

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE v. OXFORDSHIRE.

At High Wycombe on Monday and Tuesday. Score: OXFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. T. Lewendon, b	3	c Payne, b Edwards	4
Edwards	2	c Le Gros, b Brindley	3
C. Walters, lbw, b Edwards	9	c Edwards, b Brindley	5
S. C. B. Lee, st Franklin, b Edwards	3	b Brindley	4
H. Walker, b Edwards	0	c Robson, b Brindley	4
G. Coppock, b Brindley	0	c Payne	0
W. G. Bailey, b Edwards	0	c Payne, b Edwards	7
J. A. Howells, b Edwards	0	c Payne, b Edwards	0
D. R. Axtell, st Franklin, b Edwards	0	c Payne, b Edwards	0
E. Cotton, c Payne, b Brindley	4	c Buchanan, b Edwards	6
W. Field, not out	1	b Edwards	0
B. J. Henry, b Edwards	0	not out	6
Extras	2	Extras	2
Total	33	Total	41

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—First Innings.	
J. N. Buchanan, c Field, b Howells	27
W. T. Brindley, b Howells	5
L. Baker, b Howells	1
P. Le Gros, c Coppock, b Bailey	2
E. A. Robson, c Coppock, b Bailey	10
A. U. Payne, c and b Walters	12
W. B. Franklin, b Walters	4
O. G. Batcock, b Walters	1
C. Powell, c Walters, b Lee	18
W. J. Newberry, c Walters, b Lee	3
Edwards, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	80

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Oxfordshire.				Oxfordshire.			
Brindley	17	8	18	2	13	14	22
Edwards	16.2	6	13	8	Edwards	14.1	6
					Payne	2	1
Buckinghamshire.—First Innings.				Buckinghamshire.—First Innings.			
Walters	15	2	27	5	Lee	1.4	1
Howells	13	2	23	3	Bailey	15	5

The County fared badly in their match against Bucks, at High Wycombe, on Monday and Tuesday, in the Minor Counties' Championship. Against the bowling of Edwards, who captured eight for thirteen in the first innings, the County could do nothing and were dismissed for 33. Bucks replied with 89, Walters, Howells, Lee and Bailey sharing the bowling for the County. In their second knock Oxfordshire could do little better and were sent back for 41. Bucks winning by an innings and 15 runs, Edwards, five for 11, again did the damage.

CRICKETERS' ROLL.

BATTING.	
C. Walters—City v. South Devon	68
R. P. Thomas—City v. South Devon	72
K. Gardner—Pynham Hall v. Cokethorpe Park	66
A. J. Howells—City v. South Devon	67
G. H. Parsloe—Milton v. Witney Mills	62*
E. Nunn—Clarendon Press v. Summertown	56
S. C. B. Lee—Thame v. North Oxford	56
W. G. Bailey—Thame v. Pavlova	55
H. Walker—City v. Reading	54*
J. Wadlin—Bear's Hill and Wootton v. Garford	54
Whitaker—Swanton Olympic v. Pavlova II.	50
*Not out.	

BOWLING.		W.	R.
O. Gosse—Handborough v. Charlbury	8-2		
S. C. B. Lee—Thame v. North Oxford	8-14		
A. Busby—Combe v. Garlington	8-17		
J. Rogers—Goba v. Victoria	8-19		
F. J. Fowler—Oxford Times v. S.C. v. South			
Midland Military Headquarters	7-7		
E. Webb—Tubney v. Marcham	7-8		
A. Walton—H. H. Herring's XI. v. Baldons	7-15		
L. Hinton—Horspath v. Kidlington	7-15		
N. King—Newington v. Drayton St. Leonard	7-17		
G. Pummley—Victoria v. Police	7-25		
E. F. Lewell—North Oxford v. Cowley St. John	7-24		
A. Wilsdon—Kidlington v. Horspath	7-31		
F. Hartley—Shipton v. North Oxford	7-32		
E. Massey—Police v. Victoria	7-43		
B. L. Rogers—North Oxford v. Shipton	7-44		
H. Aldworth—Baldons v. H. H. Herring's XI.	6-6		
P. Burt—Noke v. Y.M.C.A.	6-7		
R. Alkutt—Drayton v. Newington	6-13		
E. Massey—Police v. Victoria	6-14		
S. C. B. Lee—Thame v. Pavlova	6-17		
J. Busby—Glympton v. Woodstock	6-19		
G. B. Parsloe—Milton v. Witney Mills	6-20		
C. Walters—City v. Torquay	6-21		
A. Smith—Berwick v. Turner's Court	6-22		
C. Walters—City v. Oxendon	6-43		
E. F. Bostall—North Oxford v. Thame	6-56		

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MAINLY ABOUT PLAYERS.

In a match against Hartwell on Saturday Captain George Bowyer, who is captain of the Weston Underwood team, made 102 not out. A few weeks ago the Captain, who is M.P. for one of the Bucks Divisions, scored 110 not out against Great Linford.

There were 51 extras in the Y.M.C.A. innings against South Oxford in a Thursday game last week. Should Mr. Extras be included in the Roll?

Three of the Varsity cricket team of 1924—R. H. Bottington, Greville Stevens and D. R. Jardine—are in the Gents team against the Players at Lords.

K. C. Raikes, the Monmouthshire captain, is the old Kable College Soccer Blue.

C. W. Reece has played his last game for Oxfordshire. On the 15th of the present month he sails for Barbadoes, his home.

R. W. Roff, one of the Monmouthshire side, played for Littlemore Hospital and Abingdon just after the war. He has also played for Wiltshire.

Elmer Cotton, who skippered Oxfordshire against Monmouth, is an old Surrey player. He is also an old Amateur International (A.F.A.) footballer.

The Oxford Hospital Cup is to be revived next season. The management has been completely reorganised. The City and Cowley will be among the clubs invited to compete.

There are three G. Buckinghamshire-Guy of Woodstock, George of Witney Swifts, and George of Church Army Press.

Six Pratley's play in the Leafeld C.C. team.

All the Glympton wickets were taken and all the catches were made on Saturday by the Cox family, and all the Sandford St. Martin wickets were taken by the brothers Buswell. Surely a rather unique coincidence.

Lddie Eagan, the Varsity boxer, met the World's Champion, Dempsey, in a friendly bout at Brighton on Saturday.

Cambridge beat Oxford by eight goals to two in the Inter-Varsity Polo match at Hurlingham on Saturday.

R. J. Dickinson, the old Oxford Athletic President, has passed the trust accounts and book-keeping portion of the Law Society Examination.

The engagement is announced of the Varsity captain, J. L. Guise, to Miss Jean Thomas, of Kentbury, Berks. Mr. Guise leaves for Calcutta in November.

H. J. M. Fado is being married to Miss Elizabeth Woodford, at Marston, on August 6.

The following well-known athletes appear in the Natural Science Class List: R. M. Baker, Balliol (Athletic Blue), Class I. (Physiology); F. A. Montague, Balliol (Zoology); A. E. Porritt, Magdalen (Physiology); R. L. Raymond, New College (Physiology); and D. J. Sumner, Magdalen (Physiology), Class II.; and W. J. Cotton, Queen's (Physiology), a son of W. Cotton, Class III.

Oxford City C.C. require matches for next Thursday (home or away) and Saturday, the 12th (away, in Oxford for preference).

Readers' contributions to M.A.P. are always welcome.

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

OXFORDSHIRE v. MONMOUTHSHIRE.

On Merdon ground on Friday and Saturday. Score and Analysis:

OXFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E. Cotton, b Spary	8 not out	9	
H. F. Lewendon, c Roff, b Spary	10	c Roff, b Spary	7
C. Walters, st Wilcox, b Rakes	2	b Phillips	49
J. C. Masterman, c Wilcox, b Spary	2	b Roff	28
Rogers, b Spary	12	b Spary	29
S. C. B. Lee, c Wilcox, b Rakes	59	not out	49
A. J. Howells, b Spary	3	st Wilcox, b Roff	71
R. P. Thomas, c Spary, b Harris	41	b Loff	17
B. J. Henry, b Spary	4		
R. Kimbell, not out	18		
C. W. Reece, b Phillips	3		
Extras	20		
Total	188	Total (5 wks. dec.)	270

MONMOUTHSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
T. B. Williams, c Lee, b Reece	15	c Cotton, b Howells	5
N. Abraham, b Howells	14	b Reece	2
K. Roff, c Reece, b Walters	26	c and b Reece	0
E. C. Haikes, c Lewendon, b Howells	54	b Reece	38
J. F. Rust, c Thomas, b Masterman	50	b Howells	8
H. Jenkins, c Howells, b Masterman	3	c and b Reece	2
F. Phillips, run out	4	c Walters, b Reece	0
E. C. Dolman, b Walters	12	not out	0
A. Harris, c Thomas, b Reece	44	c Masterman, b Howells	5
S. Wilcox, b Reece	11	run out	0
H. G. Spary, b Reece	0	b Reece	6
Extras	12		
Total	234	Total	66

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxfordshire.

First Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Spary	20	2	68
Rakes	18	3	52
Dolman	5	2	19
Harris	6	1	18
Phillips	1.4	0	5

Second Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Spary	14	0	54
Rakes	12	0	68
Harris	4	0	30
Roff	11	0	44
Phillips	9	0	35
Jenkins	3	0	16
Dolman	2	0	12

Umpires: Parry and Hassell.

OXFORD CRICKET LEAGUE-DIV. I.

COWLEY ST. JOHN v. COWLEY.

On Trinity ground on Saturday. Score:

COWLEY ST. JOHN.		COWLEY.	
H. Walker, not out	73	W. Bird, not out	38
L. W. Carter, c Allen, b Grant	2	A. Allen, c King, b Owen	11
W. Lucas, c Hodgkins, b Grant	18	J. Huthaway, b Trodd	40
E. G. Jackman, c F. Bird, b Grant	2	F. Hodgkins, c Pulker, b Trodd	0
J. A. Clinkard, run out	5	A. C. Vick, run out	0
L. O. Walker, lbw, b Grant	0	J. Tyler, b Owen	12
H. King, not out	55	P. Martin, lbw, b Trodd	4
J. Owen, H. Wickett, R. Pulker and G. Trodd did not bat.		O. Oley, c Owen, b Trodd	3
Extras	10	H. Bradbury, run out	8
Total (5 wks. dec.)	171	W. Grant, b King	0
		F. Bird, c Trodd, b King	0
		Extras	3
		Total	73

WOODSTOCK v. Y.M.C.A.

On Queen's ground on Saturday. Score:

Y.M.C.A.		WOODSTOCK.	
W. G. Holley, b Tolley	1	Guy, b Buckingham	11
A. Furnell, c C. Buckingham, b Tolley	10	D. Sammonds, not out	53
M. L. King, c A. Buckingham, b Young	1	A. Buckingham, c Ward, b Greenwood	2
J. King, c and b Young	21	R. J. Lord, b G. Stone	8
G. Stone, b Young	7	C. H. Tolley, c King, b Stone	1
W. Stone, b Young	3	J. Young, c Thomas, b Wheeler	16
J. N. Greenwood, c and b Young	29	G. Adams, c Furnell, b Thomas	15
T. A. Thomas, b Young	2	C. Harris, J. Moulder, O. Buckingham and W. Styles did not bat.	
H. F. Ward, c Styles, b Young	2	Extras	21
W. Wheeler, not out	6	Total (6 wks.)	127
M. S. Thurman, b Young	0		
Extras	8		
Total	102		

ABINGDON PAVLOVA v. SUMMERTOWN.

On Kettle ground on Saturday. Score:

SUMMERTOWN.		PAVLOVA.	
H. Allsworth, c Green, b Under	0	A. Winter, b Hughes	8
R. Surman, b Webber	25	H. Cockerroft, c and b Hughes	7
E. Wadman, c Jamieson, b Vidler	2	H. Jamieson, lbw, b Hughes	0
H. Barrett, c Platt, b Webber	0	C. Johnson, b Surman	24
L. Hodges, not out	32	R. Green, b Hughes	10
L. Coleman, c Woodbridge, b Webber	4	J. L. S. Vidler, c Hodges, b Hughes	58
W. Webb, b Vidler	4	J. Woodbridge, c Res, b Wadman	6
A. Pank, b Vidler	14	H. Webber, b Surman	5
G. Rose, c and b Vidler	1	A. Platt, b Hughes	1
F. Hughes, st Winter, b Johnson	6	W. Whitehead, b Wadman	4
L. Hudson, st Winter, b Vidler	0	A. Cottrell, not out	9
Extras	7	Extras	7
Total	97	Total	144

SOUTH OXFORD v. HEADINGTON.

At Headington on Saturday. Score:

SOUTH OXFORD.		HEADINGTON.	
H. Stroud, c Kinsbury, b J. Trafford	0	G. Coppock, c Gardiner, b Parton	2
L. Gardiner, st Coppock, b Cox	5	H. Cox, b Parton	0
R. H. Ward, lbw, b W. Trafford	27	S. C. Boulton, b Massey	0
J. Parton, c Boulter, b W. Trafford	23	A. Gurr, c and b Massey	20
E. Massey, not out	42	E. Webb, c Gardiner, b Parton	1
C. Rose, c J. Trafford, b J. Gurr	5	W. Kinsbury, b Massey	0
R. Taylor, b W. Trafford	0	W. Trafford, b Parton	11
H. Mace, lbw, b W. Trafford	0	J. Gurr, c and b	1
H. Mace, lbw, b Trafford	0	Massey	1
E. T. Scarle, c Cox, b Trafford	2	J. Gurr, b Parton	33
F. E. Chapman, c J. Gurr, b Trafford	19	W. Webb, not out	17
O. H. Morrison, b W. Trafford	2	Extras	1
Extras	12	Total	83
Total	177		

VICTORIA v. BICESTER.

At Oxford on Saturday. Score:

VICTORIA.		BICESTER.	
A. Beer, c Phillips, b Merritt	0	H. G. Philpot, c Plumley, b English	9
R. Walker, c Holiday	1	R. Phillips, b English	1
M. Gray, run out	4	Dr. Montgomery, c and b English	3
V. Irons, c Phillips, b Holiday	12	G. Holdway, b Plumley	23
J. Ray, c Montgomery, b Merritt	6	G. Adams, c R. Walker, b English	0
G. French, b Holiday	2	W. Clifton, c and b Walker, b Battersby	20
H. Battersby, b Holiday	0	O. H. Collett, c F. Walker, b Plumley	50
G. Plumley, c Collett, b Merritt	9	P. Holiday, b English	0
F. Walker, c Phillips, b Holiday	22	P. Merritt, b English	4
E. Hughes, not out	3	H. W. Pankhurst, c Irons, b English	5
Extras	3	H. Evans, not out	0
Total	60	Extras	12
		Total	110

Morris Motors, 310 for 6 (dec.) (Guy Sturgea 150, Geo. Sturgea 23, Couling 21, Bugs 27, Surman 23 not out, Parker 21 not out); Church Army Press, 73 (Glanville 27, Bullock 6 wickets). This score was not received till Thursday morning, and so could not be set out in detail.

AIREY CUP-FINAL.

CITY POLICE v. VICTORIA.

Played on the Running Ground on Friday and Saturday. Score:

CITY POLICE.		VICTORIA.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A. Beer, lbw, b Massey	5	b Whitehurst	3
M. Gray, c Leach, b Massey	9	c Leach, b Massey	13
W. Woodley, c Whitehurst, b Massey	13	b Massey	0
G. Hughes, c and b Massey	8	b Massey	0
H. Long, c and b Massey	5	c Birt, b Whitehurst	1
L. Battersby, b Cox	19	c Varnay, b Whitehurst	4
J. English, c Cox, b Massey	0	c Birt, b Massey	0
R. Walker, b Whitehurst	0	lbw, b Massey	0
G. French, c Massey, b Whitehurst	9	c Cox, b Massey	6
S. English, b Massey	13	b Whitehurst	9
G. Plumley, not out	2	not out	0
Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	88	Total	38

CITY POLICE.		VICTORIA.	
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A. Leach, lbw, b Plumley	2	b English	9
E. Massey, c Battersby, b Plumley	8	b English	0
H. Cox, lbw, b Plumley	10	lbw, b English	0
F. Varnay, c French, b Plumley	0	b Plumley	11
W. Miller, c Woodley, b English	16	b Plumley	2
H. Blann, b English	0	b English	7
A. Balle, c French, b Plumley	0	b Plumley	0
H. Brockland, b Plumley	0	b English	0
A. Barton, c Hughes, b Plumley	1	c Hughes, b Plumley	1
P. Whitehurst, b English	4	b Plumley	0
S. Birt, not out	2	not out	1
Extras	7	Extras	7
Total	50	Total	38

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.			
O.	M.	R.	W.
Massey	15	3	43
Cox	9.1	1	21
Whitehurst	5	0	20

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J. English .. 16.5 6 18 4 J. English .. 12 6 12 5

Plumley .. 16 6 25 7 Plumley .. 11.5 4 13 5

Extras .. 7

Total .. 179

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MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

OXFORDSHIRE v. BERKSHIRE.

On Merton College ground on Tuesday and Wednesday. Score and analysis:

OXFORDSHIRE.

First Innings.	
H. T. Lewendon, run out	23
H. Walker, c Palmer, b Hawkesworth	51
S. C. B. Lee, c Relf, b Strang	2
J. C. Masterman, lbw, b Woodburn	21
C. Walters, bow, b Hawkesworth	47
E. J. Cotton (capt), bow, b Relf	26
A. J. Howells, bow, b Strang	6
G. Coppick, b Hawkesworth	0
R. P. Thomas, c Strang, b Woodburn	35
W. G. Bailey, not out	1
R. R. Kinzell, b Woodburn	3
Extras	11

Total 226

Second Innings—H. Lewendon, c Woodburn, b Strang, 18; H. Walker, not out, 16; S. C. B. Lee, not out, 21; extras, 1; total (1 wk.), 56.

BERKSHIRE.

H. L. Lewis, bow, b Thomas	3
J. E. Lettis, b Thomas	5
Relf (R.), b Howells	2
M. B. Turner, b Howells	8
R. S. Swallow, b Howells	0
W. Y. Woodburn, b Howells	0
G. E. Palmer, b Howells	16
R. Strang, c Walker, b Howells	12
R. H. Palmer, b Thomas	0
G. F. Cameron, run out	1
Hawkesworth, not out	3
Extras	4

Total 54

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxfordshire.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
O.	M. R. W.	O.	M. R. W.
Woodburn	23 8 38 3	Woodburn	2 1 7 0
Relf	27 5 61 1	Relf	14 11 12 0
Swallow	14 5 24 0	Strang	12 0 36 1
Hawkesworth	25 10 62 3		
Strang	12 7 30 2		

Berkshire.

O.	M. R. W.
Howells	13.2 1 33 6
Thomas	13 5 17 3

Oxfordshire began their second fixture in the Minor Counties' Championship on the Merton ground on Tuesday, and when stumps were drawn at the close of the first day were in a commanding position. Captain Brocas Burrows had promised to play and Harry Walker, who had been one of the original selections, asked to be excused, owing to business. At the last moment Captain Burrows was unexpectedly detained by his military duties, and Walker unselfishly consented to turn out. Otherwise the team was as given in the "Oxford Times" last week. Cotton had the good luck to win the toss and did not hesitate to take first knock. The heavy rain had not affected the ground to any alarming extent and the wicket was dead easy, though, of course, the ball did not come along with the same certainty as on the recent baked pitches. Lewendon and Walker gave the side a good start, having 29 up before Lewendon ran himself out. Lee was soon out, and then came another good stand between Walker and Masterman, the latter being the first of four lbw victims at 81.

Lunch was taken with Walker and Walters together, and this pair took the score to 142, when Walker was caught at the wicket. He had played a characteristic innings of the greatest value to the side. His temperament is cool. He always takes the game seriously, whether at the nets or in a "rag" match, and he remains unperturbed under any circumstances. He has evidently a partiality for the Berkshire bowling, his 42 against them at Reading last year being one of the best knocks I saw for the County side. He and Lewendon had got well on top of the Berkshire bowlers, when the advantage was completely lost by the weakness of the tail.

Walters continued to bat well, and received invaluable assistance from Cotton and Thomas, who, as usual, hit them very hard. The innings of Walters was probably as good as any played during the day, and I believe, if he is asked, he will say no innings this season has given him greater personal satisfaction. The Berkshire bowling was never collared, and its steadiness is reflected in the unusual number of maidens—35. Relf had to be watched very carefully and, as usual, Woodburn and Hawkesworth were masters of the art of disguising their deliveries. They were backed up by very keen fielding, as one would expect from a side which has had the benefit of playing with A. F. E. Chapman.

From the Oxfordshire point of view the best cricket was still to come. Berks had to go in against 226, and it really did not seem that the Oxon bowlers would get sufficient help from the pitch to warrant the belief they could dispose cheaply of their opponents. Cotton entrusted his bowling to Howells and Thomas, and he found it unnecessary to make a change, Berkshire being all out shortly after six o'clock for the surprisingly low total of 54. It was the pace that seemed to beat the batsmen, pace and sacrifice. Thomas was making the ball swing in something after the manner of Reece and he sent down several yorkers. Howells made the ball do more from the ground, and the balls with which he bowled Robert Relf and Turner were particularly good ones. He had the rare distinction of doing the "hat-trick," all his victims being clean bowled, and so he will have cause to remember the match. Such a feat is uncommon in the annals of the County Club, and I am glad to hear that the ball with which the feat was performed is to be suitably mounted and presented to Howells. Some surprise is expressed that Howells has never been given his County cap. Up to this season he has not had a real chance, but the absence of Burrows and Frank Hartley and the great faith Cotton possesses in him, has given Howells the opportunity, which he has fully seized.

It is rare that such good bowling, recalling the great feats of Peter and "Brusher" Rogers

in the past is performed for Oxfordshire that, as a matter of interest, I append the two analyses in full:

Howells	13.2	1	33	6
Thomas	13	5	17	3

Having got out Berks for 45 what policy would Cotton adopt? Nine out of ten expected him to avail himself of his right to make Berkshire follow on, and several quite good judges criticised him for not doing so. We may be quite certain that Cotton, who has a fine cricket head, had the best reasons for going in again with a lead of 172, and I should imagine his mind was concerned with the last innings. In any case, as a looker-on, I am not disposed to question his judgment, however the second day's play may turn out, and I am writing this with the incidents of Tuesday fresh in my memory.

Wednesday's play was unfortunately curtailed through the rain. Indeed there was only an hour's play, and in this period the home county increased the advantage they had secured on the opening day, and when play was abandoned led by 228 runs with nine wickets in hand. They could not very well lose and might have won, instead of which they have to be content with a first innings lead. Oxfordshire get three points and Berks one. It was bad luck to be deprived of a probable win through the weather, and one may be allowed to write in this strain in spite of the glorious uncertainty of the game. Still the team have the moral advantage of knowing that in the time allotted for play they got well on top of the Champion County, and this should give them great confidence for the future.

This afternoon they play the second day of the Bedfordshire match. On Monday and Tuesday next they play the return at Bedford, and on Wednesday and Thursday they will be called upon to tackle Bucks and Edwards.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

MERTON COLLEGE GROUND, OXFORD.

OXFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

TO-DAY (FRIDAY), JULY 31st, at 11 o'clock.

OXFORDSHIRE v. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th and 6th.

Play starts first day at 11.30 a.m., second day at 11 o'clock.

Prices of Admission: 6d. and 4d. (schoolboys).

CRICKETERS' ROLL.

BATTING.

W. Leach Faringdon v. Oxford City	110
S. Adams Faringdon v. Oxford City	100
P. Edwards County Council Staff v. Islip	83
C. J. Barker County Council Staff v. Watlington	80
H. Hobson Stevedores v. Cooper and Boffin	69
S. Smith-Ridginton v. Summertown	65
H. Aldworth The Baldons v. S. Adhampton	63
H. Smith Sandford v. Dorchester	62
J. Arnold Cowley Juniors v. Morris Juniors	61
B. Smith Kidlington v. Summertown	61
A. E. Foster Clarendon Press II. v. Woodstock	60
J. S. S. Voller Pavlova v. Cowley St. John	58
A. Chamberlain-Worcester Servants v. Jesus Servants	57
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The four matches in the Airey Cup were brought to a successful conclusion, though there was a protest by Morris Motors against South Oxford for including J. Parton, on the ground that he has played for Oxfordshire. Presumably, the South Oxford committee included Parton because he was chosen as a substitute, and not as one of the original team.

The Executive Committee met on Tuesday, and the Secretary has supplied me with the following decision: "Morris Motors protested against the result of Airey Cup tie with South Oxford, as J. Parton had played for the County and had also played in Yorkshire League cricket as a professional. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the O.C.A. was held on Tuesday, when a letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Oxfordshire County Club stating that Parton had played on two or three occasions to fill a vacancy, and was not awarded his County Cap, so that he was considered to be on trial. As Rule 13 of the Airey Cup allows this to be done we dismissed the protest. No dates or evidence was given as to when Parton played in Yorkshire League Cricket. Rule 8 allows a man to play who has not received remuneration for services within two years immediately previous to taking part in the competition."

The City games on Saturday were against Faringdon, against whom they lost badly, and against the Reading Biscuit Factory, which match was left in that position known as uncertain. The Faringdon game was played on a soft wicket, and the City did not do so badly when they had three of the Berkshire men out for 47. Here, however, they met with a rebuff, Leach and S. Adams becoming associated in a partnership which produced 201, and when the closure was applied was, like Charley's Aunt, still running. Both players exceeded the century, and though favoured by fortune, played extremely good cricket, in which hard hitting was very conspicuous. Neither was the City batting any too reliable, as the side were out in an hour for 61, Arkell bowling with considerable effect. The City gave a trial to E. Phillips, a young player from the Ricester district. He got most runs and kept wicket well, and I believe the County authorities have been inquiring about him with a view, if he is qualified, to giving him a trial.

FARINGDON v. OXFORD CITY.

At Faringdon on Saturday. Score:

FARINGDON.		CITY.	
V. Arkell, b Harris	1	G. Coppock, c V. Adams	7
G. Weaving, b King	22	b Arkell	
W. Leach, not out	111	B. J. Phillips, o Rodia,	27
P. Kruse, b King	4	b Arkell	
S. Adams, not out	102	J. King, b Ricketts	2
V. Adams, R. Burton, H.		D. Clayton, c Weaving,	1
Moggs, P. Ricketts R.		b Arkell	
Pike and A. Rodia did		D. Howells, b Arkell	4
not bat.		R. Dickinson, b Ricketts	10
		J. Benson, b Ricketts	2
		K. Boulton, c V. Adams,	
		b Arkell	0
		A. Bruce, b Ricketts	2
		H. Parker, not out	0
		C. Harris, b Arkell	4
Extras	8	Extras	2
Total (3 wks. dec.)	248	Total	61

On the Merton ground Reading Biscuit Factory were late in arriving and so the game could not be completed which, as the score will show, is a pity. The City total only reached 126, despite a good knock of 41 by Lewendon and the usual fireworks from Thomas. I am told by an on-looker that Caryer bowled very cleverly, and the pitch may have helped him a bit. When the Factory went in Lewis and Colgate shaped well, and Manning showed great steadiness at a crisis. It was anybody's game, with the Factory, with two wickets in hand, wanting 21 to win. Howells (4 for 27) had the best analysis, but Walters and Thomas also bowled well.

OXFORD CITY v. READING BISCUIT FACTORY.

On Merton College ground on Saturday. Score:

CITY.		FACTORY.	
H. Lewendon, b Caryer	41	H. L. Lewis, c and b	28
G. Bradford, c Colgate,		Howells	
b Caryer	1	J. Brooks, b Walters	12
C. Walters, c Lewis, b		A. Owen, b Walters	3
Caryer	5	R. J. Colgate, run out	22
D. Axtell, b Caryer	0	R. H. Palmer, b Thomas	0
R. P. Thomas, b Caryer	23	B. Shears, b Howells	0
A. Lamboury, c Rice,		J. Rice, b Howells	4
b Caryer	6	O. Manning, not out	11
A. A. Howells, c Palmer		R. Caryer, b Howells	1
b Yeend	15	R. Yeend, not out	3
F. V. Spiller, b Caryer	5	A. B. Croome did not bat.	
G. Wiggins, b Yeend	11		
H. J. M. Eady, lbw, b			
Croome	10		
J. Upstone, not out	6		
Extras	3	Extras	22
Total	126	Total (8 wks.)	146

Morris Motors again put three teams in the field on Saturday, the Seniors, who included W. H. Mullin, going to Wolverton for a friendly. The Bucks club winning a capital game by 15 runs. Parker, Miles and Rogers took most of the Wolverton wickets, and with the bat Couling hit hard, as usual, for 45, and Rogers and Geo. Sturges also got into the twenties. Faulkner's bowling was rather too much for the rest, and for once these two usually reliable batsmen, Ward and Guy Sturges, failed to score.

MORRIS MOTORS v. WOLVERTON.

At Wolverton on Saturday. Score:

WOLVERTON.		MORRIS MOTORS.	
H. Johnson, c and b	23	Guy Sturges, lbw, b	0
Miles		Faulkner	
E. Brocklehurst, b Parker	21	L. Rogers, b Faulkner	21
D. Mackay, lbw, b Par-		O. Ward, b Faulkner	0
ker	4	Geo. Sturges, lbw, b L.	
F. Adams, c Ward, b		Faulkner	23
Parker	36	F. Parker, c Adams, b	
F. Yates, lbw, b Parker	4	A. Whiting	5
W. Brown, b Miles	4	A. Fauling, c Yates, b	
D. Wills, b Miles	4	Faulkner	4
L. Faulkner, b Mullin	4	W. H. Mullin, b Faulkner	12
J. Whiting, b Rogers	34	E. Miles, b Whiting	6
W. Lea, b Rogers	0	T. Bigna, c Faulkner,	
W. Fielding, not out	0	b Whiting	1
		M. Cook, not out	0
		F. Skinner, b Faulkner	5
Extras	13	Extras	5
Total	140	Total	125

In mid-week matches last week the City lost to the R.A.S.C. (Aldershot) and beat the Adastrians, the R.A.F. team at Hulton. Marriison had a good match for the Service Corps, making a dashing 72 and also taking five wickets. Lightfoot, Wyatt and Henry carried off the honours for the City. Against the Air Force side the City won by 98 runs. Walters, Coppock, Bradford, Bailey and France all did well with the bat, and Bailey and Walters, each five wickets, bowled unchanged.

THE ADASTRIANS v. OXFORD CITY.

At Hulton on July 23. Score:

OXFORD CITY.		ADASTRIANS.	
C. Walters, lbw, b Cox	21	F. L. Sugden, c Lee, b	
G. Coppock, st Livock,		Bailey	13
b Maund	35	F. L. Sugden, b Wiggins	25
S. C. B. Lee, b Cox	0	S. L. Livock, b Bailey	4
E. Cotton, st Livock, b		Rev. Mr. Cox, b Bailey	11
Cox	0	F. L. Fawcett, b Wiggins	8
G. Bradford, c Cox, b		F. L. Hardman, b Wal-	
ter	48	ter	2
S. L. Lee, not out	2		
W. G. Bailey, lbw, b		S. L. Lee, not out	1
Cox	23	S. L. Maund, b Bailey	0
H. King, b Sugden	1	F. O. Blackwell, lbw, b	
B. J. Henry, b Cox	3	Walters	0
A. H. France, not out	32	F. L. Trench, b Walters	0
J. Piper, b Fawcett	1	S. L. Vasey, c and o	
C. Harris, c and b Faw-		Bailey	1
cett	0		
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total	170	Total	72

OXFORD CITY v. R.A.S.C. (ALDERSHOT).

On Merton College ground on July 21. Score:

CITY.		R.A.S.C.	
E. D. Dines, c and b	20	E. J. Cotton, c Spread-	
Lightfoot		bury, b Arden	14
L. A. Tudor, c Wiggins,		G. Coppock, b Marriison	6
b Lightfoot	18	C. W. Wyatt, b Clarke	26
F. W. Clarke, b Light-		S. C. B. Lee, c Dines,	
foot	18	b Marriison	4
N. Penruddock, c and b		G. Wiggins, b Marriison	4
Lightfoot	3	A. France, b Marriison	15
P. A. Arden, b Lee	7	R. J. Henry, b Arden	22
S. Marriison, c Henry, b		W. H. Lightfoot, c Ar-	
Wyatt	72	den, b Marriison	5
M. Spradbury, c France		H. King, b Arden	9
b Lee	8	J. V. Piper, run out	0
W. Lo Huray, b Wyatt	4	C. Harris, not out	15
C. Vance, c Coppock, b			
Wyatt	4		
W. Cate, not out	8		
H. Hill, c France, b			
Wyatt	0		
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	161	Total	125

Cowley St. John and Abingdon Pavlova had a friendly game on the Lincoln College ground. The pitch seemed likely to give the bowlers some assistance early in the afternoon, as it was soft on top. The slow spin bowler could make the ball turn appreciably; the mediums and fast-mediums found the turf a bit too dead. The Pavlova did not follow their usual custom of putting in their opponents, probably because their captain considered the pitch would get worse rather than better. As a matter of fact it actually played more truly, owing to its rapid drying qualities, at the finish than at the start. A. Winter played well for his 30, and Vidler, as usual, was most interesting. His back play was strong and his driving hard, while one pull shot realised a six. When he had a sight of the ball he stepped out and made the score move along briskly. It was a good ball that bowled him, one which kept low and did its work quickly. The Cowley St. John fielding, considering there are so many young men in the team, is not so brisk and clean as it might be—there is a pronounced weakness in anticipating the stroke. Cowley St. John replied with 131 for 4. H. Walker and Carter were kept very quiet by some good-length bowling, and it was only when Eley came in that enterprise was shown, while L. Walker and Clinkard arrived too late in their admirable effort to force a win, despite Pavlova's captain's fine action in going on after the time agreed upon for drawing stumps. It was a pleasant, but placid, game, for which the depressing atmosphere may have been partly responsible.

COWLEY ST. JOHN v. ABINGDON PAVLOVA.

On Lincoln College ground on Saturday. Score:

PAVLOVA.		COWLEY ST. JOHN.	
A. E. Winter, lbw, b	30	H. Walker, st E. Winter,	
Clinkard		b A. Winter	28
C. Johnson, b Clinkard	6	L. Carter, b Vidler	35
J. L. S. Vidler, b Kun-		J. D. Eley, b Budd	25
bell	68	R. R. Kimbell, b Budd	6
E. Winter, b Owen	5	L. Walker, not out	10
H. Jamieson, b Fowler	2	J. A. Clinkard, not out	46
H. Crockerott, b Fowler	12	J. Owen, E. G. Jackman,	
T. Webber, not out	24	W. F. Lucas, F. J.	
L. Budd, c L. Walker,		Fowler and F. Hill	
b Fowler	3	did not bat	
J. Barbour, b Kimbell	3		
J. Stannison, b Clinkard	5		
J. Stannison, c Fowler,			
b Clinkard	0		
Extras	6	Extras	11
Total	154	Total (4 wks.)	131

North Oxford batted first on Saturday in their match with Lechlade on St. John's ground. On a wicket which had absorbed copious rain they quickly lost four men for 43. At this point G. C. Smith, joined D. Kyd and the score was taken to 111 before Kyd left. He had hit hard all round the wicket for 54. G. C. Smith, a St. Edmund's Hall undergraduate, played a delightful innings of 43 (like Kyd hitting five fours). G. C. Smith promises to develop into a correct and stylish player, and already he looks every inch a cricketer. Douglas Phillips came in at 118, and in a very short space of time he scored 34, carrying his bat after hitting no fewer than seven fours. The Lechlade bowling, it must be said, was too suggestive of the defective egg of which the polite curate partook when on a visit to his Bishop. "Parts of it are excellent, my Lord," said the curate when his superior asked him if it were not bad. They fielded very well, however. At the call of time Lechlade had made 64 for seven wickets, of which C. W. Wyatt took 4 for 22. Gurney, Holliday and Money also bowled cleverly, whilst Money and Holliday each brought off an exceptional catch in the slips.

The defeat of Morris Motors (holders) by South Oxford, was in the nature of a surprise, in spite of the fact that South Oxford, even without Ward, Searle, Mace and Wale, had great faith in their side. The Motors made a poor show against Parton and Taylor, who were splendidly supported in the field. Only Gumbrell and Heymausen reached double figures, and the innings closed for 71. Parton took six for 15 and Taylor 3 for 19. South Oxford found run-getting just as difficult, but after much excitement the last two men got the runs, enabling the visiting team to win by three. The score-sheet shows that E. Cooke scored nine, and I am assured that it was this innings of sound defence and great patience which went a long way towards winning the game.

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

OXFORDSHIRE v. BEDFORDSHIRE.

At Oxford on Thursday and Friday. Score:

BEDFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E. D. Dyer, b Lee	43	c Hartley, b Walters	14
Holdstock, b Lee	3	c and b Thomas	49
W. B. Jones, b Lee	19	c Walker, b Lee	4
P. V. Graham, c and b Lee	13	b Lee	1
W. A. King, run out	6	c Lewendon, b Lee	8
S. Acheson, b Walters	26	not out	52
A. B. Poole, b Thomas	0		
A. Percy, b Thomas	23	c Coppock, b Bailey	13
W. Whitbread, b Walters	23		
J. Mackay, c Cotton, b Masterman	2		
Dilley, not out	0	not out	0
Extras	6	Extras	7
Total	136	Total (5 wks. dec.)	148

OXFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. T. Lewendon, run out	15	lbw, b King	6
H. Walker, c Holdstock, b Dyer	14	b King	0
S. C. Lee, c and b Holdstock	46		
J. C. Masterman, c Dilley, b Dyer	0		
C. Walters, b Holdstock	19		
F. Hartley, c Jones, b Dyer	15		
E. Cotton, b Holdstock	3		
R. P. Thomas, b Holdstock	25	not out	13
J. A. Howells, c Acheson, b Holdstock	0	lbw, b Mackay	12
W. G. Bailey, b King	22		
G. Coppock, not out	13	not out	7
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	172	Total (3 wks.)	42

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Oxfordshire.

First Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Howells	10	3	28
Thomas	13	2	38
Hartley	3	0	16
Lee	20	8	37
Walters	11	3	37
Masterman	2.5	0	10

Second Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Howells	8	1	21
Thomas	13	4	28
Lee	10	1	26
Walters	14	1	33
Cotton	3	1	13
Masterman	5	0	20
Bailey	1	1	0

BEDFORDSHIRE v. OXFORDSHIRE.

The return match was played at Bedford on Monday and Tuesday. Score:

BEDFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. T. Lewendon, c Davies, b Dyer	54		
H. Walker, c Acheson, b Dyer	160		
S. C. B. Lee, b Dilley	6		
J. C. Masterman, b Mackay	64		
C. Walters, c Dyer, b Reed	44		
E. J. Cotton, c Reed, b Dyer	0		
R. P. Thomas, c Babbs, b Dyer	75		
G. Coppock, c King, b Dyer	0		
W. G. Bailey, c Dyer, b Dilley	4		
B. J. Henry, c King, b Dilley	4		
J. A. Howells, not out	0		
Extras	18		
Total	363		

BEDFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
E. D. Dyer, c Masterman, b Bailey	15	not out	136
A. B. Poole, lbw, b Howells	0		
R. A. Babbs, b Howells	3		
E. F. Davidson, b Howells	13		
S. Acheson, c Masterman, b Howells	16	c Bailey, b Cotton	14
W. B. Jones, c Masterman, b Howells	10	at Coppock, b Cotton	13
E. C. Davies, c Lewendon, b Bailey	6	b Cotton	23
W. E. King, b Howells	0	not out	25
C. N. Reed, b Bailey	30	c Walker, b Howells	33
Dilley, b Cotton	26		
J. S. Mackay, not out	3		
Extras	2	Extras	22
Total	134	Total (4 wks.)	270

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Howells	14	3	42
Thomas	5	2	8
Cotton	4	0	11
Bailey	12	2	31
Walters	12	1	37
Lee	4	1	5

Second Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Howells	14	2	51
Thomas	13	1	40
Walters	12	1	31
Percy	9	3	17
Cotton	17	0	75
Masterman	5	0	15

Travelling to Bedford on Sunday the County commenced the return game against Beds County on Bank Holiday. On an easy-paced wicket Cotton won the toss and kept his opponents in the field during nearly the whole day, while his side scored 363. An excellent foundation was laid by Lewendon and Walker, who put on exactly 160 for the first wicket, when Lewendon was stumped. Subsequently Masterman and Walters batted well, and with four out for 311 Cotton gave the order to hit, with the result that wickets were thrown away to give his bowlers a chance of getting at Beds late in the day. This policy succeeded, as three Beds wickets were secured for 34 runs.

Keeping up their fine form the next day the Oxfordshire bowlers disposed of Bedfordshire for 134, and so again secured the first innings lead. In the subsequent cricket Beds were seen to better advantage and scored 270 for 4, but the Oxfordshire bowlers were handicapped by a wet ball, and after a time Cotton bowled a great deal himself to rest his regular bowlers, with a view to saving them for the Bucks match.

Even though they had the advantage of batting on an easy wicket it was a fine achievement of Lewendon and Walker to put up a big first-wicket partnership. Both batted with caution at first, and though neither is by nature a free scorer, they were never in trouble with the bowling. Lewendon eventually lost his wicket in going for Dyer's wrong 'un, and Lee failed.

Masterman and Walters, both batting with much freedom, gave further assistance to Walker, who was seventh out at 52. He was not until he passed the hundred that he gave a chance, and he hit nine fours. He is probably the youngest player who has scored 160 runs for his county, and many will be the congratulations tendered to him. Complete master of the attack, he played his customary sound game, and his defence was so strong that the bowlers must have despaired of ever getting him out. Eventually he threw away his wicket in the interests of his side. Walker may play higher innings for the County of his birth, but it is doubtful if he will ever play one which not only gives him so much personal satisfaction, but one which was so invaluable to the side.

Beds went in against the big total of 363, and so well did Howells bowl that three wickets went down for 34. Continuing their good work on Tuesday, the Oxon bowlers had Beds out for 134. Howells achieved another fine bowling performance, taking six wickets for 42, and Bailey backed him up well. Following on 229 in arrears Beds did better, but there was never any chance of finishing the game, which ended in a draw, Oxfordshire gaining points for the first-innings lead.

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OXFORDSHIRE v. BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

On the Merton ground on Wednesday, this match was begun and ended in one day. Score:

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J. N. Buchanan, run out	39		
W. T. Brindley, c Coppock, b Lee	52		
L. G. Baker, c Thomas, b Walters	1		
P. W. Le Gros, lbw, b Phillips	3		
A. B. Franklin, c Lewendon, b Walters	1		
W. V. Wells, b Lee	7		
A. U. Payne, lbw, b Phillips	16		
O. G. Battecock, b Phillips	27		
P. W. Fyler, b Phillips	8		
E. A. Fawcett, not out	14		
Edwards, c Coppock, b Walters	14		
Extras	6		
Total	203		

OXFORDSHIRE.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
H. T. Lewendon, b Edwards	3	b Edwards	7
H. Walker, c Edwards	0	c Payne, b Brindley	0
R. P. Thomas, b Payne	11	c Edwards	3
S. C. B. Lee, b Edwards	1	b Edwards	1
C. Walters, c Le Gros, b Edwards	14	not out	23
E. Cotton, c Franklin, b Edwards	1	lbw, b Edwards	0
A. H. Phillips, not out	7	b Payne	2
J. C. Masterman, b Edwards	4	b Brindley	10
W. G. Bailey, c Franklin, b Edwards	0	at Franklin, b Edwards	0
J. A. Howells, c Baker, b Edwards	14	c Battecock, b Payne	6
G. Coppock, b Payne	1	b Edwards	1
Extras	4	Extras	7
Total	60	Total	60

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Buckinghamshire - First Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Howells	8	1	22
Phillips	23	3	69
Bailey	4	0	13
Cotton	3	0	15

Oxfordshire - Second Innings.			
O.	M.	P.	W.
Payne	13.2	3	41
Edwards	13	6	15
Brindley	14	7	23

The County met with their first defeat of the season on the Merton ground on Wednesday, Bucks beating them by an innings and 83 runs. The result was not unexpected, and the conditions were such that, having lost the toss, Oxford's position was hopeless. The Oxfordshire team was strengthened for the occasion by the inclusion of A. H. Phillips, but Burrows was still absent. Bucks first stroke of luck was to win the toss on rather a dead wicket, which, under the influence of the sun, was bound to get more difficult. J. N. Buchanan, the old Cambridge Blue, and Brindley played well to get 59 for the first wicket, but after their departure the bowlers got on top and seven were out for 125. At this point Battecock, who started to make an invaluable 37, was twice badly missed, and in the end the Bucks total reached 203, a very fine score on a pitch gradually becoming impossible. Oxford's chance of winning was remote from the moment Cotton lost the toss; it was hopeless when Battecock was given a life just after he came in.

Oxfordshire went in about three o'clock, and before seven had been twice dismissed for the same score, viz., 60. Edwards, as expected, did the damage. He had all the batsmen at his mercy, and it was the same if they tried to play him or to hit him. Walters certainly showed in the second innings that Edwards is not infallible. Except when he tried to hit out Walters played Edwards, if not with ease, at any rate, with something approaching comfort, and the reason was Walters uses his feet, and on a difficult pitch the batsman who cannot do that is simply at the mercy of a brainy bowler. Unfortunately as was the failure of the Oxfordshire batting, if the match has taught our batsmen the proper value of foot work, it will not be without its good points.

Edwards, on a pitch made to order, bowled with great cleverness. He flights a ball so that it appears to dip at the last moment this on the evidence of the Oxford batsmen—he disguises his fast one, and the ball which breaks does so at great speed. He is as full of tricks as a Johnny Briggs, or a Bobby Peel, and one can only envy Bucks their good fortune in possessing him. What he would be like on a hard wicket, upon which it has never been Oxfordshire's fortune to meet him, is another matter, but on a glue-pot it is doubtful if even Parker, of Gloucestershire, or Roy Kilner, of Yorkshire, are greatly his superiors. Many first-class cricketers consider him to be without a peer when the conditions favour him. His figures in the two innings against Oxfordshire were:

O.	M.	P.	W.
29.1	12	41	14

Oxfordshire's remaining fixtures are:
August.

12 and 13—Berks, at Reading.
24 and 25—Bucks, at High Wycombe.
26 and 27—Monmouth, at Newport.

The Oxfordshire County cricket team met with their first reverse of the season on Wednesday, when Bucks—or rather Edwards—beat them in a single innings. They can comfort themselves with the knowledge that on a bowler's wicket Edwards would probably be unplayable against a much stronger side. There is no disgrace in being beaten by a better team. Apart from this one relapse Oxfordshire have done extremely well this season, both in a playing and financial sense. They have beaten Monmouth outright and won on the first innings against Berks, and Beds (twice). The gates have shown a great improvement, and that on Wednesday was the largest since the war, viz., £7. It isn't much on paper, but the Oxford cricket public are proverbially apathetic, and it must never be forgotten that too much of their cricket for nothing. The best wishes of the supporters of the club will accompany the side on their tour, which commences next week. It is exceedingly improbable, I hear, that Captain Burrows will play cricket this season, owing to his military duties, and his loss has been not the least the club have suffered.

The first match against Beds ended in a draw. In our last issue, it will be remembered, Oxfordshire wanted two runs to secure the lead on the first innings, with Bailey and Coppock, the last two men, still in possession. These two, by no means youngsters, put up a great fight on Thursday, taking the score from 157 to 156. The game could not be re-started until 2.30 on Friday, and then off the third ball the unperturbed Coppock hit a three and gave Oxon the first-innings lead. The score was taken to 172 before the two were parted, and their last wicket stand of 35 was one of the best batting performances, when the circumstances are borne in mind, of the season.

The remainder of the game was unfortunately not so interesting. In order to win Bedfordshire had to score at a fast pace, then declare and, if possible, get Oxfordshire out cheaply. Cricket, unfortunately perhaps, cannot be governed by any hard and fast rules. People are apt to forget the human element, as they did in this case. Beds may have gone in with the firm intention of scoring at a speedy rate. If they did so they had not reckoned with the Oxfordshire bowlers, most of whom kept an accurate length and so pegged down the hitters. Perhaps if Cotton had rested his stock bowlers and put on the change bowlers Beds might have played into his hands, but then the acting Oxfordshire captain may have had such faith in Howells, Thomas and Co. that he believed them capable of getting rid of Beds cheaply. There are so many theories to consider ain't there? Well, the outcome was that Beds crept along slowly and did not declare till after six, leaving Oxfordshire 40 minutes to get 132. No attempt was made and personally I think this was natural—to get the runs, and so the game was drawn. Oxfordshire secured three points and Beds one, but the percentage of Oxfordshire was reduced owing to the no result.

CRICKETERS' ROLL.

BATTING.

H. Walker-Oxfordshire v. Bedfordshire	160
E. Hartley-Shipton v. Lechlade	107
C. Giles-Watlington v. Newland	70
B. Buckingham Church Army v. Cowley Depot	70
B. Rogers-North Oxford v. Swindon Olympia	70
G. Sleightholm-North Oxford v. Swindon Olympia	70
G. Buckingham-Rushmore v. Birmingham Butchers	70
H. T. Lewendon-Oxfordshire v. Bedfordshire	54
H. Munt-Horspath v. Church Army Press II	54
J. C. Masterman-Oxfordshire v. Bedfordshire	64
A. Binnie-Swindon v. Cowley St. John	57
Orpik-Barker-Cowley Depot v. Church Army	54
G. Bowley-Lechlade v. Shipton	53
L. Walker-Cowley St. John v. Swindon	55
V. Jones-Victoria v. Littlemore Hospital	54
L. Carter-Cowley St. John v. Cowley	52
D. W. Lett-Watlington v. Newland	52
J. Timms-Chadlington v. Shipton II	51

BOWLING.

H. Roberts-Oxford P.O. v. Cheltenham P.O.	9-31
E. Hartley-Shipton v. Lechlade	9-34
L. Hinton-Horspath v. Church Army Press II	8-19
W. Allen-Lincoln Servants v. Worcester Servants	8-21
A. H. Tolley-Woodstock v. Headington	8-43
J. Norridge-Kirtlington v. College Servants II	7-9
A. Bartram-Tubney v. Wootton (Berke)	7-11
F. Wilkinson-Drayton v. Garlington	7-12
W. H. Stone-Nuneham v. Bletchington	7-14
A. Stone-Sandford v. Cowley St. John II	7-14
C. Barnes-Milton v. Witney Mills	7-17
J. Henson-Cowley St. John II v. Sandford	7-18
F. Johnson-Worcester Servants v. Lincoln Servants	7-22
O. Herman-Morris Motors III v. Clarendon Press III	7-32
J. Trafford-Headington v. Woodstock	6-4
G. Oxley-Cowley St. John II v. Sandford	6-9
G. Chaundy-Hendborough v. Charlbury	6-9
S. Smith-College Servants II v. Kirtlington	6-14
B. Payne-Woodstock II v. Nake	6-15
L. Almond-Nuneham v. Baldon II	6-15
E. Beaven-Abingdon Imps v. Northcourt	6-15
W. Preston-Baldon v. Warborough	6-22
M. Newell-Post Office v. Elfield	6-23
F. Skipton-Witney Mills v. Milton	6-26
R. Barker-South Oxford II v. Cumnor	6-28
G. Morley-Elfield v. Post Office	6-32
N. Massey-Clarendon Press III v. Morris Motors III	6-34
J. Harris-Lincoln Servants v. Worcester Servants	6-35
J. A. Howells-Oxfordshire v. Bedfordshire	6-17
F. Johnson-Worcester Servants v. Lincoln Servants	6-44

North Oxford had much the better of the game in their home match with Swindon Olympia on Saturday. They registered 160 for four wickets, and declaring, got six wickets of their opponents for 42 when rain stopped play. For this result North Oxford had to thank G. E. Sleightholm and B. L. Rogers, who contributed respectively 75 not out and 77. G. C. Smith again shaped well until run out, through no fault of his own. On the dead ground, both Sleightholm and Rogers punched the ball hard, Sleightholm showing enterprise, and Rogers clearly demonstrating that he belongs to a distinguished cricket family by his innings. The Swindon team shaped but poorly against Rogers and S. J. Gurney, the latter taking three wickets for 13 and deserving still better results.

Swindon Town sent two teams to Oxford on Bank Holiday. The first played Morris Motors and the second, Cowley St. John. In the former game there was some full scoring, Morris' declaring at 255 for 8 and Swindon replying with 180 for 2.

The 2nd team were beaten by Cowley St. John by five wickets. At the start it looked as if the Cowley St. John bowlers would run through the side cheaply, five being out for 44. The veteran A. Binnie was far from comfortable, frequently mistiming the ball, but directly he changed from the soft to the loud pedal he became a different batsman. He hit hard and cleanly and was still there with 57 to his credit when the last wicket fell. The Cowley St. John fielding was smarter than it has been of late, and Arthur Clinkard bowled his slows with marked success, his analysis being 5 for 29. This season he has been much more successful as a bowler than as a batsman. The home side also lost four wickets cheaply (for 55), but then L. Walker and Lucas took the score up to 151, an addition of 66. Walker was caught in the slips for 55 and Lucas carried his bat for 45. I have not seen the former play so well for two years, while Lucas, whose bat is always very straight, made some particularly good shots on the leg-side.

Shipton-under-Wychwood had two matches over the holidays and won them both, beating Faringdon on Saturday and Lechlade on Monday. Faringdon were beaten by 41 runs in a match in which F. Longshaw took five wickets. In the Lechlade match on Monday Ernest Hartley scored 107 and Frank took nine wickets for 34. Bowley, the City footballer, scored 55 for Lechlade. Shipton won by 139 runs.

OXFORD CRICKET LEAGUE-DIV. I.

COWLEY v. COWLEY ST. JOHN.

On Lincoln ground on Saturday. Score:

COWLEY.	COWLEY ST. JOHN.
J. Tyler, c Clinkard, b	E. G. Jackman, c Vick, b Grant
King	6
C. Hickman, b Clinkard	22
W. Holghins, b Howells	0
J. Hathaway, b Fowler	30
P. Martin, c Jackman, b Clinkard	0
F. Bird, b Fowler	0
R. Ody, c H. Walker, b Fowler	12
A. Vick, c Clinkard, b Fowler	3
C. Bevercombe, b Clinkard	7
W. Grant, b Clinkard	0
A. Huntley, not out	3
Extras	2
Total	55

Total (2 wkts.) 55

HEADINGTON v. WOODSTOCK.

At Headington on Saturday. Score:

WOODSTOCK.	HEADINGTON.
G. Buckingham, c W.	G. Coppock, b Tolley
Trafford, b J. Trafford	6
D. Simmonds, b Cox	1
A. Buckingham, c A.	1
G. Gull, b Cox	0
R. J. Lord, b J. Trafford	1
E. Thorneat, b Cox	0
C. Harris, b Cox	0
C. H. Tolley, b J. Trafford	0
J. Brooks, b Trafford	0
C. Keep, not out	1
G. Buckingham, b Trafford	0
J. Young, b Trafford	0
Extras	3
Total	14

Total (2 wkts.) 80

Y.M.C.A. v. SOUTH OXFORD.

On Brasenose ground on Saturday. Score:

Y.M.C.A.	SOUTH OXFORD.
W. E. Hooley, b Parton	21
W. Stone, run out	18
J. King, b Stroud	1
G. Stone, b Parton	40
E. G. Oaker, b Hore	17
J. N. Greenwood, c Merriman, b Parton	14
T. Thomas, b Searle	5
Hore	2
W. Wheeler, b Parton	0
M. L. King, c Hore, b Parton	0
F. Surman, not out	3
H. S. Thurland, b Hore	3
Extras	11
Total	129

Total (3 wkts.) 131

MORRIS MOTORS v. BICESTER.

On Morris' ground on Saturday. Score:

MORRIS MOTORS.	BICESTER.
Guy Sturges, b Holiday	B. Philp, c Geo Sturges, b Parker
L. Merritt	13
L. Rogers, b Holiday	14
P. Bullock, c Mont-Guery, b Clifton	11
R. Thornton, c Philp, b Clifton	7
W. Cougle, b Holiday	15
Geo Sturges, b Merritt	48
F. Parker, b Merritt	29
W. H. Mullin, b Holiday	0
M. Gumbrell, not out	10
R. Eagles, not out	10
J. Stone, not out	2
Extras	2
Total (8 wkts. d.c.)	151

Total (5 wkts.) 54

The revised positions in the Oxfordshire League are:

	Division I.				
	Section "A."				
	P.	W.	L.	D.	PTS.
Woodstock	5	4	1	0	8
South Oxford	4	3	1	0	6
Y.M.C.A.	4	1	3	0	2
Headington	5	1	4	0	2
	Section "B."				
Bicester	5	3	0	2	8
Morris Motors	4	2	1	1	5
Victoria	3	1	2	0	2
Church Army Press	4	0	3	1	1
	Section "C."				
Abingdon Pavlova	3	3	0	0	6
Clarendon Press	2	1	1	0	2
Summertown	3	0	3	0	0
	Section "D."				
Cowley St. John	3	3	0	0	6
College Servants	2	1	1	0	2
Cowley	3	0	3	0	0

Saturday's League matches, while not yet solving the semi-final problem, do clear the air a bit. In Division I. the collapse of Woodstock at Headington, and the draw which Bicester made at Cowley against Morris Motors, suggest that in Sections "A" and "B" there will yet be some fun, and that Woodstock and Bicester are not quite safe. Abingdon Pavlova have, of course, already qualified, and the worst that can happen to the holders, Cowley St. John, is that they may have to play an extra game. In Division II. Kidlington and Horspath are the only two clubs sure of appearing in the extra round on the 22nd. The other sections are rather complicated, and some of the clubs are so inconsistent that we may have to wait a week or two ere the positions automatically right themselves.

One of the closest and best games in the Senior Section was that between South Oxford and the Y.M.C.A. The former had to win in order to challenge the position of the Section leaders, Woodstock, and a glance at the scores will show that they did so by the narrow margin of one wicket. My correspondent says in this connection "that the Y.M.C.A. were most heartily congratulated on their return from the field for the sporting way in which they played out the game. This was cricket as it should be played." If this means anything it is that the game was prolonged beyond the usual time or finished in the rain in order to enable South Oxford to win. Presuming this to be correct, there is, of course, another side to the question, but sentiment and rules apart it is pleasant to find a club so ready to do someone else a good turn. The match was at any rate a real good one. The Y.M.C.A. knocked up 129, Hooley and G. Stone making most of the runs, while Parton took 5 wickets for 27. South Oxford lost three wickets cheaply and then Stroud and Best revived the fortunes of their side with a long stand. G. Stone, who had been bowling well, then got past the defence of Best, while Stroud was run out. The next two men failed, but Longford and Chapman stuck in some time, and by taking risks Merriman made the winning hit, the Y.M. total being passed with the last two South Oxford men together. For the Y.M. Stone took 5 wickets for 37.

Some time ago I suggested that Woodstock might find cricket on the grounds of their opponents rather different to that which they play on their own ground. Well they appeared at Headington on Saturday and lost their first game by 76 runs. Evidently the wicket was in favour of the bowlers as Headington, going in first, could only make 90, five of the side getting into double figures. Tolley bowled throughout the innings, and in thirteen overs took 8 wickets for 43. The sensation began when Woodstock went in. Thirteen overs were sufficient to finish the match, Woodstock being all out for 141. J. Trafford and Cox were the bowlers, the former's analysis being 7-4-4-6, and Cox's 6-2-7-4. Woodstock went in a second time and scored 71 for 2, G. Buckingham making 47 not out and Simmonds 21.

Cowley St. John won their third successive League game and had their easiest task in taking the points from Cowley. Thanks to a stand by Hickman (22) and Hathaway (30) Cowley scored 85 against Clinkard (4 for 30) and Fowler (4 for 25). The runs were hit off for the loss of two wickets. Jackman, going in first, showed much of his old form, while Carter, in an innings of 52 not out, revealed the promise he showed two years ago. He is one of the best of the younger generation, and has tried to model his style on that of his colleague, Harry Walker.

The rain seems to have robbed Morris Motors of a valuable point against Bicester, who when stumps had to be pulled up were 97 short of the Morris total and had lost half their wickets. George Sturges played at his best for 40 for Morris', who declared at 151 for 8, while Parker took two of the five Bicester wickets.

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CRICKET.

Will those who have written to either F. S. Gee, 38, Chalfont-road, or F. J. Fowler, 73, Lonsdale-road, for the County Colts' and Players' matches, the first on North Oxford ground, Woodstock-road, on Wednesday next, and the second on Merton ground, Mansfield-road, on Wednesday, September 9, please be on the grounds at two o'clock? These are Hickman, Ward, Bickerton and O'Shea on September 2, and Ward, Bickerton, Eeley, O'Shea and Cooke on September 9. Others who were invited and may or may not have replied are: A. Mold (South Oxford), J. Atoney (Summertown), G. Walker (Horspath), J. Arnold (Cowley), J. Druce (Garsington), D. Simmonds (Woodstock), J. Rogers (City School), R. Thornton (Morris Motors), Coppock, jun. (Headington, wicket-keeper), Ratsey (Magdalen School), J. Fletcher and W. Spindler (College Servants), and J. Axtell (Cowley St. John). Invitations to these players are, if they have not yet replied, still open, but they should write at once to either of the above addresses. The expenses of the matches will be borne by the Oxfordshire County Cricket Club, whose guests the players will be.

MINOR COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.
OXON LOSE TO MONMOUTHSHIRE.

In their concluding match in the Minor Counties' Championship the County suffered another heavy reverse at the hands of Monmouthshire, at Newport, on Wednesday and Thursday, and were defeated by nine wickets. Oxon batted first and compiled the total of 129, Cotton being the most successful with the bat, scoring 45. The rest of the County batsmen could do little with the bowling of Harris and Raikes. Howell, Cotton, Walters and Lee shared the County attack in Monmouth's innings, but thanks to good knocks by Raff and Raikes the homesters were able to lead Oxon on the first innings. In their second innings the County collapsed before the bowling of Harris, who returned the excellent analysis of 7 for 23, and were sent back for 55. Cotton was again top scorer with 20 to his credit. Requiring only 40 runs to win Monmouthshire obtained them for the loss of only one wicket. Score and analysis:

OXFORDSHIRE.			Second Innings.		
First Innings.					
E. J. Cotton, c Abraham,	45	b Harris	20		
b Jenkins					
C. Walters	10				
Raikes	4	c Abraham, b Raikes	0		
H. Walker, at Wilcox, b					
Harris	22	c Arthur, b Raikes	0		
H. T. Lewendon, b					
Raikes	7	lbw, b Harris	3		
G. Coppock, at Wilcox,					
b Harris	5	b Harris	2		
J. A. Howells, c Arthur,					
b Raikes	4	lbw, b Harris	3		
S. C. B. Lee, b Harris	6	c Abraham, b Harris	13		
W. Field, at Wilcox, b					
Harris	10	lbw, b Harris	2		
D. R. Axtell, lbw, b					
Harris	3	c and b Harris	1		
W. G. Bailey, not out	6	not out	2		
B. J. Henry, lbw, b					
Harris	0	b Spary	4		
Extras	16	Extras	5		
Total	129	Total	55		

MONMOUTHSHIRE.			Second Innings.		
First Innings.					
F. G. Phillips, c Lewen-	6				
don, b Howells					
N. W. Abraham, lbw, b					
Cotton	8				
R. W. Roff, b Lee	31	not out	18		
S. Arthur, c Henry, b					
Lee	4	not out	20		
J. F. Ruff, b Lee	15				
E. C. Dolman, b Howells	4				
K. C. Raikes, c Walker,					
b Walters	40				
H. Jenkins, at Coppock,					
b Walters	19	b Walters	3		
Harris, lbw, b Walters	0				
Wilcox, c Howells, b					
Cotton	0				
H. G. Spary, not out	7				
Extras	10				
Total	144	Total (1 wkt.)	41		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.										
Monmouthshire.										
First Innings.					Second Innings.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.	
Howells	25	10	40	2	Cotton	3	0	24	0	
Cotton	16	4	41	2	Walters	4	1	12	1	
Walters	8	5	14	3	Field	2	0	6	0	
Lee	20	5	38	3						
Bailey	3	2	1	0						
Oxfordshire.										
Harris	24	3	6	43	6	Harris	13	3	23	7
Raikes	25	10	27	3	Walters	8	0	20	2	
Spary	12	5	22	0	Spary	4	4	0	7	1
Roff	4	1	13	0						
Jenkins	4	1	3	-1						

BRIEF RESULTS.

Dorchester Missionary College, 90 (H. Blair 35 not out, T. M. Busby 26); Wallingford, 65 (J. Payne 25).
Dorchester II., 63 (R. Lovett 24); Dorchester Missionary College, 22.

The final between Morris Motors and Abingdon Pavlova was commenced on the Running Ground on Friday. It was generally considered that the result of the match was a foregone conclusion, and so it proved. Morris Motors won the toss and, after losing Rogers cheaply, put up a long second-wicket stand in which Guy Sturges and Bullock figured. The pitch did not appear to give much assistance to the bowlers, though I am assured there were "spots" at both ends. Even so the two batsmen showed no signs of being tied down. They were favoured with some very loose bowling, and it did not look as if the Pavlova attack, apart from Vidler, was at all formidable. Frankly I have not seen such bad bowling in a League final before. Long hops, full-tosses and a liberal share of leg balls were sent down. Luckily for the Pavlova the fielding was quite smart, Winter at the wicket and Green at cover being very good.

Pavlova broke up the partnership with a smart run out which lost Bullock his wicket. Bullock is a young player who, under proper coaching, should develop. Give him anything loose on the off-side and he produces a scoring stroke, while his defence is not negligible. His foot-work is his weak point. Ward failed, but Parker took the long-handle and soon rattled up 35. Tea was taken soon afterwards with only five out with over 250 on the board. After tea Vidler found a spot. He started by getting Sturges l.b.w. and took all the remaining wickets, finishing with an analysis of 6 for 65, good work considering the little support he had. Sturges played a typical innings and it was a sheer delight to watch him. I could not understand why Vidler refused to have anyone on the leg side for him, as he frequently scored in this direction. He has all the strokes and uses them effectively. Pavlova had about an hour's batting and did well to score 56 for the loss of Johnson.

Only nine runs, during the scoring of which Pavlova lost Bradford's wicket, were added on Saturday, rain stepping in and necessitating the abandoning of play for the day. Then came the vexed problem of how, when and where the match could be finished, the Pavlova captain being in a dilemma as half his side would not be available on Monday. He therefore suggested the game being finished on Sunday, to which Morris Motors acquiesced, and also agreed to its being finished on their opponents' ground at Westfields, Abingdon.

When play commenced on Sunday the wicket was very much against the batsmen, and Rogers, in particular, proved to be in good form. Wickets fell fast, and from a score of 66 for two, the whole side were out for 121. H. Bowen (17) being the only player to assist Winter. Winter's 50 was a very restrained effort, containing no fewer than 25 singles and only two fours. Bowen hit a six and Bradford two fours. In this innings Rogers took four wickets for 24 runs, and Stone, Millin and Gumbrell two wickets apiece for 31, 34 and 13 runs respectively.

Being 175 runs in arrears the Pavlova were obliged to follow on and early met with disaster. Johnson being caught off his glove by Bullock off Rogers with only a single registered. At nine Winter was l.b.w. to Bullock, but with Vidler and Bradford associated things brightened a little, the score being taken to 32 before a separation was effected. Seven wickets were down for 60 runs, when Green and Jamieson came to the rescue, carrying the score to 90 before Green was caught by Surman off Parker. At 98 the end came, Budd snicking a ball from Stone into the safe hands of Guy Sturges, Jamieson was the top scorer with 19 in the Pavlova's second innings, Vidler (18), "Mr. Extras" (18), Bradford (13) and Green (10) being the only others to reach double figures. Morris Motors, after being in the final three times in four years, thus won the trophy by an innings and 77 runs. In the second innings Parker took two wickets for three runs, Stone four for 24 runs, Rogers two for 24 runs, and Bullock one for 19 runs. The match concluded at 5.40 p.m.

CRICKETERS' ROLL.

BATTING.	
J. Rogers - Cowley St. John v. Post Office	118
Guy Sturges - Morris Motors v. Pavlova	106
F. Bullock - Morris Motors v. Pavlova	76
J. Barnaby - Guy Thompson's XI v. P. King's XI	75
J. Arnold - Oxford Boys v. Clarendon Club	72
A. J. Woodley - Post Office v. Cowley St. John	65
J. Barnaby - Capt. Barnard's XI v. Thompson's XI	64
J. King - Guy Thompson's XI v. Mr. Barnard's XI	60
A. Winter - Pavlova v. Morris Motors	50
*Not out.	
BOWLING.	
	W. R.
F. J. Fowler - "Oxford Times" v. H. W. Wells' XI	9-41
F. Hinton - Goba v. Hertford Coll. Servants	8-20
C. Barrett - H. W. Wells' XI v. "Oxford Times"	7-9
J. King - Guy Thompson's XI v. B.N.C. Servants	6-8
Garrington - High Wycombe Police v. City Police	6-30
E. Turner - Oxford Boys v. Clarendon Club	6-30
W. Allen - B.N.C. Servants v. Guy Thompson's XI	6-38
J. L. S. Vidler - Pavlova v. Morris Motors	6-64

This week-end the Witney League final will be played on the Witney Mills ground. On Monday the Witney Mills C.C. will play their usual match versus Mr. Herbert Smith's XI (Witney East Monday), on the Mills ground, Newlands, commencing at 11 a.m. The Mills team will probably include Messrs. T. Shepherd and T. Peach (Surrey), J. Newman (Hampshire), C. Walters (Oxfordshire), and F. Moss, P. Hosier, B. Room, S. Bridgman, S. Allen, and C. Nunn. Mr. Smith's XI will include J. Pearson, A. W. Wilkes, J. B. Wiggins (Worcestershire), C. Bowles (Gloucestershire), and J. Parton, W. Field, J. W. Piper and W. G. Allen (Oxfordshire). The Mills ground is greatly improved this season, and some good cricket should be seen. Admission is 6d., and given good weather there should be a large attendance.

MAINLY ABOUT PLAYERS.

The two Oxfordshire County cricketers, J. C. Masterman and C. B. Ormerod, have been playing at Eastbourne. For the Leamington Wanderers Ormerod took 12 wickets in two innings against Eastbourne.

Bucks won the Minor Counties' Cricket Championship, beating Northumberland by 157 runs. Edwards took 10 wickets for 64.

R. Ayres, who scored 43 for Mr. P. King's team against Mr. G. Thompson's team, has kept wicket for Bucks and Cowley St. John. He is well-known as umpire in the Parks.

J. Bowley, the Oxford Harrier, competing in the Mile Race at Wycombe Phoenix Harriers' meeting on Saturday, secured a third.

St. Albans P.C. have a few vacant dates to complete their fixture list, and secretaries of any 2nd Division or Minor sides should write to the Hon. Secretary, H. Allington, 6, Union-street, Cowley-road, Oxford. They will be turning out three XIs this season, including a Minor XI, and all are looking forward to a successful season.

Bowman, of the Cowley F.C., has, following the example of L. Rogers, Wyatt and J. King, thrown in his lot with the City.

J. E. Ealey, who assisted Cowley, on Saturday, is an old City School boy, now at Magdalen College.

C. Walters returned to the Spurs' team on Monday and gave a fine display.

T. B. Raikes, the Varsity Cricket Blue, has joined the staff of Shrewsbury School.

OXFORD CRICKET LEAGUE-DIV. I. -FINAL.

MORRIS MOTORS v. ABINGDON PAVLOVA
Played at Oxford on Friday and Saturday and finished at Abingdon on Sunday. Score:

MORRIS MOTORS.-First Innings.	
Guy Sturges, l.b.w. b Vidler	106
L. Rogers, b Vidler	34
F. Bullock, run out	76
George Sturges, b Vidler	18
C. Ward, c Johnson, b Bradford	5
P. Parker, c Cockerell, b Budd	23
W. Gilling, b Vidler	0
W. H. Mallin, c Bradford, b Vidler	0
M. Gumbrell, c Winter, b Vidler	15
E. Surman, c Winter, b Webber	4
J. Stone, not out	4
Extras	20
Total	256

ABINGDON PAVLOVA.	
First Innings.	
A. Winter, c and b Gumbrell	50
C. Johnson, b Millin	4
G. E. Bradford, c Surman, b Millin	26
H. Bowen, c Rogers, b Stone	17
H. Cockerell, c Millin, b Gumbrell	0
J. L. S. Vidler, c Gilling, b Rogers	5
T. M. Webber, c Parker, b Rogers	5
R. Green, b Rogers	0
H. Jamieson, l.b.w. b Rogers	0
J. Woodbridge, c Surman, b Stone	5
L. Budd, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	121

OXFORD TIMES CRICKET.

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OXFORDSHIRE v. 'VARSITY' "A."

Originally arranged for two days this match, owing to a blank Wednesday, could not commence till Thursday, when a start was made at 12.15. Rain still further curtailed play yesterday, and no conclusive result was arrived at. The Varsity won the toss and lost three wickets for 22 to the bowling of Reece and Hartley. Reece was swinging in the wind and clean bowled Crawley and Stephenson. These were the only successes the County bowlers met with. Legge and de Silva taking the score to 176 without being parted, at which point the innings was declared. Both batted well, but Legge gave an easy chance in the slips just before lunch, and de Silva two difficult ones. The County opened with Lewendon and Cotton, who put on 45 for the first wicket, when Cotton was bowled. Wakelin had had luck to play on at St. Lewendon and Walters then played out time, the match being drawn. Lewendon did not give a chance, and had had luck just to miss the 50. Score and analysis:

'VARSITY' "A."	
J. S. Stephenson, b Reece	6
C. B. Crawley, b Reece	0
C. L. Fawcett, b Hartley	5
G. E. Legge, not out	71
J. A. de Silva, not out	74
Extras	20
Total (3 wickets down)	176

W. N. McBride, L. R. Serrurier, J. M. Coldham, I. A. W. Gillies, T. B. Raikes and H. A. McCann did not bat.

OXFORDSHIRE.	
H. T. Lewendon, not out	40
K. Cotton, b McBride	10
E. Wakelin, b McBride	3
C. Walters, not out	14
Extras	7
Total (2 wickets down)	83

P. Hartley, H. A. Caccia, G. Oppock, O. W. Reece, R. J. Henry, J. Parton and A. F. Alington did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.									
O. M. R. W.					O. M. R. W.				
'VARSITY' First Innings.					OXFORDSHIRE First Innings.				
Reese	14	4	40	2	Scrivener	9	3	13	0
Hartley	17	2	58	1	Rankin	8	0	20	0
Walters	7	0	33	0	McGuffin	9	1	26	0
Parton	3	0	10	0	McBride	4	1	12	2
Wakelin	6	1	15	0	De Silva	4	0	6	0
Caccia	1	0	2	0					

A report of the County Cricket Club dinner will be found on page 5.

SPORT OF THE WEEK.

[BY THE CAPTAIN.]

CRICKET.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY CLUB—1925.

The County cricket season, all things considered, was satisfactory. Figures show that in 13 innings the side scored 1,660 runs (three innings incomplete), against the 1,539 runs in eleven innings (three incomplete) of their opponents. The batting, up to a point, was splendidly consistent. On the hard wickets of July some tall scores were made, and the side proved that they were one of the most dangerous run-getting sides in the competition. At the beginning of August they were amongst the first four Counties in the Championship table. The rain-affected pitches of August brought a marked change in the fortunes of the side. They twice went down badly to Bucks (the ultimate champions), and Monmouth beat them at Newport. Disappointing as were the Bucks results, the result of the deciding tie, in which Bucks beat Northumberland so decisively, must bring a crumb of comfort to Oxfordshire supporters, as it was agreed on all hands that Northumberland were an exceptionally powerful side. No true cricketer makes excuses, and I feel sure the Oxfordshire players will be the first to admit that they were not so strong as Bucks, who proved themselves a better team. Yet it is only fair to point out that the conditions have always favoured Bucks when they meet Oxfordshire, and on a really true wicket it seems safe to assume, basing our argument on Oxfordshire's form in July, that there would have been a different tale to tell if August had vied with July in sunshine. I am trying to prove that Oxfordshire's position was not entirely due to bad cricket, but rather to their lack of players who can take advantage of a rain-affected pitch.

Fortune has been none too kind to Oxfordshire in another way. Throughout the season they have been without the services of Capt. Brocas Burrows. At the County Club dinner in May last Capt. Burrows had, judging from his speech, every indication of playing. He was, in fact, looking forward to leading the side to many successes. One hopes an adequate reason will be given for his absence, which none have regretted more than the members of the team. Elmer Cotton was chosen to act as deputy, and this decision had the approval of the players, with whom he is personally popular. He made the best of a hard task. He studied his men on and off the field, was liked by his opponents, and was the same cheery fellow, both in success and adversity.

Apart from the big gap Captain Burrows' absence left, there were other things which handicapped the side. The County were most anxious to include Guy Sturges and Rogers in all the matches, and at the beginning of the season sent them an invitation. The response was disappointing. Sturges did not play at all, and Rogers in only one match. With some of their amateur players the County were equally unlucky. Alan Phillips and Frank Hartley could only play in one game, that fine bowler C. B. Ormerod could not play at all, C. W. Reece only in one match, and Wakelin was out of action through an illness, which, to everyone's regret, has proved fatal. One cannot let this opportunity pass without paying some tribute to "Ted's"—he was "Ted" to us all—services to the club. He was a model professional, but somehow one did not look upon him as a paid servant. He was just one of us, a well-conducted fellow, a keen cricketer, always striving to do his best, and off the field a cheerful companion. His loss is one the club feel very much.

These losses were such that they might be expected to react on the club. But, as already stated, the team set out on their programme in good fighting form. The committee may have felt discouraged, not so the players. They started by beating Monmouth, against whom they showed the real cricket spirit. They then scored over 200 against the Berkshire bowlers and dismissed Berks in the first innings for 54, and then, in one of the most exciting episodes of the season, beat Beds on the first innings. Then, in the return game with Beds they put up the record score of 365 and disposed of Beds for 134. Their record up to this point was one win outright and three leads on the first innings in four games. Then came the change in the weather and a series of failures.

It has been the batting rather than the bowling that has proved the side's undoing. All was well as long as the pitches remained hard. When the ball began to turn we at once saw the inherent weakness of our batsmen, the absence of good foot-work, and the folly of the cross-bat. The tall scoring that takes place in local cricket today suggests that Oxfordshire is particularly strong in batting. But such a state of affairs is neither true in substance nor fact. We have not got half a dozen batsmen in the city or county who could be guaranteed to get 50 runs against a bowler of the class of Edwards. The reason is our batsmen do not meet this type often enough, and when they do they are all at sea. If Oxfordshire had batsmen as No. 1 and 2, who could go in and give the side a good start on a bowlers' wicket they would be a very different side. Probably we never shall have until the county is in the position financially, to employ an old professional coach, but meanwhile there is one way the position can be improved, and that is by the club and ground arranging a strong fixture list on Saturdays, the day most suitable to our local players. If the County Club do this they ought to be able to count on the services of any local player. This might be hard on some of the local clubs, but the only way to improve batting in Oxford is to get better cricket, and this is one way in which this can be done.

Of the County batsmen who have done best Harry Walker stands out conspicuously, and though he failed on the bowlers' wickets he has every reason to look back with personal satisfaction on his season's work. He started by making 51 and 16 not out against Berks, 14 and 9 against Beds, and then scored 160 against Beds in the return, an average of over 10 for his first five innings. It must be remembered that he is the youngest member of the side, and, therefore, the least experienced. As he is both painstaking and has the right cricket temperament, it is probable he will go on improving. Next to Walker, S. C. B. Lee, a pre-war County player, was the most consistent batsman. In fact, he proved himself the best all-rounder in the side, and frequently bowled remarkably well. Lewendon, Walters, and Thomas played good innings at times, but, unfortunately, Walters could not strike his 1924 form, while Howells only gave one real glimpse of the dashing batsman we know him to be.

It was thought that in the absence of Wakelin, Burrows, Frank Hartley and Ormerod, and the fleeting appearances of Reece and Phillips, the County bowling would prove the weak spot. But not once, not even on the mud-pitches, was our attack really collared. Twice, when Bucks beat us, they were dismissed once for 203 and on the second occasion for 29, while when Monmouth beat us in the second match their highest score was only 114.

The first big bowling performance was accomplished by Reece and Howells, who, bowling unchanged, dismissed Monmouth for 66. Unfortunately this was the only match in which Reece could play. In the next match, against Berks, Howells was again in the picture, and, in conjunction with Thomas, he dismissed Berks for 54, taking six wickets for 35 and accomplishing a memorable "hat-trick" by clean bowling Robert Bell, Swallow and Woodburn. Another fine performance was his six for 42 against Beds, after which the conditions were altogether unsuited to his pace. He was undoubtedly the best bowler on the side, except on sticky wickets, when Lee, Walters and Bailey proved more effective. With his leg theory Walters often bowled sufficiently well to encourage the hope he may develop into Oxfordshire's slow wicket bowler. Thomas seemed to have lost some of his skill, and Musterman was rather disappointing. The brunt of the work fell on Howells, who was not always well-served by his slip-finders. It was good to see him with his heart once more in the game, bowling with fierce energy, as if he loved the grueling work. The fielding of the side was neither better nor worse than in former years, and credit is due to the veteran Coppock for his services as wicket-keeper. He is getting old for an exacting position and his sight is not so good as it was. But he was always giving his best and the County never had a keener cricketer. His friends will be pleased to hear that he was given his County cap, an honour also conferred on C. W. Reece, J. A. Howells and W. G. Bailey. Capt. Henry has once more been in charge of the fortunes of the club off the field, and though he has had his critics no one can deny that in more ways than one, he has been of immense service. It would be a difficult matter to replace him.

The club averages are appended:

	BATTING.				Hgt.	Av.
	No. of inns.	Not out.	Tot. runs.	score		
H. Walker	11	1	270	160	27.0	
R. P. Thomas	8	1	160	41	22.5	
C. Walters	12	2	221	43	22.16	
S. C. B. Lee	12	2	212	19	21.20	
R. Kimbell	2	1	21	19	21.00	
L. Rogers	2	0	31	27	20.0	
J. C. Masterman	7	0	123	61	12.4	
H. Lewendon	13	1	209	14	16.07	
F. Hartley	1	0	15	15	15.00	
J. A. Howells	12	1	134	71	12.12	
E. J. Cotton	12	1	135	46	12.09	
A. H. Phillips	2	1	3	2	3.00	
W. G. Bailey	2	1	25	22	5.25	
W. Field	2	1	15	10	4.35	
G. Coppock	10	2	33	15	4.12	
R. J. Henry	6	1	12	6	2.00	
C. W. Reece	1	0	3	3	3.00	
D. B. Astell	4	0	4	3	1.00	

	BOWLING.				R.	W.	Av.
	O.	M.	R.	W.			
C. W. Reece	33	11	113	11	10.2		
S. C. B. Lee	68	21	136	13	10.4		
W. G. Bailey	44	13	87	6	14.5		
J. A. Howells	138	23	3.6	23	15.4		
A. H. Phillips	23	3	69	4	17.2		
C. Walters	111	17	320	15	21.5		
R. P. Thomas	66	14	165	7	23.5		
J. C. Masterman	27	3	80	3	26.6		
E. J. Cotton	49	7	126	6	31.0		
F. Hartley	20	2	68	1	68.0		

The second of the County Club Colts matches was, unfortunately, ruined by rain. The City Club kindly placed the Merton ground at the disposal of the County Committee, Jack Hearn, the veteran All-England and Middlesex cricketer, came down to umpire, duties which were also shared by J. R. F. Turner and P. S. Gee; while the County Captain (Elmer Cotton), the County Secretary (Capt. Henry), and two other County players in C. Walters and H. Walker turned out. Unfortunately several of those selected did not turn up, which, considering they were the invited guests of the O.C.C.C., was not very courteous. Only two hours' play was possible, and in this period P. J. Fowler's side scored 86 for 8. Rain came down heavily at the conclusion of the innings and prevented further play. I understand that next year the County will have a more ambitious programme for the Colts, among the fixtures it is hoped to arrange being one with the Berkshire County Colts and another with Mr. J. R. F. Turner's past and present schoolboys. The players to take part in the match on Wednesday were J. Ward, P. L. Bickerton, C. Walters, J. Monev, R. Johnson, H. Walker, J. E. Rees, J. Peacock, E. Turner, P. T. Griffiths, E. Cotton, C. W. Wyatt, J. D. Eeley, E. Cooke, J. Rogers, Brownrigg, E. Bowtell, W. Godfrey, A. Walton, G. Coppock, F. J. Fowler and Capt. Henry.

The City Club wound up their season with three important games against Warwickshire Imps, Cheltenham, and the North of the Thames, the latter match being played on Merton ground on the two Fair days. Against the Imps the side gave a weak batting display and were all out for 60, the Imps in reply making 176. The feature of the innings was the batting of the Warwick amateur P. G. Stephens, who scored 89. H. Walker (80 not out) and Parton (60) were highest scorers in a total of 196 for 7 (declared) against Cheltenham, but they were put in the shade by C. J. Barnett, a boy of 16, who scored 95 in brilliant fashion and helped his father to put on 135 for the first wicket. Cheltenham won with seven wickets to spare. Against the North of the Thames the City scored 130 (Field 54, Lee 28 and Henry 23) and 165 for 4 (H. Walker 64 and Lee 61), and the Thames 229. G. Bettinson made 58 for the visitors, and Vincent, the old Sussex County player, took 6 for 43.