

## County Cricket.

### BEDS TAKE FIRST-INNINGS POINTS FROM HERTS AT ST. ALBANS.

The first Minor Counties Championship match to be played at St. Albans since the war drew good crowds to Clarence Park, on Wednesday and Thursday, when Herts entertained Beds. The match was drawn but Beds, by reason of their first-innings lead of twelve, took three points.

Beds won the toss and batted for five hours on Wednesday for 317. H. Davidson and Holdstock, their opening pair, put on 91 before Holdstock, who made 35, was lbw to Roberts. S. V. Graham and Davidson carried the score to 149 when Davidson was bowled by Burton. He hit hard, but his innings of 86 was not altogether faultless. Graham continued to bat well. The third wicket fell with 203 on the board, P. Burke (24) being lbw to Burton, and 27 runs later, C. N. Reed was smartly taken by Watson at mid-off. Marshall was quickly disposed of by a clever one-handed catch by Fordham in the slips at 253, and only three more runs were added when Graham, who had made 81, quickly played on to Roberts. The last four wickets added 61, F. Rawlins 27 not out and A. J. Worboys 15, both batting well.

Herts, left with forty minutes for batting on Wednesday, lost Hosier with the total at 16, the score at the close of play being 31 for 1. With only five runs added, Fordham, who had made 11 not out on Wednesday, was snapped behind the wicket, the batsman failing to get the benefit of a doubt. In the first hour's play, on Thursday, 68 runs were scored, and the third-wicket partnership carried the total to 109, when Titchmarsh (15), who had never been at his ease, was caught at short forward leg. Watson, who had batted very steadily for two hours and made 73, was bowled off his pads by Holdstock, and when Cowley was caught and bowled by Whitbread, half the side was out for 151. The wicket at the bowling green end had crumbled, causing the bowling to cock up. Grimsdell and Crossman added 60. When Crossman was bowled, after contributing a valuable 30, Reid was out to a skier off Graham, having assisted Grimsdell to put on 58 for the seventh wicket. At 276 Grimsdell, who had played a meritorious innings of 70, was given out for obstruction to Holdstock, and at 293 Burton was taken in the slips. Evans and Roberts carried the score to 305, when Evans was bowled.

With a first-innings advantage, Beds started their second knock at 5 p.m., and, as the end approached, the Herts bowlers were on top, having taken five wickets for 75. Scores:—

| Beds.                  |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| H. Davidson, b         | 86         |
| Burton, lbw            | 35         |
| Holdstock, b           | 35         |
| Roberts, c             | 11         |
| S. V. Graham, b        | 81         |
| Roberts, c             | 24         |
| P. Burke, lbw          | 24         |
| Burton, b              | 7          |
| C. N. Reed, c          | 5          |
| Watson, b              | 73         |
| Marshall, c            | 25         |
| Fordham, b             | 11         |
| Capt. D. Turnbull, lbw | 3          |
| F. Rawlins, not out    | 27         |
| W. Whitbread, b        | 8          |
| Fordham, c             | 8          |
| A. J. Worboys, c       | 15         |
| Crossman, b            | 30         |
| E. Page, c             | 14         |
| b Roberts              | 5          |
| Extras                 | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>317</b> |

Total (for 5 wkts.) 75  
 Bowling.—First Innings: Burton, 400, 90, 83r, 3w.; Evans, 16-0-68-0; Roberts, 30.3-4-113-5; Fordham, 13-5-31-3. Second Innings: Burton, 14-3-31-2; Evans, 7-1-16-1; Roberts, 9-1-22-1; Fordham, 25-1-1-1.

| Herts.                |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| C. B. Fordham, c      | 16         |
| L. G. Hosier, c and b | 10         |
| L. A. Watson, b       | 73         |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c   | 18         |
| R. B. Cowley, c and b | 22         |
| G. M. Crossman, b     | 30         |
| A. Grimsdell, lbw     | 70         |
| L. J. Reid, c         | 20         |
| Burton, c             | 12         |
| H. C. Evans, b        | 15         |
| E. Roberts, not out   | 4          |
| Extras                | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>305</b> |

Bowling.—Worboys, 230, 2m, 73r, 3w; Holdstock, 52.5-21-70-5; Marshall, 14-1-47-0; Whitbread, 10-4-10-1; Rawlins, 4-0-14-0; Graham, 30-11-58-1.

HERTINGFORDSBURY v. WARE F.C. C.C.

The Ware men avenged their defeat of a few weeks ago, on Saturday, when they scored a very creditable win over the home team. Their fielding was exceptionally smart, and this combined with good bowling proved the Bury's undoing. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Hertingfordbury v. Ware F.C. C.C. with scores for batsmen and bowlers.

HERTINGFORDSBURY v. CHRIST CHURCH (BENGOE).

Played at Hertingfordbury on Tuesday evening, an enjoyable game resulting in a win for the home team. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Hertingfordbury v. Christ Church (Bengoe) with scores.

STEVENAGE v. LETCHWORTH.

Played at Letchworth on Saturday, and in a low scoring match Stevenage lost by 12 runs. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Stevenage v. Letchworth with scores.

PONSHOURNE PARK v. ENFIELD STROLLERS.

Played at Ponsbourne Park on Saturday, and won by the visitors by 23 runs. Tea was provided by Mrs. H. C. Pilkington, and was much appreciated by both teams. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Ponsbourne Park v. Enfield Strollers with scores.

LITTLE HADHAM v. LITTLE HALLINGBURY.

Played at Little Hadham on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Little Hadham v. Little Hallingbury with scores.

ASTON v. WOODHALL PARK.

Played at Aston on Saturday, and won by Woodhall Park by 31 runs. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Aston v. Woodhall Park with scores.

BENINGTON v. LITTLE MUNDEN.

Played at Benington on Saturday, and after an exciting match Munden sustained their first defeat of the season by one run. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Benington v. Little Munden with scores.

LITTLE MUNDEN.

Table showing cricket match results for Little Munden with scores.

ALLENBURYS (WARE) v. ALLENBURYS (BETHNAL GREEN).

Played on Saturday at Ware, ending in an easy win for the Bethnal Green works. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Allenburys (Ware) v. Allenburys (Bethnal Green) with scores.

MR. F. PAWLE'S XI v. BROXBORNE.

Played at Broxbourne on Saturday, and won by the home side. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Mr. F. Pawle's XI v. Broxbourne with scores.

HOCKERILL II v. FARNHAM.

Played at Hockerill on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Hockerill II v. Farnham with scores.

HARPENDEEN LEGION v. KIMPTON.

Played at Harpendeen on Saturday, when Kimpton won an interesting game by 17 runs. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Harpendeen Legion v. Kimpton with scores.

SOUTH MYMMS v. NORTH MYMMS.

Played at South Mymms on Monday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for South Mymms v. North Mymms with scores.

LITTLE BERKHAMSTEAD v. BAYFORD.

Played at Little Berkhamstead on Saturday, and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table showing cricket match results for Little Berkhamstead v. Bayford with scores.

**STEVENAGE CRICKET WEEK.**

**A COUNTY MATCH.**

**HERTS. v Lincs.**

In this summer of weather surprises, Stevenage opened their cricket week on Monday under the most favourable of auspices. With a pitch famed for its quaintness, and with brilliant sunshine to attract lovers of sport to the ground, and with two well-known minor counties as the opening attraction, there was little lacking to make a pleasant opening day.

On Monday the game opened at 11.30, Herts. having won the toss. L. G. Hosier and C. B. Fordham started for the home county to the bowling of J. W. Smith and Hawley. Fordham opened the scoring with a shot to fine leg off Hawley for 4.

In Hawley's second over Hosier scored a couple of nice fours on the leg side. J. W. Smith relieved Wilson at 18, and then Wilson took over from Hawley and began bowling from the town end. Fordham, when the Herts score stood at 41, was bowled by J. W. Smith, he having contributed 17. L. A. Watson, the Stevenage player, opened cautiously with a single off J. W. Smith. Just after he hit Wilson through slips for a 2, and also a 4, but the next ball was unlucky for him, for he was caught behind the wicket off Wilson with the total at 56 for 2, his own figure being 7. Hosier, just before, had been more fortunate, a ball from Wilson touching his bail and failing to dislodge it. Titchmarsh, one of the best known of the Herts County players, next appeared at the wicket, but he also was not allowed to get into the pace for big things, for at 4 he was splendidly taken by Bashforth off J. W. Smith at square leg. Hosier was caught at cover point off J. W. Smith for an innings of 32. Meyer, the Watton player, joined Cowley soon after, and a spell of brilliant hitting took the score to 131 for 4—the lunch time position.

After the luncheon interval Wilson and Smith took up the bowling attack, Meyer meanwhile getting to 50 with a four off J. W. Smith's bowling. In the same over he hit the same bowler for six. Cowley was missed by Wilson off J. Smith in the same over. Meyer's fine stand drew to a close not long after, he being well taken right on the boundary by Tomlinson off Wilson. This one-handed catch in that position received sportsman's applause. It also signified that a splendid innings of 60 by Meyer was ended. The score-board at this moment read 168 for 5; last man 60. Meyer had knocked up one 6 and four 4's. Crossman partnered Cowley for the briefest duration, he being bowled at 2. Reid (captain) then entered on with Cowley, and the latter reached 50 with a single off J. W. Smith. Not very long after Cowley hit Smith for 6, but was caught at long on off his next ball for a useful innings of 61 (181 for 7; last man 61).

Burton joined Reid, and at 3 o'clock Reid sent the Herts score up to 200 with a boundary shot. Hawley then relieved Smith with the pavilion end bowling. Reid was in full command of his bat, and out Hawley for a nice 4 past point. Hallam, the town end bowler, was hit for two consecutive fours off his first over after he had deputised again. The next feature was Reid hitting a no ball for 4 off Hawley, and soon after he reached half a century by a shot for 4 batted off Hallam. The score moved along at a pace which suited the onlookers, 270 being on the board at 4 o'clock. When the score had reached 280 Wilson resumed his bowling at the town end and Reid and Burton were still together with the score at 295 for 7 when the tea interval arrived.

After tea Reid was bowled after making the greatest score of the day (82) and when the total was 317 for 8. Burton was bowled in attempting to hit Wilson, his innings closing at 43 (Reid and Burton, between them, put on 129 for the eighth wicket). Roberts joined Evans, the last wicket producing 28. Roberts was caught behind the wicket for 4 (Evans not out 16).

The Herts hours of play were four and three quarters, and for this period of batting they had 346 runs.

The Herts innings closed at 5.40. This left Lincolnshire approximately three quarters of an hour's play for the first day.

Tomlinson and Hallam opened for Lincolnshire, Meyer and Burton bowling for Herts. Tomlinson opened the score by a couple off Meyer's third ball and he did similarly with the fourth of the same over. Burton delivered a no ball in his first over. Hallam hit Burton past deep cover for 4, but the same over saw Hallam dismissed for 4, the first wicket falling at 9. Frearson then joined Tomlinson and the score was taken to 25, when Burton took the second wicket by

dismissal Tomlinson after he had contributed 10. When this wicket went, the Lincolnshire score had reached 25. Bashforth then joined Frearson, and after batting for about ten minutes an appeal against bad light was upheld, play being stopped for ten minutes. The Lincs score was standing at 42 for 2 when stumps were drawn at 6.45 for the day.

Burton's two wickets had cost him sixteen runs and Meyer had none for sixteen at the end of the day's play.

**THE SECOND DAY.**

Burton started bowling from the pavilion end to Frearson on the opening of the second day's play. After careful play Bashforth turned Meyer to fine leg for 3 in his next over and repeated his success in his next stroke, which reached the boundary. Eventually Frearson was caught by Watson at short leg off Burton, the third wicket of Lincs falling at 70. The rate of scoring was not at this period fast, Meyer and Burton bowling skilfully and the batsmen being cautious. Gillow signalled his arrival on the pitch by a knock through the slips off Burton for 4. Soon after Burton bowled Bashforth, the fourth wicket falling at 75. At about this time Roberts relieved Meyer at the town end. Gillow sent the figures up to a hundred with a 4 secured off Burton, but in his second over Roberts got Gillow caught in the long field by Evans. The latter made a brilliant run of some yards and secured the catch running. Evans relieved Burton at the pavilion end. The first hour's play had produced 60 runs. Fane-Smith put up a catch just out of Meyer's reach (off Roberts) but at the other end he was

out lbw to Evans, the sixth wicket falling at 110. Shaw was caught by Fordham when the figures were 120 for 7. Wilson directly after was caught by Roberts in attempting to hit Roberts, and the eighth wicket had gone for 122. Mack was the next to go, being caught behind his wicket off Roberts at 124 for 9. When his individual score stood at 3 Hawley was bowled by Roberts. With Smith's not out 2 and the extras 26, Lincolnshire's first innings was over at 12.35, having lasted 2 hours 20 minutes, the score being 128.

Roberts and Evans were both playing for the county for the first time. This was their noteworthy analysis: Roberts, 5 for 13; Evans, 1 for 12. Roberts' break seemed to puzzle the batsmen a good deal.

Lincolnshire, following on, opened their second innings with Frearson and Bashforth to the bowling of Meyer and Burton. Bashforth survived an appeal behind the wicket off Meyer's fifth ball and later punished the same bowler for three fours and a three in one over—a very expensive over for Meyer. The score advanced on to 50 and then Roberts relieved Meyer at the town end. Bashforth met his fate at 60, being caught by Watson off Burton. The Rev. H. Mack then accompanied Frearson at the wicket, the score being advanced to 192, when Mack was caught by Cowley in attempting to hit Burton. Frearson was missed by Watson off Burton's bowling when his score stood at 45. Meyer now relieved Burton at the pavilion end. In Meyer's first over from this end Frearson was missed being stamped by Crossman, and, as a result, he went on to make, as it proved, the highest score of the day. Reid, at the town end, was persistent with his slow bowling, having set his field mostly on the boundary. Frearson reached his half-century with a boundary hit off Reid. It had taken him about 75 minutes to compile. At this time Meyer secured his first wicket of the match, when Tomlinson was caught by Burton. The third wicket fell at 12. At this period Gillow got Meyer away for a nice leg shot for 4. Evans now entered on at the town end to relieve Reid, and in attempting a short run Gillow was splendidly thrown out by Evans, Frearson having hit the ball to cover point, which was well returned to the wicket. Burton relieved Meyer at the pavilion end and Roberts exchanged with Evans at the other. Hallam was bowled by Roberts, the latter's score being 15. When the board figures had reached 200, J. W. Smith was caught at mid-on off Roberts. At 203 Wilson, the captain, had his middle stump bowled by Burton. Frearson was batting well, but could not get anyone to stay with him. At 209 Shaw was bowled by Burton. Then Frearson met his fate. He wanted two to reach his century, and he shot a ball in the slips. This was accepted by Watson off Burton, and Frearson closed his account. His 98 runs, which included twelve 4's, was compiled in two and three quarter hours. Hawley was lbw to Roberts one run later and the Lincolnshire second innings finished at 4.20 at 228. This left Herts with eleven runs to get to win. Reid sent in Crossman and Evans, who faced the bowling of Wilson and Smith.

Crossman was bowled by Wilson without scoring, and Hosier and Evans took the score to 19, Evans making the winning hit. Herts were thus the winners by nine wickets.

Watson's low figure was the Stevenage surprise, but this resulted from his hitting over the ball and to the wicket-keeper's good catch. The bowling analysis showed that Roberts, of Harpenden, who was playing for the county for the first time, had done excellently. His figures were 5 for 13 and 3 for 42. Evans, the Royston new County man, took 1 wicket for 12 in Lincolnshire's first innings.

**Scores.—**

**HERTS.—First Innings.**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| L. G. Hosier c Frearson b J. W. Smith   | 32 |
| C. B. Fordham b J. W. Smith             | 17 |
| L. A. Watson c Shaw b Wilson            | 7  |
| C. H. Titchmarsh c Bashforth b Smith    | 4  |
| R. B. Cowley c Fane-Smith b J. W. Smith | 61 |
| R. J. O. Meyer c Tomlinson b Wilson     | 60 |
| C. H. Crossman b Wilson                 | 2  |
| L. J. Reid b Wilson                     | 82 |
| Burton b Wilson                         | 43 |
| H. C. Evans not out                     | 16 |
| E. Roberts c Shaw b Wilson              | 4  |
| Extras                                  | 18 |

Total 346

**Second Innings.**

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| L. G. Hosier not out    | 0  |
| C. H. Crossman b Wilson | 0  |
| H. C. Evans not out     | 13 |
| Total (1 wkt.)          | 13 |

**LINCOLNSHIRE.—First Innings.**

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| J. W. Tomlinson b Burton          | 10 |
| E. E. Hallam b Burton             | 4  |
| R. E. Frearson c Watson b Burton  | 24 |
| B. A. Bashforth b Burton          | 11 |
| W. Gillow c Evans b Roberts       | 20 |
| Rev. H. Mack c Crossman b Roberts | 23 |
| G. Fane-Smith lbw b Evans         | 2  |
| G. Shaw c Fordham b Roberts       | 1  |
| C. Wilson c Fordham b Roberts     | 2  |
| J. W. Smith not out               | 2  |
| H. Hawley b Roberts               | 3  |
| Extras                            | 20 |

Total 128

**Second Innings.**

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| J. W. Tomlinson c Burton b Meyer  | 10 |
| F. E. Hallam b Roberts            | 15 |
| R. E. Frearson c Watson b Burton  | 98 |
| B. A. Bashforth c Watson b Burton | 25 |
| W. Gillow run out                 | 12 |
| Rev. H. Mack c Cowley b Burton    | 22 |
| G. Fane-Smith not out             | 11 |
| G. Shaw b Burton                  | 0  |
| C. Wilson b Burton                | 0  |
| J. W. Smith c Meyer b Roberts     | 6  |
| H. Hawley lbw b Roberts           | 0  |
| Extras                            | 25 |

Total 228

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

**HERTS.—First Innings.**

|              | O  | M | R  | W |
|--------------|----|---|----|---|
| Wilson       | 30 | 8 | 69 | 9 |
| J. W. Smith  | 31 | 9 | 98 | 4 |
| Hawley       | 15 | 1 | 53 | 0 |
| Rev. H. Mack | 16 | 1 | 42 | 0 |
| Gillow       | 1  | 0 | 8  | 0 |
| Frearson     | 5  | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| Hallam       | 8  | 1 | 30 | 0 |

**Second Innings.**

|             |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|
| Wilson      | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| J. W. Smith | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

**Lincs.—First Innings.**

|         |    |   |    |   |
|---------|----|---|----|---|
| Meyer   | 16 | 4 | 33 | 0 |
| Burton  | 17 | 5 | 44 | 4 |
| Roberts | 9  | 3 | 13 | 5 |
| Evans   | 7  | 1 | 12 | 1 |

**Second Innings.**

|         |    |   |    |   |
|---------|----|---|----|---|
| Meyer   | 12 | 4 | 54 | 1 |
| Burton  | 23 | 2 | 74 | 5 |
| Roberts | 18 | 6 | 42 | 3 |
| Evans   | 2  | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Reid    | 3  | 0 | 20 | 0 |





# COUNTY. CRICKET AT STEVENAGE.

## HERTS ENTERTAIN LINCOLNSHIRE.

### SPLENDID WIN FOR HOME COUNTY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.)

The wicket at Stevenage was in perfect condition on Monday for the first day of the Minor Counties Championship match between Hertfordshire and Lincolnshire. This was the first time the teams had met since before the war, and the very first occasion on which Lincolnshire had visited Stevenage.

The Hertfordshire captain, Mr. L. J. Reid, beat Major Wilson, the Lincolnshire skipper, at the toss, and of course decided to bat, sending in L. G. Hosier, of St. Albans, who was making his re-appearance for the county after an interval of many years, and C. B. Fordham, a promising young batsman, whose home is at Puckeridge, to open the innings. The umpires were R. Munds and A. Beet.

The opening pair began moderately to the bowling of Hawley and Wilson. After they had put on 18 in the first 20 minutes, including three 4's, Wilson took himself off in favour of J. W. Smith, and then the next over relieved Hawley at the top end, four byes coming from his first ball. Forty-one was on the board as a result of thirty-five minutes' play, when Smith bowled Fordham off his legs, the ball taking his off stump. Fordham's 17 included three 4's. Watson, the Stevenage batsman, joined Hosier, and showed a tendency to "nibble" at Wilson's off balls. He took a single and then a two and a four through slips off consecutive balls, but was caught at the wicket off the next ball in attempting a similar shot. Two wickets were down for 36.

Titchmarsh, the famous Herts and M.C.C. batsman, received an ovation when he left to join Hosier. He did not remain very long, however, for at 63 he fell to a capital catch off a very hard drive to square leg, Bashford knocking the ball up and catching it at the second attempt. After Cowley had joined Hosier, the Rev. Mack took the ball in place of Wilson. An hour's batting yielded 64 runs, and at this total Hosier skied a ball from Smith to cover-point, where he was easily taken by Frearson. His 32 included five 4's. Meyer, the Herts and Cambridge University cricketer, was the next batsman in, and the score mounted steadily in the next 20 minutes to 87, at which total Hawley relieved Smith with the ball. Five minutes later the 100 went up on the board principally as a result of some fine foreing strokes by Meyer, who began to open his shoulders at both bowlers. Cowley, too, commenced to hit, and obtained a very pretty boundary with a well-timed drive through the covers. Although the pace of scoring increased, the Lincolnshire fielding was not to blame, the picking-up and throwing-in being generally very smart. A double change was made in the bowling at 125, Gillow going on for the Rev. Mack, and Frearson for Hawley. Frearson sent up a full toss to Meyer in his first over, and it went to the boundary in the twinkling of an eye.

#### LUNCHEON INTERVAL.

At the luncheon interval, after a partnership which had realised 67 in 40 minutes, Cowley had scored 31 and Meyer 35. The scoreboard showed the total at 131 for 4 wickets.

The first over after lunch from Wilson at the top end was a maiden. Smith relieved Frearson at the other end, and Meyer took a 4 off him. Fifteen minutes after the resumption Meyer completed his half century with a 4 off Smith, and the next ball he lifted for the first 6 of the match. At 168 Wilson missed a chance at mid-off from Cowley off Smith's bowling. The Lincolnshire captain, however, had his revenge, for he got Meyer caught on the edge of the boundary off the first ball of his next over, Tomlinson taking a huge drive, which was almost a 6, with one hand. Meyer took 70 minutes to make his runs, and his 60 included a 6 and seven 4's. Five wickets were down for 168, a most valuable partnership having realised 104 runs. Shortly after being joined by Crossman, Cowley completed his individual 50. After making only two runs, Crossman was bowled by Wilson, six wickets being down for 182.

After being joined by Reid, the Hertfordshire skipper, Cowley took a 6 with a beautiful on-drive from Smith, but immediately afterwards he was caught off the same bowler by Fane-Smith at long-on, seven wickets being down for 188. Cowley's 61 included a 6 and seven 4's, and he was batting ninety minutes. The Rev. Mack relieved Wilson at 196. With a four past cover-point off Mack, Reid sent up the 200, after the innings had lasted within two or three minutes of three hours. The rate of scoring, which had slackened, began to increase again, ten runs coming in four minutes, the Hertfordshire captain getting one or two pretty shots on the off side. Hawley took the ball in place of Smith at 212. A noticeable feature of the Lincolnshire side's performance in the field was the capital fielding of Frearson. He showed a wonderful turn of speed, and picking up on the run, was responsible for some very quick and accurate returns.

At 240 Hallam relieved Mack with the ball, and Reid pulled his first and third deliveries to the rails. Both batsmen continued to score freely, and at 258 Frearson took the ball from Hallam, Burton treating himself to a 4 off the first delivery. Shortly afterwards, Reid completed his 50, and Hallam relieved Hawley with the ball at the bottom end. At 278 Hallam failed to hold a sharp return from Reid. The batsmen seemed to be well set, and another bowling change took place, Wilson going on for Frearson.

#### HERTS CAPTAIN'S FINE INNINGS.

The tea interval was taken with the score at 295 for seven wickets, Reid and Burton having been together for an hour and a half, during which time their partnership had realised 107 runs. Smith took the ball in favour of Hallam on the resumption, and the 300 went up in the first over. Wilson soon relieved Smith at the pavilion end, and Frearson took over at the top end. Wilson's fourth ball bowled the Hertfordshire captain, who had batted two hours for his 82, which included eleven 4's. The partnership of one hour and 50 minutes between himself and Burton had realised 129 runs. The score read 317 for eight wickets. Smith relieved Frearson at the top end. At 318 Burton was bowled in attempting a big hit off Wilson, having played a most useful innings of 43, which took him two hours to make.

The last wicket pair, Evans and Roberts, were both under 18 years of age, and both were playing their first game for the county. Evans showed very promising form with the bat. The innings closed when Roberts was taken behind the wicket off Wilson, Hertfordshire having been at the wicket four hours and three-quarters for 346 runs, not a bad rate of scoring. Wilson took six wickets for 69 runs, and Smith four for 98.

Tomlinson and Hallam opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Meyer and Burton, but after getting the latter away for a four past deep cover, Hallam was bowled by the Herts professional with the score at 9.

Frearson followed in, but Burton was bowling extremely well, and with the score at 25 he scattered Tomlinson's wicket. Half an hour before the time for drawing stumps, the batsmen appeared successfully against the light, but the players were only in the pavilion for fifteen minutes, and then Frearson and Bashforth played out time.

On Tuesday morning, in brilliant sunshine, the visitors carried the score to 70, when Frearson, who had batted steadily for his 24, was caught by Watson at forward short leg off Burton. Five runs later Burton bowled Bashforth with one that came back and broke the stump. Gillow and Mack added 26 runs, when Gillow was splendidly caught at long-on by Evans. Evans relieved Burton with the ball at the pavilion end, and in his fourth over secured his first wicket in county cricket, when he obtained an lbw decision against Fane-Smith, six wickets being down for 119 runs. In Roberts' next over, and with one run added, Shaw skied one for Ford-

ham to take at cover-point. Wilson was caught in a similar manner at 122, and two runs later Mack was taken behind the wicket off the same youthful bowler, who seemed to be puzzling the batsmen with his breaks. The last wicket fell to Roberts after the innings had lasted 140 minutes for 128 runs. Lincolnshire followed on with arrears of 218 runs. Roberts secured five wickets for 13 runs, a splendid analysis. He bowled 9 overs, three of which were maidens. Burton took four wickets for 44 runs, Evans one for 12, and Meyer none for 33.

The visitors' second innings opened with Bashforth and Frearson to the bowling of Meyer and Burton. The score mounted slowly to 20, after which it increased in pace, and no less than 16 runs came off one over from Meyer. Roberts relieved Meyer at the top end at 48, and the half century went up in 25 minutes. After a partnership lasting half an hour Bashforth cocked up a ball from Burton in easy fashion to Watson at short leg, and one wicket was down for 60 runs. The luncheon interval was taken at this point, after which Mack joined Frearson, the bowling being in the hands of Burton and Meyer. The score mounted to 80 in 12 minutes, at which point Roberts took the ball from Meyer. Mack took the first 6 registered for the visitors with a big drive over the bowler's head from Roberts. In all, ten runs came from this over, and the 100 went up 24 minutes after the resumption, after the innings had lasted a minute or two short of the hour.

#### FREARSON IN FORM.

The second wicket fell at 102, Mack putting up a catch to Cowley at mid-on off Burton. Frearson was batting in very easy style, but when he had scored 45, he gave a sharp chance to Watson at square leg, which was not accepted. At 118 Meyer, who had up to this point had no success, went on, and during his first over Frearson drove him round to square leg, but the ball, which would probably have gone to the boundary, was unintentionally stopped by the umpire, and the over was a maiden. Reid, the Herts captain, took the ball in place of Roberts, and in his first over Frearson completed his half-century after batting an hour and twenty minutes. In his following over Meyer took his first wicket in the match, Burton taking a catch from Tomlinson on the leg side. The three wickets had produced the fine total of 125 runs. Reid did not remain on for many overs, and he was relieved at the top end by Evans. Gillow remained with Frearson for 20 minutes, the partnership producing 40 runs before the former was run out, the victim of a smart return by Evans at cover point. Four wickets were down for 165 runs. Burton relieved Meyer when Hallam went in to join Frearson. Both batsmen treated Roberts, who had relieved Evans, with great respect, and at 192 he bowled Hallam, who had contributed 15 to the total.

The 200 went up after the visitors had been batting two hours, and ten minutes, and before the total had been increased Smith was caught by Meyer off Roberts for an individual score of 6. Wilson, who joined Frearson, was troubled by Burton, and succumbed without scoring. Seven wickets were down for 203 runs. Shaw, who followed in, was also a short liver, playing one of Burton's on to his wicket with the total at 209. The Hertfordshire total was passed after the visitors had batted two hours and a half. With the score at 227, when he was within two of his century, Frearson chopped a ball from Burton into the hands of Watson at slip. He had taken two hours and forty minutes to make his score, which included twelve 4's. The innings closed for 228, Hawley being out lbw to Roberts. Hertfordshire were thus left to make 11 to win. Burton took five wickets for 74 runs, Roberts three for 42, Meyer 1 for 54, Reid none for 20, and Evans none for 13.

Crossman and Evans opened Hertfordshire's second venture to the bowling of Wilson and Smith. Evans opened the scoring with a four off Smith through the slips. Crossman was bowled by Wilson with the score at 4, and Hosier went in. Evans took another 4 off Smith, this time round to leg, and he followed with a single in the same over. The same player made the winning stroke a minute later from Wilson. Hertfordshire thus won the match by 9 wickets. Wilson's one wicket cost him four runs.

#### Scores:— Hertfordshire.

| 1st innings.                          |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| L. G. Hosier, c Frearson b Smith      | 32         |
| C. B. Fordham, b Smith                | 17         |
| L. A. Watson, c Shaw b Wilson         | 7          |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c Bashforth b Smith | 4          |
| R. B. Cowley, c Fane-Smith, b Smith   | 61         |
| R. J. O. Meyer, c Tomlinson b Wilson  | 60         |
| G. M. Crossman, b Wilson              | 2          |
| L. J. Reid, b Wilson                  | 82         |
| Burton, b Wilson                      | 43         |
| H. C. Evans, not out                  | 16         |
| E. Roberts, c Shaw b Wilson           | 4          |
| Extras                                | 18         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>346</b> |

| 2nd innings.             |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| G. M. Crossman, b Wilson | 0         |
| H. C. Evans, not out     | 13        |
| L. G. Hosier, not out    | 0         |
| Extras                   | 0         |
| <b>Total (1 wicket)</b>  | <b>13</b> |

| Lincolnshire.                      |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1st innings.                       |            |
| J. W. Tomlinson, b Burton          | 10         |
| E. E. Hallam, b Burton             | 4          |
| R. E. Frearson, c Watson, b Burton | 24         |
| B. A. Bashforth, b Burton          | 11         |
| W. Gillow, c Evans b Roberts       | 20         |
| Rev. H. Mack, c Crossman b Roberts | 23         |
| G. Fane-Smith, lbw b Evans         | 2          |
| G. Shaw, c Fordham b Roberts       | 1          |
| C. Wilson, c Fordham b Roberts     | 2          |
| J. W. Smith, not out               | 2          |
| H. Hawley, b Roberts               | 3          |
| Extras                             | 26         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>128</b> |

| 2nd innings.                       |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| J. W. Tomlinson, c Burton b Meyer  | 10         |
| E. E. Hallam, b Roberts            | 15         |
| R. E. Frearson, c Watson b Burton  | 98         |
| B. A. Bashforth, c Watson b Burton | 25         |
| W. Gillow, run out                 | 12         |
| Rev. H. Mack, c Cowley b Burton    | 22         |
| G. Fane-Smith, not out             | 11         |
| G. Shaw, b Burton                  | 4          |
| C. Wilson, b Burton                | 0          |
| J. W. Smith, c Meyer b Roberts     | 6          |
| H. Hawley, lbw b Roberts           | 0          |
| Extras                             | 25         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>228</b> |

**COUNTY CRICKET AT CHESHUNT.**

**HERTS v. CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**  
**Good Win for Herts.**

For the benefit of the Cheshunt groundsman, Pritchard, this minor counties game was played at the Cheshunt Recreation ground on Wednesday, and yesterday (Thursday). The home team won the toss and started with Fordham and Hozier, Colville and Williams taking up the attack. The first half hour's batting only produced 20 runs (well behind the clock). With the half century Titchmarsh who had batted 30 minutes for 17 runs, was caught from a "skyer" by Colville. The first 50 took over an hour to secure, the slowness of the scoring being accounted for by the state of the wicket and the outfield. At 79 Fordham, who had played in a correct and faultless manner for 90 minutes for his score of 35, was smartly taken at the wicket. The score was gradually taken to 132 for six, thanks to the fine partnership of Grimdsell and Crossman, when rain stopped play. At five o'clock, however, the rain cleared. The innings, which had lasted 4½ hours, closed for 215.

The visitors' bowling analysis was: Leek, four for 43; P. Williams, two for 37; V. Colville, one for 47; F. Norton, one for 23; Ridgeon, one for 7; and P. S. Morton, one for 45. Colville had seven maiden overs.

**THURSDAY'S PLAY.**

When the game was resumed on Thursday, Cambridge piled up a total of 141, with A. S. Ling, who went in first, top scorer with a faultless 61. Hertfordshire in their second innings scored 116 for five, when King declared, leaving Cambridge 2½ hours to get 190 runs. The visitors were, however, unable to do this and were all out for 98. Hertfordshire thus winning by 92 runs. Scores:—

|  |     |
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| <b>Hertfordshire.</b>                    |     |
| 1st Innings.                             |     |
| C. B. Fordham, c Cockell, b P. S. Morton | 35  |
| L. G. Hozier, b Colville                 | 6   |
| L. A. Watson, b Williams                 | 3   |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c Colville, b Ridgeon  | 17  |
| R. B. Cowley, c Carnegie Brown, b Leek   | 19  |
| R. J. O. Meyer, c Carnegie Brown, b Leek | 12  |
| G. M. Crossman, c Williams, b Leek       | 34  |
| A. Grimdsell, c Williams, b F. Norton    | 42  |
| L. J. Reid, not out                      | 31  |
| F. Burton, b Williams                    | 1   |
| F. Roberts, c Williams, b Leek           | 2   |
| Extras                                   | 13  |
| Total                                    | 215 |
| 2nd Innings.                             |     |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, b Morton               | 44  |
| P. G. Hozier, st Cockell, b Covill       | 18  |
| R. B. Cowley, c Cockell, b P. S. Morton  | 7   |
| R. J. O. Meyer, b Leek                   | 14  |
| G. M. Crossman, not out                  | 15  |
| L. A. Watson, c Ling, b Leek             | 1   |
| C. B. Fordham, not out                   | 10  |
| Extras                                   | 7   |
| Total (5 wkts)                           | 116 |
| <b>Cambridgeshire.</b>                   |     |
| 1st Innings.                             |     |
| A. S. Ling, b Meyer                      | 61  |
| P. Williams, c Crossman, b Meyer         | 10  |
| Carnegie-Brown, b Meyer                  | 4   |
| F. A. Ridgeon, lbw, b Roberts            | 17  |
| H. B. Hart, c Fordham, b Roberts         | 19  |
| F. W. Parfitt, c Meyer, b Roberts        | 0   |
| G. H. Leek, c Meyer, b Roberts           | 10  |
| P. S. Morton, c Hozier, b Roberts        | 0   |
| H. J. Covill, c & b Meyer                | 11  |
| F. Norton, not out                       | 0   |
| H. W. Cockell, c Hozier, b Roberts       | 0   |
| Extras                                   | 9   |
| Total                                    | 141 |
| 2nd Innings.                             |     |
| A. S. Ling, c & b Roberts                | 46  |
| T. Ridgeon, c Fordham, b Meyer           | 3   |
| Carnegie-Brown, b Meyer                  | 0   |
| E. Leek, c Grimdsell, b Burton           | 9   |
| P. S. Morton, b Meyer                    | 0   |
| P. Williams, c Crossman, b Meyer         | 0   |
| H. P. Hart, b Meyer                      | 6   |
| F. W. Parfitt, lbw, b Meyer              | 10  |
| V. Covill, lbw, b Roberts                | 0   |
| F. Norton, not out                       | 16  |
| W. Cockell, b Morton                     | 3   |
| Extras                                   | 5   |
| Total                                    | 98  |

**COUNTY CRICKET AT CHESHUNT.**

**Herts v. Cambridgeshire.**

For the benefit of the Cheshunt groundsman, Pritchard, this minor counties game was played at the Cheshunt Recreation Ground on Wednesday and yesterday (Thursday). The home team won the toss and started with Fordham and Hozier, Colville and Williams taking up the attack. There was no life in the pitch, and the ball at times got up very awkwardly. With the score at 9, Hozier was bowled by Colville. Watson came in, and after scoring three singles, was bowled by Williams. Titchmarsh followed, and got off the mark with a single. The first half-hour's batting only produced 20 runs (well behind the clock). With the half-century, Titchmarsh, who had batted 30 minutes for 17 runs, was caught out with a "skyer" by Colville, bowled Ridgeon. The first 50 took over an hour to secure, the slowness of the scoring being accounted for by the state of the wicket, and the out-fielding. At 60, there was a further change in the bowling. Leek and Ridgeon (the Cambridgeshire skipper) taking up the attack. At 79, Fordham, who had played in a correct and faultless manner for 90 minutes for his score of 35, was smartly taken at the wickets. At 92, Cowley was caught by Carnegie-Brown, of Leek's first over, and five runs later Meyer was caught off a huge hit in the long field. The score was gradually taken to 132 for 5, thanks to the fine partnership of Grimdsell and Crossman, when rain stopped play. At 5 o'clock, however, the rain cleared, and at 166, Crossman was caught off a rising ball for a splendidly played 34. L. J. Reid then partnered Grimdsell, and the two put on 44 for the 8th wicket, when Grimdsell, who had played a very fine innings, was out to a catch in the long field. The Herts tail had been "waggins," and after Roberts' had been caught for 2, the innings, which had lasted 4½ hours, closed for 215.

The visitors' bowling analysis was:—Leek, 4 for 43; P. Williams, 2 for 37; V. Colville, 1 for 47; F. Norton, 1 for 23; Ridgeon, 1 for 7; and P. S. Morton, 1 for 45. Colville had seven maiden overs. Scores:—

|  |     |
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| <b>HERTFORDSHIRE (1st Innings).</b>  |     |
| C. B. Fordham, c Cockell, b P. S. Morton   | 35  |
| L. G. Hozier, b Colville   | 6   |
| L. A. Watson, b Williams   | 3   |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c Colville, b Ridgeon  | 17  |
| R. B. Cowley, c Carnegie Brown, b Leek   | 19  |
| R. J. O. Meyer, c Carnegie Brown, b Leek   | 12  |
| G. M. Crossman, c Williams, b Leek   | 34  |
| A. Grimdsell, c Williams, b F. Norton  | 42  |
| L. J. Reid, not out  | 31  |
| T. Burton, b Williams  | 1   |
| F. Roberts, c Williams, b Leek   | 2   |
| Extras   | 13  |
| Total  | 215 |
| When the game was resumed on Thursday, Cambridge piled up a total of 141, with A. S. Ling, who went in first, top scorer with a faultless 61. Hertfordshire, in their second innings, scored 116 for five, when they declared, leaving Cambridge 2½ hours to get 190 runs. The visitors were, however, unable to do this, and were dismissed for 98. Herts thus won by 92 runs. Scores:— |     |
| <b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE (1st Innings).</b>   |     |
| A. S. Ling, b Meyer  | 61  |
| P. Williams, c Crossman, b Meyer   | 10  |
| Carnegie-Brown, b Meyer  | 4   |
| F. A. Ridgeon, lbw, b Roberts  | 17  |
| H. B. Hart, c Fordham, b Roberts   | 19  |
| F. W. Parfitt, c Meyer, b Roberts  | 0   |
| G. H. Leek, c Meyer, b Roberts   | 10  |
| P. S. Morton, c Hozier, b Roberts  | 0   |
| H. J. Covill, c & b Meyer  | 11  |
| F. Norton, not out   | 0   |
| H. W. Cockell, c Hozier, b Roberts   | 0   |
| Extras   | 9   |
| Total  | 141 |
| <b>HERTS (2nd Innings).</b>  |     |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, b P. S. Morton   | 44  |
| P. G. Hozier, st Cockell, b Covill   | 18  |
| R. B. Cowley, c Cockell, b P. S. Morton  | 7   |
| R. J. O. Meyer, b Leek   | 14  |
| G. M. Crossman, not out  | 15  |
| L. A. Watson, c Ling, b Leek   | 1   |
| C. B. Fordham, not out   | 10  |
| Extras   | 7   |
| Total for 5 wickets  | 116 |

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| <b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE (2nd Innings).</b> |    |
| A. S. Ling, c and b Roberts          | 46 |
| T. Ridgeon, c Fordham, b Meyer       | 3  |
| Carnegie Brown, b Meyer              | 0  |
| F. Leek, c Grimdsell, b Burton       | 9  |
| P. S. Morton, b Meyer                | 0  |
| P. Williams, c Crossman, b Meyer     | 0  |
| H. P. Hart, b Meyer                  | 6  |
| F. W. Parfitt, lbw, b Meyer          | 10 |
| V. Covill, lbw, b Roberts            | 0  |
| F. Norton, not out                   | 16 |
| W. Cockell, b Morton                 | 3  |
| Extras                               | 5  |
| Total                                | 98 |

**SCHOOLBOY CRICKET.**

**Enfield Boys Again Beat Cheshunt Boys.**

The annual encounter between teams representative of Cheshunt Elementary Schoolboys and Enfield Elementary Schoolboys, for the handsome silver shield presented by the Cheshunt and Enfield Cricket Clubs, took place on Friday afternoon at the Cheshunt Recreation Ground before a good attendance. The yearly match is eagerly looked forward to by the lads, and though the Enfield youngsters have so far won on every occasion, including Friday's event, Cheshunt still have hopes of "retrieving the ashes." The Cheshunt side showed a marked improvement on last year's performance, and, though they were defeated, they were not disgraced. It must be remembered also that the Enfield side has a bigger area from which to draw likely recruits.

Friday's game was keenly contested, and, though neither side played brilliantly, it was abundantly evident that each side was enthusiastic. Cheshunt won the toss, and the skipper, with Carr-like tactics, elected that the visitors should bat first on a perfect wicket. Nicholls was early bowled for a "duck" but Fay, Daines, and Richbell (the latter with the highest score of the game—22) soon put the Enfield lads in a favourable position, and, although Richardson bowled well for the Cheshunt side, he was not well backed up in the fielding. Several catches were missed, especially in the slips, though, on the other hand, the Enfield boys did not take all the opportunities for scoring which came their way. Enfield registered 89, to which Cheshunt replied with 66. Richardson being top sawyer for the home side, with 11. Richardson took 5 wickets for 27 runs. In the second innings, Enfield were easily the superior eleven, securing 56 for 8 wickets, to which Cheshunt could only reply with 13, all out. Scores:—

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| <b>ENFIELD.</b>                   |    |
| Nicholls c Chapman, b Richardson  | 0  |
| Fay, b Rudkin                     | 17 |
| Danes, c J. Swain, b H. Swain     | 16 |
| Richbell, c Edwards, b Richardson | 22 |
| Preston, b Richardson             | 9  |
| Farr, b Richardson                | 0  |
| Fisher, c Richardson, b Swain     | 6  |
| Hull, c Edwards, b Swain          | 0  |
| Jensen, not out                   | 12 |
| Kirby, b Richardson               | 0  |
| Edwards, b Richardson             | 1  |
| Extras                            | 6  |
| Total                             | 89 |
| <b>CHESHUNT.</b>                  |    |
| H. Swain, b Preston               | 2  |
| Rudkin, c Jensen, b Richbell      | 3  |
| Rumbell, b Preston                | 10 |
| J. Swain, c Hull, b Danes         | 10 |
| Edwards, b Preston                | 3  |
| Richardson, c Edwards, b Danes    | 11 |
| J. May, b Richbell                | 7  |
| Goodwin, c Preston, b Richbell    | 0  |
| Kelly, b Danes                    | 0  |
| Chapman, run out                  | 6  |
| Rudge, not out                    | 4  |
| Extras                            | 9  |
| Total                             | 66 |

HERTS WELL BEATEN.

At Cokenach, on Monday and Tuesday, Herts were well beaten, on the first innings, by Norfolk. Batting first, Norfolk ran up the big score of 327, of which Stevens got 117, Falcon 83 and Coldham 51.

Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like M. Falcon, H. F. Low, J. M. Coldham, etc.

Bowling.—Meyer, 27.0. 63r. 4w.; Burton, 31-1-14-3; Roberts, 25-3-72-3; Fordham, 6-0-18-0; Reid, 4-0-27-0.

Hertfordshire. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like C. B. Fordham, J. G. Bland, L. H. Watson, etc.

Bowling.—Falcon, 23.20. 9m. 41r. 5w.; Mower, 23-7-42-3; Covill, 5-2-7-0; Nicholls, 21-7-35-1; Guthergood, 3-0-13-0.

HERTFORD TROUNCED.

Hertford put up a very poor show against the County Club, at Hertford, on Friday, and in their two innings, could score only 53 and 49 respectively.

Hertford. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like A. H. Fish, W. B. Thompson, W. C. Hunt, etc.

Bowling.—Marsh, 15.0-2m.-28r.-4w.; Cuthbertson, 14.3-6-25-6. Second Innings. W. B. Thompson, hit wkt., b Roberts 10.

County Club. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like G. R. Walker, J. G. Bland, L. A. Watson, etc.

Bowling.—Fish, 18.0-0m.-76r.-1w.; Payne, 6-0-11-0; Pearce, 8-1-37-0; Pavler, 11-2-31-0; Stalley, 7-0-89-0; C. Hunt, 3-0-17-0; Thompson, 4-0-13-0; G. C. Hunt, 3-0-16-0; Nicholls, 1-0-3-0.

HARPENDEN DRAW.

The match between Harpenden and Barnet, on Saturday, on the latter's ground, was not finished, owing to the rain, and was left drawn.

Harpenden. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like A. R. Hassell, J. H. Molyneux, J. E. Davenport, etc.

Bowling.—Stillwell, 10.2m. 70r. 4w.; Ingleson, 10-2-58-4; Sutcliffe, 6-1-17-0; Purton, 5-0-31-3.

Barnet. S. G. Etheridge, c and b Roberts 0; P. Hahn, not out 22; G. Cox, c Mole, b Roberts 28; C. F. Etheridge, not out 13; Extras 0.

Total (2 wks.) 63. H. L. Judge, T. Hahn, J. M. Lawson, C. D. Campton, T. H. Nicholson, K. Back and W. Skinner did not bat.

Bowling.—W. H. Marsh, 8.30-1m.-30r.-0w.; E. Roberts, 8-2-33-2.

ST. ALBANS' BIG SCORE.

Rain, unfortunately, stopped play at Clarence Park, St. Albans, on Saturday, in the game between St. Albans and Hemel Hempstead.

St. Albans. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like L. G. Hosler, J. G. Bland, W. Lismore, etc.

Total (4 wks., dec.) 267. A. J. Barnes, W. Hillyard, D. Fasnidge, R. Heams and L. Ryder did not bat.

Hemel Hempstead. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like J. W. S. Malden, B. W. Atkins, etc.

Bowling.—Rabone, 5.20-2m.-8r.-0w.; Lismore, 6-1-13-0.

ST. ALBANS II. SUPERIOR.

Taking 3 wickets for 9 runs and 6 for 22, respectively, Parnell and Gentle were responsible for preventing Hemel Hempstead II. scoring more than 47 at Heath Park, on Saturday, against St. Albans II.

Hemel Hempstead II. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like L. Final, W. Tarbox, G. Collier, etc.

Total 47. Bowling.—Gentle, 9.0m. 22r. 6w.; Wilkes, 4-0-10-0; Parnell, 5-1-9-3.

St. Albans II. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like F. C. Moreton, G. Morrison, J. Prunell, etc.

Total (7 wks.) 132. A. Parnell did not bat. Bowling.—W. Tarbox, 4.0m. 20r. 1w.; L. Final, 2-0-10-0; G. Collier, 3-0-13-0; J. Tarbox, 2-0-20-0; W. Wright, 6-0-36-2; F. Hitchcock, 8-0-31-3.

RADLETT AND BUSHEY DRAW.

Radlett started badly in their match with Bushey, on the latter's ground, on Saturday, but a splendid eighth-wicket stand by Stewart (52) and Powell (54) enabled the side to score a total of 184.

Radlett. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like R. J. V. Spurrway, C. C. Dumbleton, L. G. Stanley, etc.

Total 184. Bowling.—Stillwell, 10.2m. 70r. 4w.; Ingleson, 10-2-58-4; Sutcliffe, 6-1-17-0; Purton, 5-0-31-3.

Bushey. Table with columns for Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes names like Flisk, not out, Walker, c Denny, Spurrway, etc.

CRICKET IN BRIEF.

It was bowlers' day at Hill End, when the local team met Welwyn Garden City, who won by four wickets. The wicket was very erratic and the bowlers had all the advantage.

Poor scoring was seen in the match at London Colney, when the home side entertained the Kingham Institute (Watford). Scoring a total of 43 only, London Colney got their opponents out for the miserable score of 27.

A drawn game was the outcome of the encounter of Harpenden N.C.H. (86) with Wheathampstead (86). The N.C.H. batted first (Rogers 19, Speight 14, and Glover 13).

Radlett 'A' were well beaten on their own ground by Bushey II, who batted first. Hilton (37) and Powell (36) made a splendid first-wicket stand.

Rain caused the abandonment of the game between Markyate and Lilley, and, but for this, a very close finish was probable.

Whittlesey Athletic entertained Markyate II. at Stockwood, and lost by 15 runs, no batsman on either side reaching double figures.

Welwyn I. entertained the R.A.F. (Hendon) at Welwyn, but rain stopped the game when, in reply to the home side's total of 199 for 8, the Air Force had scored 77 for the loss of seven wickets.

Radlett and Bushey draw. Radlett started badly in their match with Bushey, on the latter's ground, on Saturday, but a splendid eighth-wicket stand by Stewart (52) and Powell (54) enabled the side to score a total of 184.

Elstree were indebted, to a great extent to G. Macfarlane for the comfortable victory gained over the Alexandria C.C. on Saturday. The visitors score, 40 runs being on the sheet before the first wicket fell.



BEDS' FIRST-INNINGS LEAD.

Hertfordshire's Minor Counties Championship match with Bedfordshire, at Bedford, on Friday and Saturday, was left drawn, Bedfordshire securing three points by reason of their first-innings lead of 111.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Bedfordshire's first innings. H. Davidson, c Crossman, b Roberts 121. H. Davidson, c Crossman, b Roberts 121. H. Davidson, c Crossman, b Roberts 121.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Bedfordshire's second innings. F. Burton, c Page, b Holdstock 5. C. B. Fordham, c Turnbull, b Bovill 3.

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME.

In the Minor Counties Championship at Watford on Monday and Tuesday, Hertfordshire's match with Dorset was left drawn, Dorset taking three points for their lead on the first innings.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Hertfordshire's first innings. R. M. Chadwick, st. Grimsdell, b Cuthbertson 63. Knight, b Cuthbertson 153.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Hertfordshire's second innings. Burton (F.), b Harrison 0. B. Busk 6. C. B. Fordham, c Elderton, b Harrison 61.

A. L. LINGARD'S CENTURY.

Radlett's match with Mill Hill, on Aldenham School's ground, on Saturday, was left drawn. A heavy shower held up play for an hour.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Radlett's match. R. J. V. Spurway, b Jessop 34. T. P. Norria, b Clement 2.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Radlett's match. G. Goodyear, G. I. Stewart and H. P. Denny did not bat. Bowling:—Clements, 110-1m.-29r.-2w.; Buckland, 8-1-32-0; Graham, 6-0-30-0; Jessop, 7-0-46-4; Sintzenich, 3-0-26-0.

LUTON BEAT HARPENDEN.

Bowlers were on top and scores were low, when Luton visited Luton in their return game. Luton were dismissed for 62, S. F. Walthew bowling well to take five wickets for 54, but Harpenden, who were greatly below full strength, fared even worse.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Luton vs Harpenden. W. Brown, b Walthew 3. Major A. J. Mander, c Hassell, b Marsh 13. G. R. Taylor, c and b Walthew 2.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Luton vs Harpenden. A. R. Hassell, b Knight 4. J. H. Molyneux, c Johnson, b Watkins 1.

Bowling:—H. Knight, 170. 8m. 24r. 0w.: E. Watkins, 9-2-21-2; C. R. Taylor, 7-2-20-1.

With six of their regular players either assisting the first team or holiday-making, Harpenden II. were heavily beaten in their return game with Luton II., who finished 97 runs ahead, with two wickets in hand.

DUMPLETON STOPS THE ROT.

St. Albans return game with the London Midland and Scottish Railway, at Clarence Park, on Saturday, was left drawn. The visitors' opening pair put on 112 before they were parted.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for Dumpleton vs St. Albans. C. Rowley, run out 64. T. Weatherburn, c Dumpleton, b Hillyard 47.

Bowling:—C. H. Rabone, 170. 6m. 34r. 0w.; W. Lismore, 17-2-48-0; C. Dumpleton, 4-1-20-0; J. Barnes, 13-0-65-1; W. Hillyard, 9-1-32-1; A. Parnell, 1-0-5-0.

Table of batsmen and bowlers for St. Albans. W. Lismore, b Harris 32. C. H. Rabone, c Bayman b Howard 10.

Bowling:—W. Hillyard, H. Bow Smith, D. Fasnidge and A. Parnell did not bat.

St. Albans II. had an unsuccessful visit to Wembley, where they fared better in the London, Midland and Scottish Railway II. They were short of several of their regular players, but good batting by A. H. Wilkes 34, E. Brimelow 32, and J. Anderson 20 resulted in 106 being telegraphed at the fall of the fifth wicket.

In company with C. Wilson, Fidler took the score to 74 for the third wicket, which fell when Wilson (74) was bowled by Anderson. Joined by E. Bulpit, Fidler continued to get runs quickly, and the St. Albans total was passed without further loss.

Wellingtton's might have forced a win over a weakened Shenley team, on Saturday, had their closure was applied, leaving Shenley with only three-quarters of an hour for batting, and, in that time, Shenley lost five wickets for 24, Adams, and Todd all batted well for Wellingtton.

**Harpenden N.C.H.** gained a good victory over **Clarendon**, at Luton. Clarendon opened very cautiously, the first five overs being maidens. At the wicket over two hours, their total was 105 (M. Hayes 32, Pilbeam 16, not out). J. George-wick took 4 for 34, and 3 for 29, and Wilson 2 for 16. Left with just over an hour for batting, the N.C.H. ran up a total of 140 for 5 wickets, having won the game with only three men dismissed. Glover and Speight put on 71 for the first wicket, before Speight was bowled for a capitally-played 31. Glover continued to bat splendidly, and at the close had made 67, not out, which included a six and eleven hits to the boundary. For Clarendon, Cook took 2 wickets for 27, Hill 1 for 10, and Pilbeam 1 for 18.

**Harpenden St. John's** (43) beat **Markyate II.** (42) by one run, after an exciting game, which was played on Harpenden Common, where the wicket left a lot to be desired. None of the Markyate team reached double figures, and the innings closed for 42. G. Weston (5 for 17), W. Garnet (3 for 5), and P. Dench (2 for 15) doing well with the ball for St. John's, who lost two men for 20. Thereafter, wickets fell cheaply, eight being down for 25, and it looked as though Markyate had the game well in hand. Roberts (12) and Dench (8) retrieved the position, and when they were out the scores were level. The one run necessary for victory was obtained by St. John's before their last man was dismissed.

**Markyate** showed to advantage against **Napsbury**, and won by 59 runs. Napsbury batted first, and started with Wiffen and Colwell. The latter did not stay long, but Wiffen (11) played steady cricket, 6 runs were hard to get against C. Breed (7 for 21) and S. Culver (2 for 20), both being in deadly form, and half the side was out for 21, while nine wickets were down for 30. Roberts and Hawkins hit out for the last wicket, the Napsbury total reaching 42. Markyate opened confidently, Jim Brandham and B. Norris batting well, and before they were parted the issue was settled. Brandham (35) played fine cricket, his score including two sixes. Norris went on to make 28, and S. Archer (8), E. Plitton (9) and W. L. Turney (11) helped to swell the score, the innings closing for 101. Burt bowled well for Napsbury, capturing 7 for 52, and Hillsdon took 2 for 28.

**Napsbury** defeated **Hill End** by seven runs in a closely-contested game, on Thursday. Napsbury, batting first, were given a good start by Wiffen (40) and Colwell (15). Subsequently, wickets fell cheaply, but Bradbury (16), Parker (14) and Burt (10) carried the total to 120. W. Runchman was the most successful bowler for Hill End, taking 6 wickets for 28. Left with an hour and a half to get the runs, Hill End started confidently with Williams and Wilders, and runs came at a steady pace, until Wilders (15) was bowled by Bradbury with the score at 28. Williams (31) and A. Runchman put on 42 for the second wicket, which fell at 70. A collapse, however, followed, and before men were out for 95, but the ninth wicket put on ten. With 15 required for Hill End to win, Hayward and Mordin were playing confidently, and had taken the score to 113, when the latter was unfortunately run out. Bradbury 3 for 32, Hill 3 for 11, and Burt 2 for 40 did best with the ball for Napsbury.

The first century to be scored on the Hill End ground since the war was made by W. Clay, on Saturday, when Hill End entertained the **London and North-Eastern Railway**. The match was left drawn. Hill End declared with 214 for 3, Clay contributing 103 not out and B. Goodchild 45 not out. The visitors, having scarcely had a little more than an hour for batting. Adopting purely defensive tactics, they lost five wickets for 26 in that time, Goodchild taking 3 for 6 and W. Runchman 2 for 7.

A close game was the result of the visit of the **Abbey Old Boys** to **Stag's End**, where the Albanians succeeded by the narrow margin of three runs. They batted first and obtained 60, of which Paul contributed 21, making 19 in one over. Collins (15) and Cain (9) also batted well. Stag's End opened their innings rather badly, losing 6 wickets for 19, but Batchelor (20) checked the rot, and the side totalled 57 (Lewin 14, S. Finch 9), Upton (6 for 20), Archer (2 for 22), and Collins (1 for 12) bowled effectively for Abbey Old Boys, while Sutton (6 for 22), Sales (2 for 7), and Ginger (2 for 29) bowled well for Stag's End.

Poor fielding was the cause of the downfall of **Sandridge** by 17 runs before **St. Albans Gasworks**. Benefiting by no fewer than nine catches being dropped, the Gasworks made 84 (G. Meagher 20, Adams 18, Prior 17). Sandridge replied with 67 (T. Gayton 22, T. Fooks 15, W. Rol 11), Howkins (7 for 27) and Winch (7 for 41) bowled well for the Gasworks and Sandridge respectively.

The **Herts County Club**, visiting **Letchworth**, succeeded by nine runs to the County Club's total of 142. B. P. Mole (35), Brown (26), H. G. Evans (18), R. J. V. Spurway (13) and G. Simeon (11) were the chief contributors. Red-house bowled extremely well for Letchworth. In the course of eighteen overs, eight of which were maiden, he took 7 wickets for 33, hitting the stumps six times. Letchworth's reply was 132 (A. A. Stark 24, E. E. Dennis 24, C. N. Simmons 19, W. Dean 14, G. Redhouse 13, L. E. Garling 13, J. E. Tooke 13). W. H. Marsh bowled throughout the innings, taking 5 wickets for 37 in the course of 32 overs of which eleven were maiden. A. J. Barnes captured the other five wickets at a cost of 52 runs. S. P. Mole, behind the wicket for the County Club performed smartly, stumping three Letchworth batsmen.

**Aldenham** escaped with a draw when they entertained **Morgan Grenfell and Co.** in a twelve-a-side game. The visitors ran up a score of 172. W. W. Hill-Wood (59) and P. Winter (54) both playing attractive cricket, while H. Davison (23) and S. Warren (14) were other players to run into double figures. H. Scott, with 8 wickets for 56, was the most effective of the Aldenham bowlers. The attack of Hill-Wood and Winter, troubled the Aldenham batsmen and, at the close, nine wickets were down for 72. W. Sheppard (18) was top scorer, while A. Wilson made 9 and C. Reed played very patiently for 8 not out.

**Ideal Films, Boreham Wood**, won their match with **Topical Films** by 65 runs. In the second round of the Kinetograph Sports Association's Cup Competition, at Colindale, Ideal made 115, of which V. A. Allen contributed 33. The good bowling of F. W. Ingram (6 for 27) and C. Marlborough (4 for 23), backed up by keen fielding, brought about Topical's dismissal for 51.

**Elstree** were entertained by Sir Trevor and Lady Dawson for the annual match with the staff of **Edgewarebury House**. Ably led by Mr. Hugh Dawson, the Staff put up a good fight, and only succumbed by nine runs. Elstree, who batted first, could only muster 58 runs, Mr. Dawson taking five of the wickets for a very few runs. With seven wickets down for 19 runs, the Staff appeared to be in a hopeless position, but S. Moore demonstrated that a cricket ball could be driven as easily as an automobile, and his score of 18, at which figure he was still undefeated, was mainly responsible for his side's plucky fight, the innings closing for 49.

**Elstree** sustained a severe beating, on Sunday, when **Priory Amateurs** were the visitors to Elstree. Priory Amateurs made 85, and dismissing Elstree for 43 and 49, won by an innings and three runs. They were exceptionally strong in attack, and that, more than any superiority at batting, was the cause of Elstree's downfall. The home team's bowling, on the contrary, was not up to the usual standard, Macfarlane alone being dangerous, his six wickets costing 29 runs. West, who took 4 for 24, was a long time finding a proper length, his last three wickets being obtained for five runs. Portsmouth, although being unable to get a wicket, proved very inexpensive, only thirteen runs being scored from seven overs. The Elstree batting was featureless, with the exception of a bright innings by Craker, who obtained 24 runs at his second visit to the crease.

**Hatfield's** match with **Welwyn** was left drawn. Hatfield, after losing five wickets for 46, ran up a total of 176, of which E. Elliott made 97. His was a brisk knock, and he was, perhaps, unfortunate to be caught by Bulloch when three short of the century. He attacked the bowling vigorously, and received good support from J. Simpson (24) and J. Hilsden (11), but of the earlier batsmen only D. Richardson (12) reached double figures. T. Down and A. Hillingworth took five wickets each for Welwyn, at a cost of 45 and 83 respectively. Welwyn had made 119 for 6 when stumps were drawn (K. Bulloch 34 not out, M. Dewar 24, D. Thomas 20, A. Hillingworth 11 not out, T. Down 10). E. Hickson (3 for 25), J. Simpson (1 for 11), I. Richardson (1 for 18) and A. Fuller (1 for 21) were the Hatfield bowlers to take the wickets.

**Welwyn II.** failed by 47 runs in their home match with **Stevenage II.** The opening batsmen failed badly, and half the side was out for 12. T. Adams tried hard to retrieve the situation. He made 16, and, with the help of Harris (6), Crowe (8) and Coggins (3 not out), he saw the total reach 51. Boorman (5 for 19) and Kingsland (3 for 19) were the bowlers to cause the collapse. Stevenage had drawn level when their fourth wicket fell, and, eventually, totalled 98 (Boorman 27, King 19, Moules 18, Franklin 9, Hemmings 9). W. Squires (3 for 16), Harris (3 for 26) and Pickering (3 for 28) were the most successful of the six bowlers tried by Welwyn. **Welwyn Garden City** lost at **Watton** by 18 runs. Apart from some capital bowling by R. J. O. Meyer, the Cambridge Blue and Herts County player, and E. Lloyd, of Dulwich Hamlet, a Surrey Colt, the ground was largely responsible for the defeat of Welwyn Garden City, as the extremely long grass, from the edge of the table to the outfield, penalised good strokes. **Welwyn Garden City** made 57 (Field 15, Hemmings 12, North 11), E. Lloyd taking 6 wickets for 25 and R. J. O. Meyer 3 for 22. Despite some magnificent bowling by Stroud (Welwyn Garden City), who took ten wickets for 27, Watton's total reached 75 (D. Meyer 23, F. Bonnett 11). Stroud's caught-and-bowled dismissal of R. J. O. Meyer was a splendid catch from a stinging return.

In the game between **Welwyn Garden City** and **Watton II.**, at Welwyn Garden City, Watton, after dismissing the Garden Citizens for 111, compiled 133 for 8 wickets, to finish 22 runs ahead.

**THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.**

**Saturday.**—West Herts v. the Gentlemen of Herts (concluded); Luton v. St. Albans; St. Albans II. v. Luton II.; Harpenden v. Stevenage; Davis (Luton) v. Harpenden II.; Radlett v. Hampstead; Old Finchelans v. Radlett "A"; St. Albans Gasworks v. "X" Division Metropolitan Police; Harpenden P.M.'s v. Luton Clarendon; Wheathampstead v. Harpenden N.C.H.; Welwyn Garden City v. Luton; Colney Heath v. Abbey O.E.; Hill End M.H. v. Gorthambury; Frogmore v. Shenley; Lye House v. Leavesden M.H.; Leighton Wesley Guild v. Markyate; Markyate II. v. Dunstable Young Liberals; Redbourn v. Sandridge; Vickers v. Elstree (at Edgewarebury House).

**Sunday.**—Elstree v. Hampstead Green.  
**Monday.**—County Club v. Young Amateurs (Gillwell Bury).

**Tuesday.**—Gillwell Bury v. Gentlemen of Herts.  
**Wednesday.**—Broxbourne v. Herts County Club.  
**Thursday.**—Lincolnshire v. Hertfordshire (at Grimsby); Napsbury v. "D" Division Metropolitan Police.

## HERTS COUNTY CRICKET WEEK.

### RAIN ROBS DORSET OF PROBABLE VICTORY.

#### C. H. Titchmarsh's Fine Feat.

This week the Herts County Club are holding their annual Cricket Week on the West Herts Sports ground, Cassio-road, the principal matches arranged being two Minor Counties' Competition games—with Dorset and Buckinghamshire; the closing game of the week being between Gentlemen of Herts and the West Herts Club. Last year was the Jubilee of the County Club, and it was then hoped that the event might be celebrated very fittingly by the Club winning the Minor Counties Championship. After a good season they finished fourth from the top of the table, a feat which showed a further gradual rate of improvement, in that in the previous two years they had ended

up fifth and sixth respectively, as compared with the tenth position in 1922. Already this season they had won three full victories, but in two unfinished matches they had been led by opponents on the first innings, so that the concluding championship games to be played left very little margin for any possible set-backs. The Club had been placed under a heavy handicap by the inability of R. J. O. Meyer, the brilliant Cambridge Blue and Haileybury College batsman and bowler, to take part in any of "the Week" matches. Mr. Meyer is shortly going to India to enter into the industry of cotton planting. He was sadly missed in the bowling department on the opening day at Watford, when Dorset provided the opposition.

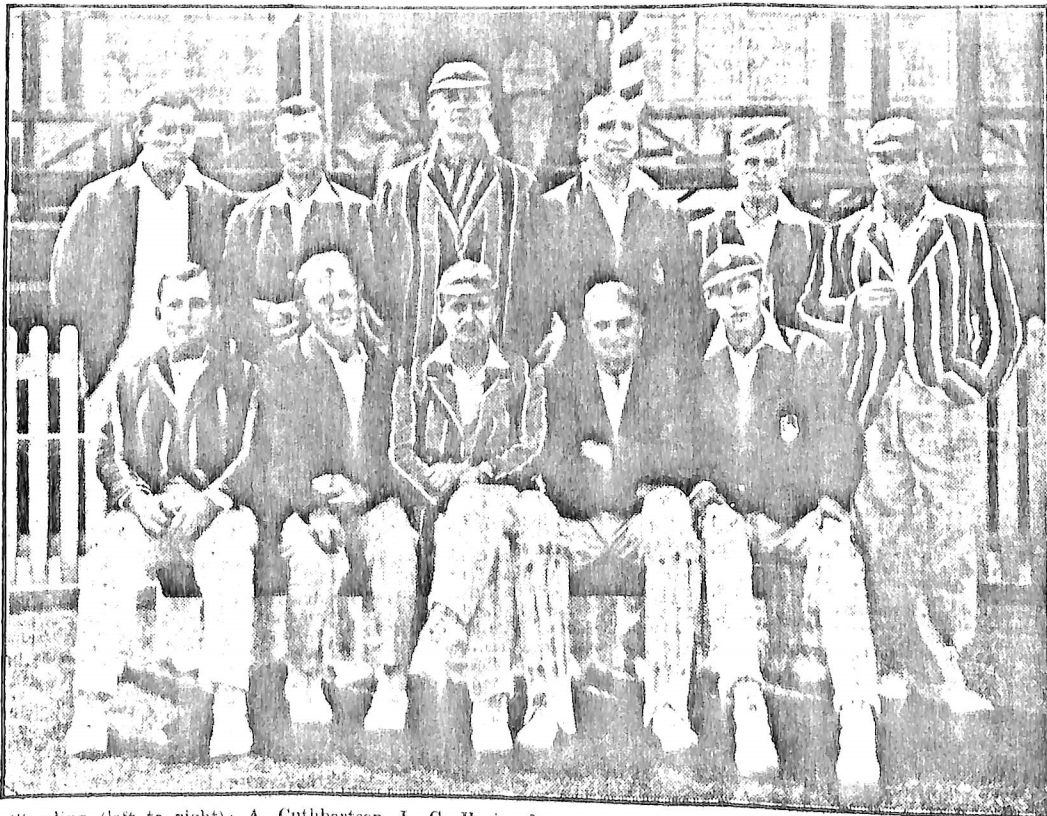
There had been a slight fall of rain when wickets should have been pitched on Monday, and for a time the outlook appeared very gloomy. However, the sun came out, and Dorset, having won the toss, chose first knock on a wicket that proved very easy throughout the day. The umpires were Carlin and Wainwright.

#### DORSET'S OPENING KNOCK.

R. M. Chadwick and Knight opened the Dorset innings at 11.45 to the bowling of Hylton-Stewart and Fordham. Runs came steadily, mostly from singles, and at the end of the first quarter of an hour's play 22 runs had been scored. At 12.10, with the score at 25, Burton went on at the town end for Fordham, and Knight got the first boundary of the match. With the total at 25, Roberts took the ball from Hylton-Stewart. When 18 and the total at 45, Chadwick gave a difficult chance in the long field. He had also been missed at the wicket when 10. The first hour's play produced 83 runs, of which Knight had scored 37 and Chadwick 43. Both batsmen were now showing more enterprise, and several boundary hits were made, chiefly by Chadwick. As they each neared the half-century they displayed considerable caution, and paid great respect to the bowling of Roberts and Burton, who were now sending down stuff that appeared difficult to get away. Chadwick reached his 50 in seventy-five

minutes with a fine stroke to leg off Burton. The 100 had gone up in seventy-two minutes. Knight reached his half-century in eighty minutes. Both batsmen had now collared the bowling, and, although they made occasional weak strokes, they rarely seemed in difficulties. With the total at 122, Cuthbertson relieved Roberts, and Hylton-Stewart went on for Burton in the Herts' attack. Eleven runs later, Chadwick was stumped by Grimsdell, with the total at 133 for one wicket and his own score at 63. He had batted an hour and thirty-five minutes, and had hit six fours. Two runs later Bower was caught at coverpoint by Crossman off Cuthbertson. At the lunch interval Dorset were 139 for two wickets. Soon after the resumption, Elderton left after making six, with the total at 150. Some surprise was felt when Cuthbertson, who had bowled three overs and taken two wickets for six runs, was relieved by Roberts, and Burton, who had not taken a wicket for the 72 runs scored off him, was left on. Knight continued to hit out merrily, scoring mainly on the offside, while Busk put in some pretty leg strokes. The 200 went up after two hours' play. Hylton-Stewart then relieved Burton, who had, for once in a while, met with no success. After two hours and five minutes Knight reached his hundred. Up to then he had given no chance, though he had made several faulty strokes. When Knight had made 115 he

#### HERTFORDSHIRE.



Standing (left to right): A. Cuthbertson, L. G. Hosier, B. D. Hylton-Stewart, A. Grimsdell, C. B. Fordham, R. B. Cowley. Sitting: G. M. Crossman, Burton, C. J. Reed, C. H. Titchmarsh, E. Roberts.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.**



Standing (left to right): G. Clover Brown, L. G. Baker, T. A. Gardiner, E. F. Robson, A. J. James, W. Newberry.  
Sitting: Edwards, W. E. Hazelton, W. B. Franklin, A. U. Payne, O. G. Battcock.

**DORSETSHIRE.**



Standing (left to right): Knight, G. L. Jones, M. B. Bower, F. J. Cummings, C. J. Jowett, C. M. Moberley. Sitting:  
R. M. Chadwick, A. M. Harrison, M. B. Elderton, R. D. Busk. In front: Walby.

gave his first chance, Roberts failing to hold a fairly easy catch at long-off. The Herts fielding was not of the best, and many runs might have been saved by a little smarter work. At 235 Cuthbertson went on for Hylton-Stewart, and nearly had Knight caught at short slip by Reid off his second ball. His first over was a maiden—the first since lunch. With the total at 237, Busk was out lbw. to Roberts, after having made a bright 34. Knight was then 118. Walby was out first ball to a catch by Titchmarsh off Roberts, with the total at 237. Cuthbertson was bowling well, and eventually secured Knight's wicket with a ball that kept low. Knight had been at the wicket for just under three hours for his score of 133 out of a total of 235, which included ten fours and five threes. F. J. Cummins was caught by Cowley off Cuthbertson without another run being added. Cuthbertson met with further success in the same over, clean bowling C. J. Jowett without any addition to the score. A. M. Harrison, who batted with one hand, joined Jones. With the total at 276 for eight, Burton relieved Roberts. Despite the fact that he could only use his right arm—the left being disabled—Harrison made some delightful shots, including boundary hits. The innings, which had lasted about 3½ hours, closed for 289, and the tea interval was then taken. Cuthbertson had the best bowling average with five for 29. He had bowled good length balls at a fair pace, and had been difficult to play.

THE HERTS REPLY.

Herts opened their account with C. B. Fordham and F. Burton opposed to the attack of Busk and Harrison. Only four runs were on the board when Burton was clean bowled by Harrison without having scored. Only five runs had been added when Fordham was caught at the wicket off Harrison, the outgoing batsman having scored six out of a total of nine for two wickets. Hosier's stay was short, as he fell to a catch by Walby off a fast delivery from Busk, without a run being added. Much appeared to depend upon the association of C. H. Titchmarsh and R. B. Cowley. The former soon began to gather runs, chiefly by delightful leg strokes. With the total at 30 Cummins relieved Busk, but runs came steadily, and the 50 went up in the hour. At 57 Moberley relieved Cummins, and was promptly sent to the boundary by Cowley. With his score at 22, Titchmarsh drove a hot one to mid-on, but the fielder could not hold it. Busk came on again at 79, and immediately brought about the dismissal of Cowley, who was caught by Elderton. The outgoing batsman had made 42, including six fours. The partnership had yielded 70 runs in sixty-five minutes. With the total at 84 Crossman was clean bowled by Harrison, without having scored, and Titchmarsh was joined by Grimsdell, who was unfortunately run out when he had scored seven, and the total was 104. Cuthbertson was Titchmarsh's next partner, and he soon opened his shoulders to lift Harrison clean out of the ground. When stumps were drawn for the day, Titchmarsh was not out 41 and Cuthbertson not out 12, the Herts total then being 120 for the loss of six wickets.

Prospects of a resumption of the game at 11 a.m. on the second day were rendered hopeless by a heavy fall of rain, following considerable rain during the night. At 11.30, the downpour having ceased, an inspection of the wicket resulted in the roller being applied and a commencement made at 11.40. Overnight Herts were 169 behind with four wickets to fall, the not outs being Titchmarsh (41) and Cuthbertson (12). They required 70 to save the follow on. The attack was re-opened by Walby and Harrison. After on-driving Walby to the boundary and adding a single, Titchmarsh drove a ball from Harrison into the hands of Busk at mid-off. He had made 46 in about 80 minutes. The total was then 125 for seven. At 151 Busk relieved Walby. Cuthbertson played admirable cricket, but with his score at 161 he fell into a trap set by Busk, cutting a rising ball into the hands of Bower at second slip. Cuthbertson, who is a Letchworth boy, is engaged on the ground staff at Lord's, and showed ability that holds out much promise for his future, both as a batsman and a bowler. With two wickets to fall, Herts now required 29 to save the follow on.

Hylton-Stewart joined Reid, but the latter was caught at square leg with only 8 runs added. The outgoing batsman had made 19. Herts still required 21 to save the follow on when Roberts, the last batsman, went in. After seven runs had been added, Roberts was clean bowled by Busk, and the Herts innings closed at 12.45 with the total at 176, leaving them 113 behind on the first innings.

Herts, therefore, had to follow on, and C. B. Fordham and Burton, at 1 o'clock, again opened their account to the bowling of Busk and Harrison. With 18 on the board, Burton was bowled by Busk for five, and before lunch Hosier was out, the score then being 25 for two wickets.

After lunch, Titchmarsh became associated with Fordham. The latter, when 22, made a hot return to Harrison, who stopped the ball high over his head, but could not hold it. When 14, Titchmarsh survived an appeal for lbw. Runs came at a fair pace, and with the total at 61, Moberley displaced Busk. When Titchmarsh had made 24 in this innings it brought his total to 700 runs for his county in Minor County matches this season, and in the next over Fordham reached his 50 after having batted 105 minutes. With the total at 114, Herts just passed the first innings total of Dorset. Fordham and Titchmarsh continued to meet the bowling with confidence. With the total at 117, C. B. Fordham was caught behind the wicket after having made a masterly 61. The partnership, which had lasted an hour and forty minutes, had yielded 88 runs. When 47 Titchmarsh was struck on the right hand by a fast ball from Busk, but resumed and sent the next ball to the boundary, reaching his 50 in an hour and 42 minutes. He was bowled in the next over by Harrison, after adding another single. The total was then 127 for four. Crossman and Cowley hit hard and put on 63 between them before the former got his leg in front of a ball from Harrison. The total was then 190, with Cowley not out 35. Cuthbertson joined Cowley, and with the total at 197, Herts being then 84 on, the tea interval was taken.

With the total at 202, Cowley was run out after having made 43. A Grimsdell helped to take the score to 213 before being stumped, and when Cuthbertson was caught the Herts total was 215 for eight. Reid fell to a brilliant low catch behind the wicket, with only two runs added. The innings closed for 221, leaving Dorset 109 to get to win in an hour and a half.

With 31 on the board Dorset last Chadwick, who had made eleven. At 6 o'clock a sharp fall of rain occurred, and Bower was caught by Hosier off Roberts with the total at 41. The players were then called off. They resumed in ten minutes, but rain fell again, and caused another cessation. There was no further play, and the game ended in a draw. Dorset gaining points for their first innings lead.

Score and analysis:—

DORSET.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| R. M. Chadwick, st. Grimsdell, b Cuthbertson | 63         |
| Knight, b Cuthbertson                        | 353        |
| M. B. Bower, c Crossman, b Cuthbertson       | 4          |
| M. B. Elderton, c Grimsdell, b Roberts       | 6          |
| Capt. R. D. Busk, lbw. b Roberts             | 54         |
| Walby, c Titchmarsh, b Roberts               | 0          |
| G. L. Jones, b Cuthbertson                   | 14         |
| F. J. Cummins, c Cowley, b Cuthbertson       | 0          |
| C. J. Jowett, b Cuthbertson                  | 0          |
| A. M. Harrison, c Cuthbertson, b Fordham     | 23         |
| C. M. Moberley, not out                      | 10         |
| Extras                                       | 12         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>289</b> |

Second Innings.—R. M. Chadwick, b Burton, 11. Knight, not out, 25. M. B. Bower, c Hosier, b Roberts, 5. M. B. Elderton, not out, 7. Extras, 11. Total (2 wickets), 59.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| C. B. Fordham, b Harrison            | 6          |
| F. Burton, b Harrison                | 0          |
| L. G. Hosier, c Walby, b Busk        | 3          |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c Busk, b Harrison | 46         |
| R. B. Cowley, c Elderton, b Busk     | 42         |
| G. M. Crossman, b Harrison           | 0          |
| A. Grimsdell, run out                | 7          |
| A. Cuthbertson, c Bower, b Busk      | 32         |
| L. G. Reid, c Bower, b Busk          | 19         |
| B. D. Hylton-Stewart, not out        | 9          |
| E. Roberts, b Busk                   | 3          |
| Extras                               | 6          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>176</b> |

Second Innings.—C. B. Fordham, c Elderton, b Busk, 61. F. Burton, b Busk, 5. L. G. Hosier, lbw. b Harrison, 0. C. H. Titchmarsh, b Harrison, 51. R. B. Cowley, run out, 43. G. M. Crossman, lbw. b Harrison, 28. A. Grimsdell, st. Elderton, b Harrison, 9. A. Cuthbertson, c Harrison, b Busk, 7. L. J. Reid, c Elderton, b Busk, 2. H. D. Hylton-Stewart, b Harrison, 2. F. Roberts, not out, 4. Extras, 11. Total, 221.

ANALYSIS OF BOWLING.

Dorset (first Innings).

|                | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hylton-Stewart | 15 | 1  | 49 | 0  |
| Fordham        | 43 | 0  | 10 | 2  |
| Burton         | 21 | 1  | 99 | 0  |
| Roberts        | 29 | 3  | 89 | 3  |
| Cuthbertson    | 12 | 0  | 29 | 5  |

Second Innings.

|                |   |   |    |   |
|----------------|---|---|----|---|
| Hylton-Stewart | 4 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Burton         | 6 | 0 | 22 | 1 |
| Roberts        | 3 | 0 | 15 | 1 |

HERTFORDSHIRE—First Innings.

|          |      |    |    |   |
|----------|------|----|----|---|
| Busk     | 18.5 | 6  | 53 | 4 |
| Harrison | 33   | 14 | 59 | 5 |
| Cummins  | 5    | 0  | 19 | 0 |
| Moberley | 4    | 0  | 22 | 0 |
| Walby    | 9    | 2  | 34 | 0 |

Second Innings.

|          |      |   |    |   |
|----------|------|---|----|---|
| Busk     | 34   | 3 | 73 | 4 |
| Harrison | 28.3 | 3 | 73 | 5 |
| Cummins  | 7    | 0 | 35 | 0 |
| Moberley | 12   | 3 | 38 | 0 |

Bucks' Luck.

WINNING TOSS GIVES THEM BIG ADVANTAGE.

Franklin's Successes.

Delightful weather conditions prevailed when Herts had to take first knock in their match with Buckinghamshire. The wicket had dried rapidly after the heavy rain that fell during the night, but was obviously tricky. For this game Herts had the assistance of R. J. O. Meyer, and this was his last match with the County before his departure to India. Franklin won the toss, and put Herts in first. L. J. Reid and C. B. Fordham were opposed to the attack of W. E. Hazleton and Edwards. The latter secured Fordham's wicket with only two runs on the board. This was a disastrous start, and Fordham's failure was the more surprising after his wonderfully patient and careful innings of the previous day. Cuthbertson opened his account with another fine drive, which went for six, and followed with a four, both off Edwards. He drove the same bowler for another six before being bowled by Hazleton for an innings of 21 made in nine minutes. He had tried to hook the ball to leg in the George Hirst style, but the ball did not rise. Two wickets were down for 25. C. H. Titchmarsh then partnered Reid. With but ten runs added, however, Titchmarsh, after making six, put one into the hands of Edwards, at second slip, off the bowling of Hazleton. Thus three wickets were down for 35. Hazleton's two wickets up to this period had cost him nine runs. R. B. Cowley, who followed, was stumped by Franklin for one. Four wickets for 36! R. J. O. Meyer was Reid's next partner, but he was quickly out, without scoring, with the total at 41 for five. Reid, who had been batting for forty-five minutes, had scored 13 runs when joined by C. Dumpton. The latter's stay was brief, and the sixth wicket fell with the total at 49. The bowling of both Hazleton and Edwards was good, while the Bucks fielding was particularly smart. Runs came very slowly until Crossman sent Hazleton twice to the boundary. Reid was carefully holding his end up, and occasionally getting a few runs. With the total at 68 the first bowling change was made. Payne going on for Hazleton. With the total at 73 Reid, who had been batting for an hour and thirty-five minutes for 21, was smartly caught and bowled by Edwards. Just on lunch time Crossman was caught by Gardner off Hazleton, after making 22. The total was then 86 for eight wickets.

Another wicket dropped soon after luncheon, Burton falling to Hazleton for seven, with the total at 88 for 9. Roberts, who followed, was missed at short slip before another run had been scored, and in the next over he was taken behind the wicket. The Herts innings closed at 2.35 with the total at 94, the innings having lasted an hour and 55 minutes. Hazleton and Edwards shared the bowling honours, the former taking six wickets at a cost of 32 runs, while Edwards's four cost eleven runs apiece.

**BUCKS' SPIRITED RESPONSE.**

Another shower of rain delayed the opening of the Bucks innings, but the weather soon cleared, the sun shining brilliantly when T. A. M. Gardiner and C. Clover Brown went out to face the bowling of Meyer and Hylton-Stewart. Runs were difficult to get, and with five on the board Burton was put on for Hylton-Stewart. The first wicket fell after half an hour's play, Gardiner being caught by Reid, off Meyer, after scoring nine out of a total of 26. With two runs added, Meyer clem bowled L. G. Baker. Two wickets down for 28! This was three more than Herts had made at the fall of their second wicket. At 3.45 there was another shower, but play was resumed in ten minutes, Roberts went on for Burton with the total at 54. The first hour's batting produced 68 runs. Burton then relieved Meyer at the Park end, and, with the total at 80, Crossman smartly stumped Brown, who had batted well for a carefully collected 25, made in one hour ten minutes. At the tea interval Bucks were five behind the Herts score with seven wickets in hand.

On resuming, Roberts and Cuthbertson took up the attack. A 5 o'clock the Herts total was passed, and the 100 was reached after an hour and a half's batting. Franklin scored his 50 after batting seventy-five minutes. Meyer then went on for Cuthbertson, and Hylton-Stewart displaced Roberts at 143. The Herts fielding was none too safe, and the bowling was proving expensive. At 169 Burton replaced Hylton-Stewart. The partnership ended with the total at 187, Hazelton being lbw. to Meyer. He had contributed 11 in a partnership which had yielded 107 runs in an hour and a half. Franklin was 95 not out when joined by Batcock. Without any addition to the score, the new-comer was clean bowled by Meyer. Franklin reached his 100 in an hour and thirty-five minutes. The 200 went up in 3 1/2 hours.

Why Cuthbertson should have been left idle so long was a mystery, and it seemed remarkable that he should have been taken off after bowling three overs at a different end from that at which he had met with success against Dorset. Payne made 12 before getting his leg in front of a ball from Meyer, and the sixth, seventh, and eighth wickets fell with the total at 219, 220, and 239 respectively. At the close of play Bucks were 151 runs on with two wickets to fall, Franklin being not out 123.

**SECOND DAY.**

**Big Hits by Cuthbertson.**

**Herts Tall Wags.**

Bucks resumed at the stipulated time on Thursday morning. Franklin added 15 to his overnight score of 123 not out, making eleven off Meyer's first over, but was eventually well taken on the boundary by Cowley off Roberts. His innings had been one of excellent all-round batting, and was the largest score of "the week," comparing very favourably with Knight's 133 for Dorset on Monday. The Bucks innings closed for 263, giving the visitors a lead on the first innings of 169. Meyer took six wickets for 87 and Roberts four for 53.

Herts commenced their second innings at 11.35, and soon lost Fordham for five runs. Cuthbertson joined Burton and entertained the spectators to another bright innings of 39, which included three 6's and a four, before he was clean bowled by a fine ball from Hazelton. The score was then 48 for two. Burton left at 53, having scored 11. C. H. Titchmarsh and R. B. Cowley then became associated. Titchmarsh, after making 15, including three beautiful leg boundaries, was beaten by a leg break ball from Edwards, with the total at 49 for four. R. J. O. Meyer joined Cowley, and the two sent up the 100 in an hour and 16 minutes, Cowley contributing some superb strokes all round the wicket in the 20 he had scored up to that period. Meyer gave a chance at mid-wicket when eight, but the next ball he sent over the head of the same fielder for a boundary. Payne then relieved Hazelton at the Park end, and Meyer drove him for six. Cowley left at 118 after an admirable innings of 36, which included six 4's. The partnership had yielded 89 runs. Meyer hit one 6 and three 4's in his

score of 24, when he was caught at square leg by James off Payne. The total was then 136 for six, and Herts required 33 to save the innings defeat, with four wickets to fall. The partnership of Dumpleton and Crossman accomplished this, for Dumpleton with four singles and seven 4's and Crossman three 4's brought the total to 170. With four more added from Dumpleton, the luncheon interval arrived with the total at 174 for six. Herts were then three runs on with four wickets to fall.

After lunch the bowlers were Payne and Hazelton, but shortly afterwards Batcock was tried in place of Hazelton, whom Dumpleton had been punishing rather severely. This change brought about the dismissal of Crossman, who was bowled off his pad after making 12 out of a partnership which had yielded 49 runs. The total was then at 185. When L. J. Reid came in Edwards went on for Payne. Dumpleton was batting with splendid powerful strokes, and reached his 50 in 40 minutes. He had then made 20 hits, which included eleven 4's. The 200 went up in two hours and 15 minutes. With his score at 63, and the total at 202, Dumpleton was dismissed by a catch in the long field by Gardiner or Edwards. He had hit thirteen 4's, and his was quite the best innings of the match. Hylton-Stewart left at 238, after making 15, Herts then being 69 on. With only nine more runs added, Reid was caught, and the innings closed for 247, leaving Bucks 79 to get to win.

Edwards had the best bowling average with six for 93. Hazelton's two had cost him 91.

Bucks commenced their second knock at 3.40, with Gardiner and Clover Brown to the bowling of Meyer and Burton. Gardiner was bowled by Burton, with the total at 13. Only one run had been added when Brown was caught behind the wicket by Crossman off Burton. Reid dropped a catch from Franklin when the latter had scored 10. He caught the ball and appeared to be endeavouring to throw up the ball when it fell from his hands. This was a lucky let-off for Bucks. With the total at 22, Baker was smartly snapped at the wicket off Burton after having made 22 out of 51, the partnership having produced 37 runs. At 71 Cuthbertson went on for Burton, but the required runs were obtained by 3.35, and Bucks won by seven wickets. Score analysis.

**HERTS.**

First Innings.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| L. J. Reid, c and b Edwards             | 21 |
| C. B. Fordham, b Edwards                | 0  |
| Cuthbertson (A.), b Hazelton            | 21 |
| C. H. Titchmarsh, c Edwards, b Hazelton | 6  |
| R. B. Cowley, st. Franklin, b Edwards   | 1  |
| R. J. O. Meyer, c Edwards, b Hazelton   | 0  |
| C. Dumpleton, c James, b Hazelton       | 4  |
| G. H. Crossman, c Gardner, b Hazelton   | 22 |
| Burton, b Hazelton                      | 7  |
| B. D. Hylton-Stewart, not out           | 5  |
| F. Roberts, c Franklin, b Edwards       | 0  |
| Extras                                  | 6  |
| Total                                   | 94 |

Second Innings.—C. B. Fordham, b Edwards, 5. Burton, c Franklin, b Hazelton, 11. Cuthbertson, b Hazelton, 72. C. H. Titchmarsh, b Edwards, 15. R. B. Cowley, b Edwards, 36. R. J. O. Meyer, c James, b Payne, 24. C. Dumpleton, c Gardner, b Edwards, 65. G. H. Crossman, b Batcock, 12. L. J. Reid, c Payne, b Edwards, 26. B. D. Hylton-Stewart, b Edwards, 15. E. Roberts, not out, 1. Extras, 7. Total, 247.

**BUCKS.**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| T. A. M. Gardiner, c Reid, b Meyer       | 9   |
| C. Clover Brown, st. Crossman, b Roberts | 25  |
| L. G. Baker, b Meyer                     | 1   |
| W. B. Franklin, c Cowley, b Roberts      | 138 |
| W. F. Hazelton, lbw, b Meyer             | 44  |
| O. S. Batcock, b Meyer                   | 0   |
| A. V. Payne, lbw, b Meyer                | 12  |
| A. James, st. Crossman, b Roberts        | 4   |
| W. Newberry, c Cuthbertson, b Meyer      | 3   |
| Edwards, not out                         | 0   |
| Extras                                   | 27  |
| Total                                    | 263 |

Second Innings.—T. A. M. Gardiner, b Burton, 8. C. Clover Brown, c Crossman, b Burton, 4. L. G. Baker, c Crossman, b Burton, 22. W. B. Franklin, not out, 31. W. F. Hazelton, not out, 8. Extras, 6. Total (for 3 wickets), 79.

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

HERTS.—First Innings.

|          |      |    |    |    |
|----------|------|----|----|----|
|          | O.   | M. | B. | W. |
| Hazelton | 19   | 6  | 32 | 6  |
| Edwards  | 23.2 | 11 | 44 | 4  |
| Payne    | 3    |    | 11 | 0  |

Edwards bowled one no ball.

Second Innings.

|          |      |   |    |   |
|----------|------|---|----|---|
| Hazelton | 22   | 3 | 91 | 2 |
| Edwards  | 32.4 | 7 | 93 | 6 |
| Payne    | 11   | 3 | 42 | 1 |
| Batcock  | 3    | 0 | 14 | 1 |

Edwards bowled two no balls.

BUCKS.—First Innings.

|                |    |   |    |   |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Meyer          | 29 | 6 | 87 | 6 |
| Hylton-Stewart | 5  | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Burton         | 13 | 0 | 67 | 0 |
| Roberts        | 20 | 4 | 63 | 4 |
| Cuthbertson    | 3  | 0 | 13 | 0 |

Second Innings.

|             |   |   |    |   |
|-------------|---|---|----|---|
| Meyer       | 9 | 1 | 36 | 0 |
| Burton      | 8 | 2 | 29 | 3 |
| Cuthbertson | 1 | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| Roberts     | 1 | 0 | 2  | 0 |

**BUSHEY v. SOUTH HAMPSTEAD.**

Played at South Hampstead on Saturday. Bushey winning by 40 runs. Score:

**BUSHEY.**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| A. H. Flisk, c Beach, b Pinkham    | 39  |
| J. E. Sutcliffe, lbw, c Pinkham    | 3   |
| E. E. Peet, b Pinkham              | 0   |
| E. D. Howie, c Pinkham, b Melluish | 7   |
| H. E. Stillwell, c Moss, b Pinkham | 65  |
| W. Ingleson, c Beach, b Pinkham    | 21  |
| J. Wolf, b Melluish                | 0   |
| A. W. Hings, b Beach               | 22  |
| D. Fisher, b Beach                 | 4   |
| Reynolds, not out                  | 1   |
| Aston, lbw, b Beach                | 0   |
| Extras                             | 2   |
| Total                              | 164 |

**SOUTH HAMPSTEAD.**

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| W. S. Gwyn, c Sutcliffe, b Ingleson  | 30  |
| H. W. Moss, c Fisher, b Ingleson     | 26  |
| R. C. T. Beach, c Wolf, b Ingleson   | 1   |
| C. Pinkham, b Wolf                   | 1   |
| H. L. Wallach, b Stillwell           | 25  |
| S. C. Hearne, b Wolf                 | 0   |
| G. C. Melluish, b Ingleson           | 7   |
| J. T. Kelghtley, c Sutcliffe, b Wolf | 0   |
| F. C. Wallach, b Stillwell           | 10  |
| F. S. Ripper, not out                | 12  |
| J. F. Wreford, c and b Howie         | 2   |
| Extras                               | 9   |
| Total                                | 124 |

**RICKMANSWORTH BOYS v. BUSHEY BOYS.**

At Rickmansworth, the visitors winning by five wickets.

Rickmansworth.—L. Moss, c Rider, b Handley, 0. J. Walker, c Rider, b Fisher, 4. H. Collins, b Fisher, 2. S. Wright, run out, 1. J. Waymer, c L. Wright, b Aldis, 4. S. Walker, run out, 0. J. Bishop, c Jearrods, b Fisher, 0. P. Walker, c Handley, b Fisher, 8. P. Nicholson, not out, 0. J. Beeson, b Aldis, 3. P. Cook, c Fisher, b Aldis, 0. Extras, 8. Total, 31.

Bushey.—D. E. Fisher, b S. Wright, 1. A. E. Sutcliffe, c Moss, b Walker, 0. H. Price, run out, 40. N. A. Handley, b S. Wright, 28. A. Rider, not out, 26. L. Wright, b S. Wright, 9. M. Jearrods, not out, 16. Extras 10. Total (5 wickets), 131. J. Aldis, J. Campbell Hart, and J. A. K. Christie, did not bat.

**Jottings on Local Games.**

C. H. Titchmarsh is growing old in the service of Herts cricket. Twenty years ago he was making runs for his county, but it is questionable whether at any period of his career he has scored at a more prolific rate than during the present season.

Including his scores of 46 and 61 against Dorset on Monday and Tuesday, his total for Herts in nine Minor Counties championship games this season has reached 722. This is not his record for a season, in county matches alone, but the figure is rapidly approaching it, and with the remaining matches yet to be played there is every probability of his record aggregate being exceeded.

Notable amongst his efforts in matches previous to that against Dorset this season have been 218 against Norfolk last week, 99 against Cambs, and 81 against Bedfordshire.

R. B. Cowley has "blossomed" beside his diminutive colleague, whose style is very reminiscent of Willie Quaife, the Warwickshire veteran. The Berkhamsted amateur has expanded with time, but is still very active and can punish loose balls with great severity. His driving is as powerful as ever. Like Titchmarsh, he figured successfully as a run-getter in the game with Dorset.

Herts undoubtedly missed R. J. O. Meyer in their first "week" match this season. The Hailybury and Cambridge University player will leave England on the 26th of this month for India, where he is to take up cotton planting. It is quite within the realms of possibility that he may be heard of in connection with the forthcoming tour of an English team in India.

Herts met Bedford at Bedford, and lost on the first innings. The home county knocked up 323 on the opening day. H. Davidson being responsible for 121 and Heldstock 77.

Herts reply was 209 (C. H. Titchmarsh 81 and R. B. Cowley 51). In their second innings Herts put on 86 for the loss of two wickets (Burton not out 32 and C. B. Fordham 49).

West Herts put up a poor show at Cassio-road against Shepherd's Bush on Saturday, being dismissed for the small total of 29. The visitors' bowling was excellent, and Hazelton had five for 11 and Burgess 4 for 14.

Shepherd's Bush responded with 178 for the loss of three wickets, C. T. Burgess scoring 56 not out, F. Parker 40, and S. L. Beton 44.

Bushey were again without G. R. Walker, S. H. Townell, and W. King on Saturday, at South Hampstead. For Bushey, who batted first on a good wicket, A. H. Fisk, H. E. Stillwell, A. W. Hings, and W. Ingleson all batted well. Stillwell's innings was an invaluable one, and contained many good strokes all round the wicket. Fisk and Ingleson both drove exceedingly well, Ingleson hitting a ball into the Sidmouth-road. Pinckham bowled well for South Hampstead.

Set 164 to get in two and a quarter hours, W. S. Gwynne and Moss gave South Hampstead a good start, putting up 60 for the first wicket. At this stage Ingleson came on for Bowie and Wolff for Stillwell, with the result that four wickets fell for the addition of four runs. Wolff took three for 16 and Ingleson four for 24. Bowie and Stillwell then finished off the innings with ten minutes to go. This must be considered an excellent innings for Bushey, as South Hampstead had their strongest team in the field.

Fred Gregory, Watford F.C.'s veteran full-back, who, by the way, has re-signed for the Club for another season, is also something by way of being a cricketer. On the occasion of Benskin's Brewery Athletic Club's visit (by the kind invitation of Colonel W. H. Briggs) to Little Buckhill on Saturday, whither 150 members of the Club made the journey in charabanc, Gregory greatly distinguished himself.

Out of Benskin's total of 87, Gregory, who went in at the fall of the first wicket, contributed a well-hit 55, and he played a big part in the dismissal of Little Buckhill for the meagre total of 22, taking 8 wickets in 9 overs (3 of which were maidens) for 8 runs. In doing this he performed the "hat trick."

During the tea, at which the teams and members of the Club were entertained subsequently by Colonel Briggs, that gentleman presented a number of medals, bars, and certificates awarded by the National Council of Safety First League to motor drivers employed by Messrs. Benskin.

Rickmansworth suffered two defeats in the course of their holiday programme. On Monday, at Chesham, they were got rid of for 107 (R. W. Fox 31, J. Robertson 28, and E. Ford 20), and Chesham, replying with 147, won by 40 runs.

For Chesham, F. Wilson was principal scorer with 31 not out, while W. Reynolds made 30 and W. Lloyd Roberts 27. W. Goodyear, for Rickmansworth, took two wickets for no runs.

On Saturday Rickmansworth had to play second fiddle to Lyons, at Sudbury. Batting first, the visitors could only muster 87, of which R. W. Fox was responsible for 37. Lyons replied with 193 for 6 wickets (H. Faircloth 71 and G. Seaton 65). Clements, for Rickmansworth, took 5 for 34 (two wickets with consecutive balls twice).

Rickmansworth II. won their match with Abbots Langley by 57 runs on the first innings at Rickmansworth on Saturday. They dismissed the visitors for 51, and replied with 108 (R. Wallington 31).

At their second venture Abbots Langley realised 110 (L. W. Barber 35 and G. F. Simons 22). For the winners, Walker took 2 for 3, Wallington 2 for 6, and Harborn 4 for 26. For Abbots Langley, F. Coleman secured 4 for 11 and L. W. Barker 4 for 28.

Batsmen were superior to bowlers in the match between Leavesden and Hemel Hempstead. Batting first, Hempstead lost H. Tarbox and W. England with 35 runs on, but B. W. Atkins and E. C. Coughtrey were associated in a partnership which took the total to 122 for three. Then B. Atkins left after making a fine 70, which included eight 4's and two 3's. E. C. Coughtrey's not out innings of 53 was one of his best performances for the Club. He played a forcing game and hit twelve 4's.

Leavesden, who went in against a total of 184 for four (declared), played out time. Moles and Glennister practically made defeat impossible by scoring 52 for the first wicket, and Grundy, the next man in, reached 25 without being defeated. When time was called, Leavesden had just passed the century for the loss of four wickets. Bowling for Hempstead, A. Atkins and T. Tarbox each took two for 25, P. Johnson none for 20, and B. Atkins none for 28.

Over 350 runs were scored in the match between Hemel Hempstead 2nd XI. and Leavesden 2nd XI. at Hemel Hempstead. Extra time was played to give Leavesden an opportunity to win or lose the match, and they won with four wickets in hand. Mead batted extremely well for 78 for Leavesden, but was very cautious, as the fact that he hit only six fours shows. Downie's 58 for Hempstead included seven fours. There were no outstanding bowling achievements.

Boxmoor maintained their improved form by beating Waterlow's (Watford) for the first time in three years, and incidentally scoring their eleventh win of the season. Waterlow's opened the batting confidently, but G. Anniss found his length and bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 28. For once in a way, Ben Carpenter did not come off, and when the eighth wicket had put on 29 runs, Carpenter's single success had cost 30 runs. H. Wykes was put on, and took the last three wickets for four runs.

Going in against a total of 76, Boxmoor lost 2 wickets for 15, but W. Reynolds batted patiently for 25, and was fifth out. He received good support from S. Cowley (17). With seven wickets down, Boxmoor were still 16 runs behind, but W. Whybrow, who was captaining the team in place of W. Bonfield, rose to the occasion, and before the next wicket fell Waterlow's total had been exceeded by one.

Berkhamsted's second string proved no match for the R.A.F. (Headquarters Inland Area). After making 60 for 5, Berkhamsted collapsed, and were all out for 86, Parkinson taking 6 wickets for 26. The R.A.F. started disastrously, losing 3 wickets for 15. The fourth fell at 62, and then the efforts of six bowlers failed to disturb Thompson and Bassett, who added 86 runs without being beaten, and played out time. Thompson's 71 included eight fours.

West Herts II. did much better than the first team, having much the best of a drawn game at Shepherd's Bush. The home side made 195, and West Herts were within 10 of this total with only four wickets down. R. F. James had a splendid innings of 86, and J. H. Rody gave him good support. James knocked the ball out of the ground five times.

Watford Junction, on Saturday, beat Park-street and Frogmore by 59 runs (103 to 48). W. Desborough, who scored 37, and W. Newman, who took 6 wickets for 18, had most to do with this victory.

CRICKET MATCHES.

LINCOLNSHIRE v. HERTS. A DRAWN GAME.

The above match was played at Grimby on the 19th and 20th insts., and resulted in a draw, but Lines take three points for their lead on the first innings. The weather was showery, but did not interfere with the game.

The Herts skipper won the toss and decided to put Lincolnshire in on what appeared to be a soft but easy-paced wicket. Bashforth and Frearson opened the innings, Fordham and Hylton Stewart bowling. At 20 there was a double change in the bowling, Burton and Roberts coming on. With 40 runs on the board, Frearson left, being bowled by Burton, and Stamp joined Bashforth. This pair carried the score to 115, when Bashforth was caught off Burton, his 62 including 9 fours. With the addition of 4 runs, both Ross and Falconer left, the lunch-time score being 119 for 4 wickets, Stamp not out 25.

On the resumption the score rose steadily between the fall of each wicket, and the side was dismissed for 225. A feature of the innings was that Stamp had batted 3 hours for 50, a slow but valuable innings for his side. Except for the luncheon interval Burton bowled continuously for over 3 hours, and the fielding of Brown came in for generous applause from the large number of spectators.

The Herts innings was started by Fordham and Reid, the latter was out lbw with no runs on the board. Cuthbertson came in, and indulged in some huge hitting, which delighted the crowd. He speedily hit up 35, which included 3 sixes and 3 fours. Titchmarsh came in and assisted Fordham to add 40. When Fordham left, Crowley came in and quickly hit up 16, when he was bowled by the last ball of the first day's play. The close of play score was 125 runs for 4 wickets.

On the second day Herts made a disastrous start, losing 3 wickets for the addition of 13 runs. Titchmarsh had completed his 50 when the score had reached 167, but at 187 he was cleverly caught behind the wicket. He had played a very fine innings for his side, and hit 7 fours. The last two wickets fell for 7 runs, and the innings finished for 194 runs.

Titchmarsh's aggregate for Minor County cricket this year is 807 runs, and this is believed to be a record for the county in one season.

Lines second innings started with Frearson and Ross; the latter soon left, Bashforth joining Frearson. This pair carried the score to 190 before Frearson was bowled by Burton for 95, which included 15 fours. Bashforth was run out four runs later. Falconer and Goodwin hit merrily, and at 237 the Lines skipper declared, leaving Herts 268 to get in a little over two hours, which according to the rule of average scoring during the match was an impossible task. Herts made no attempt to get the runs, and after scoring 130 for 2 wickets the Lines captain wisely decided not to force the extra half hour which may be played the second day on the demand of either side.

Scores:—

Table for Lincolnshire 1st Innings. Runners: R. E. Frearson, B. A. Bashforth, H. F. Stamp, T. D. Ross, A. P. Falconer, Rev. H. Mack, R. Goodwin, J. S. Smith, T. E. Drakes, G. Shaw, C. Wilson. Total: 225.

Table for Lincolnshire 2nd Innings. Runners: R. E. Frearson, B. A. Bashforth, T. D. Ross, A. P. Falconer, R. Goodwin. Total: 194.

Table for Herts 1st Innings. Runners: C. B. Fordham, L. J. Reid, A. Cuthbertson, C. H. Titchmarsh, R. B. Cowley, G. M. Crossman, C. Dimpleton, S. Brown, F. Burton, B. D. Hylton Stewart, E. Roberts. Total: 194.

Table for 2nd Innings. Runners: C. B. Fordham, L. J. Reid, A. Cuthbertson, R. B. Cowley. Total: 130.

Table for BOWLING. Lines. 1st Innings. Runners: Fordham, Hylton Stewart, Roberts, Burton, Cuthbertson. Total: 9 wickets for 151 runs.

Table for BOWLING. Lines. 2nd Innings. Runners: Fordham, Hylton Stewart, Roberts, Burton, Cuthbertson, Reid, Brown. Total: 6 wickets for 230 runs.

Table for Herts 1st Innings. Runners: Drakes, Wilson, Ross, Mack, Frearson. Total: 10 wickets for 200 runs.

Table for Herts 2nd Innings. Runners: Drakes, Wilson, Mack, Frearson, Falconer, Smith. Total: 6 wickets for 270 runs.

STANDON II v. COLLIERIES END.

Played at Standon on Saturday, and won by the home team by an innings and 65 runs. Scores:—

Table for Standon. Runners: A. Warner, J. Marvell, R. Jackson, E. Whitaker, J. Siggers, S. Chapman, W. Barley, W. Martin, T. Bradley, S. Roper, H. Roper. Total: 107 runs.

Table for Colliers End. Runners: H. Carter, F. Jordan, A. Potts, E. Pope, H. Day, S. Evans, J. Taylor, G. Clarke, P. Taylor, W. Heavens, F. Martin. Total: 15 runs.

BROXBORNE v. HERTS COUNTY CLUB.

Played at Broxbourne on the 18th inst. Scores:—

Table for Herts County Club. Runners: G. R. Walker, P. R. Paul, D. Bowie, G. G. Dimpleton, A. A. Jones, E. D. Bowie, E. H. Wales. Total: 83 runs.

Total (for 5 wks. dec.) 182. Runners: S. P. Mole, E. E. Dennis, W. H. Marsh, and A. M. Broton did not bat.

Table for Broxbourne C.C. Runners: R. E. Longton, E. Salmon, F. Pawle, C. A. Nendick, W. Horn, C. T. Taylor, F. Shepherd, S. V. Douglas-Jones, G. B. Christie, N. P. Hunt, E. L. Cadecott. Total: 83 runs.

HERTFORD v. HORNSEY.

Played at Balls Park on Saturday, resulting in a win for Hertford. Hooman and Hunt batted well, and Fish bowled splendidly for Hertford (4 wickets for 31 runs). Scores:—

Table for Hertford. Runners: L. V. Carberry, J. G. Bott, E. W. Hunt, A. J. Shanks, G. S. Smith, W. R. Briggs, A. S. Spang, G. H. Metson, R. L. Hitchcock, A. Palmer, H. Lakeman. Total: 102 runs.

Table for Hornsey. Runners: L. V. Carberry, J. G. Bott, E. W. Hunt, A. J. Shanks, G. S. Smith, W. R. Briggs, A. S. Spang, G. H. Metson, R. L. Hitchcock, A. Palmer, H. Lakeman. Total: 177 runs.

HERTFORD v. WINCHMORE HILL.

Played at Hertford on the 19th inst., and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table for Hertford. Runners: F. Pawle, A. J. Bradbeer, A. P. Brown, S. R. Lang, W. H. Nicholls, E. C. Payne, G. J. Pearce, N. G. Chalmers, G. Ainley, R. A. Green, E. H. Cro. Total: 109 runs.

Winchmore Hill.

Table for Winchmore Hill. Runners: C. Yardley, L. Spratley, W. Sell, C. Baker, L. Baker, F. Rogers, Eldred, G. Hancock, J. Dunne, H. Tidy, H. Studd. Total: 88 runs.

CESHUNT v. HERTS C.C.C.

Played at Ceshunt on the 19th inst., and ended in a draw. For the County Club R. Stoley (44) was the highest scorer, and Jenaocke for the home team with 50. Scores:—

Table for Herts C.C.C. Runners: R. Stoley, D. Bowser, J. G. Bland, G. Simons, Capt. Clutterbuck, E. H. Wales, S. P. Mole, E. E. Dennis. Total: 228 runs.

Ceshunt.

Table for Ceshunt. Runners: A. Jenaocke, S. B. Kennell, J. D. Speed, H. Brown, J. Ford. Total: 142 runs.

ST. ALBANS v. WELWYN GARDEN

Played at St. Albans on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. Scores:—

Table for St. Albans. Runners: E. G. Hosier, C. H. Rabson, J. G. Bland, W. H. Adams, C. Dumbleton, F. R. Massey, H. D. Paine, A. J. Barnes. Total: 149 runs.

Welwyn Garden City.

Table for Welwyn Garden City. Runners: M. Stroud, P. Field, E. Selley, E. Green, Barker. Total: 7 runs.

Total (3 wks.) 93

G. Hemmings, H. J. B. Fry, C. H. North, S. J. Yuill, P. Speck, and S. Strangeways did not bat.

BENINGTON v. STANDON.

Played at Benington on Saturday and won by the home team. Scores:—

Table for Benington. Runners: F. S. Pearman, G. Hamilton, J. Collis, V. Camp, W. Clapham, W. Smith, E. A. Robinson, C. D. Page, C. Young, T. Wardell, W. Wood. Total: 48 runs.

Standon.

Table for Standon. Runners: W. Ives, H. Thurston, E. Ives, S. Warner, F. Clements, T. Whittaker, A. Little, P. Moore, L. Castle, H. Cook, C. Cobb. Total: 37 runs.

F. PAWLE'S XI v. BRAUGHING.

Played at Widford on Saturday, when, after a good game, the visitors won by 37 runs. Scores:—

Table for Braughing. Runners: W. Ginn, S. Smith, E. Chalkey, L. Luff, G. Drage, A. Martin, W. North, A. Ginn, H. Webb, H. Deville, J. Phillips. Total: 156 runs.

F. Pawle's XI.

Table for F. Pawle's XI. Runners: F. Pawle, W. Luff, M. Dunn, H. Pawle, C. Barratt, L. Luff, S. S. Pawle, J. H. Pawle, J. Fish, G. S. Pawle. Total: 119 runs.

HERTINGFORDBURY v. TEWIN WATER.

Played on Saturday at Hertingfordbury, and won by the visitors. Scores:—

Table for Hertingfordbury. Runners: Rev. Kingston, A. Pennyfather, T. Hipgrave, F. Shephard, J. Curry, F. Spratt, C. Maynard, G. Adgling, A. Adams, W. Greenhill, H. Pullen. Total: 41 runs.

Tewin Water.

Table for Tewin Water. Runners: W. Grayer, E. Savage, J. H. Ambrose, H. Crookford, E. Jenkins, A. Grayer, H. Lloyd, Lawman, S. Roberts, J. Tidbury, J. Flockney. Total: 69 runs.





HERTS' DISAPPOINTING SEASON.

Hertfordshire have had a very disappointing season in the Minor Counties Cricket Competition. Last year they finished fourth. This year they are placed thirteenth on the final table.

Table with columns: Inns, Runs, Highest, Times Not, Avege. Lists players like C. H. Titchmarsh, R. J. O. Meyer, R. B. Cowley, etc.

Also batted:—H. C. Evans, 3-4-16-2; P. G. T. Kingsley, 2-6-41-0; G. N. Walker, 4-20-0-0; Brown (S.), 1-4-4-0.

Little Berkhamsted 33 (R. Ferriman 21) beat Shendish 31 (J. Scott 20) by two runs. Bentley Heath defeated their visitors from Potter's Bar by eleven runs.

Welwyn Garden City have only suffered one defeat during the season, and that was when they visited Watton. They had some measure of revenge on Saturday when they won the return game at Welwyn Garden City by 97 runs.

Watton II. beat Welwyn Garden City II. by seven runs, at Watton. Batting first, Watton made 73 (Bonnett 17, Hazelwood 12, Parker 10, Coggin 10).

THE WEEK'S FIXTURES.

Saturday.—Hyde Hall, Sawbridgeworth, v. the Gentlemen of Herts; St. Albans v. Harpenden; Harpenden II. v. St. Albans II.; Welwyn v. Radlett; Radlett "A" v. Davis; Lye House v. Gorbamby; Frogmore v. Hemel Hempstead Clarence; Wheatthampstead v. Mr. T. Lowe's XI.; Sandridge v. Welwyn Garden City II.; South Mimms v. Barnet Gmsmington; Harpenden Legion v. Bailey Hill Brotherhood, Luton.

Cricket.

ST. ALBANS DRAW AT MILL HILL

Over four hundred runs were scored in St. Albans' match at Mill Hill, on Saturday, and no decision was reached. J. M. Coldham, the Norfolk County player, who made 72, and G. L. Jessop 46, not out, batted very attractively for Mill Hill, as did L. G. Hosier (38) and C. Dumpleton (52) for St. Albans.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like E. Hunning, J. M. Coldham, G. Clement, etc.

Total (6 wks. dec.)... 254. Bowling.—Rabone, 17o. 2m. 71r. 2w.; Bland, 12-1-64-2; Hosier, 14-0-72-1; Dumpleton, 2-0-37-0; Paine, 1-0-10-0.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like L. G. Hosier, C. H. Rabone, C. F. Figgis, etc.

Total (for 6 wickets)... 168. K. D. Paine, E. Brimlow and W. Clarke did not bat.

HARPENDEN'S HOME DEFEAT.

Harpenden lost their home match with Queen's Works, Bedford, by 45 runs, on Saturday. Scores:—

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like W. H. Marsh, J. H. Molvieux, C. H. Barratt, etc.

Bowling.—S. Harris, 15-4o. 3m. 45r. 4w.; T. Keech, 10-6-13-0; H. A. Moore, 10-1-38-2; H. Faulkner, 13-1-21-0.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like J. Ratcliffe, H. Chaplin, C. Waltheuf, etc.

Total (for 9 wks.)... 185. J. Smith did not bat. Bowling.—W. H. Marsh, 21o. 2m. 39r. 2w.; E. Roberts, 19-2-67-1; E. E. A. Talbot, 10-5-1-28-2; F. N. Trinder, 9-0-45-3.

A CENTURY AGAINST RADLETT.

Lye House put up a good fight against Radlett, on the Aldenham ground, on Saturday, but were beaten by 18 runs. Radlett, batting first, opened steadily, and, following a splendid stand by A. L. Lingard, who hit hard and often to collect 89, and C. Dumbleton, declared with 192 for 8 wickets.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like L. G. Stanley, R. J. V. Spurway, L. J. Reid, etc.

Total (8 wks., dec.)... 192. T. N. Beesinger and V. Updale did not bat. Bowling.—Bull, 22o-1m.-66r.-3w.; Welsh, 18-2-56-4; Beamish, 5-1-18-0; Arnell, 3-1-29-0; East, 2-0-13-1.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Lists players like S. T. Hollow, J. P. Hall, W. Welsh, etc.

Total... 174. Bowling.—Norris, 19o-1m.-62r.-2w.; Woodbridge, 12-1-42-4; Dumbleton, 7-1-1-1; Reid, 6-0-24-0; Beesinger, 3-0-9-0; Spurway, 21-0-8-2.

OTHER GAMES IN BRIEF.

St. Albans II. gained an easy victory over Mill Hill II., finishing 77 runs ahead with three wickets in hand. Mill Hill had C. Wright caught by Whitty on Wilkes before a run had been scored.

St. Albans Juniors, who shape so well as to suggest that they will in the future provide the Town club with several capable players, beat Woolham's Juniors declared with 145 for 7, S. H. Rabone completing 70 by correct batting, and following that up with some excellent bowling.

St. Albans Juniors' evening match with a team raised by the St. Albans Athletic Club, was left drawn. The Athletic Club declared with 140 for 3 wickets (S. Howe 53, W. Gray 50 not out, J. McCormick 23 not out) and St. Albans Juniors lost 8 wickets for 24, W. Clarke making 33, A. G. Owen 16 and S. H. Rabone 11.

London Colney won a surprisingly easy victory at South Mimms by 48 runs. They made 76 (H. Holt 20, T. Holt 12, A. Marslin 11) and that, in the ordinary course of events, would not have presented South Mimms with an impossible task, but so well did Marslin, who captured six wickets, and Holt, who took the other four, bowl, coupled with some smart fielding, that South Mimms were all out for 22, of which the first four batsmen made all save four. P. Fenketh (9) having to retire.

Harpenden II. had a good win by 104 runs at King's Walden. Winning the toss, Harpenden elected to bat on a fairly good wicket. They made a bad start, losing three men for six runs, but steady batting by M. O. Evans (27) and C. Dunham (21) improved matters, after which Gregory (36) and W. E. Kimber (38) made a good start, putting on 60 for the sixth wicket. Subsequently W. Freeman (22) and J. B. Wren (35 not out) also hit the new tired bowling, and a total of 199 was put up. In the face of that score, King's Walden never shaped confidently. While W. Freeman (3 for 40) kept one end fairly quiet, H. L. Gregory bowled finely from the other end, and took 7 for 50, some good catches were held, but three easy ones were dropped off his bowling. King's Walden were all out for 95, John Parkyn batting well for 20, but only G. Nobbs (14) and P. Scott (10) reached double figures after that. For King's Walden, A. Bottoms took 5 for 40, H. King 3 for 47, F. Muddle 1 for 25 and G. Nobbs 1 for 31.

Harpenden N.C.H. completed their programme in good style with a capital 52-run win over Harpenden Primitive Methodists. They had first use of the wicket, and Bush hit his 13 in the first over he faced, but Freeman had his revenge with the last ball. Freeman took a wicket an over for the first four overs, and, with the score at 40 for 5, the Primitive Methodists seemed to have the game well in hand. The sixth wicket, making a stand, however, took the score up to 72, while a last-wicket partnership put on 27, the total score being 133. The Primitive Methodists had a number of catches dropped in the field, H. Burns, at mid-off, attempting one from Wilson, split his finger. Glover 28, and Wilson 19 not out. After the fall of their first wicket, the Primitive Methodists batted very cautiously, five successive maidens over being sent down. Making a great stand, the second-wicket pair put on 45 runs, but then wickets fell steadily, and the total only reached 81, C. Weston (20) and R. Weston (10) being the only batsmen to reach double figures. J. Wilson took five Methodist wickets for 24 runs, while G. F. Bush came next with 4 for 21. He bowled 9 overs, 5 of which were maidens. For the Primitive Methodists, Freeman led with 5 for 45, S. Burns took 2 for 19, Cain 1 for 17, and R. Weston 1 for 25.

Harpenden Legion were visitors to Luton Moo, and against doughty opponents effected a draw. The Moo had first knock on a real batsman's wicket, and compiled the excellent total of 198. Some vigorous hitting was seen in Newman's innings, his score of 52 including seven 4's and a 6. He offered only one chance, a catch, which was dropped. Other batsmen who did well were Hockley, who played a patient innings of 43, A. Crick (26) and H. Gunnell (23). H. Bentley bowled finely, taking 6 wickets for 69. The Legion had no chance of forcing a win, so runs came slowly in the effort to make a draw, in which they were successful. Kington scored a fine 41 not out in their total of 70 for four wickets, and R. Riches 12.

Knebworth, who have not suffered a defeat since the opening day of the season, defeated Leagrave by 16 runs, on Saturday, scoring 69 and dismissing their opponents for 53.

# HERTS COUNTY CRICKET.

## BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

### THE SEASON IN RETROSPECT.

Below we are able to publish the averages of the playing members of the Herts County Cricket Club for the past season. It will be noticed that the famous Harpenden veteran, Mr. C. H. Titchmarsh, heads the list of batsmen in the Minor Counties competition matches with an average of 52.35 for 17 innings, a very fine performance. Second in the list is Mr. R. J. O. Meyer, son of the Rector of Watton-at-Stone, who has proved himself to be an outstanding all-rounder, for, in addition to having hit up 260 runs for an average of 37.14, he heads the bowling averages with the capital figure of 15 for 31 wickets.

There are some remarkable figures in the averages for Gentlemen of Herts and County Club matches.

#### MINOR COUNTIES COMPETITION.

| Batting.         |                 |                |                  |          |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
|                  | No. of Innings. | Times not out. | Most in Innings. | Average. |
| C. H. Titchmarsh | 17              | 0              | 218              | 52.35    |
| R. J. O. Meyer   | 7               | 0              | 98               | 26.0     |
| R. B. Cowley     | 18              | 1              | 61               | 27.06    |
| C. Dumbleton     | 5               | 0              | 63               | 12.5     |
| A. Cuthbertson   | 8               | 0              | 41               | 18.6     |
| L. J. Reid       | 17              | 2              | 82               | 32.3     |
| C. B. Fordham    | 20              | 2              | 61               | 38.4     |
| L. A. Watson     | 6               | 0              | 73               | 12.3     |
| A. Grimdell      | 9               | 0              | 70               | 16.3     |
| F. Burton        | 17              | 3              | 43               | 21.7     |
| J. G. Bland      | 7               | 1              | 23               | 8.8      |
| G. M. Crossman   | 19              | 2              | 34               | 21.7     |
| B. D. Hylton     |                 |                |                  |          |
| Stewart          | 11              | 4              | 17               | 6.2      |
| L. G. Hosier     | 9               | 1              | 32               | 7.5      |
| G. R. Walker     | 4               | 0              | 9                | 2.0      |
| E. Roberts       | 16              | 8              | 5                | 3.6      |

The following batted in less than four innings: P. G. T. Kingsley, H. C. Evans, and S. Brown.

| Bowling.       |     |     |      |    |       |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|----|-------|
|                | O.  | M.  | R.   | W. | Av.   |
| R. J. O. Meyer | 177 | 39  | 465  | 31 | 15.00 |
| A. Cuthbertson | 33  | 5   | 93   | 6  | 15.50 |
| E. Roberts     | 320 | 41  | 970  | 49 | 19.79 |
| F. Burton      | 489 | 107 | 1464 | 67 | 21.85 |
| B. D. Hylton   |     |     |      |    |       |
| Stewart        | 156 | 22  | 571  | 17 | 33.59 |
| C. B. Fordham  | 90  | 10  | 311  | 9  | 34.55 |
| H. C. Evans    | 32  | 2   | 109  | 2  | 54.50 |

Also bowled: P. G. T. Kingsley, 2 O., 1 M., 12 runs, 1 wicket; L. J. Reid, 9 O., 0 M., 52 runs, 0 wicket; S. Brown, 2 O., 0 M., 23 runs, 0 wicket.

Hertfordshire played 12 matches in the above competition, winning three and losing three, whilst one match was won on the first innings and five lost.

#### GENTLEMEN OF HERTS AND COUNTY CLUB.

| Batting.          |                 |                |                  |          |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
|                   | No. of Innings. | Times not out. | Most in Innings. | Average. |
| P. R. Paul        | 4               | 0              | 83               | 19.1     |
| C. H. Titchmarsh  | 7               | 2              | 115              | 28.4     |
| L. A. Watson      | 3               | 1              | 119              | 12.6     |
| R. B. Cowley      | 4               | 0              | 90               | 18.6     |
| D. Bowie          | 3               | 0              | 65               | 12.4     |
| C. B. Fordham     | 4               | 0              | 71               | 15.1     |
| A. Cuthbertson    | 5               | 1              | 108              | 14.6     |
| E. Roberts        | 6               | 4              | 40               | 7.0      |
| G. R. Walker      | 15              | 1              | 68               | 4.8      |
| J. G. Bland       | 6               | 0              | 56               | 14.0     |
| R. J. V. Sparway  | 13              | 2              | 56               | 2.7      |
| T. R. Clutterbuck | 7               | 2              | 36               | 10.8     |
| E. H. Wales       | 13              | 6              | 32               | 14.1     |
| G. G. Dumbleton   | 4               | 0              | 39               | 7.5      |
| R. Stoley         | 3               | 0              | 30               | 5.5      |
| S. Brown          | 5               | 0              | 34               | 9.1      |
| G. F. Simons      | 8               | 1              | 38               | 12.7     |
| J. H. Molyneux    | 10              | 0              | 50               | 17.4     |
| F. Burton         | 3               | 1              | 21               | 3.1      |
| H. C. Evans       | 6               | 0              | 29               | 7.7      |
| H. E. Blower      | 8               | 0              | 20               | 4.4      |
| S. P. Mole        | 9               | 0              | 35               | 12.0     |
| L. J. Reid        | 4               | 0              | 20               | 5.3      |
| D. A. Brodie      | 6               | 0              | 30               | 7.9      |
| E. D. Bowie       | 9               | 4              | 16               | 6.0      |

|                   |   |   |    |    |       |
|-------------------|---|---|----|----|-------|
| E. C. M. Phillips | 3 | 0 | 19 | 31 | 10.33 |
| R. L. Reiss       | 3 | 1 | 14 | 17 | 8.50  |
| Rev. Barker       | 4 | 1 | 11 | 25 | 8.33  |
| W. H. Marsh       | 9 | 2 | 23 | 51 | 7.29  |
| E. L. Caldecott   | 7 | 1 | 17 | 40 | 6.67  |
| E. E. Dennis      | 3 | 0 | 12 | 20 | 6.67  |
| A. J. Barnes      | 3 | 0 | 8  | 16 | 5.33  |
| A. N. Breton      | 3 | 0 | 5  | 8  | 2.67  |

| Bowling.          |     |    |     |    |       |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----|----|-------|
|                   | O.  | M. | R.  | W. | Av.   |
| L. J. Reid        | 11  | 1  | 32  | 8  | 4.00  |
| R. Woodbridge     | 10  | 4  | 14  | 3  | 4.67  |
| A. J. Barnes      | 46  | 6  | 133 | 18 | 7.39  |
| E. Roberts        | 138 | 27 | 380 | 40 | 9.50  |
| F. Burton         | 73  | 23 | 166 | 17 | 9.76  |
| A. Cuthbertson    | 94  | 30 | 217 | 20 | 10.85 |
| L. A. Watson      | 14  | 1  | 49  | 4  | 12.02 |
| R. J. V. Sparway  | 34  | 4  | 121 | 10 | 12.10 |
| E. E. Dennis      | 41  | 9  | 176 | 13 | 13.54 |
| W. H. Marsh       | 301 | 68 | 807 | 54 | 14.94 |
| E. D. Bowie       | 79  | 16 | 201 | 13 | 15.46 |
| H. C. Evans       | 48  | 9  | 141 | 9  | 15.66 |
| S. Brown          | 16  | 0  | 63  | 4  | 15.75 |
| R. Stoley         | 24  | 8  | 111 | 7  | 15.85 |
| P. R. Paul        | 52  | 6  | 162 | 10 | 16.20 |
| C. B. Fordham     | 19  | 3  | 58  | 3  | 19.33 |
| T. R. Clutterbuck | 44  | 14 | 98  | 5  | 19.60 |
| A. N. Breton      | 48  | 8  | 179 | 8  | 22.37 |
| C. H. Titchmarsh  | 19  | 0  | 92  | 3  | 30.67 |
| H. E. Blower      | 39  | 5  | 140 | 4  | 35.00 |

Matches played: Won 13, lost 4, drawn 4, abandoned 2.

Also played in less than three innings: The Rev. C. G. Ward, S. G. Etheridge, Major Fenwick Harrison, G. M. Crossman, A. F. Day, A. E. Taylor, T. R. Taylor, L. Hyder, J. E. Davenport, E. R. Ross, P. G. T. Kingsley, G. A. Redhouse, A. J. Bais, R. Evans, R. Woodbridge, E. F. Cliff, R. H. Baucher, M. Brunton, M. A. Jones, G. N. Simon, B. E. Baker, P. Hahn, C. P. Cole, J. J. Froggatt, J. H. Woods, W. H. Horn, F. Longton, C. J. Wright, E. R. Hott, and A. Ward.

#### REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

##### Mr. Titchmarsh's Records.

The season 1926 will be remembered as a very unsatisfactory one for the County XI. With an extended list of 12 matches they won 3 and lost 3 outright, whilst 1 was won and 5 lost on the first innings. The County thus took 23 points out of a possible 60, and finished thirteenth out of 23 minor counties. In 1924 they finished fifth and in 1925 fourth.

L. J. Reid, the Herts skipper, has had a very anxious time, as the fielding, a most important branch of the game, had deteriorated considerably. When one considers that the best batsman on any side is not certain of scoring a run, whilst on the other hand a good fieldman may always save 30 or 40 runs, the importance of good fielding can at once be appreciated.

C. H. Titchmarsh heads the batting averages with a record aggregate of 890 runs scored for Herts in the Minor Counties Championship. Mr. C. H. Titchmarsh remains in wonderful form despite the passing of years, and his performances are still as attractive as they were 13 years ago, when he scored over 4,000 runs and 21 centuries in one season. It is interesting to note that Mr. Titchmarsh made the highest score of his career in county cricket this year, when he made 218 at Norwich v. Norfolk. R. J. O. Meyer is second in the list, and R. B. Cowley third, the latter having a much-improved average and aggregate. C. Dumbleton and A. Cuthbertson, who played in the last three matches, showed promising form and strengthened the side. C. B. Fordham, who has had two seasons with the county, was very consistent.

R. J. O. Meyer heads the bowling averages. Unfortunately he was only available for four matches, and has now departed for India, and with his departure Herts has lost the greatest all-rounder the county has ever produced. First-class cricketers who have played with a disapproval the renowned Sid Barnes say that Meyer's bowling action is very much like that of the former Lancashire and England player. Meyer has a beautiful action, and a power of imparting a finger spin which is amazing. He invariably commences his run with both hands round the ball. He bowled

the Australians out at Cambridge, and bowled wonderfully well in the Test trial, so much so that the Australians said he was one of the best bowlers they had been up against. He has the ability to become a really first-class batsman, but cannot resist the sporting temptation of having a "smack." He is also a magnificent slip field. Meyer has a cheery and likeable manner, and all who have come into contact with him will wish him the best of luck and a speedy return to Hertfordshire cricket.

Fred Burton, who has taken 67 wickets, has, in the absence of Meyer, had to bear the brunt of the attack, and after 16 years in county cricket he is bowling as well as ever. He bowls a consistent good length, and can apply the off-break at will, whilst few bowlers make the ball come quicker off the pitch. Roberts, a youngster from West Herts, has done very well in his first year for the county, and should be a considerable asset in forthcoming seasons. Cuthbertson, Hylton Stewart, and Fordham have all rendered valuable assistance to the regular bowlers.

The wicket-keeping for the County has been in the very capable hands of A. Grimdell and G. M. Crossman, both having rendered valuable services in that most important department.

P. G. T. Kingsley and S. Brown, who played in one match, did splendid work in the field. Kingsley is also a very fine bat, and will go a long way further. Colin Hunter will probably return to the side next year, and this will give the County, with the two already mentioned, a magnificent trio of fielders.

The Gentlemen of Herts and County Club, under the admirable guidance and leadership of the energetic hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. Wales, have had another very highly successful season, having won 13 matches, lost 4, drawn 4, whilst 2 were abandoned.

P. R. Paul and C. H. Titchmarsh top the batting averages, and very consistent performances have been put in by G. R. Walker and R. J. V. Sparway, the former having an aggregate of 438 runs, the highest of the list.

L. J. Reid heads the bowling, but Roberts, Marsh, Cuthbertson, Barnes, and Burton have taken a larger number of wickets, and have done yeoman service for the County Club in that department. Marsh, who has for years past borne the brunt of the bowling, took 54 wickets and bowled over 300 overs. It is worthy of note that Marsh has taken nearly 5,000 wickets in his long career.

There has been a welcome revival of country house cricket in the county during the season, and there have been some very good matches witnessed. The County Club sides are under the management of Mr. Wales, who carries out his arduous task of team building in a wonderful way. He plays on all grounds and in all parts of the county, and delights in his duties, which keep him ever on the lookout for new players and members.

It is pleasing to know that the new county treasurer, Capt. T. R. Clutterbuck, is taking an active interest in Herts county cricket.