JACK COOK - AND HIS BROTHERS.

A SKETCH OF BOLLINGTON'S FORMER PRO.

PRO.

The following article concerning Jack Cook—the former professional fee the Bollington Cricket Club—appeared in the "Middlesboro Sports Gazette" last week:—
At a time when the North Yorkshire and South Durham Cricket League is none too strong in professional assistance, it is a pleasure to welcome a "paid" man who arrives with a reputation like that of John Cook, "Jack" Cook, who has joined West Hartlepool C.C., comes of a cricketing steek, for his father, an old cricketer; was groundsman for West Cliff, Preston, for 28 years: There were five sons of this groundsman who, just prior to the war, were acting in professional capacities for various clubs, "Bill," the eldest, was with Burnley (Lancashire League), "Jack" with Norton (North Staffordshire League), "Jack" with Norton (North Staffordshire League), "Lol" with Lancashire "C.C.C., "Jim," of Bolton League fame, and George, the voungeat, was inuior pro. for Leyland, George the voungeat, was inuior pro. for Leyland, George cook would have been the best of the family bunch had he lived.

William Cook played in the Lancashire League for nearly twenty years, and has taken more wickets and has better batting averages than any other Lancashire League player. He has justleft Burnley, where he had happy associations for the Central Lancashire League, where he will assist Royton.

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Lawrence Cook has played for Laneashire for something like seventeen years, while James another brother last season took over a hundered Bolton League wickets for Engley.

But to return to the player who comes amongst us. "Jack" Cook is thirty-six years old, and he started his playing career when seventeen on the Liverpool ground staff at Aigburth. Two sensons there were followed by a couple as junior "pro." to Chorley. Then followed five seasons with Stand C.C., for whom Cook took over a hundred wickets each season. To Norton, of the



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North Staffordshire League, which combination then harboured Sydney Barnes, was the next move, and here the present West Hartlepool player took 93 wickets at eight runs apiece, and scored 479 runs.

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Following demobilisation "Jack" signed for Bollington, in Macclesfield, and here had a remarkably successful opening season, capturing 105 wickets in club cricket, and 71 wickets for Cheshire in county matches. Three seasons in Bollington were followed by two summers with Rawtenstall in the Lancashire League. In 1922, Rawtenstall were joint champions, and Cook's average for 102 wickets was 8.32. A hat-trick obtained against Nelson included Macdonald, the Australian.

Last term, Rawtenstall failed to maintain their winning sequence, but their "pro" took eighty wickets at nine runs each.

Described by a Laucushire critic as "a medium paced bowler with a very casy go-as-you-please style and a very useful bat," after Cheshire had played Northampton in a two days' match, wherein Cook had twice bowled "Bob" Hayward for a duck.

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His highest score is 129, obtained against Fenton in the North Staffordshire League, and it is interesting to note that his bowling average for the same day was eight wickets for eleven runs.

As a county player, John Cook has occasionally "dropped across" Durham, and the players of the latter club have cause to remember him. In 1922 at New Brighton, he helped to dismiss Durham twice in one day (for 98 and 48), and amassed seventy runs before being caught by Scott Pauc off Brooks.

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On the day following this sensational county match, he went back to Rawtenstall to play against Todmorden, and took eight for thirty, besides scoring 51 not out. Two days to be remembered, surely!

Against Northumberland, Cook has had figures seven for 38, four for 21, four for 15, six for 23, and five for 34, and against Durham six for 56, four for 25, five for 19, and seven for 39. The last figures are connected with a one-sided match which was played on the ground of the Burnmoor club in July, 1921, when Jones and Hodgson made a remarkable stand for the Cestrians, scoring 218 after going in first and never being separated.

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West Hartlepool have, in post-war cricket, never been too impressive—at one time they have been brilliant, and then, before ever one knew, they had reversed their form. However, with promising players coming along, their seasoned men such as Walter Lees and Tom Kinch; and the new professional, who has such excellent credentials as those from which the foregoing figures are culled, interesting fare should be provided at the seaside town.

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BRAMHALL V. MACCLESFIELD.

AN EASY WIN FOR MACCLESPIELD.

BY "VETERAN,"

The sun shone on Satarray as it had never done in all my previous risits to Bramhall. It served out a day from real mid-summer, and this made me "see white" and "think white" and really and truly "seeing white" is a jolly sight better than "seeing red." You try it. I'll tell you what I was seeing and thinking about on Saturday last whilst the game was in progress; white flauelled—no, not fools (the war proved that conclusively) men, white buckskin boots, white-coated umpires, the white screens on the green ground, the nice white creases and the white men, 'm, all r all, Mr. Phitor, all who play or love oricket must be white men, whether they make centuries in Test Matches or acquire "ducks" with marked persistency on the village greens. These latter always strike me as being particularly "white," for in spite of constant failure and good-humoured chaft, they stick firmly to the game, and their joy when, perchance, they run into double figures, enthuses the whole club—nny, the whole village.

The Bramhall captain won the tosa, and I quide thought, after looking at the wicket, that he would have sent the Silkites in to bat first; he told me afterwards that he intended doing so, but at the crucial moment he was persuaded by some of his comrades against his original and better judgment.

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The homosters started badly, Heald, their crack all-rounder," being bowled in Wilson's third over, while the two younger Leach's followed Heald to the pavilion almost immediately, being also easy victims to Wilson's wiles.

Higgins, and the father of the Leach's, tried hard to stem the disastrous start, but after both got into double figures, they succumbed, and the whole eleven were sent back for a paltry total of 48 runs. The main reason fon Bramball's arrears was the bowling of the Macelesfield professional (Wilson), who had a haul of seven wickets for 14 runs, and so brought off one of the best performances of his excer. At the other end Hope also bowled steadily and well, but had little luck.

Hittle luck.

Following a "refresher," Brymen a cricketer new to Macclesfield this season, started butting confidently, and seemed set for a big innings when he was howled by one of Heald's best expresses, and the next ball—a good 'un, sent down by the same bowler to Bushby, found the middle stump, so that with Sheldon gone also, three good wickets went down for 23 runs, of which Brymer had put together 18 of them.

Then the Macclesfield wicket-keeper, in his own inimitable style, went for the bowling, whilst Wilson (the pro.), who was timing the bowling badly at the start of his long innings, played quietly, and these two went past the Bramhall score before "Twemmy" was sent back to the pavilien. He came in at a critical time, and played a fine, plucky game for his score of 28 mus and knocked Heald off his good-length trundling. Hope, the captain, was evidently short of practice, for he couldn't get held of one of the deliveries in the middle of the bat, and soon fell a victim—Frank Harrison helped Wilson to add another 20 runs; then Leadbetter came in and, together, with the pro., took the score past the 20 mark. They both played good cricket when set, and thus enabled the visitors to run out casy winners by almost 150 runs, for the fall of seven wickets

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To-day, after a good start by beating Winnington Park and Bramhall, Macclesfield lirst eleven will open their home programme at the Victoria Read ground, with Sale as their opponents, and, given fine weather, we should witness a joily good game, and a splendid crowd of spectators. Mind you, Sale is "some" team, and it will take the Macclesfield cricketers to show their best form in order to keep their unbeaten certificate. in order to keep their unbeaten certificate.

·BRAMHALL.	
T. R. Heald b Wilson	7
R. Haigh b Wilson	H
J. O. Leech lbw b Wilson	0
W. Mitchell o Twemlow b Wilson	1
R. E. Cattorall run out	3
W. S. Higgins b Hope	12
J. H. Leech e and b Hope	10
H. Marland b Wilson	2
F. Gabott b Wilson	
A. Sharland not out	
A. Haigh b Wilson	0
Extras	3
· -	48

FALL OF WICKETS. 1 for 11; 2-11; 3-14; 4-17; 5-19; 6-39; 42; 8-48; 9-48; 10-48.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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	O.	M.	R.	w.
Wilson	15	4	14	7
Норе		4	31	2

MACCLESFIELD. M. Brymer b Heald 18 J. Sheldon e Higgins b Heald 6 G. B. Twemlow b Higgins 28 H. Bushty b Heald 0 Wilson e Heald b Sharland 6 V. Hope b Heald 3 F. A. Harrison b Higgins 14 T. H. Leadbetter not out 47 E. R. Oakley not out 4 Eatrns 27

FALL OF WICKERS.

Total (for 7 wickets) 207

1 for 18, 2-25; 3-25; 4-73; 5-88; 6-132; 7-195.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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	O.	м.	R.	w.
Gabbott	8	0	42	0
Heald	1.2	1	4.9	4
Hnigh	15	2	44	0
Higgins	12	2	32	2
Sharland	2	Õ	15	1

PORTS AND PASTIMES

CRICKET.

COUNTY TESTS: CHESHIRE'S WIN AT PORTHILL

CHESTER AND DISTRICT CONTESTS: KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION NOTES.

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Cheshire made further progress in the Minor antree. Competition match ending on Tuesy when, in spite of Sydney Barnes, bost wing wizardry, they pulled off a fine story over Staffordshire—the first of two sponents this week—by the comfortable argin of \$1 runs. With W. E. Jones and his other, L. N. Jones, playing for the shire, ester, and Boughton Hall in particular, had special interest, and almost as if it were a sre matter of course, they again acquitted emselves well, without soaring into high cach minings, compiling 40 between them in a county's first innings (which realised 122).

I so in the second, which produced two ransore. W. E. Jones during his term at the eket found the bowling to be of good quality, d though maiden overs were not scarce, his see stamp of batsmanship was revealed very arrly from another angle when the different produced in the stamp of batsmanship and revealed very arrly from another angle when a veteran, has lost little of his cricket, aming, and can still manipulate the ball with re affect on the batsmen apparently anyone under his own conditions. Staffordshire and the wicket, and for this Cheshire are lebted to grand bowling on the part of Wilson and Denna, who sent down grandly throught. The defeated team's first innings was a stramply for Wilson, who dismissed six of the Staffordshire batsmen for the same number runs in ten overs. Staffordshire fared much ther on the concluding day, but found it an possibility to stave off the indicated beating, massing at the second attempt just one run a than the victors. L. N. Jones captured one eket in the Staffordshire men's second inner success served to brace up Cheshire for a return match with the representatives of ed Rose, whom they met at Crewe on Wedvady in high hopes of inflicting a drubbing of the second time this season. How this rainfully could be continued as shown elsewhere.

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In the Chester neighbourhood rain again conlerably interfered with cricket on Saturday,
If at Parkgate it arrived almost at a time
wen Boughton Hall were in the act of admatering the coup-de-grace to Neston and
strict. The Wirral team seemed somewhat
facient in the fielding line, and, judging by
turday's performance, their bowling resources
a be further developed. W. E. Jones found
be bowling somewhat casy, and "slammed"
and H. D. Roberts, Frank Hack and L. N.
nes (who respectively compiled 34, 32 and 47),
serving the opportunity, did likewise, the
vistors declaring at 217 with six wickets down.

J. E. Jones had six 4's to his credit in his
o innings of 63, and his brother, who with
Pick carried out his bat, drove once for a 6
a d hit five boundaries. Neston had lost two
we ckets with 43 registered when rain interfived and terminated a game that had seemed
a rlain to issue with Boughton on top.

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The Boughton Hall Wednesday v. Frodsham rotch had an unexciting result—it ended in a time draw—but it was nevertheless noteworthy to a capital all round performance on the set of R. Moore Dutton. Signs of this able, any bataman's ablittes were not wanting is a year, and this season it seems as if the siscipations of his friends will be borne out. It is provided up by capturing three of the visitors' cickets for seven runs. His hitting was free ad stylish, and he clean beat each of the samen who succumbed to his willness.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAFFS v. CHESHIRE.

Cheshire did exceptionally well in the opening any's match at Portfull on Monday, dismissing their opponents for 32 runs after compiling 122 amselves. Cheshire, who had started the seaera well, counting the defeat of Lancashire II, by v : innings, among their triumples, placed a strong e even in the field, including for the first time E. Hough and E. H. Steventon, of Nantwich, sese two players have been responsible for some a cful Lague performances of late, and their faction as representatives of Cheshire is a matelection as representatives of Cheshire is a matter for congratulation. Hough is a keen and a ver wicket-keeper, while Steventon is the capen of the Namwich Club, and a very capable fround man. Cheshire have been regular visities to Staffordshire for many years. They lack thing in sportsmanship under Vernon Hope's mal captamey, and they never fail to provide oil cracket. This year they appear to be conger than they have been for many seasons. Lete was a sudden change in overhead condition, and the weather cleared sufficiently for pay to commence at 12.40. Vernon Hope named a zoin and Cheshire had the first use of a web eket. Sidney Barnes received an ovation from the small gathering of, spectators as he opened to bowling from the payinion end, and there was larther appliause when his first over was comited without a run being scored. Morgan, although suffering pain in his shoulder, bowled in the other end, and met with an early success. A drive to the boundary by Astle was the city score off six delivaries, and with the lastical of his next over, which was a maiden, he satch at forward short leg.

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W. E. Jones was then joined by T. B. Wood-tock in a ctealy and low-scoring partnership, id maiden overs were frequent. Jones was a pocially clever in parrying the fast deliveries if Barnes, and he fell a victim to Aaron lockete's fourth ball when that player took over im the veteran. He had narrowly miss does it caught at square leg off Lockett's first de-ivery. With the score still at 42 for two, Platt in too in place of Morgan, and his first over was iso a maiden, this score remaining unaltered to the luncheon interval.

Lockett and Platt continued the bowling after rich, and very few runs were obtained from them. With 49 up after more than an hour's atting, a delivery from Platt, coming in from the stating, a delivery from Platt, coming in from the platt, and the same th

Sir Francis and Lady Joseph, of Alsager, held

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CHEAHIRE.		
W P I First Innings.		
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W E Jones b Lockett P L V Astle c Platt b Morgan T B Woodcock b Responses	91'	
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T B Woodcock b Barnes		
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H Sterenter D Daines	. 5	
Dennis b Barnes P.E Hough not out	. 8	
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STAFFORDSHIRE,
First Innings.
P F Stubbs b Dennis
A A Bickerton b Wilson 0
Barnes c Hope b Dennis
3 W Johnson B Wilson
Platt c L N Jones b Wilson 1 J B Russell b Dennis 1
A LOCKELL D 17 HHIS
Morgan not out1 Extras9
Total
BOWLING ANALYSIS. CHESHIRE.—First Innings.
O. M. R. W.
Barnes
Morgan
STAFFORDSHIRE First Innings.
O. M. R. W. 10 5 6 6
Dennts10.3 4 17 4
Wilson bowled four no-balls. FALL OF WICKEIS.
CHEAHIRE -First Innings.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
6 42 49 83 86 93 99 102 119 123
STAFFORDSHIRE'S FIRST DEFEAT.
NANTWICH BOWLER'S FINE PERFORM-
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BECOND DAY'S PLAY.
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Play was resumed on Tuesday, when Cheshire inflicted Staffordshire's first defeat of the season, being successful by 91 runs. Thus they repeated last year's performance. Staffordshire had to obtain 215 runs to win, but again the batting broke down and the side was dismissed for 123. Barnes and Secrenton bowled well for their respective sides, the former canturing a
their respective sides, the former capturing six for 42 and the latter four for ten runs.
CHESHIRE
C. a. n.l. Innings
W E Jones run out
Wilson lbw b Barnes
F A Harrison b Barnes 0 J A Beeley not out 6
V Hope c Lockett b Barnes 0
E II Steventon c Morgan b Barnes 4 Dennis c Varcon b Platt
J A Beeley at Russell b Barnes 9 F F Hough not out
Extras
Total124
STAFFORDSHIRE.
Becond Innings.
P F Stubbs c Hope b Wilson 2
R G Seldon b Steventon
J W Johnson b Dennis
Birnes run out 1 C G Varcoe run out 1 J Jolly c Hope b Steventon 15 Platt c and b Steventon 18 J B Russell b L N Jones 4 A Lockett not out 0 Meet Wilson b Steventon 19
Platt c and b Steventon
A Lockett not out
Morgan e Wilson b Steventon 19 Extras
Total123
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BOWLING ANALYSIS. CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.
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Dennis
L N Jones 9 3 29 1
FALL, OF WICKETS.
CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.
16 51 68 99 103 103 103 108 116 124
STAFFORDSHIRE.—2nd Innings.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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58 64 92 101 103 123

OHESHIRE V. LANCASHIRE II. DICKENSON'S BRILLIANT WICKET

KEEPING.

In view of Cheshire's good performance against Staffordshire on the two preceding days

against Staffordshire on the two preceding days considerable interest was manifested in their engagement at Creve on Wednesday and Thuraday, when they had Lancashire II, team as visitors. After the rain over might, the wicket appeared in excellent condition, although Cheshire, who won the toss, preferred Lancashire to take first advantage of it. J. Dickenson, Crewo Alexandra's wicket keeper, and E. H. Steventon, the Nontwik-epitein, were included in the Cheshire team, and in the early stages of the match the former more than justified the confidence reposed in him. He steed up to the rapid bowling of Dennis, without the slighfest four, and made two brilliant catches before the luncheon saterval. His performence was really the outstanding feature of the game, Rums were very slow to procure in the first hour, but afterwards the Lancashire men played with greater confidence, and hit out with httle healtation. On the whole, the fielding of Cheshiru was reliable, and W. E. Jone, was heartily applaudod for a catch in the slips. He made a vigorous dart to reach a fast raing ball from Leeth, and in doing so, almost turned a somersault. Cheshiro changed their bowless on many occasions before lunch, but none seemed to disturb the batsmen. Steventon, who did so well against Staffordshire on Monday and Tuesday, was bit jisappointing, and after a couple of overs which coat him 13 runs, and which enabled the visitors to pass the century, he was apperseded by Wilson Just before the luncheon interval, a heavy storm caused the players to return to the payinon, and play was not reaimed until after 2 o'clock. During the first ression no wickets had actually fallen, the whole of the five batsmen having been caught out, the score standing at 117 for 5. Returning after luncheon the partnership of Eckersley and Farrimond repeatedly goting the ball to the boundary. Both profited by their carly misses. Containing to hit out with great confidence and freedom, they pled on the runs, and the second brighter and higher until at length 169

LANCASHIRE II.

(First Innings.)
Delany o Dickarson b Dennis 31
Halliday c and b Wilson 4
Leach o W. Jones b Hope 13
Taylor o Dickinson b Hope 4
Rogerson o L. Jones b Dennis 8
Entersley o W E Jones b Hope116
Farrimond e It'ley b Wilson110
Sibbles not out
Ellis b Hope 0
Holmes b L A Jones 3
Steward b Harrison
Extras 8
. I'
Total 382

(First Innings.)	
W E Jones e Leech b Holme	
T B Woodcock e Farrimond b 8	Neward67
T L V Astlo b Steward	8
Wilson not out	32
L N Jones not out	2
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SECOND DAY'S PLAY.

TATTENHALL PLAYER'S GREAT INNINGS.

Cheshire resumed on Thursday in dull and threatening weather. W. E. Jones and Woodcock who opened the innings on the previous right and compiled 40 before stumps were drawn, continued to bat with caution, nearly an hour being occupied in carrying the score to 83, at which total Jones gave Leach an easy chance at point which he accepted. No hierties could be taken with the Lancashire bowling, Steward in particular, causing the bata-

men some anxiety. Hy cent down sx maidens in successin, his lirst 13 overs including name maidens in all, and he only conceded 22 runs. Three runs after the century had been passed Steward got through Welon's detence with a capital ball. The retiring basiman's contribution of 37 was made up very largely of boundaries. Woodcock completed his half century after having been in the wicket after making 67, but he had been previously mis ed in the slips by Holmes. The outstanding fracture of the innings was the brilliant display of L. N. Jones, of Tattenhall, who gave very few chances, but was taken behind the wicket after compiling 123. This was the highest score of the match, and included 17 boundaries. Despite the Lineashire cap and a repeated changes in the disposition of the field, Jones exercised great skill and judgment in placing the bull. The game was in a very interesting state as the time approached for the drawing of stumps, and had it not been for the frequent stoppage, necessitated by the rain, there is all probability that Cheshir; would have passed their opponens total. At the close of play Cheshire had seened 553 for eight, and the game was left undecided. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.

CHESHIRE.
W E Jones e Leoch b Holmes 44
J B Woodcock & Farrimond b
Steward 67
P L V Astle b Steward 8
Wilson e Steward b Ellis 37
L N Jone, c Farrimond b Eilis 123
J M Beeley c and b Taylor 42
Harrison e Farrimond b Ellis 9
V Hope not out 1
J Dickenson c Farrimond b Elli 8
E II Steventon not out 0
W Dennis did not bat.
Extras14
To al (for 8 wickets) 353.
ROWLING ANALYSIS.

FALL OF CHESHIRE'S WICKETS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 83 103 151 173 326 338 345 353

BOUGHTON HALL V. NESTON:

At Neston on Saturday. Scores:-BOUGHTON HALL.

W. E. Jones e Barratt b Sant	10
E. H. Darby b Barrett	19
Tr is to be and h bwill account	-
H. D. Roberta C and b bone	32
F. Hack not out	E
TT D D Swill	u
W. A. V. Churton b Swift	2
W. A. V. Churton o war	A'I
L. N. Jones not out	37
Extras	11
	217
Total (6 wkts.)	-L 4

"Innings declared.

NESTON.

G. Trantom not out F. G. Griffiths b Churton	
TI A Reservice b L. N. Jones	7.
T P Schroder not out	
Extras	

For Boughton Hall R. Dutton, C. Hales, and R. Frost did not bat.