

WILTS COUNTY CRICKET.

OPENING: EXTRAORDINARY DRAW WITH SURREY 2ND.

Wiltshire county team opened its season this week, meeting Surrey II., at the Oval. At the close of play on Monday Wiltshire had much the best of it, being only 22 runs behind Surrey's 284 with eight wickets in hand. On Tuesday they raised their overnight 262 to 461 for eight, and then (at lunch time) Awdry declared. The Surrey team played out time, but only by the skin of their teeth, their tenth wicket falling on the very stroke of time. As will be seen from the score Wiltshire has a new player in A. A. Bankier, who made the top score; his partnership with Newman was the feature of the match, producing 201 runs. Ensor was last year's Dulwich captain. Scores:—

SURREY II.	
First Innings.	2nd Innings.
D. Roberts, st Davenport, b Jennings	19 ht wkt, b Jennings ...
B. W. Bullock, b Overton	34 b Jennings
H. A. Peckham, b Overton	7 c Overton, b Jennings 2
W. T. Cook, c Taunton, b Jennings	101 c Ensor, b Butler ...
M. S. Shapcott, st Davenport, b Jennings 0	b Newman
T. Abel, c and b Overton	15 not out
Cole, b Newman	18 b Overton
Baldwin, b Overton ...	48 b Knight
Sullivan, b Jennings...	0 c Ensor, b Knight ...
Sadler, c Newman, b Overton	23 c Awdry, b Jennings 0
Jennings, not out	15 c Awdry, b Knight ...
Extras	7 Extras
Total	284 Total
262	281

WILTSHIRE.	
H. Taunton, b Roberts	66
G. S. Butler, b Roberts	2
Newman, c Sullivan, b Jennings	131
A. A. Bankier, b Baldwin	114
R. W. Awdry, lbw, b Jennings	11
Colonel H. F. Darell, b Jennings	16
A. G. Ensor, not out	64
G. C. Davenport, b Abel	21
S. Jennings, c Cole, b Jennings	11
Overton, not out	15
Extras	23
Total (for 8 wkts)	461

*Innings declared closed.—J. W. Knight did not bat

ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.

SURREY II.—1st Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Butler	9	1	42
Overton	22	3	94
Jennings	14	1	81

SURREY II.—2nd Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Newman	15	1	36
Knight	3	0	24
Awdry	3	1	13

WILTSHIRE.—1st Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Baldwin	11	1	41
Cole	7	0	21
Cook	7	0	24
Abel (T.)	10	0	40

The death has taken place at Penang (Federated Malay States) of S. R. Nicholson, who used to play for Wiltshire. Enlisting in the Army in 1914, deceased served through the war, relinquishing a commission in the Border Regiment when he went East.

WILTSHIRE'S SPLENDID START.

With reference to Wiltshire's match with Surrey 2nd XI at the Oval, a correspondent writes:— "It is many years since the Wiltshire County cricket season started in so promising a fashion as this year. In order to get Surrey to play at Swindon on Ancient Bank Ho Day it was necessary for Wiltshire to go to the Oval on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, and as several of the best players can never play so early in the season it was hardly expected that a satisfactory result would be obtained.

Surrey won the toss and batted on a perfect wicket, such as only the Oval can produce in glorious weather, before a surprisingly large crowd. Like Wiltshire last year, under just similar conditions, Surrey failed to take advantage of their opportunity and were dismissed for 284. The bowling was not very deady, but it was adequate, and everything "came off," including the stumping of Roberts on the leg side off Davenport's pads. Overton worked hard and well, and Jennings (one of the sons of the well-known Marlborough College groundman and coach) bowled steadily with a nice easy action, slow medium right hand. After Butler had left early Taunton and Newman played the fine cricket one expects from them. They added 112 to the score before Taunton left. Bankier followed, and another long partnership ensued. Newman had strained himself and tired considerably, with the result that he scored slowly, but quite soundly; but Bankier, after five or six overs, of practice in timing the ball on the exceedingly fast wicket, settled down to brilliant cricket. They played out time and were respectively 93 and 95 at the close of play.

On Tuesday they added 60 more to the score before Newman was caught at theicket for 131. He had played a really good innings, and it is most cheering to find him in such good form. Bankier pulled a ball into his wicket shortly afterwards with his score at 114. No Wiltshire player has ever scored a hundred in his first innings for the County before, and one would have to travel far to see a better innings at all. He gave no chance, and after he had found the pace of the wicket was brilliant in itself. His particular strength lies in his shots just in front of and just behind point, and his very late cuts. Wiltshire are truly to be congratulated on their find. He is about 23, was in the Winchester XI, and lives near Highworth.

At lunch time the score was 461 for 8 wickets, Ensor not out 54. He has grown more powerful and confident since last year, and should make lots of runs this year. With an eye to winning the match the innings was closed during lunch, so that there might be time for a dashing attempt on Surrey's part to turn the tables. Such an attempt, it was hoped, would lead to a decision, as it would have necessitated the taking of risks. Surrey, however, would have none of it, and "sat on the spiles" the whole afternoon. On such a beautiful wicket with moderate bowling it was no mean performance to get them out again, and though there was not time to go in again and have a dash for the runs, yet it was more than satisfactory to have made so big a score and to have got Surrey out for under 300 in each innings. The match was thoroughly cheering to all supporters of Wiltshire cricket, and the discovery of Bankier and Jennings should make a very decent side into a good one. Our hopes should run high now.

DEVIZES v. TROWBRIDGE.

Trowbridge journeyed to Devizes on Saturday to play Devizes. The visiting team, winning the toss, batted first. Ransome, Pinner and Stancomb made useful scores, and the innings realised 154 runs. The wicket was none too good, numerous balls rising shoulder high. The home side fared badly against the bowling of Hewitt and Blair, only Church reaching double figures. Hewitt had the fine analysis of 6 wickets for 18 runs.

TROWBRIDGE		DEVIZES	
Zt. Col. A. L. Ransome, b Turner	41	M. C. Ingram, o Stancomb, b Hewitt	4
A. H. Dunn, lbw, b Turner	1	B. F. H. White, run out	4
W. Lovell Hewitt, c Ellis, b Wickham	14	J. E. Hopkins, c Moore, b Hewitt	1
J. P. Pinner, b Wickham	21	P. R. Trap, b Blair	0
C. P. H. Fisher, c W. Ellis, b Wickham	3	F. J. A. Church, c Ransome, b Hewitt	19
B. H. Holmes, lbw, b Trapp	7	O. F. Jotchan, c Dunn, b Hewitt	6
F. W. Stancomb, c Davis, b Turner	22	A. F. Ellis, b Holmes	5
P. H. Moore, c White, b Trapp	10	A. E. Wickham, b Hewitt	0
S. Sturge, c and b Jotchan	0	W. W. Ellis, c and b Hewitt	1
R. Homan, c Jotchan, b Turner	2	D. Davis, c Dunn, b Blair	7
O. N. W. Blair, not out	11	A. Turner, not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	10
Total	154	Total	52

MELKSHAM v. CHIPPENHAM.

Played at Melksham on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for Chippenham, owing to the good bowling of Lucas and the batting of E. Young, B. Weakley and W. H. Porter. Scores:—

MELKSHAM		CHIPPENHAM	
F. E. Newman, b Lucas	2	W. Holder, c Mortimer, b Angell	22
A. J. Hurn, b Martin	21	E. Weakley, b Angell	0
A. J. Bullock, b Lucas	5	G. Reckless, c G. Hurn, b Angell	0
Alan Sawyer, b Lucas	5	E. Young, b F. Sawyer	47
A. G. Hurn, b Lucas	3	B. Weakley, c A. Sawyer, b F. Sawyer	38
F. Newman, b Lucas	6	A. G. Clark, b Sydee, b Angell	8
Sydee, b Lucas	16	E. T. Nelson, st. A. Hurn, b F. E. Newman	2
H. D. Brewis, b Martin	0	W. H. Porter, not out	44
F. T. Sawyer, c Bushell, b Martin	5	A. Martin, c G. Hurn, b Angell	0
B. E. Mortimer, b Lucas	0	G. Bushell, c E. Newman, b F. Sawyer	4
I. Anzell, not out	0	T. Satter, c Brewis, b Sydee	8
Extras	6	Extras	9
Total	69	Total	191

CHIPPENHAM 2nd XI v. MELKSHAM 2nd XI.
Played at Chippenham on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Chippenham by an innings and 45 runs. Scores:—

MELKSHAM 2ND.		CHIPPENHAM 2ND.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.	1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
E. Dicks, b Taylor	3	b Morse	5
W. J. Forster, c Troughton, b Holder	0	b Fudge	0
C. Davis, b Taylor	2	not out	0
A. G. Clark, b Holder	0	run out	1
B. J. Ledbury, b Holder	0	b Morse	3
H. Bosworth, not out	8	b Fudge	2
T. Milson, b Holder	1	b Richmond	1
T. Burchell, b Holder	4	b Fudge	12
E. Coward, run out	0	c and b Day	7
A. Phillips, b Taylor	1	b Fudge	0
T. Cordingley, b Taylor	0	b Morse	2
Extras	2	Extras	6
Total	21	Total	57

SPENCER-MOULTON'S v. FROME TRINITY.
Played at Bradford. Scores:—

SPENCER-MOULTON'S		FROME TRINITY	
W. Spender, b Bush	7	Rev. Stack, b Long	13
L. Windo, b Bush	3	D. C. Ellerton, lbw, b Long	5
W. Bowden, lbw, b Bush	0	F. W. Gruttwell, c Payne, b Holbrook	20
H. Payne, c and b Bush	14	F. Marriott, c Hewitt, b Long	13
W. Long, c Rev. Stack, b Bush	4	B. Scott, b Bowden	11
V. Holbrook, run out	8	R. Bush, not out	3
C. Solomon, b Bush	2	J. Pone, c Holbrook, b Bowden	3
H. Brown, not out	11	A. Edwards, b Holbrook	3
A. Smith, b Bush	3	A. E. Parker, c Brown, b Windo	1
S. Hewitt, run out	10	B. Turk, b Windo	0
W. Bailey, b Bush	7	H. Hawkins, b Wildo	0
Extras	7	Extras	21
Total	78	Total	96

SAXBY & FARMER'S v. CALNE.
Played on the firm's recreation ground on Saturday, and resulted in a very easy win for the visitors. Scores:—

SAXBY & FARMER'S		CALNE	
F. Hemmings, b Wheldoon	8	E. O. Pound, b Ross	12
H. Watts, b Wheldoon	1	E. Hes, b Phillips	28
F. Summers, c F. Merrett, b Bradford	3	W. Tysco, b Phillips	0
B. James, b Bradford	0	W. Cuff, c F. Hemmings, b Phillips	1
W. Garner, b Bradford	4	E. Merrett, b James	10
C. Hemmings, not out	8	A. Good, lbw, b James	0
F. Sidnell, b Wheldoon	3	J. Watson, b C. Hemmings	0
B. Townsend, b Wheldoon	3	F. Merrett, not out	13
A. Ross, lbw, b Bradford	0	C. Hunt, c and b James	2
W. Sroake, b Wheldoon	3	A. Wheldoon, not out	5
E. Phillips, b Wheldoon	0	Extras	8
Extras	2		
Total	36	Total (for 8 wks.)	82

BOX v. LACOCK.
Played at Box on Saturday, the home team winning by 82 runs. Going in first the visitors fared badly against the bowling of H. Milson and J. Bradfield, who bowled unchanged throughout, the first-named taking 4 wickets for 20 and the latter 6 for 18. Scores:—

LACOCK	
W. Webb, b Milson	0
R. E. Tanner, b Bradfield	0
F. Minty, b Milson	3
J. Horwood, lbw, b Bradfield	8
J. Bird, c Milson, b Bradfield	3
H. Collett, c Bradfield, b Milson	3
E. Blanchard, c Browning, b Bradfield	2
A. Hunt, b Bradfield	6
J. Jones, c and b Milson	10
L. Brinkworth, b Bradfield	0
F. Taylor, not out	1
Extras	7
Total	43

HEYTESBURY v. WARMINSTER CASUALS.
This match was played on the Heytesbury Club's ground in Lord Heytesbury's Park on Saturday afternoon, and the result was a win for Warminster, who showed much the better form both in batting and bowling. Allard brought disaster to the home team, and altogether he took seven wickets for 21 runs. For the home side Dicks scored half-a-dozen wickets for 24. Scores:—

HEYTESBURY		WARMINSTER	
Dr. H. T. Hinton, b Allard	5	F. J. Lovat, c A. Kitley, b W. Kitley	10
A. Bond, c K. Smith, b Allard	1	E. Allard, c Turner, b Bond	0
W. Kitley, b Smith	16	A. H. Coates, b Dicks	30
E. Dicks, b Allard	5	K. Smith, b Dicks	23
H. Turner, b Allard	4	H. Hughes, b Dicks	7
H. A. Perrett, c and b Allard	4	B. Marriage, c Dunford, b Dicks	2
O. Ball, b Allard	0	R. B. Titt, c Turner, b Perrett	2
T. Devlin, b Allard	0	Rev. D. Lee, not out	1
R. J. Hinton, not out	1	S. M. Smith, lbw, b Dicks	0
A. Kitley, run out	4	H. Gunnings, c and b Dicks	0
C. Dunford, b Hughes	1	S. Smith, b Perrett	0
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	47	Total	83

WEST WILTS CRICKET LEAGUE.

WESTBURY DIVISION.

WINGFIELD v. WESLEY ROAD LIBERAL CLUB. Played at Wingfield on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like V. Love, S. Couch, and A. Love.

LIBERAL CLUB. Played at North Bradley. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like W. Gerrish, S. Ferris, and H. Peator.

BRATTON v. NORTH BRADLEY. Played at North Bradley. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like T. Blaxden, L. Tinagans, and C. Burton.

NORTH BRADLEY. Played at North Bradley. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like L. Johnson, H. Townsend, and H. Harding.

MELKSHAM DIVISION. SPENCER-MOULTON'S 2nd v. CHALFIELD. Played at Chalfield. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like W. Watts, E. Pybus, and E. Head.

CHALFIELD. Played at Chalfield. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like G. Church, J. Drott, and H. Pickard.

SPENCER-MOULTON 2ND. Played at Chalfield. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like L. Fricker, S. Gerrish, and W. Uncles.

NESTON v. HOLT. Played at Neston. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Higgins, E. Sheppard, and R. Cook.

HOLT. Played at Neston. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Bennett, E. Mead, and J. Hunt.

LEAGUE TABLES. (UP TO SATURDAY, JULY 2ND).

Table showing league standings for Melksham Division with columns for team, runs, wickets, and points.

Table showing league standings for Westbury Division with columns for team, runs, wickets, and points.

HILPERTON INSTITUTE v. TROWBRIDGE TRINITY. Played on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like H. Walsley, B. Harding, and J. Marica.

TRINITY. Played on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like G. Harding, R. Grist, and B. Jones.

CHAPEL KNAP v. CASTLE COMBE. Played at Castle Combe on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like F. Byers, W. Gale, and G. Kirpatrick.

CHAPEL KNAP. Played at Castle Combe on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like J. Duffel, W. Gale, and O. Aust.

WARMINSTER COMRADES v. IMBER. On Saturday the Comrades cricket eleven and supporters journeyed to Imber, where a very pleasant and interesting match was witnessed.

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Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Wickham, J. Sims, and B. Carter.

COMRADES. Played at Imber. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like J. Sims, B. Carter, and G. Kirpatrick.

CHITTERNE v. STOCKTON. Played at Chitterne on Saturday. Chitterne have played only one match so far this season.

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CORSLEY v. FROME UNITED SERVICES CLUB. At Corsley on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Dilly, J. D. Scurr, and H. Mooley.

FROME UNITED SERVICES. G. O'Gren, B. Moody, O. C. Patch, B. Moody, S. H. Saunders, C. I. Salmond, B. Moody, A. A. Coles, B. Moody, 10.

Played at the Park Road Ground, Frome, on Saturday, resulting in an easy win for the home team by 125 runs. The Patriots won the toss and started with the two Poles, who quickly ran up 35, when the elder Pole was caught at eleven for a useful innings of 14.

Played at Devizes on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like W. Sheppard, B. Newman, and P. Moore.

WESTWOOD v. COUNTY ASTLUM (DEVIZES). Played at Devizes on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like W. Sheppard, B. Newman, and P. Moore.

ASTLUM. J. G. Long, B. Moore, 7. Rev. A. Stott, C. Moore, B. W. Hobbs, O. T. Rusa, B. Moore.

Played on Friday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Taylor, B. Green, and C. F. Brown.

HILPERTON INSTITUTE v. MR. DONALD SUTTON'S XI. At Hilperton on Friday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like L. Fare, B. Sheppard, and O. Knight.

WESLEY ROAD v. SUTTON VENTY. Played at Sutton Venty on Saturday. Scores—

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and extras. Includes players like A. Taylor, B. Green, and C. F. Brown.

HEVTSBURY v. BRISTON DEVERILL. In this match at Hevtsbury on Saturday, the home team scored 85 (W. Kelly 22), and Briston Deverill 58, of which the highest scorer was Hammett (31).

WILTS COUNTY CRICKET PROGRAMME.

Opening Match Against Dorset.

Wilts C.C. opened their season proper at Trowbridge on Friday with a match against Dorset, in the Minor Counties Championship. The early morning rain failed to have any effect on the wicket, which was in fine condition. Winning the toss, the visiting captain decided to have first knock, but on a batsman's wicket Dorset failed to do much good. Busk and Walby opened, and when 36 had been reached the latter was bowled. Busk continued to bat with some confidence, and saw two more partners leave before he was caught by Reynolds. Of the others, only D. G. O'Shea really did much good, and he knocked up 41 before being run out. The visitors' innings closed for 150. Overton took five wickets for 77 runs and Reed three for 30.

Wiltshire, whose record of Club and Ground matches so far this season has been rather disappointing, opened with A. A. Bankier and J. S. Butler, who between them made 67 before the first wicket fell. A short thunderstorm drove the players in, but the rain was not sufficient to affect the wicket when play was resumed. Major Henslow stayed some time, and his partnership with R. W. Awdry, although brief, was productive of some attractive play. Major Henslow completely mastered the visitors' bowling, and his total of 71 included one 6 and nine 4's. He brought the 200 up with a capital boundary hit. When play closed for the day the home county had acquired a substantial lead. Scores:—

The second day's play was of a very interesting character. Wiltshire carried their overnight total to 308, and thus secured a lead of 158 on the first innings. B. D. Reed knocked up 41 before being bowled by Down. The extras totalled no fewer than 56. Down was the most effective bowler for the visitors, his six wickets being obtained for 59 runs.

Dorset fared much better in their second innings, and in about five hours compiled 399 runs. They thoroughly mastered the Wiltshire bowling, and kept the fieldsmen on the move. Burt and Manser were each responsible for 72 runs, and Down compiled a useful 54. Going in after the tea interval, requiring 242 runs to win, Wiltshire started somewhat disastrously, losing three wickets for less than 50 runs. Bankier played steadily, and when stumps were drawn had made 41, not out. The match ended in a draw. Scores:—

DORSET.—First Innings.	
R. D. Busk c Reynolds b Reed	55
Walby b Overton	19
E. Chester-master b Reed	0
H. C. Burt b Overton	1
R. M. Manser b Overton	17
J. C. Shute st Reynolds b Overton	6
D. G. O'Shea run out	41
A. Bown c Reynolds b Overton	17
A. B. Burns b Reed	0
Parsley not out	7
N. Down b Lovell-Hewitt	0
Extras	7
Total	150
DORSET.—Second Innings.	
Walby run out	12
R. D. Busk b Newman	46
H. C. Burt b Reed	72
E. Chester-master lbw b Overton	25
A. Bown b Darell	54
J. C. Shute b Overton	44
D. G. O'Shea st Reynolds b Overton	1
R. M. Manser c Awdry b Henslow	72
Parsley c Daniell b Lovell-Hewitt	35
A. B. Burns c Awdry b Lovell-Hewitt	4
N. Down not out	1
Extras	35
Total	399
WILTSHIRE.—First Innings.	
A. A. Bankier b Down	43
J. S. Butler c O'Shea b Burns	30
Newman b Down	8
Major Henslow c Walby b Busk	74
R. W. Awdry b Chester-master	15
Colonel Darell b Busk	15
B. D. Reed c Burns b Down	41
C. Hurn c Parsley b Down	7
W. Lovell-Hewitt c Burt b Down	5
Capt. Reynolds b Down	3
W. Overton not out	6
Extras	56
Total	308

WILTS.—Second Innings.				
A. A. Bankier not out	...	...	...	41
G. S. Butler lbw b Walby	...	...	...	2
A. Newman b Walby	...	...	...	0
Major Henslow c Parsley b Walby	...	...	...	13
Major R. W. Awdry b Burns	...	...	...	10
Lieut.-Colonel H. F. Darell not out	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total (4 wkts.)	...	...	...	77
BOWLING.				
Dorset.—First Innings.				
Reed	0	M.	R.	W.
Overton	15	6	30	3
Lovell-Hewitt	25	2	77	5
	8.5	2	50	1
Wiltshire.—First Innings.				
Busk	13	2	61	2
Walby	16	3	44	0
Burns	12	1	40	1
Down	18.4	3	59	6
Chester-master	8	0	38	1
Down	4	0	10	0
Burns one no ball and Chester-master one no ball.				
Dorset.—Second Innings.				
Reed	17	2	59	1
Overton	23	3	84	3
Lovell-Hewitt	16	2	92	2
Newman	14	0	67	1
Henslow	10.5	0	44	1
Darell	9	5	20	1
Wiltshire.—Second Innings.				
Busk	7	0	27	0
Walby	13	3	27	3
Down	3	0	9	0
Burns	3	0	4	1

STOTHERT and PITT'S v. SWINDON OLYMPIC.

Played on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, and won by Stothert's by 48 runs. For Stothert's W. Griffin bowled 7 overs, 3 maidens for 7 runs, and obtained 7 wickets. Scores:—

Swindon:—C. Marsh b Griffin 1; A. Sims b Griffin 3; J. Dean not out 0; A. Earp c Potton b Griffin 5; J. Hallam b Griffin 3; G. Cross b West 0; S. Davies b Griffin 0; B. Jones lbw b Griffin 0; C. Hollick b Griffin 3; W. Jones b West 2; W. Theobald c Potton b West 0; extras 6; total 23.

Stothert and Pitt's: C. M. Toplis lbw. b Jones 0; C. E. Carruthers b Theobald 11; W. Griffin b Jones 0; G. Taylor c Sims b Theobald 2; H. Potton b Jones 4; J. Mills c Davies b Jones 0; A. Woodward c Cross b Theobald 33; G. E. Blake run out 1; A. West b Hallam 0; J. Darke run out 9; L. J. B. Blake not out 1; extras 10; total 71.

MARLBOROUGH v. WILTS C. AND C.

Played at Marlborough. Marlborough College: J. I. Outram c Reynolds b Awdry 44; W. E. Heard c Sellick b Darell 2; G. H. Seeley b Awdry 23; C. R. W. Ashfield b Awdry 3; G. G. C. Streatfield b Awdry 2; R. Leach c and b Sellick 86; W. Pyemont c Phillips b Sellick 16; G. E. B. Abell st b Knight 11; R. C. R. Kirkpatrick c Hurn b Knight 24; A. J. Hawthorn not out 26; C. G. H. Christian c Gillson b Sellick 26; extras 52; total 315.

Wilts Club and Ground: A. C. Bankier b Christian 0; Lieut.-Col. Gillson b Kirkpatrick 4; N. C. Phillips b Christian 0; A. Sellick lbw b Kirkpatrick 8; R. W. Awdry c and b Kirkpatrick 25; Lt.-Colonel H. F. Darell c Seeley b Kirkpatrick 0; T. A. Sutton c Seeley b Christian 1; C. Hurn c Abell b Christian 0; J. S. Hains st Christian 0; Capt. R. F. Reynolds c Kirkpatrick b Christian 8; W. J. Knight not out 2; extras 10; total 61.

Batting a second time Wilts Club and Ground made 219 runs for five wickets (Bankier 65, Gillson, 21, Phillips, 72).

WILTS UNITED DAIRIES SPORTS CLUB (TROWBRIDGE) v. ST. LUKE'S (BATH)

Played on Saturday at Trowbridge. W.U.D.S.C.: W. Cantello b Dann 0; H. Clark b Dann 0; W. Bones st Lane b Gregory 19; W. E. Fentiman c and b Cooper 13; T. Jackman b Cooper 0; A. Taylor st Lane b Gregory 4; W. Lewis b Gregory 7; H. Harding st Lane b Gregory 1; F. Collett b Cooper 1; D. Reynolds not out 0; R. Pascall st Lane b Gregory 0; extras 9; total 54.

St. Luke's C.C.: Ashman b Fentiman 0; Capt. Wilson run out 10; W. Gregory b Fentiman 2; Cooper c Pascall b Fentiman 4; Dickson b Bones 4; Lane b Bones 0; Dann run out 5; Collins c Pascall b Fentiman 4; Carmichael c Jackman b Fentiman 2; Gardiner c Lewis b Fentiman 10; Tunser not out 0; extras 2; total 43.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

WILTS v DORSET.

Wiltshire commenced its second-class championship programme at Trowbridge, on Friday, when Dorset were the visitors. The wicket was very hard, but good. The visiting captain won the toss and of course took first knock. A moderate start was made, 36 being scored before Wally was bowled. Two other wickets fell for three runs, and then Busk was caught behind the wickets, four being down for 65. Bown and Manser added a few, but of the others only O'Shea did anything. He batted well, making top score, and the innings closed for 150—a poor total on such a wicket. But the bowling had been good. Overton had 5 for 77 and Reed 3 for 30. Captain Reynolds, whose first match it was for Wiltshire, did exceedingly well behind the stumps, getting rid of three batsmen, Bankier and Butler opened the Wiltshire innings, and by steady cricket took the score to 67 before the latter was caught at point for 30. Newman came in, but a few runs later was bowled for eight, the total being 96. With the 100 hoisted rain drove the players to the pavilion and Bankier was soon after dismissed for 48, which were well made. Major Henslow batted well, getting a ball over the rails, and R. W. Awdry rattled up 15, the Dorset total being passed with seven wickets in hand. Major Henslow was dismissed just before the close of the day for a splendid 74, made by delightful playing. He hit one six and 11 fours. When play ceased the score was 238 for six.

Resuming on Saturday, Reed batted in splendid form, and the 300 was soon hoisted, the innings closing for 308, or 158 on Dorset did much better in the second innings. Busk and Burt batting extremely well, and at lunch time the arrears were nearly wiped off. Later Bown (who is the old Swindon footballer), Shute, and Manser all batted in excellent style, and the total reached one short of 400. This left Wilts 242 to win, and when time was called they had lost 4 wickets for 77. Scores:—

DORSET.—1st Innings.	
R. D. Busk c Reynolds b Reed	35
Walby b Overton	19
E. Chester-master b Reed	0
H. C. Burt b Overton	0
A. Bown c Reynolds b Overton	1
R. M. Manser b Overton	17
J. V. Shute, st Reynolds, b Overton	17
D. G. O'Shea, run out	6
A. B. Burns, b Reed	41
Parsley, not out	0
N. Down, b Lovell-Hewitt	0
Extras	7
Total	150
2nd Innings.	
Walby run out	12
R. D. Busk b Newman	46
H. C. Burt, b Reed	72
E. Chester-master lbw b Overton	25
A. Bown, b Darell	54
J. V. Shute, b Overton	44
D. G. O'Shea, st Reynolds, b Overton	1
R. M. Manser, c Awdry, b Henslow	72
Parsley, c Darell, b Hewitt	33
A. B. Burns, c Awdry, b Hewitt	4
N. Down, not out	1
Extras	35
Total	399
WILTSHIRE.—1st Innings.	
A. A. Bankier, b Down	43
G. S. Butler, lbw, b Burns	30
Newman, b Down	8
Major Henslow, c Walby, b Busk	74
Colonel Darell, b Busk	15
B. D. Reed, c Burns, b Down	41
C. Hurn, c Parsley, b Down	7
W. Lovell-Hewitt, c Burt, b Down	5
Overton, not out	6
Extras	56
Total	308
2nd Innings.	
A. A. Bankier, not out	41
G. S. Butler, lbw, b Wally	2
Newman, b Wally	0
Major Henslow, c Parsley, b Wally	13
R. W. Awdry, b Burns	10
Lieut.-Col. H. F. Darell, not out	1
Extras	10
Total (4 wkts.)	77

WILTSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET.

[MORE NOTES FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Cricket in Wiltshire has been most remarkable during the last week. It has been a very full week—two Club and Ground matches, two matches in the Town Knock-Out Competition, and both semi-finals and final in the Secondary Schools Competition. Except in the last named it would be hard to find a single happening in any way according to expectation or current "form." "Good bowling" and "feeble batting" about sums up the matter.

CLUB AND GROUND v. MARLBOROUGH.

Marlborough College won this match, which contained much incident. The School won the toss and batted first, but thanks to a totally unexpected bowling performance by the County Captain made a dismal start—5 for 101. All the later batsmen, however, in their own peculiar ways, made runs, and the early advantage was quite lost. Leach's hitting was truly gallant, but not such as to inspire confidence. All the bowlers bowled well, and can be reckoned distinctly unfortunate in having 315 scored against them.

The Club and Ground started hopelessly, and gave a deplorable exhibition. A. A. Bankier and N. C. Phillips were both bowled by Christian (fast left), and Colonel Gillson by Kirkpatrick (fast right) for 0, but A. Sellick and R. W. Awdry were quite at home, when the former picked up a ball with his hand, which from the bowler's end appeared to be going to hit the wicket. The bowler justifiably "led for handled ball, and the umpire gave the only possible decision—out. The incident was unusual, and in some ways unsatisfactory, but if it has emphasised the intention of the rules of cricket that it is not the batsman's job to throw the ball about it will have done much to stop a most undesirable habit, which has become far too prevalent. Nobody else looked like staying with Awdry, who was playing confidently, and when the latter was caught by the bowler off his foot from a tremendously hard hit, the innings was over for 61. The bowlers had bowled well with their tails up, and were unchanged.

The Club and Ground followed on and made over 200 for 5, but of course there was no particular point or zest in it, as the match was already decided.

CLUB AND GROUND v. SOUTH WILTS.

On Wednesday the Club and Ground went to Bemerton, and played South Wilts, who had a very fair side. Once again the unexpected happened.

The Club and Ground won the toss, and, except for A. H. Dunn, who played his own steady game for 51, and A. Sellick (34), failed badly once again, being all out for 150.

South Wilts, however, did far worse, and went down before J. W. Knight and A. P. Ellis for 80. Not one batsman looked like coping with the bowling, and were all fairly and squarely defeated by the bowlers. Knight bowled an impeccable length, and turned the ball sharply both ways, while Ellis bowled quite fast, and if slightly erratic he got his wickets with real "snorters."

In the two games Dunn and Awdry each played one fine innings, and Ellis and Awdry each had one good bowl; but the outstanding feature was the bowling of Knight, who showed form which was as welcome as it was unexpected. One realised that he could bowl a good length, undismayed by being hit, but one did not realise that he could turn the ball so puzzlingly both from the off and from leg; he has undoubtedly the makings of a fine bowler.

THE KNOCK OUT COMPETITION.

Two fixtures in this competition took place on Saturday, with results which surely were unexpected. Swindon went down before Chippenham by 70 runs, and Devizes only scraped home after a desperate struggle against Corsham by 2 wickets, and in the end by only 2 runs. Chippenham batted first at Swindon, and had lost 3 for 12, when an amazing catch at square leg by Mathews, by taking the fourth wicket, seemed to put an end to their chances once for all. Some sort of a score, however, was put together by the help of N. Awdry, Lucas and others; and Swindon were left with the seemingly easy task of making 130 runs. But the malign little imp, who seems to perch on the shoulders of all local batsmen this year, gave a chuckle, and lo! five Swindon wickets fell to Troughton and Lucas for 20, and though the last five wickets did a little better, the whole side was out for 59. Without any disparagement to Chippenham, who have indeed been doing wonderfully well lately, it was truly an upset to all expectations. One is sorry that Halder and Overton did not turn out for their respective sides, as both of them make a considerable difference to the strength of their teams.

While this battle was raging at Swindon the most thrilling game of the season was being fought out grimly, ball by ball and run by run, at Corsham. Corsham won the toss, and went in against a good Devizes side, and Jotcham, Trapp, and Davies bowled well, with the result that 79 was the total. Though Mead and Hopkins made good catches, at least four easy catches went begging. The Devizes batting is quite good, and the 80 necessary did not seem very difficult of attainment. W. Smith, medium right, and F. Hulbert, very slow right, rose to the occasion, however, and gave a really good display of bowling. Throughout the afternoon they kept a mercilessly good length, and bowled four balls out of five dead on the wicket. Smith clean bowled the first three batsmen for 14, and it became clear that this was going to be a real struggle. Ingram and Awdry had laboriously doubled the score, when the former hit out wildly, and across a very slow half volley from Hulbert. Mead dashed out to hit Hulbert on the full pitch, thought better of it, and went back, but missed it, and was leg before (33-5-3). Awdry was caught at the wicket (33-6-13), and things looked as bad as possible for Devizes. Colonel Gillson and Jotcham held on, and every now and then scored a single, and the singles began to mount up; but Smith and Hulbert kept to their terrible length, and the strain on the players and spectators grew intense.

At last Reynolds changed the bowling, Smith giving place to Fido, and the tension was relieved. Gillson struck him very hard for four, and Jotcham drove him for one off nearly every ball he received. Up and up went the score, till Jotcham played Fido off his legs most feebly and unaccountably into square leg's hands (65-7-14). Ellis hit rashly, and was caught at the wicket (67-8-1), and the tension became almost unbearable again; but Trapp and Gillson scored one by one, and the total crept up to 77, or three to make. At this point Gillson pulled Smith square and hard, but straight to square leg's right hand, who missed the catch—a hard one. The batsmen ran, and the score was 78, and Trapp to take the bowling. He hit out hard towards deep extra cover, but lifted the ball, which reached the felder as a chance, and not a very difficult one. The chance was not accepted, two were run and the match was won! With the addition of one Trapp was run out, and Davies caught, and Devizes had won by two wickets, or two runs. Colonel Gillson made 20 no. out, and if this fine player has ever played a greater innings I shall be surprised.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION.

On Thursday, July 21st, the Dauntsey Agricultural School beat Warmminster County School on the Trowbridge County Ground, and Trowbridge High School beat Calne Secondary School on the Chippenham Town ground in the semi-final round, and there is little doubt that the two strongest schools in the competition met in the final, which took place at Melksham on Monday, July 25th. Trowbridge batted first, and made 114; there were no big scores, but Sawyer made 34. Dauntsey started uncertainly, and kept on losing wickets; six were down for 70, and the mastery of the game was in Trowbridge's hands. At this point, however, Sawyer unfortunately changed the bowling at both ends and the morale instantly passed from his hands. Hirtes and Saunders batted most gallantly, and not only won the match but reached 190 before they separated. Hirtes in the end scored 100—a great example of grit. Sawyer and his men made a fine fight, and it was anybody's match till actually won.

The Competition this year has naturally been in the nature of an experiment, as it was organised late in the school season, and the element of hurry necessarily was the prime factor. In spite of this, however, a most interesting contest has resulted, and all schools have taken up the idea with great enthusiasm, and have accepted the buffets both of fate and of improvised organisation in a spirit which is truly

sportsmanlike, and more than encouraging to the promoters of the competition. The most cordial thanks of all the schools, and of the County Cricket Club are due to the town clubs for their generosity in giving their grounds, and to the public spirited help of the members who managed the matches and umpired in them.

TEAM FOR THE SURREY MATCH.

The following will represent Wiltshire in the match with Surrey II. at Swindon next Saturday and Monday (July 30th, August 1st):—R. W. Awdry, T. C. G. Sandford, H. Taunton, A. A. Bankier, G. S. Butler, J. W. Knight, A. G. Gnsor, C. R. Kirkpatrick, R. Q. M. S. W. A. Gordon, W. Orlton, A. Newman.

WILTS C. & G. VERSUS MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE.

MARLBOROUGH.

J. I. Outram, c Reynolds, b Awdry	44
W. R. Heard, c Sellick, b Darell	2
G. H. Seely, b Awdry	23
C. R. W. Ashfield, b Awdry	3
G. R. C. Streetfield, b Awdry	2
R. Leach, c and b Sellick	86
W. Pyemont, c Phillips, b Sellick	16
G. E. B. Abell, st. Reynolds, b Knight	11
C. R. Kirkpatrick, c Hurn, b Knight	24
A. J. Hawthorn, not out	26
C. G. H. Christian, c Gillson, b Sellick	26
Extras	52
Total	315

WILTS C. & G.

1st Innings.

A. A. Bankier, b Christian	0
Lieut.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, b Kirkpatrick	4
N. C. Phillips, b Christian	0
A. Sellick, handled ball	8
R. W. Awdry, c and b Kirkpatrick	25
Lieut.-Col. H. F. Darell, c Seely, b Kirkpatrick	0
T. A. Sutton, c Seely, b Christian	4
C. W. Hurn, c Abell, b Christian	0
J. S. Haines, b Christian	0
Capt. R. R. Reynolds, c Kirkpatrick, b Christian	8
J. W. Knight, not out	2
Extras	10
Total	61

2nd Innings.

A. A. Bankier, c Seely, b Leach	65
Lieut.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, c Kirkpatrick, b Seely	21
N. C. Phillips, c Abell, b Christian	72
A. Sellick, not out	45
C. W. Hurn, c Abell, b Hawthorn	0
J. S. Haines, c Abell, b Seely	5
Extras	11
Total (5 wkts.)	219

Bowling:—Marlborough College: 1st Innings—Kirkpatrick, 8.4 overs, 1 maiden, 22 runs, 3 wickets; Christian, 8, 1, 29, 6. Second Innings—Kirkpatrick, 4, 2, 25, 0; Christian, 11, 0, 44, 1; Seely, 14, 2, 67, 2; Hawthorn, 7, 2, 29, 1; Leach, 6, 1, 24, 1; Outram, 1, 0, 7, 0.

Wilts C. & G.—Darell, 19 overs, 0 maidens, 67 runs, 1 wicket; Awdry, 17, 2, 88, 4; Knight, 19, 4, 41, 2; Sellick, 18, 3, 66, 3.

COUNTY MATCHES FOR BOYS' TEAMS.

To the Editor of the Wiltshire Gazette.

DEAR SIR,—The Wiltshire County Cricket Club is organising a week of representative boys' cricket at the end of August. On Monday and Tuesday, August 29th and 30th, Wiltshire v. Dorset (under 19) will be played at Trowbridge; while on August 31st, September 1st, and September 2nd, matches (under 16) will be played.

It is to be regretted that it has not been possible to arrange an under 16 match against another county; but East v. West and North v. South should prove an adequate test for this year, and will moreover allow more boys to play in the matches.

It is impossible for me to know all the boys of merit in the county, so if I do not receive help the matches will not be truly representative. May I therefore, through your columns, beg all parents, schoolmasters, and well wishers to give me the names and addresses of any boys they may think worthy of a trial in these games.

Some details of school and performances should be given, so as to enable the committee to compare one with another, and select the best teams.

R. W. AWDRY,
Hon. Secretary,
Wiltshire County Cricket Club.

THE CUP MATCHES.

Although only two of the six town clubs competing were in favour of the formation of a league, all strongly supported the idea of a knock-out competition. The proposal for a league was therefore dropped, but the alternative arrangements were made. The six clubs competing were Swindon, Chippenham, Devizes, Trowbridge, Melksham, Corsham. In the draw for the first round the two first-named clubs obtained byes, and automatically became eligible for the semi-final; Devizes was pitted against Corsham, on the latter's ground, while Trowbridge had to visit Melksham. In the semi-final, Chippenham was drawn to meet Swindon, and the winners of the two matches in the first round were to meet in the other semi-final game. On June 25th Trowbridge visited Melksham where they qualified for the semi-final after beating the home club by one run and five wickets. On Saturday last, as stated above, Devizes met Corsham and Swindon met Chippenham. Devizes now has to meet Trowbridge, and the winners of that match will then be opposed to Chippenham to decide which club will be the champions for this season.

DEVIZES VERSUS CORSHAM.

There was a fair number of spectators present. Corsham won the toss and went to the wickets first, the brothers Hulbert opening the innings to the bowling of Jotcham and Trapp. On the play throughout the game they made a fair stand, 23 being registered before they were separated. The following wickets fell easily, four being down for 29. Reynolds and Yockney, however, made a stand, though few runs resulted, and brought about a double change in the bowling. A. Ellis and Davies succeeding Jotcham and Trapp. The innings closed with but 79 as the total score. Davies secured three wickets for 12, Trapp three for 23, Ellis two for 13, and Jotcham two for 23. Rose and Ingram went to the wickets first for Devizes to the bowling of F. Hulbert and Smith. They batted carefully and although several overs were bowled only ten runs had been knocked off when Smith displaced Rose's stumps. Wickets continued to fall pretty fast. Major Awdry inspired a little more confidence, but with 13 to his credit he retired after a fine catch behind the wicket. Six wickets were now down for but 35, and things began to look serious. Gillson and Jotcham became associated and took the score, chiefly as the result of short runs, to 65. Ellis came in but his stay was brief and a couple of runs only were added before he was caught by Reynolds from a ball from H. Hulbert. Trapp then joined Gillson and the winning run had been secured before he was run out in attempting a second run. Davies, the last wicket, was disposed of without an addition to the score, and Gillson carried his bat for a well played 20. Scores:—

CORSHAM.	
F. Hulbert, c Ingram, b Trapp	13
H. Hulbert, b Jotcham	9
J. Randell, b Trapp	4
C. Spackman, c Ellis, b Trapp	6
C. Baker, b Jotcham	0
J. Fido, b Ellis	10
R. H. Reynolds, c Mead, b Davies ..	17
Capt. W. Yockney, c Hopkins, b Davies	8
W. Young, b Ellis	2
H. Powell, b Davies	2
W. Smith, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	79

DEVIZES.	
Capt. F. Rose, b Smith	4
M. C. Ingram, b F. Hulbert	9
J. E. Hopkins, b Smith	0
B. F. H. White, b Smith	1
Major R. W. Awdry, c Reynolds, b F. Hulbert	13
C. D. Mead, lbw. b F. Hulbert	3
Lieut.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, D.S.O., not out	20
G. E. Jotcham, c Powell, b Fido ..	14
A. E. Ellis, c Reynolds, b H. Hulbert	1
P. R. Trapp, run out	9
D. Davies, c Yockney, b H. Hulbert ..	0
Extras	7
Total	81

CHIPPENHAM VERSUS SWINDON.

The match on the county ground was watched by some 400 spectators. Except that Overton was not playing, Swindon had a strong team out, and every credit must be given to Chippenham for a splendid victory. The visitors took first knock, but the start was disastrous, two wickets being down for nine and four for 26. J. Lucas and N. J. Awdry then became associated and completely altered the state of the game, which was up to that point decidedly in favour of the home men. By careful cricket the pair added 61, bringing the score to 90, before a separation was effected. The next wicket took the score to 115, at which three wickets fell, but "Mr. Extras" added a useful contribution, and the score reached 131; not a formidable total by any means. The Swindonians, however, collapsed before the howling of Lucas and Troughton, who bowled unchained. Half the side was out for 20; when Pugh and Wilmot took the score to 51. Then there was another collapse, the last five wickets falling for eight runs. J. Lucas, who captured six for 19, bowled remarkably well, and had a big share in his side's win. Troughton had the other four for 34. Such a splendid victory was a complete surprise, and there was much elation when the result was made known by telegram on the Chippenham sports field, early in the evening. Scores:—

CHIPPENHAM.

E. Young, b Knight	0
E. Weakley, c Matthews, b Knight ..	12
E. P. Awdry, c Wilmot, b Knight ..	7
B. Weakley, st Shail, b Knight	7
J. Lucas, b Jefferson	29
N. J. Awdry, c Shail, b Jefferson ..	32
H. Reckless, st Shail, b Knight ..	7
F. J. Troughton, c Shail, b Jefferson	6
G. Reckless, not out	1
W. Lucas, b Jefferson	4
R. Bushell, b Jefferson	0
Extras	32
Total	131

SWINDON.

S. Whitaker, c E. P. Awdry, b J. Lucas	2
H. Fleming, c W. Lucas, b Troughton ..	8
F. Fox, b Lucas	3
G. Matthews, c H. Reckless, b Lucas ..	4
C. Wilder, c and b Troughton	1
J. Pugh st Bushell, b Troughton ..	13
F. Wilmot, b Lucas	14
R. Jefferson, b Lucas	3
C. Williams, not out	3
J. Knight, c H. Reckless, b Lucas ..	0
W. Shail, c E. P. Awdry, b Troughton ..	2
Extras	6
Total	59

SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPETITION.

TROWBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL v. DAUNTSEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.

These teams met at Melksham on Monday in the final for the County Secondary Schools Challenge Cup, and Dauntsey won by 117 runs. The fielding was good on both sides. Hirtes and Sanders, of Dauntsey, and Sawyer and Marks, of Trowbridge, batted well for their respective teams. Scores:—

Trowbridge High School.—White, b Jones, 6; McEwan, run out, 30; Sawyer, b Horder, 34; Knowles, b Jones, 1; Brown, b Livesey, 12; Chard, run out, 5; Marks, c Sanders, b Gauntlett, 22; Hickey, run out, 1; Appleby, b Jones, 0; Cleverly, c Hirtes, b Jones, 2; Barber, not out, 0; extras, 1—total, 114.

Dauntsey Agricultural School.—Bowring, b Sawyer, 0; Parkinson, c Sawyer, b Cleverly, 20; Gauntlett, b Sawyer, 10; Briant, c White, b Sawyer, 12; Jones, b Cleverly, 5; Gadd, b Cleverly, 5; Hirtes, st. White, b Sawyer, 100; Sanders, c White, b Sawyer, 40; Horder, c and b Barber, 7; Noad, not out, 0; Livesey, not out, 6; extras, 26—total (for 9 wks.), 231.

D.A.S. bowling analysis:—Jones, 4 for 44; Gauntlett, 1 for 15; Sanders, 0 for 19; Horder, 1 for 11; Livesey, 1 for 25.

Trowbridge High School bowling analysis:—Sawyer, 5 for 96; Barber, 1 for 42; Cleverly, 3 for 14; Brown, 0 for 22; Marks, 0 for 21; McEwan, 0 for 14; Hickey, 0 for 12.

OTHER MATCHES.

DEVIZES 2ND XI VERSUS HARRIS' (CALNE)

Played at Devizes on Saturday afternoon, the home team losing by 77 runs. Ellis batted well for Devizes being responsible for 56 of the total of 101 runs scored by his side. Scores:—

HARRIS'.—H. Cleverley, b Ellis, 26; B. Bennett, b Dumbleton, 44; L. Bullock, c Hodgson, b Dumbleton, 1; R. Stanley, c Robinson, b Dumbleton, 5; P. Knowles, b Dumbleton, 12; H. Hill, c Baker, b Ellis, 39; A. H. Mackenzie, b Ellis, 17; B. Morris, c Blacklock, b Ellis, 0; T. Cuff, lbw, b Haines, 0; A. McLean, not out, 20; H. Gegg, lbw, b Dumbleton, 2; extras, 12—total, 178.

DEVIZES.—A. G. Cook, lbw, b Cleverley, 3; W. W. Ellis, c McLean, b Stanley, 56; J. Dumbleton, c McLean, b Hill, 2; J. Haines, c and b Hill, 4; S. Baker, b Cleverley, 20; A. Buchanan, run out, 0; W. Blacklock, b Cleverley, 6; H. Robinson, c and b Cleverley, 0; C. Rudd, c Knowles, b Cleverley, 0; G. Hodgson, not out, 5; R. Buchanan, c and b Cleverley, 4; extras, 1—total, 101.

WILTS COUNTY ASYLUM VERSUS PURTON.

Played on the Asylum ground at Devizes on Saturday, the home club winning by six wickets and 57 runs. Scores:—

PURTON.—W. Fendley, b Russ, 8; H. Woolford, lbw, b Newman, 14; R. G. Brown, c Russ, b Newman, 0; R. Hes, c Hewlett, b Russ, 0; J. Stiley, b Burry, 36; E. Woolford, b Newman, 0; B. Barnes, b Russ, 1; C. Garrett, lbw, b Newman, 0; B. Woolford, not out 20; W. Tidmarsh, b Burry, 1; J. Haskins, c Buckle, b Russ, 1; extras, 14—total, 95.

ASYLUM.—H. Tilly, not out 59; G. H. Puckle, b Haskins, 15; T. Burry, b Hes, 39; A. Hacker, b Hes, 0; F. Russ, b B. Woolford, 33; A. L. Adams, b B. Woolford, 0; H. Hewlett, not out, 0; extras, 6—total (for 5 wickets), 152.—J. G. Long, W. G. Newman, F. W. Bowsler, R. P. Holt did not bat.

FLYING SCHOOL VERSUS WILTS REGT.

Played on the Depot ground on Monday. The Depot batted first, and the Flying School after the tea interval. It resulted in an easy win for the Depot. The following are the scores:—

Depot.—Capt. Rose, st Thornton, b Thompson, 4; Sergt.-Dmr. Williams, c Andrews, b Clarke, 4; Sergt.-Dmr. Williams, c Andrews, b Clarke, 10; Sergt. Powis, b Thompson, 8; Dmr. D. C. Witt, c Gough, b Clarke, 14; Lieut.-Col. Gillson, c Lewis-Roberts, b McEwan, 18; Capt. Gascoigne, not out, 18; Capt. Carson, lbw, b McEwan, 8; C.Q.M.S. Heath, b Clarke, 6; Pte. Aplin, c Bailey, b Clarke, 0; Sergt. Burrows, c Mobsley, b McEwan, 16; extras, 12—total, 163.

Flying School.—Col. McEwan, c Aplin, b Darell, 6; Gough, c Aplin, b Darell, 12; Thornton, lbw, b Gillson, 25; Thompson, b Gillson, 2; Bailey, lbw, b Darell, 16; Lewis-Roberts, b Powis, 10; Gerrard, c Gillson, b Darell, 3; Mobsley, b Darell, 0; Smith, c Powis, b Darell, 0; Clarke, c Williams, b Powis, 0; Andrews, not out, 0; extras, 17—total, 91.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET.

TWO BERKS MATCHES AND ETON RAMBLERS.

The Wiltshire cricket team has had diverse experiences this week. A disappointing result of the match with Berks at Melksham, a sensational win over the same county at Reading, and a ten wickets victory over Eton Ramblers at Melksham—such is the record of the complete matches. Yesterday the match with Cornwall, at Trowbridge, began.

VERSUS BERKSHIRE (AT MELKSHAM).

THE INJURY TO SANDFORD: WRIST BROKEN.

It is hard, says our Cricket Correspondent, to write temperately of the Wiltshire v. Berkshire match at Melksham, for all the bright hopes which were entertained for this season were therein shattered, and that by pure ill fortune.

On winning the toss Wiltshire started confidently, Sandford and Bankier treating the bowling as bowling should be treated; but this was too good to last and in his third over Chapman hit Sandford with a very fast rising ball on the wrist. The wrist was broken, and Sandford plays no more this year. He had shown himself in first rate hitting form, and at the time was doing valiantly. Well though our bowlers are doing this year he towers above them; his presence in the field keeps the whole side on its toes, he misses nothing and brilliant fielding saves his 50 runs an innings. Not only was he gone with all his skill from the match, but having batted he could not be replaced—A. H. Dunn held for him, and very well too. The only feature of the innings was a stand by Butler and Awdry of 70; they found no difficulty in the bowling, though Butler was missed two or three times in his invaluable 61.

Berkshire lost Bennett at once, and should have lost Remnant, but the latter lived yet to have a good innings marred by two or three chances. Chapman, the famous Cambridge player, was frankly a disappointment; he played very well and very soundly for 73, but there was not a vestige of the slashing batsman of Jessopian brilliance which the newspapers make him out to be. Gregson-Ellis and Norris made 25 and 51 respectively by rather sketchy cricket. Altogether the side made 304, or 132 to the good. Overton bowled very well again.

The Wiltshire second innings was a disappointment, even considering that the side was batting two men short—two because Hinde put Sellick out of action as soon as he reached the wicket. There was no feature in the innings except a long and patient 38 by Arthur Newman.

Hawksworth, as ever, bowled like the great cricketer he is throughout the match; but it is not right that even good bowlers should run through good sides on good wickets. This must not happen again. The other bowling was not happy again. Chapman, medium left, gave no trouble after destroying Sandford, and Hinde, fast right, should prove quite harmless on a wicket on which the ball does not jump. Scores:—

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Table of bowling analysis for Wiltshire vs Berkshire. Columns include 1st Innings, 2nd Innings, and Total. Bowlers listed include G. G. M. Bennett, R. J. F. Remnant, G. Gregson-Ellis, A. P. F. Chapman, T. P. Norris, H. F. Morris, W. Y. Woodburn, P. F. Remnant, S. H. Stevens, Hawksworth, H. M. Hinde, Extras.

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WILTS COUNTY CRICKET.

THE MOST ASTOUNDING MATCH IN WILTSHIRE'S HISTORY.

As we say in our brief introduction to the score of the Wiltshire v. Berkshire match (at Reading) in another paper, there is an "interesting tale to tell." Since that page was completed our correspondent's notes have come to hand (this morning). He writes:—

A match easily lost in a single innings, but by sheer imperturbability the disaster stayed —by the same imperturbability recovery begun —by a mixture of stolidity and brilliance the enemy's advantage weakened by real and sustained brilliance the positions reversed, and the enemy put in danger of his life: this is the story up to the end of Wiltshire's second innings at 4.43 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon. At this point had the "morale" been equal the match was anybody's; but the Berkshire side was down in the mouth, while the Wiltshiresmen were on their toes, Berkshire saw and felt the sword hanging over their heads, and played accordingly: Wiltshire saw an unhopd-for chance, and fairly and squarely routed their opponents on a still excellent wicket for 93, and won about the most astounding match in all its history.

On Monday morning Wiltshire won the toss, and started well, Bankier and Taunton playing finely, and Newman making some as well. Three for 98 became 119 for six however, and it was thanks only to Ensor and Dunn, who held on for over an hour for 51, that the score reached the moderate size of 176. Berkshire had to thank Bennett for a splendid 77; he hit all round the wicket, and played beautifully. Most of the others made 20 or 30, and the score reached 311—not a very big score in the circumstances, though 135 more than Wiltshire had made.

Wiltshire's second effort was worse than the first, and at lunch time six were down for 106. Ensor having joined Dunn ten minutes before. Perhaps there was nobody on the ground who looked for anything but a ten wicket or an innings victory for Berkshire by 3 p.m. They had reckoned, however, without Dunn and Ensor. These two, hardly attempting to score, played solidly backwards and forwards, and fairly wore down both the sting of the attack and the patience of the bowlers. Having accomplished this end to such an extent that one bowler purposely tossed up four full pitches to leg to Ensor—all of them trounced for four—the pair began to score freely, and though Ensor was missed three times this quite invaluable stand produced 126 in 1 1/2 hours. At 3.45 Ensor, hitting out wildly, was caught at extra cover (232-7-76), and Stancomb filed his chest. Dunn soon after left for a splendid innings, and Overton came in (247-8-60). Stancomb made 15 before being well caught off a hard low hit to mid on (265-35).

Things were looking better, as Berkshire now had 150 to make, but as there were still 2 1/2 hours to play nobody could expect them to fail in making them. Knight came in and played astonishingly well and confidently, while Overton proceeded to play a really beautiful innings, and, out excellently, he drove straight and along the ground, he glanced well to leg, and also made some really hard punches towards long on, usually getting his four. So finely did he play that 63 were added in half an hour. At 353 Overton was bowled, and Berkshire were left with 219 to make in two hours on a good wicket and a fast scoring ground.

The Wiltshire side were determined now to win, while Berkshire were tired and depressed. Their fastest scorer, Bennett, was bowled for six by Newman with a beauty, and from that moment Berkshire seemed to give up hope of winning. At 19 Nicholl made a feeble attempt to pull a short one from Henslow and was easily caught at mid on. Croome and Gregson-Ellis then played steadily and well for 40 minutes, and it looked as if Berkshire would escape defeat, but at six o'clock, with the score at 69, Croome repeated Nicholl's false move, and was out for a useful 37. Norris immediately played Overton gently to Durrell at point (69-4-0). Woodburn played three overs gently down the wicket, and then fell to a skier at long leg, made by Henslow running from slip, off still a third short ball. Morris was bowled two balls later by a good one from Newman, which came very fast off the pitch, and six were down for 76 at 6.20. Stevens joined Gregson-Ellis, who was playing excellently, and they stayed together till 6.40, when Stevens played a ball from Newman into his wicket (84-7-5). Ryland was leg before first ball (84-8-0), and finally Gregson-Ellis was well bowled by Newman at 6.50 for a patient and invaluable 26 made in 1 1/2 hours.

With Hawksworth, last man in, things were too exciting for words. Baines and he played three overs, and it was not till the middle of the last over but one of the match that Baines played Overton gently to Durrell at point. Wiltshire had brought off a veritable triumph, thanks to grand bowling by Arthur Newman, who had bowled 23 overs for 27 runs and six wickets; while it was thanks to the splendid pluck of Dunn, Ensor and Overton that Wiltshire were ever in a position for Newman to perform the feat.

VERSUS BERKSHIRE (AT READING).

There will an interesting tale to tell of this match, played on Monday and Tuesday; but our correspondent's descriptive notes have not reached us at the time of making up this page of the paper. At the close of Monday's play Wiltshire had made 176 in an innings and Berkshire had topped that total by 108 with three wickets in hand. Next day "something happened." The score shows that Berks finished its innings for an addition of 27 runs; Wiltshire went in and knocked up the fine total of 353; and then Berks collapsed in their second innings:—

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Table of bowling analysis for Wiltshire vs Berkshire at Reading. Columns include 1st Innings, 2nd Innings, and Total. Bowlers listed include G. G. M. Bennett, A. J. W. Croome, K. I. Nicholl, G. Gregson-Ellis, T. P. Norris, W. Y. Woodburn, H. F. Morris, S. H. Stevens, C. H. Ryland, K. Baines, Hawksworth, Newman, Extras.

Table of bowling analysis for Wiltshire vs Berkshire at Reading. Columns include 1st Innings, 2nd Innings, and Total. Bowlers listed include Hawksworth, Woodburn, Ryland, Morris, Norris, Newman, Overton, Awdry, Knight, Henslow, Durrell.

CLUB AND GROUND v. ETON RAMBLERS.

Two very fair elevens met at Melksham in the above match on Friday and Saturday. The wicket, thanks to a decent rainfall, was on the slow side at the start, and was easy, but grew drier and more difficult throughout the day, so much so that it was frankly "a pig of a wicket" from 5 to 6.30 on Friday afternoon, when the Eton Ramblers were batting.

The Club and Ground batted first, and would have fared badly at the beginning but for Bankier, who, as usual, batted finely. Awdry and Fuller hit hard and made plenty of "shots" and took the score to 123 for the fifth wicket; but the feature of the innings was the fine play of Fuller and Sawyer. Both of them were full of strokes, especially Sawyer, who produced some really brilliant ones, including a six clean out the ground to fine leg off the last bowler! How it is done we cannot tell. The success of the young generation was most welcome.

The wicket was quite difficult, and the light poor when the Eton Ramblers batted, and got worse and worse throughout the innings; but it must be admitted that Knight and Newman took full advantage of their opportunity. Aird played well, even freely; and Cavendish, most doggedly and well, going in at 49 for four, and being last out at 135. Considering the state of the light and wicket, his was quite a fine performance, and a certain section of the spectators, in being ironical at his expense, showed that ignorance of the game which is so unpleasantly frequent in these days.

On Saturday morning the night's rain had made the wicket quite easy, though some balls turned. But this time the Eton Ramblers simply deceived themselves into thinking it still difficult. Aird and Cavendish again batted well, as did Shirley, who was as thoroughly out as a man could be in an unusual way. He hit a short ball to leg with all his might, but the effort overbalanced him, and he sat on the top of all three wickets. His weight being considerable, the whole party collapsed, and Shirley was left sitting flat on the floor with all the stumps spreadeagled under him. The Eton Ramblers got 178, Knight and Newman again doing well, and Wiltshire were left with 49 to make. Bankier made 46 of these, 20 being in four successive balls—two sixes and two fours.

A useful match, in which new talent was discovered.

CLUB AND GROUND V. ETON RAMBLERS.

This match was also played at Melksham, on Friday and Saturday:—

CLUB AND GROUND.		ETON RAMBLERS.	
1st innings.		2nd innings.	
A.A. Bankier, c Brocklebank, b Pepper	60	not out	46
A. H. Dunn, b Shirley	0	not out	4
A. Newman, c Shirley, b Darell	1		
A. G. Ensor, c Darell, b Aird	10		
R. W. Awdry, c Cavendish, b Darell	34		
E. H. F. Fuller, c Brocklebank, b Pepper	48		
Lt.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, b Pepper	4		
A. Sawyer, not out	64		
Drum-Sergt. Williams, b Darell	7		
J. W. Knight, c Darell, b Pepper	17		
I. K. Angell, c Onslow, b Cavendish	16		
Extras	13		
Total	264	Total	50

CLUB AND GROUND.		ETON RAMBLERS.	
1st innings.		2nd innings.	
T. A. L. Brocklebank, c Gillson, b Newman	15	b Knight	1
A. H. Gold, c Fuller, b Angell	18	c Ensor, b Knight	32
M. E. Impey, c Fuller, b Newman	2	b Angell	0
L. Misa, c Angell, b Newman	8	c Newman, b Knight	10
R. Aird, lbw, b Newman	33	lbw, b Angell	30
Captain R. H. Cavendish, c Sawyer, b Knight	22	not out	32
W. R. Shirley, c and b Newman	20	hit wicket, b Knight	23
Lt. Col. H. F. Darell, c Gillson, b Knight	2	b Newman	17
Captain O. H. Onslow, c Awdry, b Knight	1	b Newman	0
Captain C. T. Ellison, b Newman	0	b Newman	0
W. Pepper, not out	0	c Williams, b Newman	10
Extras	14	Extras	18
Total	135	Total	178

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CLUB AND GROUND.				ETON RAMBLERS.					
1st innings.				2nd innings.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Darell	32	7	25	3	Darell	4	0	36	0
Shirley	9	3	22	1	Shirley	4	2	8	0
Aird	12	2	45	1	Pepper	1	0	6	0
Pepper	25	6	87	4					
Onslow	1	0	9	0					
Gold	1	0	13	0					
Cavendish	9	0	0	1					
ETON RAMBLERS									
Angell	9	0	56	1	Newman	10	5	27	4
Newman	22	7	35	6	Knight	22	4	56	4
Knight	13	2	60	3	Angell	12	2	37	2

CORNWALL v. WILTSHIRE.

Rain considerably interfered with the first day's play yesterday at Trowbridge between Wiltshire and Cornwall in the Minor Counties Championship. The visitors won the toss, and Commander P. H. Irwin and R. Scholefield opened the batting to the bowling of Newman and Overton, and despite a double change of bowling—Darell and Knight going on—remained together until play stopped for the day owing to rain after an hour and a-half of batting. Scores:—

CORNWALL.	
Comdr. P. H. Irwin, not out	43
R. Scholefield, not out	54
Extras	5
Total (for no wkt.)	102

C. Paull, Paymaster-Lieut.-Comdr. Gillespie, G. Escott, J. W. Bentley, B. Williams, J. P. Veall, Whiting, M. Trounson, and N. O. Reece—to bat.

WILTS.—R. W. Awdry (captain), G. C. Davenport, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Darell, H. Taunton, E. H. F. Fuller, A. Newman, W. Overton, A. H. Dunn, A. Sellick, A. A. Bankier, and J. W. Knight.

WILTS REGIMENTAL DEPOT v. R.A.F., NETHERAVON.

The above match was played on Saturday, July 30th, with the following result. Bowling for the Depot Colonel Gillson took five wickets for 46 runs, and Sergt. Powis took the other five for 43:—

WILTS DEPOT.—Capt. Rose, b Duncton, 0; Sergt. Powis, c Hull, b Moon, 34; C.Q.M.S. Randall, c and b Duncton, 10; Lt.-Col. Gillson, b Duncton, 19; Dmr. Drewitt, c Duncton, b Moon, 3; Capt. Carson, c Earp, b Duncton, 3; Capt. Vincent, c, b Duncton, 15; W. Rumsey, run out, 1; Pte. Aplin, not out, 18; Sergt. Gillies, b Duncton, 1; Q.M.S. Heath, c Johnston, b Duncton, 0; extras, 11—total, 115.

R.A.F., NETHERAVON.—Rev. McCalman, b Powis, 18; F.O. Johnston, b Gillson, 1; F.O. Campbell, b Powis, 2; F.O. Hull, lbw, b Powis, 9; Capt. Kennedy, c Drewitt, b Gillson, 6; F.O. Moon, c and b Powis, 6; F.O. Earp, b Gillson, 16; F.O. Davenport, b Gillson, 0; Cpl. Cox, not out, 14; Cpl. Brookes, b Gillson, 17; A.M. Duncton, b Gillson, 0; extras, 6—total, 95.

CRICKET.

"AVON" SPORTS CLUB v. BOX.

Played at Melksham on Saturday, and won by the visitors by 45 runs. Box batted first, and at one time had scored only 22 runs for the loss of six batsmen. The tail, however, waggled to such purpose that the respectable total of 113 was reached. F. Burchell and W. Harvey both did well for the home side, but received little support from the later batsmen. Scores:—

Box.—J. Bradfield, b W. Harvey, 0; H. Milson, c C. Carnell, b W. Harvey, 1; A. Davies, run out, 6; H. Benjamin, b W. Harvey, 0; A. Bradfield, c T. Burchell, b W. Harvey, 5; J. Callaway, c and b F. Burchell, 9; J. Browning, c W. Harvey, b T. Pollard, 15; S. McIlwraith, c C. Carnell, b T. Pollard, 49; B. Vezey, c T. Sydee, b J. Vowles, 10; J. Eyles, not out, 9; A. Benjamin, c J. Vowles, b W. Harvey, 6; extras, 4—total, 114.

AVON CLUB.—T. Sydee, lbw, b McIlwraith, 0; T. Pollard, b H. Milson, 8; F. Burchell, b A. Benjamin, 20; J. Vowles, c A. Davies, b H. Milson, 8; W. Harvey, c and b McIlwraith, 20; J. Radcliffe, c A. Benjamin, b A. Davies, 4; R. Fouracre, b A. Davies, 0; G. Beaven, b A. Benjamin, 4; O. Newman, lbw, b A. Davies, 3; C. Carnell, run out, 0; D. T. Mortimer, not out, 0; extras, 1—total, 68.

WILTS IN DORSET.

A Win in the Last Over but One.

One of the most exciting finishes which Wiltshire have experienced during the season was that in connection with their match against Dorset at Sherborne on Monday and Tuesday, when, after a very inauspicious opening Wiltshire won in the last over but one. Batting first, Wiltshire had seven wickets down for just over 70, such generally reliable bats as R. A. Bankier, Major R. W. Awdry, H. Taunton, Arthur Newman, and Lieut.-Colonel Darrell being disposed of for next to nothing. Sellick stemmed the tide of their misfortunes, and with Ensor, both made a stand which saved their side, making 39 and 62 respectively. Davenport also lent Ensor fine support, reaching within three of a century. Wilts got their first hundred in just under three hours, and at the fall of the last wicket were credited with the substantial score of 280.

Dorset were weak at the wicket; they were all out for 169. Wilts put them in again, and in the second innings they did rather better, making 204. This left Wilts 94 to get to win, but time was against them. In the last over but one, the Moonrakers, with six wickets down, had just reached their opponents' score. When the one was wanted to win, Ensor drove for a three, and the match therefore ended in a fine sporting win for Wilts.

Yesterday Wilts commenced the Devon match at Plymouth, but the score is not yet to hand.

VERSUS DORSET. THREE MINUTES TO TIME.

Last week we were only able to give the scores in the above match. We now append our correspondent's description of the game:—

Wiltshire won the toss on the usual splendid wicket at Sherborne, and with remarkable skill contrived to lose five wickets for 23. For this there was no reason at all. Sellick and Ensor, however, managed to stay together and added 34 before Sellick left for an invaluable 30. Fuller left at once, and seven wickets were down for 59. At this point the imperturbable Ensor was joined by Davenport, and Dorset had no further triumphs. Quietly, these two had played all bowling alike, and quietly scored when runs were given them; but after an hour or so they scored normally and even freely, and no changes made any impression. They added 108 to the score before Ensor was caught most wonderfully at short slip—the ball seemed never to have been three inches above the ground, and was taken wide with one hand. Ensor's 60 ranks with his Reading 76 as an example of the nerve and patience of a true cricketer. Overton, on joining Davenport, played cricket not usually associated with a number 10 on the list, and Davenport himself played without risk, and without any sort of mistake. It was a great pity that this great cricketer tried to pull a straight ball at 97, for never was a "century" better deserved. The ninth wicket had added 84. Kirkpatrick helped Overton to add another 29, and the total reached the respectable dimensions of 280. The bowling had been steady, and Harrison awkward at times.

After Pinney had mishit the first ball of the innings—a fast full pitch—Dorset looked like causing trouble, and steady additions to the score were made at each partnership. Goodden, Partridge, Jephson and Walby were not enterprising, but were perfectly sound, and while they played O'Shea hit, and hit beautifully, until thrown out in trying a rather foolish run. Four wickets for 119 was quite reasonable, but not very grand. At this point Sellick was put on to bowl, and Dorset fell out for 169—not one man looked like playing him, and he reached the remarkable figures of six for 25.

Having been 111 behind, Dorset had to follow on, and this time they appeared to be going to collapse altogether. Newman and Overton bowled well, and five wickets fell for 42, at which point Manser joined Walby. Misty rain now fell at intervals, and made the ball unpleasantly wet and heavy, while these two added 64 in an hour for the sixth wicket; but when Manser was gone and Ryle out for one, Wiltshire's score had only just been equalled (111-7-1), and an easy victory still appeared probable. Two further partnerships however—Walby and Greenhill, Walby and Harrison—not only adding 48 and 40 respectively to the score, but taking up a terrible lot of time as well, altered the state of affairs no little, and in the end Wiltshire had 94 to make in 65 minutes.

This is not a very fast rate of scoring on dry, level ground with close cropped grass; but the Sherborne ground has none of these characteristics. The ground has a very steep slope up to the pavilion, the outfield is not cut at all short, and moreover was very wet. To score at the rate of 90 runs an hour was therefore very difficult. Awdry and Bankier made a determined attempt to reduce the necessary rate, and by hitting at nearly everything, and running practically every ball, they got 32 in under a quarter of an hour. This made a victory not only possible but easy, and the rate was well maintained up to 71, when Taunton was out.

Awdry, Bankier, and Taunton had played thoroughly fine cricket without which the match could not have been won; but from this point the rate of scoring dropped, and wickets began to fall like ninepins. The climax was reached when Overton simply murdered Davenport by running to a hit six yards: 85-7-1, and twelve minutes still to go. Runs took a terrible lot of getting, but wickets were cheap, and it seemed far more probable that Dorset would take three wickets in 12 minutes than that Wiltshire would score nine runs. With four minutes left, and the score a tie Overton rushed into the middle of the pitch, fell down on the slippery grass, and was run out. With three minutes still to go there was time to finish the over, and have one more as well, and Ensor made the winning hit two and a-half minutes before time.

The match was an excellent one, and Wiltshire won in most creditable fashion. A word of praise is due to Harrison's steady bowling, as it made it very difficult for Wiltshire to keep up the necessary rate of scoring.

VERSUS DEVON: "THE MOST WONDERFUL INNINGS."

Very heavy rain had saturated the ground at Mount Wise, and play could not start till 12.30 on Wednesday. Devon won the toss, and batted on a terribly easy wicket, scoring 60 for no wicket at lunch time. Several heavy storms made further play impossible till 6 p.m., and the Devonshire first pair (Clarke and Carroll) took the fullest advantage of their opportunity when play began again. They scored 233 for the first wicket (Clarke 119, Carroll 105). Clarke hit very hard all round the wicket, but had four or five strokes of luck; Carroll made only one faulty stroke, but was not so brilliant. They were two splendid innings. The score at close of play was 252 for three wickets. Next morning Darell and Overton ran through the rest of the side easily, and all were out for 317. Devon were of course taking risks freely so as to score quickly in order to give themselves time to get Wiltshire out twice. Also, the blazing sun and a stiff wind were just beginning to make the ball "bite" now and again.

The wicket was not very difficult when Wiltshire batted, but wickets fell rapidly. Light's length was irreproachable, though he could not turn the ball, but Jenkin kept on breaking sharply from the off, and the score at lunch was 84 for five. Awdry was out at 91, having played correctly for one and a-half hours, and with Davenport and Darell gone at once the score read 104-8-0. Ensor and Overton then came together, and the Reading scene was repeated. Ensor for the third time saved his side by sheer imperturbability, while Overton played good cricket. Not only did they score runs, but they used up a great deal of time, and Devon's chances of winning outright began to fade. A rather unnecessarily sharp run, and the wicket grandly thrown down by Shelley, sent Ensor back at 169, and Wiltshire's excellent chance of saving the follow on was lost. The last wicket added 12, and Wiltshire had to go in again 130 runs behind, with just two hours' more play before them.

The wicket was drying and becoming more and more difficult, and when four were down for 42 in half an hour all seemed over. But Bankier had not been in difficulties and was playing well, and when Sellick joined him he fairly let himself go at the bowling, and struck it to all parts of the field. As usual his favourite shots were between extra cover, and third man off both right and left legs alike; but he drove hard as well, and pulled short balls to leg without mercy. The force of his strokes was terrific, and his timing perfect. He made his hundred out of 131, and up to that point had not made the semblance of an indifferent stroke. Sellick was perfectly safe, but left the scoring to Bankier, who continued his grand and meretricious innings till stumps were drawn. He had made 160 out of 217 on a wicket by no means easy (for the ball always turned), and gave no actual chance. Sellick and he had added 175 in one and a-half hours, and Wiltshire were 87 runs to the good at the close of play. The Devonshire side were so weary that if only there could have been one more hour to play it would have been all they could do to prevent Overton and Newman bowling them out in the time on such a wicket.

A truly wonderful recovery, and certainly the most wonderful innings played for Wiltshire, at any rate since J. E. Stevens' 214 at the Oval 23 years ago.

DEVONSHIRE.

R. B. Clarke, c Kirkpatrick, b Darell	119
F. H. Carroll, st. Davenport, b Darell	105
Com. Wright, c Kirkpatrick, b Overton	33
G. Aspinall, b Overton	10
Light, c Newman, b Overton	17
Com. T. M. Barrett, b Darell	5
E. S. Butcher, lbw. b Darell	3
J. F. Shelley, c Ensor, b Darell	8
T. M. J. Watts, b Darell	2
Jennings, not out	0
C. R. Jenkin, b Darell	0
Extras	15
Total	317

WILTSHIRE.

R. W. Awdry, b Light	41	b Jenkin	0
A. A. Bankier, st. Aspinall, b Light	5	not out	100
H. Taunton, b Light	0	b Jenkin	8
MaJ. E. L. Henslow, b Jenkin	26	b Jenkin	2
A. Newman, b Jenkin	6	c Clarke, b Jenkin	2
A. Sellick, c Watta, b Jenkin	8	not out	21
A. G. Ensor, run out	37		
G. C. Davenport, b Jenkin	5		
Col. H. F. Darell, b Jenkin	0		
Overton, not out	36		
C. R. Kirkpatrick, b Watta	15		
Extras	5		24
Total	187	Total	217

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DEVONSHIRE.					
1st Innings	O.	M. R. W.	2nd Innings	O.	M. R. W.
Jennings	11	1 36 0	Jenkin	14	2 47 4
Light	24	7 64 3	Light	7	1 36 0
Jenkin	16	3 62 5	Jennings	7	0 37 0
Butcher	3	0 4 0	Butcher	4	1 4 0
Watts	13	0 3 1	Carroll	7	0 49 0
			Watts	9	4 20 0

WILTSHIRE.

Newman	13	0 14 0
Sellick	5	1 19 0
Overton	33	9 86 4
Henslow	13	0 60 0
Kirkpatrick	5	0 31 0
Darell	22	4 73 0
Taunton	4	0 19 0

VERSUS CORNWALL (AT CAMBORNE).

The ground at Camborne is as bad as one can imagine any county ground in England to be, and had it been hard and dry it would have been merely a danger to life and limb, both on the wicket and in the field. Mercifully there had been a great deal of heavy rain.

Wiltshire won the toss and batted first, hoping that it was still wet enough to be easy. This was not the case, as Whiting was able to make the ball "bite" so much as to turn fast, and kick up at will, while Williams bowled a splendid length, and seemed to "come through" very quickly. Nevertheless 85 was a very poor score. Wiltshire, however, knowing the Cornish batsmen, expected that with such a wicket they could dismiss the enemy still more cheaply, but strangely enough the heavy roller brought so much water up that the wicket played quite evenly throughout the innings, and it was quite bad batting that turned a score of 120 for three into one of 147 for 10. Kirkpatrick bowled quite well, and so did Newman. Three catches were missed, and these made a great deal of difference. Another application of the heavy roller was tried with some measure of success, and a determined attempt was made to knock Whiting off his length and dishearten him. Awdry and Bankier scored 32 in the first 10 minutes, but Whiting would not be rattled and bowled Awdry with a beauty in the fifth over. Taunton and Henslow held on with Bankier, and things looked well. But Henslow and Newman were both bowled by Whiting, the latter with the last ball of the day (116-4-13).

Next morning a heavy dew, and the heavy roller would, it was hoped, bring a soft easy wicket; but it proved far otherwise, and though 45 more runs were made it was a terribly difficult wicket. Bankier's 61 was a fine innings. Left with 100 to make, Cornwall lost Paul at once; but Scholefield and Irwin played good cricket, though often in difficulties. Strangely enough the Wiltshire bowlers could not make the ball do anything. Scholefield left at 63, and Tresawna helped Irwin to take the score to 91, when he was well thrown out by Newman. The rest of the side is worth very few runs, but unfortunately there were only nine left to make, and they were made easily enough.

WILTSHIRE.

A. A. Bankier, b Williams	16	c and b Whiting	61
W. Awdry, c Adams	2	b Whiting	24
H. Taunton, b Williams	1	lbw b Humphrys	11
MaJ. E. L. Henslow, b Williams	6	b Whiting	13
A. Newman, c Scholefield, b Whiting	10	b Whiting	13
A. Sellick, run out	20	c Williams, b Whiting	0
A. G. Ensor, b Whiting	1	b Williams	2
G. C. Davenport, b Williams	0	c Scholefield, b Williams	11
Col. H. F. Darell, b Williams	2	b Williams	1
W. Overton, c Williams	6	c and b Whiting	0
b Whiting	11	not out	0
C. R. Kirkpatrick, not out	10	Extras	5
Extras	10	Extras	5
Total	85	Total	161

CORNWALL.

R. F. W. Scholefield, lbw. b Newman	25	lbw. b Newman	32
C. V. Paul, c Kirkpatrick, b Newman	20	b Newman	0
Com. P. H. Irwin, lbw. b Kirkpatrick	37	not out	37
Dr. W. S. Tresawna, b Kirkpatrick	30	run out	21
C. G. Humphrys, c Davenport, b Kirkpatrick	0	not out	13
W. D. Cory, b Kirkpatrick	4		
R. J. O. Adams, c Taunton, b Newman	0		
J. V. Bentley, c Davenport, b Kirkpatrick	6		
B. Williams, c Darell, b Newman	1		
Whiting, b Kirkpatrick	15		
N. O. Rees, not out	0		
Extras	3	Extras	5
Total	147	Total	105

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CORNWALL.					
1st Innings	O.	M. R. W.	2nd Innings	O.	M. R. W.
Whiting	17.1	6 35 4	Whiting	31.4	10 84 6
Williams	17	5 40 5	Williams	23	11 38 3
			Humphrys	3	0 9 1
			Adams	5	0 24 0
			Bentley	1	0 1 0

WILTSHIRE.					
Newman	O.	M. R. W.	Overton	O.	M. R. W.
Newman	23	9 45 5	Newman	17	6 36 2
Overton	15	3 41 0	Overton	13	4 34 0
Taunton	3	0 14 0	Kirkpatrick	5	2 30 0
Henslow	4	1 13 0			
Kirkpatrick	9.3	3 30 5			
Darell	1	0 1 0			

TWICE BEATEN BY WEAKEST COUNTY.

Wiltshire had therefore the extraordinary experience of being badly beaten twice by far the weakest side of all the Minor Counties. In the Trowbridge match the weather had from the start meant victory to the winner of the toss; at Camborne, too, the state of the wicket in each of the four innings gave Cornwall an immense advantage. But while in the former case the reason was obvious, and easily foretold, in the latter it was frankly surprising that the wicket played as it did in each of the four innings. It may therefore be quite possible that, owing to lack of knowledge of the peculiarities of the ground, the roller was ill applied by the visiting captain—it is certain that he would have put Cornwall in first had he had any means of knowing what the results of the rolling would be. O14ives and learns.

COMING MATCHES.

OVER 40 v. UNDER 40.

This match, about which so much has been spoken, and written, is to take place at Melksham to-morrow and Saturday. It has not been possible to raise the ideal side in either case, but both teams will be strong, and as representative as can be expected at the end of a long season. The absentees will be (over 40) T. C. G. Sandford, whose accident still prevents him from playing, and H. Taunton and E. S. Grant, whose business claims are paramount. These will all be sadly missed, as will be G. S. Butler, whose business makes him an absentee for the under 40's, and C. Patteson, who has declined to play any cricket in Wiltshire this year. With these exceptions the sides should be the best available—the list is appended:—

Over 40—R. W. Awdry, Major E. L. Henslow, Lieut.-Col. H. F. Darell, Lieut.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, W. Overton, A. Sellick, G. C. Davenport, F. W. Stancomb, J. Pugh, W. S. Medlicott, E. S. Warrlow (has been invited, but his answer is not yet to hand).

Under 40—W. Lovell-Hewitt, A. A. Bankier, J. W. Knight, A. Newman, A. H. Dunn, A. G. Hurn, E. H. F. Fuller, C. R. Kirkpatrick, E. G. Ensor, H. G. Gregson, and E. P. Awdry, the Chippenham captain, who is to captain the side by desire of the team.

WILTSHIRE v. DORSET (UNDER 19).

The following have been invited to represent Wiltshire in the above match at Trowbridge next Monday and Tuesday:—E. H. F. Fuller (Carsham), C. R. Kirkpatrick (Pewsey), N. Kirkpatrick (Pewsey), A. K. Briant (Shalbourne), A. E. Sawyer (Melksham), Howard Payne (Bradford), J. S. Haines (Milton), R. W. Cobb (Sherrington), J. S. Ramage (Salisbury), A. E. Lloyd (Swindon), C. E. Awdry (Lacock), H. G. Wiltchell (Newton), and R. Colman (Chippenham).—As answers to all these invitations have not yet been received, the actual team cannot yet be stated.

WIND UP OF WILTSHIRE CRICKET.

NOTES ON THE LAST MATCHES.

We have received our cricket correspondent's notes on the last three matches of the County Club's 1921 fixtures, the full scores of which appear in our 3rd page.

CLUB AND GROUND v. LEAMINGTON WANDERERS

A bad defeat followed the victory against the Free Foresters at Trowbridge at the beginning of last week. The only change in the Wiltshire side was Gregson for Sellick. Leamington Wanderers, a fair side of decent cricketers, won the toss, and played "on top" of the game throughout, finally winning by an innings and 83 runs, after a very tame match, at lunch time on the second day. It is hard to explain this, as the visitors were not as strong a side as the Free Foresters had been; but they worked hard and batted and bowled energetically and well, and at no time did the Wiltshiremen look like making runs against them.

There is little to describe in the match itself. After a bad start the visitors managed to pull the innings round, and ended with the modest total of 284. Osborne and Murray had played well, but not brilliantly, for 69 and 49, and Turner had hit wildly but hard for 65. The bowling, possibly a bit tired after the exciting match on Tuesday, was perfectly harmless. The Wiltshire batting failed completely against bowling which appeared quite ordinary, and the side had to follow on 160 behind. On the Thursday morning the wind was right to help Nelson to bring off the "inswinger," and he polished off Bankier, Medlicott and Awdry for next to nothing with it. Nobody else did anything, and Wiltshire were out for 70.

This was as bad a performance throughout as the imagination can picture, and the match had no redeeming feature.

OVER 40 v. UNDER 40.

The patriarchs won the toss in this match (at Melksham) on Friday, and Medlicott and Davenport started well, scoring 38 quickly for the first wicket, but both of them and Henslow were gone for 55. Awdry then came in, and made 60 of the remaining 67 made by the side, whose total was 122. It was a miserable display. Knight got most of the wickets, and he and Newman bowled well, but not nearly enough for such a debacle. The nursery did little better than the grave, and without Arthur Newman the innings would have been little better than the enemy's one. Newman, however, played a really great innings; indeed, one might call it an almost perfect innings. He watched the ball carefully, and hit it shrewdly, but made no semblance of a mistake throughout. Lovell Hewitt played cheerfully, but there was no other feature in the innings.

The ancients had half an hour's batting in their second innings on Friday evening, and this settled the match, for they lost five wickets for 25. Newman bowled well, but once again it was simply feeble batting which caused the disaster.

On Saturday, Medlicott and Overton made a great effort to save the match, and hit the bowling mercilessly, but the adverse balance was too great, and the young men had only 36 to make. Medlicott's innings was magnificent; everything came alike to him, and he hit terrifically. Bankier and Ensor had no difficulty in knocking off the runs for no wicket.

Thus ended the great match, and it must be confessed that it was rather a disappointment, for the batting throughout had been a hopeless failure on both sides—a failure the more regrettable because Newman, Medlicott, and Awdry had shown that runs were perfectly easy to make.

A full afternoon remaining, a single innings return match was played. Under 40 batted first, and failed again with the exception of Newman, who went in late and was not out 62. Gregson made 48, but a more "sketchy" innings can hardly ever have been seen on a cricket field. They made 199 for eight, and declared, leaving the antiques 1 1/2 hours in which to do or die—they died for 165. Henslow made 53, but it was a losing struggle throughout. Sellick did man's work for 33, and Awdry hit 28 off three overs, but it cannot be pretended that victory ever was in sight for the poor old men.

Newman's batting and bowling and E. P. Awdry's fielding were the features of the two days' cricket. Newman was splendid in both departments, while it can be very seldom that one fielder has so dominated a game as the Under 40 captain did. He made seven catches, all good, two at least seemingly impossible, and was such a terrible menace at long on as to paralyse the batsmen. He anticipated every stroke, and consequently covered twice as much ground as even a good fielder, and everything to which he could get a finger he held. Wonderful!

WILTSHIRE v. DORSET (UNDER 19).

This match was played at Trowbridge, and ended in a most creditable win for Wiltshire by six wickets. The Wiltshire side was selected very largely without personal knowledge of form, and mainly by written recommendation. It was therefore most satisfactory to find that all the players were worth their places, and that there were no real duds.

Fuller captained the side, and performed the captain's first duty by winning the toss. Sawyer did not play his own brilliant game, and was soon out, but N. Kirkpatrick and Payne played soundly, and runs gradually came. N. Kirkpatrick, Fuller, Haines, and C. Kirkpatrick all played good, confident cricket, and deserved their runs. The total was 256.

Dorset started badly, losing three for 15, to the bowling of C. Kirkpatrick and Lloyd, but E. Firney, and George Hirst, of the Winchester and Wellington elevens respectively, pulled the game round, and added exactly 100 runs. At this point, however, a complete alteration came over the game. Kirkpatrick, who had been a bit shaky in his length, started to bowl really fast and well, and in two overs clean bowled Pinney, Hirst, and Hornby with beauties. Disaster followed disaster, and all were out for 136. Kirkpatrick got seven for 63.

Fuller naturally sent Dorset in again. It looked for a time as if it had been a mistake, for Hirst and Timms made 70 for the first wicket, and it seemed as if a big score would result, especially as Carter (only 15 years old) played like a man, and hit fearlessly all round the wicket for 65. Hirst made 60, and had the distinction of making over 50 in each innings, and played really well both times. Lloyd, a slow bowler from Swindon, with a sharp break from the off, now began to take wickets, and Wiltshire's chances, in spite of bright hitting by B. Pinney and Hornby, improved. Lloyd continued to take wickets, and Dorset finished up with 246, Lloyd taking 7 for 25—a fine performance. He spins the ball properly, and though his length was unsound he should become a fine bowler.

Wiltshire were left with 127 to make in two hours, and having fielded all day were a bit tired. In fact it was a situation in which matches have very often been lost. Sawyer and Payne were soon out, Haines and Fuller failed to repeat their first innings success, and things looked distinctly grave, but N. Kirkpatrick and Briant played stout-hearted cricket and gradually piled up the score.

With the total at 65 the crucial moment, which occurs in nearly every match, arrived. Pinney had to change the bowling, and chose Hirst with fatal results. He bowled an over of six long hops, four of which Briant hit brilliantly to the boundary, and the crisis was past. Both batsmen played a different game after that, and it was no longer a doubtful issue. Kirkpatrick reached 50 for the second time in the match, but was out then. He had played very fine cricket indeed, and should prove to be a tower of strength in a few years. Briant and Cobb made the remaining 24 quietly and confidently, and an excellent match was won with half an hour in hand.

Briant's was a strong innings; his play back and forwards is unsound, and he allows the ball to hit a limp bat, but when he attacks he hits very hard indeed, and does it really well.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable match from start to finish, and one can only hope that it is

the first of many.—Nothing keener could be wished for.

THE CUP: YESTERDAY'S MATCH IN THE FINAL.

Time Robs Devizes of a Fine Chance.

Devizes Town met Chippenham yesterday at Trowbridge in the final for the County Knock-out Cricket Cup. Unfortunately, no decision was arrived at. Going to the wickets first, Devizes put up 236 in exactly 2 1/2 hours, and when stumps were drawn Chippenham had lost six wickets for 119 runs. What will happen now remains to be seen; the committee of the county club will decide whether the match will be replayed *de novo*, or whether, as is generally thought, the game will be resumed from the point at which it was left. There was considerable difference of opinion as to the light when stumps were drawn; Devizes contends that another half an hour might have been played.

Devizes did not under-rate their opponents; it was recognised that on paper Chippenham had much the better prospect, it having beaten Bath Association and Swindon, the latter of which had defeated the county club and ground. Opening with Harry Tilley and Tom Russ from the Asylum, Devizes made a good start, and 79 were up for the first wicket. Troughton and Lucas began the bowling. The former, a slow left-hander, just suited Russ, who touched the boundary no less than nine times; his 57 included 36 in eight hits, and there were only five singles. Lucas was fast, and was treated with care by both batsmen, though Russ cut him to boundary on several occasions, and deserved the applause which he got. Warrilow rested Troughton, but bowling at the same speed did not meet with much success, until he effected the separation of the Devizes pair, with a ball which bowled Russ, as he was trying to turn, after a magnificent innings. Tilley soon followed in the next over, after a fine display of patient cricket. Holder took over the ball from Lucas. Jotcham and Gillson formed the next partnership, both making material additions to the score (24 and 17). Rose treated the spectators to some Jessopian hitting, his 30 going up in quick time; it included a mighty hit for six, four for four, and only three single strokes. Major Awdry was in a merry mood, his score of 53 running Russ close for the top of the tree. Here again there was some hurricane hitting, the Major having the bad luck to be run out. Then came the tail of the team, which made somewhat of a procession, Trapp being the only other man to stop; he was credited with a well-played-for ten, and his wicket intact. Holder and Lucas did a lot of damage.

Devizes realised what they had to expect with the strong batting side Chippenham is at the wicket, and how much depended upon the not over-strong bowling department of the East Wilts club. Jotcham and Trapp, however, got down to their work with set teeth, and the Chippenham batsmen soon found that they could not take liberties with their bowling, which was well supported by the field, who realised that a run saved is as good as a run made. Up to the fourth wicket nothing was done except what Warrilow did—he played a fine innings with one chance behind the wicket early on, for a not out, 48. N. J. Awdry and Lucas were the only batsmen to stand, as is seen by the fall of the Chippenham wickets: 1-5, 2-11, 3-18, 4-31, 5-76, 6-110. Holder was caught in the slips very smartly by Gillson, and the lives of Young and Weakley were short; Trapp dropped the latter, but was amongst his stumps immediately afterwards. Lucas is a very guarded player. David Davies was put on to rest Russ, and the former's first ball got Lucas's wicket.

Jotcham and Trapp did the most of the bowling. The former took three wickets for 36 in 17 overs, and Trapp one for 24, he being judiciously rested after his eleventh over. Lucas's wicket was the only one which fell to Davies—at a cost of 17. Scores:—

DEVIZES.	
H. Tilley, c Warrilow, b Holder ...	20
T. Russ, b Warrilow	57
G. E. Jotcham, c Young, b Warrilow ..	24
Lieut.-Col. R. M. T. Gillson, b Lucas ..	17
Capt. Rose, c Holder, b Warrilow	30
Major R. W. Awdry, run out	53
J. E. Hopkins, b Lucas	0
F. J. A. Church, c Awdry, b Lucas	8
H. Hewlett, b Lucas	4
P. R. Trapp, not out	10
D. Davies, b Holder	0
Extras	13
Total	236
CHIPPENHAM.	
W. Holder, c Gillson, b Jotcham ...	4
E. J. Warrilow, not out	48
F. Young, b Jotcham	2
E. Weakley, b Trapp	3
E. P. Awdry, b Jotcham	4
J. Lucas, c Gillson, b Davies	26
N. J. Awdry, b Awdry	19
Extras	13
Total (for 6 wickets)	119
H. J. Troughton, B. Weakley, H. Reckless and R. Bushell did not bat.	

WILTSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

RECORD FOR 1921.

"A FORCE TO RECKON WITH IN THE CRICKET WORLD."

[From Our Cricket Correspondent.]

At the end of the season of 1920 it was claimed for the County Eleven that its record had been most satisfactory, if hardly brilliant; and that great progress had been made in welding together a "team" out of many separate elements. This year it is fair to allow that the season has been brilliant, though still a bit lacking in stability, and that the "team" is firmly established. Wiltshire is once again, after twelve years of wandering in the wilderness, a force with which to reckon in the cricket world.

Ten matches were played in the Minor Counties Championship, of which four were won outright, and two on the first innings; of the remainder, three were lost and one lost on the first innings. The four victories were really fine performances each of them being either a desperate struggle to retrieve a lost game, or else a race against time.

The first of them, Surrey at Swindon, was a neck-to-neck race throughout until half-way through the fourth innings, at which point Surrey had only 43 runs to make with five wickets in hand. Far from being beaten, Wiltshire gripped the situation all the tighter, and Surrey only made 11 more runs.

The next victory, Berkshire at Reading, was probably the most sensational match, and the best win that Wiltshire has ever taken part in. Outplayed by a good side for a day and a-half (so much so that at lunch time on the second day 27 runs were still wanted to save the innings defeat with only four wickets left), the match was pulled out of the fire, and won on the stroke of time by over a hundred runs.

The victories over Devonshire at Marlborough, and Dorset at Sherborne, were cases of making the necessary runs in the fourth innings against time, and it was most encouraging to note in the first case that the side could maintain a fast rate of scoring in an innings of nearly 200, while in the second it could sacrifice all—even to a very distinct chance of actually losing the match—in the successful attempt to bring off a victory which at the start of the innings seemed almost precluded by time. In the first case 188 were made for three wickets in 1 1/2 hours, though it is true that the ground lends itself to fast scoring; in the second case eight wickets fell to the risks essential to making 94 in an hour on a very slow scoring ground.

The first innings victory at the Oval was a fine performance, and was more nearly a win outright than appears from the score. But the failure to beat Dorset at Trowbridge after a large lead in the first innings was one of the worst performances of the season.

At the Oval it was more creditable to lose the toss and get Surrey out for 284, and then to make 461 for eight wickets. Still more creditable was it, perhaps, to get them out again on that wonderful wicket for 281, in spite of the fact that they were taking no risks at all, and were grimly determined to play out time. If only they could have been moved 20 minutes earlier Wiltshire could have taken the extra half-hour allowed when there is a chance to finish, and would have had three-quarters of an hour in which to make 106 runs, and from its later performances it is fair to hope that Wiltshire would have gone very near to winning.

After being 158 ahead on the first innings Wiltshire allowed Dorset to make 399 in their second innings at Trowbridge, and were not far from losing the match. For once Wiltshire lost its grip of the game, and did not deserve to win.

Far different was the first innings defeat by Devon at Plymouth, which ended with Wiltshire quite definitely in a winning position. This was one of three matches in which the luck of the wicket was altogether against Wiltshire; the other two were the two matches with Cornwall. A sudden wicket and good batting had given Devon a big score, while Wiltshire had fared but moderately, and indeed followed on on a drying wicket, with the ball turning at will. A magnificent individual innings not only saved the county from defeat, but so demoralised the enemy that Wiltshire ended up 87 to the good with six wickets in hand. Such was the wicket, and such the prostration of the opposition, that could Devon have been put in for only one hour it is more than probable that Wiltshire would have got them out and won the match.

Both the Cornwall matches were lost, one by an innings and 128 runs, the other by seven wickets. In the first match the winning of the toss meant the victory—this happens sometimes at cricket, and both sides know that it is inevitable. Still, it was very disappointing after the splendid Reading match to be beaten so completely by the weakest of all the minor counties. In the return match at Camborne Wiltshire again had to contend with the worst of a bad wicket, but one is tempted to think that this is not a fully adequate explanation of a defeat which should not have been incurred. One has a very uneasy feeling that more spin upon the ball was required, and that Cornwall won because they had a bowler who really could spin it, while Wiltshire had none.

The Berkshire match at Melksham was lost by feeble play. Possibly the breaking of Sandford's wrist had an adverse effect upon the "morale" of the side, but if this was the case it was very wrong indeed, and one hopes that no form of disaster will ever have any effect upon Wiltshire cricketers other than that of stimulating them to redoubled efforts.

Taking everything into consideration, the results of the season have justified to the full all the hopes that had been entertained of the future of Wiltshire as a county. It stands ninth in the list of Minor Counties, and had it won the two Cornwall matches (as it had every right to hope) it would have been third. Of more value than the actual results is the splendid attitude displayed by the team; it plays a great game, and fights to the last.

Below is the list of County Championship matches in detail:—

SURREY II.

May 16th and 17th, at the Oval. 1st Innings: Wiltshire 401 (for 8 wickets, innings declared closed); Surrey, 284. 2nd Innings: Surrey, 281. Won on 1st Innings by 177 runs.

DORSET

July 15th and 16th at Trowbridge. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 308; Dorset, 150. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 77 (4 wickets); Dorset, 300. Won on 1st Innings by 159 runs.

SURREY II.

July 30th and August 1st, at Swindon. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 112; Surrey, 101. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 180; Surrey, 165. Won by 82 runs.

BERKSHIRE.

August 3rd and 4th, at Melksham. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 172; Berks, 304. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 150. Lost by an Innings and two runs.

BERKSHIRE.

August 8th and 9th, at Reading. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 178; Berks, 311. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 353; Berks, 95. Won by 125 runs.

CORNWALL.

August 10th and 11th, at Trowbridge. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 110; Cornwall, 275. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 377. Lost by an Innings and 128 runs.

DEVONSHIRE.

August 12th and 13th, at Marlborough. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 351; Devon, 274. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 188 (3 wickets); Devon, 261. Won by 7 wickets.

DORSET.

August 15th and 16th, at Sherborne. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 280; Dorset, 169. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 96 (8 wickets); Dorset, 204. Won by two wickets.

DEVONSHIRE.

August 17th and 18th, at Plymouth. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 187; Devon, 317. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 217 (4 wickets). Lost on 1st Innings by 130 runs.

CORNWALL.

August 19th and 20th, at Camborne. 1st Innings: Wiltshire, 85; Cornwall, 147. 2nd Innings: Wiltshire, 161; Cornwall, 105 (3 wickets). Lost by 7 wickets.

In estimating the chances for the past season great stress was laid upon the invaluable help which was hoped for from T. C. G. Sandford in all departments of the game. Fate decreed, however, that he was only to play in one match, owing to a broken wrist. This was a great blow; but in spite of it, big things were done. The batting was excellent, though there was a strange tendency to collapse; as, however, there was also a tendency on the part of numbers 8 to 11 to restore the balance after a collapse, his was not so serious as it might have been.

The most notable feature of the year was the play of A. A. Bankier. Before the season he was known to one or two as a good member of a school eleven some five years earlier, who had not played since. At the end of the season he stands as the best recruit Wiltshire have had, certainly since W. S. Medicott appeared 23 years ago, and bids fair, as he gains experience and corrects a few faults, to be second to no batsman that the County has ever had. He scored 709 runs, which is a very large aggregate for only ten matches, and was consistent throughout, while his 140 not out against Devon was as wonderful an innings as could be seen.

W. G. Grace said that a man was not a cricketer till he had made a pair of spectacles; Bankier achieved this against Cornwall, and therefore claims all the more to have graduated thoroughly as a county cricketer. Arthur Newman had a poor season, but began with a beautiful hundred at the Oval. He, H. Taunton, and R. W. Awdry were expected to do great things, but all three had bad years. This was all the more unfortunate as they played well enough for better things. Major J. L. Henslow finished up with fine figures; he is of the greatest value to the side, and his match against Devon at Marlborough was a veritable triumph (144 and 84 not out). T. C. G. Sandford played an excellent innings against Surrey (58 out of 112 on a really bad wicket), but that was his only match. G. S. Butler played little, and was out of practice, but one hopes to see him once again a regular member of the side. After playing so regularly at Marlborough and Oxford he probably finds it very difficult to get into form on a maximum of one half day match a week.

The batting of A. H. Dunn, A. G. Ensor, and W. Overton was one of the best features of the season. They usually bat at numbers 7, 8, and 9, and time after time they pulled the side out of the pit into which it had fallen. Dunn and Ensor are dogged to a degree! and if not very attractive, they are at least very effective, and terribly hard to shift. Overton's cricket was far more attractive to watch, and twice at least—at Reading and Plymouth—he played beautiful innings; it would be hard to find a better one than his 74 at Reading. All these three come out with excellent figures. G. C. Davenport and A. Sellick and E. H. F. Fuller made some useful scores, Davenport's 97 at Sherborne being a most gallant innings; but there was no other batting to be relied upon.

In spite of Sandford's absence the bowling was far more satisfactory than in 1920. There were more bowlers, and mercifully some of them were young. Overton bore the brunt, and bowled just half as much again as anybody else; and without any one tremendous success to help him, he took wickets steadily. Newman bowled better than in the previous year, and in spite of a bad knee did a great deal of good work. He had real triumphs against Surrey at Swindon, and against Berkshire at Reading. Col. Darell and J. W. Knight supplied the slow bowling and both acquitted themselves right well. Col. Darell plods along on an excellent length with an awkward flight, and swings a bit from leg; he never tires and needs playing to the end. Knight has improved immensely; he is not quite sure of his length, he turns the ball too much, and as yet does not bowl the "top spinner" which comes straight on, but he improves with every match and is a bowler of the greatest promise. Henslow did a lot of useful work, and Sellick had one great day at Sherborne, when Dorset could do nothing with him. C. R. Kirkpatrick played in about half the matches, and his fast bowling is full of promise. It is indeed refreshing to have a fast bowler at all on the Wiltshire side. B. D. Reed played once as a fast bowler, but will not be available for a few years, W. Lovell-Hewitt only played once, but is a bowler with great possibilities. There were more bowlers, and more variety than usual, and if Sandford comes in another year, and Overton keeps his form or finds a successor, the outlook is distinctly promising.

The fielding was of the highest class throughout—ground fielding, throwing, and catching alike; but there was one sad blot upon it all, namely, that there was no regular wicket-keeper cannot be overestimated, and one must be forthcoming, if the side is to fulfil the promise shown this year.

Below are the averages:—

Table with columns: BOWLING, Name, O., M., R., W., Aver.

Table with columns: BATTING, Name, Inn., Times, not out, Runs, Highest score, Aver.

*Not out.