8 runs. For the Fathers Uren took seven wickets for 34 runs. Scores:—

FATHERS		CALDAY SCHOOL	
W. Parker, b Barron	10	J. B. Pitt, b Uren	4
T. Mathews, run out	10	D. Warburton, b Barron	12
F. A. Derry, lbw b Milne	10	C. B. Cotton, b Uren	6
H. Uren, b Cotton	39	W. A. Milne, run out	3
J. O. Tod, b Barron	10	E. T. Pratt, not out	30
F. D. Ball, c & b Cotton	4	N. B. Barron, c Uren b Benbrook	0
W. H. Benbrook, c Milne b Carr	5	H. H. M. Needham, c Cronwell b Uren	11
O. W. Huddleston, c Pratt b Cotton	1	H. J. Carr, b Uren	12
D. Cronwell, not out	19	A. Huddleston, b Uren	5
J. Cronson, c Cotton b Pratt	11	S. A. Schofield, b Uren	8
H. Cronwell, c Huddleston b Needham	0	W. A. Mawby, c Cronwell b Uren	9
Extras	8	Extras	8
Total	98	Total	106

Lancashire Cricket League.

For the first time this season the Lancashire League programme was spoiled by the rain on Saturday. Not one of the seven games was brought to a conclusion, but the only case of a complete absence of play was at Blackburn, where East Lancashire should have opposed Todmorden. The contest between Rawtenstall and Rishton made the most progress, Rishton being able to score 86 for the loss of six wickets before the players were driven off the field. The league table now reads:—

Bacup	19	9	4	6	24
Ramsbottom	19	10	6	3	23
Haslingden	18	8	5	4	22
Farnfield	18	10	7	1	21
Accrington	18	8	4	5	21
Todmorden	18	8	4	4	20
Clitheroe	18	7	7	5	19
Coley	19	7	7	5	19
Nelson	18	7	8	3	17
Rawtenstall	18	6	7	5	17
Burslem	15	6	8	4	16
East Lancashire	19	5	9	5	15
Lowerhouse	18	7	11	1	15
Rishton	19	4	10	5	13

Lancashire II. v. Northumberland.

In selecting the Lancashire second team to meet Northumberland in the Minor Counties' championship match at Blackburn, to-morrow and on Thursday, the county authorities have wisely given several local league players a chance of showing their powers with bat and ball. They are H. Holt, of Bacup, F. Webster, of Church, J. Coulthurst, of East Lancashire, and Major L. Green, of Whalley, the latter club being in the Ribblesdale League. Holt is one of the most improved batsmen in the Lancashire League, having this season scored 372 runs for Bacup in sixteen completed innings, with an average of 23.25. Both Webster and Coulthurst are bowlers; Webster is one of this season's finds, and so far has taken 33 wickets for 590 runs. The East Lancashire man, however, has not shown the form he revealed two years ago, when he captured 100 wickets and had a big share in his club's success in winning the championship for the first time. The full Lancashire side is as follows:—F. H. Hollins (captain), F. Webster (Church), H. Holt (Bacup), C. Leach (Littleborough), W. J. Massey (Heaton), C. G. Boddington (Manchester), Major L. Green (Whalley), J. Coulthurst (East Lancs.), Watson, W. Ellis, and S. Ellis, of the county ground staff.

CRICKET.
CHESHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND

NORTHUMBERLAND DEFEATED BY NINE WICKETS.

Making their first appearance at Rake Lane, New Brighton, since 1914, when they met Durham, Cheshire did very well indeed on Monday to dismiss Northumberland for 92 and then scored 181, then dismissing two of their opponents for 62. The first wicket fell at nine, the second at 11, and Whitfield left ten runs later, while half the side were dismissed for 38. Dickinson, who was sixth out at 46, was at the wickets sixty minutes for 11, but the best cricket of the innings (writes the correspondent of the "Liverpool Courier") was shown by Hetherington and Wilkinson, who added 25 runs for the last wicket. Hetherington, who was still undefeated at the close of the innings, was batting twenty five minutes for his 27, which included five 4's. Cook bowled finely for Cheshire, his figures being:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
19	9	23	6

W. E. Jones and Bournemouth, who opened the Cheshire innings to the bowling of Hetherington and Milne, played very slow cricket, so much so that Milne sent down fourteen overs, of which only two balls were scored off before he was relieved by Surry. Thirty runs were on the board as the result of forty minutes' batting, but the half century was reached in fifty minutes.

With the total at 66, however, Bournemouth, who had given a soft return to Hetherington at 13, which the bowler misjudged, was out to a snuff catch by Fowler at slip. Though the batsmen had flattered the bowling, there was no doubt that the excellent fielding of the visiting side had a great deal to do with the slow rate of scoring. W. E. Jones, who was third out with the total at 100, scored his 47 in ninety minutes, his chief hits being eight 4's. Morris was next to leave with the total at 105, while L. N. Jones, who batted thirty minutes for a single, was caught at the wicket at 120. Hope and Heald took the score to 142 before being separated, but Fisk was completely beaten by Milne with only 5 runs added. Cook played bright cricket, and with Heald took the score to 124 for the eighth wicket, but the two remaining wickets fell at the one total, the side being dismissed after two and a half hours' batting for 191. Milne was very successful having the capital figures:

O.	M.	R.	W.
29	18	43	7

Northumberland were left with forty-five minutes to bat, in which time they lost two wickets for 62 runs. Stanger-Leates left at 33 and Dickinson at 35, following which there was a twenty minutes stoppage owing to rain, but Couves and Whitfield played out time. Thus Cheshire were at the close of play on Monday in a good position, for the visitors were still 37 runs behind with eight wickets to fall.

Cheshire beat Northumberland at Rake Lane on Tuesday by nine wickets, the game ending just before lunch. Rain fell several times during the game, but on only one occasion did the players leave the field, and then they returned almost immediately.

With only 15 added to their overnight score of 62, Whitfield was completely beaten by Cook. Wood left at 80, Broadbent at 90, while Couves was caught finely at slip by L. N. Jones off Cook, this being his fifth catch of the match. Couves, who was sixth out at 92, was at the wickets 80 minutes for his 46, which included six 4's. Towler sent up the 100 after the innings had been in progress 85 minutes, but with only four runs added Milne was stumped by Clarke. Towler and Hetherington put on 24 runs for the seventh wicket, the latter batting 30 minutes for 12. Then followed some spirited hitting, for Hetherington and Surry added 30 runs for the ninth wicket in a little under fifteen minutes. Surry was missed by Bournemouth in the outfield when he had scored 18, but the mistake did not prove expensive, for he was out five runs later to a brilliant catch on the boundary by Astle.

The innings closed after two hours and ten minutes' batting for 168. Cook again being successful with the ball, his figures reading:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
25	6	66	6

Cheshire were left with 50 minutes' batting before lunch, and proceeded to knock off the runs in 45 minutes for the loss of only one wicket. The opening pair, W. E. Jones and Bournemouth, employed forcing tactics, and 28 runs, of which Bournemouth had obtained 24, were on the board as the result of ten minutes' batting. A peculiar incident occurred in the second over, for Jones' first stroke resulted in his bat breaking in half. The half-century was effected after thirty minutes' batting, but with only four runs added, the Walsley captain was caught on the boundary in trying to drive. He batted 30 minutes for his 39, his chief hits being six 4's, one 3 and three 2's. Scores and analysis:—

Northumberland.—1st innings.

E. F. Stanger-Leates c W. Jones b Cook	7
L. J. Couves c Cook b Hope	3
U. W. Dickinson lbw b Cook	11
L. Whitfield c L. Jones b Cook	0
E. Wood c L. Jones b Cook	9
F. J. Broadbent run out	0
J. L. Towler c and b Hope	9
Milne b Cook	1
Hetherington not out	27
B. H. Surry c L. Jones b Cook	11
G. E. Wilkinson b L. Jones	12
Extras	12
Total	92

Northumberland.—2nd innings.

E. F. Stanger-Leates c L. Jones b Cook	10
L. J. Couves c L. Jones b Cook	46
U. W. Dickinson c Bournemouth b Cook	0
L. Whitfield b Cook	21
E. Wood b Hope	0
F. J. Broadbent c Clarke b Hope	0
J. L. Towler c W. Jones b Hope	12
Milne st Clarke b Cook	4
Hetherington b Cook	20
B. H. Surry c Astle b Hope	25
G. E. Wilkinson not out	1
Extras	51
Total	126

Cheshire.—1st innings.

W. E. Jones c Milne b Hetherington	47
D. Bournemouth c Towler b Surry	39
P. L. V. Astle c Wilkinson b Milne	9
L. N. Jones c Wilkinson b Milne	1
H. Morris c Hetherington b Milne	5
V. Hope c Wilkinson b Hetherington	29
J. H. Heald c Leates b Milne	20
R. P. Fisk b Milne	1
Cook c Whitfield b Milne	20
F. W. Archer lbw b Milne	1
J. H. Clarke not out	0
Extras	12
Total	191

Cheshire.—2nd innings.

W. E. Jones not out	30
D. Bournemouth c Whitfield b Milne	39
P. L. V. Astle not out	1
Extras	10
Total (for 1 wicket)	70

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland.—1st innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	19	8	26	6
Hope	18	4	51	2
L. Jones	1	0	3	1

Northumberland.—2nd innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	26	6	66	6
Hope	15	3	41	4
Archer	5	0	14	0
L. Jones	6	2	16	0

Cheshire.—1st innings.

Milne	29	18	43	7
Hetherington	30	7	84	2
Towler	5	0	25	0
Surry	8	0	27	1

Cheshire.—2nd innings.

Milne	10	2	43	1
Hetherington	9	2	27	0

CHESHIRE v. NORTHUMBERLAND.
HOME COUNTY IN GOOD POSITION

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The first wicket fell at nine, the second at 11, and Whitfield left 10 runs later, while half the side were dismissed for 50. Dickinson, who was sixth out at 40, was at the wicket sixty minutes, but the best cricket of the innings was shown by Hetherington and Wilkinson, who added 25 runs for the last wicket. Hetherington, who was still undefeated at the close of the innings, was batting twenty-five minutes for his 27, which included five 4's. Cook bowled finely for Cheshire, his figures being: 190, 9m, 26r, 6w.

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With the total at 66, however, Bounphrey, who had given a soft return to Hetherington at 18, which the bowler misjudged, was out to a smart catch by Towler at slip. Though the batsman had flattered the bowling, there was no doubt that the excellent fielding of the visiting side had a great deal to do with the slow rate of scoring. W. E. Jones, who was third out with the total at 100, scored his 47 in ninety minutes, his chief bats being eight 4's. Morris was next to leave with the total 4's.

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Cheshire were left with 50 minutes' batting before lunch, and proceeded to knock off the runs in 45 minutes for the loss of only one wicket. The opening pair, W. E. Jones and Bounphrey, employed forcing tactics, and 28 runs, of which Bounphrey had obtained 24, were on the board as the result of ten minutes' batting. A peculiar incident occurred in the second over, for Jones' first stroke resulted in his bat breaking in half. The half century was signalled after 30 minutes' batting, but with only four runs added the Wallasey captain was caught on the boundary in trying to do so. He batted thirty minutes for his 39, his chief bats being six 4's, one 3 and three 2's. Scores:—

NORTHUMBERLAND.

First Innings.	
C. F. Stanger-Leathes c W. E. Jones b Cook	7
R. J. Couves c Cook b Hope	3
U. W. Dickinson lbw b Cook	11
L. Whitfield c L. W. Jones b Cook	0
E. Wood c L. N. Jones b Cook	9
F. T. Broadbent run out	0
J. L. Towler c and b Hope	0
Milne b Cook	1
Hetherington not out	27
B. H. Surry c L. N. Jones b Cook	11
G. E. Wilkinson b L. N. Jones	2
Extras	12
Total	92

Second Innings.	
C. F. Stanger-Leathes c L. N. Jones b Cook	10
R. J. Couves c L. N. Jones b Cook	46
U. W. Dickinson lbw b Cook	0
L. Whitfield b Cook	21
E. Wood b Hope	0
F. T. Broadbent c Clarke b Hope	0
J. L. Towler c W. Jones b Hope	12
Milne c Clarke b Cook	4
Hetherington b Astle	20
B. H. Surry c and b Hope	23
G. E. Wilkinson not out	1
Extras	31
Total	168

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.	
W. E. Jones c Milne b Hetherington	47
D. Bounphrey c Towler b Surry	36
P. L. V. Astle c Wilkinson b Milne	9
L. N. Jones c Wilkinson b Milne	1
H. Morris c Hetherington b Milne	5
V. Hope c Wilkinson b Hetherington	29
T. H. Heald c Stanger-Leathes b Milne	20
R. P. Fisk b Milne	1
Cook c Whitfield b Milne	50
F. W. Archer lbw b Milne	1
J. H. Clarke not out	0
Extras	12
Total	191

Second Innings.	
W. E. Jones not out	50
D. Bounphrey c Whitfield b Milne	59
P. L. V. Astle not out	1
Total	70

Bowling analyses.

Northumberland: Cook 190, 8m, 26r, 6w; Hope, 180, 4m, 51r, 2w; L. N. Jones, 10, 0m, 3r, 1w. Second Innings: Cook, 260, 6m, 66r, 5w; Hope, 150, 3m, 44r, 4w; L. N. Jones, 60, 2m, 16r, 0w; Archer, 50, 0m, 14r, 0w. Cheshire: 1st innings: Milne, 290, 18m, 43r, 7w; Hetherington, 50, 7m, 81r, 2w; Towler, 50, 0m, 25r, 0w; Surry, 60, 0m, 27r, 0w. Second Innings: Milne, 100, 2m, 43r, 1w; Hetherington, 9, 40, 2m, 27r, 0w.

BOUGHTON HALL v. NORTHERN II.
Played at Boughton Hall on Saturday.

NORTHERN.	
C. H. Vearry b Matthews	1
L. B. Dutton not out	90
H. R. Stacey c Fenna b Judd	55
C. R. Nichols b Judd	9
A. C. R. Robertson b Judd	10
C. Stubbs b Dryland	39
H. Rhodes b Hack	10
R. James c Simon b Hack	0
R. B. Critchley lbw b Dryland	0
H. P. Drummond run out	10
W. H. Owen c Judd b Hack	2
Extras	19
Total	245

Bowling: A. J. Judd 3 for 74, Rev. J. E. Matthews 1 for 47, F. Hack 3 for 60, T. Fenna none for 16, R. D. Nicklin none for 16, J. Dryland 2 for 28.

BOUGHTON HALL II.

J. M. Simon c James b Vearry	16
F. Hack c Stacey b Critchley	55
W. B. Blake c Dutton b James	6
Rev. J. E. Matthews b James	2
R. D. Nicklin c Vearry b Owen	9
A. J. Judd c Owen b Critchley	0
Capt. Robotham c Stacey b Critchley	0
Hawkins, junr. c Robertson b Critchley	0
H. W. Day b Owen	4
J. Dryland not out	7
T. Fenna b Owen	4
Extras	4
Total	78

EATON PARK v. ALVANLEY.

Alvanley 148 for five, Eaton Park 116 for seven, was the state of the score book when play ceased at Eaton Park on Saturday. The visitors had first use of a good wicket, and lost their first wicket before a run was scored. From then, however, runs came freely, despite changes of bowling. The Park lost two wickets with the score at 15, and the third wicket added 4 runs only. Then Fred Thomas began hitting manfully, backed up by A. Thomas, and the score board showed 50 when the next wicket fell. Youens was run out after adding two. F. Lanaway then began to punish the bowling, his 28 not out including four fours, and R. Drake included three fours in his 15, which was all but six of the total for the last wicket which fell. Lanaway and Fearnall carried the score to 116 before stumps were drawn. Scores:—

Alvanley:—F. Leech b F'Anson 0, J. E. Leech c Thomas b F'Anson 25, J. W. Leech c Drake b Thomas 24, A. Leech c Fearnall b F'Anson 62, J. Roden not out 27, Rev. Mr. Carr run out 0, G. Leech not out 0, extras 10, total (6 wks) 148. Eaton Park:—R. D. Smith b F. Leech 7, A. Thomas c S. Leech b J. W. Leech 10, A. Jones c and b J. W. Leech 0, F. Thomas c Rev. Carr b F. Leech 21, H. Williams b A. Leech 9, J. Youens run out 2, F. Lanaway not out 28, R. Drake b F. Leech 15, H. Fearnall not out 15, extras 9, total (7 wks) 116.

NESTON AND DISTRICT v. LANCASTER.

At Lancaster on Saturday. Scores: Neston and District: F. J. Griffiths c Banks b Fretter 7, G. Trantom c Banks b F. B. Taylor 42, G. Nickson c Banks b Winby 43, F. J. Kirby c Duffy b Winby 4, P. W. C. Hollowell c Duffy b Fretter 14, H. J. Beausire c Douthwaite b Winby 15, F. N. Smith b Banks 26, A. Barrett c Smith b Fretter 7, G. B. Eaton b Banks 5, F. Lott not out 1, Sub. #3 not bat, extras 12; total (9 wks) 176. Lancaster: V. P. Ryle b Barrett 38, F. G. Banks c Nickson b Lott 0, A. R. Smith c Lott b Hollowell 5, E. Douthwaite c Nickson b Hollowell 9, T. W. Ponder b Hollowell 0, G. Taylor c Beausire b Hollowell 66, J. T. Sanderson b Beausire 28, E. Duffy lbw b Beausire 7, Fretter c and b Hollowell 9, F. B. Taylor not out 2, H. Winby c Nickson b Lott 9, extras 21; total 194.

Jottings.

There is a lengthy holiday programme, but the county game, Cheshire v. Yorks. L., at Boughton Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday next, must not be forgotten.

For this side the home county has a strong team selected, as follows:—V. Hope (Macclesfield), J. P. Hodgson (Birkenhead Park), W. E. Jones and L. N. Jones (Boughton Hall), P. L. V. Astle (Stockport), H. Morris (Stalybridge), Midwood (Bowden), D. Bounphrey (Wallasey), T. H. Heald (Bramhall), Cook and Clifton.

Unfortunately, L. N. Jones has strained a muscle in his side, and he may not be able to bowl again this season.

However, he is worth his place for his fielding in the slips.

He made no mistakes in the last county game. Although bandaged for his injury, he caught out six opponents, every catch being described to me as an exceptionally good one.

To-day (Saturday) Boughton Hall are to meet the 6th Batt. Manchester Regiment. On Monday they are away at Chirk.

Cheshire v. Northumberland.

HOME COUNTY WINS AT RAKE-LANE.

OLIFTON ABSENT; BOUMPHREY BRILLIANT.

GOOD BOWLING BY BOTH SIDES.

At the ground of the New Brighton Cricket Club in Rake-lane local residents had on Monday and Tuesday the opportunity for the first time since the outbreak of hostilities in 1914 of seeing Cheshire county cricket. The Costrians opposed Northumberland, and gained a comfortable victory by nine wickets. The disappointment was very keen when it was announced that Clifton, the New Brighton professional, was unable to turn out owing to a strained muscle sustained while playing for Cheshire against Yorkshire 2nd some weeks ago, but Wallaseyans had a local interest lent to the game by the appearance of D. Boumphrey, Wallasey's captain, and H. P. Fisk, the promising young New Brightonian.

Monday was a dull and cloudy day, and there was a nasty wind blowing across the pitch when Northumberland went out to bat before about 300 spectators. It was not long before the wickets commenced to fall. With only nine runs scored Couves was caught, and two runs later Stanger Leathes departed. Cook soon had the visiting batsman all at sea, his bowling tempting Whitfield to place the ball into the safe hands of L. N. Jones in the slips at 21. Thirty-five saw Jones bring off another similar feat, Wood being the victim of the wily Cook this time. Dickinson and Broadbelt, two left-handers, did not last any length of time either, for a very

SMART RETURN BY BOUMPHREY.

resulted in Broadbelt being run out without scoring. Dickinson ran a dangerous single soon after, the Wallasey captain's smart return being almost responsible for Towler's wicket. It took Northumberland exactly an hour to reach 40. They played very slow cricket, exhibited great respect for Cook's bowling, and in all made a sorry show. Dickinson, the only man to reach double figures of the first eight batsmen, was given out l.b.w. at 46, after batting an hour for his 11, and at 50, which took eighty minutes to compile, Towler gave Cook a caught and bowled gift for the seventh wicket. Cheshire's fielding had been excellent right through, and at this point only one run had been given away; Surry made the first big hit of the match with a sky-high boundary off Hope, but at 67 he fell a victim to Cook in precisely the same way that Whitfield and Wood had been dismissed—caught in the slips by L. N. Jones. When Wilkinson, the eleventh man, had scored a single, he sent a catch to Cook, but the spin on the ball caused the professional to drop it. It proved costly, for Hetherton and Wilkinson made the best stand of the innings, and carried the score from 67 to 92. Hetherton did all the hitting, and had notched 27 when Wilkinson was bowled. He hit five 4's in his total. Clarke kept a very good wicket for Cheshire, but chief honours fell to Cook, who had played such havoc with the wickets that his figures were six wickets for 26 runs. Eight of his 19 overs were maidens. Hope took two wickets for 51, and L. N. Jones one for 81.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST INNINGS.

When Cheshire opened their innings after lunch the spectators had become more numerous, at least 2,000 being present. Boumphrey and W. E. Jones started the venture against the bowling of Milne and Hetherton. So cautiously did the batsmen settle down to work that Milne bowled three maiden overs before Boumphrey despatched a ball to the boundary. Then Milne proceeded to send down another eight maiden overs before anyone had the courage to tip him for a single! In the first thirteen overs Milne had bowled eleven maidens, and had had only five runs hit off him. That, however, was not getting the wickets, which is the important thing, and at 40 Surry took up the attack in conjunction with Towler, who had been put on instead of Hetherton. The change did little good, however, and the scoring mounted up more rapidly. The half-century was signalled in 53 minutes without a loss. Sixty-six runs were on the board before the first wicket partnership was broken, Boumphrey being caught by Tyler in the slips after batting an hour for his 30. The Wallasey captain's innings included seven 4's, and, although he had given a chance at 18, he played a very nice game. Jones opened out when Astle came to the wicket, and those two carried the game beyond Northumberland's total. This took one and a quarter hours to accomplish. Wilkinson, behind the wicket, disposed of Astle at 94, and when the century was reached in one and a half hours W. E. Jones fell a victim to Hetherton with 47, including eight 4's, to his credit. Hope and L. N. Jones were the next pair to "make good," Hope being

PARTICULARLY LIVELY.

his first four hits reading 3, 4, 4, 4. L. N. Jones failed to score, but he gave Hope good support. Coming in at 105, it was 142 before the Cheshire captain departed. He had a very merry innings of 29 before Wilkinson caught him, making 24 of his runs with boundaries, and the other 4 with a three and a single. It was now Fisk's turn at the wicket, and the old Grammar School boy received an ovation when he came out to face the last ball of Hetherton's over. He did not score a run for two overs, merely watching Heald do what scoring there was, and then turned a ball to leg for a single. It was his only run, however, for in trying to turn Milne to leg at 140 he was clean bowled; Fisk was the only man on the side to be bowled. A hundred and fifty was reached shortly after two hours' batting, and the score at the tea interval was 165 for seven wickets. Resuming, Cook and Heald played brightly, and carried the score to 184 for the eighth wicket. The side was out for 191, or 99 runs ahead of Northumberland's total. Milne, who after his rest had been put on again, took seven wickets at a cost of 43 runs only. In his 29 overs he bowled 19 maidens—a remarkable performance. Hetherton took two wickets for 84 runs.

Northumberland went in again on Monday evening, and lost two wickets for 62 runs in the time remaining. Stanger-Leathes and Couves opened with confidence, and took the score to 33 before Cook dismissed the former for 10. Dickinson gave Boumphrey an easy chance at 36, but Whitfield and Couves played out time, Couves scoring 27 and Whitfield 11.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

There were fewer than a hundred spectators present when Couves and Whitfield continued Northumberland's second innings on Tuesday morning. The visitors were still 37 behind Cheshire's total, and had lost two good wickets. Thus victory for Cheshire seemed certain. The third wicket fell at 79 to Cook, who skittled Whitfield for 21 (three 4's). Wood succumbed to Hope without scoring at 80, and Broadbelt only lasted to see the scoreboard register 90 before being caught behind the wicket by Clarke. Meanwhile Couves punished two loose ones from Hope by sending them to the boundary. Couves played confident, forceful cricket, but was still four short of his half-century when Cook got him out by tempting him to hit into the slips. L. N. Jones was there waiting for the ball, and his sixth catch of the match was precisely similar to the other five. Couves hit six 4's in his 46, and batted for 80 minutes. Towler and Milne reached the century with six wickets down after 85 minutes' batting. Northumberland were now one run ahead. At this point Boumphrey's fine fielding was again in evidence. Had his batting contributions been nil he would have been worth a place, for he saved boundaries innumerable, and his quick returns saved many runs, and were responsible for more than one wicket. At 104 Cook sent down a simple-looking ball to be punished by Milne. The latter left his crease for the big hit, but was totally deceived by the speed of the ball, and Clarke snicked off his bails. Hetherton, the best batsman in the visitors' initial innings, came in, and four extras signalled his advent. Despite Clarke's good efforts as wicket-keeper, the extras were mounting up. Northumberland's task, however, was hopeless, and although Hetherton and Towler stole runs as a plucky hope they were only 29 runs ahead when the eighth wicket fell for 128. Surry made some big hits, and gave three chances before Astle took him brilliantly. One of his high shots hit the wall so hard that the ball rebounded into the middle of the pitch. A hundred and forty was up after an hour's batting on Tuesday. Hetherton was bowled at 158 by Cook for 20, the stand realising 30 runs, although it had only lasted 15 minutes. This was chiefly due to Surry's

MONSTER HITS.

He received a life from Boumphrey—at all fielders—at 163. Boumphrey had fielded so well throughout the match that it could only be presumed that the sun had blotted the ball out of view. Surry's runs included three 4's and three 2's, when Astle brought the innings to a close with his fine catch. Cook had once more bowled finely, his average being a wicket for 11 runs. He took six for 66, and bowled six maidens in his 26 overs. Hope was very successful, too, with four wickets for 41.

Cheshire needed 70 to win when Boumphrey and W. E. Jones inaugurated their second innings. The first 24 runs were all scored by the Wallasey captain. W. E. Jones had a singular accident with his bat during Hetherton's first over. With the third delivery his bat snapped in half just under the plice. It was not

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a bad omen, however, for he went on to carry out his bat. Thirty was scored after 15 minutes, and at 33 Bounphrey received a life from Broadbalt at square leg. Fifty was sent up in 20 minutes, Bounphrey being 35 and Jones 15. The scoring rate which had been so rapid now dropped a little, and at 54 Bounphrey, who had constantly forced the pace, was caught on the boundary for 39, including six 4's, a three, and three 2's. Ten minutes before lunch Jones made matters level with a boundary, and a single through the slips decided the issue in favour of Cheshire by nine wickets. Milne took Bounphrey's wicket at a cost of 43 runs. Scores:—

NORTHUMBERLAND.

First Innings.

G. E. Stanger	Leathes c W. E. Jones b Cook	7
L. J. Couves	c Cook b Hope	3
U. W. Dickinson	lbw b Cook	11
L. Whitfield	c L. N. Jones b Cook	0
E. Wood	c L. N. Jones b Cook	8
F. T. Broadbent	run out	0
J. L. Towler	c and b Hope	9
Milne	b Cook	1
Hetherington	not out	27
H. H. Surry	c L. N. Jones b Cook	11
G. E. Wilkinson	b L. N. Jones	2
Extras		12
Total		82

Second Innings.

G. E. Stanger	Leathes c L. N. Jones b Cook	10
L. J. Couves	c L. N. Jones b Cook	46
U. W. Dickinson	c Bounphrey b Cook	0
L. Whitfield	b Cook	21
E. Wood	b Hope	0
F. T. Broadbent	c Clarke b Hope	0
J. L. Towler	c W. Jones b Hope	12
Milne	st. Clarke b Cook	4
Hetherington	b Cook	20
H. H. Surry	c Astle b Hope	23
G. E. Wilkinson	not out	1
Extras		31
Total		168

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

W. E. Jones	b Milne b Hetherington	47
D. Bounphrey	c Towler b Surry	36
P. L. V. Astle	c Wilkinson b Milne	8
L. N. Jones	c Wilkinson b Milne	1
H. Morris	c Hetherington b Milne	5
V. Hope	c Wilkinson b Hetherington	29
T. H. Heald	c Stanger Leathes b Milne	20
R. P. Pisk	b Milne	1
Cook	c Whitfield b Milne	30
F. W. Archer	lbw b Milne	1
T. H. Clarke	not out	0
Extras		12
Total		191

Second Innings.

W. E. Jones	not out	30
D. Bounphrey	c Whitfield b Milne	38
P. L. V. Astle	not out	1
Extras		0
Total		70

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

- New Brighton v Formby.
- Formby 2nd v. New Brighton 2nd.
- Planters' Margarine Co. v. New Brighton Extra.
- Wallasey v. Neston.
- Neston 2nd v. Wallasey 2nd.
- Liscard 2nd v. Elder, Dempster and Co.
- Egremont St. John's v. Egremont.
- Egremont 2nd v. Aigburth 2nd.
- Liscard St. Mary's v. Bootle "A"
- Windsor Wesley v. Liscard St. Mary's 2nd.

BANK HOLIDAY.

- New Brighton v. Liverpool.
- Liverpool 2nd v. New Brighton 2nd.
- Wavertree 2nd v. New Brighton Extra.
- Wallasey v. St. Helens.
- St. Helens 2nd v. Wallasey 2nd.
- Liscard 2nd v. Waterloo Park 2nd.
- Bastham v. Egremont.
- Egremont 2nd v. Eastham 2nd.
- Liscard St. Mary's v. Gossages' Recs.
- Gossages' Recs. 2nd v. Liscard St. Mary's 2nd.

WEDNESDAY NEXT.

- New Brighton Extra v. Birkenhead Park Extra. (two evenings).
- Egremont 2nd v. Wavertree 2nd (two evenings).
- Liscard St. Mary's 2nd v. Thorndale (two evenings).

(To be played on the grounds of the first-named teams.)

THE LOCAL COMPETITION.

For the first time this season there was not a single game played to a finish in the Competition series of matches. During the week, Wallasey and New Brighton took part in a fairly free scoring contest, which resulted in a draw, so that the table to date is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pls
Oxton	13	8	3	2	8
Huyton	14	8	3	3	8
Liverpool	13	6	0	7	6
Hightown	14	6	4	4	6
Birkenhead Park	17	6	7	4	6
Bootle	16	6	6	4	6
Ormskirk	13	5	5	3	5
Sefton	16	5	4	7	5
Formby	16	5	6	4	5
Neston	13	4	8	1	4
Northern	14	3	6	5	3
Wallasey	14	3	7	4	3
Southport & Birkdale	9	2	5	2	2
New Brighton	17	2	5	10	2

COUNTY CRICKET AT CHESTER.

Cheshire v. Yorkshire 2nd.

Despite the rain on Thursday night and early Wednesday morning, the pitch at Boughton Hall was in good condition for the meeting of Cheshire and Yorkshire 2nd in the Minor Counties' Championship, on Wednesday and Thursday. There were very few people present for the first part of the meeting, no doubt due to the threatening weather, but during the afternoon session the number of spectators steadily increased, until at the tea interval all the available chairs were occupied. Cheshire's first innings produced a total of 257, thanks mainly to the good stand made by T. H. Heald and Cook, who each contributed 59, and W. E. Jones, who made 33.

The wicket was more difficult than earlier in the day. A strange incident occurred in the last over of the day. Yorkshire had lost nine wickets for 147, and, needing 11 runs to avoid the follow on, Holdsworth and Hirst were making a big effort to produce the necessary amount, when Hope, the Cheshire captain, sent a ball to Hirst, who apparently attempted to obstruct it with the top of his pad. However, he caught the ball in his hand, and, on appeal, the umpire signalled out. The home county did extremely well to reach their first innings total.

THE PLAY.

V. Hope, the Cheshire captain, won the toss, and put his side in to bat. W. E. Jones and D. Bounphrey being sent in to open the innings. Bounphrey took the first over from Sargent. The first ball went to the boundary for a bye, the remainder of the over being unproductive. Bayes bowled from the pavilion end, and two singles were obtained off his first over. The beginning of the next over saw some great scoring, Bounphrey getting Sargent's first ball neatly away to leg for two, and sending the second to the boundary. The third ball, with a capital square cut, went away for two, this making eight off the first three balls of the over. Before the conclusion of the over, Bounphrey had a single, and Jones also a single, making ten for the third over. In the next over, however, a smart throw-in by Kilner brought about the dismissal of Bounphrey, who went to the pavilion with ten to his credit, out of a score of eighteen. At the same time, a heavy shower commenced, forcing the players to seek shelter in the pavilion for about ten minutes. On the resumption, Hodgson took his place at the wicket, but only six had been added, including a fine boundary by W. E. Jones, when Hodgson was caught off by Bayes without having scored. L. N. Jones was well applauded as he walked to the wicket to join his brother, and much was expected of this combination, but L. N. Jones had only knocked up four when he was caught low down at square leg by Brook with the score at 34. V. Hope joined W. E. Jones at the wicket, and faced Sargent's left handed bowling. Before the over ended, the score stood at 40. He ran a good four off Bayes, but only just managed to gain his release as the wicket keeper snatched his ball off. Hope soon began to hit out, and knocked Bayes' bowling all round the wicket, following up with a fine drive to the pavilion rails. With 50 up, Holdsworth relieved Sargent at the Tarrin end. A few minutes later the Cheshire side were lucky, two of the wickets being a catch. Hope skied a ball from Bayes between the off and mid-off, where there was not a fielder. Off mid point men made a dash for the falling ball, and off man had just got under it in time when point man ran into him, and knocked him over, the ball falling to the ground. This let off did not prove to be expensive for the visitors, for almost immediately the same batsman, at the other end, skied one of Holdsworth's deliveries right above his wicket, Hirst quietly walking forward in front of the stumps and catching it as it fell. The score was then 69 for 4. W. E. Jones had been scoring steadily from the commencement of the innings, his steady play proving invaluable to the home side. Asde was his next partner, and after fifteen had been added, W. E. Jones' splendid display was brought to a close by Hirst, who caught him at the wicket off Bayes' bowling. His contribution to the score was 33, and as he carried his bat to the pavilion he was greeted with loud applause. The total score was then 84. Morris joined Asde at the wicket, and after the latter had had a narrow escape from being run out, the score began to rise steadily, until Asde was caught by Holdsworth for 12. With 96 on the board, Heald joined Morris, and the century was reached shortly afterwards. At 1.30 the players advanced for luncheon, with the score standing at 126. Morris was 16, and Heald 7 not out.

On the resumption, Morris took the first ball off Sargent, and before the over ended, a couple of singles had been added. Heald scored a single off the third ball of Bayes' over, and Morris skied the next ball to point, where Wilson brought off an easy catch. Morris had 17 to his credit, and the score stood at 120. Cook took his stand at the wicket, and the score advanced rapidly to 160, when Holdsworth took the bowling at Sargent's end, and immediately afterwards Leyland relieved Bayes. Heald was

doing very well, and was heavily punishing the bowling at both ends. Loud applause was accorded him when he reached his half century. Cook also was well set, and at three o'clock 200 was on the board, and both men hitting out. Sargent took the bowling again, but the batsmen continued hitting well, and ten minutes later 50 was put up for Cook, and a minute or two later, the score board showed a total score of 230. Bayes took the bowling again, and on the third ball of the over, Heald was caught by Brook for 59, with the score at 233. Cook was the next man to fall being caught by Leyland for 59 off Sargent's bowling, with the score at 251.

Both Heald and Cook did remarkably well, and well deserved their score of 59 each. C. Twenlow joined Clifton at the wicket, but the partnership did not last long, for a few minutes later Clifton was bowled by Sargent for 9. He was the only Cheshire man to be clean bowled. Twenlow carried his bat for six, and the home innings closed with the score at 257, which included 34 extras.

YORKSHIRE'S REPLY.

Yorkshire opened their innings with Bell and Kilner, who had to face the bowling of Cook and Clifton. They appeared to be settling down to their task, when, with 16 to his credit, Bell was caught by Clifton off Cook's bowling. Leyland joined Kilner, but only stayed to break his duck, his bats being scattered by Clifton with the score at 19. Wilson took his stand at the wickets, and he and Kilner, who occasionally played for the first team, were still in when the tea interval arrived, a few minutes later. The score was then 31. Kilner had 8 not out to his credit, and Wilson had knocked up 5 not out. On the resumption, Clifton took the bowling, and two singles were made off his first over, and Wilson made a single out of Cook's over. The bowling afterwards was respected, and scores came in singles for a time. Kilner was caught by Twenlow at the wicket, with his score at 19, while shortly afterwards Wilson was bowled. W. E. Jones brought off a magnificent one handed catch, to dismiss Brook for five. The captain was well set, when the last wicket fell, his score of 34 not out including several boundary hits. E. M. Smeeth was the second best scorer with 31. Score:

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

YORKSHIRE FOLLOW ON.

There were not many spectators on Boughton Hall cricket ground to watch the opening stages of the second day's play. With 110 in hand on the first day's play, the home side had a good lead, and it was confidently expected that on the second innings this would be still further increased. The weather was dull and threatening, but fortunately rain held off. The wicket was in much the same order as the previous day, being if anything slightly better from the batsman's point of view.

Yorkshire opened play with Kilner and J. T. Bell. The former faced Cook, who bowled from the pavilion end, and off the second ball of the over, ran a single. Bell tipped the next ball to square leg for another single. The last three balls produced no result. Hope bowled from the other end, two singles being made off the first over. Kilner, off Hope's bowling, sent the first boundary to the screen in the fourth over, and Hope sent the next ball away for a single. Scoring was slow, and the trend of play can well be gauged by the fact that twenty had not been made in the first half hour. The first wicket fell a few minutes later, owing to a misunderstanding between the batsmen. Kilner sent a delivery of Hope's to cover point, and ran, but Bell made no move to leave his crease, and Kilner had the mortification of seeing the ball thrown in, and the wicket keeper remove his ball. The score was then 21, of which Kilner had contributed 13. M. Leyland, a left handed batsman, joined Bell at the wicket, but the scoring still kept on at the same slow pace, singles being the order of the day. With 30 on the board, following a four bye, Bell sent the next ball from Hope to the boundary. Leyland's innings was brought to a close in exactly the same manner

which proved fatal to his predecessor. Sending away a ball from Hope, he called to his partner, and ran to the other end, but Bell, after advancing a few paces from his crease, turned back, and Twenlow leisurely scattered Leyland's balls. His contribution to the score, which stood at 35, was five. G. Wilson took his place at the wicket, and in the next over, having a good chance to run, Bell refused to do so, and Wilson was run out. The score then stood at 42. J. Brook joined Bell, who a few minutes later had his wicket spread-eagled by a good ball from Hope, after having scored 13. As this point the home side's chances seemed better than ever, for four Yorkshire wickets had fallen for a total of 42. Smeeth was next man in. These two partners commenced to hit out at the bowling more. A few minutes later Clifton took the bowling at the pavilion end, and one of his first balls narrowly missed Brook's wicket. Brook ran a single off the next ball, and Smeeth followed with one, which passed over the boundary by the scoring box. Fifty was put up immediately afterwards. After an hour and twenty minutes' play, Brook snatched a fast ball from Clifton into the slips, where L. N. Jones brought off a fine catch, sending him to the pavilion for six. With the score at 58 for five wickets, E. J. Pye-Smith joined Smeeth at the wicket, but the partnership did not last long, for after only one run had been added, Clifton sent down a fast ball, which took Smeeth's off stump out of the ground. His contribution to the score was 11. Bayes took the last balls of the over, and opened his score by sending the last ball

to the boundary. Bayes hit well for a time, and appeared to be settling down, when Hope dismissed him with a good ball for 17. With the score at 80, Holdsworth took his place at the wicket, and opened well, scoring a single off the first ball. The scoring continued to advance at a moderate pace, and during the Pye-Smith-Holdsworth partnership, the century was reached, after just over two hours' play. When five more runs had been added, Holdsworth was dismissed by Clifton with a ball which took his off stump out of the ground. His contribution to the total was eight. Sargent took his place at the wicket. Yorkshire required five runs to equal Cheshire's first innings' total. Hope's next over was a maiden, and Sargent knocked a two off the third ball of Clifton's over. Pye-Smith followed with a single off the next over, and Cheshire's first innings' total was reached, and passed, with a three from the same player's bat. At this juncture V. Hope, who had been bowling for two hours and twenty minutes, was relieved by Cook, whose first over was a maiden. The next over at the other end was taken by W. E. Jones, who was greeted with a round of hand-clapping as he took the ball. His first two balls were blocked, but Pye-Smith sent the third away for three and Sargent followed this by sending the next ball to the boundary. The last ball went to the boundary again, making ten off the over. The players adjourned for lunch two overs later, with the score at 129. Pye-Smith and Sargent were still at the wicket, having 32 and 10 to their credit respectively. Pye-Smith and Sargent were the most successful of the remaining batsmen, their contributions being 37 and 25 respectively. Yorkshire were all out for 158.

Rain delayed the resumption for about an hour. Bounphrey and W. E. Jones opened the innings, the former taking the first over from Bayes. The fifth ball of the over proved fatal to Bounphrey, who was clean bowled by Bayes. The score board then read 0-1-0. After having scored eight out of a total of 12, Hodgson was clean bowled by Bayes. L. N. Jones then joined his brother at the wicket, but runs were difficult to obtain, and W. E. Jones was caught by Smeeth. V. Hope was next man in, and with L. N. Jones, whose total was 20 not out, made the necessary runs, Cheshire winning by 7 wickets.

CHESHIRE.

First innings	
W. E. Jones c Hirst b Bayes	33
D. Bounphrey run out	10
J. P. Hodgson c Brook b Bayes	0
L. N. Jones c Brook b Bayes	4
V. Hope c Hirst b Holdsworth	14
P. V. L. Asde c Holdsworth b Bayes	12
H. Morris c Wilson b Bayes	17
T. H. Heald c Brook b Bayes	59
Cook c Leyland b Sargent	59
Clifton b Sargent	9
C. Twenlow not out	6
Extras	34
Total	257

YORKSHIRE.

First innings	
Bell c Clifton b Cook	6
R. Kilner c Twenlow b Hope	19
Leyland b Clifton	1
G. Wilson b Hope	19
Brook c W. E. Jones b Cook	5
E. M. Smeeth b Hope	31
E. T. Pye-Smith c Bounphrey b Cook	1
Bayes b Cook	3
E. F. Holdsworth not out	34
Sargent b Hope	0
G. W. Hirst handled ball b Hope	11
Extras	15
Total	147

YORKSHIRE Second Innings.

Bell b Hope	13
Kilner run out	13
Leyland run out	5
G. Wilson run out	5
Brook b Clifton	6
E. M. Smeeth b Clifton	11
E. T. Pye-Smith b Cook	37
Bayes b Hope	13
E. F. Holdsworth b Clifton	8
Sargent b Clifton	25
G. W. Hirst not out	0
Extras	22
Total	158

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cheshire. First innings.	
Sargent, 180, 6m, 52r, 2w.	
Bayes, 270, 2m, 90r, 0w.	
E. Holdsworth, 150, 2m, 45r, 1w.	
Leyland, 60, 1m, 36r, 0w.	
Second innings.	
Bayes, 8.10, 4m, 15r, 2w.	
Sargent, 50, 1m, 18r, 0w.	
Holdsworth, 30, 1m, 9r, 1w.	
Yorkshire. First innings.	
Cook, 180, 7m, 45r, 4w.	
Clifton, 150, 2m, 51r, 1w.	
V. Hope, 14.50, 2m, 35r, 5w.	
Second innings.	
Hope, 300, 10m, 65r, 2w.	
Cook, 210, 8m, 22r, 1w.	
Clifton, 14.20, 2m, 32r, 4w.	
W. E. Jones, 20, 0m, 11r, 0w.	

CHESHIRE v. STAFFORDSHIRE.
MATCH ABANDONED.

The triumphant Cheshire team began extremely well against Staffordshire at Port Hill, near Stoke, on Monday. The visitors dismissed the home county, which was strongly represented, for a total of 185—a poor score on a perfect wicket. They were mainly indebted to Clifton, the New Brighton fast bowler, who captured seven of the Staffordshire wickets for 81 runs.

In reply Cheshire, ran up 217 for the loss of six wickets, so that with four wickets in hand they held a useful lead of 32. L. N. Jones provided the best batting performance of the day. He scored at an amazing rate, registering his half-century in just over an hour. His hits included ten 4's. Heavy rain which fell at Port Hill on Tuesday caused the match to be abandoned. Scores:—

STAFFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.

A. Bickerton c and b Clifton	11
C. A. Baguley b Hope	25
W. Briscoe c Boumpfrey b Clifton	10
A. Smith c Cook b Clifton	4
C. R. Ridgeway c Morris b Clifton	30
B. Meakin c Twendlow b Cook	2
Sedgwick run out	46
Bratby c J. Jones b Clifton	4
A. Lockett b Clifton	7
J. F. Heath not out	5
Morgan b Clifton	32
Extras	9
Total	185

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

W. E. Jones b Heath	32
H. W. Hodgson b Sedgwick	3
D. Boumpfrey c Baguley b Lockett	17
J. P. Hodgson c and b Bickerton	46
L. N. Jones c Sedgwick b Bickerton	50
V. Hope not out	35
P. L. V. Astle c Bratby b Bickerton	17
Clifton not out	4
Extras	23
Total (6 wkts)	217

H. Morris, Cook and Twendlow to bat.

GENTLEMEN OF CHESHIRE BEATEN.

The match between the Gentlemen of Cheshire and Shropshire Gentlemen conducted at Chelford on Wednesday, when Shropshire won by 161 runs. Scores:—

SHROPSHIRE.

First Innings.

R. Barber Starkey c G. Smith b Carr	42
E. Clarke c W. Smith b Killick	2
J. Bridgeman lbw b Platt	15
C. Morales b Killick	26
P. Stewart Brown run out	71
Rev. F. Corfield b Carr	20
H. O. Elliott lbw b Carr	4
M. Noel Hill c Troup b Killick	8
Gordon b Killick	9
A. Bromley Davenport c Smith b Killick	0
T. Borough not out	0
Extras	15
Total	202

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

P. Platt b Morales	1
F. Troup lbw b Morales	1
H. Marshall c Bridgeman b Corfield	37
V. Reiss c Brown b Morales	11
G. Smith b Morales	63
E. Carr c Gordon b Morales	31
H. Carver not out	21
J. Smith st Brown b Clarke	5
T. Killick b Elliott	0
R. Peel b Clarke	4
A. Carr absent	0
Extras	24
Total	168

CHESHIRE.

First Innings.

P. Platt c Hill b Elliott	26
F. Troup b Gordon	13
H. Marshall c Gordon b Morales	16
V. Reiss c Brown b Elliott	17
G. Smith c Elliott b Morales	6
B. Carr b Morales	21
H. Carver b Elliott	0
J. Smith not out	0
T. Killick b Elliott	2
R. Peel b Elliott	1
A. Carr b Elliott	2
Extras	20
Total	120

BOUGHTON HALL v. CHIRK.

Boughton Hall 1st eleven visited Chirk on Bank Holiday. In their first innings, the visitors were all out for 62. S. V. Hawkins being top scorer, with 19. Unwin was the most successful bowler for the home side, taking four wickets for 21 runs, while Morris, who took the first two wickets in the first over for 10 runs, had an average of 3 wickets for 35 runs. Chirk replied with 57, Clifton taking 6 wickets for 17 runs, and Beilly 3 for 21. In their second venture, Boughton Hall totalled 71, J. H. Beilly 27, and H. D. Roberts 11, being the most successful batsmen. For five wickets Chirk scored 58 in their second innings. Clifton again had an excellent average, taking 3 wickets for 22 runs.

BOUGHTON HALL.

First Innings.

W. A. V. Charlton c Owen b Unwin	4
H. D. Roberts b Morris	0
C. A. Pratt b Morris	0
Capt. Smyth Osborne run out	9
R. Frost c R. Morris b Unwin	11
E. H. Darby b Morris	0
S. V. Hawkins c Thomas b S. E. Edwards	19
E. W. Oakley b Unwin	3
H. Pratt b Unwin	0
J. H. Beilly b Davies	9
Dickin not out	6
Extras	1
Total	62

Second Innings.

Capt. Smyth Osborne c Stokes b Davies	4
Dickin b C. Morris	0
G. A. Pratt c Thomas b Davies	9
E. H. Darby c Edwards b C. Morris	7
J. H. Beilly c R. Morris b Unwin	27
H. D. Roberts c Davies b C. Morris	11
S. V. Hawkins c Stokes b C. Morris	2
H. Pratt c R. Morris b C. Morris	0
E. W. Oakley b C. Morris	8
W. A. V. Charlton c Bowyer b C. Morris	0
R. Frost not out	2
Extras	1
Total	71

CHIRK.

First Innings.

G. Owen run out	2
C. Thomas c Smyth Osborne b Beilly	27
H. Clarke c Hawkins b Beilly	8
C. Morris b Charlton	0
R. Bowyer c Beilly b Charlton	0
R. Morris b Charlton	5
R. Davies c and b Charlton	0
A. Unwin lbw b Charlton	0
G. Edwards b Beilly	1
S. Edwards c Smyth Osborne b Charlton	3
J. Stokes not out	1
Extras	11
Total	57

Second Innings.

A. Unwin run out	5
S. Edwards b Beilly	1
J. Stokes lbw b Charlton	20
C. Morris b Beilly	18
H. Davies c Roberts b Charlton	6
H. Clarke b Charlton	0
C. Thomas not out	1
G. Owen, R. Bowyer, R. Morris and C. Edwards did not bat	0
Extras	7
Total (for 6 wkts.)	58

TATTENHALL v. ST. JOHN'S.

Played at Tattenhall on Saturday. Scores:—

ST. JOHN'S.

C. Coppack b Pritchard	0
J. Lipsman c Stoney b R. M. Dutton	36
G. Jones c Lutener b R. M. Dutton	3
G. Williams lbw b Pritchard	11
H. Schofield c Cliffe b R. M. Dutton	10
B. Sinclair lbw b R. M. Dutton	0
H. Gibson b R. M. Dutton	27
B. Collins lbw b F. Pritchard	1
N. Auty c Day b Pritchard	12
T. G. Williams b F. M. Dutton	10
W. H. Vernon not out	1
Extras	2
Total	113

TATTENHALL.

E. Kay b G. Williams	0
J. H. M. Dutton c Auty b Williams	0
R. M. Dutton c and b Williams	18
F. Pritchard b H. Schofield	19
C. Wigham b H. Schofield	4
C. Lutener b H. Schofield	6
J. Day b G. Williams	0
W. Pritchard lbw b C. Coppack	12
S. Stoney b G. Williams	1
J. Cliffe not out	26
S. Welch b C. Coppack	0
Extras	4
Total	90

WALLASEY AND NESTON DRAW.

On Saturday, at Clarendon-road, Neston and District apparently had a good chance of gaining a victory over Wallasey, but for rain interfering. They batted first, and declared at 235 for eight wickets. Wallasey, when rain stopped play, had six wickets down for 99 runs only. After waiting three-quarters of an hour, another attempt was made, but a draw on time resulted, Wallasey adding a further 10 runs in the fifteen minutes remaining, and finishing up with 109 for six wickets. The Neston side as a whole batted consistently. G. Trantom, the old Northern batsman, and A. Barrett, after G. W. Nickson was run out for 6, laying a solid foundation of 52 for two wickets, when Barrett was out for 27. F. J. Kirby followed with a useful 21, and Trantom, who was fourth man out, contributed a sound 39, which included five 4's. Later, R. E. McKinlay batted well, reaching 61 before being caught, his chief hits being five 4's. The tail wagged vigorously, J. O. Cunningham scoring 43 in good style and G. H. Ferns not out 20, the innings being declared after two hours and thirty-five minutes. Wallasey started in steady fashion, D. Boumpfrey batting well in a contribution of 39, which included four 4's. J. W. Jones made a gallant effort and played sound cricket, but lost three partners for only 6 runs before J. McGregor helped him to stop the rot. Despite the rain, play continued until seven o'clock, when the game was suspended, but at a quarter to eight Wallasey turned out again for a further fifteen minutes, time being called with six wickets down for 109. In the bowling, E. Figueroa, for Wallasey, took three wickets for 72, and T. G. Abbotts two for 60. For Neston and District, P. W. C. Hollowell secured three for 21 and H. J. Beaulieu two for 46. Scores:—

Neston.—G. Trantom c M'Comb b Abbotts 39, G. W. Nickson run out 6, A. Barrett c M'Gregor b Figueroa 27, F. J. Kirby c Abbotts b Figueroa 21, R. E. McKinlay b Preston 41, F. N. Smith c Bramley b Abbotts 10, J. O. Cunningham c M'Gregor b Boumpfrey 43, G. H. Ferns not out 20, H. J. Beaulieu c Boumpfrey b Figueroa 3, P. W. C. Hollowell not out 0, extras 3—total (8 wkts. dec.) 235.

Wallasey.—D. Boumpfrey b Beaulieu 39, E. Figueroa c Barrett b Hollowell 52, W. E. M'Comb c Smith b Beaulieu 27, W. Jones not out 29, K. Wess c and b McKinlay 6, W. Geddes lbw b Hollowell 0, A. W. Preston b Hollowell 0, J. M'Gregor not out 14, extras 11—total (6 wkts.) 109.

Chester & District League.

(By "MID-OFF.")
Chart to Date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.
Reliance	15	12	3	0	24
Ponthlyddyn	14	11	3	0	22
Kaleyards	14	10	4	0	29
Shotton	15	9	6	0	18
British Dye Works	15	8	7	0	16
Rivertown	16	9	8	0	16
Saughall	14	6	8	0	12
Upton	15	5	10	0	10
St. Francis	15	3	11	1	7
Mersey Ironworks	15	2	12	1	6

Minor Counties Championship.

CHESHIRE v. DURHAM.

Game at Oxtou Abandoned.

Following the visit of Northumberland to oppose Cheshire on the New Brighton ground, Wake-lane, on July 26th and 26th, the northern counties neighbours, Durham, were at Birkenhead on Monday and yesterday trying conclusions with the Cestrian representatives on the admirable ground of the Oxtou Cricket Club. The arrangements of Mr. Flynn and his committee were all that could be desired and an excellent wicket had been prepared by the home groundsmen. Durham it will be remembered put up a very decent show against the Australians, a short time ago, and the match under notice had aroused a considerable amount of interest, not only on Merseyside, but in Cheshire generally. This was not surprising in view of the good form which the Cheshire County representatives have been showing in the Minor Counties Championship. Unfortunately rain fell on Monday morning, and with the downfall during the latter half of the preceding week, it was doubtful how the wicket would "pan out." There were not many spectators on the ground when operations started at midday. Durham won the toss. Cook opened from the far wicket, to Weight, who had a single in the slips from the initial over. Hope bowled from the pavilion wicket. Olliver was Weight's partner. A fine throw in by Bounphrey, from a hit by Weight, saw the wickets broken, and the batsman retired (1 for 2). Kinch followed and steady play was the order of the day by each batsman. The newcomer drove Cook to the scoring box, and the first ten went up. The rate of run-getting improved somewhat, a straight drive to the boundary bringing up 20. Floyd of the Park eleven, it may be noted, was behind the wickets. At half-past twelve the weather was gloriously fine, and there were thirty runs then on the "Tele." Olliver here called his partner for a dutiful run. Kinch did not respond and before the former could regain the crease, Floyd had the wickets down (2 for 30). Scott Page joined Kinch, and was bowled a simple (3 for 32). Wake was next man in, clean out of the ground, when he had made a single (3 for 32). Wake was next man in, and saw Kinch fall to a very smart one-handed catch in the slips by L. N. Jones, off Hope (34-4-20). Brooks came out and got one of Cook's deliveries nicely round to leg, causing 10 to appear on the register. With Wake and Brooks together, the half-century went up. Wake was batting with more confidence than his partner, but survived a confident appeal by Cook for lbw. At 56 the first bowling change was tried, Clifton—who did the "hat-trick" against Lancashire II—going on for Hope. His first delivery brought a four. The pair remained together until the luncheon interval, taken at 1:30; when the score was 76 for four wickets.

With the game resumed before a larger attendance. Hope put himself on again at the pavilion wicket, vice Clifton. With 85 on, Wake was very smartly stumped by Floyd, 80-5-28. Marshall joined issue, and the run-getting continued, slowly but surely, and the hundred went up at a quarter to three. Cook came to Hope's end and W. E. Jones tried his hand at the far wicket. Clifton came on again in the place of Cook with the batsmen apparently well-set. Was not J. P. Hodgson worth a trial with the ball? At 3-25, and the total 131, Jones gained a success, Brooks being caught in the slips by L. N. Jones. Common did not trouble the scorer, being bowled for a cypher with the total unaltered, seven wickets being now down. Hoaviside succeeded, Cheshire were fielding very keenly and a shot at the wicket nearly brought disaster owing to the batsmen attempting a risky run. Wake and Brooks, as it noted, had pulled the game round, and put on 51 for the fifth wicket, Brooks hit three fours and a three in his 15. Three hours and five minutes play produced 150—the scoring had been kept down by the keen fielding. Floyd distinguished himself by taking a very sharp catch given by Hoaviside at the wicket, and was heartily applauded for the feat. The total was 161. Newcombe went in to aid Marshall, and when 169 appeared there had only been one extra. Hope relieved W. E. Jones and Marshall cut his second delivery for four, and in succession had a couple and a three. Marshall reached his half century at a quarter past four, having taken him close upon a couple of hours to get the runs. Newcombe was well caught by W. E. Jones at short leg, off Hope, and Spiller, joining Marshall, the latter was missed when 59 by Hodgson, but the innings ended directly

after, with Spiller bowled by Cook, the total being 187. Marshall carried out his bat for an invaluable 59. The innings lasted three hours and forty minutes. Hope's two wickets cost 56 runs, Cook had three for 58, Clifton one for 38 and Jones two for 31.

Cheshire opened their innings at 4-50 with W. E. Jones and Bounphrey, to the bowling of Weight, from the far wicket, and Spiller. Bounphrey was the first to get to business and a quartette to Jones sent up the initial ten. Each trundler wanted watching, and the fielding, like that of Cheshire, was keen. To Spiller's bowling there were three men in the slips. Bounphrey had a straight drive to the boundary off Weight for four, and Jones put the same bowler to leg for a couple. A neat shot to square leg gave Bounphrey a quartette, and he had a contribution of like value through the slips off Weight, followed by a drive for the same figure in the Durham's bowler's next over. Two balls later his wickets were shattered. He had made 28—including five fours—out of 36 scored for the first wicket. J. P. Hodgson was Bounphrey's successor, and opened his account with a couple off Spiller. Brooks came on at 31 for Spiller, and Weight sent down a maiden to W. E. Jones. "J.P." survived an appeal for lbw, and with a neat cut sent up the half century. Jones was batting freely and Brooks sent down some puzzling deliveries that entailed watching closely. Singles became the order but a separation between the pair was effected at 63, when W. E. Jones was well caught behind the wicket, low down, by Common, off Marshall. L. N. Jones was his successor, but soon lost Hodgson, who was bowled by Marshall for 11 with all the total, and Brocklebank followed in, made a single and was "beaten all over the place" by Marshall with 68 on the "tele." Hope, the Cheshire "skipper" was next in, and was uncomfortable with Marshall's bowling. Jones caused the 70 to appear. There was an unsuccessful appeal for "lbw" and a fine off stroke of Jones' for four. At half past six stumps were drawn for the day with Cheshire 76 for four wickets.

YESTERDAY'S PLAY.

ELEVENS TIE ON FIRST INNINGS.

When the game was resumed yesterday morning, somewhat earlier than originally arranged in view of Durham wanting to get away early—they are meeting Lancashire II, to-day at Lancaster—the wicket remained on the soft side. Early misfortunes befel Cheshire, Hope playing on to Brooks and Astle being bowled by Wright. L. N. Jones, with Morris as his partner, played good cricket and sent up the century when the innings had been in progress two hours. Morris had a good drive to the pavilion and again had a fine shot to the scoring board. Spiller went on at Brooks' end and bowled Morris when the latter had made 41 and 114 the total. Cook was next man in, and sent 120 up with a nice two round to leg off Weight, and Jones drove the subsequent delivery to the boundary. Marshall was tried at the pavilion end vice Weight, and Jones had four to the on boundary off the new trundler. Later he caused 130 to be hoisted with a couple through the slips off Marshall. There was a confident appeal for a catch against Jones by the wicket-keeper, but it was answered in the batsman's favour. Jones reached his 50 with a good stroke to the on-boundary. He had occupied an hour and a half in getting the half-century. Cook came along with a 3, well run. Weight displaced Marshall at the pavilion wicket with 119 the total, and 150 was passed with a drive to the pavilion by Cook, who immediately repeated the stroke, and some further free hitting followed. Gradually the Durham total was being approached though no liberties could safely be taken with the visitors' attack. Jones was batting extremely well, and had two boundary drives off Spiller, Brooks was recalled to the far wicket, and Cook let him alone. Jones opened his shoulders to a delivery off Weight, missed and paid the penalty. He had contributed an invaluable 73 (including ten 4's), and 184 was now the total. The wicket had put on 70 runs in an hour. Clifton partnered Cook, who was caught by Common at the wicket off Weight. With two runs wanted to equal Durham's score, Floyd went in, got his first delivery through the slips for two, and brought the Cheshire total equal to that of Durham. Clifton lifted the first ball of the next over to Wake in deep leg; the catch was held, and on the first innings the scores were even—187. The innings had lasted three hours and a half.

Cheshire were out in the field again at a quarter to one, and the Durham defence was entrusted to Olliver and Newcombe. The start was a bad one, Newcombe being caught by Brocklebank, with only four on the board, off Hope. Kinch followed. Cook bowled at the opposite wicket. At lunch Durham had lost two wickets for 46 runs.

Rain fell heavily during the interval and it appeared questionable whether there would be further play. Kinch (27) and Scott Page (6) were the not outs. The wicket had received a drizzling. It was inspected at 3 o'clock with rain still falling.

At 3.30, after an inspection of the wicket by the captains, the match was abandoned.

Scores:—

DURHAM.	
A Olliver run out	7
Weight run out	1
T Kinch c L N Jones b Cook	1
G Scott Page b Cook	1
J R Wake st Floyd b Cook	28
H Brooks c L N Jones b W E Jones	45
J T Marshall not out	59
J J Common b W E Jones	0
Hoaviside c Floyd b Clifton	11
T Newcombe c W E Jones b Hope	5
W Spiller b Cook	2
Extras	1
Total	187

CHESHIRE.	
W E Jones c Common b Marshall	23
D Bounphrey b Weight	28
J P Hodgson b Marshall	11
L N Jones b Weight	73
T A L Brocklebank b Marshall	1
V Hope b Brooks	2
P V L Astle b Weight	6
H Morris b Spiller	11
Cook c Common b Weight	26
Clifton c Wake b Brooks	0
T H Floyd not out	2
Extras	1
Total	187

DURHAM (2nd Innings).

A Olliver b Hope	0
T Kinch not out	27
G Scott Page not out	8
Extras	1
Total (2 wks)	46

OXTON v. CHESHIRE GENTLEMEN.

In this match at Oxtou to-day the home club will be represented by the following:—R N Bates, D N Holdlethwaite, B K Statton, F R Flynn, E C Oates, A C Williams, son, R F Lowe, D Bounphrey, E C Parker, W L Leake and Williams.

NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Liverpool were all out for victory last Saturday, and Oxtou, who paid a visit to Aigburth, had an unhappy time of it. Oxtou opened the game, and quickly lost three batsmen for a paltry 20 runs. Stoddart taking all three for three runs. A fine stand by Parker and Williams carried the total to 80, and the sun shone once more on Oxtou's changes. Both of these batsmen were sent back to the pavilion in quick succession, Williams leaving at the total mentioned, and Parker following, after the addition of but four runs. Parker hit his wicket when within a single of his half-century, and his brave contribution included five 4's. A partnership between Marriott and Oates realised 45, and Stewart's 26 not out was a commendable effort. Stoddart's analysis was 6 for 69. With the total at 187 for nine, the Oxtou innings was declared closed, and Liverpool were left with less than two hours to knock off the necessary runs. R. A. Lloyd and Johnson opened Liverpool's reply, and from the outset treated the Oxtou attack with scant respect. Lloyd in particular making some mighty hits. At 84 Johnson was cleverly stumped, and Cunningham joined Lloyd. The new comer proved as destructive as his partner, but was splendidly caught at 115 in attempting another big hit. After his departure, with the game well in hand, the Liverpool batsmen eased up considerably. After 55 minutes Lloyd reached his century with the total at 160, and but seven runs later his brilliant innings was concluded. His contribution contained thirteen 4's, one 5, and one 6. The Oxtou total was passed with four wickets still standing. Williams took three for 80 and Lowe two for 62.

Birkenhead Park also went down disastrously on Saturday, Huyton entertaining and defeating them by four wickets and 41 runs. The wicket was sticky, and the brothers Hodgson, who opened the batting, could make little or nothing of the bowling. At the end of two hours the 100 was passed, with only four wickets remaining. C. W. Marshall came to the rescue with 64, and the Park finished up with 186. With one of his deliveries Warren smashed Smith's leg stump. Huyton's batting display was considerably brighter than the Park's. Harrell—the most deadly bowler of the day—secured 63 runs, including eight 4's. H. Cook lifted two successive balls from H. W. Hodgson over the tree tops for 6 apiece, and in an hour and a half the Park's total was passed with only six wickets down.

Something in the nature of a small earthquake seemed to strike Wallasey on Saturday, when Bromborough simply made hay with the Town's batting. The Pool batted first, and in the first hour and a quarter collected 106 for the loss of four wickets. From this point, however, the wicket became so bad that the last six wickets fell for 52. Bounphrey's belated appearance in the Wallasey attack was attended with great success, the bowler obtaining four wickets at the cost of only 9 runs. Marshall and Williams shared the home attack without relief, and in just over the hour dismissed Wallasey for 32 runs. McGregor was the only man to reach the boundary—and, incidentally, double figures. Marshall took five wickets for 13, and Williams five for 17.

The New Brighton and Neston game at Parkgate ended in a draw. New Brighton, who opened the batting, declared at 187 at the fall of the eighth wicket. Their innings had lasted two hours and twenty-five minutes, and Neston had just over two hours to reply, although it was decided to play an extra fifteen minutes if there was any likelihood of a decision being reached. At 7.30, however, as Neston had only scored 129 for five, stumps were drawn. For New Brighton, Clifton hit eight 4's in his 75. Fisk made 50 without a mistake, and Midgley looked as if he was set for the night until he got in front of a straight one from Lott. The latter took four wickets for 68. After a disastrous start, in which both Barrett and Trantom were cheaply dismissed by Clifton, Neston made a stand. After Samuels was sent back at 53, Kirby and M'Kinlay—a very promising young batsman—kept their ends up well, and added 54 for the fourth wicket. Kirby hit four 4's and two 3's in his 44, and M'Kinlay contributed 39. Clifton's analysis was three for 35.

Birkenhead St. Mary's—who played with nine men—could make little headway against the Liverpool Police at Fairfield on Saturday, and bating first on a soft wicket were cheaply dismissed for 96. The Police scored 128. W. Smith (48) and A. Jewkes (41) securing the bulk of the runs.

The game between Dingle and Sutton at Birkenhead Park ended in a draw on Saturday last. Sutton batted first, and Dingle had seven of their wickets down for 49, and then, owing to bad fielding on Dingle's part, the score mounted to 132 before Sutton were finally dismissed. W. Bromilow and W. Taylor batted well for Sutton, with 31 and 20 respectively. Dingle were only allowed one hour and twenty minutes to get the runs, and when the closure was called had gathered 78 runs for the loss of three wickets. G. H. Williams (30) and E. Whitaker (20 not out) were the top scorers.

At Huyton the local team taking first knock opened disastrously, Threlfall losing his wicket with the first ball of the match. However 100 was on the board with only three wickets down, but Walton soon skittled the remainder, and the innings closed for 130. Wesley started very well, but after the fall of the second wicket a slump ensued and despite the valiant efforts of Walton and Gout, Wesley had to submit to a loss by 30 runs.

HUYTON v BIRKENHEAD PARK.

At Huyton. Scores:—

BIRKENHEAD PARK.

H W Hodgson b Barrell	19
J P Hodgson c and b Shaw	28
Rev J M Swift run out	0
A O Williamson c Williams b Cook	7
N Hughes b Barrell	5
C W Marshall b Barrell	64
H E Smith b Warren	4
H E Hodgson c Crippen b Warren	0
P H Cox b Urmon	16
R P Bloor not out	19
H W Craig b Gordon	3
Extras	21
Total	186

HUYTON.

J E Gordon lbw b J Hodgson	26
T Stone c Hughes b H Hodgson	18
E M Crippen st Bloor b Cox	39
S G Urmon run out	17
Barrell b H Hodgson	63
W L Shaw b Cox	0
J E Peethick c J Hodgson b Williamson	35
H Cook not out	30
Extras	1
Total (7 wkts)	229

C B Eaton, W A Warren, and W Williams did not bat.

BROMBOROUGH POOL, v. WALLASEY.

At Bromborough Pool. Scores:—

BROMBOROUGH POOL.

F Pugh, c Egan b Heap	7
E Williams, c Egan b Robinson	21
S Edwards, b Coustling	44
J Marshall, b Coustling	29
R Eaton, c Denton b Heap	4
A Dodd, c Denton, b Heap	0
W Simmonds, c Heap b Bounphrey	17
J Gratrix, b Heap	0
J Gordon, lbw b Bounphrey	0
G Adams, not out	1
R J Greatbanks, lbw b Bounphrey	0
Extras	3
Total	126

WALLASEY.

O Bounphrey, b Marshall	3
W E M M'Combe, b Marshall	6
J M M'Gregor, b Marshall	11
J W Jones, b Williams	1
Denton, b Williams	1
R M'Enture, c Williams b Marshall	6
T G Abbotts, lbw b Williams	0
H C Egan c and b Williams	0
A W Heap, not out	2
F W Robinson, b Marshall	0
E G Coustling, c Adams b Williams	0
Extras	2
Total	32

LIVERPOOL v OXTON.

At Aigburth. Scores:—

OXTON.

R N Bates c Stott b Stoddart	7
B K Stratton st Miller b Stoddart	9
E G Parker hit wkt b Stoddart	49
D N Hebblethwaite c Stott b Stoddart	0
Williams c and b Hubbard	21
E A R Marriott st Miller b Stoddart	22
E C C Oates b Chapman	29
H S Rowe c and b Hubbard	10
R M Stewart not out	26
T W Blundell c and b Stoddart	1
R F Lowe not out	4
Extras	6
Total (9 wkts)	187

*Innings declared.

LIVERPOOL.

J S Johnson st Rowe b Williams	27
R A Lloyd lbw b Lowe	106
R Cunningham c Parker b Williams	18
G D Hubbard run out	1
J B Tod c Marriott b Williams	9
D P M'Intyre c Hebblethwaite b Lowe	14
W M K Betty not out	5
A Stott not out	7
Extras	4
Total (6 wkts)	189

For Liverpool, A Stott, V M'Far, O H Chapman and W B Stoddart did not bat.

NESTON AND DISTRICT v. NEW BRIGHTON.

At Parkgate. Scores:—

NEW BRIGHTON.

A Brettford, b Lott	2
R P Fisk, c Cunningham b Ferns	50
A W Midgley, lbw b Lott	34
Clifton, b Kirby	75
P Gay, b Lott	3
C N Scotter, b Lott	3
T Wess, b Barrett	18
I J Pearson, not out	0
E J Godwin, b Barrett	1
Extras	3
Total (8 wickets)	187

*Innings declared.

NESTON.

A Barrett, b Clifton	10
G Trantom, b Clifton	11
C J H Samuels, c G Jones b Clifton	9
P J Kirby, b Midgley	44
E M Kinlay, c Fisk b Godwin	39
G H Ferns, not out	5
J C Cunningham, not out	0
Extras	11
Total (5 wickets)	129

For New Brighton, E. H. Jones and G. H. Jones did not bat.
For Neston, E. N. Smith, J. D. Russell, F. Lott, and W. J. Lewis did not bat.

UPTON v. LISCARD ST. MARY'S.

At Upton. Scores:—

UPTON.

W S S Hannay, b Stead	27
A Wildgoose, lbw b Stead	23
E Davies, b Morris	13
L Phillips, b Stead	1
H Schofield, b Morris	9
W K Barclay, b Jones	23
C Lewis, b Jones	1
D S K Forgan, not out	35
W Griffith, b Ellwood	5
R H Warwick, b Ellwood	1
H Pell, b Morris	1
Extras	5
Total	143

LISCARD ST. MARY'S.

A Morris, c Davies b Wildgoose	0
J Barley, b Wildgoose	1
J L White, st Schofield b Wildgoose	51
H Williams, c Hannay b Wildgoose	31
J Hutchinson, st Schofield b Wildgoose	0
H Stead, b Wildgoose	2
R G White, b Wildgoose	3
K P Fort, c Griffiths b Wildgoose	5
R Ellwood, lbw b Warwick	7
W T Jones, c Wildgoose b Warwick	4
R Dutton, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	110

SPORTS NOTES.

CRICKET.

CHESHIRE v. DURHAM.
EVEN PLAY AT OXTON.

Cheshire had a strong eleven in the field for their match with Durham at Oxtou, on Monday, and at the close of play the game was in a very interesting state, for in reply to Durham's 187, the home county, with six wickets in hand, were 105 behind. Rain delayed the start until 12 o'clock, when Durham, having won the toss, elected to bat. The start was nervous, for only two runs were scored, when umpire, hardly picking up, ran out Weight. Kinch and Oliver took the score to 30, when Oliver also was run out, and four runs later Kinch and Scott-Page were sent back, Kinch, who batted forty-five minutes, having 24 to his credit. Wake and Brooks, by sound play, made a splendid effort to pull the game round. The 50 appeared after 65 minutes' play, and at 50 Cheshire's captain made his first bowling change, putting Clifton on in place of himself. The score slowly mounted, however, and 40 were put on before Wake was stumped for a capital 28. He was at the wicket for fifty minutes, and hit four 4's. Brooks was then partnered by Marshall, and the best stand of the day was seen. The 100 was hoisted after two hours by careful play, and the pair steadily increased the score to 131, before Brooks was dismissed. He had batted just under two hours, and gave a faultless display. Marshall continued to show sound defence, and reached his 50 after an hour and fifty-five minutes. The 150 was scored after the stumps had been in progress for three hours and five minutes. The last three wickets fell for the addition of 46 runs, and the innings, having lasted three hours and forty minutes, closed for 187, a fair performance considering the state of the wicket. Marshall carried his bat for 59, scored in just over two hours. He gave a chance when 58, Hodgson dropping him.

Cheshire's opening pair, W. E. Jones and Bounpury, began confidently, but at 36 Bounpury struck across one from Weight, and was bowled. His 28, made in thirty-five minutes, included five 4's. J. P. Hodgson followed in, and both he and Jones displayed great caution, Hodgson being at the wicket twenty-five minutes for his first 5 runs, and it took an hour to put 50 on the board. At 53 Hodgson should have been run out, but Weight fumbled the return. Ten runs later Marshall went on for Weight, and at that total got W. E. Jones caught. He had batted for eighty minutes for his 23. Only 5 more had been added when Marshall sent back Hodgson (who had batted an hour) and Brocklebank, and the close of play saw Cheshire's total at 76 for four wickets, scored in an hour and forty minutes.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

Cheshire finished the season at Oxtou on Tuesday, when they tied with Durham, each team scoring 187 runs in the first innings. Continuing their overnight score of 76 for four wickets, Cheshire took the score to 187 in three hours thirty minutes, and in reply Durham scored 46 for the loss of two wickets in the 45 minutes before lunch. Rain fell during the interval, and the wicket, which was never firm, was reduced to such a sodden state that it was impossible to continue the game, which there was never any chance of finishing.

Cheshire were mainly indebted to L. N. Jones, who played perfect cricket for two hours ten minutes, for 75 out of the 121 runs put on during his stay. He played the brightest cricket of the match, and with Cook in both laid on the wood to such good purpose that they put on 70 runs for the eighth wicket in an hour before Jones was bowled by Weight. He played the bowling with confidence and scored all round the wicket, reaching the boundary on ten occasions. Cook was run out at 185, having batted an hour for his 26, and with only three runs necessary for a first innings lead the outlook was bright for Cheshire. Floyd cut Weight through the slips for two, but with the scores level Clifton was well caught on the square leg boundary by Wake. Marshall was the most successful bowler for the visitors, taking three wickets for 23 runs, while Weight bowled better than his average would indicate for his four wickets, which cost him 66 runs. Durham made another bad start, losing Newcombe at four and Oliver at 27, but Kinch and Scott-Page took the score to 46, which was the total at lunch, without being separated. Scores and analyses:

DURHAM.

First innings.	
A. Oliver run out	7
Weight run out	1
T. Kinch c L. N. Jones b Hope	24
G. Scott-Page b Cook	1
J. R. Wake st Floyd b Cook	28
H. Brooks c D. Jones b W. E. Jones	45
J. T. Marshall not out	59
J. J. Common b W. E. Jones	0
H. Heaviside c Floyd b Clifton	14
T. Newcombe c L. N. Jones b Hope	5
W. Spiller b Cook	2
Extras	1
Total	187
Second innings.	
L. Oliver b Hope	9
T. Kinch not out	27
G. Scott not out	8
T. Newcombe c Brocklebank b Hope	1
Extras	1
Total	46

CHESHIRE.

First innings.	
W. E. Jones c Common b Marshall	23
D. Bounpury b Weight	28
J. P. Hodgson b Marshall	14
L. N. Jones b Weight	73
T. A. L. Brocklebank b Marshall	1
V. Hope b Brooks	2
P. L. V. Aetle b Weight	6
H. Morris b Spiller	11
Cook c Common b Weight	26
Clifton c Wake b Brooks	0
T. H. Floyd not out	2
Extras	1
Total	187

Bowling Analysis.

Durham—1st Innings: Cook, 30.30, 8m, 68r, 5w; Hope, 27, 7m, 56r, 2w; Clifton, 14, 3m, 38r, 1w; W. E. Jones, 13, 3m, 34r, 2w. 2nd Innings: Cook, 10, 1m, 24r, 0w; Hope, 9, 3m, 21r, 2w.

Cheshire—1st Innings: Weight, 31, 15m, 66r, 4w; Spiller, 18, 6m, 48r, 1w; Brooks, 22, 2m, 49r, 2w; Marshall, 10, 3m, 23r, 3w.

BOUGHTON HALL II. v. WINNINGTON II.

This match was played at Boughton Hall on Saturday. Winnington batted first, and Capper and Smith, by steady play, carried the score to 35 before the first wicket fell. Of the remaining batsmen only Starkey and Hodgkinson reached double figures, Hack's bowling assisted by good fielding preventing any long stand being made. Oakley's catch was an outstanding feature. The visitors' innings closed for 94, Hack having the excellent analysis of 7 wickets for 18 runs. The home side fared disastrously at the start of the innings, 3 wickets being down for 16 runs. Seven wickets were down for 24, but the innings closed for 68 runs, giving Winnington the victory by 26 runs. Starkey and Smith bowled very well, the latter finishing with 6 wickets for 28 runs. He accomplished the "hat-trick" and at one period had the excellent analysis of 6 wickets for 6 runs. Hack batted very well for his 34 runs and was the last to leave. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.	
J. M. Simpson b Smith	4
R. D. Nicklin b Starkey	6
F. Hack c Lawson b Reeves	34
W. W. Blake b Smith	1
Rev. Matthews b Smith	1
E. W. Oakley b Smith	0
H. W. Day b Smith	0
J. Henshall b Smith	0
A. J. Judd c Haddock b Starkey	9
R. Jones b Starkey	5
J. Dryland not out	1
Extras	7
Total	68

WINNINGTON.

A. Capper c Day b Judd	11
A. Smith c Nicklin b Judd	26
A. Swindells b Hack	4
T. Starkey b Hack	14
H. Reeves b Judd	0
G. Haddock c and b Hack	1
J. Walden c Oakley b Hack	4
W. Hodgkinson c Nicklin b Hack	16
D. R. Lawson c Henshall b Hack	2
E. Babbington not out	4
N. Heath b Hack	2
Extras	11
Total	94

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S v. EGREMONT ST. JOHN'S.

When Chester St. John's dismissed their Egremont teammates for 60 runs at Sealand-road on Saturday, hopes ran high of a victory for the home side, but such was not to be the order of things. The visitors had first use of the wicket, and opened none too well, two wickets being down for eight runs. Getty and Knight then carried the score to 36, and a slump set in until the last pair came together and carried the score from 44 to 61. Nine singles and a two were hit off Gunson, who took five wickets in twelve overs. Jones captured two wickets for 25, and H. Schofield two for 13. Anxiety appeared to be present with the home men when they came to bat, for four of them were run out, the first, G. Jones, when a single only had been scored. The first three wickets produced four runs only, and it was left for C. Price and R. K. Gunson to make the most productive stand of the innings, for the score had reached 25 before they were separated, and the total of 37 appeared at the fall of the seventh wicket. Scores:—

EGREMONT ST. JOHN'S.

Getty b Jones	17
Harrison c Sinclair b Schofield	5
Winstanley c and b Schofield	1
Knight b Gunson	12
Hudson c Humphreys b Gunson	2
Gilbert b Jones	1
Stevens b Jones	2
Heath b Jones	2
Newall b Gunson	8
Wales b Gunson	11
Keys not out	2
Extras	3
Total	66

Bowling—Gunson five for 11, Williams none for 15, Schofield two for 13, Jones three for 25.

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S.

G. Jones run out	0
H. Schofield b Getty	3
G. Williams c Winstanley b Hudson	1
C. Price run out	14
H. E. Gunson b Getty	9
F. Humphreys run out	0
H. Mason b Getty	5
N. Auby b Stevens	2
H. Collins b Stevens	0
H. Sinclair run out	0
W. Fletcher not out	0
Extras	3
Total	37

BARROW v. INOE.

A good game was witnessed at Inoe on Saturday, between Inoe and Barrow. Scores:—

Inoe.—F. Greenway run out 8, W. Jones c H. Beech b T. Doolley 2, S. Partin c F. Darlington b J. Beech 19, A. Slater b F. Houlbrook 25, K. Slater b H. Beech 7, A. Rickotts b H. Beech 13, T. Welding c J. Beech b T. Doolley 1, A. Greenway b T. Doolley 6, W. Turner b T. Doolley 2, T. Laitler c J. Beech b T. Doolley 6, R. Darlington not out 2, extras 10—total 101.—H. Beech 2 for 28, T. Doolley 5 for 20, W. Vernon 0 for 6, J. Beech 1 for 12, J. Okell 0 for 4, F. Houlbrook 1 for 11.

Barrow.—J. Okell b S. Partin 1, A. Mapes c Rickotts b A. Slater 0, C. Houlbrook b S. Partin 3, J. Beech c Jones b Slater 10, H. Beech b W. Turner 25, F. Houlbrook b S. Partin 1, T. Doolley c G. Greenway b F. Greenway 14, F. Darlington run out 5, W. Vernon b F. Greenway 7, D. Peate c A. Slater b F. Greenway 0, J. Boswick not out 2, extras 2—total 72.

NESTON v. NEW BRIGHTON.

New Brighton's visit to Parkgate resulted in another draw in their lengthy list. Going in first on a wicket that was very soft, they compiled 187 for eight in two hours and twenty-five minutes, and then declared, leaving their opponents with just over two hours to bat. Only five of Neston's batsmen had been dismissed when time arrived for 129. Scores:—

New Brighton.—A. Brettaugh b Lott 2, R. P. Eisk c Cunningham b Ferns 50, A. W. Midgley lbw b Lott 34, Clifton b Kirby 75, P. Gay b Lott 3, C. N. Scotter b Lott 3, T. Wess b Barrett 16, L. J. Pearson not out 0, E. J. Godwin b Barrett 1, E. H. Jones and H. G. Jones did not bat, extras 3—total 8 wks. innings declared 187.

Neston.—A. Barrett b Clifton 10, G. Praanton b Clifton 11, C. J. Samuels c G. Jones b Clifton 9, F. J. Kirby b Midgley 44, H. S. McKinley c Eisk b Godwin 30, J. C. Cunningham not out 0, G. H. Ferns not out 5, F. N. Smith, J. D. Russell, F. Lott and W. J. Lewis (absent) did not bat, extras 11—total 5 wks. 129.

SPORTS NOTES.

CRICKET.

OXTON v. BOUGHTON HALL.

The Oxtou XI, after a week of keen cricket, will no doubt enjoy a welcome respite from the turmoil of "everyday" warfare. A continuous round of games has its compensations, but when keen opponents come along to test the already sorely tried mettle, the human element is apt to give out and then comes the collapse. And this is what happened in the match with Boughton Hall. During the tourney of the preceding days, Williams, Oxtou's erstwhile professional, had the misfortune to damage his hand, and it is said that he has finished cricket for the next nine months. Now Williams has been the mainstay of Oxtou's attack, and the club had to call in E. C. Ryland to expound the out of the bowler and incidentally get the opposition out. "E. C. R." accomplished the task, but not before Boughton had scored 165. It was no fault of the veteran "googlier," who took eight wickets for 60 runs. W. E. Jones made merry for 60 runs, and Hawkins and Pratt got useful totals of 22 apiece. Five Boughton wickets went for 77, but the only W. E. Jones was very difficult to dislodge, and so the visitors' score steadily improved until Oxtou were in a corner. In the reply, E. G. Parker made 44. The old Malvern boy did not play his best innings, but he and D. N. Hobbathwaite formed a useful second wicket partnership, only to find a complete absence of support from others of the side, and so the story goes. J. H. Bielby and W. E. Jones did the damage, and at 102 Oxtou were all out and beaten by 63 runs. In securing five wickets at small cost, Bielby demonstrated considerable cleverness, and Jones was also very hard to get away. W. E. J. has a keen perception of the c and b theory. Spratton and Stewart fell into the trap and E. G. Parker quiply in his innings barely missed being out in the same way. Scores:—

BOUGHTON HALL.	
W. E. Jones c Rowe b Ryland	60
E. V. Hawkins b Bates	22
L. N. Jones lbw b Ryland	1
T. G. Frost at Rowe b Ryland	0
L. Hales lbw b Ryland	10
R. Frost c Parker b Ryland	7
G. A. Pratt b Ryland	22
H. R. Parry b Bates	9
H. D. Roberts b Ryland	13
J. H. Bielby not out	15
Dickens st Rowe b Ryland	2
Extras	4
Total	165
OXTON.	
E. G. Parker b Bielby	44
B. K. Stratton c and b W. E. Jones	7
D. N. Hobbathwaite lbw b Bielby	24
T. W. Blundell c Bielby b W. E. Jones	0
R. C. C. Oater b W. E. Jones	2
R. N. Bates c Frost b Bielby	9
R. M. Stewart c and b W. E. Jones	0
F. R. Flynn lbw b W. E. Jones	1
H. S. Rowe b Bielby	1
R. F. Rowe b Bielby	3
E. C. Ryland not out	0
Extras	10
Total	102

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd v. OXTON. Played on the Boughton Hall ground, on Saturday. Scores:

BOUGHTON HALL 2nd.	
F. Hark c Wilson b Porter	25
J. M. Simon b Porter	3
W. W. Blake lbw b Porter	2
Capt. Robotham c Wilson b Scott	2
R. D. Niddin c Parker b Scott	4
T. H. Olegg b Porter	5
A. J. Judd c Parker b Smart	20
W. Morris b Porter	9
H. Dryland lbw b Porter	3
H. W. Day not out	0
A. Manger c Parker b Porter	0
Extras	17
Total	90
OXTON.	
H. L. O'Kell c Robotham b Hark	11
M. L. Reade b Hark	44
S. Wilson b Dryland	7
A. H. Sulway lbw b Dryland	6
O. Guild c Niddin b Hark	65
A. H. Smart c Olegg b Judd	27
R. B. Barrett b Judd	1
B. R. Pord not out	0
O. Parker not out	4
R. M. C. Scott and H. D. Parker did not bat.	0
Extras	10
Total (seven wickets)	203

The Oxtou wickets fell to Judd 2 for 46, Hark 3 for 67, and Dryland 2 for 34.

BIRKENHEAD PARK v. NESTON.

At Parkgate:— Birkenhead Park.—H. W. Hodgson not out 102. J. P. Hodgson c and b Lott 17. A. C. Williamson b Lott 7. W. Marshall b Lewis 10. N. Hughes b Lott 20. H. E. Smith run out b R. P. Bloor not out 27. P. H. Cox, E. O. Glazebrook, G. T. Floyd and H. W. Floyd did not bat, extras 7—total (5 wks.) 136. Neston.—A. Barrett b J. P. Hodgson 6. G. Trantou b H. W. Hodgson 3. R. E. McKinlay b J. P. Hodgson 3. F. J. Kirby b Craig 21. C. J. Samuels b H. W. Hodgson 0. J. C. Cunningham b H. W. Hodgson 25. G. H. Fern b Craig 16. P. J. Griffiths c J. P. Hodgson b Cox 21. J. D. Russell b H. W. Hodgson 5. F. Lott b Craig 4. W. J. Lewis not out 28, extras 6—total 137.

NORTHERN EXTITA v. NESTON II.

At Moor Park:— Neston II.—J. E. Tanner b Ashcroft 61. R. H. Yapp b Ashcroft 5. R. Barton c and b Sinnott 18. E. Howett c Corkhill b Ashcroft 11. L. Wright b Sinnott 12. R. Prier c Howett b Sinnott 5. H. Bryant b Sinnott 3. W. Pemberton b Sinnott 0. H. Tomlinson not out 11. L. Schroda b Ashcroft 3. L. Musas not out 2, extras 7—total (9 wks. inn. dec.) 133. Northern Extras.—G. F. Webster c Tanner b Price 2. D. H. Cleaver c Price b Tanner 25. D. F. Stephenson c and b Tanner 6. B. S. Thompson c Schroda b Tanner 8. D. Sinnott c Wright b Tanner 0. J. Lucas c Barton b Bryant 16. J. G. Ashcroft lbw b Yapp 11. R. Reamsbottom c and b Bryant 0. R. Rowatt not out 25. G. Roberts b Tanner 4. R. Corkhill c and b Tanner 6, extras 9—total 107.

BARROW v. ALVANLEY.

This match was played at Barrow on Saturday. Barrow batted first on a bowler's wicket, and put up the useful score of 80. H. Beech was top scorer with a well-played 26. The only others to get double figures were J. Okell 16 and W. Vernon 12. Alvanley found runs very hard to get and were all out for 22, the bowling of H. Beech and H. Willis being almost unplayable. Scores:— Barrow.—J. Okel c W. Booth b F. Leach 16. C. Houlbrook b F. Leach 1. H. Beech b H. Dugdale 26. F. Houlbrook b F. Leach 4. J. Beech b A. Leach 0. H. Willis c G. Leach b A. Leach 3. W. Vernon c Dugdale b A. Leach 12. F. Darlington c Airey b A. Leach 0. G. Wright b A. Leach 1. Roy. T. Jenkins not out 3. S. Woodcock c Airey b A. Leach 7, extras 7—total 80. Alvanley.—H. B. Wright b H. Willis 2. J. Noden b H. Beech 0. F. Airey c W. Vernon b H. Beech 0. F. Leach b H. Willis 1. J. E. Leach b H. Willis 4. A. Leach b H. Beech 1. J. W. Leach c C. Houlbrook b H. Beech 0. Rev. Carr b H. Beech 3. A. Booth run out 9. W. Booth run out 0. H. Dugdale not out 1, extra 1—total 22.

Bowling.—H. Beech 7o. 3m. 5r. 5w., H. Willis 6o. 2m. 14r. 3w.

TILSTONE LODGE v. HARTFORD.

Tilstone added one more favourable draw to their number on Saturday, when they entertained Hartford. Bating first, the home team put up a score of 107. F. G. Walley, Harold Wright, L. J. Dodd, and B. Hewitt being the chief contributors. Walley played another careful defensive innings, and appeared to worry the bowlers considerably, now fewer than eight changes being tried. C. Done was the only Hartford bowler to meet with much success, however, and he came out with the excellent figures of 8 wickets for 28 runs. Hartford had a stern struggle for runs, only C. Allman and R. Watson being at all at home against the Tilstone brundlers. Watson is a very pretty bat, and played an excellent game. He had 28 not out to his credit which time was called, out of a total of 65 for 7. To-day Tilstone visit Tattenhall. Scores:— Tilstone Lodge.—F. G. Walley c Allman b C. Done 24. B. Hewitt run out 12. H. Inley c Stelfox b Nancollas 8. J. B. Hewitt c Nixon b C. Done 0. L. J. Dodd b C. Done 19. T. Parton c Moore b V. Done 0. H. Hitchen c Moore b C. Done 5. R. Hewitt b C. Done 0. H. Davonport lbw b C. Done 1. H. D. Wright c Stelfox b C. Done 20. D. Jones not out 6, extras 12—total 107.

Hartford.—F. Forster c J. B. Hewitt b Dodd 6. C. G. Allman c and b Parton 12. R. Watson not out 28. F. Moore b Parton 2. E. Done c Walley b Davonport 3. R. Nancollas b Davonport 2. B. Allman lbw b J. B. Hewitt 3. C. Done b B. Hewitt 1. E. Stelfox not out 4. F. Cawley and F. Nixon did not bat, extras 3—total 65 for 7.

CHESTER ST. JOHN'S v. BUNBURY.

A rare sporting game, despite the attraction in the next field, was seen at Soaland-road, when St. John's met Bunbury. The rate of scoring was slow, and the totals were not high. The Saints were dismissed for 45, and their visitors had reached 28 for 9 wickets, when Mason closed their innings for them with a brilliant catch at mid-off. R. Gunson and G. Williams bowled 8 and 7.4 overs respectively, 3 and 6 for 14 runs apiece being their averages. Not one of the visiting side reached double figures. Scores:—

Chester St. John's.—G. Jonas b Cross 0. N. Auty b Cross 0. G. Williams b Cross 10. R. E. Gunson b Nightingale 10. F. Humphreys b Nightingale 1. H. Gibson b Cross 10. H. Collins b Nightingale 2. H. Mason c C. Large b Nightingale 1. W. Fletcher not out 5. W. Vernon run out 1. G. Russell b Cross 0, extras 5—total 45.

Bunbury.—P. Frodsham c Humphreys b Williams 5. E. Fleet b Gunson 9. F. Large b Gunson 4. F. Harting b Gunson 0. J. Davis b Williams 1. F. Oles not out 3. E. A. Cleworth c Gibson b Williams 1. B. Dutton c Mason b Williams 1. H. Nightingale run out 3. H. Fleet c Gibson b Williams 0. H. Frodsham c Mason b Gunson 0, extra 1—total 28.

Afterwards the teams met in a knock-out game, when the following were the scores:— Bunbury.—H. Nightingale b Jonas 2. F. Harding c Williams b Jonas 1. J. Davis c Gibson b Humphreys 5. F. Cross b Gibson 7. T. Cooper b Humphreys 1. B. Dutton lbw b Humphreys 3. F. Large c Jonas b Auty 5. E. Fleet b Auty 15. P. Frodsham c Gunson b Gibson 0. Cleworth b Gunson 10. H. Frodsham not out 0, extras 0—total 49.

St. John's.—E. Jonas c Dutton b Davis 1. N. Auty run out 0. G. Williams b Cooper 15. R. Gunson c Fleet b Dutton 3. F. Humphreys b Davis 1. H. Gibson b Nightingale 20. H. Collins c Davis b Cooper 6. W. Vernon run out 6. J. Hill not out 1. Bateman not out 1—total (for 9 wks.) 52.

CHESHIRE COUNTY C.C.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Ings.	runs.	out.	highest.	Avg.
H. W. Hodgson	9	377	1	113	49.6
W. E. Jones	17	516	3	100*	39
L. N. Jones	14	370	1	90	28.4
T. H. Hoald	6	139	1	59	27.8
J. P. Hodgson	9	232	0	54	25.7
H. Morris	12	203	3	86*	22.5
D. Boumpfrey	6	130	0	39	21.6
V. Hope	14	228	3	43	20.7
Cook	11	222	0	70	20.1
P. L. V. Astle	13	181	2	36	16.7
D. H. Coomber	5	64	1	30*	13.5
Clifton	8	77	2	21*	12.8
C. Twenlow	4	15	2	6	7.5
C. Clark	5	18	2	8	6

The following had fewer than 4 innings.—H. Fisk, T. A. L. Brocklobank, T. H. Lloyd, Brockdunhurst, Archer, F. A. Harrison, T. Shaw, R. Frost, J. S. Cragg, and E. Gannonoid.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
V. Hope	216	39	505	33	15.3
L. N. Jones	100	18	319	20	15.9
Cook	448	119	1090	61	16.3
W. E. Jones	65	8	162	9	18
Clifton	228	27	666	35	19

The following also bowled.—T. H. Hoald, 3o. 12r.; H. W. Hodgson, 11o. 2r. 2w.; F. Harrison, 12o. 31r. 4w.; T. Shaw, 1o. 4r.; and Archer, 5o. 14r.