

# MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

## BUCKS v. HERTS. HAZLETON & EDWARDS BOWL WELL.

The return match between these counties was played at Watford on August 13th and 14th. When they met at Blechley, Herts gained 3 points for leading on the first innings, but Bucks were able to turn the tables at Watford after an exciting finish. Herts won the toss and decided to bat. After the rain that had fallen the wicket was very dead so that for a time Edwards was not able to get much spin on the ball. Three wickets fell quickly, but when Cowley joined Bland both players scored freely and put on 87 runs before the former was well caught by Jackson from a hard drive. In his 64 were 1 six and 11 fours. Bland was out soon after for 56, being caught and bowled by Powell from his first ball. When Halsey and Meyer were together they made things lively for the fielders, scoring 70 runs in 20 minutes, 19 off one over from Hazleton. Halsey had 2 sixes and 5 fours and Meyer 2 sixes and 4 fours. After these players left, the game slowed down and the total reached 218. The fielding of the Bucks team was smart, especially Jackson. Bucks commenced batting at 5.25, Franklin taking Jackson with him to open the innings. Neither player took any risks and the score mounted slowly. Meyer and Burton were bowling well and the fielding was keen. Halsey and Reid being frequently applauded. The first wicket fell at 73, when Franklin was smartly taken at the wicket. Le Gros joined Jackson and the score was taken to 122 when the former mis-hit and was caught and bowled. Baker was bowled first ball, and Powell followed soon after. Three wickets fell for 5 runs, but no other fell before drawing of stumps, when the score was 138 for 5 wickets, Jackson being undefeated. Play was continued on Thursday, the not outs—Jackson and Payne—being opposed by Meyer and Burton. The score rose slowly and Jackson just failed to reach 50. He had shown some of his form of last year, this being his best innings this season. His 49 contained 5 fours. Hazleton quickly scored 14 and Aubrey-Fletcher played patiently for 10. After 50 minutes play the innings closed for 192, a smaller score than the opening suggested. Meyer took 3 wickets for 14 runs in the morning. Being 56 runs to the good, Herts opened with Bland and Fordham. The latter was missed when 6, but luckily he did not take advantage of it, being run out for 10. The wicket was much faster and both Hazleton and Edwards were hard to score from. At lunch time the score was 48 for 4 wickets, having been raised from 24 for 4. In contrast to the first innings no particular stand was made, and the innings closed for the small total of 84. The ground fielding of the Bucks team was very good, but several catches were missed. This left Bucks 141 to get to gain a victory. The wicket was beginning to wear and this raised the hopes of Herts that the runs would not be obtained. Franklin and Jackson again opened and gave the side a fair start. At the tea interval the score was 70 for 2 wickets. On resuming, 2 wickets quickly fell, but Baker assisted Jackson to put on nearly a score of runs before putting his leg in front of a straight one. He had batted confidently and freely for 17. Hazleton again made things lively in the field, hitting 4 fours in his 23 runs. Seven wickets were down for 124 runs when Payne was joined by Fuller. The bowling and fielding of the Herts team was of the best. Both batsmen played carefully and gradually the total increased and at 5.50 Bucks had won, as the batsmen had not been parted. Jackson was batting 1 hour 35 minutes, and he was the chief factor in the victory, as he not only scored most runs, but he fielded splendidly all through the match. Too much praise cannot be given to Payne and Fuller (the latter playing his first season) for the way they played at such a critical time, and Hazleton for his splendid bowling. Scores and bowling analysis:—

Herts.—1st innings.	
J. G. Bland, c and b Powell	56
C. B. Fordham, b Hazleton	11
G. M. Crossman, b Hazleton	2
C. H. Titchmarsh, c Franklin, b Payne	7
R. B. Cowley, c Jackson, b Aubrey-Fletcher	64
T. E. Halsey, c Edwards, b Hazleton	39
R. J. O. Meyer, st. Franklin, b Edwards	39
L. J. Reid, b Edwards	1
H. E. Blower, lbw, b Hazleton	7
B. D. Hylton-Stewart, c Hazleton, b Edwards	19
Burton (F.), not out	0
Extras	3
Total	248

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2nd innings.	
Bland, c and b Hazleton	7
Fordham, run out	10
Crossman, b Edwards	24
Titchmarsh, c Hazleton, b Edwards	2
Cowley, c Fuller, b Edwards	0
Halsey, b Hazleton	21
Meyer, b Hazleton	1
Reid, not out	13
Blower, b Hazleton	1
Hylton-Stewart, b Hazleton	0
Burton, run out	2
Extras	3
Total	84

Scores at the fall of each wicket—	
Herts.—1st innings.	
1	2
18	42
18	129
18	146
18	212
18	217
18	222
18	248
18	248

2nd innings.	
1	2
13	22
13	24
13	24
13	51
13	54
13	73
13	75
13	75
13	84

Bucks.—1st innings.	
W. B. Franklin, c Crossman, b Burton	44
W. L. Jackson, c Meyer, b Halsey	49
P. W. Le Gros, c and b Halsey	27
L. G. Baker, b Meyer	0
C. Powell, b Meyer	0
E. Carlton, c Blower, b Meyer	16
A. U. Payne, b Burton	17
R. W. B. Fuller, b Burton	6
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b Meyer	10
W. E. Hazleton, c Stewart, b Meyer	14
Edwards (F.), not out	2
Extras	7
Total	192

2nd innings.	
Franklin, b Meyer	14
Jackson, st. Crossman, b Burton	36
Le Gros, c Fordham, b Meyer	11
Baker, lbw, b Meyer	17
Powell, c Halsey, b Meyer	2
Carlton, c Halsey, b Burton	4
Payne, not out	13
Fuller, not out	8
Hazleton, c Meyer, b Burton	23
Extras	13
Total (for 7 wks.)	141

Aubrey-Fletcher and Edwards did not bat.	
Bucks.—1st innings.	
1	2
73	122
73	122
73	125
73	127
73	153
73	165
73	166
73	185
73	192

2nd innings.	
1	2
23	52
23	72
23	79
23	92
23	97
23	124

Bowling Analysis.	
Bucks, 1st innings. — W. E. Hazleton, 39—2—89—4; Edwards, 25—1—6—59—3; A. U. Payne, 9—2—34—1; H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, 6—2—31—1; C. Powell, 3—0—32—1.	
2nd innings.—W. E. Hazleton, 30.3—12—42—5; Edwards, 30—14—40—3.	
Herts, 1st innings. — R. J. O. Meyer, 22.4—5—61—4; Burton, 25—3—80—3; R. D. Hylton-Stewart, 7—1—27—0; T. E. Halsey, 6—1—17—3.	
2nd inn.—R. J. O. Meyer, 32—5—64—4; Burton, 31.5—7—62—3.	

## AMERSHAM v. HARROW.

The above teams met at Amersham on August 16th, when the game resulted in a win for the visiting team by 138 runs. Scores:—

Amersham.	
W. Patrick, b Hands	8
C. Martin, c sub., b Griggs	0
T. W. Orton, c Griggs, b Hands	1
H. R. Hoare, b Hands	15
H. C. R. James, c Ball, b Griggs	12
D. S. Hamilton, not out	15
R. Garton, c Hands, b Griggs	3
H. C. Orton, b Griggs	0
E. Fluchette, b Griggs	2
C. Gascoyne, b Hands	7
W. Dean, b Hands	4
Extras	0
Total	67

Harrow.	
C. G. Reeman, b Dean	20
K. Hart, b T. Orton	1
N. Groves, lbw, b James	39
W. C. Hands, c Patrick, b T. Orton	52
W. W. Griggs, c H. Orton, b T. Orton	1
J. Rees, b James	1
J. Ball, c Martin, b Garton	44
J. Hart, c Garton, b James	0
F. C. Bartlett, not out	17
C. K. Davis, not out	4
Extras	25
Total (for 8 wks.)	203

C. Fairweather did not bat.

## SPORTING NOTES.

### MORE FOOTBALL PROSPECTS IN WYCOMBE & DISTRICT.

Wycombe C.C. Reserves had a pleasant game with Chesham Reserves at Chesham on Saturday last, and it was a pity that "Father Time" prevented a definite result being attained. The official score sheet records:—"Time started, 2.40; innings closed, 4.45; Chesham started innings, 5.20; time closed, 7.15." A lot of wasted time somewhere. However, Wycombe knocked up 156 runs for 7 wickets and then declared, and a feature was the 72 not out by T. H. Redington. The previous week against North Middlesex at Crouch End, Redington scored 33, and now has to be added his 72 against Chesham, and in both games he did not give a semblance of a chance, and later on I notice he caught out two opponents. Others who batted well were H. E. Page (22) and J. Brickwell (20). Chesham Reserves replied with 127 for 8 wickets. A. Puddisphatt (32), A. Reynolds (26), G. Stone (22), F. Rust (12) and J. Fullings (12) being the chief contributors. Brickwell again proved his worth as a bowler (3 wickets for 53 runs), G. H. Baker taking 2 for 22, and W. Tibbles 1 for 17. The game ended in a draw, slightly in Wycombe's favour. When the teams met at Wycombe on June 14th there was a tie, each team scoring 80.

Last week I referred to the doings in the cricket field of Mr. C. V. Rafferty, son of Mr. H. V. Rafferty, of Beaconsfield, and grandson of Mr. C. W. Rafferty, J.P., of High Wycombe. On Saturday last at Orleans Park, "C.V.R." played for the Public Schools against the Exiles, and scored 30 runs and took 6 wickets for 31 runs. "A.P." in his Public School notes in the "Sportsman" on Tuesday, writes:—"Rafferty, who was no doubt assisted by the pitch, kept an excellent length with his slow left-hand deliveries. With regard to his batting the same writer goes on:—"C. V. Rafferty, the Cranleigh left-hander, made beautiful strokes all round the wicket, carried the score to 50 before he left to a wonderful catch by Carr at short leg." I hope some day he will find his way into the Wycombe C.C. eleven.

Heartily congratulations to Wycombe Alexandra on winning, for the first time, the Championship of Division I of the Wycombe and District Cricket League. The Alexs. are one of the oldest members of the competition and during their long career they have on more than one occasion been near to winning the trophy and on others near the danger point of relegation to a lower Division. I expect later on the Alexs. will celebrate the event. No wonder President Beckett is all smiles!

One does not often find two teams of the same Club making identical scores. Last Saturday Wycombe Wanderers Sports Club entertained Great Kingshill in the League, and knocked up 86 to 17 by Kingshill. The Reserves of both teams were at Kingshill, and there the Wanderers second string compiled 80 runs and Kingshill Res. obtained 17.

The position of the Bucks County Cricket Club in the Minor Counties' Championship table up to Wednesday morning is:—Played 6, won 2, won 1 on the 1st innings, lost 1 on the 1st innings, and drawn 1. They occupy 10th place in the table, Northumberland being 1st, Dorset 2nd, and Berkshire 3rd.

Cricket dies hard in Beaconsfield; the Club has still 5 more matches on their programme, and although the football season proper will soon be here, Club cricketers, old and young, will be able to play their favourite game during the winter months at the school where tuition and practice are given under the guidance of Messrs. Pat Hendren and J. Durston, of Middlesex. Considering the number of Club cricketers in and around London, this opportunity to keep in trim during the close season will be a source of pleasure and recreation to many, as well as instructive. Students at this Acton School should produce some startling performances with bat and ball during the season 1925.



# MORE MINOR COUNTIES' CHAM- PIONSHIP MATCHES.

## BUCKS COUNTY C.C. vs. SURREY II AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

This match had been allotted by the County Club to Edwards, their only professional, as his "Benefit" match. There was an excellent attendance, amounting to about 500 throughout, and as the county had been freely circularised on Edwards' behalf it is hoped that the latter will receive an amount commensurate with his services to the county.

Once again Bucks were without two of their best bats, Roo and Wells, and as for the sixth consecutive time their Captain lost the toss, it may be said that fortune did not favour them from the start. But if fortune had stopped there Bucks would have grumbled a little and won the match. Unfortunately it did not; after Surrey had had first innings on a beautiful and easy wicket with a fast outfield, a torrent of rain came down and the rest of the match was played on a wicket that gave every one advantage to the bowlers and with an outfield so slow that runs were far harder to obtain. Even so, Bucks made a magnificent fight against adversity.

W. T. Cook, the left-hander, and H. A. Packham, opened for Surrey and the former quickly showed that his object was to knock Edwards off his length and so demonstrate to the rest of his team that their destroyer of last year was but human. It must be said at once that he played his part most admirably, hitting with great force and judgment, whilst Edwards displayed his humanity by bowling anything but the excellent length that one has come to expect from him. It is only fair to say, however, that both he and Hazelton, particularly the latter, were undoubtedly tired after their two long spells of bowling against Herts in the preceding match. Packham and Summers were quickly disposed of, but then Cook and Daily rapidly took the score to 81 before the former was caught at the wicket off a good ball from Payne; his admirable innings of 53 was of the greatest value to his side. Sorensen and Gulland continued the good work with Daily, until good catches by Aubrey-Fletcher disposed of the two last, whilst Baker snapped up the Surrey Captain at forward short leg. The innings then came rapidly to an end, curiously enough for the same total as that compiled by Herts in their first innings—248. It was a good score, but on the easy wicket not an overpowering one. Then, however, came the rain, and after an hour's delay, Bucks had to bat under conditions that told heavily against them. The Surrey bowlers made admirable use of their opportunity, Jennings, the left-hander, keeping an immaculate length, whilst Geary swung sharply from leg and occasionally brought the ball back from the off. Franklin and Carlton were out in the first 5 overs. Jackson stayed for a short time, but Baker and Payne were also out before stumps were drawn. In the meantime Le Gros was hitting out most gallantly, not perhaps with the best judgment, but with quite admirable luck, for he was misced on several occasions.

On Saturday morning Le Gros found an excellent partner in Aubrey-Fletcher, who undertook the defence of one wing whilst Le Gros attacked from the other. The score was rapidly taken to 151 before Le Gros' plucky and invaluable innings was brought to an end just short of the century. Undoubtedly he was lucky, but no less undoubtedly Bucks would not have made a hundred without him. As it was they reached the useful total of 169.

Surrey's lead of 79 was a very formidable one under the low-scoring conditions that now obtained. Still, Bucks were by no means disheartened, knowing that if they could once get rid of Cook they might well dispose of Surrey cheaply. In their first object they were at once successful, for Cook sent his second ball from Hazelton through the slips, and his sixth into the hands of Le Gros in the same position. Gulland was again caught off a skier by Aubrey-Fletcher. Daily well taken low down by Carlton at short leg, and Summers admirably caught by Powell in the deep. Had Carlton held Bullock off a big drive soon after he came in, anything might have happened, but the Surrey batsman, profiting by his escape, hit so freely that the score was rapidly taken to 91, at which point Surrey were 170 runs on with six wickets in hand—an apparently hopeless position for Bucks. But the champions never admit defeat until the last ball is bowled. Sorensen, who had ably partnered Bullock, was caught and bowled by Hazelton, and then followed a really remarkable collapse, Jennings being run out and Bullock, Brooks, Geary and Lock all being stumped by Franklin off the bowling of Edwards. Packham snatched a few useful runs while these things were happening, but Surrey were all out for 114.

The task of getting 194 in the fourth innings would be a serious one at the best of times, but with the wicket sticky and worn, the outfield dead slow, and the light bed, it appeared almost impossible. When the three best Bucks batsmen, Franklin, Jackson and Le Gros were out for 37, the match appeared practically over, but two young players, E. Carlton and L. G. Baker, made such an excellent stand that 37 runs were added before they were separated, and Bucks once more appeared to have a remote chance. Carlton, in particular, batted like a veteran, showing excellent defence and picking the right ball to hit. Baker made some capital scoring strokes but he is not yet a sound bat and was bowled playing a very weak stroke to a good length ball from Gulland.

Hazelton again played a fine forcing innings, taking few risks but losing no opportunity of scoring, and he was ably supported first by Aubrey-Fletcher and then by Powell. When Edwards, the last man, went in 45 runs were still required, but even then Bucks were not done with, 20 runs being added before Edwards was bowled hitting rather wildly at a good length ball from Jennings.

Surrey thus won an extremely interesting match by 24 runs. Particular credit is due to Jennings who bowled unchanged throughout both Bucks innings and kept an almost immaculate length all the time.

Bucks were beaten for the first time in two seasons, but they fought an uphill battle most gamely and it was particularly encouraging to see the promising form of young players like Carlton, Baker and Fuller. The fielding was not so good as usual and the catching most uncertain, a fault which contributed seriously to their defeat, but the Wycombe ground is notoriously difficult in this respect and Surrey did little, if any, better. Scores and bowling analysis:—

### Bucks.—First Innings.

W. B. Franklin, c Brooks, b Jennings .....	1
W. L. Jackson, b Jennings .....	12
E. Carlton, b Geary .....	1
P. W. Le Gros, c and b Geary .....	96
L. G. Baker, c Sulland, b Geary .....	5
A. U. Payne, c Cook, b Jennings .....	2
R. W. B. Fuller, b Gulland .....	10
W. E. Hazelton, c Sorensen, b Gulland .....	5
C. Powell, run out .....	7
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, not out .....	16
Edwards, b Jennings .....	4
Extras .....	10

Total .....

### 2nd Innings.

Franklin, c and b Geary .....	2
Jackson, b Geary .....	11
Carlton, c Geary, b Gulland .....	25
P. W. Le Gros, c Summers, b Jennings .....	11
L. G. Baker, b Gulland .....	19
Payne, lbw, b Geary .....	0
Fuller, b Jennings .....	13
Hazelton, c Daily, b Jennings .....	42
Powell, not out .....	13
Aubrey-Fletcher, b Geary .....	7
Edwards, b Jennings .....	10
Extras .....	16

Total .....

### Bowling Analysis.

First Innings.—Geary, 23-3-47-3; Jennings, 36-4-12-63-4; Gulland, 15-3-29-2.
Second Innings.—Geary, 23-4-53-4; Jennings, 33-10-60-4; Gulland, 10-2-40-2.

### Surrey II.—First Innings.

W. T. Cook, c Franklin, b Payne 53	
H. A. Packham, b Edwards .....	6
G. F. Summers, st. Franklin, b Hazelton .....	8
Daily, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Edwards .....	87

Bullock, b Payne .....	7
I. M. Sorensen, c Baker, b Aubrey-Fletcher .....	33
R. G. Gulland, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Hazelton .....	22
Jennings, c Franklin, b Hazelton .....	13
Brooks, not out .....	4
Geary, b Edwards .....	0
Lock, c Powell, b Payne .....	2
Extras .....	14

Total .....

### 2nd Innings.

Cook, c Le Gros, b Hazelton .....	2
Packham, not out .....	17
Summers, c Powell, b Edwards .....	9
Daily, c Carlton, b Hazelton .....	13
Bullock, st. Franklin, b Edwards .....	40
Sorensen, c and b Hazelton .....	18
Gulland, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Hazelton .....	8
Jennings, run out .....	0
Brooks, st. Franklin, b Edwards .....	1
Geary, st. Franklin, b Edwards .....	0
Lock, st. Franklin, b Edwards .....	0
Extras .....	4

Total .....

### Bowling Analysis.

First Innings.—Hazelton, 25-7-62-3; Edwards, 34-6-104-3; Payne, 10-3-30-3; Aubrey-Fletcher, 5-0-24-1; Powell, 2-0-7-0; Carlton, 2-1-7-0.
Second Innings.—Hazelton 22-8-57-4; Edwards, 21-4-7-53-5.



# **SPLENDID VICTORY FOR BUCKS AT WYCOMBE YESTERDAY.** **LE GROS AND AUBREY-FLETCHER'S FINE STAND.**

On Wednesday and Thursday (yesterday) this match took place on the Wycombe ground, and it was marked by some of the most sensational cricket one could wish to see. On a true bowlers' wicket, Leicester had first knock on Wednesday, and Edwards (6 for 12) and Hazelton (4 for 20), skittled out the visitors for the meagre total of 33 runs—Ruddle being top scorer with 9. A greater sensation was in store, as Bucks were dismissed for 24, Snary bowled 10 maiden overs in succession, and took five wickets for 6 runs, and Benskin the remaining 5 for 15. The spectators were kept on tenter-hooks, and when Leicester had completed their 2nd innings, they had scored 118—Hazelton 5 for 46, Edwards 3 for 41, and Payne 2 for 16. Bucks went in again, and shaped disastrously at the outset, and when stumps were drawn on Wednesday night they had lost 3 wickets for 27 runs.

Yesterday, with a very little improved wicket, Bucks resumed their innings, Le Gros and Aubrey-Fletcher (the not outs of the previous night) again defying the attack. Every hit was cheered to the echo, owing to the critical position in which Bucks were placed as they required 101 runs to win. Le Gros, who hit 11 fours, played very stylish cricket, and while Aubrey-Fletcher was mainly on the defensive, Bucks succeeded before luncheon in knocking off the necessary runs without further loss, and winning amidst a tumult of cheers by 7 wickets. Scores and bowling analysis:—

## **BUCKS v. LEICESTER II.**

Leicestershire—1st innings.	
A. C. J. German, st. Franklin, b Edwards	4
Berridge, c Payne, b Hazelton	3
J. C. Bradshaw, b Edwards	0
Hutchinson, b Hazelton	4
Lee, b Hazelton	6
G. B. F. Rudd, c Baker, b Hazelton	4
C. L. M. Brown, c and b Edwards	0
G. K. F. Ruddle, b Edwards	9
Smith, st. Franklin, b Edwards	0
Snary, b Edwards	1
Benskin, not out	1
Extras	1

Total ..... 33

## **2nd innings.**

German, c Le Gros, b Edwards	32
Berridge, b Hazelton	19
Bradshaw, b Payne	13
Hutchinson, st. Franklin, b Payne	0
Lee, c Carlton, b Hazelton	16
Rudd, c Baker, b Hazelton	1
Brown, lbw, b Edwards	17
Ruddle, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Hazelton	0
Smith, st. Franklin, b Edwards	0
Snary, not out	2
Benskin, b Hazelton	5
Extras	13

Total ..... 118

## **Bucks.—First innings.**

W. B. Franklin, b Benskin	3
E. Carlton, b Snary	2
A. V. Wills, c Ruddle, b Benskin	6
P. W. Le Gros, c Hutchinson, b Snary	0
L. G. Baker, b Benskin	2
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, b Benskin	4
C. V. Raffety, b Snary	2
R. W. B. Fuller, b Snary	1
W. E. Hazelton, not out	0
A. U. Payne, lbw, b Benskin	0
Edwards, b Snary	1
Extras	3

Total ..... 24

## **2nd Innings.**

E. Carlton, lbw, b Benskin	2
A. V. Wells, b Hutchinson	8
P. W. Le Gros, not out	80
L. G. Baker, c Rudd, b Snary	4
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, not out	27
Extras	7

Total (3 wickets) ..... 128

Fall of wickets:—										
Leicester.—1st innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
6	6	12	14	20	22	22	22	32	33	
Second innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
25	41	44	76	76	97	98	100	109	118	
Bucks.—1st Innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
5	5	5	11	17	21	23	23	23	24	
Second innings.										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3	8	27								

## **Bowling Analysis.**

Bucks.—1st Innings: W. E. Hazelton, 11-3-20-4; Edwards, 10-4-4-12-6.	
Second innings:—W. E. Hazelton, 17-4-46-5; Edwards, 20-7-41-3; A. U. Payne, 5-0-16-2; H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, 1-0-2-0.	
Leicestershire.—First innings: Benskin, 14-6-15-5; Snary, 13-5-11-6-5.	
Second innings.—Benskin, 17-1-50-1; Snary, 19-10-22-1; Hutchinson, 10-3-38-1; Smith, 2-0-10-0; Rudd, 1-0-1-0.	

## **BEACONSFIELD WEDNESDAYS v. WYCOMBE BAPTISTS.**

Played at Beaconsfield on Wednesday, August 20th. Scores:—

Beaconsfield.	
Capt. Gelstone, b Stone	0
A. Tidy, c and b Stone	7
E. F. King, b Stone	21
C. Watson, lbw, b Howland	0
H. Watson, b Howland	8
A. James, not out	57
H. Brooke, c Woodbridge, b Howland	13
T. Layne, run out	0
A. E. Stephens, b Lawner	1
T. W. Smith, c and b Lawner	2
G. D. Smith, c Locke, b Lawner	0
R. Reynolds, c Fowler, b Thorne	3
R. Croxford, b Locke	9
Extras	7

Total ..... 128

## **Baptists.**

H. A. Locke, b C. Watson	7
E. Lawner, b H. Watson	18
C. G. Locke, run out	2
H. Norman, c Stephens, b James	8
W. Stone, b E. F. King	8
R. Howland, b James	6
N. Plumridge, not out	25
E. L. Thorne, b King	10
F. Piddington, b King	0
G. Langley, c Croxford, b King	32
F. Woodbridge, not out	3
Extras	13

Total ..... 131

C. Lawner and — White did not bat.

East Wycombe Bowling Club have been doing great things of late. On August 13th, the Wednesday section entertained Thame and won by 29 points. On August 20th, the Wednesday section visited Gerrards Cross and beat the British Legion by 9 points.

On Saturday next the Alexs. play Prestwood on the Rye, and will be represented by A. C. Humphrey (Captain), F. Morris, F. Speary, F. Clark, J. Thomas, J. Summerfield, J. Ball, G. Leeson, G. Barlow, B. Radley and A. Stroud.

## **OLD BORLASIANS v. LITTLE MARLOW.**

A very interesting match was played between the above teams on the Borlase School ground on Saturday last. The Old Borlasians were successful on the first innings by a margin of 6 runs, although had it been possible to complete the second innings the result may have been reversed, for Little Marlow, with two wickets to fall, only required four runs for victory. Scores:—

Old Borlasians.	
W. G. Salisbury, b Southam	0
A. E. Baldwin, not out	22
R. C. Fuller, c Southam, b Platt	9
F. D. Lannon, c Smith, b Southam	5
C. C. Lloyd, c and b Southam	0
F. O. Nicholls, lbw, b Southam	10
W. H. Morris, b Southam	0
S. R. Sheppard, b Woodbridge	1
W. J. Hobbs, run out	0
A. E. Smith, c Catham, b Southam	0
F. W. Coster, c Pepper, b Southam	2
Extras	4

Total ..... 53

Second innings—42 for 8 wickets, dec. (Nicholls 18, Salisbury 10).

## **Little Marlow.**

E. Southam, lbw, b Sheppard	5
H. Wooten, lbw, b Morris	5
C. Platt, b Sheppard	4
C. Cartland, b Morris	1
G. Clifford, c Nicholls, b Sheppard	0
F. Woodbridge, not out	13
B. Pepper, c Fuller, b Sheppard	2
C. Clifford, b Sheppard	0
H. Hayes, b Baldwin	10
L. Smith, b Morris	1
A. Adams, b Morris	0
Extras	6

Total ..... 47

Second innings—45 for 8 wickets (Woodbridge 24).

## **HAZELL'S C.C. (AYLESBURY) v. MONKS RISBOROUGH.**

A match between the above teams was played at Aylesbury on Saturday last and resulted in favour of Monks Risborough by 5 wickets. Hillsden and Edwards batted well for Hazells, as did Tanton, Richings and Wells for Monks Risborough. Scores:—

Hazell's C.C.	
F. Hollings, b Saunders	0
T. Roche, c Stevens, b Richings	0
J. Edwards, c Plumstead, b Richings	20
A. Wolford, b Richings	0
T. Goodwin, c Taylor, b Saunders	3
G. T. Birchnell, b Saunders	4
J. Hillsden, not out	58
A. Saunders, b Taylor	2
E. Bridges, b Taylor	0
J. Goodchild, b Fienes	15
H. Newton, b Stevens	0
Extras	11

Total ..... 113

## **Monks Risborough.**

S. C. Dewes, b Goodchild	0
T. Tanton, not out	69
S. C. Wells, b Newton	19
S. W. Richings, b Newton	42
W. H. Lavington, b Newton	0
C. G. Plumstead, b Saunders	5
R. W. Taylor, not out	4
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks.) ..... 145

G. A. Fienes, A. J. Smith, W. Saunders and H. Stevens did not bat.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1924.

## MINOR COUNTIES' COMPETITION.

## BUCKS v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

Rain again spoiled this match, which was played on Friday and Saturday last at Ascott. For the eighth time in succession, the Bucks captain lost the toss and had to take the field. The rain of the previous night had affected the wicket and made it very slow. Beds made a very moderate start, 5 wickets being down with only 33 runs on the board. Rain then came on (12.25) and play was not resumed till 5.10. Pacey was playing carefully, and when stumps were drawn at 6.30 he was still undefeated, the score being 93 for 8 wickets, Edwards having captured them all. Payne took the remaining 2 in the morning and the total reached 102, of which Pacey obtained 26. Franklin and Jackson were the first pair of batsmen for Bucks and before they were parted the score had reached 53, when Franklin was smartly stamped. The rate of scoring continued and Jackson had the satisfaction of being the highest scorer (28), which contained one five, all run. The Beds total was passed before the 5th wicket fell, and at lunch time the score was 119 for 5 wickets. As time was precious, the batsmen had orders to make runs as fast as possible and consequently the score was not so many as might have been the case had the players played their usual style. With a lead of 48 runs and 4 hours for play, Bucks took the field. The Beds Captain opened the innings, and playing his usual game quickly scored 22, when he was splendidly caught by Aubrey-Fletcher. At the tea interval the score was 101 for 4 wickets, but after tea wickets fell quickly and the total only reached 123, leaving Bucks 81 runs to obtain for victory. Rain, which had threatened during the afternoon, fell before the innings could begin, and after waiting till 6.15 it was decided to close the play. The fielding of the home team was excellent, but Wells and Aubrey-Fletcher were most prominent. The latter made two splendid catches which few players would have reached; Robinson, for the visitors, fielding splendidly at cover point, saving many runs. Edwards and Payne bowled well, though the latter had not much luck in the first innings. Scores and bowling analysis:—

Bedfordshire.—First innings.	
P. Burke, b Edwards	3
F. C. W. Newman, at Franklin, b Edwards	18
E. D. Dynes, c Payne, b Edwards	11
A. Pacey, not out	26
W. A. H. Childs, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Edwards	0
L. C. D. Robinson, lbw, b Edwards	0
W. E. King, c Raffety, b Edwards	12
C. N. Reed, at Franklin, b Edwards	17
R. J. J. Ireland, b Edwards	3
F. Redman, c and b Payne	1
Dilley, c Edwards, b Payne	6
Extras	5
Total	102
2nd innings.	
Burke, not out	8
Newman, at Franklin, b Edwards	31
Dynes, b Payne	0
Pacey, c Payne, b Edwards	10
Childs, lbw, b Edwards	13
Robinson, b Payne	4
King, c Aubrey-Fletcher, b Payne	22
Reed, b Payne	26
Ireland, b Edwards	0
Redman, c Raffety, b Payne	6
Dilley, c Le Gros, b Edwards	0
Extras	8
Total	128

Buckinghamshire.—First innings.									
W. B. Franklin, at Burke, b Dynes	27								
W. L. Jackson, lbw, b Childs	28								
W. N. Roe, c and b Redman	23								
P. W. Le Gros, c Ireland, b Redman	23								
Extras	2								
Total	150								
Fall of wickets:—									
Beds.—First innings.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	29	32	33	33	59	87	93	94	102
Second innings.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	42	46	85	111	114	116	125	128	128
Bucks.—First innings.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
53	65	101	102	106	125	127	136	149	150

Bowling Analysis.	
Bucks, first innings.—Edwards, 28-6-60-8; A. Payne, 27-1-11-37-2.	
2nd innings.—Edwards, 23-3-72-5; Payne, 23-7-48-5; H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher, 1-1-0-0.	
Beds.—Dilley, 2-0-8-0; W. A. H. Childs, 16-5-23-2; E. D. Dynes, 19-3-59-2; W. E. King, 11-5-2-36-3; F. Redman, 7-2-17-2.	

BEACONSFIELD V. MILL HILL PARK  
Played at Beaconsfield on Saturday, August 23rd, and won by the visitors by 12 runs. Batting first, Mill Hill Park, thanks to good batting by Fielder and A. Smith, made 154 for 6 wickets and then declared. Beaconsfield made a good fight, but were all out for 142. Scores:—

Mill Hill Park.	
Fielder, not out	61
Graham, b V. Bray	1
Coulthard, b S. Davis	1
Parr Hoard, c Bray, b S. Davis	1
A. Smith, a and b E. J. Smith	47
Jarvis, st. Platt, b Smith	22
Townsend, lbw, b Bray	1
Hodgson, not out	15
Extras	5

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ... 154  
Bolger, Reynolds and Worthington did not bat.

Beaconsfield.	
Brown, lbw, b Townsend	21
Storey, b Fielder, b Smith	2
E. J. Smith, b Worthington	17
F. A. Evershed, c Smith, b Worthington	2
E. F. Robson, b Jarvis	6
Bray, c Fielder, b Worthington	26
O. Boddy, b Jarvis	6
H. G. S. Davis, b Fielder	25
Platt, c Graham, b Fielder	8
E. Boddy, b Fielder	0
Richards, not out	5
Extras	18
Total	142

## BEACONSFIELD V. CHILTERN WANDERERS.

A close match between the above teams resulted in a win for Chiltern Wanderers by 3 runs. P. N. Durlaches played a fine innings of 81 for the Wanderers, while Smith and Williams battled well for Beaconsfield. Scores:—

Chiltern Wanderers.	
Burton, b Davis	5
Batcock, lbw, b Davis	4
P. N. Durlaches, c and b Bray	81
Monckton, lbw, b Williams	7
Waugh, c Platt, b Davis	22
Child, b Smith	1
Nuthall, b Bray	0
Saunderson, c Reynolds, b Bray	4
J. Durlaches, b Bray	0
Carlswilson, not out	4
Extras	9

Total	
Beaconsfield.	
Storey, run out	21
Boddy, b Childs	0
Smith, st. Monckton, b Batcock	30
Bray, run out	5
F. H. Evershed, lbw, b Batcock	2
Robson, b Waugh	24
H. G. S. Davis, b Batcock	15
Reynolds, b Waugh	0
Platt, c and b Waugh	0
Williams, st. Monckton, b Waugh	30
Richards, not out	2
Extras	5
Total	134

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1924.

## Bucks County Cricket.

Four out of the eight matches played by the Bucks County Cricket Club were spoiled by rain, play being limited to one day or less. Bucks lost the toss on all eight occasions.

The most interesting matches were: v. Surrey II. Surrey scored 248 in their first innings on an easy wicket, the rest of the match being played on a slick wicket. Surrey at one time in the second innings were 170 on with three wickets in hand, but Bucks only lost by 24 runs.

v. Herts. Herts at one point in their first innings had 216 up for five, but they were dismissed for 218. Herts leading by 56 on the first innings, made only 84 in their second innings, and were beaten by three wickets.

v. Leicester II. at Hinkley. In one afternoon's play, Leicester were dismissed for 35. Bucks made 120 for four (declared) and then got six Leicester wickets for 42.

v. Leicester II at Wycombe. Leicester made 33 and Bucks 24. Leicester going in again scored 118. Bucks lost three wickets for 27, but the next morning knocked off the remaining 101 without loss.

Practically only three bowlers were used. Edwards bowling almost unchanged one end throughout the season, his record being 69 wickets for 9 runs each, and W. E. Hazleton and A. U. Payne taking turns to bowl practically unchanged the other end.

P. W. Le Gros played very finely throughout the season, notably 40 out of 79 v. Herts, 70 not out (26 in one over) v. Leicester II, 56 v. Surrey II, 60 not out v. Leicester II, W. E. Roe made a fine century v. Beds, but could only play in two matches.

The fielding was exceptionally fine throughout. W. B. Franklin kept wicket brilliantly, stamping 22 (18 off Edwards).

Batting Averages.	
Name.	Inn. R. Score. out Aver.
W. N. Roe	3 157 115 0 52.33
P. W. Le Gros	11 266 96 2 40.66
W. E. Hazleton	5 84 42 1 21.00
H. L. Aubrey-Fletcher	9 90 27 4 18.00
W. L. Jackson	10 154 49 0 15.40
W. B. Franklin	10 153 44 0 15.30
A. V. Wells	3 83 32 1 11.71
H. Pitchford	2 22 19 0 11.00
E. C. H. Salmon	3 32 24 0 10.66
L. G. Baker	10 94 23 1 10.44
R. W. R. Fuller	7 47 13 2 9.40
F. Carlton	8 69 25 0 8.62
C. Powell	2 13 1 1 7.33
A. U. Payne	11 64 17 2 7.41
Edwards (F.)	7 28 10 3 7.00
C. V. Raffety	2 6 4 0 3.00
Not out.	
Bowling Averages.	
Edwards (F.)	O. M. R. W. Aver.
A. U. Payne	139 123 624 69 9.18
W. E. Hazleton	150 63 347 32 10.84
W. L. Aubrey-Fletcher	149 43 359 26 13.80
H. L. Jackson	40 109 105 5 21.80
C. Powell	5 0 39 1 39.00
E. Carlton	2 1 7 0 —

Stumped: Franklin 22.  
Catches: Payne 7, Aubrey-Fletcher 7, Franklin 6, Le Gros 5, Baker 4, Edwards 4, Hazleton 4, Powell 3, Salmon 3, Carlton 3, Jackson 1, Wells 1, Fuller 1.

## SUMMARY OF THE MATCHES PLAYED.

Bucks v. Surrey II, at the Oval.—No play the first day, and as both sides did not complete an innings, result did not count. Scores:—Surrey II, 138 (Edwards 7 wickets for 46); Bucks, 38 for 1 wicket.

Bucks v. Herts, at Bletchley.—No play the first day. Herts gained 3 points for first innings lead. Scores:—Herts, 97 (Payne 7 wickets for 41); 2nd innings, 43 for 4 wickets. Bucks, 79 (Le Gros scored 40, Meyer took 6 for 44).

Bucks v. Leicestershire at Hinkley. No play first day. Scores:—Leicester 35 (Edwards 6 for 10); 2nd innings, 43 for 6 (Edwards 5 for 19). Bucks, 124 for 4 declared (Le Gros 70 not out). Result: Bucks gained 3 points for 1st innings lead.

Bucks v. Beds, at Bedford.—Beds, 82 (Edwards 6 for 35); 2nd innings, 42 (Edwards 5 for 16). Bucks, 115 (Franklin 33); 2nd innings, 229 for 8 wicket, dec. (Roe 115). Result: Bucks won by 220 runs.

Bucks v. Herts, at Watford.—Herts, 248; 2nd innings, 84 (Hazleton 5 wickets for 42). Bucks, 192 (Jackson 49); 2nd innings, 141 for 7 wickets (Franklin 44). Result: Bucks won by 3 wickets.

Bucks v. Surrey II, at Wycombe.—Surrey II, 248; 2nd innings, 114 (Edwards 5 for 53). Bucks, 169 (Le Gros 86); 2nd innings, 169 (Hazleton 42). Result: Surrey II won by 24 runs.

Bucks v. Leicester II, at Wycombe.—Leicester II, 33 (Edwards 6 for 12, Hazleton 4 for 20); 2nd innings, 118 (Hazleton 5 for 46). Bucks, 24 (Snary 5 for 6, Benskin 5 for 15); 2nd innings, 128 for 3 wickets (Le Gros 80 not out). Result: Bucks won by 7 wickets.

Bucks v. Beds, at Ascott (Wing).—Beds, 102 (Edwards 8 for 60); 2nd innings, 128 (Payne 5 for 48). Bucks, 150 Result: Bucks gained 3 points for first innings lead.

Result of season.—Played 8, won 3, won on first innings 2, lost on 1st innings 1, lost 1, no result 1.