

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

The batting of most of the Lancashire League teams on Saturday showed an improvement on earlier form, and the matches were more even than those which had preceded them.

Haslingden won by 19 runs at Enfield. Burnley defeated Accrington at Turf Moor by 17 runs. 10 runs separated Lowerhouse and Rawtenstall, and in an exciting finish at Nelson Bacup won by three runs.

Rawtenstall's 70 was the poorest score of the day, and though Lowerhouse, their conquerors, Enfield, and Haslingden failed to reach three figures, the other teams batted fairly well.

The heaviest scoring was at Church, where Rishton declared at 164 for eight, and Church replied with 138 for seven. The best individual innings was that of W. Nutter, of Colne, who was not out 59 at Ramsbottom. J. A. Redfern came next with 50 for Ramsbottom, and this won Ramsbottom the match with three wickets to spare.

Cook, Storaal, Burrows, Pollard, and J. Musk again did well amongst the bowlers. Cook had five Rawtenstall wickets for 28 runs, W. Storaal and Burrows of Rawtenstall had each five wickets for one run more than Cook, and Coulhurst, Pollard, Musk, Hickmott, Hickson, and Morfee following: all had five wickets each for under 50 runs.

Accrington after winning the two previous matches, were beaten by Burnley, who had lost twice, and Haslingden and Nelson each won for the first time.

TOADMORRIS v. EAST LANCASHIRE.—Toadmorris: A. Stephenson c. Norbury b. Coulhurst 1. W. Greenwood b. Coulhurst 30. E. Hargreaves b. Norbury 0. Morfee c. and b. Norbury 13. A. Marlow lbw b. Norbury 1. F. Shuttleworth b. Coulhurst 7. R. Batcliffe b. Coulhurst 1. W. Hartley not out 15. H. Hudson b. Coulhurst 7. W. Storer not out 4. Extras 15. Total (for eight wickets) 101.

EAST LANCASHIRE v. TOADMORRIS.—E. Hargreaves b. Morfee 22. J. Turnbull lbw b. Storer 3. R. Mercer b. Morfee 5. J. Coulhurst lbw b. Storer 6. F. Duckworth not out 0. Extras 9. Total 99.

BURNLEY v. ACCRINGTON.—Burnley: A. Simpson c. J. Inman b. Llewellyn 44. T. A. Cowpe b. Smith 12. T. Lavender b. Smith 0. T. Crossley b. Jackson 7. Horley run out 19. W. Vickers c. Llewellyn 8. T. A. Shutt b. Smith 5. W. A. Shutt c. Ramsbottom b. Jackson 2. J. Blake lbw b. Bray 7. J. H. Bracewell not out 12. A. Pollard b. Bray 0. Extras 19. Total 134.

ACCINGTON v. BURNLEY.—Accrington: W. Pinner c. Pollard b. Horley 5. Ramsbottom b. Horley 2. Llewellyn b. Horley 5. A. Jackson b. Shutt 13. G. Parker lbw b. Bracewell 39. J. G. Siddle b. Shutt 13. G. Calvert run out 0. J. Inman b. Horley 0. S. Smith b. Shutt 7. W. Bray c. Pollard b. Shutt 0. F. Sprout not out 15. Extras 19. Total 121.

ENFIELD v. HASLINGDEN.—Enfield: Bowles lbw b. Williams 0. J. Edwards c. Bastow b. Williams 5. E. Dayner b. Rhodes 1. D. Smalley b. Williams 6. G. Boardman b. Williams 0. Riley 5. J. Hargreaves b. Welock 25. J. Yates c. Williams b. Riley 4. H. Dickinson not out 15. W. C. Lockett c. Parker b. Wellock 0. T. Cottam run out 0. Extras 16. Total 78.

HASLINGDEN v. ENFIELD.—Haslingden: A. Hargreaves c. Boardman b. Dickinson 1. B. Howles 14. E. Riley c. Boardman b. Cottam 10. J. Bastow lbw b. Cottam 2. Williams run out 14. Hiddle b. Cottam 26. E. Cottam b. Cottam 10. W. Lees b. Cottam 6. R. Parker b. Cottam 1. T. Welock not out 4. F. Tattersall b. Cottam 0. Extras 5. Total 97.

NELSON v. BACUP.—Nelson: G. Mutch st. Lord b. Midgley 34. T. Bradshaw c. Lord b. Turner 4. J. R. Hartley b. Musk 34. J. Mutch lbw b. Musk 19. J. Hulme b. Musk 15. C. Robbison not out 0. Extras 10. Total 100.

BACUP v. NELSON.—Bacup: G. Mutch c. Robbison b. Midgley 5. A. Pollard b. Musk 1. R. Sunderland b. Midgley 0. E. Lister c. Roberts b. Midgley 1. A. Whittle not out 1. Extras 2. Total 114.

RAMSBOTTOM v. COLNE.—Ramsbottom: J. A. Redfern b. Higgs 80. A. Brooks b. Higgs 0. H. Walker b. Higgs 0. A. Wolstenholme b. Smith 0. J. W. Blackburn c. Smith b. Higgs 14. Rev. A. Power b. Smith 6. Hickmott lbw b. Higgs 15. E. Horrocks not out 52. J. Howarth not out 0. Extras 9. Total (for seven wickets) 120.

COLNE v. RAMSBOTTOM.—Colne: H. Crabtree b. Duerr 0. E. Brown b. Hickmott 2. W. Nutter not out 59. T. Higgs c. Blackburn b. Duerr 0. F. Harrison b. Duerr 1. Kitchennan b. Hickmott 29. Smith b. Bradshaw 0. D. Bennett b. Hickmott 0. W. Fishwick run out 5. H. Hardacre c. Horrocks b. Hickmott 2. W. Shutt b. Hickmott 7. Extras 9. Total 123.

RAWTENSTALL v. LOWERHOUSE.—At Rawtenstall. Rawtenstall: A. W. Pestonja c. Wilkinson b. Shutt 14. S. Haworth c. Cook 0. A. Taylor b. Cook 2. H. Clegg b. Cook 0. K. Wallis b. Cook 1. J. H. Woodcock b. Cook 10. Burrows c. Smalley b. Shutt 27. R. W. Bax b. Pickthall 0. H. Whitehead c. Spencer b. Pickthall 0. W. Baker b. Shutt 6. J. Griffith not out 7. Extras 7. Total 70.

LOWERHOUSE v. RAWTENSTALL.—Lowerhouse: R. T. Shutt b. Burrows 0. A. Spencer b. Burrows 10. E. Towler c. Pestonja b. Waller 15. J. Jackson b. Burrows 0. J. T. Biley b. Waller 1. E. Brown c. Haworth b. Waller 1. J. Smith lbw b. Burrows 8. Hambley b. Griffith 16. J. Wilkinson b. Burrows 2. A. Smalley not out 5. H. Pickthall b. Griffith 5. Extras 16. Total 80.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE. The Central Lancashire League competition opened well on Saturday, when one of the most interesting games was that between Werneth and Rochdale. Against Lashbrooke and Morgan Rochdale could score no more than 71, the former taking five wickets for 28 and Morgan five for 36. Parkin with 17 was the only batsman to reach double figures, Werneth made 103, and towards this Lashbrooke contributed a brilliant 53. Parkin took seven of the Werneth wickets for 36 runs. Brown and Bowden bowled well for Littleborough against Oldham, who were all out for 56. Brown's analysis was: 14 overs, 7 maidens, 15 runs, 8 wickets. Littleborough passed Oldham's score for the loss of two wickets.

Crompton were surprised at Millrow. The home side started well, but the last five wickets fell to W. Seddon for 10 runs, and the total was only 71. This, however, proved too much for Crompton, who were dismissed by Field and Thornton for 48. At Middleton Royton batted first and made 122, which Middleton beat for the loss of seven wickets. The most successful player in the game was L. Cranfield, who took four wickets for 36 and afterwards played a

capital innings for 48. Heywood won at Castleton by 65 runs, and Moorside easily accounted for their visitors from Walden, the home side making 93 and getting rid of their opponents for 40. Results:—

Table with 3 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets. Includes Heywood 168, Moorside 93, Walden 40, Castleton Moor 93, Crompton 48, Royton 122, Rochdale 71.

SOUTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Swinton have recovered from their bad start in the South Lancashire League. They easily defeated Newton Heath on Saturday, when H. W. Mills, who has rejoined the club, made 66, G. Pickering 48, and R. N. Rawlinson 41. The total was 203 for four wickets, and Newton Heath were dismissed for 92, five wickets falling to R. N. Rawlinson for 33. Waste made 160 for eight and declared, but Barton Hall replied with 99 for four. T. Roylo 81 and A. Goldwin 51 were the only Waste batsmen to show good form, and W. Holckinson was the most successful bowler with six wickets for 48.

J. Ward, the former Eccles and Worsley player, played stylishly for 51 not out. S. Grundy gave two chances in scoring 92 against Eccles, and against his side's 188 Eccles replied with 111. A. Ramsbottom was top scorer with 44. E. Rogers was back again in the Eccles team, and in addition to scoring 21 took three wickets for 37. The Clifton batsmen gave a poor display at Rhodes, and were all out for 24. E. Jackson taking six wickets for nine runs and H. Alexander four for 11. Thornham failed at home against Norden. The latter scored 182 and Thornham 70. H. Watson, of Norden, took five wickets for 37 and scored 32. Results:—

Table with 3 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets. Includes Worsley 111, Barton Hall 99, Newton Heath 92, Eccles 134, Swinton 92, Eccles 85, Thornham 40, Clifton 75, Barton Hall 70.

MANCHESTER v. STOCKPORT.

The Manchester Club's season opened on Saturday with a match against Stockport at Old Trafford. After the visitors had made 110, Manchester, who had an exceptionally strong side, scored 214 for six wickets, E. Tyldesley playing a good innings of 81. Scores:—

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Manchester 214, Stockport 110, E. Tyldesley 81, J. C. Fallows 0, P. Eckerley 2, S. Crawley 13, R. A. Boddington 81, J. Parkin 49, F. H. Sowerbutts 15, J. Ramskill 3, J. D. Tiffany 1, Extras 9.

TIMPERLEY v. CHEETHAM HILL.—At Timperley. The match resulted in a tie. E. A. Rothband took five wickets for 42, and W. H. Helsby seven for 42.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Timperley 110, Cheetham Hill 110, G. W. Nicholas b. Helsby 4, F. Marzen b. Helsby 4, A. H. Jackson b. Helsby 33, W. Wiggins b. Helsby 14, L. R. Wiggins b. J. A. Lively 0, A. W. Bamford c. Helsby 12, F. Bell 6, H. Cartwright lbw b. Helsby 5, A. E. Ellershaw b. Helsby 0, E. A. Rothband c. S. Arden b. Helsby 4, H. Simpson not out 14, J. Simpson run out 11, Extras 5.

ALDERLEY EDGE v. SOUTH MANCHESTER.—At Alderley Edge.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Alderley Edge 178, South Manchester 110, K. P. Neill b. Boddington 20, W. Dalton b. Hill 15, H. Fletcher c. Hill b. P. Platt 15, C. Tudor c. E. L. Platt b. Boddington 1, E. O. Dutton b. Boddington 17, H. Maginnal not out 61, G. Morrison b. P. Platt 13, F. H. Vison st. P. E. L. Platt b. P. Platt 0, M. Woods st. E. L. Platt b. P. Platt 10, T. J. Watson c. and b. P. Platt 1, A. Simpson not out 9, Extras 16, Total (for nine) 178.

BROUGHTON v. CHEADLE HULME.—At Broughton.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Broughton 118, Cheadle Hulme 166, Dr. H. Wilson b. Harrison 18, F. Callion c. Marley 18, D. Marzen b. Batterby 36, B. Jones 4, H. B. Bains b. Waterhouse 14, P. Sutton c. Batterby b. Waterhouse 2, D. Thompson b. Waterhouse 7, E. B. Hargreaves b. Waterhouse 0, H. T. Seward b. Harrison 19, J. T. Wright lbw b. Harrison 0, N. Leonard not out 6, C. H. Williams b. Harrison 3, Extras 9, Total (for four) 166.

BOLTON v. WORSLEY.—At Worsley. Cuffife took eight wickets for 40; last wicket stand realized 70.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Bolton 169, Worsley 106, C. T. Millington c. Whittle c. Cuffife 11, F. Timmerlake b. Cuffife 5, S. Rayle b. Cuffife 20, G. Holliday lbw b. Cuffife 3, F. Godley c. Wood b. Cuffife 32, R. H. Stanning b. Cuffife 0, V. Timperley c. Whittle b. Hudson 4, W. Regeron b. Cuffife 28, F. T. Cross c. Cox b. Whittle 0, W. E. Dowling b. Cuffife 4, T. Wallwork not out 42, Extras 18, Total 169.

BOWDON v. WINNINGTON PARK.—At Bowdon.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Bowdon 167, Winnington Park 90, H. Anthony b. Risby 10, J. C. Ellis c. Gorton b. Risby 0, J. Mottershead b. Risby 0, J. E. Breeze b. J. A. Schofield 30, B. Woodcock b. Beck 51, O. Penfisbury b. Beck 28, J. Johnson c. Gorton b. Beck 2, E. Gammond b. Webster 0, A. Guthrie lbw b. Webster 6, N. R. Key not out 21, G. J. Sharkey not out 13, T. Whalley c. Gorton b. Webster 4, Extras 23, Total (for nine) 90.

URMSTON v. FARELESTOWN.—At Urmston.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Urmston 136, Farelestown 113, J. Crawley c. Lawrence 4, R. Parr 7, J. Valentine b. Parr 3, J. E. Lawrence b. Parr 7, S. Allen c. Furner b. Bryner 8, F. Clarke c. Bold b. Bryner 37, F. Valentine c. Brymes b. McDonald 14, J. H. Alderson c. Morton b. McDonald 29, F. Canon b. R. Smith 5, J. Fairhurst b. McDonald 0, M. Armistage c. Morton b. R. Smith 6, C. E. Owen not out 0, Extras 9, Total 136.

DUKINFIELD v. CHEETHAM.—At Dukinfield.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Dukinfield 159, Cheetham 110, S. Burton b. Sinclair 4, E. Heaton c. Hawthorne b. Sinclair 14, F. Eden b. Bolton 27, W. Holt b. Blight 8, H. W. Eastwood b. Sinclair 0, J. Armistage b. Sinclair 24, C. Bamford not out 47, A. Schofield c. and b. Sinclair 6, E. H. Taylor b. Blight 0, T. Davies b. Blight 0, J. Walker b. Blight 2, Extras 19, Total (for three) 159.

BLACKLEY v. FLIXTON.—At Blackley.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Blackley 110, Flixton 54, R. Langfield b. Buckley 11, J. C. Buckley c. Langfield b. Butterworth 10, F. Howarth b. Latham 20, G. Buckley not out 115, S. Slater c. Ashworth b. Butterworth 0, J. E. Green b. Latham 1, H. Cox not out 54, Extras 12, Total (for four) 221.

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Table with cricket scores for Bury v. Heaton Mersey. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Burnage v. Manchester Press. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Levenshulme v. Glossop. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Castleton v. Brooklands. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Stand v. Longsight. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Cheadle v. Northwich. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Hulme Grammar School v. Hulme Hall. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for South-West Manchester v. Heaton Norris. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

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Table with cricket scores for Manchester Press v. Hazil Grove. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Urmston v. Worsley. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Bury v. Castleton. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Cheadle v. Levenshulme. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Alderley Edge v. Western. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Didsbury v. Blackley. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Warrington v. Earlestown. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Birch v. Monton. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

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Table with cricket scores for Sale Second v. Longsight Second. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Bury Grammar School v. Hulme Grammar School. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Cheadle Hulme v. South Manchester Second. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Broughton Second v. Wigan Second. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Broughton v. Flixton. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Longsight v. Prestwich. Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Warrington v. Earlestown (continued). Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

Table with cricket scores for Birch v. Monton (continued). Columns include player names, runs scored, and team totals.

LANCASHIRE II. v. CHESHIRE.

BAILS SENT OVER 50 YARDS.

Yesterday, at Old Trafford, the first of the matches arranged between Lancashire II. and Cheshire was played. Lancashire won the toss but made a poor start, losing G. Rogerson and Watson for 22 runs. K. P. Neall, who played bright cricket, soon altered the complexion of the game, and 48 runs were added before he was bowled by Clifton. Captain Howard batted well for 28. On Brown and the captain (T. A. Higson) coming together runs came still more quickly. Brown, who made 52, was run out through a smart bit of fielding. None of the other batsmen showed much promise. The most successful bowler for Cheshire was Clifton, who took five wickets for 50. Cook had three for 54.

Cheshire also made a bad start, losing W. E. Jones at 14. The partnership of L. N. Jones and H. W. Hodson turned Cheshire's fortunes, and at the close of play Jones was not out 88.

An extraordinary feat was accomplished by Watson. He first went on at the town end, but on crossing over he bowled the Cheshire captain (V. Hope) for one, the balls being knocked for a distance of over fifty yards.

Cheshire are 27 runs on with four wickets to fall. Scores:—

Lancashire—First Innings.		Cheshire—First Innings.	
K. P. Neall b Clifton	34	E. Payne b Cook	5
G. Rogerson st Gannon	9	W. B. Howarth c Astle	7
Watson c Cragg b Cook	1	W. A. Shutt not out	1
Capt. Howard c Cragg b Cook	28	J. Whewell c Morris b Clifton	0
C. Leach c Gannon b Hope	4	Extras	20
Brown run out	52	Total	191
T. A. Higson b Clifton	30		
Cheshire—First Innings.		Lancashire—First Innings.	
W. E. Jones b Shutt	10	V. Hope b Watson	1
H. W. Hodson b Brown	67	H. Morris lbw b Howarth	6
J. S. Cragg b Howarth	28	P. V. Astle not out	4
L. N. Jones not out	88	Extras	16
T. H. Heald c Howard	8	Total (for 6)	218

Cook, Clifton, and E. Gannon to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire—First Innings.		Cheshire—First Innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Cook	28 8 54 3	Hope	3 0 9 1
Clifton	27 2 2 96 5	Heald	3 0 12 0

SEDBERGH SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL.—For Liverpool Hunter (84) and Ritchie (52) added 100 for the seventh wicket. Ritchie followed up his batting success by securing seven wickets for 59. J. R. Carr (School captain) played a fine innings of 61, and the School's fielding was of a very fine order.

Liverpool		Sedburgh	
D. P. McEntyre c MacInlay b Schofield	18	J. R. Carr c Stott b Stoddart	61
Capt. Wilkins c Schofield b Rickett	3	E. Oxley c Tod b Ritchie	14
T. B. Tod c Doughty b Schofield	8	J. P. Wood b Stoddart	46
Schofield	8	A. B. Schofield b Ritchie	0
J. H. Paul c Oxley b Rickett	38	A. S. Burwell c Ritchie	0
A. Stott b Schofield	1	J. H. Stoddart	0
O. J. Collinson b Dimoline	3	J. H. Woodson b Ritchie	9
P. S. Hunter c Rennie b Rickett	84	T. A. Moores b Paul	16
D. Ritchie c Wood b Doughty	52	J. J. Mackinlay c McEntyre b Ritchie	21
E. Massey lbw b Wood	6	E. Rickett b Ritchie	0
J. M. Whitaker b Wood	3	H. K. Dimoline not out	4
A. F. Behrend not out	4	P. S. Doughty c Stoddart b Ritchie	5
W. B. Stoddart b Rickett	10	Extras	31
Total	250	Total	207

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" v. SOUTH MANCHESTER.—At Withington yesterday. "Manchester Guardian": F. Stevenson b Watson 6, H. D. Nichols b Barnes 4, W. Penlington c Magnall b Barnes 10, O. E. Montague b Watson 0, A. Hargreaves c Watson 6, P. B. Marshall c Perrin b Watson 4, P. B. Marshall c Magnall b Barnes 4, E. J. Wrigley c Simpson b Watson 14, J. Elliott c Sheeps b Watson 15, W. Edwards not out 0, N. Cardus c Richardson b Barnes 4, extras 2, total 69. South Manchester: A. Simpson b Penlington 5, W. Richmond c Penlington 11, H. Barnes b Cardus 17, H. Richmond c Penlington 9, A. T. Perrin b Penlington 23, H. L. Marshall b Penlington 49, E. S. Watson c Nichols b Penlington 20, A. L. Skares c substitute b Cardus 16, H. Bradshaw b Penlington 1, A. W. Gill not out 4, extras 24, total 179.

URMSTON v. A NELSON XI.—At Urmston yesterday. Tyldesley (H) took four for 34 and Dadd six for 42. Nelson XI: E. Bradshaw c Lawrence b Dadd 1, J. Keechaw b Dadd 43, J. Crossley c Buckley b Tyldesley 6, H. Hargreaves c Lawrence b Tyldesley 14, F. Hassall b Dadd 7, F. Foley b Dadd 9, H. Walton c Tyldesley b Dadd 5, W. Smith b Tyldesley 10, R. Robinson c Lawrence b Dadd 2, H. Proctor c Lawrence b Tyldesley 5, A. Hartley not out 4, extras 12, total 118. Urmston: S. Banger c Tolley b Hartley 53, J. C. Pughley c Crossley b Hargreaves 5, H. Jaker b Hargreaves 10, C. Smith not out 55, R. Smith not out 51, extras 13, total (for 5 wks) 175.

LANCASHIRE II. v. CHESHIRE.

THE VISITORS' HARD FORTUNE.

There was an exciting finish to the Lancashire II. and Cheshire game at Old Trafford yesterday. Cheshire, when stumps were drawn, only needed nine runs to win and had five wickets to fall. When play was resumed yesterday Cheshire had lost six wickets for 218 runs, K. L. Jones being not out 88. He only added two runs before being bowled by Howarth, but the remaining batsmen gave some trouble and were not disposed of until Cheshire had a lead of 101.

Lancashire began their second innings badly, losing three wickets for seven runs, but Watson and Leach had added 66 runs by lunch-time, Leach being out in the last over before the adjournment. Brown and Watson played splendid cricket. Brown was bowled by a good ball from Hodson when he had made 39. Watson continued his merry innings, and before being bowled by Clifton had made 78. The last wicket was a strong one, and before Howarth was disposed of had added 52 runs. Clifton again returned the best analysis with six wickets for 74 runs.

In the Cheshire innings W. E. Jones played a useful forcing game. He and Hodson made a bold bid for victory. They had ninety minutes in which to get 134 runs, and to come within nine runs was highly meritorious. Scores:—

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
K. P. Neall b Clifton	34	b Clifton	0
G. Rogerson st Gannon	9	Cook b Clifton	4
Watson c Cragg b Cook	1	b Clifton	78
Capt. Howard c Cragg b Cook	28	C. Jones b Clifton	0
C. Leach c Gannon b Hope	4	C. Astle b Hope	28
Brown run out	32	b Hodson	39
T. A. Higson b Clifton	30	b Cook	4
E. Payne b Cook	5	C. Jones b Clifton	12
W. H. Howarth c Astle b Clifton	7	b Morris b Clifton	1
W. A. Shutt not out	1	b Hope	20
J. Whewell c Morris b Clifton	0	not out	32
Extras	20	Extras	19
Total	191	Total	257

First Innings.		Cheshire.		Second Innings.	
W. E. Jones b Shutt	10	c Howard b Brown	50	c and b Watson	20
H. W. Hodson b Brown	67	b Brown	20		
J. S. Cragg b Howarth	28	b Howarth	10		
L. N. Jones lbw b Howarth	90	at Whewell b Watson	10		
T. H. Heald c Howard b Watson	8	c Brown b Watson	5		
V. Hope b Watson	1	not out	12		
H. Morris lbw b Howarth	6				
P. V. Astle not out	34				
Cook lbw b Howarth	11				
Clifton c Brown b Howarth	17				
E. Gannon b Brown	15				
Extras	20	Extras	8		
Total	295	Total (for 5)	125		

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Cook	35 9 57 1	Hodson	7 2 13 1
Clifton	25 0 74 6	L. N. Jones	10 0 47 0
Hope	3 5 0 12 2	W. E. Jones	7 2 16 0
Cheshire—First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown	18 4 2 75 2	Howarth	32 2 10 15
Shutt	14 4 47 1	Watson	14 2 52 2
Second Innings.		Second Innings.	
Brown	10 0 39 2	Howarth	5 0 36 0
Shutt	4 1 17 0	Watson	6 4 0 25 3

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE.

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points
Dukinfield	7	4	1	2	14
Glossop	6	4	1	1	13
Chester	7	3	1	3	12
Ashton	6	3	2	3	11
Lodgepole	6	3	1	2	9
Stand	6	3	2	3	8
Levenshulme	6	1	3	3	6
Totton	6	1	3	2	6
Stalybridge	6	0	3	3	2
Prestwich	6	0	4	2	2

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

MISCELLANEOUS.	
S. Manchester v. Bollington	Winton v. Openshaw
Bulton v. Sale	Worsley v. Flixton
Bramhall v. Heaton Mersey	Oldham G.S. v. Hulme G.S.
Leigh v. Chorlton	Prestwich v. Levenshulme
Styal v. S.W. Manchester	Gorton v. Stand
Manchester Press v. Linotype	Macclesfield v. Ches. Wan.
Stalybridge v. Glossop	Wigan v. Earlestown
Cheetham Hill v. Glossop	Liverpool v. Formby
St. Peter's v. Craven (conts)	Ormskirk v. Northern
Altrincham v. Wythenshawe	Southport v. E. Lanc. Wan.
Urmston v. Brooklands	Congleton v. Stockport
Ashton v. Longsight	Winnington P. v. Warrington
Blackley v. Castleton	Broughton v. Bury
Heaton Norris v. Birch	
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Crompton v. Boothdale	Walkden v. Middleton
Heywood v. Littleborough	Werneth v. Mouldside
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Astley Bridge v. Bradshaw	Little Lever v. Heaton
Darcy Lever v. Farnworth	Westhoughton v. Radcliffe
Social Circle v. Keasley	Tonge v. Egley
MANCHESTER LEAGUE.	
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Clifton v. Swinton	Thorburn v. Barton Hall
Eccles v. Unsworth	Weaste v. Norden
Rhodes v. Newton Heath	

MANCHESTER PRESS (Mid-week) v. MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.—At Old Trafford yesterday. The School declared their innings closed. Manchester High School: S. Brooks b Thompson 41, C. E. Coates b Stevenson 0, J. Ogden c Ogilvie b Edwards 61, W. A. Orford b Thompson 86, J. Claxton not out 8, extras 9, total (for 4) 160. Manchester Press: W. Edwards b Latham 4, L. Biziotene b Latham 2, W. Ogilvie b Ogden 46, P. B. Mears all run out 17, C. E. Montague c Orford b Latham 0, P. Stevenson c Sierst b Orford 28, G. Thompson c Sierst b Latham 30, W. Crawford b Latham 4, H. Thompson c Dunsath b Ogden 20, G. Thompson, jun., not out 10, extras 6, total 168.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

The recent good batting of the Lancashire League teams was well maintained in Saturday's matches, and several clubs passed the second hundred. In the Rishton and Church match 433 runs were made. During the Rishton innings Curtis, their professional, made 103, and for Church R. Murray was not out 61, and G. S. Smith contributed 51. The Church batsmen made a fine effort to reach the home side's 250, but their last wicket fell when they were 27 runs short. This is Rishton's first victory for several weeks.

Bacup, the leaders, made the same score as Rishton for the loss of only six wickets, their professional, Slater, contributing 76. Their match with Accrington was expected to be a close affair, as Accrington are also candidates for the championship, but only Llewellyn, with 59, made any attempt to master the Bacup bowling, and the total was less than half of the leader's total. Ramsbottom, the "runners-up," had an anxious time in the latter part of their game at Rawtenstall. In replying to the home score of 153 runs came very slowly, and eight of their wickets were down for 139 when time was called. There were a few fine bowling performances. Cook, the Lowerhouse professional, captured all but one of the Haslingden wickets for 82 runs, and Horsley (Burnley) had eight Enfield wickets for 39, but the best average was that of J. Coulthurst, of East Lancashire, whose five Nelson wickets cost only five runs each. Scores:—

EAST LANCASHIRE v. NELSON.—Nelson: G. Mutch b Norbury 0, H. Hargreaves b Coulthurst 34, E. Bradshaw c Birch b Norbury 23, J. H. Hartley b Coulthurst 5, George c Birch b Coulthurst 3, A. Waddle b Norbury 9, J. Mutch b Coulthurst 15, A. Pollard not out 10, R. Sunderland b Coulthurst 0, H. Howler c Milford b Norbury 2, F. Lister b Norbury 1, extras 15, total 117. East Lancashire: A. Dawson b Geary 0, R. G. Brandwood not out 12, C. A. Milford b Geary 0, J. Turnbull run out 3, Norbury b Pollard 10, H. Emmett b Geary 3, J. Birch 7, F. E. Suter b Pollard 8, H. Brandwood b Geary 0, R. Mercer c and b Geary 0, J. Coulthurst b Pollard 8, extras 11, total 68.

RISHTON v. CHURCH.—Rishton: T. Hacking b Webster 2, J. Macintosh lbw b Webster 0, F. Stephenson c Parkinson b Smith 20, Carter b Smith 103, R. Hudson b Crossdale 13, J. Snowden c Hemondhalgh b Crossdale 19, S. Moore c Hemondhalgh b Smith 18, J. Talbot not out 3, P. Gilmarin not out 12, extras 26, total 250. Church: A. Hemondhalgh c Gilmarin b Curtis 13, R. Hemondhalgh c Hoyle b Curtis 15, R. Savage c Talbot b Snowden 0, S. Smith c Gilmarin b Curtis 51, W. Savage c Curtis 0, Newstead b Moore 10, R. Murray not out 61, E. Webster c Hudson b Curtis 16, W. Crossdale c Snowden b Curtis 1, D. Parkinson b Curtis 15, J. Haworth c Moore b Curtis 2, extras 19, total 203.

COLNE v. TOMMORDEN.—Tommorden: E. B. Shackleton run out 9, W. Greenwood b Nutter 39, Morley c Crabtree b Huxson 18, W. Hartley c and b Crabtree 23, A. Marshall c Nutter b Hargreaves c Crabtree b Harrison 29, A. Stephenson b Hargreaves 37, R. Lord not out 12, N. Barrett b Smith 0, R. Sutcliffe c Crabtree b Smith 10, W. Storch not out 5, extras 10, total 218; innings declared. Colne: Hargreaves c Morley 8, A. Harrison b Morley 9, A. Crabtree b Morley 0, W. Nutter lbw b Morley 6, H. Hargreaves b Storch 0, E. Brown lbw b Storch 0, W. Bennett c and b Hartley 61, Smith c Hargreaves b Marshall 8, J. Kitchenham not out 33, F. Harrison not out 8, extras 25, total for 8 wickets (close) 158.

RAMSBOTTOM v. RAWTENSTALL.—Rawtenstall: A. W. Tomlinson c Fetherston b Bramhall 57, T. Waller b Blackburn 35, A. Hargreaves c Wolstenholme b Day 11, Burrows b Duerr 0, J. Moore c and b Duerr 10, R. Waller c Barnes b Bradshaw 18, J. H. Woodcock c Barnes b Hickmott 4, W. Baker lbw b Blackburn 21, G. B. Fenton not out 1, R. Howarth b Blackburn 0, G. Moore c Walker b Blackburn 0, extras 17, total 154. Ramsbottom: A. Wolstenholme c Fenton b Burrows 0, J. E. Hargreaves c Baker b T. Waller 5, W. Blackburn b Burrows 14, E. Brock c Baker b Burrows 22, Barnes c R. Waller b T. Waller 4, H. Walker lbw b Burrows 2, Hickmott b Taylor 45, J. Preston not out 27, F. Bradshaw c Fenton b Burrows 14, extras 5, total for 8 wickets (close) 158.

BACUP v. ACCRINGTON.—Bacup: F. Jackson c Ramsbottom b Smith 28, H. Holt c Bray b Smith 7, C. Roberts b Llewellyn 1, Slater c Grisdale b Llewellyn 76, J. Midgley, run out 66, H. Clough c Ramsbottom b Bray 15, T. Dickenson c Ramsbottom b Jackson 22, J. Midgley, sent, not out 25, extras 6, total 231; innings declared. Accrington: J. Ramsbottom b Slater 24, G. Cunliffe b Turner 9, J. Grisdale b Slater 8, Llewellyn st. Lord b Midgley 57, A. Finckley c Lord b Slater 17, R. Smith b Slater 0, W. Finckley c Clough b Musk 2, Wade c Slater b Musk 0, W. Bray c Midgley b Musk 0, J. Inman lbw b Midgley 11, F. Spry not out 5, extras 1, total 151.

ENFIELD v. BURNLEY.—Enfield: G. Boardman b Horsley 9, S. Edwards b Horsley 76, D. Smalley c Lavender b Horsley 0, Howles b Horsley 44, E. Paynter b Horsley 2, J. Hargreaves b Horsley 2, G. Hargreaves b Horsley 6, W. Huns b Horsley 0, A. Smith c Pollard b Clegg 70, Cottam not out 25, W. Lockett not out 29, extras 12, total 274. Burnley: E. H. Clegg c J. Hargreaves b Cottam 48, T. A. Coupe run out 0, J. Dawson c Boardman b Hargreaves 21, T. Crowder b J. Hargreaves 0, T. Lavender c Smith b J. Hargreaves 21, Horsley c J. Hargreaves b Cottam 23, E. Drson b Cottam 0, A. Simpson c G. Hargreaves b Cottam 6, W. A. Smith lbw b Cottam 1, A. Harrison b Cottam 0, A. Pollard not out 31, extras 13, total 164.

LOWERHOUSE v. HASLINGDEN.—Lowerhouse: A. Spencer c Lees b Williams 17, H. Smith c Riley b Williams 4, R. Towler b Williams 13, Cook b Rhodes 0, J. Jackson c Lees b Williams 11, G. Christie b Hargreaves 8, F. Shutt b Williams 6, M. J. Walker c Rhoades b Riley 30, A. Smalley b Riley 0, W. Wade not out 10, H. Pickett lbw b Williams 6, extras 4, total 109. Haslingden: J. F. Bastow c Cook 0, A. Blackburn b Cook 5, A. Rhoades c Smalley b Cook 21, H. Ashburn b Cook 0, Cook 19, Williams b Cook 23, W. Hargreaves c and b Cook 24, E. Christie c Towler b Pickett 26, G. Hinde c Smith b Cook 2, W. Lees not out 27, T. Wollock c Towler b Cook 19, extras 9, total 176.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Saturday's matches in the Central Lancashire League were very interesting and one of the best was that between Middleton and Rochdale at Middleton. The visitors batted first and declared at 247 for nine wickets. Middleton made a spirited effort to play out time,

but the last ball of the match dismissed their last man with the total 177. A notable feature of the match was the splendid performance of Parkin, who played a brilliant innings of 115 and afterwards took five wickets for 65 runs. Howes, the Littleborough bowler, was again in fine form and against Royton took five wickets for 20 runs. Royton were dismissed for 83, against a total of 193 for six by Littleborough.

Milrow, who were at home to Oldham, did well to win. Bating first they had lost six wickets for 35 when Thornton and Field made a stand and the score was carried to 146. These two players also had a good share in the dismissal of Oldham for 98, Thornton taking four wickets for 12, and Field three for one. Crompton paid a visit to Moorside with some hope of success, but a score of 134 was passed by Moorside for the loss of seven wickets. Castleton Moor had no difficulty in defeating their visitors from Walsden, and the match between Werneth and Heywood after an exciting finish ended in a draw. Results:—

•Rochdale (9) 247 Middleton 177

•Littleborough (6) 193 Royton 83

•Moorside (7) 137 Crompton 134

•Castleton Moor (9) 216 Walsden 147

•Milrow 146 Oldham 98

SOUTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Swinton met with an unexpected defeat in the South Lancashire League on Saturday. Thornham scored 217, to which E. Fitton contributed 70, and although H. Entwistle scored 55, the Swinton innings closed at 128, W. Daniel taking five wickets for 45 and F. Watson four for 29. There was a sensational finish at Clifton, where Barton Hall were defeated through R. Boardman performing the "hat trick" with the last three balls of the match. Clifton scored 163, and of these H. Coupo credited himself with 63. Fieldhouse beat Newton Heath by 10 runs, their success in a large measure being due to C. Thornycroft, who, in addition to scoring 45, took seven wickets for 29. J. Kay again came to the rescue of Unsworth, for after contributing the highest score he took five wickets for 19. The Eccles and Norden match was drawn. Eccles scored 157 for eight of which G. Rushton 48, E. Plevin 33 (not out), and A. Ramsbottom 31, were the highest contributors. At the close Norden were 75 for four wickets. Results:—

•Eccles (8) 167 Norden (4) 75

•Thornham 217 Swinton 126

•Fieldhouse 116 Newton Heath 106

•Tudhoe 117 Swinton 126

•Clifton 163 Barton Hall 72

BOLTON LEAGUE.

•Farnworth 202 Kearsley 114

•Radcliffe (7) 242 Athley Bridge (4) 182

•Heaton 115 Easley 83

•Social Circle 159 Bradshaw (7) 83

•Westhoughton (5) 134 Little Lever 129

•Tonge 200 Darcy Lever (4) 161

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY v. BRADFORD (WARRS).—Manchester University concluded their home matches on Saturday at Fallowfield. Bradford retired defeated by six wickets, and the varsity, E. S. Broome c six four wickets for 12 runs and A. H. Broome five for 52. Scores:—

Bradford: J. Smith c E. b. A. Broome 26, C. Bray c Bland b E. Broome 28, R. A. W. Kerne lbw b Pantier 1, Dr. Shackleton c E. b. A. Broome 10, H. S. Sparling c Scott b A. Broome 9, O. H. Stead b E. Broome 20, G. E. Batty b E. Broome 8, G. L. Hoggan b E. Broome 0, F. Noble c A. b. E. Broome 4, G. Mountain c Pender b A. Broome 5, L. V. Vaughan not out 0, Extras 1

Manchester University: A. F. C. Davey b G. Sparling 6, G. P. Rowbotham c E. S. Broome 5, E. S. Broome c Bray b Walker 16, T. C. Farmer not out 36, T. Scott b Hodgen 8, A. H. Broome not out 1, Extras 11

BURNAGE v. ALTRINCHAM.—At Burnage, Altrincham: W. Thomas c Herring b Beckett 4, R. Da Costa c Knowles b Butt 155, T. Woolley b Hands 13, W. Waterhouse b Butt 11, H. Powell run out 0, E. Raiband c Hodgson b Hands 13, R. H. Benson b Butt 1, T. Withington c Huxley b Butt 2, A. Withington b Butt 2, W. Tomlinson c Herring b Hands 8, sub., not out 0, extras 2, total 71. Burnage: C. A. Hands b Waterhouse 4, W. F. Huxley b W. Woolley 12, E. Dickson lbw b Waterhouse 0, E. T. W. Butt c A. Withington b Woolley 5, J. Knowles c Thomas b Woolley 23, F. Hodgkinson c Da Costa b Woolley 0, O. L. Shrewsbury c Da Costa b Waterhouse 6, P. Ridley c Da Costa b Woolley 5, W. Hodgson not out 11, C. W. Herring b Waterhouse 6, W. A. Beckett c Woolley b Raiband 19, extras 3, total 96.

SOUTH MANCHESTER v. BRAMHALL.—At Burton Road, Withington. Scores:—

Bramhall: T. H. Heald b Watson 25, W. S. Higgins b Dutton 10, R. Haigh run out 10, H. Dawson b Watson 6, P. Simpson c Heald b A. Haigh 7, H. Lee b Watson 45, R. Hills b Watson 0, F. Gabbott c Watson b Dutton 4, F. R. Vigand c Gabbott b Dawson 4, W. Mitchell b Dutton 43, W. Lees b Watson 14, R. Conroy run out 2, A. Haigh not out 2, Extras 5

Total 160

Total (5 wks.) 177

DIDSBURY v. CHEADLE HULME.—At Didsbury.

Didsbury: A. E. Thorp c Callison b Sutton 26, A. H. Turner b Knight 15, J. B. Booth b Marsden 13, J. H. Molyne b Sutton 0, B. Hobbington c Seward b Knight 36, U. Eccles lbw b Sutton 1, R. Hobson b Marsden 1, G. H. White c and b Marsden 0, E. Fairhurst c Hargreaves b Marsden 2, C. Swift b Marsden 2, A. Renshaw not out 8, Extras 9

Total 115

BROOKLANDS v. ALDERLEY EDGE.—At Brooklands.

Brooklands: F. H. Buchanan c Midwood b Renshaw 3, J. Whitehead c Mainprice b Platt 1, G. Bradburn c Boddington b Platt 16, D. Sullivan lbw b Mainprice 59, W. Gaskell b Bellhouse 9, F. Howard at Midwood b Platt 3, J. Allured b Bellhouse 5, C. H. Normanton c Bellhouse b Platt 41, Le Hoy b Platt 3, W. Clarke not out 10, J. Marshall c Gemmill b Platt 3, Extras 3

Total 152

CHORLTON-CUM-CLAYDON v. EARLESTOWN.—At Chorlton.

Chorlton: H. C. Gill b Fairhurst 69, H. R. Clasen lbw b F. Valentine 24, C. A. Butt b Fairhurst 1, C. Radford b Fairhurst 3, G. Barlow b Macklin 9, C. C. McBean c Alderson b Fairhurst 51, J. Crawford c Leigh b Macklin 11, J. H. Wright not out 12, J. Pennington not out 2, Extras 23

Total (for 7) 203

HURMSTON v. NEWTON-LEWILLOWS.—At Newton-le-Willows.

Hurmston: N. Bryner c Walton b Hindley 3, H. Morton c Hindley b Willan 7, J. E. Furness c Thomson b Hindley 0, C. Smith b Geo. 3, R. Smith c and b Edgar 58, A. Savery c Dudgeon b Willan 15, H. Kinder b Edgar 2, C. Atherton c Dudgeon b Willan 13, A. E. Storer not out 32, E. C. Higham c Hindley b Willan 0, J. H. Lawrence c Marsh b Hindley 5, Extras 22

Total 144

BOWDON v. TILPERLEY.—At Bowdon. Scores:—

F. Shuttleworth c F. Schollfield b Rigby 23, K. M. Dunsun c Troharm b Killick 11, C. H. Tattersall b Rigby 5, H. L. Thompson b Rigby 1, J. L. Livesley c Beck b J. Schollfield 34, Evers c F. Schollfield b Rigby 0, C. H. S. Moss c J. Schollfield b Killick 4, A. Watson b Killick 13, A. F. Pull run out 0, F. Bell not out 12, W. H. Healy b Killick 0, Extras 7

Total 113

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At Ashton. Scores:—

Ashton-Under-Lynde: A. Smith c Cookson b Nield 21, P. Hodson lbw b Littlewood 119, T. A. Rothwell b Littlewood 10, S. D. Roberts c Nield b Littlewood 10, H. S. Clarke c Pownall b Littlewood 0, T. H. Garstang c Pownall b Littlewood 0, R. Allen b Littlewood 5, W. Knight at W. Taylor b Littlewood 4, E. Lomax at W. Taylor b Hilton 7, H. Redford c W. Taylor b Littlewood 0, J. M. Chadwick not out 1, Extras 14

Total 188

Total (8 wks.) 283

**AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS.
MINOR COUNTY MATCH ON THE
MEADOWS.**

LANCASHIRE II. WELL BEATEN.

Lancashire II. met Northumberland in a minor county match on the Alexandra Meadows on Wednesday and Thursday. It is fifteen years since a similar game was played in Blackburn, and recollection of it is necessarily indistinct, but it is safe to say that this week's encounter will soon be one with its distant predecessor, there was so little in it worth a place in the storehouse of memory. Shortly expressed, Lancashire II. were defeated by an innings and 32 runs, and fully deserved it as far as their prowess with the bat were concerned. They have only won one match this season—that, strangely enough, at the expense of Northumberland—whilst their opponents this week have won but three, including their easy victory on Thursday. With such combatants as these, "batting like a book" was naturally not expected; in any case there was little of it from Lancashire II. The Lancashire XI. included several local celebrities, among whom were F. H. Hollins, of Leyland, who acted as captain, "Josh." Coulthurst (East Lancashire C.C.), Webster (Church C.C.), and H. Douthwaite, the ex-Lancaster Grammar School boy, who, though he has yet to attain his majority, has figured in the first eleven of his county.

The game began on Wednesday morning, and there was a fair attendance when Northumberland came out to bat. The opening pair were C. F. Stanger-Leathes, the "crack" Newcastle amateur, and captain of the Northumberland side, and L. J. Couves, Threlfall and Massey took up the attack. Both men batted confidently, and well, and it came as something of a surprise when Couves spooned a simple ball into the hands of Boddington, the stumper, when he had obtained four runs, and those by means of a solitary boundary stroke. Four, in fact, seemed to be an unfortunate total, for the next batter, U. W. Dickinson, a left hander, had his bails removed by Threlfall when he had attained that figure, and only a total of thirteen runs stood to the credit of Northumberland. Hereabouts Lancashire's chance of a win seemed distinctly good, but it was not to be, for with the advent of N. Whitfield the batters got a better grip of the attack, and runs came in "bunches," and speedily. Stanger-Leathes and Whitfield practically won the match, as events proved, for although J. L. Towler later came along with a useful half-century, still the partnership between the two batters added 74 runs before Whitfield departed through a catch in the slips. Then Coulthurst was put on to bowl, and he performed his task well. His concluding figures, three for 41, were the best the attack produced, but even then scarcely did him justice, for Boddington dropped a catch, and generally speaking the deliveries of the Blackburn amateur had a "devil" all their own. He was several times "no-balled"—an unusual experience for him—whilst one of his deliveries rose smartly and smote Towler on the ear, knocking him flat. He soon recovered, however. Stanger-Leathes' 72, was the highest individual total the match produced.

Lancashire II. came in to bat with the task of surpassing 237 runs. In this they failed lamentably. W. Ellis, the Whalley man, who combines football and cricket with easy facility, partnered C. Leach as the opening pair. When these two went the innings became a procession. Thirteen players were caught out in the two innings, mute proof of bad Lancashire placing and smart Northumberland field work, and everyone had "come and went" for 113 runs. Lancashire thus had the follow-on on Wednesday, with 45 minutes to play. That short period was an absolute disaster. Ellis was out to the first ball of the innings, and Leach left with eight runs to his credit. Douthwaite was the only player to make any sort of a stand, and his 22 was smartly compiled. The day's play closed with the Lancashire score at 52 for four wickets.

Thursday's proceedings lasted just twenty-nine minutes, and in that time Lancashire's hopes of a win vanished like snow in sunshine. The previous day's procession was repeated, and the last four batsmen contrived to add a meagre eleven runs only. The net result was a heavy defeat. Surry and Hetherington, the former of whom took four wickets for 17 runs on Thursday morn, were the bowling heroes. The elongated Surry took nine wickets for 82 runs, and Hetherington nine for 32. On Wednesday the attendance was quite good, but on Thursday, following the collapse of Lancashire, the spectators totalled only a mere handful. The detailed scores are as follow:—

**NORTHUMBERLAND.
First Innings.**

C. F. Stanger-Leathes c Webster b Massey	72
L. J. Couves c Boddington b Threlfall	4
U. W. Dickinson b Threlfall	4
N. Whitfield c Webster b Watson	23
F. Wood b Coulthurst	6
Hetherington b Threlfall	15
J. L. Towler b Webster	50
F. T. Broadbent b Coulthurst	11
Milne b Coulthurst	0
B. H. Surry b Webster	23
G. E. Wilkinson not out	6
Extras	19
Total	237

**LANCASHIRE II.
First Innings.**

W. Ellis b Surry	36
C. Leach c Milne b Hetherington	11
H. Douthwaite c Wilkinson b Hetherington	3
Watson c Milne b Hetherington	12
C. G. Boddington b Surry	2
Mitchell b Hetherington	4
F. H. Hollins c Wood b Surry	5
F. Webster c Couves b Surry	13
Threlfall c Milne b Surry	14
J. Coulthurst not out	6
W. Massey c Dickinson b Hetherington	8
Extras	2
Total	113

Second Innings.

W. Ellis c Surry b Hetherington	0
C. Leach b Hetherington	8
H. Douthwaite c Broadbent b Hetherington	22
Watson b Surry	15
C. G. Boddington c Surry b Towler	16
Mitchell run out	8
F. H. Hollins c Milne b Hetherington	12
F. Webster c Couves b Surry	6
Threlfall c and b Surry	1
J. Coulthurst not out	0
W. Massey b Surry	4
Extras	6
Total	92

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Northumberland.—First Innings: Threlfall, 19-2-67-3; Massey, 15-2-31-1; Webster, 7-2-1-27-2; Watson, 15-2-52-1; J. Coulthurst, 10-2-41-3.
Lancashire II.—First Innings: Milne, 8-2-17-0; Hetherington, 19-5-3-60-5; Surry, 12-1-34-3.
Second Innings: Hetherington, 15-2-32-4; Surry, 10-4-1-48-4; Towler, 2-0-6-1.
Northumberland won by an innings and 32 runs.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

BLACKBURN NOMADS v. PRESTON GARRISON.

Played at Church on Thursday. Scores:
NOMADS.—H. Brandwood bow. b Davey, 3; J. Tucker run out, 1; Dr. Christopher b Davey, 16; P. Woodcock c Davey b Plant, 52; R. Newstead b Plant, 18; H. Bateson retired hurt, 14; W. Walmsley c Dunbar b Nutter, 15; J. Walsh c Ward b Plant, 7; J. Windsor not out, 11; H. Houghton c Dunbar b Davey, 9; T. Haworth c Dunbar b Davey, 6; extras, 23; total, 175.
PRESTON GARRISON.—Cpl. Plant b Woodcock, 24; Major Smith b Woodcock, 21; Nutter b Brandwood, 1; Thorpe b Woodcock, 9; Churchill bow. b Houghton, 2; Lockyer c Newstead b Woodcock, 15; Major Dunbar b Houghton, 10; Fleckheart b Newstead, 15; Davey b Woodcock, 14; Ward b Woodcock, 0; White not out, 6; extras, 13; total, 128.
BOWLING ANALYSIS.—Nomads' Innings: Davey, 11-3-3-46-4; Smith, 7-2-9-0; Dunbar, 7-0-27-0; Plant, 10-1-33-3; Nutter, 7-1-39-1; Preston Garrison Innings: Brandwood, 8-1-23-1; Woodcock, 16-4-3-51-6; Houghton, 5-0-27-2; Newstead, 3-0-9-1.

BLACKPOOL v. DARWEN.

Played at Whitegate, Blackpool, on Wednesday. Scores:
BLACKPOOL.—F. Greenwood c Pollard b Holt, 15; W. D. Haworth b Pollard, 60; F. Spring b Pollard, 0; W. Ellis bow. b Holt, 1; R. Aspin c Kershaw b Pollard, 23; W. Bowman c H. Cooper b Hampson, 24; G. Carpenter b Pollard, 4; J. Benton b Pollard, 0; R. Yates b Kershaw, 8; Edge b Pollard, 0; W. Swan not out, 8; extras, 10; total, 140.
DARWEN.—T. Cooper c Bowman b Edge, 0; J. Kershaw c Ellis b Edge, 1; Pollard c Bowman b Haworth, 70; A. Whittaker c Carpenter, 8; G. W. Fish c Spring b Haworth, 3; C. Wilkin b Haworth, 9; J. Hampson b Edge, 5; J. Lightbrown b Haworth, 0; A. H. Holt run out, 20; R. Yates c Ellis b Haworth, 10; R. Powell not out, 1; extras, 12; total, 139.

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

LANCASHIRE 2ND v. DURHAM.

TWO-DAY FIXTURE AT LUNE-ROAD.

Having tried unsuccessfully to induce the County club to allocate a first-class fixture to Lancaster, the local club officials did the next best thing, and accepted the offer of a Minor Counties championship game, the match being that against Durham. The game took place on Wednesday and yesterday, and provided two full days' cricket. This was a return game, the Durham eleven having been winners at home by an innings and over a hundred runs. Lancashire relied upon an eleven which contained only one member who had been concerned in the previous fixture. They included in the side three members of Lancaster, and two from Preston. Lancaster were represented by H. Douthwaite, F. G. Banks, and E. Duffy; whilst Preston's men were F. H. Hollins, who had the honour of being captain, and Capt. Howard. The side was completed by N. Brymer (Urmston), E. A. Rothband (Cheetham Hill), Brown (Littleborough), Webster (Church), and Taylor and Ellis (of the ground staff).

There was a moderate attendance when the match commenced, Durham, who won the toss, taking first knock on a wicket rendered heavy through the recent rain. Oliver and Weight, the latter the only "pro" in the side, opened to the bowling of Taylor and Banks. Both men treated the bowling cautiously, and maintained that attitude throughout their association, which lasted two hours and forty minutes, and produced 110 runs. Bowling changes were repeatedly made but the batsmen were not to be drawn. Weight made the best progress, but at the end of an hour, only 40 runs had been scored, the fifty coming fifteen minutes later. Oliver was very patient, and when at the end of an hour and three-quarters' play, Weight reached fifty out of 71, his partner had never made a stroke that brought more than a couple. At 82 luncheon was taken.

After resuming, the batsmen retained their cautious methods. When Weight left, with the score at 110, he had made 82 by quiet cricket, never giving a real chance. Oliver stayed on and saw three men depart whilst the score was being taken to 165. Douthwaite distinguishing himself, whilst fielding at short leg, by taking two catches. Fifth out, for 55, Oliver was batting three hours and twenty minutes. Three wickets fell with the total at 165, J. T. Marsl all being Rothband's second victim, after he had sent down seven overs for as many runs. The later batsmen were rather more enterprising, and had briefer stays. The 200 was signalled when the eighth wicket partnership was under weigh, Brooks and Heavyside adding 30 for this wicket, by keen cricket. The ninth wicket was not very troublesome, but the last pair added 21. Rothband had the best bowling figures. He was always troublesome, as his analysis proves. Banks had two long spells of bowling at either end, and kept a very fair length, being unlucky not to meet with more success. Durham were batting 4½ hours. Duffy kept wicket exceedingly well, and had hard luck in not getting a "stumped" decision.

Lancashire commenced their reply at 5-10 p.m., having an hour and twenty minutes to bat. Whilst they concluded in a slightly worse position relatively to their opponents, they had made a very useful start. Capt. Howard went in first, with Ellis, and this pair were soon busy getting runs all round the wicket. After forty-five minutes play the 50 was passed, and at the end of an hour, the total was 75, both men showing enterprise. About this stage Brooks commenced bowling. A "googly" with a mixed delivery, he tied both batsmen to have a go. Both nibbled, but Ellis went first. He let out and gave Weight a chance which he held, the score at this time being 76. Douthwaite was next man, and his first scoring stroke, a boundary, was warmly applauded. Capt. Howard did not stay long after this. He snicked one from Brooks, and Marshall fielding slip, held it, his contribution being 34. Hollins, the captain, joined Douthwaite, and these two played out time, the score at the close being 93 for two. Scores:—

DURHAM.

A. Oliver b Rothband	55
Weight c Hollins b Banks	62
T. Kinch c Douthwaite b Brown	7
G. Scott-Page c Douthwaite b Brown	13
J. R. Wake b Taylor	10
H. Brooks c Hollins b Brown	30
J. T. Marshall b Rothband	0
J. J. Common c Brown b Taylor	0
H. Heavyside b Banks	17
T. Newcombe not out	8
W. Spiller run out	0
Extras	24

Total 241

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Taylor	30	4	58	2
Banks	24	7	70	2
Webster	9	2	13	0
Rothband	15	11	9	2
Brown	27	5	67	3

YESTERDAY'S PLAY.

Douthwaite and Hollins re-started the Lancashire innings yesterday morning. Within five minutes the century had been passed, and the score quickly mounted to 117, when the local player lifted a delivery from Spiller to Heavyside, who held the ball. Brown joined the captain, who had made four boundary strokes in succession. The new comer also hit out, but did not stay long, being well caught and bowled by Weight when he had made eleven. Brymer, the Urmston amateur, a left-hander, filled the vacancy. Hollins, who had had several strokes of luck, went out to a ball from Weight, and was well stumped. Taylor came in to join Brymer, and after a quiet spell Brooks, the googly bowler, went on for Spiller, Brown getting him away for two and four in his first over. At 170 Brymer, who had batted carefully, was run out by Taylor. F. G. Banks succeeded, but three runs later he lost his partner, who was clean bowled by Weight. Webster had a short stay, being caught and bowled by Brooks, after hitting a single. Banks had a short stay, scoring but two runs before being stumped. Duffy only had a couple of deliveries, returning the second one to the bowler. The last five wickets only added eight runs, the innings concluding after two hours and thirty-five minutes' batting.

LANCASHIRE.

Capt. Howard c Marshall b Brooks	34
Ellis c Weight b Brooks	37
H. Douthwaite c Heavysides b Spiller	17
F. H. Hollins st Common b Weight	20
Brown c and b Weight	11
N. Brymer run out	10
Taylor b Weight	10
F. G. Banks st Common b Weight	2
Webster c and b Brooks	0
E. A. Rothband not out	4
E. Duffy c and b Weight	0
Extras	23

Total 178

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	W.	R.
Weight	24	7	57	5
Spiller	15	4	40	1
Marshall	10	2	22	0
Brooks	9	0	20	3

Durham commenced their second innings an hour before lunch with Oliver and Weight, but the former returned before a run had been scored. Weight was joined by Kinch, who offered resistance, and defied the bowling for fifty runs. Kinch made all the runs, but was eventually out lbw to Rothband. At lunch the score was 51 for three.

After the luncheon interval, despite bowling changes, wickets did not fall too cheaply. The visiting batsmen exhibited very little enterprise, Weight being at the wicket ninety

minutes for 23 runs. The Lancashire bowling did not appear over difficult, but the Durham batsmen paid them great respect.

Lancashire second had 238 to make to win in an hour and three quarters. They made a sorry show, losing Ellis with only one run on the board. Howard and Douthwaite departed at 30, and six were out for 60. Webster added interest to the innings by hitting Weight for fourteen in one over, including two sixes. His stay was short, and with his departure the innings was soon concluded, an hour and twenty minutes play sufficing to give Durham the victory, by 145 runs. Weight and Spiller bowled unchanged. The batsmen all adopted hitting tactics, and the bowlers had good figures in consequence. Duffy, who bagged a "pair," took his second venture under difficulties, having a damaged hand, which prevented him keeping wicket during the greater part of the Durham second innings, Ellis taking his place. Scores and analysis:—

DURHAM (2ND INNINGS).

A. Oliver b Brown	23
Weight c Brown b Brymer	0
T. Kinch lbw b Rothband	41
G. Scott-Page b Brown	4
J. R. Wake b Brown	4
H. Brooks c Banks b Taylor	20
J. T. Marshall c Banks b Taylor	17
J. J. Common c Taylor b Rothband	20
H. Heavyside b Rothband	33
T. Newcombe not out	8
W. Miller not out	0
Extras	4

Total declared (for nine) .. 183

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brown	14	2	36	3
Taylor	19	4	46	2
Rothband	10	1	39	3
Banks	14	3	35	0
Webster	3	1	5	0
Brymer	8	5	18	1

LANCASHIRE (2ND INNINGS).

Ellis c Weight b Spiller	1
Capt. Howard b Spiller	19
H. Douthwaite b Weight	14
Brown b Weight	4
N. Brymer lbw b Weight	18
Taylor lbw b Spiller	6
F. G. Banks c Scott-Page b Weight	0
F. H. Hollins b Spiller	5
Webster st Common b Weight	21
Rothband not out	4
Duffy c Scott-Page b Weight	0
Extras	9

Total 101

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weight	13.5	3	50	6
Spiller	13	3	42	4

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

In the Lancashire League games on Saturday there was some sensational cricket and several surprising results. One of the most notable was the defeat of Bacup by Lowerhouse, whose success was all the more surprising as Bacup were in the running for the championship, while Lowerhouse were at the bottom of the table.

Lowerhouse easily reached this total, and their innings closed with the score at 151. For the winners Cooke took six wickets for 26 runs. There was some interesting play and an exciting finish at Rawtenstall, where Burnley were the visitors. The home side batted first, and were all out for 78. Burnley made a good bid for victory, but their last wicket fell with the score at 75.

Haslingden obtained an easy victory at Accrington. The visitors opened the game, and put up a score of 94. Against this Accrington made a poor show; one after the other fell easy victims to the attack, and the side were all out for 28.

Willock bowled with great judgment, and took six wickets for seven runs. Another team to fall badly were Todmorden, who were dismissed for the meagre total of 33 at Church against a total of 109.

In this match Webster bowled well for Church, taking six wickets for 19 runs. Nelson's total of 204 for five at Histon, which included 67 by Bradshaw and 52 by J. Mutch, was the biggest of the afternoon.

Ramsbottom on their own ground defeated East Lancashire after an exciting finish, in which a ninth-wicket stand by Wolstenholme and Isherwood yielded 58 runs. Scores:—

FAST LANCASHIRE v. RAMSBOTTOM.—Fast Lancashire: R. G. Bradshaw c Wolstenholme b Hickmott 17, C. A. Milford c Isherwood b Hickmott 0, Norbury b Bradshaw 29, J. Torrance b Bradshaw 0, A. Dawson run out 20, H. Emmett b Hickmott 4, P. Hickman run out 2, O. W. Wemberton b Bradshaw 7, H. Bradshaw b Bradshaw 6, Gaultthorpe c Brooks b Hickmott 0, Mercer not out 10, extras 5, total 97. Ramsbottom: F. Foster b Norbury 13, J. P. Horrocks b Norbury 2, H. Walker b Norbury 1, G. Brooks b Norbury 7, J. Preston c Milford b Norbury 6, Hickmott b Bradshaw 4, T. Haines b Bradshaw 1, A. Wolstenholme c Mercer b Bradshaw 45, F. Bradshaw c Dawson b Norbury 0, J. Isherwood not out 32, P. Underhill not out 1, extras 6, total (for nine) 117.

innings of 54 by A. Shore they applied the closure at 208 for nine. Werneth, however, managed to stave off defeat, and when stumps were drawn had scored 144 for the loss of eight wickets. Brown, the Littleborough professional, still continues to keep up his fine form, and in the match at Castleton he was almost unplayable and took seven wickets for 24 runs. The home side batted first and were dismissed for 70. Littleborough passed this total for the loss of four wickets, but they played on and carried the score to 116.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for Crompton (for 5), Littleborough, Minrow, Middleton, Oldham (for 9) and Royalton, Castle Moor, Moorside, Heywood, Werneth (for 9).

BOLTON LEAGUE.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for Westoughton (for 2), Darcy Lever, Longe (for 7), Stodolice, Asley Lodge and Special Circle, Bradshaw, Kearsley, Focky, Little Lever.

SOUTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.

Swinton made no mistake about obtaining the points necessary to secure them the championship of the South Lancashire League. Against Barton Hall they scored 204 for eight and declared. H. W. Mills (61) and G. Pickering (54) gave an excellent display.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for Swinton (for 3), Swinton 2nd, Newton Heath 2nd, Barton Hall, Unsworth, Eccles, Burton Hall 2nd, Eccles 2nd.

URMSTON v. WORSLEY.—At Urmston. Savery took seven wickets for 37 runs.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for E. Rogerson b Savery, C. T. L. Millington b Parr, R. H. Stanning c Savery b Parr, T. Walwork c Higham b Parr, H. G. Ross b Savery, F. Gately c and b Savery, W. E. Dowling b Savery, F. J. Cress c Woodhouse b Savery, J. E. Duncan b Savery, W. Blatchford not out, G. Barton c Woodhouse b Savery, Extras.

STAND v. GORTON.—At Taylor took seven wickets for seven runs.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for A. Smith b Bonnell, H. Warburton lbw b Bonnell, S. D. Roberts c Bowler b Tallantire, T. A. J. Rathgell b Chappell, F. Lomax b Chappell, T. H. Grestang et Radcliffe b Pickup, H. Shepherd c Radcliffe b Mammion, E. N. Taylor b Pickup, W. Rowe not out, Extras.

SOUTH MANCHESTER v. DIDSBURY.—At Burton Road.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for A. H. Turner c Dutton b Simpson, H. E. Thorp c Dutton b Simpson, P. M. Marrian c Watson b Simpson, J. D. Booth c Marshall b Simpson, F. Sinn not out, H. Holington c Marshall b Simpson, R. Hildon lbw b Dutton, J. Melville c Duckworth b Simpson, F. Fairhurst c Dalton b Simpson, G. H. White not out, Extras.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for E. Crossland c Crook b Ingley, F. W. Cheetham b Darlington, W. Collins b Burt, H. Lawton c and b Darlington, A. Thorneycroft c Crook b Dickinson, H. Dickinson run out, W. Hobbs c Hoald b J. Clark, G. C. Williamson not out, N. Cox b Dickinson, J. Threlwell c Crook b Burt, Extras.

LYTHAM v. CHEETHAM HILL.—At Lytham.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for H. Catterall b Rothband, F. N. Percival c and b Simpson, G. Heeson c Rothband, Threlwell c L. R. Wiggin, R. P. Preece-Smith b Simpson, J. A. Shelmerdine c Jackson b Simpson, G. C. Schofield b Rothband, H. Jones b Rothband, J. R. Foley c Threlwell, W. R. Wood b Rothband, J. Huggan not out, Extras.

BROOKLANDS v. BOWDEN.—At Brooklands.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for R. H. Yeas lbw b J. O'Sullivan, F. B. Schofield b J. O'Sullivan, D. P. Grehan c and b Allured b Gaskell, R. Aubrey b Hayhurst, K. Jigby b Hayhurst, C. B. Gorton c and b Hayhurst, F. S. Church b Marshall, J. A. Schofield c Gaskell b Marshall, A. J. Cross not out, N. Hick lbw b Allured, T. D. Killok not out, Extras.

PRESTWICH v. CHEETHAM.—At Prestwich.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for J. H. Crank b Sinclair, E. C. Swain b S. Holt, H. Rowlinson b Holt, C. Budge c Holt, A. D. Lee b S. Holt, W. G. Martin c Blyth b Holt, B. M. Gilbert c Ball b Holt, A. B. Masterton not out, J. Sylvester b Holt, S. Towler b Holt, F. Fearey c and b Blyth, Extras.

SPOCKPORT v. BRIGHTON.—At Spockport.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for D. P. Webb b Denton, G. Rogerson c Follows b Denton, P. W. Anderson b May, H. J. Harrison b Denton, H. M. Tomson b May, H. Rogerson c Follows b May, H. Windsor lbw b Denton, H. Roberts b Helme, S. S. Bancroft not out, O. Rowbottom b Denton, W. Taylor b Denton, Extras.

BIRCH v. BURY 2ND.—At Fall-wield.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Runs/Wickets. Includes entries for G. Johnson b Hartley, J. K. Harrison b Allan, O. J. A. Simpson c Holmes b Allan, F. Smith b Allan, C. Currie lbw b Hartley, J. Currie lbw b Hartley, W. Roberts b Hartley, W. Peers lbw b Allan, P. W. Anderson b May, H. J. Harrison b Denton, H. M. Tomson b May, H. Rogerson c Follows b May, H. Windsor lbw b Denton, H. Roberts b Helme, S. S. Bancroft not out, O. Rowbottom b Denton, W. Taylor b Denton, Extras.