

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

County Cricket at Chester-le-Street.

DURHAM v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

This Whitsuntide's annual fixture for a two-day match proved as popular as ever. The morning broke cloudy, but at 11.30, the hour for commencing, the light increased, and at about 12 o'clock the sun broke through upon a large crowd of several thousand enthusiastic spectators. The committee generously decided to admit the unemployed at half price, upon production of their Union cards. The amount taken at the gate on Monday was £289 1s. 6d., or £45 above that of last year (which was a record). This worked out at 3,475 being admitted at one shilling and 3,800 at sixpence—a total of 7,215.

First Day

There was a change in the teams from the original selection. H. Brooks, the Durham County captain, was unable to play, through illness, and his place was taken by H. C. Ferens, vice-captain; and H. Gibbon, of Eppleton, filled the vacancy in the team. F. T. Boardman (South Northumberland) was also unable to play, and his place was taken by H. B. Pritchard.

Durham won the toss, and sent in H. C. Ferens and L. H. Weight, to the bowling of G. F. Milne and W. Hetherington. The first over was a maiden, played upon an excellent wicket, with a tendency to be on the soft side. Weight made the first boundary just before the end of the third over, through the slips, followed by singles, which came slowly during the first 20 minutes. After half an hour's play H. C. Ferens was clean bowled by G. T. Milne, who made 7, with a total score of 21. M. Nichol joined L. H. Weight, to the same bowlers, and runs came more freely, 50 being telegraphed after 50 minutes' play. After this, scoring slackened, and at 59 a change in the bowlers was made. Lloyd Baxter succeeded W. Hetherington, and at the other end I. McConachie in place of G. T. Milne, who had bowled 29 overs, including 14 maidens, for only 17 runs. Stumps were drawn at one o'clock, the score standing at 77, with the loss of one wicket, after 90 minutes' play.

On resuming, Nichol added one to his score, making 30, after which he was well caught behind the wicket, on the leg side, by Craig, from Hetherington's ball. Hetherington had been placed on at bowling again with Milne. T. Kinch followed in, and soon 80 was announced. These two batsmen struck out well, making several boundaries. After two hours' play, 100 was registered, with only two wickets down. Immediately followed the downfall of Kinch, who was clean bowled by Milne, after adding 14 to the score of 104 at this point. W. R. Romaines joined Weight, and some excellent cricket was shown by these two batsmen, Romaines scoring freely. Then followed Weight securing his 50, which was received with great applause by the public, at a total of 130. Baxter again replaced Hetherington at bowling, at 145.

Romaines, after scoring 29, was bowled by Milne, with a total score of 158. W. H. R. Alderson joined Weight and was caught at (second slip) by Milne, from McConachie's bowling. T. K. for 9, from McConachie's bowling. T. Dobson followed in, to the same bowlers, and the telegraph registered 178. This last player was a left-handed batsman, and made matters lively. Weight had a narrow escape by C. F. Stanger-Leathes missing him twice at mid-off. After playing three and a half hours 200 runs were registered, of which Weight was responsible for 90. The crowd took up with great enthusiasm the announcement of Weight scoring his century, only to be followed by his being caught at the next ball by Milne, from Hetherington's bowling, with the score at 22. Included in Weight's score of 100 were consecutive balls from Hetherington. He hit a four and a six. He was finally caught in the slips by Milne. Altogether he secured one six, twelve fours and one three.

J. Carr, Chester-le-Street's pro, followed in, and amidst great enthusiasm, scored 18 runs (four fours and one two) in one over. Then he struck a six, which cleared the ground, going into Major Turnbull's garden. Shortly afterwards he was bowled by Milne, having made 40 runs in 15 minutes, to a total of 271. Carr's total included seven fours and one six. H. Gibbon and T. K. Dobson became companions. The latter played a magnificent game, and was finally caught by McConachie, from Hetherington's ball, for 58 runs. Gibbon was caught by Milne from Baxter's ball for 11; and J. Cook, after making 7, was clean bowled by Milne.

The innings closed with a total of 330 runs. Scores:—

Durham.—1st innings.

H. C. Ferens (capt), b Milne	7
Weight (L. H.), c Milne, b Hetherington	100
M. Nichol, c Craig, b Hetherington	30
T. Kinch, b Milne	14
W. R. Romaines, b Milne	29
W. H. R. Alderson, c Milne, b McConachie	9
T. K. Dobson, c McConachie, b Hetherington	58
Carr (J.), b Milne	40
H. Gibbon, c Milne, b Baxter	11
Cook (J.), b Milne	7
Howell (A. J.), not out	0

Extras 25; total ... 330

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Milne	56.1	18	114	5
Hetherington	51	15	143	3
Baxter	15	5	20	1
McConachie	10	1	28	1

Northumberland had only just over an hour to bat on commencing their first innings. W. G. Mackay was quickly dismissed for seven by Ferens, from Howell's speedy bowling. N. Whitfield was also caught by Ferens for a similar number of runs; and J. B. Bruce, who had knocked up 20, ran himself out. C. F. Stanger-Leathes was bowled by Dobson, after making only 5; and C. G. Arkwright (captain) was dismissed with a "duck," being caught and bowled by Carr. Five wickets had fallen with a total of 65 runs, when stumps were drawn for the day. Scores:—

Northumberland.—1st innings.

W. G. Mackay, c Ferens, b Howell	7
J. B. Bruce, run out	20
N. Whitfield, c Ferens, b Dobson	5
C. F. Stanger-Leathes, b Dobson	5
C. G. Arkwright (capt), c and b Carr	0
H. B. Pritchard, c Cook, b Dobson	9
Lloyd Baxter, not out	61
Hetherington, W., b Carr	1
Milne, G. T., c Nichol, b Dobson	6
J. K. Craig, c Howell, b Carr	34
I. McConachie, b Dobson	11

Extras 16; total ... 177

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	17	3	48	1
Dobson	23	5	39	5
Carr	15	5	44	3
Cook	8	2	30	0

Second Day

The morning opened bright, but a slight shower of rain fell, which, together with the showers of the previous night, made the wicket inclined to be soft. There was an attendance of 4,000 and the gate receipts amounted to £124.

Northumberland had closed their innings the previous evening with 65 for 5 wickets. W. H. R. Alderson was prevented from fielding owing to the illness of his mother, and T. W. Swinhoe took his place. J. Lloyd Baxter and H. B. Pritchard again faced each other, having 13 and 6 respectively to their credit from the previous day. Pritchard's was the first wicket to fall, he being caught at mid-off by Cook, from Dobson's bowling. He increased his score to nine. At the fall of the sixth wicket the total score was 64. Baxter, who was playing a good game, was missed by Dobson at second slip. G. T. Milne put up a splendid catch which Nichol, running in from cover-point, with great effort, held, to the great applause of the spectators. This batsman added 6 to the total. Craig joined Baxter, and soon 100 was registered. Craig was playing a beautiful game, and runs came more freely when Cook replaced Dobson at bowling, with Carr at the opposite end. With the first ball from Carr, Craig sent up a rocket, which realised 4. The score now stood at 141, when Craig, who had put on 34, was caught by Howell at mid-off, from Carr's bowling. His total included a six and five fours. Hetherington joined Baxter, and in the next over Hetherington was dismissed by one of Carr's deadly balls, after having added only one to the score. McConachie joined Baxter, and immediately afterwards the latter received the hearty cheers of the crowd on gaining his half-century with a boundary hit. Howell relieved Carr at bowling, and Dobson found McConachie's wicket for 11, while Baxter was not out for 61. His total included seven fours and five twos, and his partnership with Craig was considered the best of the innings.

Northumberland's total score for their first innings was 177.

Northumberland followed on upon a perfect wicket, to wipe off the arrears of 153, with Mackay and Bruce batting to the bowling of Howell and Dobson. Bruce was quickly dismissed by Dobson's ball after making only one. Whitfield joined Mackay, and after a total

of seven, the luncheon adjournment arrived.

Shortly after resuming, Mackay received a nasty blow on the leg, to be followed by Whitfield also being injured. The latter player was unfortunately compelled to leave the field as the result of an ugly blow on the leg. He had made 8, with a total of 22. Stanger-Leathes followed in, and at 30 Carr relieved Dobson at bowling. It was evident that Northumberland were missing no chances for every available run was secured. Mackay was caught by Kinch at square leg, from Robson's ball, for 19, with a total score of 43. C. J. Arkwright (captain) joined Stanger-Leathes, and the latter was shortly afterwards bowled by Carr, for 17, after carrying the score to 49. Pritchard and Arkwright then became companions, and Pritchard, having made a useful 18, was caught behind the wicket by Ferens, from Weight's bowling. Baxter joined Arkwright, and Cook relieved Dobson at bowling, at 73, with Weight at the other end. Runs came freely, and at 97, Baxter was caught and bowled by Howell for 19. Milne had a short innings, and was caught by Dobson at point for only two runs. Dobson dropped an apparently easy catch from Craig, from point, and after the next over, Craig was given out l.b.w. (the first of the match), with a total of 110, of which he had contributed 7. Hetherton and McConachie faced each other, when scoring eased off considerably. Then it took on a new life and became livelier. Carr again took a hand at bowling, and Hetherton was bowled and caught by him for 18, with the score at 134. N. Whitfield (who had been injured in the leg during the early part of the innings) came in again with eight runs to his credit and was allowed a runner to assist him. He was quickly bowled by Carr without adding further to the score of 134.

The match closed with Northumberland's score on the two innings of 311, against Durham's score of 330 for a single innings, Durham being victorious by an innings and 19 runs. This is the first time that Northumberland has received a reverse since the War.

Dobson who dropped three catches on Tuesday had seven wickets for 57 runs in the match and Carr six for 69.

Northumberland,--2nd innings.

W G Mackay, c Kinch, b Dobson	19
J B Bruce, b Dobson	1
N Whitfield, b Carr	8
C F Stanger-Leathes, b Carr	17
C G Arkwright (capt), b Cook	12
H B Pritchard, c Ferens, b Weight	18
Lloyd Baxter, c and b Howell	19
Milne, c Dobson, b Howell	2
I K Craig, lbw, b Cook	7
Hetherton, W, c and b Carr	18
I. McConachie, not out	4

Extras 9; total ... 134

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	17	0	44	2
Dobson	19	7	18	2
Carr	8	3	25	3
Cook	11	4	21	2
Weight	5	2	17	1

N.W. DURHAM LEAGUE.

Birtley v. Kimblesworth.
In the match at Birtley, Kimblesworth were beaten by four wickets.

Kimblesworth.

N. Morrow, b Robson	14
C Hudson, c Youls, b Robson	5
Wright, b Robson	19
E. Maddison, b Caughey	4
F. Horne, b Caughey	8
E. Dixon, lbw, b Robson	12
G. Scott, c Herron, b Robson	4
N. Leggett, b Hall	3
W. Leeming, c Caughey, b Robson	4
O. Young c Robson, b Hall	5
W. Hodgson, not out	0

Birtley.

Caughey, b Hudson	9
W. Dixon, b Wright	4
W. Herron, c Morrow, b Wright	7
H. Robson, b Scott	20
J. Knox, not out	28
R. T. Finlay, b Scott	10
W. Young, lbw, b Scott	7

Extras 7; total (6 wkts)... 82

Durham City v. Chester-le-Street.
Chester-le-Street.

C R Gowland, b Sadler	56
G S Bewick, c Scott, b Milam	1
T W Swinhoe, b Milam	23
J S Wheatley, lbw, b Milam	2
J Turnbull, c T Wilson, b Seed	20
H Robson, run out	13
H Knaggs, b Sadler	1
W E Lumb, c Adamson, b Sadler	23
E Williams, not out	23
A L Constable, c Proudfoot, b Sadler	3

Extras 3; total (9 wkts) ... 172

H Walge, not out ... 4
Innings declared closed

Durham City.

F Scott b Constable	28
C L Adamson, c Turnbull b Constable	23
T Wilson, c Knaggs, b Robson	1
T Darling, c Bewick, b Robson	27
D Sidler, not out	65
G R Milam, st Wheatley, b Robson	10
H Proudfoot, not out	5

Extras 15; total (5 wkts) ... 174

G Wilson, S. H. Nichol, W. Seed and J. Perrin did not bat.

Bowling.
Chester-le-Street innings: Sadler, 4 for 77; Milam, 3 for 54; Seed, 1 for 25; Perrin 0 for 7; Proudfoot, 0 for 6.
Durham City innings: Robson, 3 for 57; Turnbull, 0 for 51; Constable, 2 for 22; Gowland, 0 for 28.

Hendon v. Burnmoor.
Hendon beat Burnmoor by 58 runs, at Hendon.

Hendon.

E P Riddles, c and b Lowerson	20
J Middleton, b Lowerson	7
G William, c b Wheatley	5
Burridge, c Hardy, b Wheatley	79
F L Pickersgill, b Bell	17
E Randle, lbw, b Fairbairn	0
F F Fall, b Fairbairn	2
T Teesdale, c Wilson, b Fairbairn	9
G Relfern, c Lawton, b Wheatley	17
I Richardson, lbw, b Gelson	3
R Harri on, not out	0

Extras 6; total ... 164

Burnmoor.

T Hardy, c Riddles, b Middleton	11
C Fairbairn, c Middleton, b Riddles	46
W Rutherford, c Pickersgill, b Fall	20
T Lowerson, b Harrison	0
I W Bell, c Teesdale, b Harrison	2
R Combe, c Riddles, b Middleton	16
A Lawton, c Burridge, b Fall	7
J Gelson, b Middleton	0
R Wilson, not out	1
I Wheatley, b Middleton	0
E Gibboney, b Middleton	0

Extras 3; total 106

Saturday's Games.
DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Philadelphia v. Burnmoor.
Philadelphia.

J Heath, c	Rutherford, b	Lowerson	0
H Bewick, c	Elliott, b	Lowerson	1
W Jones, c	Rutherford, b	Bell	17
E. Marsden, c	Elliott, b	Fairbairn	28
J. Blackbird, lbw, b	Fairbairn		6
M Wilson, c	Rutherford, b	Wheatley	5
S. Ellison, c and b	Gelson		36
R. C. Harrison, b	Fairbairn		10
H. Dawson, lbw, b	Bell		4
E Liddle, c	Bell, b	Gelson	2
W.. Wilson, not out			4

Extras 13; total ... 126

Burnmoor.

C Fairbairn, lbw, b	Ellison	5	
T Hardy, c	Jones, b	Liddle	8
W. Rutherford, b	Ellison	14	
R. Combe, run out		2	
T. Lowerson, lbw, b	Liddle	4	
A. Lawton, c	Blackbird, b	Ellison	2
J Gelson, c	Blackbird, b	Liddle	2
R. Wilson, c	Marsden, b	Liddle	0
J Wheatley, st	Dawson, b	Ellison	7
J W. Bell, b	Ellison	18	
R. H. Elliott, not out		17	

Extras. 1; total ... 80

Bowling.— Philadelphia innings: Lowerson, 2 for 30; Bell, 2 for 40; Wheatley, 1 for 7; Fairbairn, 3 for 19; Gelson, 2 for 17.

Burnmoor innings: Liddle 4 for 40; Ellison, 5 for 39.

Whitburn v. Chester-le-Street.
Chester-le-Street.

G S. Bewick, b	Dobson	3	
C F. Gowland, b	Sweeting	18	
T W. Swinhoe, c	Bell b	Dobson	20
Carr, c	Smith, b	Sweeting	8
Major Turnbull, b	Dobson	0	
H. Robson, c	Ashley, b	Sweeting	1
D. MacDonald, c	Bell, b	Dobson	0
W. E. Lamb, st	Kelsal, b	Sweeting	8
C Williams, c	Smith, b	Dobson	7
C L. Constable, c	Kelsal, b	Dobson	1
J Wheatley, not out		14	

Total ... 80

Whitburn.

W. A. Dobson, b	Robson	13	
J Kelsal, c	Bewick, b	Carr	14
A. Ashley, b	Carr	2	
T G. Smith, c	Turnbull, b	Robson	9
W. Browning, run out		1	
T K. Dobson, not out		24	
J W. Smith, not out		15	

Extras, 3; total (5 wkts)...81

N.W. DURHAM LEAGUE.

Birtley v. Burnhope.
Birtley beat Burnhope by 22 runs at Birtley.

Birtley.

T Caughie, c	Perriman, b	Howell	38
R T Finlay, st	Perriman, b	Burnett	2
W Harroon, c	Holt, b	Murray	8
W Dixon, b	Close		16
T W Jobling, b	Murray		0
J Knox, b	Burnett		32
I Jefferson, c	Holt, b	Hovell	1
T. Hutchinson, b	Hovells		1
T Stobbart, c and b	Hovells		9
R Raw, b	Hovells		0
L P Strong, not out			0

Extras 7; total ... 114

Burnhope.

W. Holt, b	Caughie	0	
J Lumley, c	Caughie, b	Raw	12
I Murray, c	Caughie, b	Raw	3
D. Mitchell, b	Caughie,		5
S. Bell b	Caughie		0
J Burnett, b	Caughie		4
I Perriman, lbw, b	Caughie		12
W. G. Hovells, c	Herron, b	Caughie	30
J. Mitchell, b	Caughie		10
H Hovells, c and b	Stobbart		3
E. Close, not out			6

Extras 7; total ... 92

Kimbleworth v. Shotley Bridge.
Kimbleworth.

Wright lbw, b	L. Urwin	9	
R. Marshall, b	L. Urwin	10	
M Morrow, c	W Westgarth, b	R Surtees	31
Scott c	R. Urwin, b	R Surtees	5
N Leggett, c	Wheatley, b	L Urwin	1
C Dixon, c	T Urwin, b	G Atkinson	7
J Maddison, c	Moor, b	L Urwin	28
F Hall lbw, b	L Urwin		6
B Hudson, not out			1
T Hudson, c	Robson, b	L Urwin	2
W Corder, c	Wheatley, b	L Urwin	0

Extras 8; total ... 114

Shotley Bridge.

W. Urwin, c and b	Wright	21	
D Foster, b	Scott	61	
E. Ward, c	Marshall, b	Scott	14
R Urwin, b	Wright	4	
R Surtees, b	Scott	3	
G Atkinson, st	Maddison, b	Wright	3
G Robson, st	Hall, b	Wright	5
E Wheatley, not out		13	
L Moor, c	Leggett, b	Wright	0
L Urwin, not out		8	

Extras 5; total (8 wkts) ... 137

NORTH DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE—"A" Division.

J Thackeray's Successful Bowling.

Eslington Park v Leslie's (Hebburn).
At Eslington Park, Duaston, on Saturday

Leslie's.

O Brown, not out	52	
T Tweddell, b	Benni on	5
B Brooke, b	Benni on	0
F. McCarrick, b	Nicholson	14
J McLeod, b	Nicholson	0
P Hudson, not out	5	

Extras 1; total ... 79

Eslington.

T Thyan, not out	35		
G McCreery, b	Thackeray	4	
I Watts, run out	0		
S Benni-on, b	Thackeray	0	
R Nicholson, b	Thackeray	0	
G Stead, b	Brown, b	Thackeray	3
R Miller, lbw, b	Garrow	2	
G Henderson, b	Garrow	4	
F Nichols, b	Thackeray	0	
R Marr, b	Garrow	1	

Extras 9; total ... 58

Thackeray took 6 wickets for 18 runs.

Leslie's v. Whickham.

At Leslie's ground, Hebburn, on Whit Monday.

Leslie's.

O Brown, run out	8		
T Tweddle, lbw, b	Hickson	1	
P Hudson, c	Davison, b	Hindmarch	15
F McCarrick, b	Rose	14	
J McLeod, c	Liddell, b	Hindmarch	0
J Thackeray, b	Rose	65	
B Brooke, c	Henderson, b	Hickson	0
I Garrow, c	Liddell, b	Rose	1
J McDonald, st	Liddell, b	Davison	1

Extras 13; total ... 177

Whickham.

I Davison, lbw, b	Thackeray	0	
H Jackson, c	Thackeray, b	Garrow	0
F McPherson, b	Thackeray	0	
J Dand, lbw, b	Garrow	5	
R Liddell, c	Hudson, b	Thackeray	1
A Thompson, b	Thackeray	0	
W Rose, b	Thackeray	0	
A Henderson, hit	wkt, b	Garrow	0
J Hindmarch, not out	14		
J Hickson, b	Thackeray	0	
I Handy, b	Thackeray	1	

Extras 2; total ... 23

J Thackeray, the old Durham C.C. bowler, took 7 wickets for 1.

RUN GETTING AS AN ART.

Australians Delight 25,000.

ANDREWS TOPS THE CENTURY.

Twenty-five thousand spectators—easily a record attendance for any match in the North-East—saw a full day's play at Ashbrooke, Sunderland, yesterday, and gave an enthusiastic welcome to the Australians, seven of whom are making a return visit to Wearside. The play, of course, strongly favoured the tourists, and at the close they held a lead of 127 runs on the first innings and had eight wickets in hand.

They played nine possible Test men, and included both Oldfield and Ellis, the last-named keeping wicket.

The delightfully warm weather which favoured the match allowed the Australians to enjoy the cricket under fairly natural conditions, and they entered upon the game with more zest than has been the case with them under less favourable circumstances. They entertained the huge crowd in pleasing style, and scored runs at a good rate without indulging in any spectacular hitting. Invariably they kept the ball on the ground, and very few mistakes were made.

T. J. E. Andrews, the best batsman in the present Australian side on an English wicket, topped the century, and Collins, belieing his reputation for slow scoring, made 69 in excellent style. The tourists' fielding was sound, and their bowling always troubled the Durham batsmen, more so than it might have done if a little more enterprise had been shown. The placing of the Australian field caused many runs to be saved, and there was only one case of misfielding. Durham's fielding by contrast was not good, and slackness crept in towards the end. Ferens was a notable exception, being always keen and alert.

The wicket was in fine condition, and looked good for many runs even at the close. That runs could be made on it the Australians soon showed, but they were not unduly troubled by the six bowlers tried against them. They gave only two real chances in their innings, and both were accepted.

NICHOL'S BRIGHT BATTING.

Durham batted first, and lost Weight at six, Macartney cleverly deceiving the professional to get him leg before. Kinch was beaten by the same bowler with the total unaltered, the ball nipping off the pitch very quickly and being low, but the third partnership, between Ferens and Nichol, produced 32 in forty minutes. Nichol scored off the first ball he received from Macartney, and later he cut Grimmett for four. The same player on-drove the slow bowler for another boundary, and caused Grimmett to be relieved by Richardson. This slowed up the scoring, and at 38 Nichol made his first mistake, nibbling at an off ball from Mailey (who had taken over from Macartney at 21) to give Collins a catch at slip. There were four 4's in Nichol's innings, which was a very useful one. This may be his last match for Durham for some time, as he is shortly leaving for another trial with Surrey.

Ferens scored all the runs (14) made in the next partnership, which terminated when Romaines was bowled by Mailey's last ball before lunch in attempting a big hit. Mailey's first ball after the interval brought about Ferens's dismissal, the Durham man snicking one into the wicket-keeper's hands. Batting for 90 minutes, Ferens rendered invaluable service to his side. Brooks and Dobson carried the total to 71, when Mailey tempted the left-hander to hit, with fatal results, and with the addition of eight runs Carr and Cook were dismissed.

COLLINS IN COMMAND.

The best stand came in the ninth partnership, Brooks and Howell adding 46 in 35 minutes before the professional was bowled in attempting to drive a tempting Mailey ball. For the second time in the innings Mailey took wickets with successive deliveries when he got Webster caught to close the innings at 125, leaving Brooks unbeaten and the top scorer. He made his 32 runs out of 70 and hit five 4's. The innings occupied two hours and 25 minutes, and Mailey claimed eight of the wicket at 6.5 runs each.

Collins and Macartney took command almost from the start of the Australian innings, scoring 30 in a quarter of an hour and 60 in the next ten minutes. Two bowling changes were tried, but Cook proved very expensive, Collins scoring 20 from his leg balls in three overs. Just before tea, however, Macartney failed to get on top of a rising ball from Carr, and was caught at the wicket, the score being 73, the outgoing batsman having five 4's to his credit. At tea, Collins had scored 43 in as many minutes out of 77, and within seventeen minutes of the resumption he sent the 100 up, and reached his own 50 a few minutes later.

The total was taken to 143 before Collins was disposed of after batting for eighty-five minutes in faultless style and hitting eleven 4's and two 3's. Cook, who bowled much better later in the afternoon, got the Australian captain's wicket, Nichol taking an easy catch.

With Andrews and Bardsley together, the total mounted very quickly, both men scoring all round the wicket off various bowlers, and sending up the second century in an hour and fifty minutes. At the close the total stood at 252, and there seemed little prospect of getting either man out.

Andrews reached his 100 in two hours, and has so far hit a 6 and fifteen 4's. His 110 runs have been scored out of 179, and he has made only one faulty stroke, a snick from a rising ball, with which he sent up his century.

Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30

Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Weight (L. H.), lbw, b Macartney	4
H. C. Ferens, c Ellis, b Mailey	27
T. Kinch, b Macartney	0
M. Nichol, c Collins, b Mailey	22
W. B. Romaines, b Mailey	0
H. Brooks, not out	82
T. K. Dobson, c Taylor, b Mailey	6
Carr (J.), c Collins, b Mailey	0
Cook (J.), c Macartney, b Mailey	8
Howell (A. L.), b Mailey	18
J. T. Webster, c Andrews, b Mailey	0
Extras, 8; total	125

AUSTRALIANS.—1st Innings.

H. I. Collins, c Nichol, b Cook	60
H. C. Macartney, c Webster, b Carr	31
T. J. E. Andrews, not out	110
W. Bardsley, not out	23
Extras, 9; total (for 2 wickets)	252

W. M. Woodfull, J. M. Taylor, J. L. Ellis, W. A. Oldfield, A. A. Mailey, A. J. Richardson, and O. V. Grimmett to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Macartney	9	5	0	2
Grimmett	16	7	36	0
Richardson	15	7	18	0
Mailey	22	7	52	8

Night byes.

(Picture on Page 5.)

RECEIPTS AT ASHBROOKE ALMOST RECORD FOR TOUR.

The actual gate receipts at Ashbrooke yesterday were £1,814. With the addition of the money for booked seats the total will run probably into £2,000.

The receipts are the biggest for one day during the present Australian tour, with the exception of the match at Lord's.

The gates were closed yesterday at 12.40, so great was the pressure on the space for spectators.

INNINGS VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIANS.

One Bright Patch in Sunderland Game.

The rain rather damped the proceedings at Sunderland yesterday, for the resumption was delayed until one o'clock, and the Australians made little effort to force the pace before Collins applied the closure at 2.40 with 322 runs on the board and three men out—to give the tourists a lead of 197 on the first innings. The cricket was not so drab when Durham batted again, Carr providing the liveliest interlude in the match with some powerful driving; but by half-past five the match was over, the Australians winning then by an innings and 81 runs.

The attendance was, of course, affected by the weather, but some 2,000 spectators were present in the afternoon, and the gross takings for the match were £2,250, a splendid indication of the support which the North-East affords to first-class cricket when it is played in a suitable centre.

Overnight the Australians had made 252 for the loss of Collins and Macartney, and the not outs, Andrews and Bardsley, carried this yesterday morning to 270 before Andrews was stumped off Cook's bowling after he had escaped a similar fate two balls earlier. Batting in all for two hours, Andrews made his 122 runs chiefly in front of the wicket with powerful driving and he was particularly strong on the off side. His best hits were a 6 and 16 4's. His partnership with Bardsley realized 127 in 78 minutes.

CAREFUL BARDSLEY.

Bardsley reached 50 after batting an hour and three-quarters, and when the closure was applied his score stood at 63, his partner, Taylor, having made 26, and the fourth partnership realizing 52 in 42 minutes. Bardsley only had five 4's during his long stay, and he showed little inclination to hit, even though the wicket was not difficult. Indeed, he only made 19 runs yesterday morning in 37 minutes, but he gave no chances except one, a catch to Carr in the slips in the third over.

Cook bowled very well in his last spell, and returned the best figures for the innings, Howell, although failing to get a wicket, being the other bowler to do reasonably well.

Durham's second innings opened badly, Ferens playing on to Macartney at three in the latter's second over. Kinch improved matters by scoring 23 out of 29 runs added for the next wicket before being bowled by a cleverly pitched ball from Richardson; but Nichol was well beaten by Macartney's off break six runs later. Weight and Romaines were together when tea was taken (47 for 3), but the latter fell a victim to Grimmett (the third change bowler) after the interval.

CARR HITS OUT.

Brooks was caught off the same bowler, and half the side were out for 61, while with only two runs added Dobson was claimed as Grimmett's third victim. The next partnership, however, produced a "certain liveliness," Carr driving in grand style to spoil the slow bowler's analysis. Forty runs had been produced by the stand when Weight was almost simultaneously caught and stumped off Macartney's bowling. Batting in all for an hour and three-quarters, Weight only scored 22, but he kept one end up and his contribution was a very valuable one. He should, however, have been caught by Collins high up at slip off Macartney's fourth ball.

Carr's bright innings came to an end with the score (103) unaltered. It only lasted sixteen minutes, and produced 35 runs, including two 6's and three 4's. He hit Grimmett for 6, 6, 4, 1 off successive balls, and his other boundary was also made from the slow bowler. Webster indulged in a little hitting, but the innings closed at 116, made in five minutes under two hours.

Carr showed what a batsman with the right reach could do to a bowler of the Grimmett type, but his innings was necessarily a short one and his dismissal a matter of time.

In addition to the catch dropped by Collins, an easy one was missed by Oldfield, who also gave away an overthrow by throwing badly at the wicket. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

Weight (L. H.), lbw, b Macartney ...	4
H. C. Ferens, c Ellis, b Malley ...	27
T. Kinch, b Macartney ...	0
M. Nichol, c Collins, b Malley ...	22
W. R. Romaines, b Malley ...	0
H. Brooks, not out ...	32
T. K. Dobson, c Taylor, b Malley ...	6
Carr (J.), c Collins, b Malley ...	0
Cook (J.), c Macartney, b Malley ...	8
Howell (A. L.), b Malley ...	18
J. T. Webster, c Andrews, b Malley ...	0
Extras, 8; total—	125

AUSTRALIANS.—1st Innings.

H. L. Collins, c Nichol, b Cook ...	69
C. G. Macartney, c Webster, b Carr ...	31
T. J. E. Andrews, c Webster, b Cook ...	122
W. Bardsley, not out ...	63
J. M. Taylor, not out ...	28
Extras, 11; total (for three wickets)—	322
W. M. Woodfull, J. L. Ellis, W. A. Oldfield, A. A. Malley, A. J. Richardson, and C. V. Grimmett did not bat.	

Innings declared closed.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Weight (L. H.), c Ellis, b Macartney ...	22
H. C. Ferens, b Macartney ...	1
T. Kinch, b Richardson ...	23
M. Nichol, b Macartney ...	2
W. R. Romaines, b Grimmett ...	9
H. Brooks, c Bardsley, b Grimmett ...	8
T. K. Dobson, b Grimmett ...	3
Carr (J.), c Taylor, b Grimmett ...	35
Cook (J.), c Grimmett, b Macartney ...	3
Howell (A. L.), not out ...	1
J. T. Webster, c Grimmett, b Macartney ...	0
Total—	116

AUSTRALIANS won by an innings and 81 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Macartney ...	9	5	0	2
Grimmett ...	16	7	38	0
Richardson ...	15	7	38	0
Malley ...	22	7	52	8

Eight byes.

AUSTRALIANS.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell ...	25	2	67	0
Dobson ...	14	1	64	0
Cook ...	22	5	67	2
Carr ...	13	1	41	1
Brooks ...	4	0	33	0
Weight ...	8	0	19	0

Nine byes, two leg-byes.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Macartney ...	15.2	0	22	6
Richardson ...	12	4	17	1
Malley ...	11	1	27	0
Grimmett ...	9	1	50	4

Durham's Good Start.

COUNTY CAPTAIN SHOWS YOUNG PLAYERS THE WAY.

Durham took the field at Chester-le-Street yesterday, with a number of young players who showed plenty of promise. Winning the toss, Brooks decided to take advantage of what appeared to be a fairly easy wicket, although overnight rain had made the outfield heavy.

Although they ran up a very useful score, it cannot be said that the Dunelmians took full advantage of their opportunities. There were times when the scoring was unaccountably slack, the obvious inference being that bad balls were being made into good ones.

When Brooks and Alderson were together there was seen a great diversity of style. The former, whilst cautious with anything which looked dangerous, attended very faithfully to anything loose. Alderson, on the other hand, was unnaturally quiet, so much so that when he converted his 18 singles into 20 with a late cut for two the spectators cheered.

Wooley and Webster, at the opening kept a fair length, but both put up many half volleys which should have been punished. Ferens and Weight, the opening pair of batsmen, were unduly merciful and the fashion spread through the ranks as the innings went on.

Ferens was caught at the wicket from a ball which might have come from his pads or from the bat. Nichol followed in and looked round to see his wickets intact, but the balls missing.

ADAMSON'S DEBUT.

A new-comer to the side, C. L. Adamson, stayed with Brooks until lunch when the score stood at 51 for 3.

Adamson started confidently after the interval. He cut Webster for two, pulled him for another couple and then fell into a rather obvious trap at short square-leg. With Brooks and Alderson together there was a period of slow scoring, the hundred going up on the board after over 2½ hours' play.

Brooks let himself go on some occasions, and when caught and bowled he had collected an invaluable 77. Gibbon helped Alderson to pile up the score slowly at

first, and then the latter went for the bowling in resolute style. Eventually Alderson's patient innings came to an end and Gibbon also fell after having brightened things up considerably.

When the end came Durham had scored the useful total of 285 runs against fairly good bowling and some excellent fielding.

The Lancashire innings opened confidently, but Howell found a spot, and having worried Eekersley with rising balls he caused the latter to pull one into his wicket. Halliday and Newton played stylish cricket until the latter was bowled by Cook, who had displaced Howell.

At the close of play Lancashire had 57 runs on the score-board for the loss of three good wickets. Scores:-

DURHAM.—1st Innings.	
H. C. Ferens, c Farrimond, b Webster	17
Weight (L. H.), c Preston	13
M. Nichol, b Wooley	2
C. L. Adamson, c Tyldesley, b Webster	13
H. Brooks, c and b Taylor	77
W. H. R. Alderson, c Halliday, b Holroyd	70
H. Gibbon, b Booth	63
Carr (J.), b Holroyd	4
Cook (J.), b Booth	0
Howell (A. J.), st. Farrimond, b Holroyd	7
A. Goodrick, not out	3
Extras, 10; total	285

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.	
P. T. Eekersley, b Howell	8
Halliday, not out	23
Taylor, b Howell	0
J. B. Newton, b Cook	17
Preston, not out	0
Extras, 0; total (for 3 wickets)	57

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Webster	27	5	65	2
Wooley	37	11	71	1
Preston	12	3	21	1
Holroyd	18	2	49	8
Booth	19	2	43	2
Taylor	4	0	20	1

Durham Take First Innings Points.

Durham were rather favourably placed in their match with Lancashire II. when play was resumed at Chester-le-Street yesterday. The home team had scored 285 in their first innings and had captured three Lancashire wickets for 57 runs. However, the match fizzled out to a tame draw, Durham taking the points on the first innings.

Halliday left soon after play began, but Farrimond and J. T. Tyldesley settled down and took toll of the Durham bowling. They remained together for close on 80 minutes, and during that time were always comfortable.

At the commencement they set out to save the follow on. Once this was done they quickened the pace of run-getting, but at length Farrimond got in front to Cook.

The ball hit the Lancashire stumper's leg and went off to the boundary, and the batsmen had actually crossed before the umpire's hand went up.

ACCURATE PLACING.

Farrimond's innings was a stylish contribution, and Tyldesley also played easily. The chief feature of the visiting captain's effort was the extraordinary accuracy of his placing. Webster put his runs together hurriedly with characteristic left-hand strokes.

The Lancashire innings reached the total of 251 after four hours and 50 minutes batting, which left little but a draw in prospect.

Durham's second innings found Ferens and Weight facing some rather good bowling. The amateur left with 15 on the board, and then Weight and Nichol commenced to sort out the bad balls. The pair took the score to 60, when Weight pulled a ball into his wickets. Nichol, with a beautiful square cut, passed the half-century, and then fell to a bad ball from Booth, a full-toss on the leg side, which he hit into the safe hands of Holroyd. His score was made up of some crisp shots past point, and a few effortless leg-glances.

There were two adjournments owing to rain, neither of which was received with enthusiasm by the spectators, and with a draw almost a certainty the proceedings generally were tame.

Alderson and Adamson added a score of runs when the former was well bowled by Newton, and Adamson left a few balls later.

Just before a third shower drove players to the pavilion and spectators homeward Carr roused the only signs of enthusiasm found in the match by helping himself to a six off Holroyd. He sent the ball back into the plantation later in the same over with a beautiful drive. After that the rain came on and stumps were drawn, Durham having scored 144 for the loss of seven wickets. Scores:-

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 285.	
H. C. Ferens, c Farrimond, b Webster	17
Weight (L. H.), c Preston	13
M. Nichol, b Wooley	2
C. L. Adamson, c Tyldesley, b Webster	13
H. Brooks, c and b Taylor	77
W. H. R. Alderson, c Halliday, b Holroyd	70
H. Gibbon, b Booth	63
Carr (J.), b Holroyd	4
Cook (J.), b Booth	0
Howell (A. J.), st. Farrimond, b Holroyd	7
A. Goodrick, not out	3
Extras, 10; total	285

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.	
P. T. Eekersley, b Howell	8
Halliday, not out	23
Taylor, b Howell	0
J. B. Newton, b Cook	17
Preston, not out	0
Extras, 0; total (for 3 wickets)	57

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
DURHAM.—1st Innings.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Webster	27	5	65	2
Wooley	37	11	71	1
Preston	12	3	21	1
Holroyd	18	2	49	8
Booth	19	2	43	2
Taylor	4	0	20	1

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Howell	26	8	56	3
Goodrick	21	0	71	2
Cook	23	0	44	2
Carr	14.4	5	31	3
Brooks	3	0	19	0
Weight	4	0	13	0

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Wooley	11	0	24	1
Preston	7	2	16	0
Holroyd	15	4	43	8
Webster	7	0	18	0
Booth	9	0	37	2
Newton	4	3	8	1

Durham's Big Score.

CARR IN MERRY MOOD AT WESTOE.

The opening of this match at Westoe yesterday morning was attended by fine weather, but play had only been in progress an hour when rain compelled a suspension, and it was not found possible to resume until after lunch.

In the time played Durham had lost Weight, who opened the innings with H. C. Ferens, the score then being 36. Upon resuming Nichol was run out for an addition of two, and matters for Durham looked none too bright. Carr, the Chester-le-Street professional, then joined Ferens, and between them this pair took the score to 110 by a bright display. The former drove with tremendous power and reached his half-century in 23 minutes, and in one over he scored 24 off Wilson's bowling.

Ferens was the retiring batsman after batting in a restrained manner for an hour and a half and a contribution of 36. Alderson was fourth to leave (with the score at 130) being run out while attempting a short run. Gibbon then became associated with Carr in a partnership which realized 43, and in the course of which Carr completed his 100 runs in just under an hour. He had four 4's and a 6 in one over off W. E. Jones.

Four runs later the Chester batsman was caught in the slips by Eyre after a brilliant innings lasting one hour and five minutes. Throughout he had played in forceful style, and his hits included two 6's and sixteen 4's. With Carr's dismissal the rate of scoring became very slow, the batsmen showing undue restraint on an easy wicket, and the crowd voiced its disapproval. Two hundred was signalled at the end of two hour and ten minutes' play, with Gibbon and Brooks in partnership.

Gibbon was seventh to leave, with the score at 235, after batting patiently for a contribution of 40. After the tea interval under threatening weather conditions and frequent showers Howell, Cook, and Goodrick helped to take the score to 302, at which total the last man left. With 20 minutes left for play Cheshire opened their innings and at the close had lost one wicket for 13. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b W. E. Jones	36
Weight (L. H.), c Eyre, b W. E. Jones	13
M. Nichol, run out	1
W. H. B. Alderson, run out	12
H. Gibbon, b Wilson	40
H. Brooks, c Eyre, b L. N. Jones	8
C. L. Adamson, b L. N. Jones	27
Carr (J.), c Eyre, b W. E. Jones	104
Howell (A. L.), lbw, b Wilson	22
Cook (J.), c J. P. Hodgson, b Wilson	21
A. Goodrick, not out	1
Extras, 7; total	302

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

H. Eyre, not out	3
A. E. Bratby, b Howell	3
T. B. Woodcock, not out	3
Extras, 4; total (for one wicket)	13
H. W. Hodgson, W. E. Jones, Hopwood, J. P. Hodgson, Wilson, J. L. Jones, V. Hope, and Dennis to bat.	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	24	9	60	3
Hopwood	19	7	65	0
W. E. Jones	27	4	94	2
Dennis	14	2	42	0
L. N. Jones	10	1	30	2
J. P. Hodgson	2	0	4	0

Durham's Fine Win Over Cheshire.

CARR TAKES BOWLING HONOURS.

Durham concluded their match with Cheshire, at Westoe, yesterday, winning easily by an innings and 93 runs. When stumps were drawn on the previous day the visiting county, in response to a total of 292 compiled by the Dunelmians, had lost one wicket for 13. Eyre and Woodcock being the overnight not outs.

When play was resumed yesterday morning, on a fairly good wicket, Howell and Cook opened the attack, and both batsmen played cautiously. With the score at 31 Woodcock was out leg-before to Cook, his contribution being 16. Carr was now sharing the attack with Cook, and the batsmen found run-getting off the Chester-le-Street professional a matter of great difficulty.

Hopwood and Eyre left without any material addition to the score, the latter being out to a splendid catch at the wicket by Ferens. With the score at 40 five batsmen had been sent back, and W. E. Jones left for an addition of five. Wilson and J. P. Hodgson tried hard to stop the rot, but although they hit with more freedom, the home fielding prevented them from securing many runs.

SEVEN CHEAP WICKETS.

With the dismissal of Hodgson it appeared certain that Cheshire would have to follow on, as Cook and Carr were bowling in irresistible manner, and were backed up by splendid fielding. This proved to be the case, as five minutes before lunch the last wicket fell with the total a meagre 86. Carr played a big part in the dismissal of the Cheshire batsmen, his seven wickets costing him a little over four runs each.

W. E. Jones and H. W. Hodgson opened Cheshire's second venture, and at the end of 15 minutes the latter was well caught at mid-on by Nichol with a contribution of 11 out of 22. Wilson then joined Jones, and the score mounted steadily. With 33 on the board Carr superseded Howell, and in his first over he dismissed both batsmen. J. P. Hodgson was next to go, being run out while attempting a short run.

Weight was now bowling with Howell, Cook having had the misfortune to injure his hand while attempting to hold a catch and being compelled to retire.

The batting became more stubborn in character, but by frequently changing the bowling the Durham captain never allowed the batsmen to settle down, and eight wickets were down with the score at 121. The two outstanding wickets only realized as many runs, and the innings closed for 123, Cheshire being a well beaten side. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 302.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

H. Eyre, c Ferens, b Carr	10
A. E. Bratby, b Howell	10
T. B. Woodcock, lbw, b Cook	16
Hopwood, b Cook	1
W. E. Jones, c Ferens, b Carr	11
H. W. Hodgson, b Carr	1
J. P. Hodgson, c and b Carr	4
Wilson, not out	4
L. N. Jones, c Cook, b Carr	10
V. Hope, c Cook, b Carr	0
Dennis, c Howell, b Carr	6
Extras, 0; total	80

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

H. W. Hodgson, c Nichol, b Howell	11
W. E. Jones, b Carr	10
Wilson, c and b Carr	7
Hopwood, b Howell	49
J. P. Hodgson, run out	3
L. N. Jones, b Weight	5
T. B. Woodcock, st Ferens, b Brooks	16
H. Eyre, c Ferens, b Howell	0
V. Hope, c Ferens, b Cook	5
A. E. Bratby, b Cook	1
Dennis, not out	1
Extras, 6; total	123

DURHAM won by an innings and 93 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	9	2	17	1
Cook	23	4	33	2
Carr	12.8	5	31	7

CHESHIRE.—2nd Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	13	4	26	3
Goodrick	23	7	37	0
Carr	11	4	10	2
Weight	8	3	17	1
Brooks	7	1	17	1
Cook	1.4	1	1	2

CRICKET.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP.

DURHAM v. LANCASHIRE II.

The above County Championship match was played at Chester-le-Street on Monday and Tuesday. There was a large crowd at the opening on Monday, when Durham won the toss and elected to bat, sending in H. C. Ferens and L. H. Weight, to the bowling of Webster and Wooley. The wicket was in good condition, having been protected during the past few days. The unemployed were allowed into the field at a reduced rate.

For the first 40 minutes only 21 runs were recorded, 10 coming from Webster's bowling and 11 from Wooley. Lancashire displayed some smart fielding. Preston relieved Webster at bowling. In the fifth ball of the fourth over Preston found Weight's middle stump after the game had been in progress ten minutes under the hour. Weight contributed 13 out of a total of 28 runs. M. Nichol followed in, and having added only two runs, was bowled by Wooley with the fourth ball he delivered. C. L. Adamson joined Ferens; and after one or two overs Wooley was replaced by Holroyd, after bowling 13 overs, from which 14 runs were made. Having batted an hour and ten minutes, Ferens was caught by Farrimond, behind the wicket, on the leg side, from Webster's bowling. He made 17 of a total of 39 runs. H. Brooks (capt.) and Adamson became partners. The Lancashire captain made a change in the bowling in the last over before lunch by placing Wooley on again. At the end of the over the score stood at 51, when an adjournment was made for luncheon.

After luncheon Webster and Wooley resumed bowling, with Adamson and Brooks facing each other at the wicket. This was the first appearance of C. Adamson, the Durham City player, whose father made for himself a great name in the North of England. He played a steady game, but was caught at square-leg by Tyldsley (the Lancashire captain), after adding 13 to the score of 60. Another change was made in bowling by replacing Webster for Booth. Brooks had been batting most steadily and received the applause of the spectators on hitting a boundary off Wooley—the first of the day. Eighty was now telegraphed, of which Brooks was credited with 32.

After playing for two and a half hours 100 was announced. Wooley was replaced by Booth at bowling, and displayed a good length. Cheers greeted the announcement of Brooks's 50, out of 112, in one hour and 25 minutes. He followed this up with another boundary, showing he was now getting into a good stride. Both batsmen also secured boundaries, when 150 was announced. Following two more runs Brooks was caught and bowled by Taylor and returned to the pavilion amidst hearty cheers, having made 77. He was in play two hours and ten minutes and played a delightful game. His score included 8 boundaries, and his partnership with Alderson realised 102. H. Gibbon joined Alderson, and Webster took another turn

at bowling. These two batsmen brought the total score to 212, at which figure an adjournment was made for tea.

On resuming, Alderson and Gibbon continued their partnership and brought the total to 260 when Alderson was caught by Halliday from Holroyd's ball, after making 70, having been batting for nearly three hours. He, too, was loudly cheered on retiring to the pavilion. Gibbon was shortly afterwards bowled by Booth, having made the respectable score of 68—the third highest score for his team—and was at the wicket for two and a half hours.

Carr, Chester-le-Street's professional, made a poor display, being smartly bowled by Holroyd, for 4. The only duck of the day was made by Cook, who fell to Booth's straight ball. Howell added seven to the score, when Farrimond stumped him, while Goodrick was not out for three. With 16 extras, Durham's total score realised 285, which was received with loud applause.

The wickets fell as follows: 1-28, 2-31, 3-39, 4-60, 5-162, 6-260, 7-273, 8-274, 9-275, 10-285.

The detailed scores were as follows:--

Durham—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Farrimond, b Webster	17
Weight L. H., b Preston	... 13
M. Nichol, b Wooley	... 2
C. L. Adamson, c Tildsley, b Webster	13
H. Brooks (capt.), c and b Taylor	77
W. H. B. Alderson, c Halliday,	
b Holroyd	... 70
H. Gibbon, b Booth	... 63
Carr J., b Holroyd	... 4
Cook J., b Booth	... 0
Howell A. L., st Farrimond, b Holroyd	7
A. Goodrick, not out	... 3

Extras 16; total ... 285

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wooley	37	11	71	1
Preston	12	3	21	1
Holroyd	18	2	49	3
Webster	27	5	65	2
Booth	18	2	43	2
Taylor	4	0	20	1

Lancashire opened their innings with only 50 minutes to play, and sent in P. T. Eekersley and Halliday, to the bowling of Howell and Goodrick. These two batsmen sent out some nice shots, to the great appreciation of the spectators. Eekersley's innings was of short duration, and his wicket fell after only 20 minutes' play from a straight ball by Howell, for 9 runs. On Taylor going in, Howell found his middle stump with the first ball. J. B. Newton joined Halliday, and Carr missed a catch from J. B. Newton. At 50, Cook (J.) replaced Howell at bowling, and at 5 more runs Cook found Newton's wicket for 17. Preston joined Halliday, and the day's play closed with Lancashire's score at 57, for the loss of three wickets.

The takings at Monday's gate amounted to £112 9s. 6d. The teams were entertained to luncheon through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Horner, of "Dainty Dinah" fame.

Tuesday.

Halliday Preston batted together on Tuesday morning, bringing the score of 57 forward from the previous day's game. After 20 minutes' play Halliday was caught behind the wicket by Ferens, from Howell's ball, for 39, with a total of 76 for four wickets. This, compared with the previous day's analysis, showed an improvement at this point over Durham, who had four wickets down for 60. Farrimond partnered Preston, with Cook and Howell as bowlers, and by steady batting 100 was reached in as many minutes. Goodrick was substituted for Howell at bowling, with Carr at the other end. Scoring continued freely by both batsmen despite the change, and good strokes to the boundary kept the field busy. Carr made an unsuccessful attempt at a catch from Farrimond on a return to him, the ball being just beyond his reach. This was followed by Goodrick finding Preston's outside stump after making 11 runs, with a total of 113. This partnership realised 37 runs. The veteran Lancashire captain, T. T. Tyldsley, one of All England's cricketers, followed in and received quite an ovation. He commenced with some steady driving, from off Carr's bowling, but subsequently he quickened the pace. Farrimond had a narrow escape of being run out. Wright took a hand at bowling, with Howell, and the telegraph rose quickly to 130. Ferens, the wicket keeper, received a nasty blow on the thigh, which temporarily laid him out. However, he quickly recovered and resumed his position behind the wicket. Again the bowling was changed, Brooks relieving Howell. His slow pitches were in striking contrast to the swift balls from the other end and proved very awkward to deal with. Farrimond was loudly applauded on gaining his 50, with a total score of 160, after bating an hour and a half. At the luncheon interval the score was 178 for five wickets.

On resuming, Farrimond was missed in the slips by Brooks, and a quarter of an hour afterwards he was declared l.b.w., from Cook's ball. This decision came as a complete surprise to many as the ball hit the Lancashire stumper's leg and went off to the boundary, and Farrimond had actually crossed before the umpire's hand went up. The batsman made 60, of which eight were boundaries, with a total of 186 runs. This partnership produced 73. Booth joined Tyldsley, and the Lancashire captain's 50 was reached after playing 70 minutes, to the great delight of the crowd. Tyldsley was caught by Adamson at mid-off, from Goodrick's ball, having made 58 and bringing the total to 204, for seven wickets. Webster joined Booth and got his runs quickly, whilst Carr took a hand at bowling. Webster is a left-handed batsman, and at 246 Carr made his bailes fly, after adding 28 to the score. Wooley went to the wicket, and in five minutes his partner, Booth, was caught at mid-on by Howell, from Carr's ball. Holroyd was dismissed for a single, being caught at mid-off by Goodrick, from Carr. Lancashire's innings closed for 251, Durham leading by 34. The innings lasted four hours and fifty minutes. The following was the result of the fall of Lancashire's wickets: 1-9, 2-9, 3-55, 4-76, 5-113, 6-186, 7-214, 8-246, 9-249, 10-251.

Lancashire II.—1st Innings.

P. T. Eckersley, b Howell	...	8
Halliday, c Ferens, b Howell	...	39
Taylor, b Howell	...	0
J. B. Newton, b Cook	...	17
Farrimond, lbw, b Cook	...	60
J. T. Tyldsley (capt.), c Adamson, b Goodrick	...	58
Booth, c Howell, b Carr	...	12
Preston, b Goodrick	...	11
Webster, b Carr	...	28
Wooley, not out	...	0
Holroyd, c Goodrick, b Carr	...	1

Extras 17; total ... 261

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Howell	26	8	56	3
Goodrick	21	0	71	2
Cook	23	9	44	2
Carr	14.4	5	31	3
Brooks	3	0	19	0
Weight	4	0	13	0

Durham opened their second innings by sending in Ferens and Weight. Webster and Wooley opened with some good bowling. From deep squareleg Ferens was easily caught by Preston, having made 11 out of a total of 15. Morris Nichol joined Weight, and gave the crowd great fun by his clever strokes to the boundary. These two batsmen took the score to 60, when an adjournment was made for tea. A sharp shower of rain came on, but this did not deter Durham from batting. Twice an adjournment was made, and with the prospect of a draw, the game tended to tameness. Weight was bowled by Holroyd for 24. Alderson and Adamson were partners and brought the score to 100, when the former was well bowled by Newton, and Adamson followed from Holroyd's ball. Each added 12 to the score. H. Brooks (capt.) was dismissed for four. At 123, Cook and Carr were the batsmen, prior to another shower of rain coming on, when Carr roused the enthusiasm of the spectators by hitting two sixes, both from Holroyd's bowling. As the rain continued the game was abandoned with a draw, Carr having made 17 not out, and the innings closed with a total of 144 for 7 wickets.

Durham's wicket fell as follows: 1-15, 2-60, 3-69, 4-80, 5-98, 6-121, 7-123.

Durham.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, c Preston, b Wooley	11
Weight L. H., b Holroyd	24
M. Nichol, c Holroyd, b Booth	52
C. L. Adamson, b Holroyd	12
H. Brooks, c and b Holroyd	4
W. H. R. Alderson, b Newton	12
H. Gibbon, b Booth	3
Carr J., not out	17
Cook J., not out	6

Extras 3; total (7 wkts) ... 144

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wooley	11	0	24	1
Preston	7	2	16	0
Holroyd	15	4	43	3
Webster	7	0	13	0
Booth	9	0	37	2
Newton	3	0	8	1

The takings on the second day were £45 16s. 6d., and for the two days £30 was taken in sixpences. Through the kindness of Mr. G. W. Horner each of the players received a tin of the popular "Dainty Dinah" Toffee.

SCHOOLBOY CRICKET.

A keen game under the auspices of the Chester-le-Street and District Schools' League took place at Ouston, between Pelton Council (Porkinsville), and Kimblesworth. There was a good muster of spectators, and play proved very exciting in its later stages. Errington captured 4 of Pelton Council wickets for 10 runs. T. Lee 2 for 4, Atkinson 2 for 14, and O. Lee 2 for 28; while against the Kimblesworth batsmen Stephenson secured 5 for 22, Browne 2 for 4, W. Clayden 2 for 20, and Shaw 0 for 12.

Pelton Council.

Hughes, b Atkinson	...	8
Browne, b O. Lee	...	4
Shaw, b O. Lee	...	5
Oakes c and b Atkinson	...	8
Stephenson, not out	...	11
Clayden, b Errington	...	6
Cox, c Robinson, b Errington	...	7
Barron c and b T. Lee	...	1
Trewick, c Cordner, b Errington	...	5
Nesbitt, b T. Lee	...	0
Donkin, c Lish, b Errington	...	1

Extras, 14; total, ... 70

Kimblesworth.

Errington, b Stephenson	...	3
Atkinson, run out	...	5
O. Lee, b Clayden	...	16
T. Lee, c Donkin, b Clayden	...	0
Todd, c Nesbitt, b Stephenson	...	8
Robinson, c Shaw, b Browne	...	14
Lish, c Shaw, b Browne	...	0
Turnbull, not out	...	4
Cordner, b Stephenson	...	0
Raine, l.b.w., b Stephenson	...	5
Hall, st. Hughes, b Stephenson	...	3

Extras, 5, total, ... 63

Pelton Council won by 7 runs.

SCHOOLS CRICKET LEAGUE.

North Section.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
Pelton Council	2	2	0	0	4
Chester Council	1	0	1	0	0
Kimblesworth	1	0	1	0	0
Chester Victoria	0	0	0	0	0
Pelton Roseberry	0	0	0	0	0

MINOR COUNTIES.

Durham's Commanding Lead

YORKSHIRE II. FARE BADLY AT BLACKHILL.

The first day's play in the Durham and Yorkshire II. match, which commenced yesterday at Blackhill, resulted in the home county securing a lead of 90 runs on the first innings. Going in again, Durham made 7 without loss.

The Durham captain, H. Brooks, won the toss, and elected to bat, the wicket being in excellent condition, though perhaps a bit on the soft side. Rain fell in the early part of the day, but the commencement was made shortly before mid-day. In the course of the afternoon, however, a heavy shower interrupted the play for nearly an hour.

CARR HITS OUT.

H. C. Ferens and Weight opened the Durham innings, and there were only 9 runs on the board when the last-named was caught by the wicket-keeper. The second wicket fell at 57, M. Nichol being bowled by Ryder. Carr then delighted the spectators, numbering about 3,000, by hitting in spirited style. In twenty-five minutes he compiled 34 runs, including six 4's, before he was caught by Mallalieu. Carr and Ferens had raised the total to 110, and when the luncheon interval arrived, Durham had made 121 runs at the cost of three wickets.

Within a few minutes after the resumption, however, as many more fell—those of Ferens, Kelsall, and Brooks—and six were down for 127. Gibbon and Adamson carried the total to 171 before the latter ran himself out. The eighth wicket fell at 176 and the last two at 179.

YORKSHIRE'S SLOW PROGRESS.

A. E. Mallalieu and Barber opened the Yorkshire innings on a difficult wicket, the bowlers being Dobson and Cook. With the total at five, Barber was taken in the slips by Cook. It was at this point that rain caused the players to retire. Mallalieu was clean bowled by Dobson on resuming, and two wickets were down for ten runs.

The batting of Turner and Taylor was painfully slow, and altogether an hour had passed before the Yorkshire aggregate was 16 and 85 minutes had gone when the twentieth run was registered. There was ironical applause when now and again a run came along. The fact that Cook sent down 15 overs for 16 runs indicates the character of the play. Dobson's average per over was about the same. The 89 runs to the credit of Yorkshire at the close of the innings took nearly three hours to compile. Three wickets fell at 79, Allen and Ryder adding ten for the tenth. Carr secured four wickets for 12 runs. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.	
Weight, c Allen, b Turner	3
H. C. Ferens, c Constable, b Turner	42
M. Nichol, b Ryder	28
Carr, c Mallalieu, b Heyhurst	34
J. Kelsall, b Douglas	10
H. Brooks, c Douglas, b Turner	0
H. Gibbon, b Douglas	37
C. L. Adamson, run out	11
Cook, c Allen, b Douglas	0
L. K. Dobson, c Douglas, b Turner	1
Howell, not out	0
Extras, 13; total	170

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.	
A. E. Mallalieu, b Dobson	2
Barber, c Cook, b Dobson	3
Taylor, c Cook, b Weight	14
Turner, c Brooks, b Cook	19
Verity, lbw, b Carr	7
Kennie, lbw, b Cook	2
Allen, b Carr	16
Heyhurst, run out	9
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Carr	0
Douglas, c Gibbon, b Carr	0
Ryder, not out	1
Extras, 17; total	89

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.	
Weight, not out	5
H. C. Ferens, not out	0
Extras, 2; total (for no wicket)	7

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Turner	23	3	62	4
Douglas	19.5	4	63	3
Ryder	6	0	28	1
Heyhurst	2	0	9	1
Verity	1	0	4	0

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Cook	20	17	21	2
Dobson	21	9	28	2
Carr	8.4	4	12	4
Weight	6	2	11	1

Durham Heading for Minor Honours.

YORKSHIRE II. OUTCLASSED AT BLACKHILL.

By a margin of 239 runs Durham defeated Yorkshire II. in splendid style at Blackhill yesterday. The home county secured a lead of 90 runs on the first innings, and in their second venture they put on 213 runs, thus setting Yorkshire a formidable task with only three more hours for play.

Thanks to splendid bowling by Howell and Cook, the visitors were dismissed in just a little over two hours for the meagre total of 64 runs. Howell, whose fast deliveries were always a source of worry to the Yorkshire batsmen, secured five wickets for 16 runs, and Cook's return was three for 10.

DEADLY DURHAM BOWLERS.

With only one run on the board, Middalieu was clean bowled by the South Shields professional. Without anything having been added to the score, Barber was out lbw to Cook. The next man to go was Taylor, with the score at 12. He hit a full-pitched ball from Cook, and Carr brought off a brilliant left-handed catch.

The first bowling change was made with the score at 16, Dobson coming on for Howell. Cautious tactics were adopted by Verity and Kenzie, and, with Carr bowling in place of Cook and Weight for Dobson, the score was carried to 39 before Verity's off-stump was knocked clean out of the ground by Weight. The Yorkshire keeper, Allan, scored only two, when he was cleverly caught by Howell at slip.

Howell was brought on to bowl again, and with the third ball of his first over he uprooted Heyhurst's middle stump. The tea interval arrived with eight Yorkshire wickets down for 58. Within a few minutes of the resumption their innings was brought to a close. Chichester-Constable got a four off Cook's bowling, but Howell claimed his wicket when he had scored another run, and Douglas was beaten by Cook who in the match was about the most consistent bowler.

Durham's Minor County record to date this season is:

P.	W.	L.	W.	I.	Pctge.
4	3	0	1	0	90.00

and they occupy second place in the table. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 170.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings, 89.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Weight, c Allen, b Turner	3
H. C. Ferens, c Allen, b Heyhurst	27
M. Nichol, c Barber, b Turner	10
Carr, c Chichester-Constable, b Heyhurst	34
J. Kelsall, b Douglas	10
H. Brooks, c Douglas, b Turner	0
H. Gibbon, lbw, b Turner	21
T. K. Dobson, c Heyhurst, b Turner	47
J. Kelsall, b Turner	20
H. Brooks, c Heyhurst, b Turner	12
C. L. Adamson, b Douglas	17
Cook, c and b Douglas	12
Howell, not out	7
Extras, 11; total	213

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

A. E. Mallalieu, b Howell	0
Barber, lbw, b Cook	1
Taylor, c Carr, b Cook	3
Turner, b Howell	6
Verity, b Weight	7
Kennie, b Howell	20
Allan, c Howell, b Carr	2
Heyhurst, b Howell	4
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Howell	5
Douglas, b Cook	3
Ryder, not out	0
Extras, 13; total	64

DURHAM won by 239 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Douglas	28.5	9	58	2
Turner	31	6	85	6
Ryder	3	1	38	0
Heyhurst	5	1	18	2

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.
Howell	12.1	5	16	5
Cook	17	12	10	3
Dobson	7	4	4	0
Carr	6	1	9	1
Weight	4	0	12	1

MINOR COUNTIES.

Durham's Huge Score Against Yorkshire II.

FERENS AND WEIGHT IN GREAT PARTNERSHIP.

In the return game at Redcar yesterday Durham gave Yorkshire II. a taste of batting strength which the home County did not at all relish. They kept Yorkshire in the field in a hot sun for just over five hours, and compiled the formidable total of 338, their highest of the season, the previous best being 330 against Northumberland at Chester-le-Street in May.

Ferens and Weight laid a solid foundation with a splendid partnership yielding 170 in two hours and 20 minutes. They both batted adventurously and, considering the risks they took, gave singularly few real chances.

The batting afterwards was not so enterprising, but then Douglas was bowling at his best, and the fact that only 59 runs were scored off his 41 overs was eloquent testimony of his skill. Brooks, the Durham captain, after a slow and rather unsteady start, made 66 in good style.

Yorkshire were left with only three-quarters of an hour to bat, and made 30 without losing a wicket. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, lbw, b Rawlin	85
Weight, run out	85
M. Nichol, st. Wood, b Douglas	5
J. Kelsall, lbw, b Heyhirst	28
Carr, c Kennie, b Rawlin	10
H. Brooks, c and b Douglas	66
C. L. Adamson, c Turner, b Rawlin	15
H. Gibbon, b Douglas	7
Howell, run out	9
Cook, b Render	1
A. Goodrick, not out	0

Extras, 27; total—338
Bowling: Douglas, 3-59; Rawlin, 3-92; Render, 1-83; Turner, 0-40; Heyhirst, 1-37.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Barber, not out	15
Davidson, not out	15
Extras, 6; total (for no wickets)	36

MINOR COUNTIES.

Durham Secure Points on First Innings.

YORKSHIRE II. FORCED TO FOLLOW ON.

Replying with only 167 to Durham's huge first innings total of 838, Yorkshire II. had to fight with their backs to the wall to save the game at Redcar yesterday. Rain in the morning delayed the resumption of play for over two hours, and when the Colts continued their innings, commenced overnight, the wicket was tricky and gave the Durham attack considerable assistance.

Howell exploited the conditions well and secured the first four wickets by the time the Yorkshire score reached 83. In the first 15 overs only 34 were hit off his bowling. His record, however, was badly damaged by Heyhirst, whose bold and vigorous hitting knocked the sting out of the South Shields professional's attack. Still, in spite of Heyhirst's lusty innings Howell's average at the end was the excellent one of five for 51. Heyhirst made 40 in 35 minutes before being out lb.w. to Carr.

The remaining wickets fell cheaply, and Yorkshire were forced to follow on. In their second innings the pitch was playing easier, and the first-wicket partnership by Barber and Davidson drove away Yorkshire's fears of an innings defeat. Durham, who are standing well for the Minor Counties' Championship, gained the verdict on the first innings. Scores:

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, lbw, b Rawlin	85
Weight, run out	85
M. Nichol, st. Wood, b Douglas	5
J. Kelsall, lbw, b Heyhirst	28
Carr, c Kennie, b Rawlin	10
H. Brooks, c and b Douglas	66
C. L. Adamson, c Turner, b Rawlin	15
H. Gibbon, b Douglas	7
Howell, run out	9
Cook, b Render	1
A. Goodrick, not out	0

Extras, 27; total—338
Bowling: Douglas, 3-59; Rawlin, 3-92; Render, 1-83; Turner, 0-40; Heyhirst, 1-37.

YORKSHIRE II.—1st Innings.

Barber, c and b Howell	44
Davidson, c Kelsall, b Howell	18
Taylor, c Kelsall, b Howell	0
Turner, c Gibbon, b Howell	4
Wood, lbw, b Cook	40
Heyhirst, lbw, b Carr	0
Kennie, b Carr	0
Major R. C. Chichester-Constable, b Howell	10
Douglas, c Cook, b Carr	12
Rawlin, c Howell, b Cook	0
Render, not out	4

Extras, 16; total—167
Bowling: Howell, 3-51; Cook, 2-46; Goodrick, 0-21; Carr, 3-33.

YORKSHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Barber, c Howell, b Cook	43
Davidson, b Goodrick	32
Taylor, not out	11
Extras, 12; total (for 2 wickets)	96

Bowling: Howell, 0-19; Cook, 1-9; Carr, 0-19; Goodrick, 1-13; Brooks, 0-30.

LEADING TEAM RECORDS.

County	1st Inns.					Pctge.
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	
Durham	5	4	6	2	0	84.56
Surrey	8	6	0	1	2	75.09
Devon	7	4	1	2	0	74.24
Oxfordshire	7	4	1	2	0	74.24
West II.	6	4	0	2	0	73.83
Staffordshire	7	4	1	1	1	68.57
Lancashire II.	9	4	1	3	1	64.06
Wicks	4	2	1	1	0	65.00
Leicestershire II.	6	3	1	1	1	63.33

Durham Indebted to Nichol.
GREAT BATTING PERFORMANCE AT WIGAN.

WIGAN, Monday Night.

The ground here was very wet this morning owing to Sunday's rain, and it was not possible to commence until 2.30. The original wicket was too soft and so another was prepared.

Durham totalled 139, thanks chiefly to a magnificent century by Maurice Nichol, and Lancashire II. lost four wickets for 46, play being prolonged until 7 o'clock in order to allow the home side to finish early to-morrow, when they have to journey to Dalton-in-Furness for the match with Northumberland.

Nichol went in at the fall of the first wicket at eight, and was last to leave. He scored without apparent effort from the start, and the 50 went up after 65 minutes, while Nichol completed his half century in 70 minutes out of 58 runs. Weight, by way of contrast, batted an hour for 10. Dobson and Carr were soon out, and half the side were disposed of for 69. Adamson then offered strong resistance for 40 minutes while 29 runs were added, but after tea Alderson and Howell were quickly disposed of. With Gibbon in Nichol went on batting in excellent style, and with the total at 135 reached his century in 170 minutes. Then without adding to his score he played on. He hit one 6, a magnificent drive, and seven 4's. He was missed when 78, but he played a wonderful innings on a wicket which became increasingly difficult as the day wore on.

Lancashire II. had 50 minutes in which to bat, and Dobson soon bowled Halliday, while Cook got Rowlands caught by Adamson at 23. Paynter hit Dobson freely, and Carr came on to bowl Newton and Paynter. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, b Booth	...	...	2
Weight, c Chadwick, b Holroyd	...	...	10
M. Nichol, b Booth	...	...	100
T. K. Dobson, c Paynter, b Chadwick	...	...	0
Carr, b Holroyd	...	...	1
H. Brooks, c Holroyd, b Booth	...	...	1
C. L. Adamson, c Rushton, b Preston	...	...	5
W. H. R. Alderson, c Halliday, b Holroyd	...	...	3
Howell, c Chadwick, b Holroyd	...	...	1
H. Gibbon, b Holroyd	...	...	3
Cook, not out	...	...	4
Extras, 11; total	...	...	139

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

C. A. Rowlands, c Adamson, b Cook	...	...	7
Halliday, b Dobson	...	...	1
Paynter, b Cook	...	...	24
J. B. Newton, b Carr	...	...	1
Preston, not out	...	...	7
Farrimond, not out	...	...	5
Extras, 1; total (for 4 wickets)	...	...	46

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rushton	19	1	15	1
Booth	32.3	4	45	3
Holroyd	23	9	38	5
Chadwick	8	1	19	1
Preston	8	1	8	1

Durham's Attack Too Good For Lancashire II.

DOBSON AND COOK ALMOST UNPLAYABLE.

WIGAN, Tuesday Night.

Durham went a step further towards achieving their ambition of heading the Minor Counties' Championship competition for the present season when they won their match with Lancashire II. here to-day. They improved their percentage to 88.57, and, of course, maintained their position as leaders in the competition table, besides retaining an unbeaten record. Surrey II., their possible challengers, are in the throes of a hard struggle with Kent II., and, providing that Durham win the match which to-morrow commences at Macclesfield, it is certain that the challenge match will be played in Durham County, most probably at Sunderland.

There had been two hours' rain overnight, and this made the wicket very soft, but under the influence of a hot sun it appeared likely to become difficult as the day progressed, and later events bore this out.

Lancashire's overnight score was 46 for four, but the outstanding six wickets fell all to Cook, who had only 20 runs hit from his bowling this morning, to make his record for the innings eight for 42.

Thanks to this wonderful performance, Durham commenced their second venture with a lead of 46, and in fifty minutes Ferens and Weight scored 40 runs, Ferens then being out leg before to Rushton, who next dismissed Weight and Howell. Nichol and Dobson, who were together at lunch, resumed to add 27, but nine wickets were down for 98. Then Gibbon and Cook put on a valuable 23 for the last wicket.

FIVE WICKETS FOR FIVE RUNS.

Lancashire II., requiring 168 to win, went in at 3.30. They started most disastrously, and by the tea interval had lost five wickets for 26 runs. Then John Tyldesley and Farrimond, who is invariably successful against Durham, became partners and they batted in stubborn style. Dobson replaced Carr at 50 and got Farrimond caught in his first over. In his next over Ferens caught Booth, while Tyldesley, eighth out at 75, was well taken by Cook off Dobson, who had then three wickets for two runs, and subsequently finished off the innings. He took the last five wickets for five runs in nine overs and was quite unplayable. The versatile Durham attack was seen at its best in this match, and the bowlers made the most of the assistance which the pitch offered. Scores:—

DURHAM.—1st Innings, 139.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

C. A. Rowlands, c Adamson, b Cook	...	...	7
Halliday, b Dobson	...	...	1
Paynter, b Cook	...	...	24
J. B. Newton, b Carr	...	...	1
Preston, b Cook	...	...	7
Farrimond, lbw, b Cook	...	...	7
J. T. Tyldesley, b Cook	...	...	8
Rushton, b Cook	...	...	8
Booth, b Cook	...	...	23
Chadwick, c Alderson, b Cook	...	...	1
Holroyd (J.), not out	...	...	0
Extras, 0; total	...	...	63

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

H. C. Ferens, lbw, b Rushton	...	...	8
Weight, c Farrimond, b Rushton	...	...	25
M. Nichol, c Farrimond, b Booth	...	...	12
Howell, b Rushton	...	...	9
T. K. Dobson, c Chadwick, b Booth	...	...	15
H. Brooks, b Booth	...	...	16
Carr, b Booth	...	...	4
C. L. Adamson, b Booth	...	...	0
W. H. R. Alderson, c Booth, b Holroyd	...	...	2
H. Gibbon, c Paynter, b Holroyd	...	...	11
Cook, not out	...	...	11
Extras, 12; total	...	...	121

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

C. A. Rowlands, lbw, b Cook	...	...	1
Halliday, lbw, b Carr	...	...	2
Paynter, c Howell, b Cook	...	...	3
J. P. Newton, b Carr	...	...	1
Chadwick, lbw, b Cook	...	...	1
Farrimond, c Brooks, b Dobson	...	...	7
J. T. Tyldesley, c Cook, b Dobson	...	...	31
Booth, c Ferens, b Dobson	...	...	0
Preston, b Dobson	...	...	17
Rushton, c Brooks, b Dobson	...	...	0
Holroyd, not out	...	...	5
Extras, 10; total	...	...	89

DURHAM won by 79 runs

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

LANCASHIRE II.—1st Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cook	29	4	42	8
Dobson	7	3	10	1
Carr	13	5	26	1
Howell	1	1	0	0

DURHAM.—2nd Innings.

Booth	18	3	30	5
Holroyd	26.4	5	60	2
Rushton	7	2	12	3
Preston	5	1	5	0

LANCASHIRE II.—2nd Innings.

Cook	18	8	20	3
Howell	6	0	22	0
Carr	10	4	14	2
Dobson	0.1	5	5	5
Weight	2	0	11	0

Cheshire's Brief Batting Spell

HODGSON HITS OUT AGAINST DURHAM BOWLERS.

MACCLESFIELD, Wednesday Night. Rain fell heavily at Macclesfield this morning, and continued until after twelve o'clock. This made the ground so wet that play was impossible until 5.15, and even then there were still some wet patches when Cheshire, who were fortunate to win the toss, opened with D. Bumphrey and Hodgson. The latter hit brilliantly from the start, but he might have been run out when 23, the ball being thrown in wide. Carr came on for Cook at 41 and caused Bumphrey to play on, while Hodgson left after making 46 out of 51 in fifty minutes, his best hits being eight 4's.

Carr, whose first four overs were maidens, got another wicket in his sixth over, and so far has two for eight runs. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.	
H. W. Hodgson, b Howell	40
D. Bumphrey, b Carr	3
Hopwood, not out	5
C. Bumphrey, b Carr	5
Wilson, b Howell	1
L. N. Jones, not out	4
Extras, 1; total (for 4 wickets)—45	

DURHAM MAKE HISTORY

Minor Counties' Championship in Sight.

SURREY II. OR BUCKS AS POSSIBLE CHALLENGERS.

Durham made history yesterday when, as a result of the no decision match with Cheshire at Macclesfield, they retained the leadership of the Minor Counties' Championship competition with a percentage of 88.57, and maintained their unbeaten record for the season.

This is the first occasion on which Durham has headed the table, and as their position is an unassailable one they will, it challenged, have the privilege of playing at home, which in this case almost certainly means Durham will entertain either Surrey II. or Buckinghamshire at the Ashbrooke ground, Sunderland, between next week and the first in September.

To-day and to-morrow, Surrey and Buckinghamshire (who last season won the challenge match at Jesmond against Northumberland) engage in their final match of the season at High Wycombe, and on the result of that encounter depends the question as to who will be runners-up to Durham. Surrey II. can secure a percentage of 81.81 by defeating Buckinghamshire, and vice versa, the latter can finish up with a record of 82.50. The percentages of the leading counties to date are:

DURHAM	88.57
SURREY II.	80.00
BUCKS	76.66
DEVON	74.28
OXFORD	74.23

NO DECISION AT MACCLESFIELD.

It is interesting to note that the championship of the Northern Section of the Minor Championship has in the past four seasons been won by Northumberland thrice and Durham once.

When play was resumed at Macclesfield yesterday morning in the Cheshire and Durham match the wicket was an easy-pitched one, but at 98 the fifth Cheshire wicket fell for an addition of 33 to the overnight total, Carr (who replaced Howell) getting Jones caught by Adamson at mid-off with the second ball of his first over. The out-going batsman had hit five 4's in his score of 35. Hopwood was next to go, bowled by Dobson after batting 80 minutes for six runs.

Howell and Cook soon came on again to bowl, and the first-named knocked Hope's stump out of the ground in his first over. Then Cook, who early in the morning had bowled eight overs for only two runs, got two of the last three wickets to close the innings at 144.

Durham went in to bat at ten past one, and at lunch had scored 13 without loss, when rain fell heavily. Only two more overs were possible after a prolonged interval, and after waiting till 5.40 the match was abandoned. Scores:—

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.	
H. W. Hodgson, b Howell	46
D. Bumphrey, b Carr	3
Hopwood, b Dobson	6
C. Bumphrey, b Carr	5
Wilson, b Howell	1
L. N. Jones, c Adamson, b Carr	35
V. Hope, b Howell	11
C. Danson, b Cook	9
J. L. Battersby, c Howell, b Cook	8
C. B. Twemlow, lbw, b Carr	8
B. H. Stevenson, not out	6
Extras, 6; total—144	

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

H. C. Ferens, not out	5
Weight, not out	0
Extras, 3; total (for no wicket)—17	

MATCH ABANDONED, owing to rain.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

CHESHIRE.—1st Innings.				
O.	M.	R.	W.	
Cook	26.1	11	33	2
Dobson	19	6	47	1
Carr	16	1	29	3
Howell	15	5	29	3

DURHAM.—1st Innings.

O.	M.	R.	W.	
Wilson	6	2	6	0
Stevenson	5	1	8	0

Friday 10 September 1926

CINEMA EXHIBITORS v. CINEMA DISTRIBUTORS.

This annual match for the J. H. Dawe Cup took place on the Northumberland County ground by kind permission of Mr R. G. E. Mortimer, and resulted in a victory for the Distributors. J. Anderson took six wickets for 16 runs. Scores:—

DISTRIBUTORS.	
P. W. Lloyd, run out	2
H. Harriett, c Hedderley, b Shepherd	7
J. Peck, b Shepherd	0
J. Anderson, b Marshall	104
W. H. L. Travers, retired	44
C. S. MacGregor, b Chart	0
A. Smith, c and b J. Marshall	51
F. Barker, b Chart	2
G. T. Turnbull, run out	1
B. Henderson, b Marshall	6
E. White, not out	0
Extras, 23; total—240	

EXHIBITORS.

D. Stansfeld, b Anderson	9
W. Craven, b Anderson	12
W. Shepherd, c White, b Anderson	2
W. A. Chart, lbw, b Travers	5
W. Marshall, b Travers	0
A. Smith, b Anderson	4
R. Hedderley, b Travers	4
W. Fox, c MacGregor, b Travers	0
R. Mackie, c Harriett, b Anderson	1
S. Dawe, not out	5
C. S. Smythson, c Travers, b Anderson	0
Extras, 9; total—53	

The cup was afterwards presented by the donor to the captain of the winning team, Mr W. H. Linton Travers. Each player will be the recipient of a suitable medal.

J. R. TEMPLE'S XI. v. C. W. HOPKINSON'S XI.

This match, played yesterday at Morpeth, resulted in a win for Mr Hopkinson's eleven. Scores:—

MR TEMPLE'S XI.	
C. Elliott, b Walker	7
G. Fall, c Allan, b Walker	2
R. Jackson, b Walker	2
T. Dunn, b Walker	3
J. Craggs, lbw, b Walker	0
H. R. Locke, c and b Walton	4
S. James, c Charlton, b Harrison	11
H. Fall, not out	16
R. Angus, run out	1
A. Smith, b Walton	0
A. Tait, b Walton	8
G. Colley, c and b Walker	1
Extras, 10; total—60	

MR HOPKINSON'S XI.

C. W. Hopkinson, b Smith	0
H. Allan, c Elliott, b Smith	4
N. Millburn, c and b Elliott	19
G. Walker, c G. Fall, b Smith	0
T. Walton, b Craggs	24
W. Taylor, b James	18
W. Harrison, c Locke, b Craggs	7
R. Charlton, c Locke, b Colley	33
R. Butcher, not out	8
G. Patterson, b Locke	0
Extras, 3; total (for 9 wickets)—116	

E. Taylor and D. Mitford did not bat.

DURHAM COUNTY AVERAGES.

The following are the batting and bowling averages of the players who took part in the Durham games for the Minor Counties Championship:—

BATTING.						
Matches.	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs.	Avg.	
M. Nichol	9	12	0	116	453	57.77
Weight, L. H.	9	14	2	100	408	34.00
T. K. Dobson	6	8	0	82	256	52.00
Carr, J.	9	12	1	104	308	28.00
H. Brooks (capt.)	8	11	0	77	285	25.91
H. C. Ferens	8	12	2	85	252	25.20
J. Kelsall	4	6	0	51	136	22.66
W. H. R. Alderson	5	6	0	79	197	17.83
C. L. Adamson	8	11	0	37	134	16.72
H. Gibbon	9	12	0	63	198	16.50
Howell, A. L.	9	11	4	32	84	12.00
Cook, J.	9	12	5	21	66	9.42
A. Goodrick	3	3	3	8	4	4.00

*Not out.
Played in one match only: W. R. Romaine, 1, 1, 0, 29, 29, 29.00; T. Kinch, 1, 1, 0, 14, 14, 14.00; J. T. Webster, 1, 2, 0, 4, 4, 2.00.

BOWLING.					
O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.	
Carr, J.	185.2	51	471	41	11.48
Cook, J.	301.5	126	492	40	12.30
T. K. Dobson	169.3	54	340	25	13.60
Howell, A. L.	212.3	44	541	34	16.39
Weight, L. H.	81	8	96	4	24.00
A. Goodrick	66.8	17	142	3	47.33
H. Brooks	18	3	69	1	69.00

Durham scored 2,032 runs for the loss of 117 wickets, an average of 25.05, and their opponents scored 2,331 runs for the loss of 162 wickets and an average of 15.33.